

# Atmospheric emission reduction scenarios in Colombia: Assessing the sectoral contributions to aerosol, NO<sub>x</sub>, and Ozone population-weighted concentration

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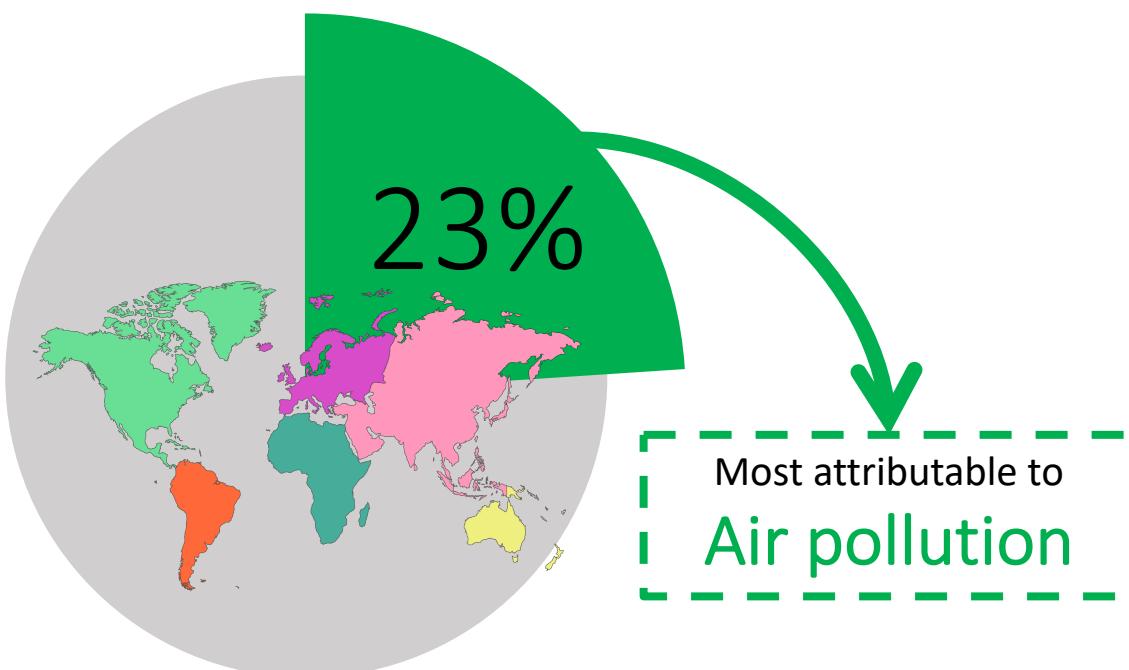


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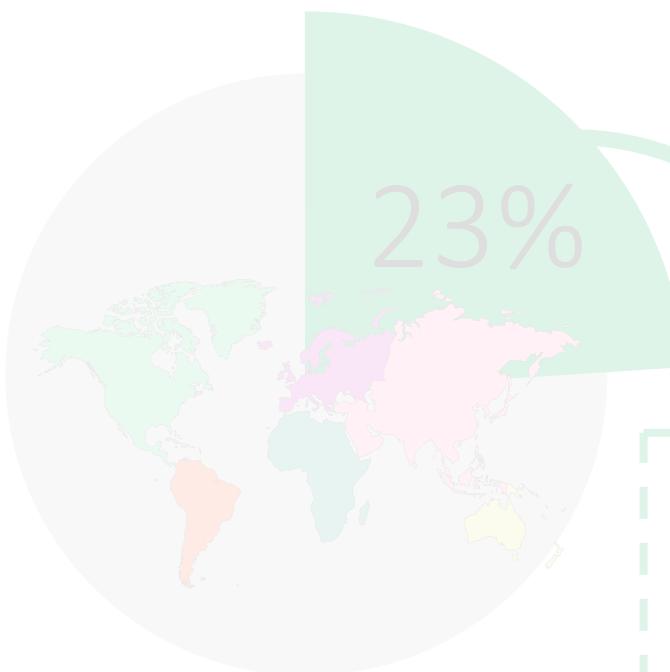
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In Colombia The National Institute of Health , found

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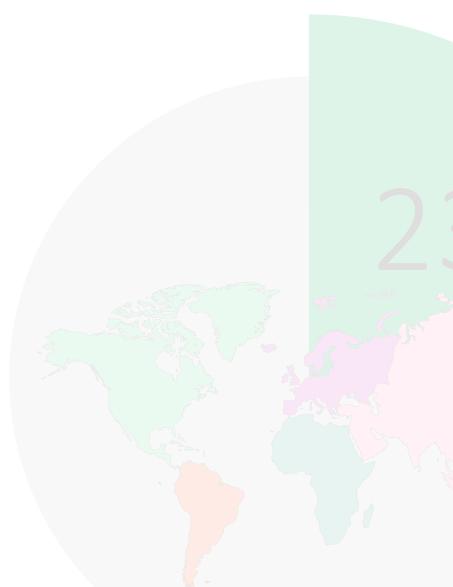
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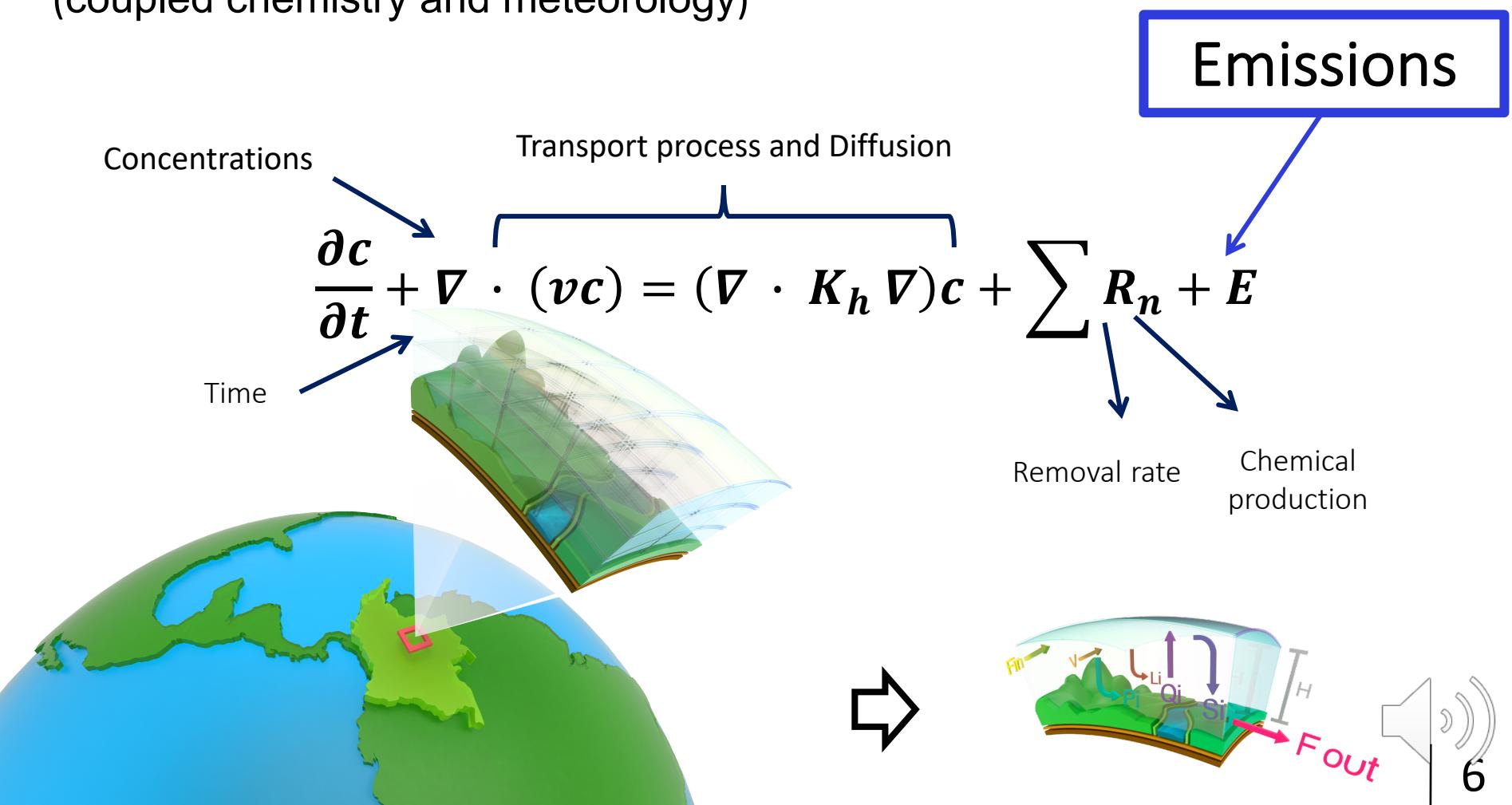
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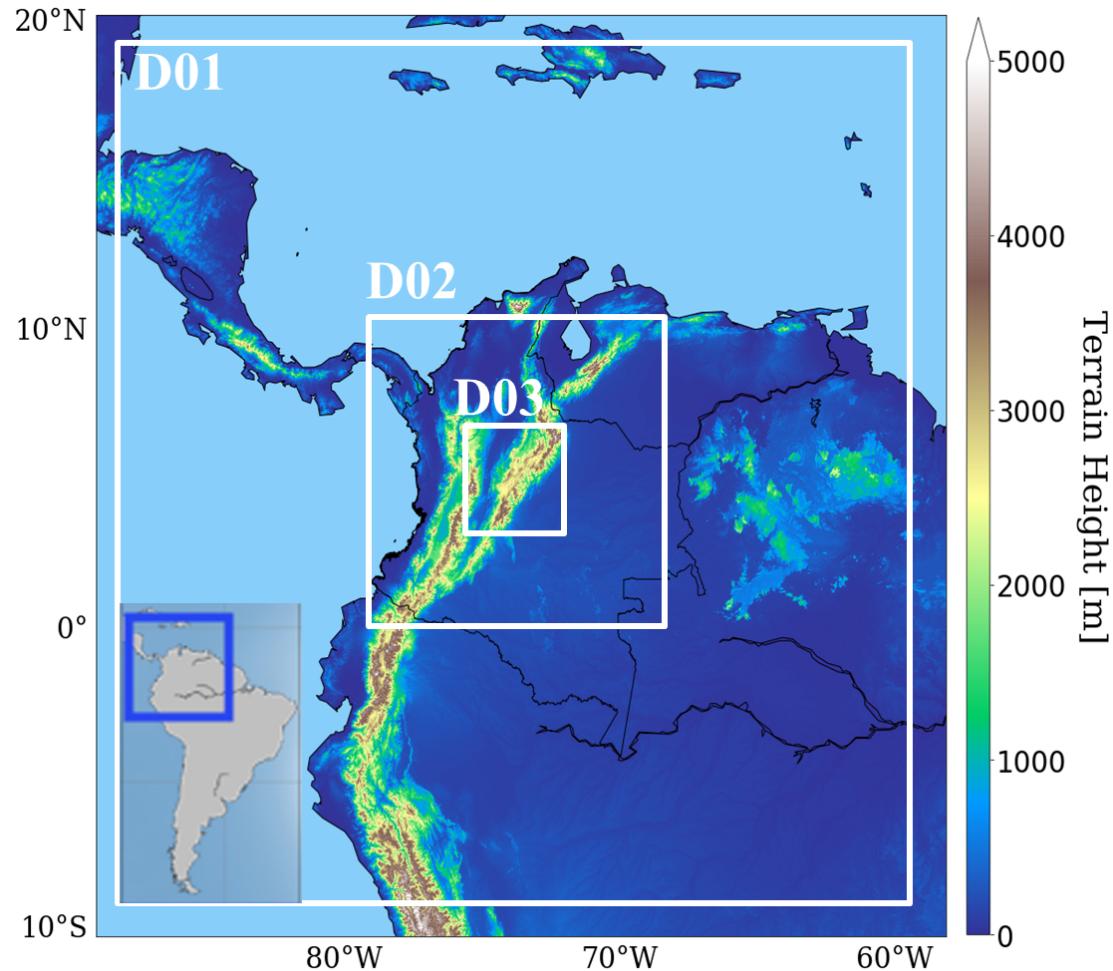
- Eulerian Regional Chemical Transport Model
- On-line model  
(coupled chemistry and meteorology)



