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**Table S1. List of counties**

Jefferson, AL	Madison, AL	Mobile, AL
Morgan, AL	Russell, AL	Maricopa, AZ
Pima, AZ	Ashley, AR	Pulaski, AR
White, AR	Fresno, CA	Kern, CA
Los Angeles, CA	Riverside, CA	Sacramento, CA
San Diego, CA	Santa Clara, CA	Ventura, CA
Adams, CO	El Paso, CO	La Plata, CO
Mesa, CO	Weld, CO	Fairfield, CT
New Haven, CT	Kent, DE	New Castle, DE
District of Columbia	Escambia, FL	Hillsborough, FL
Leon, FL	Miami-Dade, FL	Bibb, GA
Chatham, GA	Clarke, GA	DeKalb, GA
Floyd, GA	Muscogee, GA	Richmond, GA
Canyon, ID	Cook, IL	DuPage, IL
Macon, IL	Madison, IL	Allen, IN
Dubois, IN	Elkhart, IN	Henry, IN
Lake, IN	Marion, IN	St. Joseph, IN
Vanderburgh, IN	Linn, IA	Polk, IA
Scott, IA	Sedgwick, KS	Wyandotte, KS
Boyd, KY	Daviess, KY	Fayette, KY
Jefferson, KY	Kenton, KY	Laurel, KY
McCracken, KY	Perry, KY	Warren, KY
East Baton Rouge, LA	Anne Arundel, MD	Baltimore, MD
Prince George's, MD	Hampden, MA	Suffolk, MA
Allegan, MI	Kalamazoo, MI	Kent, MI
Missaukee, MI	Monroe, MI	Washtenaw, MI
Wayne, MI	Hennepin, MN	Mille Lacs, MN
Olmsted, MN	Ramsey, MN	Forrest, MS
Harrison, MS	Hinds, MS	Jones, MS
Clay, MO	Jefferson, MO	St. Louis City, MO
Lincoln, MT	Missoula, MT	Douglas, NE
Clark, NV	Washoe, NV	Hillsborough, NH

Rockingham, NH	Camden, NJ	Middlesex, NJ
Morris, NJ	Union, NJ	Bernalillo, NM
Bronx, NY	Erie, NY	Essex, NY
Monroe, NY	New York, NY	Queens, NY
Steuben, NY	Buncombe, NC	Catawba, NC
Cumberland, NC	Davidson, NC	Forsyth, NC
Guilford, NC	Lenoir, NC	Mecklenburg, NC
Rowan, NC	Wake, NC	Burleigh, ND
Cass, ND	McKenzie, ND	Butler, OH
Cuyahoga, OH	Franklin, OH	Hamilton, OH
Jefferson, OH	Lawrence, OH	Lorain, OH
Lucas, OH	Mahoning, OH	Montgomery, OH
Stark, OH	Summit, OH	Oklahoma, OK
Tulsa, OK	Multnomah, OR	Adams, PA
Allegheny, PA	Centre, PA	Chester, PA
Dauphin, PA	Delaware, PA	Erie, PA
Lackawanna, PA	Lancaster, PA	Northampton, PA
Perry, PA	Philadelphia, PA	Washington, PA
Westmoreland, PA	York, PS	Providence, RI
Charleston, SC	Chesterfield, SC	Greenville, SC
Richland, SC	Minnehaha, SD	Davidson, TN
Hamilton, TN	Knox, TN	Lawrence, TN
Shelby, TN	Sullivan, TN	Sumner, TN
Dallas, TX	El Paso, TX	Harris, TX
Davis, UT	Salt Lake, UT	Utah, UT
Chittenden, VT	Bristol City, VI	Henrico, VI
Page, VI	Richmond City, VI	Roanoke City, VI
King, WA	Spokane, WA	Kanawha, WV
Marshall, WV	Dodge, WI	Kenosha, WI
Manitowoc, WI	Milwaukee, WI	Taylor, WI
Waukesha, WI		

**Table S2. List of PM<sub>2.5</sub> components**

Aluminum (Al)	Nickel (Ni)
Ammonium Ion	Niobium (Nb)
Antimony (Sb)	Phosphorus (P)
Arsenic (As)	Potassium (K)
Barium (Ba)	Rubidium (Rb)
Bromine (Br)	Samarium (Sm)
Cadmium (Cd)	Scandium (Sc)
Calcium (Ca)	Selenium (Se)
Cerium (Ce)	Silicon (Si)
Cesium (Cs)	Silver (Ag)
Chlorine (Cl)	Sodium ion (Na <sup>+</sup> )
Chromium (Cr)	Strontium (Sr)
Cobalt (Co)	Tantalum (Ta)
Copper (Cu)	Terbium (Tb)
Europium (Eu)	Tin (Sn)
Gallium (Ga)	Titanium (Ti)
Gold (Au)	Tungsten (W)
Hafnium (Hf)	Vanadium (V)
Indium (In)	Yttrium (Y)
Iridium (Ir)	Zinc (Zn)
Iron (Fe)	Zirconium (Zr)
Lanthanum (La)	Nitrate (NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> )
Lead (Pb)	Sulfate (SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup> )
Magnesium (Mg)	Organic Carbon (OC)
Manganese (Mn)	Elemental Carbon (EC)
Mercury (Hg)	PM <sub>2.5</sub> total mass
Molybdenum (Mo)	

**Table S3. Contribution of selected components to PM<sub>2.5</sub> total mass, for yearly and seasonal averages**

*Note:* These components did not contribute >1% to PM<sub>2.5</sub> total mass in the national yearly or seasonal averages, however do contribute >1% for at least one county for a yearly or seasonal average. The mean is across all communities. The minimum and maximum shown in parentheses are for any single community.

	<i>Yearly</i>	<i>Winter</i>	<i>Spring</i>	<i>Summer</i>	<i>Autumn</i>
K	0.53 (0.27 to 1.8)	0.53 (0.25 to 1.7)	0.53 (0.26 to 2.7)	0.58 (0.18 to 2.3)	0.52 (0.28 to 3.2)
Ca	0.44 (0.13 to 3.7)	0.34 (0.08 to 3.2)	0.51 (0.14 to 3.9)	0.47 (0.11 to 4.5)	0.47 (0.10 to 4.1)
Fe	0.62 (0.21 to 4.1)	0.55 (0.15 to 3.4)	0.69 (0.26 to 5.1)	0.63 (0.16 to 5.4)	0.67 (0.19 to 3.7)
Cl	0.18 (0.04 to 2.7)	0.30 (0.04 to 2.4)	0.18 (0.02 to 3.4)	0.11 (0.01 to 2.9)	0.17 (0.03 to 2.5)
Al	0.23 (0.08 to 1.4)	0.13 (0.01 to 0.87)	0.29 (0.09 to 2.2)	0.32 (0.06 to 2.9)	0.18 (0.07 to 0.83)

**Table S4. Correlations among selected PM<sub>2.5</sub> chemical components, on average across 187 U.S. counties**

*Note:* This table provides full information for Table 2 in the main text.

