



*Second MILAGRO Science Meeting  
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# **MILAGRO CAMPAIGN**

**Megacity Initiative: Local And Global Research Observations**

## **Mexico City Case Study**

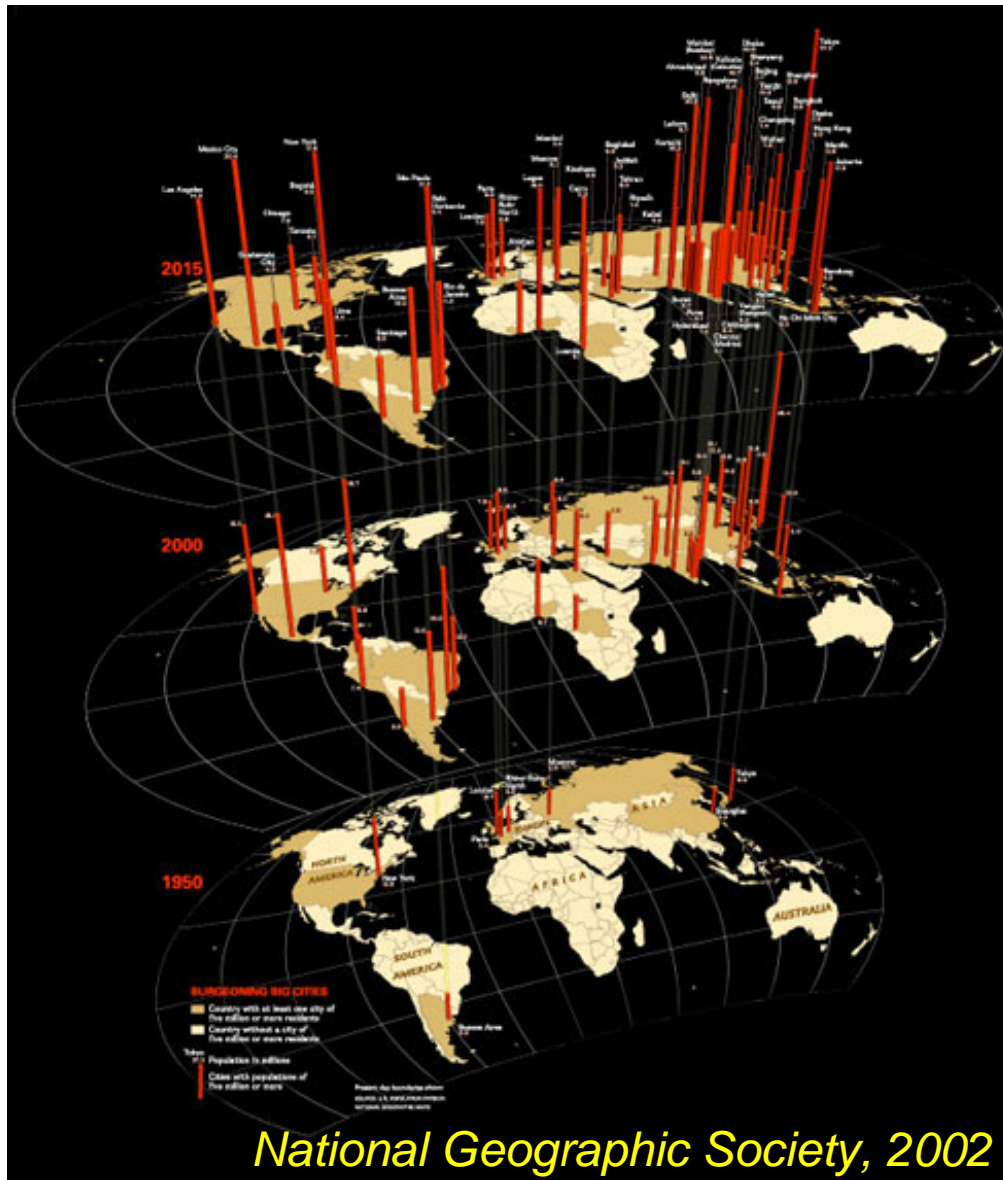
Luisa T. Molina and the MILAGRO Science Team

# Distribution of Global Population by Size of Settlement (1950-2030)

Major area	Population (in billions)				
	1950	1975	2000	2003	2030
<b>Total population</b>					
World	2.52	4.07	6.07	6.30	8.13
More developed regions	0.81	1.05	1.19	1.20	1.24
Less developed regions	1.71	3.02	4.88	5.10	6.89
<b>Urban population</b>					
World	0.73	1.52	2.86	3.04	4.94
More developed regions	0.43	0.70	0.88	0.90	1.01
Less developed regions	0.31	0.81	1.97	2.15	3.93
<b>Rural population</b>					
World	1.79	2.55	3.21	3.26	3.19
More developed regions	0.39	0.34	0.31	0.31	0.23
Less developed regions	1.40	2.21	2.90	2.95	2.96

Source: United Nations Population Division, World Urbanization Prospects, The 2003 Revision.

# Megacities: Urban Areas with over 10M Inhabitants



## MEGACITIES

> 10 Million

1950 – 2 (NYC, Tokyo)

1995 – 14

2015 – 22

## Mini – MEGACITIES

5 Million – 10 Million

1995 – 7

2015 – 40

**1 million** inhabitants

2000: > 300 cities

**Asia and Africa**

- fastest growing urban centers

# Population of 20 Megacities of the World

City	1950	City	1975	City	2005	City	2015
1 New York	12.3	1 Tokyo	26.6	1 Tokyo	35.2	1 Tokyo	35.5
2 Tokyo	11.3	2 New York	15.9	2 Mexico City	19.4	2 Mumbai	21.9
		3 Mexico	10.7	3 New York	18.7	3 Mexico City	21.6
				4 São Paulo	18.3	4 São Paulo	20.5
				5 Mumbai	18.2	5 New York	19.9
				6 Delhi	15.0	6 Delhi	18.6
				7 Shanghai	14.5	7 Shanghai	17.2
				8 Kolkata	14.3	8 Kolkata	17.0
				9 Jakarta	13.2	9 Dhaka	16.8
				10 Buenos Aires	12.6	10 Jakarta	16.8
				11 Dhaka	12.4	11 Lagos	16.1
				12 Los Angeles	12.3	12 Karachi	15.2
				13 Karachi	11.6	13 Buenos Aires	13.4
				14 Rio de Janeiro	11.5	14 Cairo	13.1
				15 Osaka-Kobe	11.3	15 Los Angeles	13.1
				16 Cairo	11.1	16 Manila	12.9
				17 Lagos	10.9	17 Beijing	12.9
				18 Beijing	10.7	18 Rio de	12.8
				19 Manila	10.7	19 Osaka-Kobe	11.3
				20 Moscow	10.7	20 Istanbul	11.2
						21 Moscow	11.0
						22 Guangzhou	10.4

Source: UN World Population Prospect: The 2005 Revision (2006).

