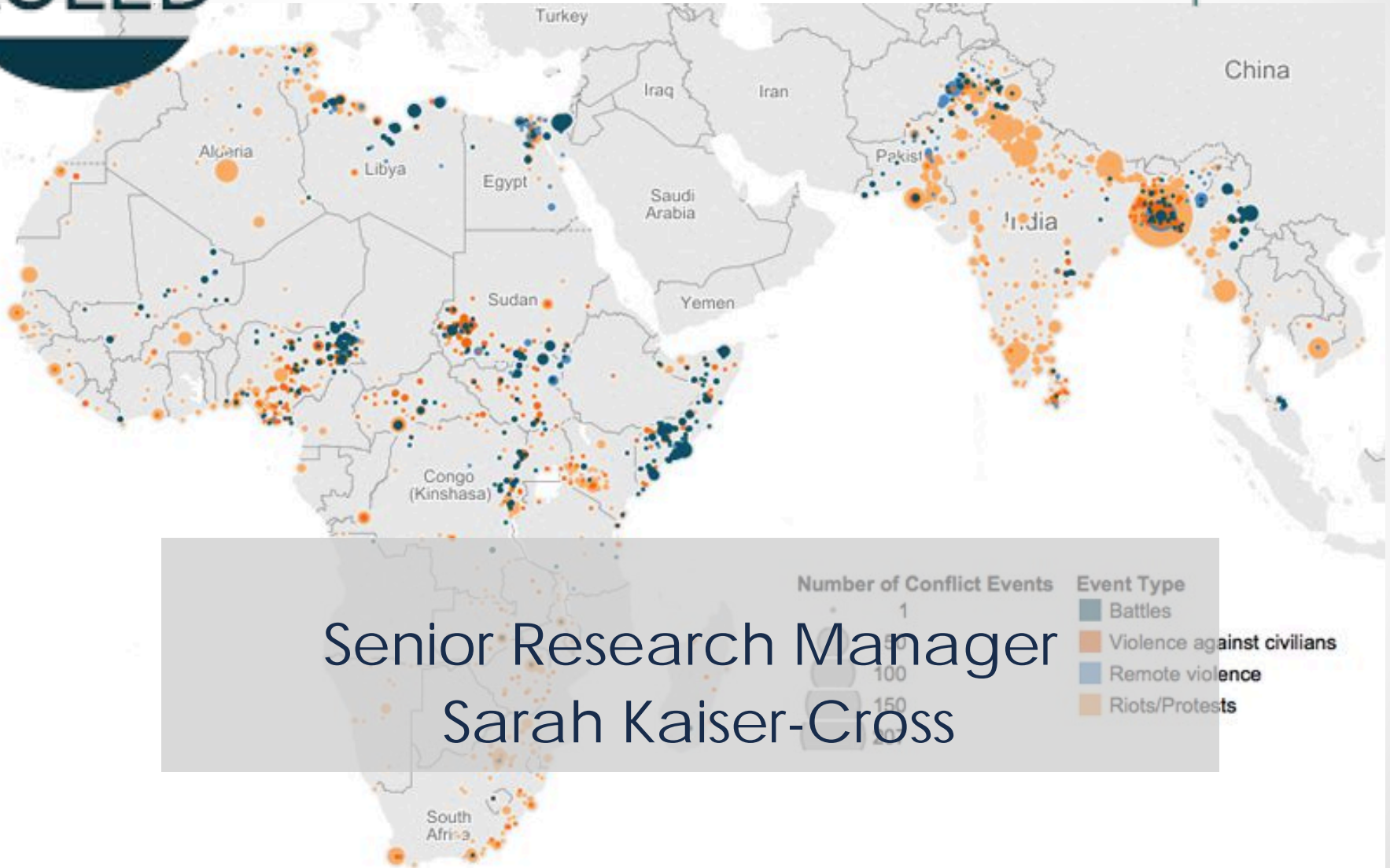




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Number of Conflict Events

1

50

100

150

200

Event Type

Battles

Violence against civilians

Remote violence

Riots/Protests



What is ACLED?

- Publicly-available geo-referenced dataset of political violence
 - Date; type; actors; location (co-ordinates; admin)
- Covers eleven countries in South and South East Asia
- Present (monthly updates)
- In addition to data:
 - *Quarterly Trend Reports*
 - Country profiles
 - Topic / issue-specific maps



What does ACLED map?

