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Meet CANUE's Team Leaders! Dr. Dan Fuller, Neighbourhood Factors Co-Leader, Memorial University...

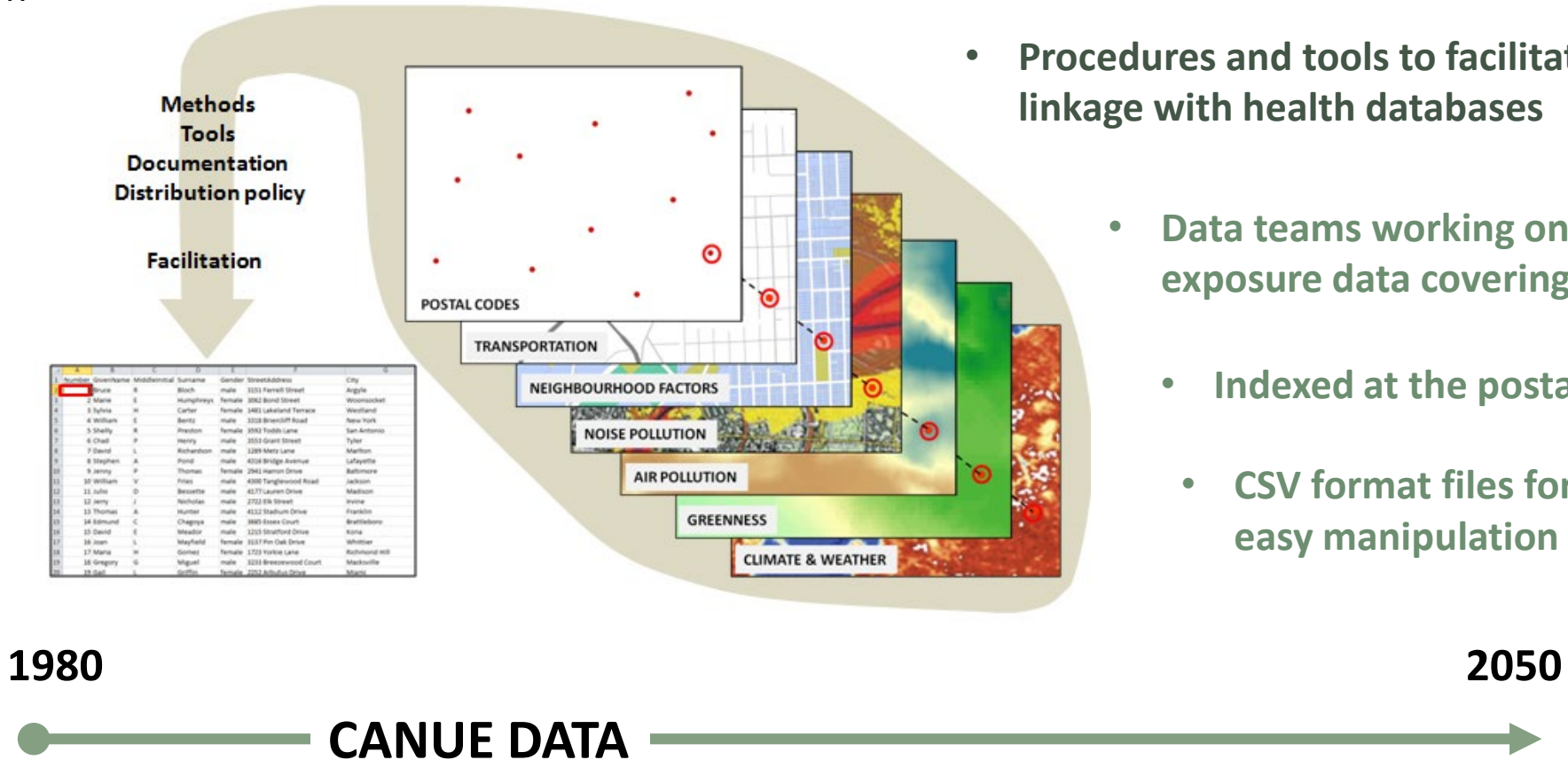
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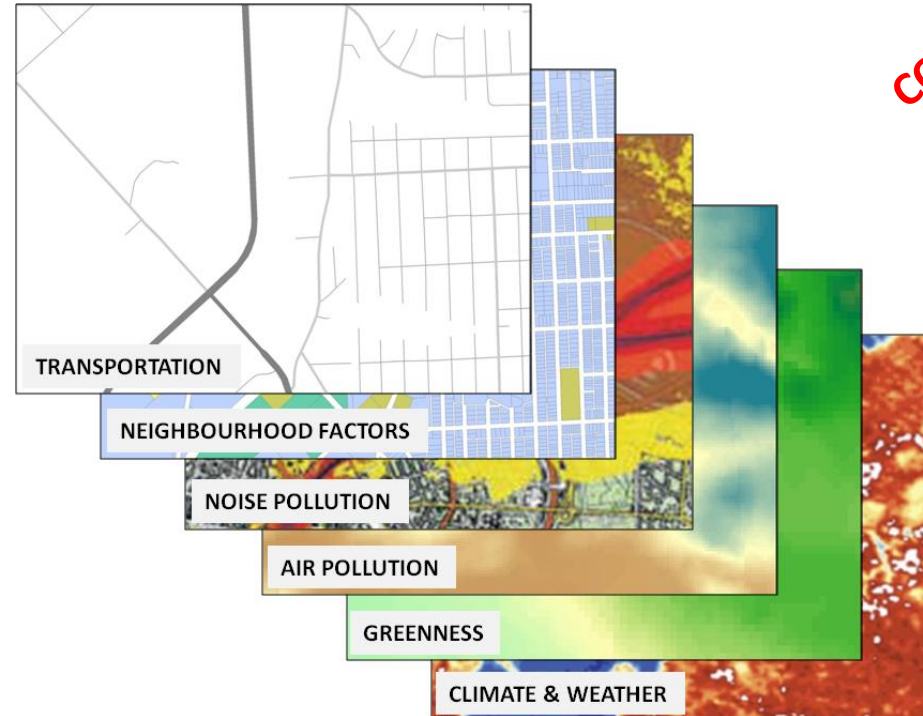
CANUE has a broad focus on outdoor environmental exposures/urban form metrics, and includes socio-economic information