# Impacts of Megacities and Large Urban Centers



Photo from XY Tang

Traffic in Beijing, China



Photo by A. Gertler

Coke plant in Cairo, Egypt



Photo by L.T. Molina

Metro Manila, Feb, 2007



Photo by R. Yokelson

Biomass burning in Mexico



Photo by L.T. Molina

Baby taxi in Bangkok, Thailand



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Jeepney in Manila, Philippines

# Local, Regional, and Global Consequences of Urbanization



Increased energy usage in urban areas including motor vehicles and industrial activities leads to high levels of gases and aerosols.

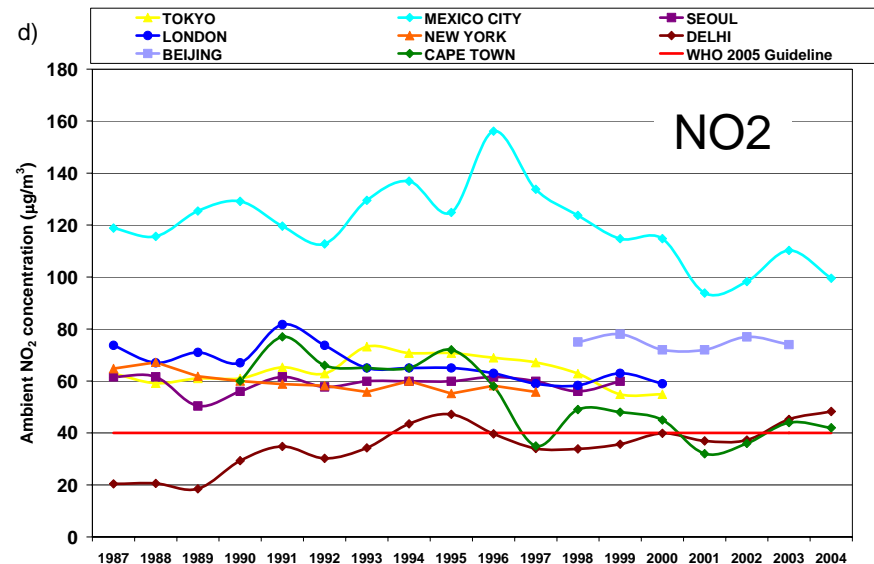
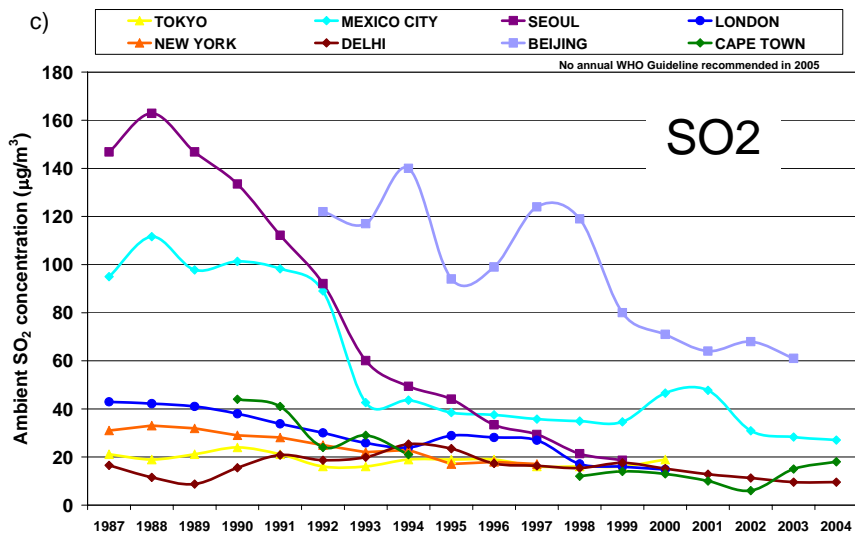
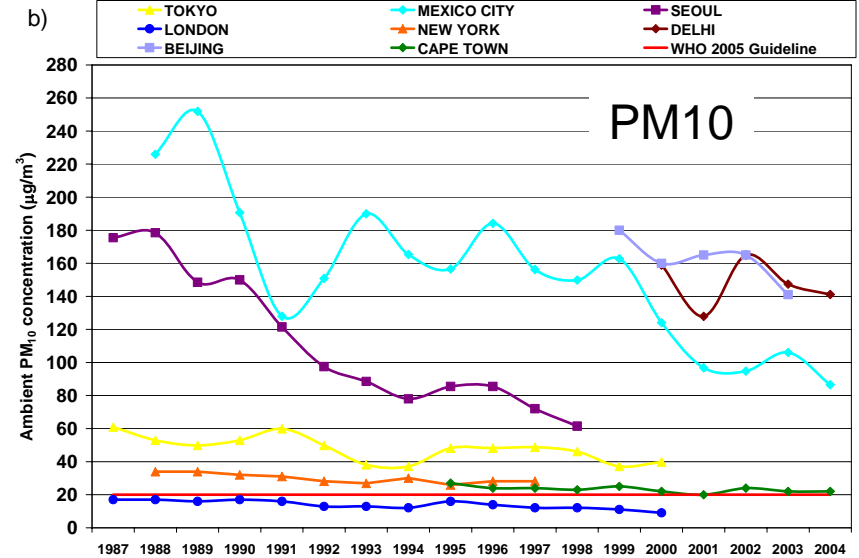
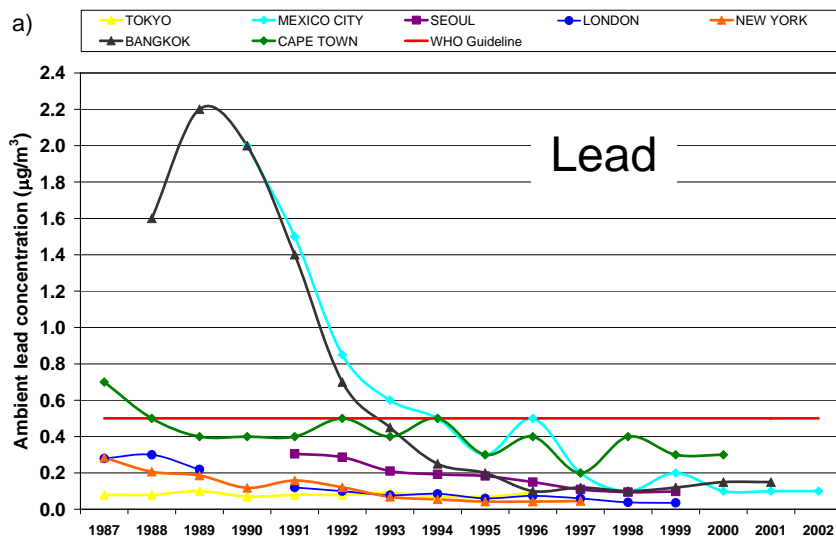
- *Urban air quality degradation;*
- *both chronic and acute health effects;*
- *visibility reduction.*