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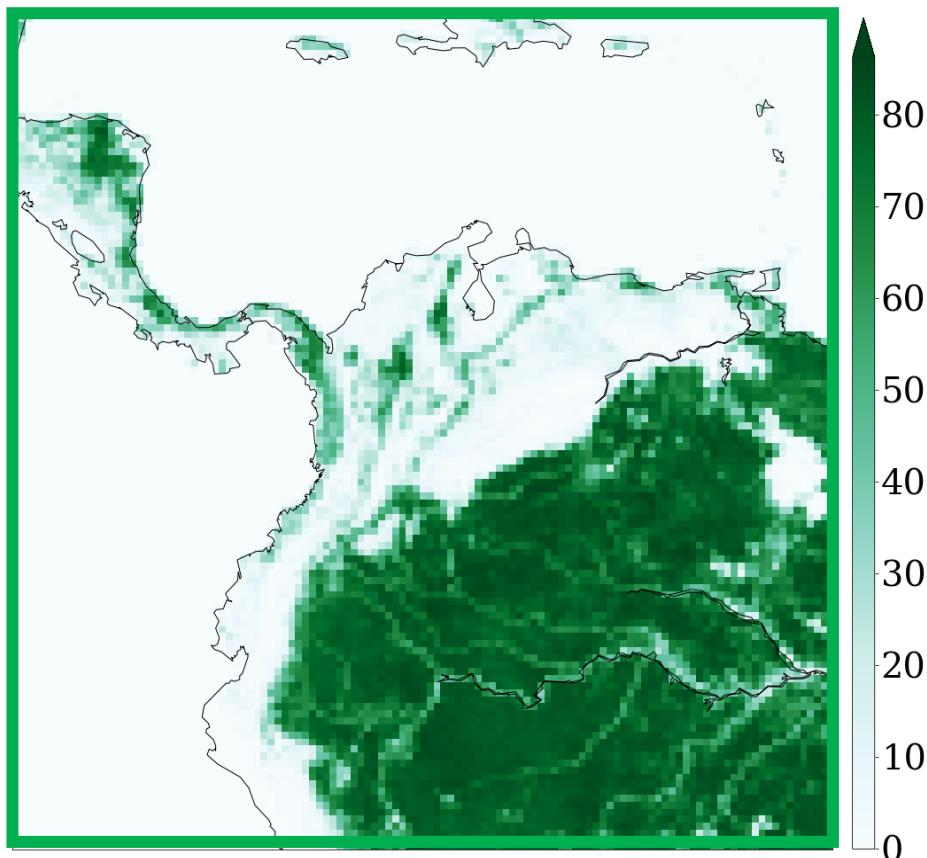


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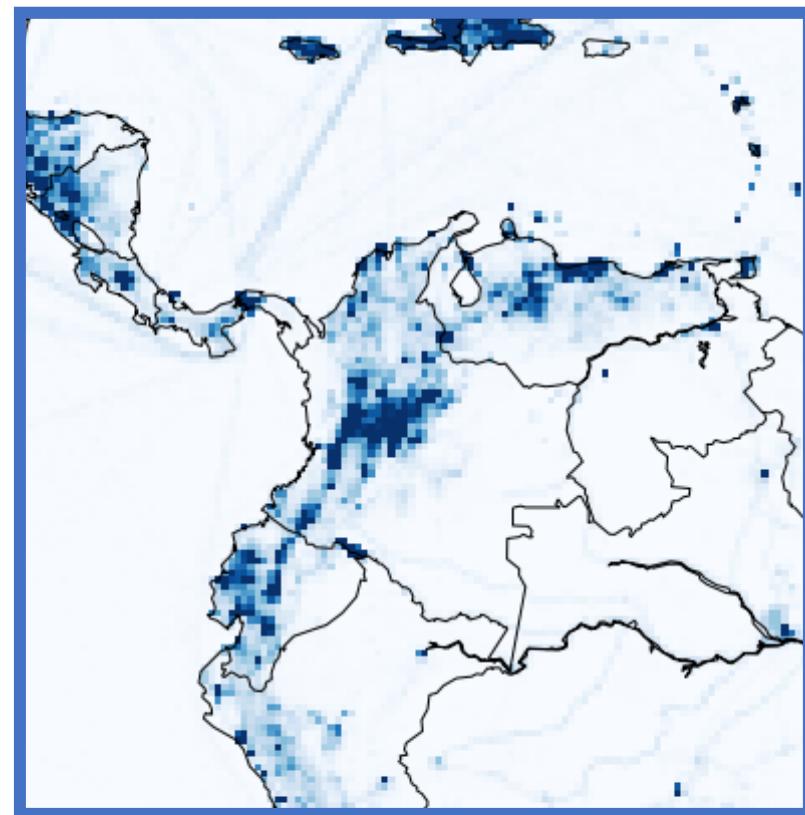
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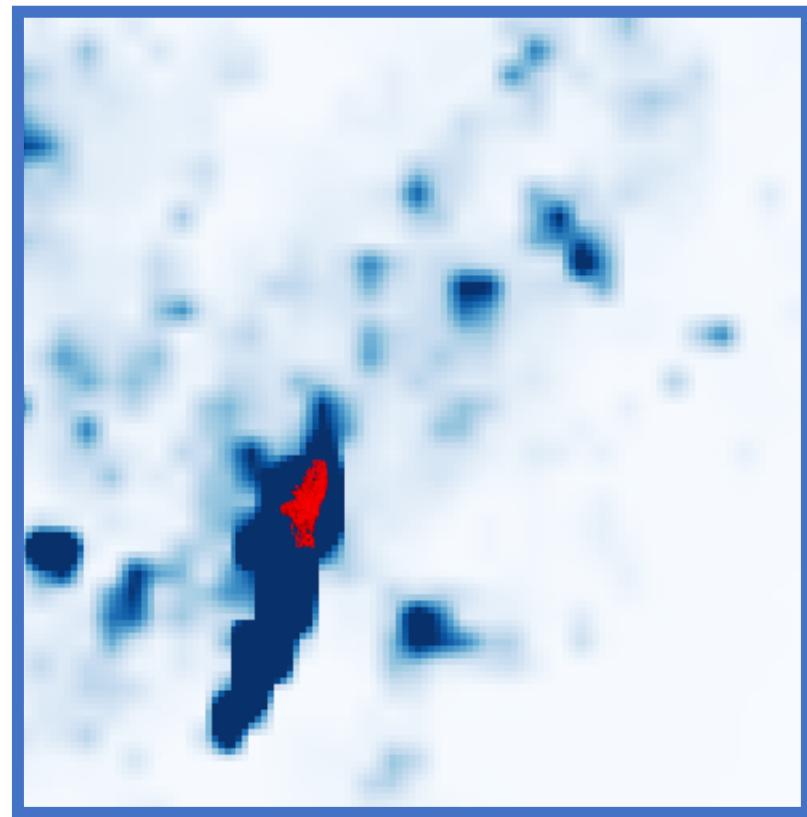