*Yearly Averages*

	EC	OCM	Si	Na <sup>+</sup>	SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>=</sup>	NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	Br	Ca	Cl	Cu	Fe	Mg	K	Se	Ti
NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	0.18	0.08	-0.35	-0.01	0.72	0.64	0.48	-0.16	0.02	0.16	0.13	-0.05	0.14	0.45	-0.12
EC		0.59	0.33	0.27	0.01	0.27	0.31	0.36	0.52	0.44	0.65	0.40	0.34	0.15	0.57
OCM			0.26	0.24	0.00	0.18	0.24	0.20	0.17	0.33	0.36	0.25	0.46	-0.02	0.45
Si				0.14	-0.43	-0.02	0.02	0.68	0.21	0.22	0.46	0.40	0.32	-0.18	0.78
Na <sup>+</sup>					-0.07	0.17	0.12	0.04	0.63	0.12	0.09	0.17	0.26	-0.19	0.31
SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>=</sup>						-0.05	0.43	-0.29	-0.15	-0.03	-0.07	-0.26	0.05	0.47	-0.25
NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>							0.25	0.10	0.23	0.27	0.26	0.23	0.19	0.11	0.17

*Winter Averages*

	EC	OCM	Si	Na <sup>+</sup>	SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>=</sup>	NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	Br	Ca	Cl	Cu	Fe	Mg	K	Se	Ti
NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	-0.02	-0.03	-0.19	0.00	0.39	0.86	0.31	-0.10	0.38	0.10	0.08	0.00	0.05	0.37	-0.12
EC		0.73	0.57	0.18	-0.22	0.08	0.20	0.48	0.44	0.50	0.62	0.27	0.43	-0.05	0.66
OCM			0.35	0.12	-0.23	0.10	0.14	0.25	0.23	0.40	0.40	0.17	0.64	-0.10	0.41
Si				-0.04	-0.39	0.00	0.07	0.73	0.21	0.38	0.56	0.22	0.25	-0.19	0.71
Na <sup>+</sup>					0.08	0.01	0.07	0.02	0.37	0.06	0.02	0.08	0.30	-0.17	0.08
SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>=</sup>						-0.12	0.43	-0.24	0.02	-0.13	-0.17	-0.19	0.08	0.46	-0.29
NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>							0.09	0.03	0.36	0.17	0.17	0.11	0.04	0.13	0.04

*Spring Averages*

	EC	OCM	Si	Na <sup>+</sup>	SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>=</sup>	NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	Br	Ca	Cl	Cu	Fe	Mg	K	Se	Ti
NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	0.26	0.16	-0.41	-0.06	0.70	0.74	0.46	-0.19	-0.05	0.15	0.08	-0.13	0.07	0.37	-0.23
EC		0.51	0.18	0.22	0.20	0.20	0.26	0.28	0.39	0.42	0.60	0.28	0.21	0.18	0.41
OCM			0.13	0.18	0.31	-0.01	0.30	0.20	0.10	0.24	0.33	0.15	0.33	0.00	0.33
Si				0.04	-0.42	-0.18	-0.06	0.76	0.07	0.20	0.39	0.48	0.26	-0.17	0.81
Na <sup>+</sup>					0.04	0.00	0.08	0.02	0.73	0.02	0.01	0.24	0.21	-0.18	0.16
SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>=</sup>						0.05	0.54	-0.25	-0.08	0.01	-0.06	-0.22	0.21	0.30	-0.22
NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>							0.14	-0.03	0.10	0.20	0.17	0.06	-0.05	0.19	-0.07

*Summer Averages*

	EC	OCM	Si	Na <sup>+</sup>	SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>=</sup>	NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	Br	Ca	Cl	Cu	Fe	Mg	K	Se	Ti
NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	0.31	0.40	-0.39	0.01	0.87	0.53	0.47	-0.28	-0.19	0.11	0.03	-0.11	0.08	0.46	-0.19
EC		0.45	0.11	0.09	0.19	0.31	0.33	0.20	0.26	0.35	0.57	0.24	0.30	0.26	0.29
OCM			-0.09	-0.03	0.38	0.28	0.32	-0.04	-0.19	0.23	0.20	0.00	0.25	0.14	0.11
Si				0.12	-0.38	-0.12	-0.08	0.57	0.26	0.11	0.54	0.27	0.23	-0.17	0.84
Na <sup>+</sup>					-0.13	0.43	0.19	0.02	0.63	0.07	0.05	0.29	0.14	-0.17	0.28
SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>=</sup>						0.12	0.31	-0.37	-0.24	0.01	-0.05	-0.26	-0.06	0.50	-0.26
NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>							0.49	0.02	0.12	0.22	0.13	0.25	0.30	0.06	0.11

*Autumn Averages*

	EC	OCM	Si	Na <sup>+</sup>	SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>=</sup>	NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	Br	Ca	Cl	Cu	Fe	Mg	K	Se	Ti
NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	0.25	0.20	-0.14	0.09	0.66	0.62	0.59	-0.05	0.04	0.19	0.26	0.01	0.17	0.37	0.10
EC		0.57	0.41	0.24	0.01	0.36	0.42	0.36	0.47	0.47	0.69	0.39	0.27	0.24	0.62
OCM			0.38	0.29	0.02	0.33	0.32	0.23	0.16	0.30	0.34	0.24	0.39	-0.02	0.51
Si				0.10	-0.43	0.30	0.10	0.65	0.14	0.27	0.46	0.51	0.30	-0.10	0.75
Na <sup>+</sup>					-0.04	0.28	0.21	0.04	0.58	0.17	0.10	0.10	0.26	-0.14	0.24
SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>=</sup>						-0.15	0.43	-0.20	-0.11	-0.01	0.00	-0.21	0.10	0.37	-0.23
NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>							0.37	0.16	0.20	0.28	0.35	0.23	0.16	0.05	0.43



**Table S5. Correlations among selected PM<sub>2.5</sub> chemical components and PM<sub>2.5</sub> total mass, by region**

*Note:* This table provides full information for Table 3 in the main text.

*U.S.*

	Yearly	Winter	Spring	Summer	Autumn
NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	0.83	0.66	0.82	0.90	0.82
EC	0.42	0.53	0.47	0.33	0.47
OCM	0.52	0.70	0.61	0.56	0.63
Si	-0.15	0.14	-0.20	-0.28	0.07
Na <sup>+</sup>	0.11	0.13	0.12	-0.06	0.20
SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>=</sup>	0.72	0.11	0.79	0.94	0.63
NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	0.45	0.66	0.44	0.32	0.49

*Eastern U.S.*

	Yearly	Winter	Spring	Summer	Autumn
NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	0.75	0.76	0.66	0.84	0.73
EC	0.54	0.50	0.53	0.37	0.48
OCM	0.69	0.59	0.70	0.63	0.73
Si	0.11	0.31	0.37	-0.14	0.26
Na <sup>+</sup>	-0.09	0.11	0.05	-0.19	-0.07
SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>=</sup>	0.84	0.57	0.76	0.94	0.87
NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	0.22	0.52	0.20	0.31	-0.03

*Western U.S.*

	Yearly	Winter	Spring	Summer	Autumn
NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	0.88	0.72	0.89	0.96	0.89
EC	0.65	0.52	0.72	0.62	0.69
OCM	0.71	0.76	0.68	0.62	0.78
Si	-0.04	-0.12	-0.03	-0.11	0.23
Na <sup>+</sup>	0.50	0.20	0.45	0.54	0.54
SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>=</sup>	0.68	0.34	0.83	0.86	0.67
NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	0.91	0.75	0.90	0.96	0.91

**Table S6. OCM yearly and seasonal concentrations using two methods of estimation, on average across 187 counties ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )**

		<i>Avg</i>	<i>Stdev</i>	<i>IQR</i>	<i>Min to Max</i>
<i>Yearly</i>	OCM	3.82	0.10	1.37	(0.97 to 12.12)
	OCM2	4.19	0.10	1.37	(1.26 to 12.55)
<i>Summer</i>	OCM	4.41	0.08	1.43	(1.91 to 7.60)
	OCM2	4.78	0.08	1.34	(1.94 to 7.93)
<i>Spring</i>	OCM	3.00	0.09	1.30	(0.56 to 8.12)
	OCM2	3.39	0.09	1.43	(0.71 to 8.54)
<i>Winter</i>	OCM	4.00	0.19	2.15	(0.15 to 24.33)
	OCM2	4.38	0.19	2.08	(0.38 to 24.86)
<i>Autumn</i>	OCM	3.86	0.12	1.78	(0.85 to 13.46)
	OCM2	4.20	0.13	1.76	(1.19 to 13.87)

**Table S7. Percent contributions to PM<sub>2.5</sub> total mass by OCM, using two methods of OCM estimation**

	<i>Yearly</i>	<i>Winter</i>	<i>Summer</i>
Original method (OCM)	27.5%	27.7%	29.0%
Alternative method (OCM2)	30.2%	30.6%	31.5%

**Table S8. Correlations between OCM and selected components using two methods of OCM estimation, on average across 187 counties**

		NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	EC	Si	Na <sup>+</sup>	SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>=</sup>	NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	PM <sub>2.5</sub>
Yearly	<i>OCM</i>	0.08	0.59	0.26	0.24	0.00	0.18	0.52
	<i>OCM2</i>	0.11	0.58	0.23	0.19	0.03	0.19	0.55
Winter	<i>OCM</i>	-0.03	0.73	0.35	0.12	-0.23	0.10	0.70
	<i>OCM2</i>	-0.01	0.72	0.34	0.09	-0.22	0.11	0.71
Spring	<i>OCM</i>	0.16	0.51	0.13	0.18	0.31	-0.01	0.61
	<i>OCM2</i>	0.20	0.50	0.10	0.12	0.33	0.00	0.62
Summer	<i>OCM</i>	0.40	0.45	-0.09	-0.03	0.38	0.28	0.56
	<i>OCM2</i>	0.42	0.44	-0.13	-0.08	0.40	0.28	0.58
Autumn	<i>OCM</i>	0.20	0.57	0.38	0.29	0.02	0.33	0.63
	<i>OCM2</i>	0.23	0.57	0.37	0.25	0.04	0.33	0.66

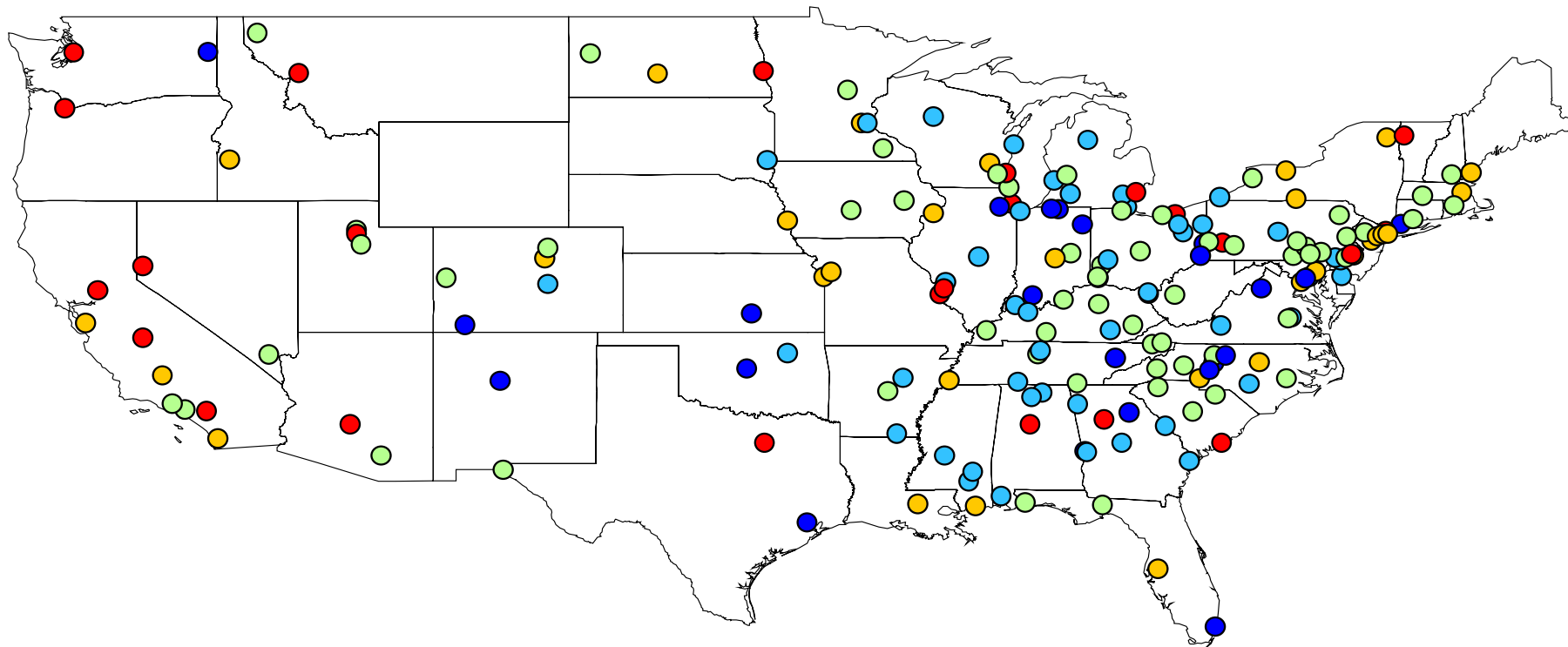
**Table S9. Potential sources for identified key PM<sub>2.5</sub> chemical components**

*Note:* Although many potential sources are listed for each component, this does not reflect the relative contribution of each source. In other words, some sources may be minor contributors, and the degree of contribution may vary by region or season.

<i>Component</i>	<i>Potential sources</i>
SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>=</sup>	Motor vehicles; oil and coal combustion; wood and other vegetative burning; industry including electronics manufacturing, smelters, incinerators, coke plants, and steel mills; aged sea salt
NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	Dust; motor vehicles including diesel; vegetation burning; aged sea salt; intercontinental dust
Na <sup>+</sup>	Sea breeze and aged sea salt; vegetation burning; oil combustion; industry such as incinerators, smelters, and coke plants; airborne soil
NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	Motor vehicles including diesel; oil and coal combustion; vegetative burning; airborne soil
Elemental Carbon	Combustion of biomass and fossil fuels, including transportation sources including diesel and combustion of coal, oil, wood, and other vegetation; aged sea salt; airborne soil; industry including coke plants, incinerators, and casting processes
Organic Carbon	Motor vehicles including diesel; coal and oil combustion; wood smoke and other vegetative burning; airborne soil; industrial sources such as cement kilns, casting processes, and incinerators
Si	Resuspended soil and intercontinental dust; unpaved roads and construction; steel processing; oil combustion; vehicles; coal combustion; cement kilns; prescribed burning

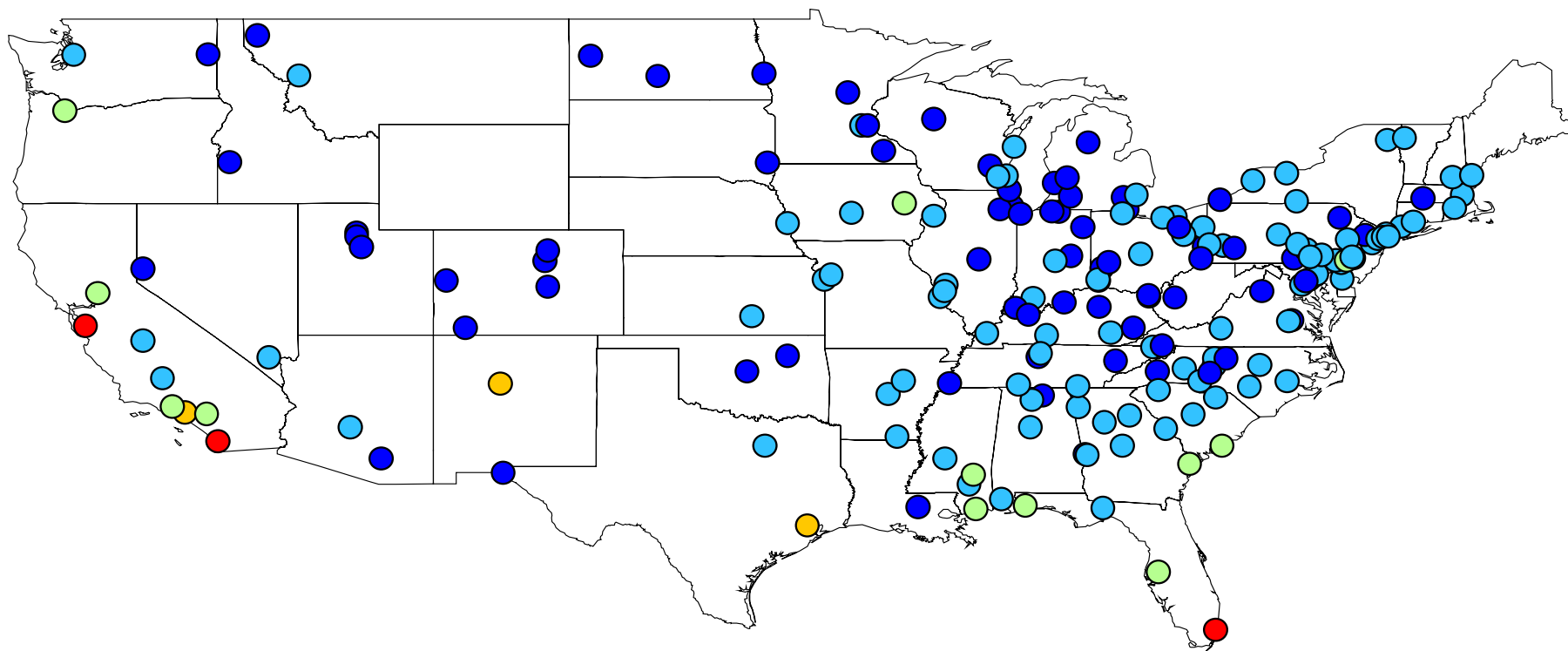
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**Figure S1. Number of PM<sub>2.5</sub> observations by county (2000 to 2005)**