Pollutants emitted from urban areas can react in sunlight to form other products downwind of the cities.

- *acid deposition;*
- *ecosystem degradation;*
- *changes in regional climate.*

*Global Impacts from trace gases and aerosols can lead to weather modification and global climate change.*

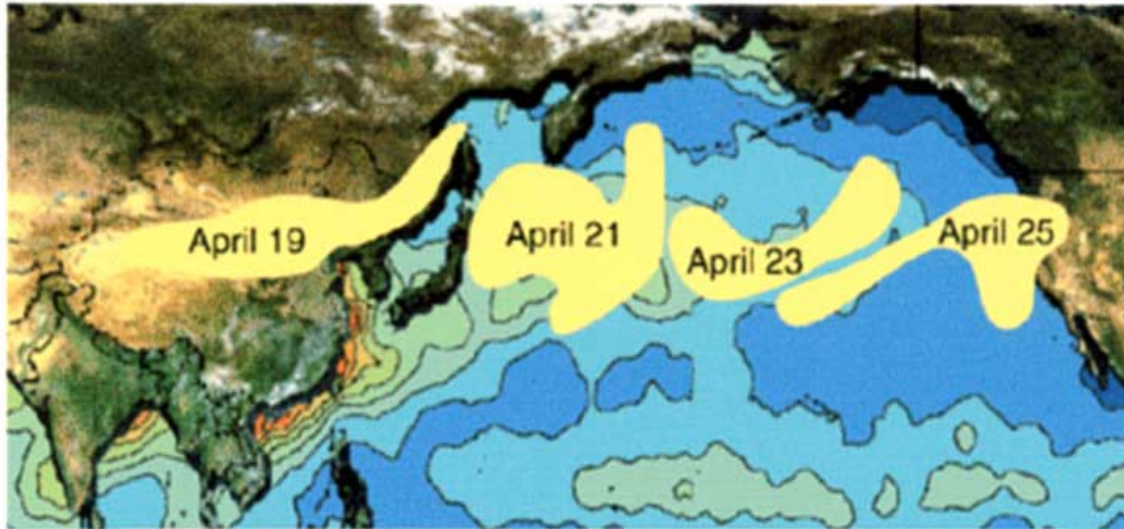
# Trends in average annual urban concentrations of pollutants ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ) at selected cities worldwide (1987–2004)



Sources: GEO data portal 2006, OECD 2002, APMA 2002, WHO 2006a, Beijing Bureau of Statistics 2005, TERI 2001, CPCB 2001–2006, City of Cape Town 2006, Mexico City, Federal District Government 2006.

# Trans-Pacific Air Pollution

Kenneth E. Wilkening, Leonard A. Barrie, Marilyn Engle



**Pollution from afar.** Satellite remote sensing images of trans-Pacific transport of aerosols in April 1998 originating from a massive dust storm in China.

**SCIENCE, vol 290, October 2000**

**Intercontinental transport of air pollutants on a time scale of a week.**

# MILAGRO Campaign

**Megacity Initiative: Local And Global Research Observations**

## **Scientific Goals:**

- **What is the temporal and spatial extent of pollution plumes from megacities?**
- **How and where are urban pollutants removed from the atmosphere?**
- **What are the regional and global impacts of urban plumes?**

# MILAGRO Campaign: four coordinated components

## **MCMA-2006 (Mexico City Metropolitan Area – 2006)**

- examine emissions and boundary layer concentrations within México City;
- study the exposure patterns and effects on human health;
- evaluate policies to reduce pollutant levels.

## **MAX-Mex (Megacity Aerosol Experiment – Mexico)**

- examine the properties and evolution of aerosols and gas-aerosol interactions in the immediate urban outflow.

## **MIRAGE-Mex (Megacity Impacts on Regional & Global Environments – Mexico)**

- examine the evolution of the México City plume on larger regional scales.

## **INTEX-B (Intercontinental Chemical Transport Experiment –Phase B)**

- study the transport, transformation and impacts of aerosols and gases on air quality and climate from local to global scales.

***Inter-comparison of observations among multiple ground-based, airborne and satellite platforms in order to generate a comprehensive integrated data set.***

***Data to be shared among all MILAGRO participants (open to the public in 2008).***

***The overall Campaign is supported by forecasts from meteorological and chemical models and surface network.***

# **MILAGRO Case Study: Why Mexico City?**

**Representative tropical megacity**

**Extensive air quality monitoring network**

**Good meteorology support, emissions inventories and infrastructure**

**Excellent scientific collaborations**

**Previous Campaign: MCMA-2002/2003 (supported by CAM and NSF)**

- **Surface gas and aerosol measurements at supersite and using mobile labs**
- **Plenty of aerosol from representative area - large signal**
- **High photochemical activity to maximize chemical changes**
- **Significant organics to look at secondary organics aerosols**

**Ground and aircraft operations – downwind sites**

**Dominant city in this region – unique location to follow urban plumes**

# MILAGRO Campaign: Geographic Coverage



**INTEX-B**  
NASA DC-8  
J-31, Satellites

**MIRAGE-Mex**  
NSF C-130,  
King Air, Supersite

**MAX-Mex**  
DOE G-1,  
KingAir, Supersite

**MCMA-2006**  
Supersites,  
Mobile Laboratories

# MILAGRO: Aircraft Measurements

(Intercomparison, coordinated flights, sharing of data)



**5 aircraft based in Veracruz**  
**To study:**

- pollution in the region over Mexico City, the rise of pollution from the surface, and its spread into the region;
- effects of aerosol particles on visibility, sunlight, and climate;
- fires

**DC-8: Based in Houston, Texas -**  
Study pollution throughout the Gulf of Mexico region at altitudes from near the surface to 10 km; help improve satellite observations.



