

Brake and Tire Wear Exposure Concentrations in the South Coast Air Basin and Coachella Valley

Technical proposal

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Agenda

1. Essential processes
2. Team
3. Timing
4. South Coast Air Quality Management District assistance
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6. Tasks



Overview

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Essential processes

- Take environmental samples to identify and quantify tire and brake concentrations
 - Add these measurements to air quality, traffic and dispersion models to get fine spatial resolution, and improve uncertainties
 - Estimate airborne concentration and human health risk
- Transparent and robust methods that can be repeated in the future

Team – a unique combination of expertise



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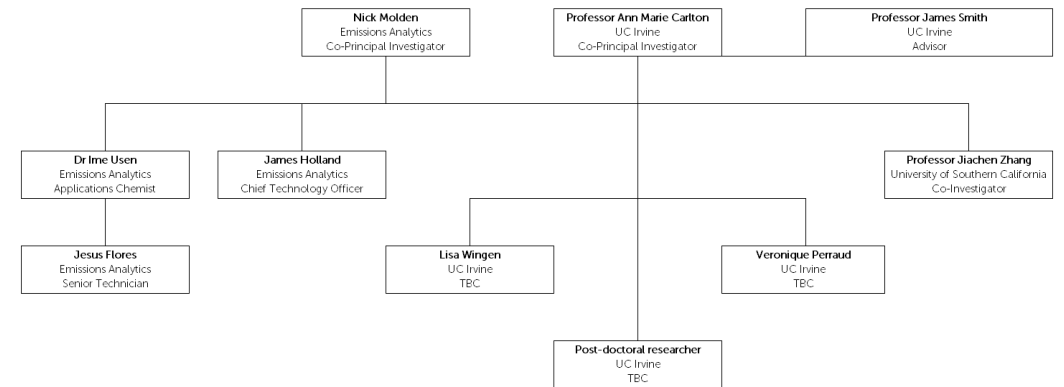
Professor James Smith, UC Irvine



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Professor Jiachen Zhang, University of Southern California



Timing – summary

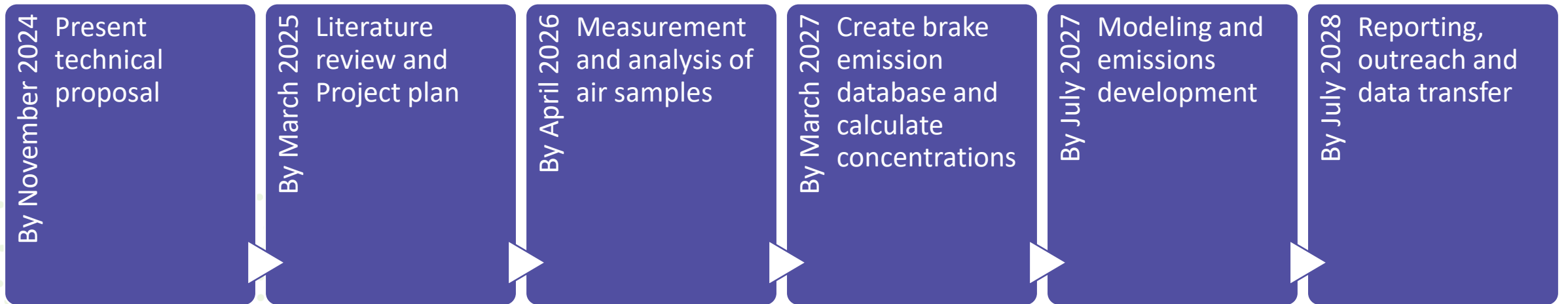
2024 – Project set-up; literature review

2025 – Sampling and testing

2026 – Analysis and modelling

2027 – Report and outreach

Milestones and schedule



SCAQMD support

- 600 PM10 filter samples from MATES VI monitoring stations from January 2025
- ICP-MS test results from its laboratories
- VOC, SVOC and carbonyl measurements
- Preliminary CMAQ model output data under MATES VI
- EMFAC emissions factors, SCAG vehicle activity data, vehicle emissions data
- Acetate filters for sampling of hexavalent chromium
- Data portal for data transfer



Objectives

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Objective 1

- Database of substances that are in brake and tire emissions
- Delineation of brake from tire substances
- Compilation of compounds with OEHHA inhalation factors
- Identification of compounds without OEHHA risk factors, for potential further research outside of the scope of this project

Objective 2

- Measurement data on concentrations of brake and tire emissions at sampling locations across South Coast Air Basin and Coachella Valley
- Focus on substances with OEHHA cancer potency factors and reference exposures levels
- Gather data with temporal resolution

Objective 3

- Estimate of ambient concentrations attributable to brake and tire emissions from on-road vehicles
- 2 km grid spatial resolution
- Leverage existing work within MATES VI
- Coordination of modeling techniques with SCAQMD
- Cancer and non-cancer potential exposure risks
- Primary and resuspended brake and tire emissions
- Distinguishing brakes and tires from other emissions sources
- Fleet, traffic and driving dependencies

Objective 4

- Reduction of uncertainties for brake and tire concentrations
- Compared to previous work

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Tasks

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Tasks (1)

#	Task
1	Present technical proposal to TAG; report on organic analysis methodology
2	Literature review of brake and tire emissions – known chemicals, OEHHA factors, build database
3	Write Project Plan – data quality, uncertainty estimation
4	Prepare and train for taking ambient measurements
5	Analysis of air samples – untargeted analysis

Tasks (2)

#	Task
6	Compile brake wear compound database – sampling, analysis, fingerprinting, gas and PM analysis
7	Calculate brake and tire concentrations – using fingerprinting, Monte Carlo uncertainty estimation
8	Modeling and emissions development – CMAQ, AERMOD, RLINE – inventory, simulation, validation
9	Prepare draft report and data transfer
10	Present technical report and study publication – seminar, presentation, peer-review, data transfer
11	Licence databases for future use

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Task 2

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Literature review



Human health effects

Tyre Wear Particles (TWPs) are respirable and will deposit in the lower airway, possibly exacerbating lung cancer and COPD risk.

TWPs tend to induce a negative cellular response, with inflammation increasing with dosage.

More research is required to distinguish the health impacts of TWPs from other Non-Exhaust Emissions.

The health effects of a particle are highly dependent on its physicochemical characteristics¹ and in this domain, Tyre Wear Particles (TWPs) are no different. It is well known that exposure to PM_{2.5}, the size fraction of PM defined as respirable, can reach the lower airway. PM_{2.5} exacerbates asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), as well as causing death through lung cancer and other cardiovascular diseases². These problems are exacerbated by the presence of Ultrafine particles (UFPs) where $dp < 100$ nm a major component of TWPs are particularly worrisome as they reach and deposit efficiently in the alveolar region and cross cellular membranes³.

There are few epidemiological studies, which are the golden standard of toxicological research on the health effects of TWPs, our literature search for these studies led to few results and it is worth noting that these studies can't differentiate effectively between all types of Non-Exhaust Emissions (NEEs) and most

References

1. Baensch-Baltruschat, B., Kocher, B., Stock, F. & Reifferscheid, G. Tyre and road wear particles (TRWP) – A review of generation, properties, emissions, human health risk, ecotoxicity, and fate in the environment. Science of the Total Environment vol. 733 137823 (2020).

Compounds of interest

- 15,916 unique compounds so far identified from tires
- Six notable compounds of potential concern...