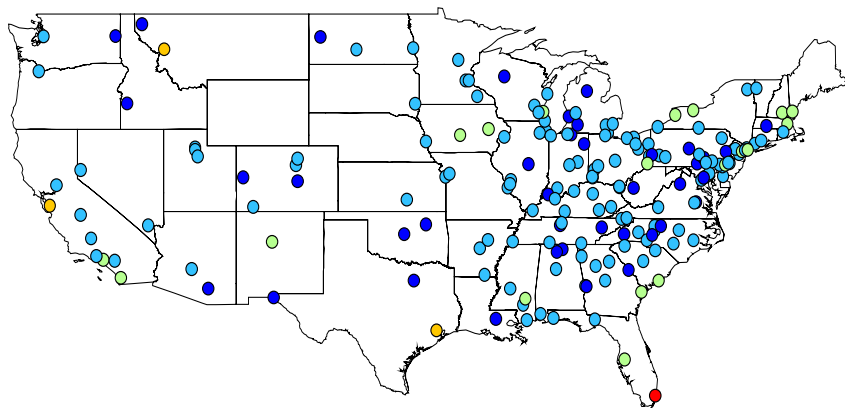
- 41 to 120 days
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- 300 to 465
- 465 to 676

**Figure S2. Sodium ion PM<sub>2.5</sub> averages for 187 U.S. counties, 2000-2005**

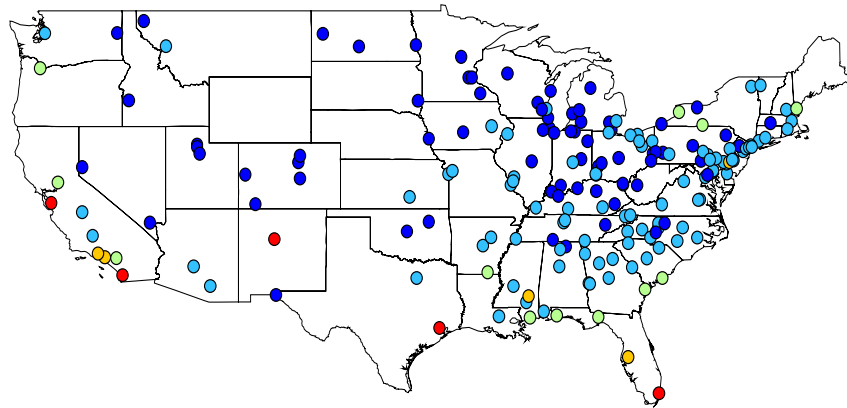


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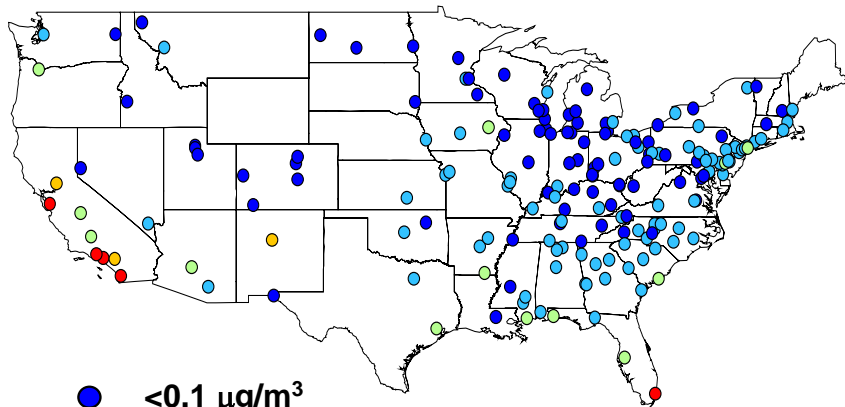
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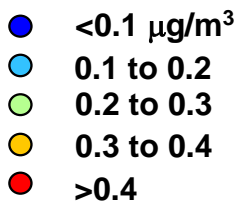
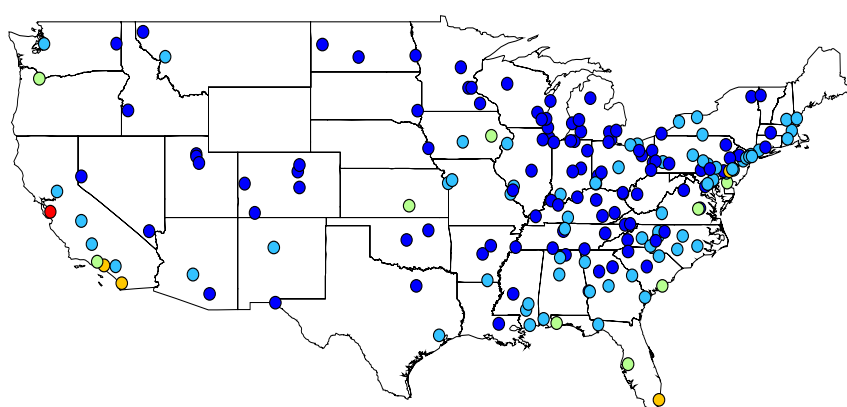
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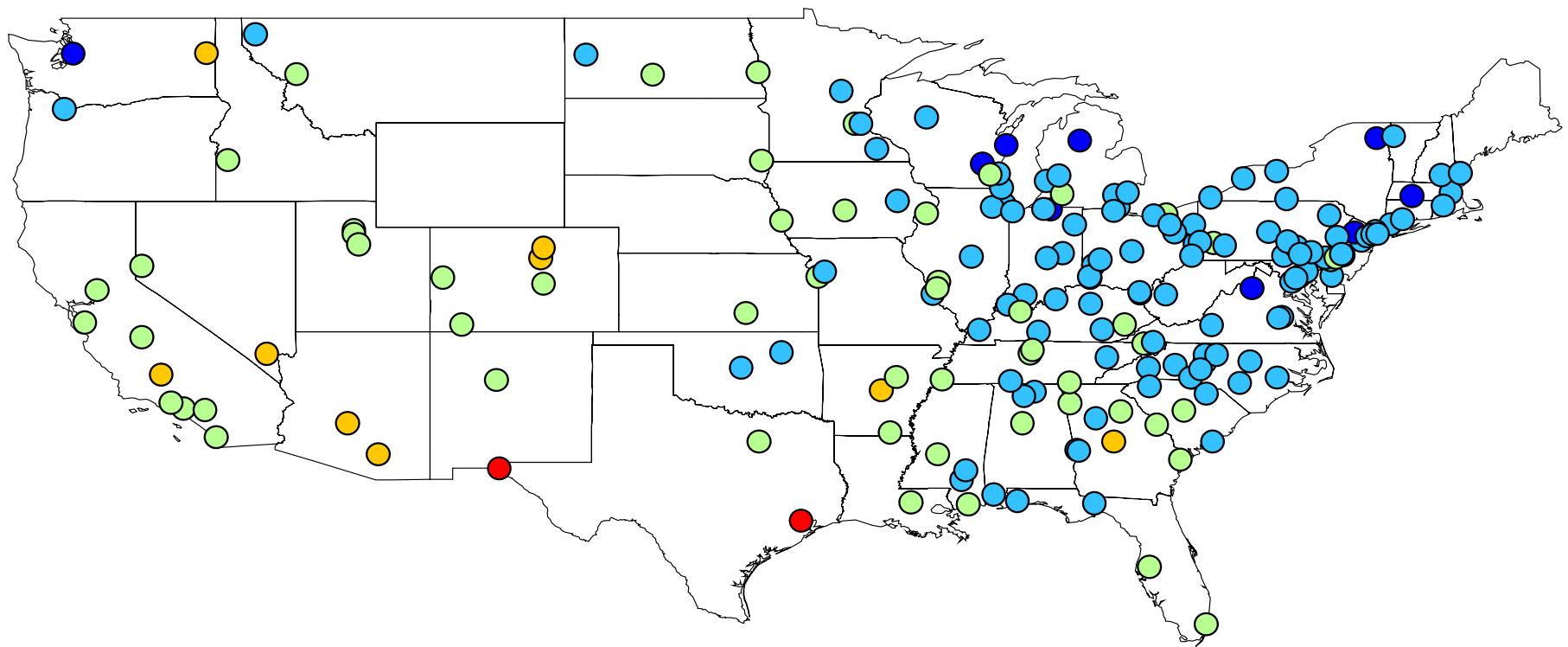
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**Figure S3. Seasonal sodium ion  $\text{PM}_{2.5}$  averages for 187 U.S. counties, 2000-2005**