Ultralight plane  
(IMK-IFU)

# Satellites Observations



## Terra (NASA)

MOPITT (Measurements of Pollution In The Troposphere)  
- Measurements of CO

MODIS (MODerate resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer)  
- Measurements of aerosol optical depth

MISR (Multi-angle Imaging Spectro-Radiometer)  
- Measurements of aerosol amount, type, & vertical distribution



## Aqua (NASA)

AIRS (Atmospheric InfraRed Sounder)

- Measurements of CO

MODIS

- Measurements of aerosol optical depth

## European satellites:

- **SCHIAMACHY**

- **GOMES**

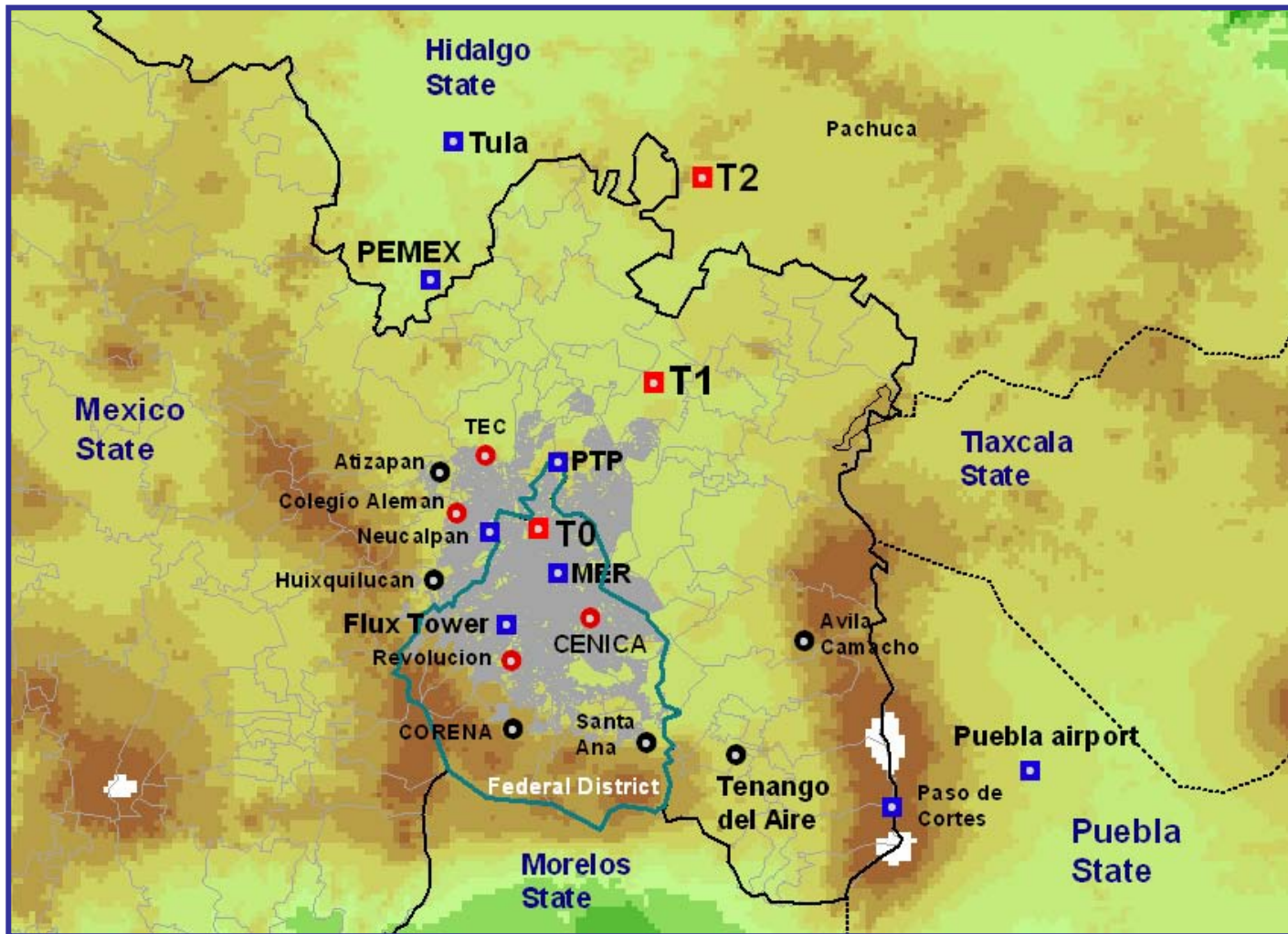


## Aura (NASA)

TES (Tropospheric Emission Spectrometer)  
- Measurements of O<sub>3</sub>, CO, and HNO<sub>3</sub>

OMI (Ozone Monitoring Instrument)  
- Measurements of O<sub>3</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, HCHO, SO<sub>2</sub>, and aerosol properties

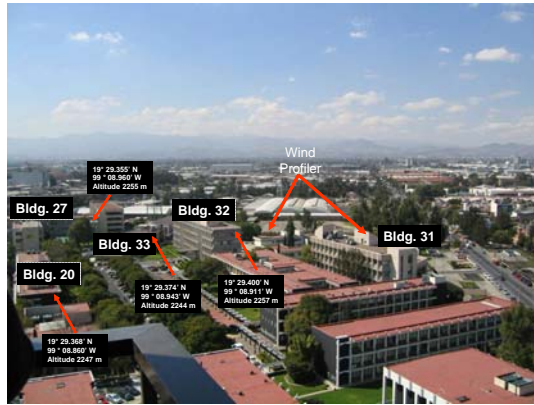
# MCMA-2006: Ground-Based Measurement Sites



