



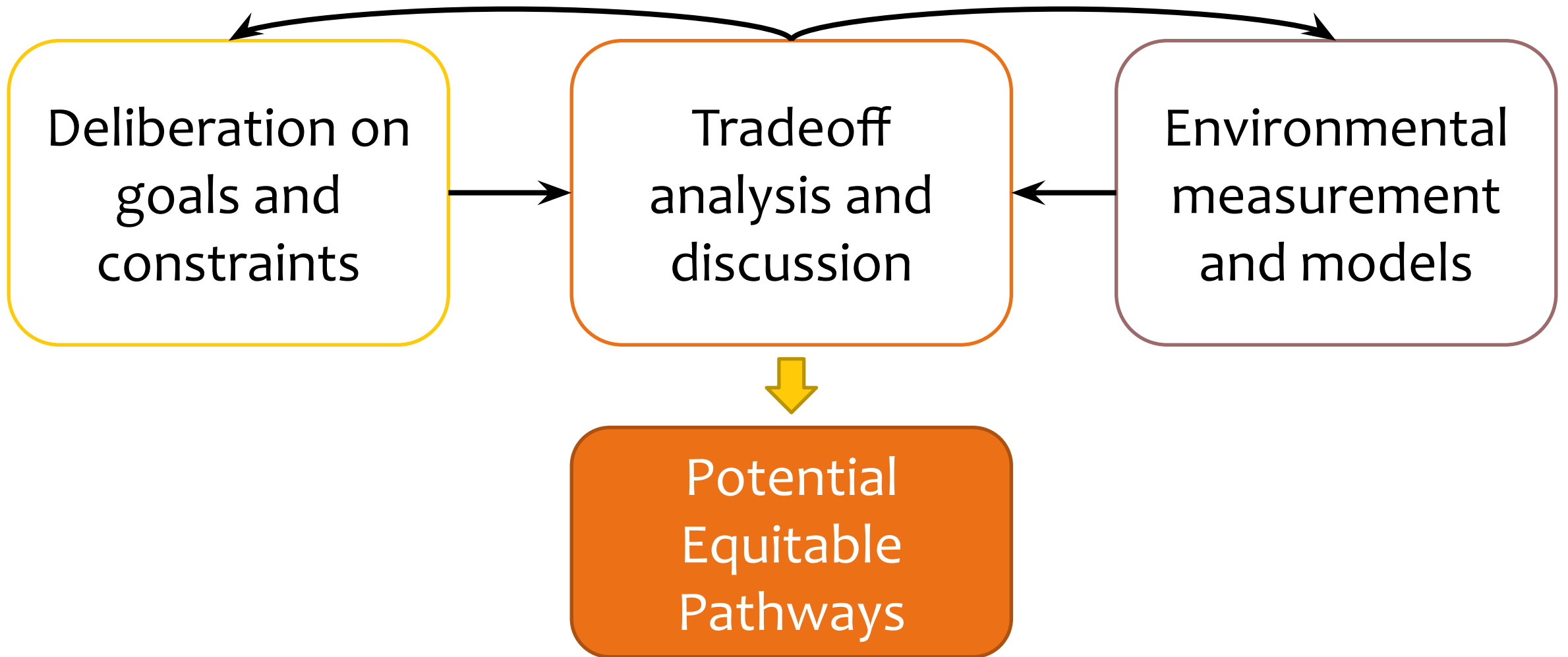
**THE BALTIMORE  
SOCIAL-ENVIRONMENTAL  
COLLABORATIVE**

# The BSEC Mission

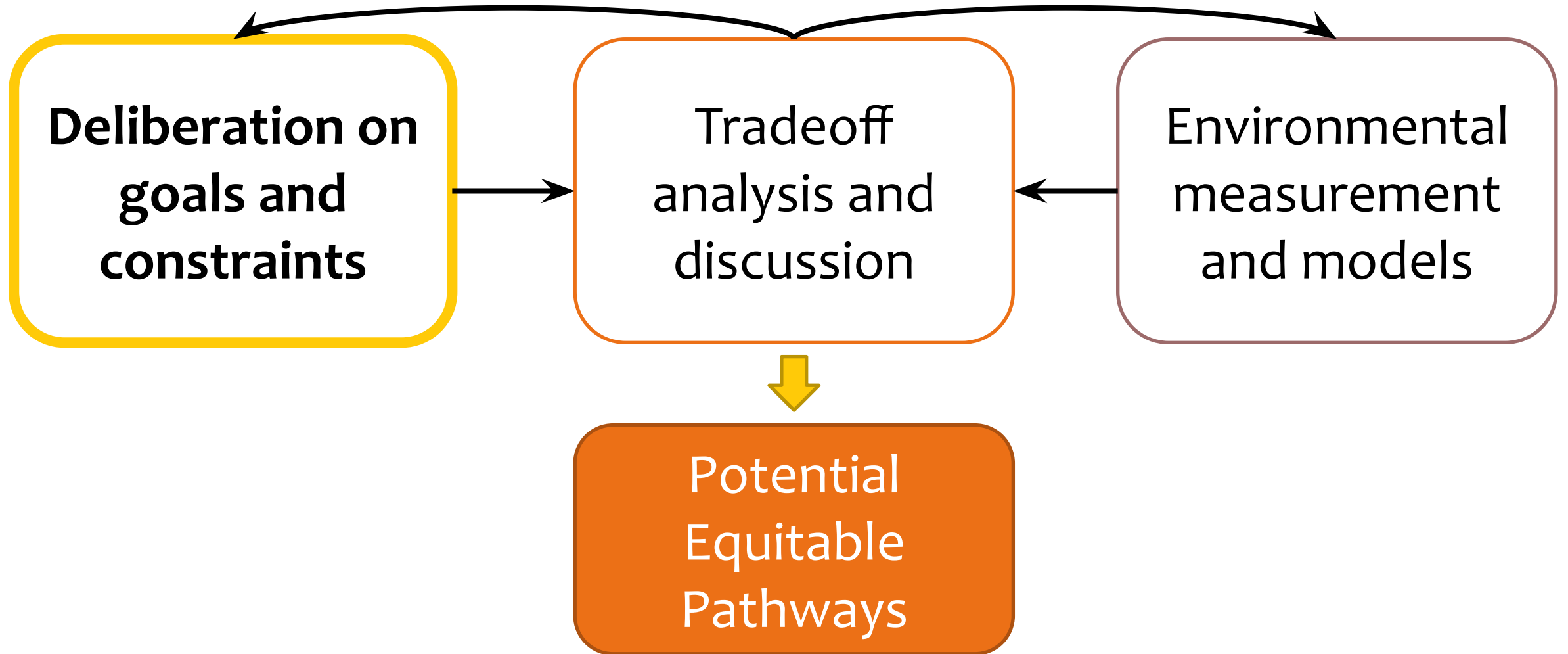
The **Baltimore Social Environmental Collaborative** will produce the urban climate science needed to inform community-guided *potential equitable pathways* for climate action



# The BSEC Process



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# Deliberation

Extreme Heat

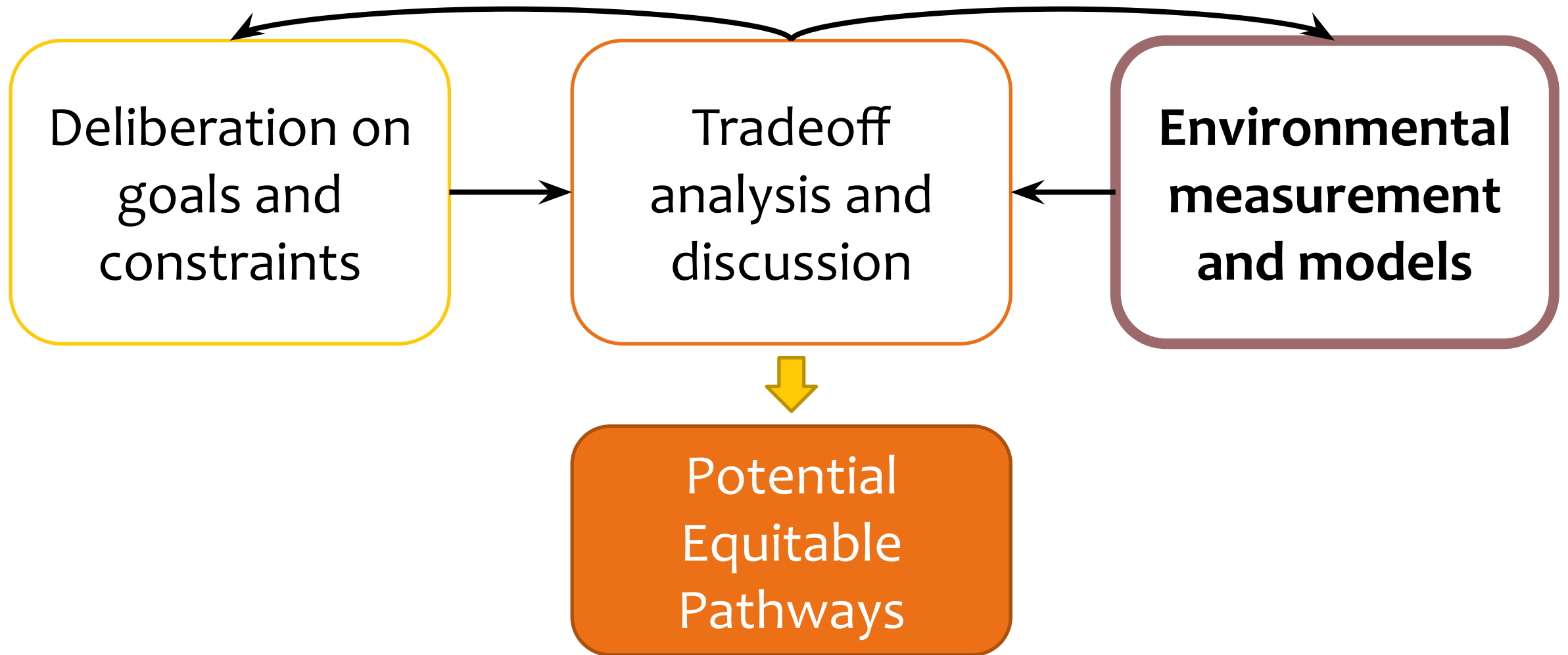
Indoor/Outdoor  
Air Pollution

Urban Flooding

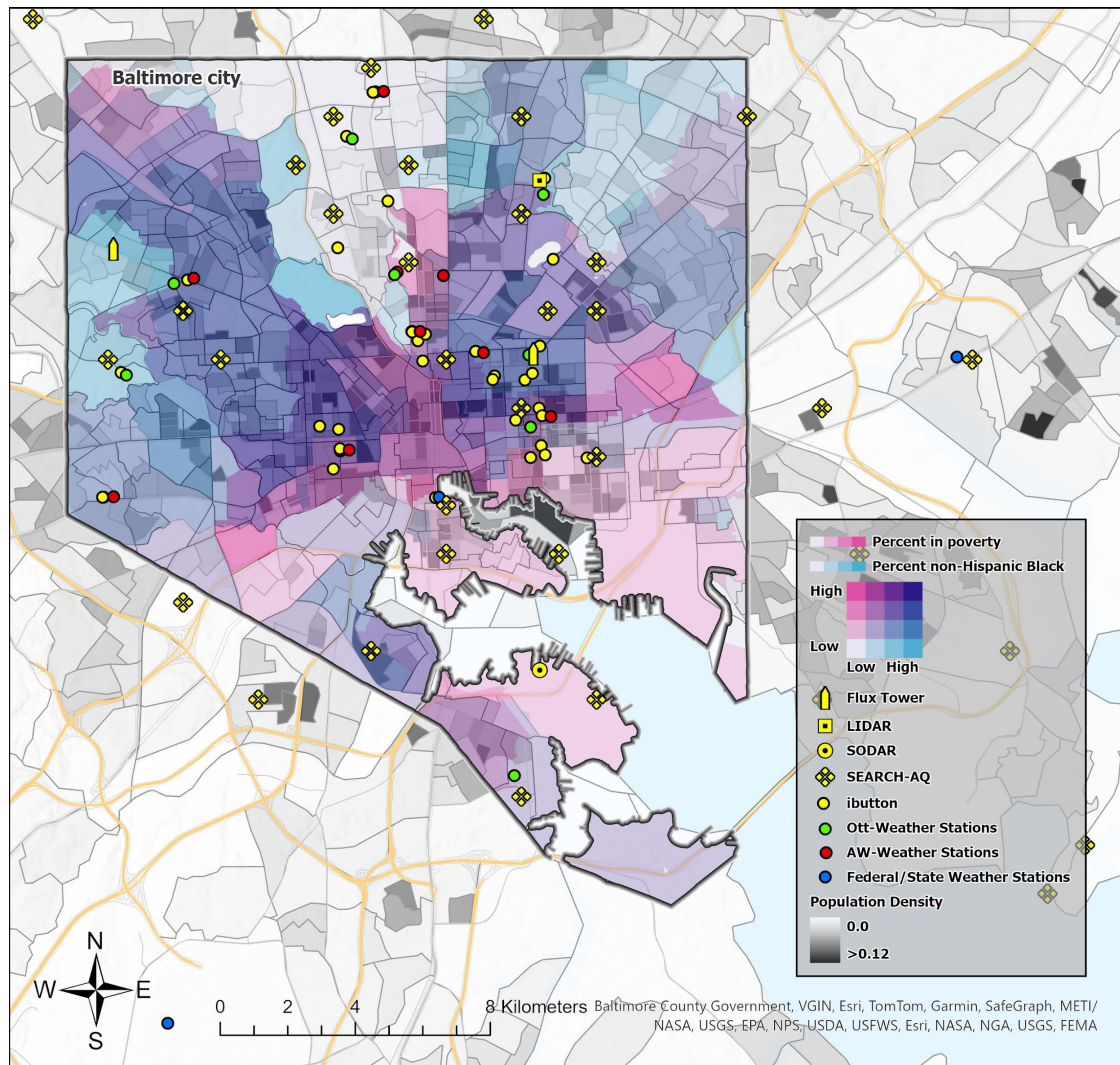
Decarbonization



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# Environmental Measurement and Models