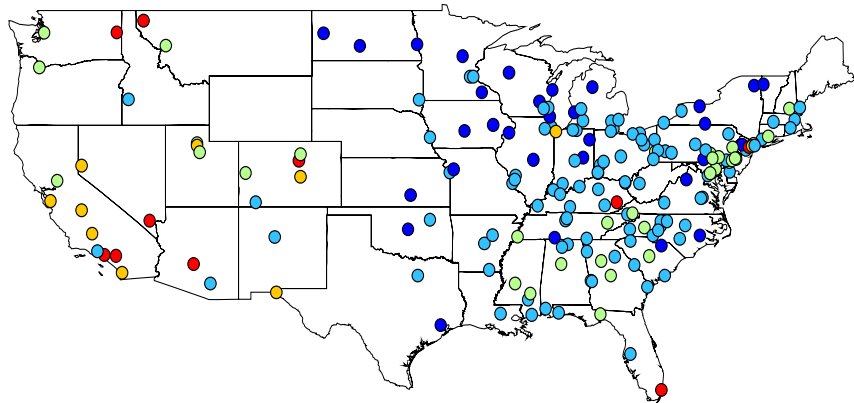


**Figure S4. Silicon PM<sub>2.5</sub> averages for 187 U.S. counties, 2000-2005**

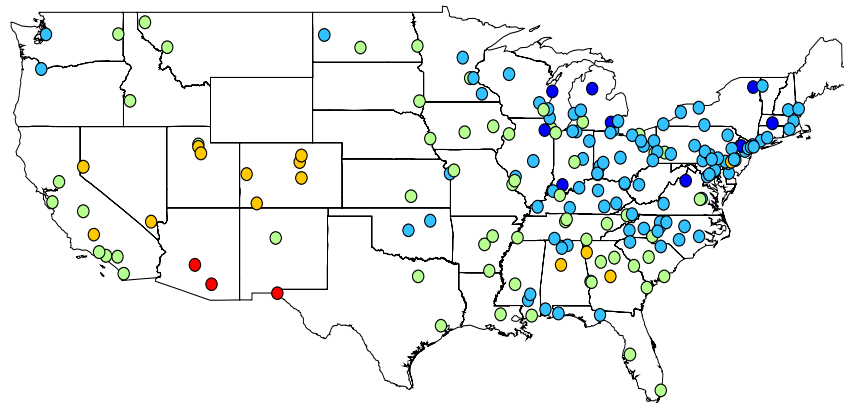


- <math><0.05 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3</math>
- 0.05 to 0.1
- 0.1 to 0.2
- 0.2 to 0.35
- >0.35

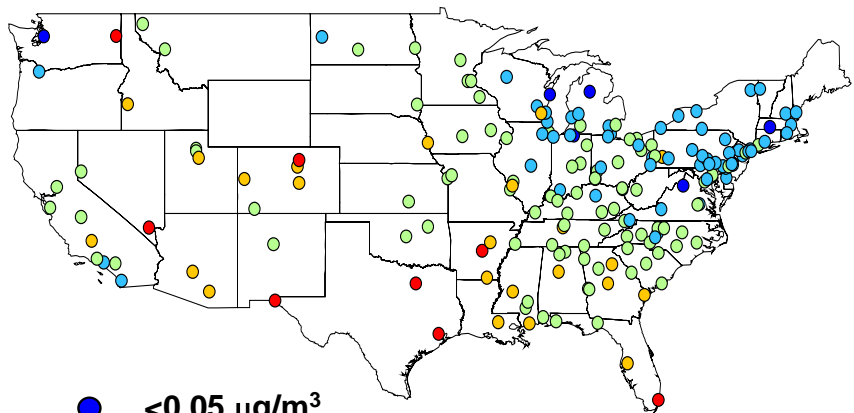
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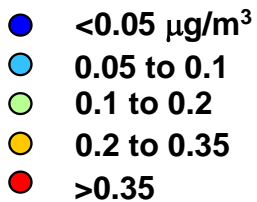
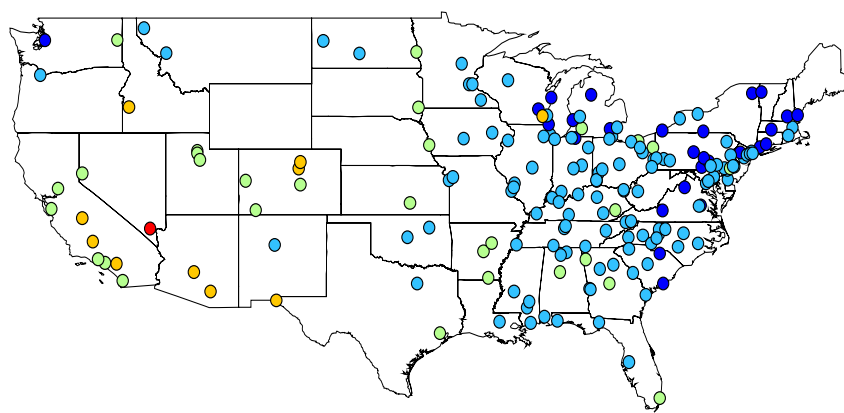
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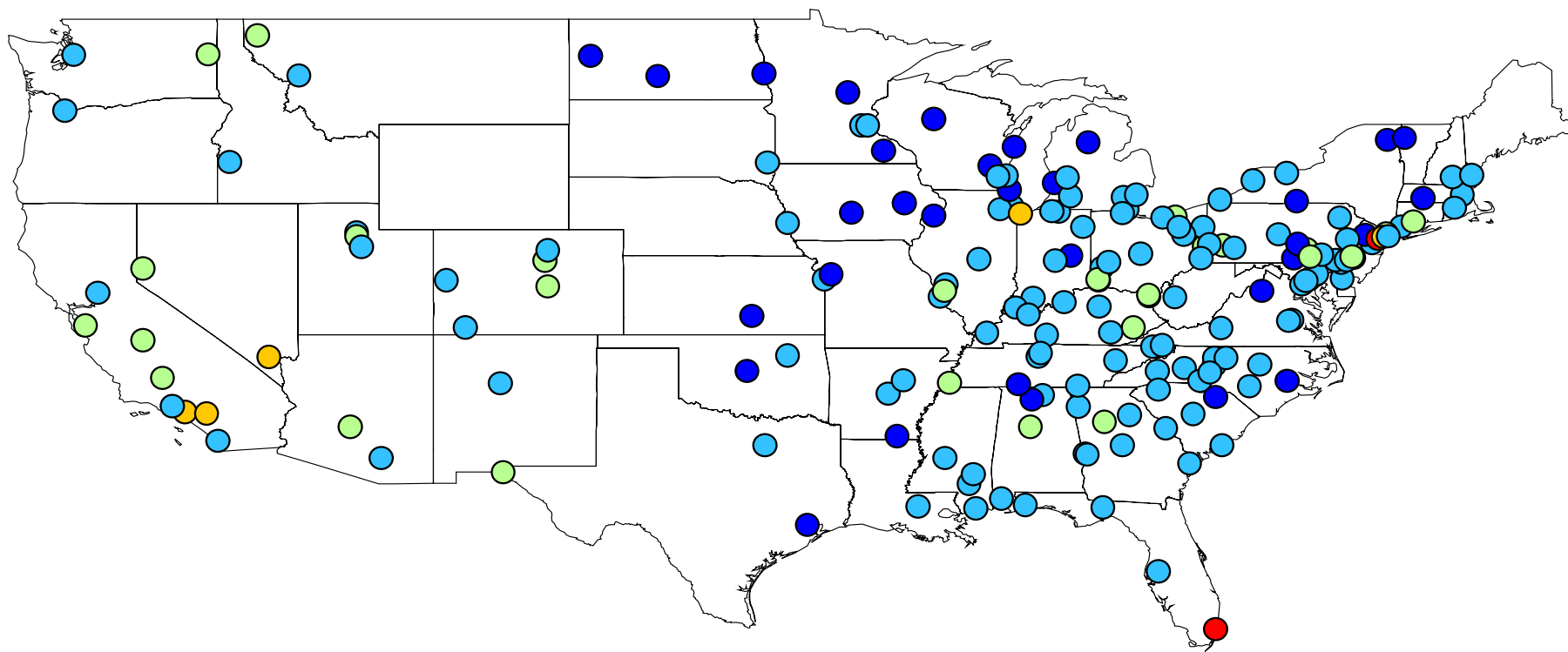


