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# Spatial Investigation of Sources, Composition, and Long-Term Health Effects of Coarse PM

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# Talk Overview

- Background
- Summary of Data Collected
- Exposure Modeling Progress
  - Mass Modeling
  - Species Modeling
- Preliminary Health Modeling
- Future Plans



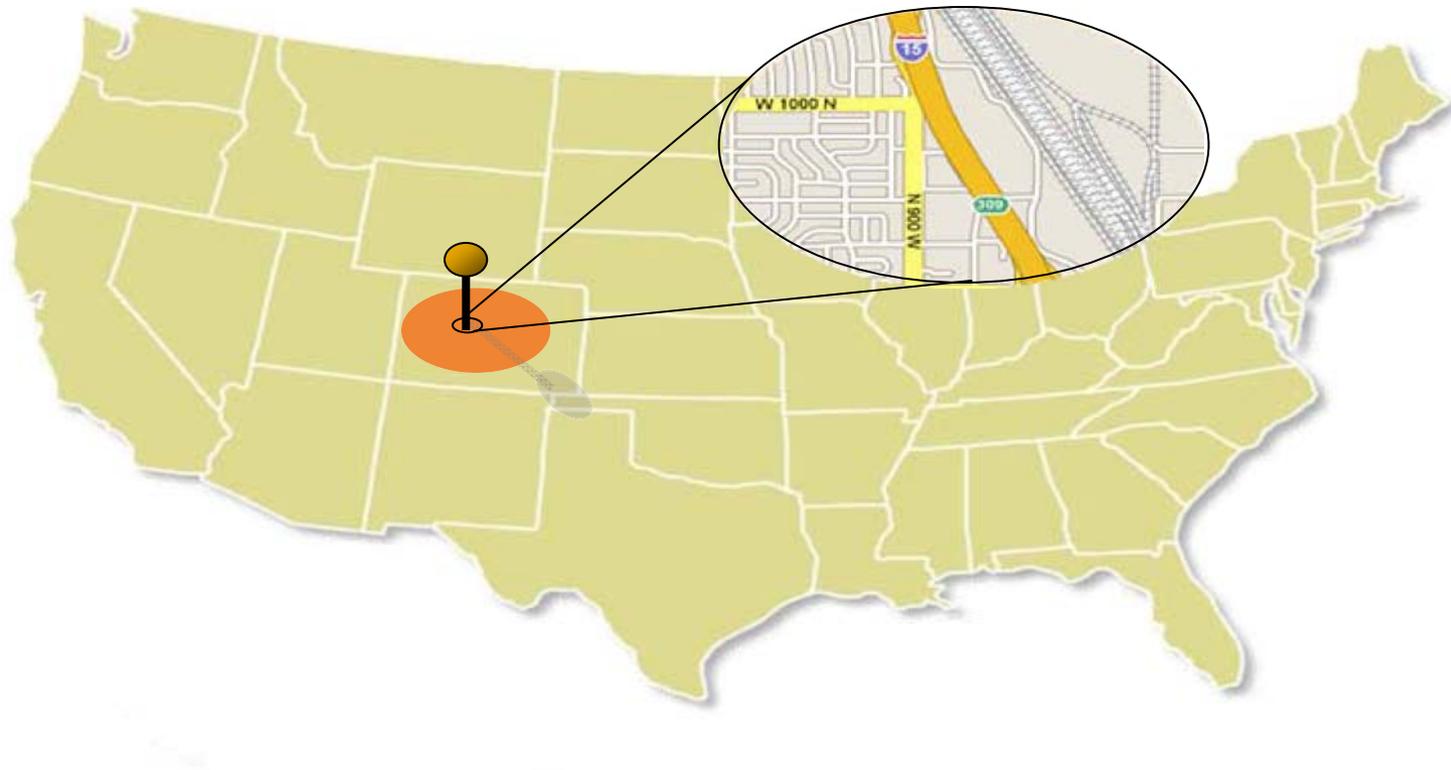
# Health Effects Not Well Characterized

- Past studies generally focused on PM<sub>10</sub> or PM<sub>2.5</sub>
- Some evidence of cardiovascular and pulmonary effects from coarse particles
- Research on chronic health effects of PM<sub>10-2.5</sub> mass and chemical components are very limited



# Exposure Assignment for Chronic Health Effects Can Be Difficult

- Spatial variation of  $PM_{10-2.5}$  can be large due to local sources





# Study Aims

- 1) Characterize spatial variability of PM<sub>10-2.5</sub> from natural and anthropogenic sources
- 2) Examine chronic health effects of PM<sub>10-2.5</sub> on the respiratory and cardiovascular systems



# Nested in the Multi-Ethnic Study of Atherosclerosis and Air Pollution

- Population-based prospective cohort
- ~6,000 subjects (aged 45-84 yrs) without clinical CVD at baseline
  - White, African American, Hispanic, and Chinese
- Detailed characterization of PM<sub>2.5</sub> through MESA Air



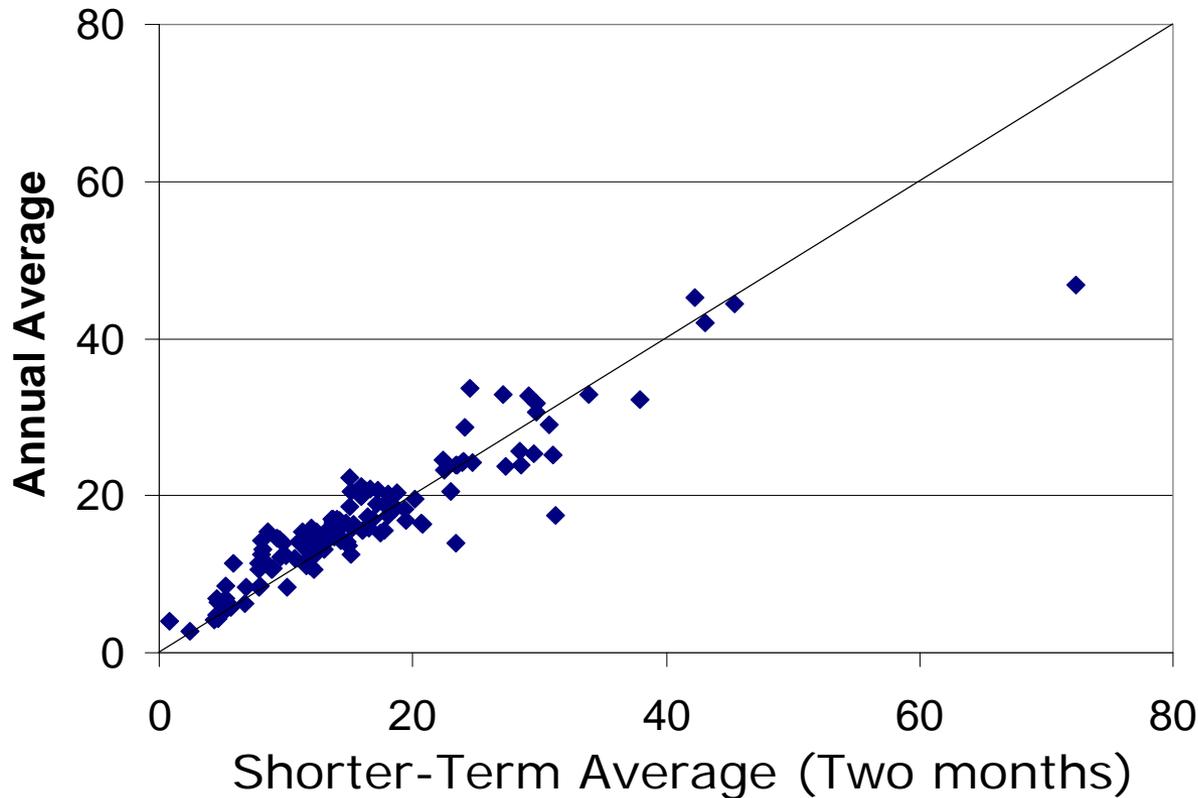


# Repeated Spatial Snapshots Collected

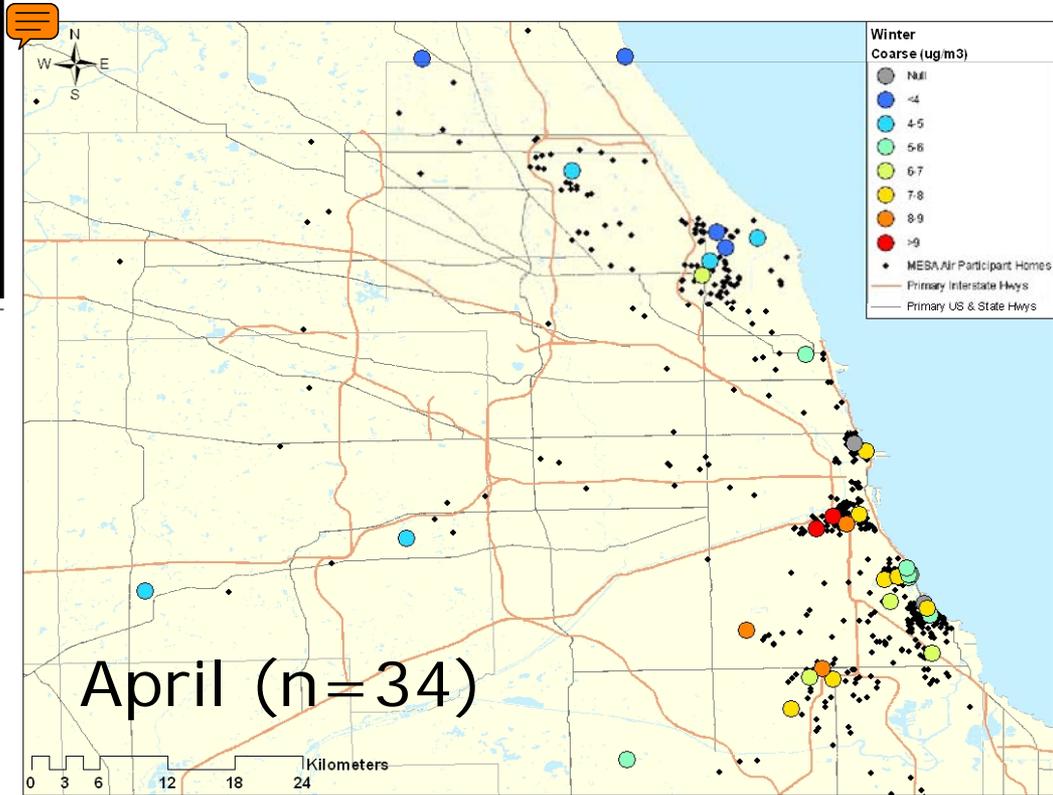
- Collected two-week snapshots of PM<sub>10-2.5</sub> outside homes of ~35 subjects (3 cities/2 seasons)
  - Cities to provide range in PM<sub>10-2.5</sub> and sources
  - Two seasons with some repeats
  - Mass, chemical species, and endotoxin analyzed and calculated by difference



