

Minnesota Statewide Hg Total Maximum Daily Load Meeting

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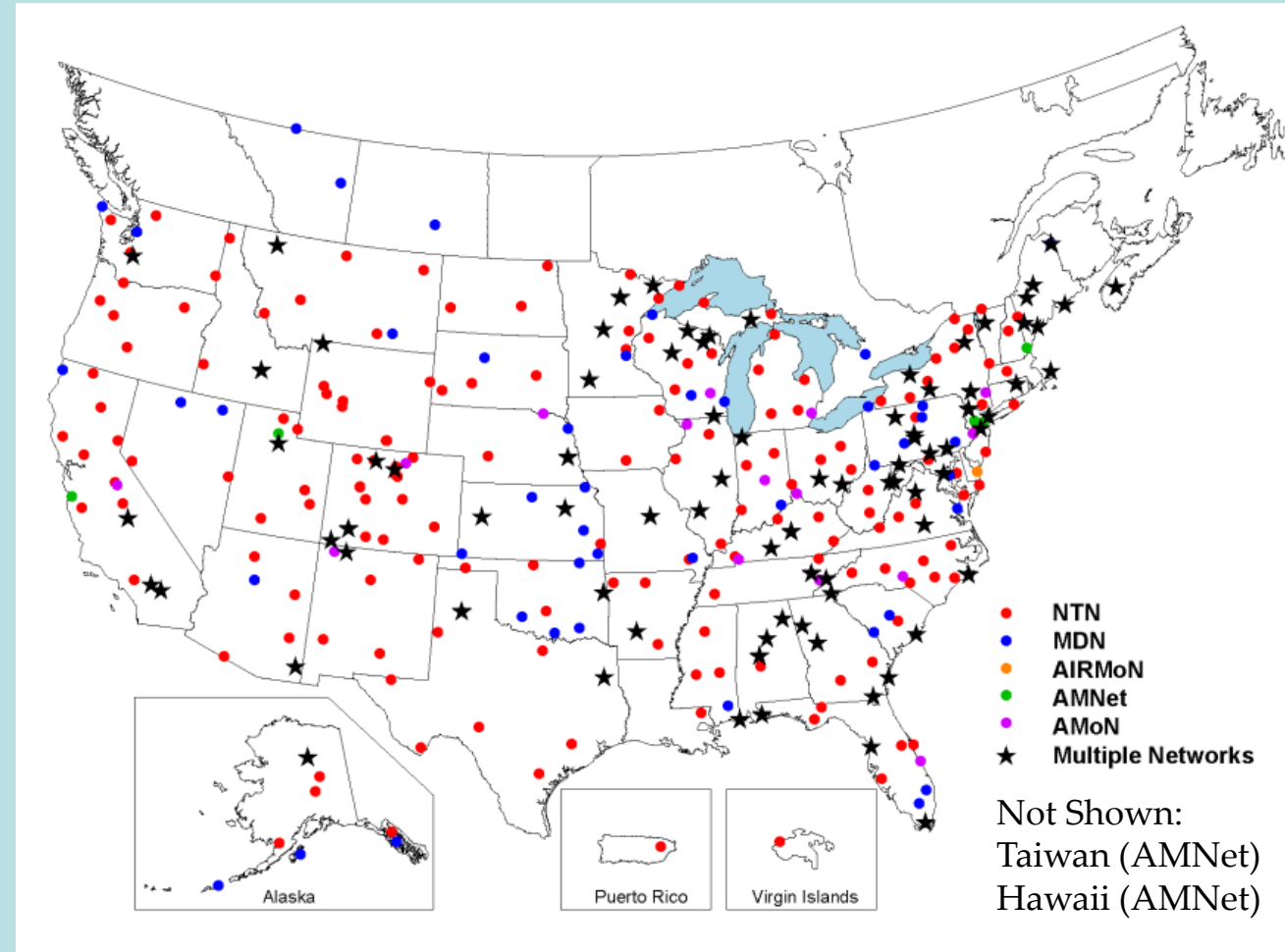
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Section 1. A Quick Update on All Things MDN/AMNet/MLN

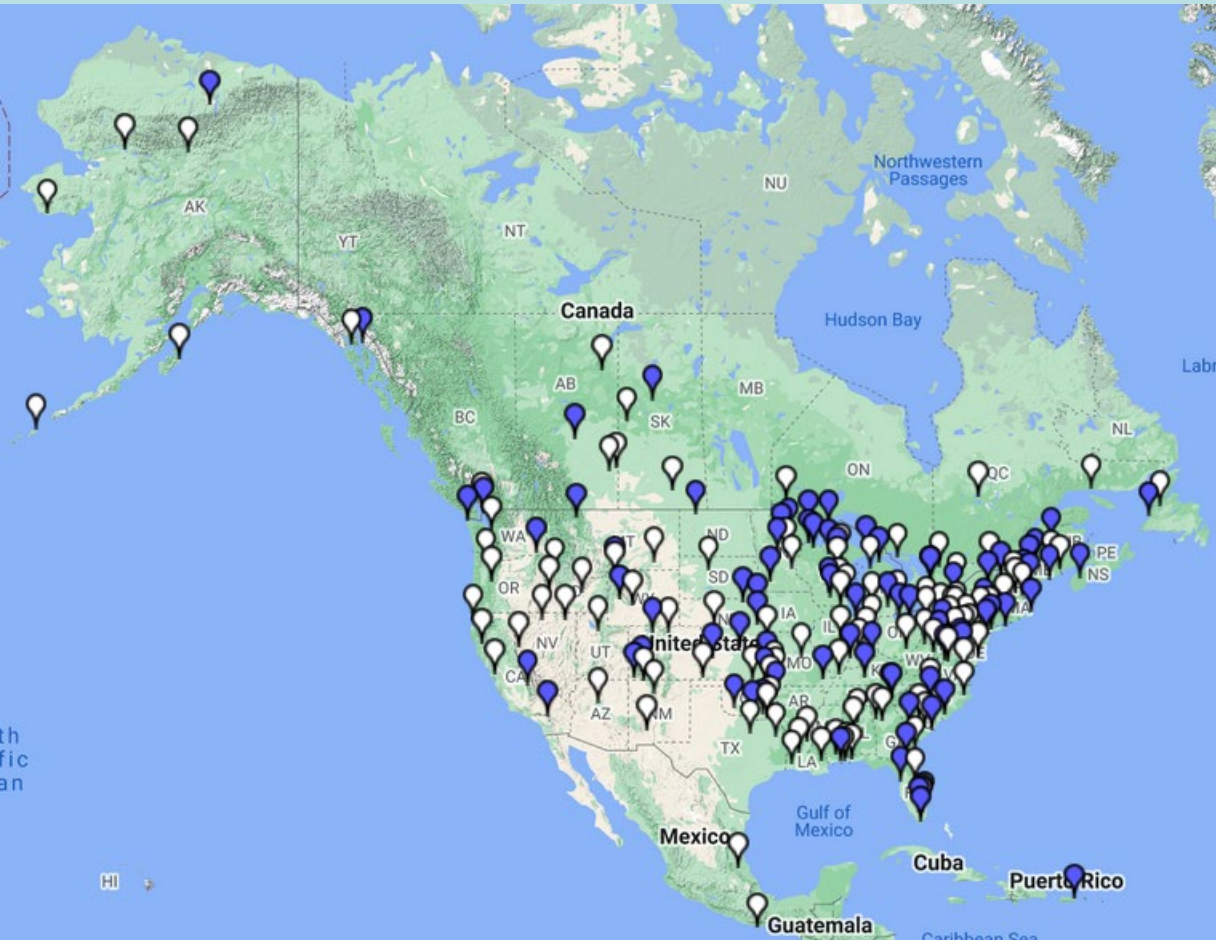
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 - Or pollution flux out of the atmosphere/into the biosphere
- We also measure gaseous concentrations for dry deposition calculations
- over North America at ~350 monitoring locations,
 - Hawaii, US Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico
 - and one site in Asia & Bermuda
- ~ 600,000 historical precipitation samples for 10 analytes
 - Started in 1978, 45th year (NTN network)
 - Mercury measurements since 1996
 - Gaseous ammonia measurements since 2010

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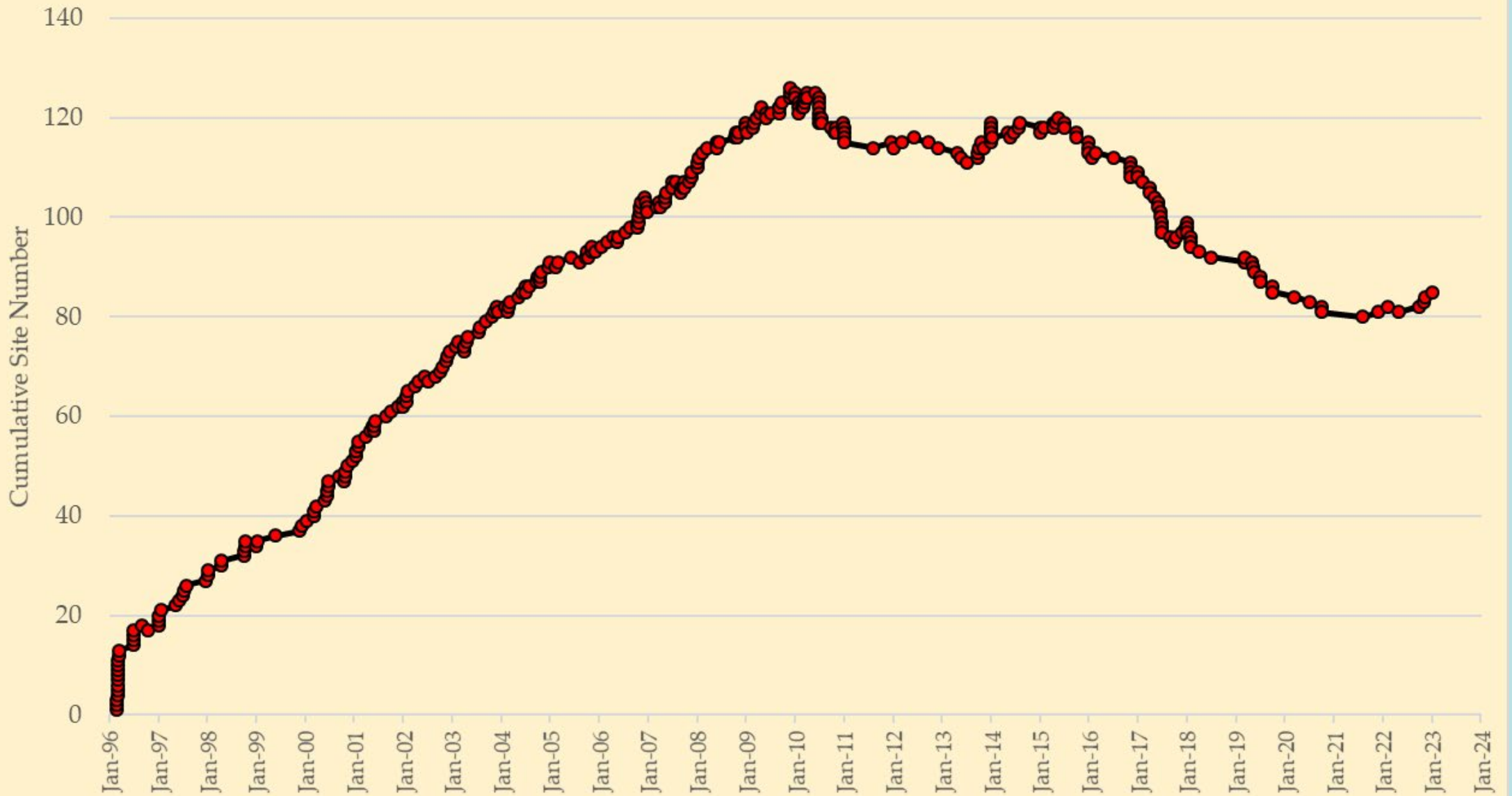
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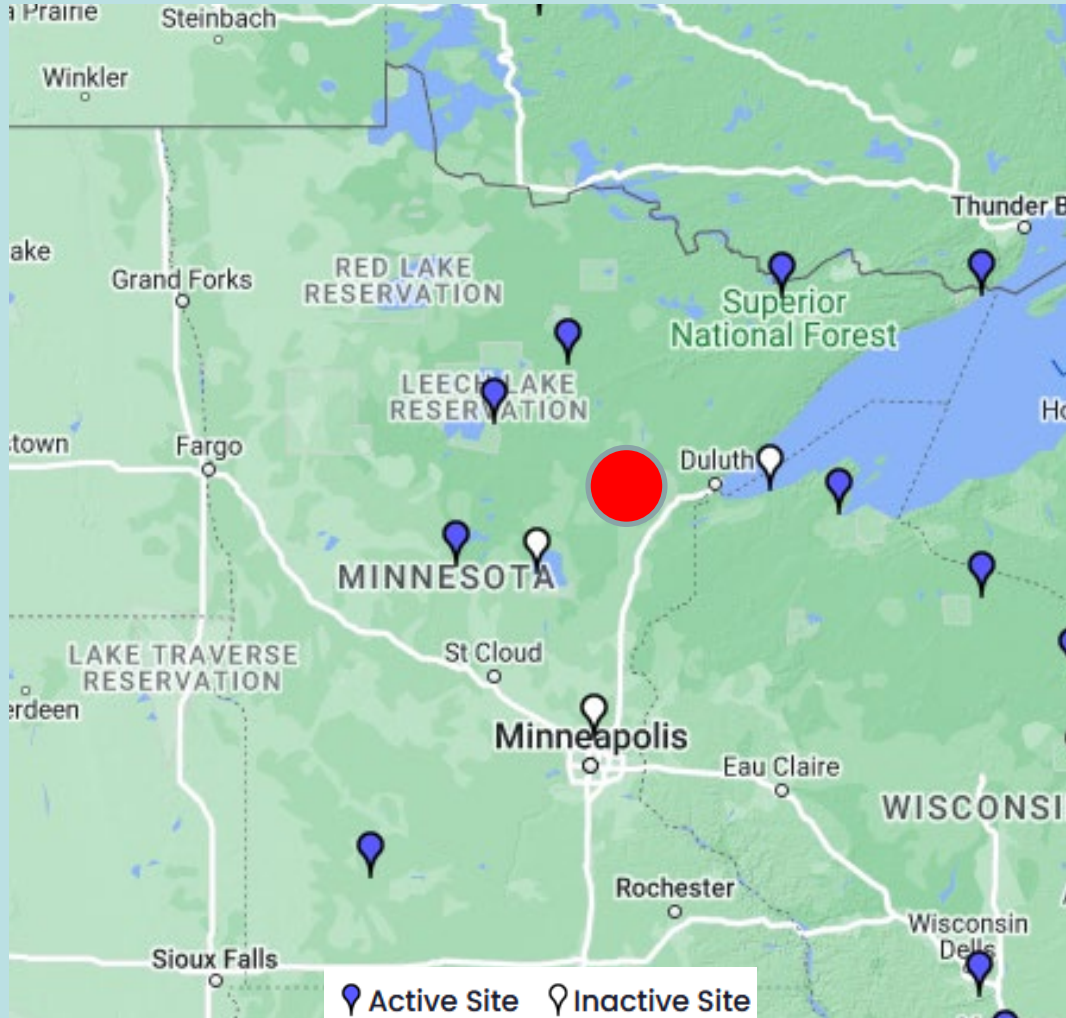
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Possible
Funding
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MDN Site Numbers Over Time