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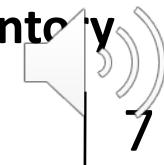
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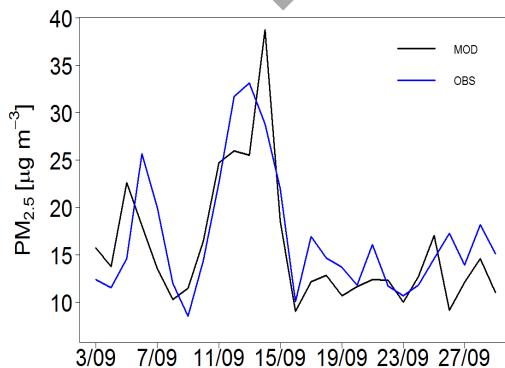
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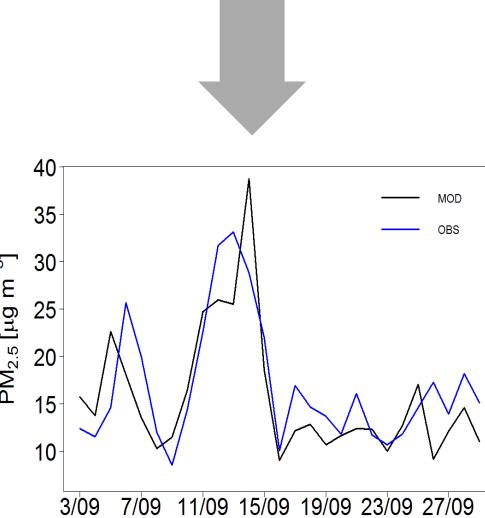
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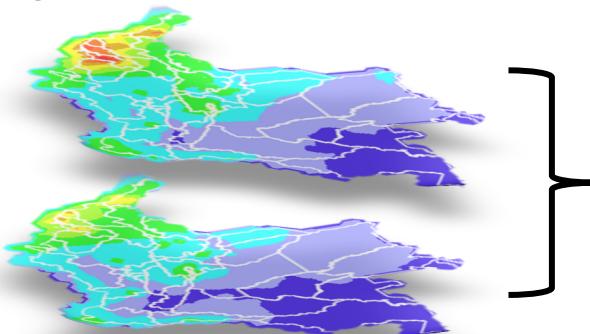
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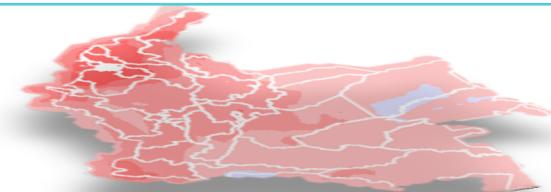
## How to measure the attribution?

Emission ScenarioS

- $C_{BC}^i$  = Concentration Base case



$\Delta C_{RS\_j}^i$  = Change in Environmental Concentrations



Air Quality (WRF-CHEM)

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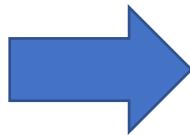
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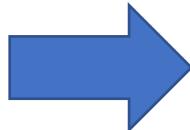
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## Scenario 3. Reduction of mobile emissions (S3)



- Heavy-duty vehicles renewal - Euro IV



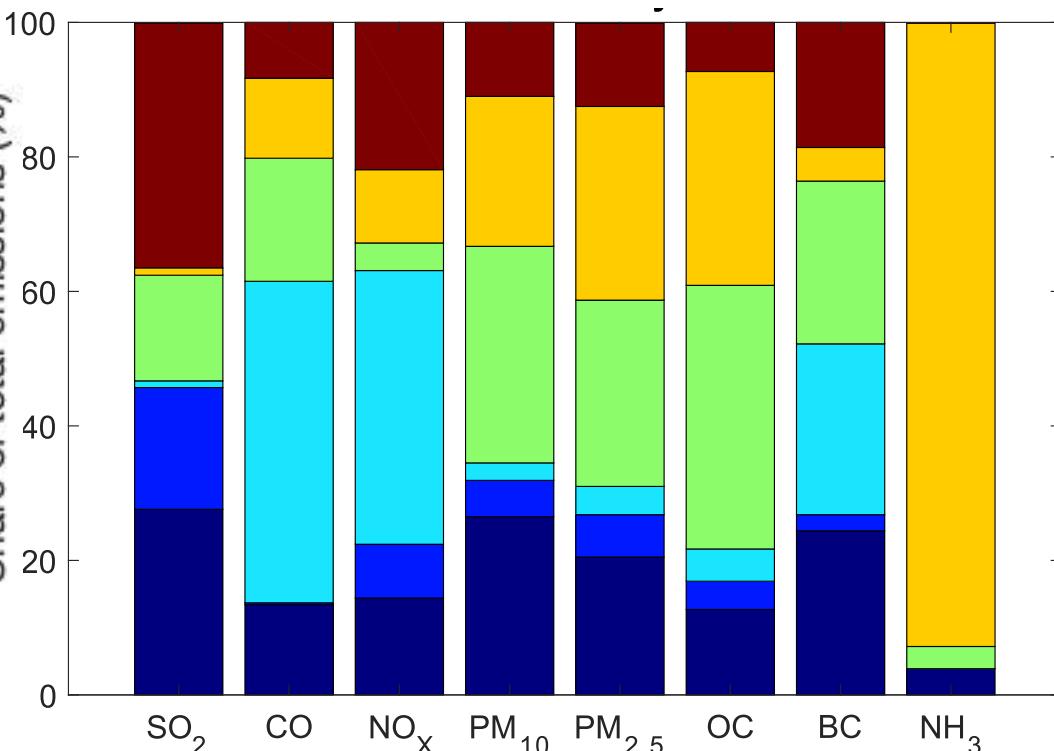
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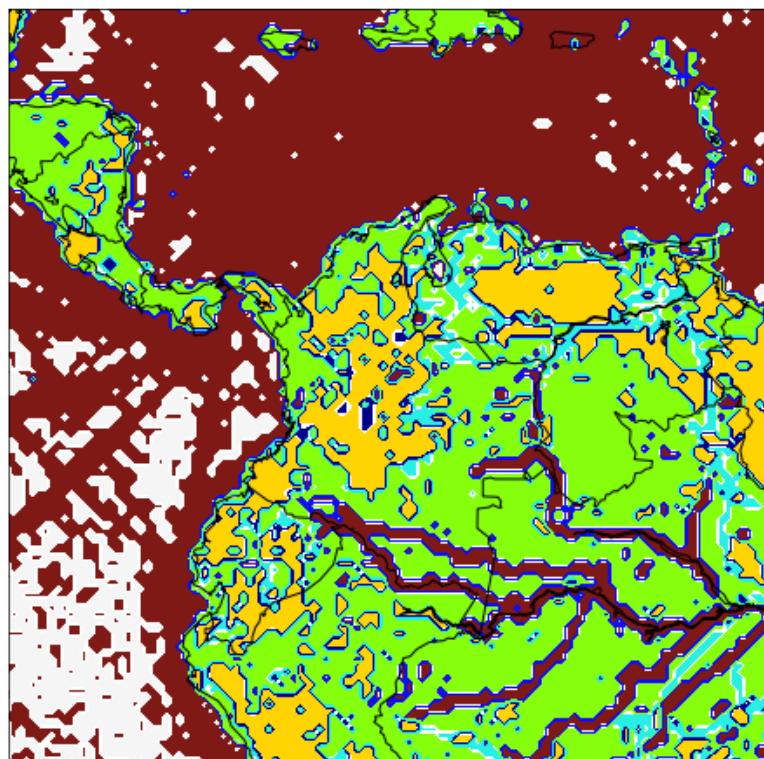
## Domain 1: Colombia – EDGAR Inventory

