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## Global Mapping of Ozone Surface Concentration for Global Burden of Disease

- A first global map has been delivered to the GBD team and used in GBD 2017.
- 1 paper submitted (Chang, GMD).

## Global Air Quality and Health Co-benefits of the Paris Agreement Pledges

- Analyzing emissions from GCAM to start simulations this spring.

## Tiger Team: Efficacy of Environmental Regulations in the Eastern US

Trends in US air pollution-related deaths since 1990

- 1 paper published (Zhang, ACP), 1 in preparation.

## Tiger Team: California fires

Analyzing health impacts of fires

## Tiger Team: Global indicators

Global indicators of surface ozone.

# Mapping Global Surface Ozone Concentrations

**Goal: Estimate global surface ozone concentrations by statistically fusing global ozone observations and an ensemble of global models.**

Ozone metric: 2008-2014 average of 6-month average 8-hr. daily maximum surface ozone concentration

Stakeholder partners: Global Burden of Disease Assessment – Michael Brauer (UBC), Rick Burnett (Health Canada), Bryan Hubbell (EPA).

Team: Jason West, Marc Serre, Marissa Delang, Jacob Becker, Elyssa Collins (UNC), Owen Cooper, Kai-Lan Chang (NOAA)



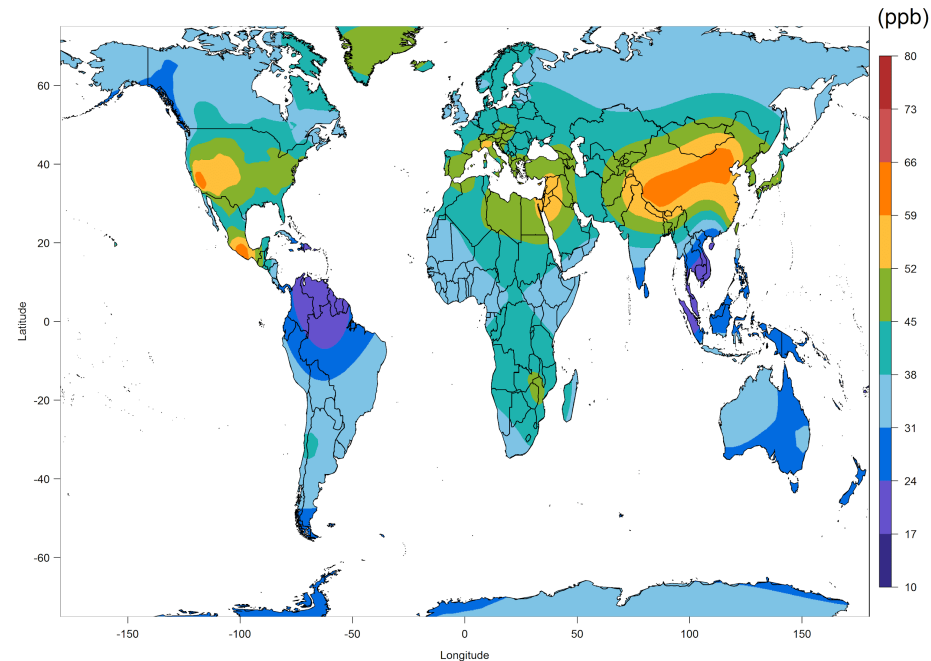
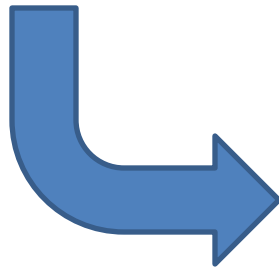
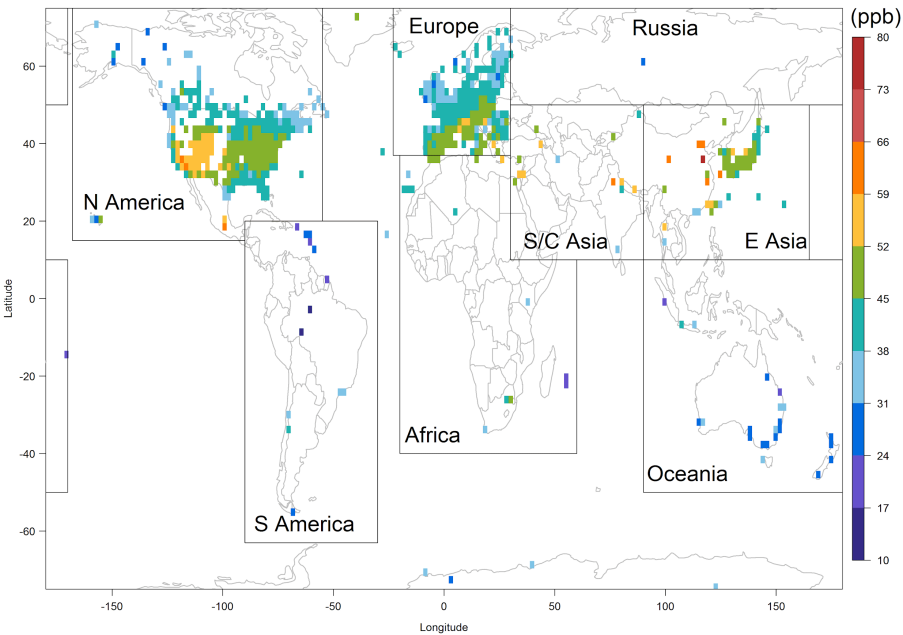
# **A new method (M<sup>3</sup>Fusion-v1) for combining observations and multiple model output for an improved estimate of the global surface ozone distribution**

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## Step 1 – Spatial interpolation of TOAR measurements

