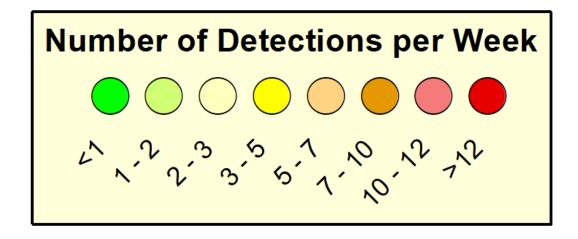
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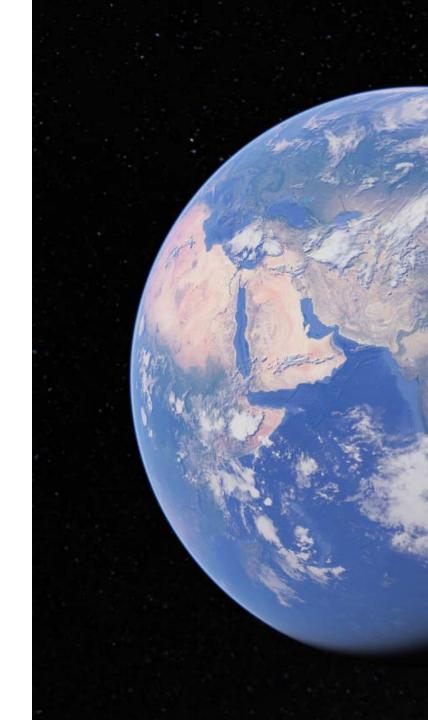
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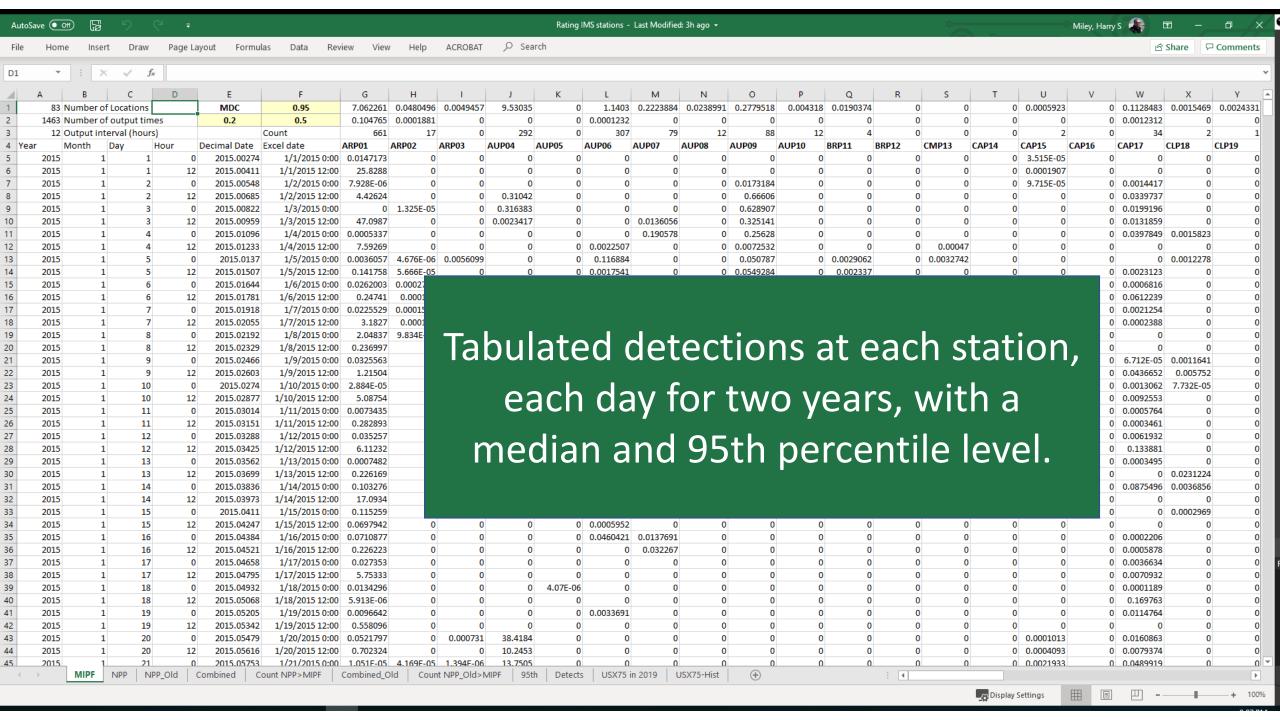
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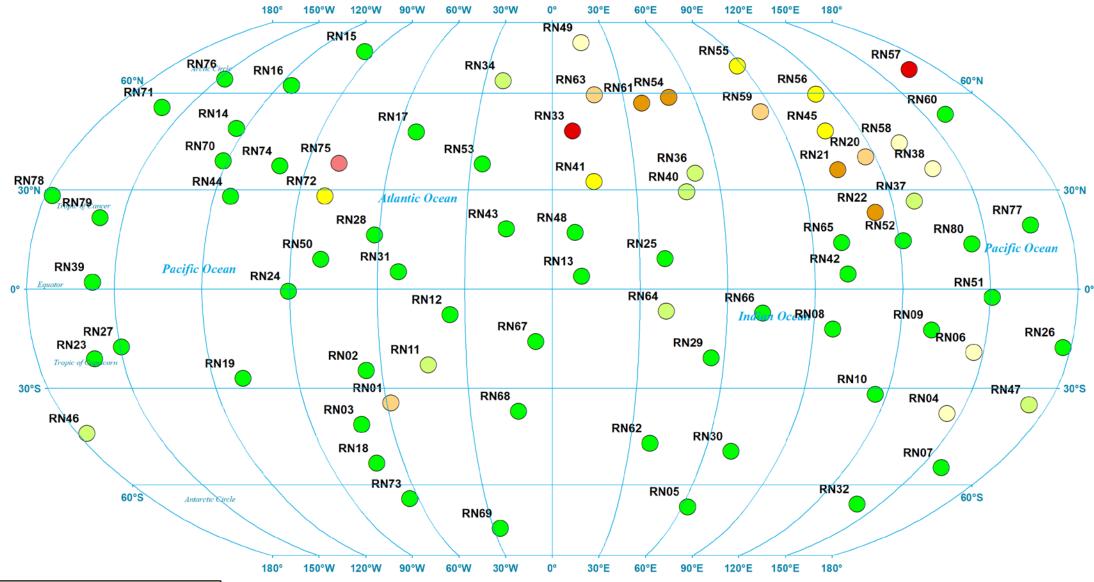
- Estimate the xenon background and variability for the 79 IMS RN stations
- From nuclear power plants (NPP) and from medical isotope production (MIP)

