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TROPOMI Data: Where to get it & How to use it

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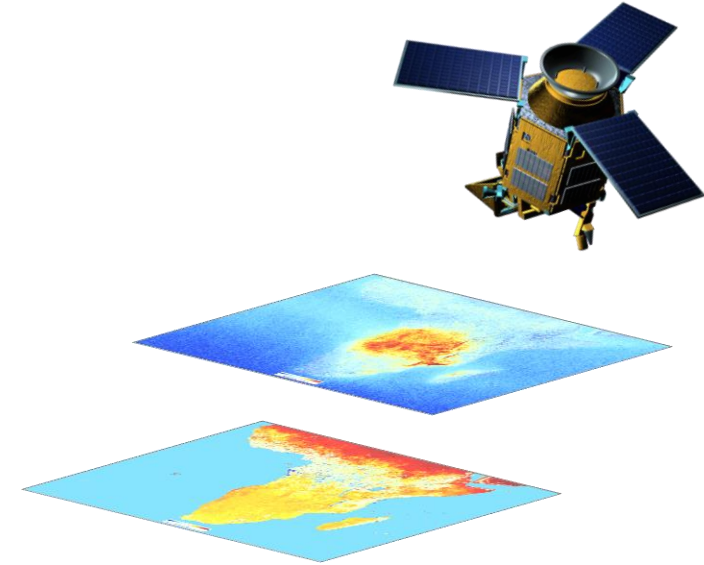
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TROPOMI Data Overview:

- Which air- and climate-pollutants are measured by TROPOMI?
- Use case examples of TROPOMI data applications
- How does TROPOMI data differ from emissions?
- What are data levels? Level 0, 1, 2 explained
- How can the data be mapped & analyzed?
- Where can you get the data?
- Which tools are available for your own analysis?



THE AIR WE BREATHE

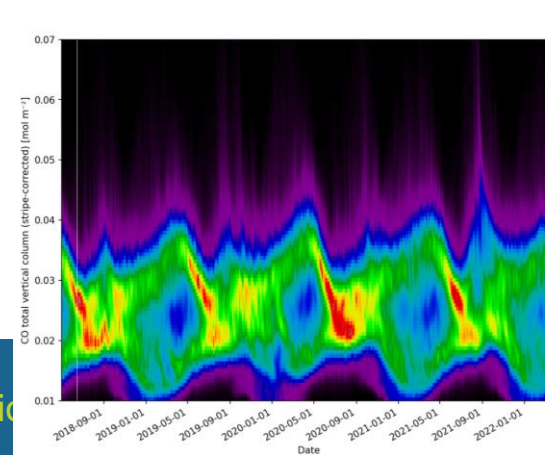
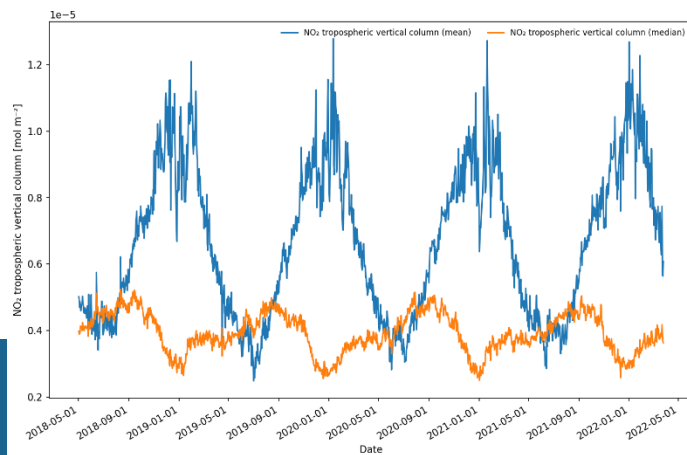
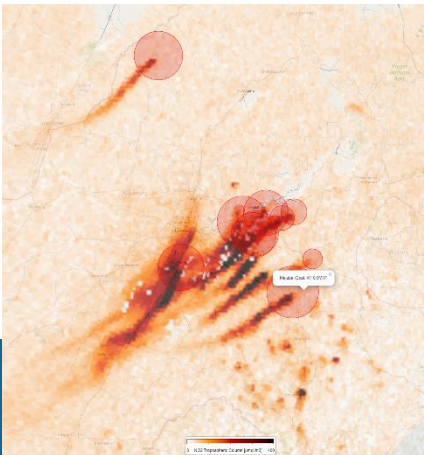
Air pollution is a major environmental health problem that affects millions of people around the world. Satellite data and computer models can show how pollution accumulates and how it is carried in the air. Mapping the global atmosphere every day, Sentinel-5P provides high-resolution data on a multitude of trace gases and information on aerosols that affect air quality and the climate. Offering advances in coverage and resolution, Sentinel-5P is set to take air-quality monitoring to a new level.

Sentinel-5P carries **TROPOMI** the most advanced multispectral imaging spectrometer in orbit.

TRACE GASES

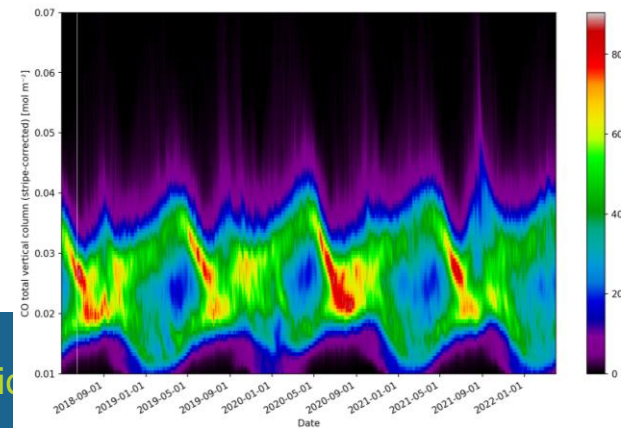
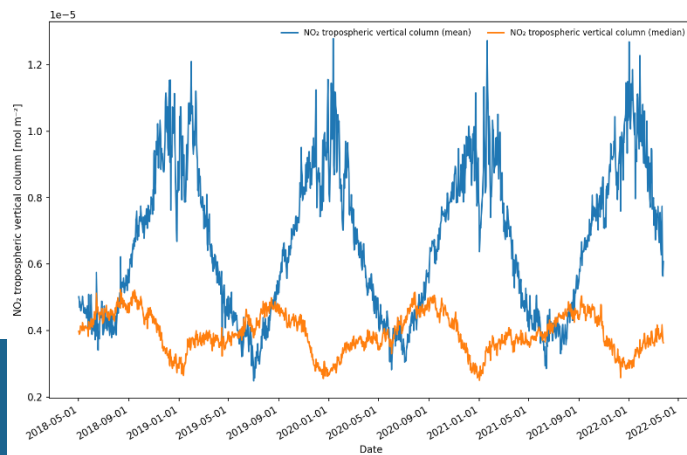
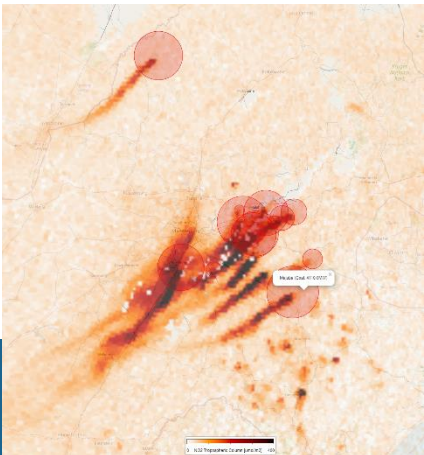
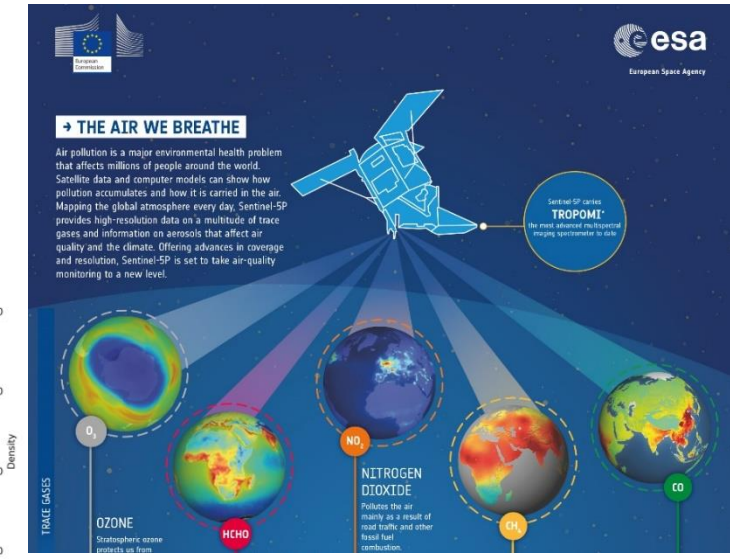
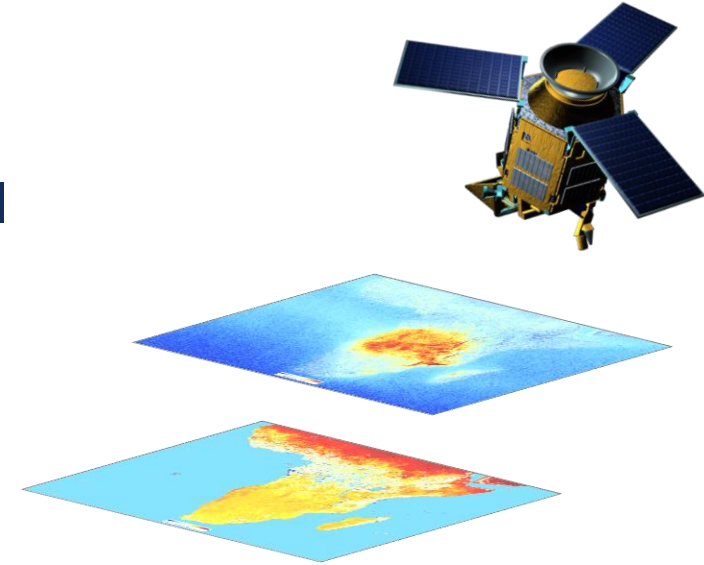
- O₃** OZONE: Stratospheric ozone protects us from
- HCHO** Pollutants from road traffic and other fossil fuel combustion
- NO₂** NITROGEN DIOXIDE: Pollutes the air mainly as a result of road traffic and other fossil fuel combustion
- CO**
- CH₄**

Density scale: 0 to 80



TROPOMI Data Practicum:

- Value of evaluating multiple species from TROPOMI
- Data timeliness – which type of data to use
- Granule, orbit, daily images & time-averaging
- Should I be regridding my data?
- What is an overpass file? Can I predict orbit locations?
- Where can I get emissions data?
- What about air quality forecast information?

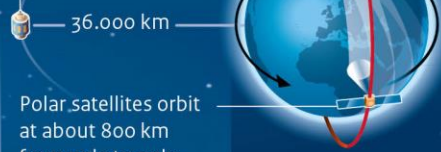


Earth Science from Space

KNMI plays an important role in developing earth observation satellites and in processing and interpreting their data. Forecasts for weather and climate, air pollution and solar radiation are largely made with data from these satellites.

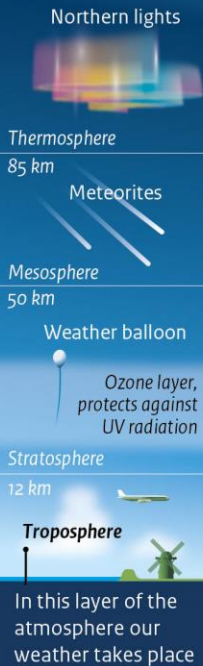


Geostationary satellites, such as MSG, orbit so as to maintain a fixed point above the Earth



Polar satellites orbit at about 800 km from pole to pole, while the earth turns underneath

THE ATMOSPHERE



Important satellites with which KNMI works:

OMI
2004
NASA/KNMI
Measures ozone and air pollution

MetOp
2006
ESA/EUMETSAT
Ozone, wind and air pollution

MSG
2002-2021
ESA/EUMETSAT
Cloudiness, air pollution, sun and precipitation

TROPOMI
2017
ESA/KNMI
Air pollution, ozone and climate change

Aeolus
2018
ESA/KNMI
Wind profiles

EarthCARE
2019
ESA/JAXA/KNMI
Clouds, aerosols and climate change

What do our satellites measure?

Ozone layer
Ozone is monitored using UV light

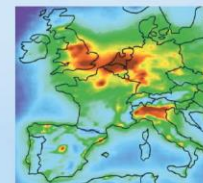
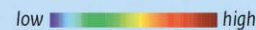
Clouds
Cameras take pictures of the earth

Wind
Radar waves reflect from sea waves from which wind is calculated

Climate change
Greenhouse gases such as methane are measured using infrared light

Air pollution
Small particles and gases, such as nitrogen dioxide, particulate matter and volcanic ash, are measured using UV light

Measuring air pollution is increasingly important. NO₂ measurements show that the air in Europe is not clean:



The biggest air pollutants are

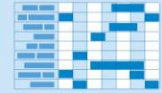
- Nitrogen dioxide (NO₂)
- Particulate matter (PM)
- Ozone (O₃)

KNMI is involved in the entire process from inception to use of satellite data.

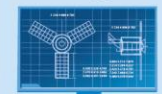
Formulating requirements



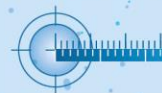
Planning



Design



Calibration



Launch



Data processing



Data interpretation



To customers

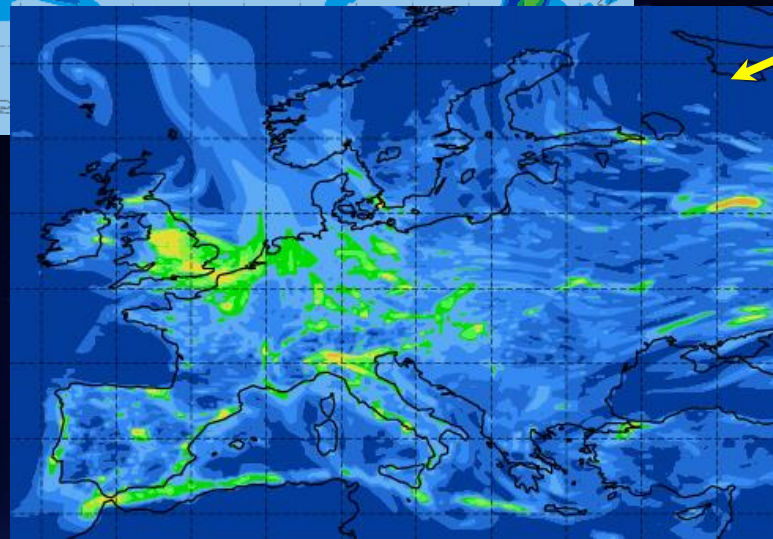
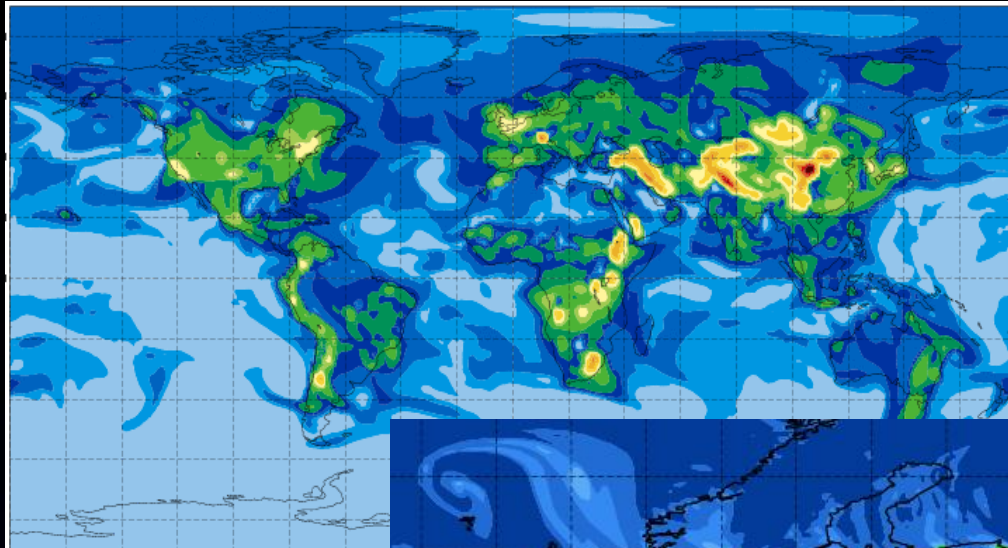
- Universities
- Aviation
- Meteorologists
- Government
- Citizens



CAMS as main user of the Copernicus Sentinel 5P, 4, 5 composition observations

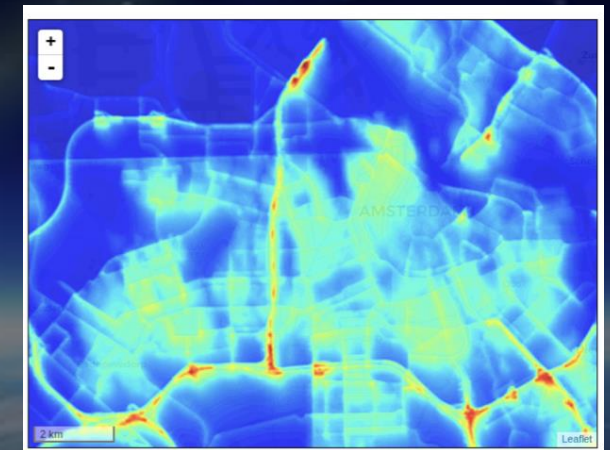
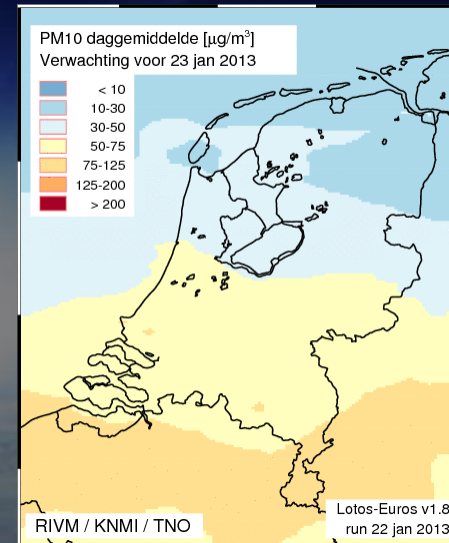


Assimilation
TROPOMI
observations



CAMS-Europe as boundary condition for
countries and city regions

Amsterdam



Analyses of CAMS-global as
boundary condition for CAMS-Europe

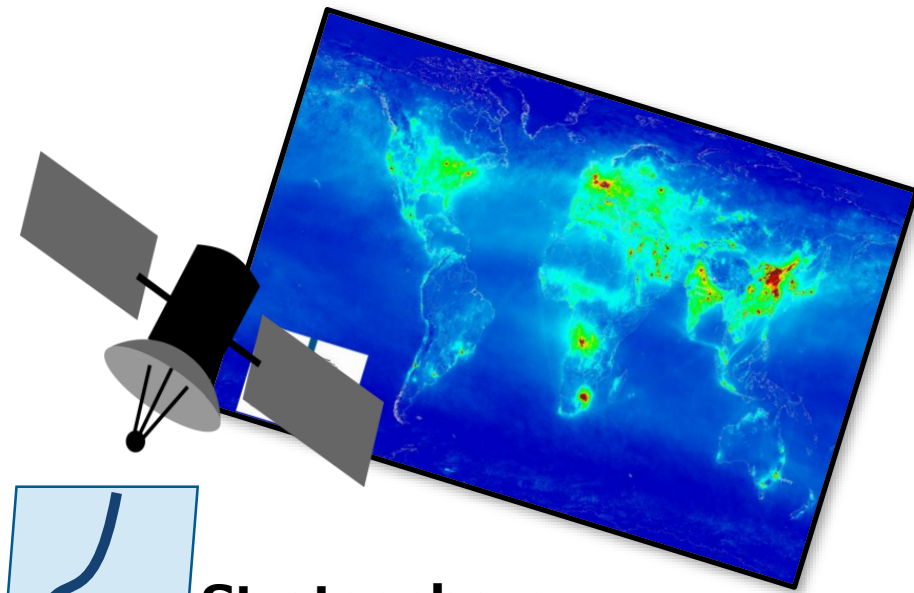
atmosphere.copernicus.eu



How does satellite data fit in global air quality monitoring?



