

# EPA Community Air Toxics Grant: PAH Measurements Using Passive and Active Techniques

*“CALIBRATING CONCERN ABOUT PAHS IN URBAN AIR USING MONITORING AND MODELING”*

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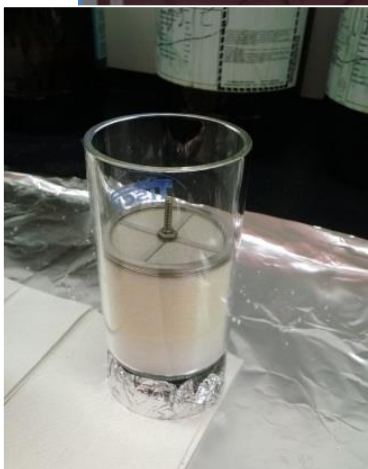


# Sampling Locations



- Passive PAH Monitor
- Active PAH Monitor

# Active and Passive Air Sampling



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# Chemical Analysis

- Extract: XAD-4 and Quartz fiber filters
  - Dionex ASE-350
- Separate: Varian Select PAH column
  - 30m x 0.25mm (0.14 $\mu$ m film thickness)
- Detect: Agilent 5977 GC/MS, SIM (selective ion monitoring)

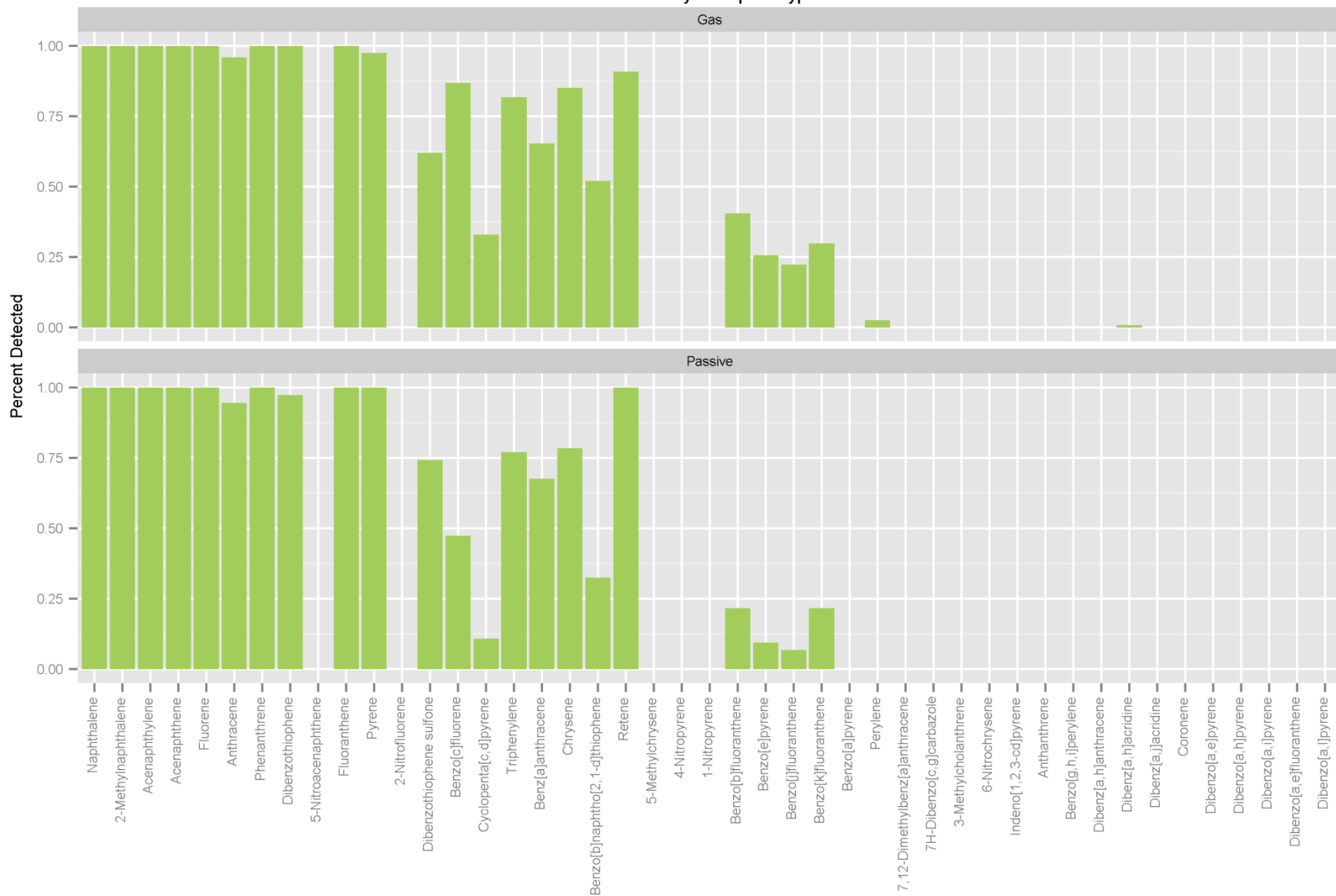
# Calibration of Passive Samplers

$$\text{Sampling Rate (m}^3 \text{ day}^{-1}\text{)} = \frac{C_{PAS}}{C_{AIR} * \text{Sampling Duration (days)}}$$

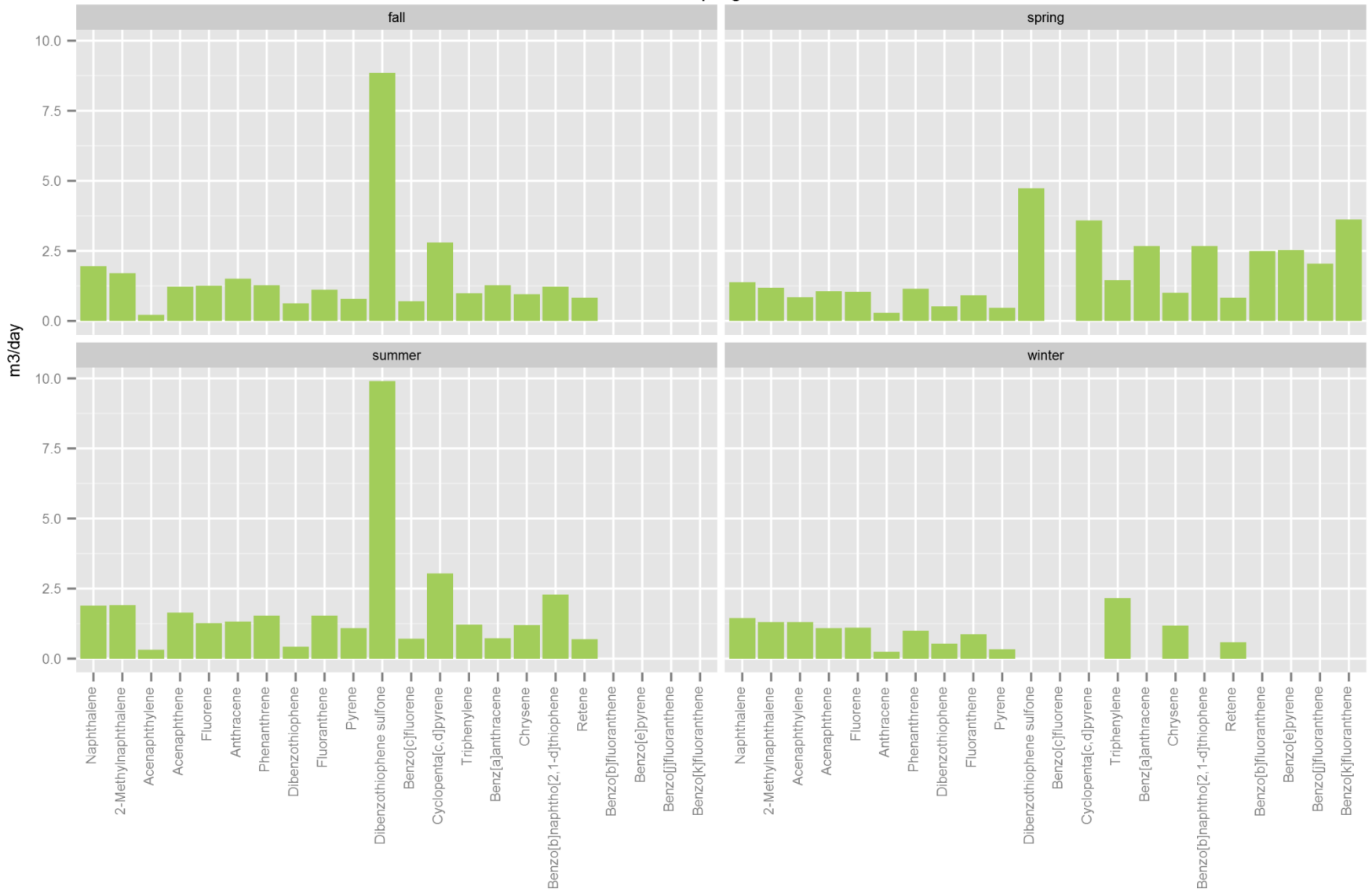
$C_{PAS}$  = mass of specific PAH on passive sampler media (ng)