- Supersites (T0, T1, T2)**
- SIMAT (Flux Tower)**
- CENICA**
- Tula (refinery, power plant)**
- Naucaplan (industrial zone)**
- RAMA (36 monitoring stations)**
- Mobile units (9 stations)**
- Mobil Labs**
  - ARI Mobile Lab
  - U. Iowa (Lidar)
  - Chalmers (DOAS)
- Ultralight airplane**
- Paso de Cortes**
- AOT Network**

● Fixed site     
 ● Mobile site     
 ■ Supersite     
 ■ Other measurements

# MILAGRO Campaign: Supersites



**T0: supersite of MCMA-2006**, equipped with instruments to measure gases, aerosols, radiation and meteorological parameters to characterize the emissions of pollutants from the urban area

**T0: Instituto Mexicano del Petróleo, DF**



**T1: Universidad Tecnológica de Tecámec, EM**  
Supersite of MIRAGE-Mex:  
examine outflow of urban plume

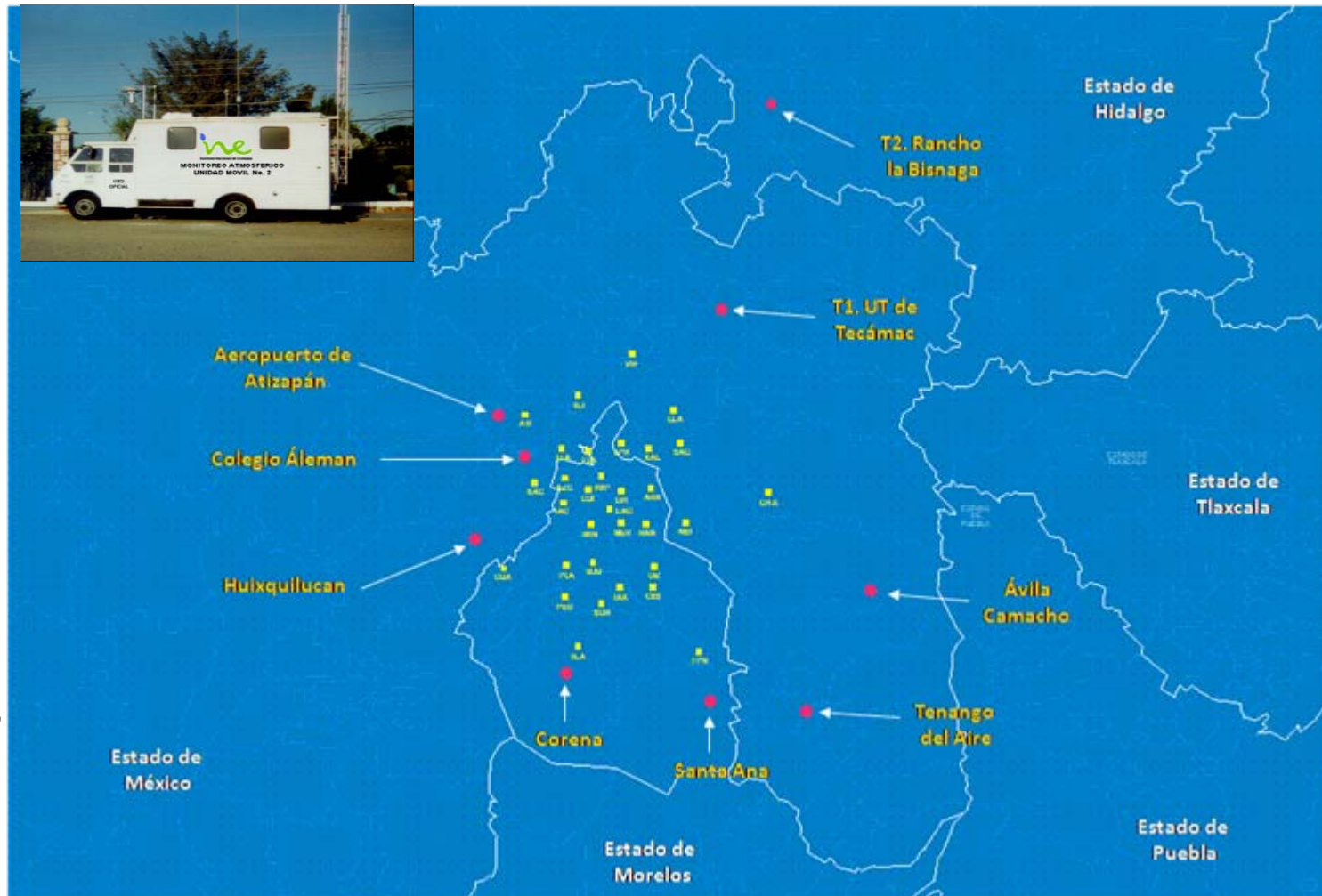
**T2: Rancho La Bisnaga (near Tizayuca, Hidalgo)**  
Supersite of MAX-Mex: study the evolution of aerosols

# MILAGRO Campaign: Boundary Sites

Measure criteria pollutants and meteorological parameters at selected boundary sites and cover different scenarios of ventilation