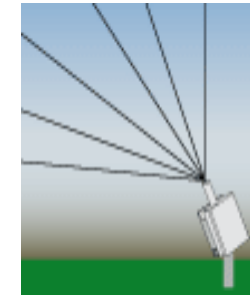
Vertical profile information



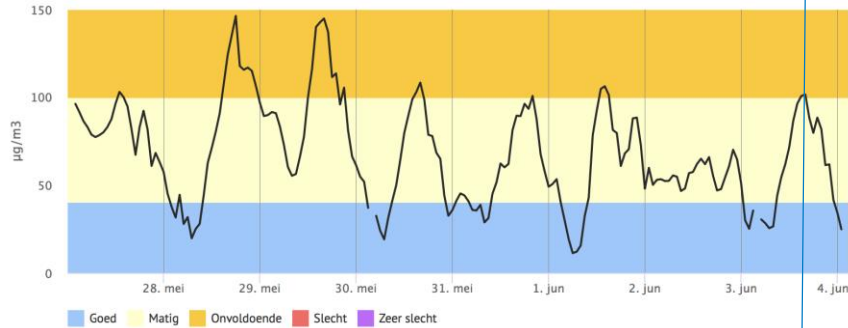
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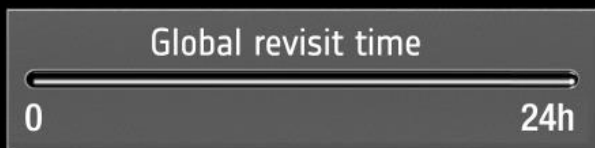


MAX-DOAS, PANDORA



Ground Monitoring







Focus on TROPOMI: TROPOspheric Monitoring Instrument

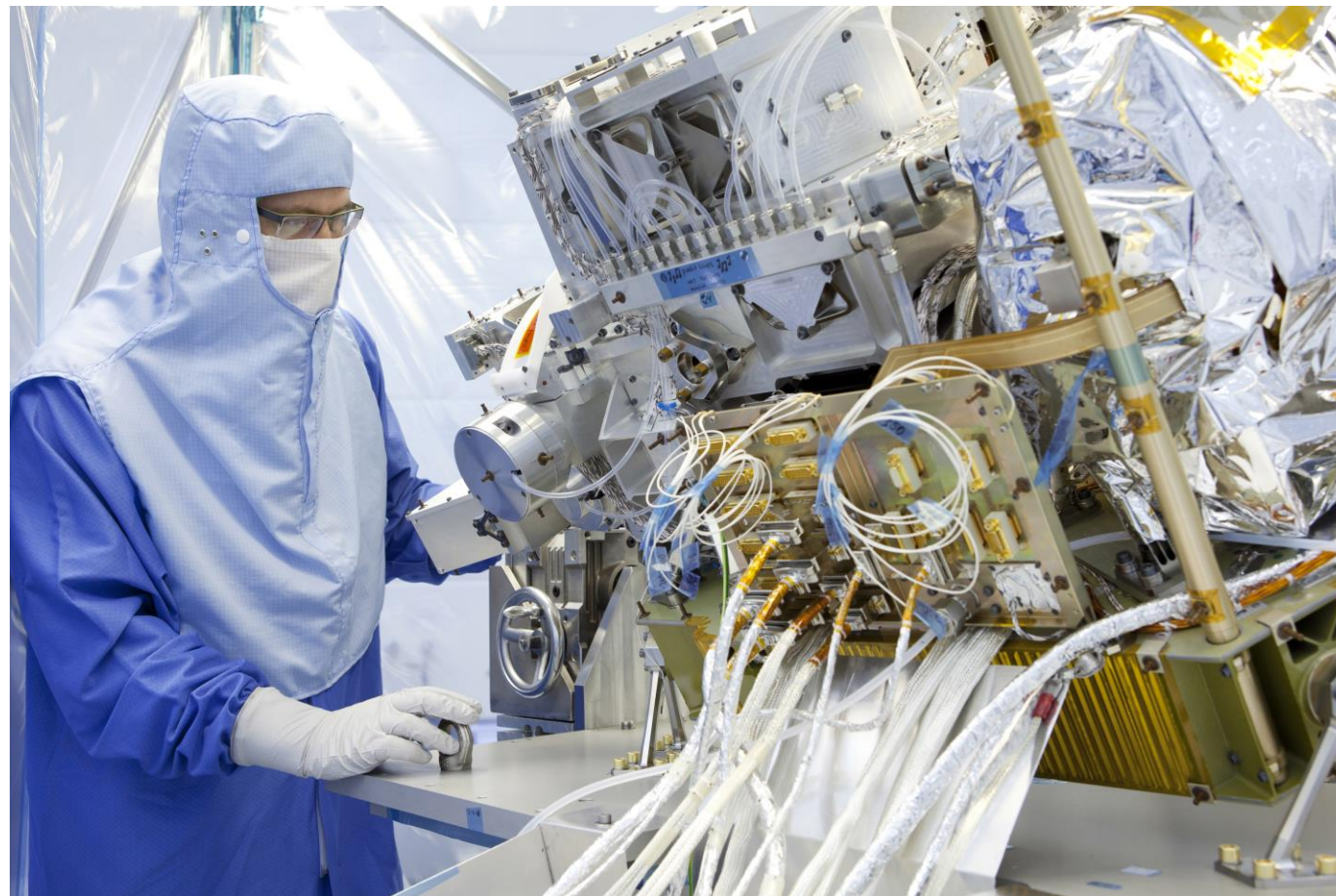


› Monitoring atmospheric composition, for:

- Air quality
- Climate change
- Ozone layer

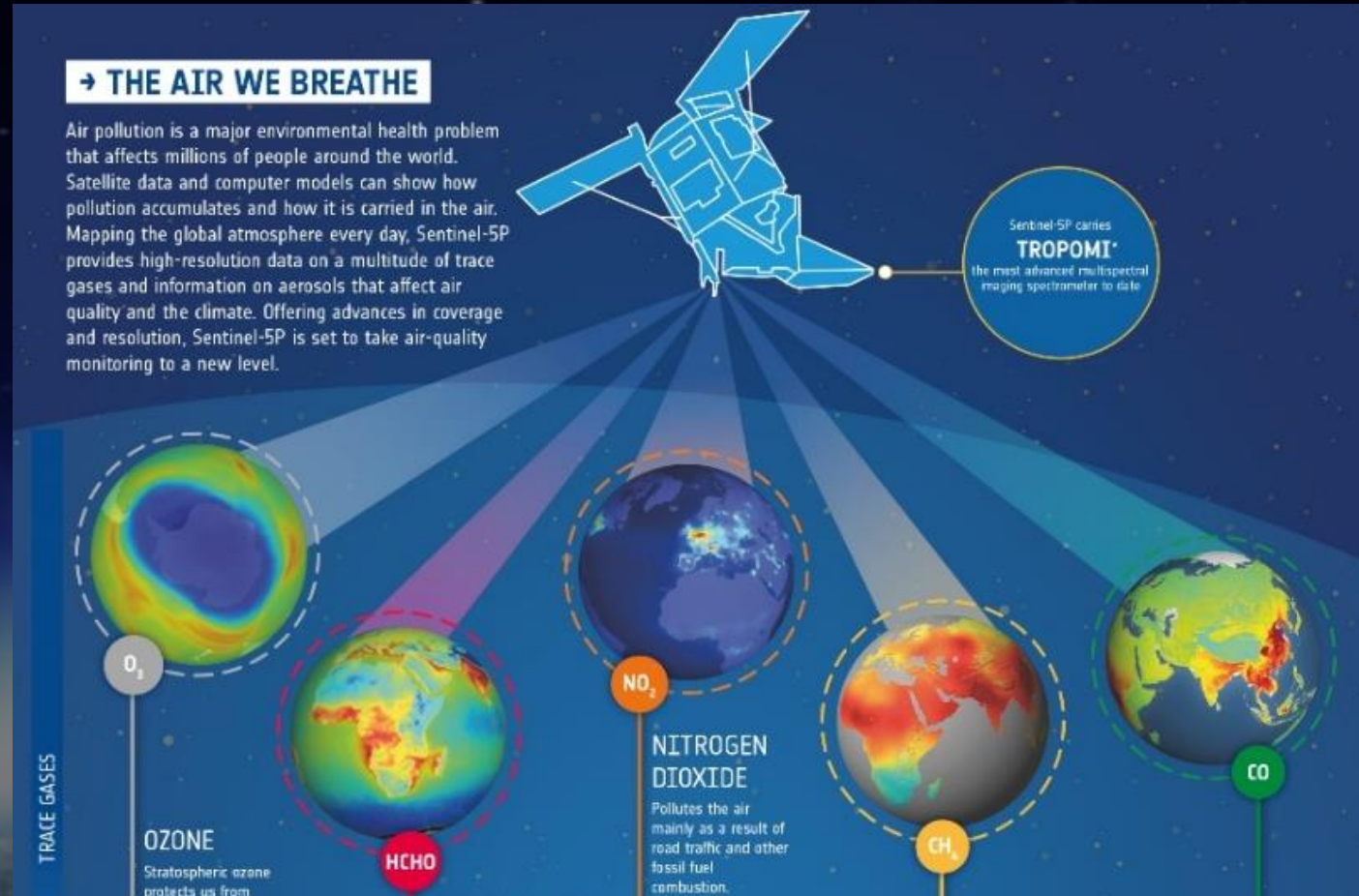
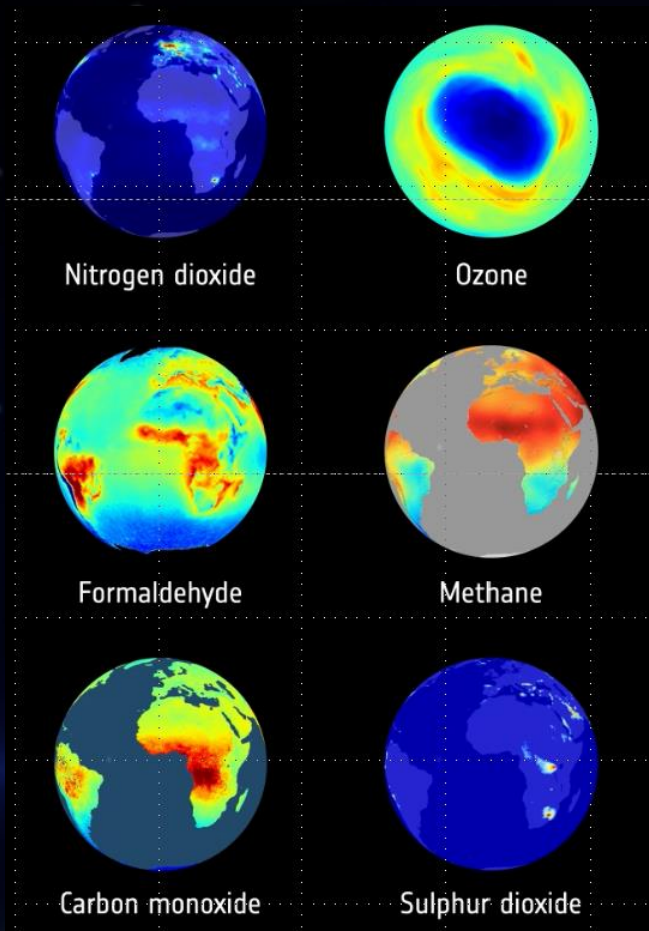
› TROPOMI details:

- On Sentinel 5-Precursor Satellite (S5P)
- Launched 13 October 2017
- Polar-orbiting satellite
- Overpass time ~13:30 LT
- Data are free and open
- www.tropomi.eu &
- <https://scihub.copernicus.eu/>



TROPOMI: more than just air quality

Links to understanding climate, health, & biosphere dynamics



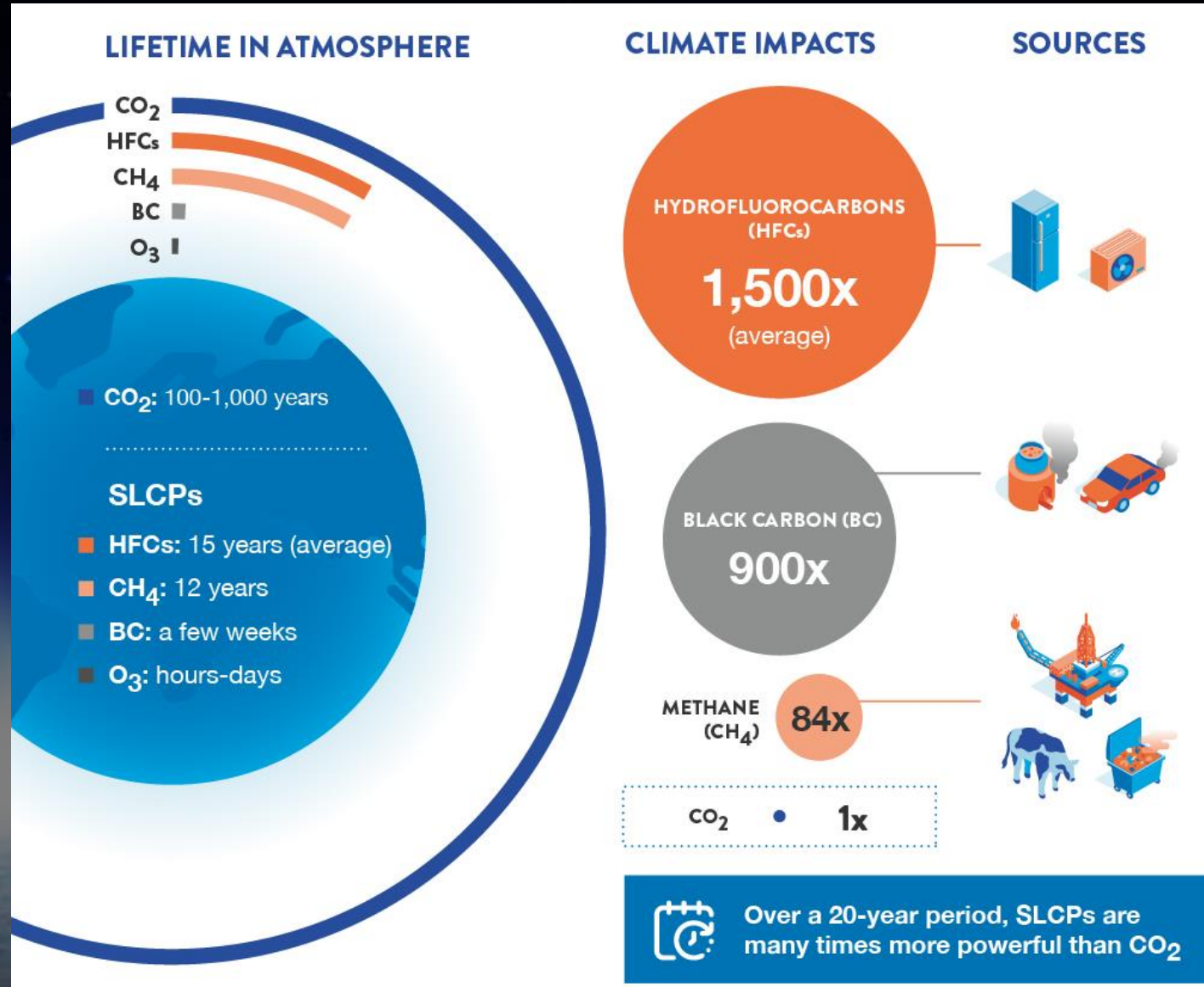
Making Links: AQ-relevant Short-Lived Climate Pollutants (SLCP)



Some species have a large AQ *and* Climate Impact


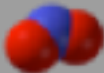






- Tropospheric Ozone
- Black Carbon Aerosol (soot & smoke)
- Methane (CH₄)

From: Climate & Clean Air Coalition



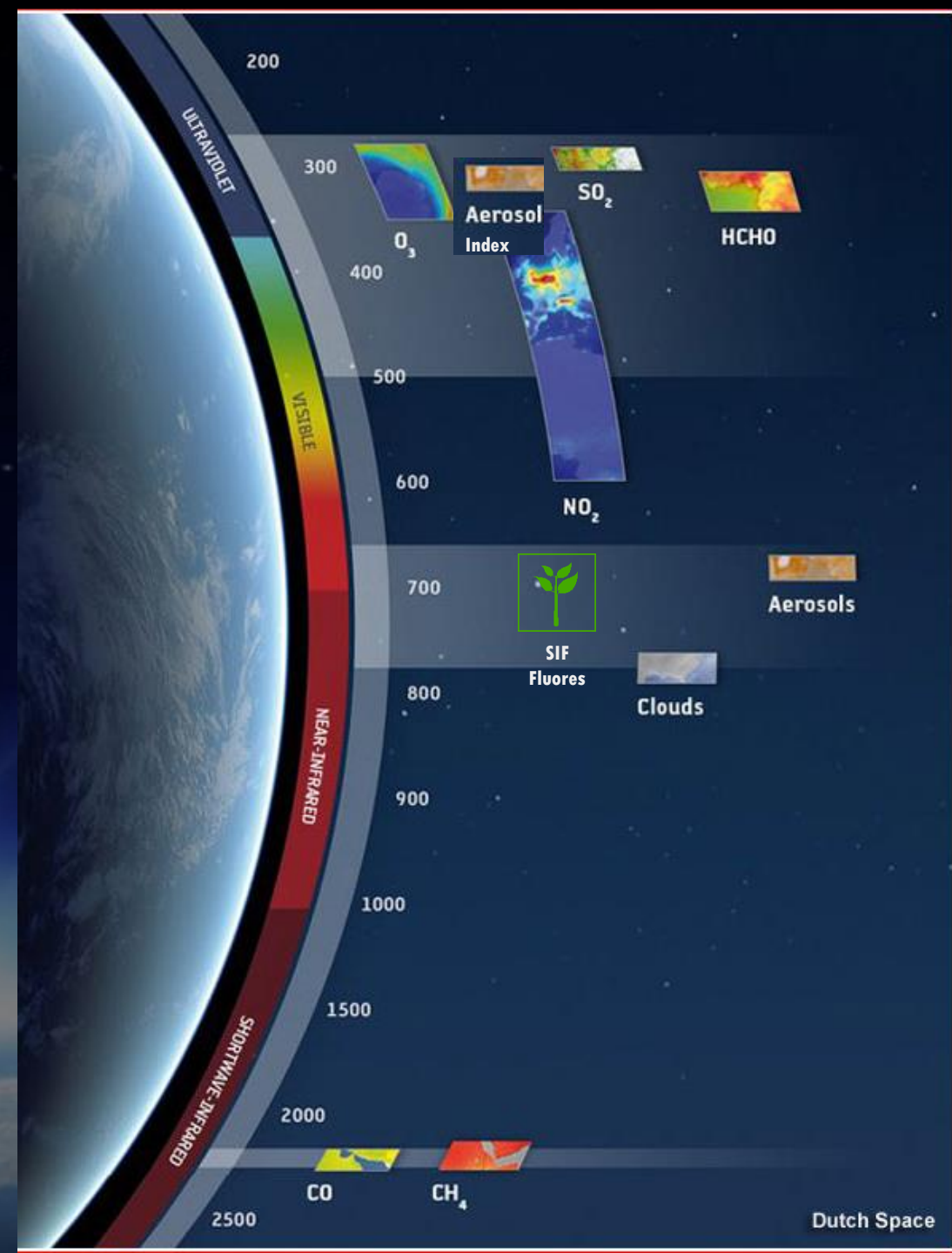
Operational TROPOMI data products include total column amounts of trace gases plus cloud & aerosol properties



Parameter	Data Product	Vertical Resolution	Bias	Random
Ozone 	Ozone Profile	6 km	10-30%	10%
	Total Ozone	total column	3.5-5%	1.6-2.5%
	Tropospheric Ozone	trop column	25%	10%
NO ₂ 	Stratospheric NO ₂	strat column	<10%	0.5e15
	Tropospheric NO ₂	trop column	25-50%	0.7e15
SO ₂ 	SO ₂ enhanced	total column	30%	0.15-0.3 (0.06-0.12) DU
	Total SO ₂	total column	30-50%	1-3 (0.4-1.2) DU
Formaldehyde 	Total HCHO	total column	40-80%	1.2e16 (4e15)
CO 	Total CO	total column	15%	<10%
Methane 	Total CH ₄	total column	1.5%	1%
Cloud 	Cloud Fraction	total column	<20%	0.05
	Albedo (Optical Thickness)	total column	<20%	0.05 (10)
	Cloud Height (Pressure)	total column	<20%	<0.5 km (<30hPa)
Aerosol 	Aerosol Layer Height	total column	<100hPa	<50hPa
	Aerosol Type	total column	~1 AAI	<0.1 AAI
Surface UV	Provided by FMI in frame of the Finnish Sentinel Collaborative Ground Segment			

Measuring Air Quality & SLCPs Directly with TROPOMI

- Operational data May 2018 to present
- Additional prototype Data Products
- What is being measured directly:
 - **(Tropospheric) Ozone** Column & profile
 - UV Surface Radiation / Dose
 - **Aerosol Index**, *Ocean Color & properties**
 - NO_2 , SO_2 , HCHO , CHOCHO^* , BrO^*
 - Clouds & Aerosol Layer Height
 - *(SIF) Fluorescence**
 - CO , CH_4 *Not yet Operational products

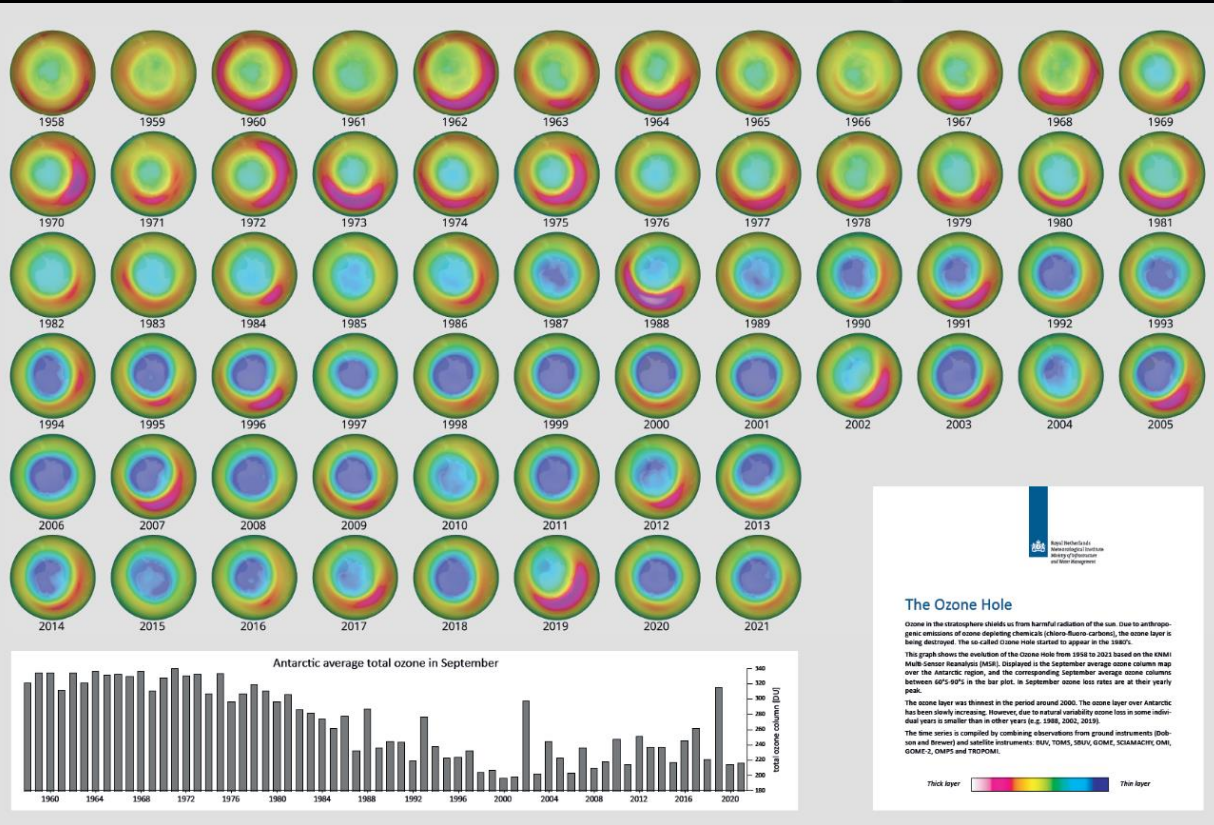


Monitoring by Proxy: Links to Climate with TROPOMI



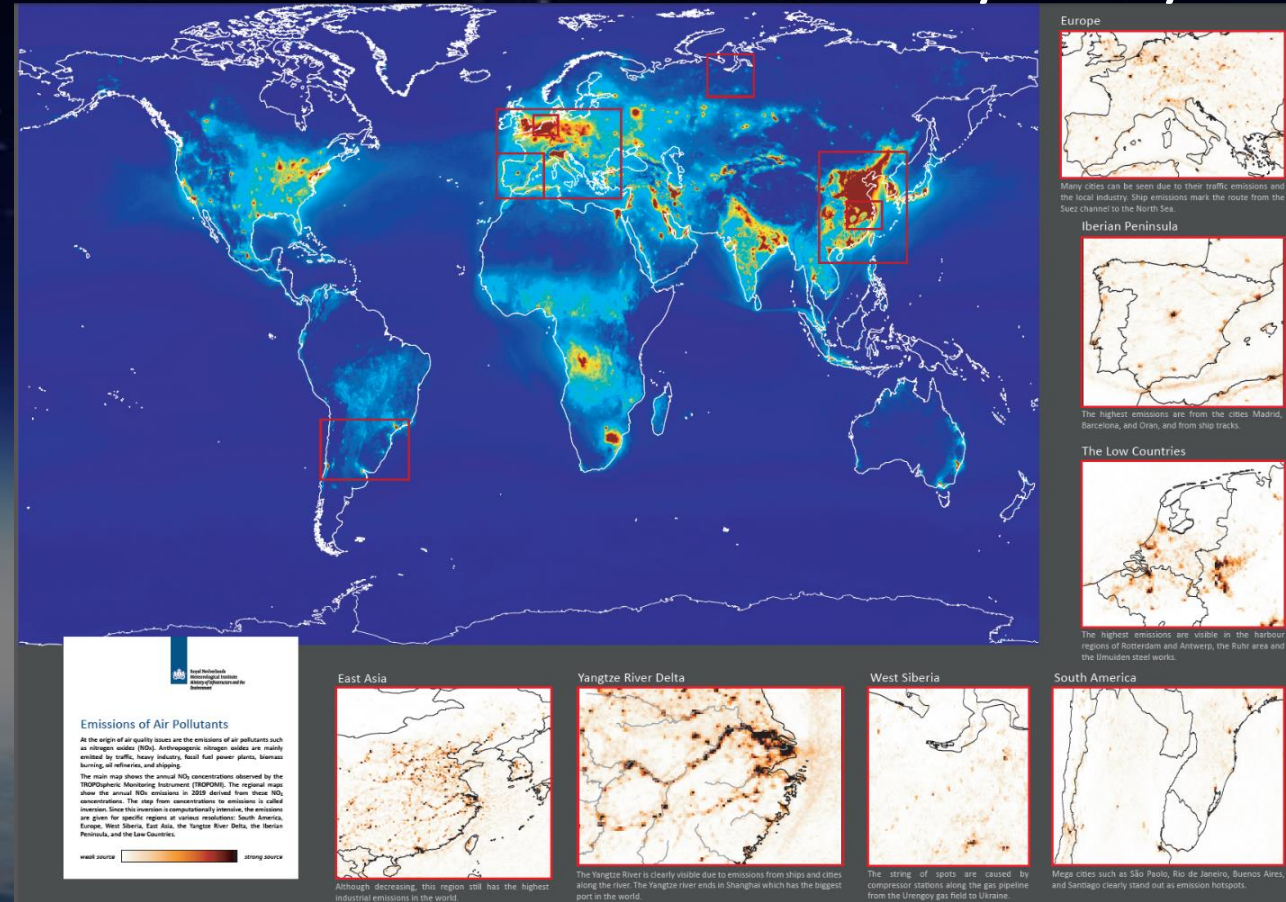
- **Point Sources:** which are Climate & Air Quality relevant
 - Industrial (ex. Power generation) plumes detailed NO₂ emissions calculations, can be used for CO₂ emissions
- **Biosphere: Solar-Induced Fluorescence (SIF)** measurements Clear links for monitoring biosphere changes induced by air quality, seasonal & climate changes
 - TROPOMI data can be used to compare to future FLEX mission
- **Urban Growth:** links to understanding urban growth by evaluating year-to-year differences in urban and background measurements
- **Long data record:** combine with predecessor missions like OMI extending from November 2004 to present (2023)

