

Supporting Information for

Global Estimates and Long-Term Trends of Fine Particulate Matter Concentrations (1998-2018)

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1. Description of Satellite AOD Sources

We use AOD retrieved from radiances measured by four satellite instruments: twin MODerate resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer (MODIS) instruments, the Multi-angle Imaging Spectroradiometer (MISR) instrument, and the Sea-viewing Wide Field-of-view Sensor (SeaWiFS) instruments. A summary of the satellite AOD sources used is given in Table S1a.

The twin MODIS instruments have flown on the Terra and Aqua satellites since 2000 and 2002, respectively. Terra has a descending orbit, passing the equator at 10:30 local time, while Aqua has an ascending orbit, passing equator at 13:30 local time. Both MODIS instruments have a wide spectral range of 0.41 μm to 14.5 μm and a broad swath width of 2330 km which allows for nearly global daily coverage.¹ We use AOD retrieved from three retrieval algorithms that process MODIS measured radiances: Dark Target (DT), Deep Blue (DB), and the Multi-Angle Implementation of Atmospheric Correction (MAIAC).

The DT retrieval algorithm² performs a simultaneous inversion of two visible (0.47 μm and 0.66 μm) and one shortwave-IR (2.12 μm) channel to retrieve AOD over dark surfaces (i.e. vegetated land surfaces and dark soils). DT also retrieves AOD over ocean, but we are not using those data here. The DB retrieval algorithm³ uses blue wavelength measurements where the surface reflectance over land tends to be much lower than at longer wavelengths, allowing for the retrieval of aerosol properties over both bright and dark surfaces. This is especially true over desert surfaces. Both MODIS DT and DB are reported at a wavelength of 550 nm and a nominal spatial resolution of 10 km at nadir. We use the recently reprocessed MODIS collection 6.1 (C6.1) products which employ (1) an updated radiometric calibration that improves instrument stability over time, (2) updates to the surface reflectance treatment used in the DT algorithm,⁴ (3) improvement to the

surface modelling in elevated terrain, (4) reduction in artifacts in heterogeneous terrain, and (5) improved internal smoke detection masks used in the DB algorithm.^{3,5}

The MAIAC algorithm⁶ retrieves aerosol information at 470 nm over both bright and dark land surfaces simultaneously with surface bidirectional reflectance using time-series analysis of MODIS L1B radiance measurements for up to 16 days. With removal of the long-term calibration trends and cross-calibration of MODIS Terra to MODIS Aqua in Collection 6,⁷ MAIAC processes the two sensors jointly, which creates significantly increased observation frequency required for accurate surface characterization. MAIAC was officially released in May 2018, providing AOD at a fine spatial resolution of 1 km globally over the land and coastal ocean for the entire MODIS record. However, this work started earlier and used an internally released MAIAC dataset that lacked parts of Canada, eastern Siberia, and the Indo-Pacific region (e.g., Indonesia, Oceania, Australia, New Zealand).

The SeaWiFS instrument flew on SeaStar, which had a noon overpass time, and was operational between 1997-2010. SeaWiFS maintained a highly accurate and stable calibration over its lifetime.⁸ SeaWiFS provided measurements in eight spectral bands between 402-885 nm and had a 1500 km swath width that provided nearly daily global coverage. We used the version 4 SeaWiFS Deep Blue^{8,9} data set that offers AOD at a wavelength of 550 nm with a horizontal pixel size of 13.5 km at nadir.

The MISR instrument is onboard the Terra satellite along with MODIS, and has been operational since 2000. MISR observes the earth at nine different viewing angles and four spectral bands (446, 558, 672, and 866 nm), with a swath width of 380 km all view angles that provides global coverage about once per week, every nine days at the equator, up to every two days near the poles.¹⁰ The MISR retrieval algorithm uses the same-scene multi-angular views provided by the nine view-

angles to solve for surface and top-of-atmosphere reflectance contributions, providing AOD retrievals over bright and dark land surfaces without absolute surface reflectance assumptions.¹¹ We use AOD retrieved at 550 nm from the recently released MISR v23 algorithm,^{12,13} which provides AOD at a spatial resolution of 4.4 km, which is a significant improvement over the 17.6 km resolution in the previous version of MISR AOD, along with better cloud screening and pixel-level uncertainty estimates.¹²

2. Description of the GEOS-Chem simulation

We use v11-01 of the GEOS-Chem chemical transport model (<http://geos-chem.org>) to simulate η , and as an additional AOD source. The simulation is driven by assimilated meteorological data from the recent MERRA-2 Reanalysis of the NASA Global Modeling and Assimilation Office (GMAO), which offers a consistent assimilation from 1979, including updates in both the Goddard Earth Observing System Model and the assimilation system.¹⁴ Our simulation is conducted for the years 1998–2018 at a spatial resolution of $2^\circ \times 2.5^\circ$ with a nested resolution of $0.5^\circ \times 0.625^\circ$ over North America, Europe, and China, and 47 vertical levels. The top of lowest model layer is approximately 100 m. We follow the recommendations of Philip et al.¹⁵ to use a chemical and transport operator duration of 20 min and 10 min, respectively. We include a non-local boundary layer mixing scheme.¹⁶ We spin up the model for one month before each global and regional simulation to remove the effects of initial conditions.

