



## *HAQAST Highlights:*

*What Works and What Doesn't in Linking NASA  
Data with Health and Air Quality Communities*



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# NASA HEALTH AND AIR QUALITY APPLIED SCIENCES TEAM

Connecting NASA Data and Tools with Health and Air Quality Stakeholders

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A wide-angle photograph of Earth from space, showing a vast expanse of blue oceans and white clouds. In the upper left corner, a portion of a satellite or space station is visible, with its metallic structure and solar panels. A semi-transparent white box is centered over the image, containing the mission statement.

Our mission is to bring the power of NASA  
science down to earth and deliver it into your hands.

[haqast.org](https://haqast.org)

HAQAST is a collaborative team that works in partnership with public health and air quality agencies to use NASA data and tools for the public benefit. Here you can learn about [our team](#), [partnerships](#), and [newsworthy achievements](#). You can also find [short tutorials for NASA's open-access satellite tools](#).

# What is “hay-kast”?

- Health and Air Quality Applied Sciences Team
- NASA-funded Applied Sciences Team
- ~~3~~ 4-year funded project (thru summer '19 '20)
- 13 Members and 70+ co-investigators
- Mission: Connect NASA science with air quality and health applications
- ~ \$15 Million Total Cost
- Three types of work:
  - Member projects
  - Tiger team projects (collaborative)
  - Outreach, engagement, rapid response



# 13 NASA Health and Air Quality Applied Sciences Team Members (HAQAST)



- Tracey Holloway (Team Lead, UW-Madison)
- Bryan Duncan (NASA GSFC)
- Arlene Fiore (Columbia University)
- Minghui Diao (San Jose State University)
- Daven Henze (University of Colorado, Boulder)
- Jeremy Hess (University of Washington, Seattle)
- Yang Liu (Emory University)
- Jessica Neu (NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory)
- Susan O'Neill (USDA Forest Service)
- Ted Russell (Georgia Tech)
- Daniel Tong (George Mason University)
- Jason West (UNC-Chapel Hill)
- Mark Zondlo (Princeton University)

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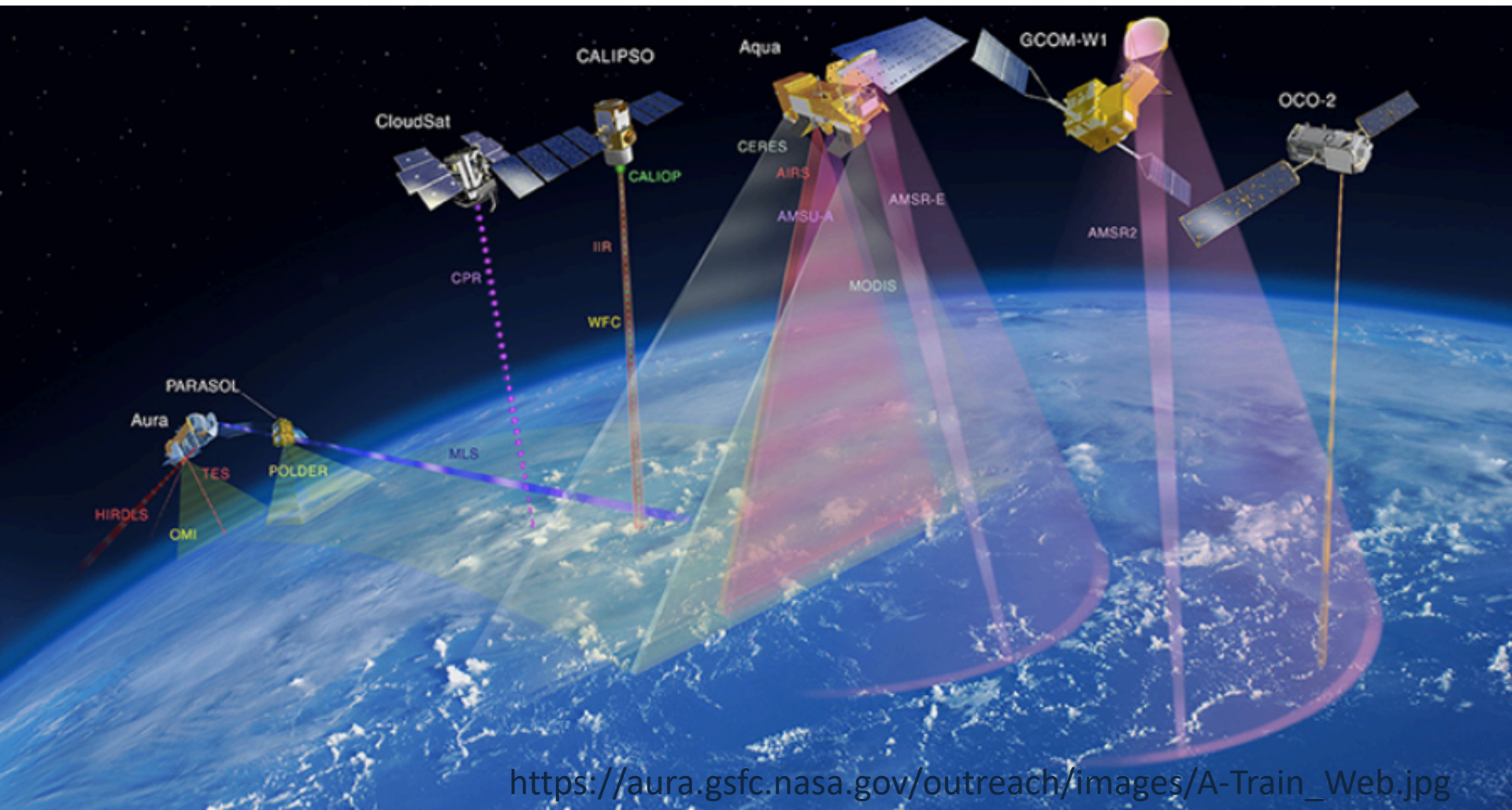