- Consistent spatial datasets going back to 1980 and into the future
- Procedures and tools to facilitate linkage with health databases
- Data teams working on developing exposure data covering 6 key domains
- Indexed at the postal code
- CSV format files for easy manipulation



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Transportation

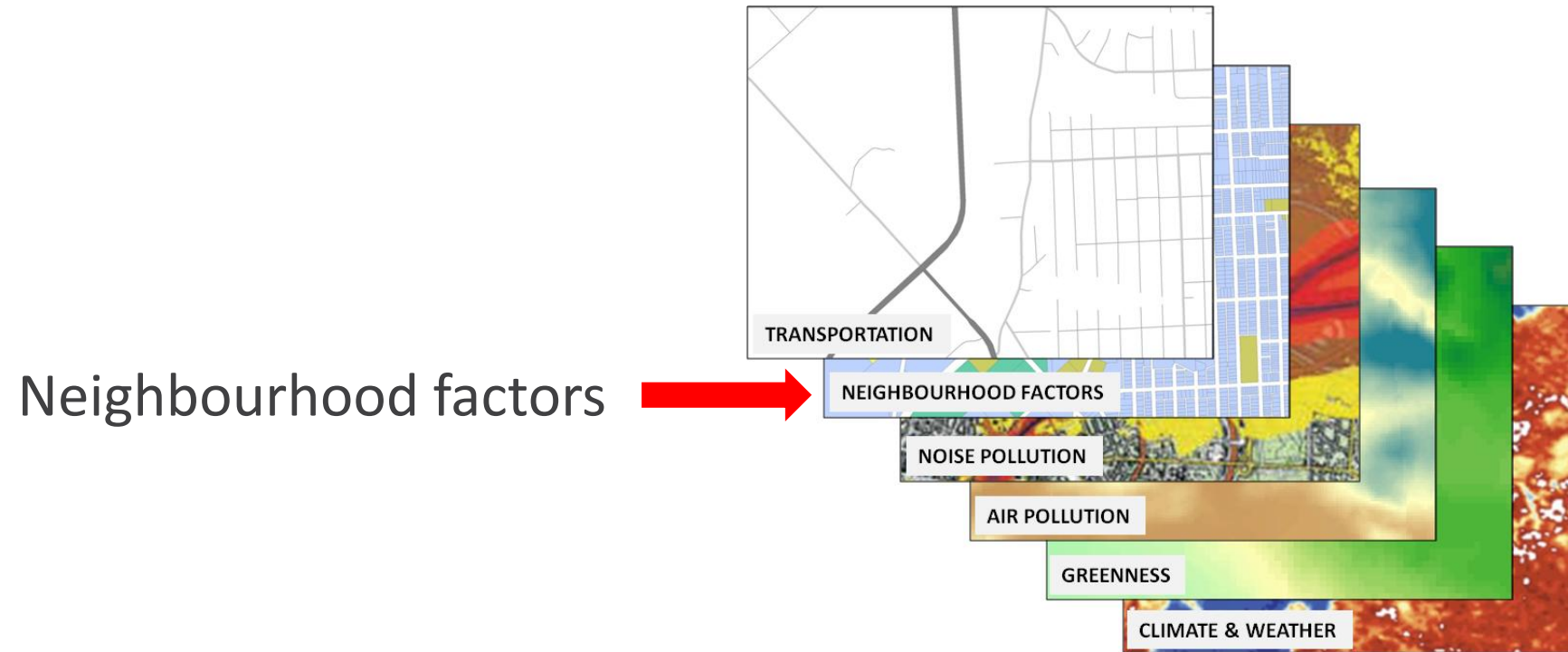


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Highly detailed origin-destination modelled fleet mix and emissions in selected cities:

GTHA
Montreal
Halifax
Winnipeg
Calgary

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Neighbourhood factors

Canadian Active Living Environments Index (Can-ALE)

- N. Ross at McGill University
- Based on census dissemination areas for 2006 and 2016



Nighttime light

- Satellite imagery
- 1 km resolution
- Annual average brightness
- 1992 to 2013



COMING SOON

Food environment
metrics based on
StatsCan business registry

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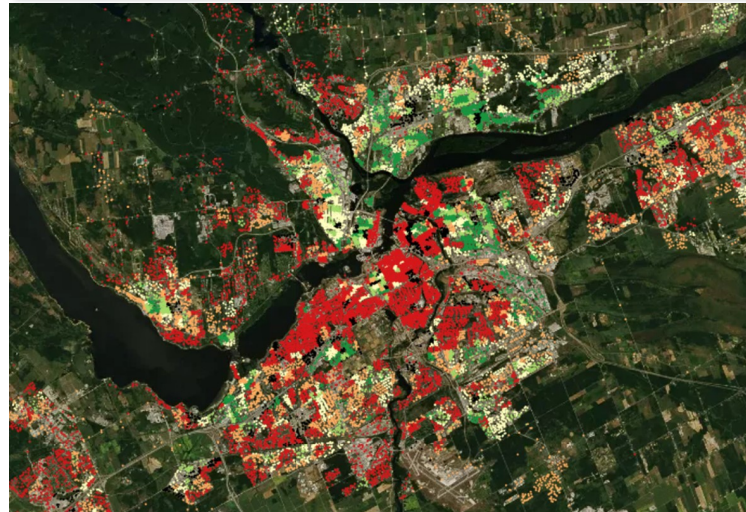
Access to Employment

- 18 different variables using car vs transit access
- Based on census dissemination areas for 2016