4801 sites, averaged within 2°x2° grid cells



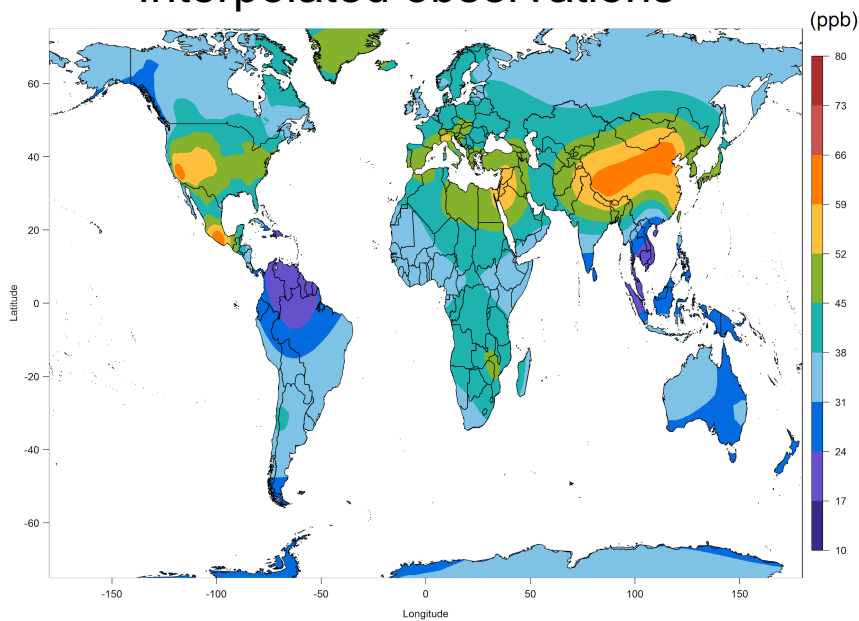


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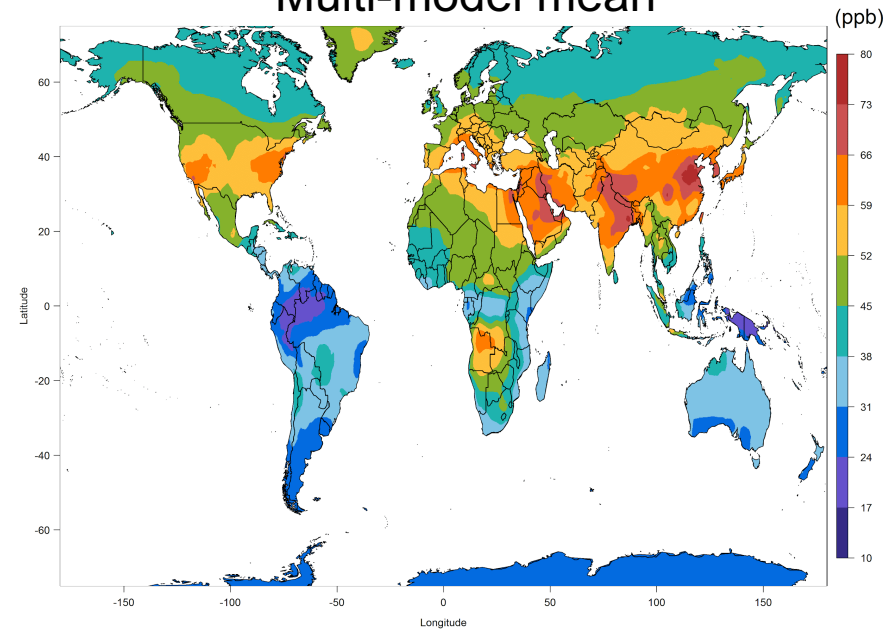
## Step 2 – Evaluate each model with respect to observations

Model ID	Group	Resolution	Meteorological Forcing <sup>†</sup>	References
CHASER (MIROC-ESM)	Nagoya University; Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology (JAMSTEC), Japan	$2.8^{\circ} \times 2.8^{\circ}$	C2	Sudo et al. (2002a, b); Watanabe et al. (2011)
GEOSCCM	NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, USA	$2.5^{\circ} \times 2^{\circ}$	C2	Oman et al. (2011)
GFDL-AM3	NOAA Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory, USA	$2^{\circ} \times 2^{\circ}$	C1SD	Lin et al. (2012, 2014, 2017)
G5NR-Chem	NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, USA	$0.125^{\circ} \times 0.125^{\circ}$	*	Hu et al. (2018)
MOCAGE	Centre National de Recherches Météorologiques; Météo France, France	$2^{\circ} \times 2^{\circ}$	C2	Josse et al. (2004); Teyssède et al. (2007)
MRI-ESM1r1	Meteorological Research Institute, Japan	$2.8^{\circ} \times 2.8^{\circ}$	C2	Adachi et al. (2013)