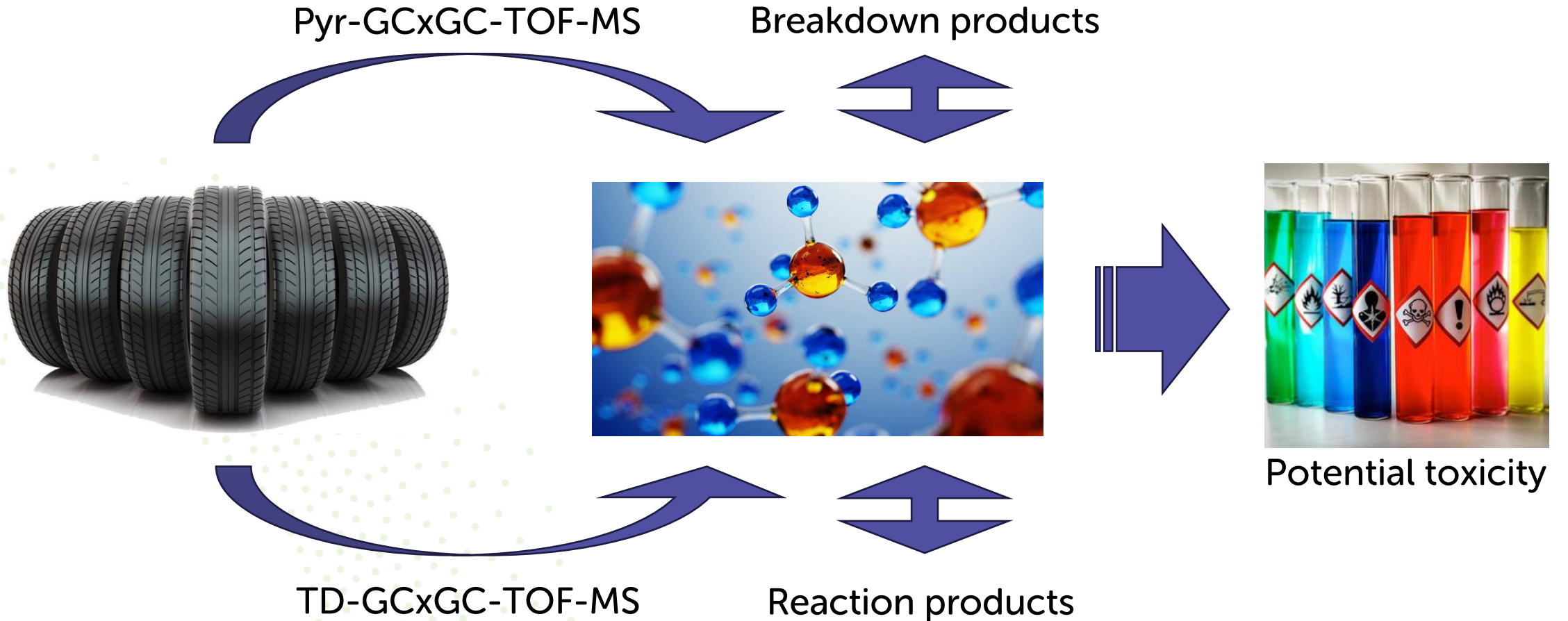
Compound	Formula	Uses	Chronic effects (non-cancer)	Cancer risk
Aniline	$C_6H_5NH_2$	Chemical intermediate; solvent	Cyanosis; irritant to eyes, skin, upper respiratory	EPA probably carcinogen
Diphenylamine	$C_{12}H_{11}N$	Antioxidant	Skin, eye irritant; kidney, bladder, liver damage	Not likely
Ethylbenzene	C_8H_{10}	Styrene intermediate; solvent	Acute respiratory; eye irritation; dizziness	n/a
Naphthalene	$C_{10}H_8$	Intermediate in plasticisers, resins	Cataracts and retinal damage; respiratory inflammation	EPA possible carcinogen
Phenol	C_6H_6O	Intermediate in phenolic resins	Weight loss; diarrhoea; stomach irritation; liver effects	n/a
Styrene	C_8H_8	Intermediate in plastics, resins	Effects on central nervous system	Possible link to leukaemia



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Untargeted approach



Chemical fingerprinting

- Two-dimensional gas chromatography with mass spectrometry
- INSIGHT flow modulator from SepSolve Analytical for separation
- BENCH-TOF time-of flight mass spectrometer
- Multi-stage pyrolysis method



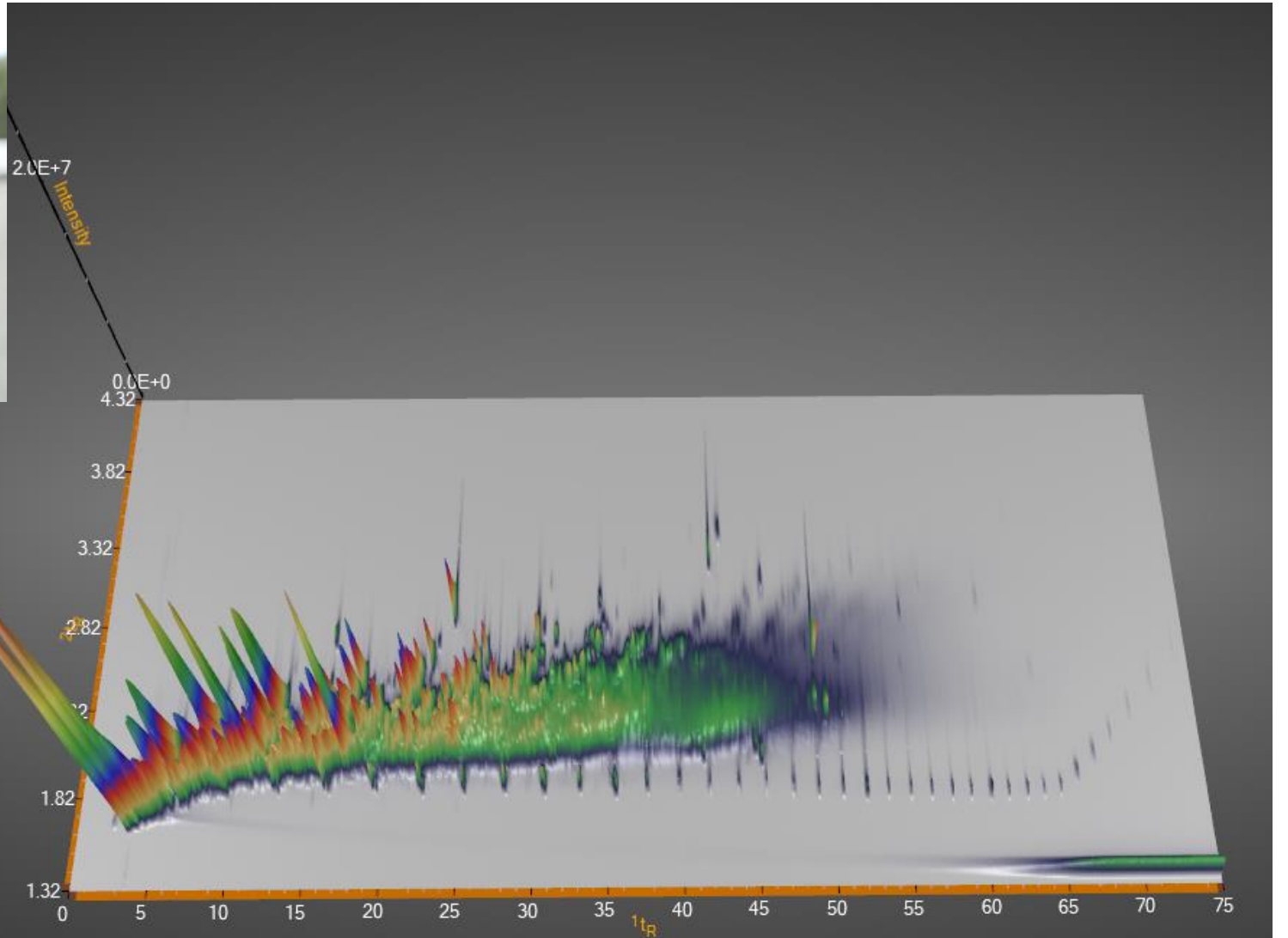
Method development

- Objective to determine all compounds in tire
 - Quantification of measurement uncertainty – National Physical Laboratory, UK
 - Required development of specialist spectral library
 - Peer reviewed
- Not yet published, but report available on request

Two-dimensional pyrolysis chromatogram



BTAS | brake and tyres analysis system



Tire chemical fingerprint database

Home / Tires / Tire Ranking

Budget

Mid-market

Alkanes Aromatics Acids

Europe

#	Manufacturer	Conc µg/mg	MoM	YoY
1	Avon	1683		
2	Barum*	1686		
3	Pirelli	1872		

Asia

#	Manufacturer
1	Bridgestone
2	Toyo*
3	JK Tyre*

CalSAFER

For more information about this target list, visit <https://calsafer.dtsc.ca.gov>.

