AIR POLLUTION, TRAFFIC AND EXERCISE PARKS, POLLUTION AND OBESITY

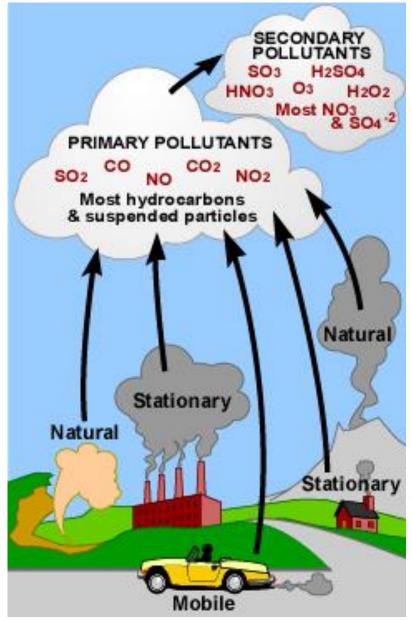
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WHAT IS AIR POLLUTION?

- Anthropogenic vs natural sources
- Particulate and gaseous (aerosols)
- Primary vs secondary
 - The same pollutant can be both sometimes





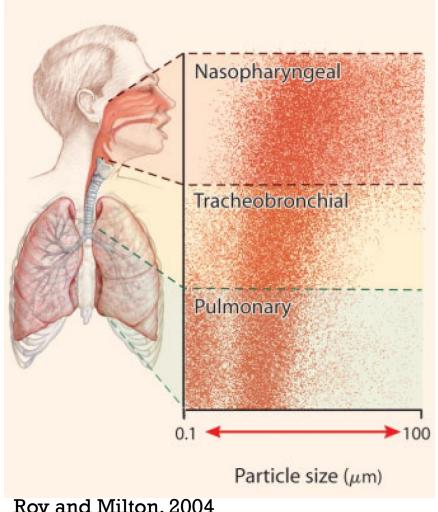
WHAT IS AIR POLLUTION?

Particles

- Size (aerodynamic diameter, in micrometers)
- Counts (particle number, in thousands)
- Mass (eg, micrograms per meters cubed)

Gases

 Mixing ratio of the gas molecule to air (parts per million, parts per billion, etc..)



Roy and Milton, 2004



CITIZEN SCIENCE

- Directly engages everyone in the process of scientific discovery
- Data collection by enthusiasts, engaged stakeholders not just scientists
- Learning, participation, involvement in community and policy-making process

Putting new ways to measure air quality into the hands of the public. www.epa.gov/air-sensor-toolbox







individual, community and government change

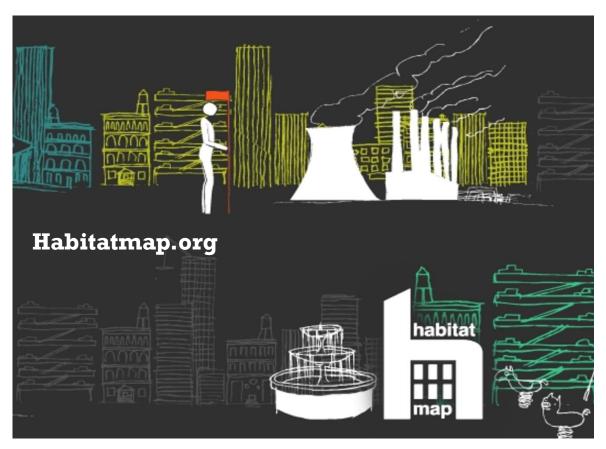


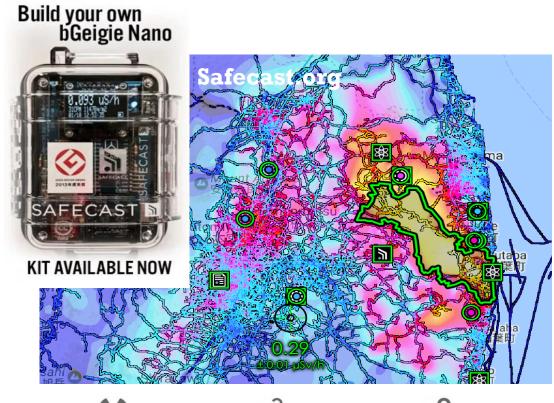






LOW-COST SENSORS, SMARTPHONE APPS, OPEN SOURCE DIY, CROWDSOURCING PLATFORMS







Safecast maintains the largest open dataset of background radiation measurements ever collected. Over 50 million readings to date and growing daily.