MN MDN Sites



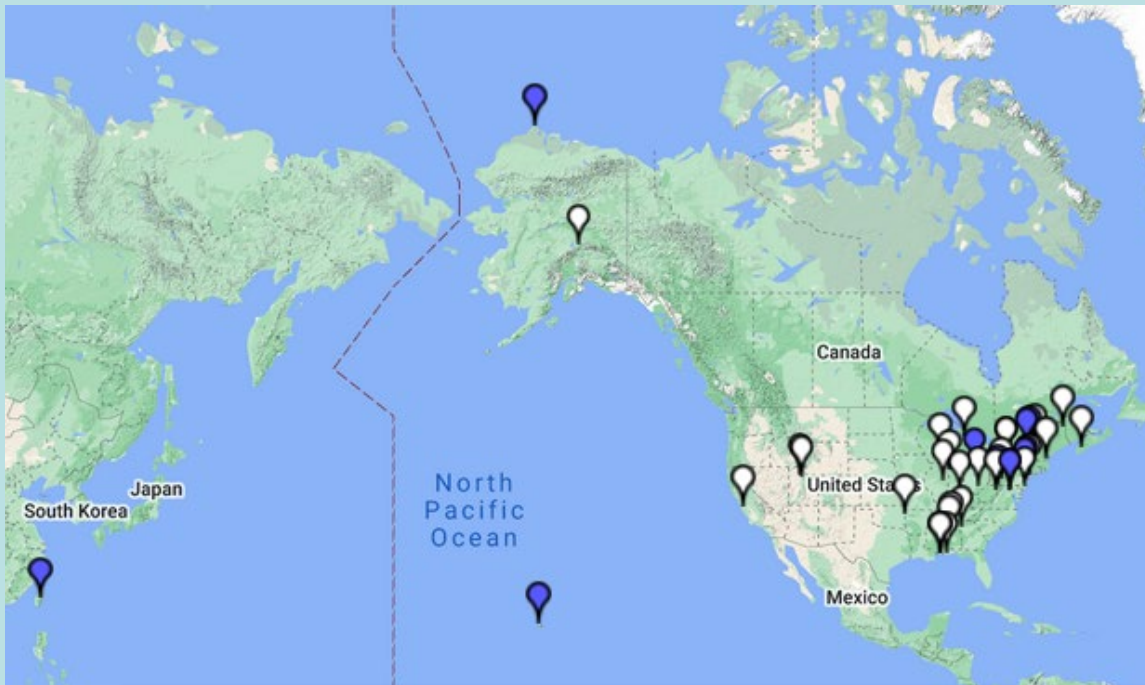
Site	Site Name	County	Elev	Site Start	Site End	Active	Site Surround
MN06	Leech Lake	Cass	1311	6/23/2014		Active	Isolated
MN16	Marcell Experimental Forest	Itasca	431	2/27/1996		Active	Isolated
MN18	Fernberg	Lake	524	3/5/1996		Active	Isolated
MN23	Camp Ripley	Morrison	410	7/2/1996		Active	Isolated
MN27	Lamberton	Redwood	367	7/2/1996		Active	Isolated
MN97	Grand Portage Band of Chippewa	Cook	2	2/3/2022		Active	
MN22	Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe	Mille Lacs	384	4/23/2002	4/3/2007	I	Isolated
MN98	Blaine	Anoka	275	2/5/2008	1/2/2018	I	Urban

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Draft 2022 Map?

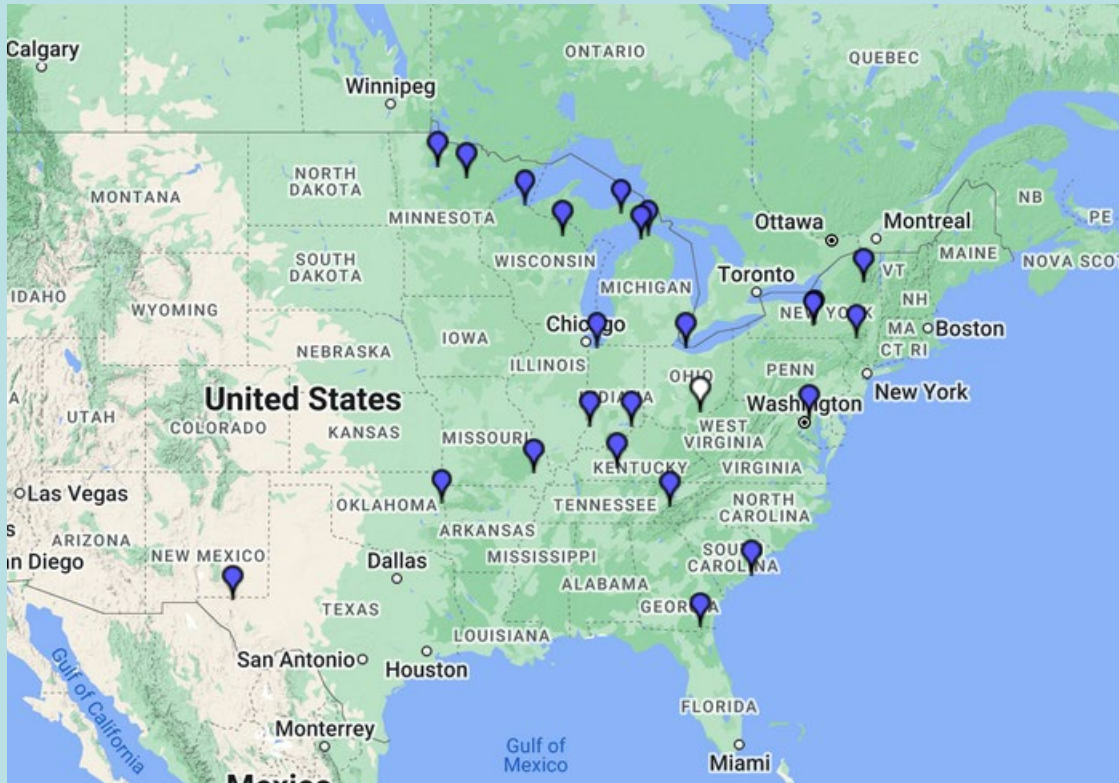
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 - **MN02**, Red Lake Nation
 - **WI92**, Bad River Nation
- Sampling for this year began in August

Mercury Litterfall Network

- Measures mercury in litterfall (leaves, twigs, bark, etc.) and mercury flux to ground
- Nanograms mercury per square meter per year
- An estimate of dry deposition of mercury

- *Sampling for 11th season started in August*



Section 2. A Few New Things You Might Find Interesting

Atmospheric Passive Hg Effort

- Things are moving along towards a MerPAS-based passive Hg capability
- 2 sets of NADP passive Hg sampler, MerPAS starting April 1 are now complete.
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- Overall Goal: determine how well we can make passive Hg samplers and how much it would cost for network operation



New Bag Sampling for MDN?

- I have this new idea



Section 3. Some Trends Results that Could Be Important?

A few years ago....