Search:

CAS #	Substance	Formula	Functional Group	Tires found # (% of tyres)	Average concentration µg/mg	Maximum concentration µg/mg
793-24-8	6PPD N(1,3-dimethylbutyl)-N'-phenyl-p-phenylenediamine	C ₁₈ H ₂₄ N ₂	Aromatics	281 (100.0%)	0.814	3.832
106-42-3	p-xylene	C ₈ H ₁₀	Aromatics	274 (97.5%)	9.323	31.148
108-88-3	Toluene	C ₇ H ₈	Aromatics	267 (95.0%)	7.992	42.333
122-39-4	Diphenylamine	C ₁₂ H ₁₁ N	Aromatics	230 (81.9%)	0.088	0.758
71-43-2	Benzene	C ₆ H ₆	Aromatics	226 (80.4%)	2.919	12.840
100-40-3	4-VCH 4-Vinylcyclohexene	C ₈ H ₁₂	Aromatics	221 (78.6%)	3.355	23.166
129-00-0	Pyrene	C ₁₆ H ₁₀	Aromatics	215 (76.5%)	0.123	0.661
106-87-6	4-Vinyl-1-cyclohexene diepoxide	C ₈ H ₁₂ O ₂	Aromatics	213 (75.8%)	1.666	16.727

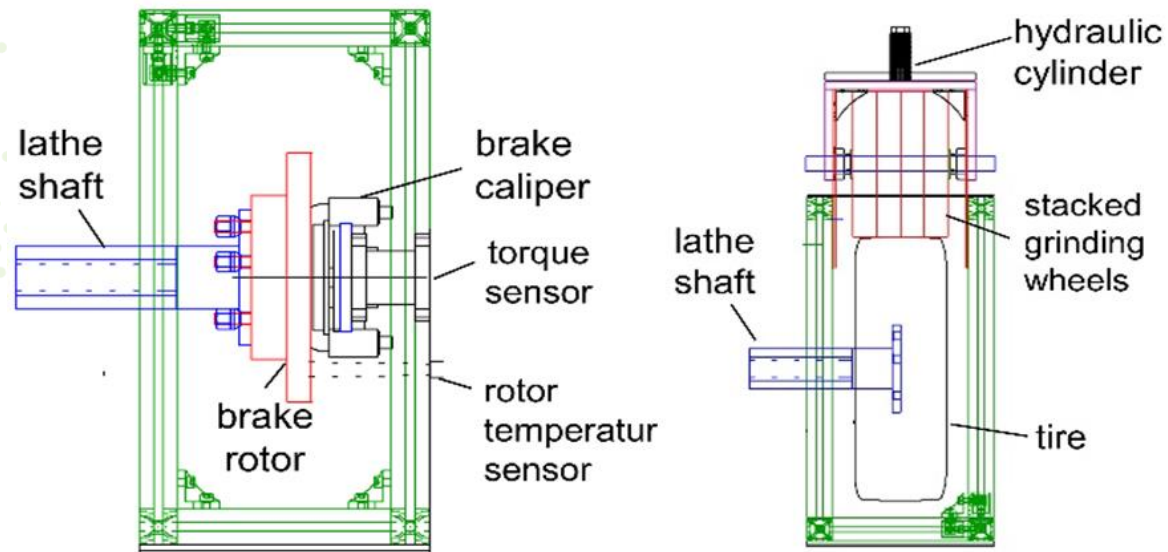


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Brake wear compound database

- Test range of market brake pads on laboratory dynamometer at UC Irvine
- ICP-MS analysis to calculate metal concentrations of each





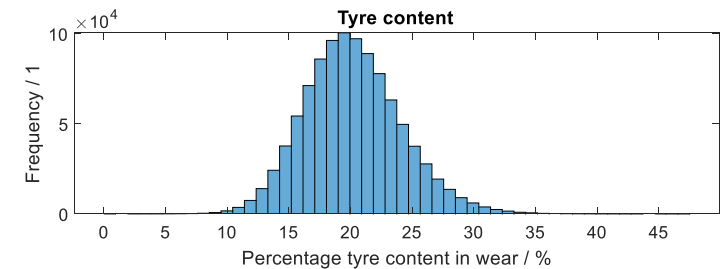
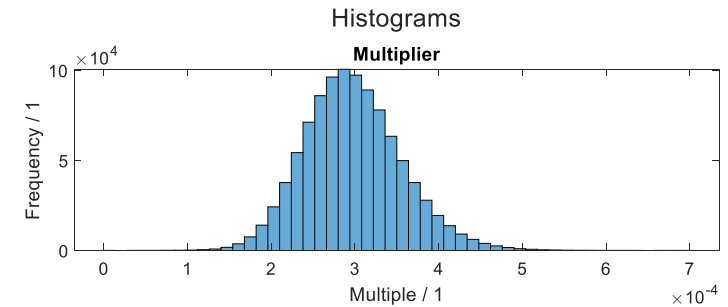
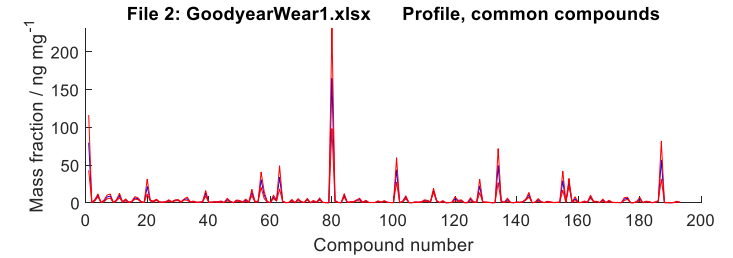
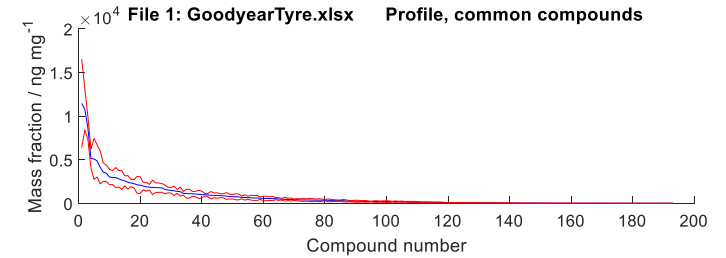
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Calculating concentrations

- Subject air samples to same Pyr-GCxGC-TOF-MS test as original tires; ICP-MS for brakes
- Identifying multiple relevant compounds to made up fingerprint
- Develop “Californian tire and brake pad”
- Algorithm to calculate proportion of tire or brake material in the sample
- Using Monte Carlo method to estimate uncertainties