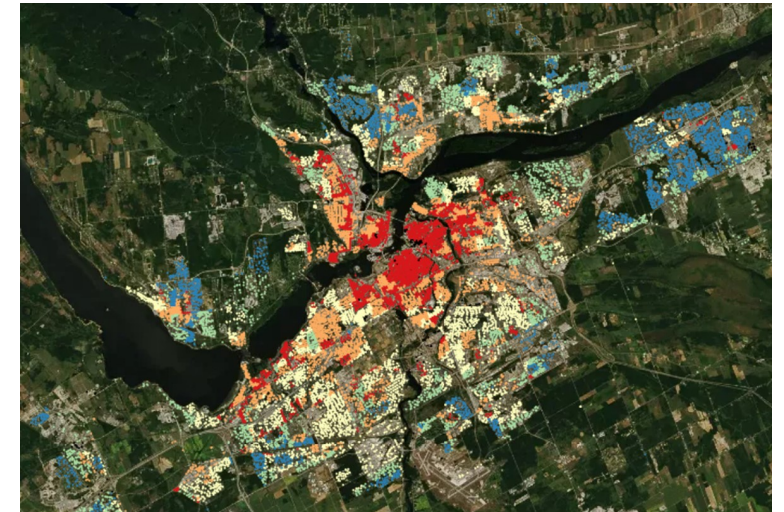
Material and Social Deprivation Index

- INSPQ using Pampalon method
- Based on census dissemination areas for 1991, 1996, 2001, 2006, 2011, 2016

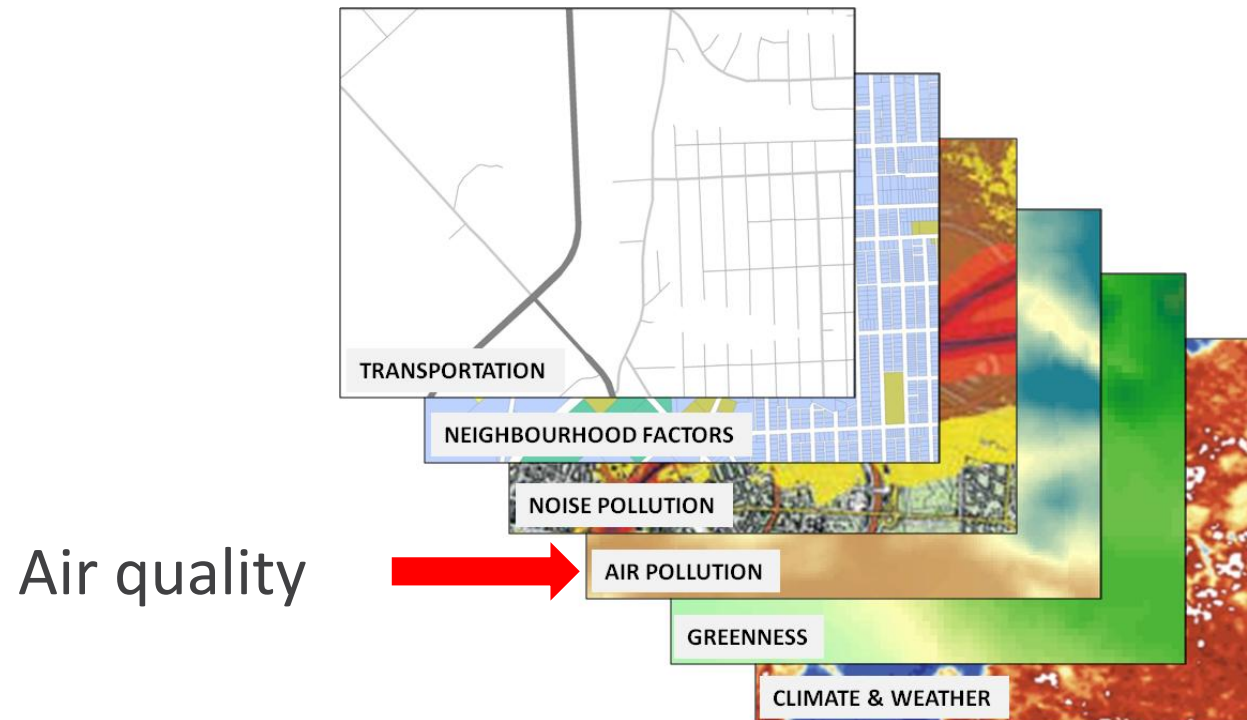


Canadian Marginalization Index

- Flora McDonald / Statistics Canada
- Based on census dissemination areas for 1991, 1996, 2001, and 2006



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Air quality

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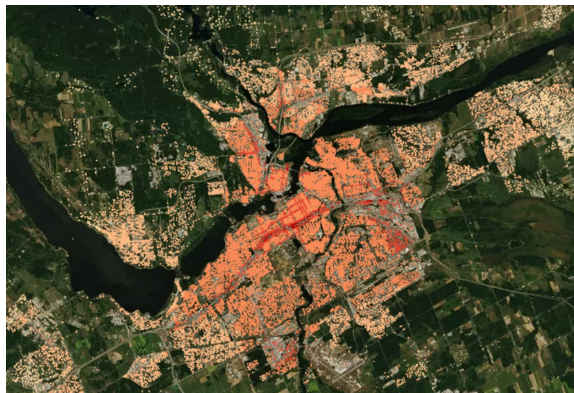
Fine Particulates

- A. van Donkelaar and R. Martin at Dalhousie University
- Satellite data
- 1 km resolution
- Annual average concentrations
- 2000 - 2016



Nitrogen Dioxide

- P. Hystad for Health Canada
- Estimated at postal codes
- Annual average concentrations
- 1984 – 2012



Sulphur Dioxide

- Modelled by Environment Canada
- Satellite data
- 30km resolution
- Annual average concentrations
- 2007 - 2015