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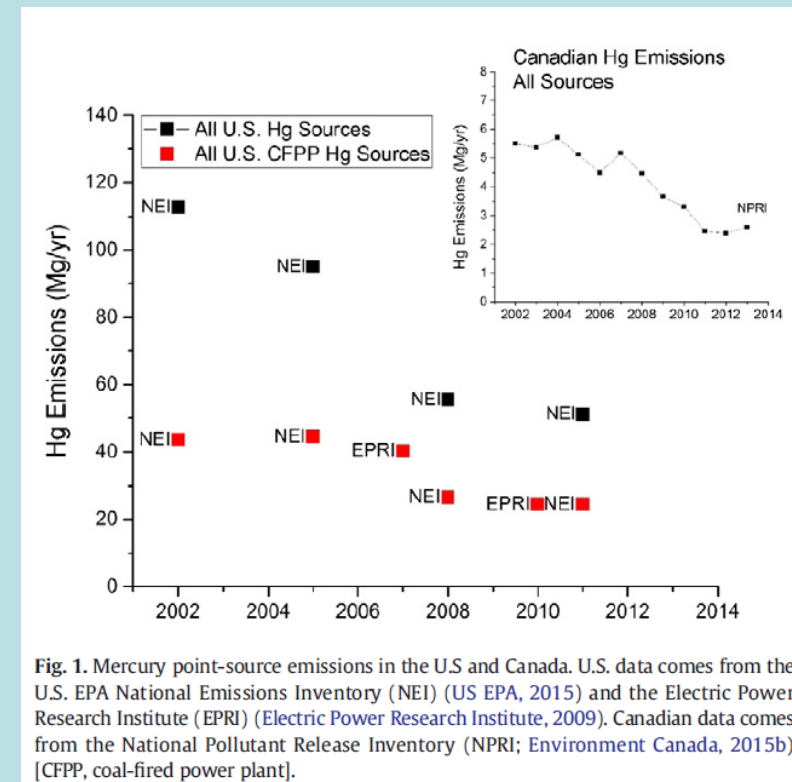
Trends in mercury wet deposition and mercury air concentrations across the U.S. and Canada

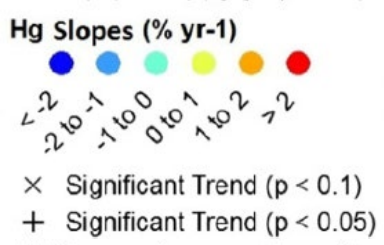


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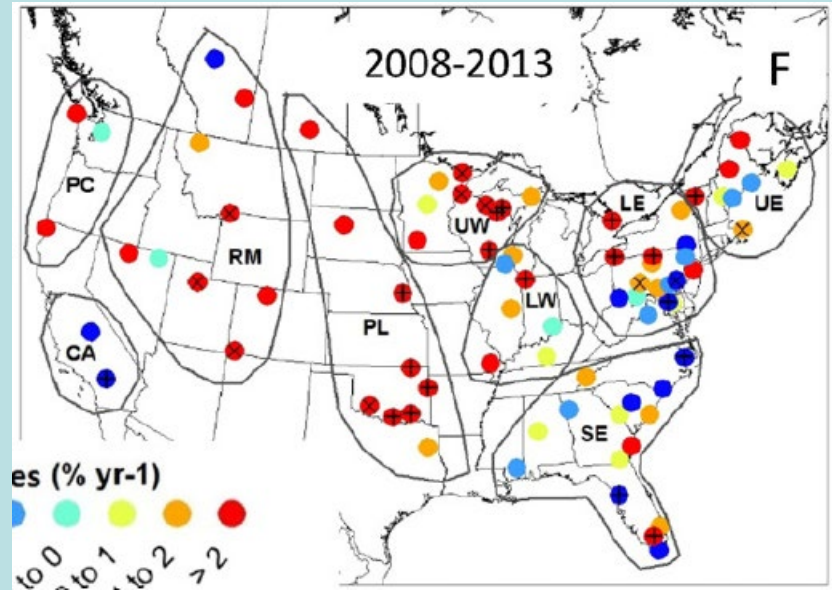
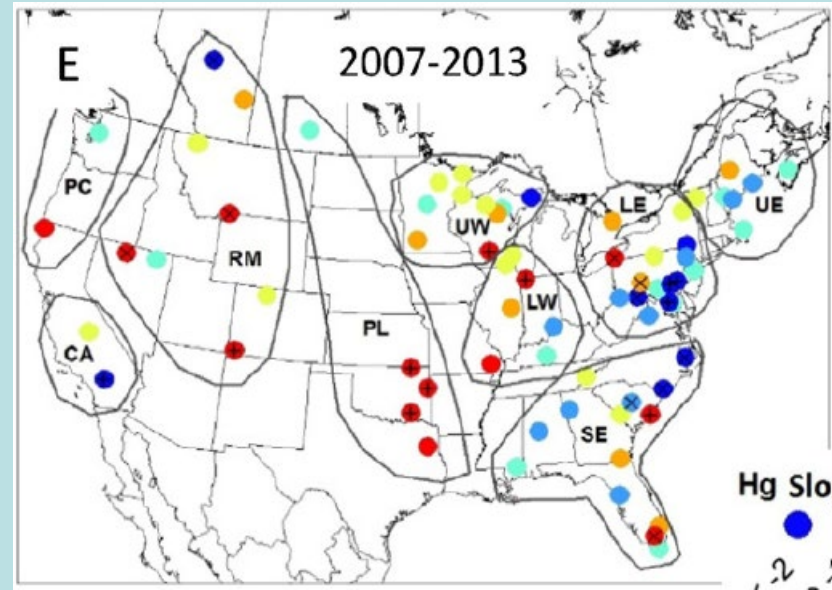
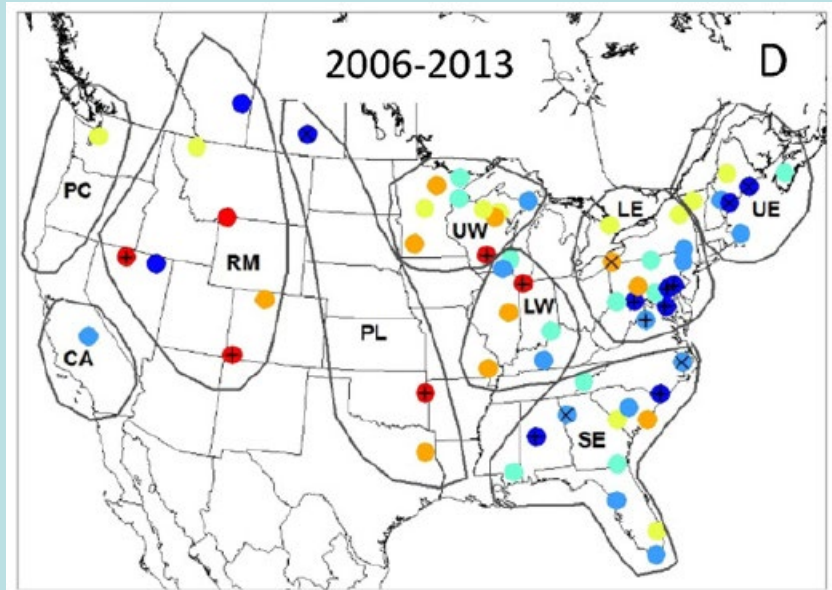
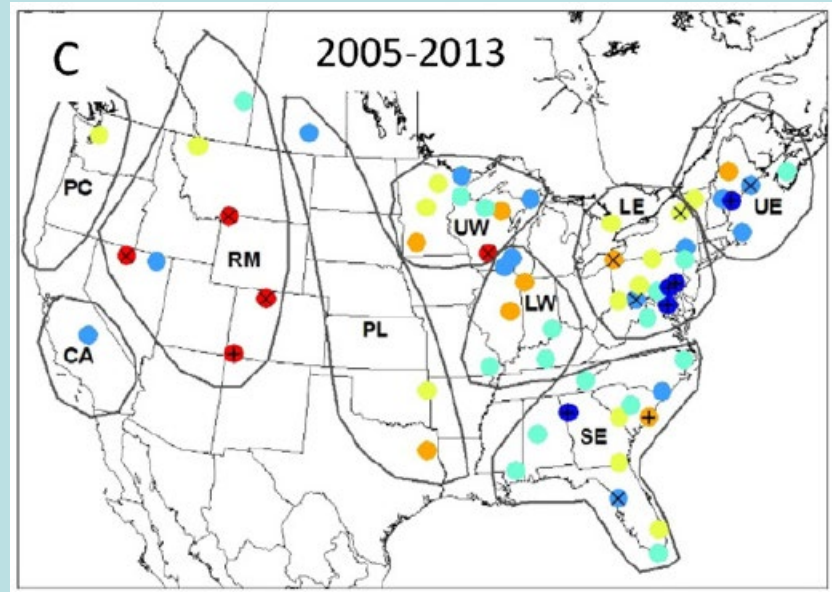
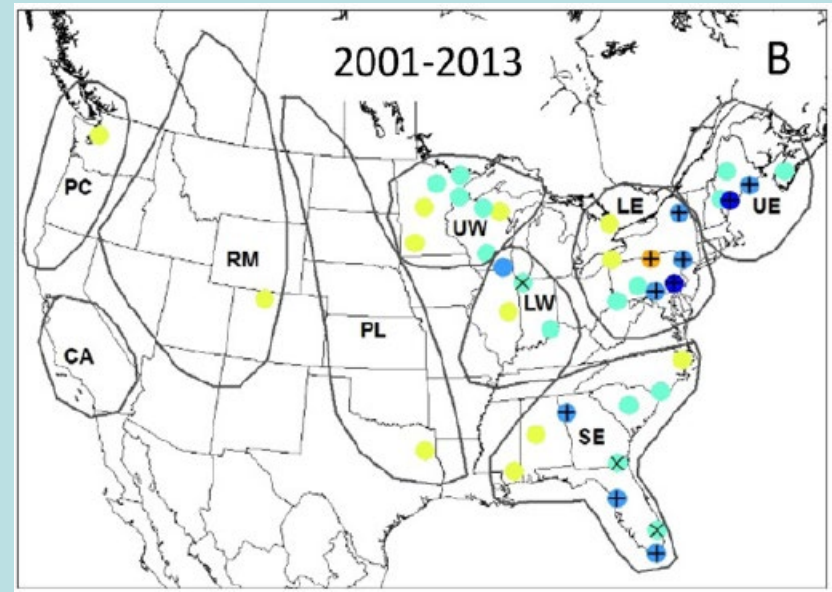
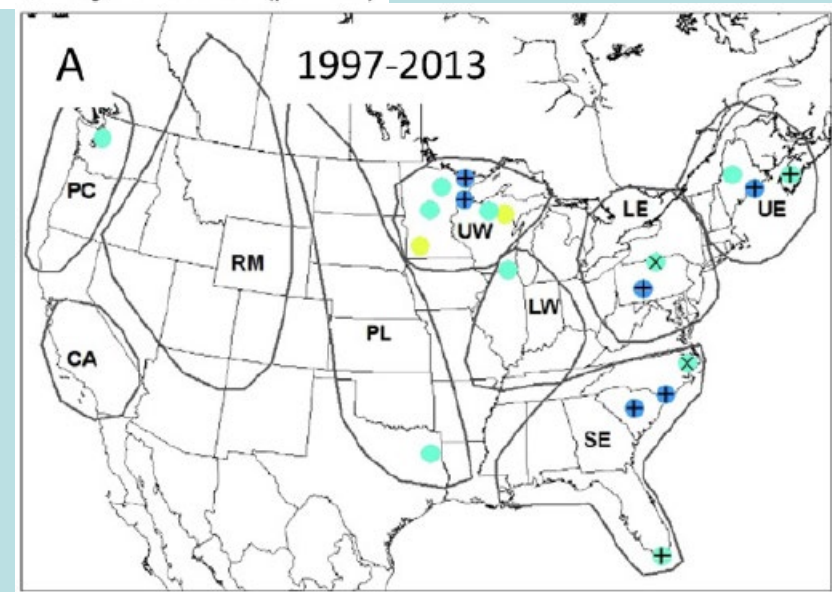
What we wanted to do...

- Do a long term trends paper on Mercury deposition
- Then we got the idea to look at shorter term trends
 - these are less dependable due to less data
 - but they could get more directly to ecosystem response
- Hg Emissions were going down
- All the trends work was showing negative trends
- We did trends at all MDN sites for available years, but for different periods





Trends we saw...