Percentage of emissions from economic sectors for

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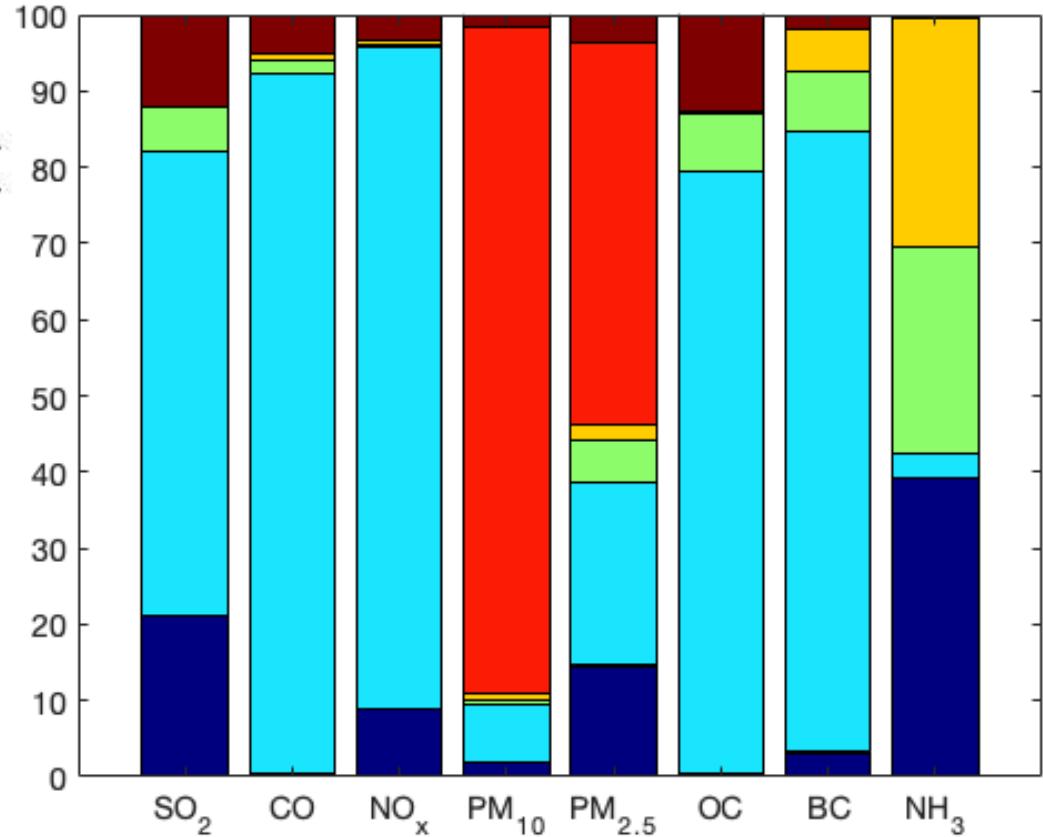
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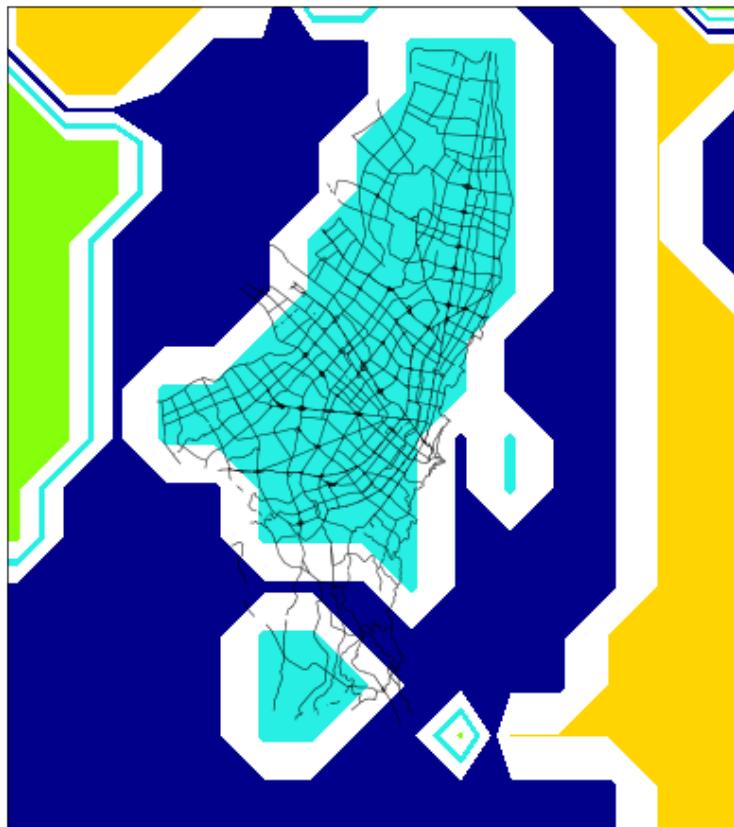
## Domain 3: Bogotá – Local inventory

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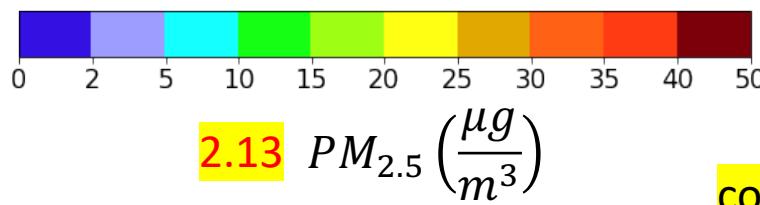
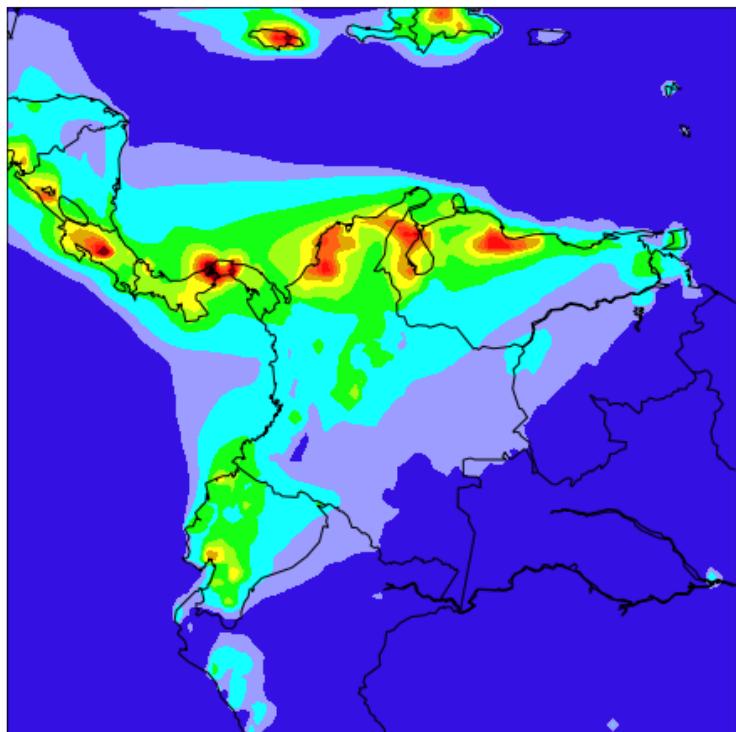


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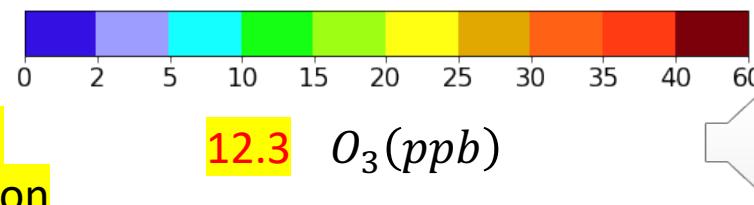
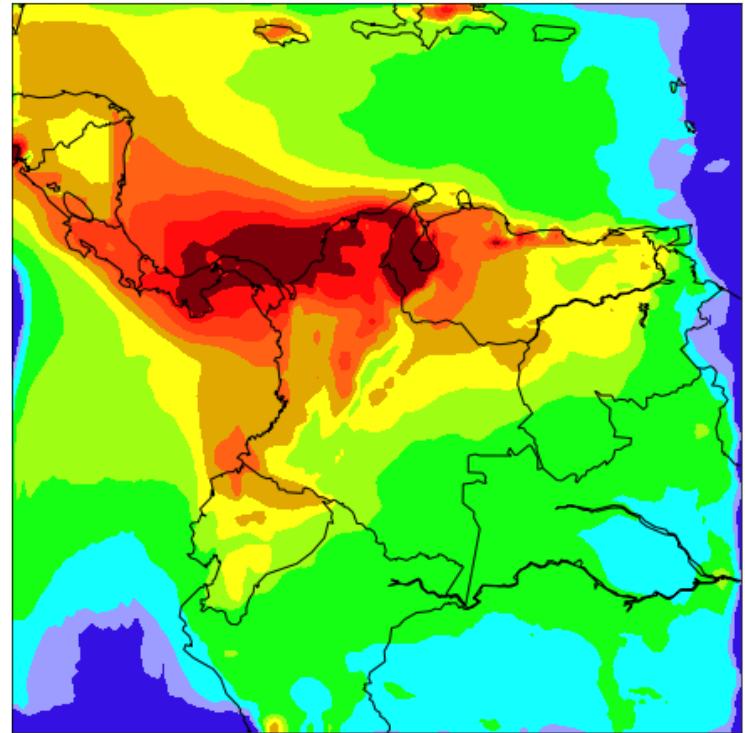
# Concentration Base Case