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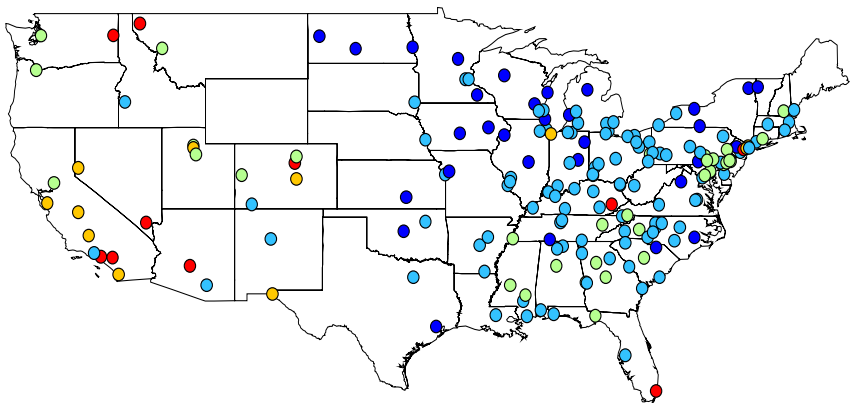
**Figure S5. Seasonal silicon  $\text{PM}_{2.5}$  averages for 187 U.S. counties, 2000-2005**

**Figure S6. Elemental carbon PM<sub>2.5</sub> averages for 203 U.S. counties, 2000-2005**

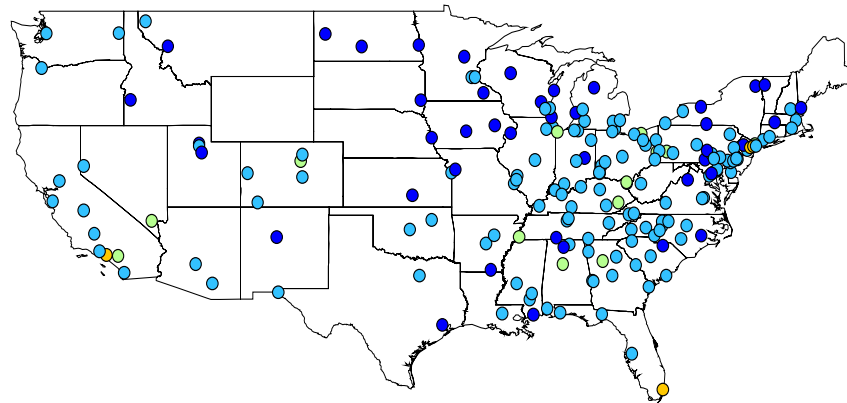


- <0.4 µg/m<sup>3</sup>
- 0.4 to 0.8
- 0.8 to 1.2
- 1.2 to 1.6
- >1.6

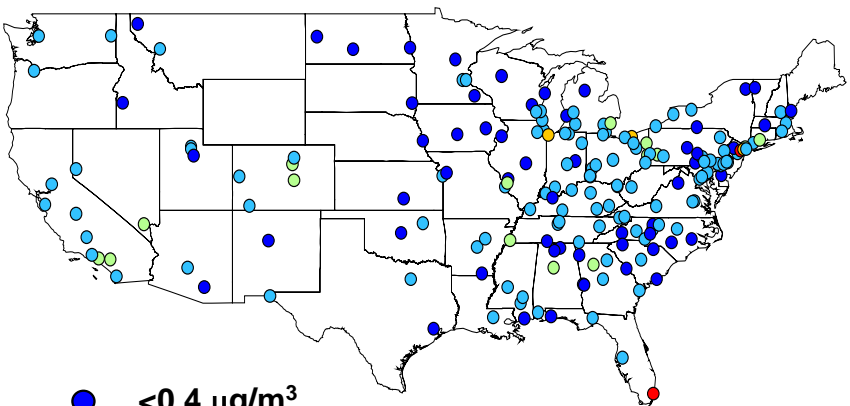
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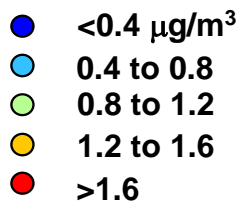
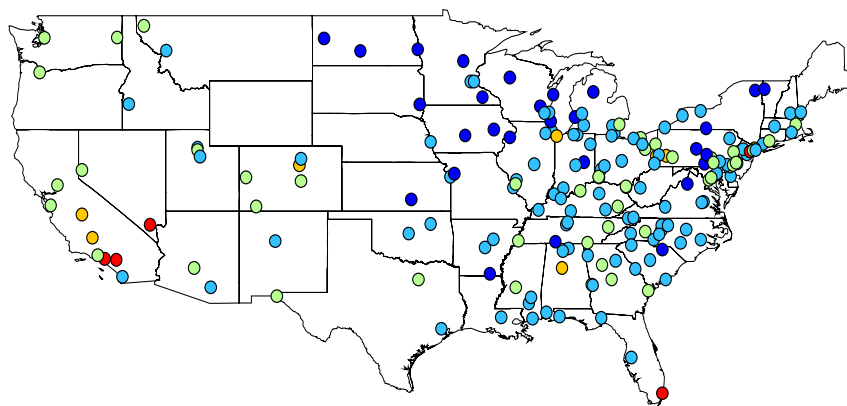
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**Summer**

