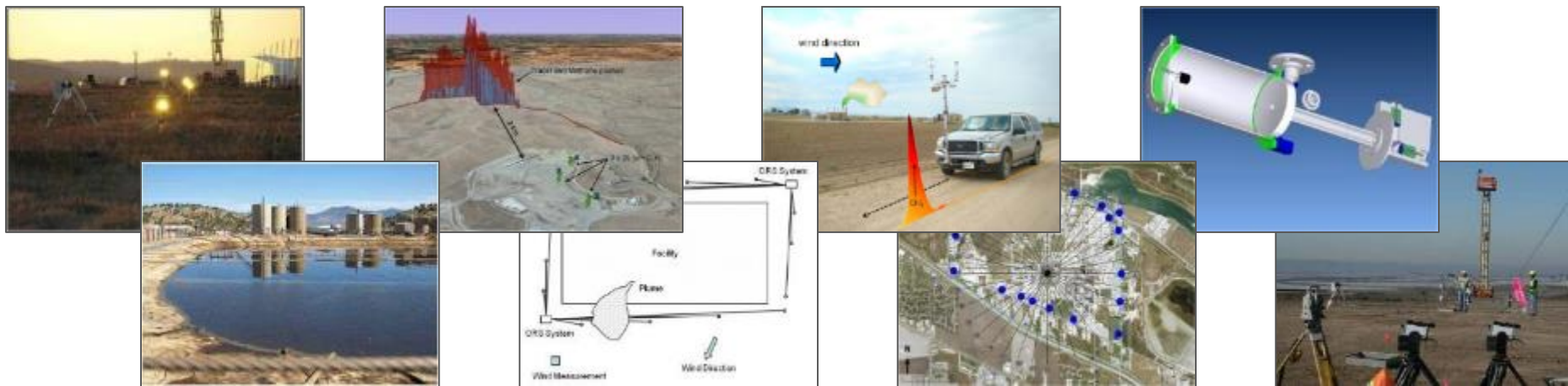


Next Generation Emission Measurements for Fugitive, Area Source, and Fence Line Applications

U.S. EPA Region 4 Air Monitoring Workshop - April 14, 2016

E. Thoma, H. Brantley - U.S. EPA, Office of Research and Development

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How many have issues?

> 25,000 active
oil and gas wells

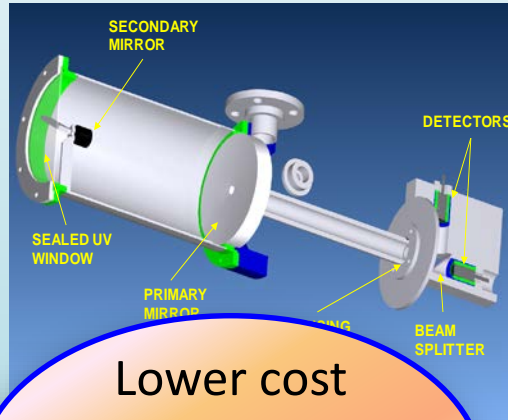
Denver CO

An aerial photograph of a large industrial complex, likely a refinery or chemical plant. The facility is characterized by a dense network of pipes, walkways, and various industrial structures. Numerous large, white, cylindrical storage tanks are visible, particularly on the right side of the image. The ground is a mix of dirt and paved areas. A semi-transparent white rectangular box is overlaid on the lower right portion of the image, containing the text "Where's the leak?".

Where's the leak?

Next Generation Emissions Measurement (NGEM)

Deep UV optical sensor



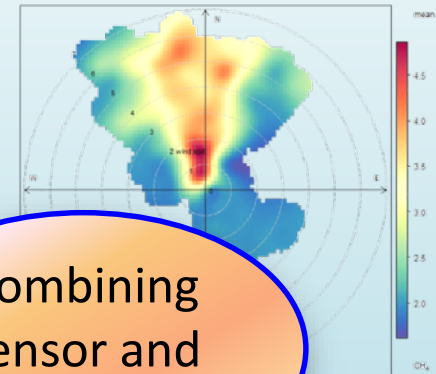
Lower cost
open-path
optical
systems

Drive-by leak inspection



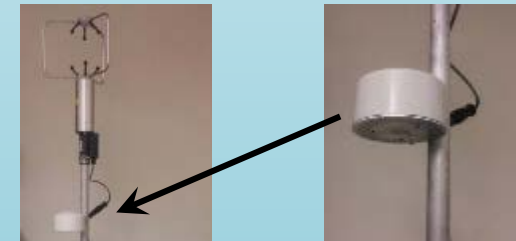
Mobile
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systems

New leak-location algorithms



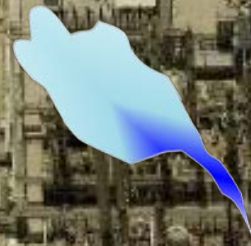
Combining
sensor and
wind data

Drop-in-place sensor packages



Prototype PID sensor package
(pres. temp. , RH., VOC)