## Domain 1:

Average daily concentration at ground level



Maximum 8hr average concentration above ground level

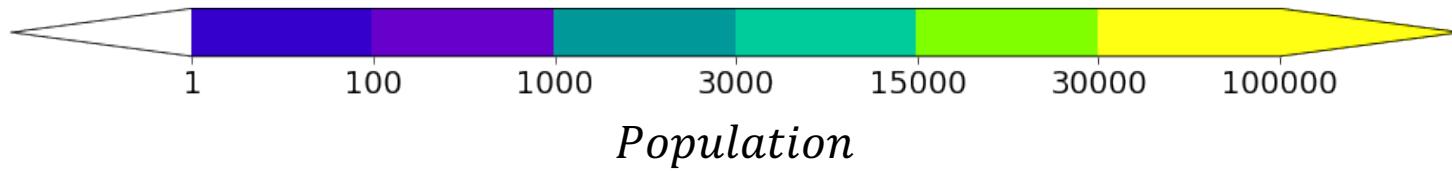
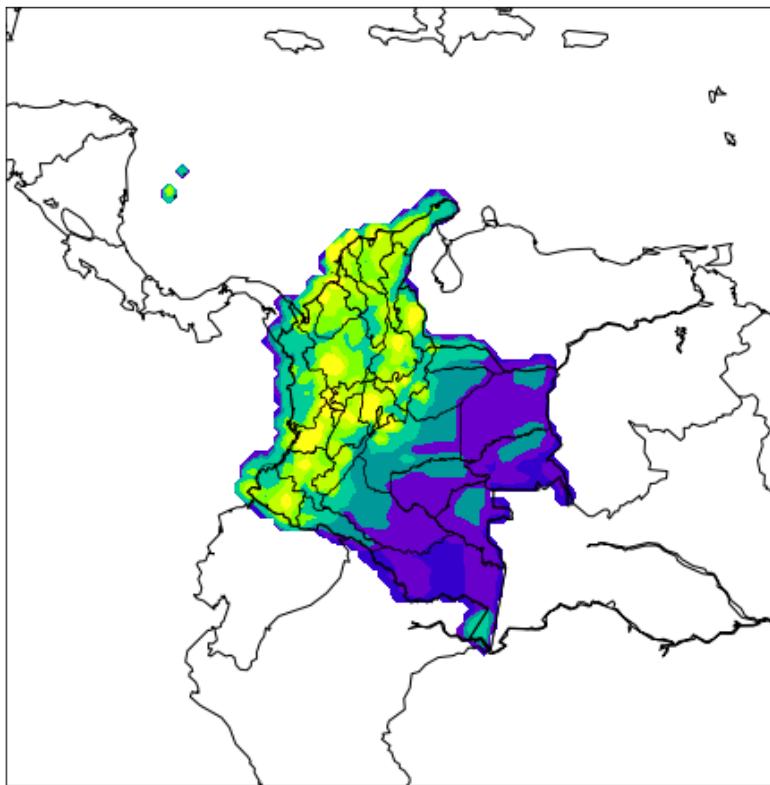


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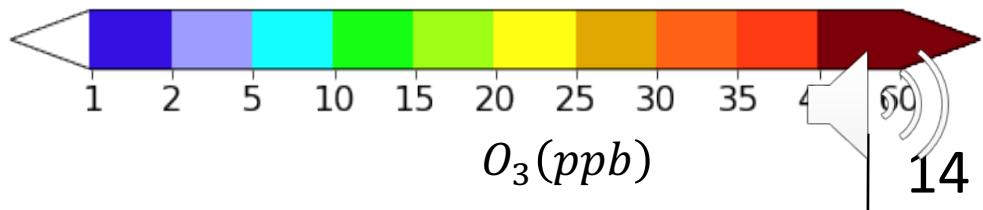
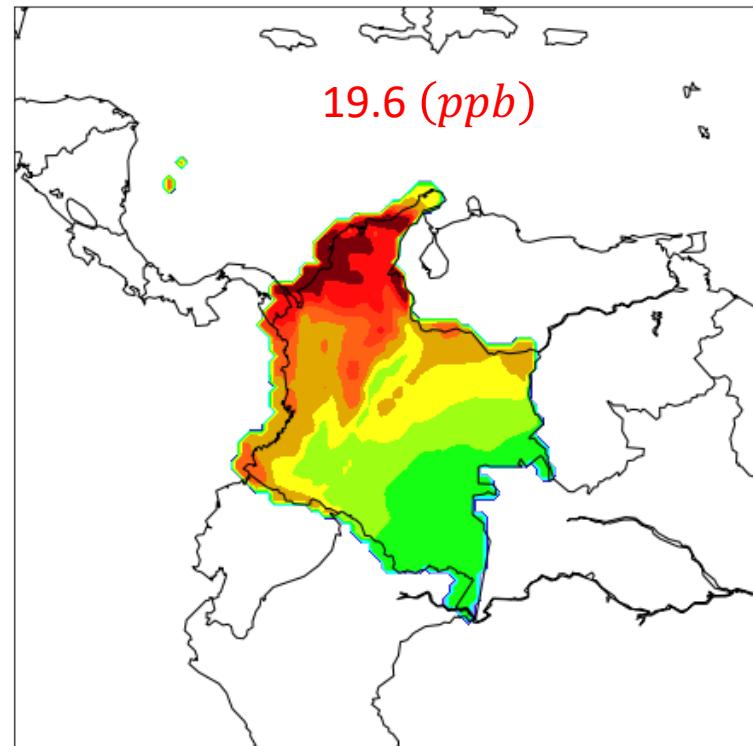
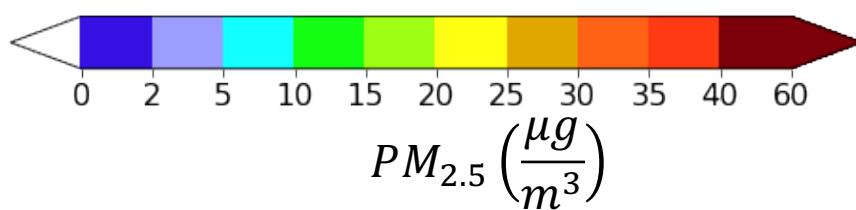
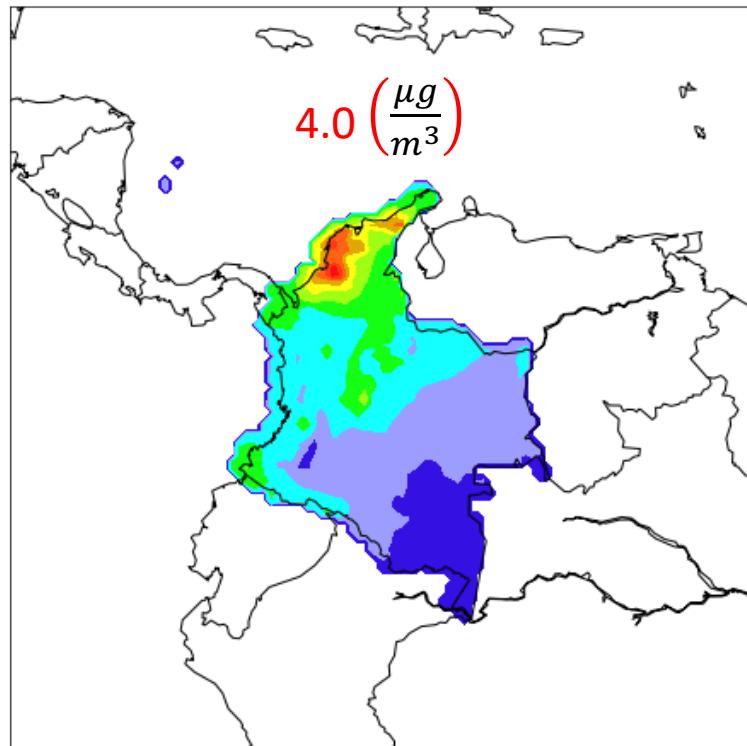
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Population in Colombia