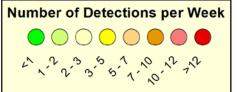
Approach

- Rates of leakage from scientific literature
- Two years of forward calculations from all known locations
- Assume the same xenon monitoring system at each place (SAUNA)

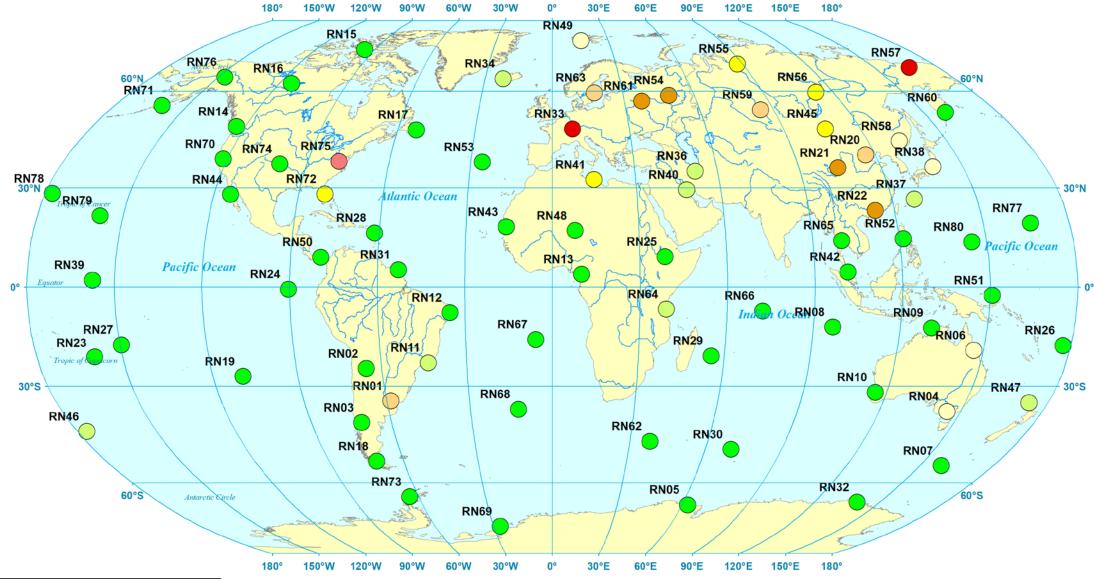


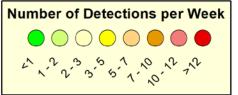






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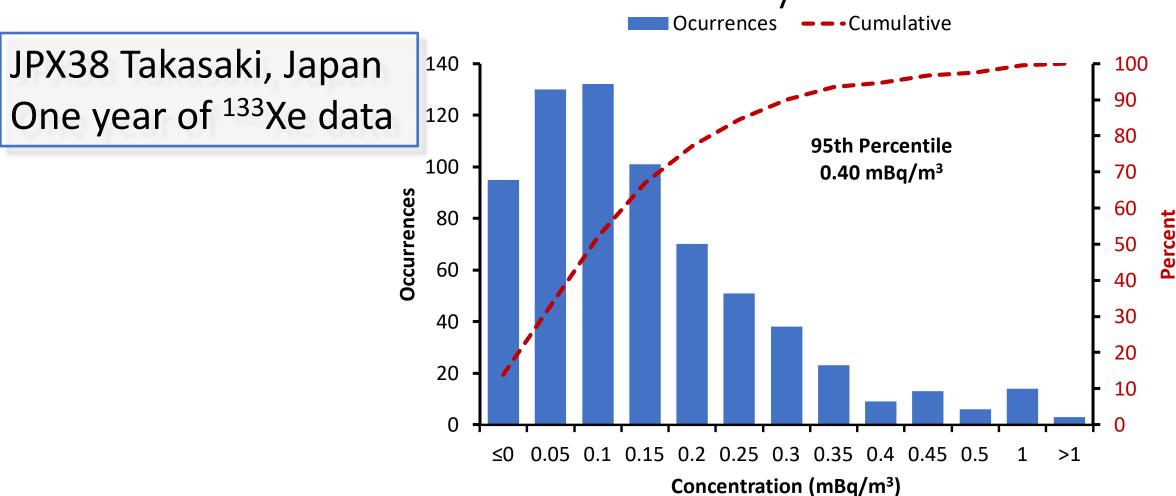