## Mobile Unit Participants

- GDF/SIMAT
- GUANAJUATO
- HIDALGO
- INE/DGCENICA
- MONTERREY
- QUERETARO
- TOLUCA
- UNAM



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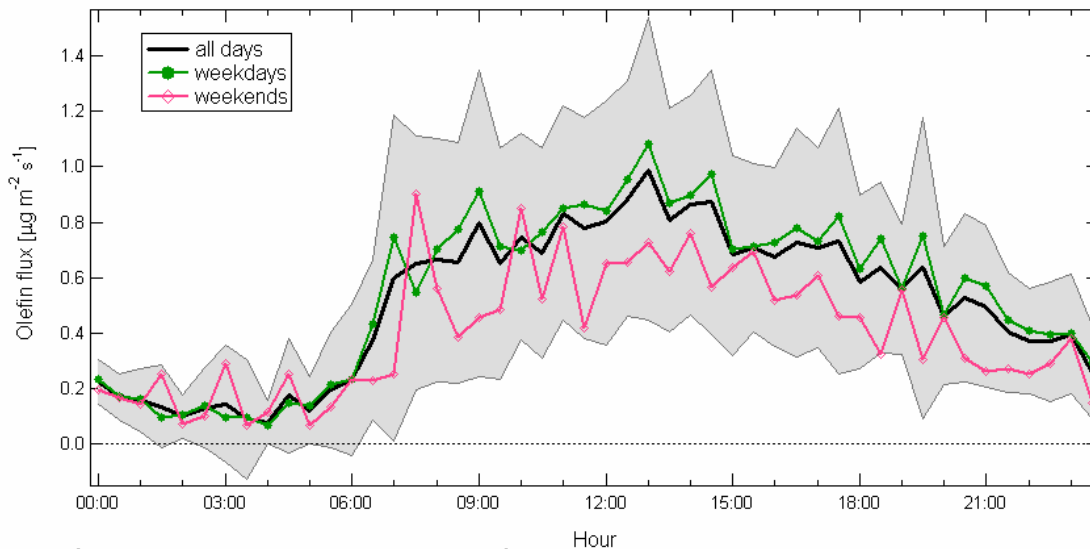
# MCMA-2006: Urban Flux Measurements

## Flux Tower located at SIMAT Site

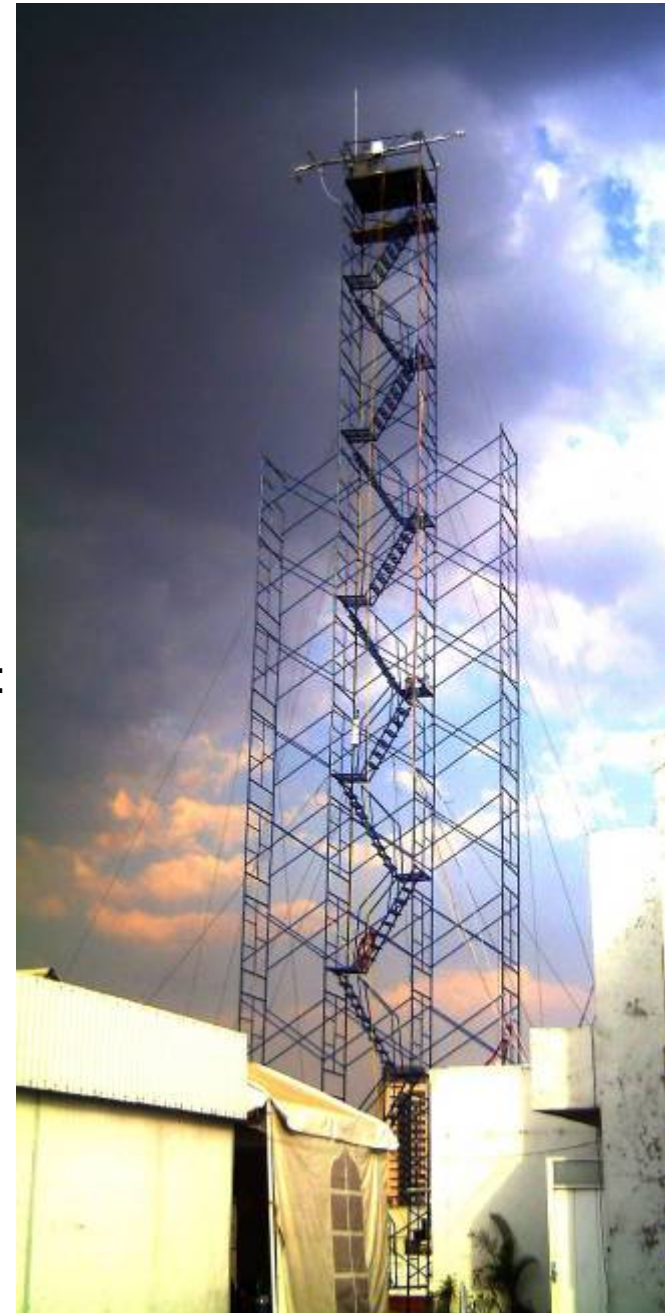
- 42 km asl
- 3 km radius: fixed and mobile emitting sources
- evaluate and validate local emissions inventory

- VOCs
- CO<sub>2</sub>
- CO
- Aerosols
- Energy ( $Q^*$ ,  $Q_h$ ,  $Q_e$ )
- Momentum ( $u^*$ )

Result from 2003 campaign at CENICA --First flux measurement of trace gases in a developing world city:



(Velasco et al., 2005)



# Tula: Pemex Refinery Region



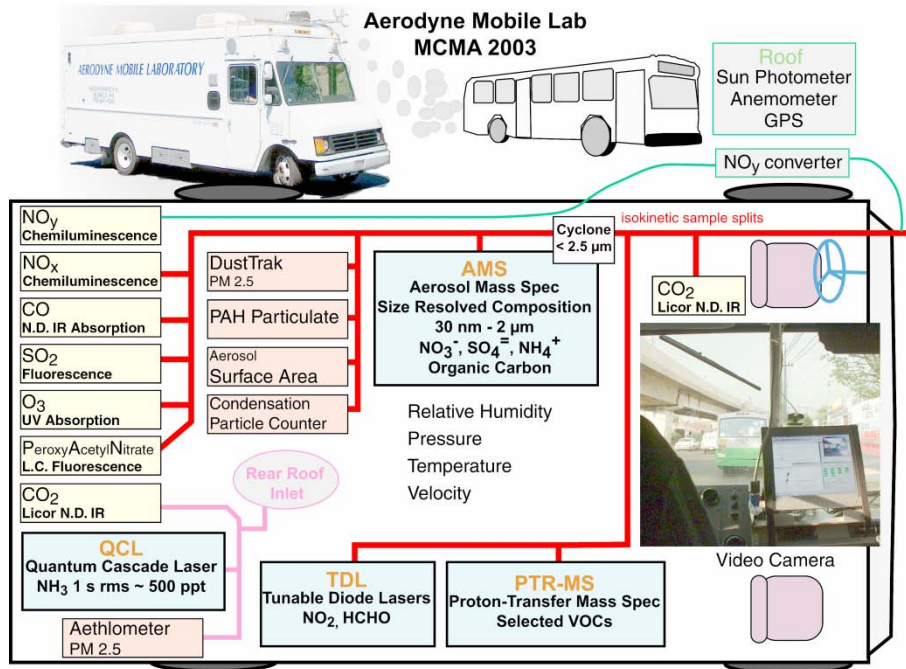
- 60 km Northeast from the downtown Mexico City Metropolitan Area
- 355,000 T/Y of SO<sub>2</sub> are released by two major industries: PEMEX Power Plant and Refinery.
- Other important industry are cement plants and open-sky mines, responsible for important particle matter emissions and soil degradation.