- *Political* as opposed to *criminal* violence –
 - Acts of violence with a political goal, including violence over resources, access to power, between competing or opposing identity groups
- Political violence as discrete ‘events’ –
 - An act of political violence is coded as an individual incident



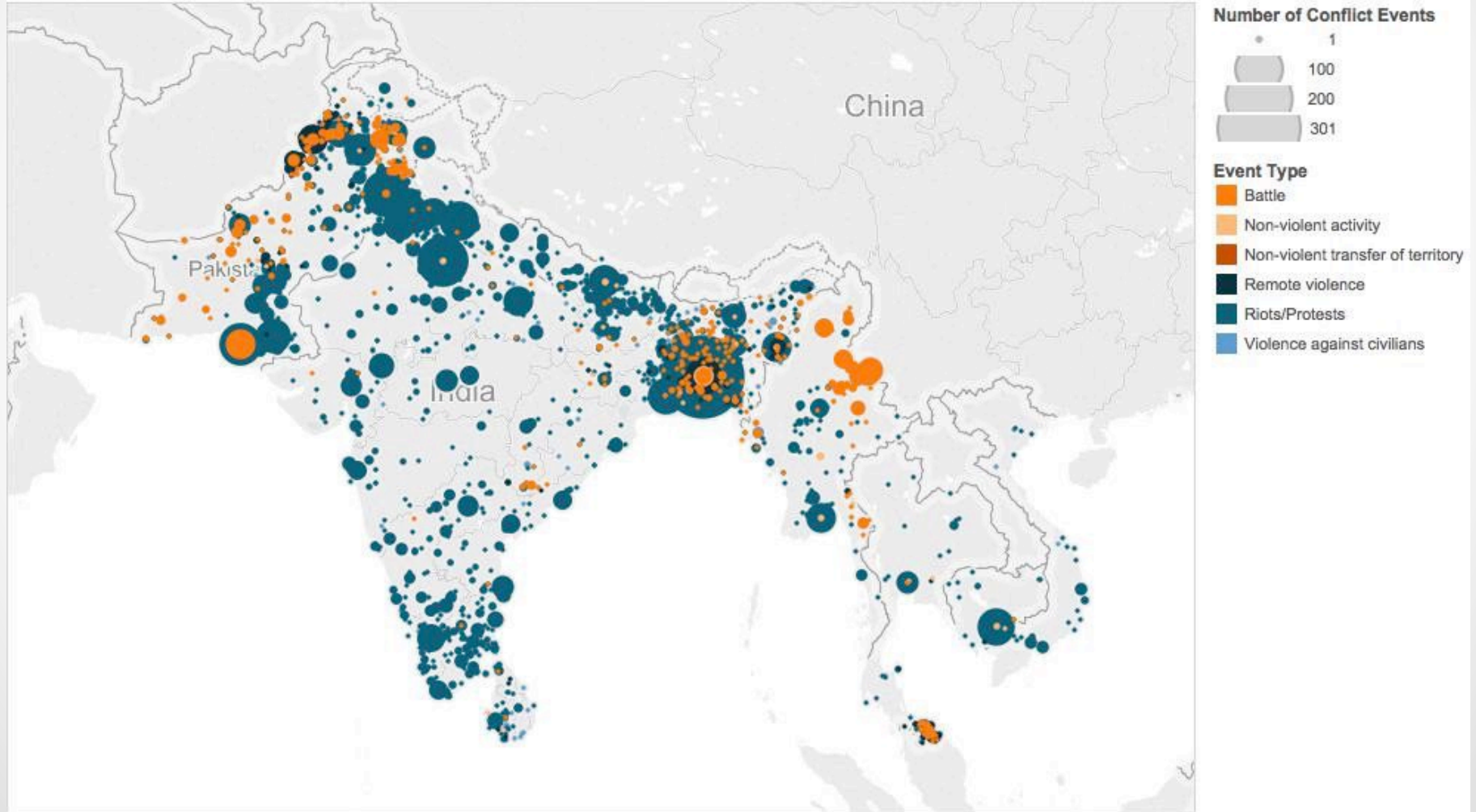
How is the data broken down?