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Ozone

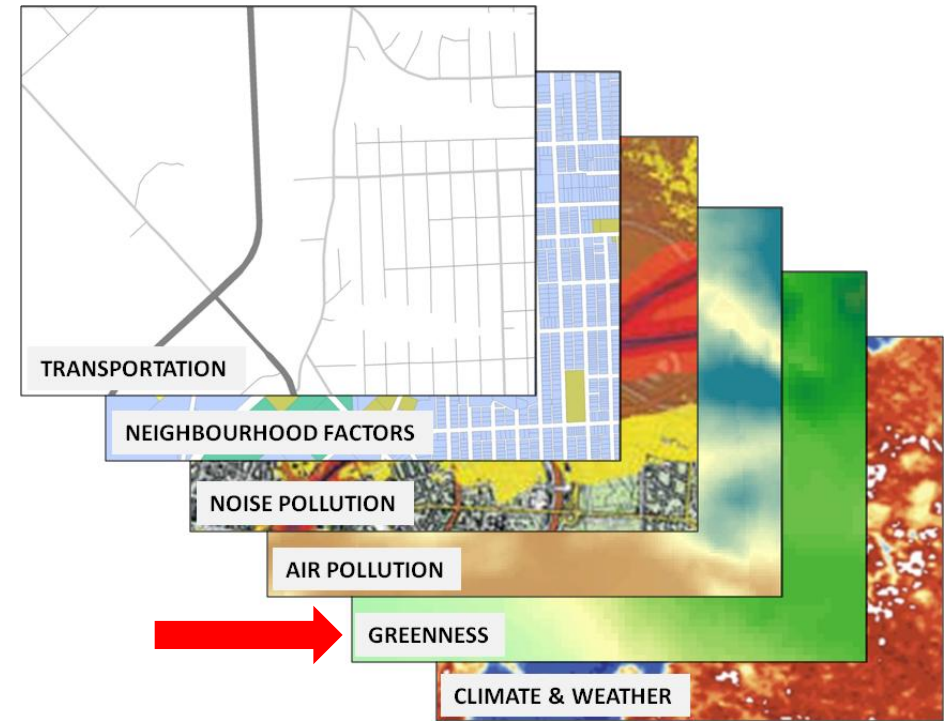
- Modelled by Environment Canada using CHRONOS and GEM-MACH
- 21- 10km resolution
- Monthly and annual average concentrations
- 2002 - 2015



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Greenness



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Green/Blue/Natural Spaces

NORMALIZED DIFFERENCE VEGETATION INDEX

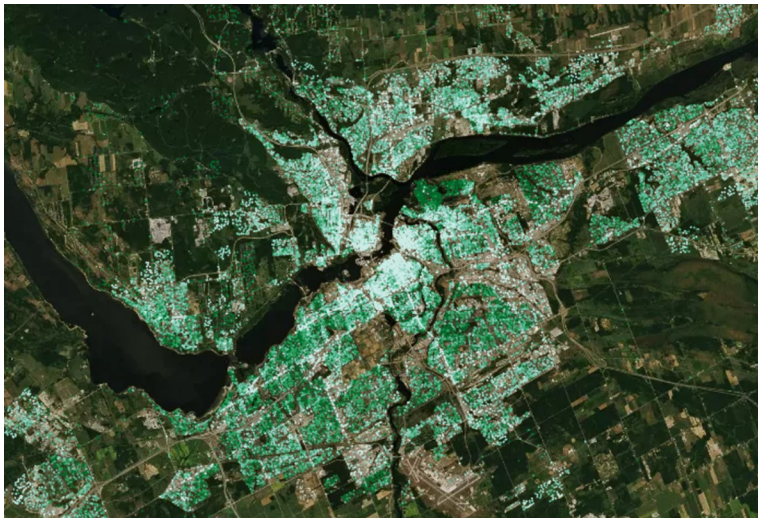
- Processed using Google Earth Engine
- 30m/250m/1km resolution
- Annual average , annual maximum and growing season average at each postal code, and within set distance buffers
- 1984 - 2015

NEIGHBOURHOOD GREEN

- Processed using Google Earth Engine/ LandSat and Local Climate Zone classification system
- Estimated % within 1km
- Census years 1986 - 2016

NEIGHBOURHOOD BLUE (WATER)

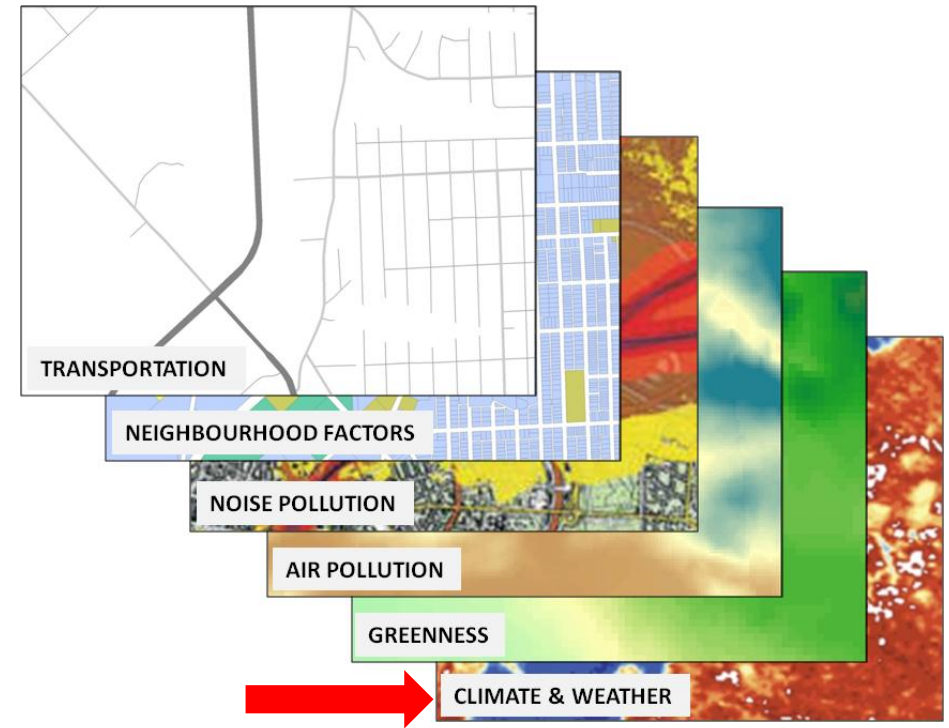
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Weather and Climate