Regional Trends

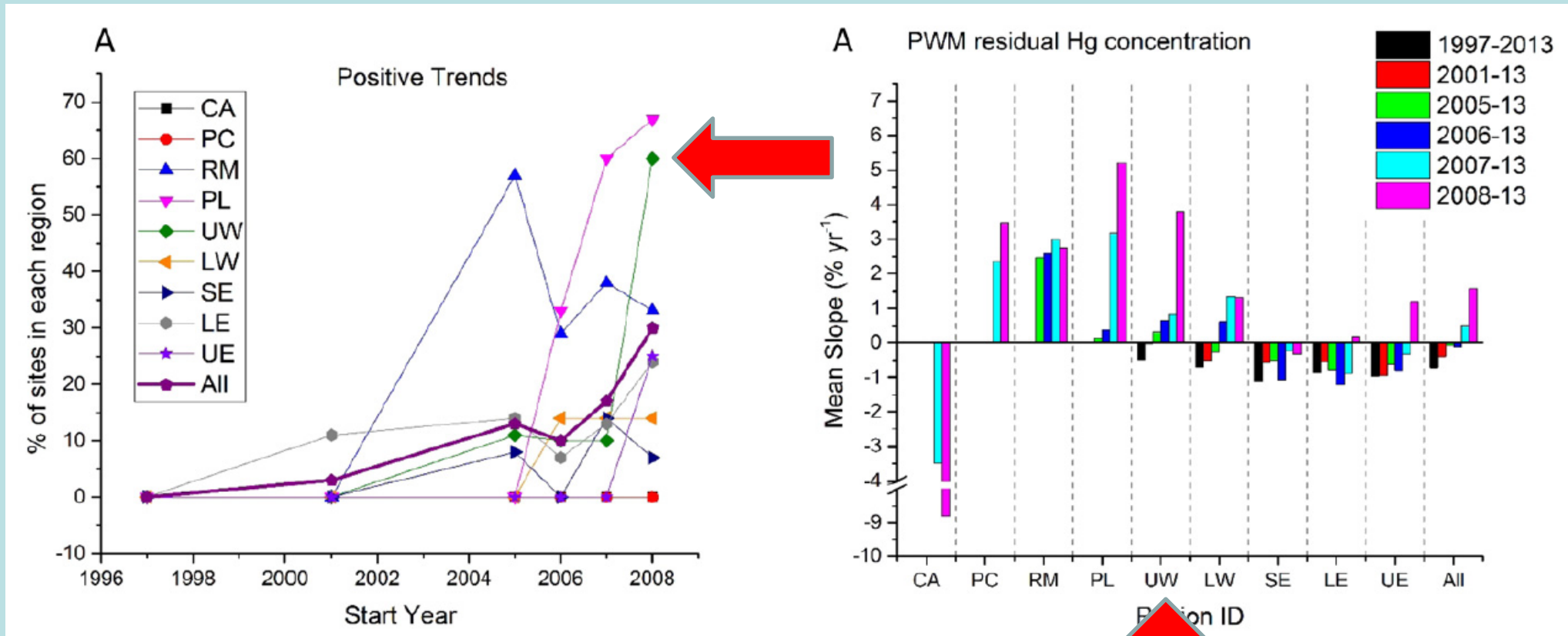


Table 1

Trend analysis on PWM-residual Hg concentration, monthly sums of Hg deposition, and monthly sums of precipitation for the time periods shown by region and for all sites together using the regional Mann–Kendall (RMK) method. NT stands for “no trend” meaning statistical significance ($p < 0.05$) was not met. NA stands for “not appropriate,” meaning that there were significant and dissimilar site and season trends so that a Mann–Kendall regional test was not valid. **Pos** and **Neg** indicate statistical significance and direction of the trend.

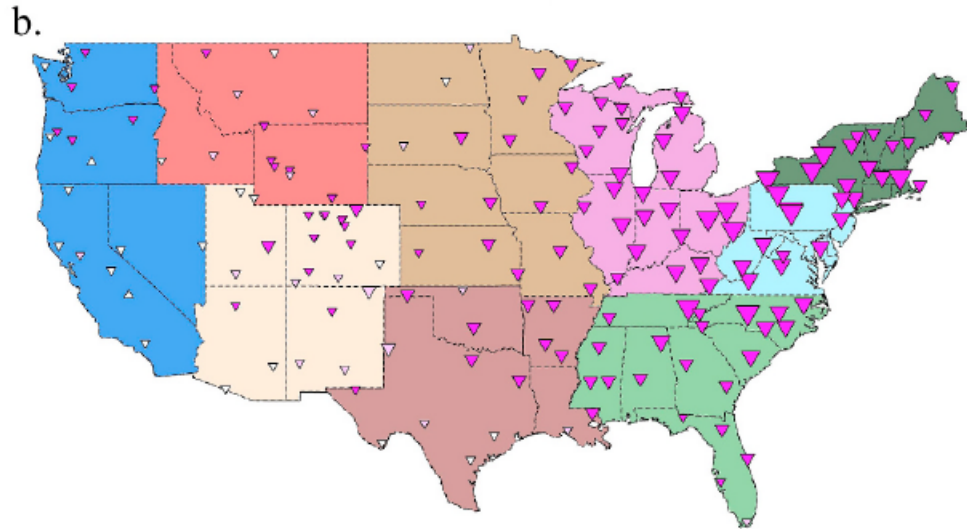
Region	2001–2013			2007–2013			2008–2013		
	Hg Conc	Precip	Hg Dep	Hg Conc	Precip	Hg Dep	Hg Conc	Precip	Hg Dep
California (CA)	–	–	–	NT	NT	NT	Neg	NT	NT
Pacific Coast (PC)	–	–	–	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT
Rocky Mountain (RM)	–	–	–	Pos	NT	Pos	Pos	NT	Pos
Plains (PL)	–	–	–	Pos	NT	NT	Pos	NT	NT
Upper Midwest (UW)	NT	Pos	NT	NT	Pos	Pos	Pos	NT	Pos
Lower Midwest (LM)	NT	Pos	NT	Pos	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT
Southeast (SE)	Neg	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT
Lower Northeast (LE)	NA	Pos	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT
Upper Northeast (UE)	Neg	Pos	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT
All	NA	Pos	Pos	NA	Pos	Pos	NA	NT	Pos

Message

- Just be careful working just with the long-term trends
- Short term might be more important for your TMDLs

Section 4. Sulfur and Nitrogen Trends

Sulfate Trends, 2000-2017



LEGEND

Trend Slope

- \triangle $> 2 \mu\text{eq/L/yr}$
- \triangle $1.25 - 2 \mu\text{eq/L/yr}$
- \triangle $0.5 - 1.25 \mu\text{eq/L/yr}$
- \triangle $0 - 0.5 \mu\text{eq/L/yr}$

Trend Direction

- \triangle Increasing
- \circ No change
- ∇ Decreasing

Trend Significance

- \blacktriangle $p < 0.01$
- \triangle $p < 0.05$
- \triangle $p > 0.05$

Regions

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- Midwest
- North-Central
- Northeast
- Pacific
- Rocky-North
- Rocky-South
- South-Central
- Southeast

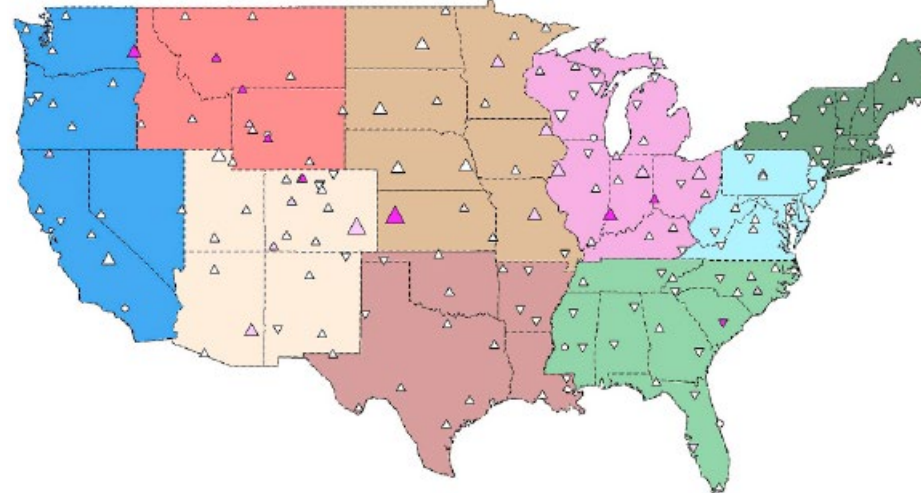
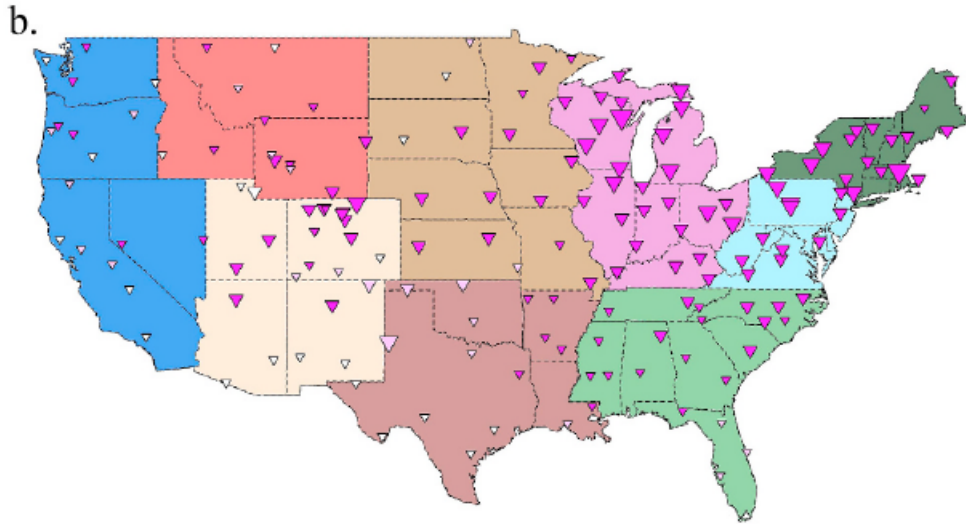
Sulfate

is going down,
Just about everywhere
Particularly in the East and Midwest

at 99% Confidence (1% error rate)

Nitrate Trends, 2000-2017

Ammonium Trends, 2000-2017



Nitrate

is going down,
moderately, at 99%
Confidence (1% error
rate)

Ammonium

- Some increasing, some decreasing
- Not significant at 95%

LEGEND

Trend Strength

- △ > 1.125 $\mu\text{eq/L/yr}$
- △ 0.75 - 1.125 $\mu\text{eq/L/yr}$
- △ 0.375 - 0.75 $\mu\text{eq/L/yr}$
- △ 0 - 0.375 $\mu\text{eq/L/yr}$

Trend Direction

- △ Increasing
- No change
- ▽ Decreasing

Trend Significance

- ▲ $p < 0.01$
- △ $p \leq 0.05$
- △ $p > 0.05$

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NO₃: SO₄ Ratio

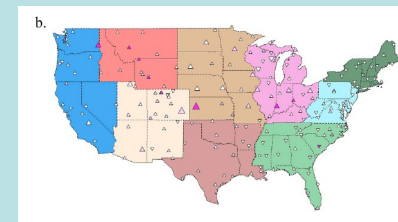
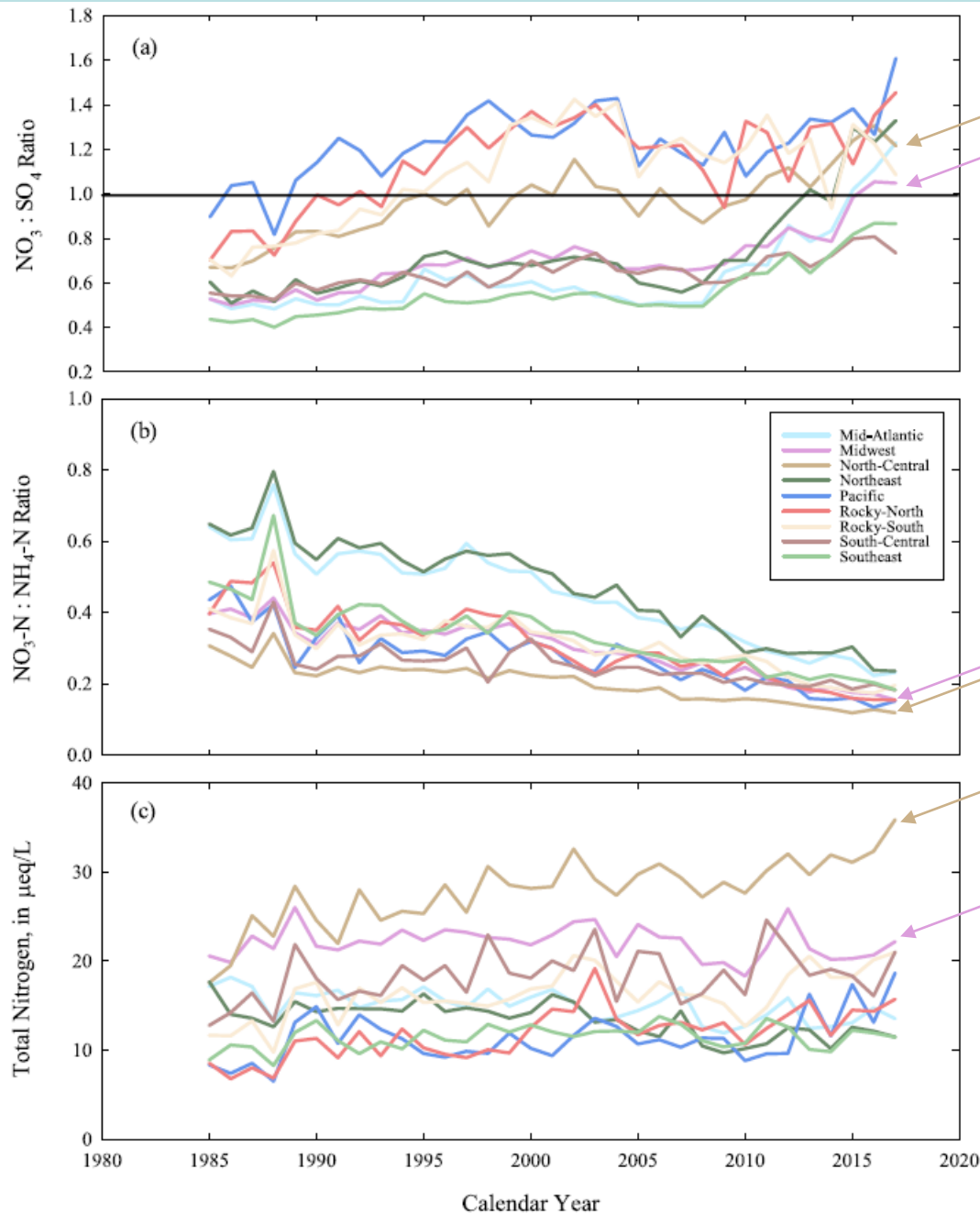
- Nitrate is now more important than sulfate
- Stronger in the west and southwest of MN