Interpolated observations



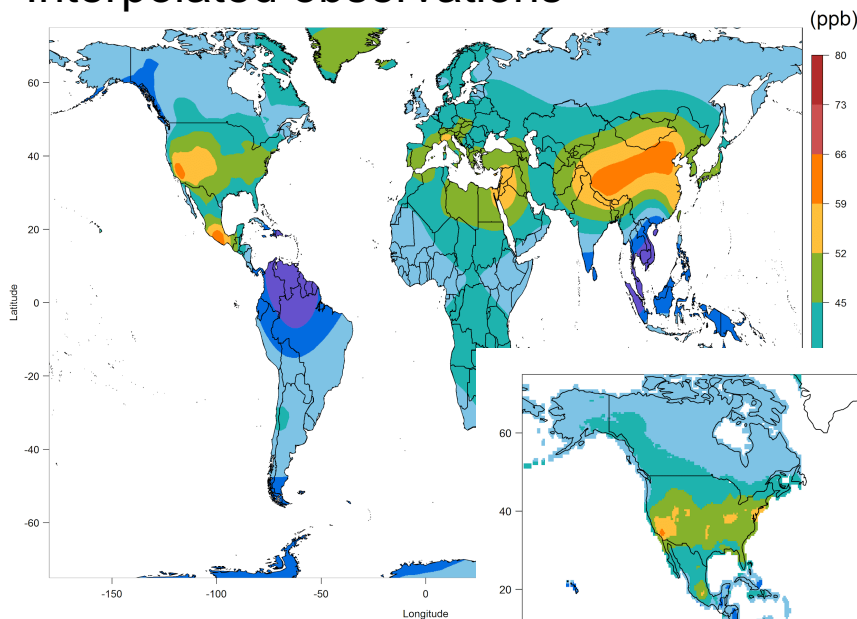
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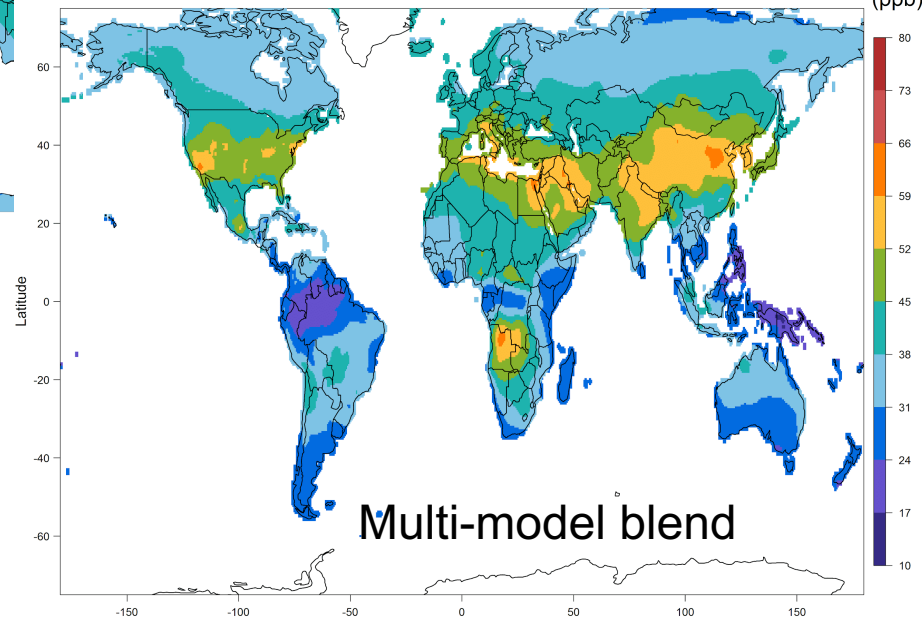
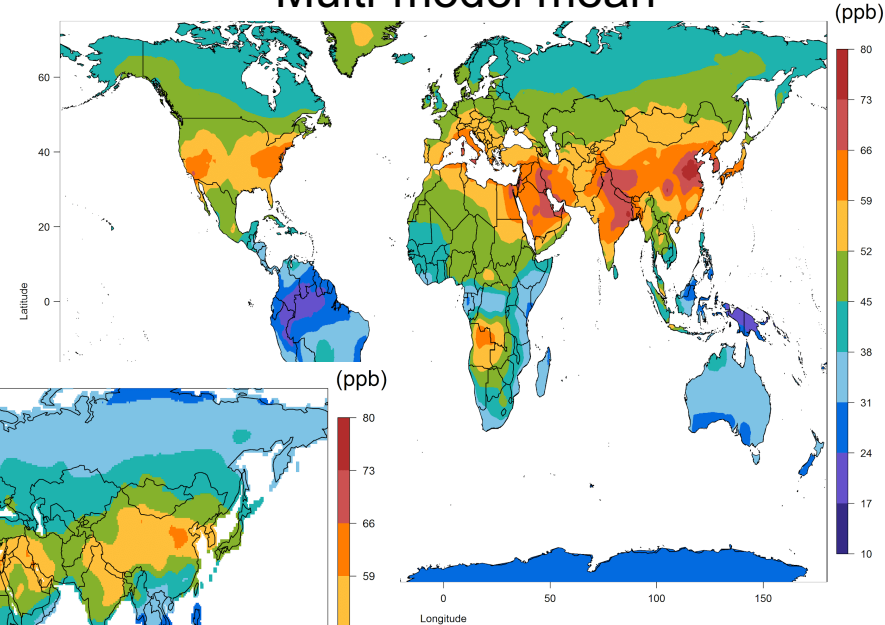
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Step 3 – Find the linear combination of models in each world region that minimizes error with respect to the interpolated measurement surface

Interpolated observations



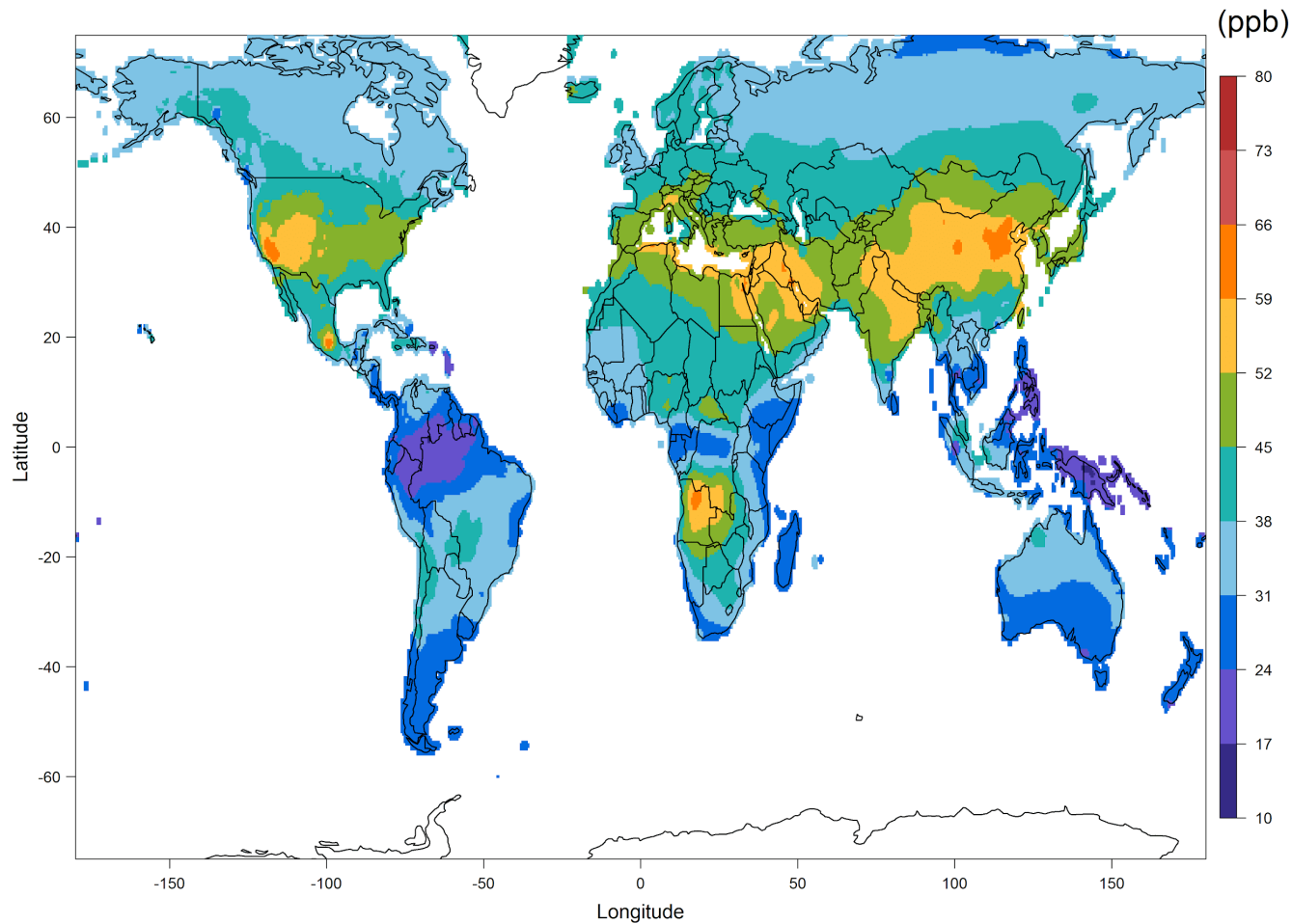
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# Mapping Global Surface Ozone Concentrations