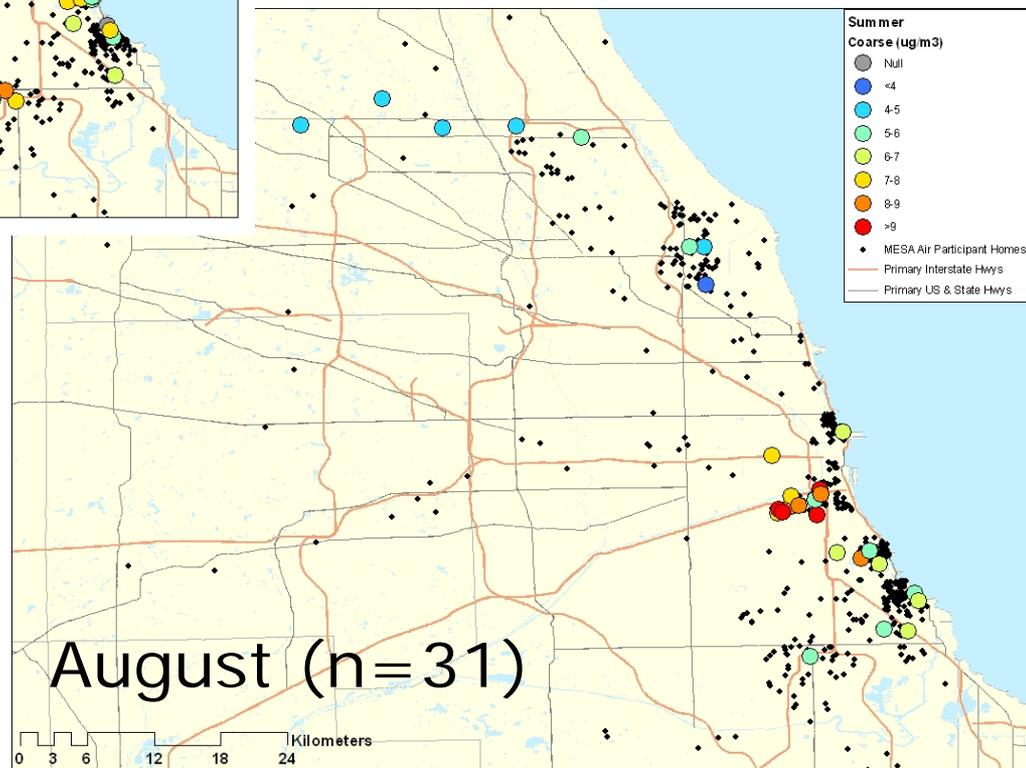
# Short-Term Samples Reasonably Reflect Annual Averages



- Use spatial prediction procedures based on snapshots to assign long-term exposures



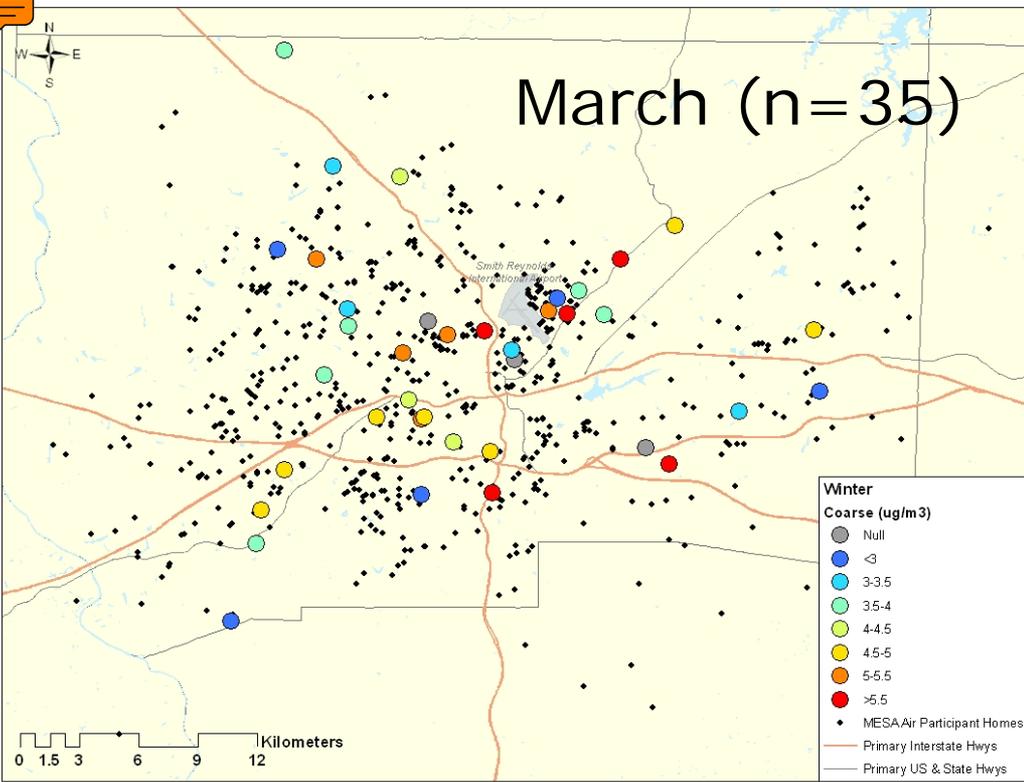
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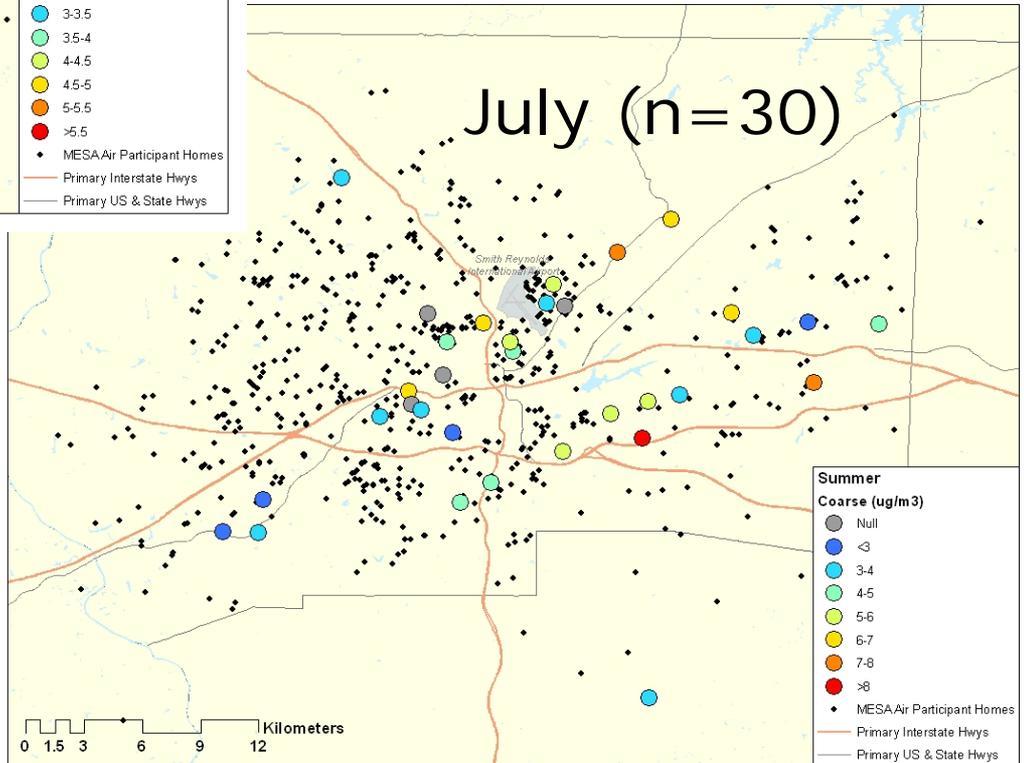
Homes targeted to capture geographic space and variation in local characteristics

# Winston Salem, NC

March (n=35)

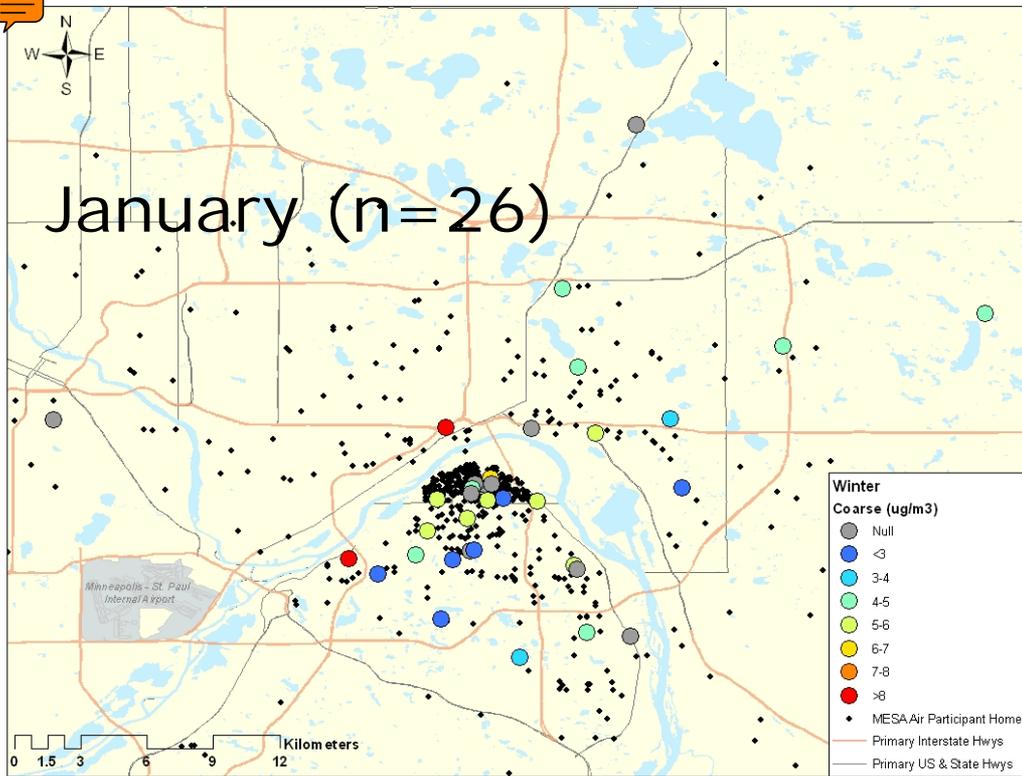


July (n=30)

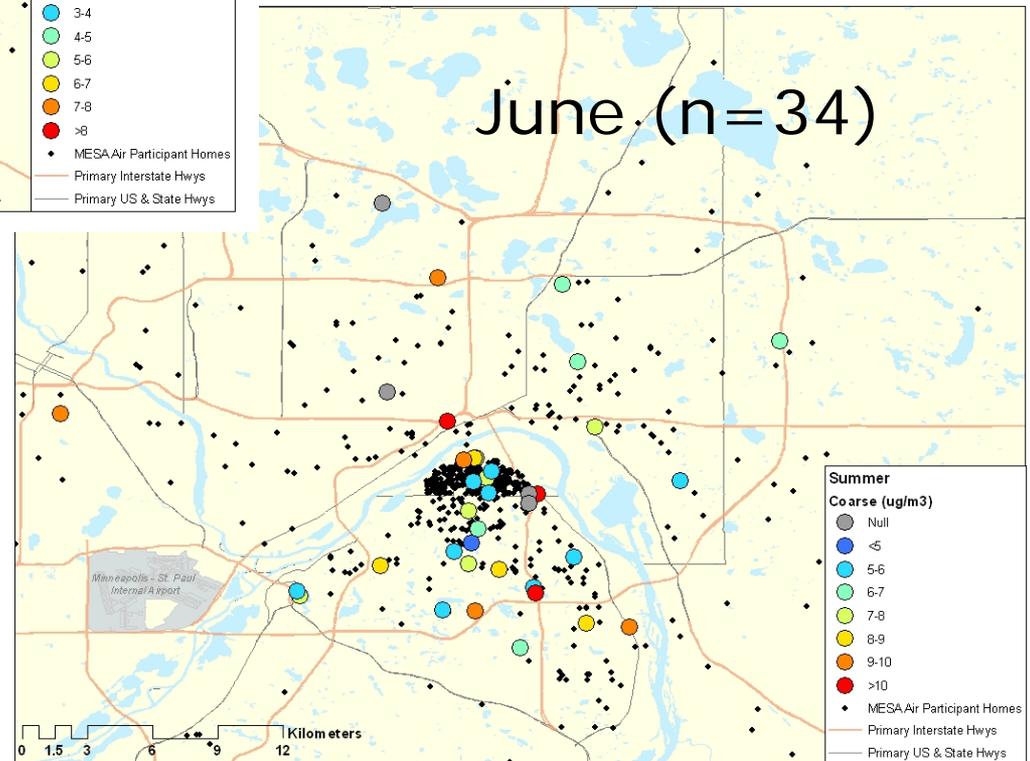


# St Paul, MN

January (n=26)