Safecast is currently building out a network of sensors to monitor PM1.0, PM2.5, Carbon Monoxide, Nitrogen Dioxide, Ozone and Methane.



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COMPARISON TO REFERENCE MONITORS

- Formal evaluations of low-cost, air pollution sensors against reference methods
- In the field and in the lab
- PM (particulate matter) and gas sensors
- Look for an R-squared (R2) value as close to 1 as possible

AQ-SPEC Air Quality Sensor Performance Evaluation Center



AethLabs

(microAeth)

Optical

PM Sensors

Sensor Image	Manufacturer (Model)	Туре	Pollutant(s)	Approx. Cost (USD)	*Field R ²	*Lab R ²	Summary Report
	HabitatMap (AirBeam)	Optical	PM _{2.5}	~\$200	$R^2 \sim 0.65 \text{ to } 0.70$	$R^2 \sim 0.87$	PDF (1,144 KB)
						PM1.0:	

 $R^2 \sim 0.79 \text{ to } 0.94$

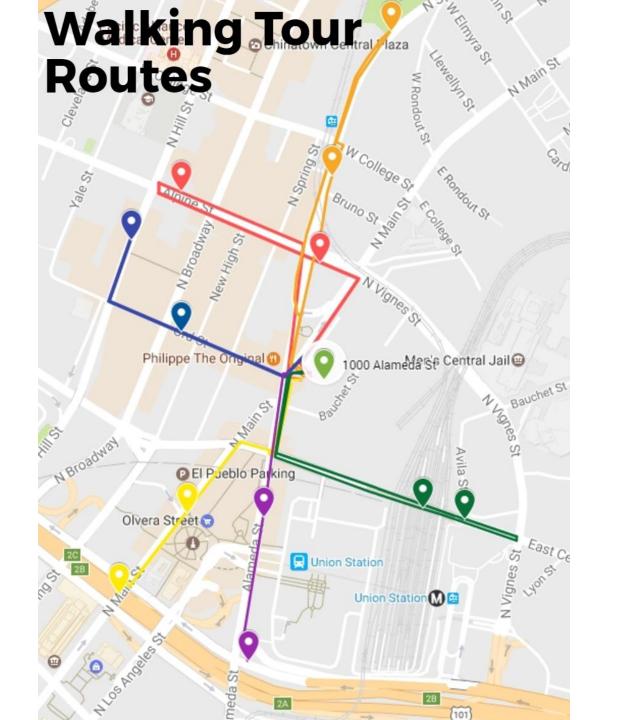
PurpleAir (PA-I)	Optical	PM _{1.0} , PM _{2.5} & PM ₁₀	~\$150	PM _{1.0} : $R^2 \sim 0.93$ to 0.95 PM _{2.5} : $R^2 \sim 0.77$ to 0.92 PM ₁₀ : $R^2 \sim 0.32$ to 0.44	$R^2 \sim 0.95$ $PM_{2.5}$: $R^2 \sim 0.99$ PM_{10} : $R^2 \sim 0.97$	PDF (1,072 KB)
PurpleAir (PA-II)	Optical	PM _{1.0} , PM _{2.5} & PM ₁₀	~\$200	PM _{1.0} : $R^2 \sim 0.96$ to 0.98 PM _{2.5} : $R^2 \sim 0.93$ to 0.97 PM ₁₀ : $R^2 \sim 0.66$ to 0.70		