Goodyear tyre and wear: Compounds ordered alphabetically



Source: Emissions Analytics 2024

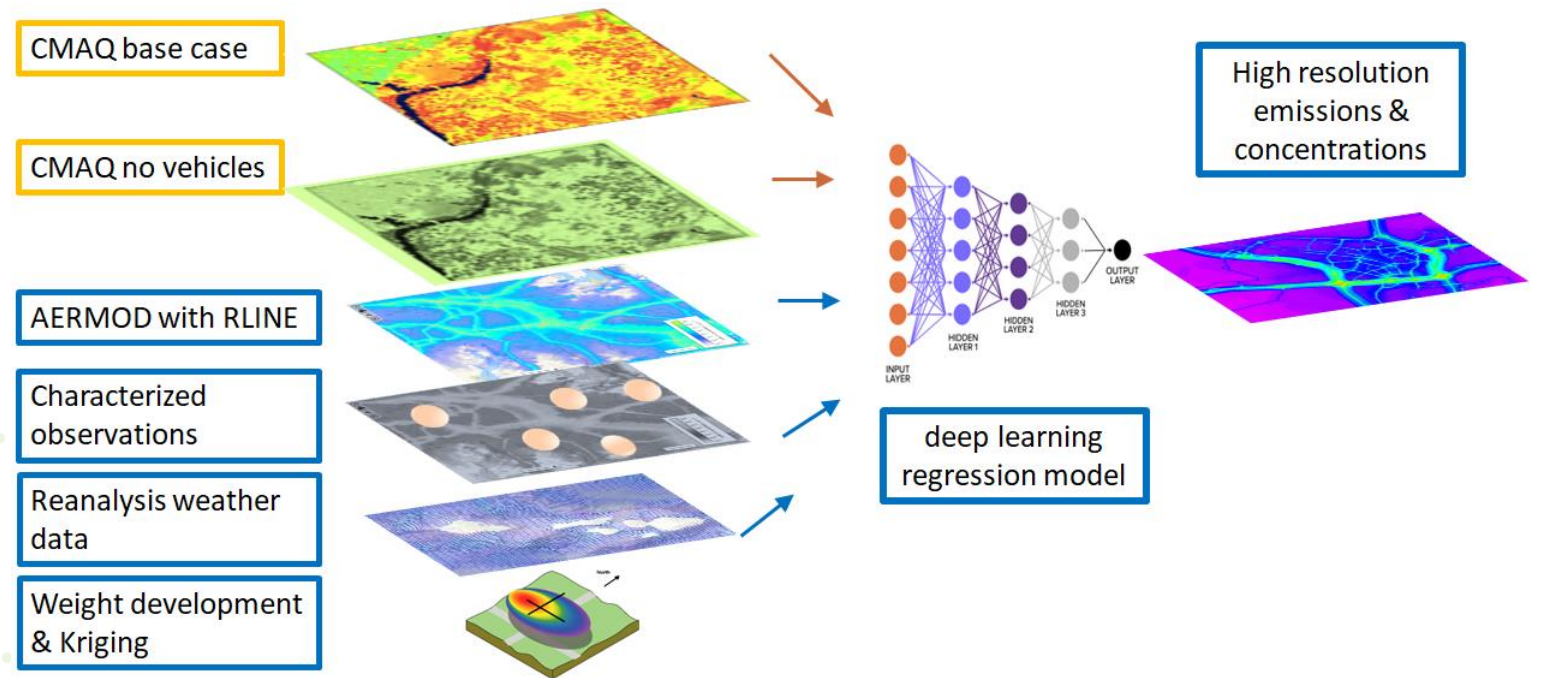


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Modeling and emissions development

- Collaborative work between project team (blue) and AQMD (orange)



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Summary

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Summary

- Extensive, innovative programme to measure and model the prevalence and effect of brake and tire emissions
- Significant development to the MATES program
- Four-year programme, with most measurements taken in 2025
- Fit with existing modelling of SCAQMD
- Transparency of methodology to allow future work



Thank you.

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3. Interactive Data Visualizations in MATES VI



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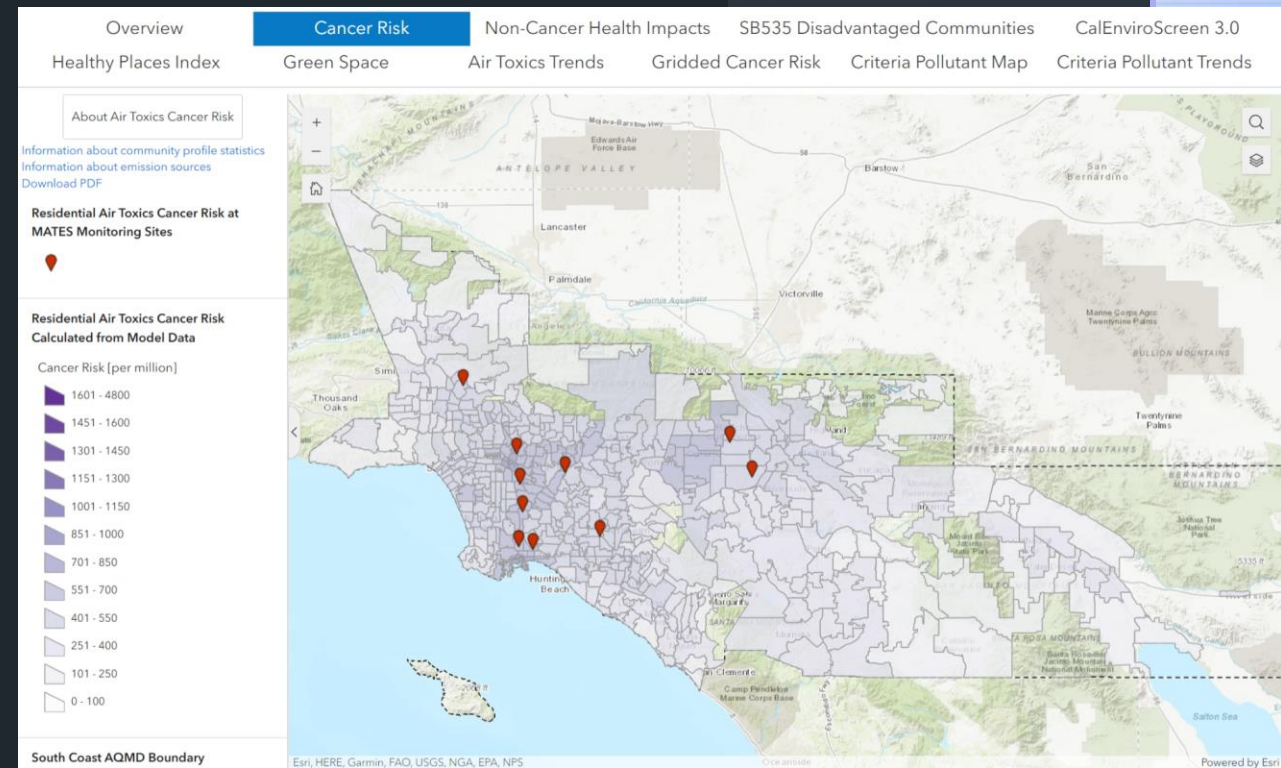
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Outline



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- Goals
- Demo of data visualization tools for MATES V
- MATES VI data visualization preliminary plan
- Questions and feedback



Goals



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Design a data visualization tool that

- Present the major elements of MATES VI for a general public audience
- Answer common questions about air toxics and criteria air pollution:
 - What is air toxics health risk at a selected location?
 - How does air toxics health risk compare with risk in other locations?
 - What other pollutants are of concern (criteria pollutants) and how do those levels compare with other locations?
 - How have air pollution levels and air toxics health risk changed over time?
- Provide high-level summary and more detail by interacting with the page
- Provide a visualization, data export, and download of all MATES air monitoring data

Live Demo of MATES V Risk Data Visualization Tool



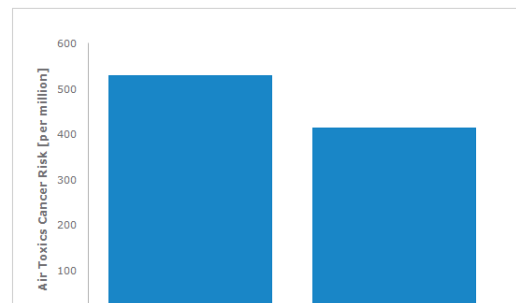
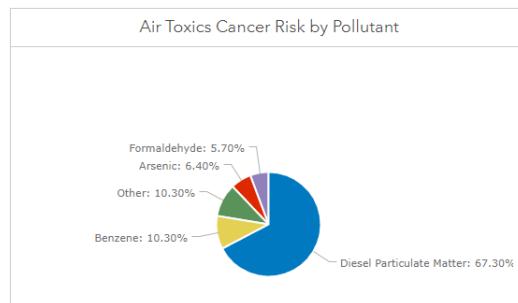
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Overview	Cancer Risk	Non-Cancer Health Impacts	SB535 Disadvantaged Communities	CalEnviroScreen 3.0
Healthy Places Index	Green Space	Air Toxics Trends	Gridded Cancer Risk	Criteria Pollutant Map
			Criteria Pollutant Map	Criteria Pollutant Trends

Toxic air pollution in the South Coast Air Basin has decreased by more than 54% between 2012 and 2018, but continues to contribute to health risks, including cancers and other chronic diseases. For residents in the South Coast Air Basin in 2018, exposure to toxic air contaminants increased the chances of developing cancer by 455 chances in one million.