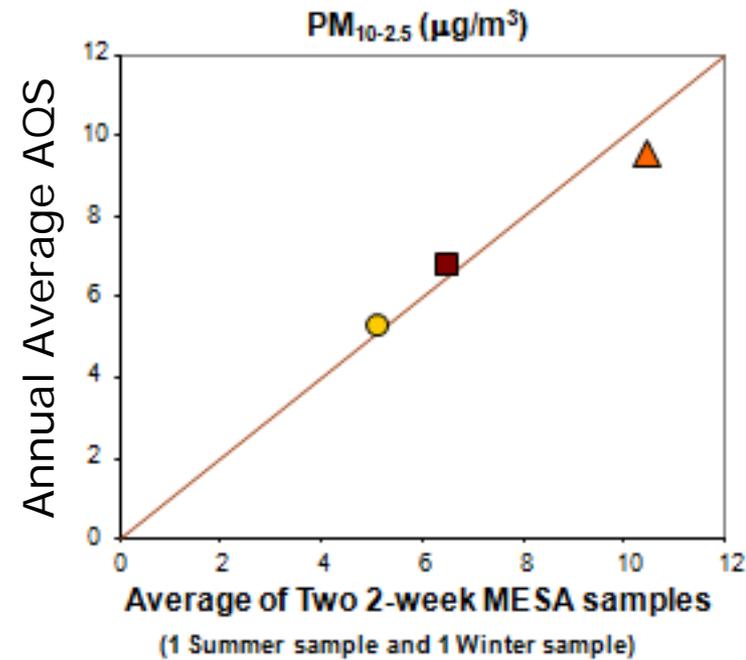
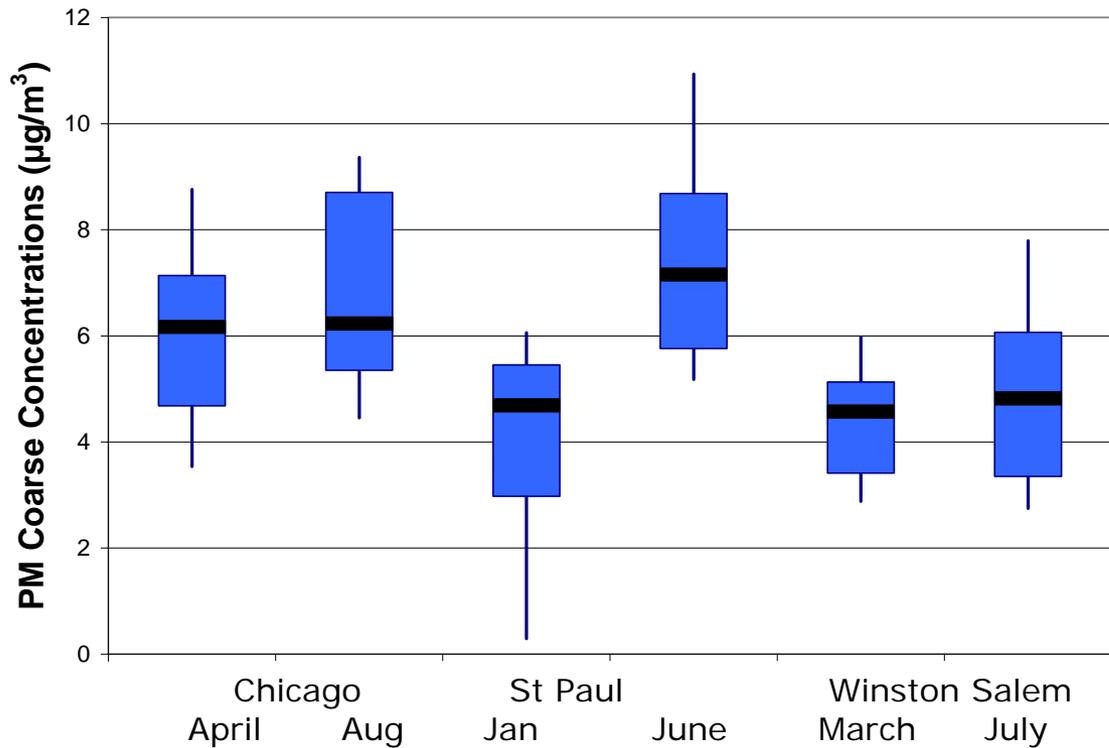


June (n=34)





# Within- and Between-City Differences





# PM<sub>10-2.5</sub> Can Be Predicted by Spatial Features : Chicago

Predictor	Partial R <sup>2</sup>
A1 in 750m	0.24
Industry in 750m	0.18
Nearness to rail yard	0.14
Nearness to airport	0.05
Local PM <sub>10</sub> emissions	0.04
Local PM <sub>2.5</sub> emissions	0.02

- Other variables examined included A<sub>2</sub>, A<sub>3</sub>, NDVI, commercial land use, residential land use, population density, port, season
- Model selected based on consistency of predictors and CV RMSE

Model based R<sup>2</sup> = 0.68  
CV R<sup>2</sup> = 0.61

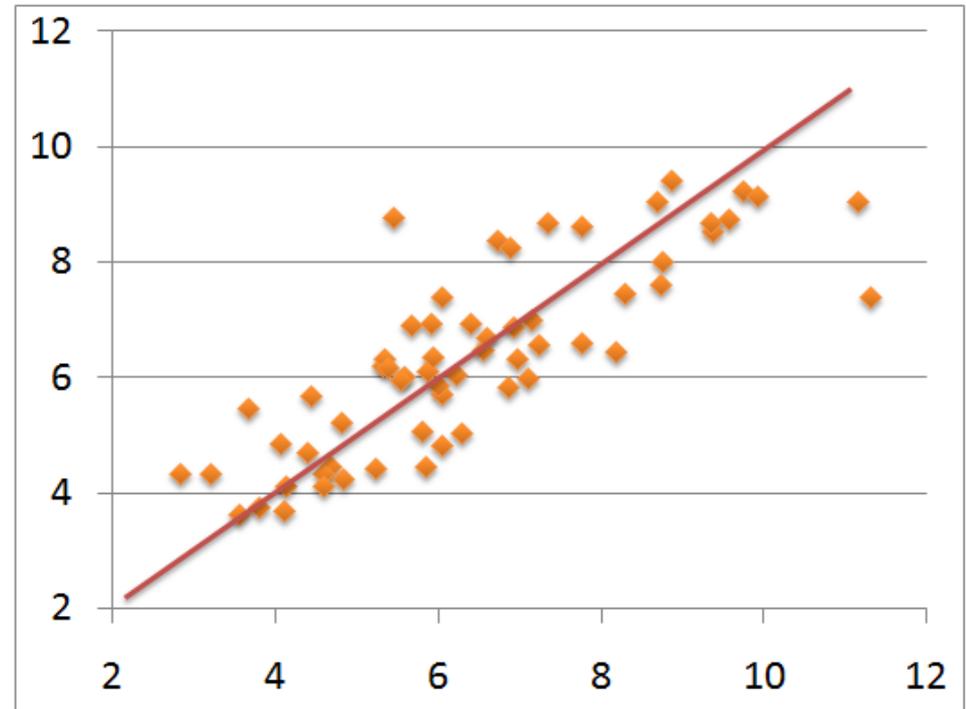
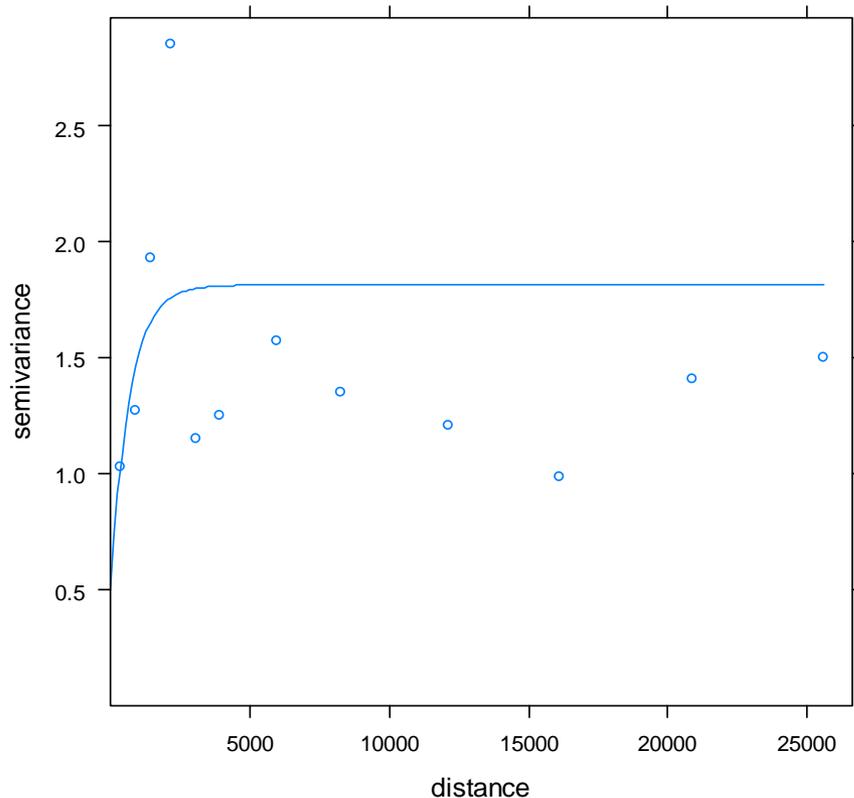


# Modest Residual Spatial Structure

- Short spatial scale:  
Range ~600 meters

LUR: RMSE = 1.22  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$   $R^2 = 0.61$

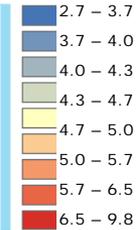
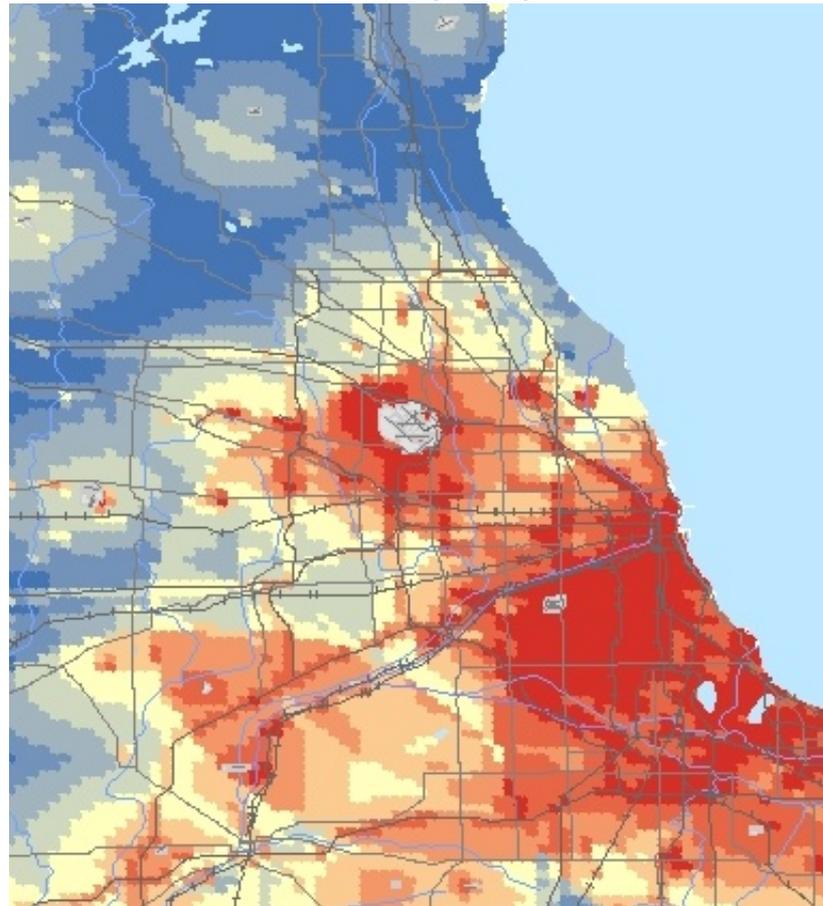
UK: RMSE = 1.11  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$   $R^2 = 0.71$