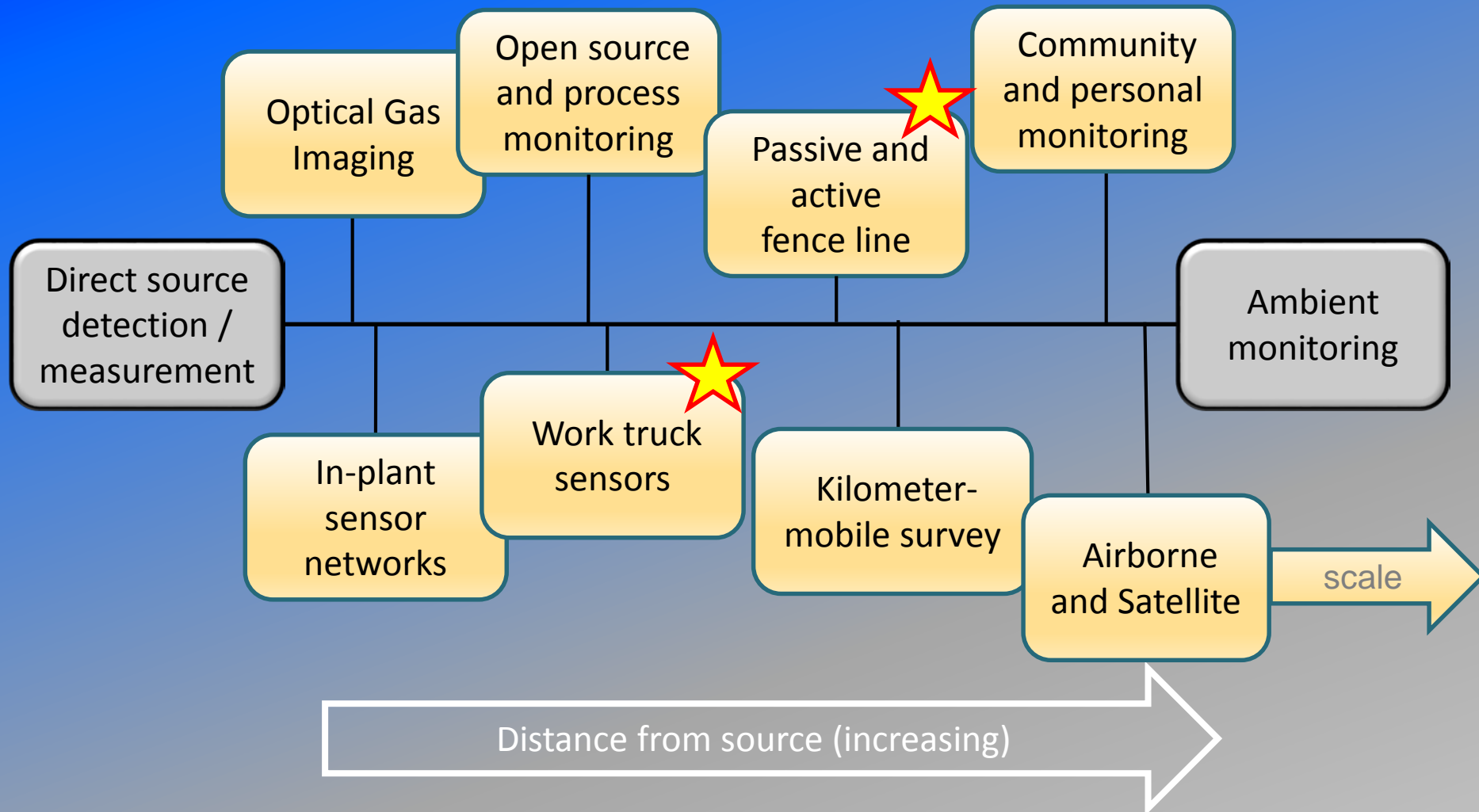
Low-cost
stand-alone
sensors



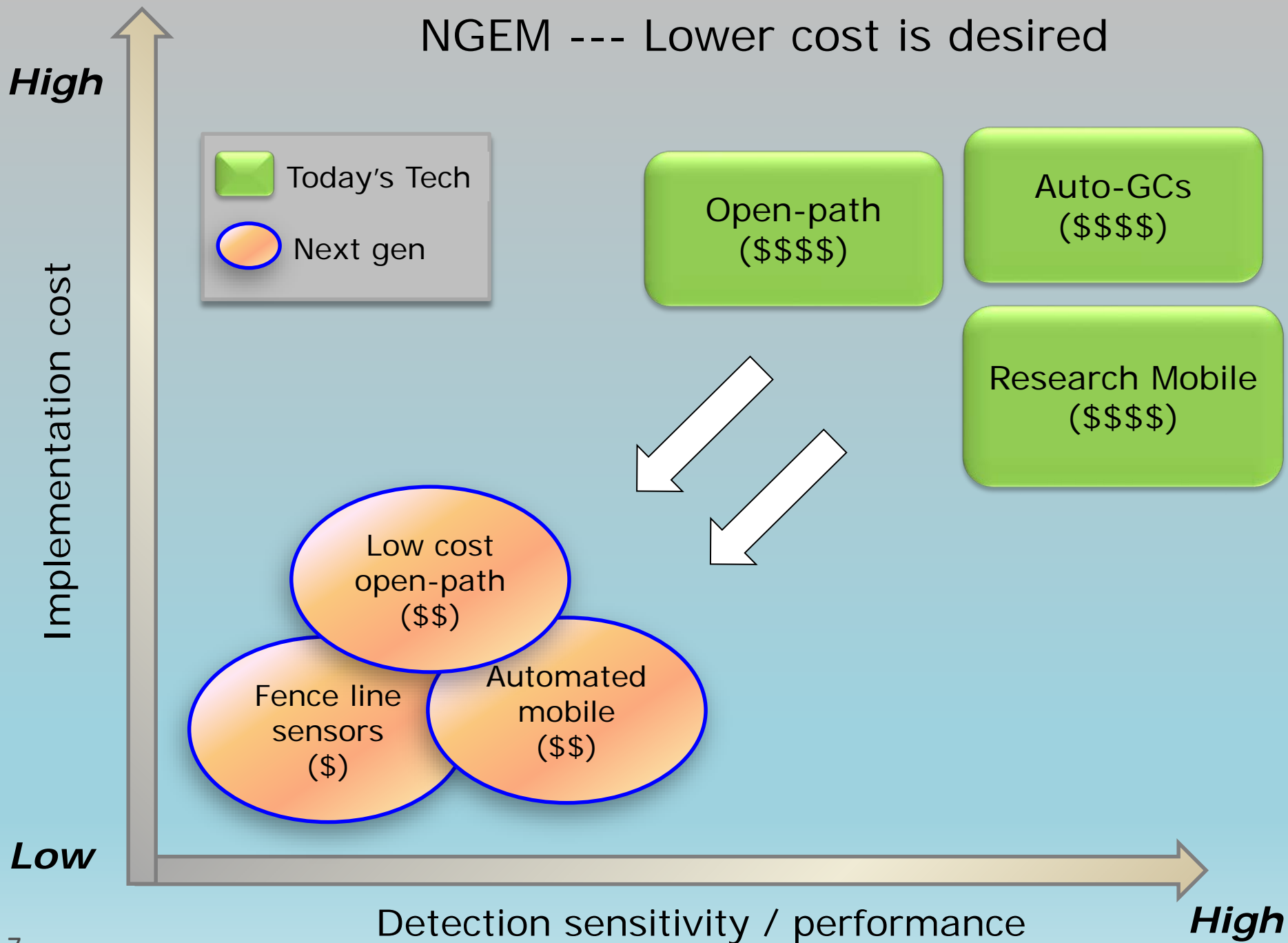
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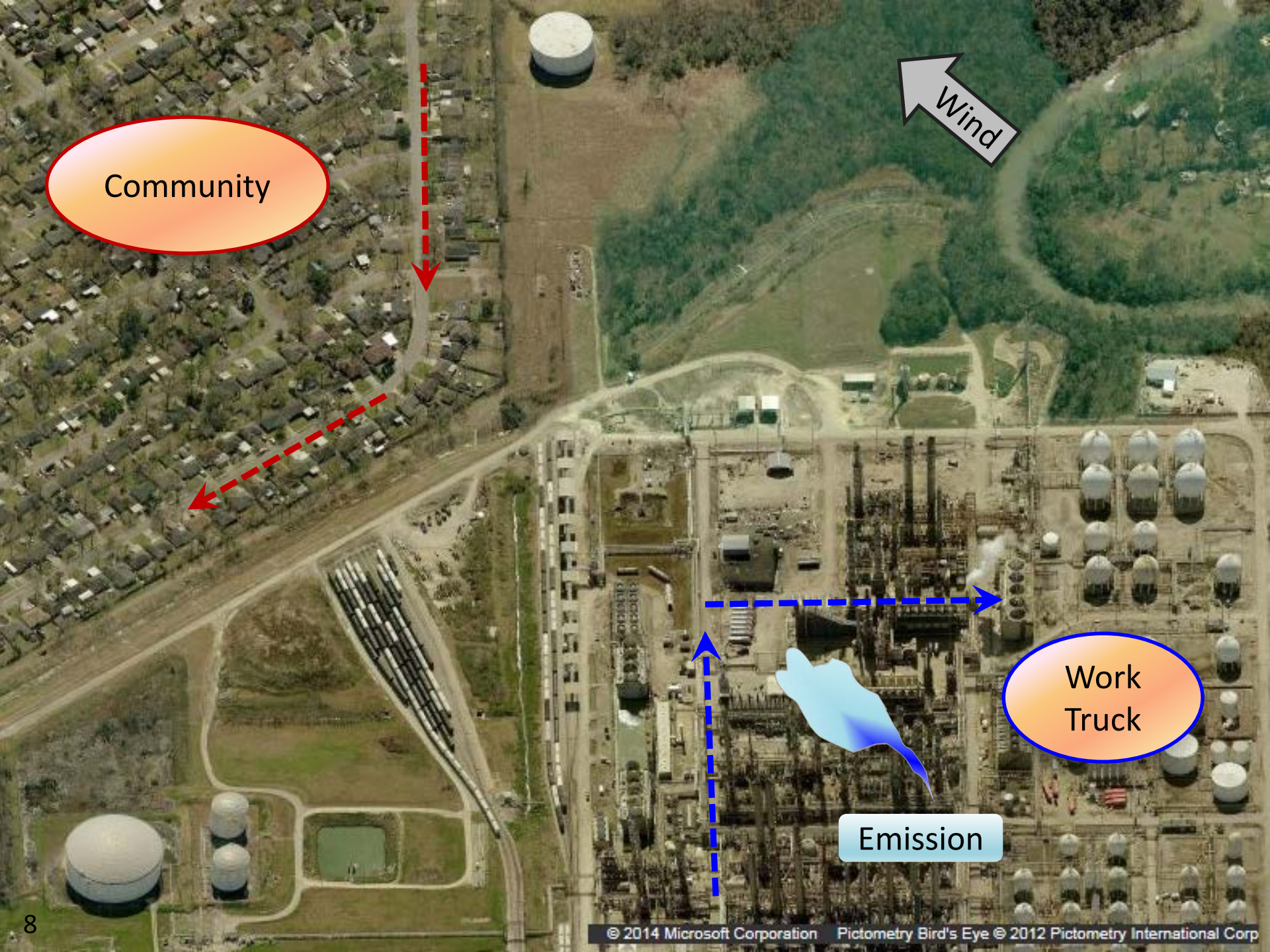
NGEM Tools

Some now, some future



NGEM --- Lower cost is desired





Community

Wind

Work Truck

Emission

EPA Draft Mobile Measurement Method - OTM 33

Geospatial Measurement of Air Pollution, Remote Emissions Quantification

<https://www3.epa.gov/ttnemc01/prelim/otm33.pdf>

wind

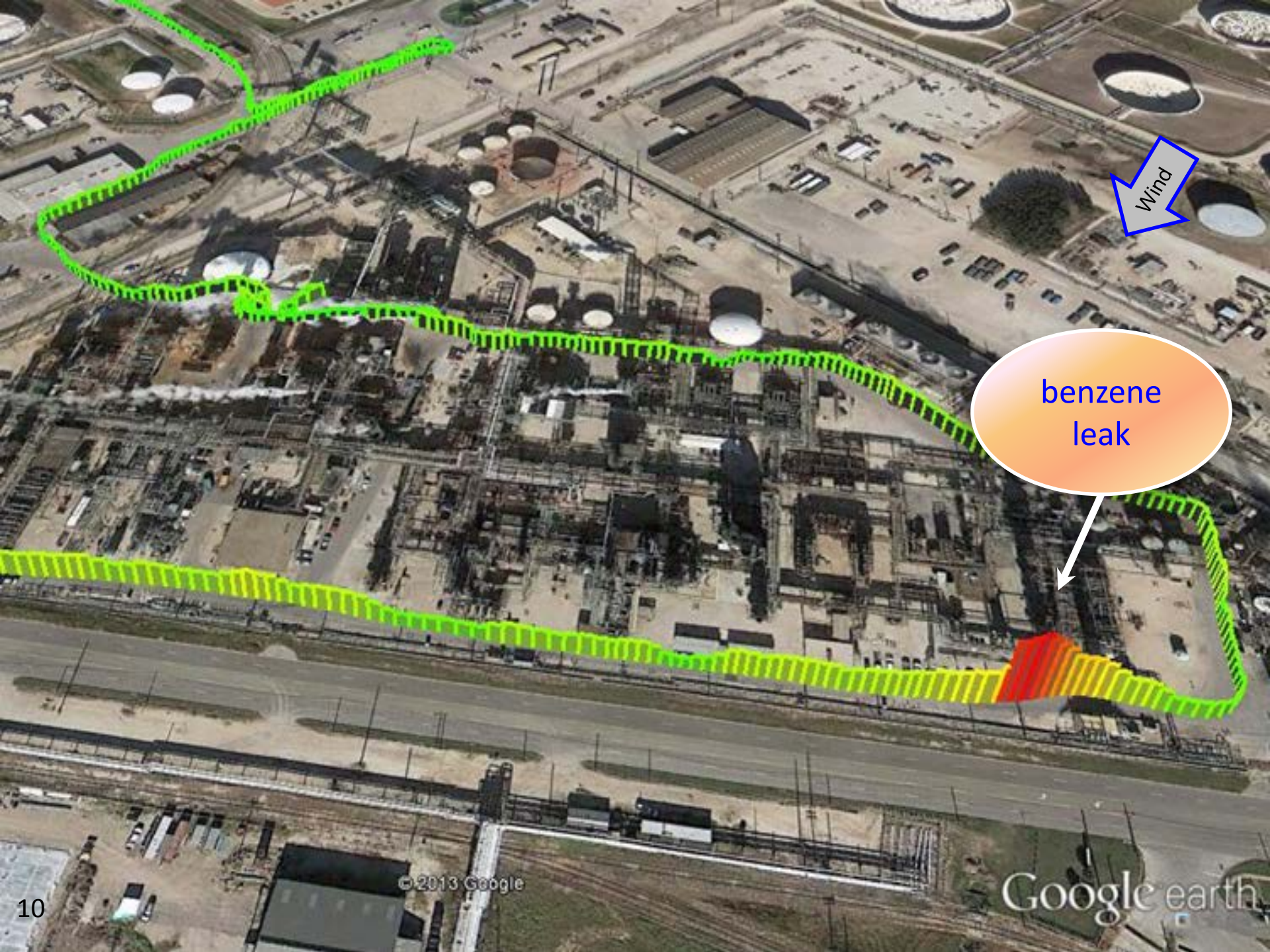


Assessment of methane emissions from oil and gas production pads using mobile measurements: H.L. Brantley, E.D. Thoma, W.C. Squier, B. B. Guven, and D. Lyon. 2014. ES&T, no. 48 (24):14508-14515.