GEOS-Chem contains a detailed oxidant-aerosol chemical mechanism.^{17,18} The aerosol simulation includes the sulfate–nitrate–ammonium system,^{18–20} primary carbonaceous aerosol,²¹ sea salt,²² and mineral dust²³ with an improved fine dust size distribution.²⁴ We include an anthropogenic fugitive, combustion, and industrial dust (AFCID) emissions inventory.²⁵ Semivolatile primary

organic carbon and secondary organic aerosol (SOA) formation²⁶ is included with updated SOA formation from isoprene via an irreversible up-take scheme.²⁷ HNO₃ concentrations are reduced to commensurate with prior work.²⁸ Relative humidity dependent aerosol optical properties are based on the Global Aerosol Data Set (GADS)^{29,30} with updates for organics and secondary inorganics from aircraft observations,³¹ mineral dust,^{24,32,33} and for absorbing BrC.³⁴

The anthropogenic emissions inventories in our simulation are summarized in Table S4. Global anthropogenic emissions are from the EDGAR v4.3.1 global inventory,³⁵ with speciated volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions from RETRO.³⁶ Emissions are over-written in areas with regional inventories, including the US (NEI11³⁷), Canada (CAC; <http://www.ec.gc.ca/pdb/cac/>), Mexico (BRAVO³⁸), Europe (EMEP; <http://www.emep.int/>), China (MEIC v1.2^{39,40}), India (Lu et al.⁴¹) and elsewhere in Asia (MIX^{39,40}). We doubled the Indian OC and BC emissions from Lu et al.⁴¹ based on Philip et al.⁴² and Fu et al.⁴³ Emissions from open fires for individual years from the GFED4 inventory⁴⁴ are included covering the years 1998-2018.

3. Algorithm for calculating combined PM_{2.5} from satellites and simulation

Our algorithm to combine information from satellites and simulation follows van Donkelaar et al.,⁴⁵ with updates to ground-based AOD measurements, to the satellite AOD products, to the GEOS-Chem simulation, and to the resolution of our analysis.

The first step in the calculation of our combined PM_{2.5} estimates is the common calibration of the separate AOD sources. Each source is translated onto a common 0.05° x 0.05° grid. For a consistent definition of uncertainty, we compare each AOD source with AERONET (Aerosol Robotic Network)⁴⁶ AOD at 550 nm. AERONET is a global sun photometer network that provides multi-wavelength AOD measurements with a high level of accuracy (the uncertainty associated with AERONET measurements is <0.02). We use level 2 of the version 3 AERONET data.⁴⁷

There are different sources of error associated with satellite retrieved AOD than with simulated AOD, therefore their uncertainties need to be accounted for differently. For cloud-free and snow-free daytime scenes, one of the main sources of uncertainty associated with satellite retrieved AOD is the surface treatment used in the retrieval.⁴⁸ Therefore the daily satellite AOD retrievals are sampled to within 0.25° of each AERONET site and binned according to the Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI), which represents seasonally based changes in vegetation. Locally, calibrations are calculated at each AERONET site as the median slope and offset from reduced major axis linear regression of retrieved AOD with the AERONET values. The local calibrations are then expanded globally by calculating each pixel as the weighted average of all AERONET site-specific local calibrations, using inverse squared distance and the inverse of the Land Cover Similarity (LCS):

$$LCS_{i,j,k} = \sum_{n=1}^{N_{LT}} |LT_{i,j,n} - LT_{k,n}| \quad [S1]$$

where $LT_{i,j,n}$ is the land cover type percentage of the pixel (i,j) for each land cover type (n) and $LT_{k,n}$ is the land cover type percentage of AERONET site (k) for each land cover type (n). The land cover type categories are defined by the MODIS land cover product.⁴⁹ The LCS allows similar mixtures of land cover to be weighted more strongly.

The residual uncertainty between the calibrated and observed AOD at each AERONET site is then calculated as the normalized root mean square difference:

$$NRMSD = \frac{(\text{MEAN}(AOD_{CALIBRATED} - AOD_{AERONET})^2)^{0.5}}{AOD_{AERONET}} \quad [S2]$$

Local NRMSD are globally extended using inverse squared distance and LCS, following the approach used for the local calibration factors.