$C_{AIR}$  = concentration of specific PAH in air (ng m<sup>-3</sup>)  
by SEASON AND STUDY LOCATION

## Detects by Sampler Type



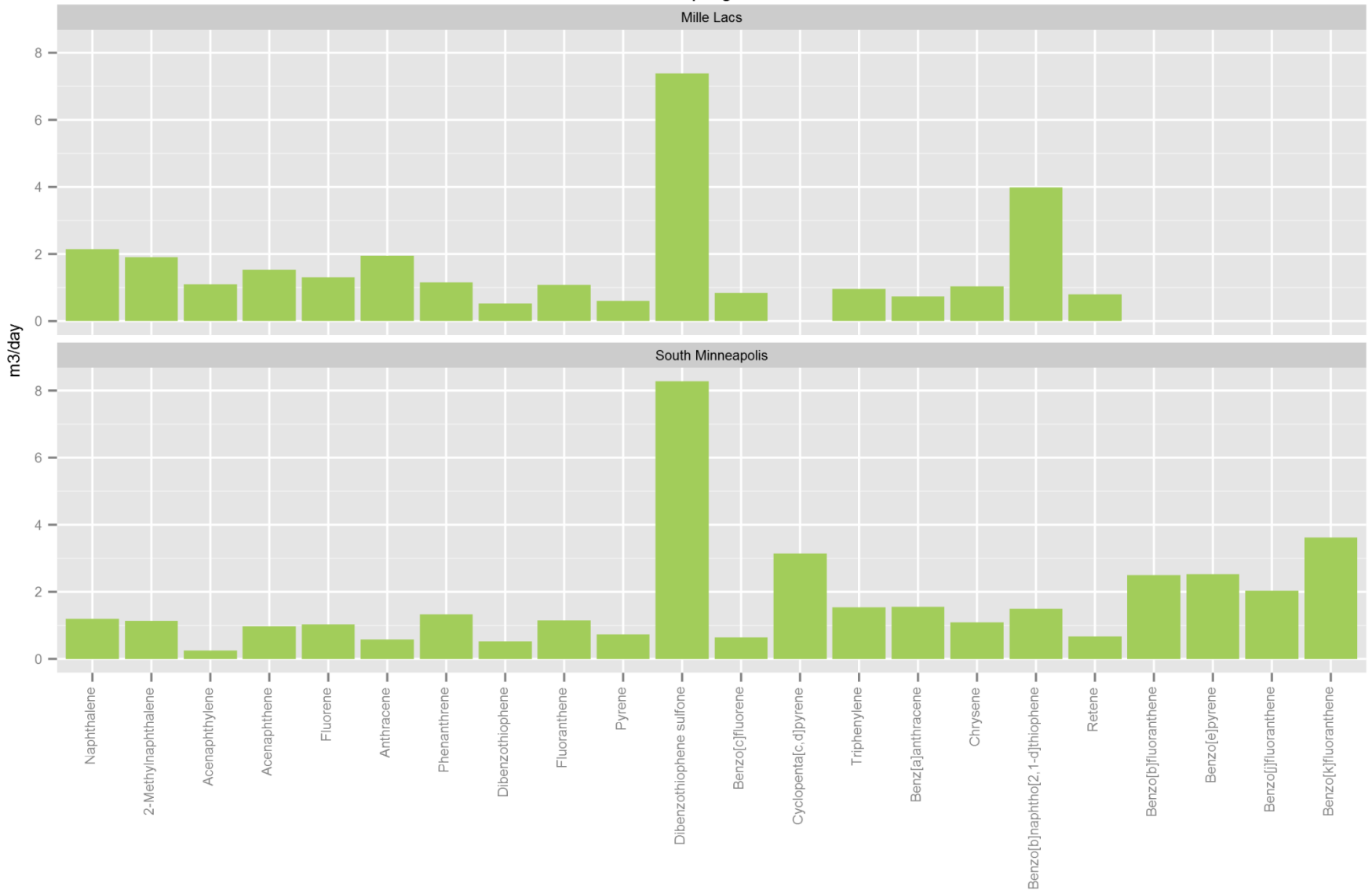
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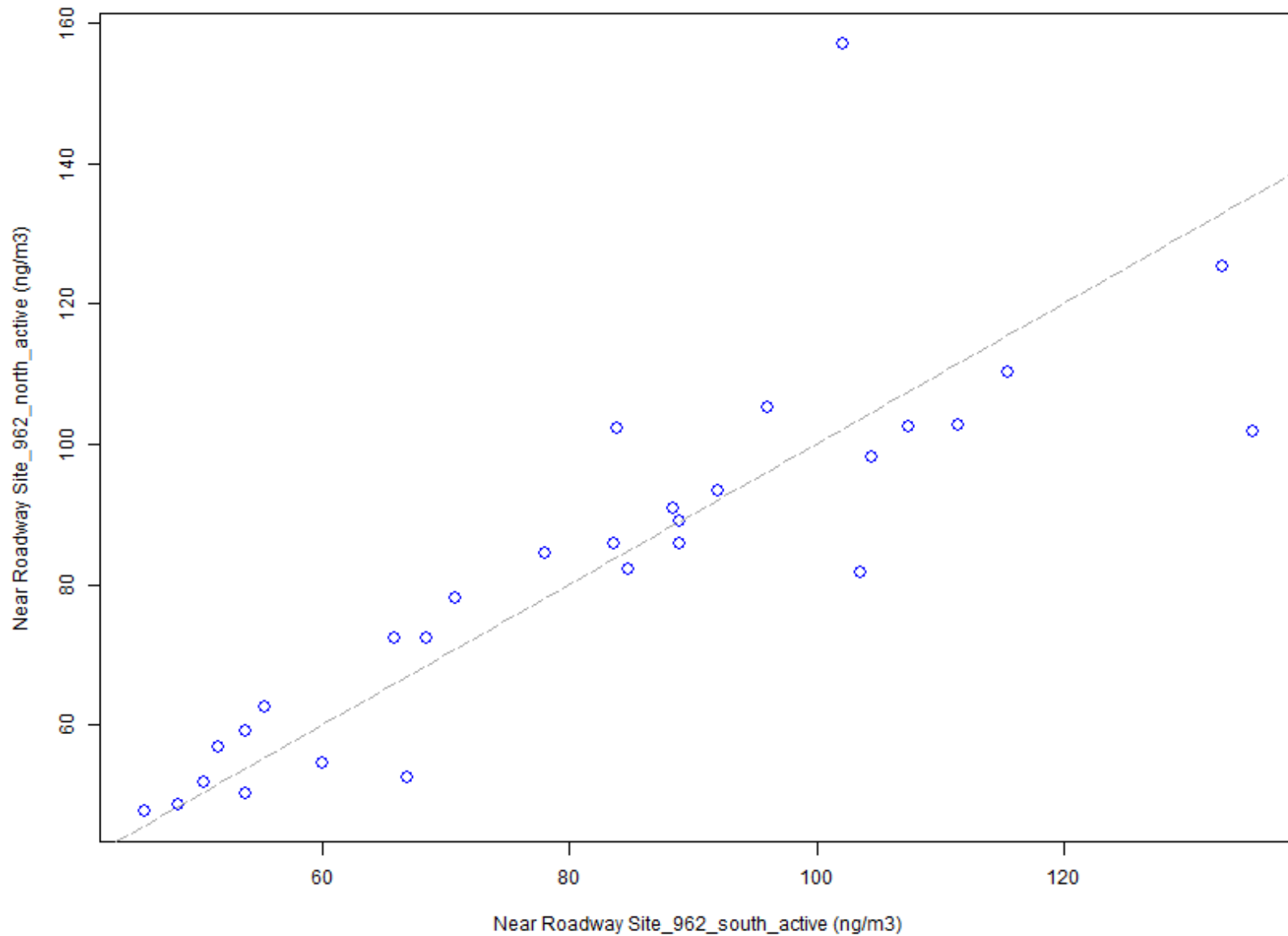