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Average daily concentration at ground level weighted by population



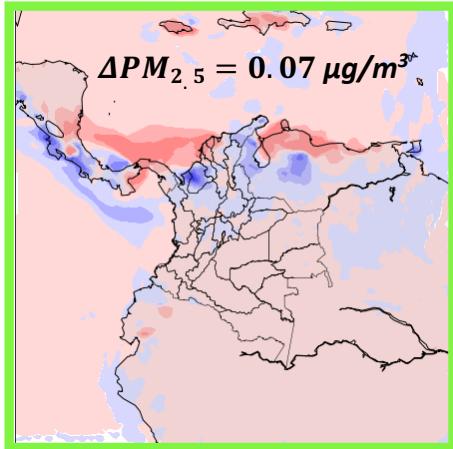
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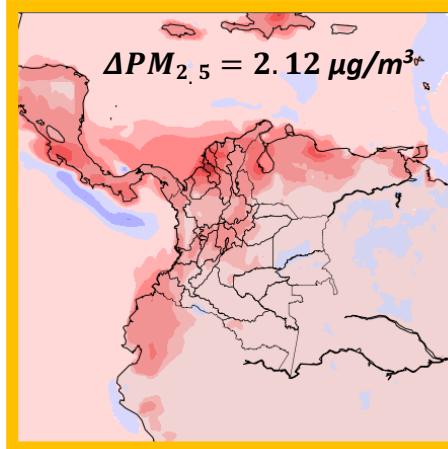
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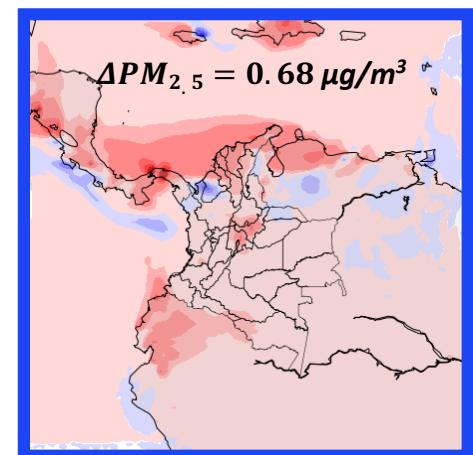
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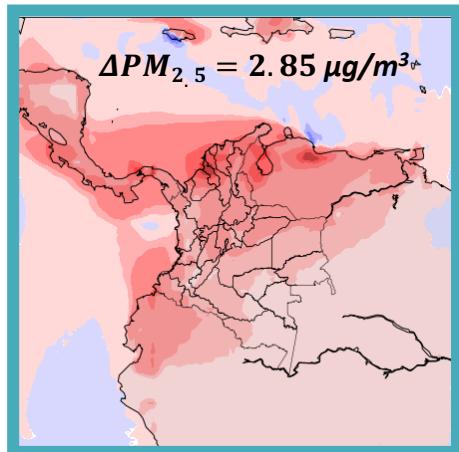
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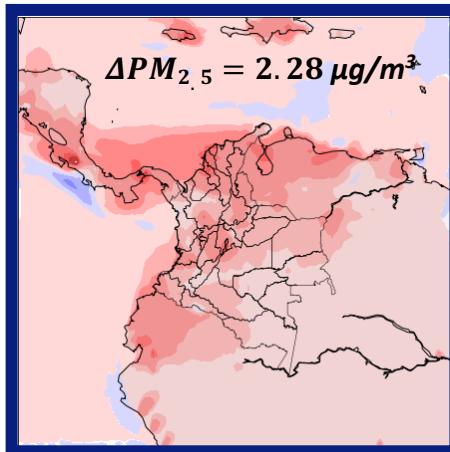
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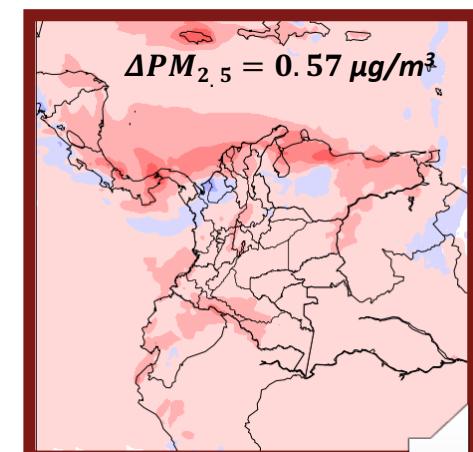
Base case - Mobile



Base case - Industrial



Base case - Others



$\Delta PM_{2.5} \mu g/m^3$



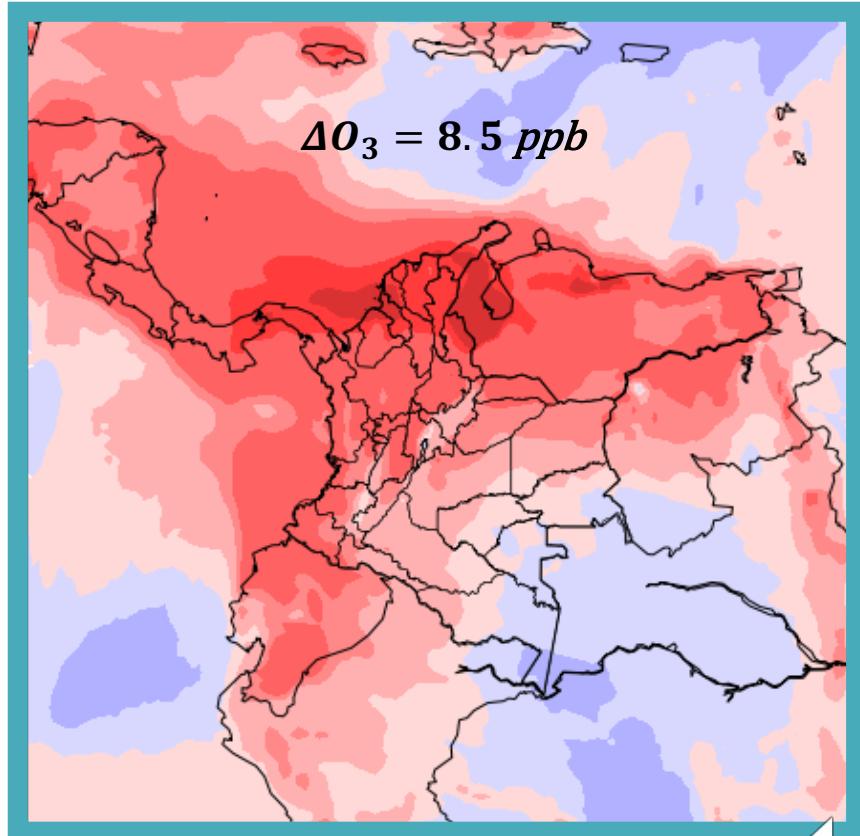
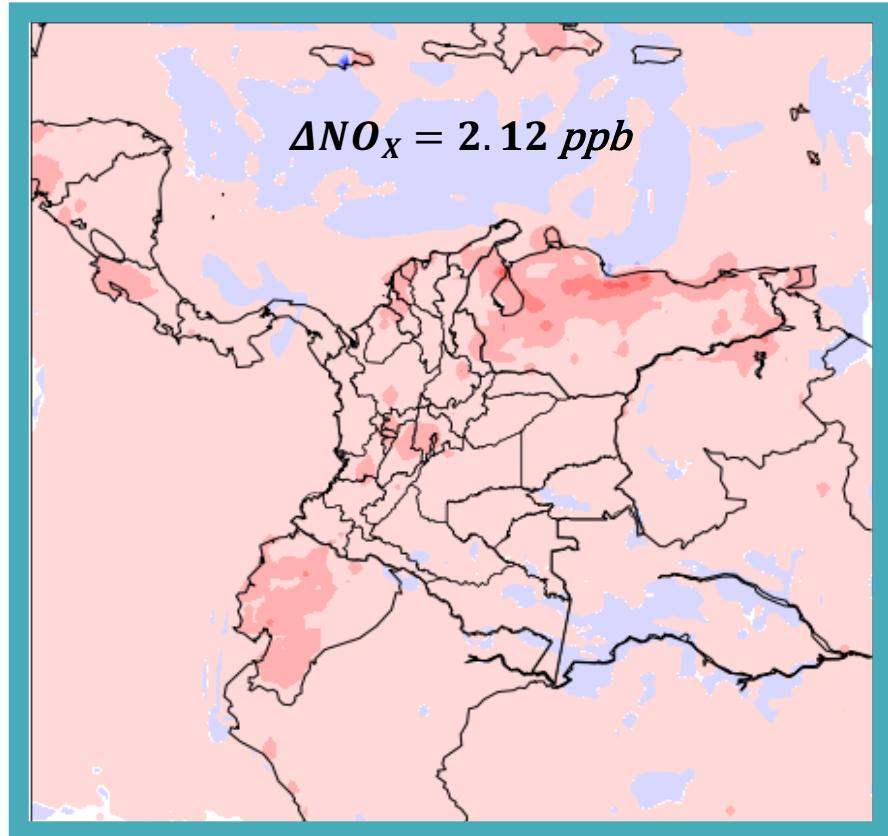
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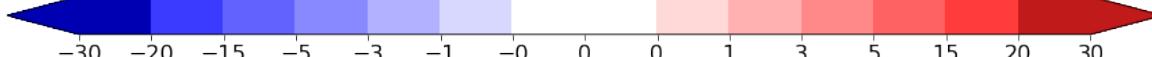
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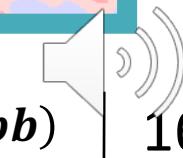
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NO<sub>x</sub> (ppb)