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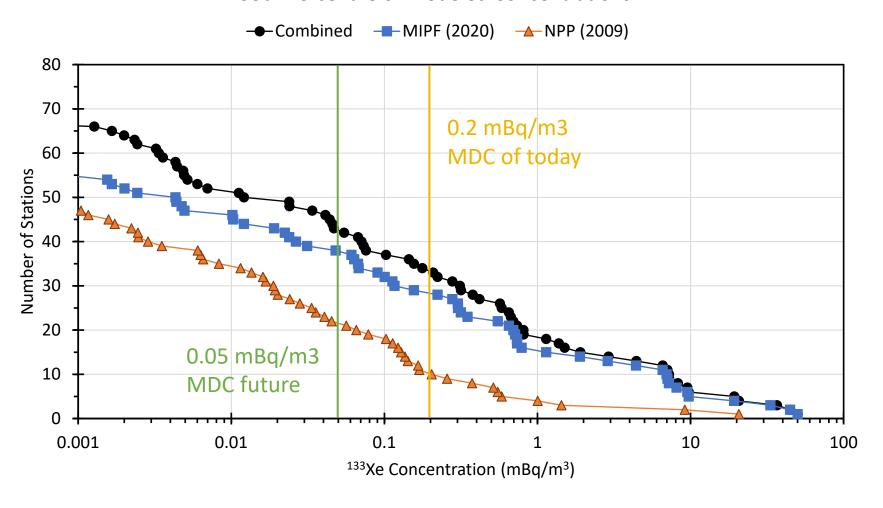
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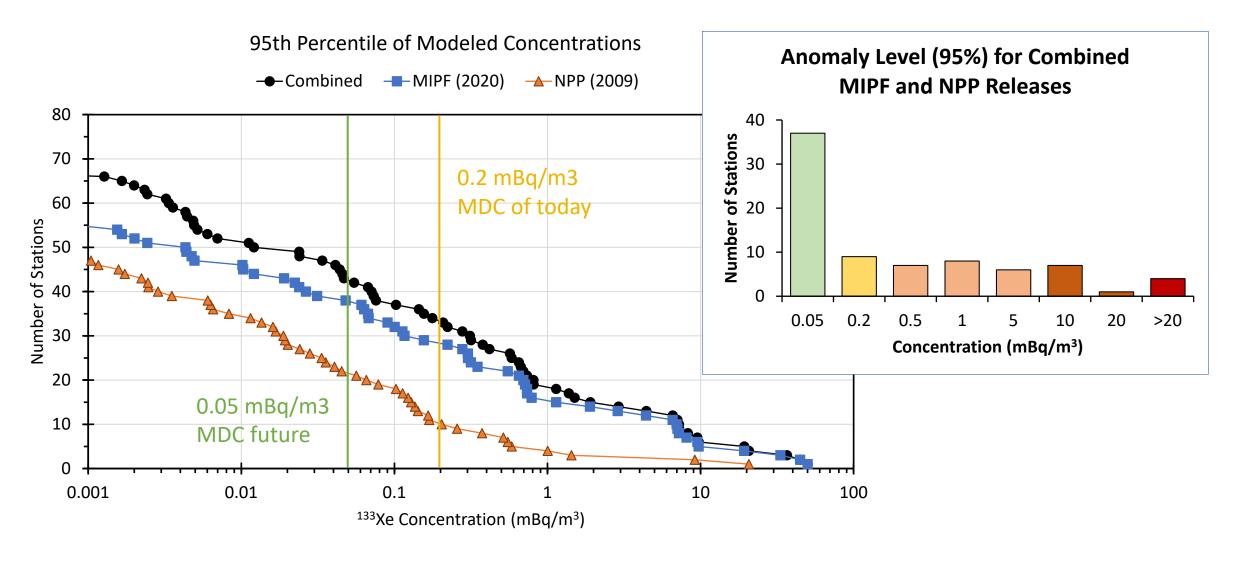


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95th Percentile of Modeled Concentrations



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Summary/Conclusions

- We tested an approach to examine the challenges at IMS station locations.
- Today we have a clearer picture of where NPP emissions are important, and where the greatest background challenges are.
- In future work we can consider adjustments to improve data collection and analysis.