N (NO₃): N (NH₄)

- Ammonium N is more important than Nitrate N

Total N (NO₃+NH₄)

- Strongest nitrogen signal in the US, Midwest/North Central



Percentage Ammonium of all Inorganic N ($\text{NH}_4 + \text{NO}_3$)

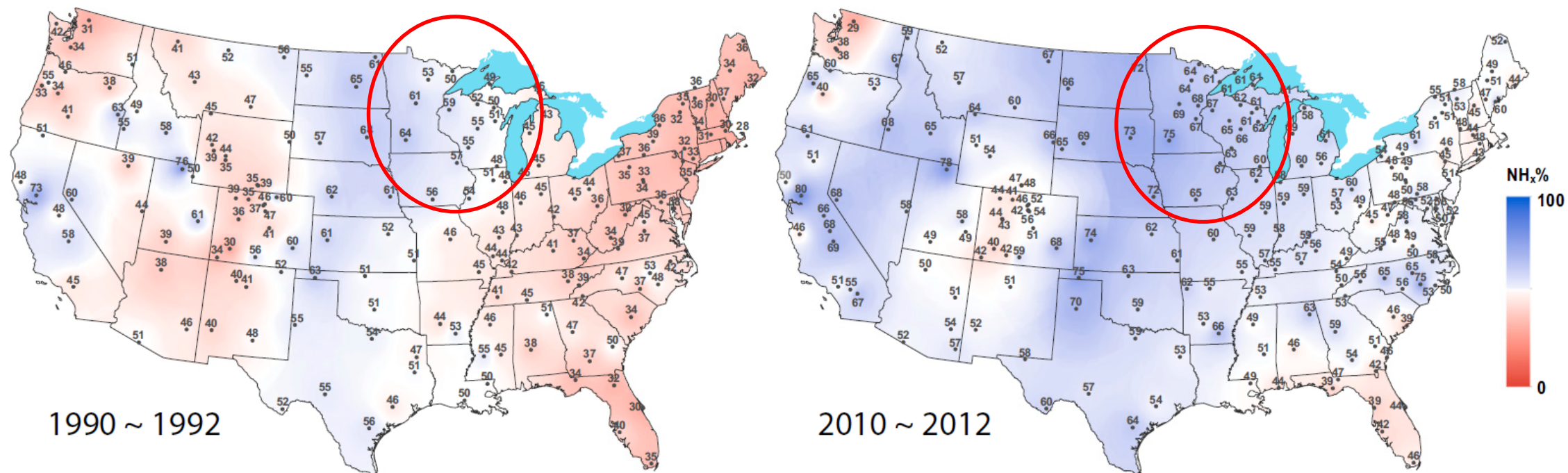


Fig. 1. Comparisons of the 3-y average NH_4^+ percentage of wet inorganic nitrogen deposition across the United States in 1990–1992 (*Left*) and 2010–2012 (*Right*). To help visualize spatial patterns, isopleths were produced by interpolating NH_4^+ mole percentages at individual monitoring sites using a cubic inverse-distance weighting of sites within 500 km of each observation station. The black dots on the map represent locations of sites with 3-y data available for each time period. The NH_4^+ percentage on a molar basis [$(\text{NH}_4^+\%) = (\text{NH}_4^+)/(\text{NO}_3^- + \text{NH}_4^+) \times 100\%$] is noted at each site.

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Current Mercury Litterfall Sites

- Brand New “Official” Network
- 22 litterfall sites to run for the 11th year
- Sampling started in September



Site Name	
GA09	
IN21	
IN22	
IN34	
KY10	
MD99	
MI14	<i>Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians</i>
MI48	
MN02	Red Lake
MN16	
MO46	
NY20	
NY67	
NY68	
NY88	
OH52	
OK99	Cherokee Nation
SC05	
TN11	
TN97	
TX22	
WI01	Bad River
WI10	Potawatomi

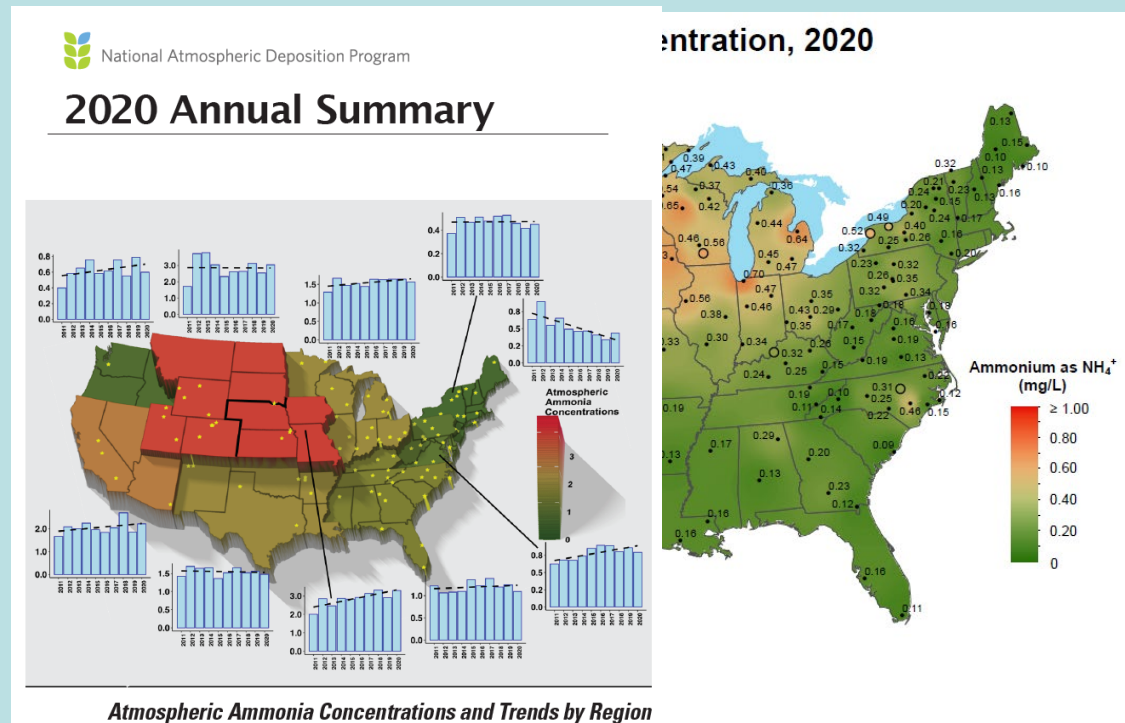
New at NADP?

- Wrapping up our measurement quality assurance on the 2022 data

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1	siteId	labno	dateOn	dateOff	ph	Conduc	flagCa	Ca	flagMg	Mg	flagK	K	flagNa	na	flagNH4	NH4	flagNO3	NO3	flagCl	Cl	flagSO4
2	AB32	TQ1283SW	9/28/2016 16:00	10/5/2016 16:55	6.56	6.7		1.012		0.07		0.01		0.02		0.039		0.19			0.04
3	AB32	TQ2000SW	10/18/2016 20:00	10/25/2016 18:00	4.73	14.5		0.33		0.037		0.064		0.056		0.343		1.812			0.091
4	AB32	TQ2239SW	10/25/2016 18:00	10/31/2016 16:47	6.11	11.5		0.556		0.064		0.037		0.029		0.866		1.996			0.08
5	AB32	TQ2482SW	10/31/2016 16:47	11/7/2016 17:00	6.48	7.1		0.846		0.082		0.026		0.039		0.125		0.283			0.042
6	AB32	TQ2841SW	11/7/2016 17:00	11/15/2016 16:00	-9	-9		0.315		0.024		0.014		0.031		0.269		1.413			0.054
7	AB32	TQ3103SW	11/15/2016 16:00	11/22/2016 18:30	7.35	51.2		8.271		0.699		0.347		0.353		0.164		2.52			0.188
8	AB32	TQ3245SW	11/22/2016 18:30	11/28/2016 18:00	6.53	7.7		1.020		0.072		0.012		0.028		0.128		0.728			0.021

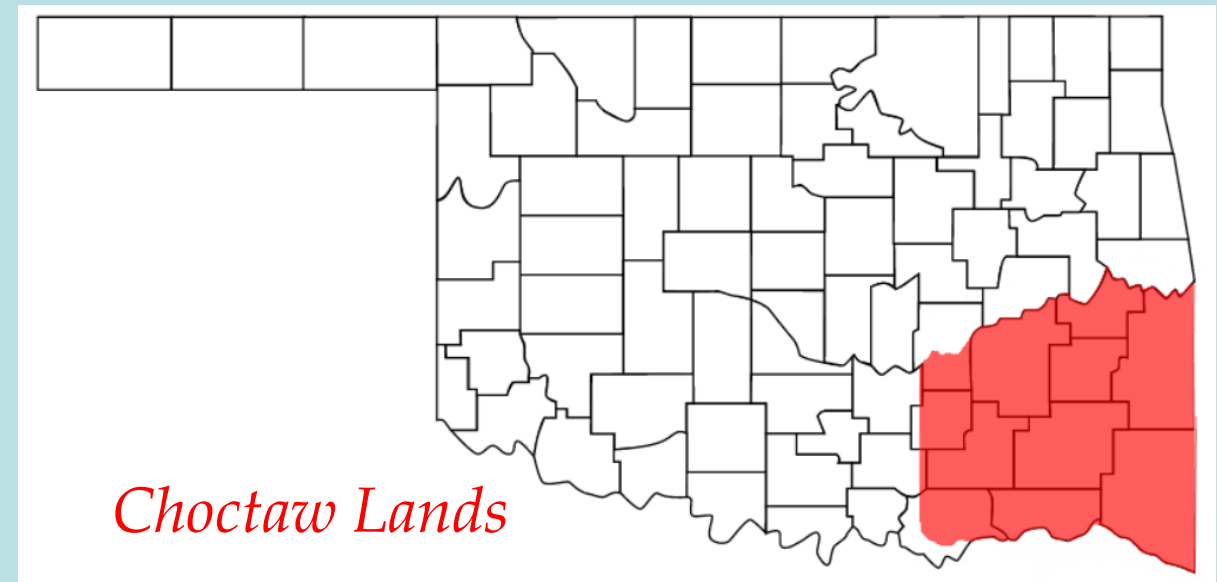
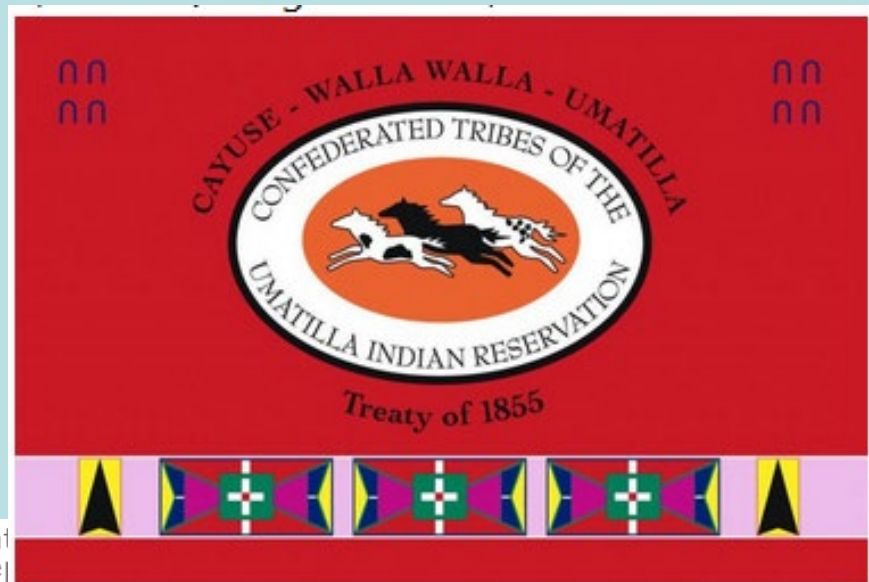
for all networks