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driving path

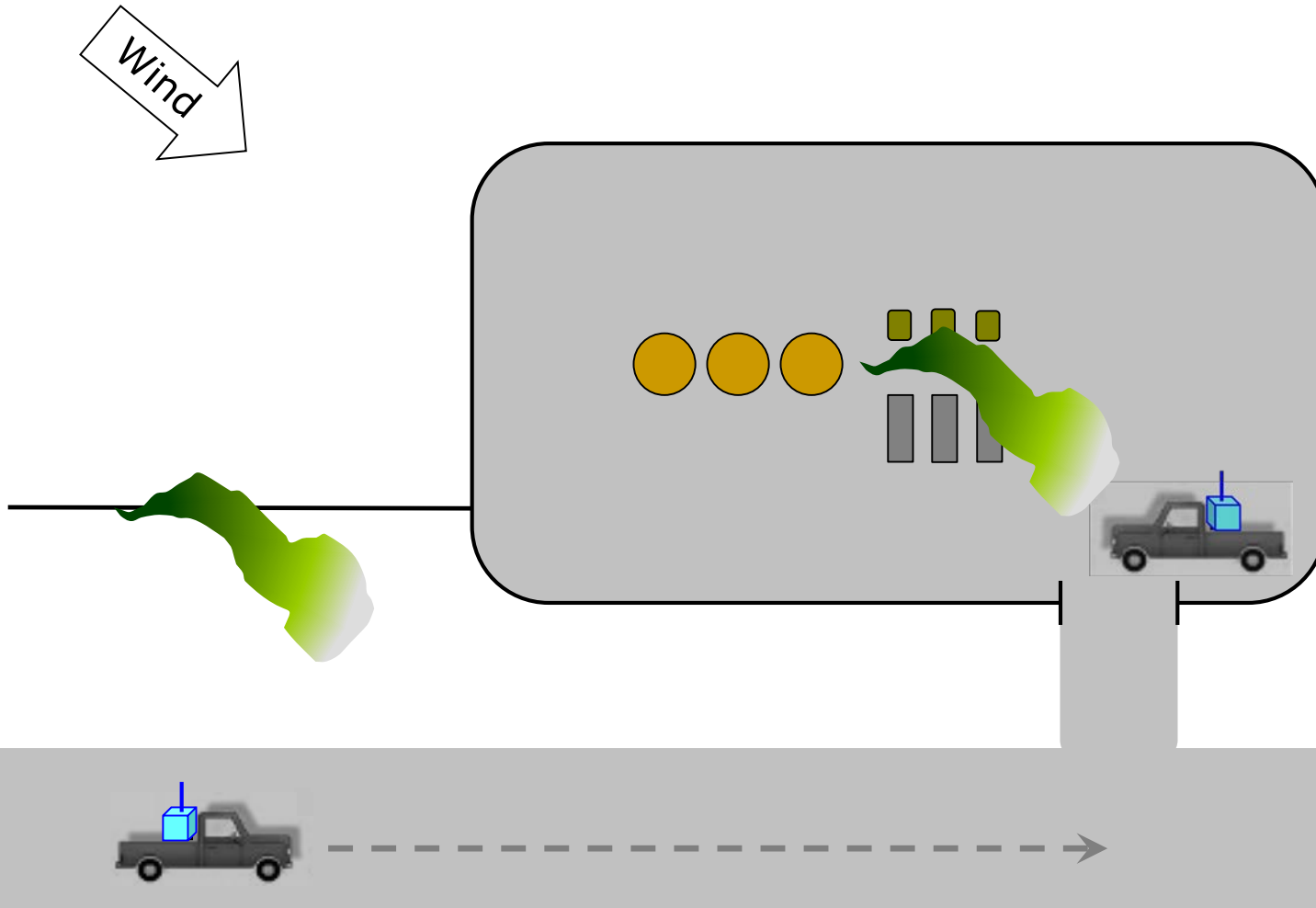


benzene
leak

Wind

Work truck sensors - Find issues in many places

Consider upstream oil and gas



FLIR

HI OFF

AUTO

HIST

WH



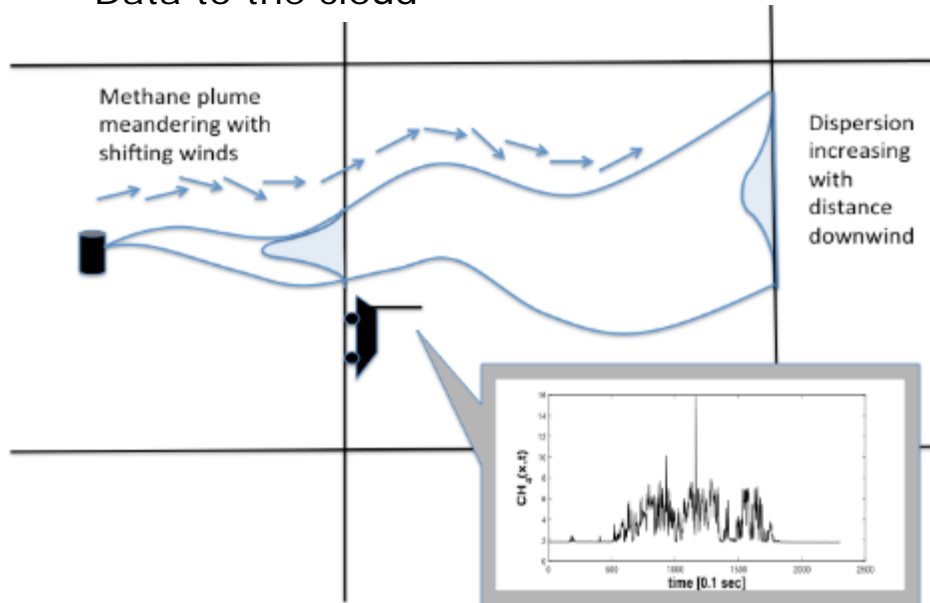
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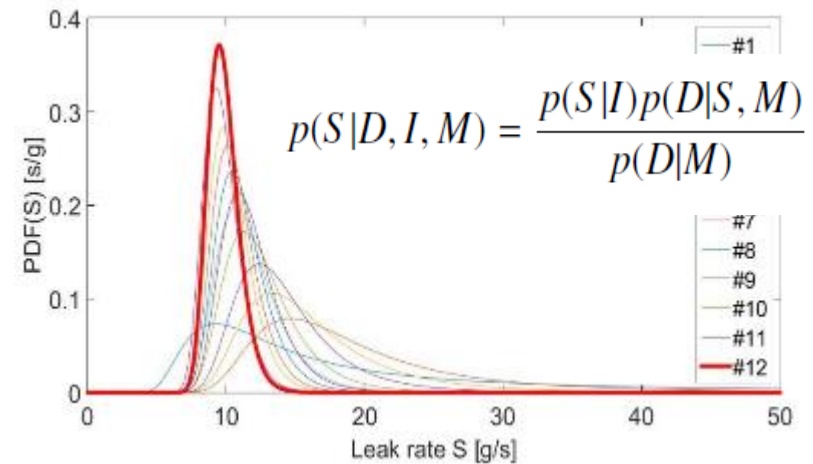


Automated mobile sensingis it possible?

"Data to the cloud"



Bayesian forms



Near and mid-field inverse models

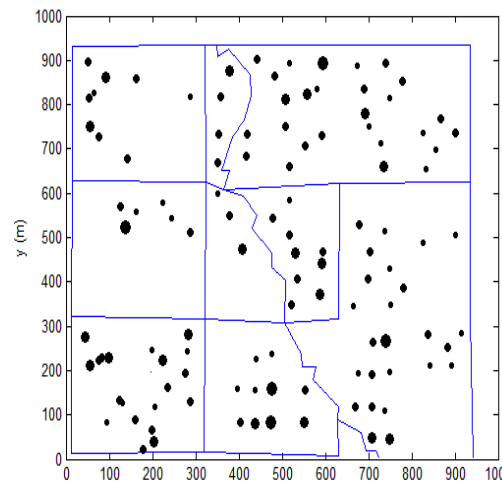
$$\bar{C}(x_v, y_v, z_m) = \frac{D_y(x', y', \vec{m}) D_z(x', z_m, \vec{m})}{U(x')} S(x', y')$$

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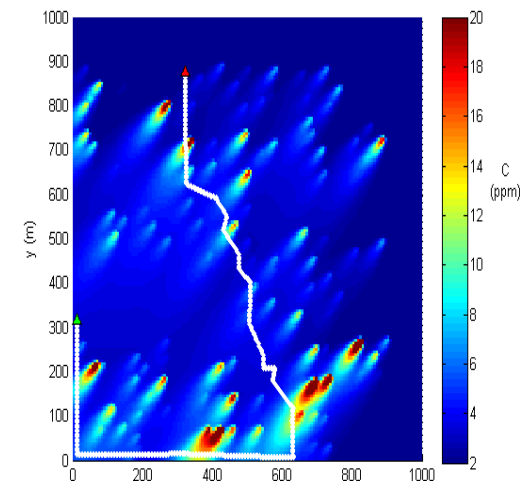
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$$\sigma_y = \alpha z_o \frac{\sigma_v}{u_*} \left(\frac{x'}{z_o}\right)^p$$