Step 4 – Bias correct within 2° of observation sites (using interpolated surface)

Final Fused Ozone Product

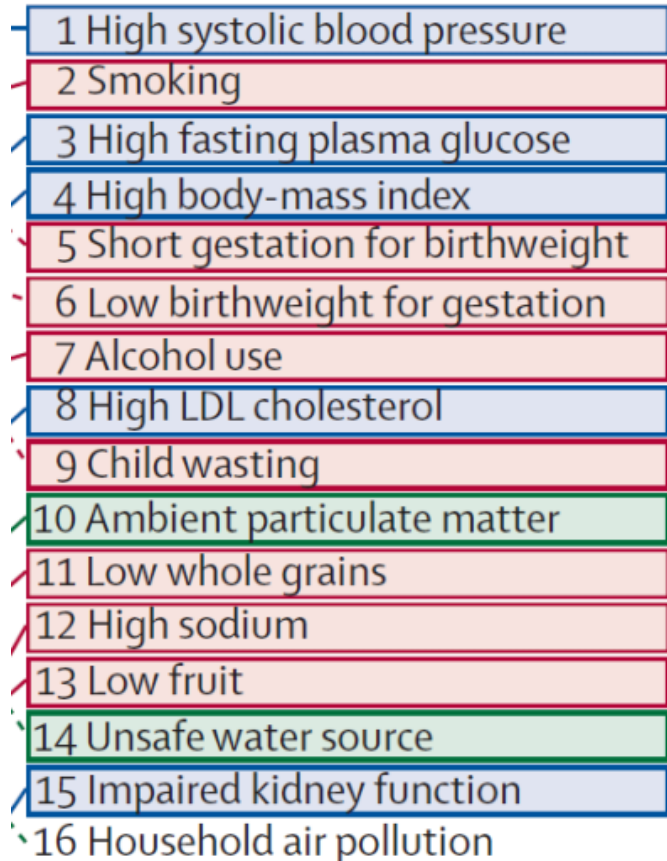




# Global burden of disease of air pollution (2017)

## Global Deaths per Year

Ambient PM <sub>2.5</sub> pollution:	2.9 (2.5 – 3.4) million	} 1 in 19 deaths globally!
Ambient ozone pollution:	0.47 (0.18 – 0.77) million	
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.

# Global Ozone Mapping: Moving Forward

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## Next steps

- 1 – Perform a new data fusion with observations using Bayesian Maximum Entropy method.
- 2 – Add fine spatial structure using NASA G5NR (0.125°).
- 3 – Add new observations from China and elsewhere, updated models.
- 4 – Estimate ozone for 1990, 1995, 2000, 2005, 2010, 2015 and 2018.

# Health Benefits of Decreases in PM<sub>2.5</sub> and Ozone in the United States, 1990-2015

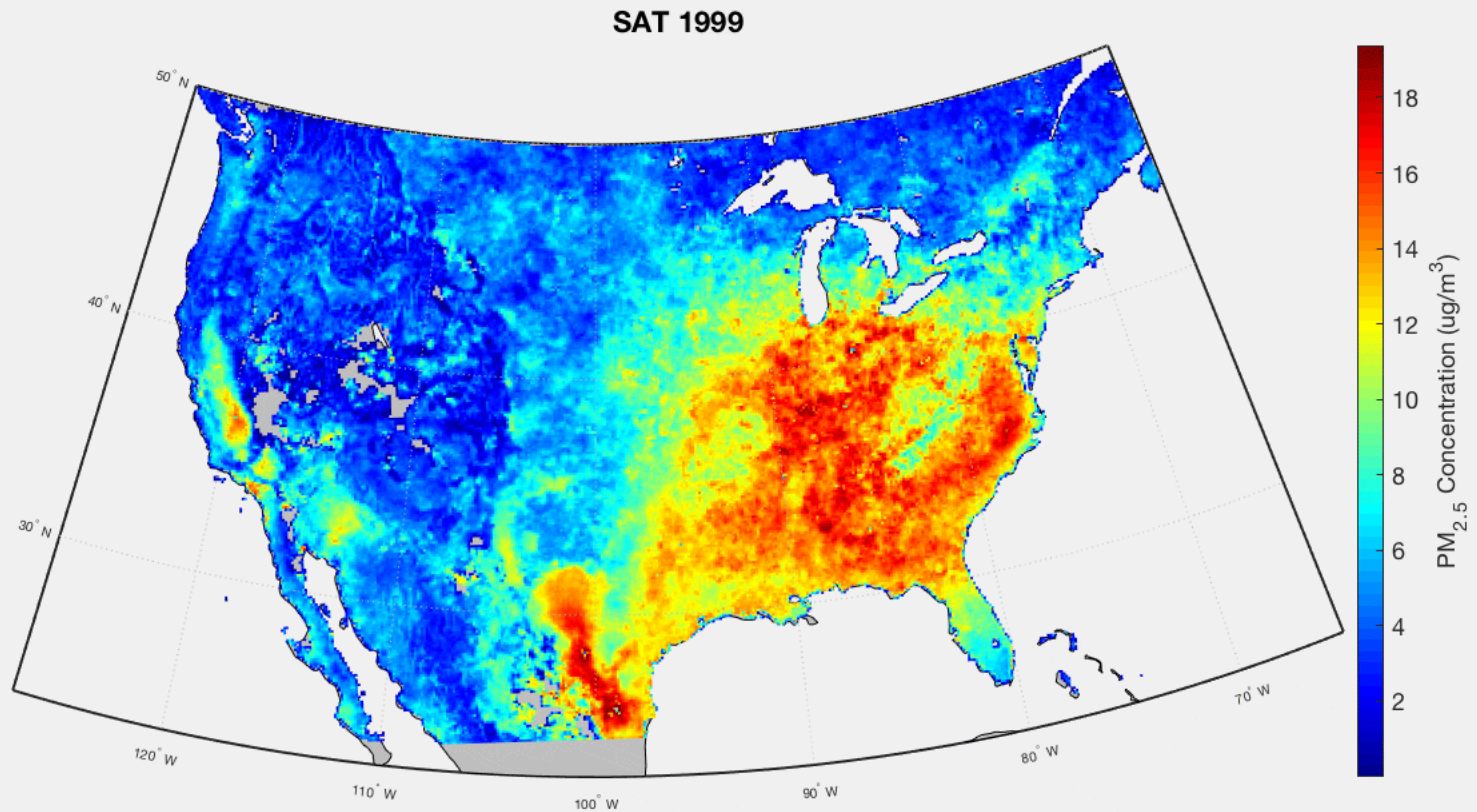
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\* Air pollutant datasets:

- A 21-year CMAQ simulation (1990-2011) [EPA](#)
- The North American Chemical Reanalysis (2009-2015) [NACR](#)
- N. America PM<sub>2.5</sub> satellite-derived data combined with a model and surface observations (1999-2012) [SAT](#)

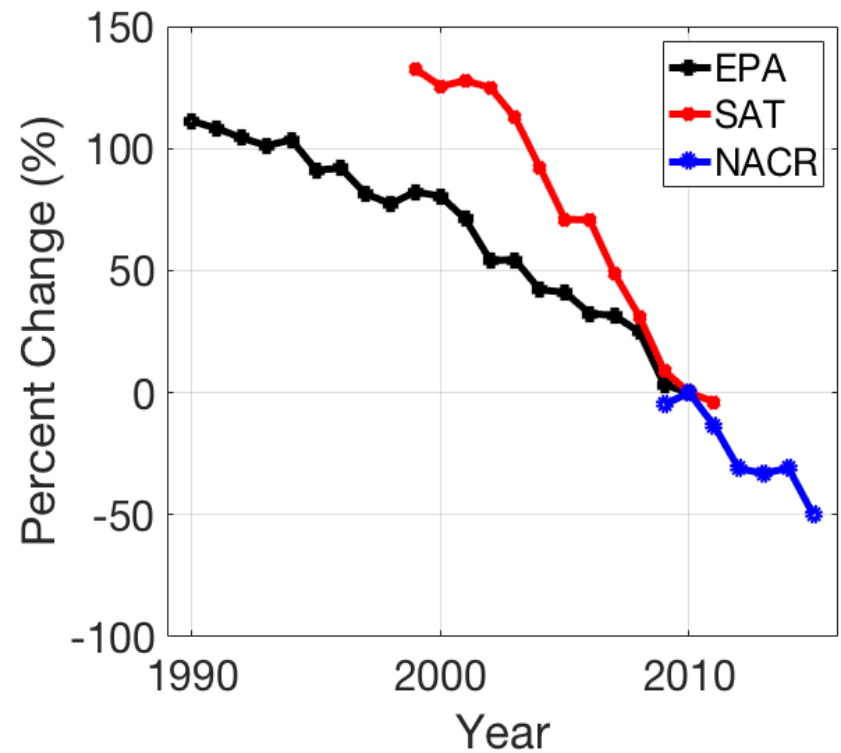
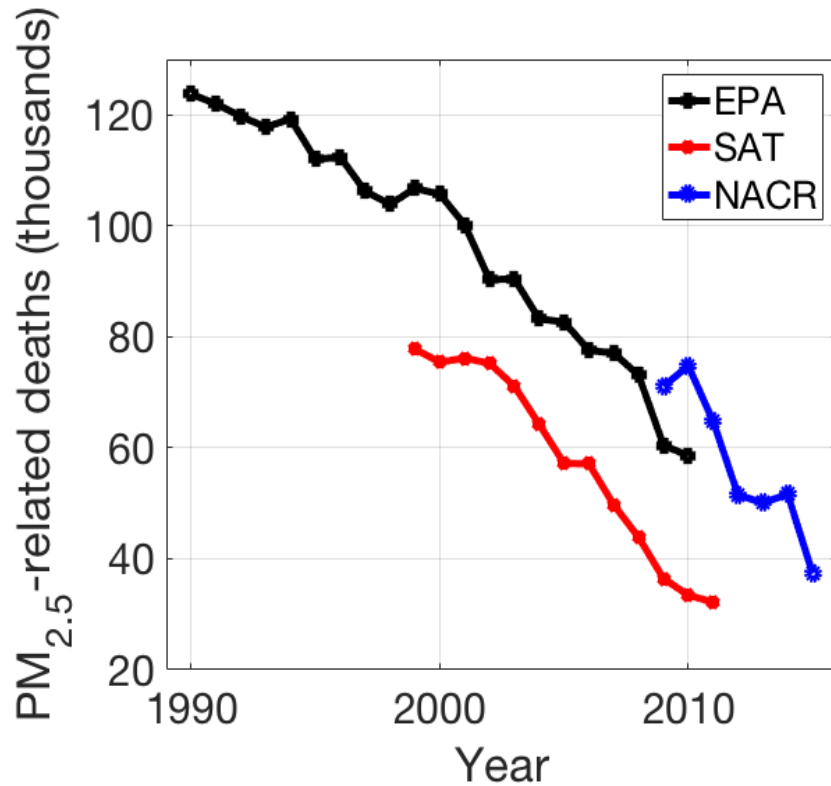
\* We use annual county-level population and baseline cause-specific mortality rates from the CDC to assess air pollution mortality in each year.