- Drawing the maps for 2022
- Making the Annual Summary



Working with Three Tribes Measuring PFAS

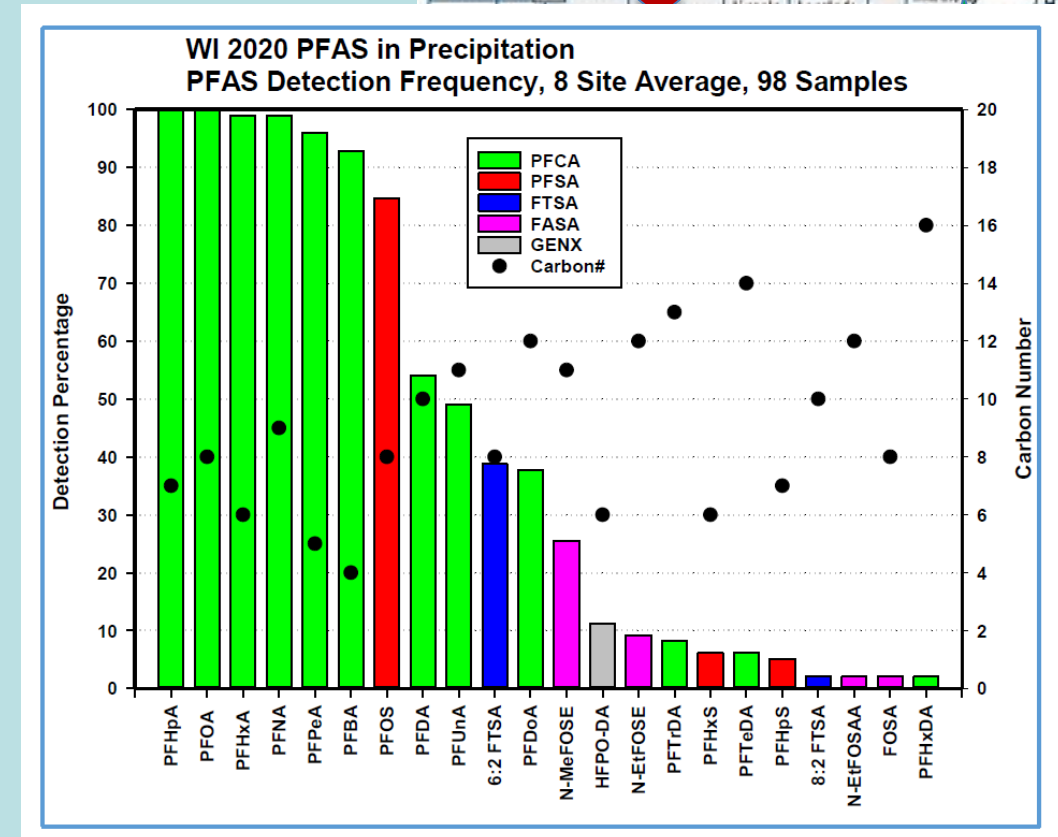
- Choctaw Nation (possible new site)
- Kansas Kickapoo Tribe (KS97)
- Conf. Tribes of Umatilla Ind. Res. (WA04, soon)



Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances

Again, lots of interest PFAS. Is it in precipitation, too?

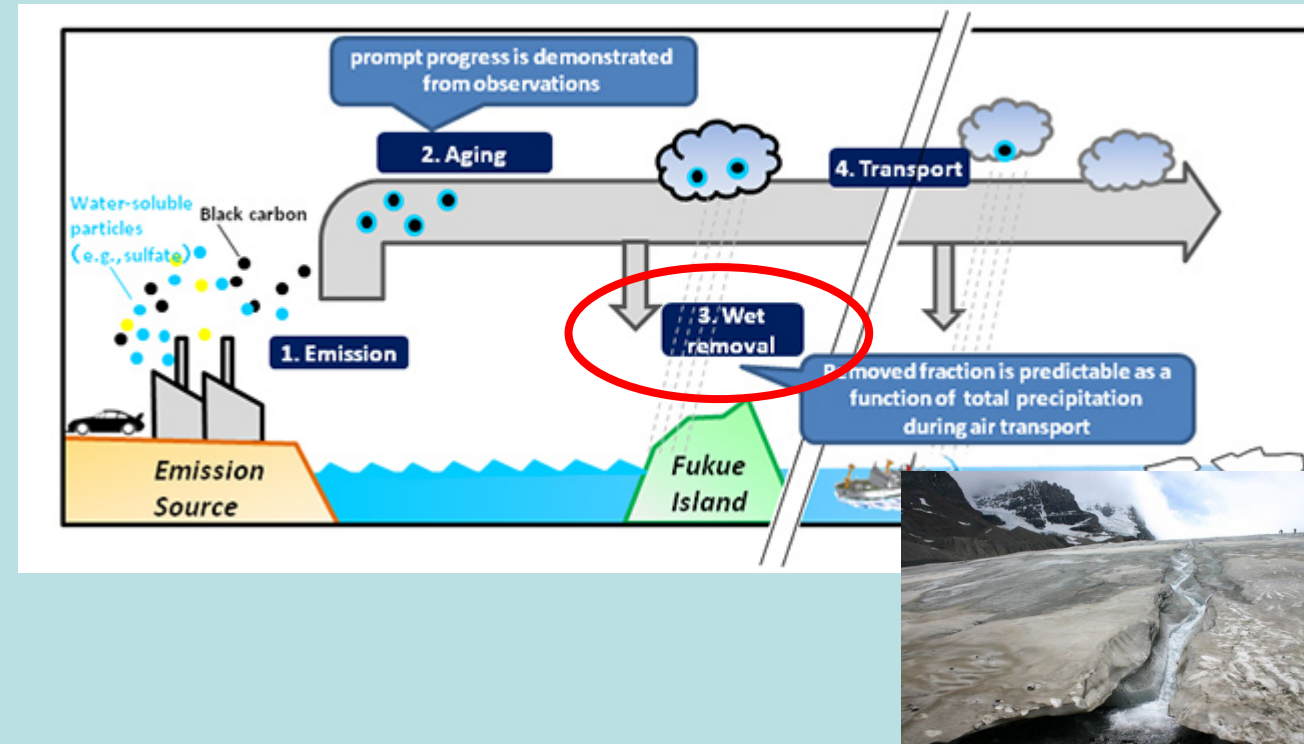
- Shafer et al doing quite a bit of analytical detection at UW Madison
- Looking at PFAS in precipitation at several sites
 - East Coast, NC, Kansas, Wisconsin
 - More sites being added
 - Longterm in NADP samples
- Intensive across the State of Wisconsin
 - Rural, urban, near source
- Starting a mass balance in/around Lake Superior
- Even measuring atmospheric concentrations in WI
 - With WI DNR
- His team determined concentrations in precipitation during 2019-20 in Wisconsin (right).



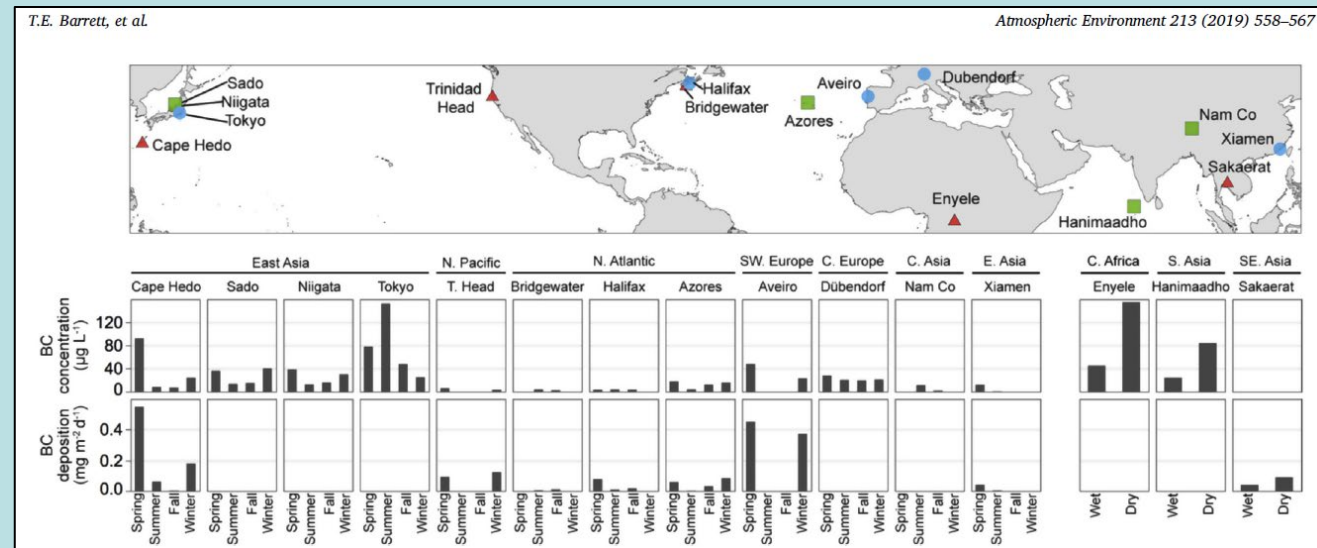
*Detection levels are compound specific
 Most 0.02 to 0.2 ng/L*

Black Carbon in Precipitation

- An important climate influence
- One of the dominant removal pathways
- Little is known about how much is wet depositing
- Wet deposition rates should be important to the modeling community



- We are testing measuring BC in wet deposition, as a network (repeatedly)