Well pad locations and production levels

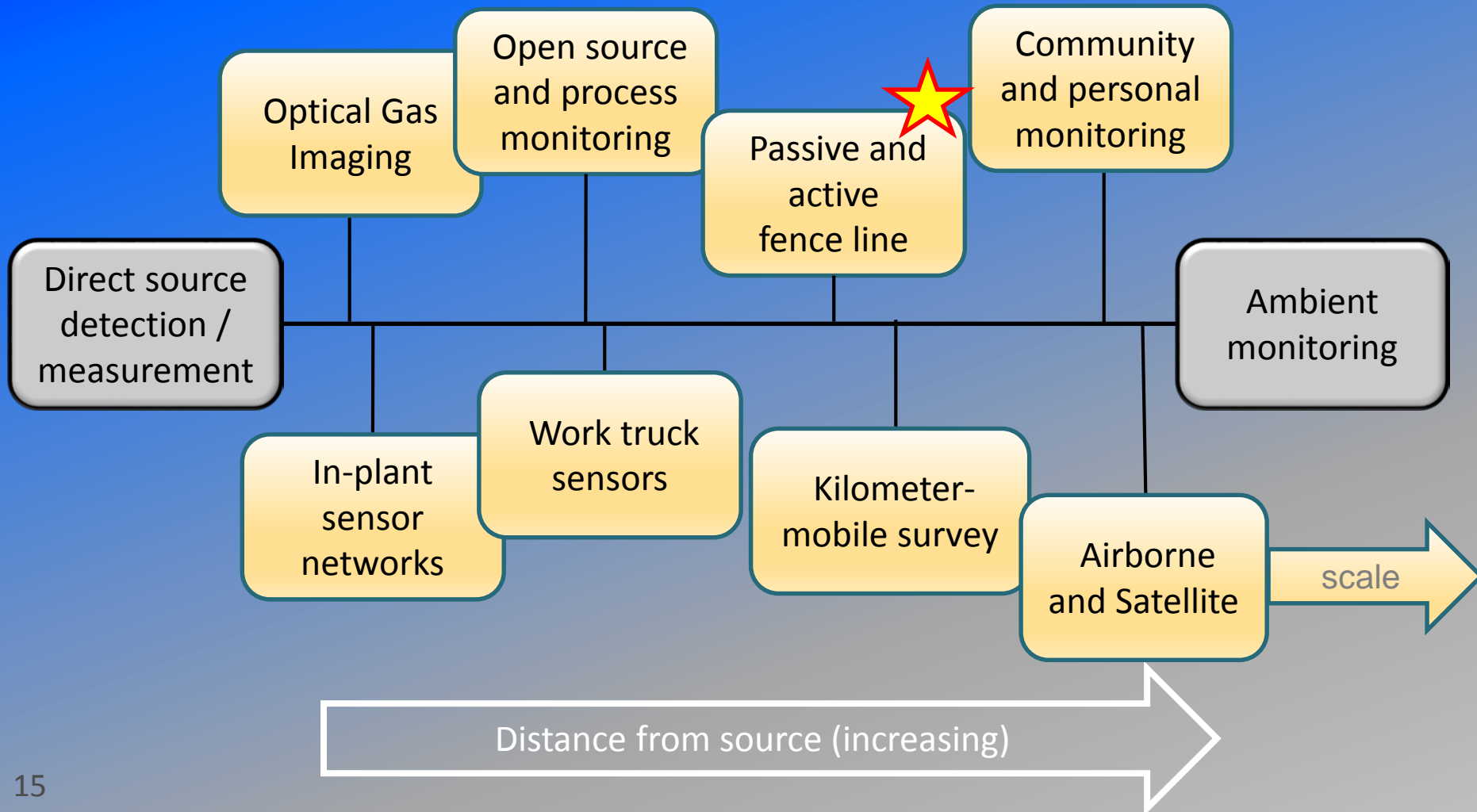


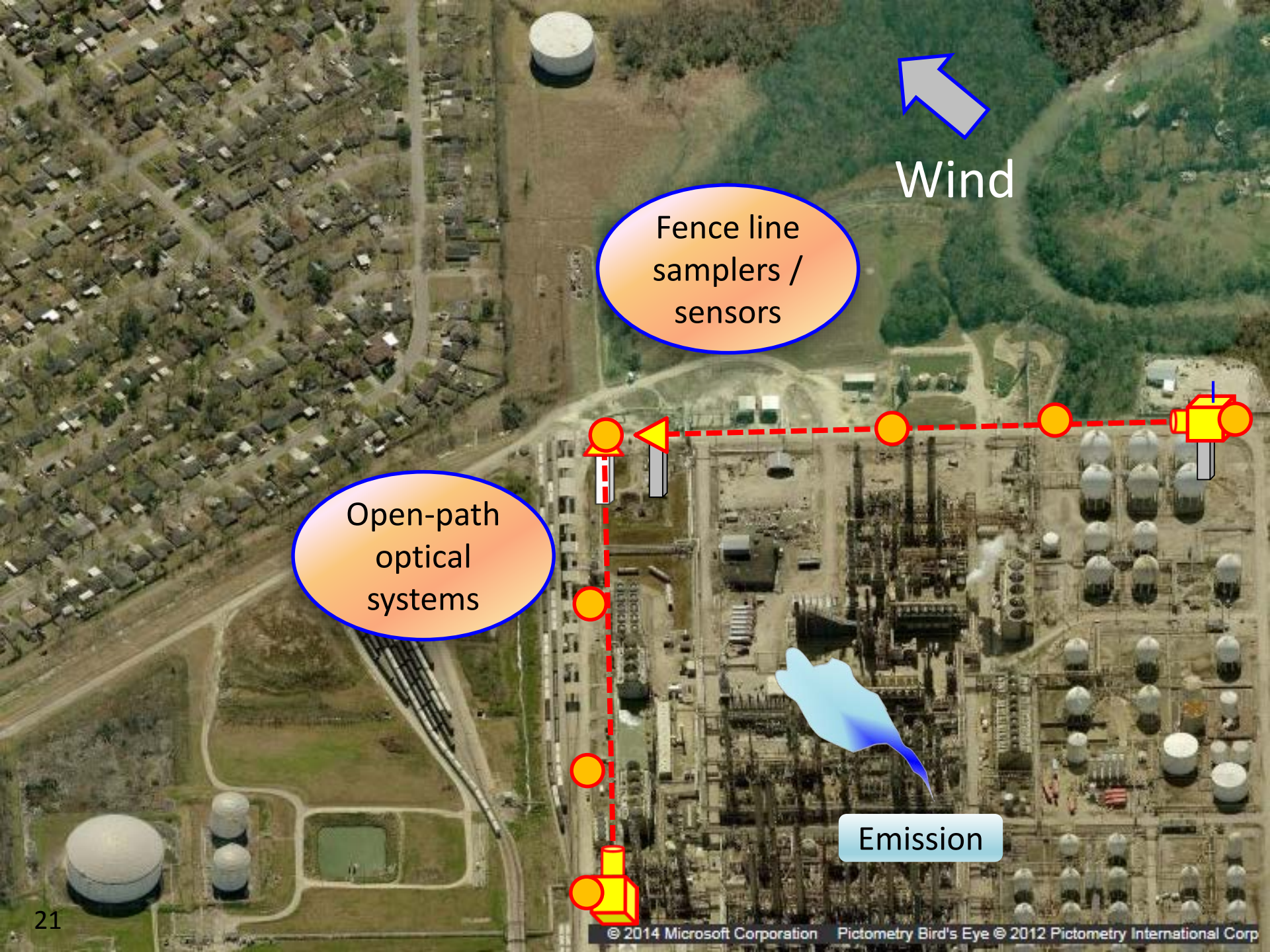
Opportunistic and planned path



Source NGAM Tools

Some now, some future





Wind

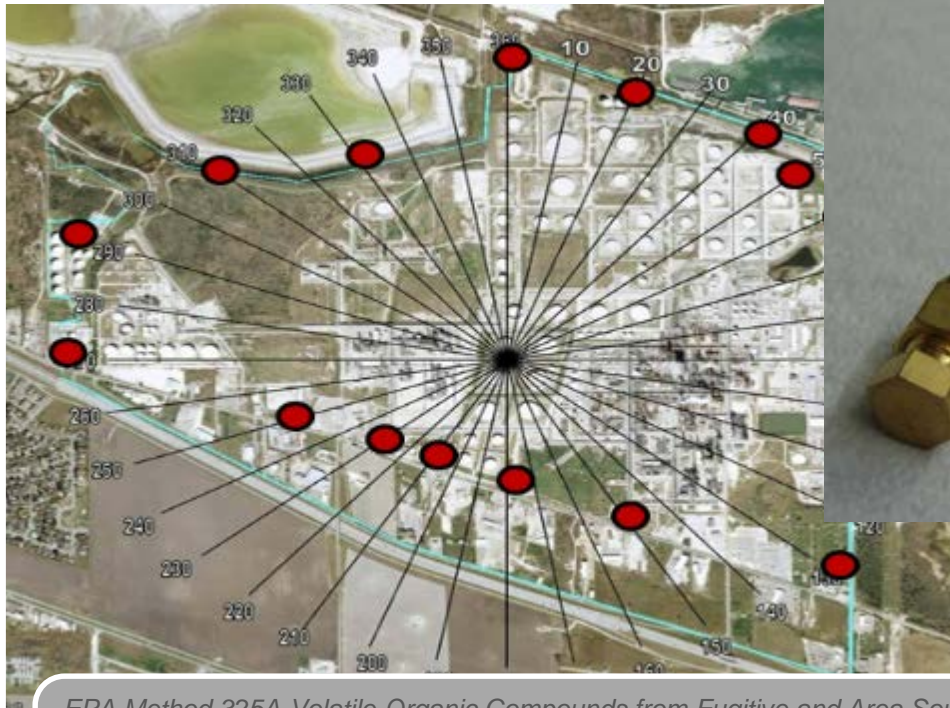
Fence line
samplers /
sensors

Open-path
optical
systems

Emission

EPA Method 325 A,B

- Screening check for benzene at refinery fence line
- Two-week, time-integrated passive samplers
- Laboratory GC analysis



EPA Method 325A-Volatile Organic Compounds from Fugitive and Area Sources: Sampler Deployment and VOC Sample Collection. 40 CFR Part 63, Subpart UUU[EPA-HQ-OAR-2010-0682; FRL-9720-4], RIN 2060-AQ75, Petroleum Refinery Sector Risk and Technology Review and NSPS.

Facility fenceline monitoring using passive samplers: E.D. Thoma, M. C. Miller, K. C. Chung, N. L. Parsons, and B. C. Shine. 2011. Facility fenceline monitoring using passive samplers. Journal of the Air & Waste Management Association no. 61 (8):834-842.

South Philly Passive Sampler and Sensor Study

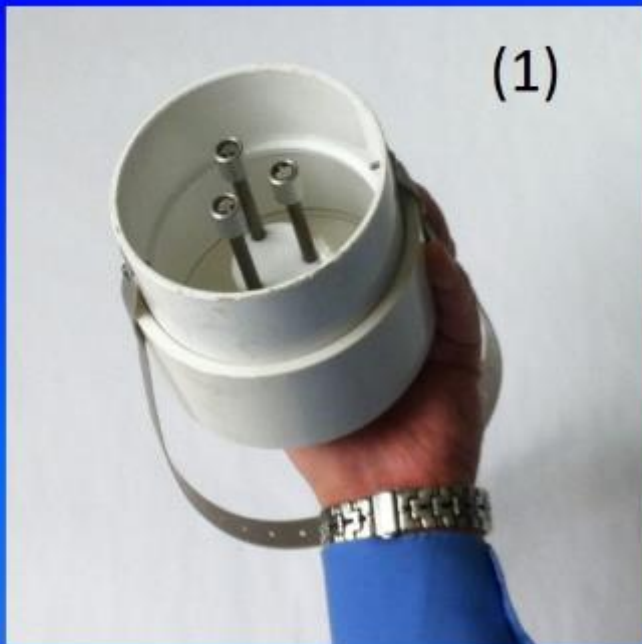
An applied research effort with multiple objectives