For the simulated AOD, to account for errors due to species-specific emissions and assumed aerosol microphysical properties, we calculate the relative uncertainty by applying the simulated fractional aerosol composition to each daily AERONET observation following van Donkelaar et al.⁵⁰ The local calibration factors are calculated as the absolute error of each species at each station as a function of magnitude. The local calibration factors are then extended globally using inverse distance squared and the cross-correlation weighted average of each AERONET site to each global pixel. The residual uncertainty is calculated as the component-specific NRMSD, and is extended globally using the inverse squared distance and cross correlation. The daily surface PM_{2.5} concentrations from each source are obtained by applying the daily simulated AOD to PM_{2.5} ratios (η). Evaluation of the simulation versus ground-based measurements indicates consistency with both AERONET AOD ($R^2=0.71$) and PM_{2.5} monitors ($R^2=0.61$).

The daily AOD and PM_{2.5} values are used to calculate monthly mean values. Missing AOD and PM_{2.5} values within areas of more than 50% coverage are approximated using the interpolated ratio with the same data source during other years, or if necessary the interpolated ratio with simulated values during the same time period. Monthly AOD values from all N sources are combined using a weighted average, weighted by the product of the inverse residual AOD NRMSD, the inverse absolute percent difference between calibrated and uncalibrated AOD $\left(\frac{\Delta AOD_{adj}}{AOD}\right)$ and the local data density (N_{obs}) such that:

$$AOD = \frac{\sum_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{NRMSD_n} \times \left(\frac{\Delta AOD_{adj,n}}{AOD_n}\right)^{-1} \times N_{obs,n}^2 \times AOD_n}{\sum_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{NRMSD_n} \times \left(\frac{\Delta AOD_{adj,n}}{AOD_n}\right)^{-1} \times N_{obs,n}^2} \quad [S3]$$

$\Delta AOD_{adj,n}$ and AOD_n are set to a minimum of 0.01, and N_{obs} is set to a maximum of 5 observations per month for the purpose of weighting, even when more observations are included

in the calculation. The squaring of N_{obs} penalizes sparse observation density. Values exceeding 3 standard deviations of those within the surrounding $1^\circ \times 1^\circ$ are replaced via linear interpolation. Figure S1 shows a scatter plot of the combined AOD data versus AOD measurements from AERONET. A high degree of consistency is apparent ($R^2=0.84$, slope=0.97).

The monthly $PM_{2.5}$ estimates are combined using similar weighting:

$$PM_{2.5} = \frac{\sum_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{NRMSD_n} \times \left(\frac{\Delta AOD_{adj,n}}{AOD_n}\right)^{-1} \times N_{obs,n}^2 \times PM_{2.5,n}}{\sum_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{NRMSD_n} \times \left(\frac{\Delta AOD_{adj,n}}{AOD_n}\right)^{-1} \times N_{obs,n}^2} \quad [S4]$$

Spatial information from the 1 km MAIAC AOD retrieval is then incorporated by applying the climatology of its retrieved relative variation between 0.01° and 0.05° . Where MAIAC is unavailable, monthly AOD and $PM_{2.5}$ are linearly interpolated onto a $0.01^\circ \times 0.01^\circ$ grid.

We use Geographically Weighted Regression (GWR) to predict and account for the bias in the annual mean of our geophysical $PM_{2.5}$ estimates ($GEO PM_{2.5}$). GWR is a statistical technique that allows the modelling of processes that vary over space.⁵¹ GWR is an extension of least-squares regression that allows predictor coefficients to vary spatially by weighting the estimate-observation pairs at multiple geographic locations according to their inverse squared distance from individual observation sites.

We fit our GWR model coefficients at $1^\circ \times 1^\circ$ intervals using $PM_{2.5}$ measured with ground-based monitors ($GM PM_{2.5}$) following the form:

$$(GM PM_{2.5} - GEO PM_{2.5}) = \beta_1 DST + \beta_2 SNAOC + \beta_3 ED \times DU \quad [S5]$$

where

β_1 to β_3 : represent spatially varying predictor coefficients,

ED: the log of the elevation difference between the local elevation and the mean elevation within the simulation grid cell according to the 1° x 1° ETOPO1 Global Relief Model (from the National Geophysical Data Center; <http://www.ngdc.noaa.gov/mgg/global/seltopo.html>),

DU: inverse distance to the nearest urban land surface based on the 1° resolution MODIS Land Cover Type Product (MCD12Q1),⁴⁹

DST and *SNAOC*: compositional concentrations of mineral dust (*DST*) and the sum of sulfate, nitrate, ammonium, and organic carbon (*SNAOC*) are represented by the simulated relative contributions of each species applied to *GEO PM*_{2.5} by weighting the near-surface aerosol concentration by the simulated compositional contribution of each species.⁴²

We interpolate all predictors onto a common 0.01° grid. The GWR adds the most value where ground monitors are available, and the method will only improve as more ground monitors are added globally.