TROPOMI species and directions of application



Ozone Hole Monitoring

Global NOx Emission Inventory Analysis



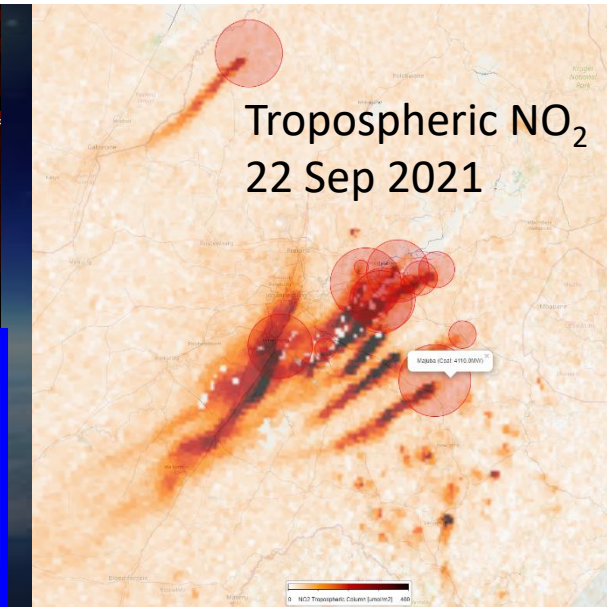
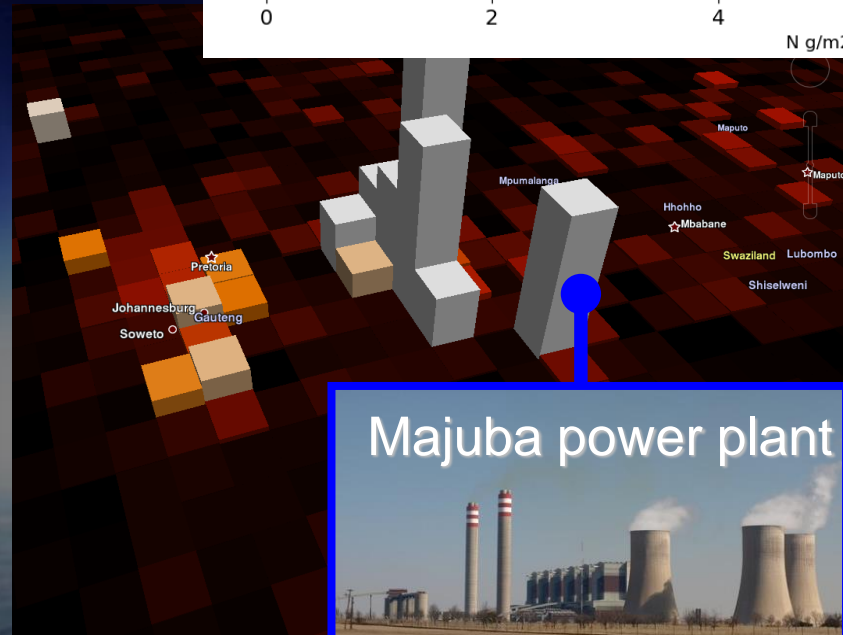
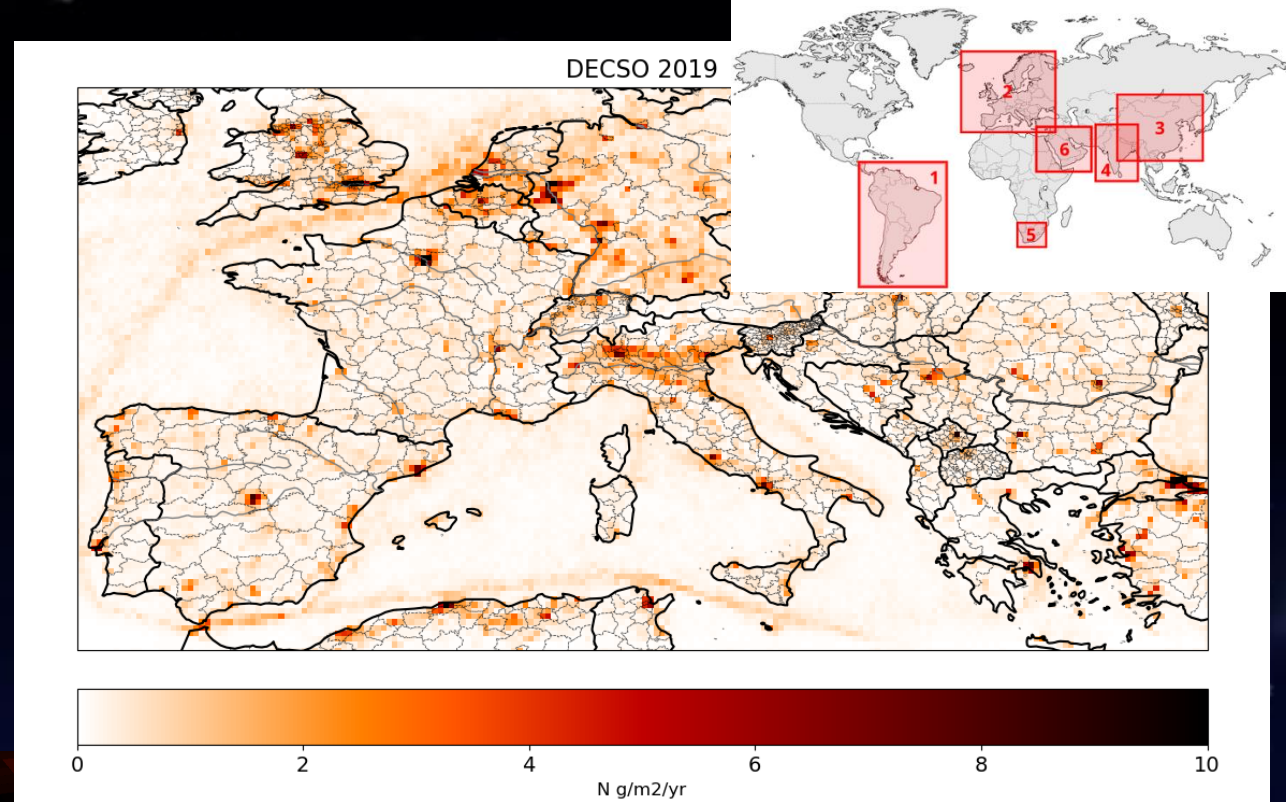
Monitoring Emissions

DECSO Daily Estimates Constrained by Satellite Observations

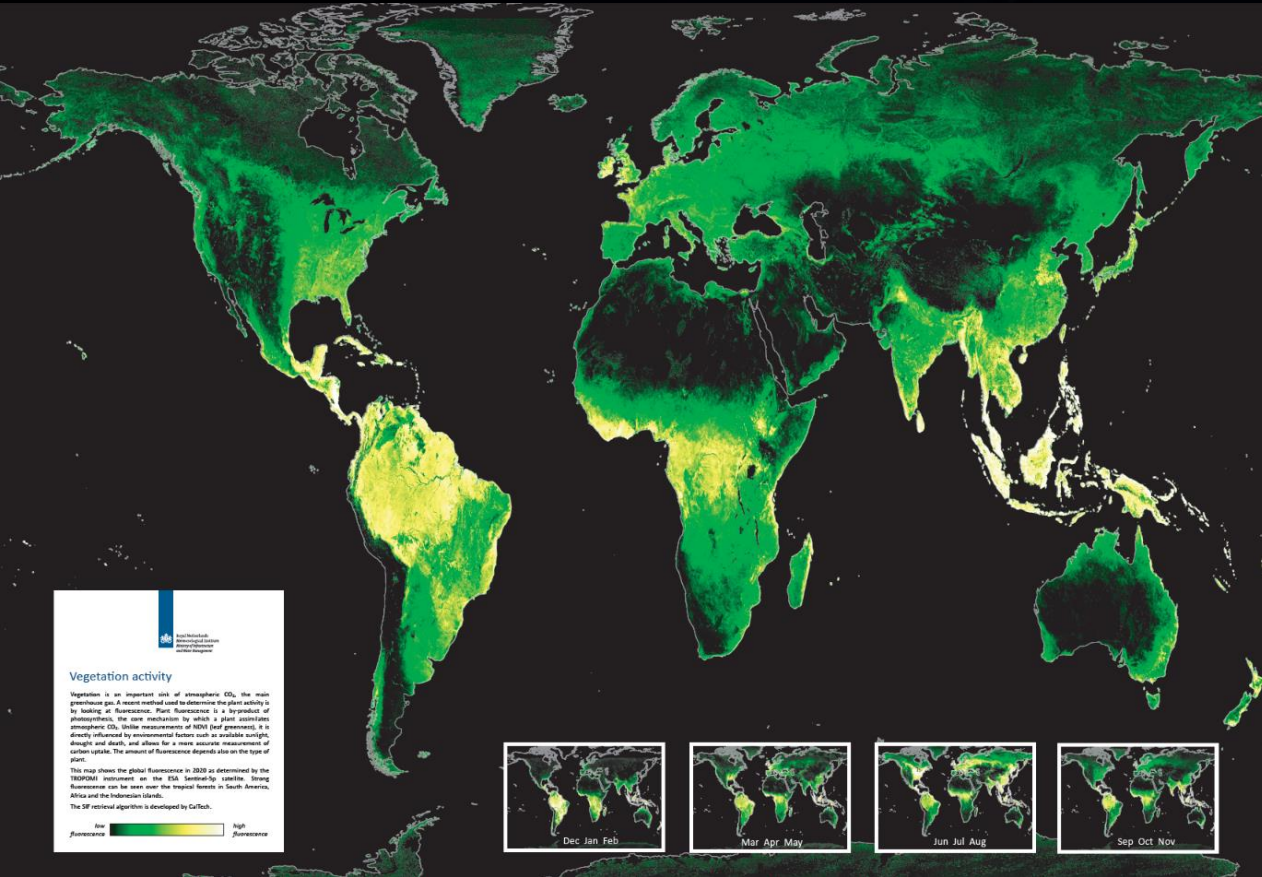
By Ronald van der A, Bas Mijling, Jieying Ding - **KNMI**

- It is fast: one model run per assimilation step of 1 day
- No *a priori* information needed: unknown sources will become visible.
- Full error estimation of new emission inventory
- Used for daily NO_x , NH_3 , CH_4 emissions

This type of emissions calculation can be linked to CO_2 emissions for known point sources (ex. Power plants)

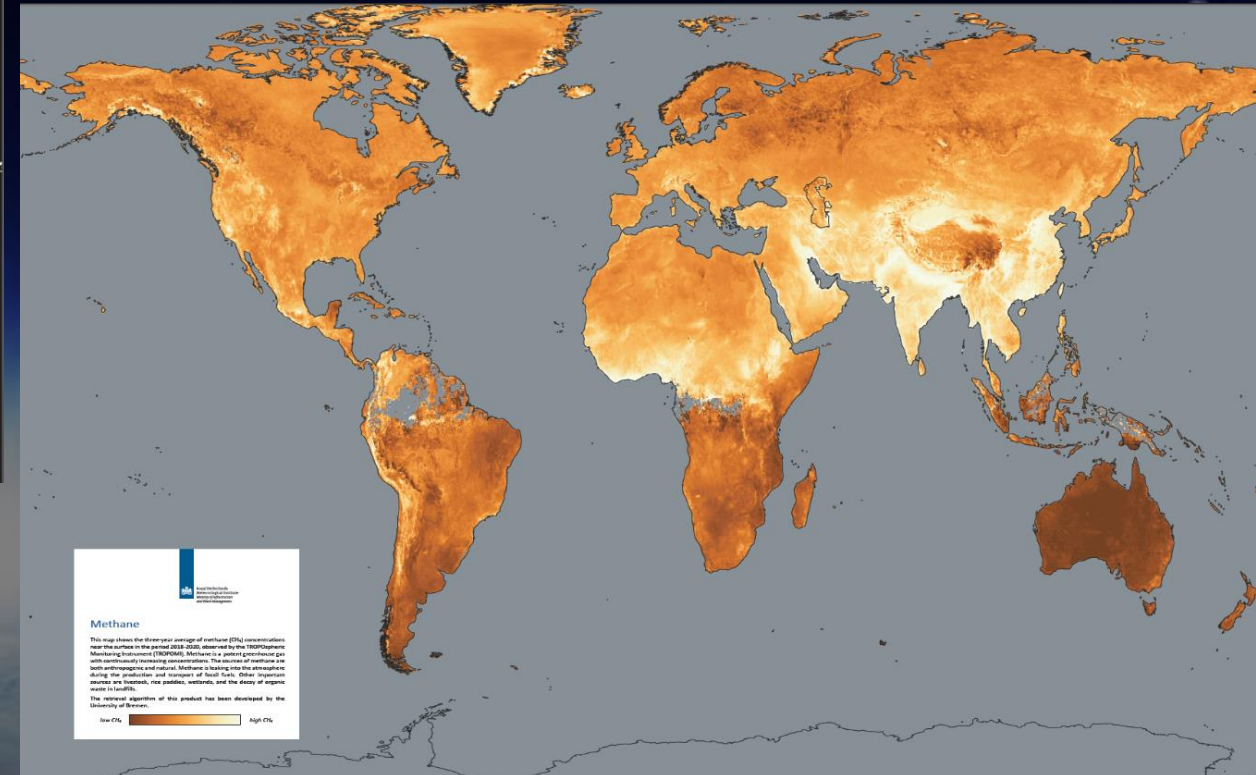


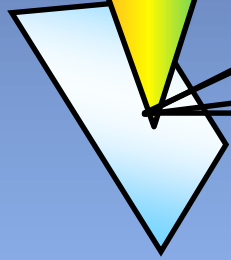
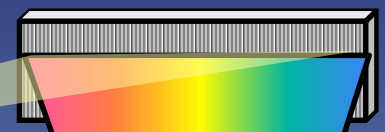
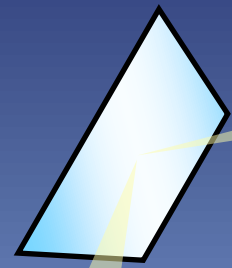
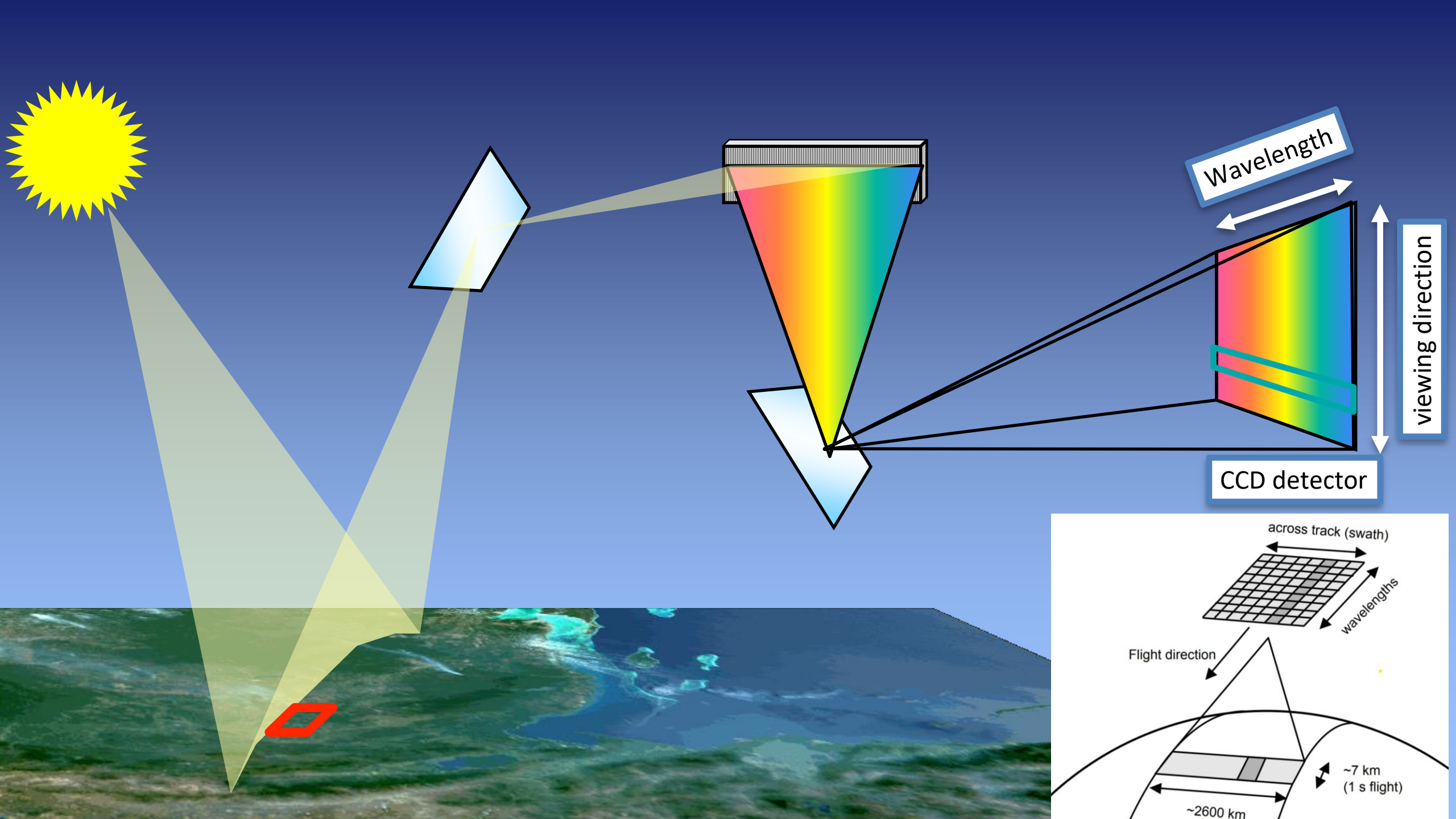
New! TROPOMI species and directions of application



Solar-Induced Fluorescence (SIF)
Monitoring of Drought, Carbon
Cycling, plant productivity

Methane: Global Climate monitoring

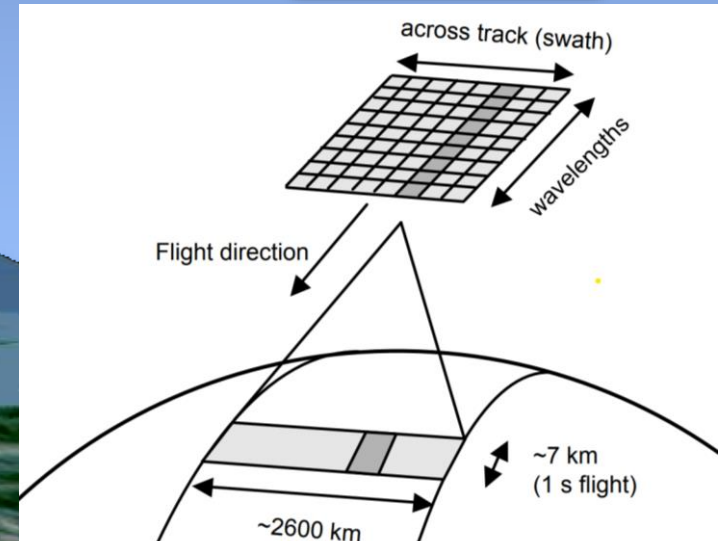




Wavelength

viewing direction

CCD detector

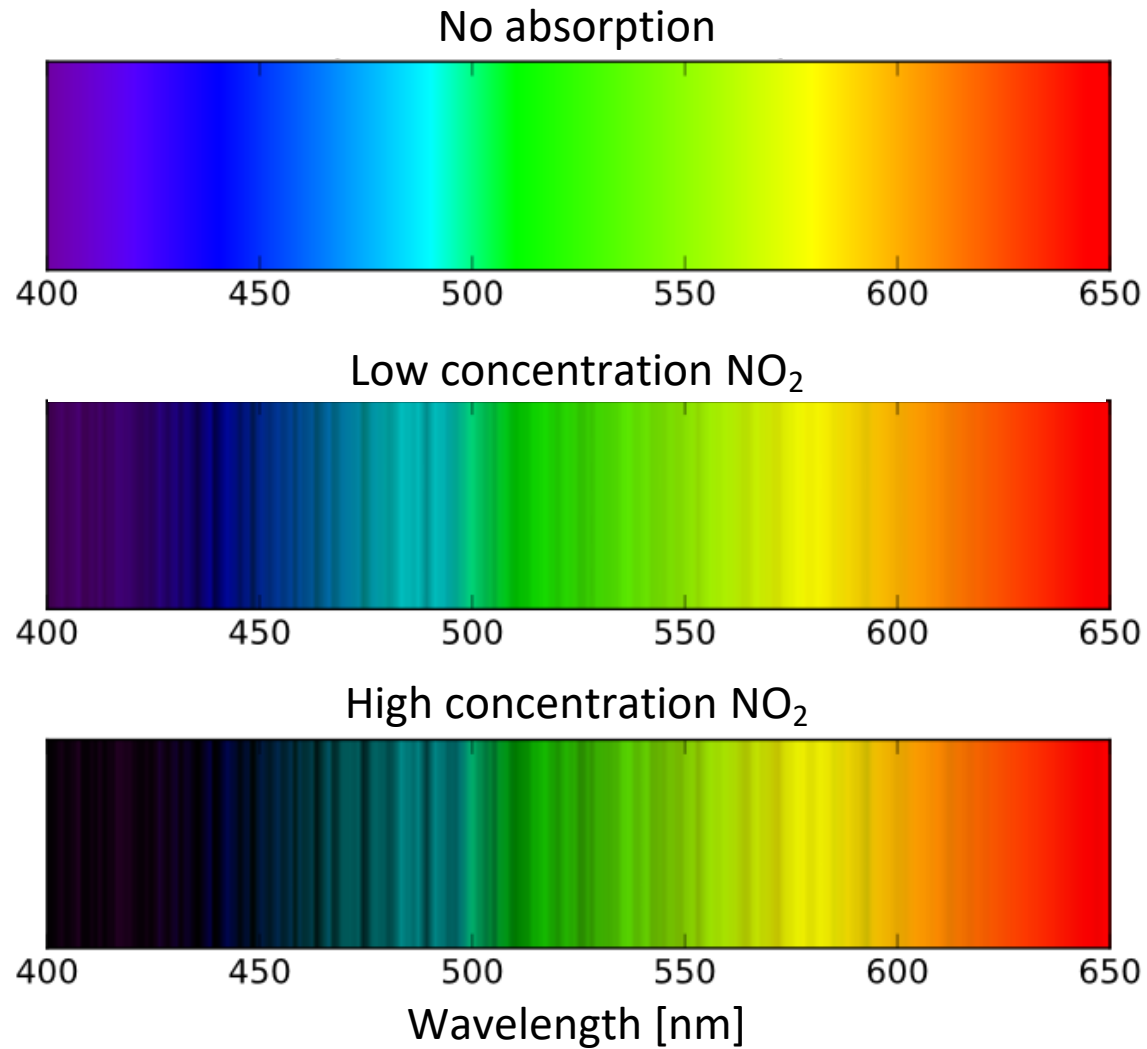


How does TROPOMI make its measurements?