- By violence type
 - Violence against civilians; Battles between armed groups; riots and protests
- By actor name and actor type
 - Individual groups (Tehreek-e-Talbian; Kachin Independence Army)
 - Generic names if undifferentiated (Protesters)
 - Actor type (Rebels, State Forces, Communal Militias)



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Political Violence in South and Southeast Asia, January-August 2015





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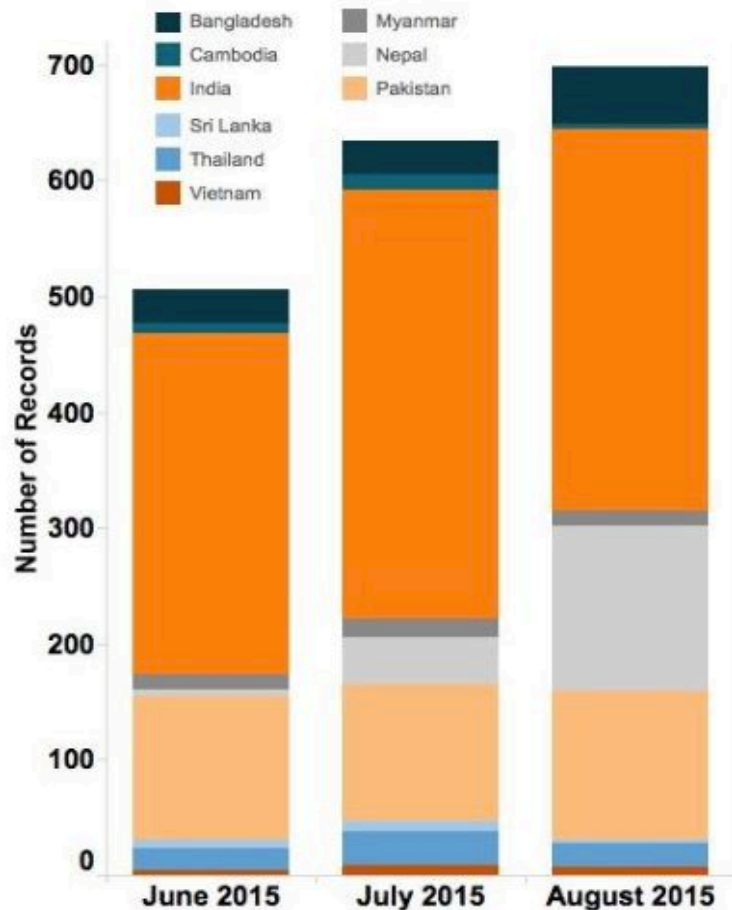