## Science area themes

Air Quality

Atmospheric Dynamics

Buildings & Energy

Decision Science

Greenhouse Gases

Health

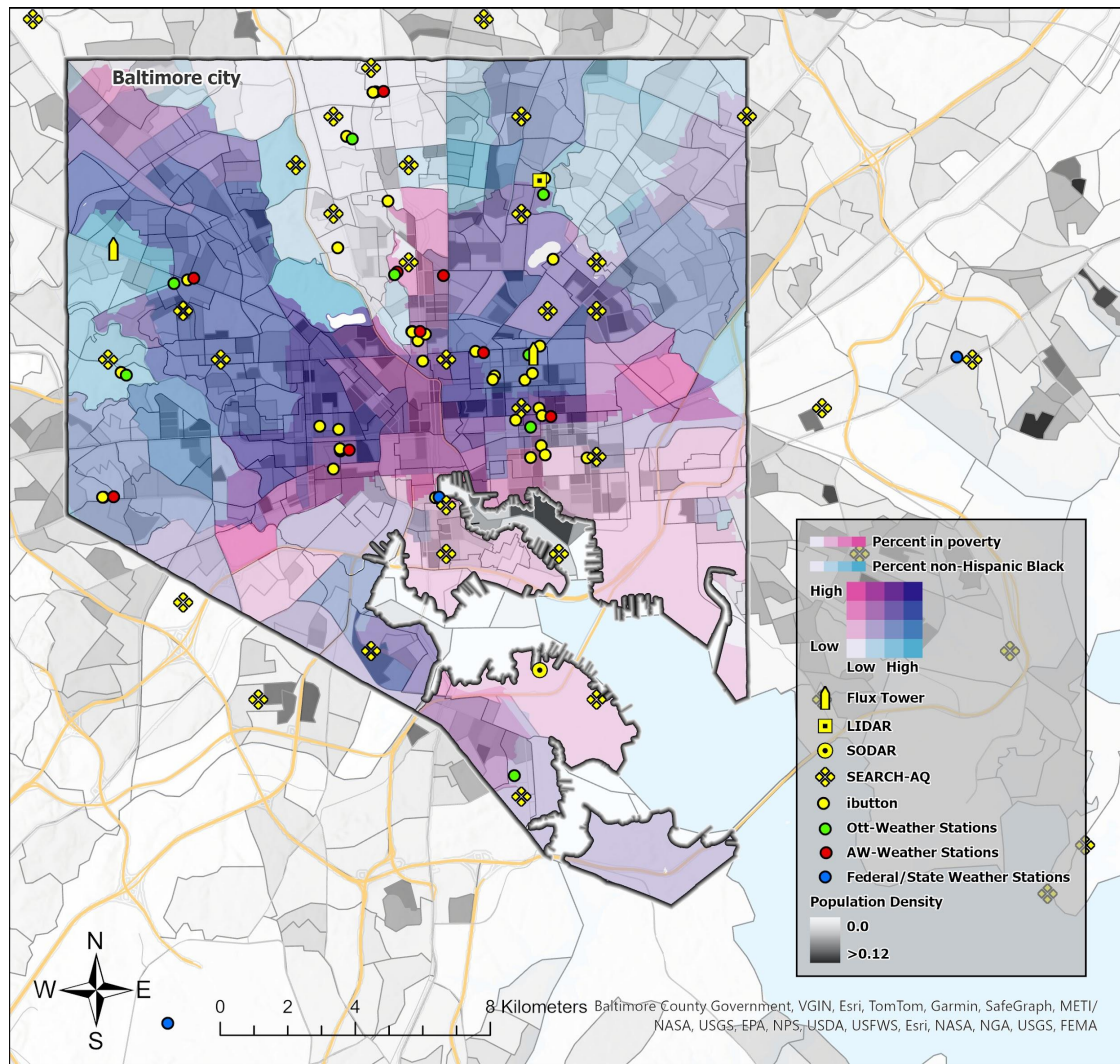
Transportation

Vegetation & Soils

Water & Water Quality



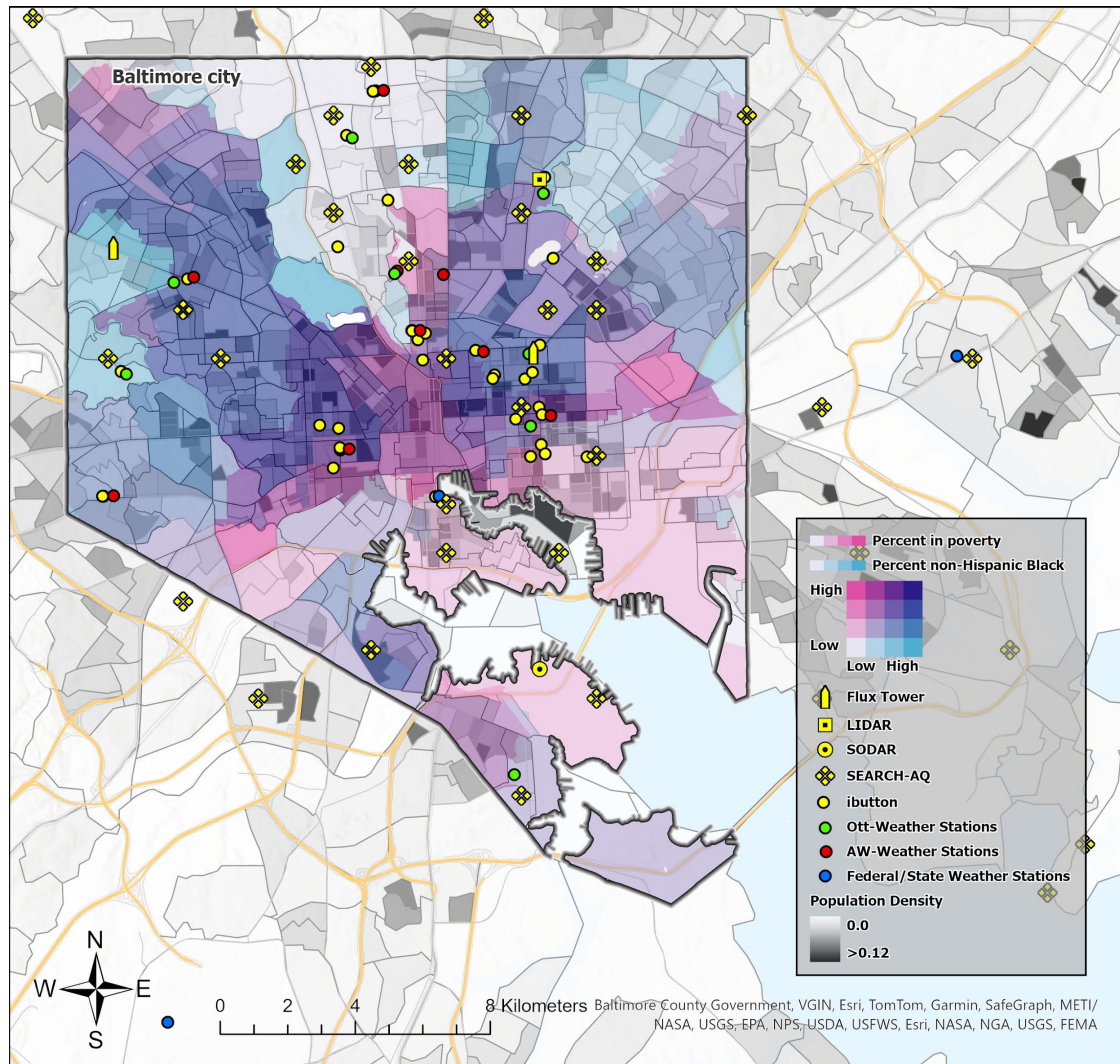
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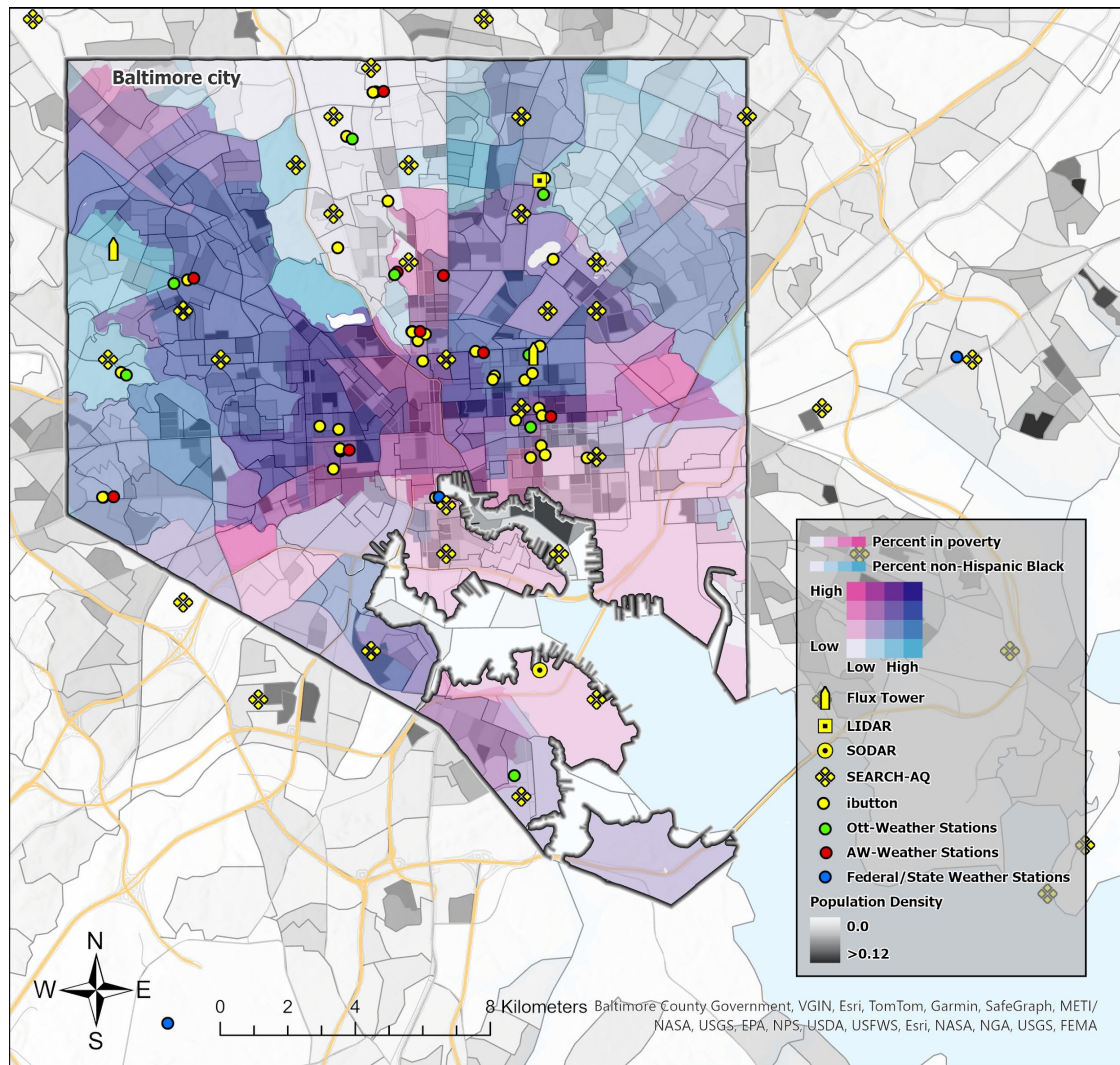


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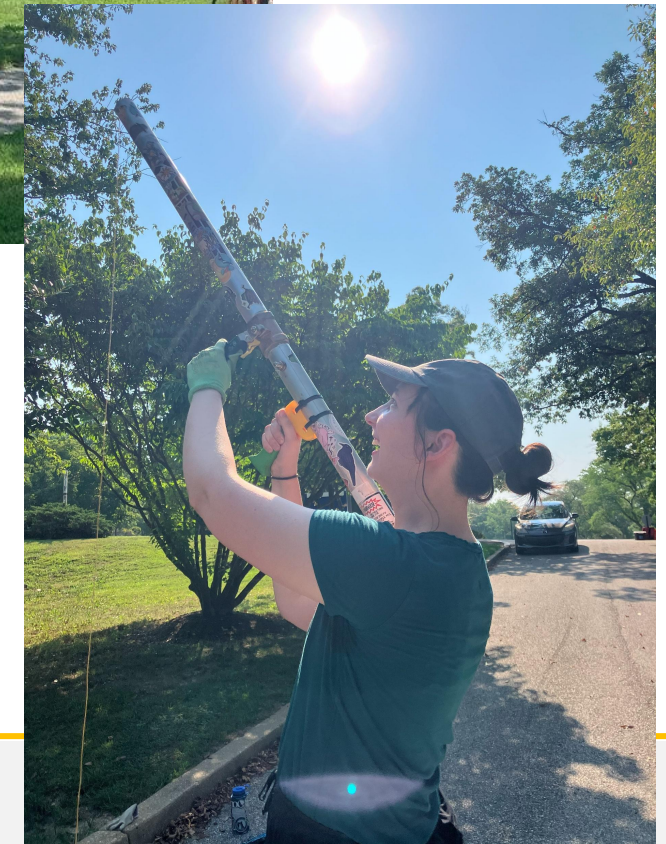
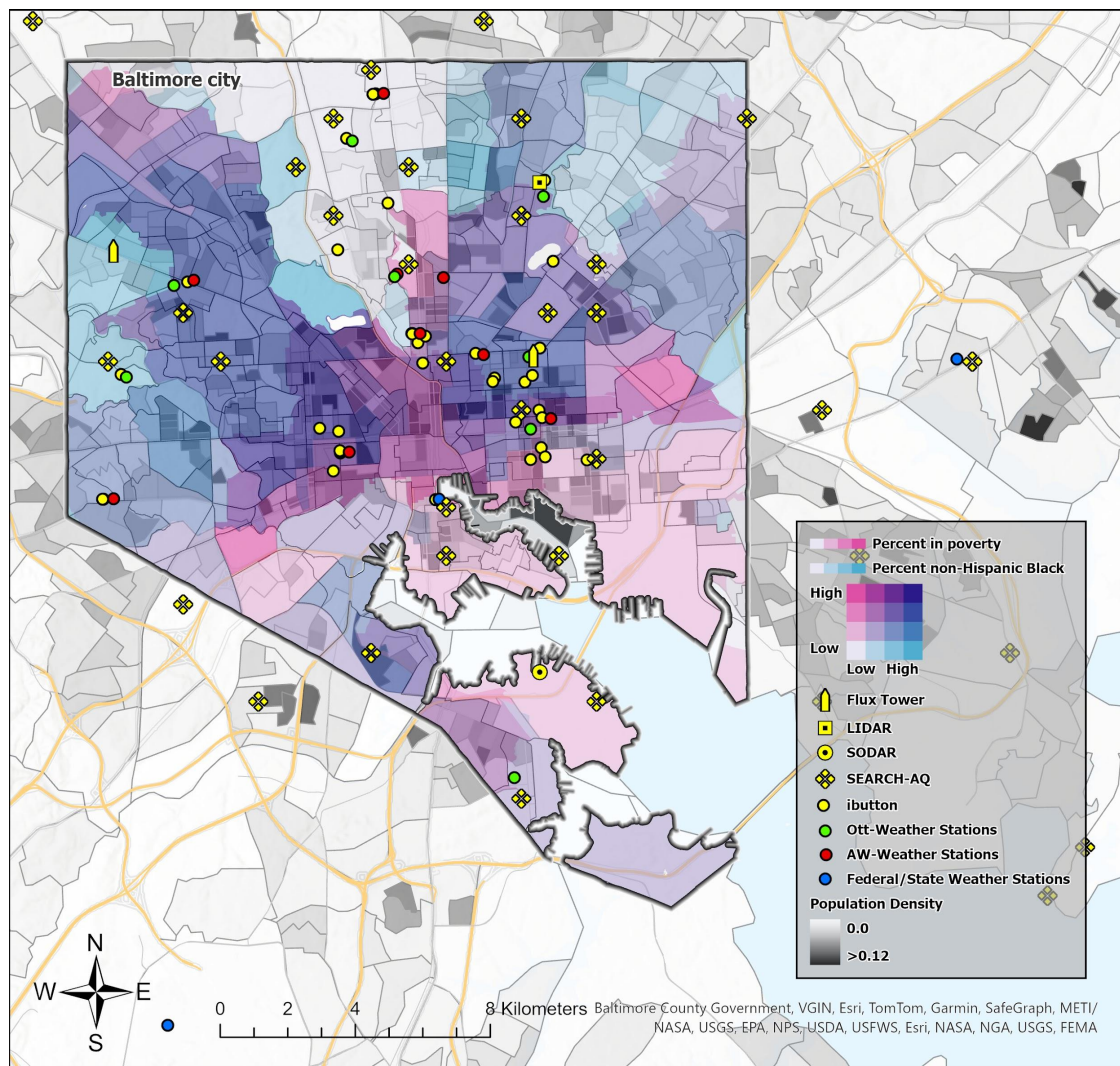


