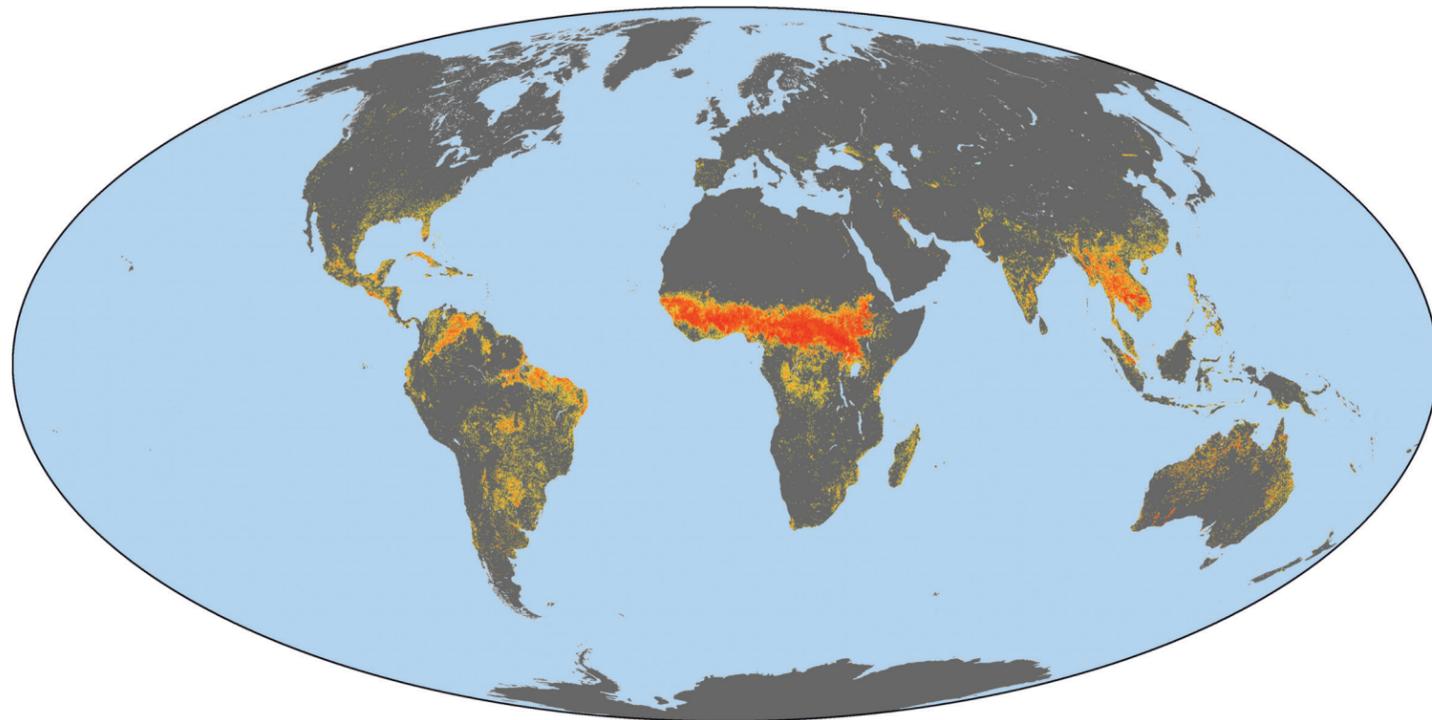
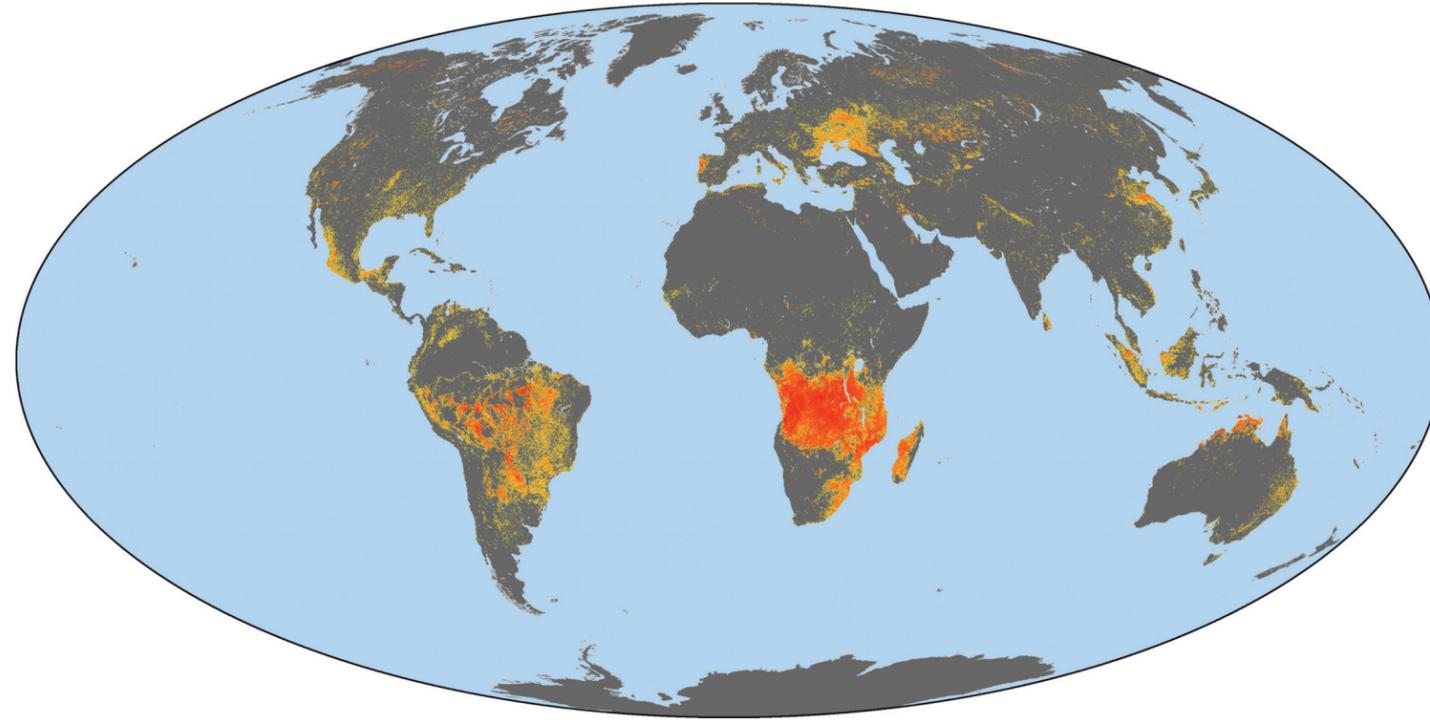


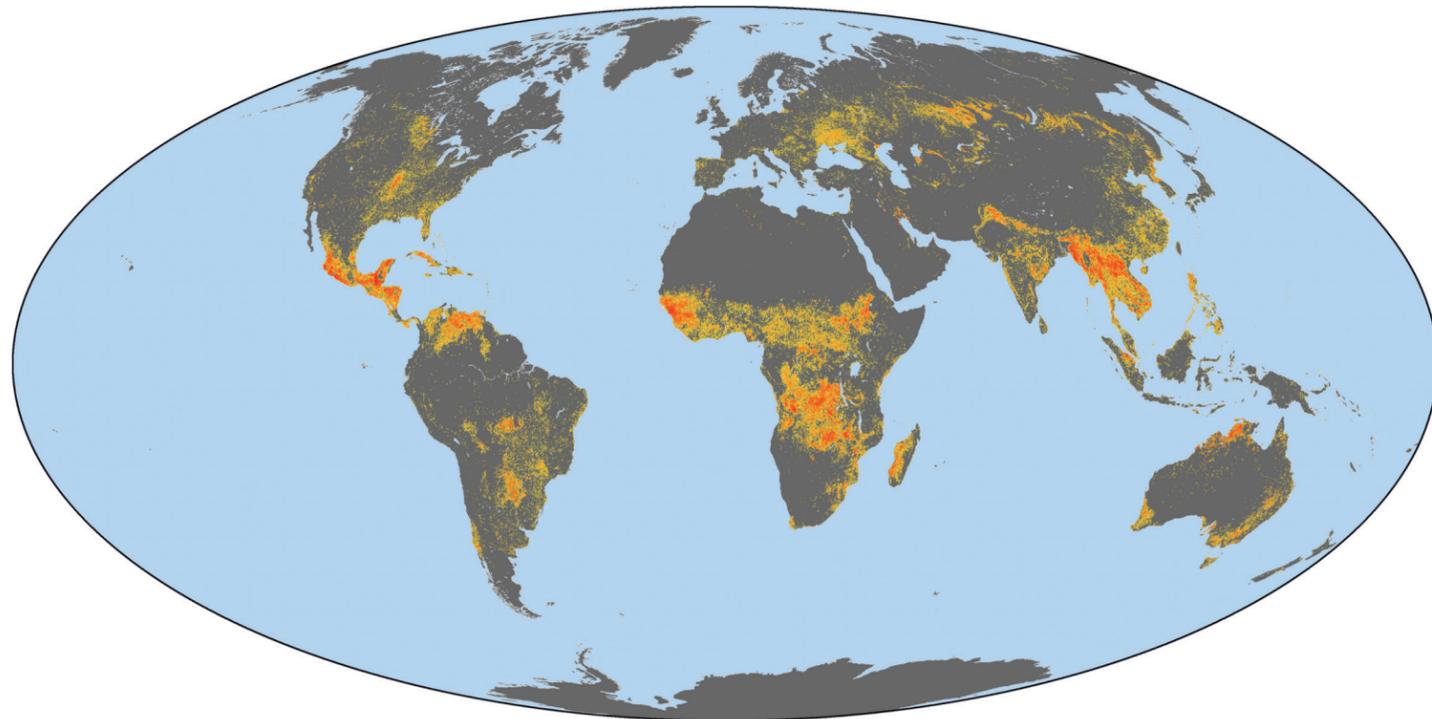
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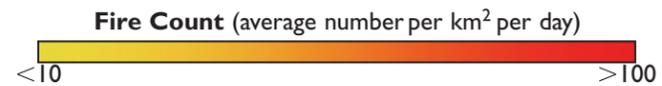