Table S1a: Summary of Satellite AOD Sources

Instrument	Satellite (Overpass Time)^a	Retrieval Algorithm	Time Period Available	Time Period Used	Spatial Resolution	Temporal Resolution
MODIS	Terra (10:30)	C6.1 Dark Target C6.1 Deep Blue	2000-present	2002-2018 ^b	10 km x 10 km	Daily under viable conditions
	Aqua (13:30)	C6.1 Dark Target C6.1 Deep Blue	2002-present			
	Terra/Aqua Combined	MAIAC	2000-present	2001-2018 ^c	1 km x 1 km	
MISR	Terra (10:30)	MISR v23	2000-present	2001-2018 ^d	4.4 km x 4.4 km	Weekly under viable conditions
SeaWiFS	SeaStar (12:00)	Deep Blue version 4	1997-2010	1998-2010 ^e	13.5 km x 13.5 km	Daily under viable conditions

a. Local time at the equator.

b. The years 2000-2001 were not yet available for the Terra MODIS C6.1 products at the time this project began.

c. The year 2000 was not yet available for MAIAC at the time this project began.

d. The year 2000 was not yet available for MISR v23 at the time this project began.

Table S1b: Summary of Other Data Sources

Data Source	Time Period Used	Spatial Resolution	Temporal Resolution	Usage
GEOS-Chem	1998-2018	2° × 2.5° (global) and 0.5° × 0.625° over nested regions.	10 - 15 min (transport), hourly (chemistry and emissions)	AOD source, AOD to PM _{2.5} relationship, speciated GWR predictors
AERONET version 3, Level 2	1998-2016 ^a	Point observation	15 minutes under cloud- free conditions	AOD uncertainty assessment and calibration
MODIS Collection 5 Land Type Percentage (MCD12C1)	2001-2012	1° × 1° regrided onto global 0.01° × 0.01° grid.	Annual	Global extension of AERONET- observed uncertainty, and GWR predictor (urban landcover)
ETOPO1 Global Relief Model	N/A	1° × 1° regrided onto global 0.01° × 0.01° grid.	N/A	GWR predictor
PM _{2.5} surface monitors	2010-2018	Point observation	Annual	Assessment and GWR calibration

a. The years 2017-2018 were not yet available for download from AERONET version 3 at the time this project began.

Table S2: Summary of anthropogenic emissions used in the GEOS-Chem simulation

Region	Inventory (Coverage)	Used Species	Annual Scale Factor ^a	Reference
World	EDGAR v4.3.1 (1970-2010)	CO, NO _x , SO ₂ , NH ₃ , OC, BC	N/A	Crippa et al. ³⁵
	RETRO (2000)	VOCs	from EDGAR v4.3.1, 1970-2010	Schultz et al. ³⁶
U.S.	EPA NEI11 (2011)	CO, NO _x , SO ₂ , NH ₃ , OC, BC, VOCs	NEI historical emission, 1990-2014	US Environmental Protection Agency ³⁷
Canada	CAC (2002-2008)	CO, NO _x , SO ₂ , NH ₃ , OC, BC	APEI, 1990-2014	Environment Canada ^b
Mexico	BRAVO (1999)	CO, NO _x , SO ₂	from EDGAR v4.3.1, 1970-2010	Kuhns et al. ³⁸
Europe	EMEP (1990-2012)	CO, NO _x , SO ₂ , NH ₃	N/A	Centre on Emissions Inventories and Projections ^c
China	MEIC v1.2 (2000-2015)	NO _x , SO ₂ , NH ₃ , OC, BC	N/A	Li et al. ³⁹
India	Lu et al. ⁴¹ (1998-2010)	SO ₂ , OC, BC	N/A	Lu et al. ⁴¹
Asia	MIX (2008-2012)	CO, NO _x , SO ₂ , NH ₃ , OC, BC, VOCs	CO, NO _x , NH ₃ , VOCs, from EDGAR v4.3.1, 1970-2010, SO ₂ , OC, BC from Lu et al. ⁴¹	Li et al. ³⁹

a. Annual scale factors are spatially resolved and applied only when the emission inventory lacks data for a certain year. Data in the closest available year is used if outside the available range.

b. <http://www.ec.gc.ca/pdb/cac/>

c. <http://www.emep.int/>

Table S3: The global number of direct PM_{2.5} measurements available each year from the World Health Organization (WHO) Ambient (Outdoor) Air Quality Database.