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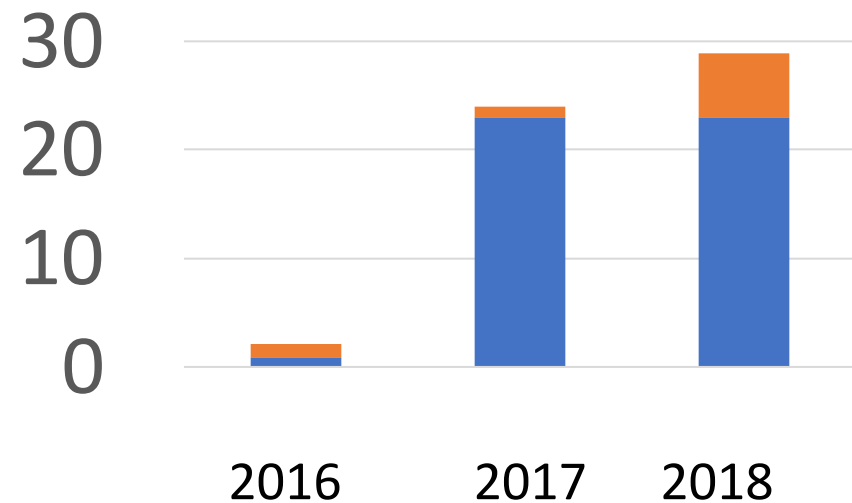
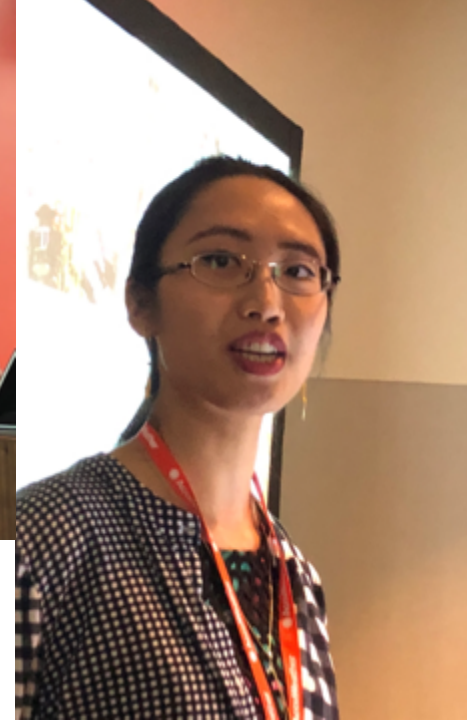
# Works: Team