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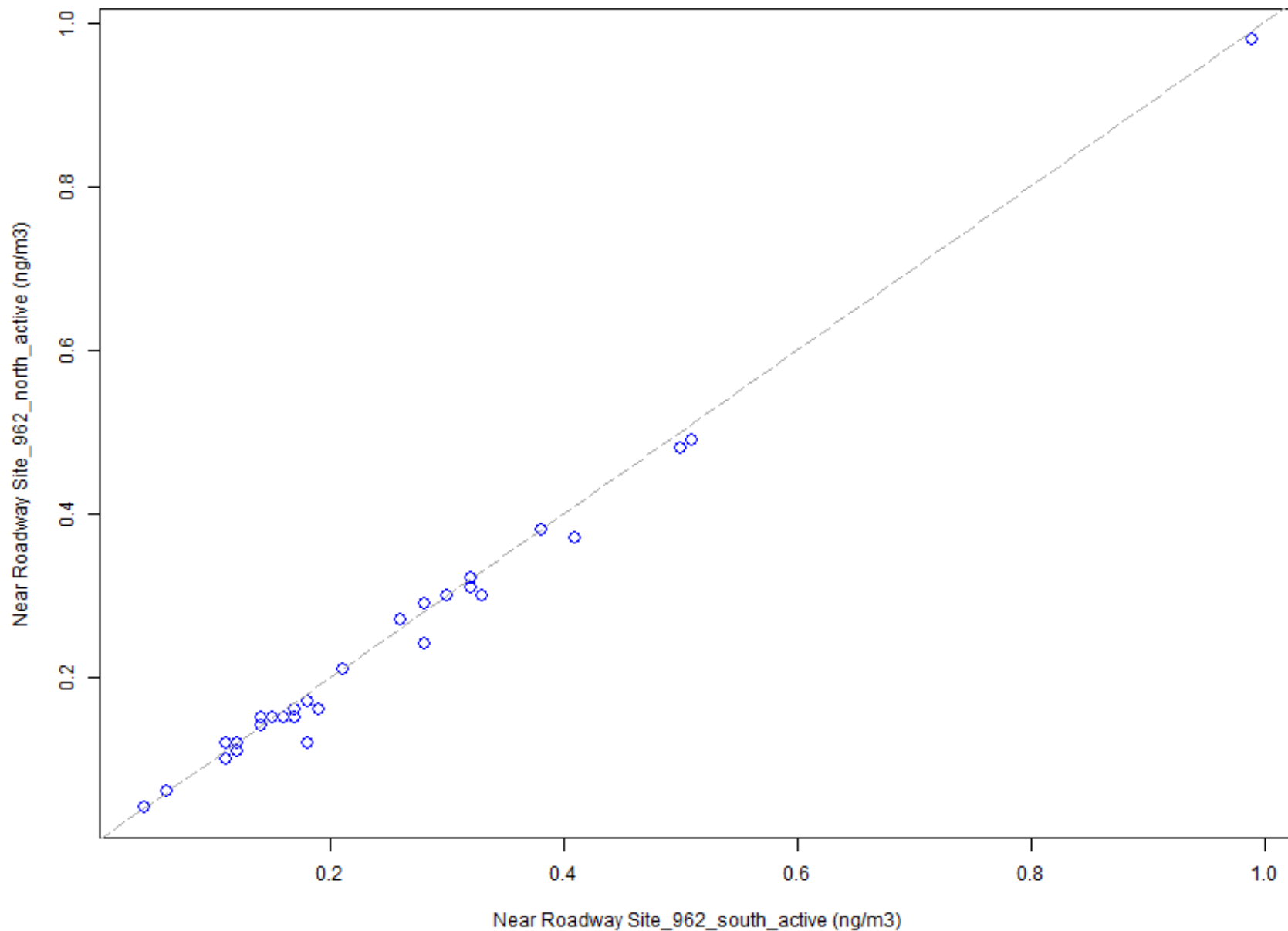
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# Collocated Naphthalene Results at Near Roadway