Year	Number of measurements^a
2010	1526
2011	1659
2012	1735
2013	1997
2014	2761
2015	3787
2016	4016
2017	3823
2018	2065

^aOnly sites with greater than 75% annual coverage were included.

Table S4: The coefficient of variation (R²) and slope between the hybrid geophysical-statistical PM_{2.5} estimates (at cross validated sites) and in-situ values for V4.GL.03 from this work and V4.GL.02 from van Donkelaar et al.⁴⁵ N is the number of comparison points.

Year	R²		slope		N
	v.03	v.02	v.03	v.02	
2014	0.90	0.80	0.96	0.88	2761
2015	0.92	0.85	0.91	0.94	3783
2016	0.92	0.85	0.97	0.88	4016

Table S5: Population-weighted geophysical PM_{2.5} trend (µg/m³/yr) for 1998-2018 with standard error in brackets, and population-weighted mean PM_{2.5} (µg/m³) according to geophysical (GEO), GWR-adjusted hybrid (HBR), the Global Burden of Disease 2017 dataset (GBD)⁵² and monitor for 2015, by Global Burden of Disease region. Population data are from the Gridded Population of the World database,⁵³ and unavailable years were obtained via linear interpolation.

Region	Population [million people]	GEO PM _{2.5} Trend	GEO PM _{2.5}	HBR PM _{2.5}	GBD PM _{2.5}	At PM _{2.5} Monitor Locations				
						GEO PM _{2.5}	HBR PM _{2.5}	GBD PM _{2.5}	Monitor PM _{2.5}	N [#]
Global	7345	0.04 (0.02)	41.8	46.9	55.7	40.8	43.2	50.8	44.9	3787
Asia Pacific, High Income	182	-0.09 (0.04)	18.8	18.9	16.9	32.1	32.7	25.2	23.3	24
Asia Central	86	-0.05 (0.03)	15.8	28.0	26.5	-	-	-	-	0
Asia East	1430	-0.04 (0.09)	49.7	48.6	57.6	51.1	53.4	63.8	55.9	1456
Asia South	1721	1.34 (0.19)	55.1	67.9	80.9	61.5	77.75	99.80	80.6	13
Asia, Southeast	648	0.004 (0.11)	29.3	26.7	22.6	-	-	-	-	0
Australasia	28	-0.03 (0.02)	2.7	4.8	8.3	2.8	5.4	6.9	7.4	35
Caribbean	39	-0.11 (0.05)	7.3	9.9	17.4	-	-	-	-	0
Europe, Central	115	-0.33 (0.05)	14.6	19.1	20.2	15.5	21.5	21.6	22.6	150
Europe, Eastern	209	-0.08 (0.06)	11.9	14.0	17.3	4.5	5.3	8.6	9.7	48
Europe, Western	423	-0.12 (0.02)	11.0	12.9	12.8	10.7	13.7	13.8	14.3	938
Latin America, Andean	57	-0.08 (0.08)	12.3	22.4	22.8	10.0	53.0	44.0	25.0	1
Latin America, Central	251	0.04 (0.06)	15.1	16.2	19.8	24.9	23.5	23.6	24.6	17
Latin America, Southern	64	-0.01 (0.02)	7.1	8.6	16.1	5.0	8.0	12.0	10.0	1
Latin America, Tropical	214	-0.03 (0.03)	9.1	10.1	13.5	-	-	-	-	0
North Africa/ Middle-East	488	0.09 (0.04)	22.7	29.1	55.8	43.2	57.6	63.0	72.0	4
North America, High Income	360	-0.06 (0.02)	9.0	8.5	7.8	8.9	8.5	8.0	8.6	1060
Oceania	10	0.05 (0.01)	5.9	5.4	12.0	2	2	12	8	1
Sub-Saharan Africa, Central	113	-0.12 (0.09)	30.0	32.6	42.4	-	-	-	-	0
Sub-Saharan Africa, East	416	0.06 (0.03)	17.3	21.1	36.4	-	-	-	-	0
Sub-Saharan Africa, Southern	78	0.04 (0.03)	11.2	11.9	25.2	-	-	-	-	0
Sub-Saharan Africa, West	391	-0.09 (0.12)	53.7	76.1	60.2	-	-	-	-	0

Table S6: Root Mean Square Error (RMSE) of GWR-adjusted hybrid PM_{2.5} (HBR RMSE) and out-of-sample RMSE for the GWR-adjusted hybrid PM_{2.5} (HBR_O RMSE) at monitor locations for 2015 by Global Burden of Disease region.