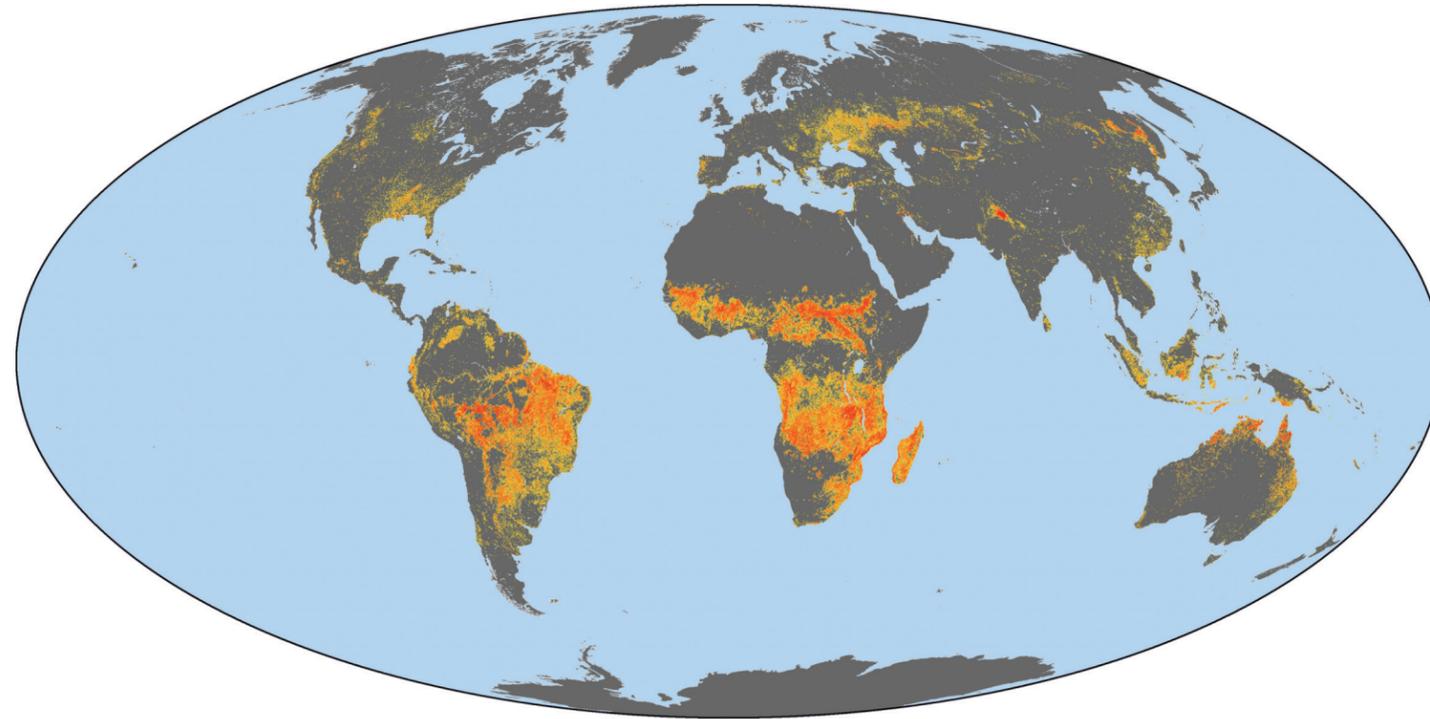
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September–November 2005



Seasonal global distribution of fires from December 2004 to November 2005. Many of the fires in North Africa, the Persian Gulf, and along the Red Sea are stable gas flares associated with oil wells. (Data from the MODIS instruments on the Terra and Aqua satellites; figure provided by the MODIS Rapid Response Team.)