# Trends in PM<sub>2.5</sub> (SAT)

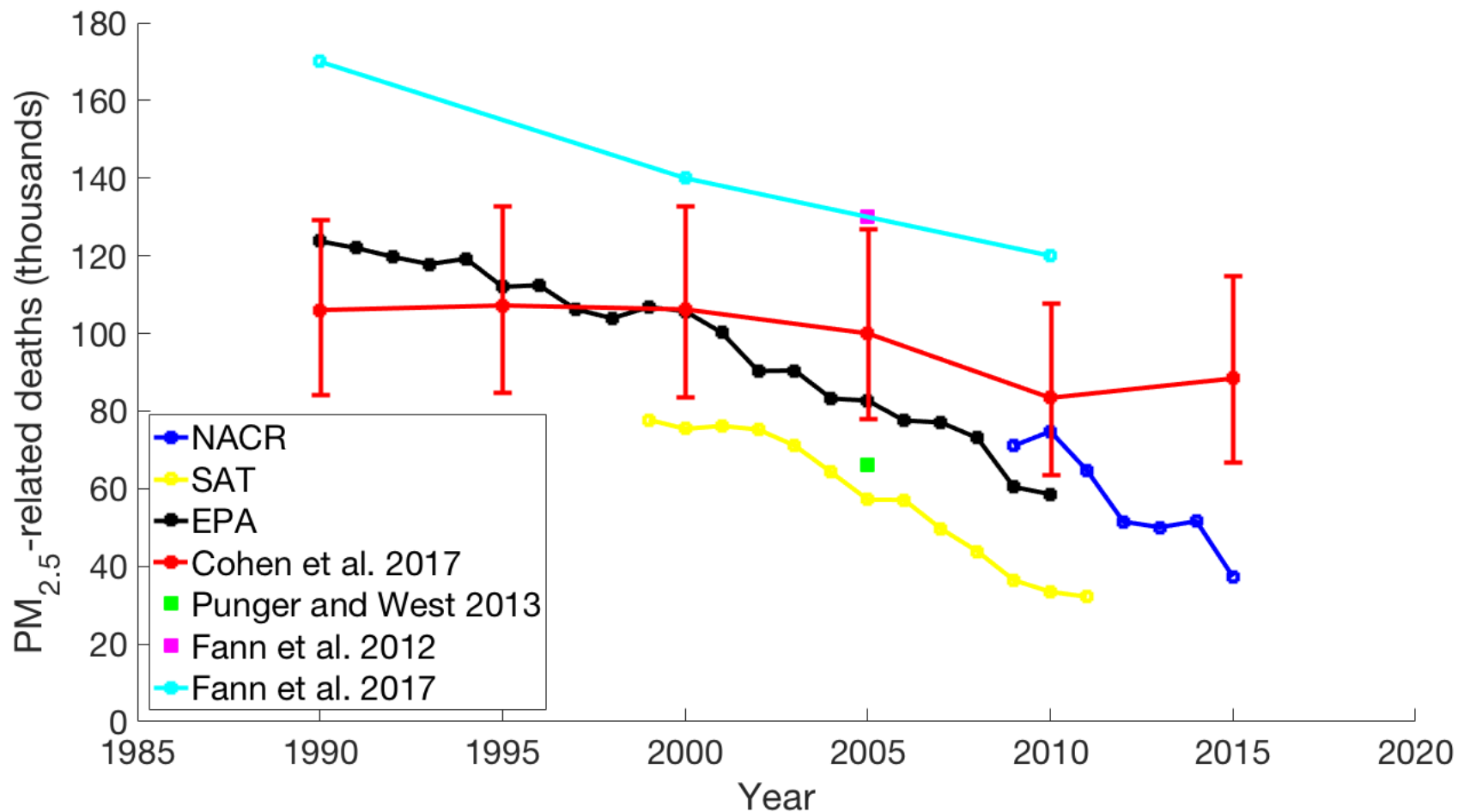




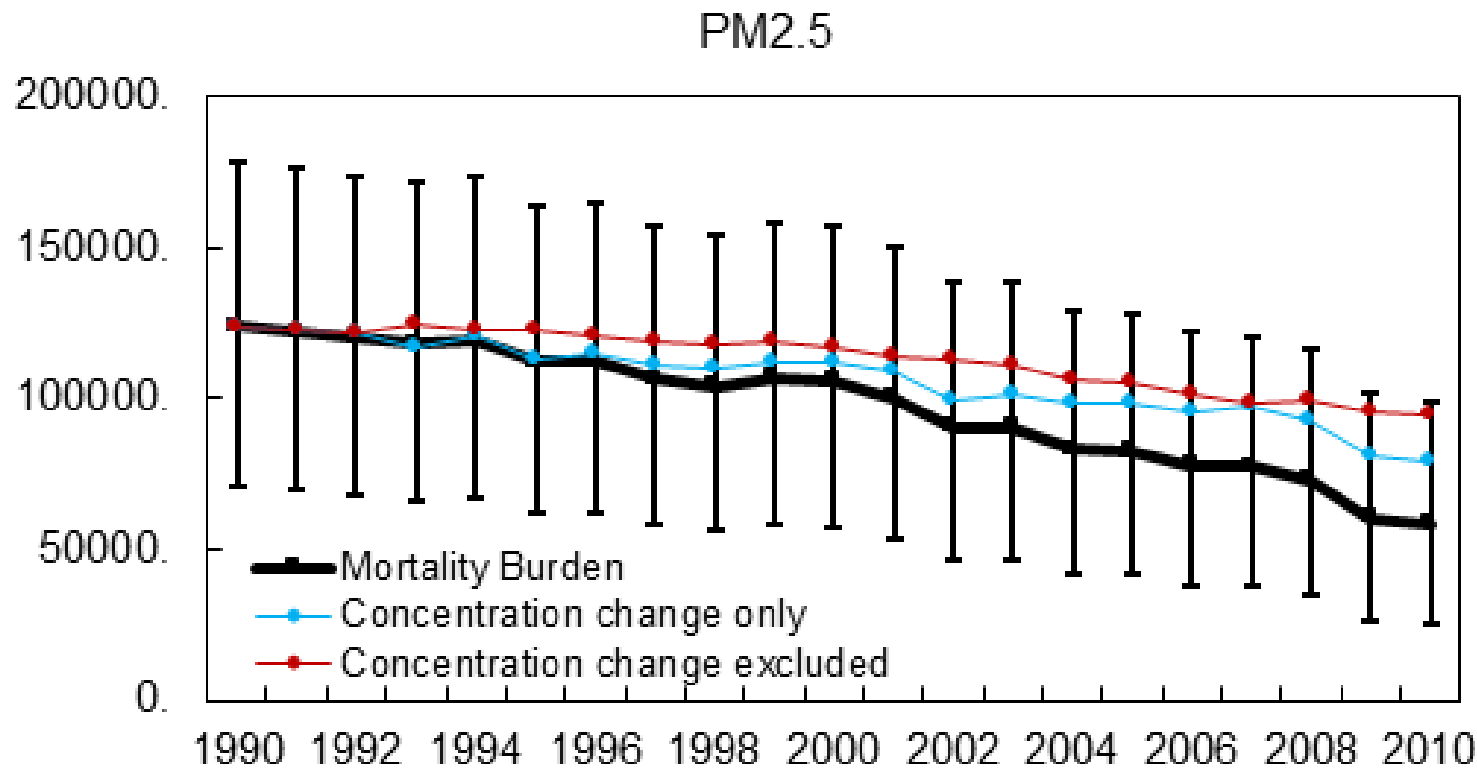
# US PM<sub>2.5</sub>-related