- Satellite measures Sun directly and amount of light from Earth
- **Level 0** – Light enters the satellite; sensed with CCDs and is converted to digital signal → transferred to receiving stations
- **Level 1** – This raw data is processed to produce quantified amount of solar and Earth shine: irradiance & radiance
- **Level 2** – Through radiative transfer theory & absorption spectroscopy, convert radiation to a vertical column amount of the given trace gas, also aerosol & cloud properties

From spectra to concentrations

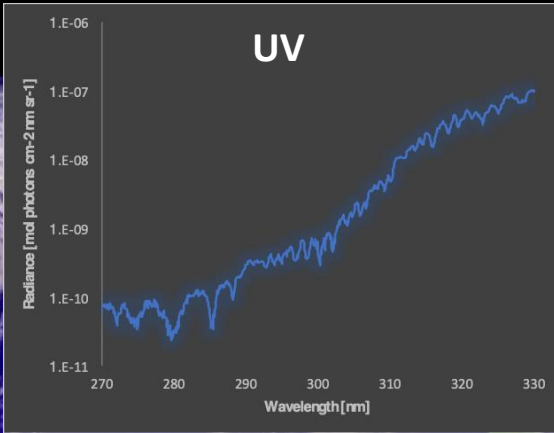


TROPOMI has 4 detectors

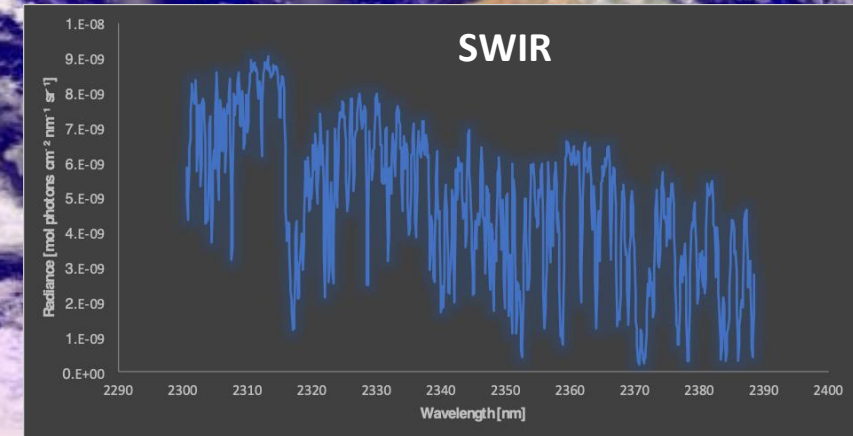
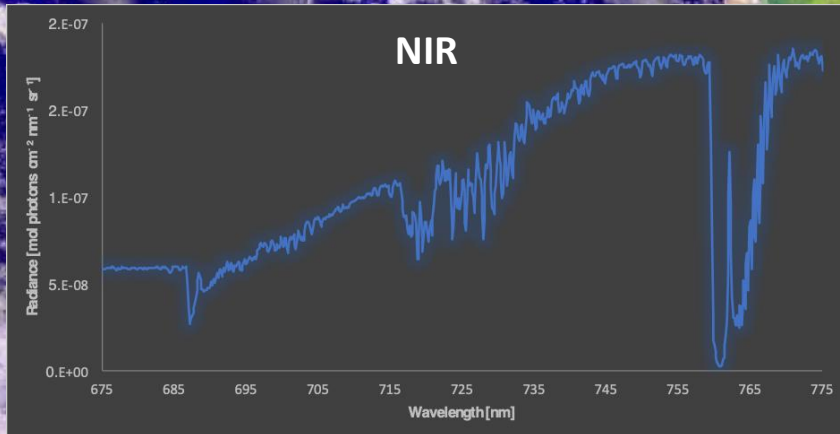
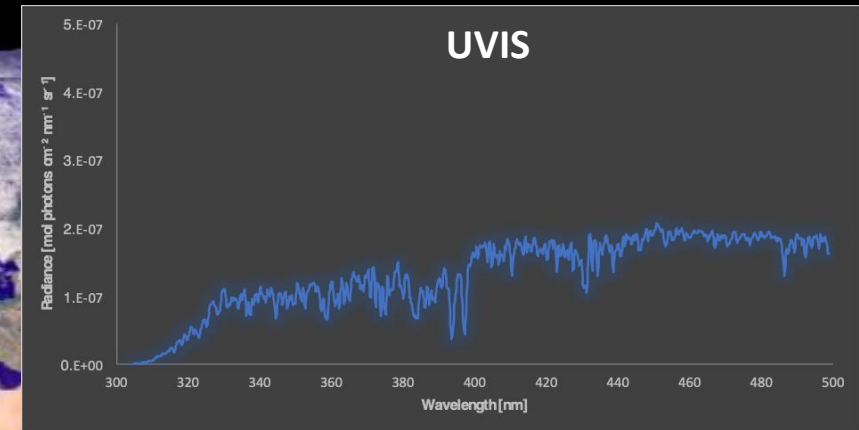


Spectral Band	Wavelength Range (nm)	Spectral Resolution (nm)	Data Products Retrieved
Ultraviolet (UV)	270–320	0.45–0.5	O ₃ , SO ₂
Ultraviolet and Visible (UVIS)	320–490	0.45–0.65	Aerosol index, NO ₂ , HCHO, Cloud, Ocean Color, CHOCHO
Near-Infrared (NIR)	710–775	0.34–0.35	Cloud properties, Aerosol Height, SIF
Shortwave Infrared (SWIR)	2305–2385	0.227 0.225	CO, CH ₄

Spectra covering 4 wavelength regions



- 1 scanline per second
- 440 spectra per scanline
- 3000 scanlines per orbit
- 15 orbits per day
- 20 million groundpixels per day
- 225 Gbyte raw data per day
- 1 Tbyte L1b data per day

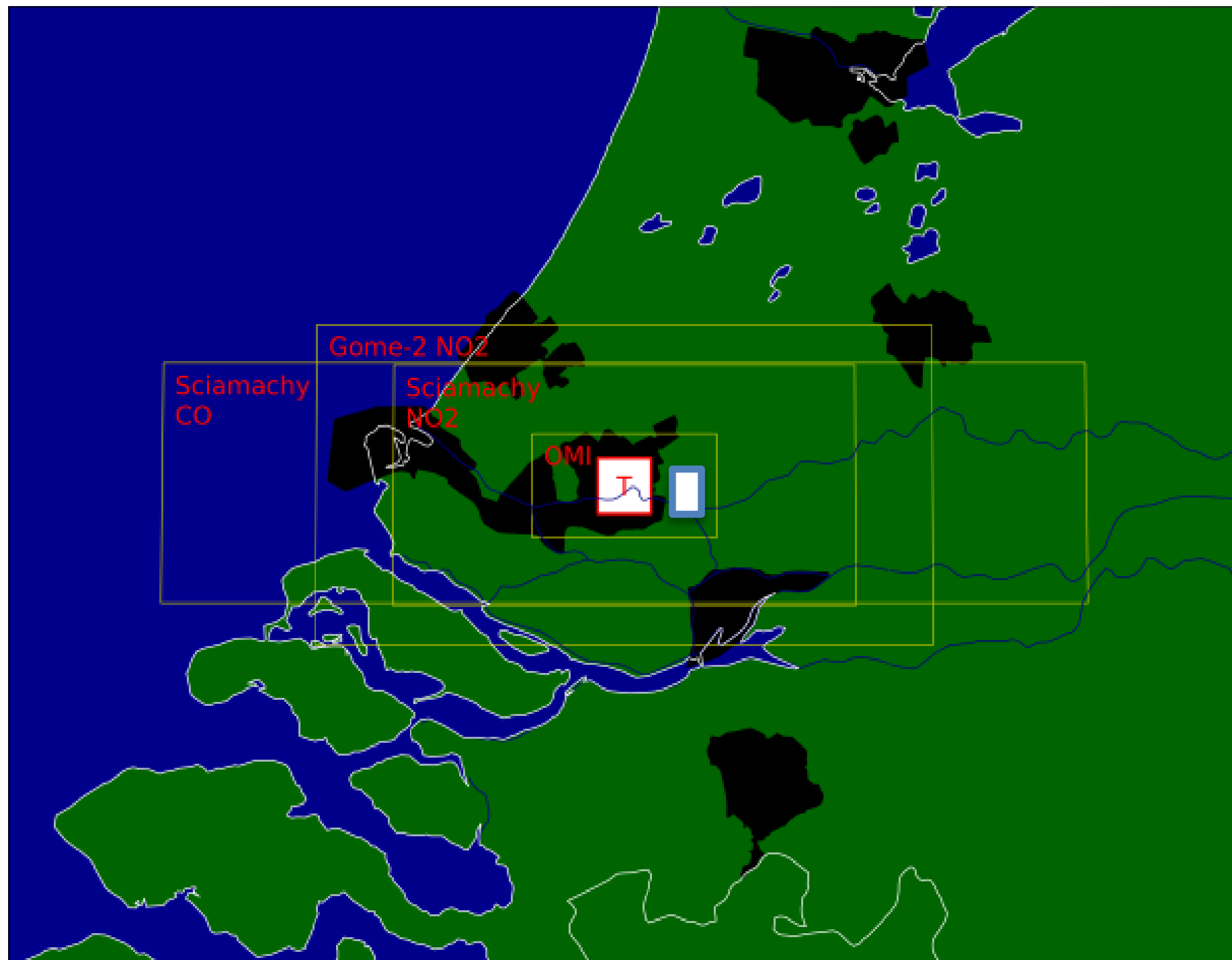


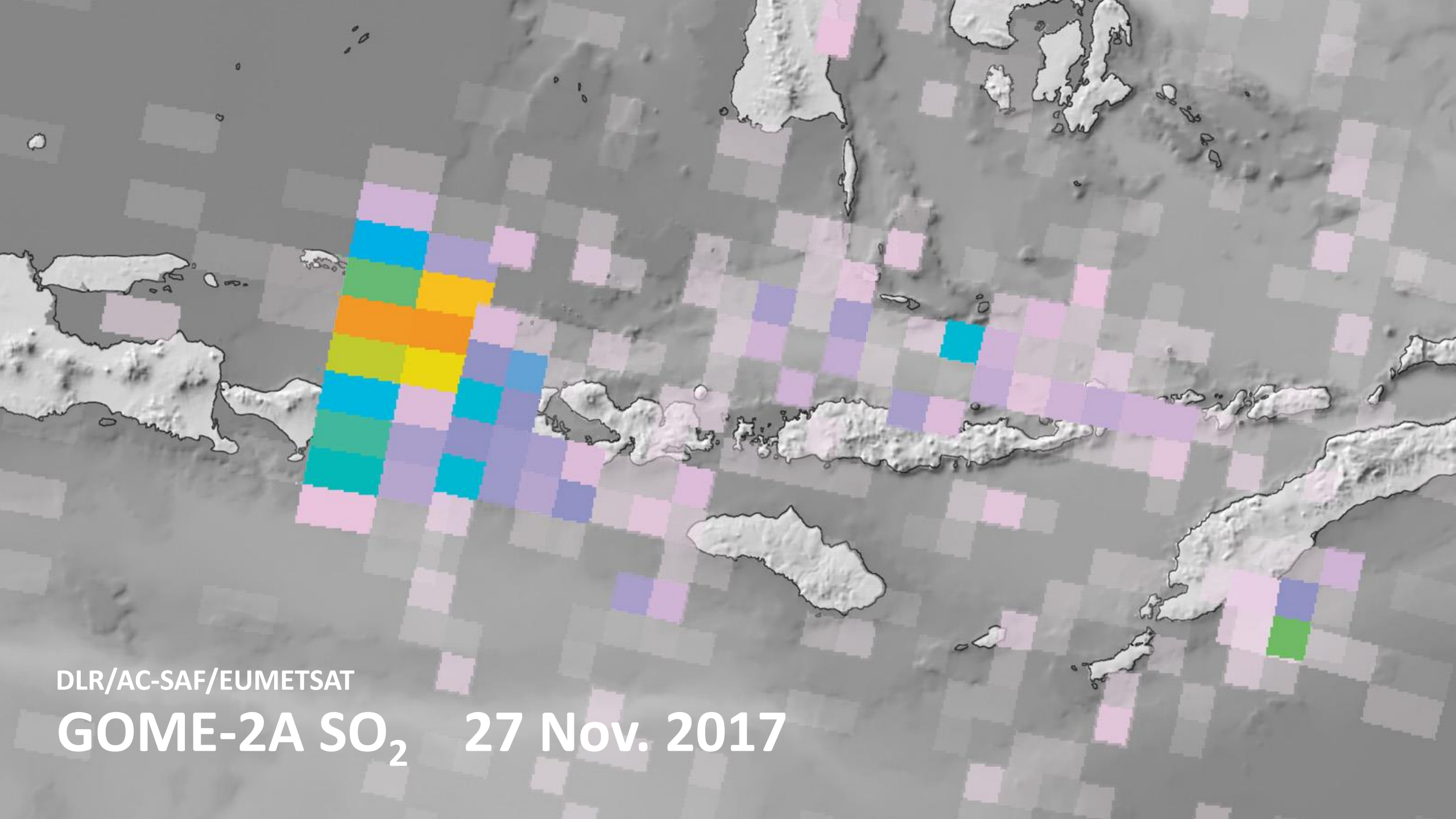
**Spatial
Resolution:**

**Further decreased
to 3.5 x 5.5 km in
August 2019**

**Individual source
Identification,
Intra-city variability**

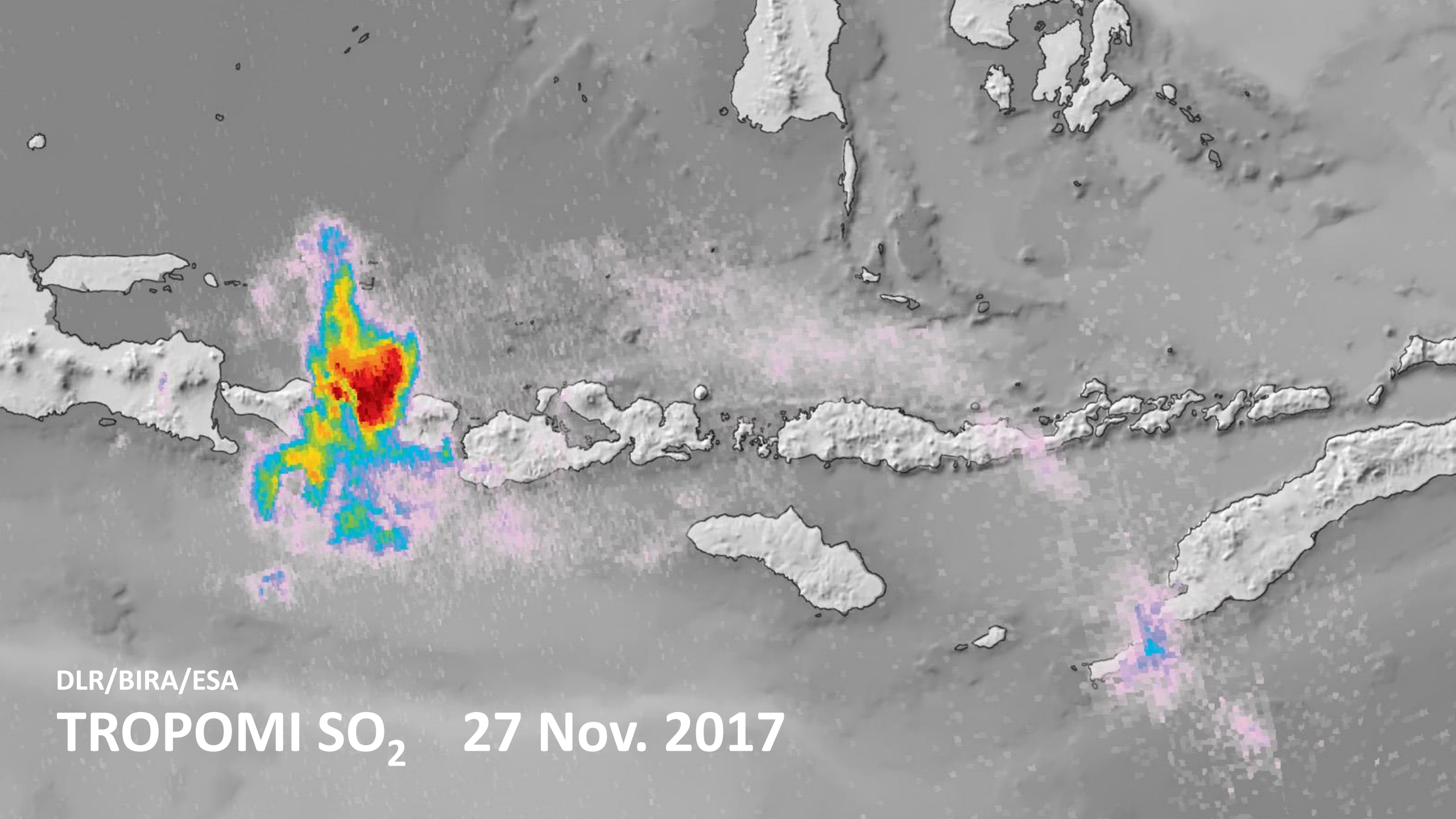
**See next slides for
difference in spatial
resolution**