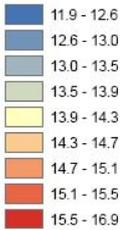
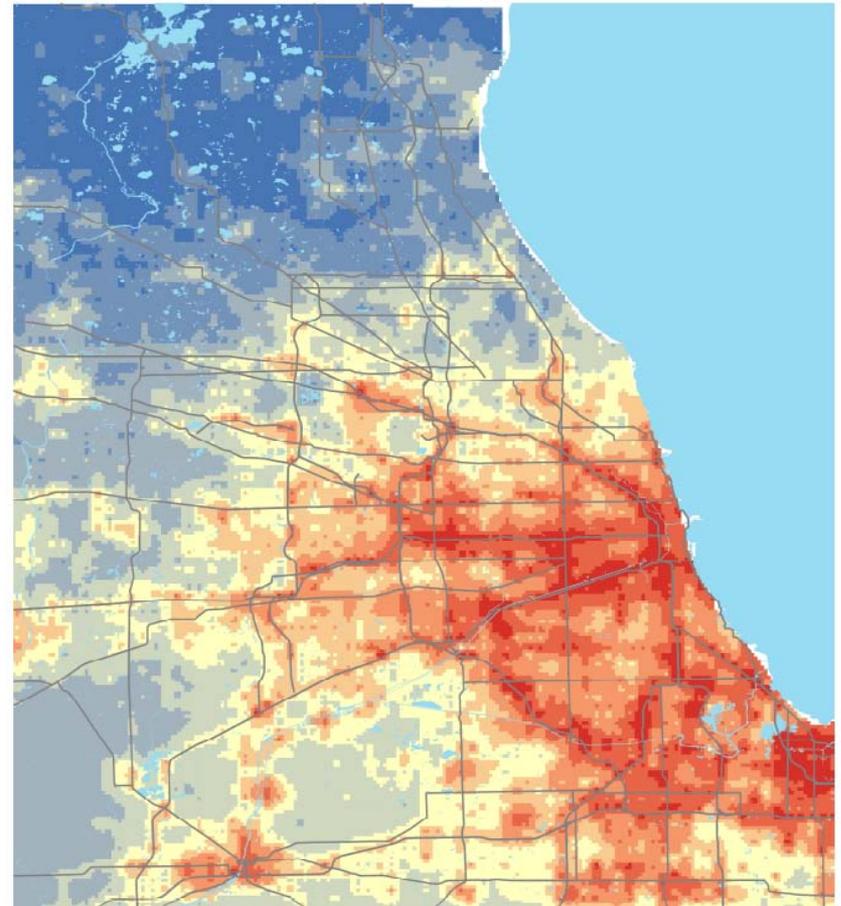


# Different Distribution Than PM<sub>2.5</sub>

PM<sub>10-2.5</sub>



PM<sub>2.5</sub>





# Identified Tracer of Road Dust

## Species Mass Fraction

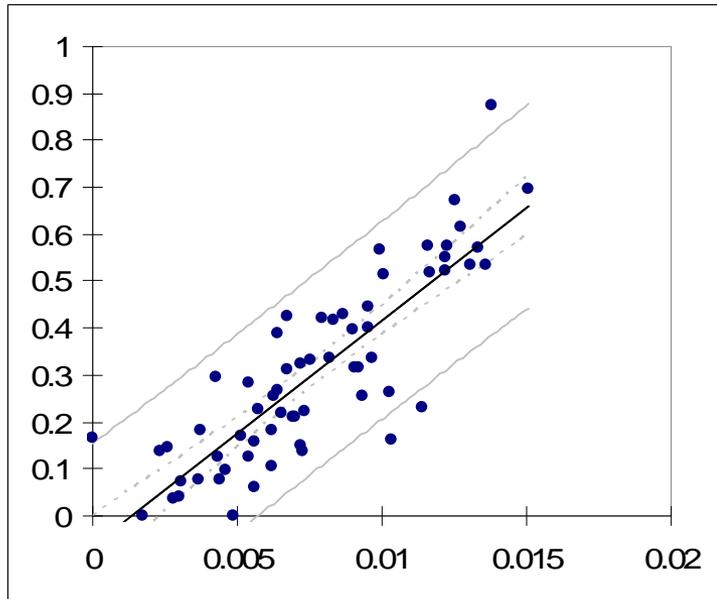


PMF 3.0

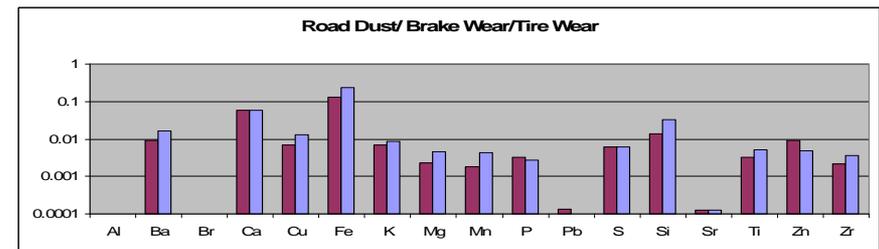
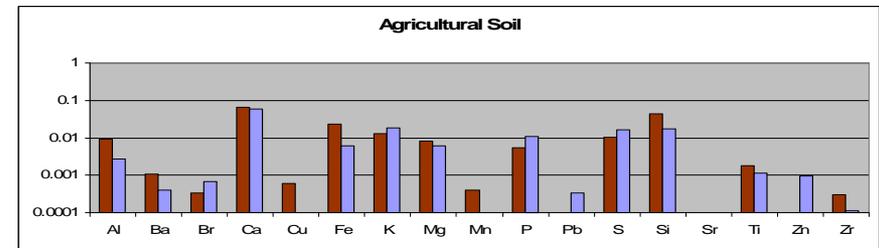
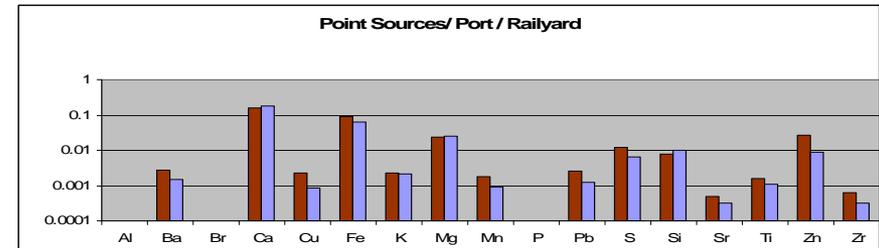
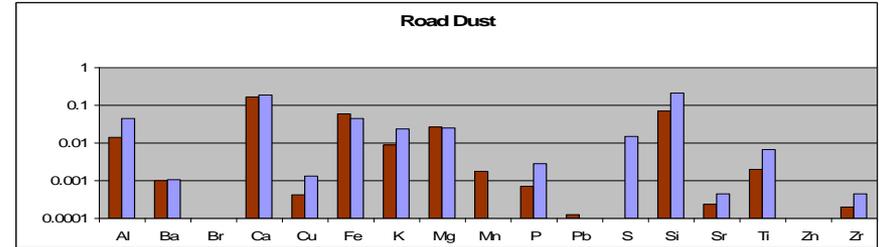
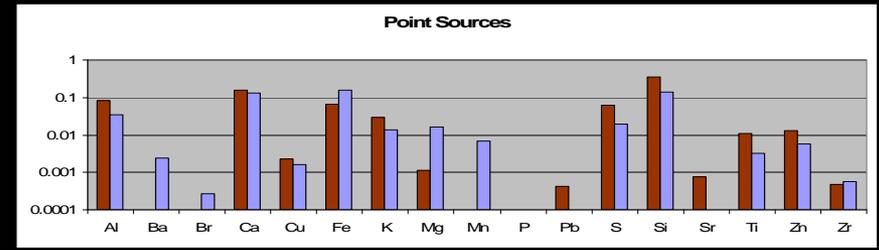


Enhanced ME-2 (constrained by spatial variables)

PM<sub>10-2.5</sub> from Brake and Tire Wear (μg/m<sup>3</sup>)



Measured Copper (μg/m<sup>3</sup>)



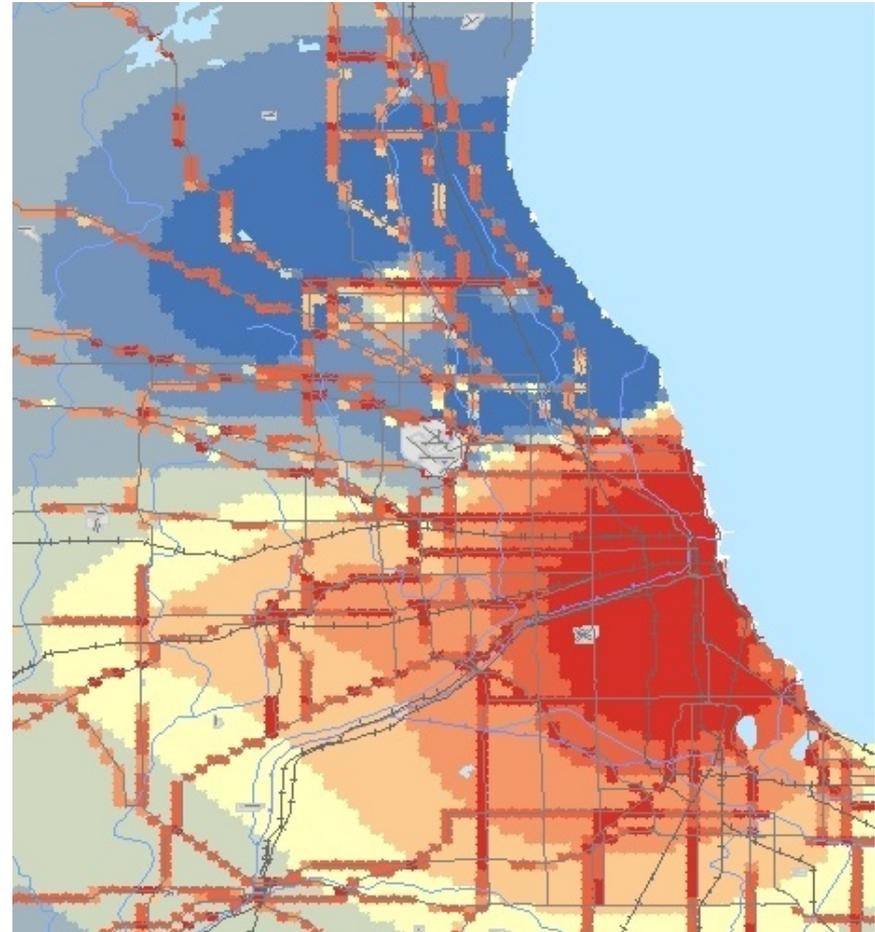


# Copper Can Be Predicted by Spatial Features : Chicago

Predictor	R <sup>2</sup>
A1 in 400m	0.38
A2 in 400m	0.05
Nearness to Large Port	0.05