# Collocated Benzo(a)pyrene Results at Near Roadway



# MNRiskS (Minnesota Risk Screening)

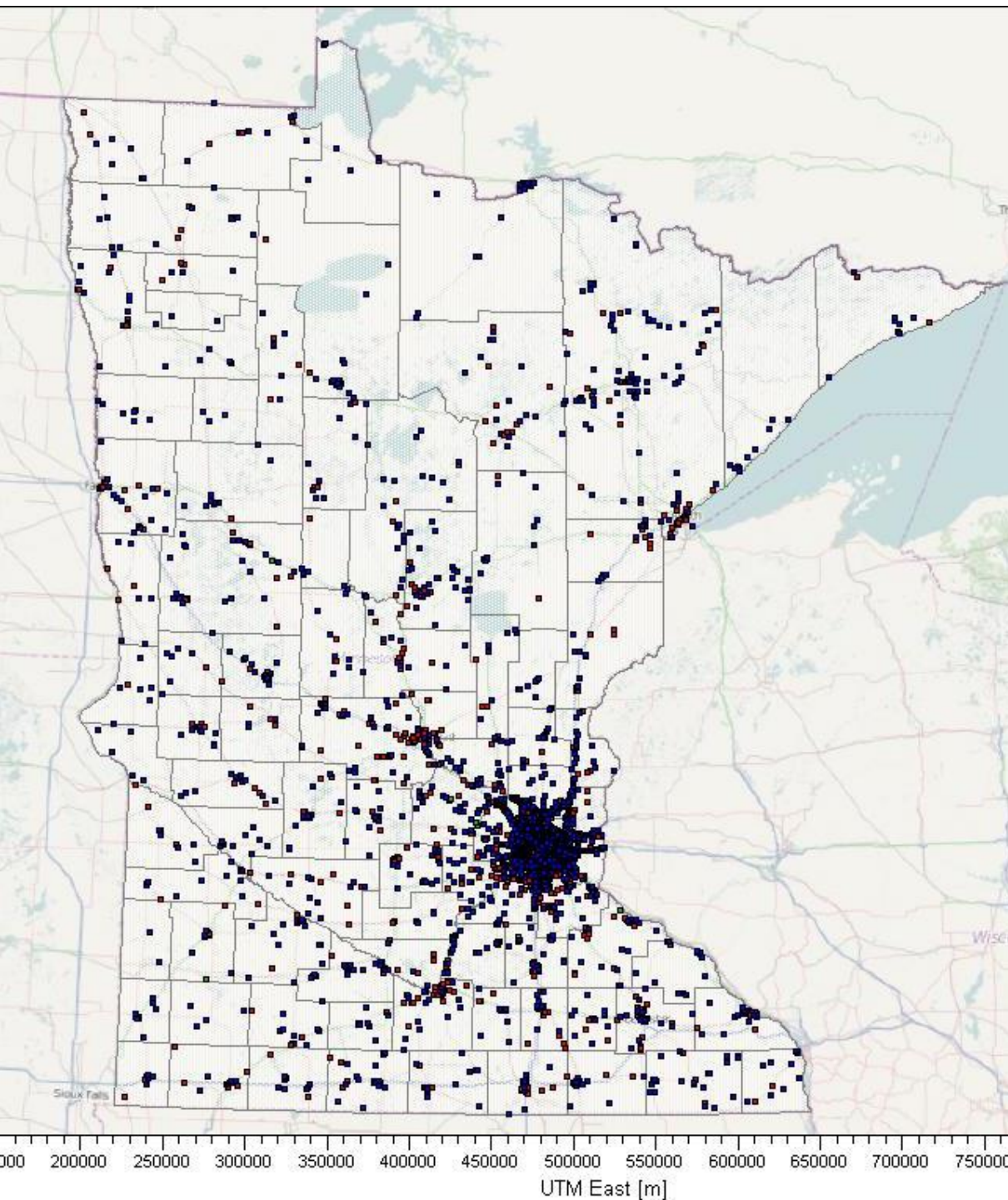
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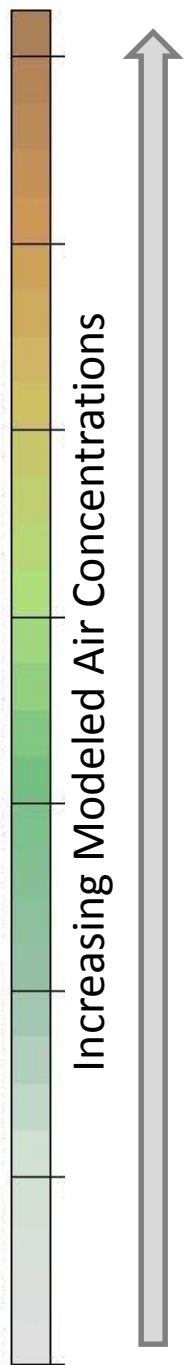
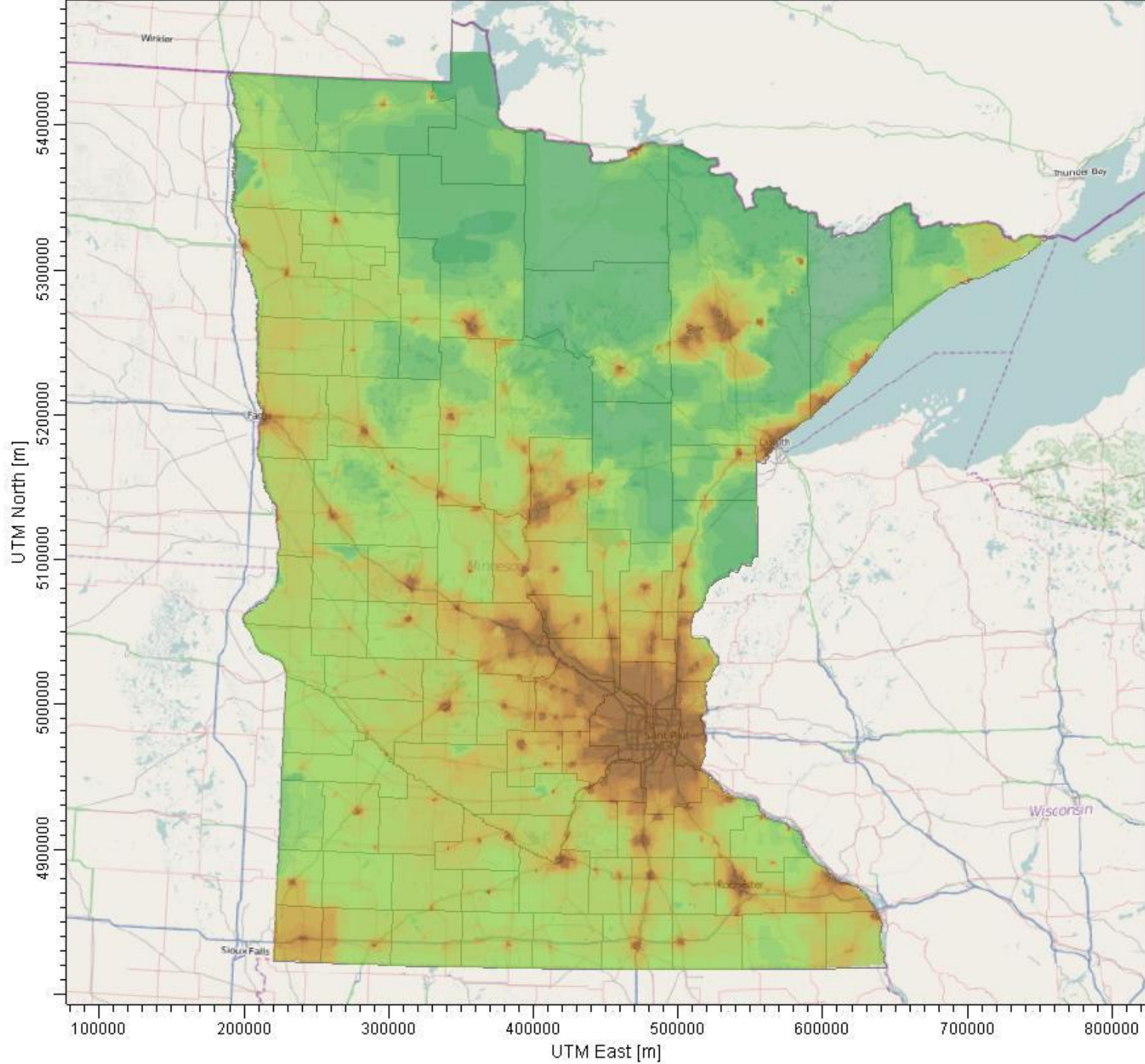
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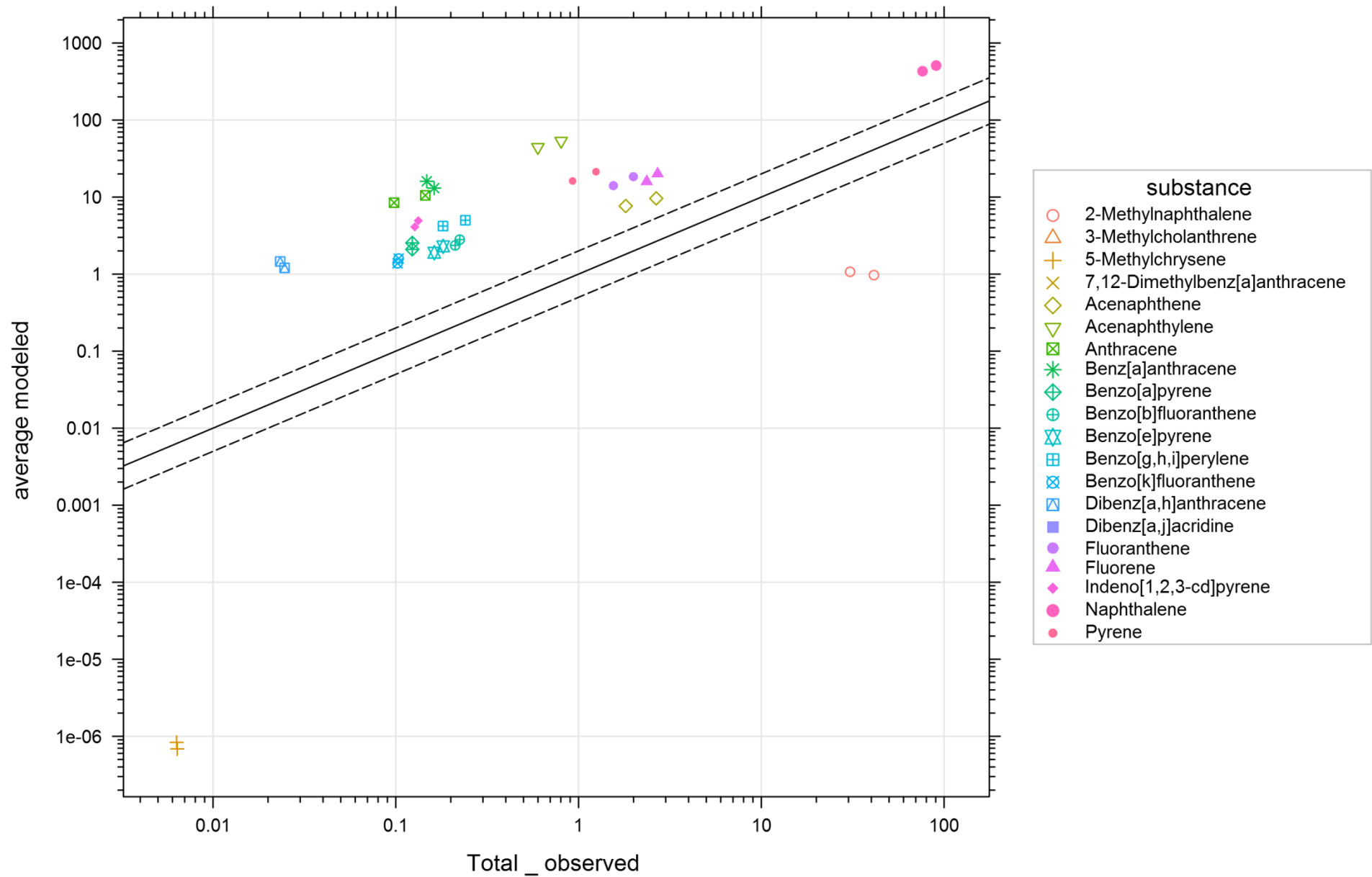
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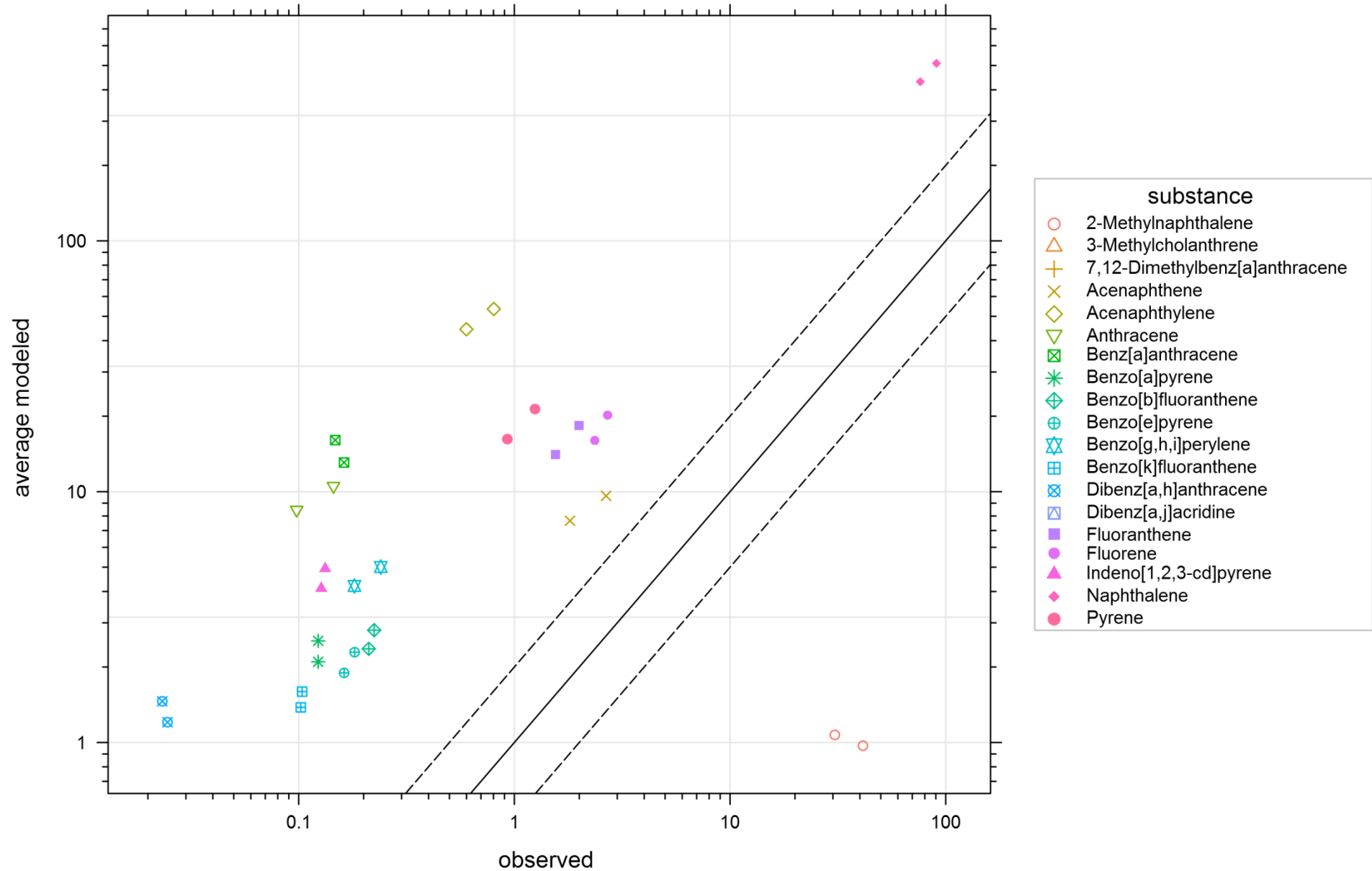