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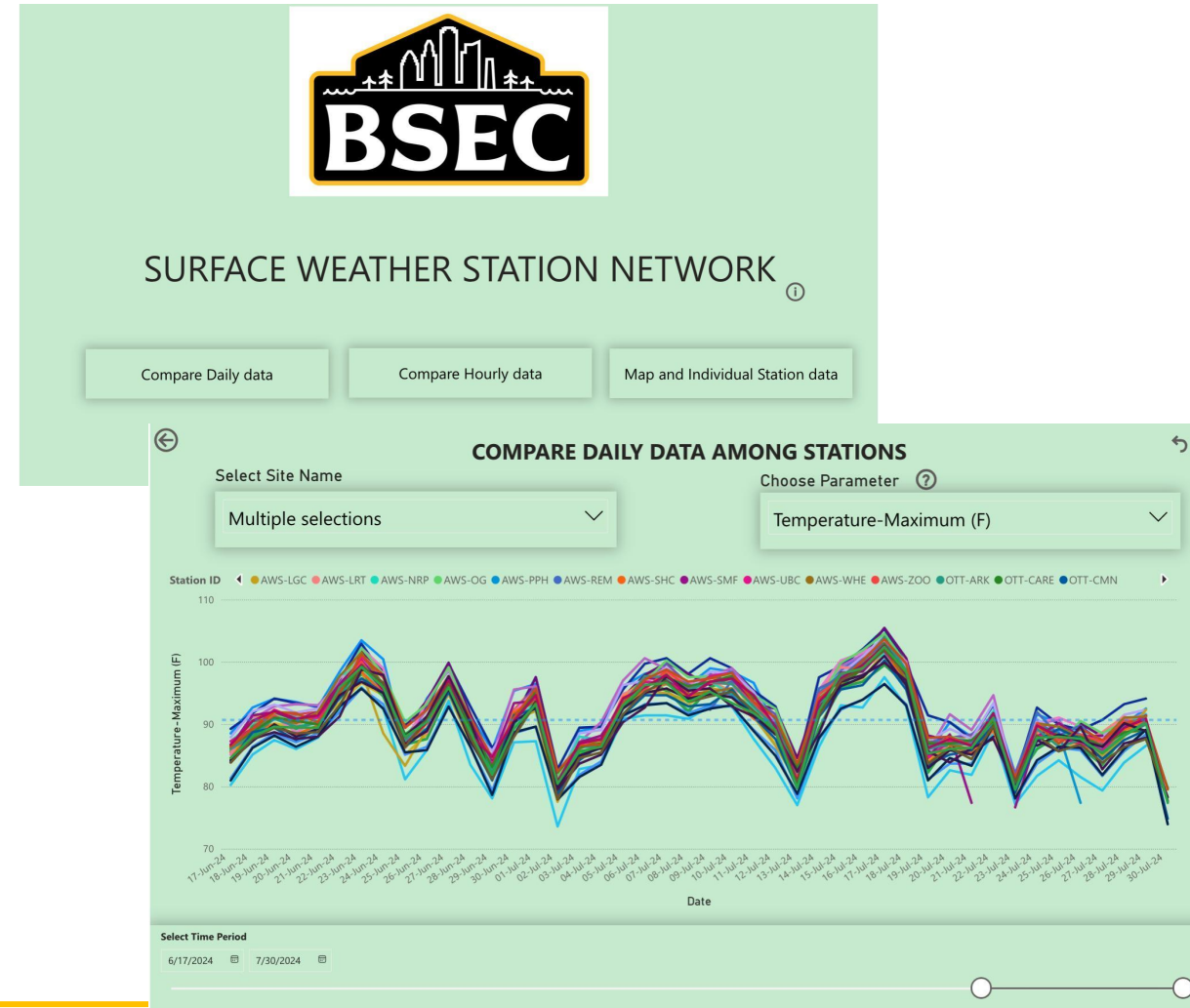
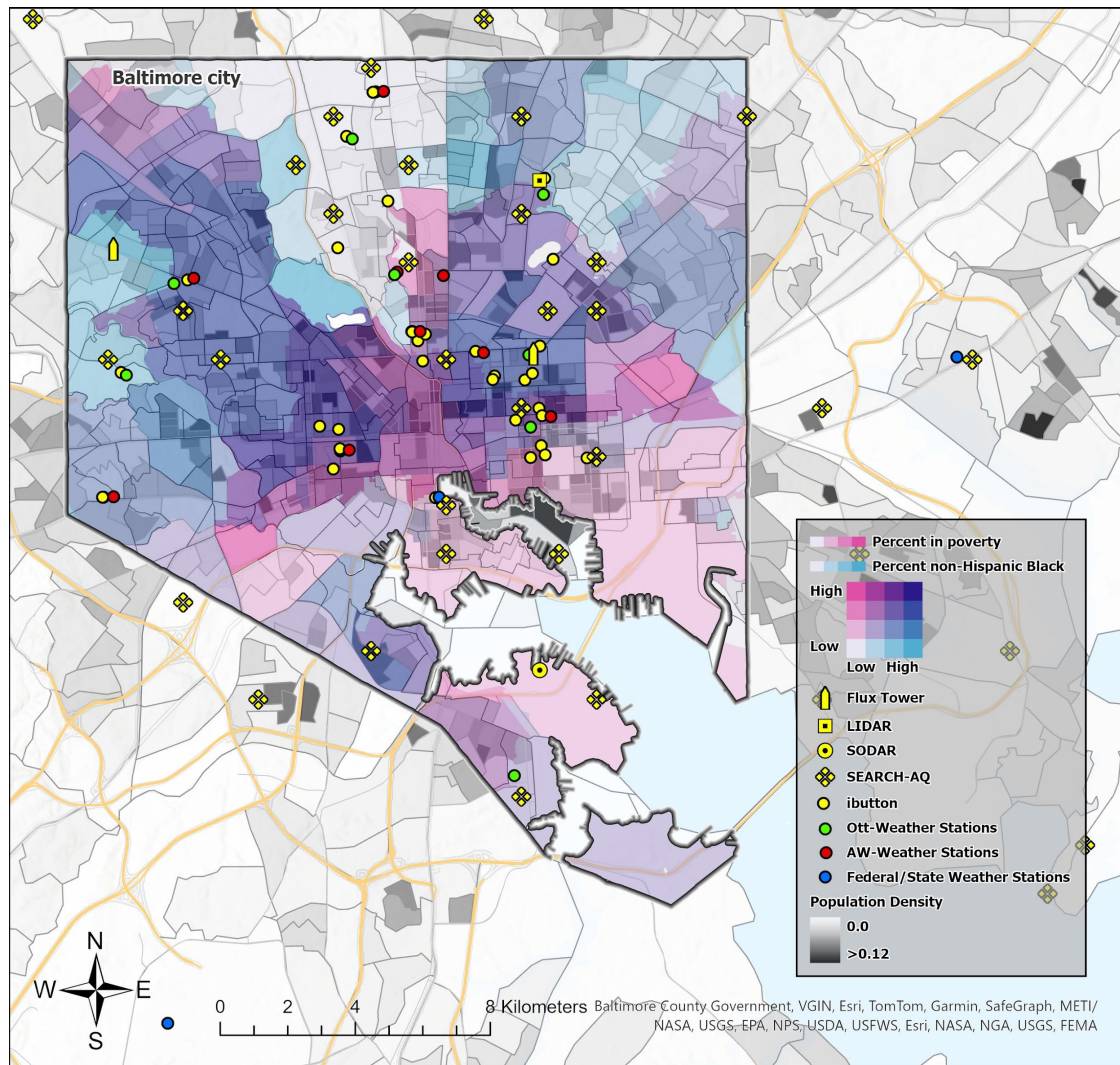


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# BSEC AQ Supersite: current capabilities

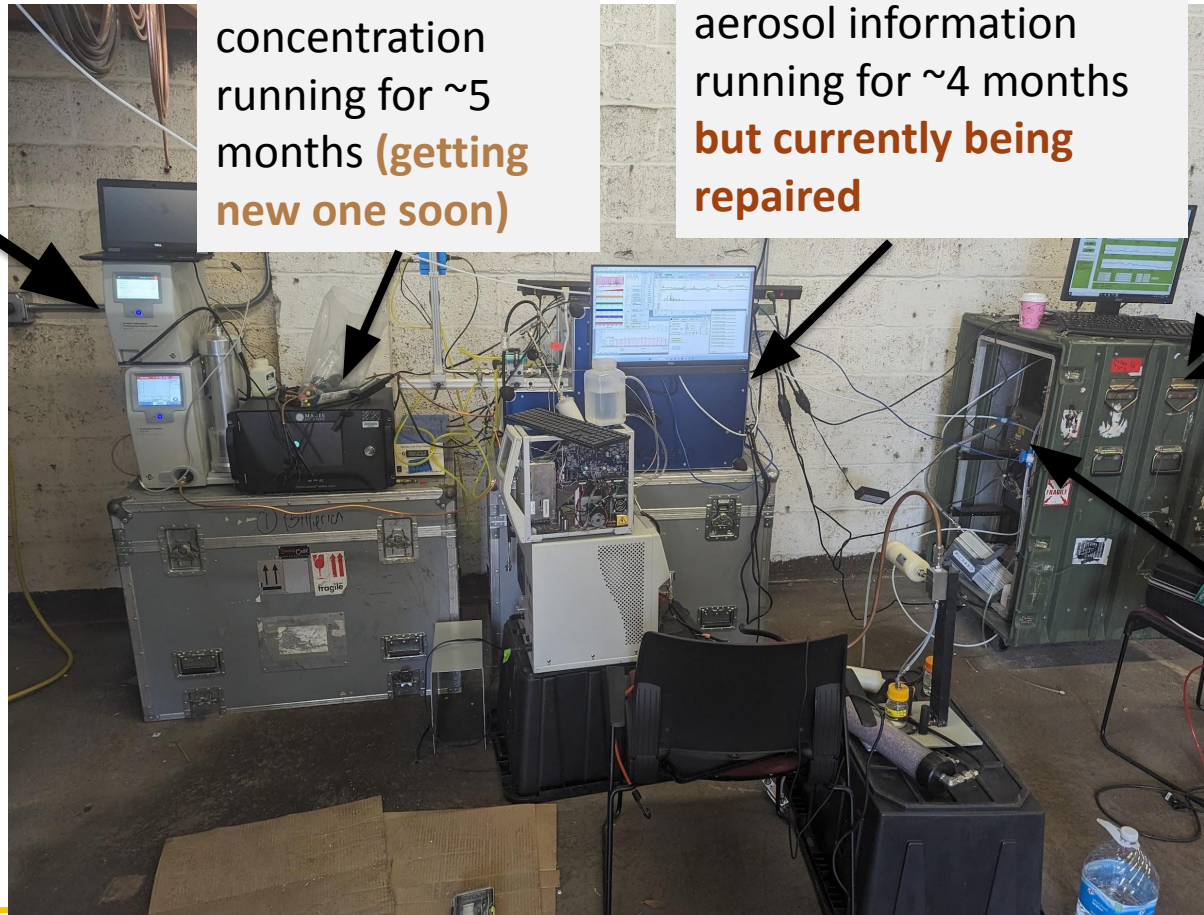
Scanning mobility particle sizer (size / volume distributions) running for ~5 months

PM Black/brown carbon mass concentration running for ~5 months **(getting new one soon)**

Aerosol mass concentration, composition, organic aerosol information running for ~4 months **but currently being repaired**

Ozone been running off & on for ~3 months **(getting new one soon)**

**Getting a reliable nitric oxide & nitrogen dioxide instrument soon**

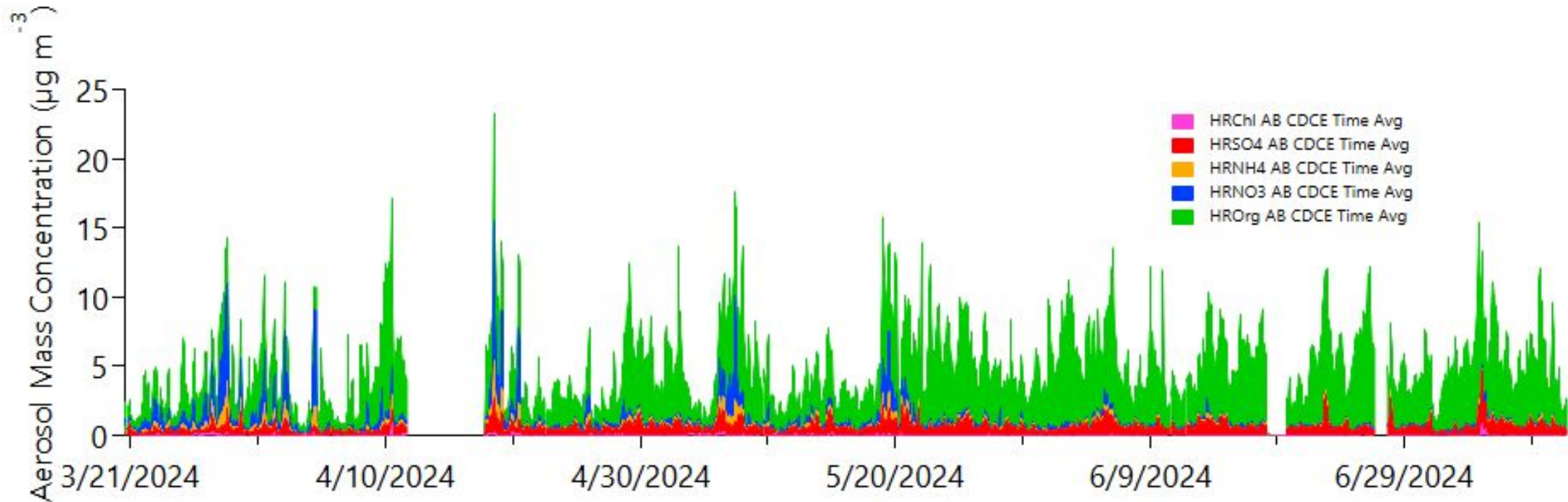


Methane, carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide running for ~4 months **but currently being repaired**