UK: RMSE=2.6 ng/m<sup>3</sup> R<sup>2</sup> =0.64

LUR: RMSE=2.8 ng/m<sup>3</sup> R<sup>2</sup> = 0.47





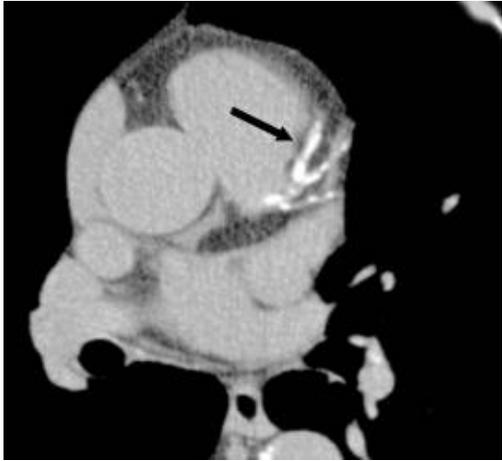
# Exposure Assignment to be Completed for All Cities

- Powered to focus on 3 metropolitan areas with model predictions but also aim to explore associations in 6 metropolitan areas
- To evaluate consistency across regions and ability of models to predict at regulatory monitors
- Assigning exposure based on AQS monitors or covariates

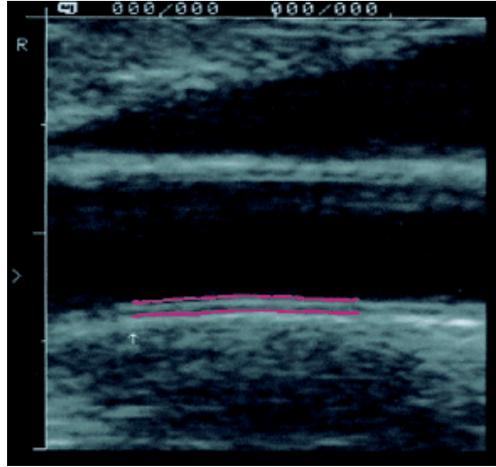


# Incident / Progression of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Outcomes

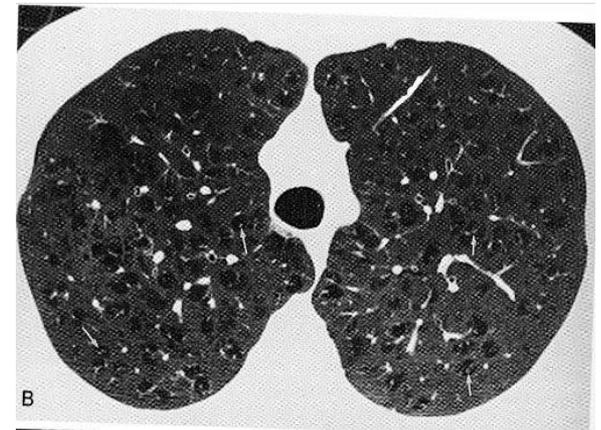
## Coronary Artery Calcium



## Intima-Medial Thickness



## Lung Density



Clinical Disease/ Events



# Other Interesting Outcomes

Retinal Microvasculature

Pulmonary Function

Systemic Inflammation

Blood Pressure

Left Ventricular Mass

Aortic Calcium

Flow Mediated Dilation

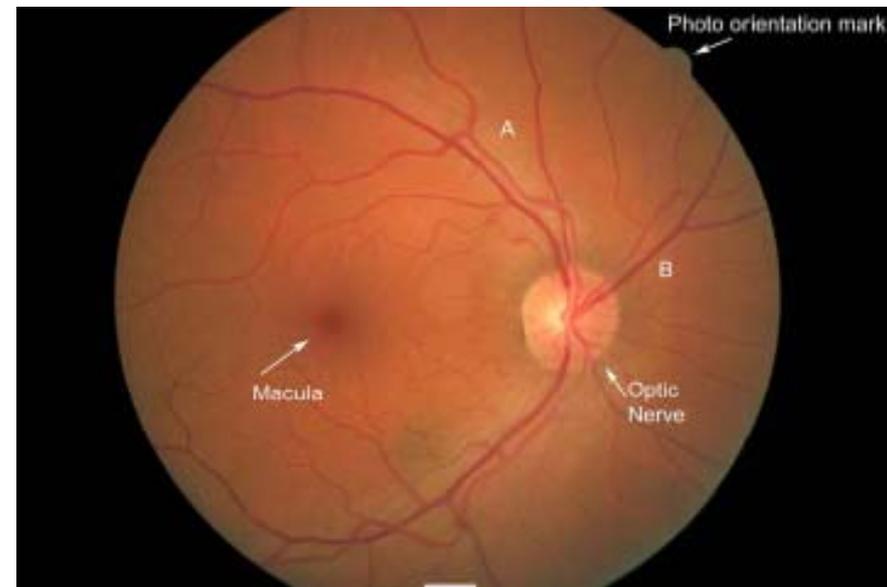
Heart Rate Variability

Genetic data also available for gene-environment interactions



# Retinal Photographs Provide Insight to Microvasculature

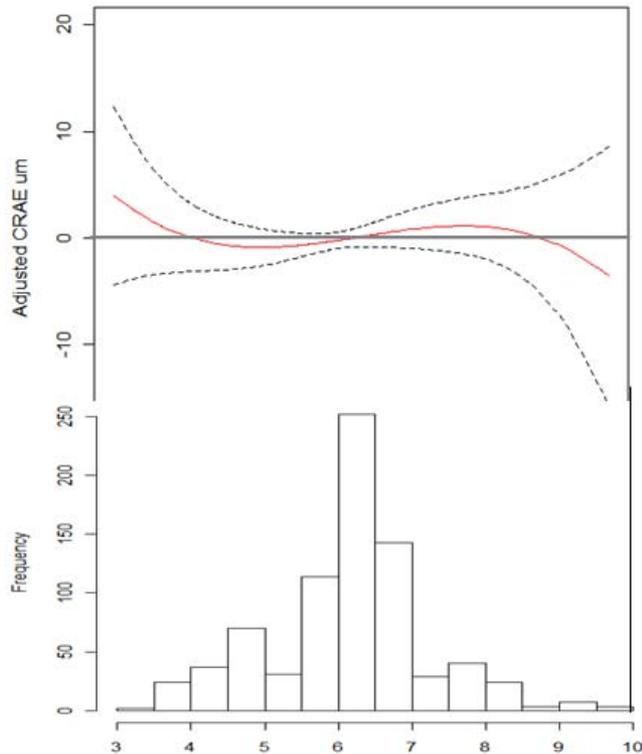
- Non invasive, *in vivo*, method to characterize human microvasculature
- Observes retinal vessels 100-300  $\mu\text{m}$
- Hypothesize that  $\text{PM}_{10-2.5}$  is associated with narrowed arteriolar diameters



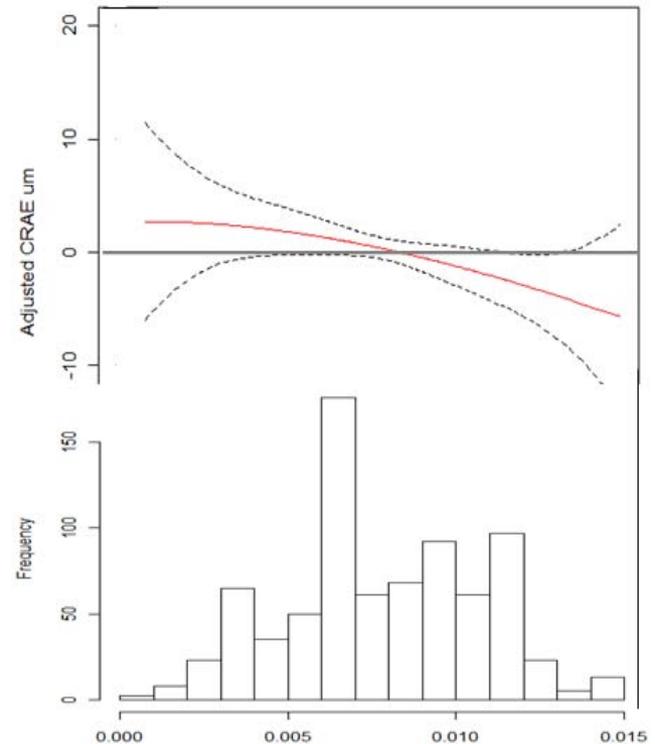


# Chicago UK Results: Copper But Not Total Mass Associated with CRAE

## Total PM<sub>10-2.5</sub>



## Copper PM<sub>10-2.5</sub>



Controlled for traditional risk factors and PM<sub>2.5</sub> mass.  
Independent negative association for copper and "near road" indicator.



# Summary

- Successful monitoring campaign
  - Approximately 200 homes sampled across 3 cities and 2 seasons
  - Analyzed for mass, species, and endotoxin
- Preliminary modeling shows that coarse mass and components can be predicted using covariates and spatial structure
- Early health analyses suggest that there might be impacts of coarse mass, especially from traffic sources



# Next Steps

- Finalize spatial modeling
  - Create predictions for St Paul and Winston Salem
  - Evaluate other species and source profiles
  - Identify indicators of PM<sub>10-2.5</sub> mass and species
  - Evaluate performance in unmeasured areas
- Examine associations with various health endpoints



# Anticipated Contributions

- Unique characterization of within-city variation of  $PM_{10-2.5}$  and its sources
  - Spatial prediction models
  - Supplements existing MESA Air exposure assessment
- Explore chronic health effects
  - Clinical and subclinical
  - Ability to evaluate potentially sensitive subpopulations