67% of the residential cancer risk due to toxic air contaminants is caused by **diesel particulate matter** (2018 data)

Cancer risk due to toxic air contaminants is **28%** higher in disadvantaged communities (2018 data)



[MATES V Risk Data Visualization Tool](#)

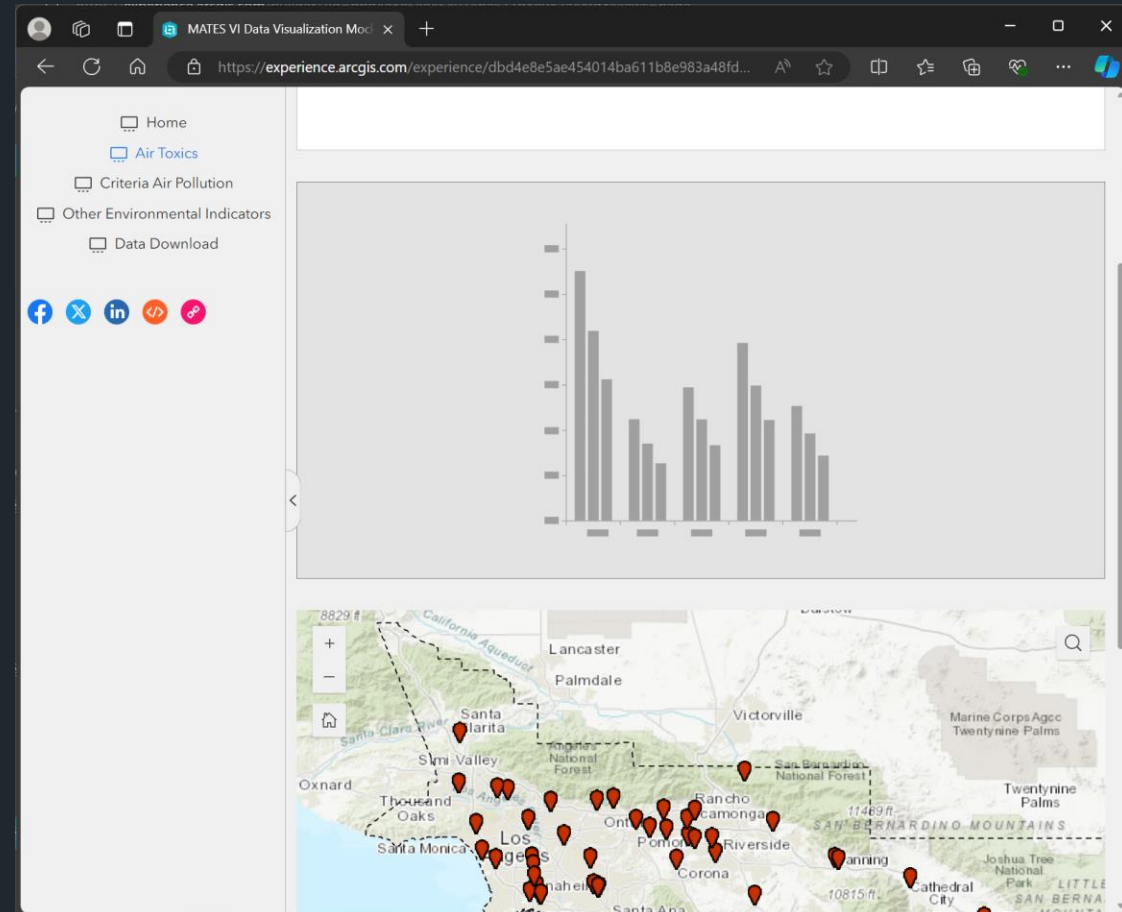
MATES VI Data Visualization Overall Layout (preliminary plan)



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- Page Layout (tabs)
 - Home Page
 - Air toxics
 - Criteria air pollution
 - Other environmental indicators
 - Data download
- User can scroll in each page (tab) to view all the data in the page
- Simplify and clarify presentation
 - Website enhanced for mobile devices (new since MATES V)
 - Use of map layers and enhanced GUI features to select and visualize data

Data visualization website layout (preliminary)



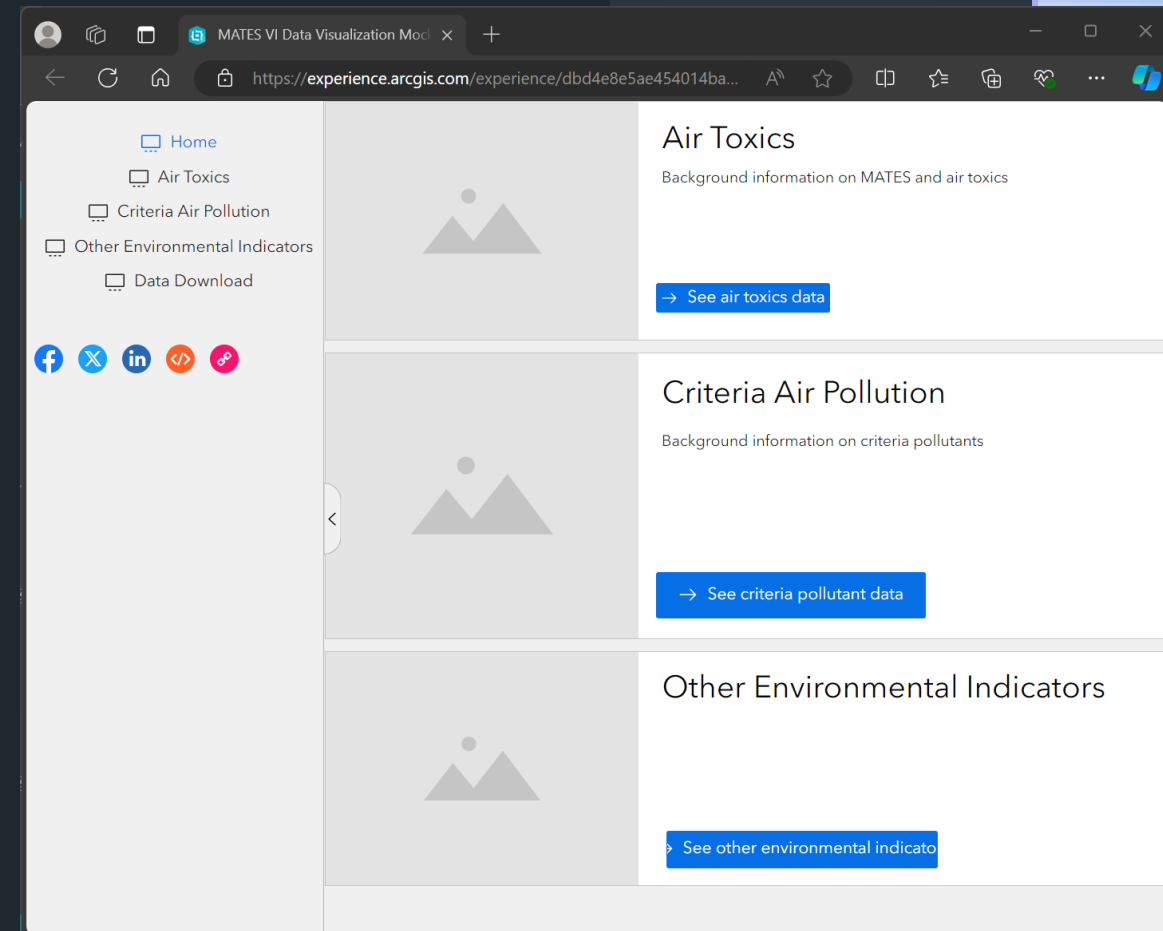
Home Page (preliminary plan)



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Home page mockup (preliminary)