Instruments waiting on or being installed soon:  
-Methane + ethane  
-Unit mass PTR-MS (BVOCs, OVOCs, aromatics)  
-Discussions w/ potential guest groups

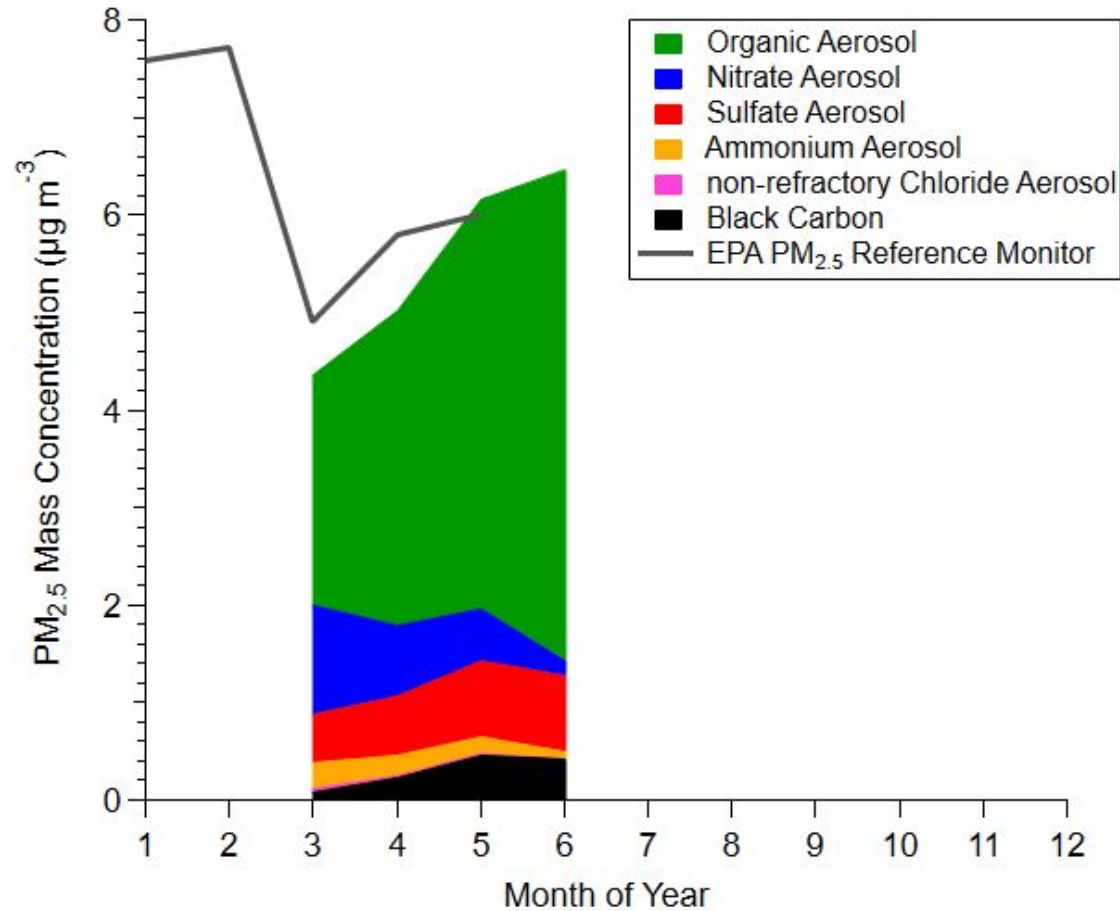


# Time series of mass concentration and composition measured at BSEC for nearly 4 months

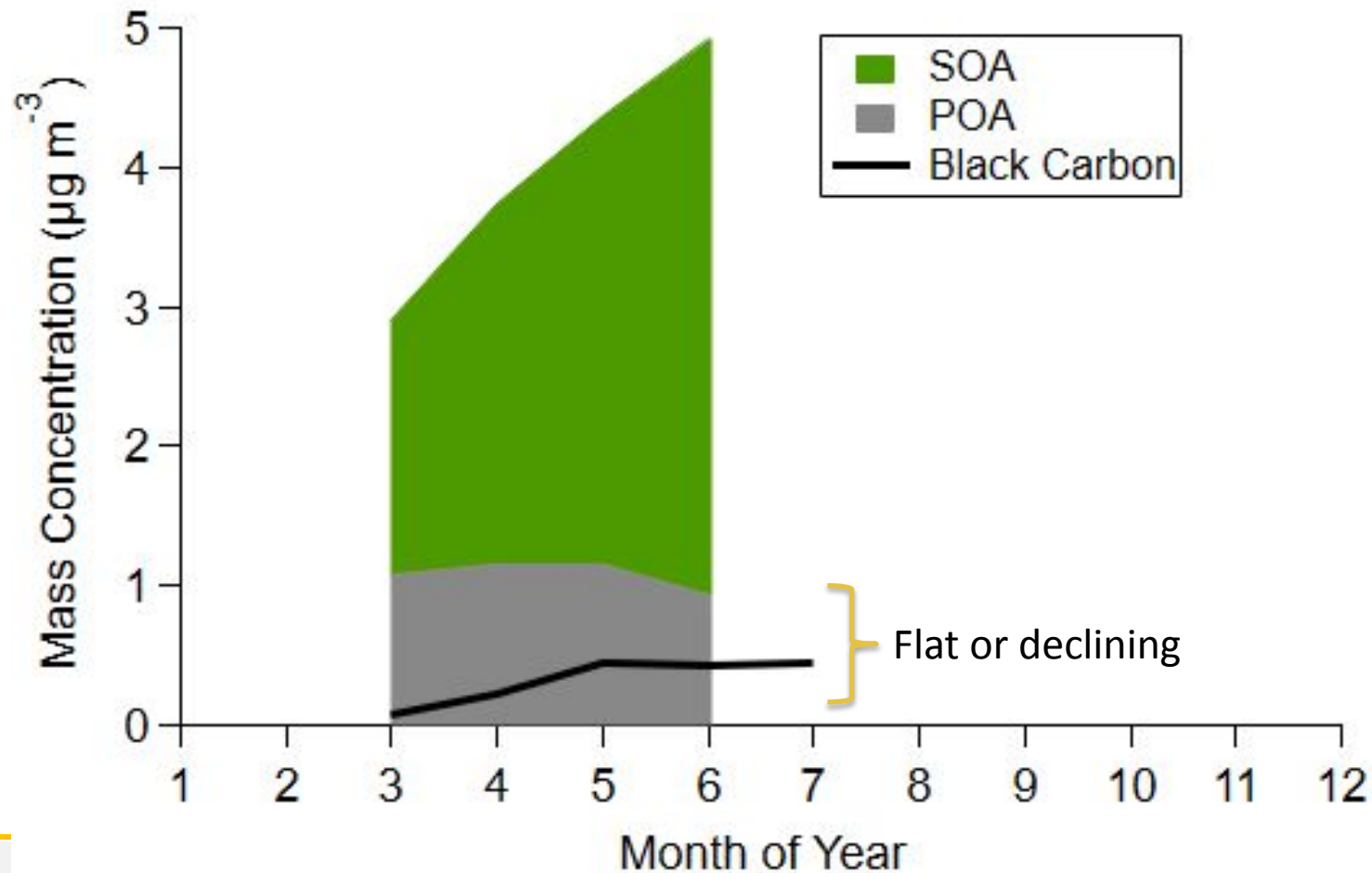


- Inorganic aerosol more important late winter/early spring & some specific cool/wet periods
- Organic becoming more important during summer because photochemistry and emission changes