**Thank you for your attention.  
Any questions?**

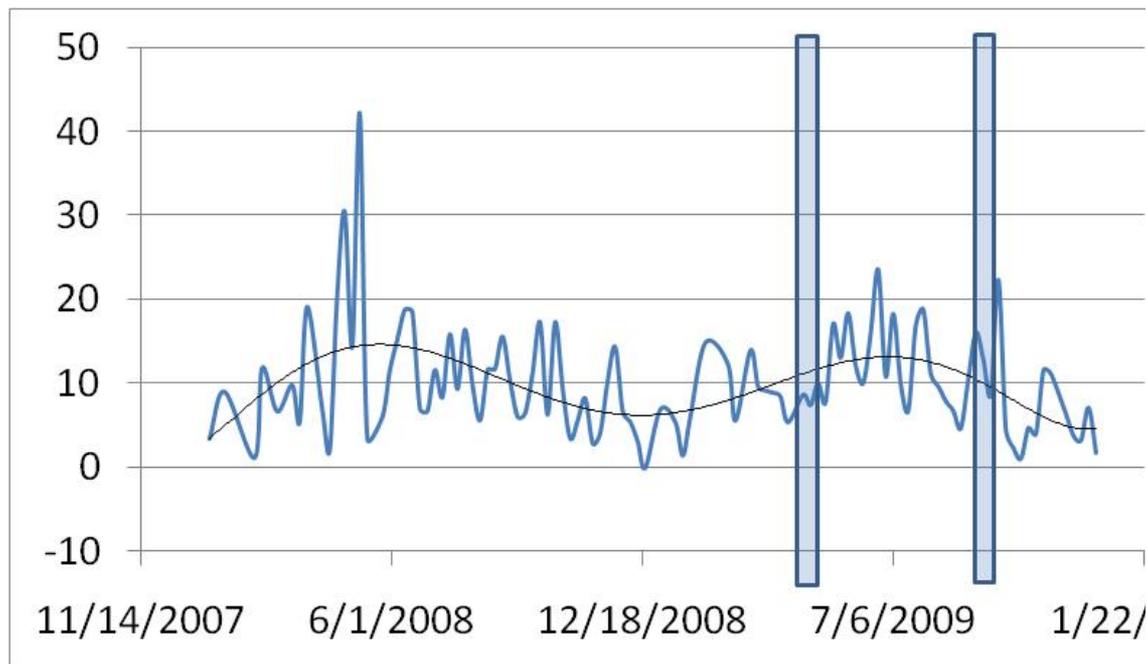
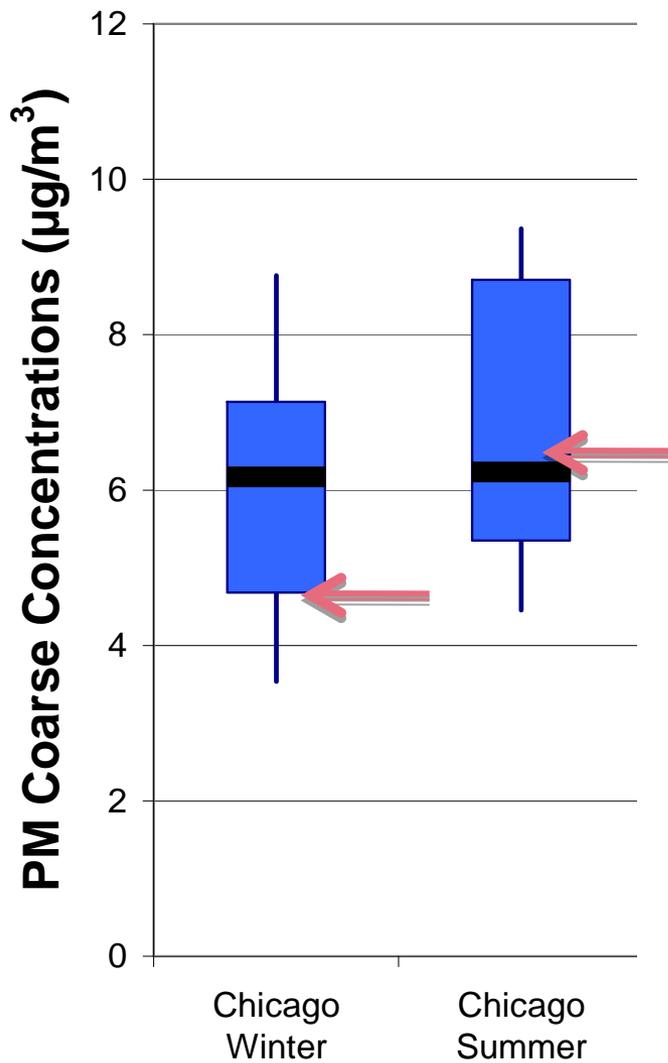
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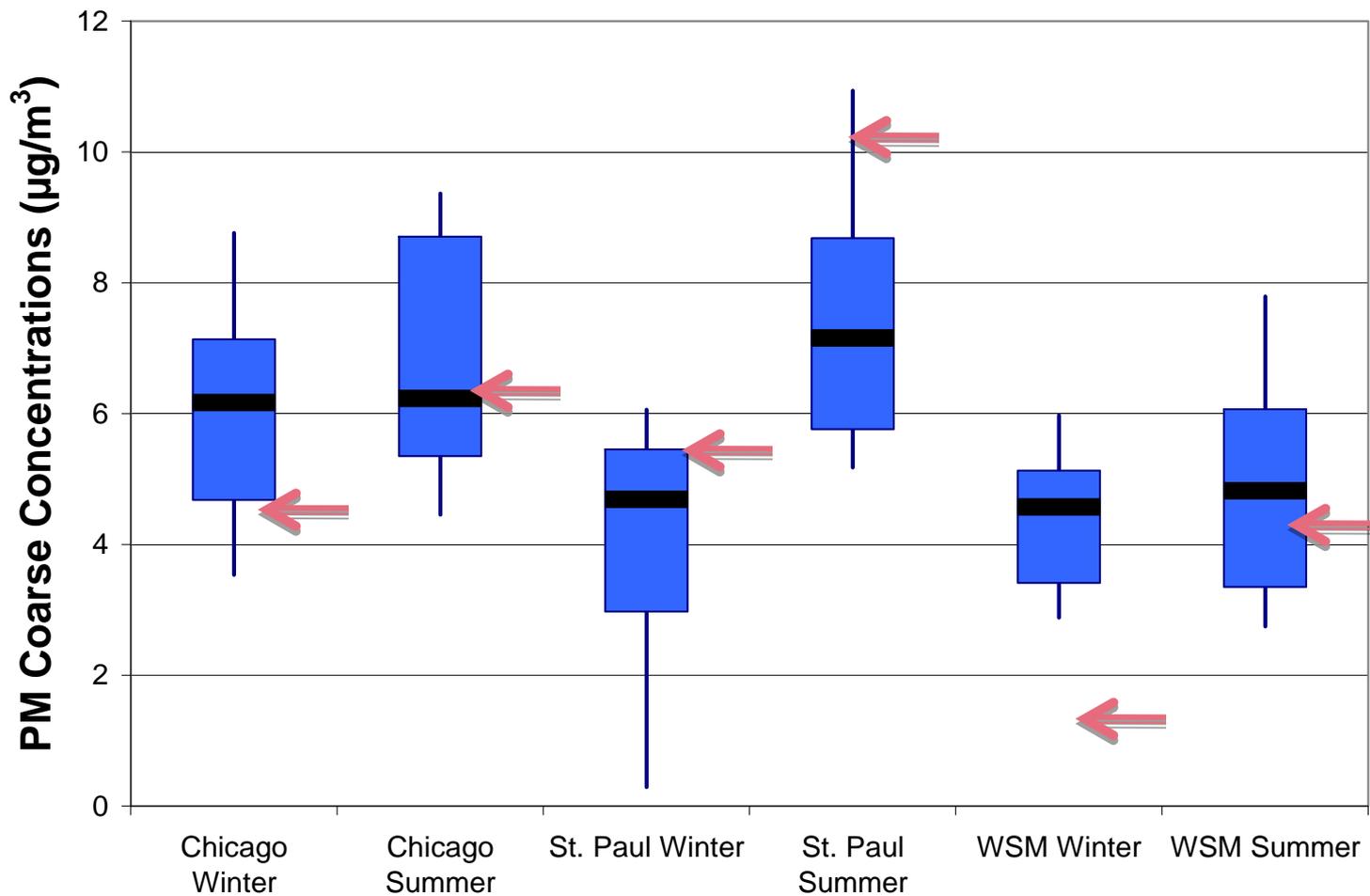


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# Consistent with AQS Data

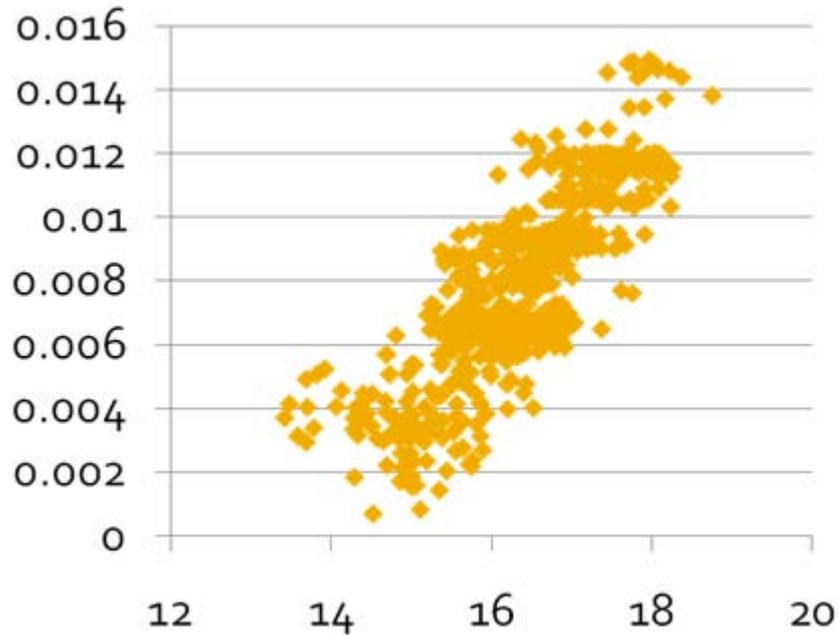


# Good Agreement with AQS

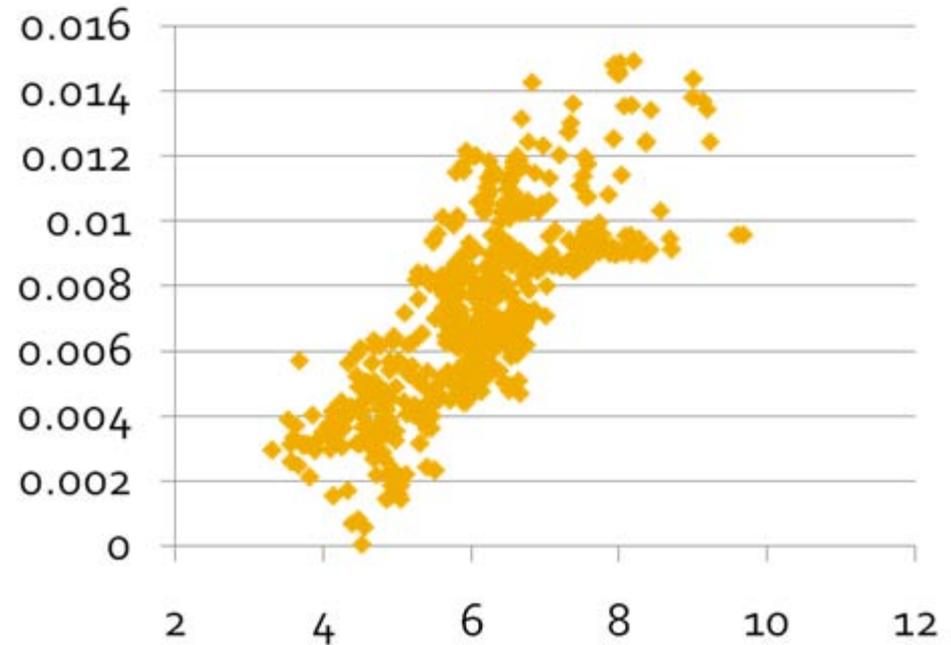


# Copper Highly Correlated with Mass

Copper vs.  $PM_{2.5}$   
( $\rho = 0.82$ )



Copper vs.  $PM_{10-2.5}$   
( $\rho = 0.70$ )



# Clinical Events Power

- 80% power to detect RR =1.15 among all cities and RR =1.28 among three cities

	Relative Risk Per 10 $\mu$ g/m <sup>3</sup> (95% CI)	Sex
<u>Total</u>		
Six Cities Study (PM <sub>15-2.5</sub> ) <sup>3</sup>	1.43 (0.83 to 2.48)	
Veteran's Cohort (PM <sub>10-2.5</sub> ) <sup>15</sup>	1.07 (1.01 to 1.13)	M
AHSMOG (PM <sub>10-2.5</sub> ) <sup>16</sup>	1.05 (0.92 to 1.20)	M
ACS (PM <sub>15-2.5</sub> ) <sup>17</sup>	1.00 (0.99 to 1.02)	
<u>Coronary Heart Disease</u>		
AHSMOG (PM <sub>10-2.5</sub> ) <sup>18</sup>	1.38 (1.07 to 1.77)	F
<u>Non-Malignant Respiratory</u>		
AHSMOG (PM <sub>10-2.5</sub> ) <sup>16</sup>	1.19 (0.88 to 1.62)	M