A New Idea Coming

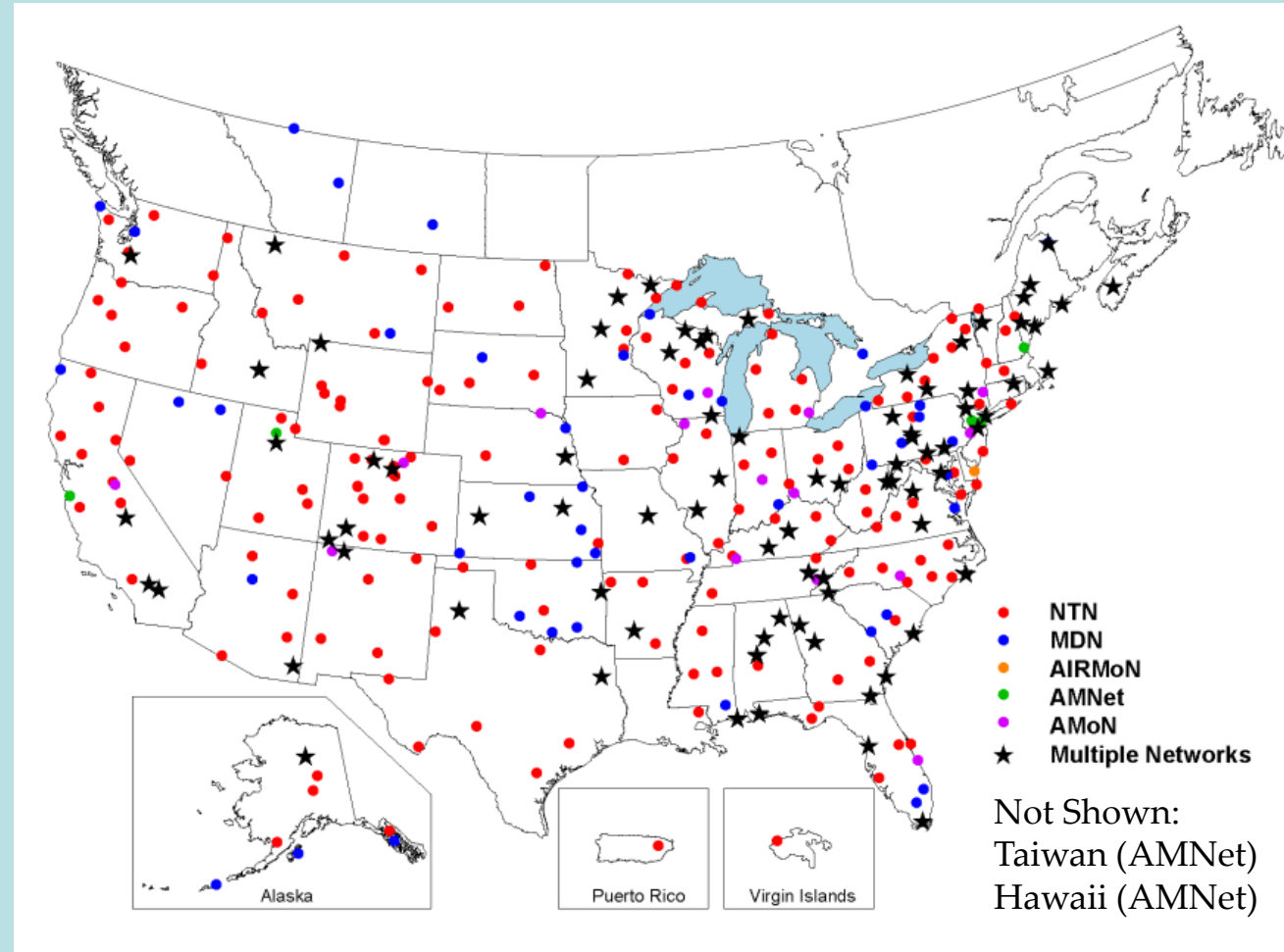
- Using Passive Hg measurement Devices (Tekran MerPAS technology)
- A low cost network to measure atmospheric concentrations of Hg, and determine if you have relatively high concentrations
- Possible dry deposition estimates from these
- Basic health research, impact to lands (dry deposition)
- Spatial patterns and trends
- Also support the United Nations effort for consistent global measurements of GEM



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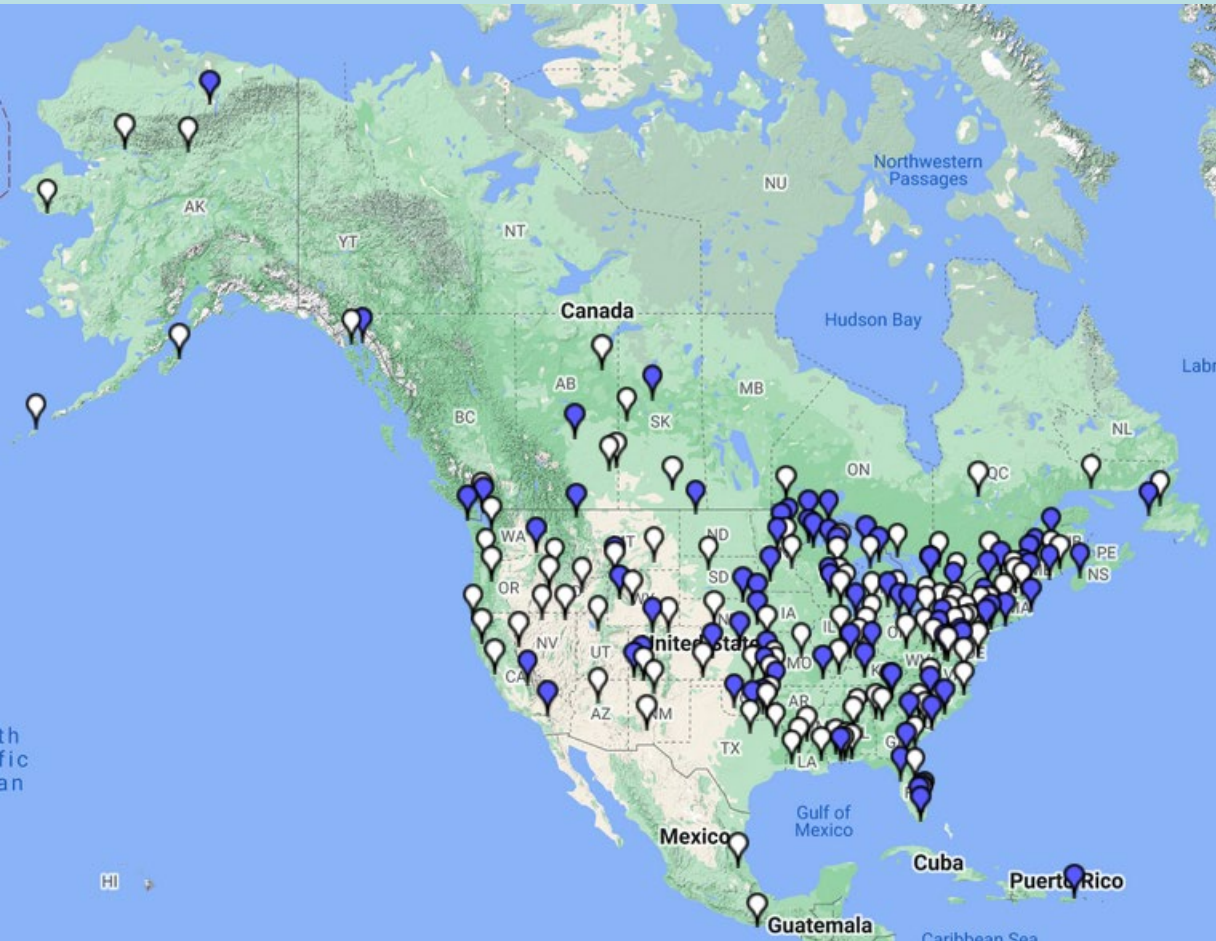
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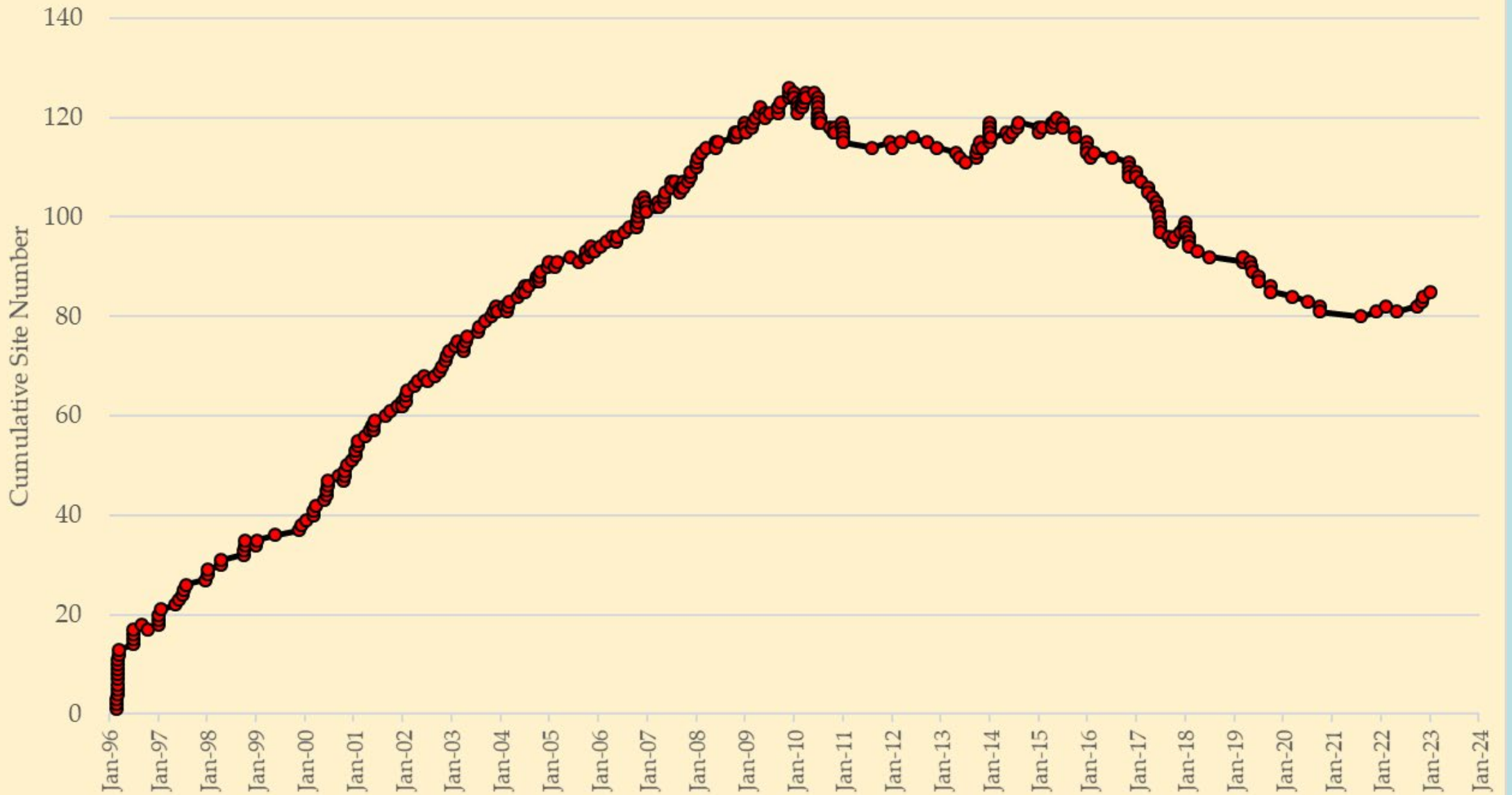
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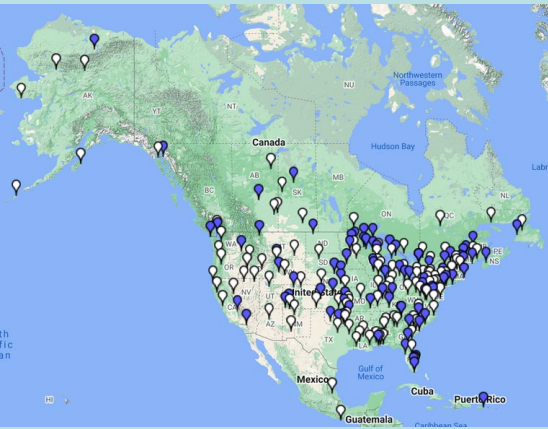


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- AK02 Juneau, restart

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MDN: Recent Closings and Interest



- Last site to close: OH02 on Apr 26, 2022

Interested:

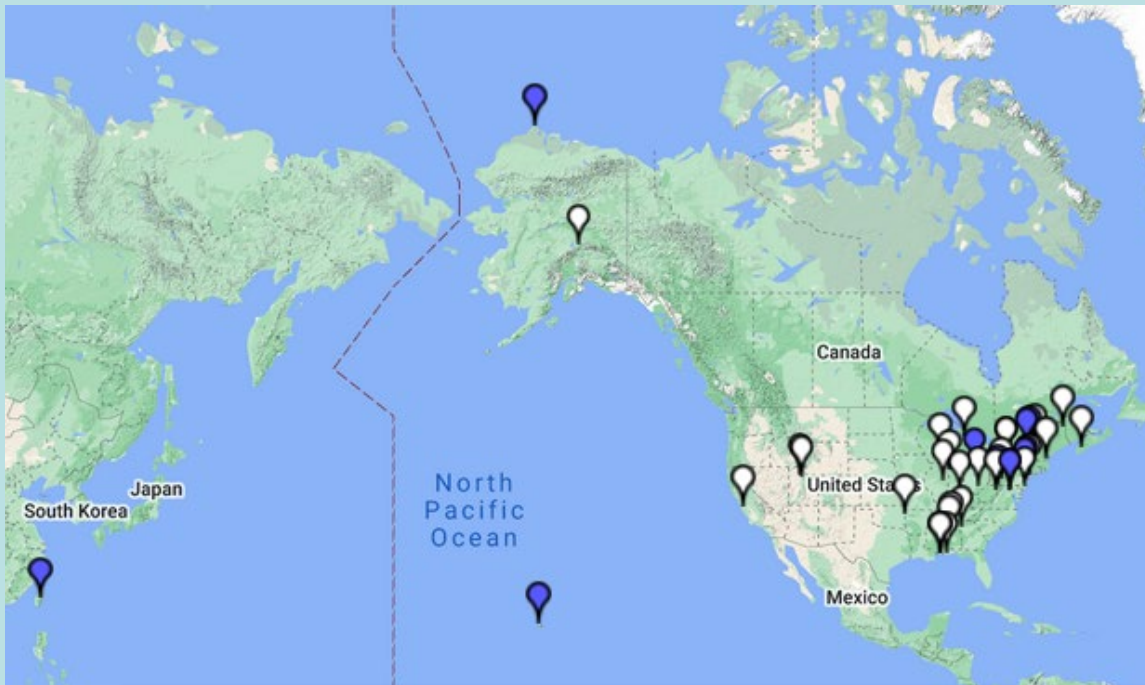
- SC03 Savannah River NL (D. Jackson's), should restart soon? Also NTN
- MN05 Fond du Lac/EPA Region 5, should start this summer
- WA03, Macah (C. Winke) would like a second site, might be in Olympic NP
- NVxx Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe/EPA Region 9, interested in an MDN site, and funds should be available

Future

- KS05 Coffeetown, Kansas DHEP, will shut down 12/2023

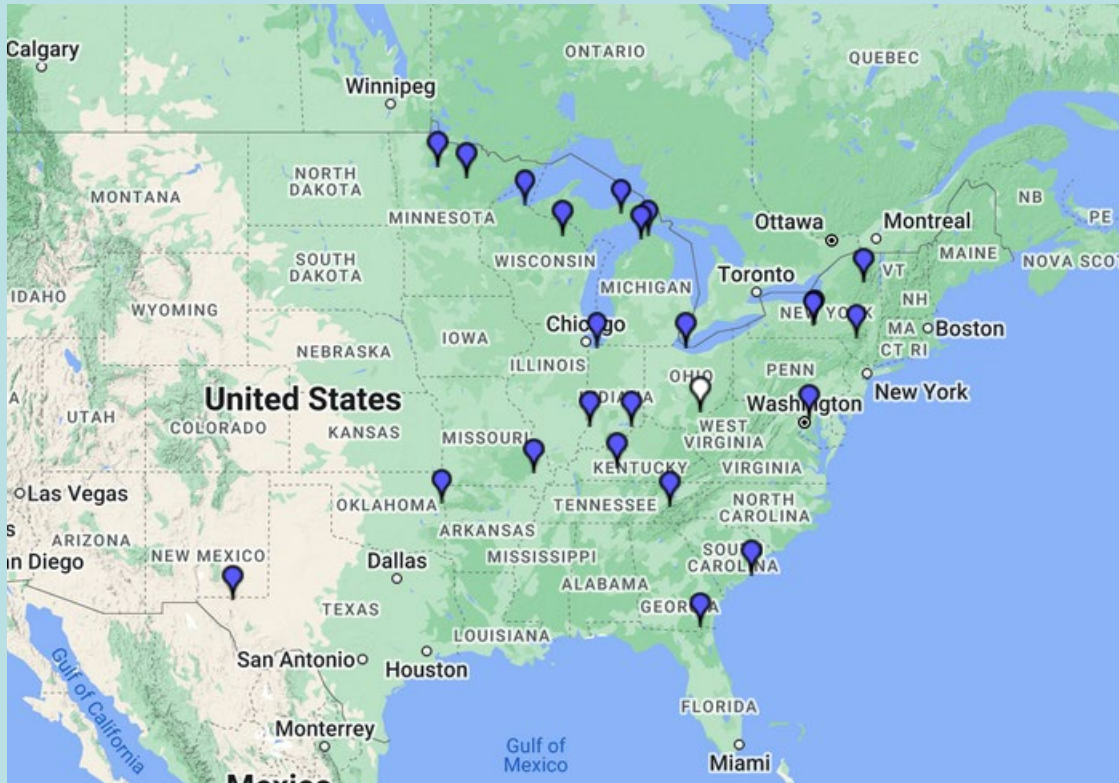
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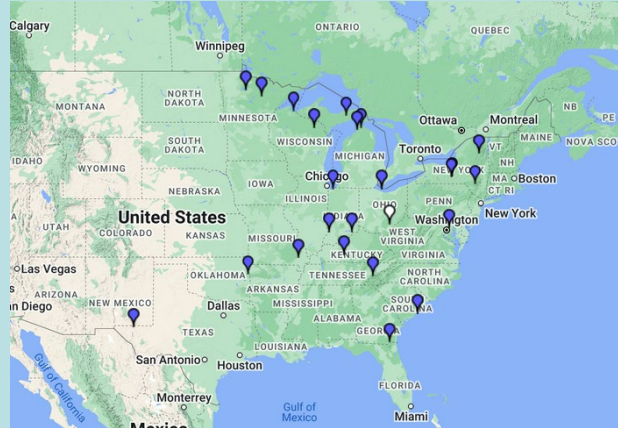
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Interest

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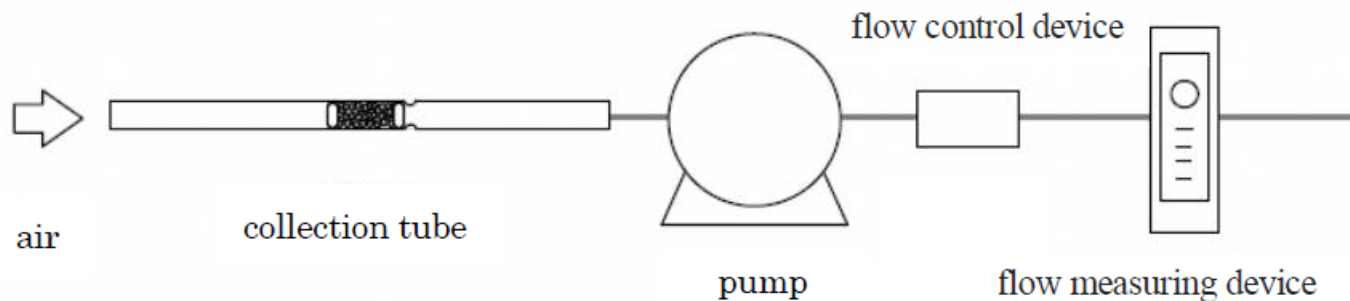
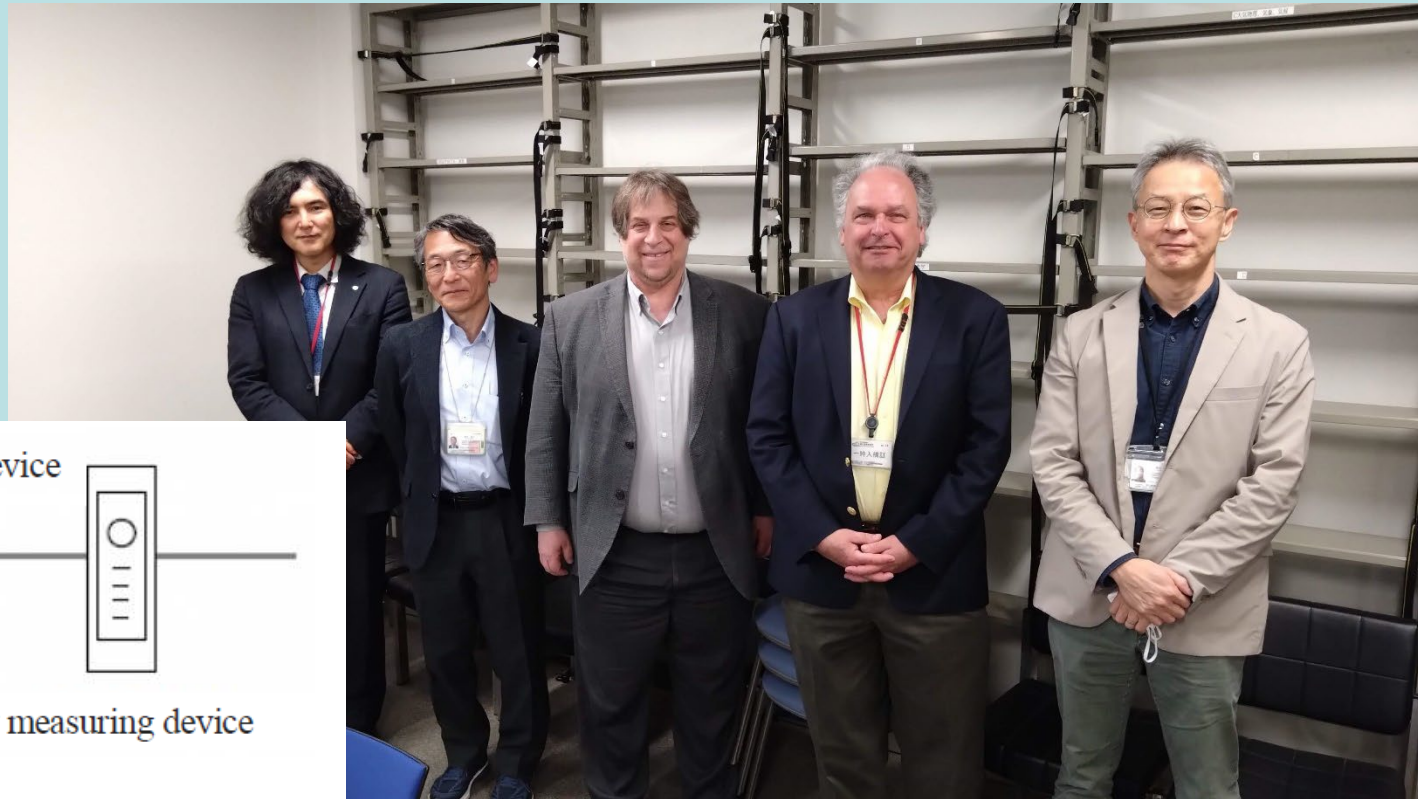
New Bag Sampling for MDN?

- I have this new idea

Bag sampling in the MDN
(presentation in Joint)

Hattori Tatsuya/Japan Method

- Says that the Japan manual method will run, now/as is, for a 7 day sample



10 Minute MELD Talk

Told Dave I would cover the basics of the networks
MDN, AMNet, Litterfall, and a couple of slides about Passives

Morning Dave, Good chatting with you and GRS yesterday. I like your idea of establishing passive sites on every Pacific Island. Will think more about that.

Just turning to NADP now and planning for Spring.

So as part of the MELD meeting, we (rick colleen and others) are planning a session on mercury monitoring to begin an effort to review the current state of mercury monitoring in the U.S. and develop some tools that help site sponsors identify and prioritize mercury data gaps for considering current and future Hg monitoring investments. Part of the effort is to think about how to better align the Hg atmospheric/wet dep monitoring with Hg biological and biogeochemical monitoring.

We plan on having a number of agency folks give an update on mercury monitoring activities in their agency. – What's really in place now? Wondering if you would be willing to give an update on NADP's mercury program. No more than 10 minutes. NPS (Kristi) and USGS (Collin and Sarah J), and others will offer similar updates. It's probably similar to the report you always give on the state of the network. We'd plan to do a deeper dive to look at Hg monitoring and tribal partners, long-term sites for trends, and how NADP's Hg data are used, and other aspects of the program.

Let me know what you think.

Dave