Region	At PM _{2.5} Monitor Locations		
	HBR RMSE	HBR_O RMSE	N [#]
Global	6.89	6.80	3787
Asia Pacific, High Income	9.54	8.23	24
Asia Central	-	-	0
Asia East	10.06	10.14	1456
Asia South	15.62	17.26	13
Asia, Southeast	-	-	0
Australasia	1.76	1.98	35
Caribbean	-	-	0
Europe, Central	4.46	4.71	150
Europe, Eastern	3.30	3.61	48
Europe, Western	3.20	3.16	938
Latin America, Andean	27.98	-	1
Latin America, Central	5.26	5.61	17
Latin America, Southern	2.29	-	1
Latin America, Tropical	-	-	0
North Africa/ Middle-East	20.82	27.25	4
North America, High Income	1.78	1.85	1060
Oceania	6.34	-	1
Sub-Saharan Africa, Central	-	-	0
Sub-Saharan Africa, East	-	-	0
Sub-Saharan Africa, Southern	-	-	0
Sub-Saharan Africa, West	-	-	0

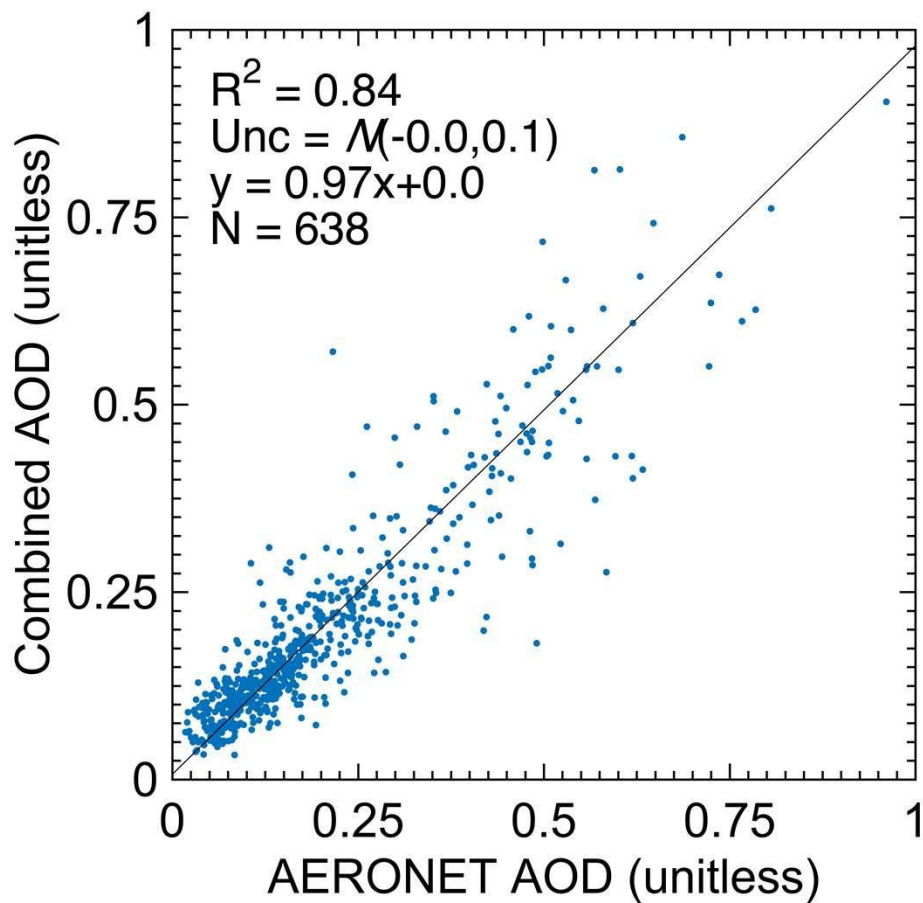


Figure S1: Scatter plot of the monthly mean combined AOD estimates versus monthly mean AERONET AOD for 2015. Only sites with measurements for at least 80% of the month and elevation less than 3000 m were included in the analysis. Included on the plots are the coefficient of variation (R^2), the normal distribution of uncertainty ($\mathcal{N}(\text{bias}, \text{variance})$), the line of best fit (y), and the number of comparison points (N).