# Sub-clinical Change Power

## IMT

- 80% power to detect 2.5% of statin effect in all areas and 3% of effect in 3 areas

## Lung Density

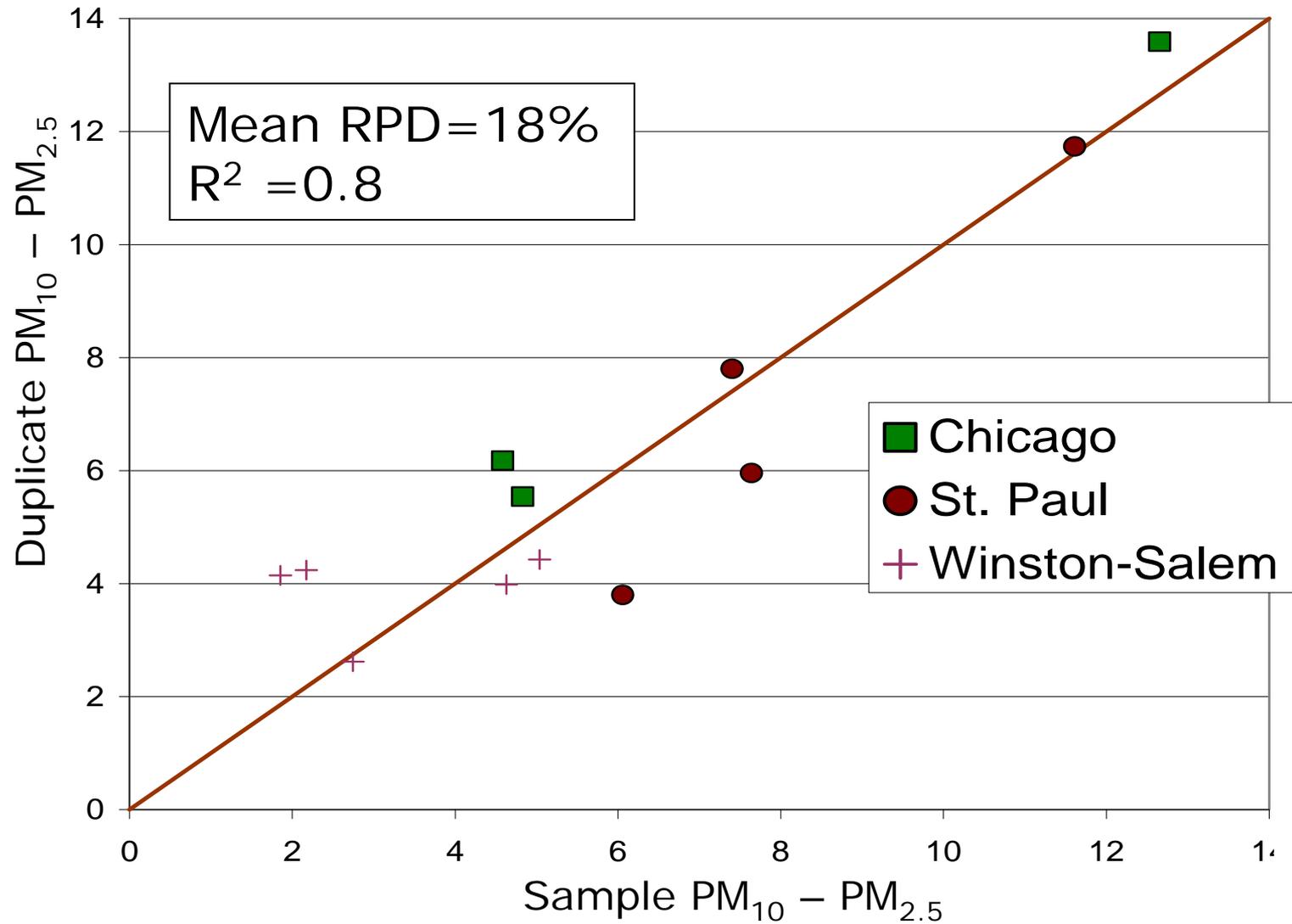
- 99% power to detect 1% of total change in MESA in all areas and 80% power to detect 1% change in 3 areas



# Good Variation in Geographic Features

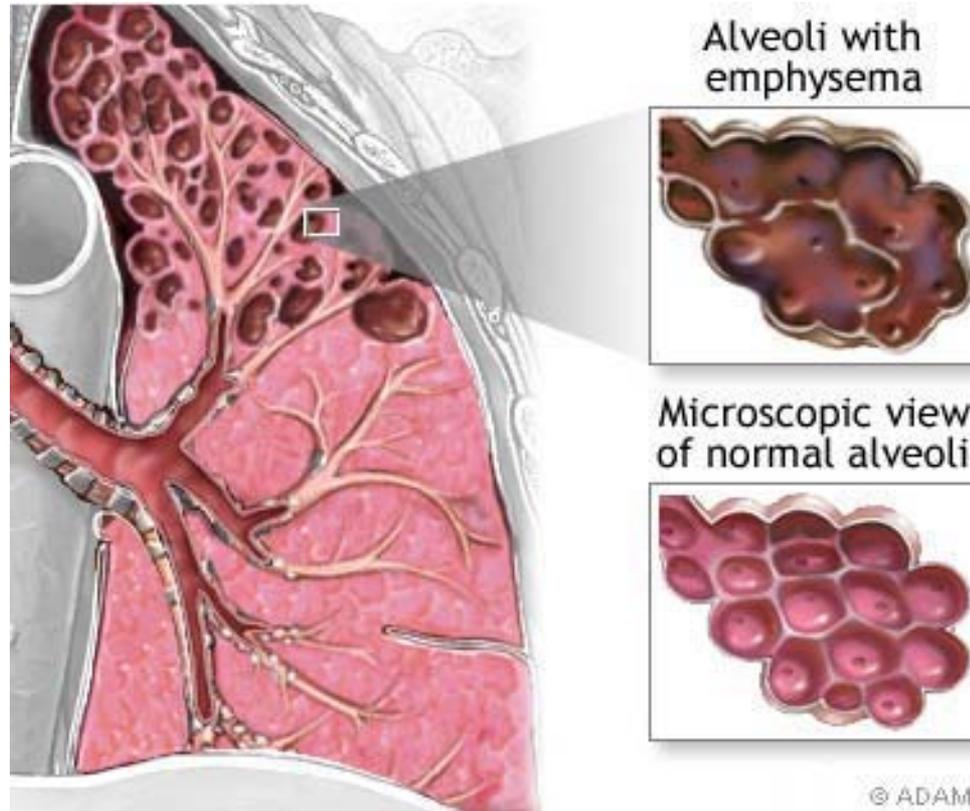
	<b>Baltimore</b>	<b>Chicago</b>	<b>Los Angeles</b>	<b>New York</b>	<b>St Paul</b>	<b>Winston-Salem</b>
Mean NDVI (SD)	5900	2500	3200	3900	6200	7500
USGS Reports NDVI *10 <sup>4</sup>	(1600)	(2100)	(1400)	(2100)	(800)	(390)
Mean Meters to Subjects from Major Road (SD)	230 (220)	140 (120)	230 (200)	60 (65)	160 (140)	390 (490)
Rural Land Use (%in Zip Code)	9	26	26	8	66	69
Comm/ Industr (% in Zip Code)	13	29	21	34	8	2