Field work in Philly: June 2013 - March 2015

EPA Region 3, EPA ORD, EPA OAR, and the City of Philadelphia AMS

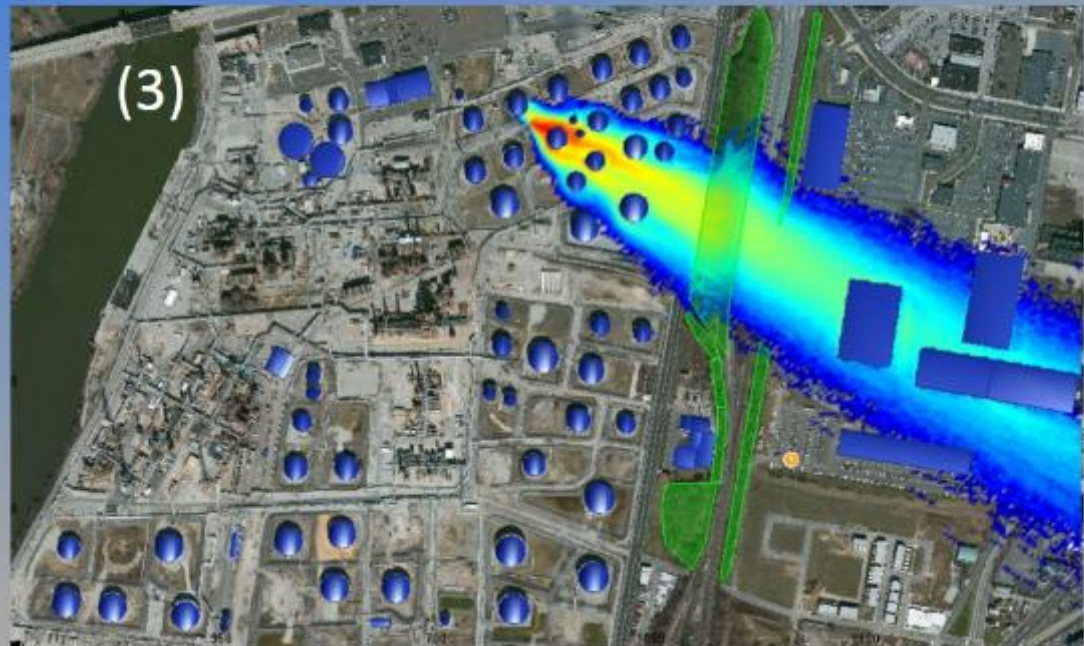
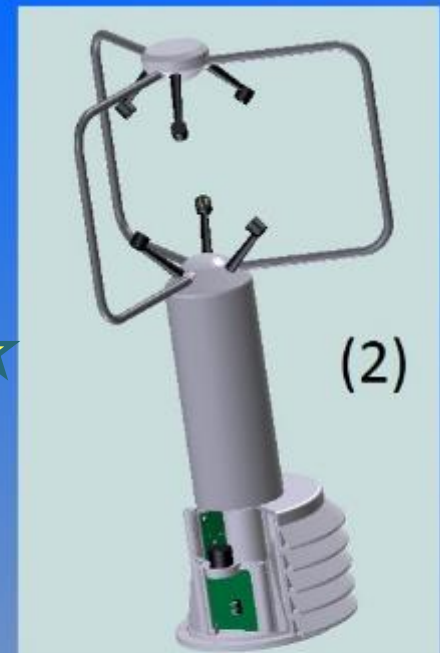
- Support development of:
 - Facility fence line measurement methods
 - Advanced LDAR concepts
 - Near source tools for communities
- Improve understanding of:
 - Benzene (and BETX) spatial concentration profiles
 - Time-resolved monitoring and modeling

South Philadelphia Passive Sampler and Sensor Study, E. D. Thoma, H. L. Brantley, K. D. Oliver, D. A. Whitaker, S. Mukerjee, B. Mitchell, B. Squier, T. Wu, E. Escobar, T. A. Cousett, C. A. Gross-Davis, H. Schmidt, D. Sosna, H. Weiss. JAWMA (in review); and iterim conference version in *Proceedings of the 108th Annual Conference of the Air & Waste Management Association*, June 23-26, 2015, Raleigh, NC.

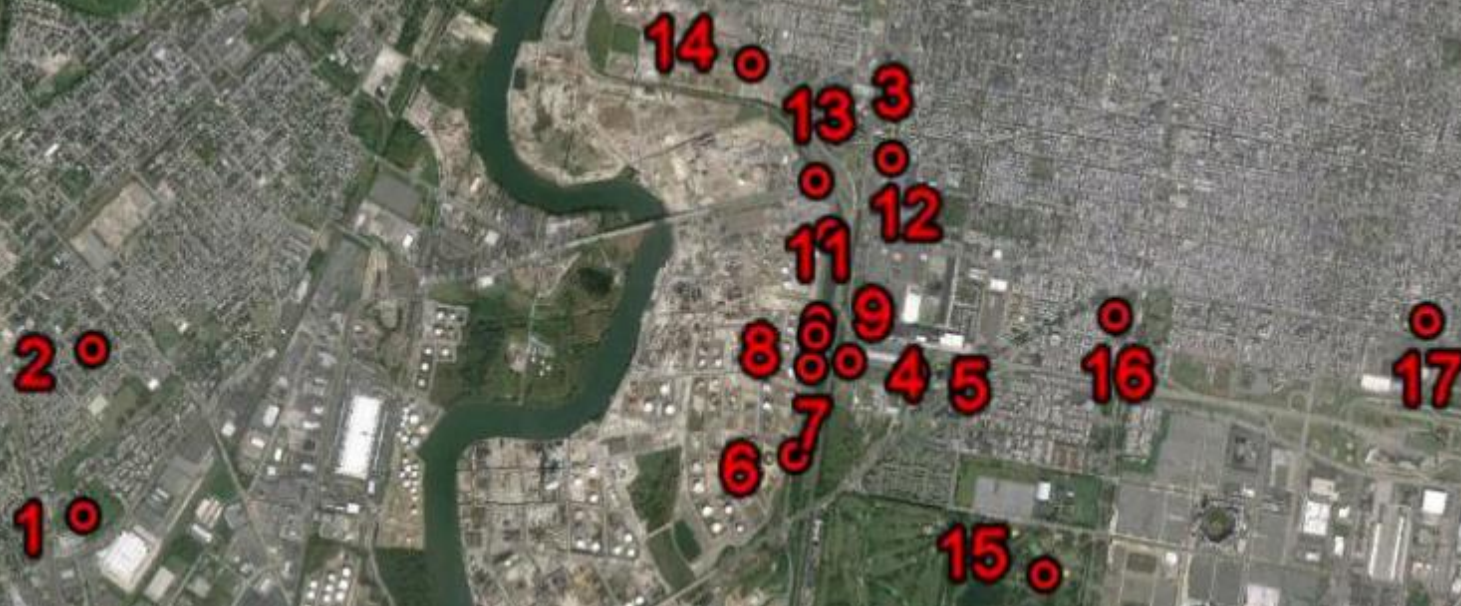


Project Elements

- (1) Passive Samplers ★
- (2) Fence line Sensors ★
- (3) Advanced Modeling ★
- (4) Optical Remote Sensing (City-AMS)