# Monthly average mass concentration and composition shows changes with PM<sub>2.5</sub>

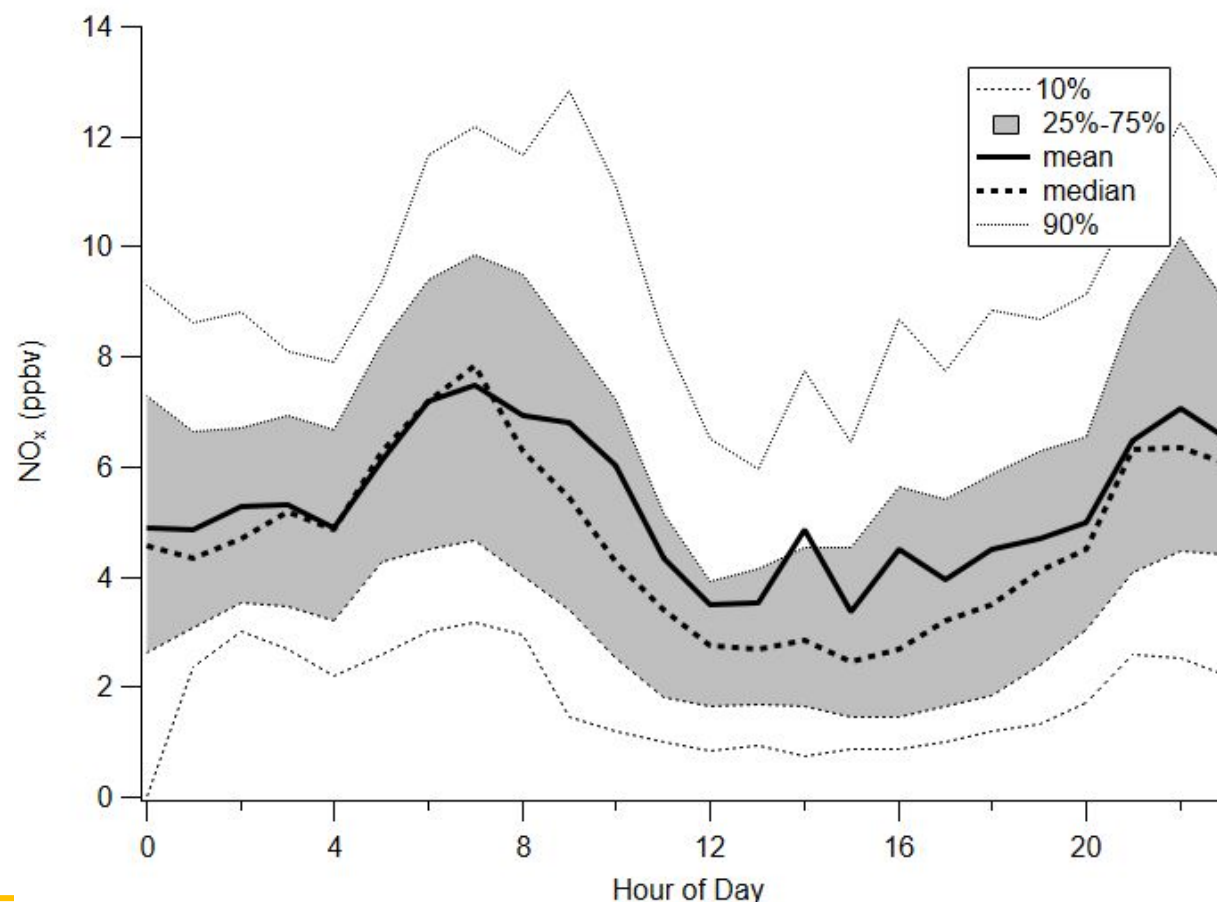


# Changes in organic aerosol related to increasing secondary organic aerosol

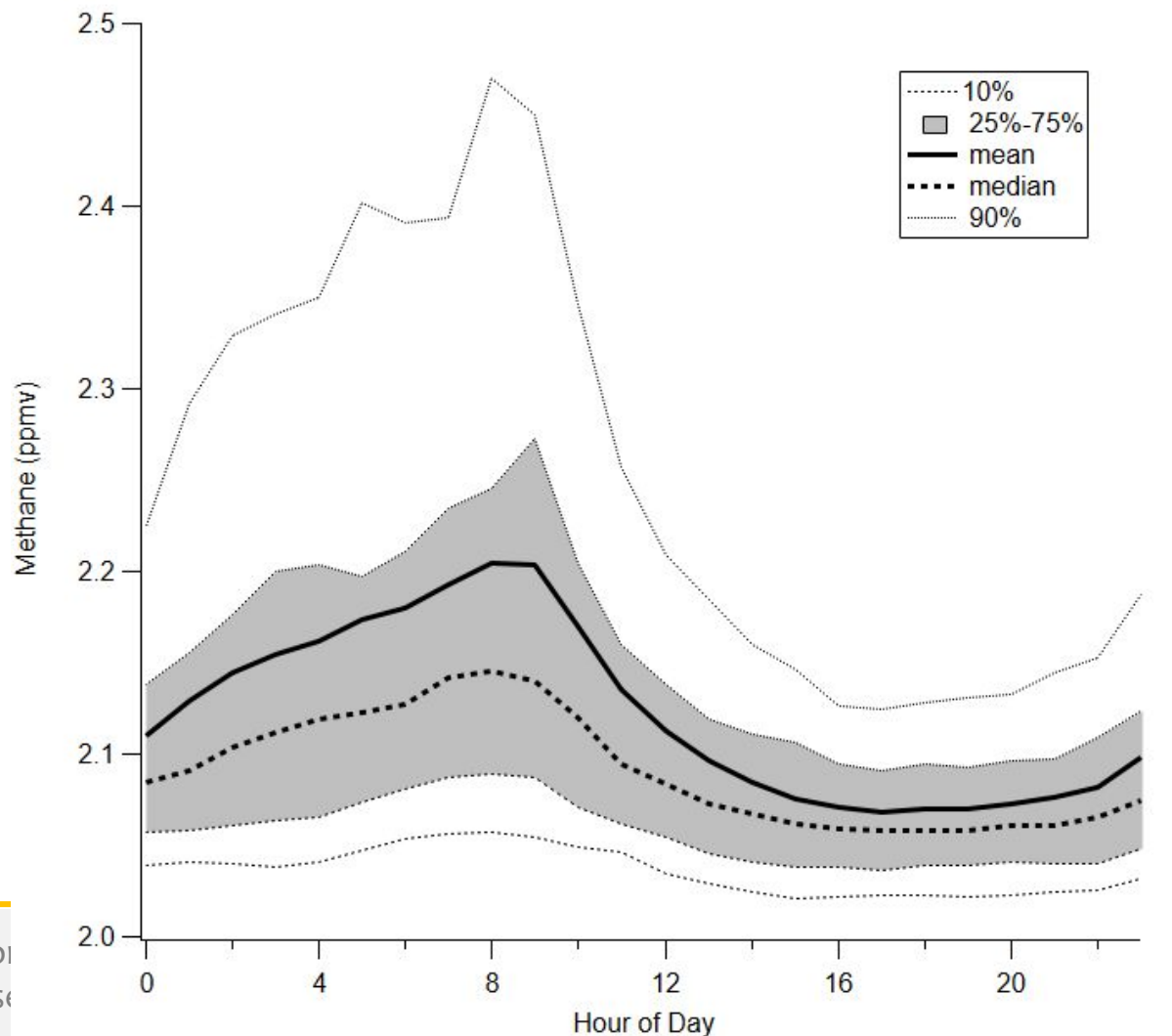




# Diurnal pattern of NO<sub>x</sub> shows high during rush hours and low at night and day (during summer)



# Diurnal pattern of methane shows build up during night



# The Johns Hopkins Mobile Laboratory



## Particle-phase measurements

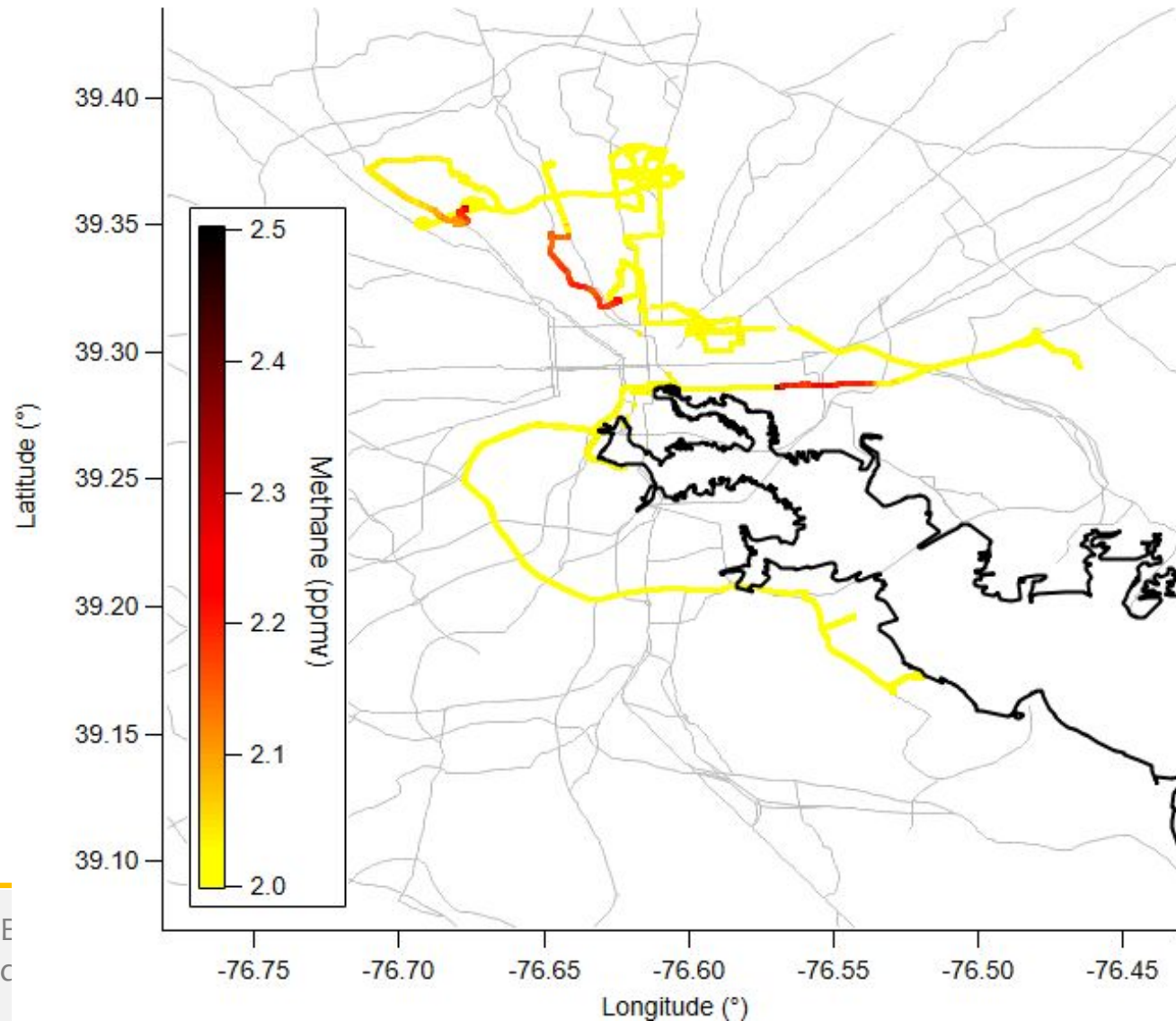
- Mini-AMS (OA, NO<sub>3</sub>, SO<sub>4</sub>, NH<sub>4</sub>, nr-Chl)
- Mini-Aethalometer (BC)
- mSEMS (size distributions)
- Magic CPC (particle #)
- Dustrak (PM<sub>1</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub>, PM<sub>10</sub> mass)

## Gas-phase measurements

- EC-TOF (PTR + GC, range of species)
- CAPS NO<sub>x</sub>
- Picarro EtO, HCHO, NH<sub>3</sub>, CO/CO<sub>2</sub>/CH<sub>4</sub>
- 2BTech O<sub>3</sub>

Associated lat, long, RH, & T

# Some areas show higher methane leaks



# Urban vegetation is predominantly turf grass

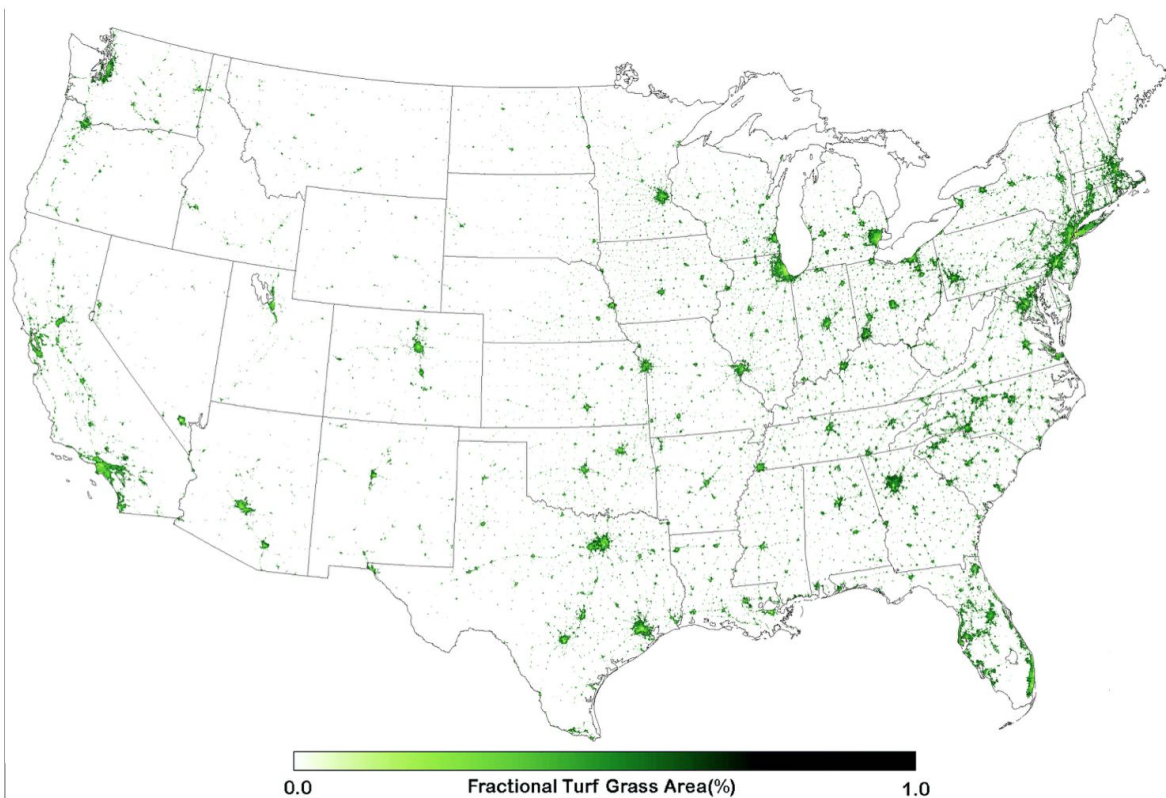
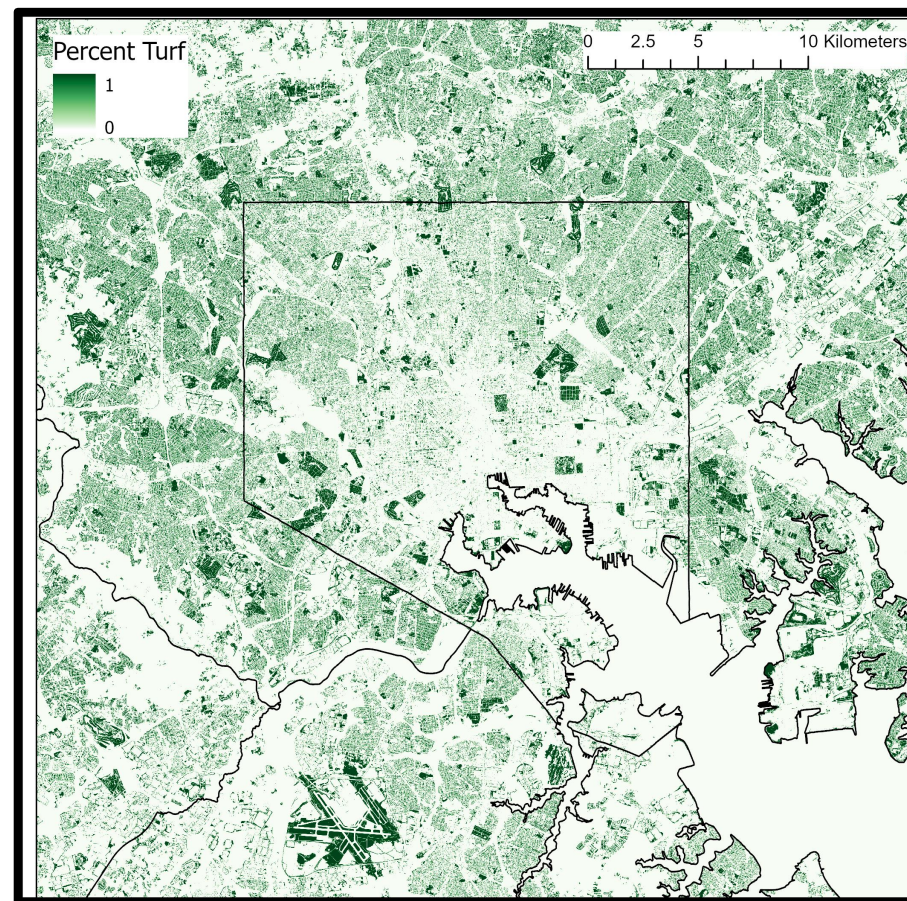


Figure 1. Distribution of the fractional turf grass area (%) in the conterminous U.S.







# Carbon and Turbulent Energy Fluxes





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Growing 1

Dormant 1

Growing 2



# Carbon fluxes

CO<sub>2</sub> Flux  $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$

CO<sub>2</sub> flux : -5.27  
Air temp : 22.7 C

CO<sub>2</sub> flux : 1.9  
Air temp : 30.8 C

CO<sub>2</sub> flux : -5.59  
Air temp : 27.7 C



# Turbulent energy fluxes

H: 17.4  
LE: 170

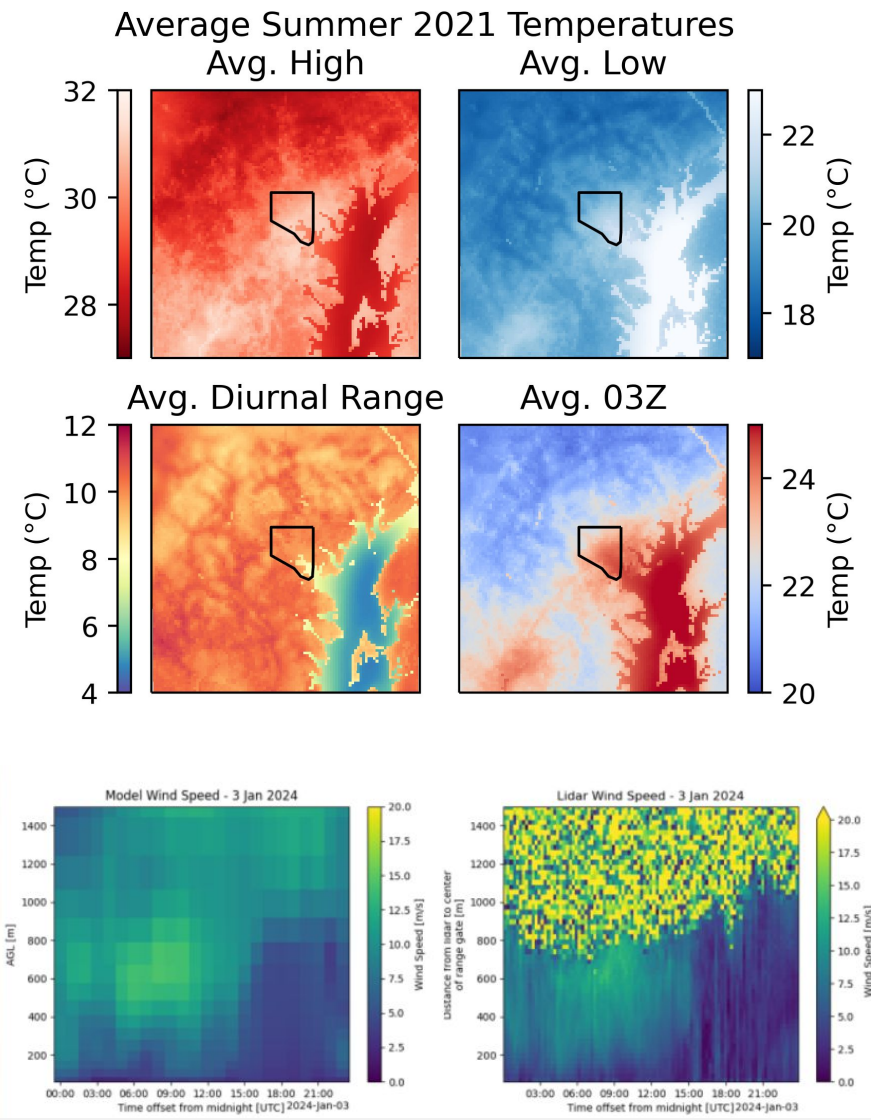
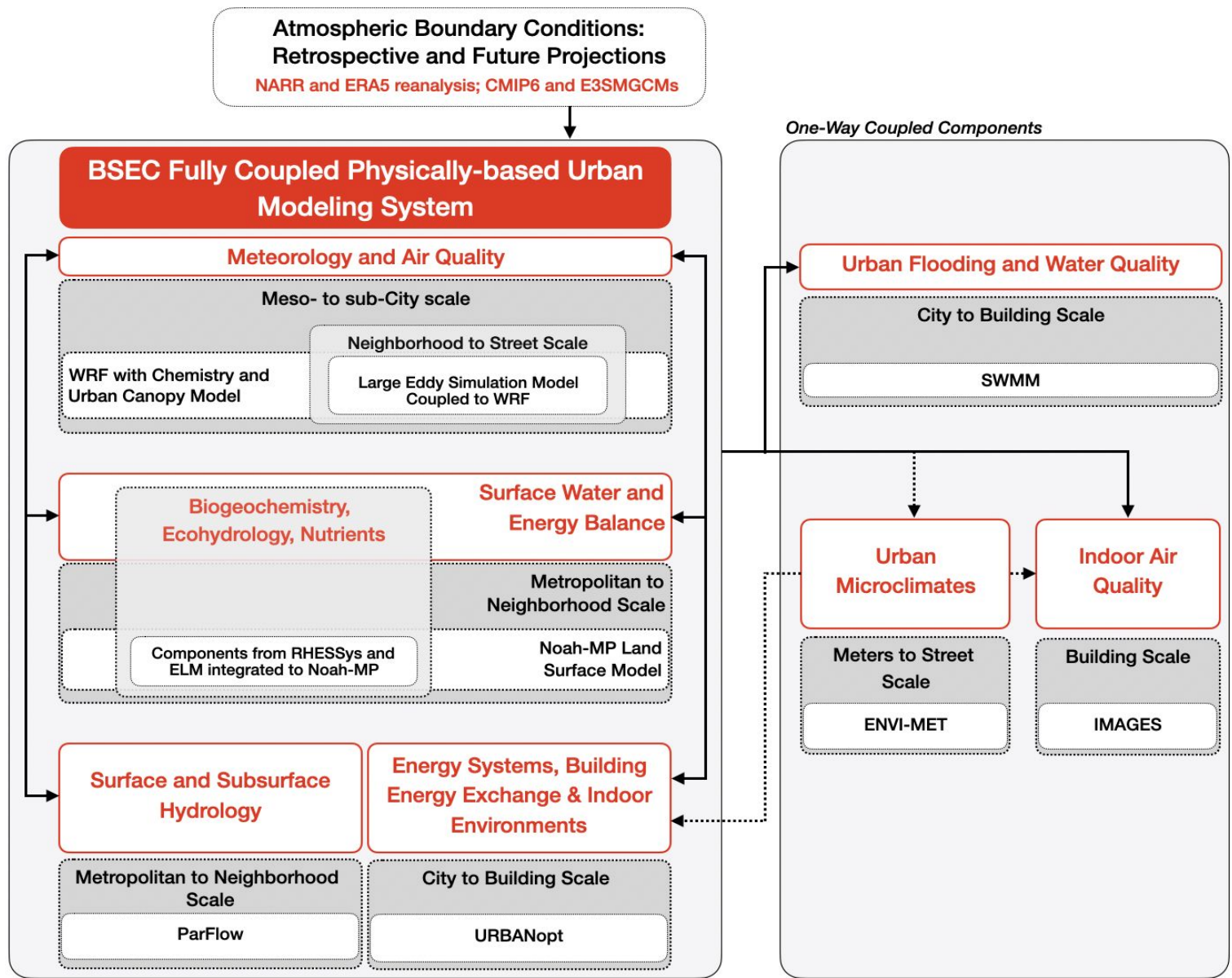
H: 58.2  
LE: 102