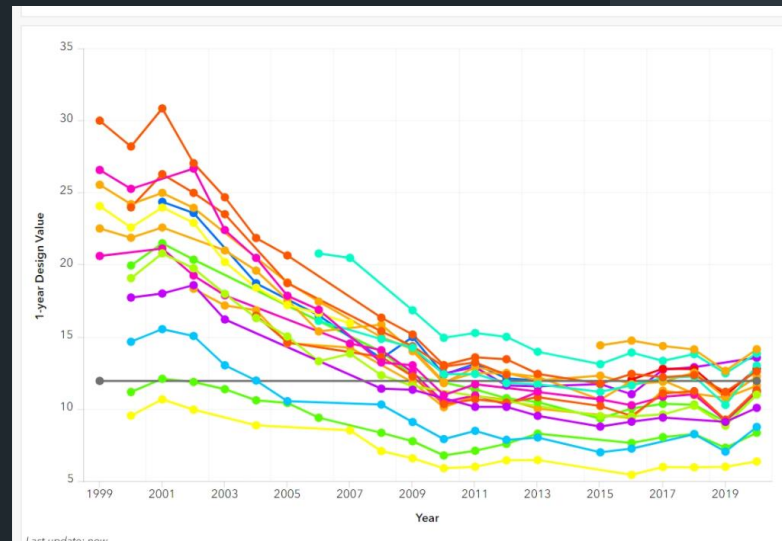
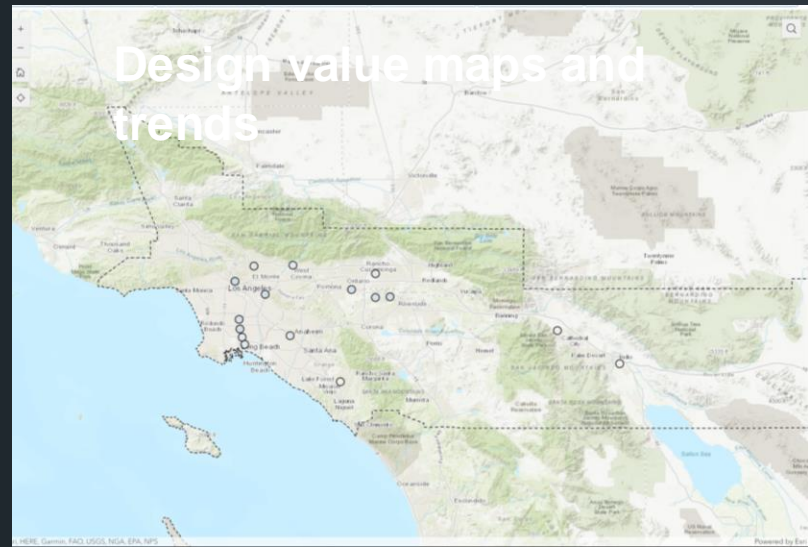
- Background information on criteria and air toxic pollutants
- Purpose of MATES program
- Directs user to other pages based within the application





Criteria Air Pollution (preliminary plan)

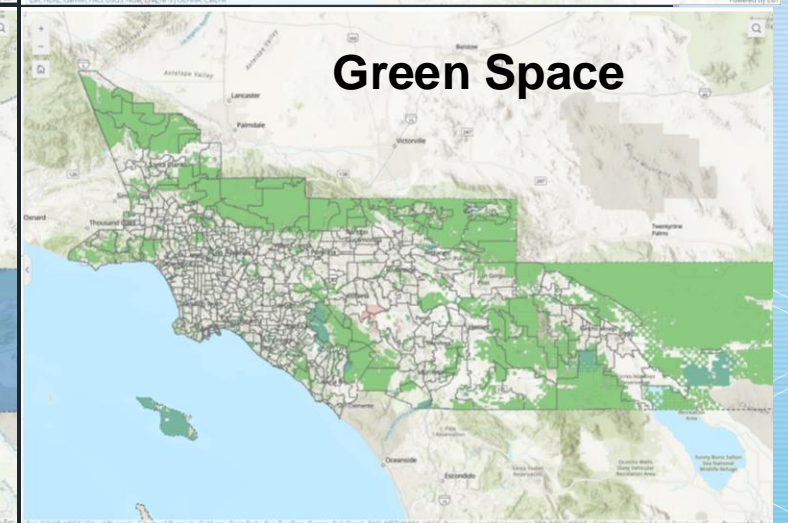
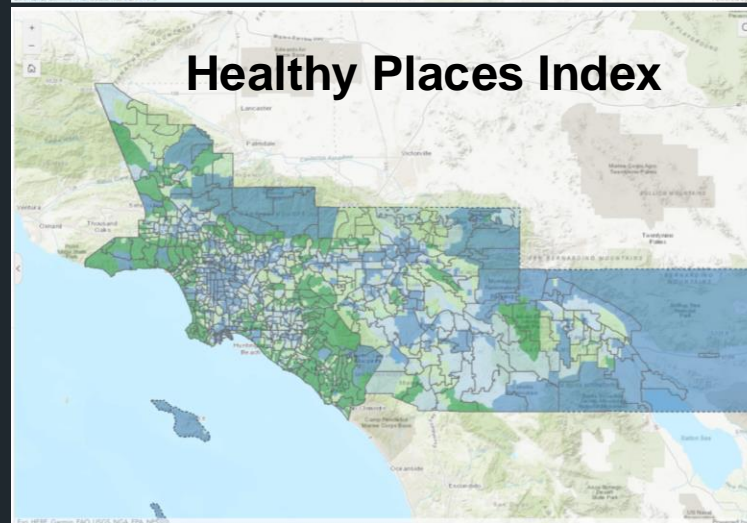
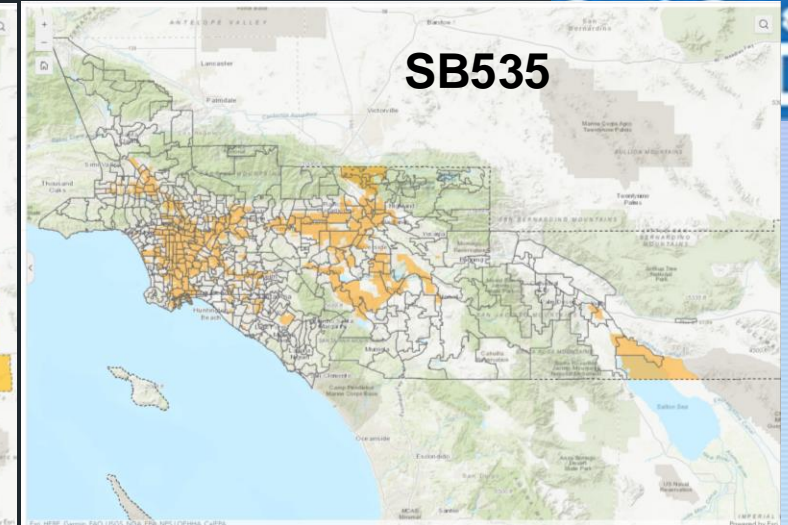
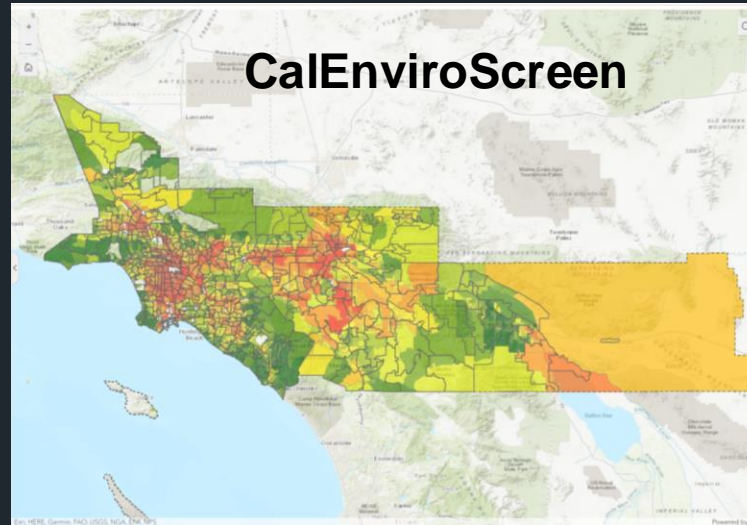
- Annual design value maps for PM2.5, PM10, O3, NO2, CO, SO2
- Design value trends since 1999