Deployment Area in South Philly



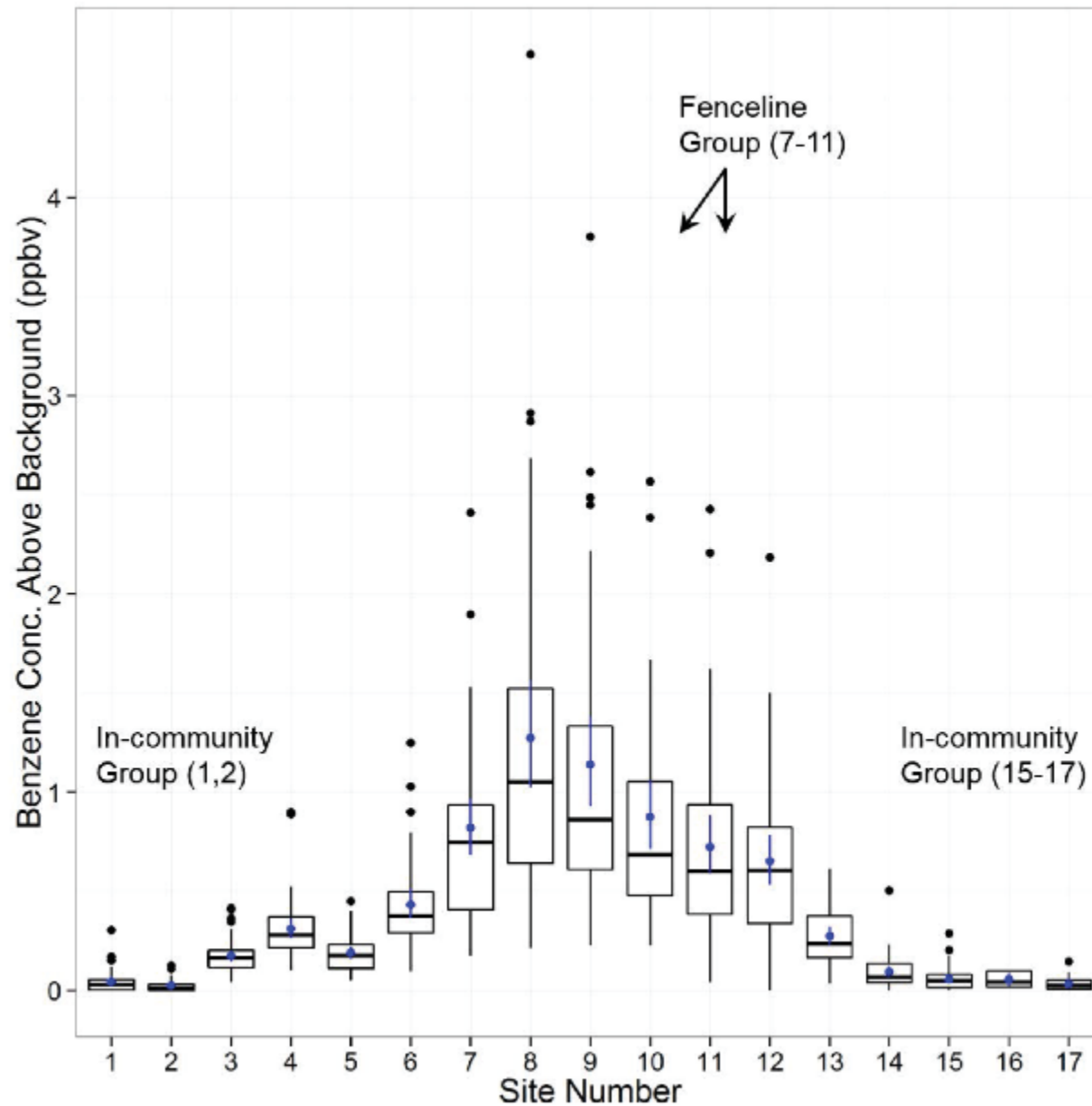
Passive Samplers

Philly PS deployment examples

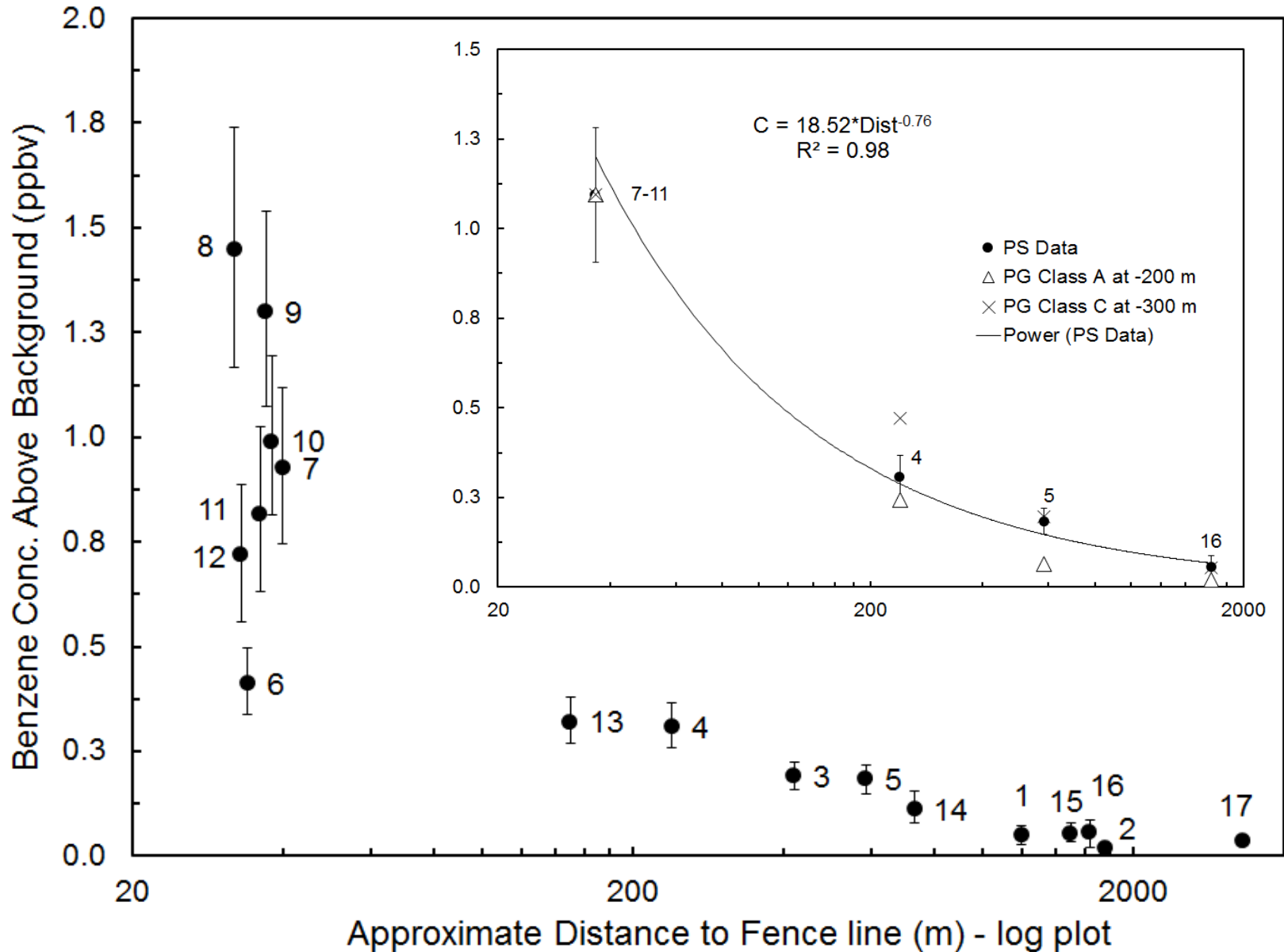


in the
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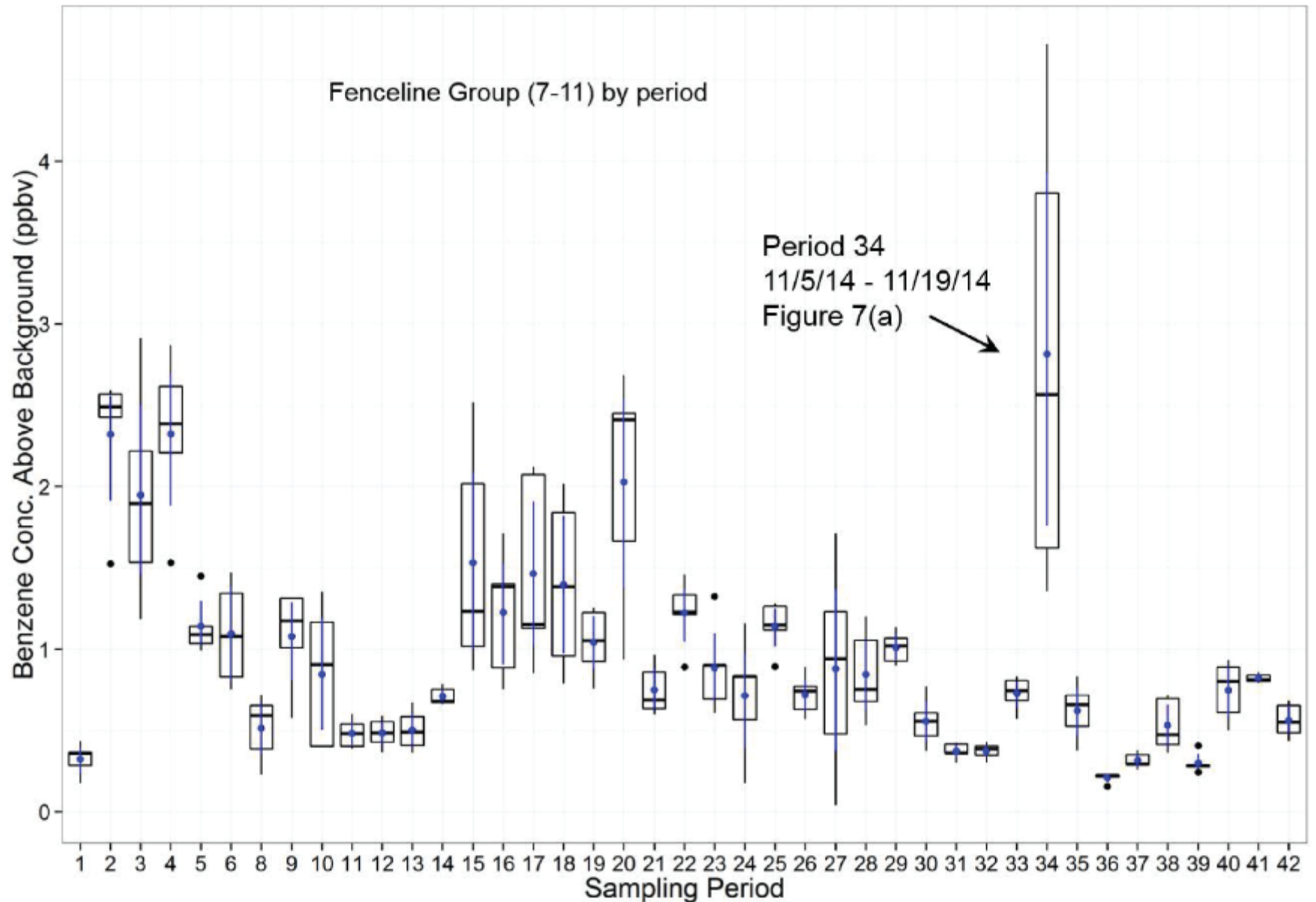
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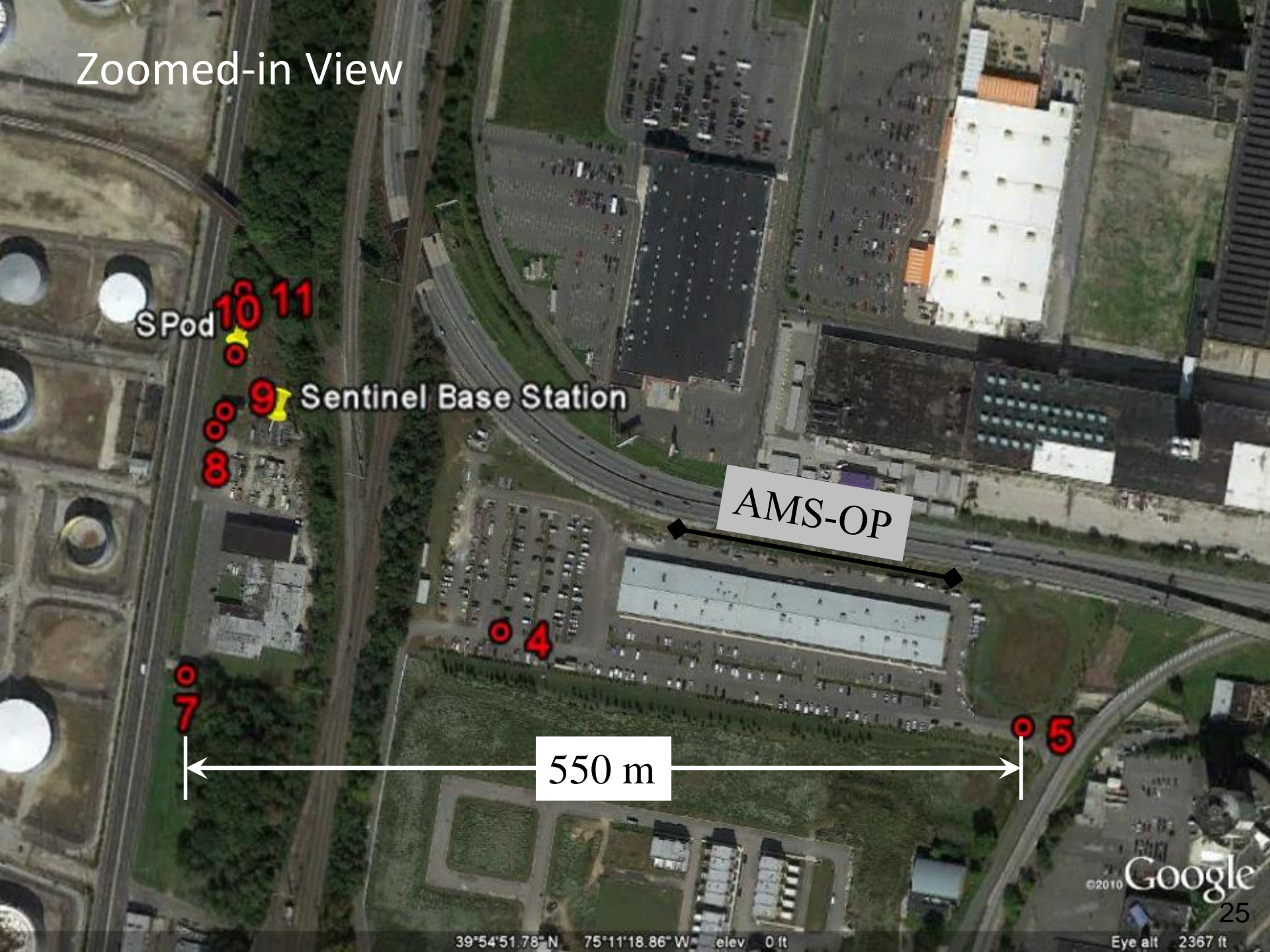
Investigating Benzene Concentration Gradients



Look at high PS reading (Period 34)