H: 12.8  
LE: 163

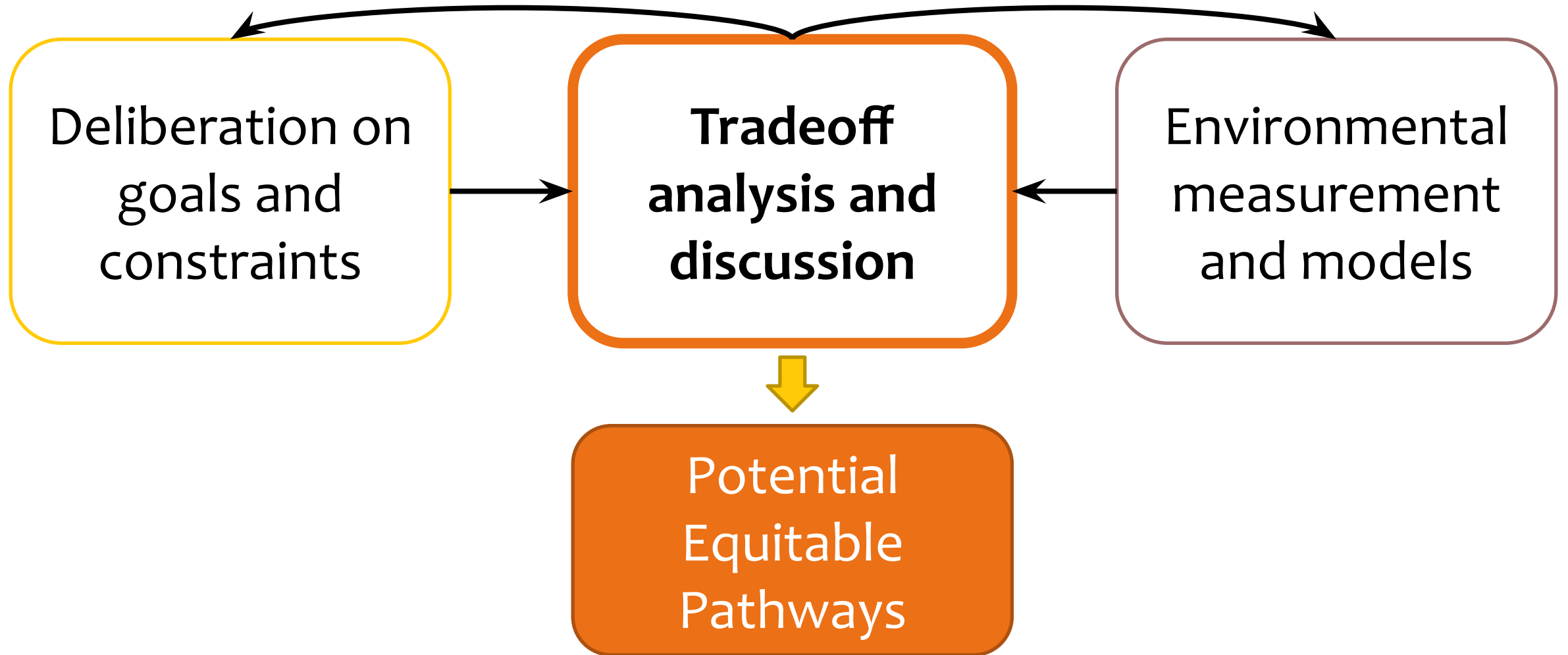
$W m^{-2}$



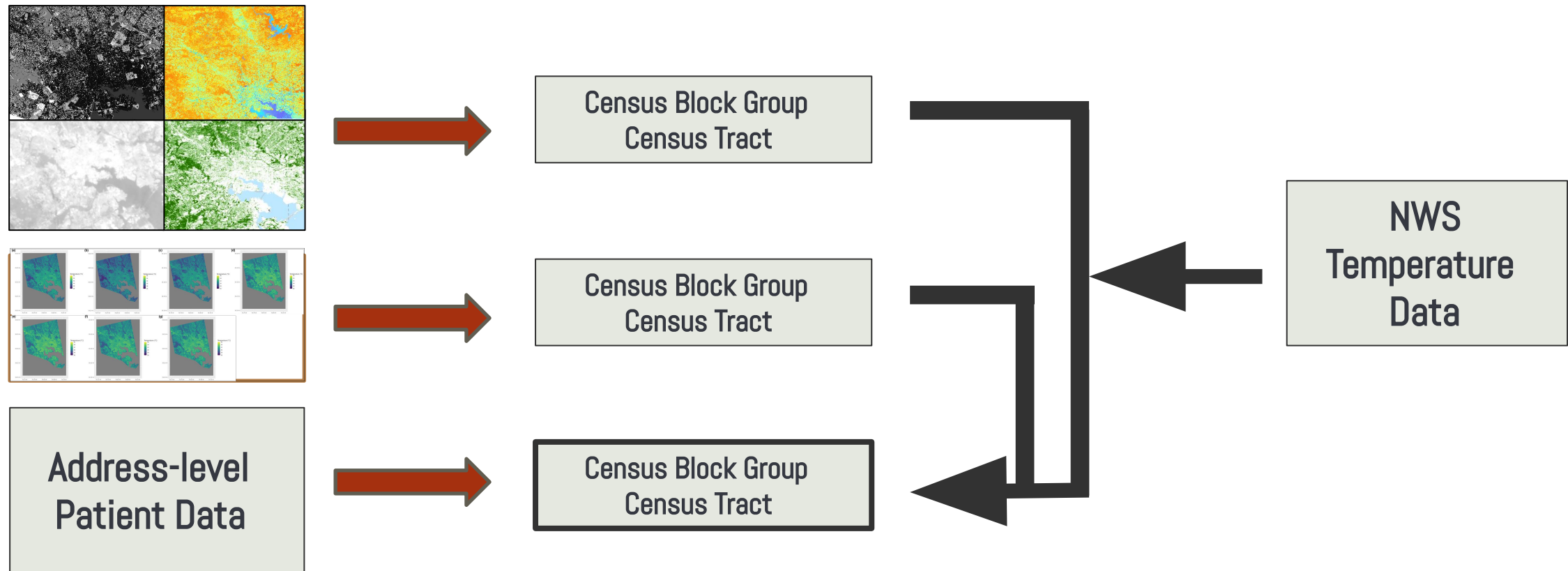
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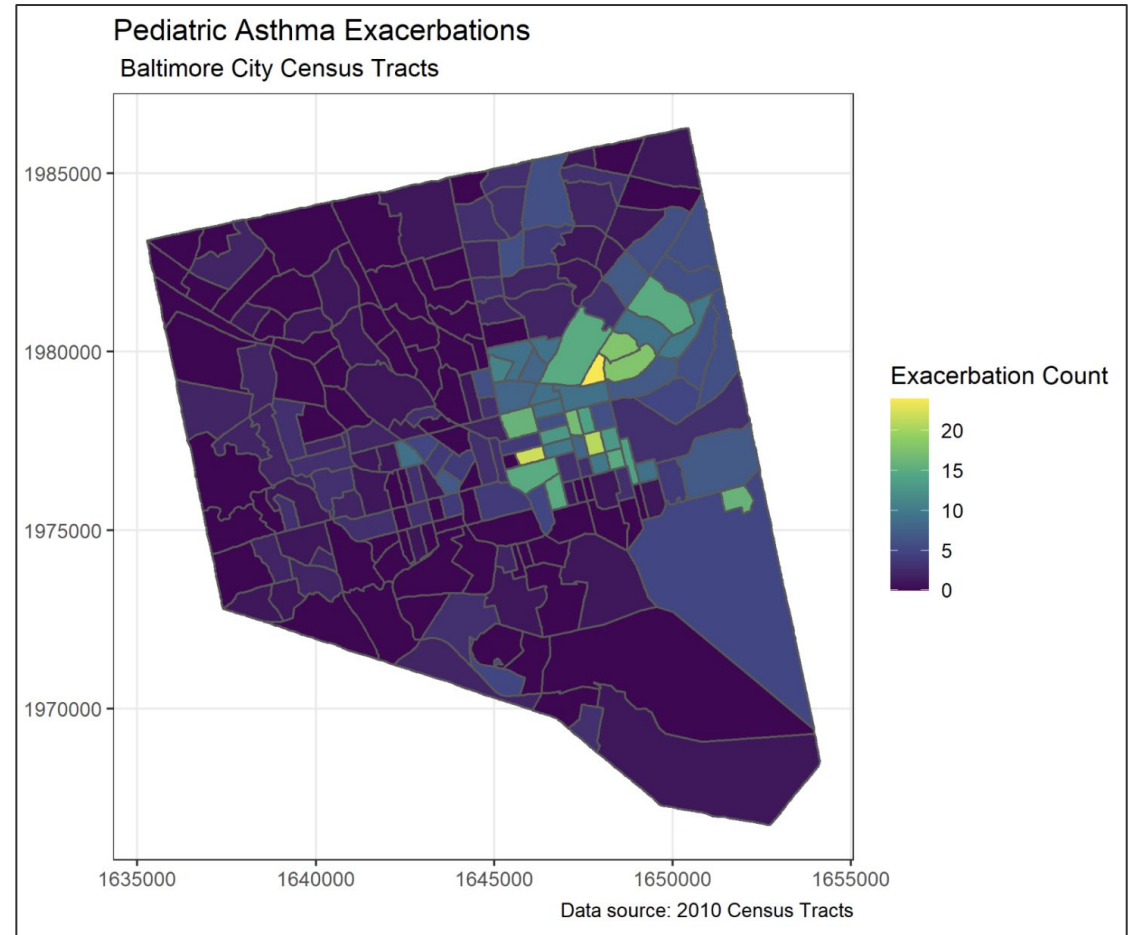
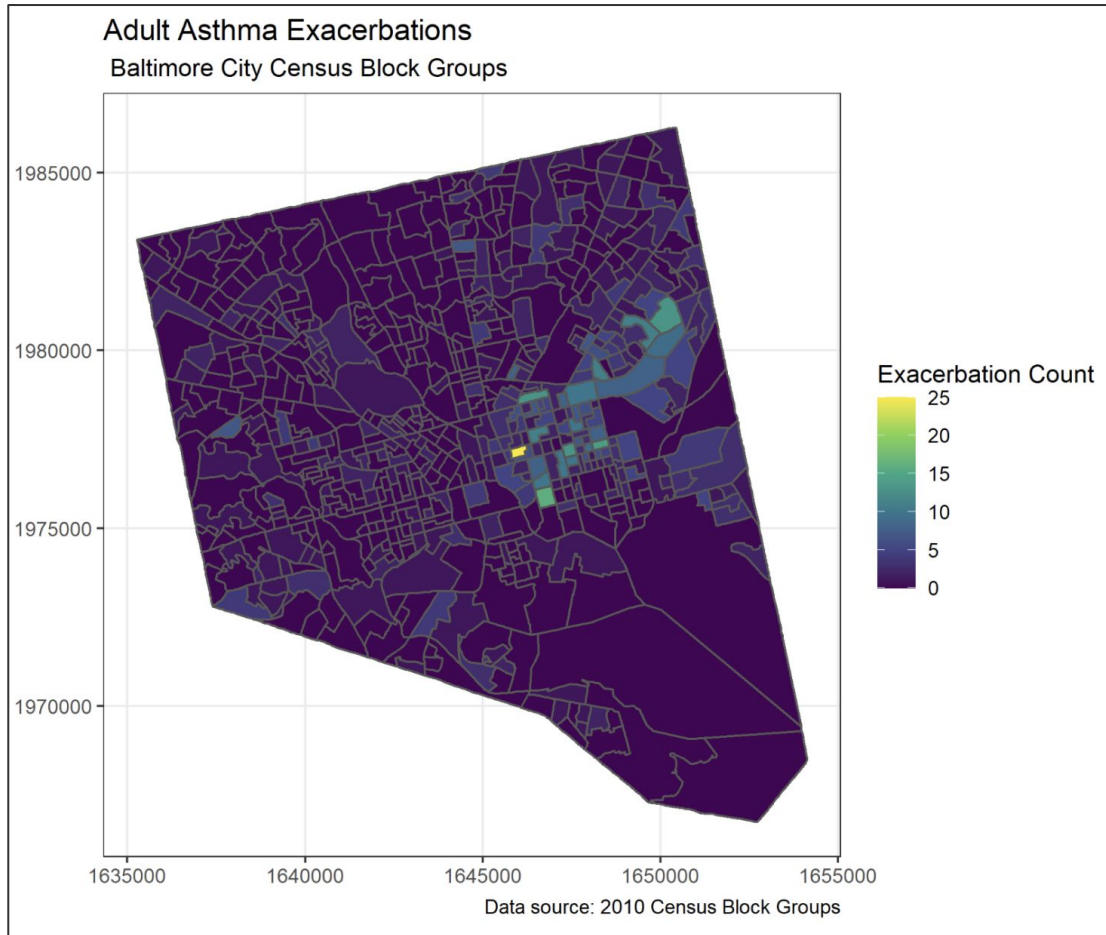
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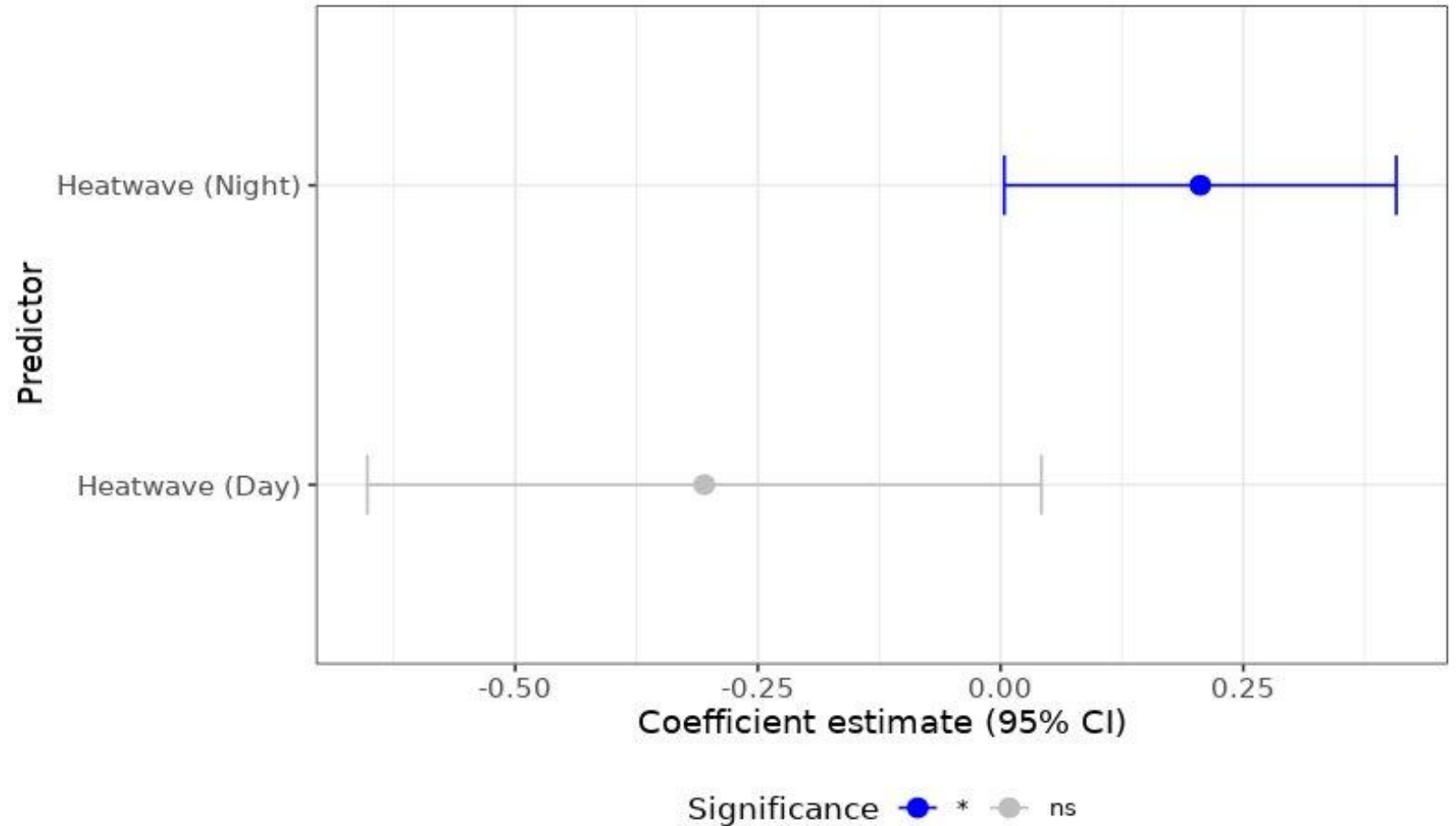