Other Environmental Indicators (preliminary plan)



- Plan to include this data:
 - SB535 areas
 - CalEnviroScreen 4.0
 - Healthy Places Index
 - Green Space
- Seeking feedback on data to include (or remove)





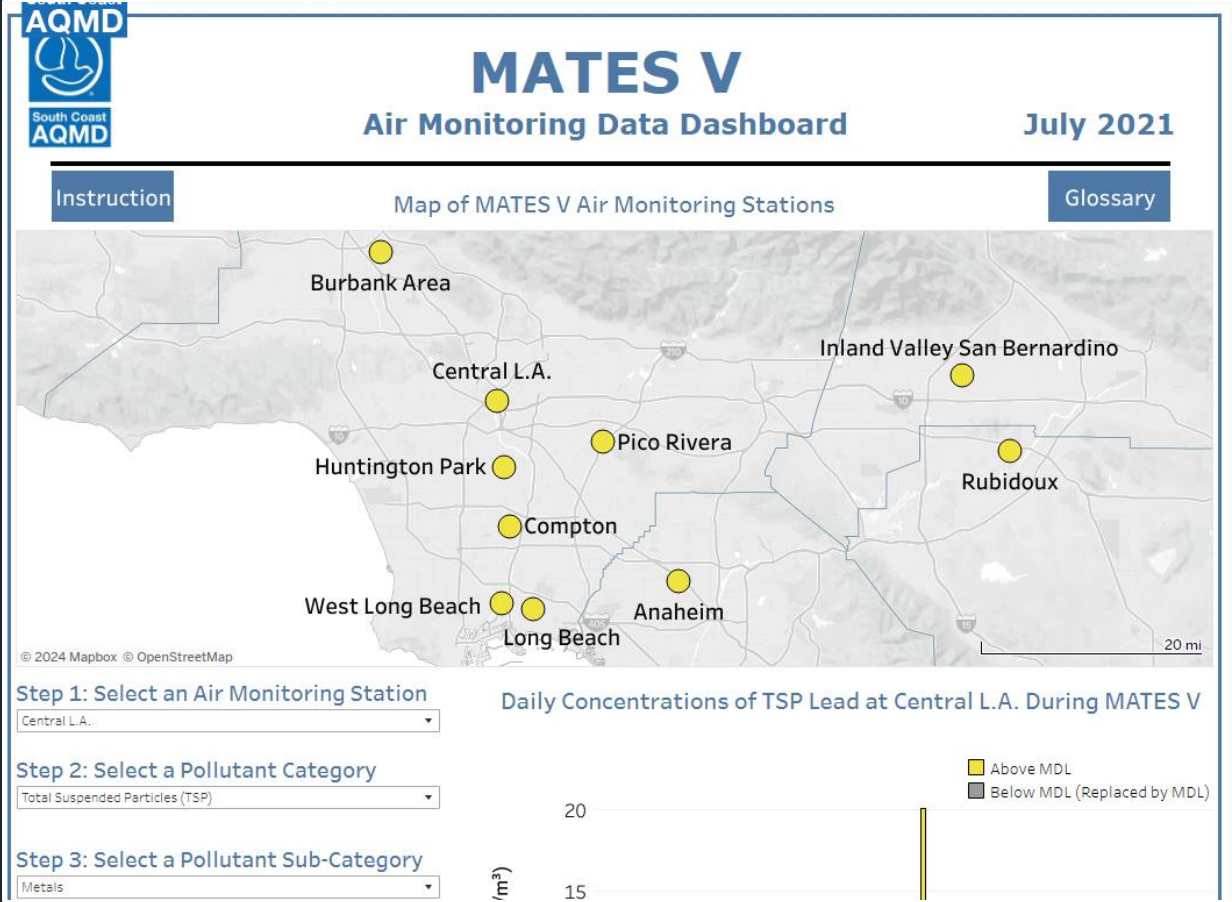
Other Improvements (preliminary plan)

- Reduce loading times by optimizing data that is downloaded
- Add data export/downloads for researchers (shapefiles, geodatabase)
- Additional documentation to increase accessibility of the data
 - This will be useful for government agencies and community organizations

Live Demo of MATES V Air Monitoring Dashboard



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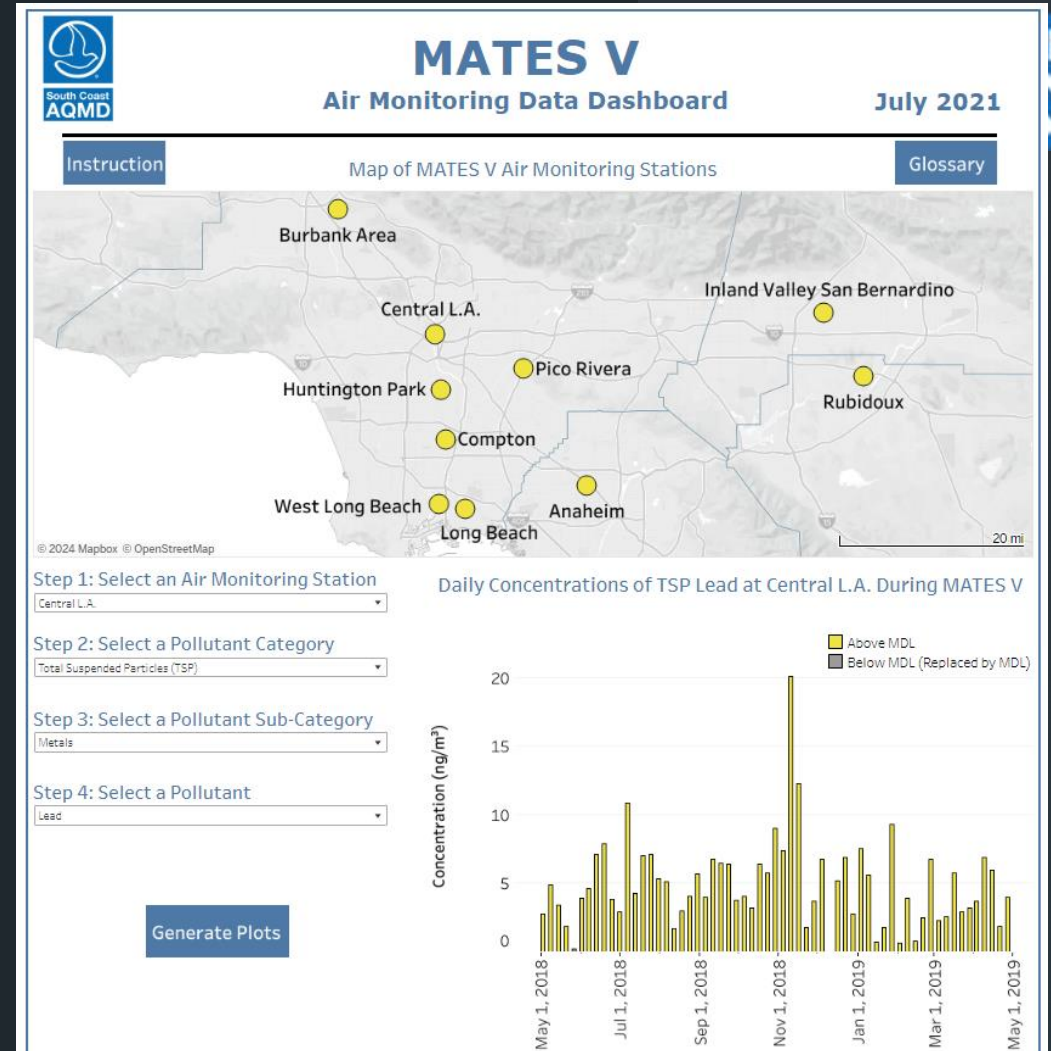


MATES V Air Monitoring Dashboard

MATES VI Air Monitoring Dashboard



- Based on MATES V Air Monitoring Data Dashboard (time-integrated data)
- Contents
 - Time series
 - Weekday vs. weekend comparison
 - Average seasonal concentration
 - Trends across MATES program
- Will allow for data download
- Simply menu structure for data filters or allow user to search for pollutant