**The team structure fundamentally changes outcomes.**

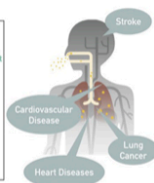
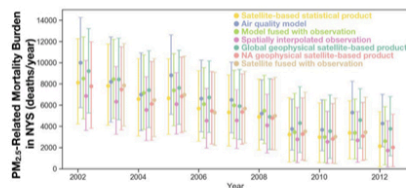
- Increased visibility of work and resources to end-users
- Culture to support and promote collaborations and synergies
- Growth of two-way dialogue
- Increased collaborations to meet stakeholder needs
- Rapid spin-up of high-value activities

# Major Accomplishments

- Steady increase in output metrics: Publications, stakeholders engaged, meeting attendees, meeting satisfaction, social media followers, etc.
- Team Meetings every 6 months + sessions a conferences – Webinars Feb/Mar 2020
- High-profile successes
- Active collaborations in team
- Engagement with related NASA initiatives

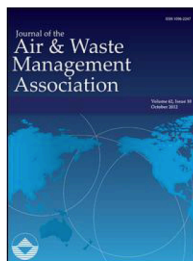


HAQAST publications by calendar year  
**Multiple PIs involved**; **single PI involved**



## FIORE FINDS LOWER AIR POLLUTION IN NEW YORK STATE IS SAVING LIVES

Columbia University highlights Arlene Fiore's study on how reduced PM<sub>2.5</sub> in New York State led to a decrease in mortality between 2002 and 2012.

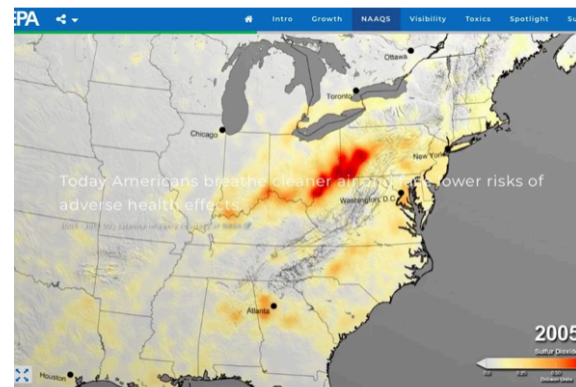


Journal of the Air & Waste Management Association

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## Methods, availability, and applications of PM<sub>2.5</sub> exposure estimates derived from ground measurements, satellite, and atmospheric models

Minghui Diao, Tracey Holloway, Seohyun Choi, Susan M. O'Neill, Mohammad Z. Al-Hamdan, Aaron Van Donkelaar, Randall V. Martin, Xiaomeng Jin, Arlene M. Fiore, Daven K. Henze, Forrest Lacey, Patrick L. Kinney, Frank Freedman, Narasimhan K. Larkin, Yufei Zou, James T. Kelly & Ambarish Vaidyanathan