Zoomed-in View



SPod 10 11

8 9 Sentinel Base Station

AMS-OP

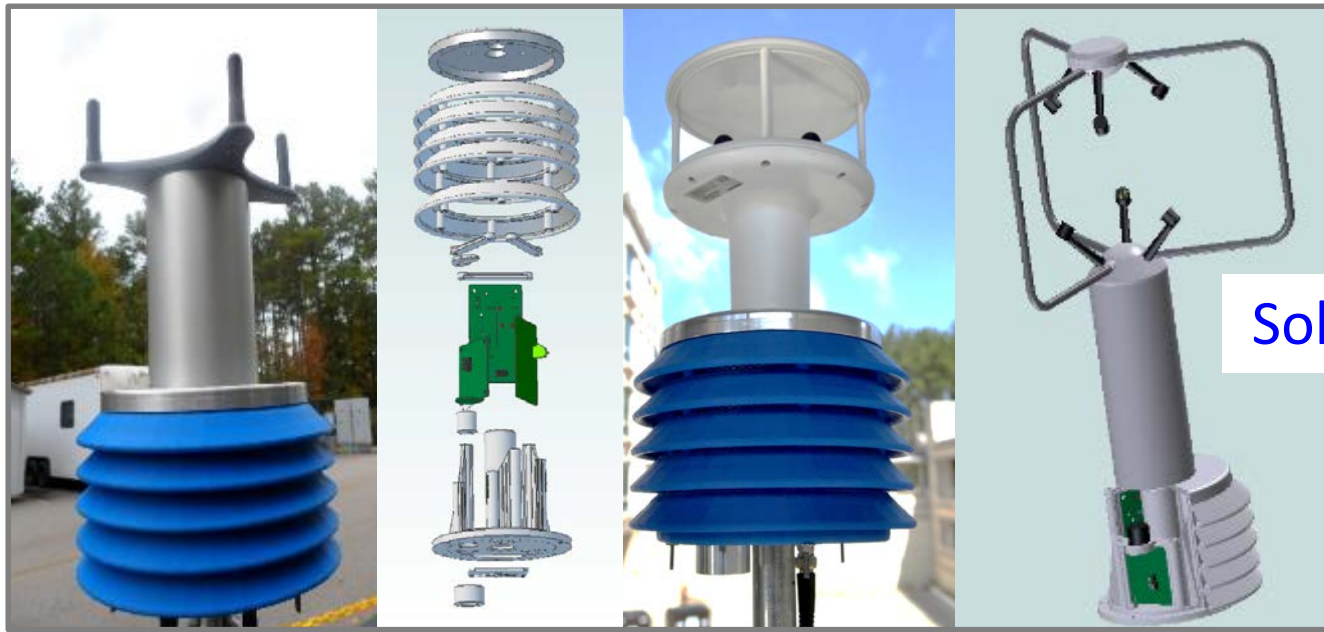
550 m

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39°54'51.78" N 75°11'18.86" W elev 0 ft

Eye alt 2367 ft

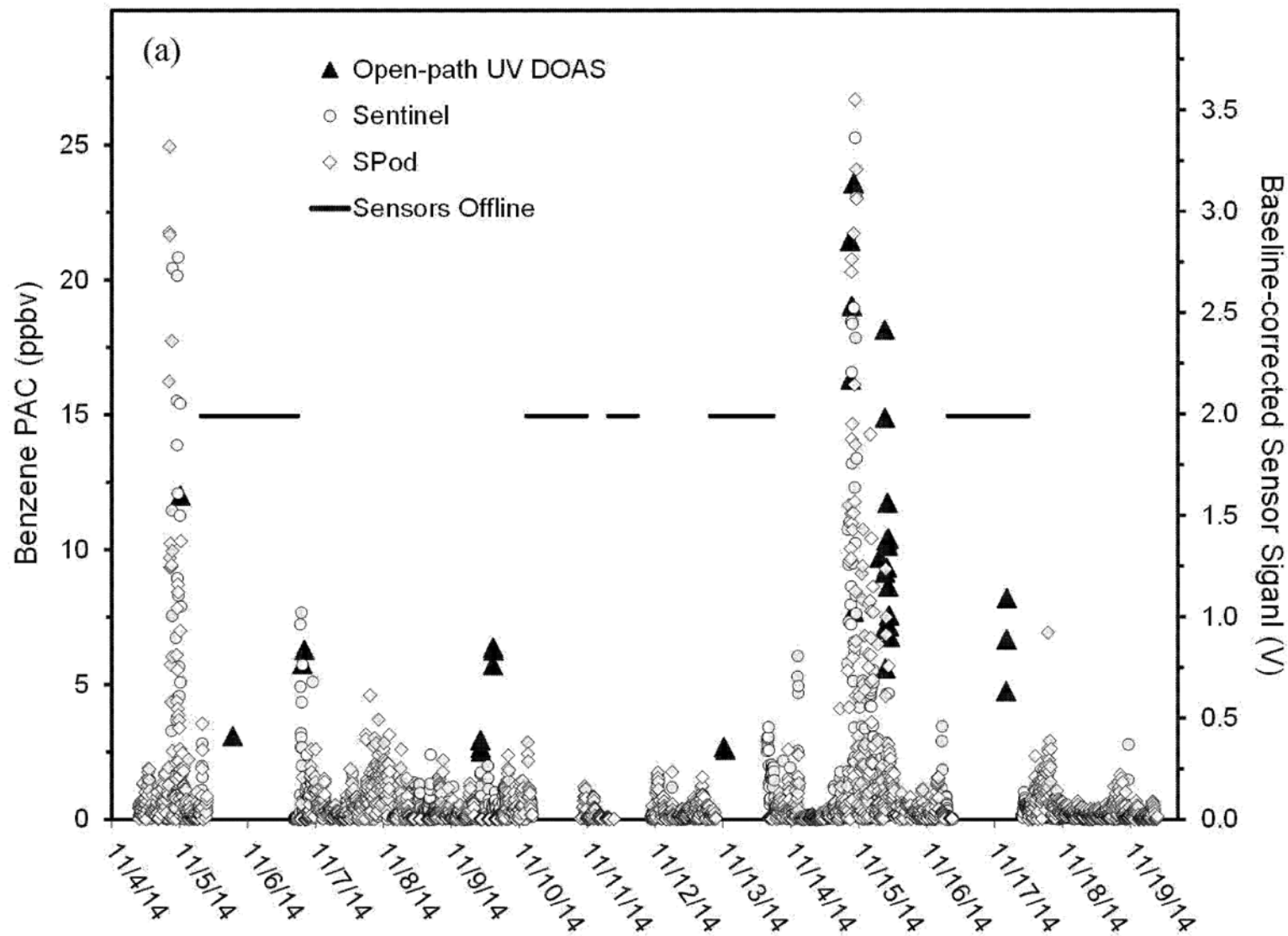


Solar Powered SPods

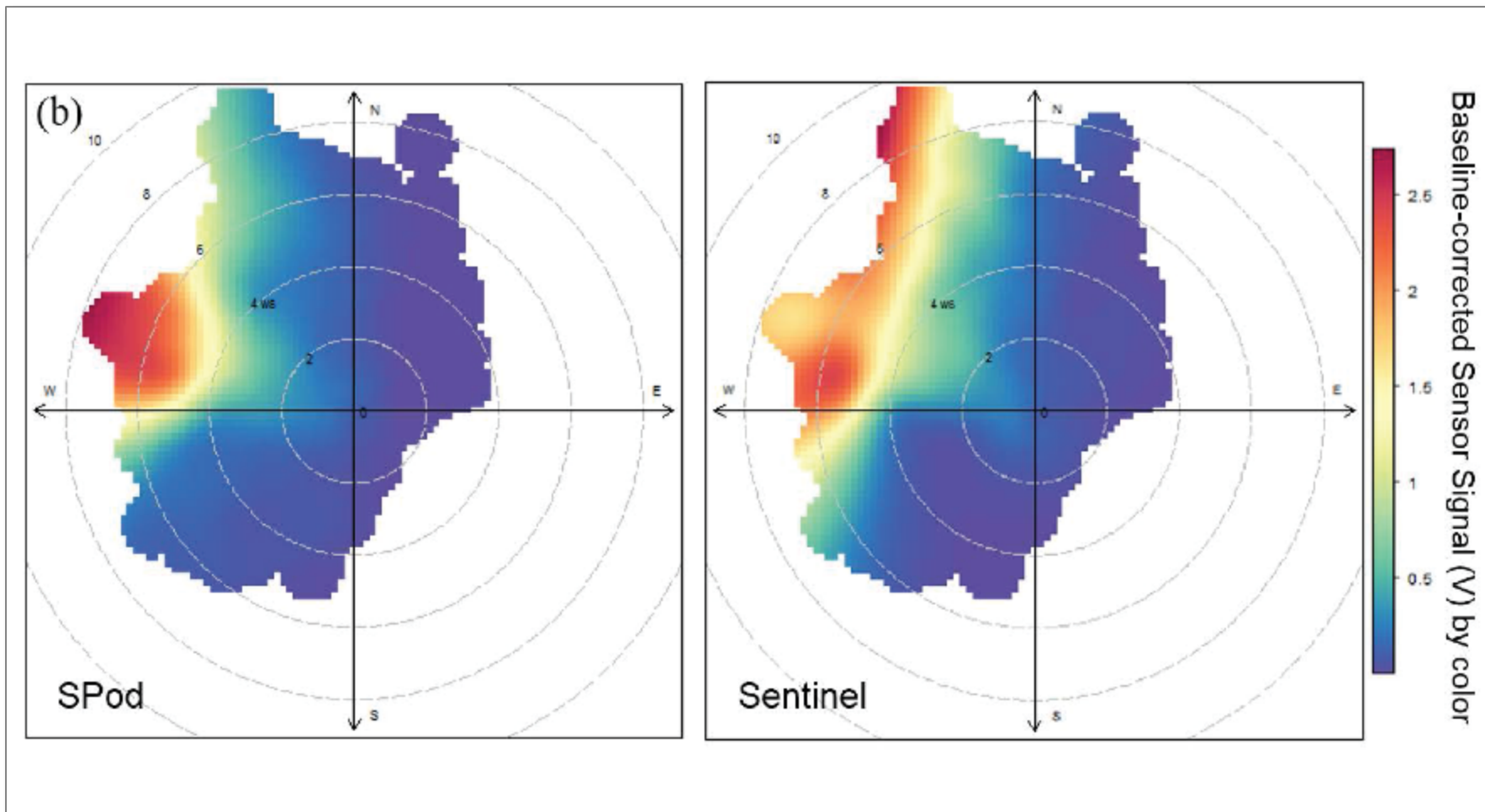
City of Philadelphia
UV DOAS system



SPod Sensor and UV DOAS for Period 34

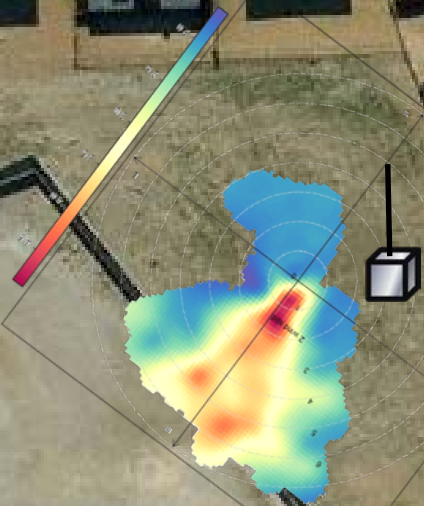


SPod basic back trajectory example for 11/15/14



SPOD basic back trajectory example for 11/15/14







NGEM - Potential future benefits:

- Reduce emissions
- Create safer working environments
- Assist communities (transparency)
- Check inventories
- Improve exposure science
- Enable trading strategies

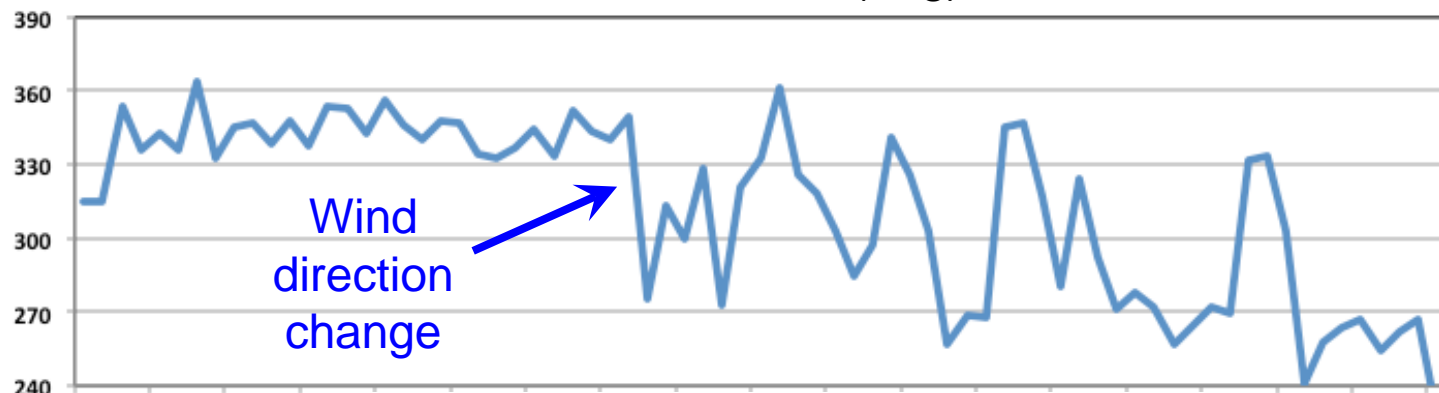
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Backup Slides

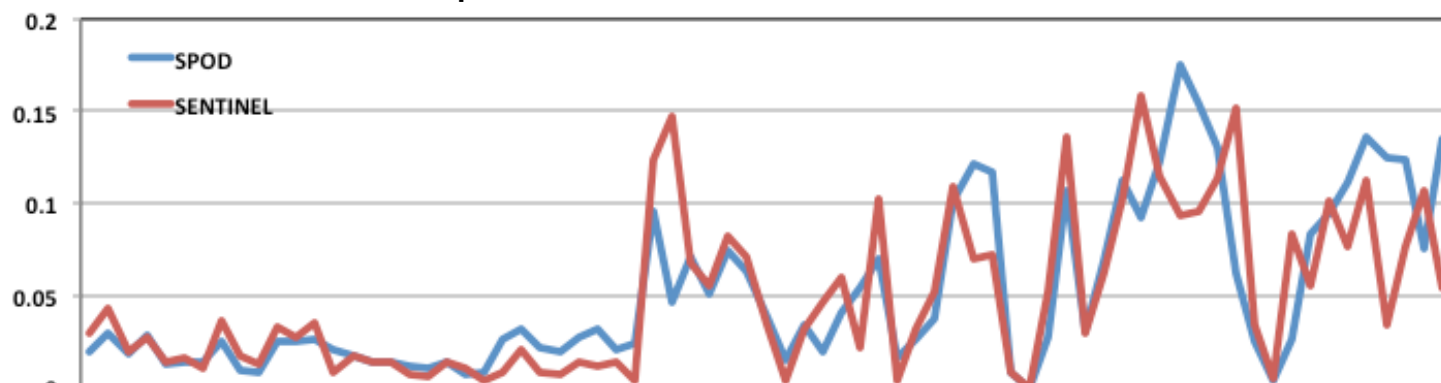
Los Alamos National Lab Quick Urban & Industrial Complex (QUIC) Model



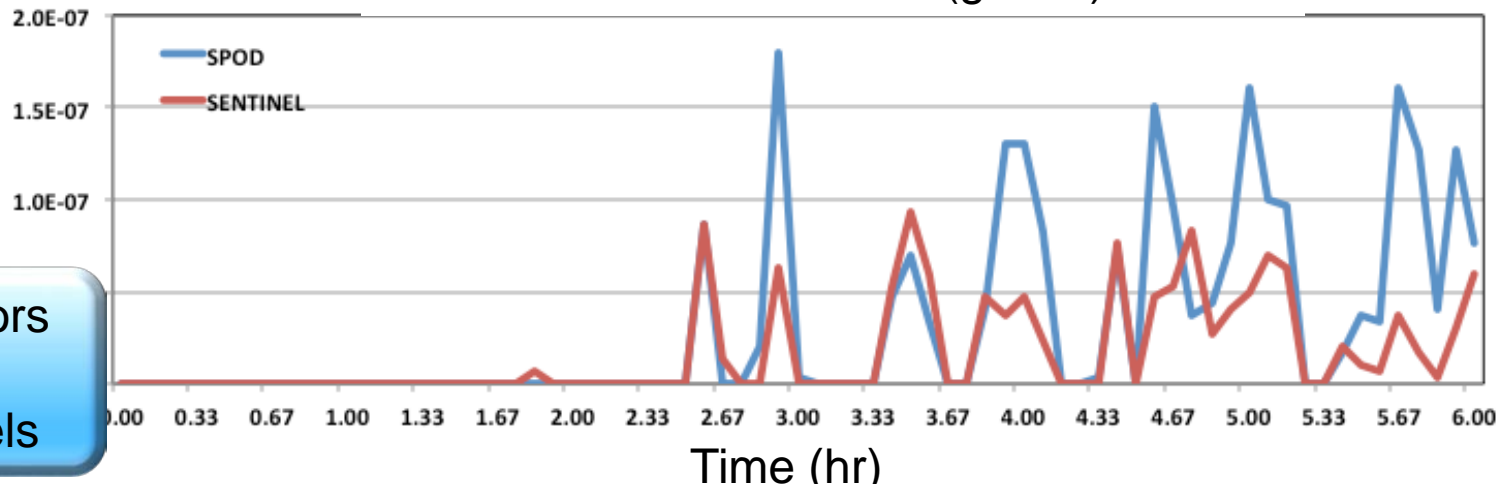
Wind direction (deg)



Spod and Sentinel PID Sensor Data

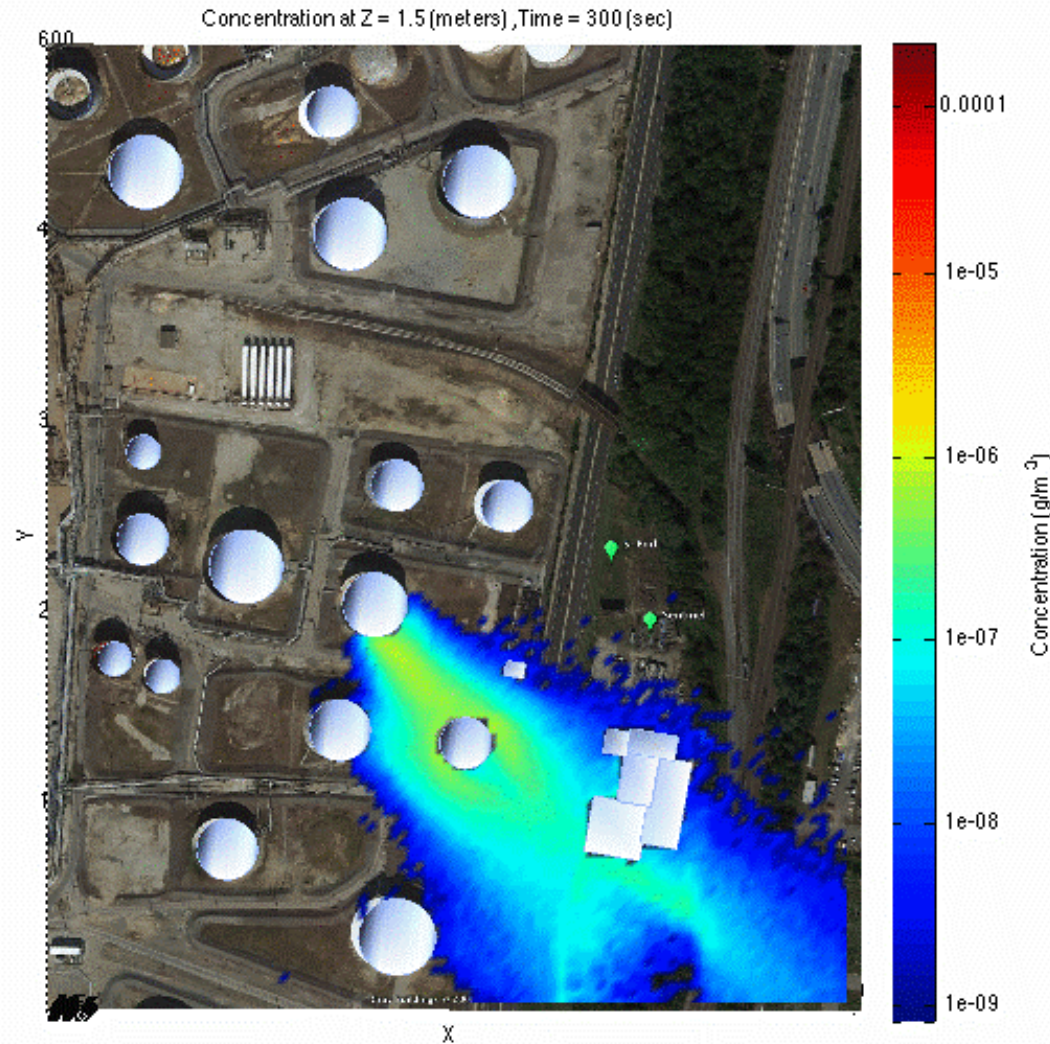


QUIC model data (g/cm3)



Sensors
and
Models

QUIC model Run 7/05/14 6 hours – illustrative example
This is a simulated source at an assumed location (not a real emission plume)



Sensors
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