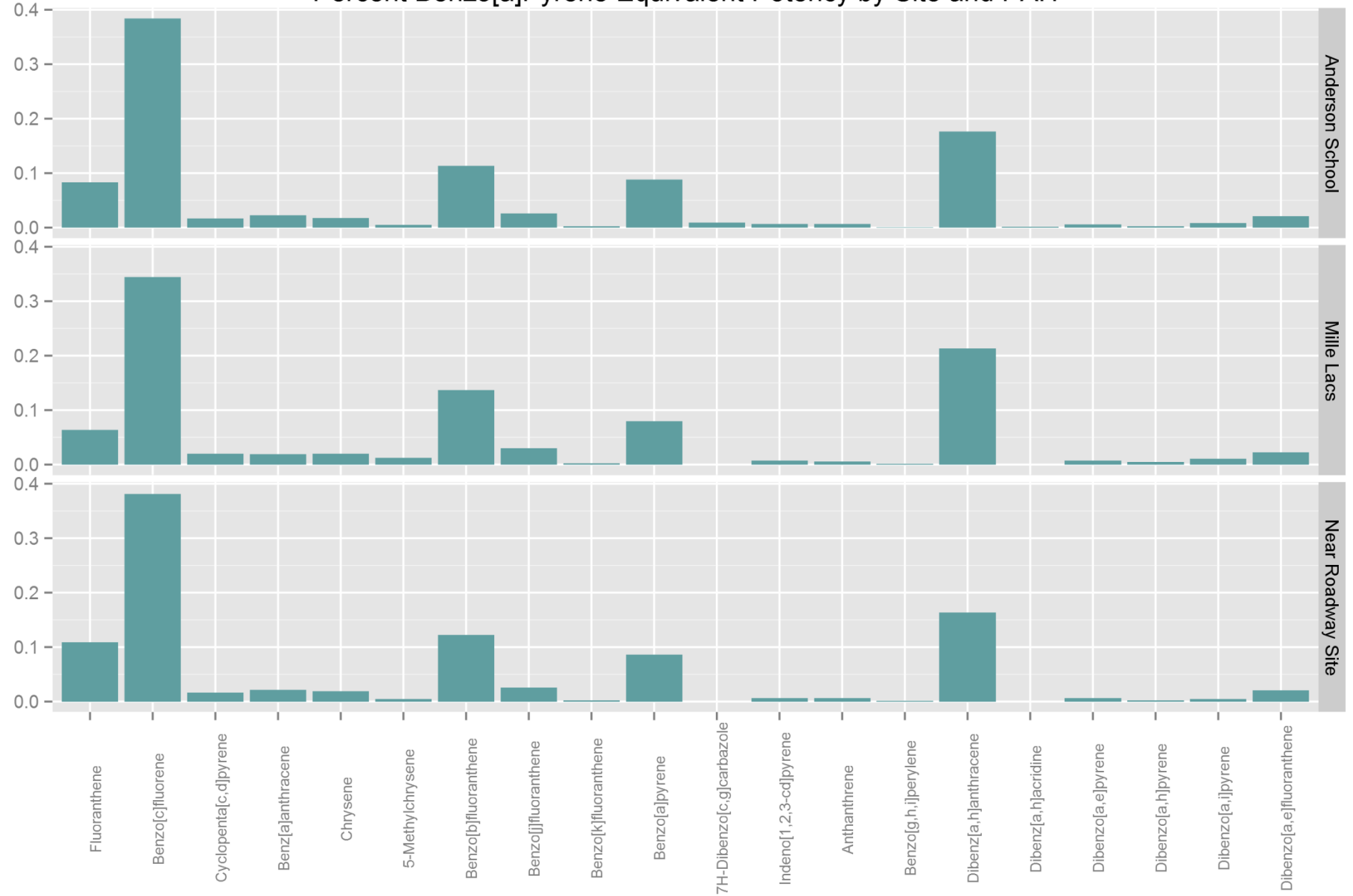
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Total Measured PAHs and Average Modeled PAHs within a 1km Buffer