IMP Measurement campaign: March 18 to April 22, 2006

Objective: to determine the influence of this heavily industrial area to the total MCMA emissions, and to better understand the processes of transport and transformation of these pollutants into the atmosphere.



# Mobile Laboratories



The Aerodyne Research, Inc. mobile laboratory was deployed at various sites throughout the MCMA to investigate the effects of photochemical aging of aerosols, and the local boundary layer ventilation.

One of the sites is Pico de Tres Padres - a mountain raising ~900 m above the valley floor - to sample city plumes vented to the northeast.

# MILAGRO Forecasting

## Veracruz Operations Center Forecasting Team

- **Daily briefings at 11:00**
  - 7 Campaign-Specific Model Simulations
  - Experience of local meteorologist
  - Global model forecasts
  - Satellite and Radar observations
  - Surface and upper air measurement networks
- **Customized forecast products**
- **Individual interpretation and guidance** for planes, balloons, mobile vans, fixed sites and all interested parties.

### **Quick Overview:**

Early March: Hot and dry -> O3-South events

Mid-End March: Storms over the US -> O3-North, Lagrangian transport

End March: “El Norte” (Cold Surge) -> Cold and wet

**Overall, forecasts helped in locating the plume**

**Ongoing: Model evaluation and intercomparison**

# Health Studies: Urban and Semi-rural Populations

## Personal and Micro-environmental Exposures

- To analyze the contribution of the regional transport of air pollutants from Mexico City in the personal exposure of children and their parents at three different sites to the following pollutants: VOCs , O<sub>3</sub>, CO, PM<sub>2.5</sub>, nanoparticles

Participants:

- 121 children (age: 9-12 years)
- 67 parents

- To analyze air pollution-related oxidative stress and health problems

Participants:

- 155 children (age: 10-12 years)
- 90 parents

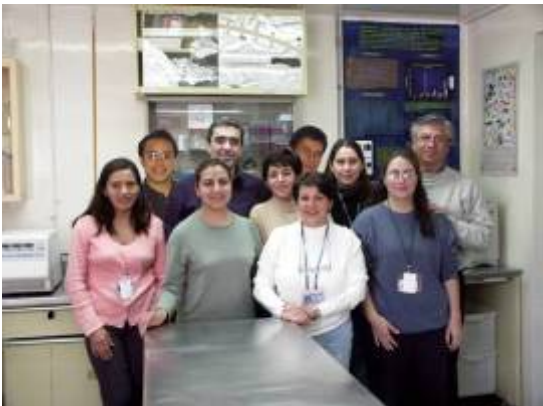


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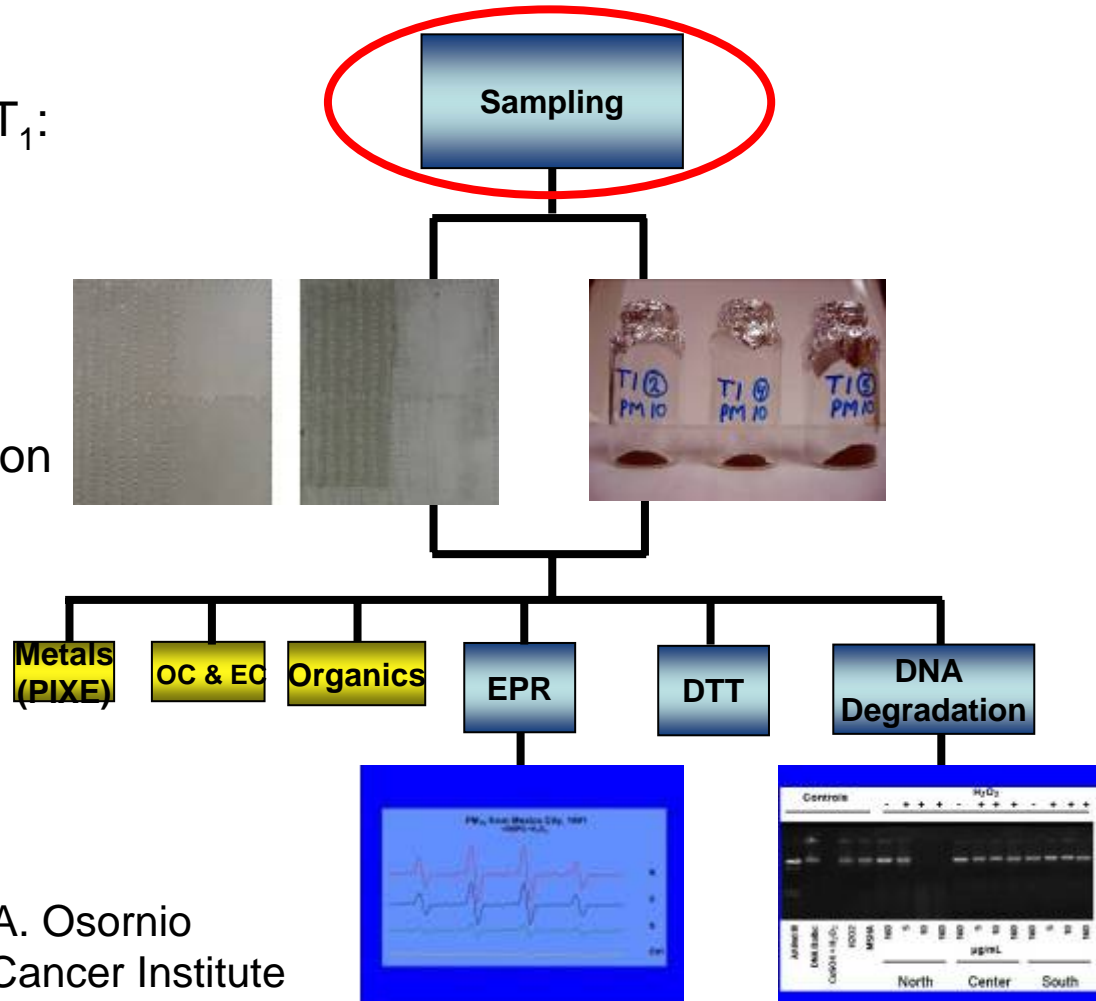
# Oxidative Potential of PM obtained at T0 & T1: An evaluation by EPR and DNA degradation