deaths



# Comparison with Other Studies (PM<sub>2.5</sub>)

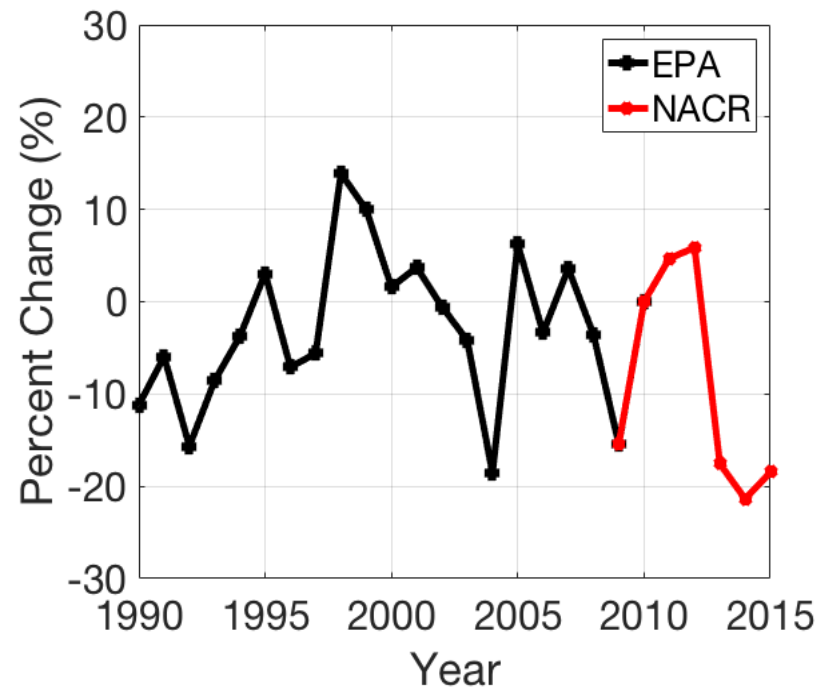
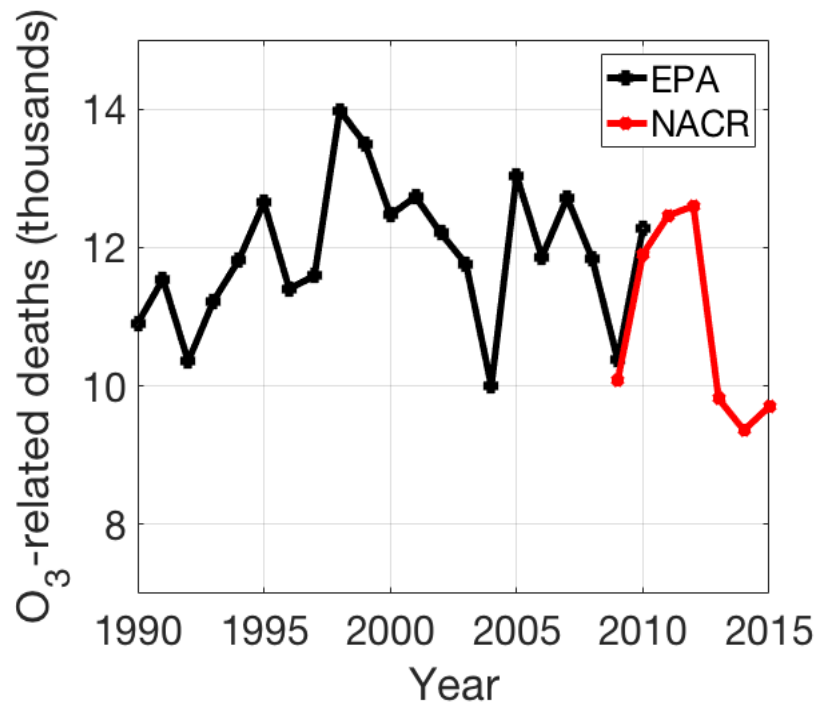