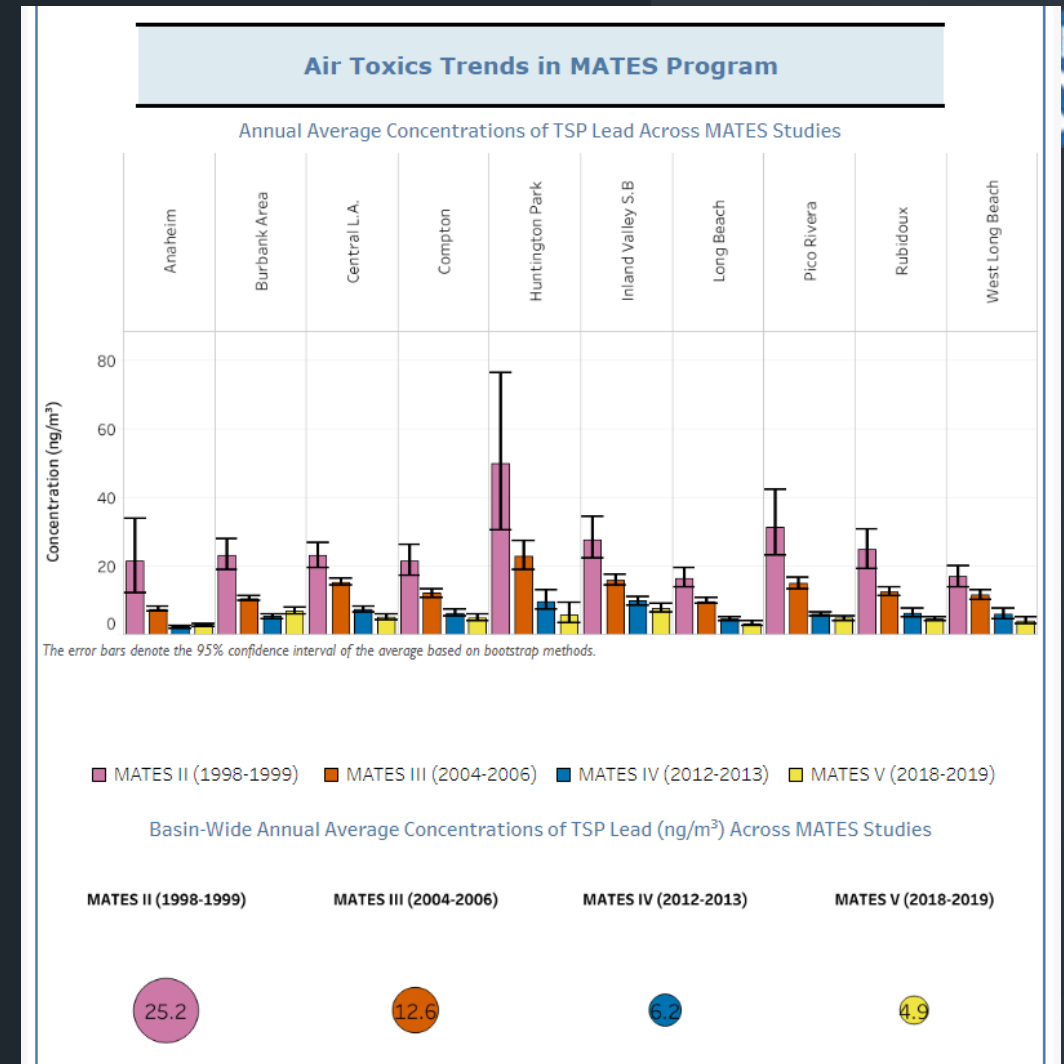


PM10 Speciation

- MATES VI will have more complete speciation of PM10 size fraction (previously TSP)
 - Two sites (Central LA and Riverside-Rubidoux) will continue TSP metals speciation
- Previous dashboard tracked trends in concentration across MATES studies
- Trends in previously measured TSP species at most sites will be discontinued



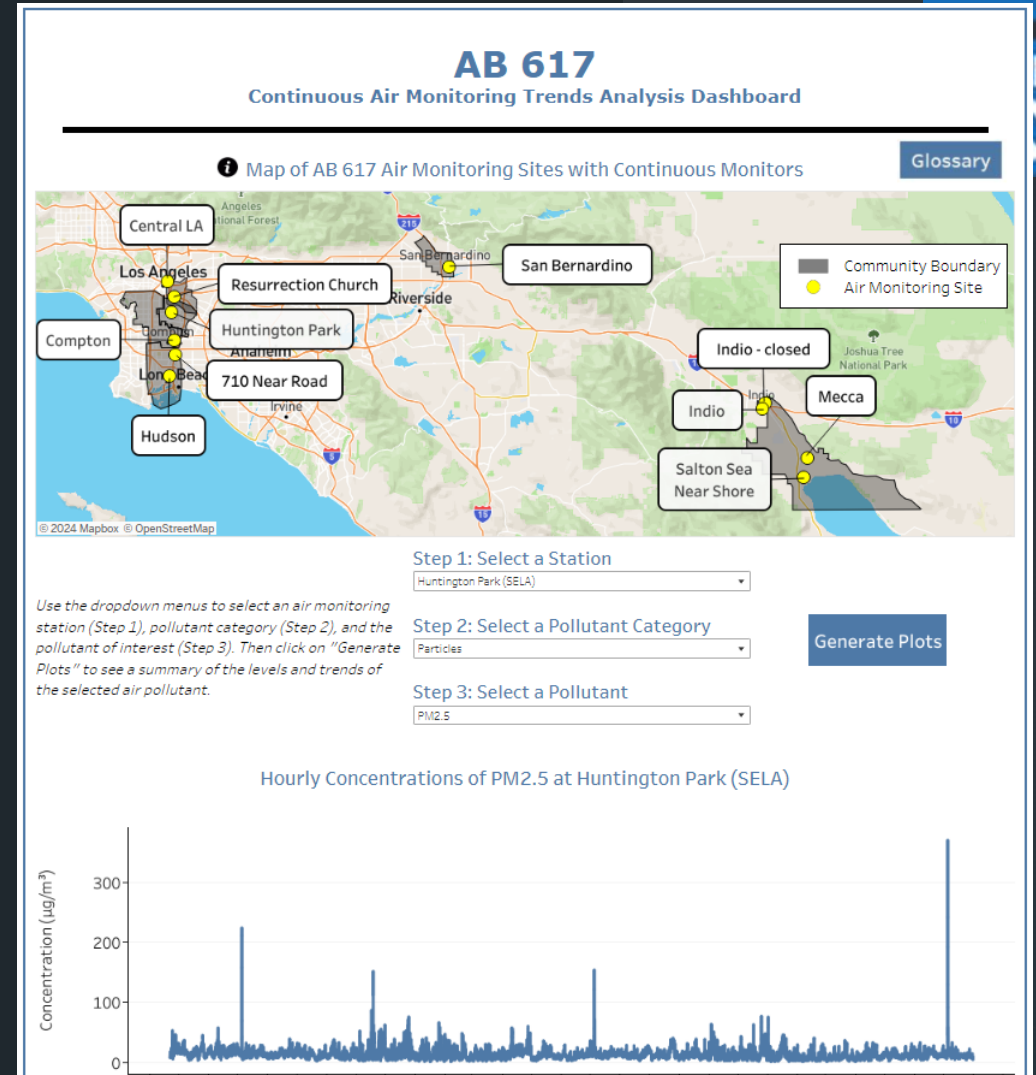
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MATES VI Continuous Monitoring Data



- Integrate continuous data into MATES VI air monitoring dashboard
 - Separate dashboard link or integrate as a separate tab with time-integrated data
- Based on AB 617 Continuous Trends Analysis Dashboard
- Contents
 - Hourly time series
 - Average diurnal profile, day of week, and seasonal concentrations
 - Comparison across sites (histogram)
- Will allow for data download



Questions for the TAG



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- Other interactive display software that should be considered?
- Any modifications to our proposed MATES VI tools to make them more user friendly for the public?
- Suggestions for additional visualizations?
- Suggestions for providing information on how to use the tools?