DLR/AC-SAF/EUMETSAT

GOME-2A SO₂ 27 Nov. 2017

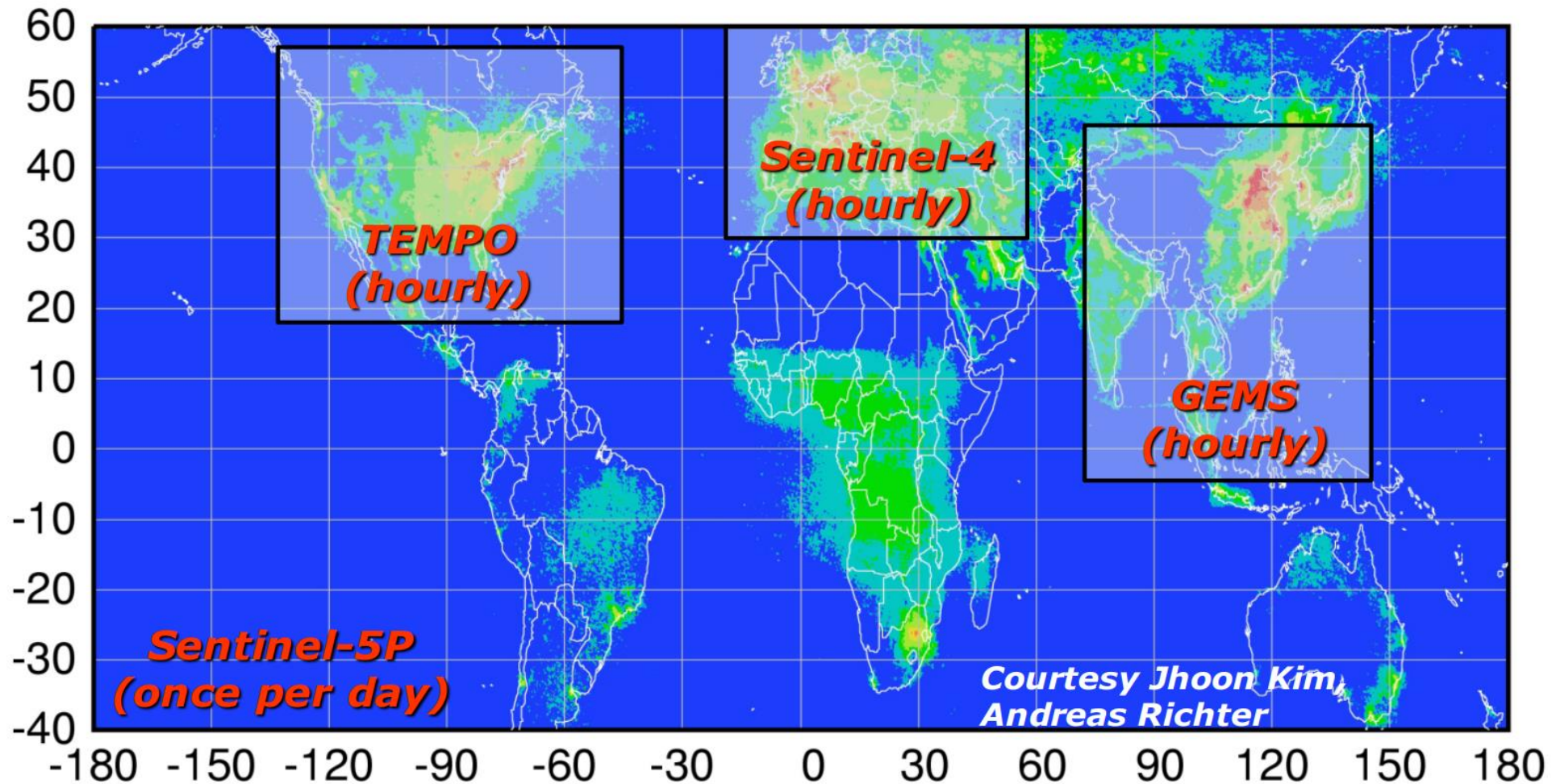


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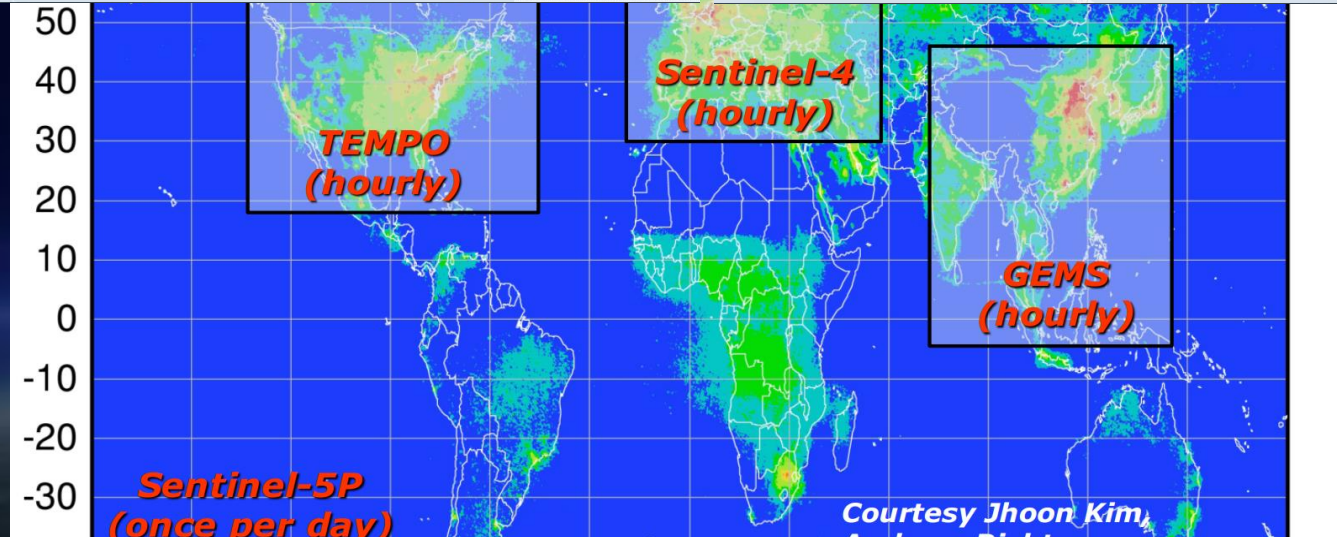
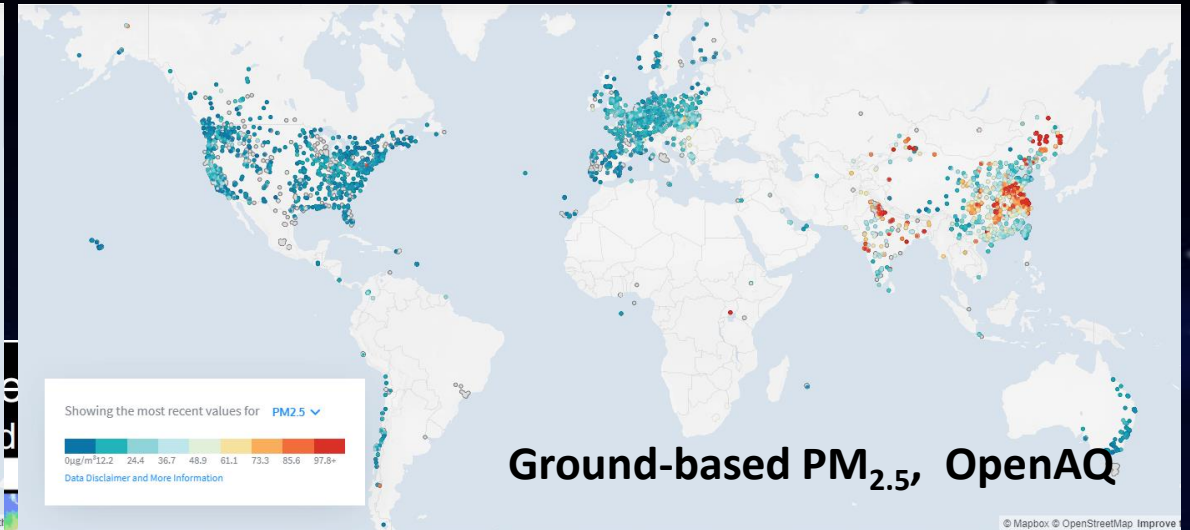
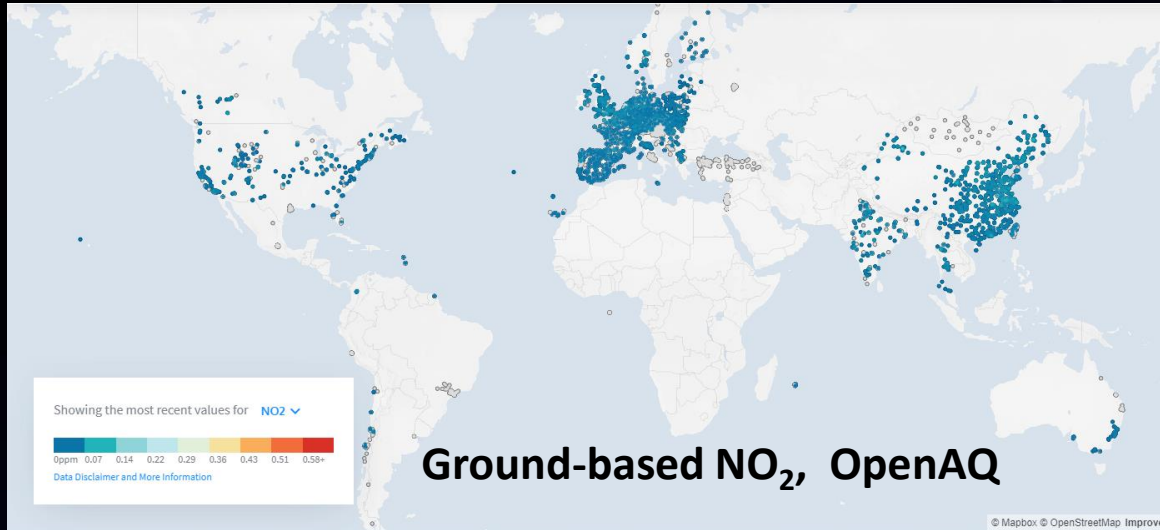
GEO + LEO Observing Strategy, covered by Brian

Global pollution monitoring constellation:
Tropospheric chemistry missions funded for launch 2016–2021



Missing out on observations of the Global South

TROPOMI is a base map covering gaping holes geostationary and ground-based networks



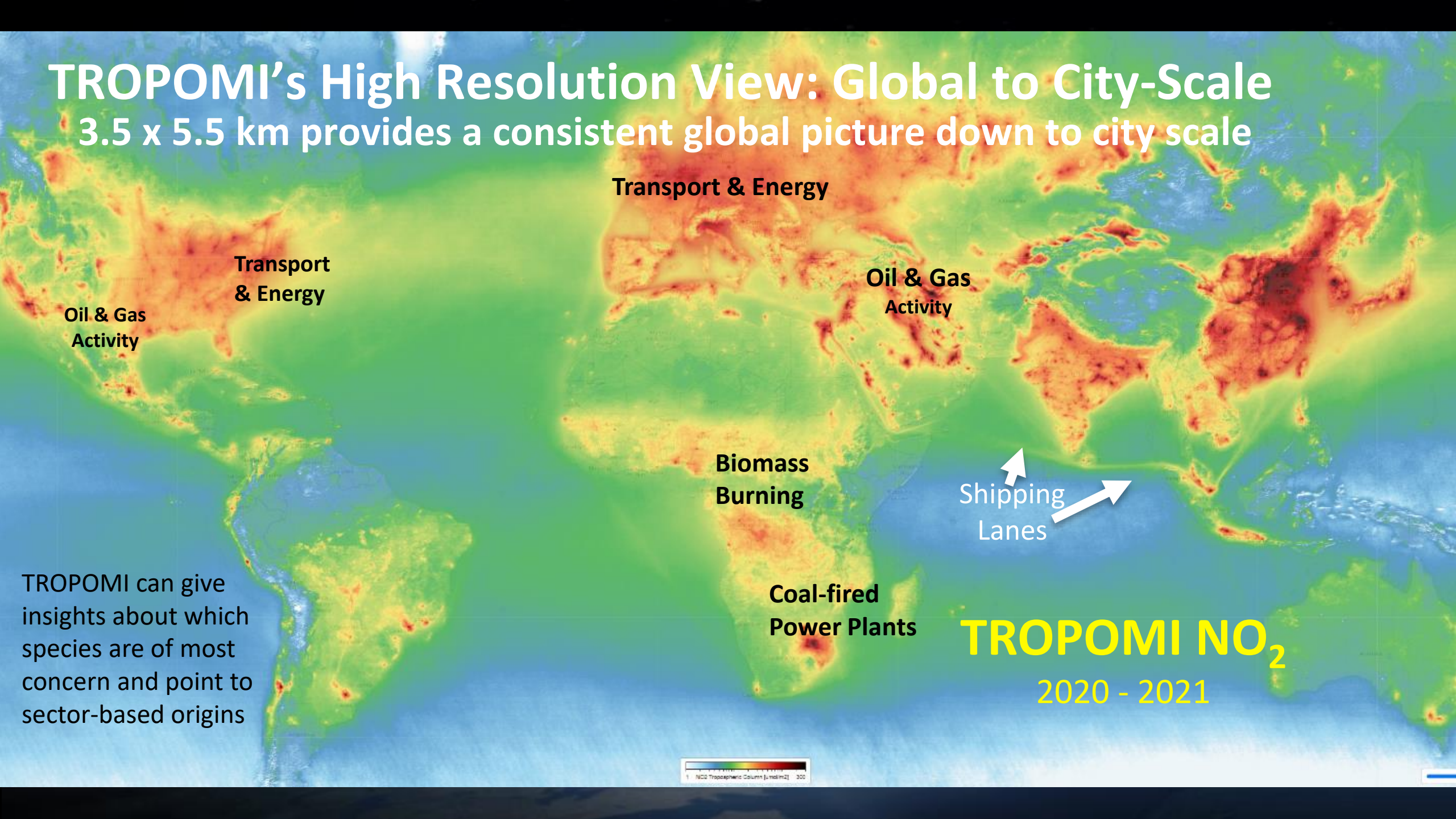
Motivation: How can you use TROPOMI stand-alone?



- **Context:** Satellite data is sometimes overlooked because it does not equate to surface 'nose-level' pollution quantities needed for classical exposure studies
- **TROPOMI satellite data can be starting point for identifying:**
 - Which air pollutants are most prominent for my region/city?
 - What is the seasonal cycling of these species?
 - What is my city footprint? Urban vs. Background, trends, etc.
 - Is long-range transport occurring? Dust and smoke plumes

TROPOMI's High Resolution View: Global to City-Scale

3.5 x 5.5 km provides a consistent global picture down to city scale



Transport & Energy

Oil & Gas Activity

Transport & Energy

Oil & Gas Activity

Biomass Burning

Shipping Lanes

Coal-fired Power Plants

TROPOMI NO₂
2020 - 2021

TROPOMI can give insights about which species are of most concern and point to sector-based origins



Motivation: What do you want to get out of TROPOMI?



Brief survey of the audience:

- How many workshop participants are using satellite data?
- Do you currently work with TROPOMI data?
- Which species?
- Have you experienced any limitations in accessing and/or when using and analyzing TROPOMI data?

Getting Started with TROPOMI data

- Which data product / species do you want to use?
 - <https://sentinel.esa.int/web/sentinel/technical-guides/sentinel-5p/products-algorithms>
- Choose an operational data product
- Download some files from the **Open Access Data Hub**
- Look at file structure with hdfview or Panoply
- Read the supporting documentation
- List of tools for mapping & analysis
- Look to the future & overview of in-cloud analysis solutions
- Feedback & Questions

NEW!! Copernicus Data Ecosystem

<https://dataspace.copernicus.eu/> → Create a personal login



The image shows the homepage of the Copernicus Data Space Ecosystem. The background is a dark blue space-themed image with a satellite view of a river delta. The website header includes the European Union logo, Copernicus logo, and ESA logo. Navigation links include 'EXPLORE DATA', 'ANALYSE DATA', 'ECOSYSTEM', 'SUPPORT', and 'LOGIN'. A prominent announcement states that new features will be available in July 2023. The main heading is 'Explore the Copernicus Data Space Ecosystem', followed by a welcome message and an 'ACCESS EO DATA' button.

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The image shows a composite of two screenshots from the Copernicus Open Access Hub. The left screenshot displays the user login interface with a white overlay box containing the text "Please use s5pguest/s5pguest to login." Below this text are input fields for the username "s5pguest" and a masked password "*****", followed by a dark blue "LOGIN" button. The right screenshot shows the "Sentinel-5P Pre-Operations Data Hub" search interface. It features a search bar at the top and an "Advanced Search" panel with various filters. The "Timeliness" dropdown menu is highlighted with a red circle, showing three options: "Offline", "Near real time", and "Reprocessing". The background of the right screenshot is a map of Africa with various cities and country names labeled.

TROPOMI Data Timeliness



- **Near-real-time (NRTI)** stream, in data granules (part of an orbit)
 - NRTI is available within 3 hours after data acquisition and intended for quick access & rapid use operational processing. However,
 - NRTI data may sometimes be incomplete and has a slightly lower data quality as compared to the other data streams.
- **Offline (OFFL) or Non-Time Critical (NTC)** stream, in orbits
 - Most data users should use the offline data, available within a few days after acquisition, or the latest version of reprocessed data.
- **Reprocessing stream (RPRO)**, in orbits
 - For longer term trend analysis, the latest version of the reprocessed data should be used to avoid shifts due to data version updates.
 - All of the RPRO data from May 2018 – July 2022
 - Can be combined with OFFL data from July 2022 to the present

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Searching for files → *Select L1 or L2* <https://s5phub.copernicus.eu/dhus/#/home>



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Sentinel-5P Pre-Operations Data Hub

Insert search criteria...

Advanced Search

Sort By: Ingestion Date

Order By: Descending

Sensing period

Ingestion period

Mission: Sentinel-5P

Product Type

Processing Level = L2

Timeliness

Absolute Orbit Number

Offline
Near real time
Reprocessing

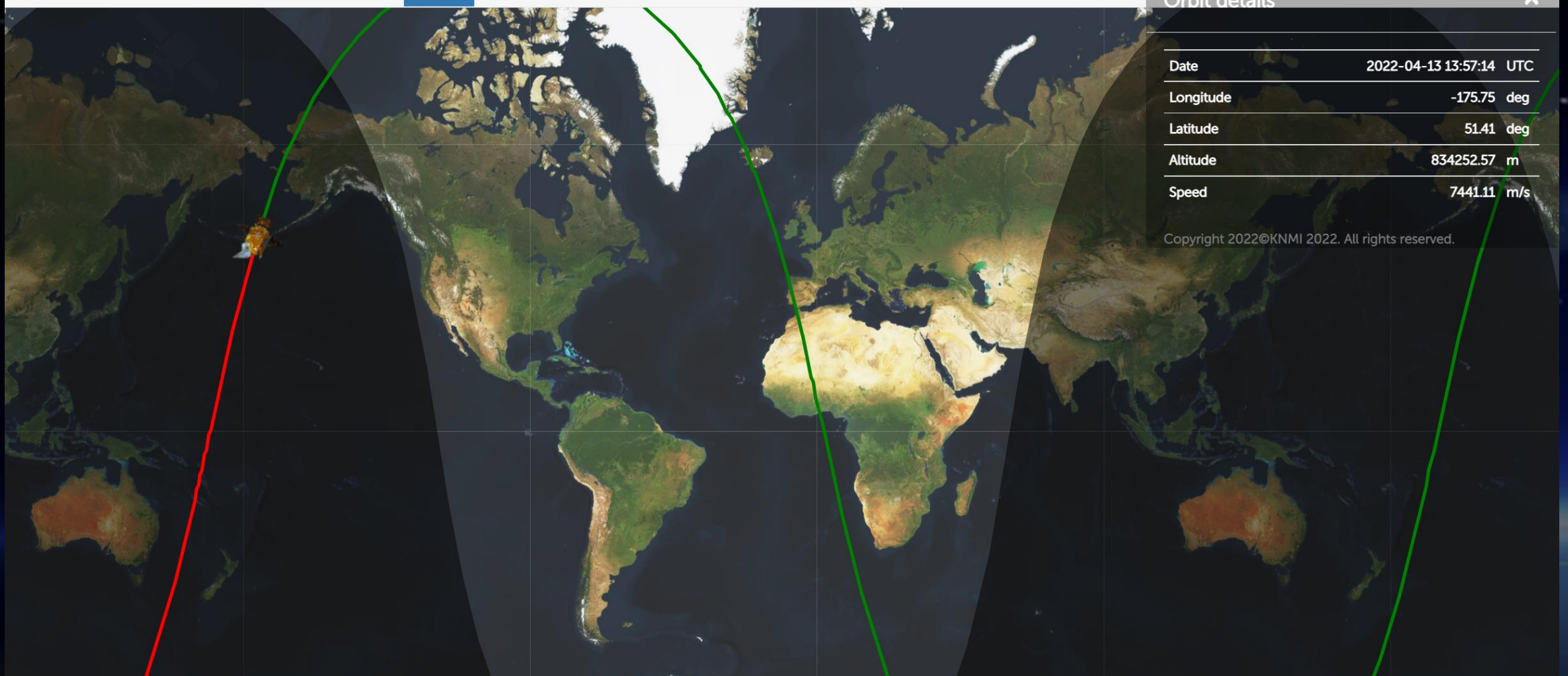
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Choosing an orbit number, Where is TROPOMI now?



Orbit 23313.357 <https://mps.tropomi.eu/orbit>

Orbit Calendar Engineering Monitoring Earth View Quicklook Life Limited Items Trends Reporting Help

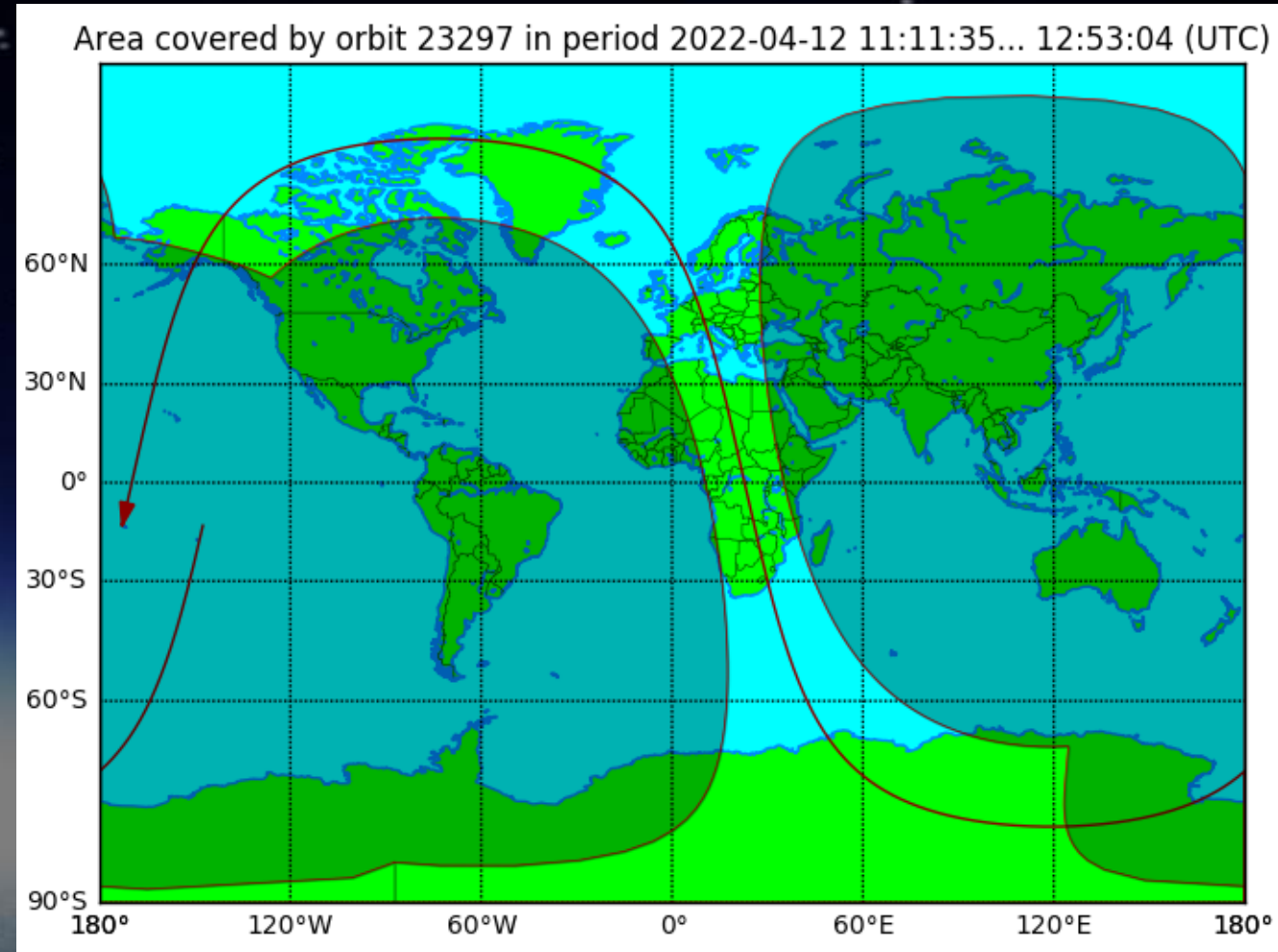
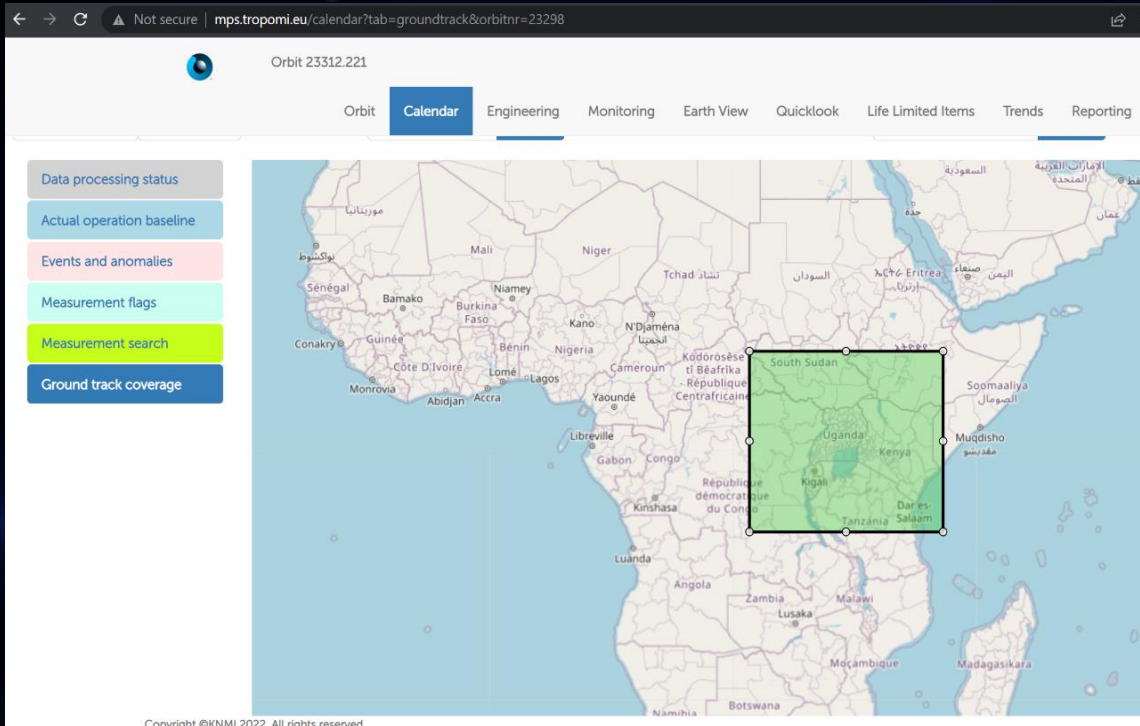
A satellite orbit visualization showing the Earth from space. A satellite is depicted in the upper left, with a red line representing its current orbit path and a green line representing a future orbit path. The Earth's surface is shown in a dark, satellite-like view with a grid overlay.

Orbit details	
Date	2022-04-13 13:57:14 UTC
Longitude	-175.75 deg
Latitude	51.41 deg
Altitude	834252.57 m
Speed	7441.11 m/s

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Which Swath, Track, Orbits, or Granule ...?

- Where on Earth is my data??
- Orbit-based calendar:
<https://mps.tropomi.eu/calendar>
click on “Ground Track Coverage”



Interacting with the Data Hub



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Sentinel-5P Pre-Operations Data Hub

Insert search criteria...

Display 1 to 13 of 13 products.
Order By: Ingestion Date ↓

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A granule is one part of an orbit

Sentinel 5P/TROPOMI Technical Library

<https://sentinel.esa.int/web/sentinel/technical-guides/sentinel-5p/products-algorithms>



Documents needed to understand the data

README / PRF

- File structure
- Data Quality filtering
- Known Features
- Version History

ATBD: Technical Algorithm Explanation

PUM: Detailed file structure user manual

Level 2 – User technical documentation

The information needed to properly use the Level 2 data can be found on Table 2:

- **PUM** (Product User Information): information on the technical characteristics of the S5P/TROPOMI Level 2 products
- **ATBD** (Algorithm Theoretical Basis Document): detailed information on the retrieval algorithms
- **IODD** (Input Output Data definition): description of the input and output data of the S5P/TROPOMI Level 2 products
- **PRF** - description of changes between different products versions and overall quality information

More documents are available on the [S5P document library](#).