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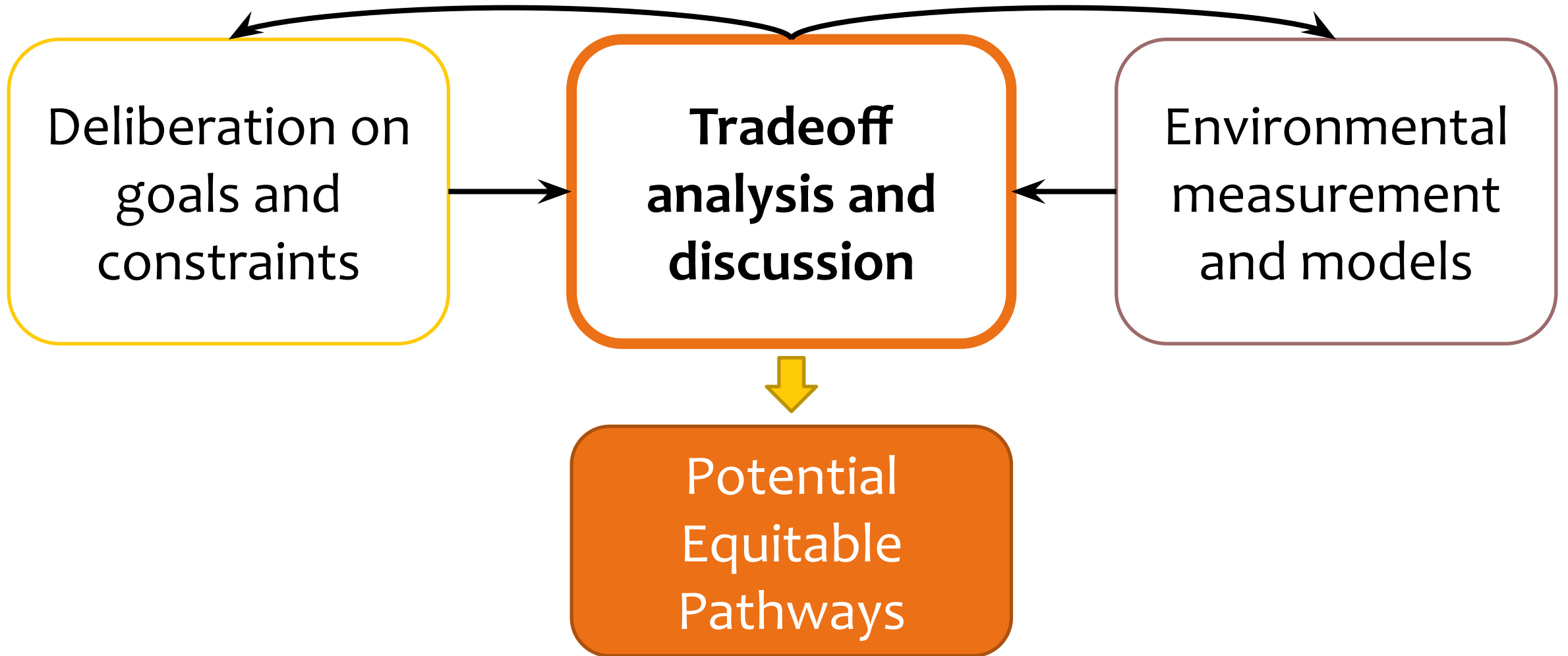
# Integrating medical health records with environmental variables using a precision medicine platform

**In pediatric patients,  
we find a higher risk of  
asthma exacerbations  
on warmer nights than  
on hot days**  
*(when using 1m resolution air  
temperature estimates)*



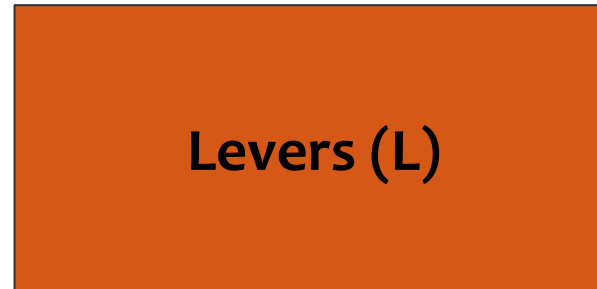


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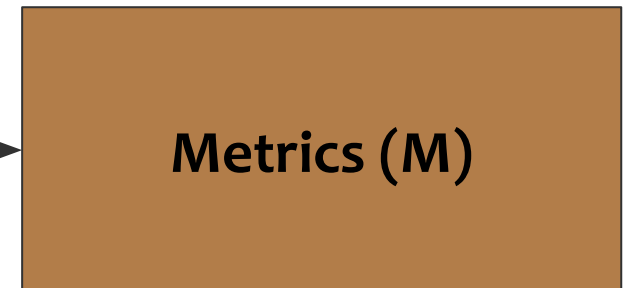
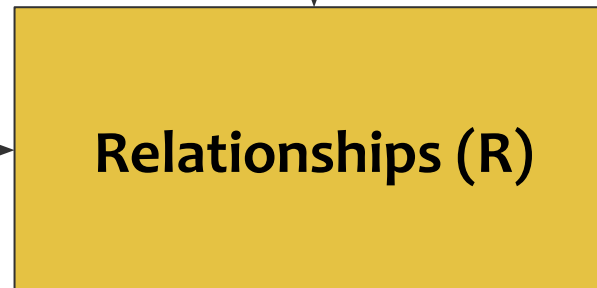


# Structuring a Multicriteria Problem

Uncertainties,  
elements outside our  
control that shape  
outcomes



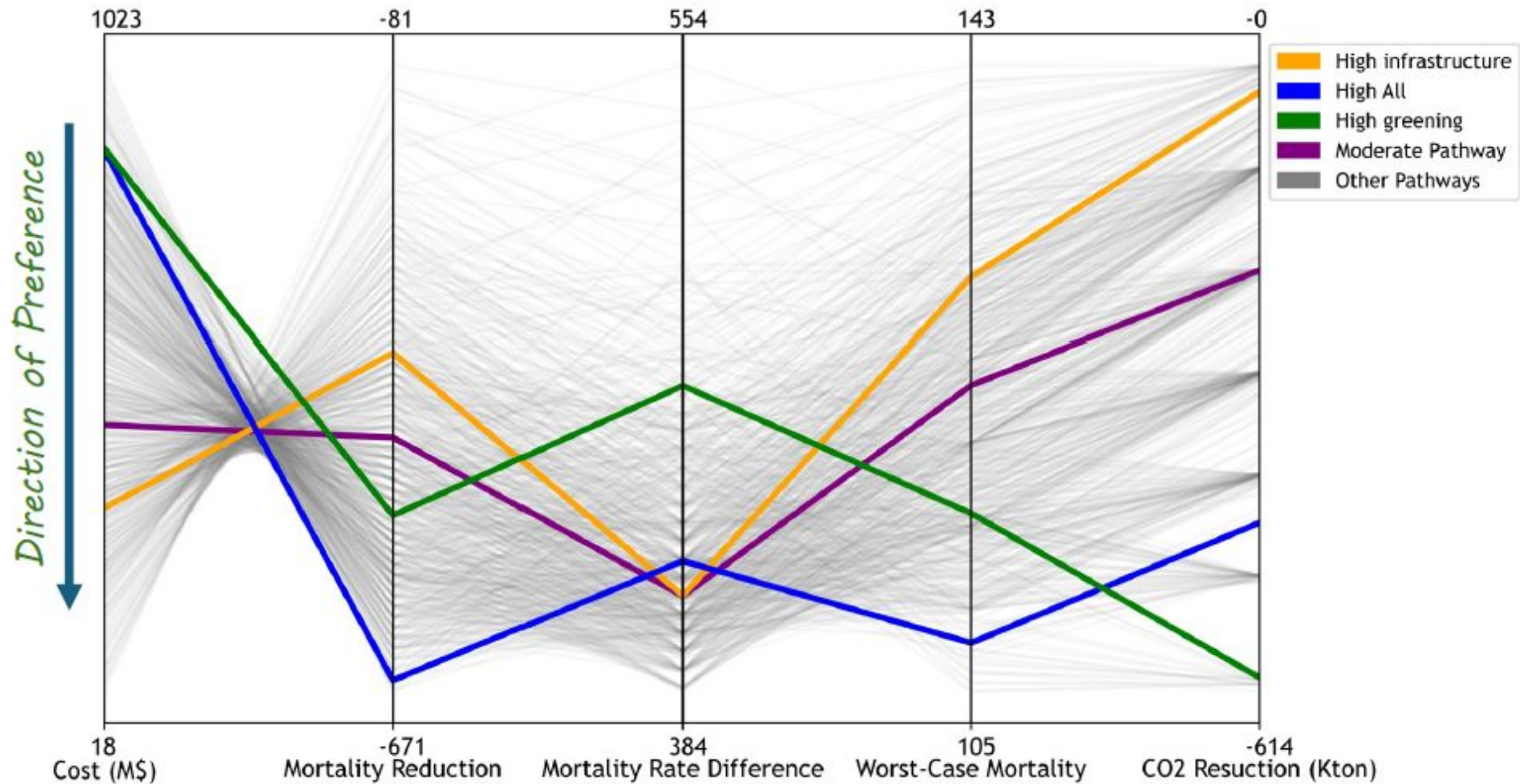
Policies, actions we  
can control to shape  
outcomes