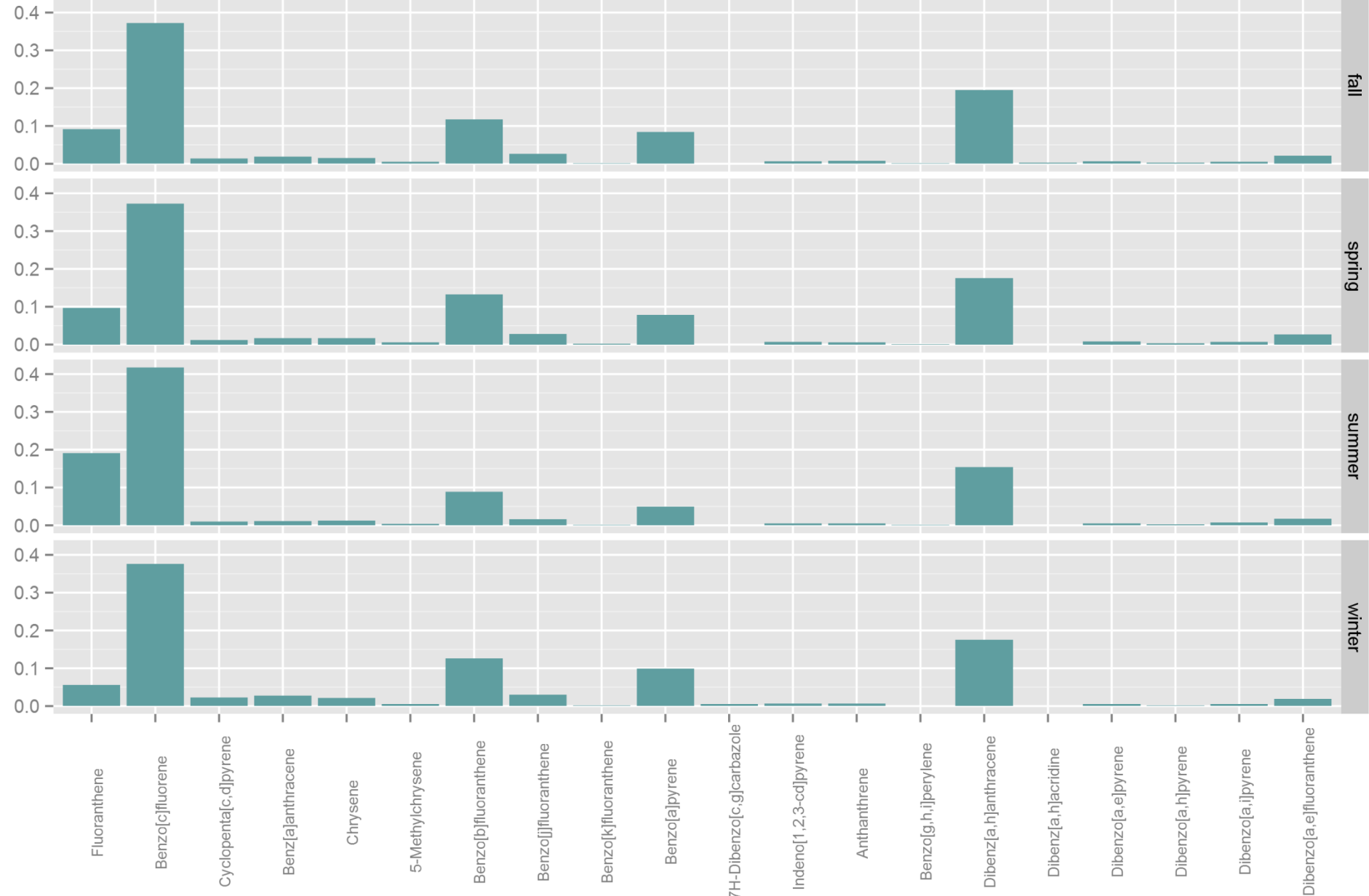


Percent Benzo[a]Pyrene Equivalent Potency by Site and PAH

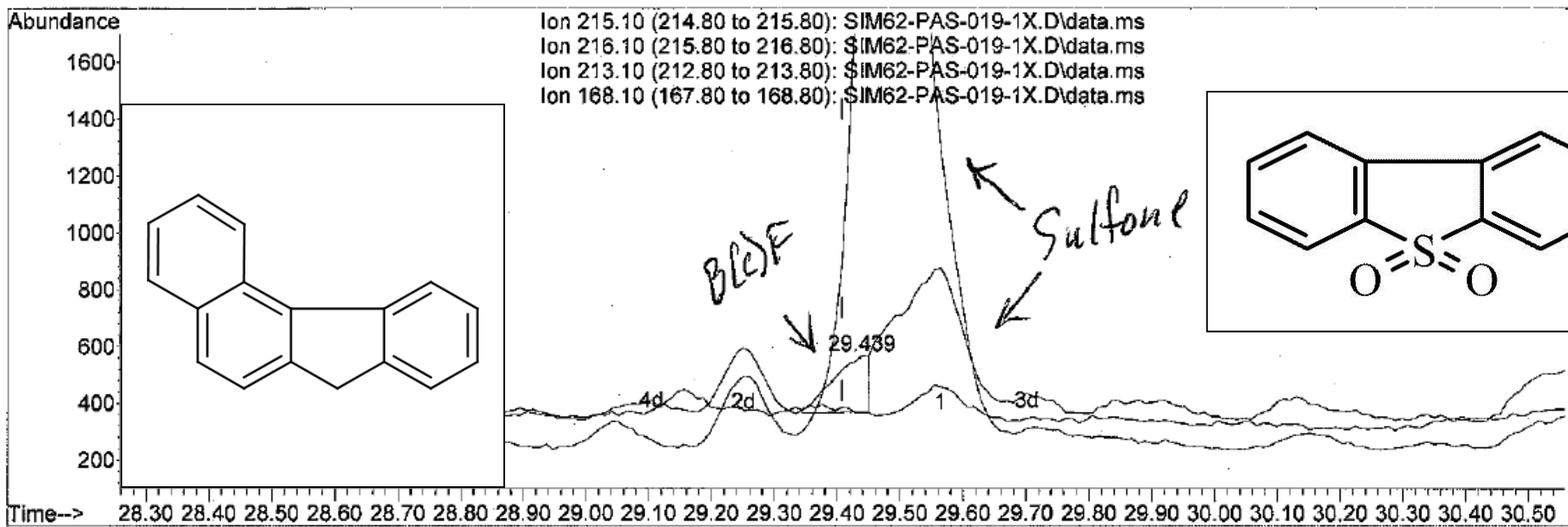




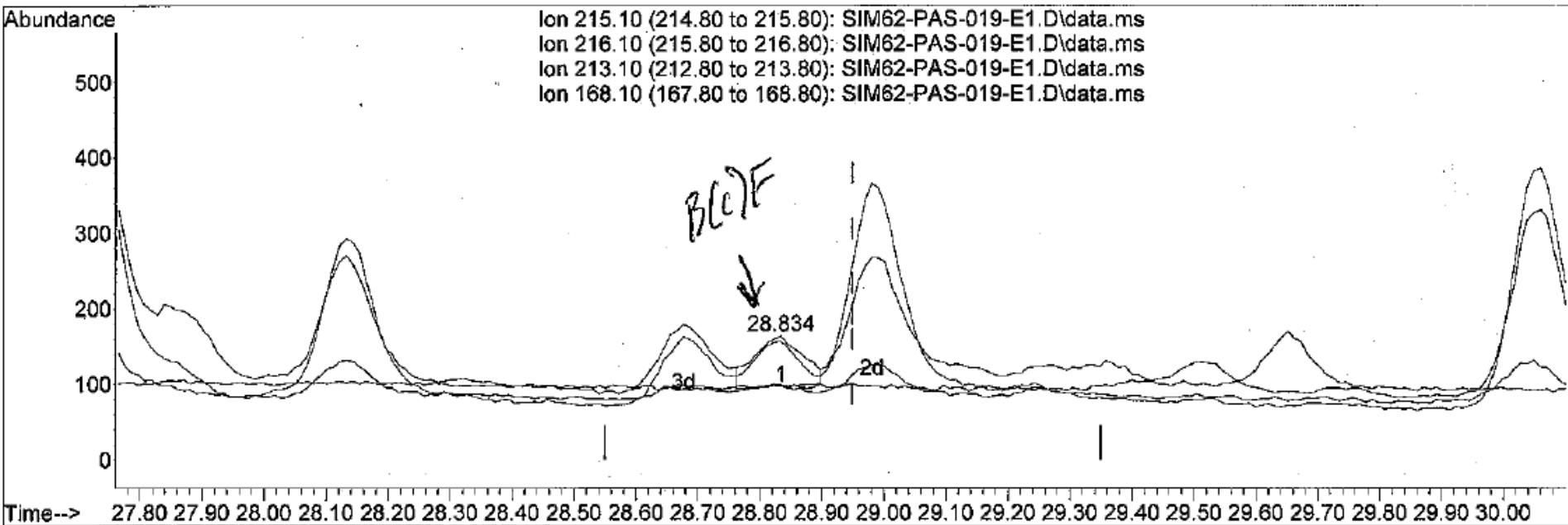
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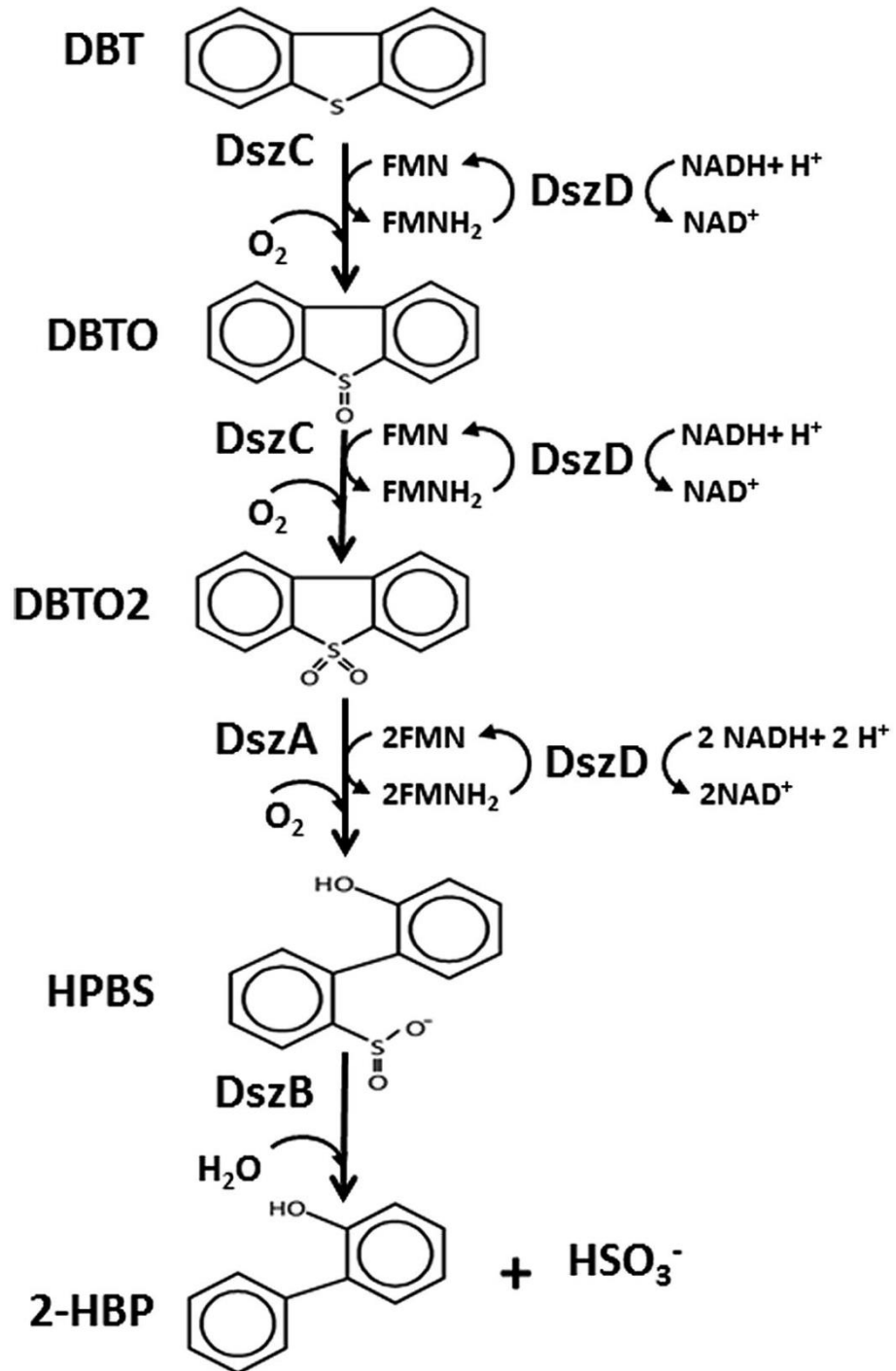