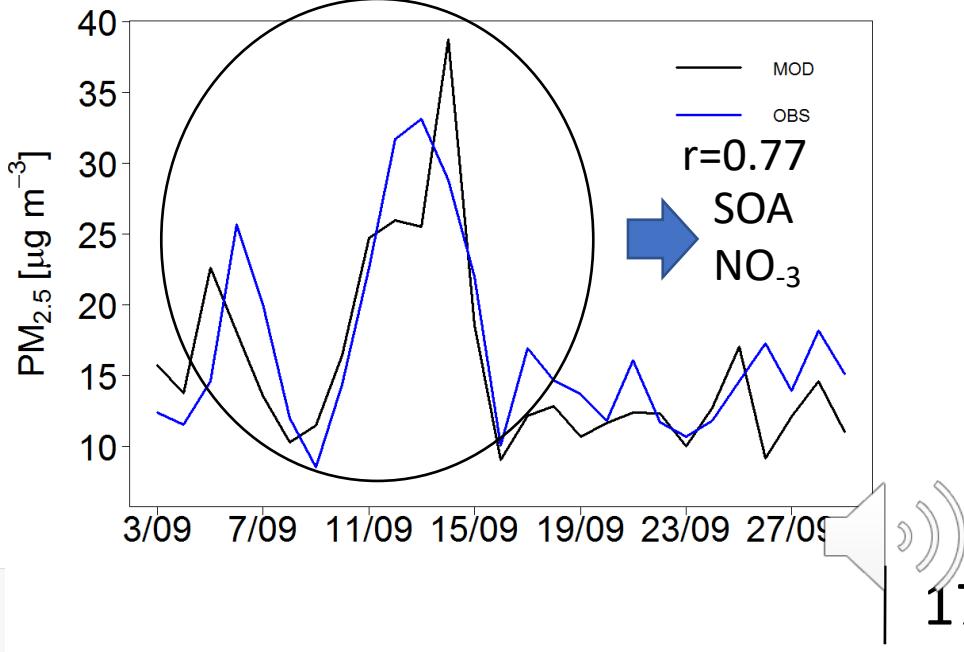
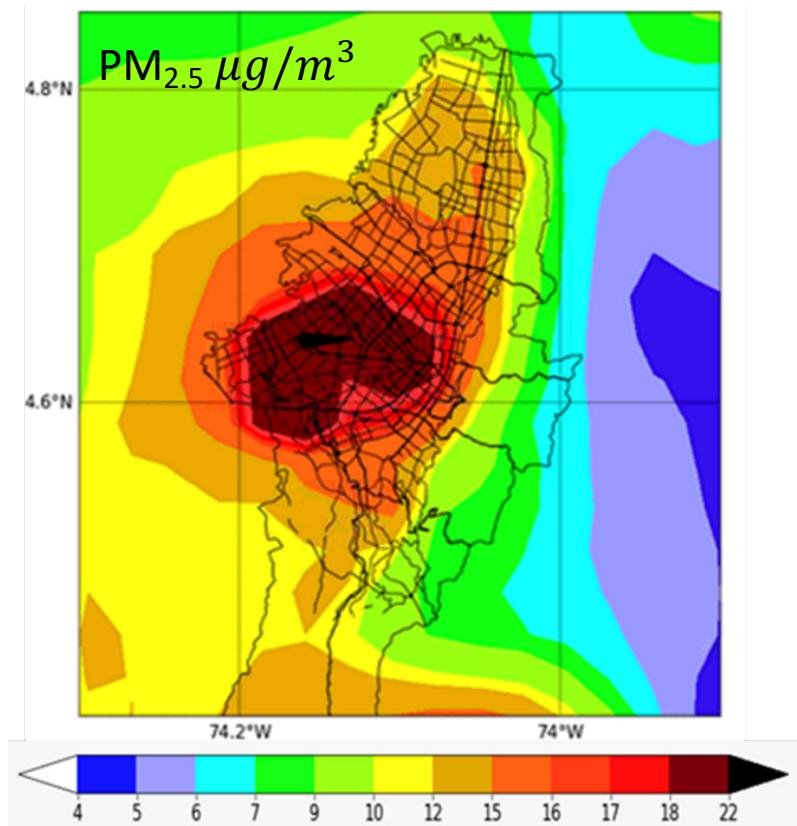
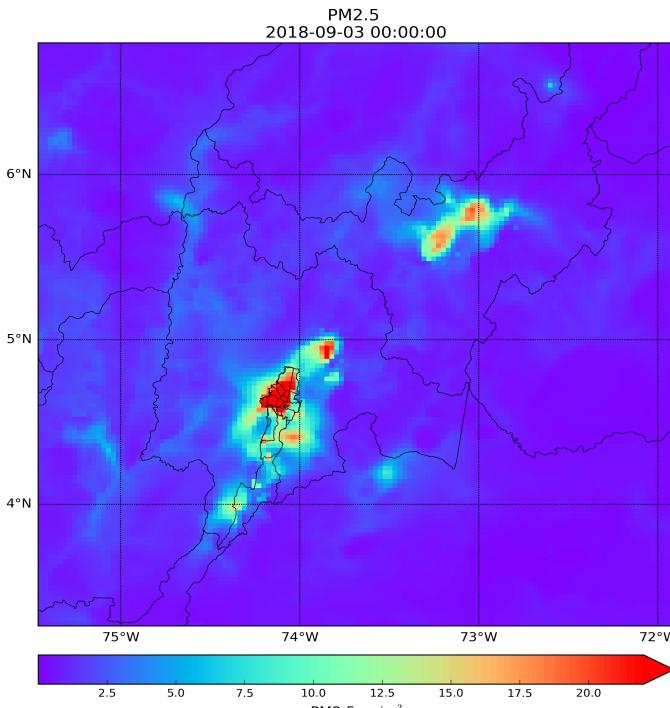
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# Results

## Base case simulation D03

Variable	Units	Mean_Obs	Mean_Mod
PM <sub>10</sub>	$\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	38.94	39.24
PM <sub>2.5</sub>	$\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	16.83	15.71
O <sub>3</sub> max 8 h	ppb	21.64	18.61
CO	ppm	0.87	0.50
NO <sub>x</sub>	ppb	43.17	50.35
SO <sub>2</sub>	ppb	2.30	2.92
WS	m/s	1.75	2.41
T	°C	14.52	14.28



# Attribution of PM<sub>2.5</sub> Concentration -Bogota

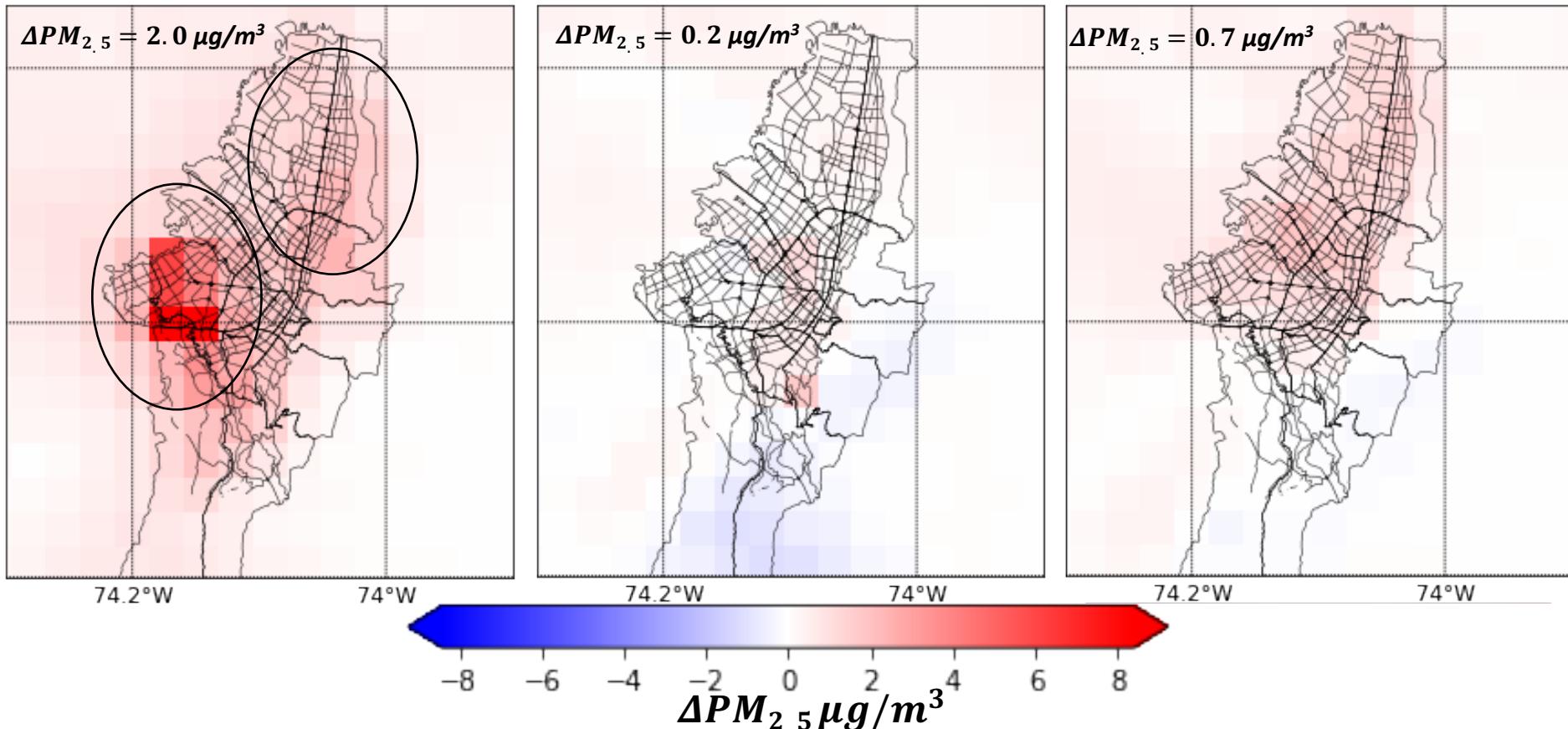
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Base Case – RPM (S1)