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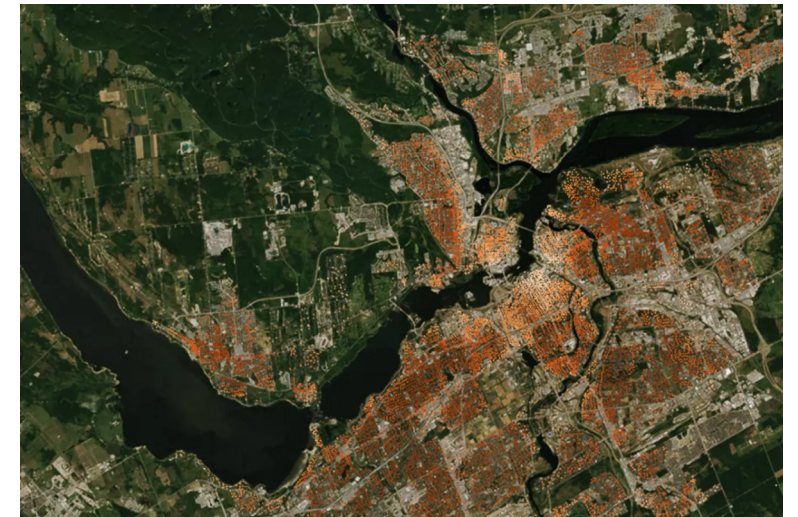
- Processed from station observations by NRCAN
- Estimated at postal codes
- Daily max/min temperature, total precipitation, consecutive days above/below threshold, extreme events
- 1985 - 2015

MODELLED WATER BALANCE METRICS

- Processed from station observations by NRCAN with model developed by CANUE weather team
- Estimated at postal codes
- Estimated % within 1km
- Census years 1986 - 2016

LOCAL CLIMATE ZONES

- Processed using Google Earth Engine/ LandSat and Local Climate Zone classification system
- Land uses that impact local climate
- Estimated % within 1km of postal code
- Census years 1986 - 2016



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35 annual variables

- 6 basic temperature metrics – max, min, average, average daily mx, average daily min, range
- 18 heat/cool event metrics – number, length, using max/min/95th percentile temps to define threshold for an event
- 10 rain and snow metrics – total amount, days with rain/snow, number of events, average amount per event, average length of events
- Number of frost free days

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21 annual/monthly variables

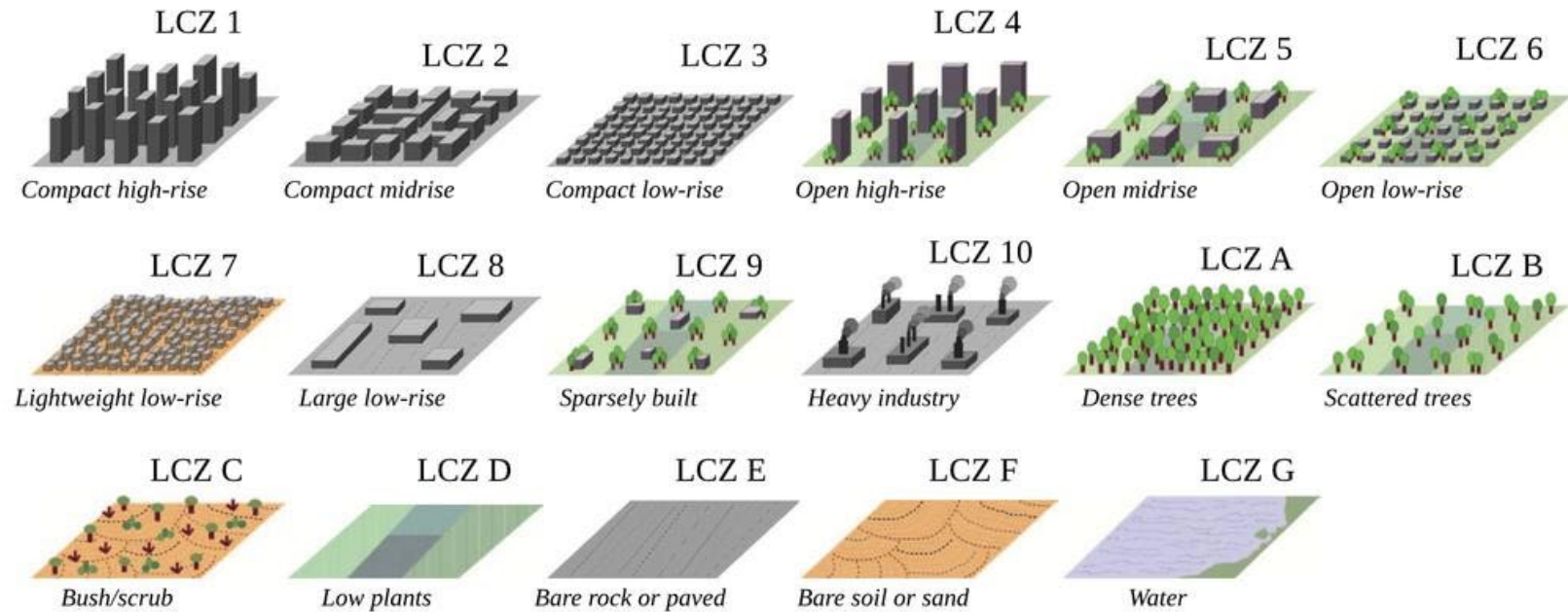
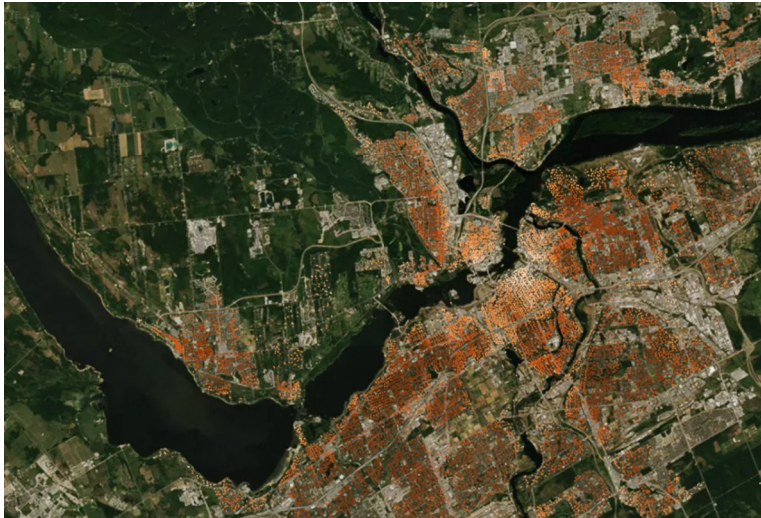
- 2 basic temperature metrics – max, min
- 7 basic precipitation metrics – total (and number of days with) precipitation, total rain, total snow, ratio of snow/rain,
- 11 water balance – snow melt, snow pack, days with snow on the ground, potential and actual evapotranspiration → total surplus/deficit of moisture, soil moisture, etc.
- Relative index of dryness/wetness
 - Ranges from -1 (dry) to 1 (wet), 0 indicates precipitation = evapotranspiration)