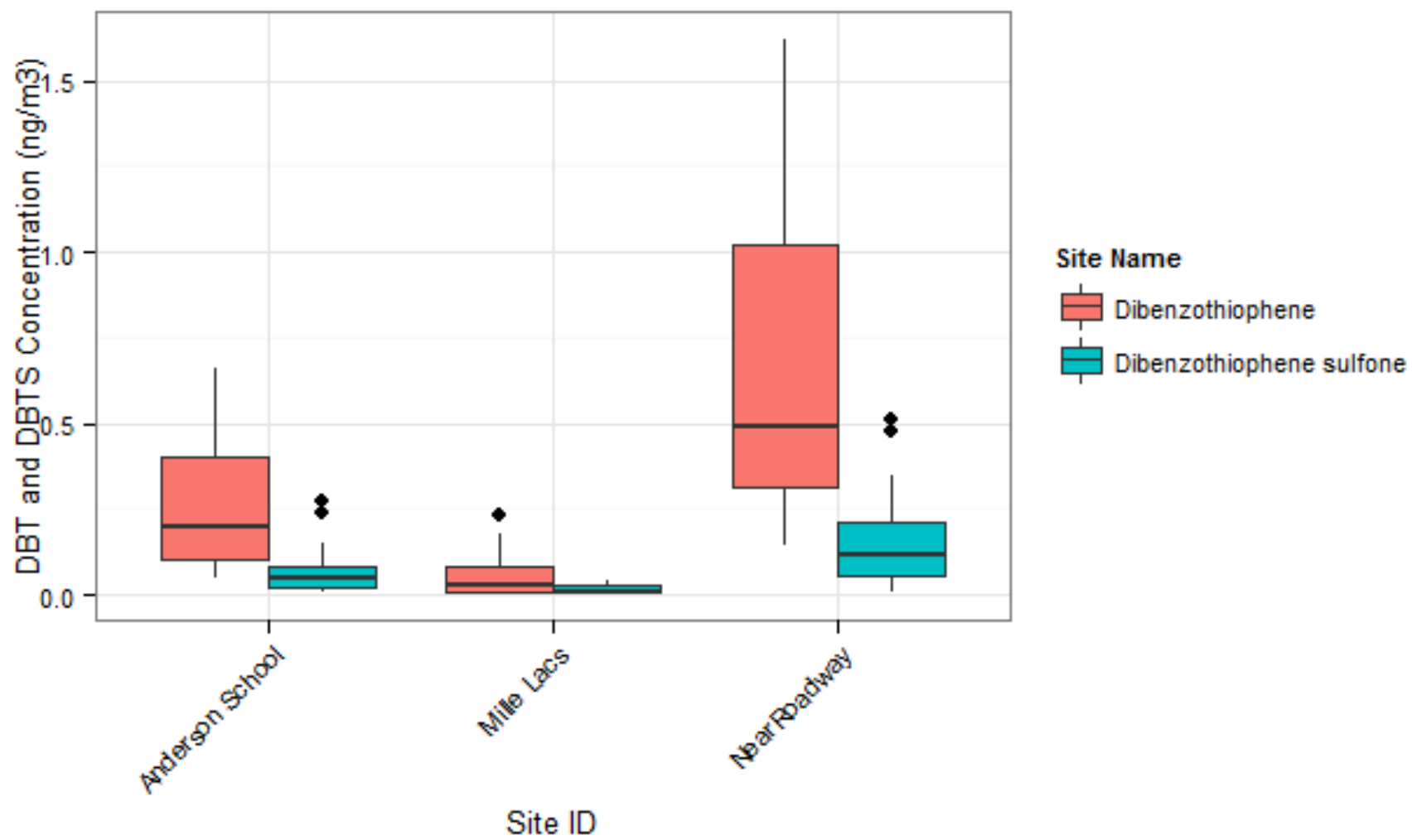
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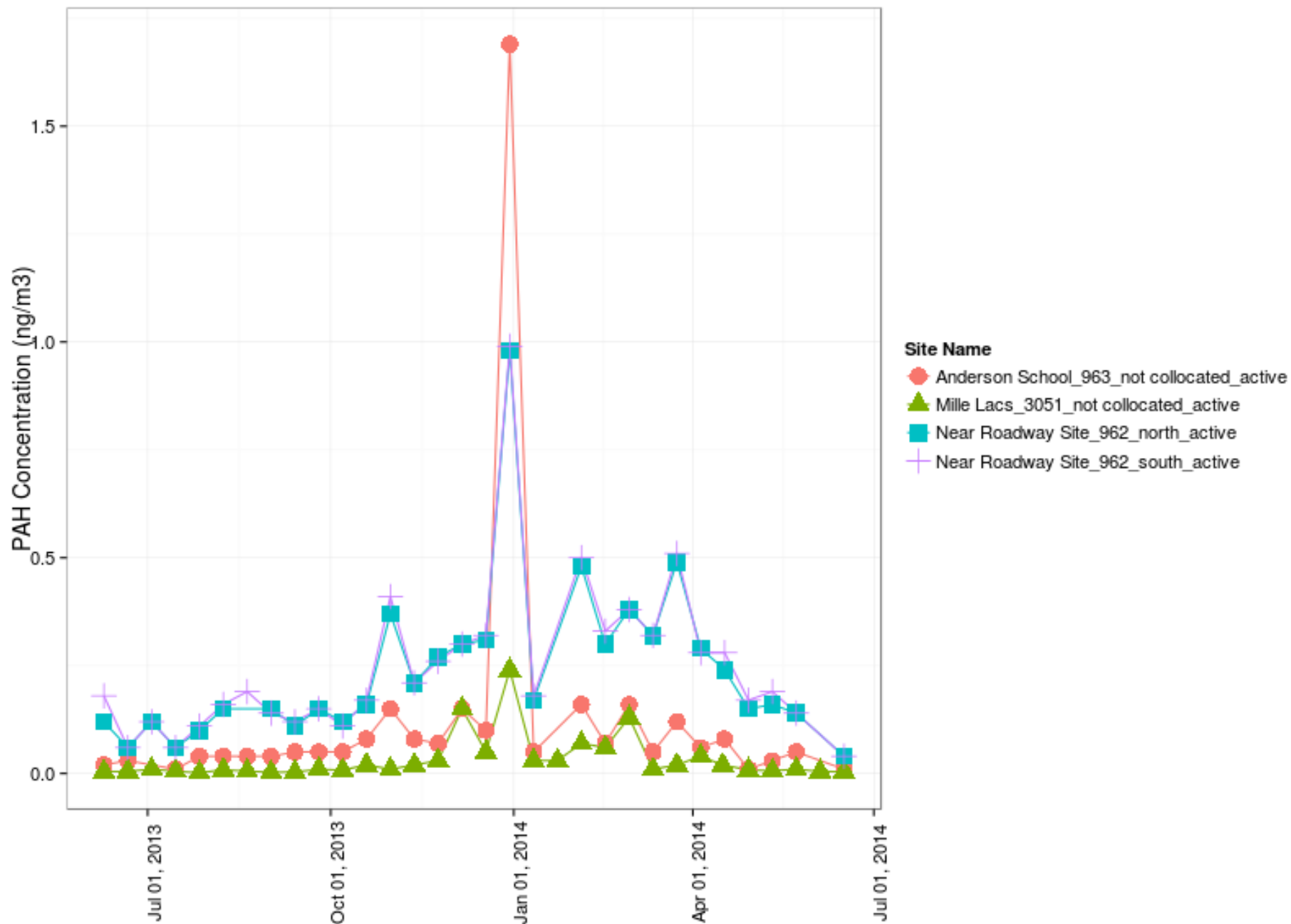