## Objetives

- Determine oxidative potential of PM<sub>10</sub> & PM<sub>2.5</sub> obtained at T<sub>0</sub> and T<sub>1</sub>:
  - EPR
  - DNA Degradation
  - DTT Assay
- Compare oxidative potential (T<sub>0</sub> vs. T<sub>1</sub>) and relate to composition and ventilation patterns.

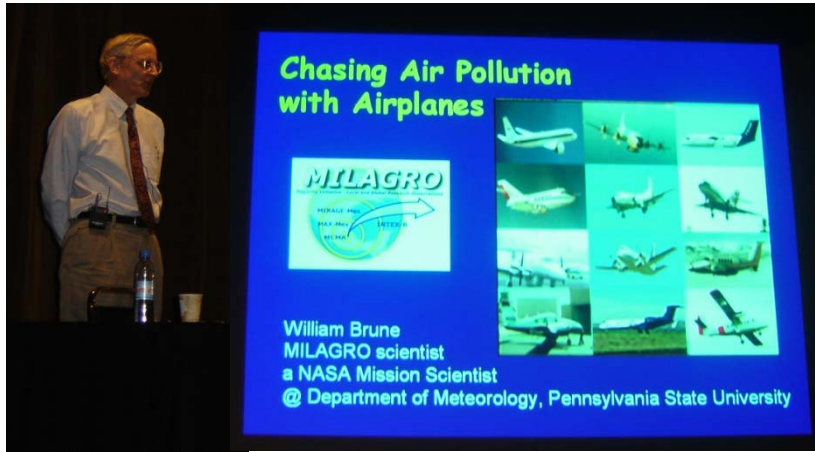


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UNAM



# Education and Outreach Activities during MILAGRO

- Public lecture series at various locations



- Essay and poster contest for high school student

**“Hagamos un Milagro por el aire” (Let’s make miracle out of the air)**



# Education and Outreach Activities during MILAGRO

- Special poster exhibit for MILAGRO Campaign at different sites.
- Guided tours to the supersites for officials and students
- Meteorological workshop for elementary students
- Internship for college students
- Documentary
- Communication via webpages



Guided tours to the supersites for officials and students



Meteorological workshop for elementary students



Internship for college students



Documentary

Communication via webpages

# Expected Benefits from MILAGRO

## Scientific knowledge:

- First assessment of the regional air quality problem in a megacity
- Opportunity to study poorly understood but important processes (coupled gas, aerosols, radiation, meteorology) in aging urban air.
- Improved understanding the importance of difference emissions sources (urban, biomass burning, natural)

## Global society:

- Gain early understanding of how future urbanization will influence atmospheric composition on large geographic scales.

## Education and capacity building

- Opportunity for local and international students to work with multi-national experts in different disciplines.
- Opportunity for collaboration between local technical personnel and government officials and international scientists.

# MILAGRO Campaign: Summary

- Initial phase: measurements  
A very rich data set for improving urban, regional and global models
- Second phase: data validation, analysis and modeling;  
comparisons of satellites, aircraft, and ground measurements
- Strong daily ventilation of Mexico City
- Urban and regional biomass burning is often important contribution to pollution
- Urban O<sub>3</sub> is VOC-limited
- Production of O<sub>3</sub> and absorbing aerosol continues strongly outside of the city
- Very high levels of particles, secondary organics dominant
- Assess policy implications
- Science team meetings:
  - October 2006, Boulder, CO
  - May 2007, Mexico City
  - December 2007 AGU Fall Meeting, San Francisco

# Second MILAGRO Science Meeting

## **Objectives:**

- Updates from Working Groups
  - Progress on preparation of publications from designated lead authors  
(Report on findings and identify remaining issues)
- Overview and status reports from major components
- Researchers present and discuss individual results
- Identify cross-cutting issues, model-measurement comparisons; ground-based and aircraft- or satellite- based measurements, etc.
- Identify gaps and needs and identify new work
- Discuss and prepare report to Mexican government agencies.

## **Agenda divided into three sessions:**

- Plenary Sessions
- Breakout Sessions (6 Working Groups)
- Poster Sessions

# Other events

**Tuesday (May 15)**

**19:30-21:30 Reception (Hotel Sheraton Centro Historico)**

**Thursday (May 17)**

MILAGRO Documentary Premiere and Reception at Palacio de la Autonomia

# Participating Mexican Institutions

- Petróleos Mexicanos (PEMEX)
  - Secretaría de Comunicaciones y Transporte (SCT)
  - Secretaría de Educación Pública (SEP)
  - Secretaría de Gobernación (SEGOB)
  - Secretaría de Hacienda y Crédito Público (SHCP) – Administración General de Aduanas (AGA)
  - Secretaría de la Defensa Nacional (SEDENA)
  - Secretaria de Desarrollo Sustentable-Gobierno del Estado de Querétaro
  - Secretaría de Marina (SEMAR)
  - Secretaria de Medio Ambiente del Gobierno del Distrito Federal (SMA-GDF)
  - Secretaría de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (SEMARNAT)
  - Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores (SRE)
- Servicio Meteorológico Nacional (SMN)
  - Servicios a la Navegación en el Espacio Aéreo Mexicano (SENEAM)
  - Sindicato Nacional de Telefonistas de la República Mexicana
  - Universidad Autónoma de San Luis Potosí (UASLP)
  - Universidad Autónoma del Estado de Morelos (UAEM)
  - Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana (UAM)
  - Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM)
  - Universidad Tecnológica de Tecámac (Estado de México)
  - Universidad Veracruzana (Estado de Veracruz)

# Participating U.S. Institutions

Aerodyne Research, Inc.  
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