IMPACTS TYPE OF VEGETATION/SEASONALITY, ALLERGEN LOADS/MOLDS,
OPPORTUNITIES FOR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY...

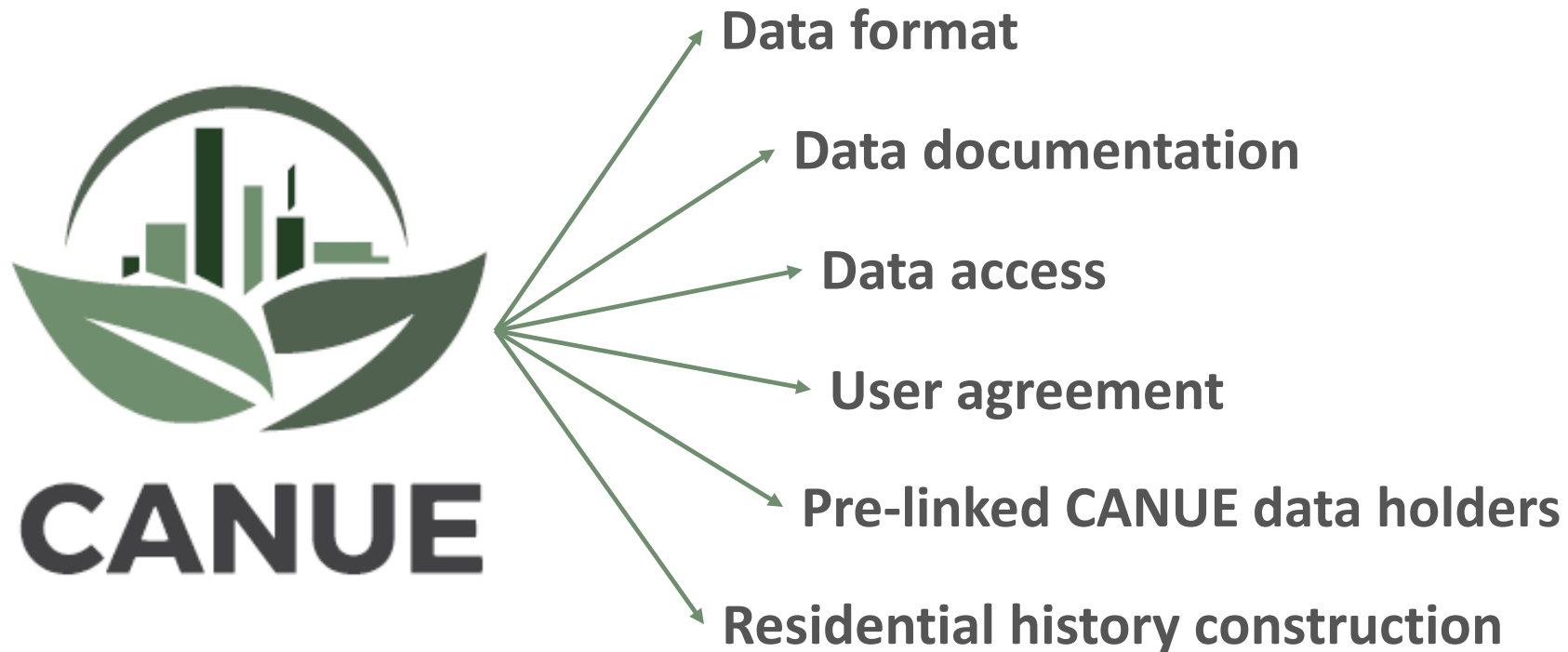
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Accessing and using CANUE data

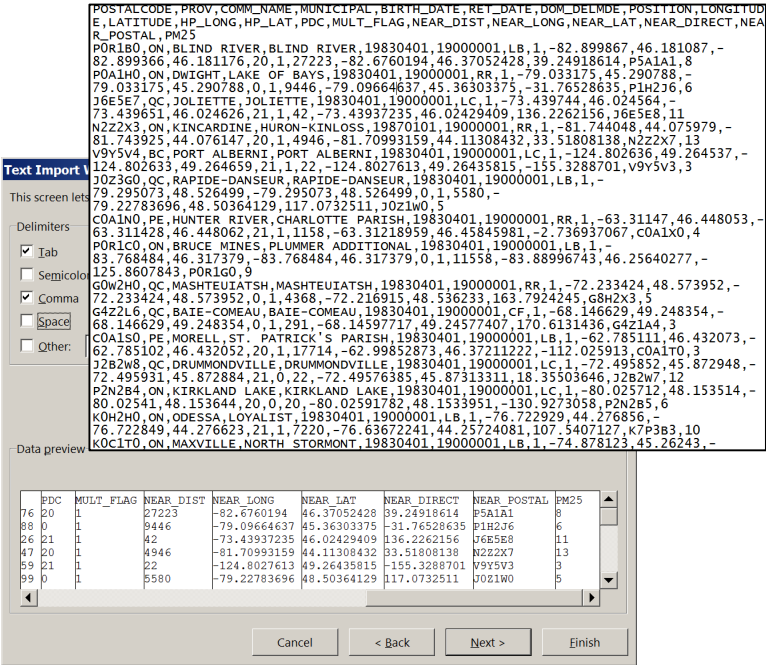


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Data format

- Indexed to 6-digit postal code
- Comma-separated values (CSV)
- Data in tabular format
- Easy import and merge with health data using postal code