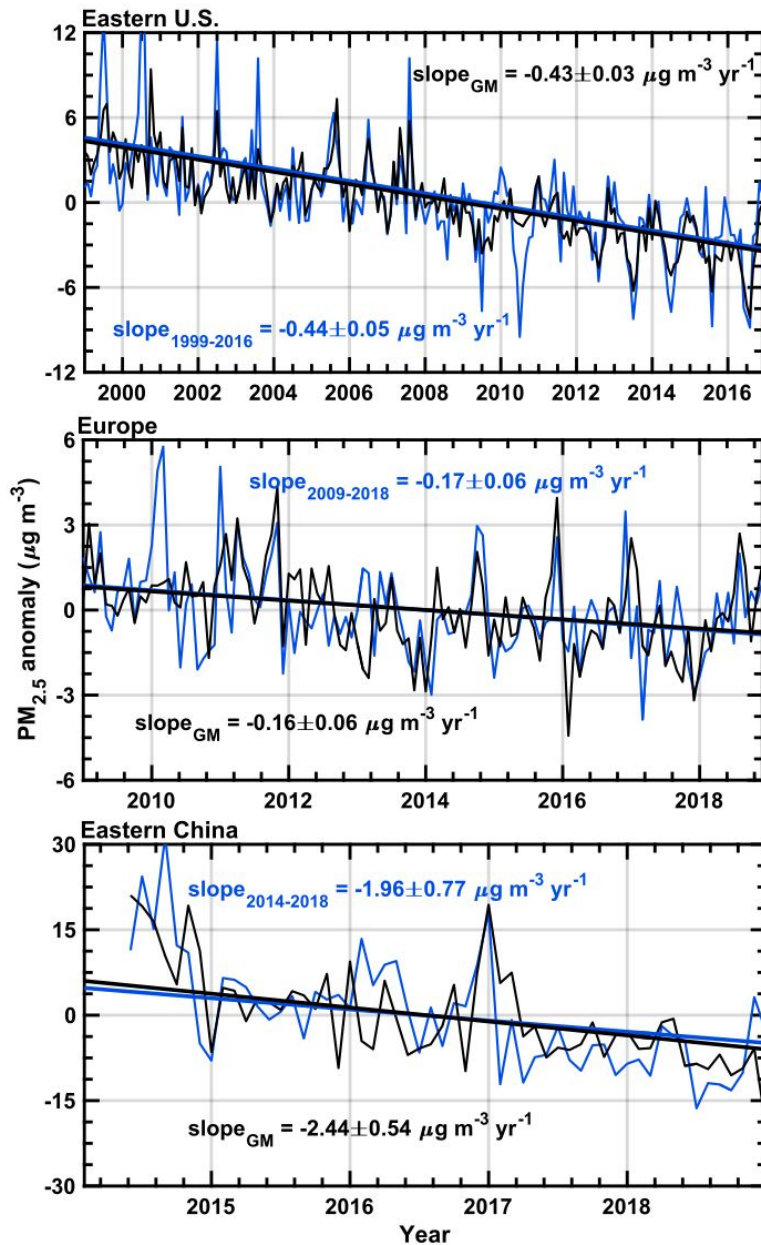


Figure S2: Regional monthly timeseries anomaly plots for population weighted mean geophysical PM_{2.5} values coincidentally sampled and evaluated with ground measurements. Blue lines and their corresponding linear fits (slope \pm standard error) indicate geophysical PM_{2.5} values, while black lines and their corresponding linear fits indicate regional ground measurements. Over the eastern U.S. (top panel) measurements are from the EPA for 1999-2016. Over Europe (middle-panel) measurements are from the European Environmental Agency for 2009-2018. Over eastern China (bottom panel) measurements are from China's national monitoring network for mid-2014-2018. Population estimates are from the Gridded Population of the World (GPW v4) database⁸⁷, and unavailable years were obtained via linear interpolation.