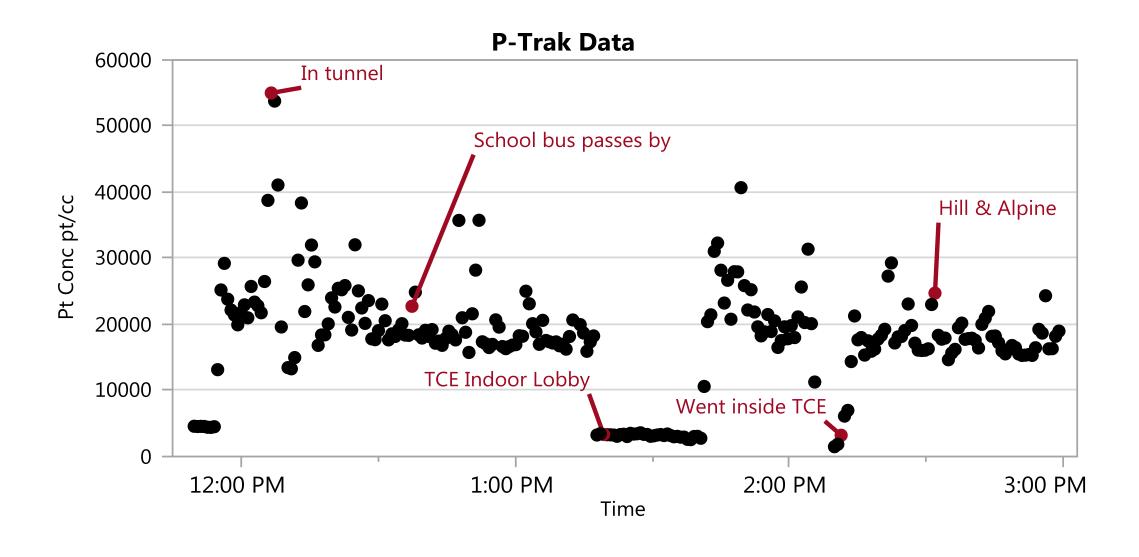
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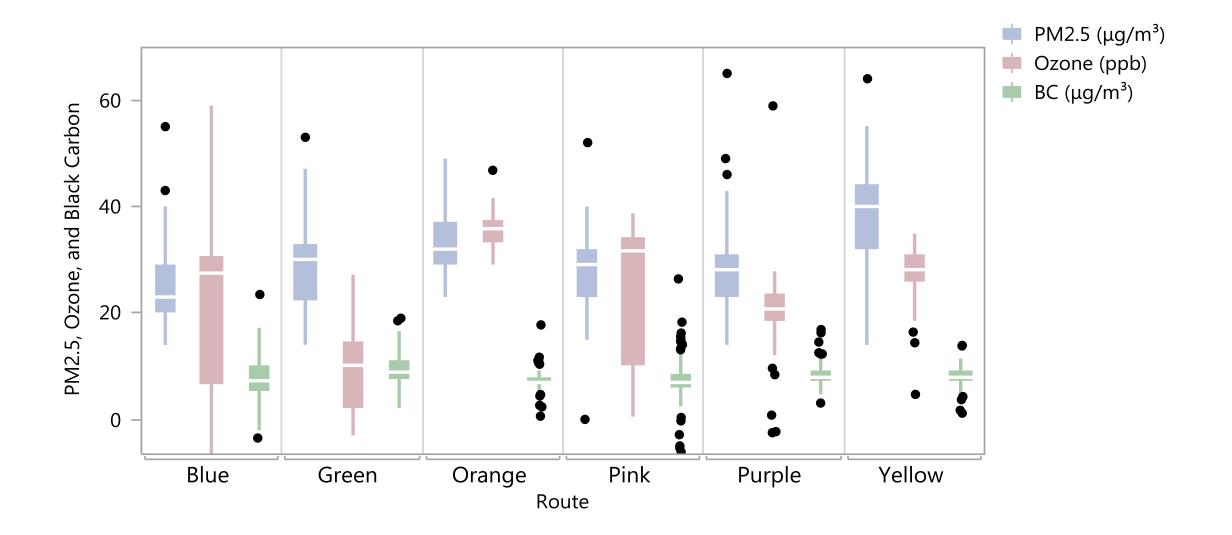
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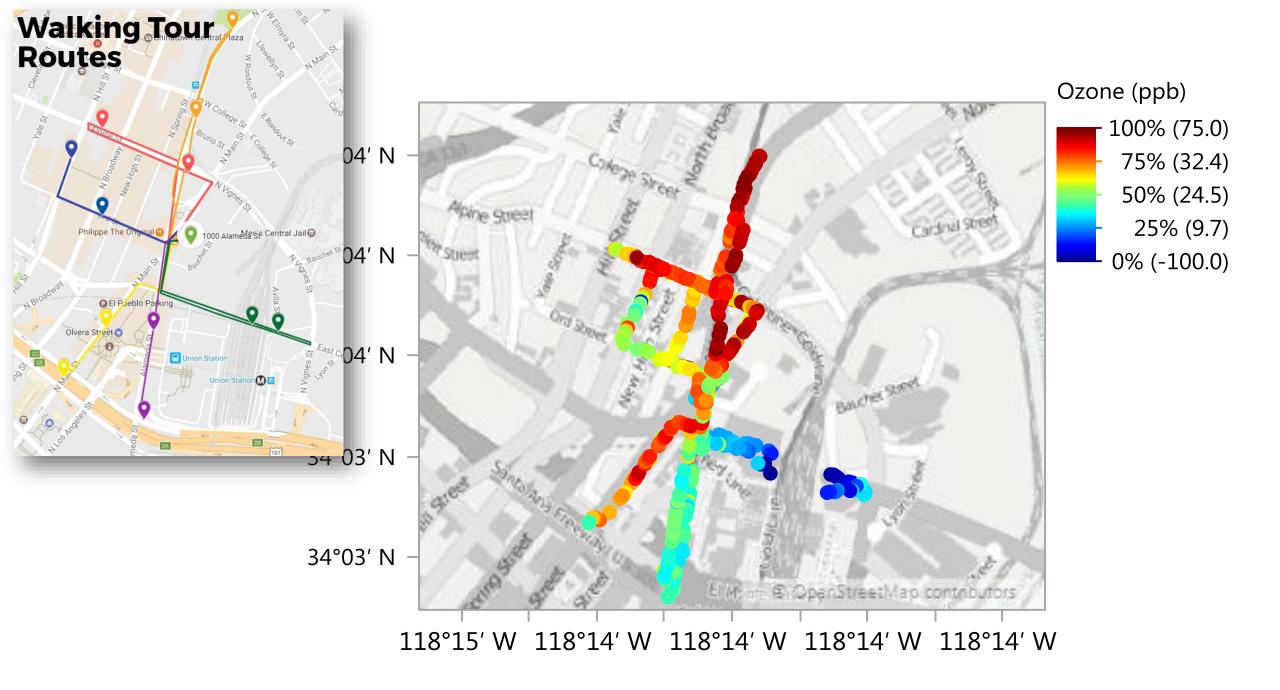
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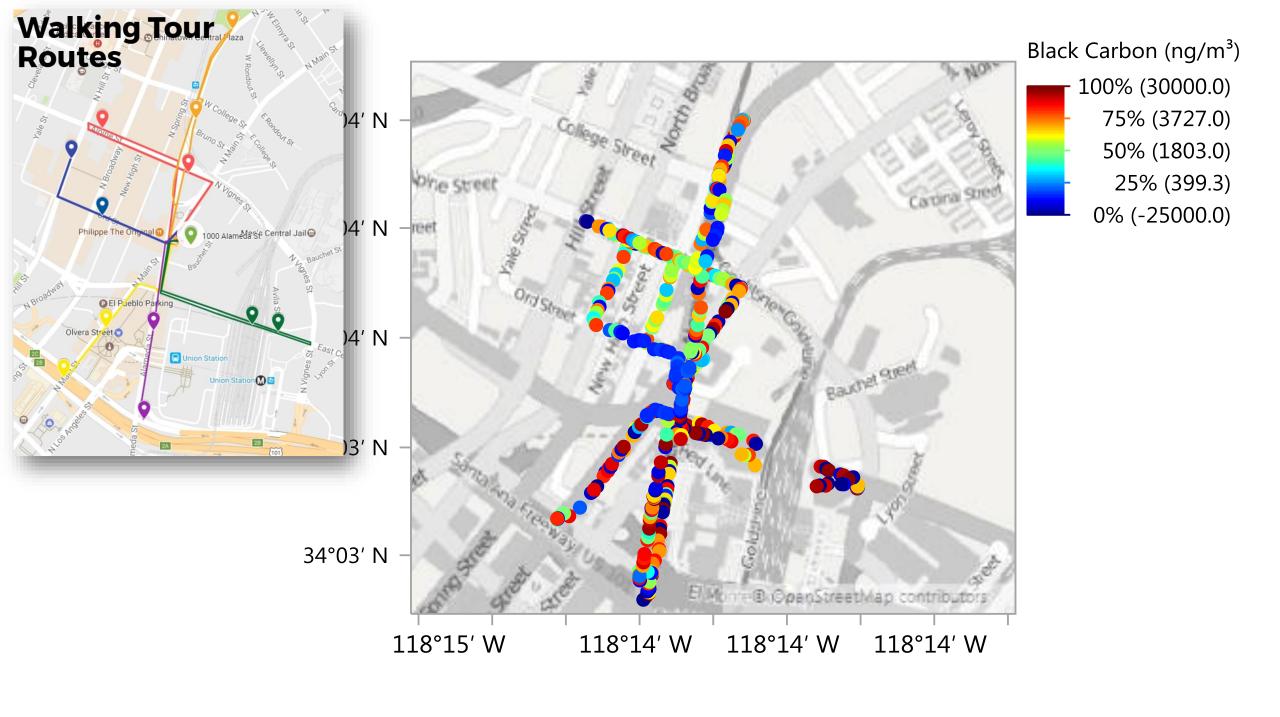