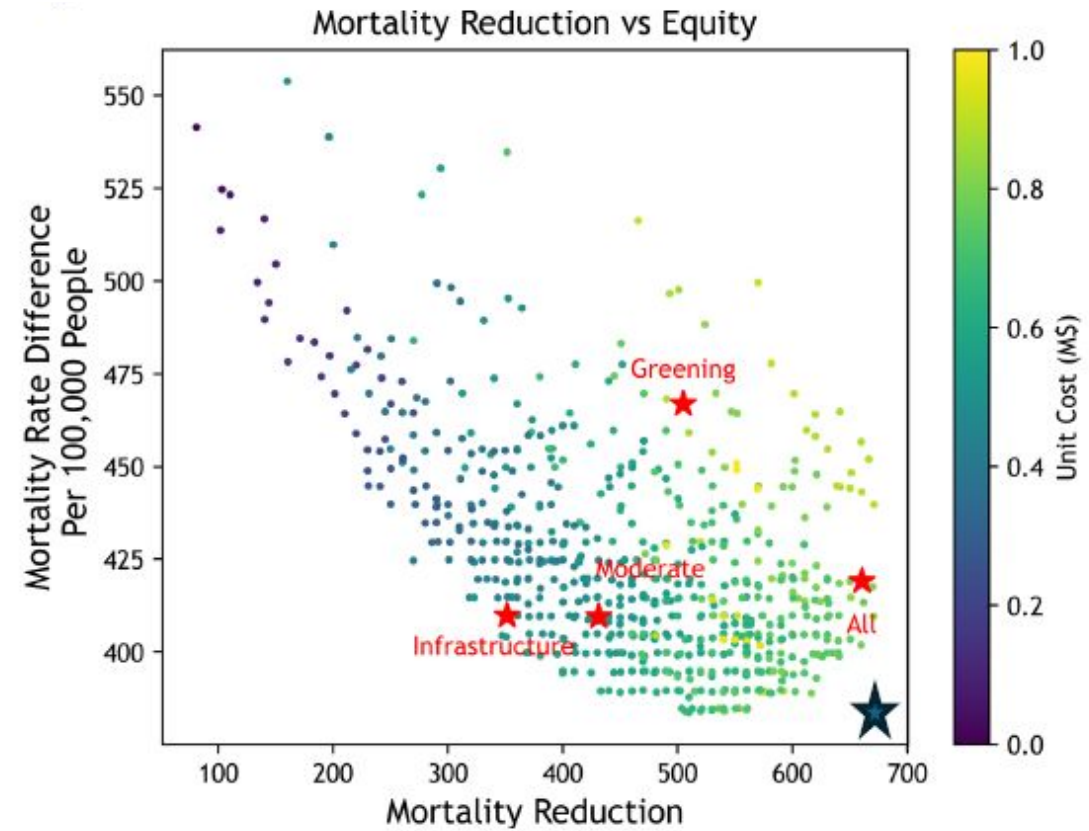
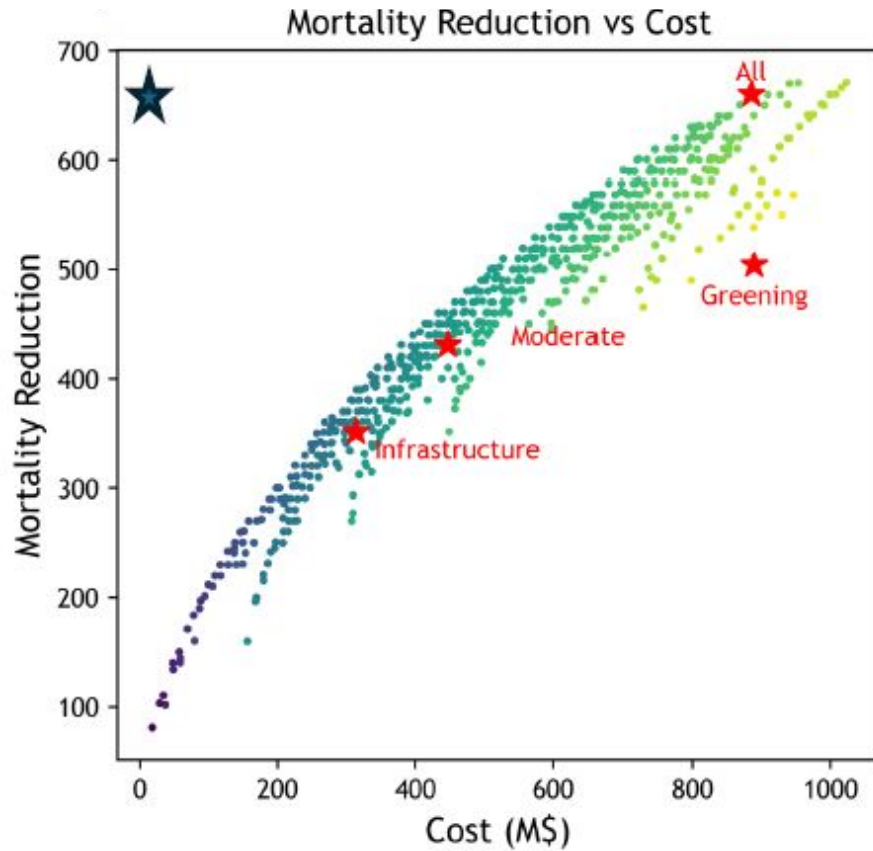
Models that map X's, L's, and  
M's to each other

Goals and outcomes  
we care about

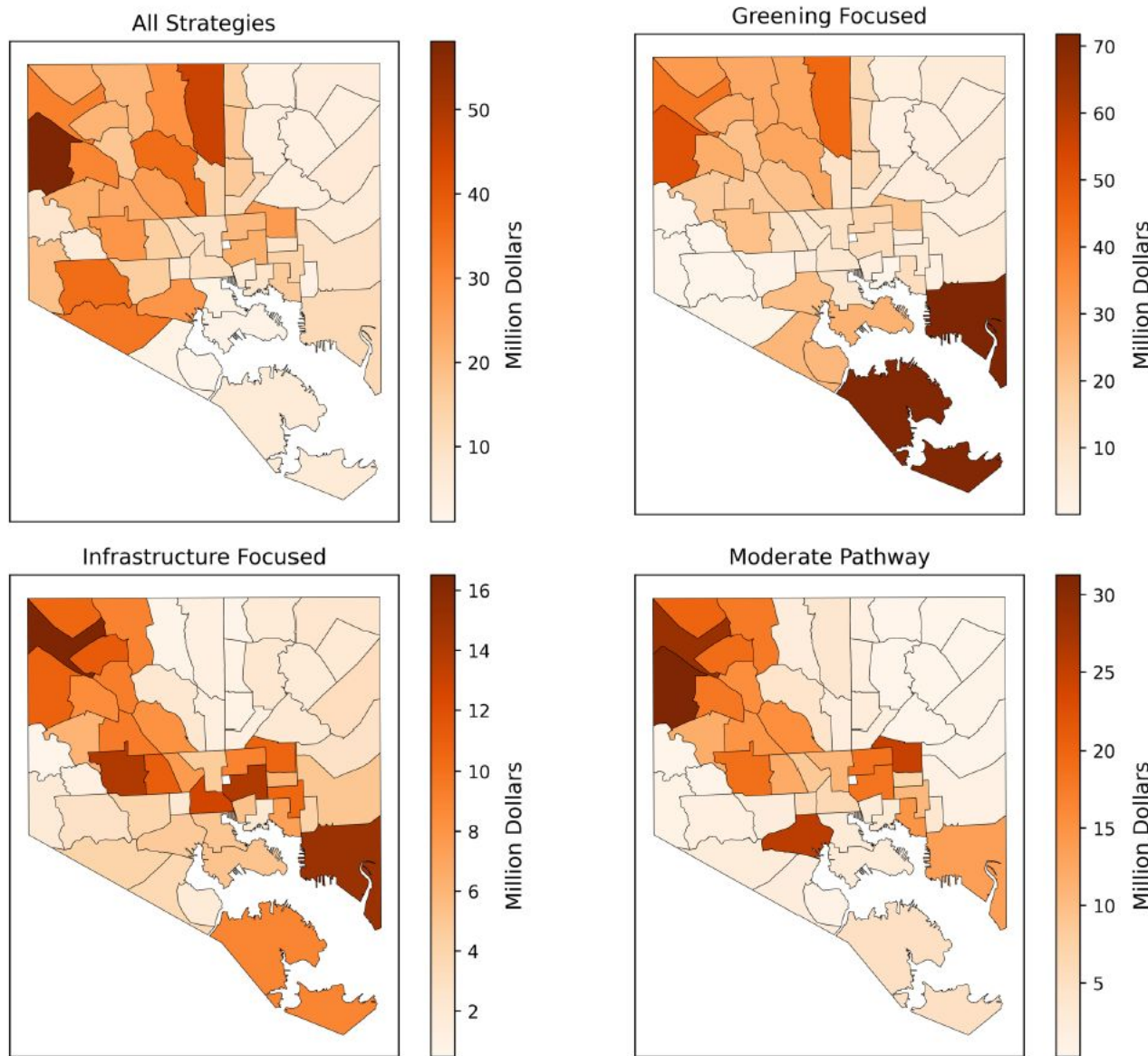
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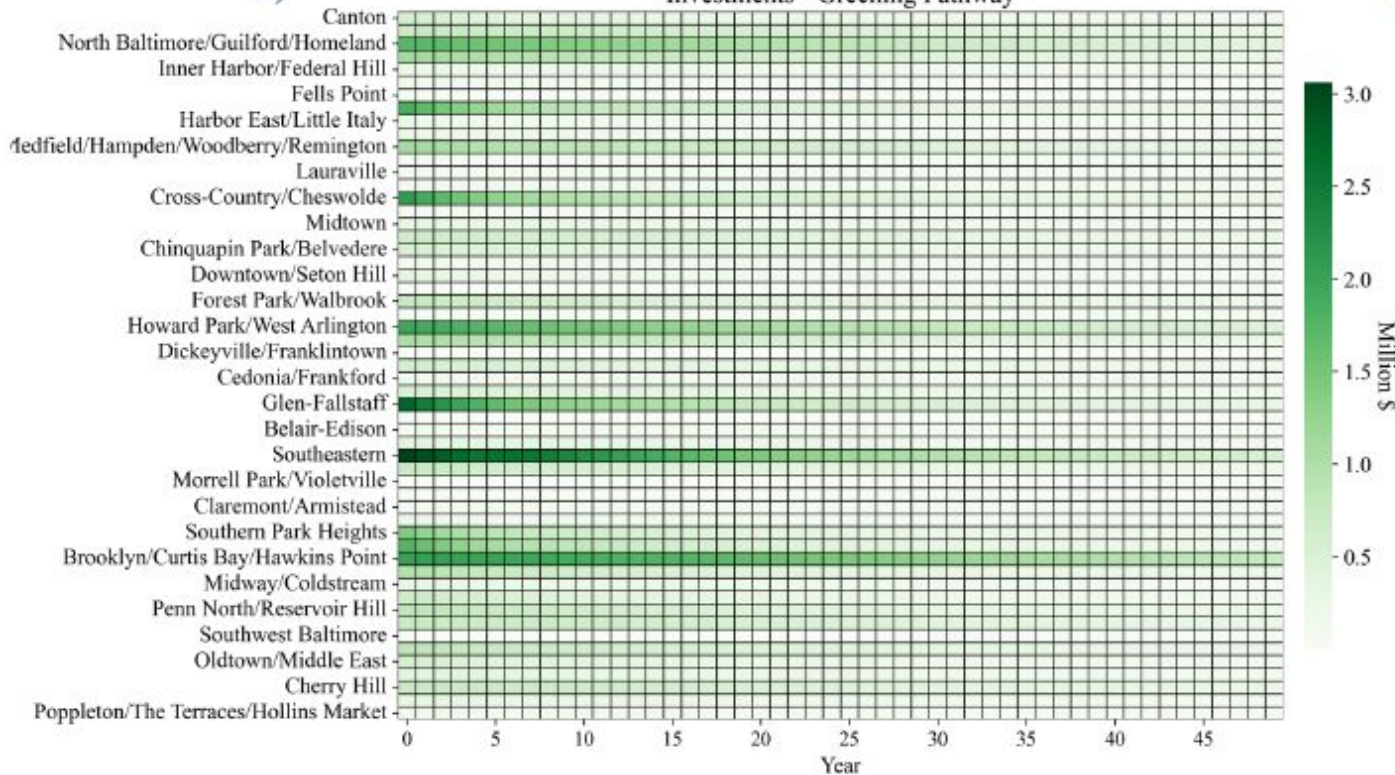


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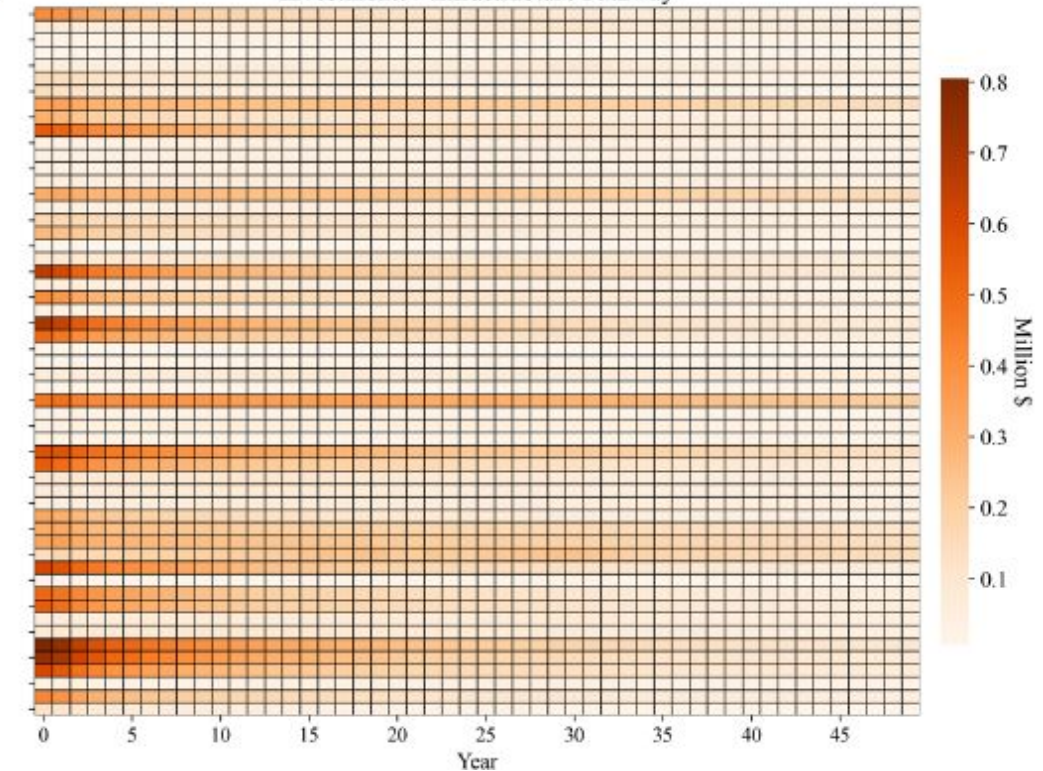


# Extreme Heat Mitigation

a) Investments - Greening Pathway



b) Investments - Infrastructure Pathway





# Coming Up!



## Annual Meeting

**Community Engagement  
Focused Updates and Panel  
Discussions**

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-  Understand how Baltimore experiences climate change, with a focus on partnering with Baltimore communities.
-  Collaborate with communities to identify climate adaptation strategies that meet residents' needs, who may have insights that are novel to the researchers.

### MEETING DETAILS

- Saturday, November 16, 2024
- 11am - 5pm
- Lovely Lane United Methodist Church
- 2200 Saint Paul St.

### RSVP BY NOVEMBER 11TH



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Thank you