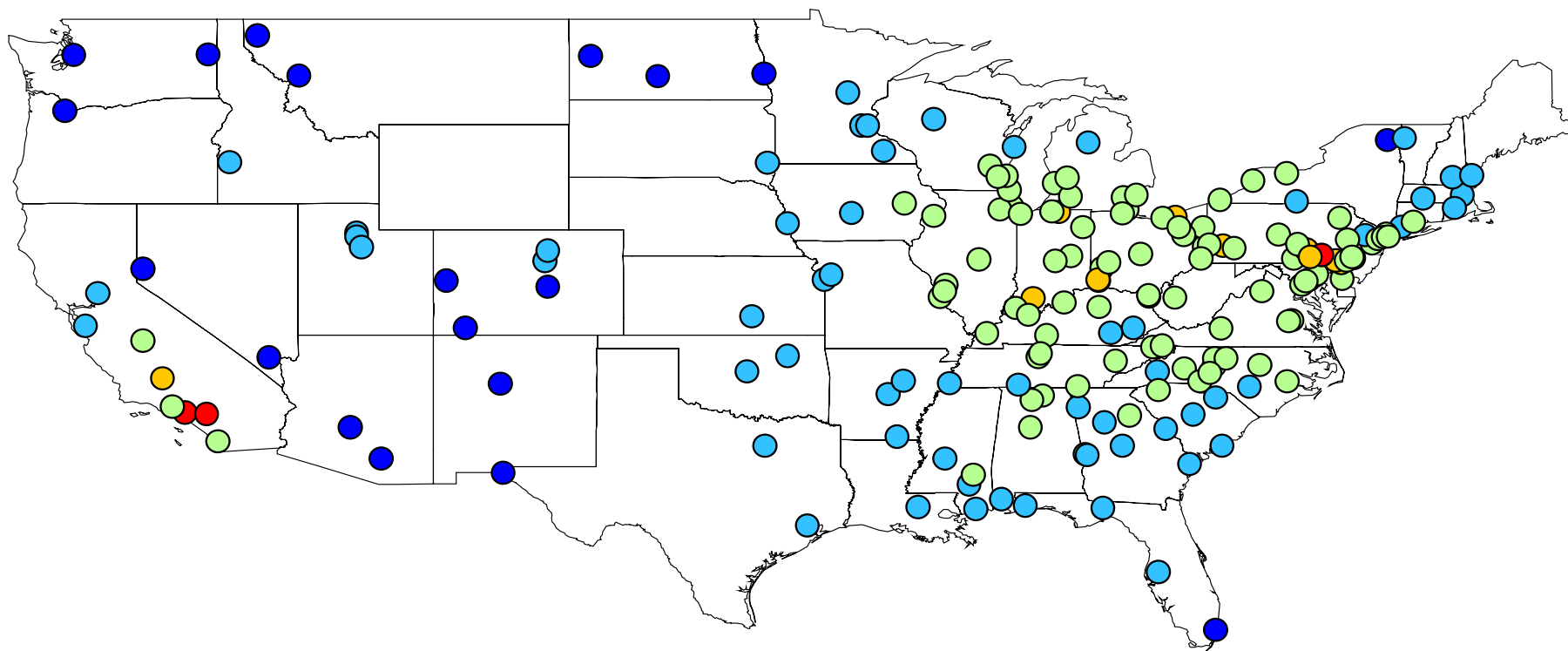


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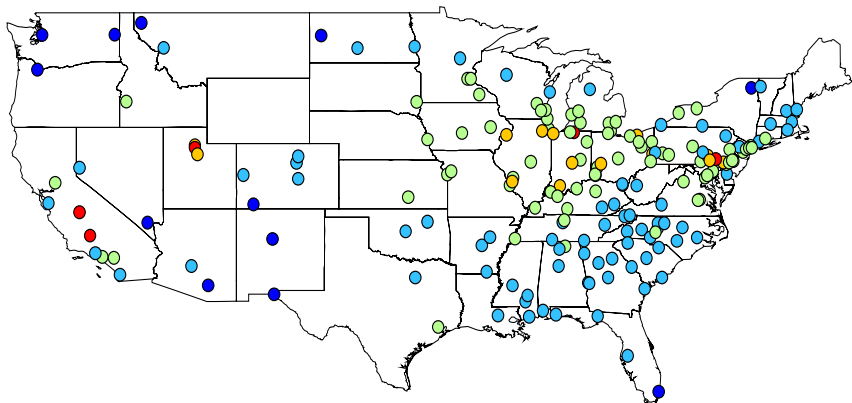
**Figure S7. Seasonal elemental carbon  $\text{PM}_{2.5}$  averages for 187 U.S. counties, 2000-2005**

**Figure S8. Ammonium PM<sub>2.5</sub> averages for 187 U.S. counties, 2000-2005**

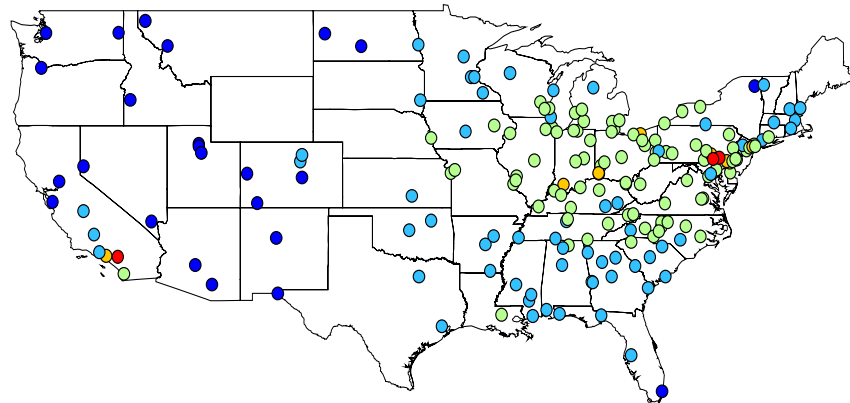


- <0.75 μg/m<sup>3</sup>
- 0.75 to 1.5
- 1.5 to 2.25
- 2.25 to 3.0
- >3.0

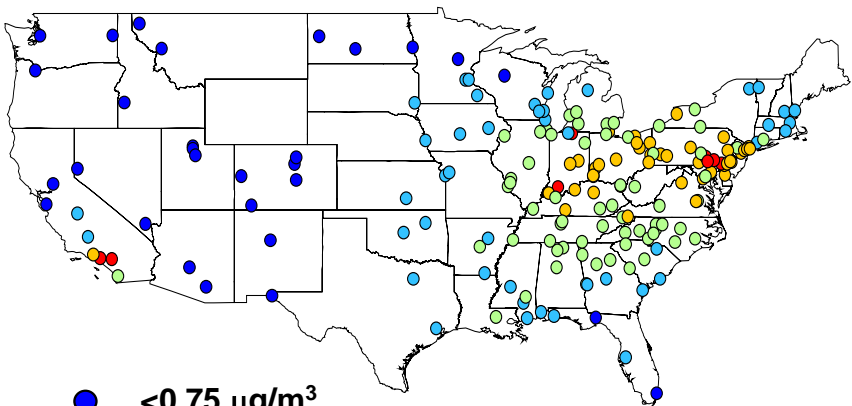
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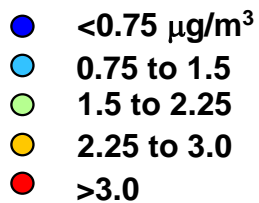
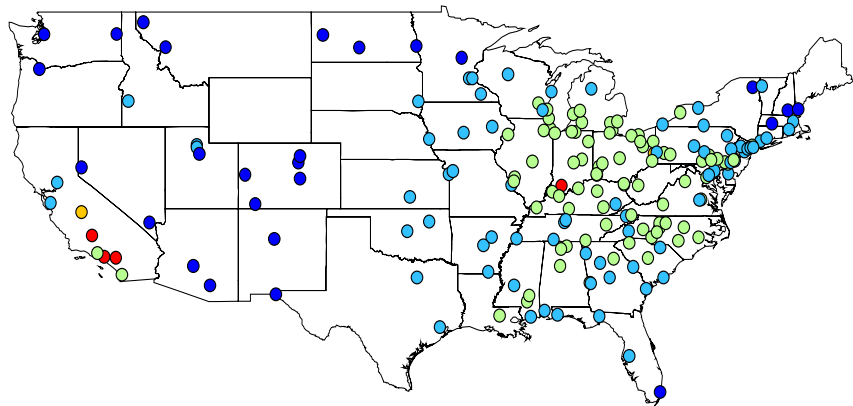
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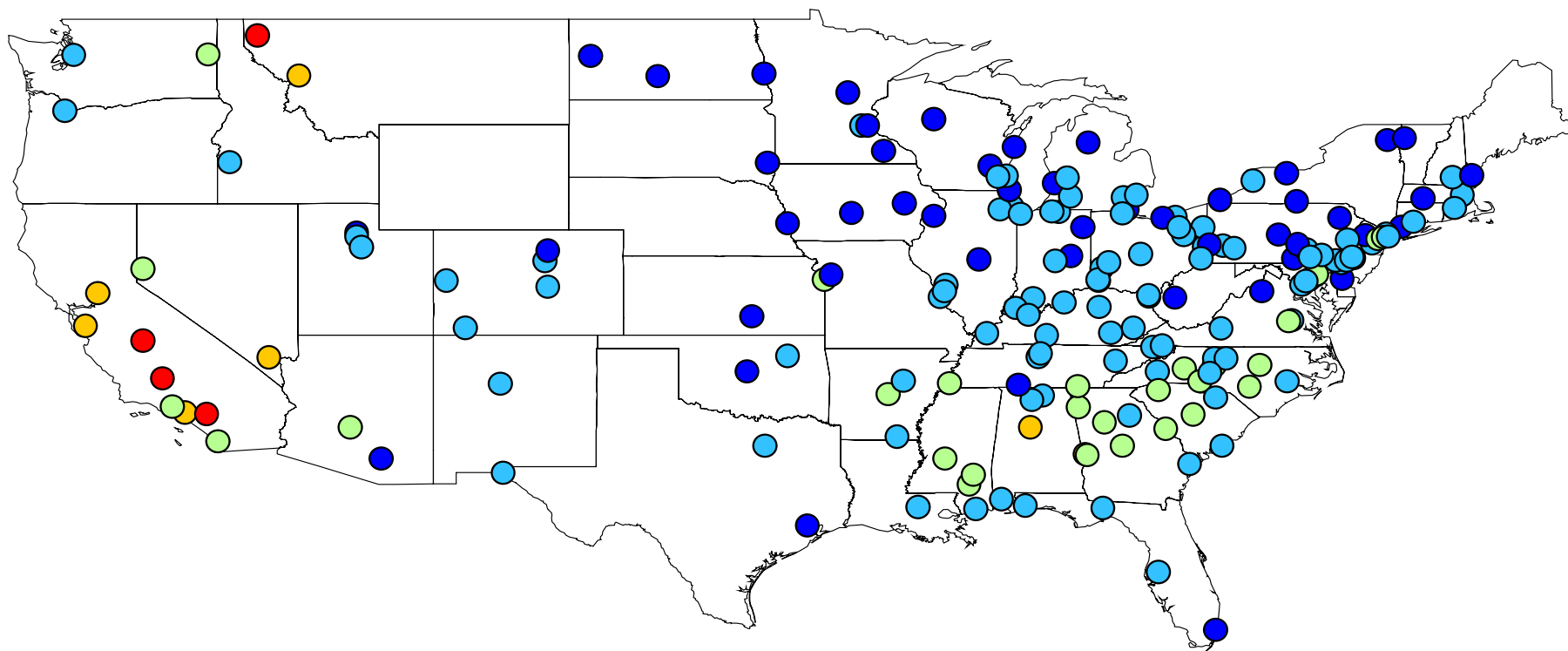