Table 2: TROPOMI Level 2 geophysical products and user documentation

Product type	Parameter	User Documents
L2_O3___	Ozone (O ₃) total column	PRF-O3-NRTI, PRF-O3-OFI, PRF-O3-VAL, PRF-O3-ATBD, PRF-O3-ATBD-UPAS, IODD-O3, IODD-O3-UPAS
L2_O3_TCL	Ozone (O ₃) tropospheric column	PRF-O3-T, PUM-O3-T, IODD-O3-T, IODD-O3-T-UPAS
L2_O3_PR	Ozone (O ₃) profile	PRF-O3-PR, IODD-O3-PR, IODD-O3-PR-UPAS, ATBD-O3-PR, ATBD-O3-PR-UPAS
L2_NO2___	Nitrogen Dioxide (NO ₂), total and tropospheric columns	PRF-NO2, PUM-NO2, IODD-NO2, IODD-NO2-UPAS
L2_SO2___	Sulfur Dioxide (SO ₂) total column	PRF-SO2, PUM-SO2, IODD-SO2, IODD-SO2-UPAS
L2_CO___	Carbon Monoxide (CO) total column	PRF-CO, PUM-CO, ATBD-CO, IODD-CO, IODD-CO-UPAS, IODD-NL



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2 Processing baseline description

Table 2 contains the history of the NO₂ processor versions. Note that the processor version for NO₂ is changing when there is a change to any of the products belonging to the NL-L2 processor suite (NO₂, CO, CH₄, AI, ALH, O₃ PR) even if the change is not affecting the NO₂ product.

Processor Version	In operation from	In operation until	Relevant improvements
02.04.00	NRTI: orbit 24697, 2022-07-20 OFFL: orbit 24655, 2022-07-17	Current version	<ul style="list-style-type: none">This version makes use of a Directional Lamb climatology derived from TROPOMI observations and GOME-2 datasets used in versions 1.0.0 to 1.1.0.Note: Starting from processor version 2.4.0, new input products are used as input [RD05].
02.03.01	NRTI: orbit 21223, 2021-11-17 OFFL: orbit 21188, 2021-11-14	Orbit 24697, 2022-07-20 Orbit 24654, 2022-07-17	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Few bugs fixed (see section 4.2)Minor format changes (see section 6.1)
02.02.00	NRTI: orbit 19308, 2021-07-05 OFFL: orbit 19258, 2021-07-01	Orbit 21222, 2021-11-17 Orbit 21187, 2021-11-14	<ul style="list-style-type: none">New O₂-O₂ cloud algorithm integrated (this is O₂ collision induced absorption around 477 nm, retrieved and stored in the output NO₂ product as a separate column (AMF cf. section 4.2.1).The regridded FRESKO cloud parameters are used in the NO₂ window the surface albedo is n fractions while maintaining radiance closure. Tropospheric NO₂ for cloud-free scenes cover pixels in version 01.04.00 related to t rather than allowing over-unity cloud fraction.Cloud parameters used for the AMF calculation (NO₂ vertical columns): for every ground pixel, the 'old' cloud variables. In this version, we copy of the FRESKO parameters. In the future FRESKO cloud parameters depending on un best.Implementation of a 'spike removal' algorithm that are not flagged for saturation or blooming influenced, and on pixels over the South Atlantic Ocean.Correct the unit of the ghost column in the NRTI.OFFL only: metadata fix (in Chemistry Transp

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1 Summary

This is the Product Readme File (PRF) of the Copernicus Sentinel 5 Precursor Tropospheric Monitoring Instrument (S5P/TROPOMI) nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) Level 2 data product and is applicable for the Real Time (NRTI) and Offline (OFFL) timeliness products.

Product Identifier: **L2_NO2_**

Example filename:

S5P_NRTI_L2_NO2_20201007T202447_20201007T220617_15471_01_020200_20210515T213556
S5P_OFFL_L2_NO2_20201007T202447_20201007T220617_15471_01_020200_20210515T213556

The OFFL data product has the following DOI: <http://doi.org/10.5270/S5P-9bnp8q8>

The Readme file describes the current processing baseline, product and quality limitations, and its availability status. More information on this data product is available from the Sentinel product web page: <https://sentinels.copernicus.eu/web/sentinel/technical-guides/sentinel-5p/products-algorithms>.

and from the TROPOMI product webpage <http://www.tropomi.eu/data-products>.

The data file contains the `nitrogen_dioxide_tropospheric_column` which gives the atmospheric NO₂ column between the surface and the top of the troposphere. The respective estimate originating from the spectral fit and other retrieval aspects is given in the data quality, a `qa_value` is provided with the data. In order to avoid misinterpretation of the data quality, it is recommended at the current stage to only use those pixels with a `qa_value` above 0.75 (or above 0.5 in case cloud covered scenes are also of interest).

Note that the NO₂ data product may be used in different ways, and depending on the application, different data fields in the file are relevant. For details on NO₂ data usage, we refer to the product user manual [RD03]. The averaging kernels are provided in the data product file and should be used, e.g., for comparisons with models or profile measurements. Stratospheric NO₂ columns (`nitrogen_dioxide_stratospheric_column`) and total as well as summed NO₂ columns (`nitrogen_dioxide_total_column`/`nitrogen_dioxide_summed_total_column`) are provided. For the stratospheric column, it is recommended at the current stage to use those pixels with a `qa_value` above 0.5. For the total and summed columns, the same recommendation as for the tropospheric column applies.

Note: Starting from processor version 02.02.00, new improved Level 1b version 2.0 data products are used as input [RD05].

Recommendations for how to use the data

3 Product Quality

3.1 Recommendations for data usage

The quality of the individual observations depends on many factors, including cloud cover, surface albedo, presence of snow-ice, saturation, geometry etc. These aspects are taken into account in the definition of the "quality assurance value" (`qa_value`), available for each individual observation, which provides the users of the data with an easy filter to remove less accurate observations. The `qa_value` is a continuous variable, ranging from 0 (error) to 1 (all is well). The main flag for data usage is as follows:

For the variables `nitrogen_dioxide_tropospheric_column`, `nitrogen_dioxide_total_column`, `nitrogen_dioxide_summed_total_column`:

- `qa_value > 0.75`

This is the recommended pixel filter. It removes cloud-covered scenes (cloud radiance fraction > 0.5), partially snow/ice covered scenes, errors, and problematic retrievals.

- `qa_value > 0.50`

Compared to the stricter filter, this adds the good quality retrievals over clouds and over scenes covered by snow/ice. Errors and problematic retrievals are still filtered out. In particular, this filter may be useful for assimilation and model comparison studies.

For variable `nitrogen_dioxide_stratospheric_column`:

- `qa_value > 0.50`

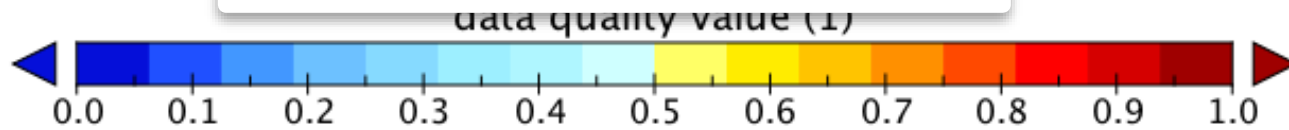
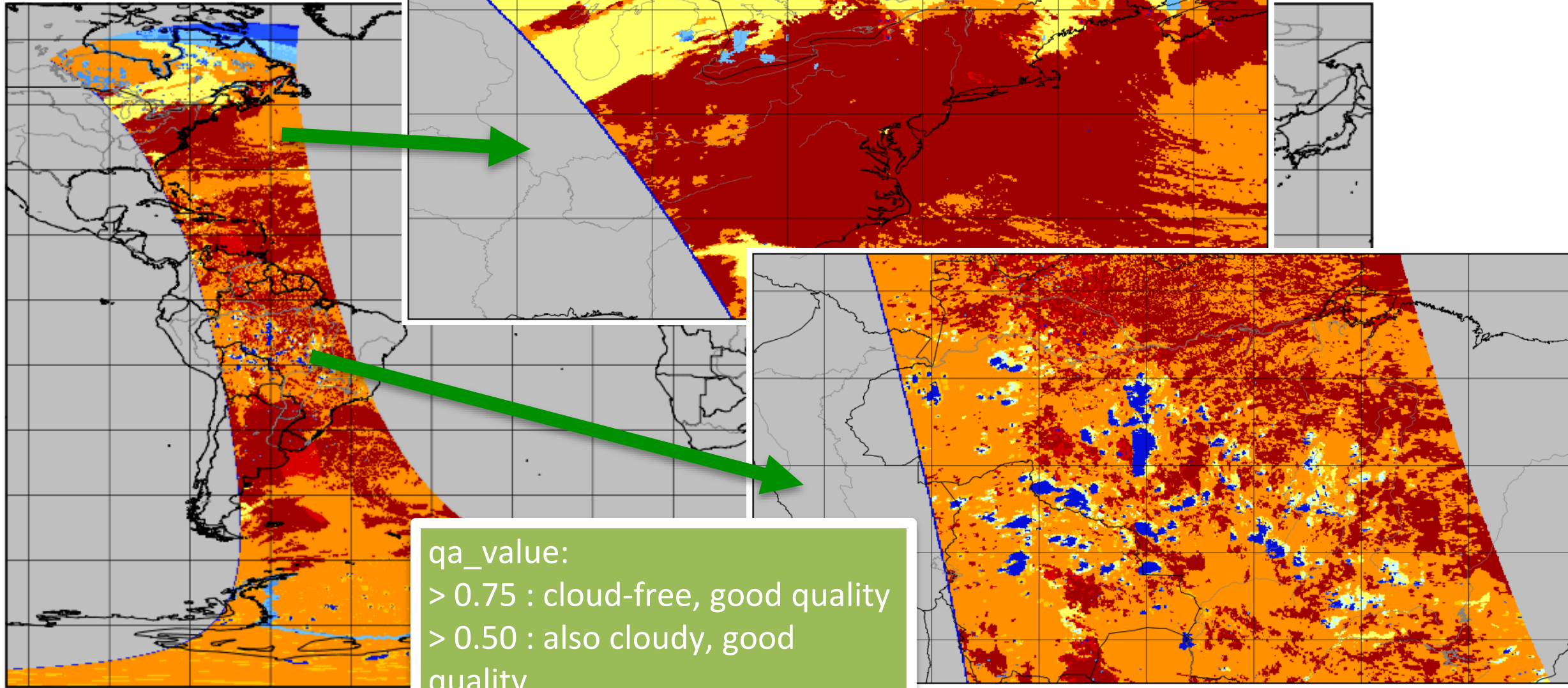
For further details, data users are encouraged to read the Product User Manual (PUM) and Algorithm Theoretical Basis Document (ATBD) associated with this data product, available on <https://sentinels.copernicus.eu/web/sentinel/technical-guides/sentinel-5p/products-algorithms>.

3.2 Validation results

3.2.1 Status of product validation

Independent preliminary validation by S5p MPC Cal/Val experts and the S5PVT concludes that NRTI / OFFL NO₂ data is in overall agreement with (i) reference measurements collected from global ground-based networks, (ii) the corresponding satellite data products from OMI, and (iii) is compliant with the requirements as defined in S5p Calibration and Validation Plan [RD01], see Table 1.

Data Quality Value



Quality Overview, Quicklooks, and Summary Stats for TROPOMI data on a Daily basis

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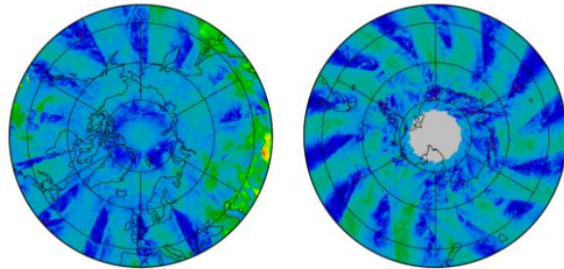
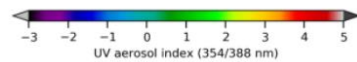
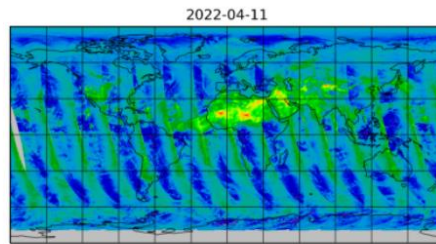
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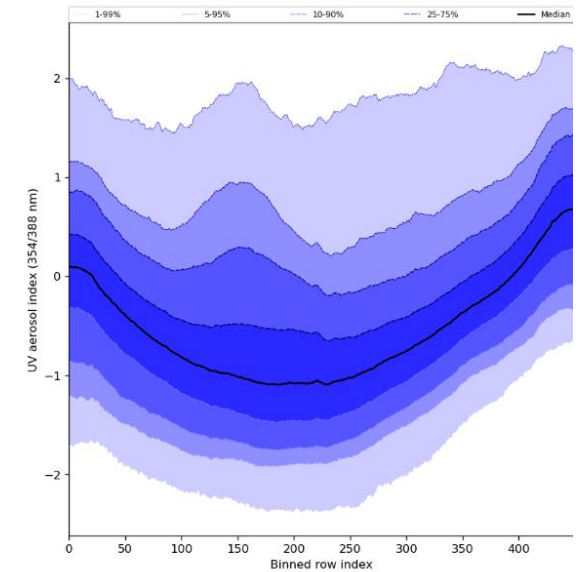
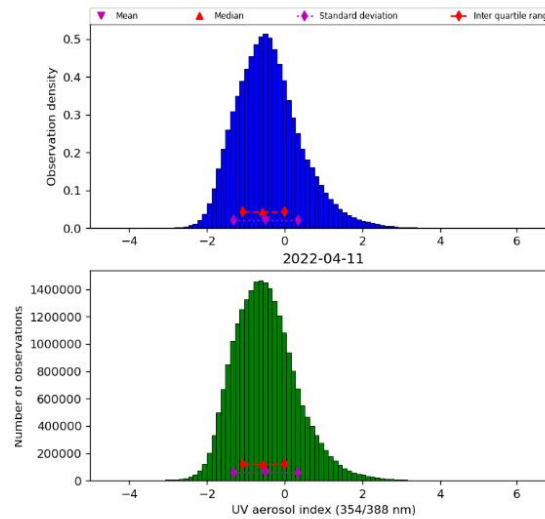
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O3_TCL

Extracted QC data
Daily report



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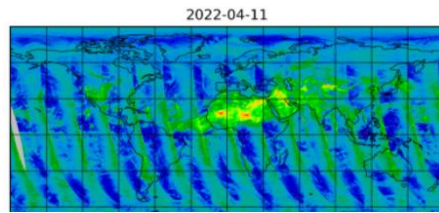
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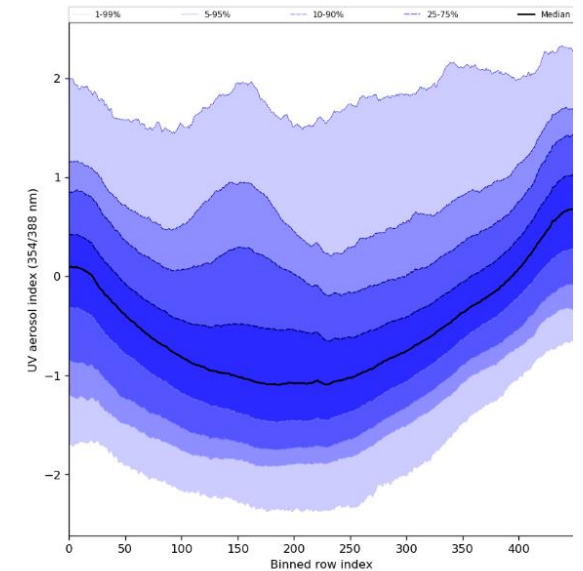
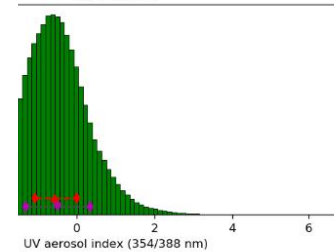
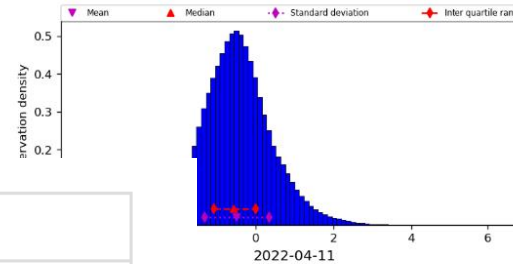
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Extracted QC data
Daily report



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Several tools are useful and freely available for analyzing atmospheric remote sensing data. Some of these tools are:

[S5P-PAL](#) - Visualization & mapping website for TROPOMI data.

[Atmospheric Toolbox](#) - This site aims to provide a user interface for analyzing atmospheric remote sensing data. Some of the data sources include S5P, Aeolus, GOME-2 (MetOp), and OMI (Aura). The data is processed by EVDC. The [user forum](#) also provides a place for users to discuss their data.

[Panoply](#) - Visualization tool designed to plot geographic data. It can be used to view the TROPOMI data file structure.

[Working with netCDF data](#) - TROPOMI data uses netCDF files for manipulating or displaying netCDF data and information. Note: not all netCDF tools can be used with netCDF data.

[PyCAMA](#) - A python-based tool designed to analyze and correlate data. It can be used to correlate data from different instruments. The PyCAMA tool is designed to correlate data from level 2 retrieval algorithms. It can be used to correlate data between all given parameters are calculated (here data processing facility to extract key data quality parameters).

[HARP](#) - Software designed to serve as a data handling tool. It can transform TROPOMI data into so-called Level 3 data products, for example, QGIS.

[ADAGUC](#) - Another visualization tool design currently under development. Datasets from different instruments are converted to the ADAGUC data product standard format and are made available to other users by using the OGC Web Services. Satellite swath data can be retrieved using the Web Feature Service. Using the Web Services it is possible to reproject, resample and make selections in space and time.

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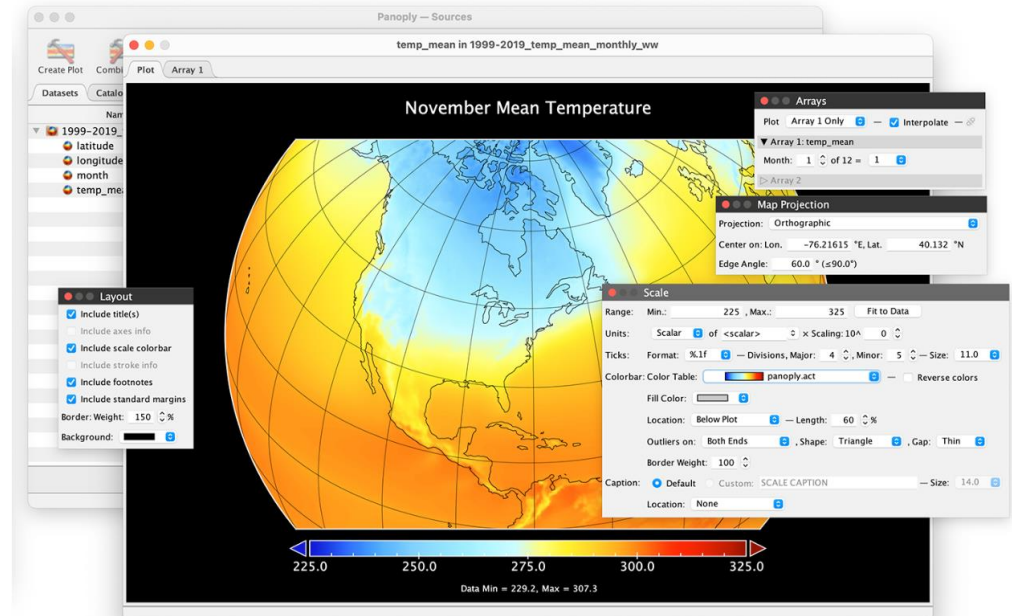
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Panoply netCDF, HDF and GRIB Data Viewer

panoply (PAN-uh-plee), noun: 1. A splendid or impressive array. ...



List of TROPOMI-relevant online resources:



- **Data Download Hub(s):** <https://dataspace.copernicus.eu/> (new) or <https://s5phub.copernicus.eu>
- Level 1 TROPOMI portal for satellite location, RGB images and much more
 - Orbit visualization: <https://mps.tropomi.eu/orbit>; Quicklooks for RGB and more: <https://mps.tropomi.eu/earthview>
 - Ground Track coverage maps of each orbit: <https://mps.tropomi.eu/calendar>
- Level 2 data quality site for quicklooks on a global scale, also for advanced statistics
 - Daily global maps and statistics per L2 data product <https://mpc-l2.tropomi.eu/>
- TROPOMI Validation visualization & analysis site (VDAF) - <https://mpc-vdaf.tropomi.eu/>
 - Comparison of TROPOMI data with reference ground sites around the world
- EVDC for orbit prediction, overpass information etc. for support of site-based studies <https://evdc.esa.int/> → Campaign-based validation data sets also available here

Additional Visualization Sites

- S5P-PAL visualization site features 2-week averages to take meteorological variability into account so that the user can better compare time periods: <https://maps.s5p-pal.com/>
- Sentinel EO browser: <https://www.sentinel-hub.com/explore/eobrowser/> ; ACOM Worldview - <https://worldview.acom.ucar.edu/>
- Terrascope.be – Visualization Tool and Mapping Site

TRAINING Modules, including Jupyter Notebooks:

- EUMETSAT <https://gitlab.eumetsat.int/eumetlab/atmosphere/atmosphere>
- Copernicus Atmospheric Visualization Toolbox available via <https://dataspace.copernicus.eu/> or <https://s5phub.copernicus.eu>

EUMETSAT Training Resources including Jupyter notebooks



The screenshot shows a GitLab repository page for the 'atmosphere' project. The browser address bar shows 'gitlab.eumetsat.int/eumetlab/atmosphere/atmosphere'. The left sidebar contains navigation links: Project information, Repository, Issues (0), Merge requests (0), CI/CD, Deployments, Packages and registries, Monitor, and Analytics. The main content area has a heading 'LTPy - Learning tool for Python on Atmospheric Composition Data'. Below the heading is a paragraph describing LTPy as a Python-based training course. A blue arrow points from the right side of the page towards the heading. Below the description is a section titled 'Data on Atmospheric Composition' which lists satellite data sources. One item, 'Copernicus Sentinel-5P TROPOMI Level 2 data', is circled in red.

LTPy - Learning tool for Python on Atmospheric Composition Data

LTPy - Learning tool for Python on Atmospheric Composition Data is a Python-based training course on Atmospheric Composition Data. LTPy consists of two parts: (i) main course and (ii) thematic modules. This repository hosts the content for the LTPy main training course. The training course covers [10 - DATA ACCESS](#), [20 - DATA EXPLORATION](#), [30 - CASE STUDIES](#) and [40 - EXERCISES](#) of satellite- and model-based data on Atmospheric Composition. Thematic modules are self-contained collections of notebooks related to a specific application area: see [LTPy thematic module on dust aerosol detection, monitoring and forecasting](#).