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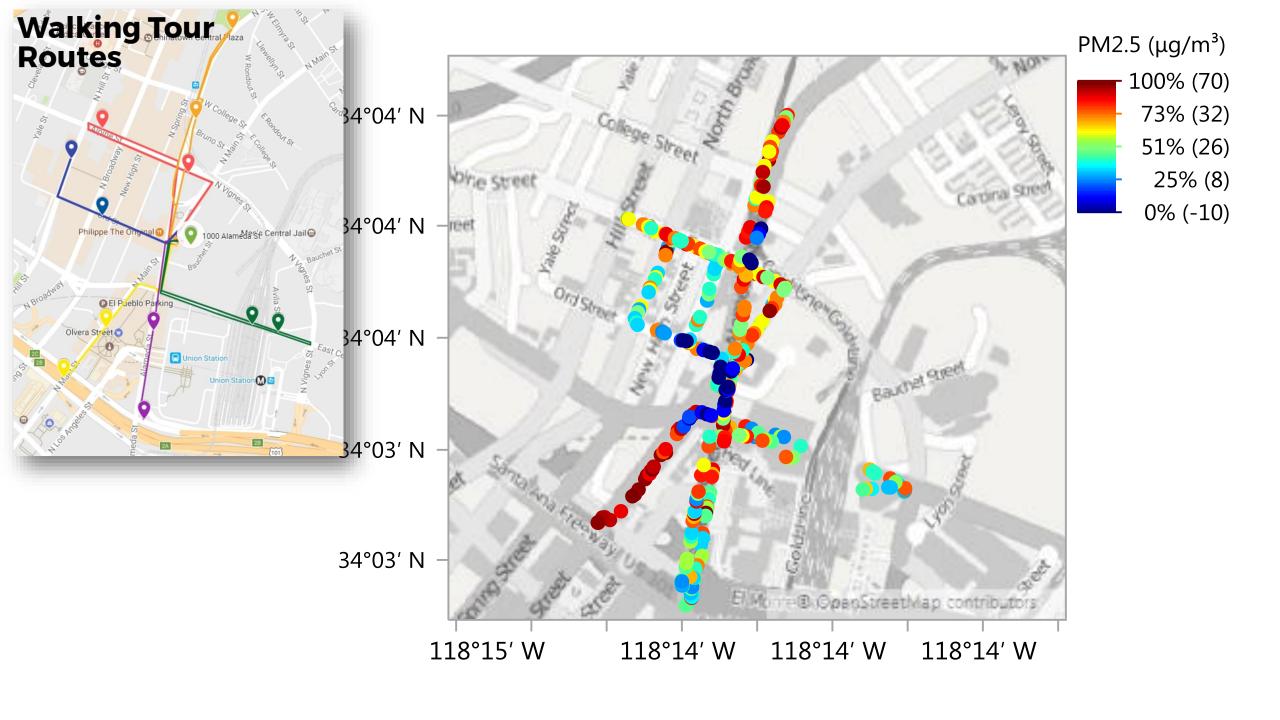












RESOURCES

- EPA Citizen Science page: https://www.epa.gov/citizen-science
- EPA Air Sensors Toolbox for Citizen Science: https://www.epa.gov/air-sensor-toolbox
- Build your own particle sensor, EPA workshop: https://www3.epa.gov/airnow/teachers/gh pmsensorkit handoutan dinstructions.pdf
- AQ spec program: http://www.aqmd.gov/aq-spec/evaluations/summary
- Habitat Map: http://habitatmap.org/
- Safecast: http://blog.safecast.org/

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