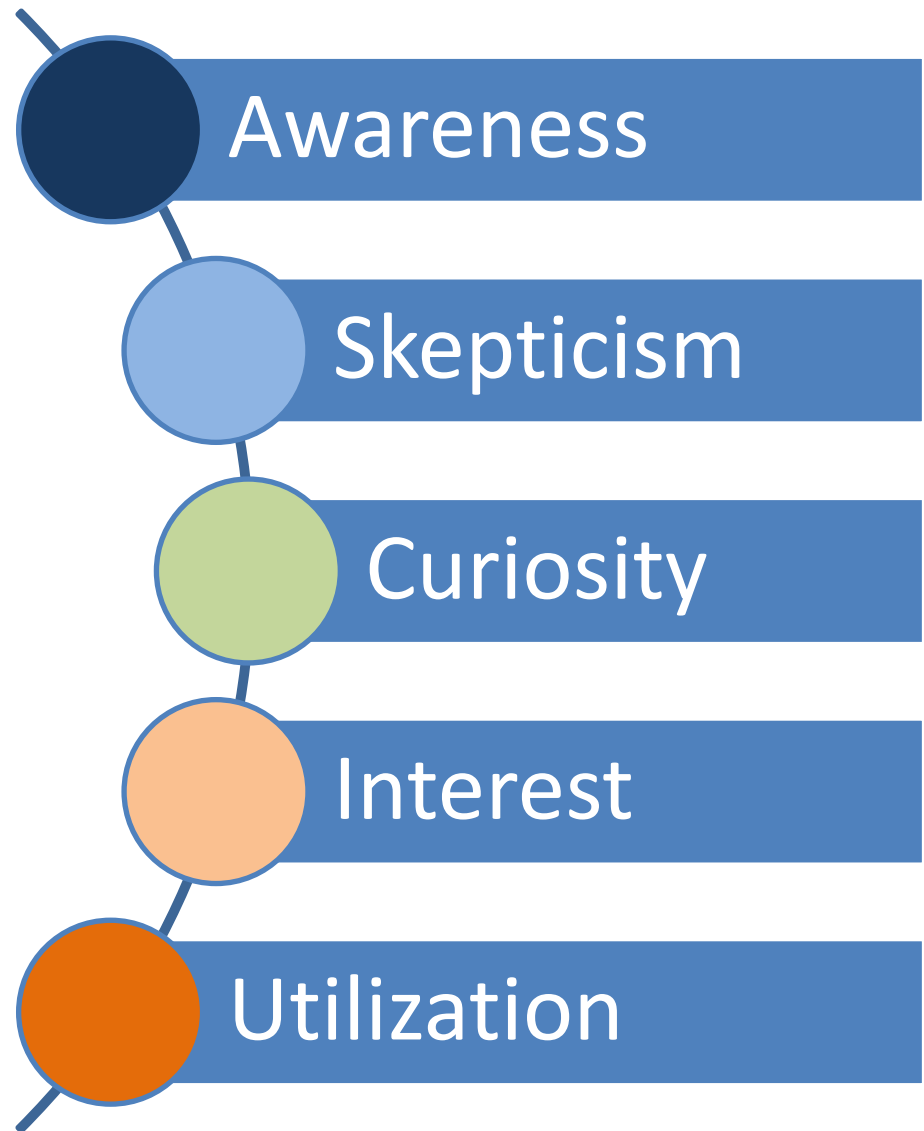
## HAQAST'S WORK INCLUDED IN THE 2018 EPA AIR TRENDS REPORT

Our team's work, especially that of Bryan Duncan, is included in the 2018 EPA Air Trends Report. New this year are animations of SO<sub>2</sub> from satellite data.