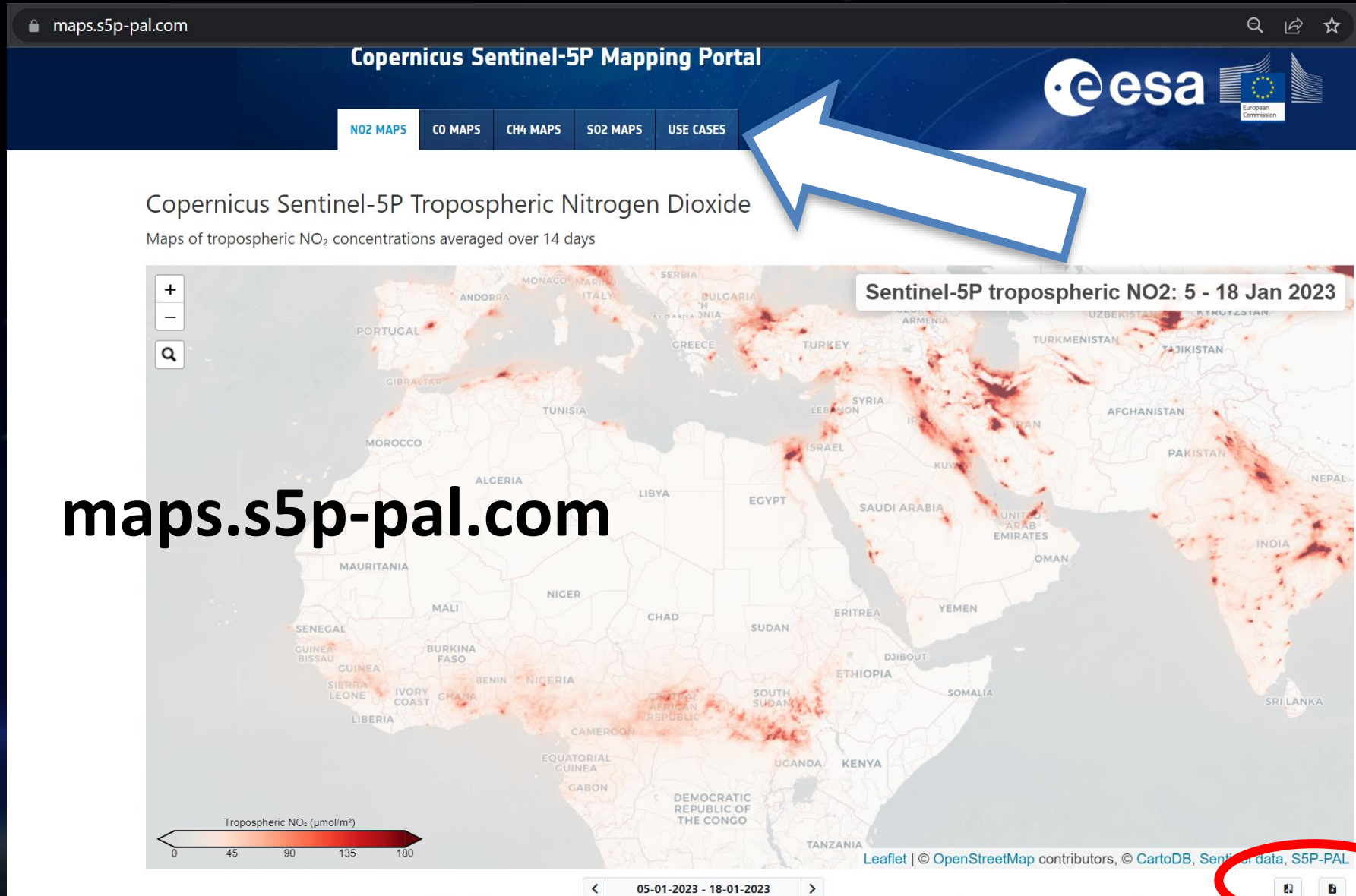
The course is based on [Jupyter notebooks](#), which allow for a high-level of interactive learning, as code, text description and visualisation is combined in one place. If you have not worked with `Jupyter Notebooks` before, you can look at the module [01 - Python and Project Jupyter 101](#) to get a short introduction to Jupyter notebooks and their benefits.

Data on Atmospheric Composition

This course features the following **satellite** data:

- AC SAF Metop-A/B/C GOME-2 Level 2 data
- AC SAF Metop-A/B/C GOME-2 Level 3 reprocessed and regridded data
- Polar Multi-Sensor Aerosol Optical Properties (PMAp) Level 2 data
- Metop-A/B IASI Level 2 data
- Copernicus Sentinel-5P TROPOMI Level 2 data**
- Copernicus Sentinel-3 OLCI Level 1B data
- Copernicus Sentinel-3 SLSTR NRT FRP Level 2 data
- Copernicus Sentinel-3 SLSTR NRT AOD Level 2 data

S5P-PAL system – TROPOMI mapping & data



S5P-PAL Data Portal – access to prototype algorithms



Root / Sentinel-5P

Sentinel-5P (sentinel-5p)

<https://data-portal.s5p-pal.com/cat/sentinel-5p/catalog.json>

Sentinel-5P products generated by the S5P-PAL service

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S5P_L2_BRO__
S5P_L2_TCWV__
S5P_L2_CHOCHO
S5P_L2_SO2CBR
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S5P-PAL Data Portal

This is the dissemination site for data products generated by Sentinel 5P processors running in S5P-PAL.

Products

The following products are currently made available publicly via this portal:

product	description
NO2	reprocessed NO2 data from April 2018 - September 2021 using a consistent version of the official L2 processor
AOT	pre-operational AOT data, starting from July 2018, new products updated daily
BrO	pre-operational BrO data, starting from May 2018, new products updated daily
TCWV	pre-operational TCWV data, starting from May 2018, new products updated daily
CHOCHO	pre-operational CHOCHO data, starting from July 2022, new products updated daily
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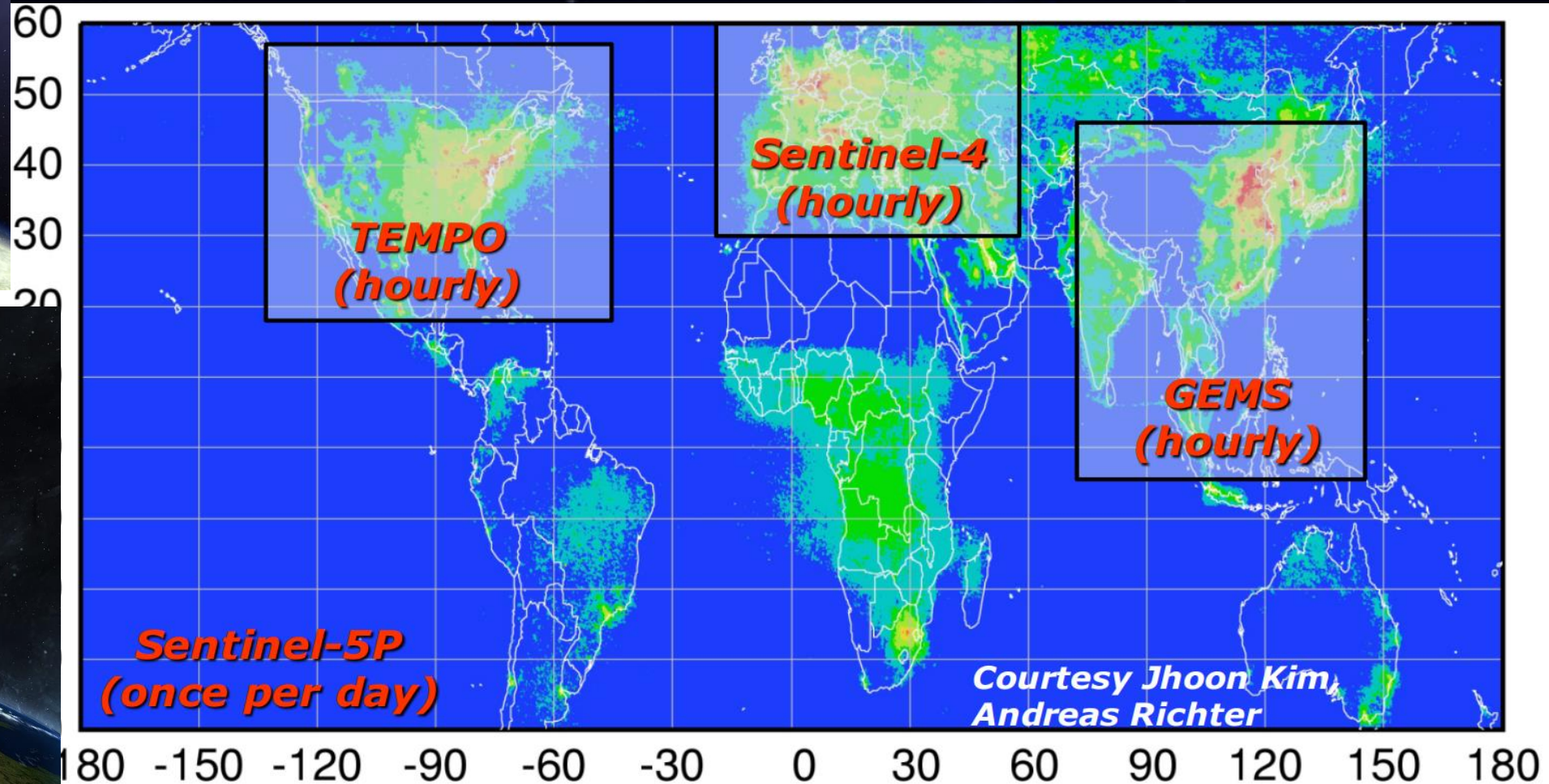
Constellation of current and future GEO, LEO, & small satellites



FLEX - Mission



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The screenshot shows the homepage of the Copernicus Data Space Ecosystem. The header includes navigation links for "News", "Events", and "About". The main navigation bar contains "EXPLORE DATA", "ANALYSE DATA", and "ECOSYSTEM", along with "SUPPORT" and "LOGIN" buttons. The main content area features a large heading "Explore the Copernicus Data Space Ecosystem" and a sub-heading "Welcome to the Copernicus Data Space Ecosystem, an open ecosystem that provides free instant access to a wide range of data and services from the Copernicus Sentinel missions and more on our planet's land, oceans and atmosphere". A prominent call-to-action button "ACCESS EO DATA" is visible. A large satellite image of a river delta is displayed on the right side of the page.



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Thanks for your attention!!

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- Feel free to reach out with your questions for the TROPOMI teams
- American-Dutch satellite scientist using TROPOMI for air quality monitoring, validation, & outreach
- **Main Role:** Technical Manager of the TROPOMI Mission Performance Center (**ATM-MPC**)
- **Interest:** How can we make open TROPOMI data better available to global users?

Background:

- Meteorology, B.S., Environmental Sciences, PhD.
- Worked at KNMI and NASA-Goddard



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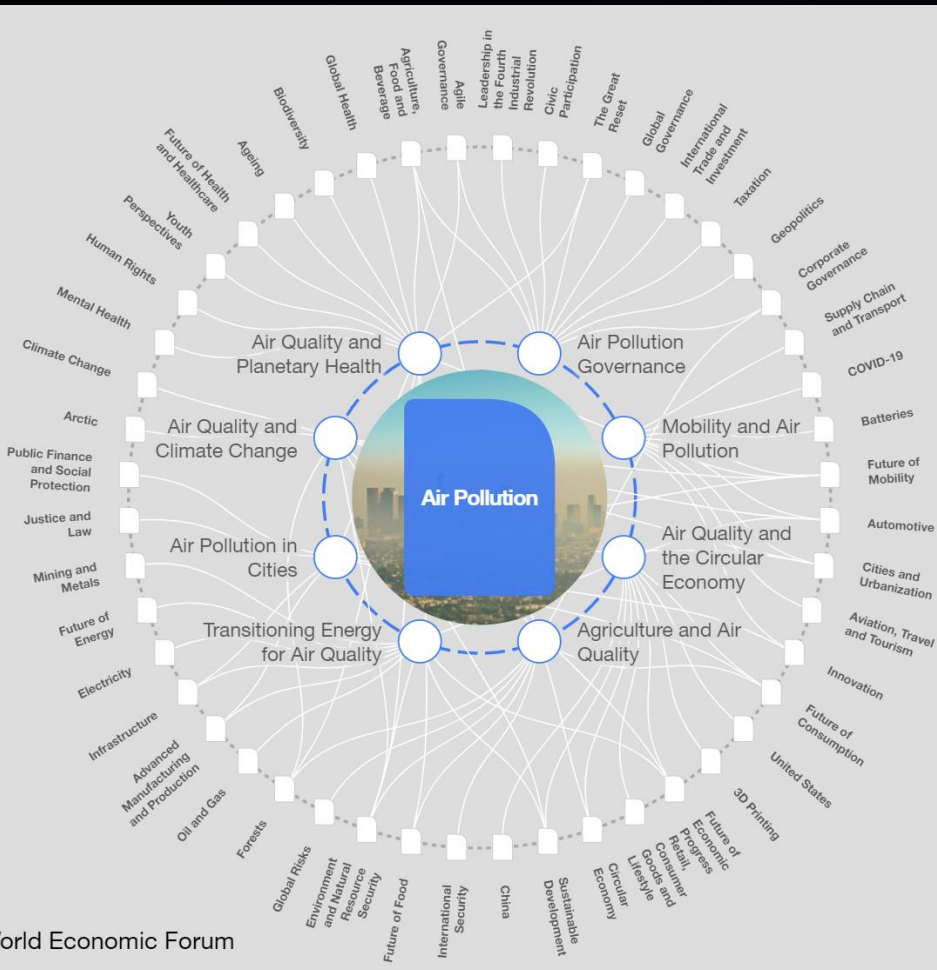
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 - European Space Agency (ESA)
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EXTRA SLIDES

Air Quality is just the beginning...

What can TROPOMI do?

- **Compelling visuals:** Describe AQ changes over time and in space, from global to city-level for a variety of trace gas species relevant for understanding health impacts
 - Demonstrate policy-driven AQ improvements, ex. Before/after scrubber installation, effects of car-free days;
 - Pinpoint structural & incidental **Hotspots**, ex. CH₄ gas leaks
- Can be used to **calculate satellite-based emissions** with additional model and source information
 - Emissions help to better enter the realm of policy & AQ standards
- **Complement & Contextualize** ground-based measurements including low-cost sensor networks
- **Climate Change** pieces of the puzzle: Methane (CH₄), and NO₂ data can be use as a proxy for CO₂
- Further insights about **carbon cycling** and link to the biosphere with measurements of Solar-Induced Fluorescence (SIF) indicative of vegetative productivity, Anteneh tomorrow



Mapping and Creating Time Series

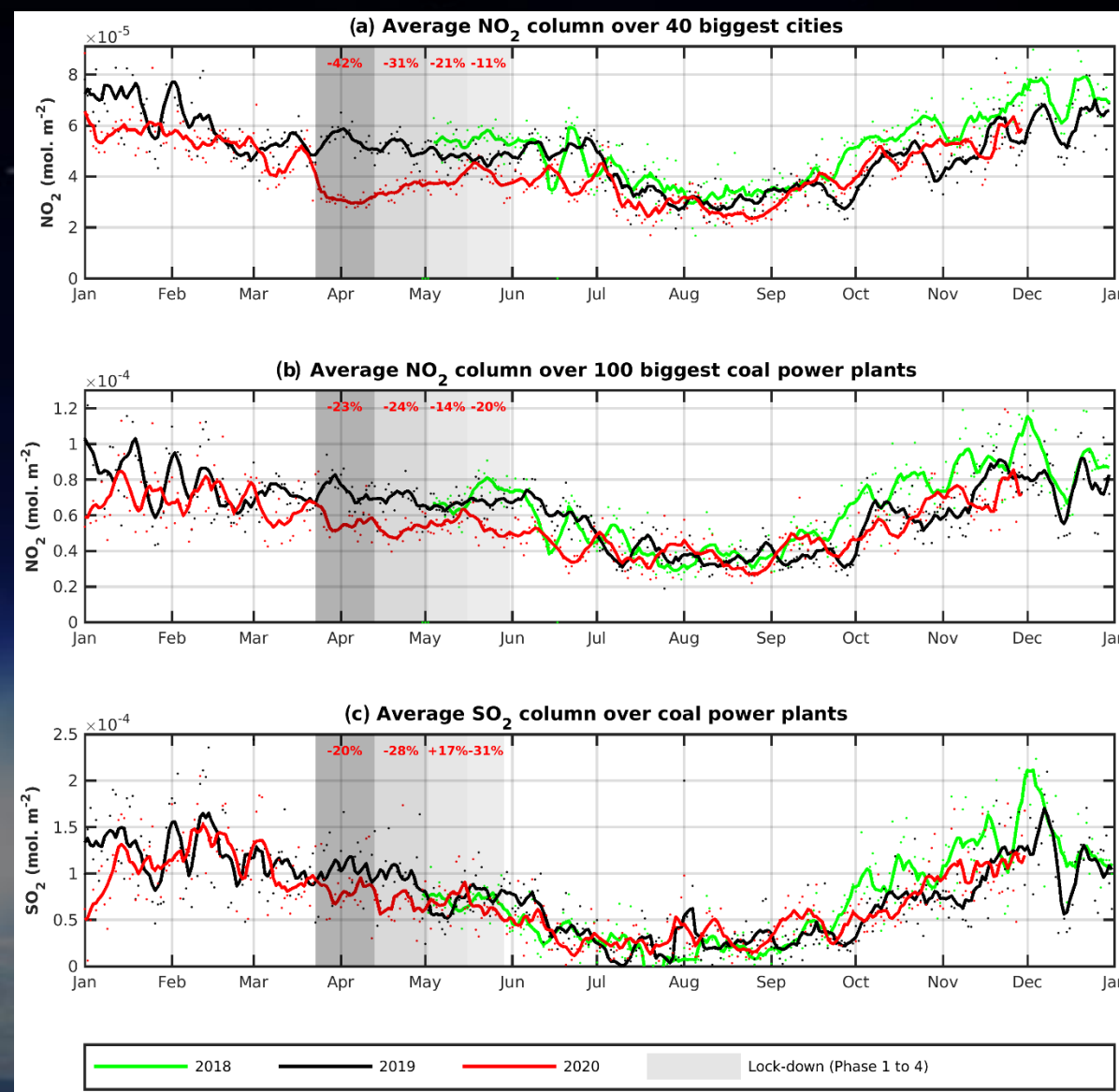
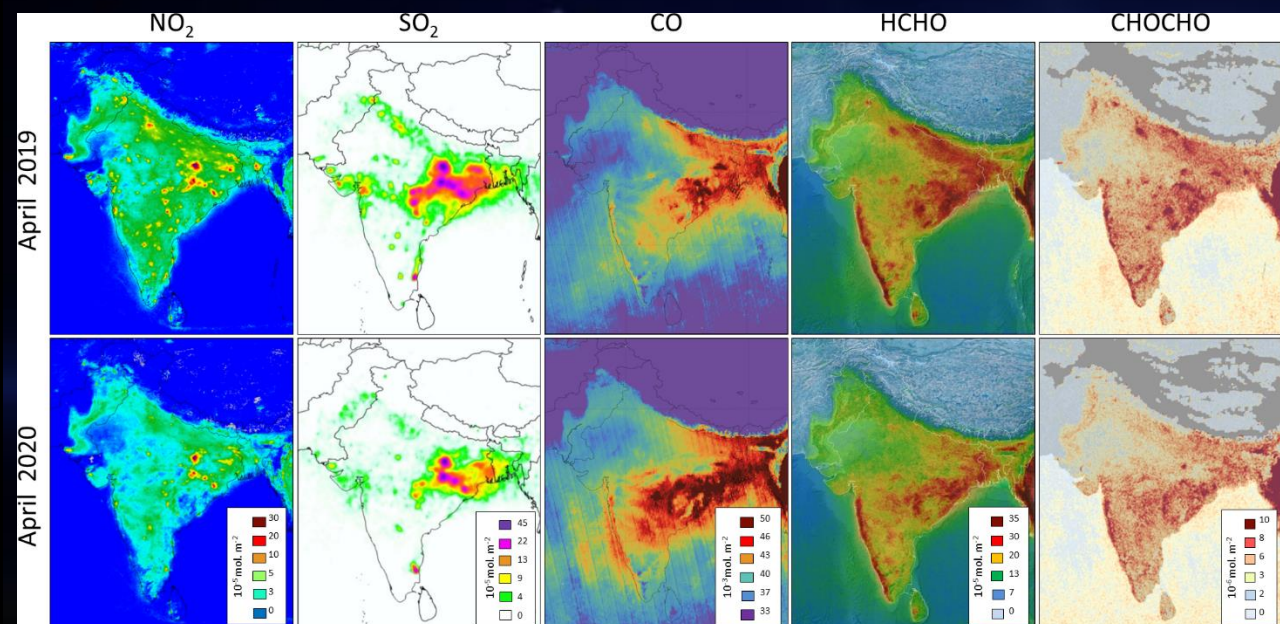
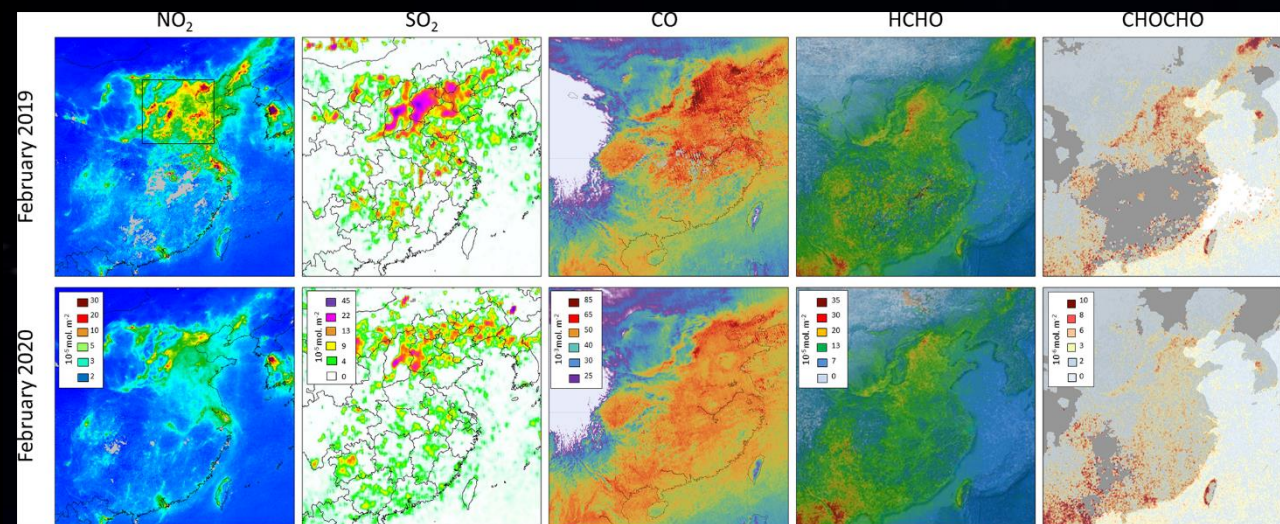