Data documentation (metadata)

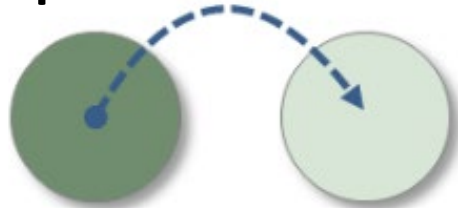
- General dataset description, methodology
- Time and geography covered
- Variable names and definitions
- Required citations and other data use conditions

	Canadian Urban Environmental Health Research Consortium
	CANUE Metadata PM2.5 DAL 2018-01-25
DATA SET INFORMATION	
Data Set Title:	Fine Particulate Matter (PM2.5) North American Estimates - Atmospheric Composition Analysis Group at Dalhousie University
Description:	Ground-level fine particulate matter (PM2.5) over North America was estimated by combining a 0.01 degree x 0.01 degree resolution optimal estimate-based Aerosol Optical Depth (AOD) retrieval from the NASA MODIS instrument with aerosol vertical profile and scattering properties simulated by the GEOS-Chem chemical transport model. A geographically weighted regression (GWR) model incorporates ground-based observations to adjust for any residual bias in the model estimates. The GWR-adjusted estimates were then applied. Values prior to 2004 apply the temporal adjustment to the GWR-adjusted estimates. These annual 0.01 x 0.01 degree gridded surface datasets were used by CANUE staff to impute values of annual mean concentration of PM2.5, for all postal codes in Canada for each year from 2000 to 2012 (DMTI Spatial, 2015).
Theme Keywords:	PM2.5, fine particulate matter, air quality, satellite monitoring, chemical transport model, gridded
Place Keywords:	Canada national
Data preparation date:	2017-10-01
File Names:	PM25DAL_A_YY.csv, where YY is the last two digits of a specific year
File Type:	Comma separated values (.csv)
Beginning Date:	2000
End Date:	2012
Sampling Frequency of Data:	Annual
Number of Data Files:	13
File Size:	Individual files range from 8 MB to 9 MB in size, all files total 150 MB in size.
Data Sources:	North American Estimates with Ground-Monitor Based Adjustment (V4.NA.01) files were downloaded from http://flizz.phys.dal.ca/~atmos/martin/?page_id=140
Spatial Resolution:	0.01° x 0.01° (~ 1 km)
Retention Period:	N/A

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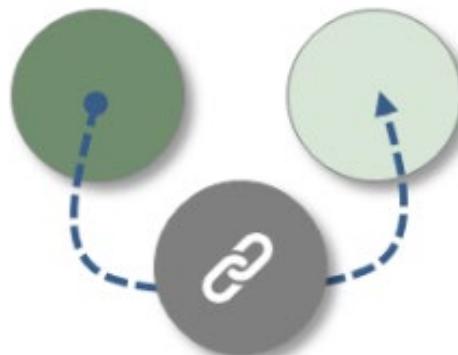
Data access

Option A:



Directly from CANUE
(to be linked with a health database)

Option B:



Via health database (pre-linked data)

User agreement

- Condition of use:
 - Citations
 - Acknowledgements



Data Sharing and Use Agreement

March 5, 2018

1. Purpose of Agreement

This agreement documents the data sharing and use conditions related to the indicated dataset(s) ([Addendum 1](#)), the intended use of the dataset(s), the Principal Data User who takes delivery of the data and accepts responsibility for ensuring these conditions are fulfilled, and the project team members who will have access to the datasets. The signature of the Principal Data User is required to fully execute this agreement. Copies of this agreement must be provided to CANUE by email (info@canue.ca). CANUE will forward copies to all original data developers as per the exposure data source contact listed in the associated metadata files.

2. Disclaimer

Data are provided "as-is". While substantial efforts are made to ensure the accuracy of data and associated documentation, complete accuracy cannot be guaranteed. CANUE makes no guarantee, either express or implied, including but not limited to, the fitness for any purpose. The Data User holds all parties involved in the production or distribution of the data harmless for damages resulting from its use or interpretation.

CAVEAT: postal codes are proprietary, so we can only share freely with academics. Typically, academics request data, develop metrics that are of interest. These can be aggregated to dissemination areas or summarized in reports.

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Pre-linked:



To come:



and more...

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Pre-linked CANUE data holders

Observational cohort studies

Canadian Partnership for Tomorrow Project (CPTP)

National harmonized cohort



- 8 Canadian provinces
- 300 000 participants
- Age 30 to 74 years

Regional cohorts



- Province of Alberta
- 55 000 participants
- Age 35 to 69 years



- 4 Atlantic provinces
- 35 935 participants
- Age 18 to 78



- Province of British Columbia
- 29 850 participants
- Age 35 to 74



- Province of Quebec
- 43 046 participants
- Age 40 to 69



- Province of Ontario
- 225 000 participants
- Minimum age 18 years

Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging (CLSA)



- 10 Canadian provinces
- 50 000 participants
- Age 45 to 85 years

Canadian Healthy Infant Longitudinal Development Study (CHILD)



- Vancouver, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Toronto
- 3 621 pregnant mothers + 3 455 children

Administrative health data holders

Manitoba Centre for Health Policy



- Province of Manitoba
- Data on healthcare, health services, vital statistics, education, social/family support

Population Data BC



- Province of British Columbia
- Data on healthcare, health services, vital statistics, child development, education