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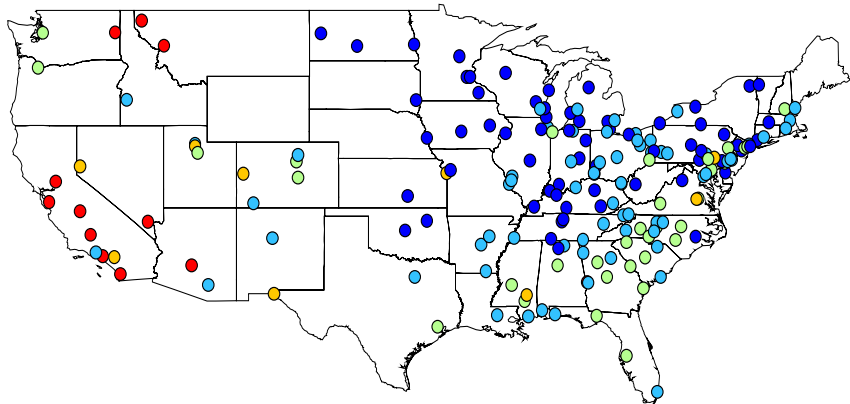
**Figure S9. Seasonal ammonium  $\text{PM}_{2.5}$  averages for 187 U.S. counties, 2000-2005**

**Figure S10. OCM PM<sub>2.5</sub> averages for 187 U.S. counties, 2000-2005**

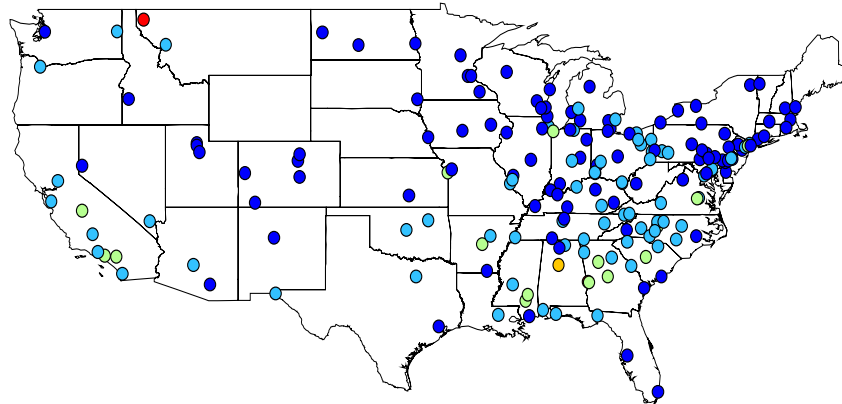


- <math>< 3.0 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3</math>
- 3.0 to 4.5
- 4.5 to 6.0
- 6.0 to 7.0
- >7.0

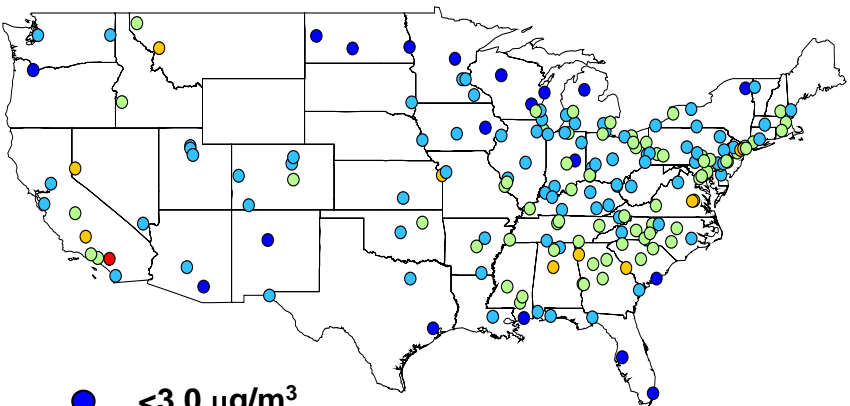
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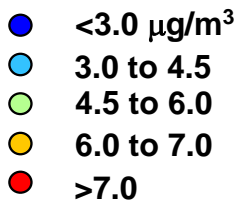
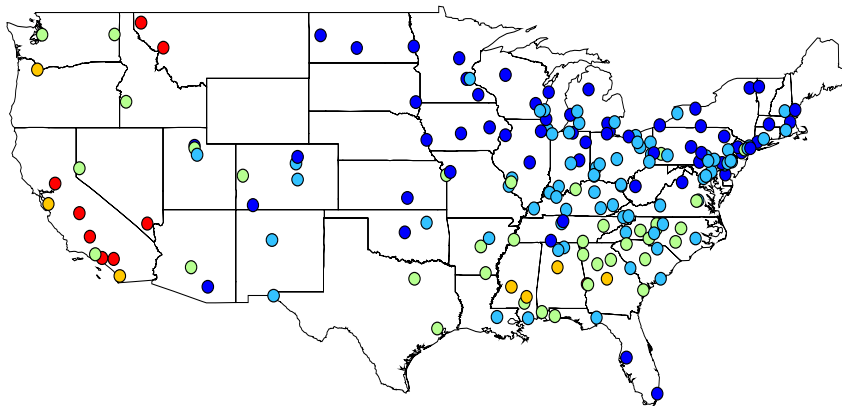
**Spring**



**Summer**



**Fall**



**Figure S11. Seasonal OCM  $\text{PM}_{2.5}$  averages for 187 U.S. counties, 2000-2005**



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