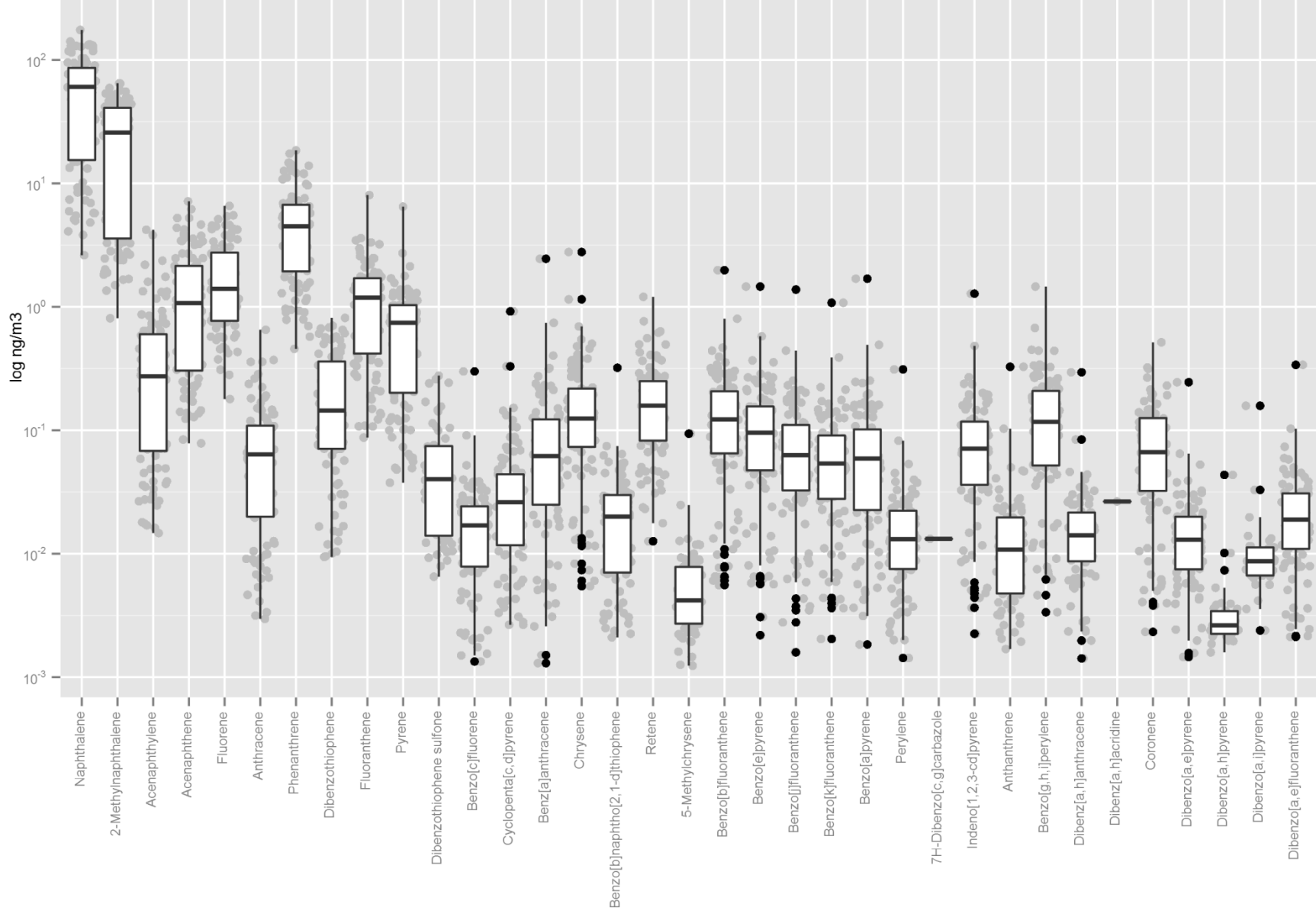
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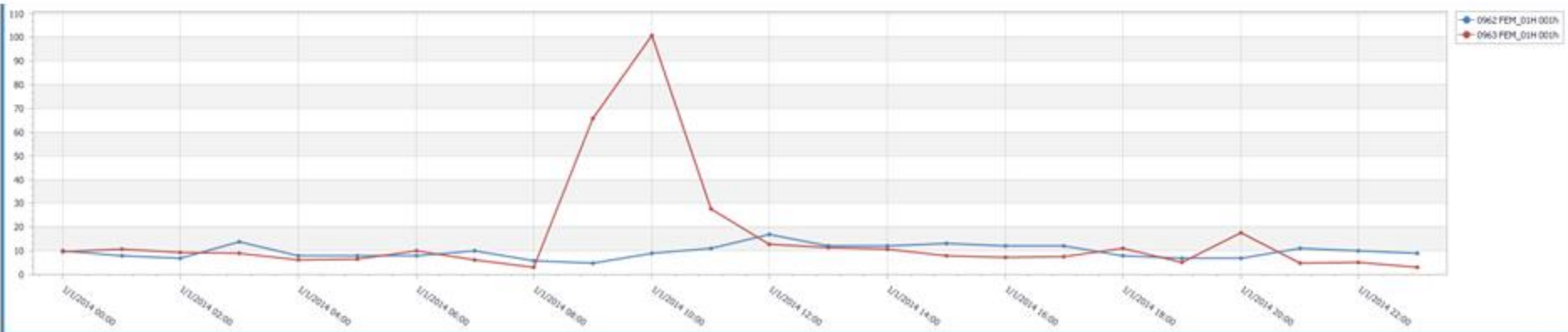
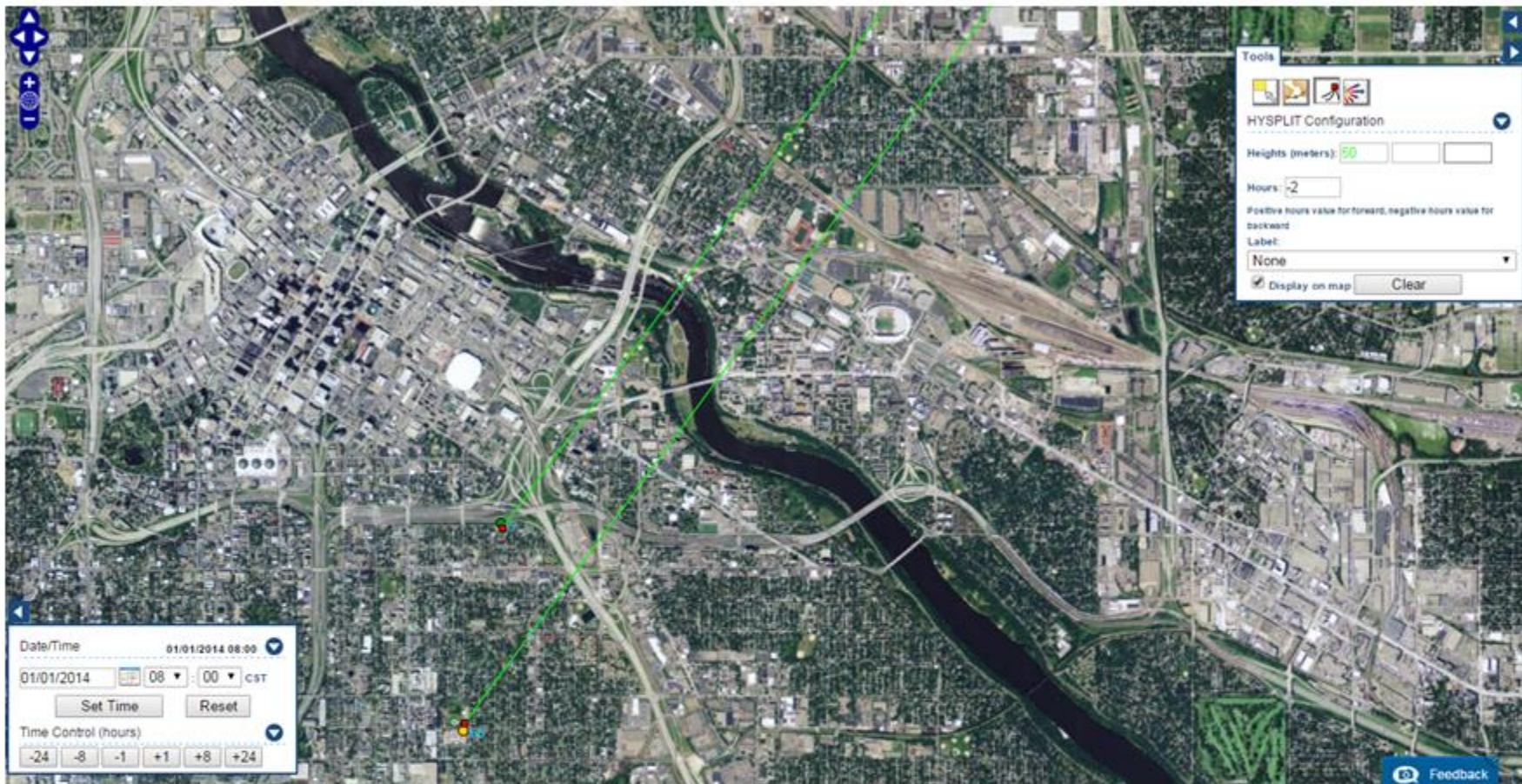












# Thanks!

## Questions?

PAHs in Air Project Website: <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/yqq4pfk>

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