**Works:**  
**Meeting**  
**users where**  
**they are**



# Potential Monitoring Site Purposes

*A Role for Remote Sensing?*

**Not Now**

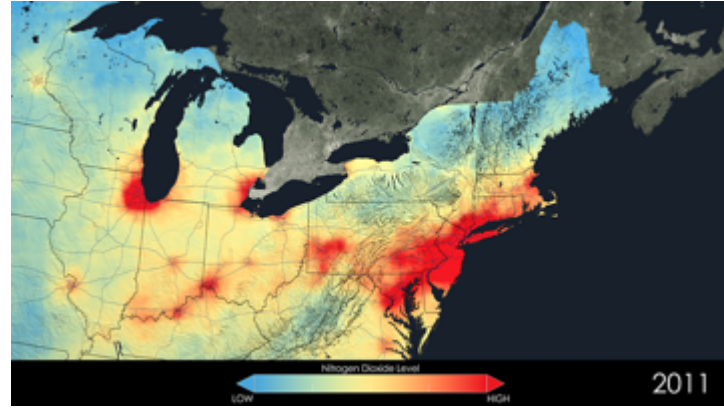
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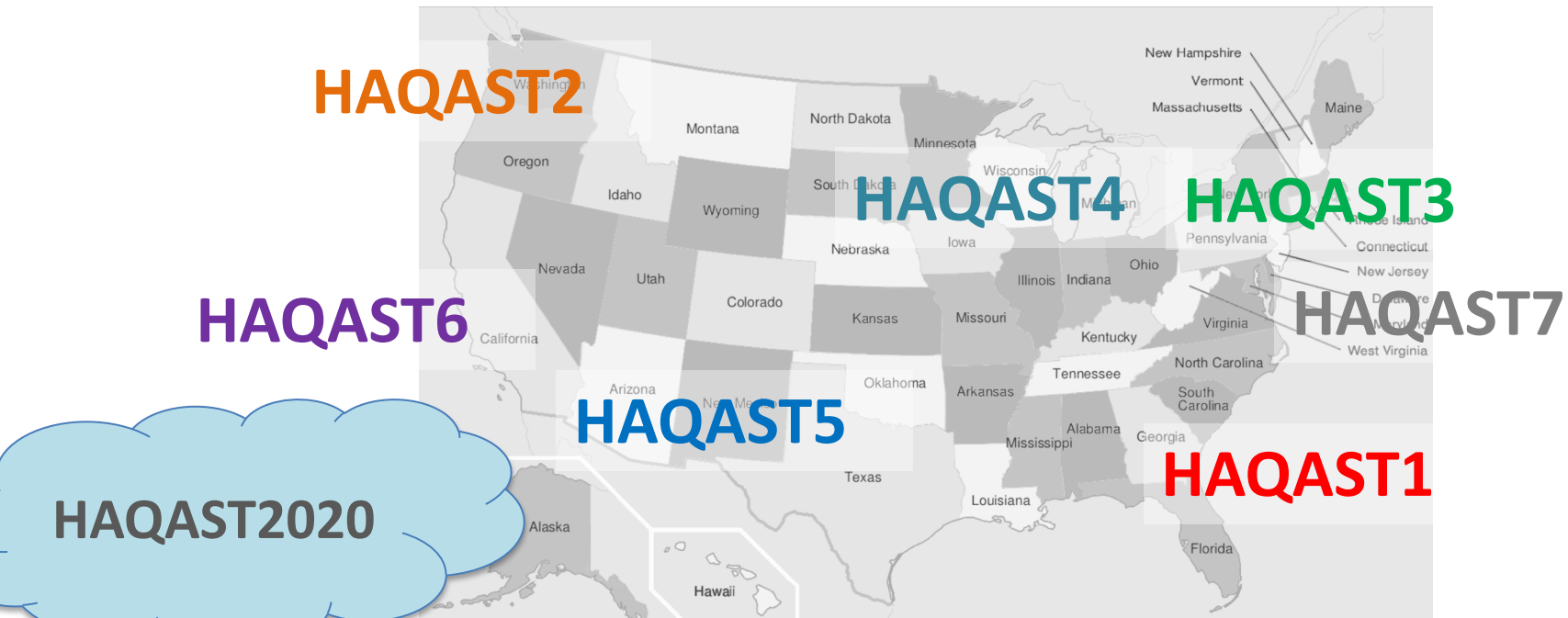
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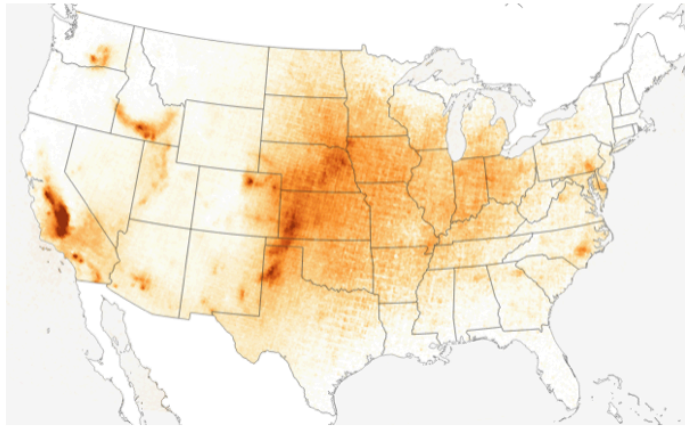
1. To Determine Compliance with National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS)
2. To Develop Regional Pollution Trends in Urban and Rural Areas
3. To Evaluate the Effects of Population, Land Use and Transportation on Air Quality
4. To Evaluate Air Dispersion Models
5. To Provide Air Quality Information to the Public



# Meeting Users Where They Are

- Meeting location
- Travel \$
- Streaming + Webinars
- Phone meetings
- Priorities of orgs/people
- Political realities
- Asking questions
- Data formats

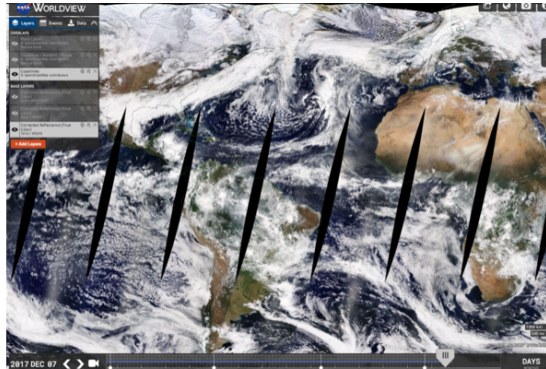




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## ZONDLO SHOWS HOW AGRICULTURE BREATHES

Mark Zondlo's work on the seasonal rhythm of NH<sub>3</sub> profiled by NASA's Image of the Day.