# Reproducible Results





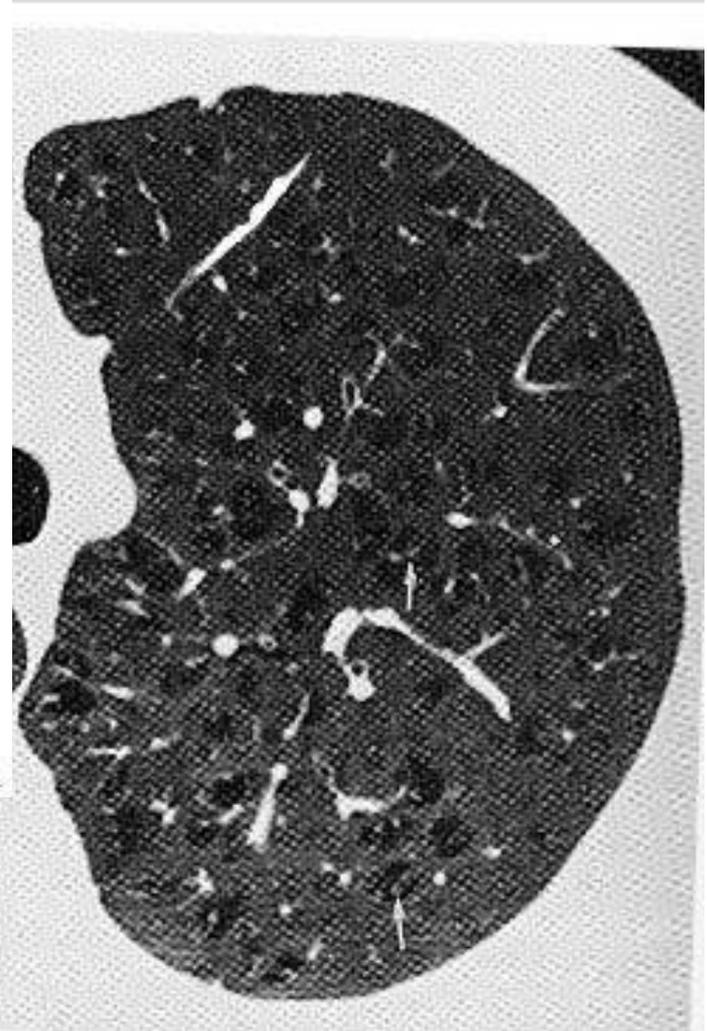
# Subclinical Respiratory Outcomes



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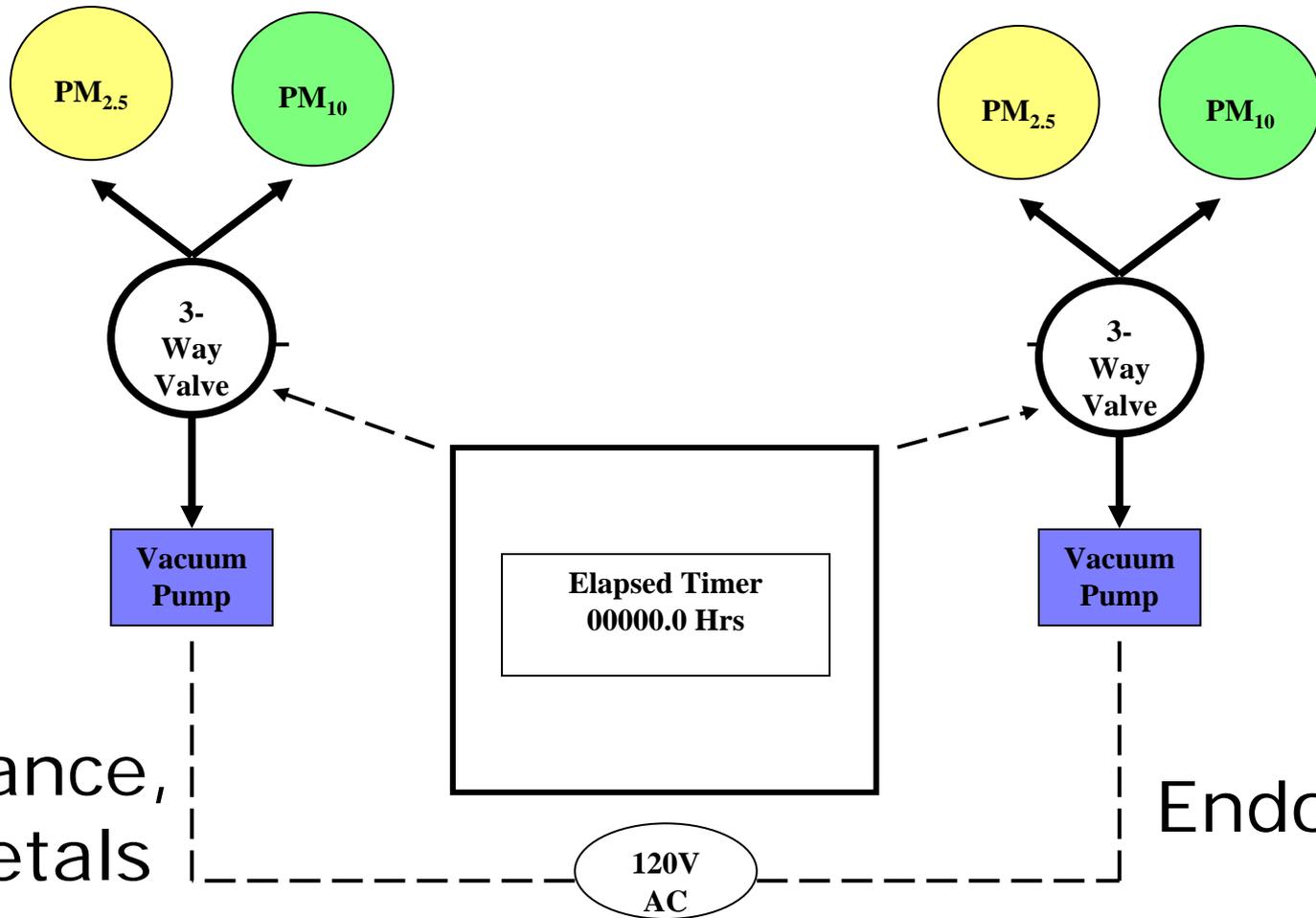
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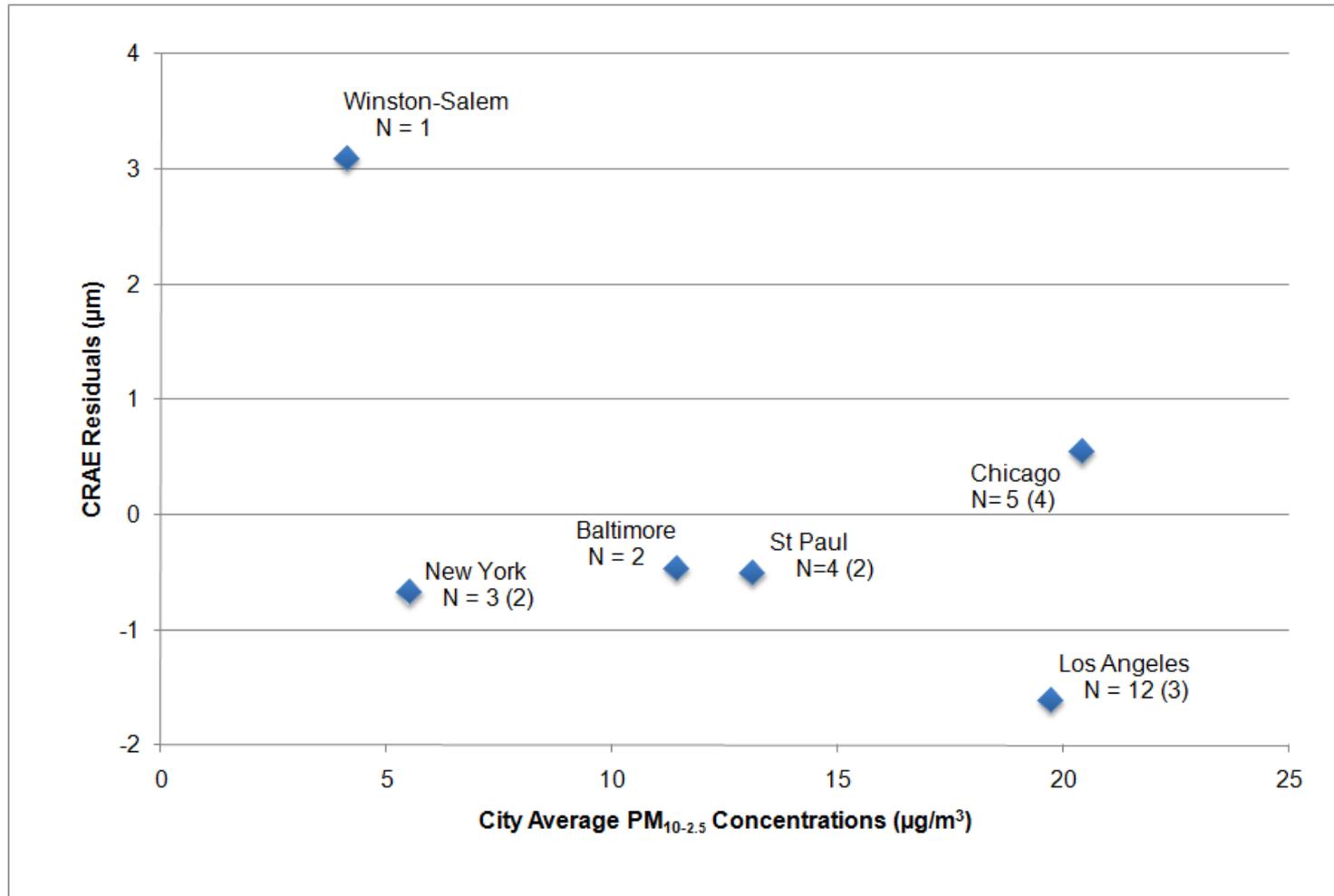
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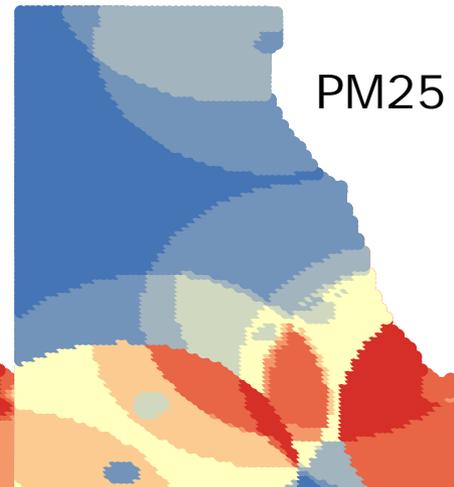
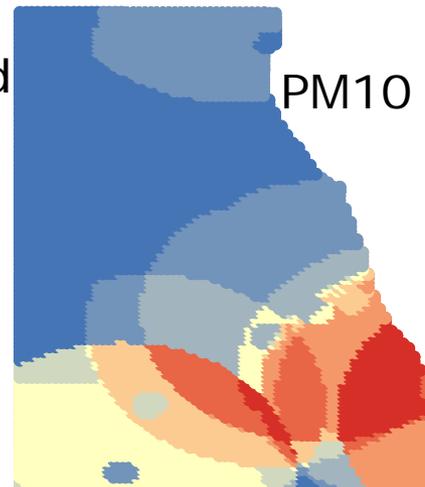
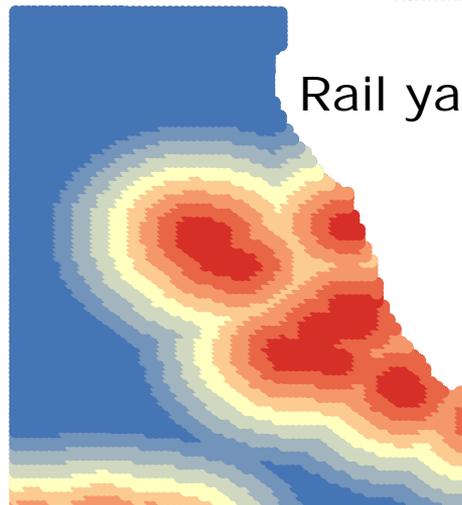
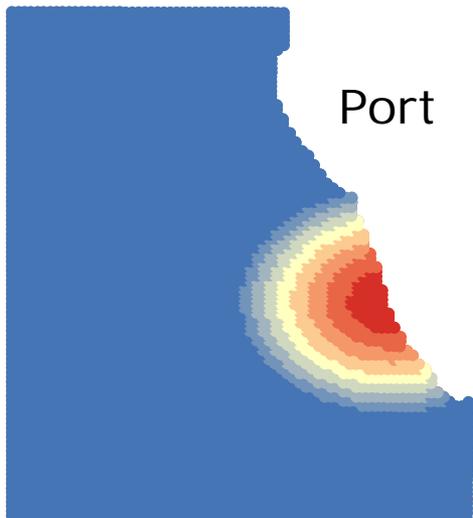
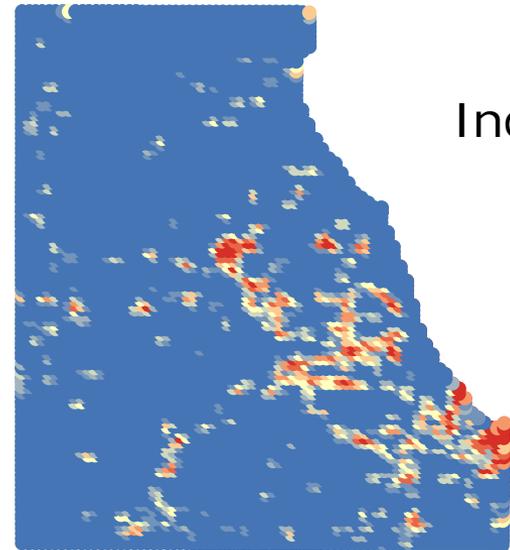
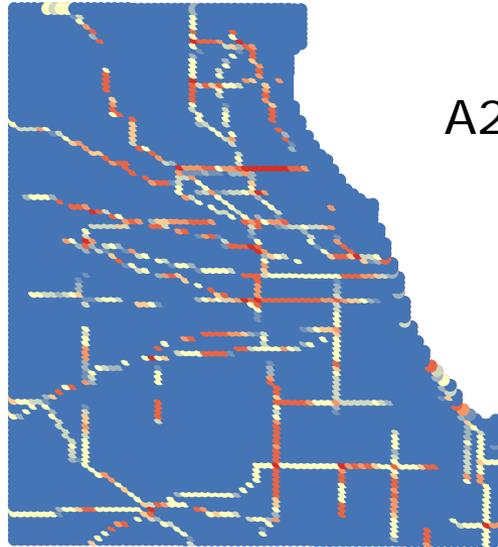
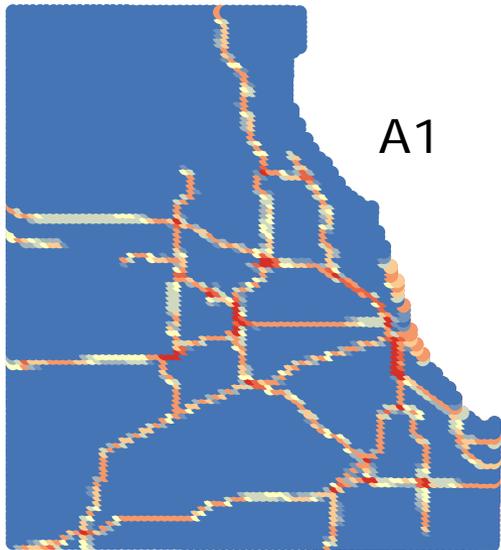
Mass,  
reflectance,  
and metals

Endotoxin

# Nearest Monitor Approach: Results Driven by Winston-Salem



# Spatial Features



# Some Differences at Cohort Locations