# PM<sub>2.5</sub> Mortality Burden (EPA)

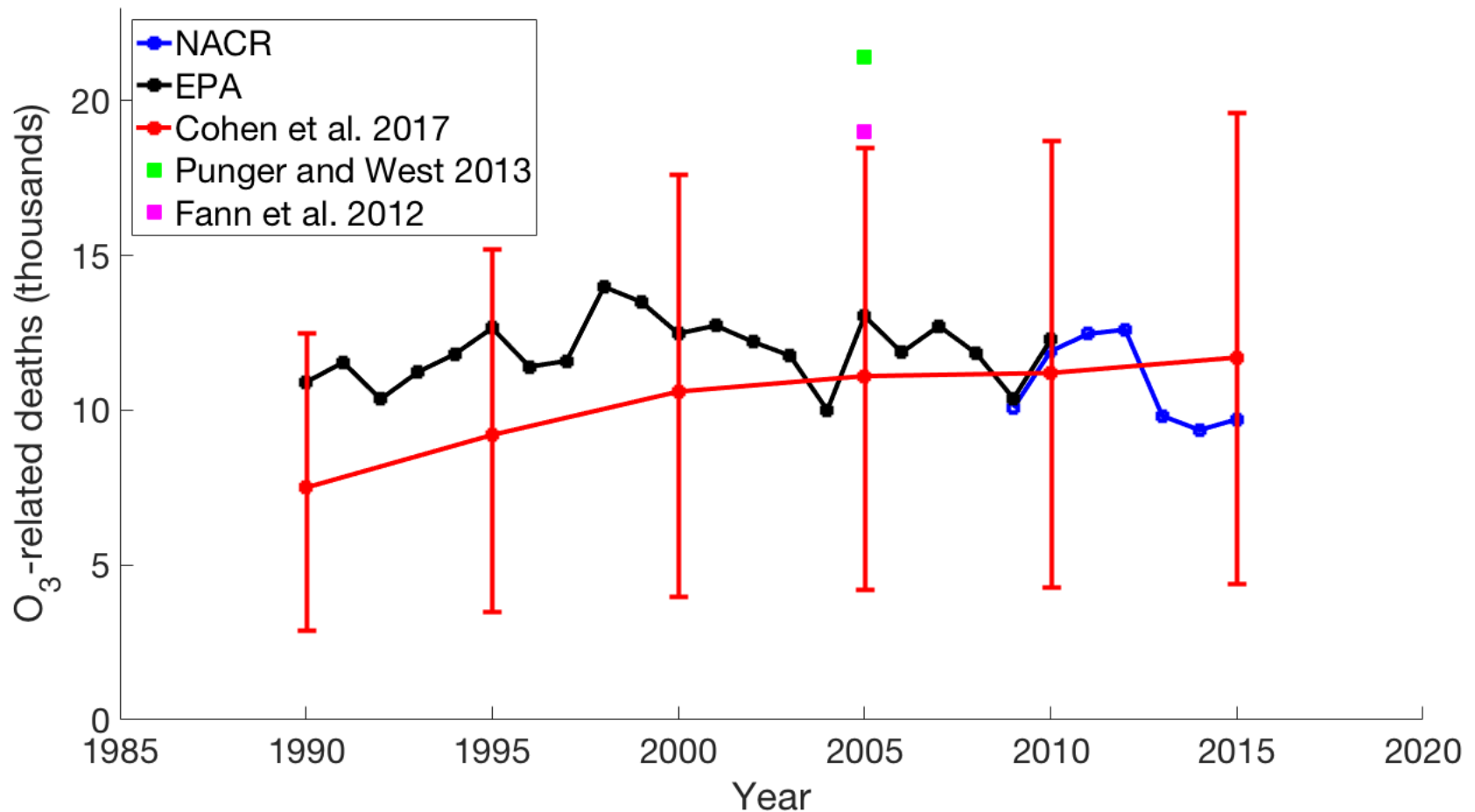


- PM<sub>2.5</sub> mortality decreased by 53% from 123,700 (70,800-178,100) deaths in 1990 to 58,600 (24,900-98,500) in 2010.
- Without the decrease in PM<sub>2.5</sub> since 1990, the burden would have only decreased by 24%.
- PM<sub>2.5</sub> reductions since 1990 have decreased deaths in 2010 by about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

# US O<sub>3</sub>-related deaths

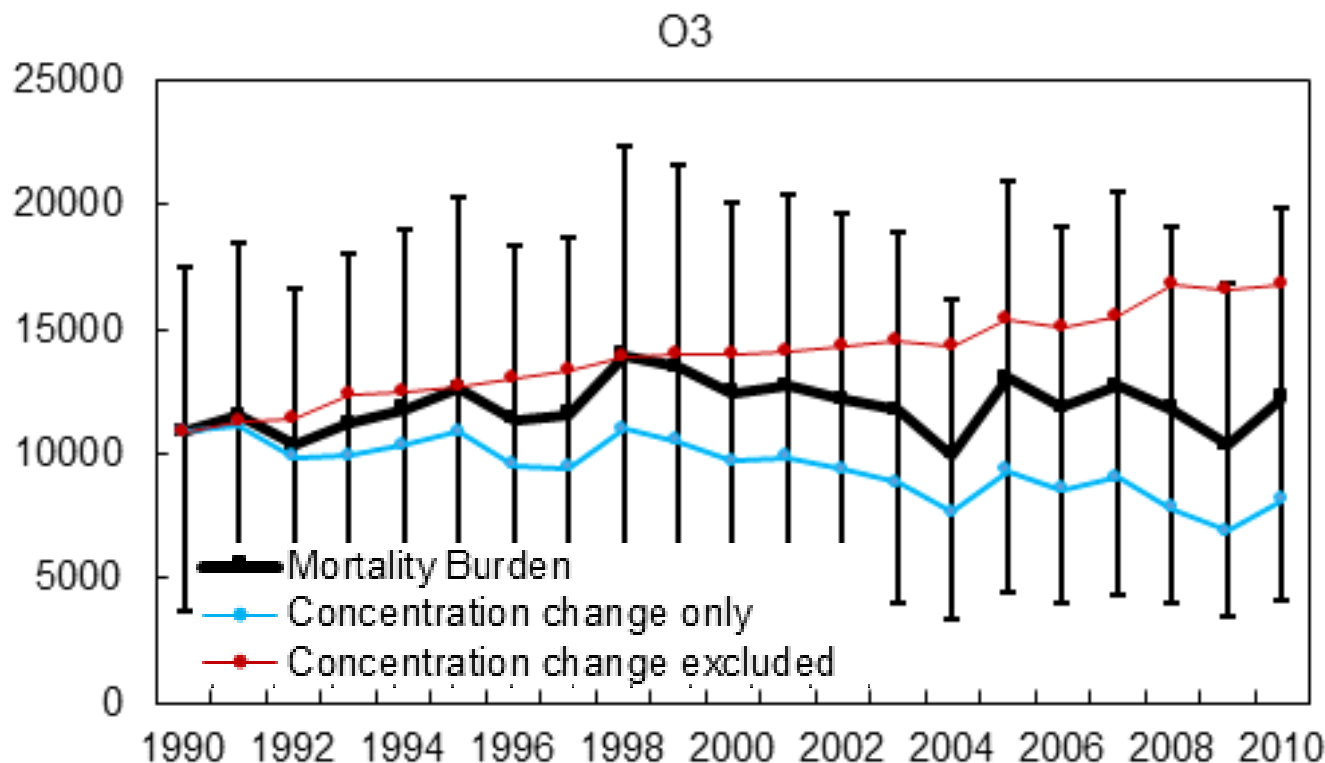


## Comparison with Other Studies (O<sub>3</sub>)





# O<sub>3</sub> Mortality Burden (EPA)



- Ozone mortality increased by 13% from 10,900 (3,700-17,500) deaths in 1990 to 12,300 (4,100-19,800) in 2010.
- Without the decrease in ozone since 1990, the burden would have increased by 55%.
- Ozone reductions since 1990 have decreased deaths in 2010 by about **4,600**.

In the US, air pollution kills:

**109,000** (2017 from GBD), 1 in 25 US deaths

**47,000** (2015 our work), 1 in 58 US deaths

Diabetes: **80,000**

Influenza & pneumonia: **52,000**

All suicides: **45,000**

All transportation accidents: **43,000**

Breast cancer: **42,000**

All gun shootings: **39,000**

Prostate cancer: **30,000**

Parkinson's: **30,000**

Leukemia: **23,000**

HIV AIDS: **6,000**

2016 data from CDC