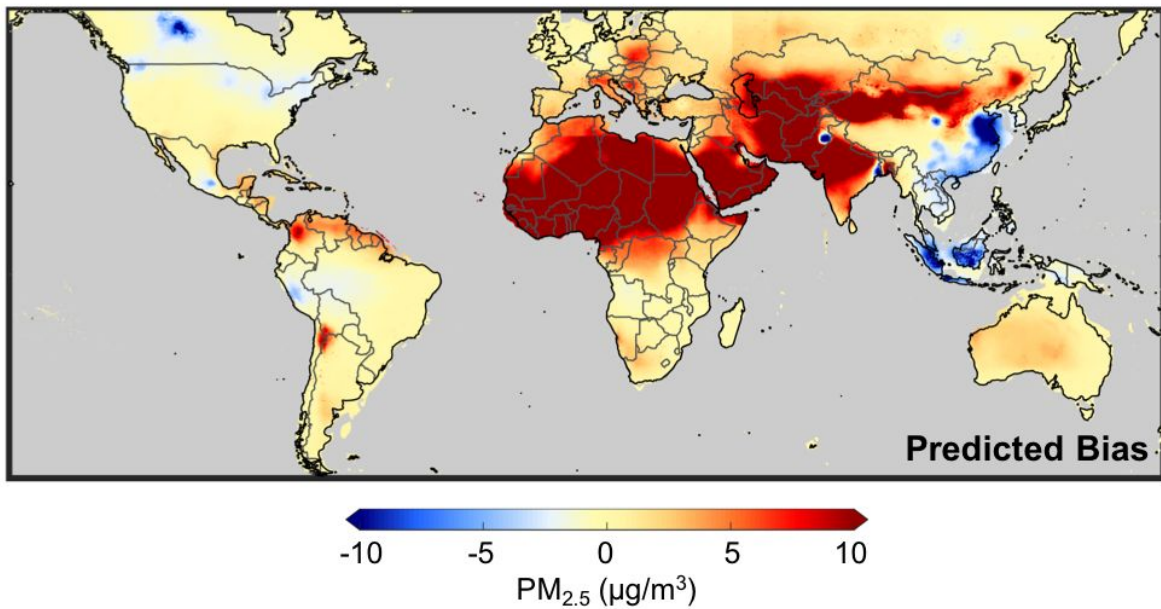


Figure S3: Bias predicted by geographically weighted regression between our geophysical PM_{2.5} estimates (Figure 3) and in situ ground monitor data for 2015. Point locations correspond to individual monitors, with black dots representing direct PM_{2.5} observations. Grey denotes water.

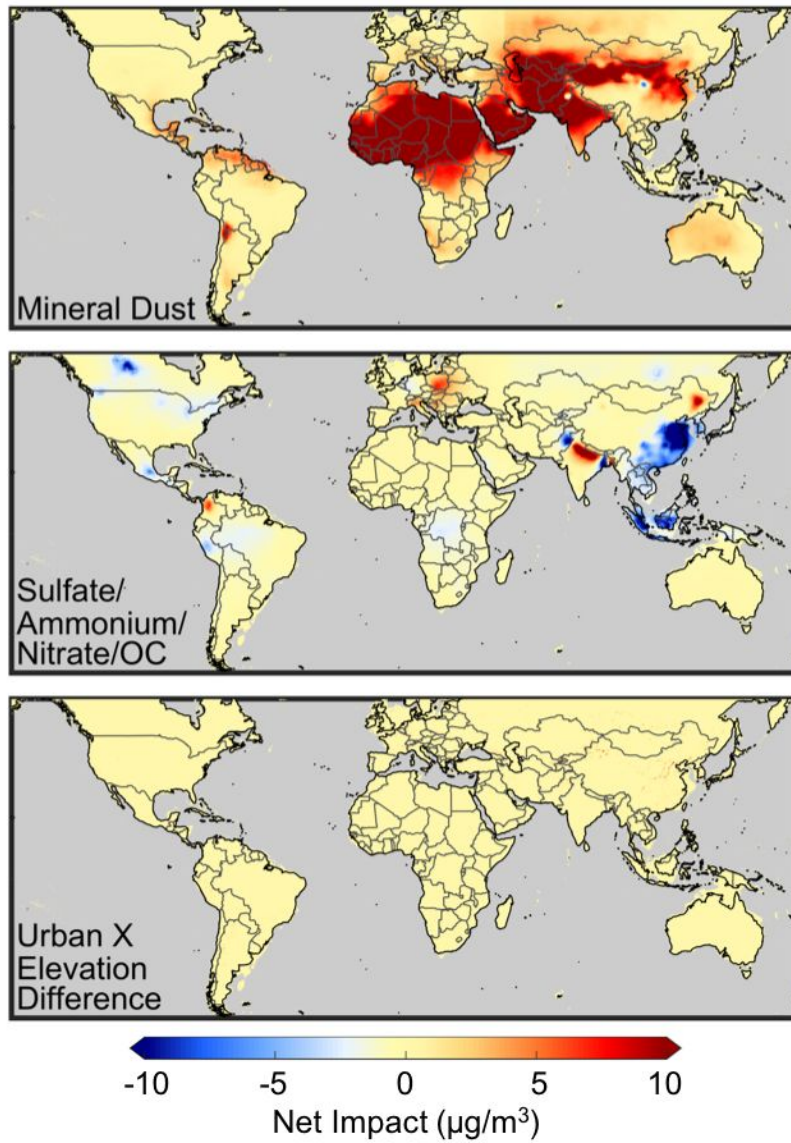


Figure S4: Net impact of individual predictors on the geographically weighted regression estimate of bias in geophysical PM_{2.5} for 2015. Gray denotes water.

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