Figure 2: Political Violence by Country

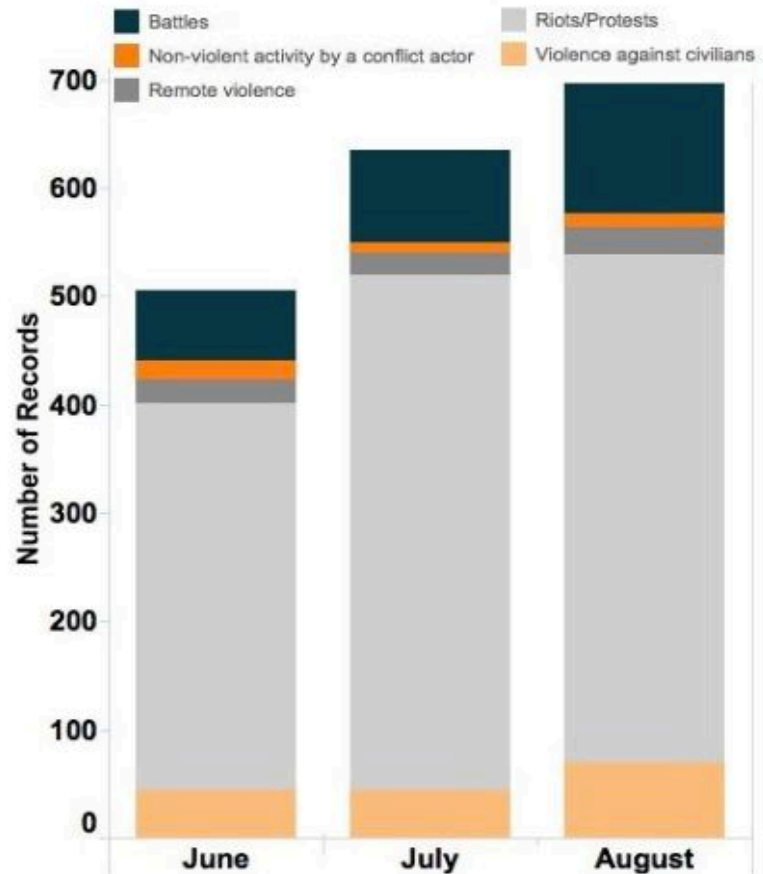
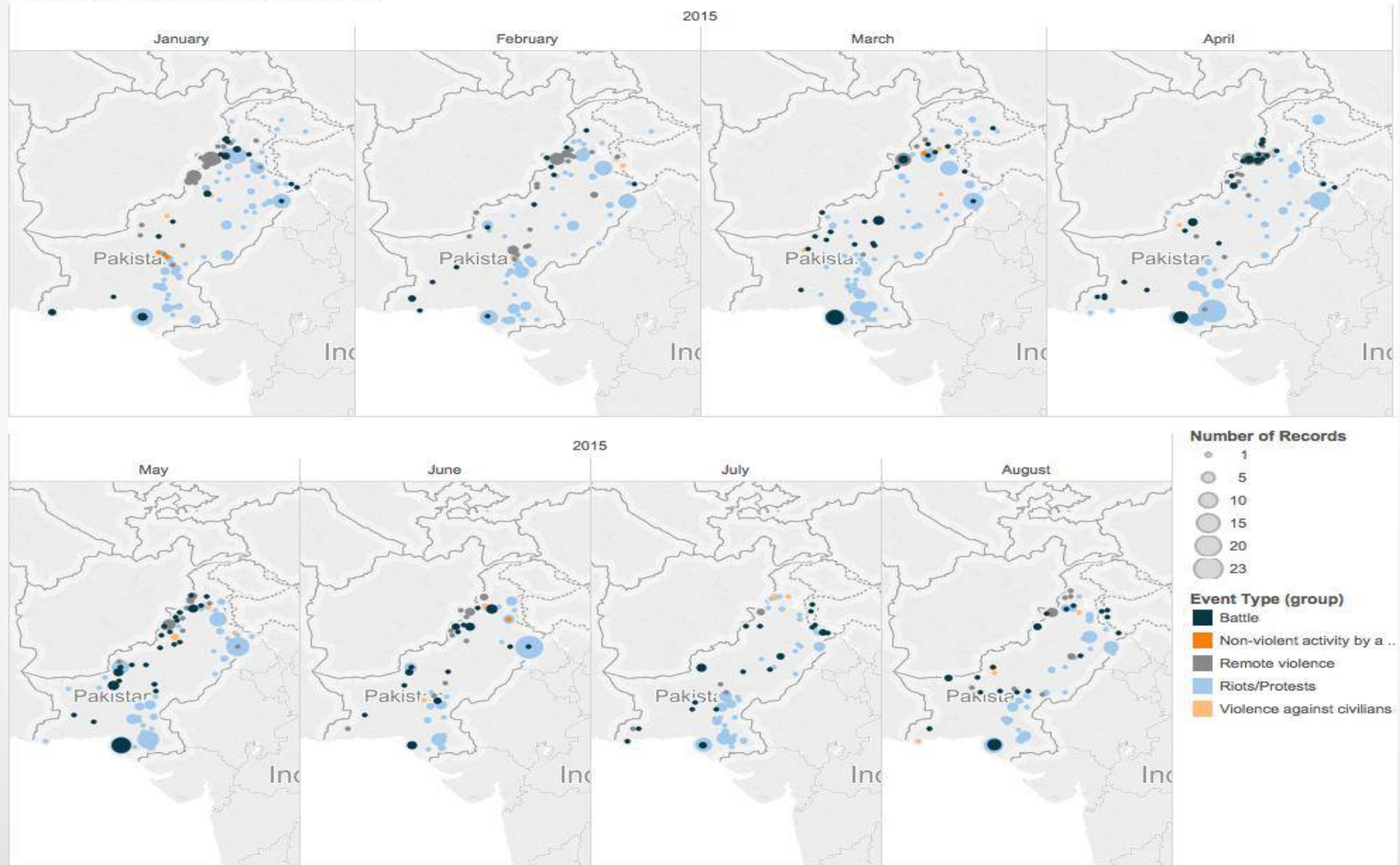


Figure 3: Political Violence by Event Type



Political Violence in Pakistan, 2015





Strengths and Contributions:

- Capture the locations of violence:
 - *Countries with multiple types of violence have very low rates of spatial overlap between different conflict types.*
- Capture dynamics of violence:
 - *Interest in determining stages of violence – low-grade to organised rebellion; limited evidence across conflict contexts / actor types, defined by actors' relationship, goals*
- Compare actor behaviour:
 - *Actors and actor types have discrete conflict profiles, changes over time and across actors in, e.g. attacks on civilians*



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September Report Specifics:

- An overall decrease in political violence during summer months
- Land conflict in India
- Pakistan's Operation Zarb-e-Azb
- South East Asia's smoke-screen protests
- Large scale violence civilians in South and Southeast Asia in 2015
- The insurgency in Southern Thailand



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