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## NASA WORLDVIEW VIDEO TUTORIAL NOW AVAILABLE

Watch HAQAST's NASA Worldview video tutorial, produced by the NASA HAQAST Communications Team



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## TONG COMMENTS ON MASSIVE DUST STORMS

Daniel Tong's commentary on the health impacts of massive dust storms in Arizona featured in Sierra magazine.



## 1. USING SATELLITE REMOTE SENSING TO DERIVE GLOBAL CLIMATE AND AIR POLLUTION INDICATORS

**Team Lead:** HAQAST investigator Susan Anenberg

**Partners:** Lancet Commission on Pollution and Health, University College London/Lancet Countdown, and the Health Effects Institute/State of Global Air

**HAQAST Members and Collaborators:** Jeremy Hess, Bryan Duncan, Arlene Fiore, Daven Henze.



Susan Anenberg

Works:

## 1. DEMONSTRATING THE EFFICACY OF ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS IN THE EASTERN U.S.

**Team Leads:** HAQAST members Bryan Duncan and Jason West

**Partners:** Mid-Atlantic Regional Air Quality Management Association, the Maryland Department of the Environment, the EPA, the Centers for Disease Control/National Center for Environmental Health, the Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management, and the Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection

**HAQAST Members and Collaborators:** Mark Zondlo, Ted Russell, Yang Liu, Arlene Fiore, Lok Lamsal, Daniel Tong, and Daven Henze also contribute to this team



Bryan Duncan



Jason West

## 1. AIR QUALITY AND HEALTH BURDEN OF 2017 CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES

**Team Lead:** HAQAST member Susan O'Neill

**Partners:** BAAQMD, NOAA, the USFS Fire & Aviation Management Program, EPA, Sonoma Technology Inc., the National Park Service, Princeton University, the University of Washington, and the University of California, Davis

**HAQAST Members and Collaborators:** Daniel Tong, Talat Odman, Minghui Diao, Jason West, Pat Kinney, Brad Pierce, Jessica Neu, and Sim Larkin also contribute to this team



Susan O'Neill

Tiger Teams  
(funded in-team  
collaborations)

# Innovative Tiger Team Structure

How to promote collaboration among the team  
and allocate resources to top problems...

... while structuring a competitive process to  
ensure rigorous vetting of ideas?





# HAQAST Supports 2 Types of Projects: Individual & Tiger Team

Sept. 2016

Sept. 2017

Sept. 2018

Sept. 2019

Sept. 2020

13 HAQAST Members' Proposed Initiatives  
with stakeholders & Co-I collaborators

Year 1 "Tiger Teams"  
4 larger collaborations  
Focused, stakeholder-  
based, short-term

Year 2 "Tiger Teams"

Tiger Team  
Supplements



## SUSAN O'NEILL PRODUCED A VIDEO PRESENTATION OUTLINING SMOKE TOOLS AND INFORMATION FOR USE DURING WILDFIRES

Watch O'Neill's video on tools and information for use during wildfires



## NY TIMES HIGHLIGHTS DUNCAN & WEST'S WORK

The New York Times drew on Bryan Duncan and Jason West's Tiger Team work estimating health benefits of cleaner air in the US from 1990 to 2010.



## Managers

Air Quality & Health Stakeholder Engagement

<https://airquality.gsfc.nasa.gov>

NASA's **Applied Sciences Program (ASP)** sponsors a number of efforts to facilitate the use of NASA satellite data and computer models by the various stakeholder communities, such as air quality, health, disasters, and food security. One of these efforts is the Health & Air Quality Applied Sciences Team (**HAQAST**), which has enabled many projects. Here we list just a few projects that have been enabled, at least in part, by HAQAST members. Visit the **HAQAST** website to learn of many other projects.



**Works:**  
**Meetings**  
**structured for**  
**dialogue**



# Designing Meetings to Engage Stakeholders

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- 75% 5-minute talks
- 25% 15-minute talks
- 1/3 time for Q&A
- Lots of networking
- High proportion of stakeholder/scientist talks.
- Funded stakeholders to attend the meeting.