Base Case – Industrial (S2)

Base Case – Mobile (S3)



- A maximum reduction of  $8 \mu g/m^3$  occurs in S1.

- in S2, the maximum reduction is  $1.6 \mu g/m^3$

- in S3, the maximum reduction is  $2 \mu g/m^3$

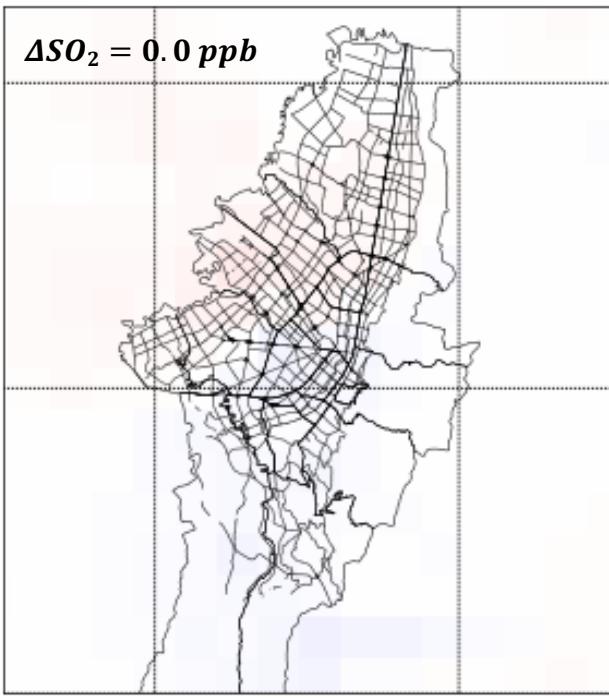


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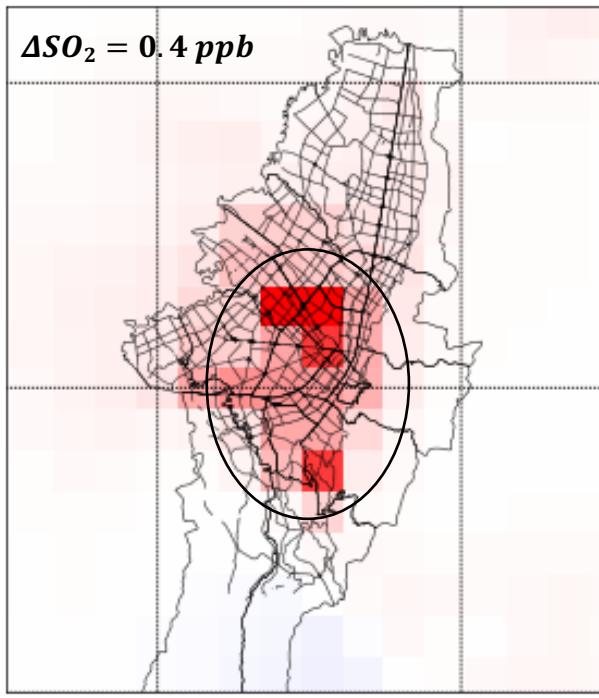
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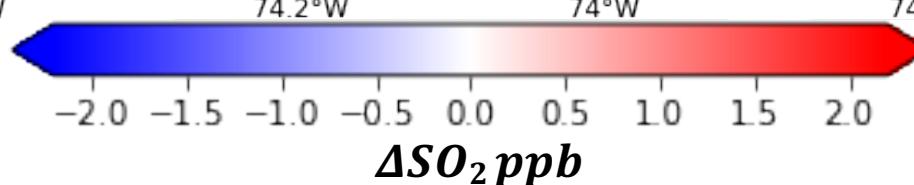
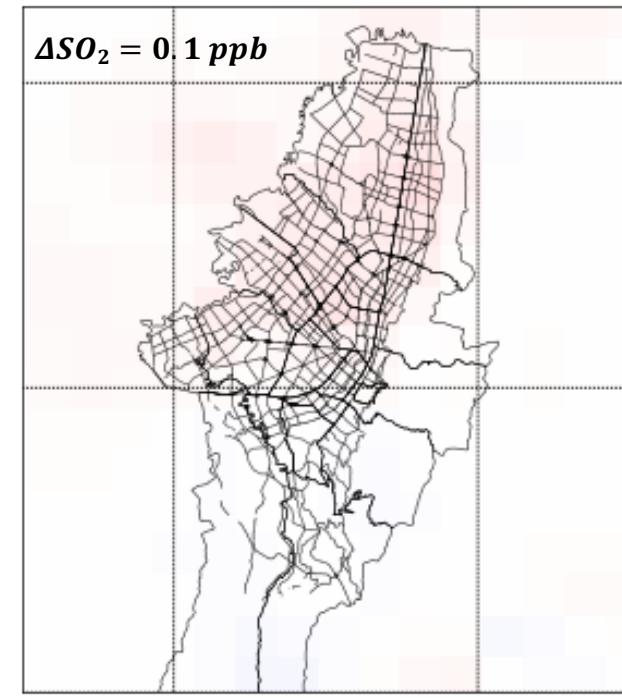
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- The %change in S1, S2 and S3 are -0.6%, -15.5% and -3.3%
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- in S2, the greatest change occurs in the ci

# Conclusions

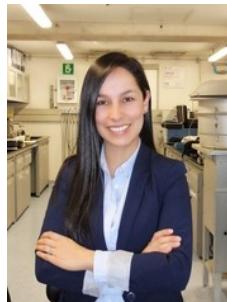
- This research highlights the potential use air quality modeling as a tool for the creation of public policies that are aimed at reducing emissions related to economic sectors.
- At the national scale, our results show that the sectors with the greatest contribution to PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations are Mobile and Industrial, contributing 2.8 and 2.3 µg m<sup>-3</sup> respectively, to the monthly-mean population-weighted concentration.
- For the city of Bogota, it was found that the paving of unpaved roads, the heavy-duty vehicles renewal and technology change in the industry can generate a maximum reduction of 8.0, 2.0 and 1.6 µg m<sup>-3</sup> respectively, benefiting low and middle income areas of the city.

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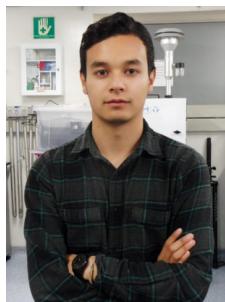
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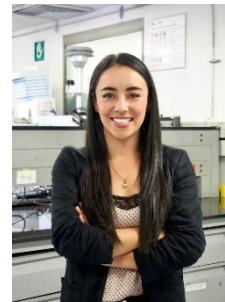
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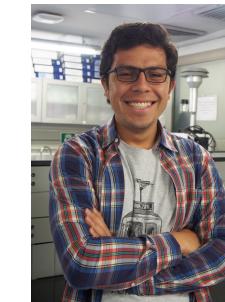
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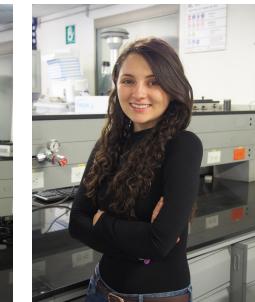
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