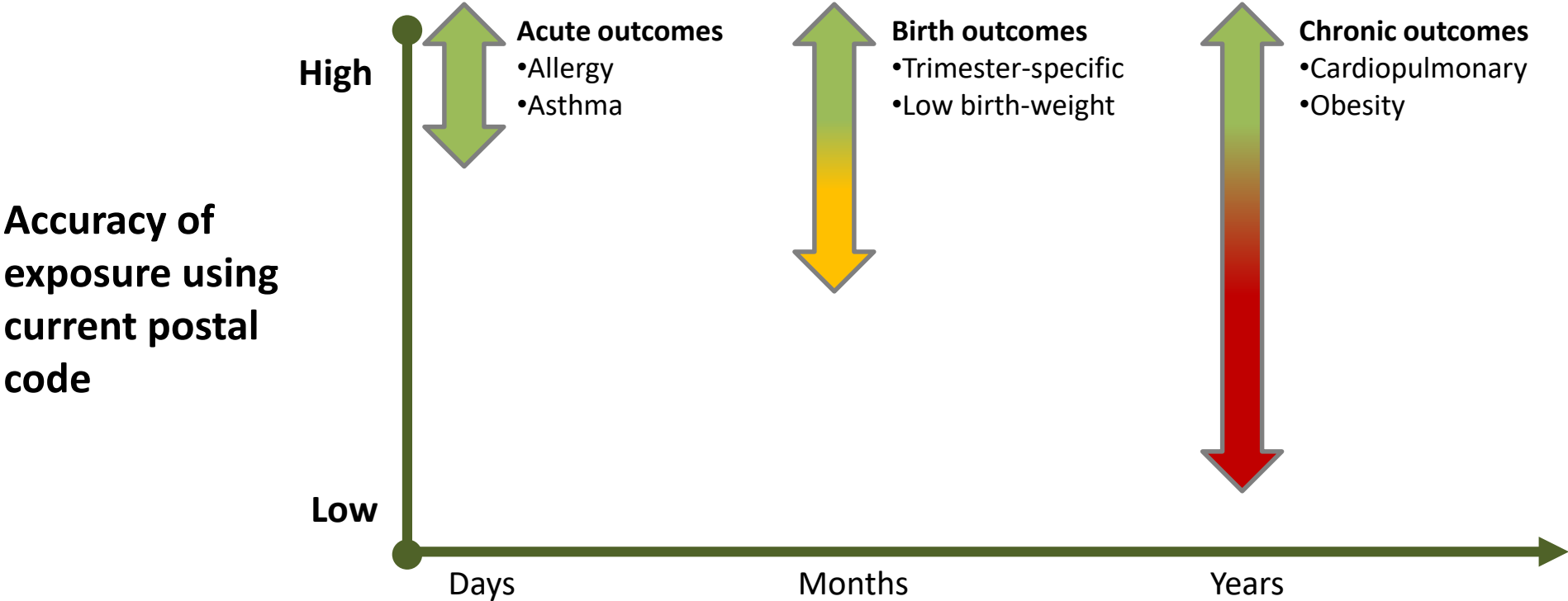
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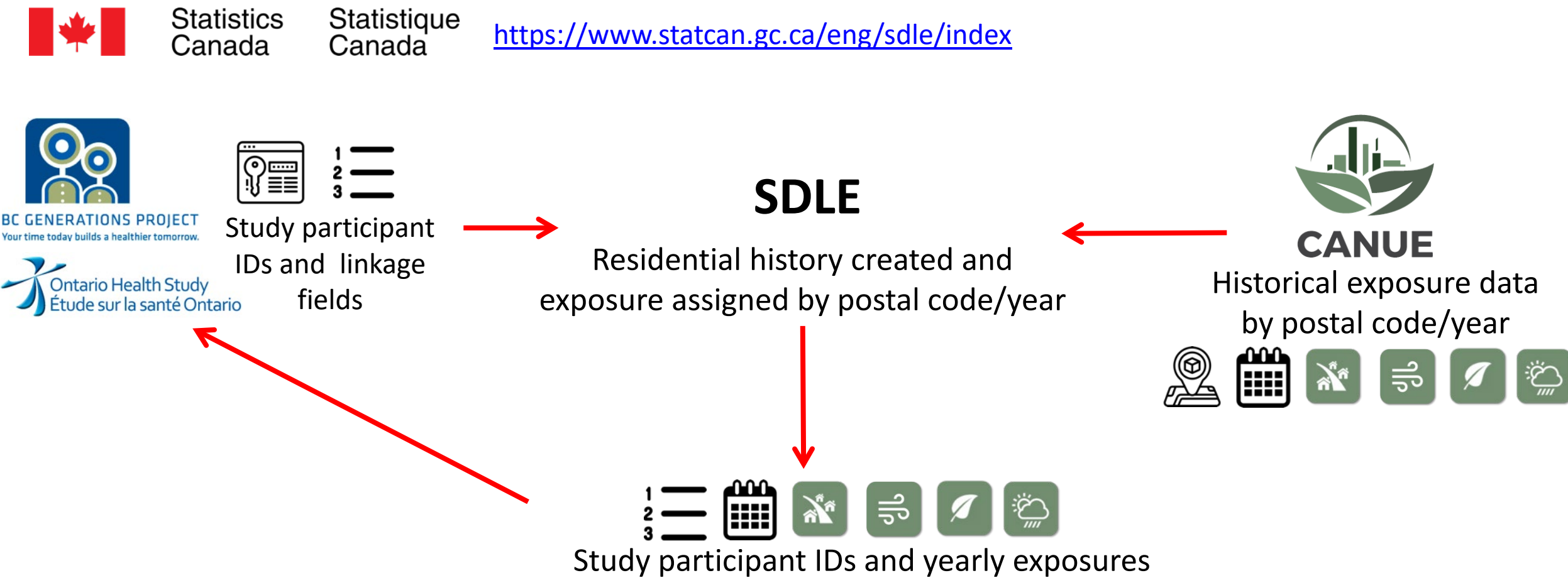
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The importance of residential history for environmental health research



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QUESTIONS

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