Number of Stakeholder Registrants and Percentage of Stakeholder Registrants



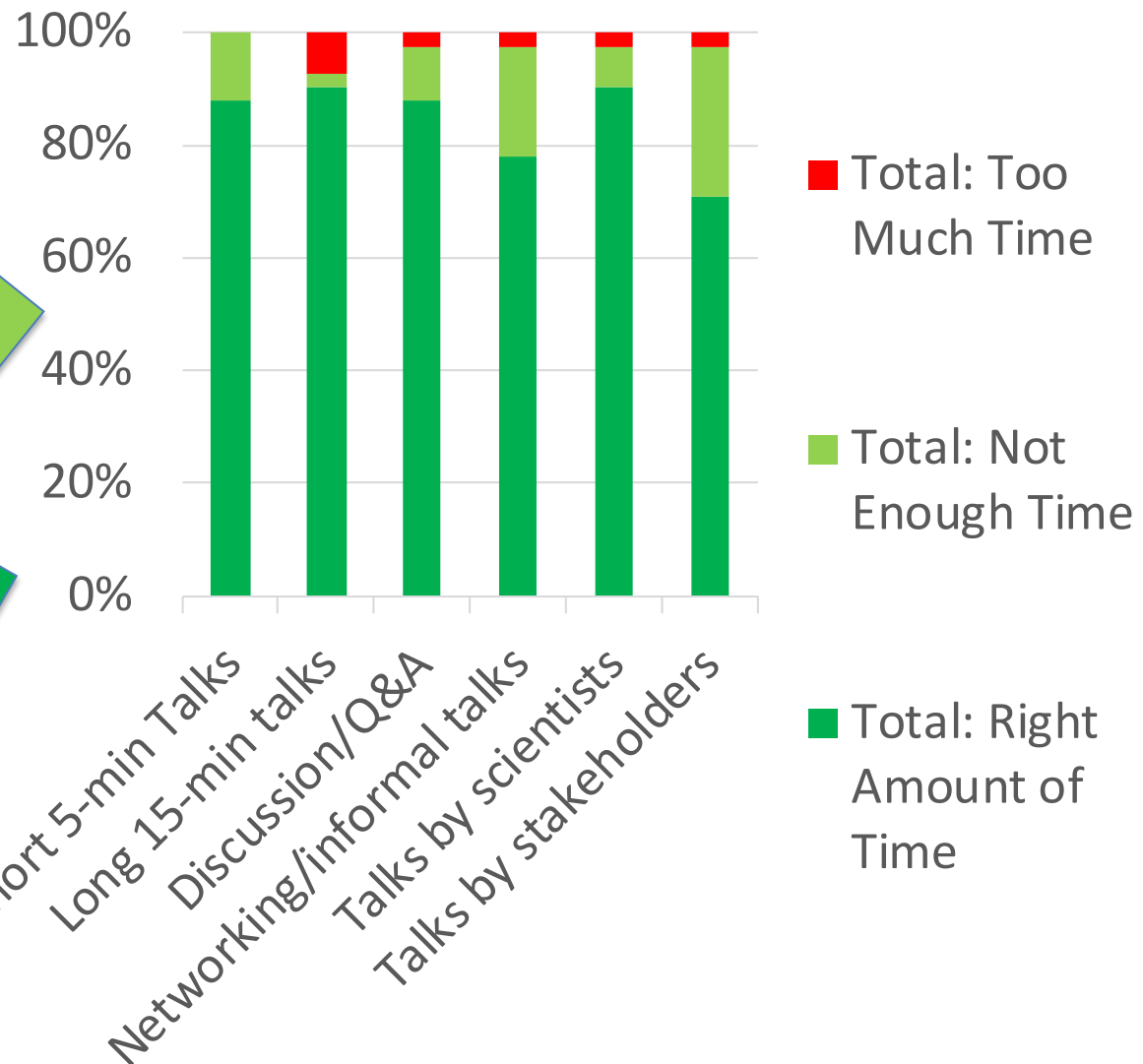


“ding” on  
15-min talks

Some: Hungry  
for more!

Most: Happy!

# Audience Satisfaction





**Doesn't  
work very  
well**

Expecting partners to embrace the unknown

→ First, build excitement, easy wins; then, invite deeper engagement.

Presenting research for research's sake

→ Focus on relevance to audience(s) and issues they care about; avoid jargon

Cold-calling new partners

→ Build relationships with meetings (phone, in-person) and one-on-one conversations



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Getting Started

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Tools

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Training

AQAST 2011-2016

Links to Health and  
Air Quality  
Community

Glossary

Tutorials and webinars can be found here.



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