- Example of simultaneous evaluation of multiple species

COVID-19 Lockdown Periods: Rapid impact on AQ

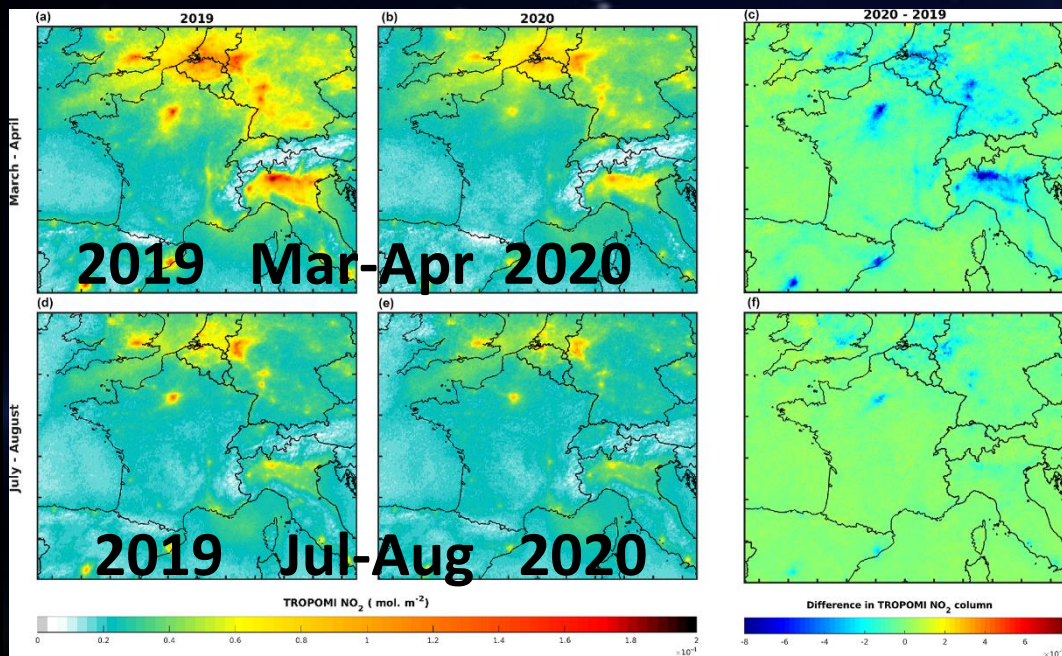
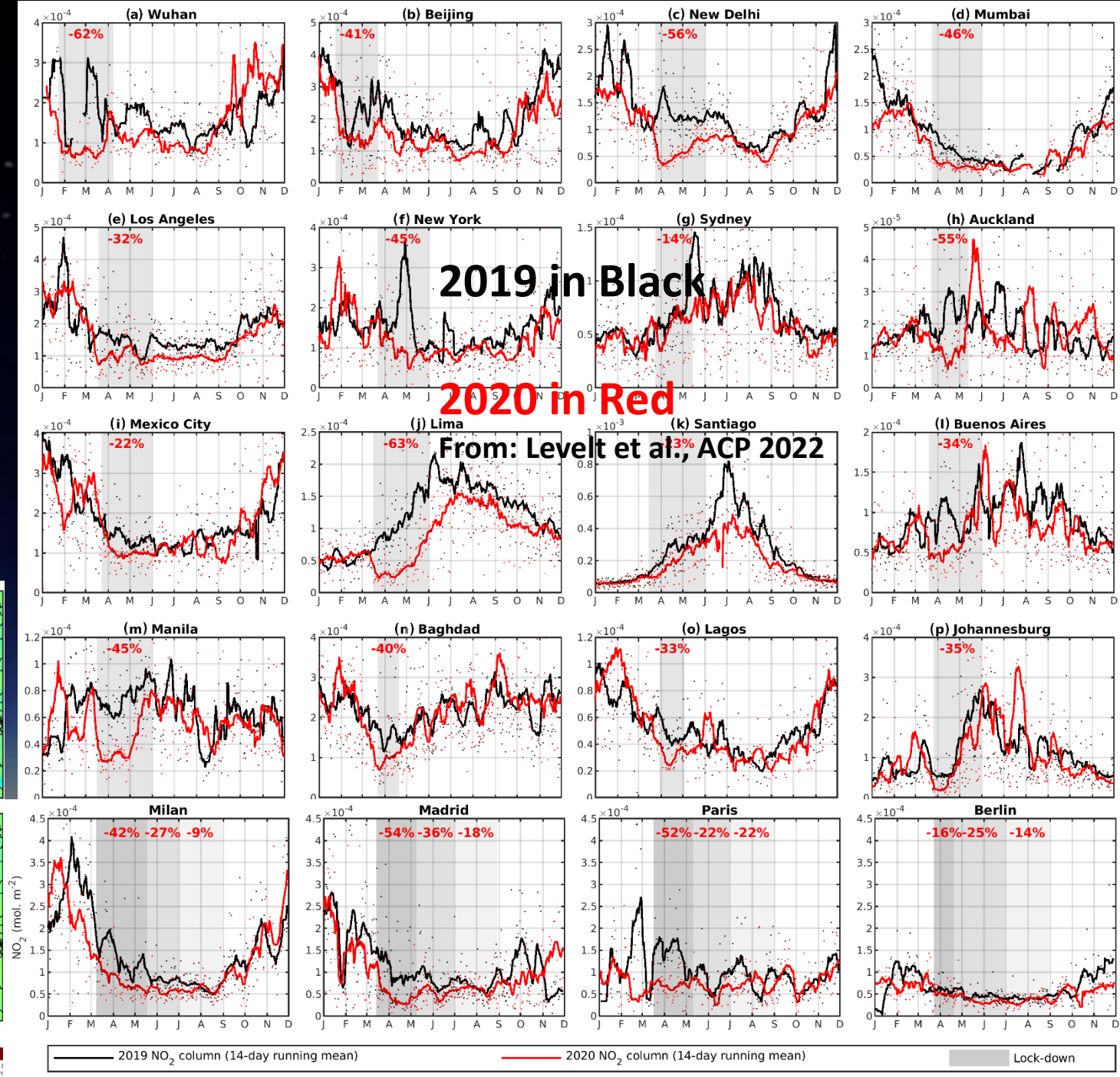


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COVID-19 Lockdowns: Rapid AQ Impacts measured by TROPOMI

The short lifetime of NO_2 is ideal capturing quick changes in emissions from industry, transport & power generation (all sectors heavily impacted by lockdowns)



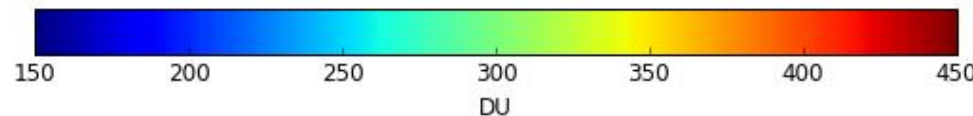
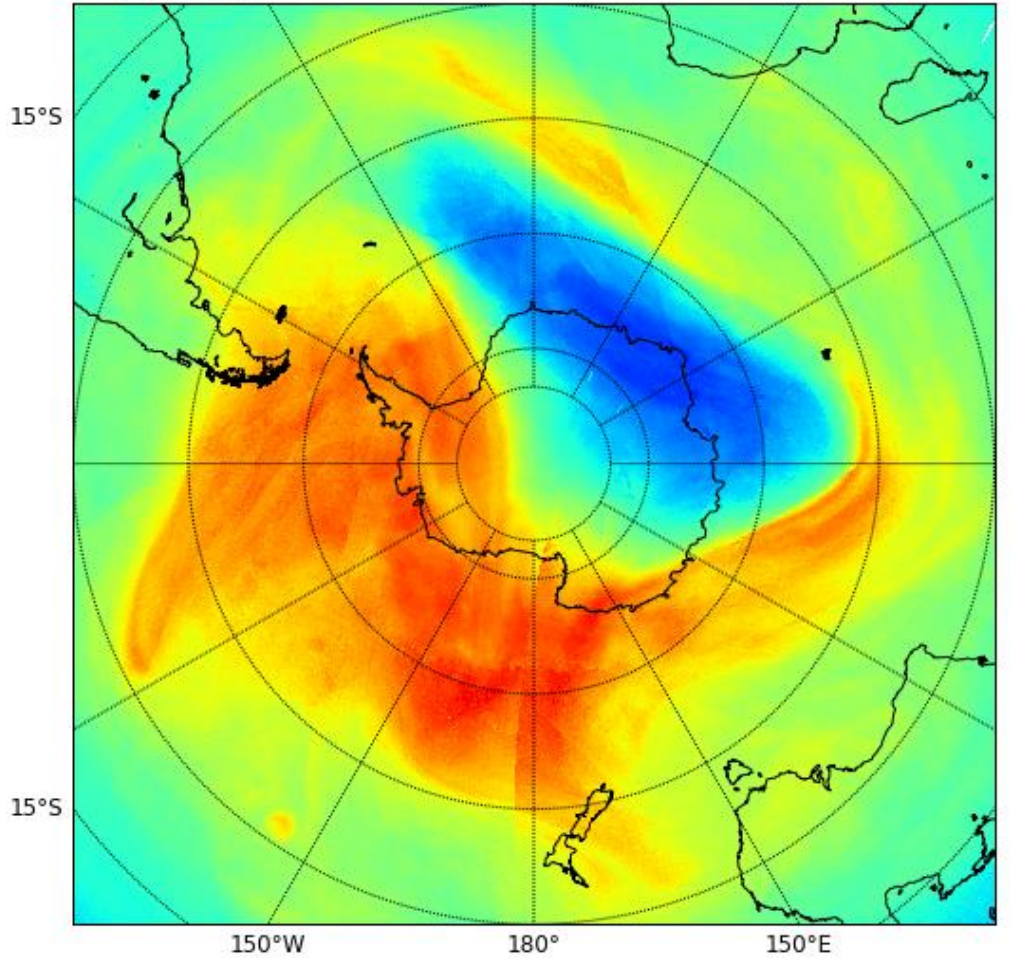


OVERVIEW OF TROPOMI L2 DATA PRODUCTS

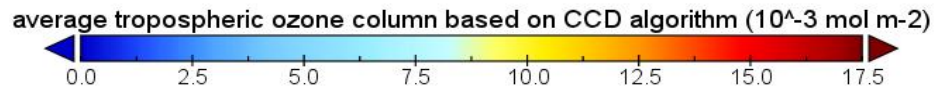
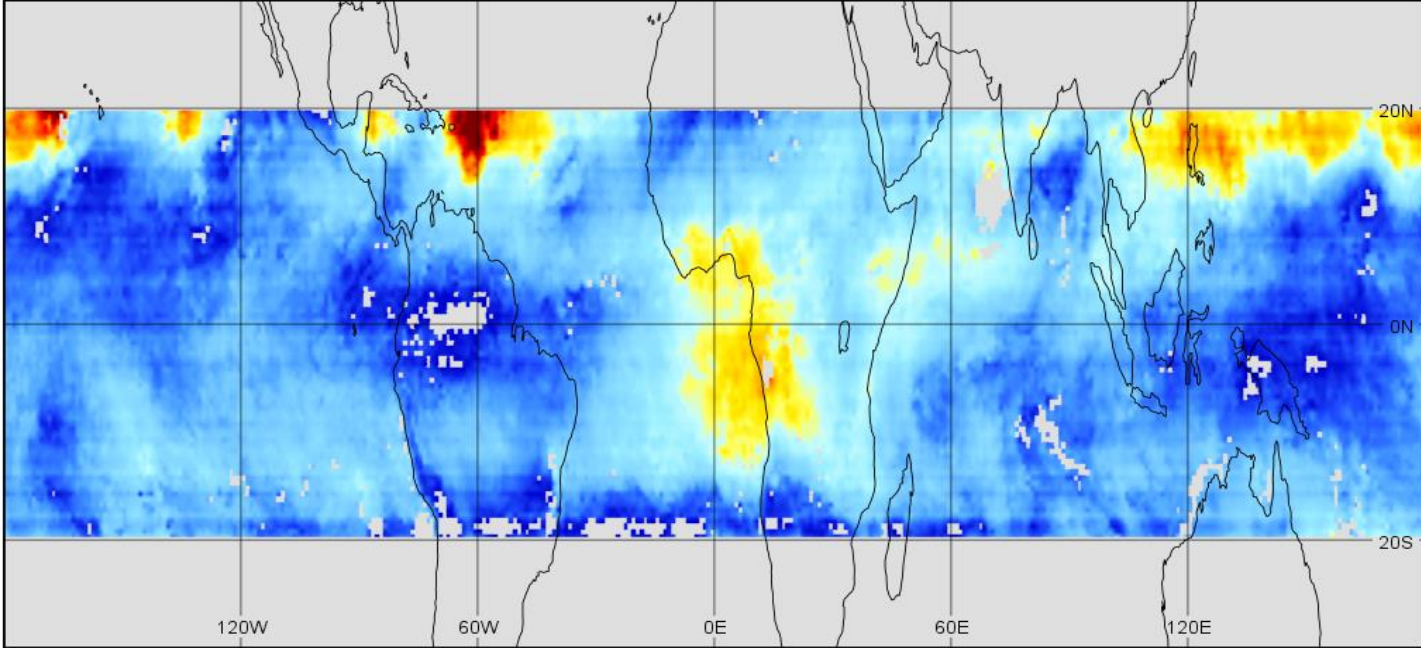
TROPOMI Ozone data products: stratosphere & troposphere



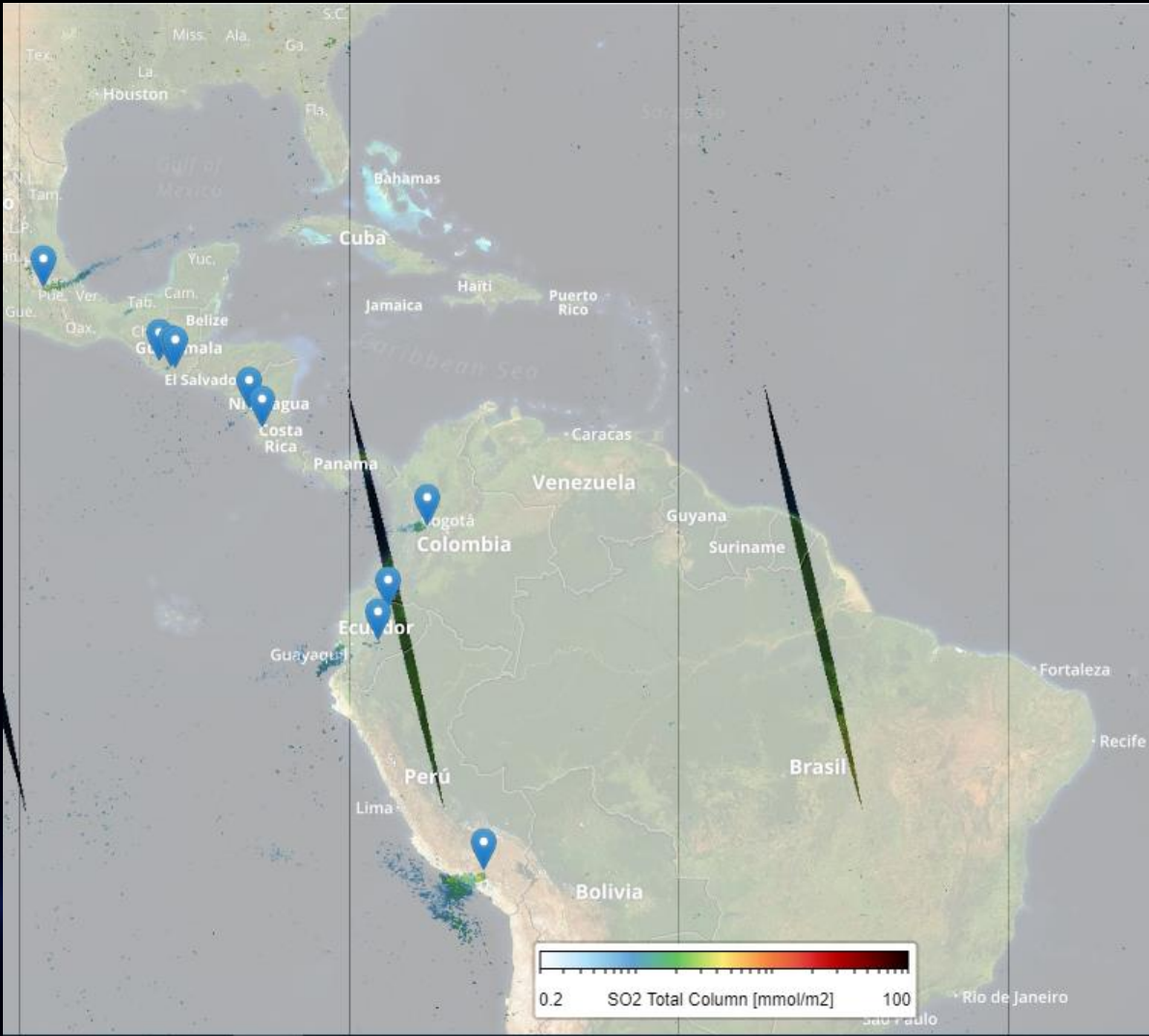
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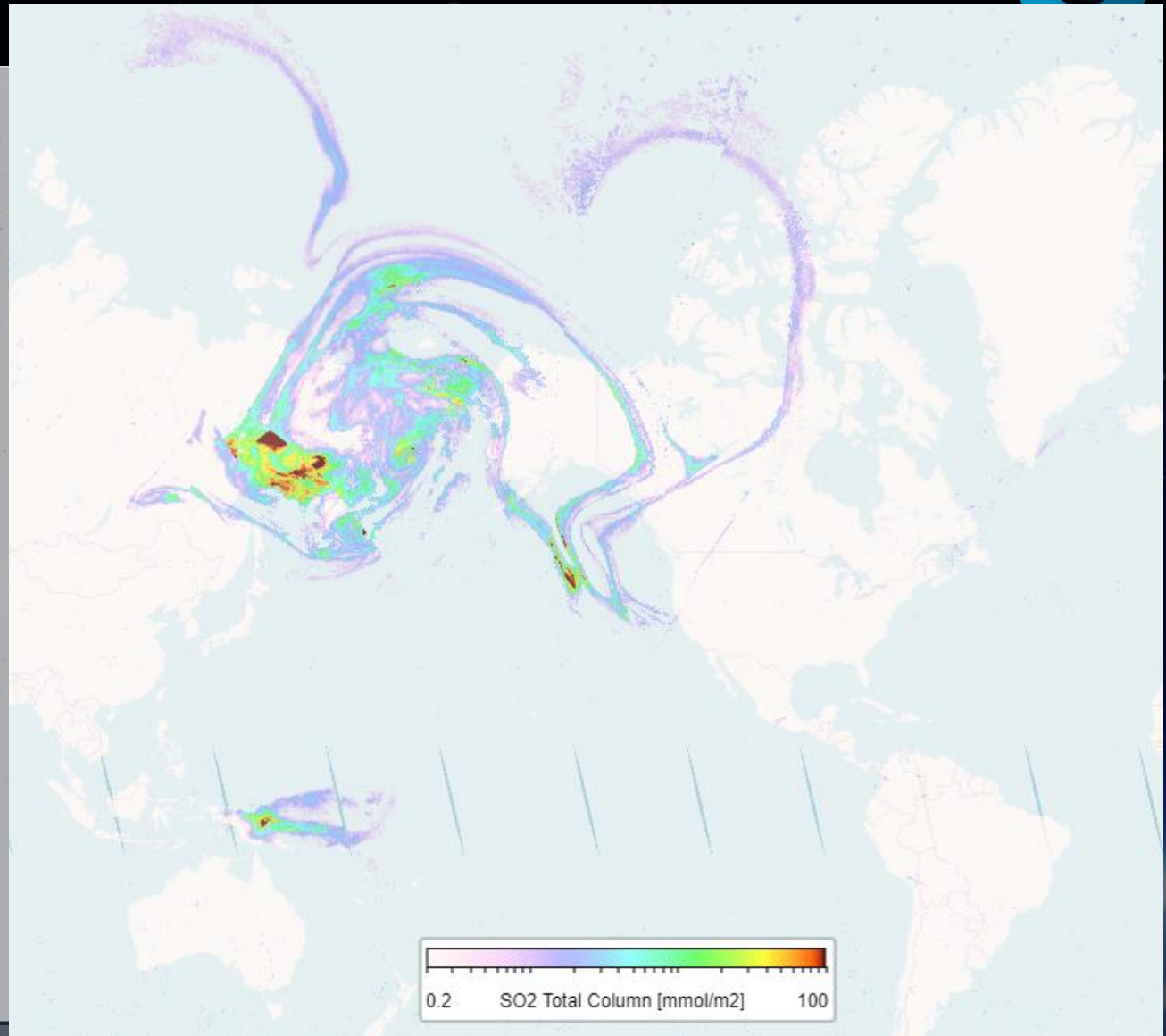
average tropospheric ozone column
TROPOMI, S5p May 24-30 2018



Sulfur Dioxide (SO2): 2019 Volcanic Emissions, Small & Large sources



Popocatepetl & Sabancava, 19 Dec 2019



Raikoke 28 June 2019

Raikoke Volcano SO₂ in the stratosphere observed by TROPOMI



22-6-2019 0



Image Landsat / Copernicus
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Data SIO, NOAA, U.S. Navy, NGA, GEBCO
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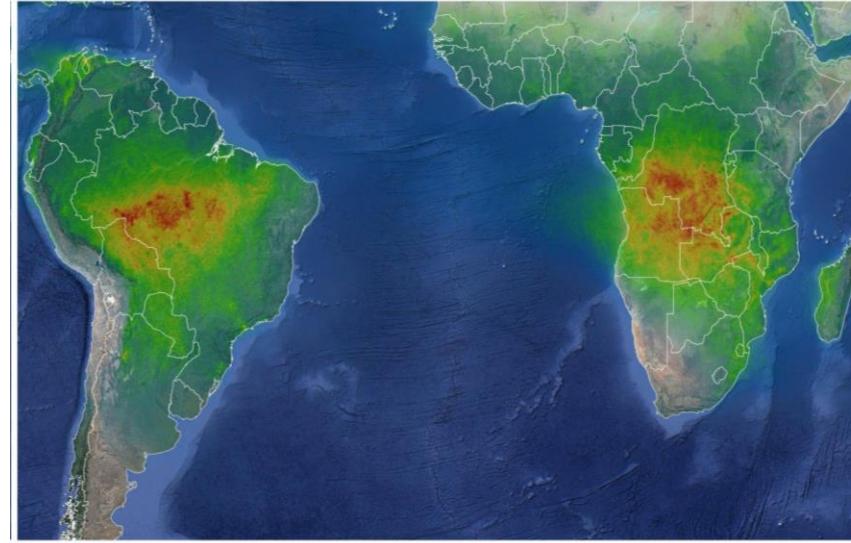
Formaldehyde:

**Temperature-
dependent
emission**

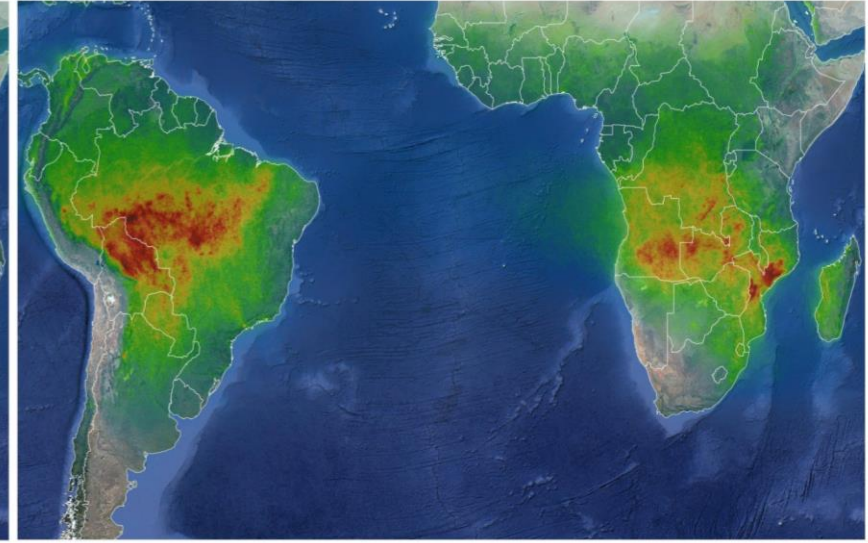
**Primarily Biogenic
& Combustion
sources**

**Lends clues about
complex chemical
cycling relevant to
O₃, VOCs**

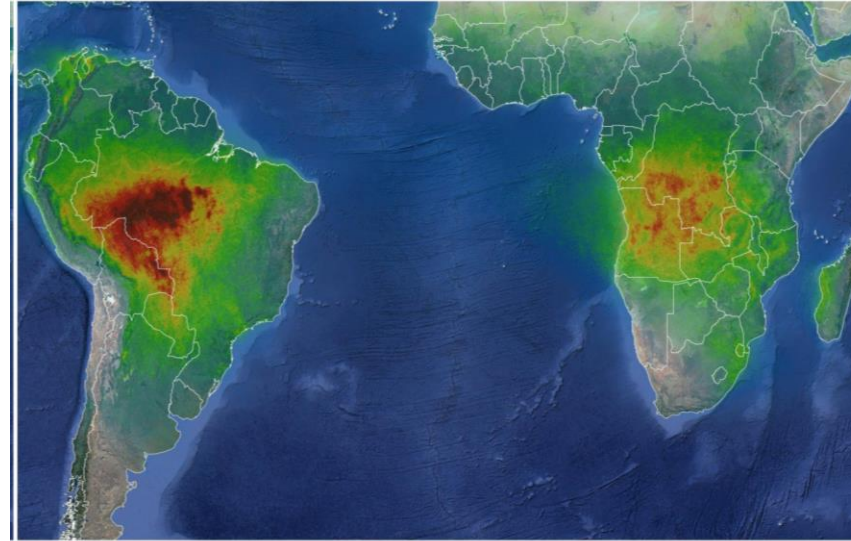
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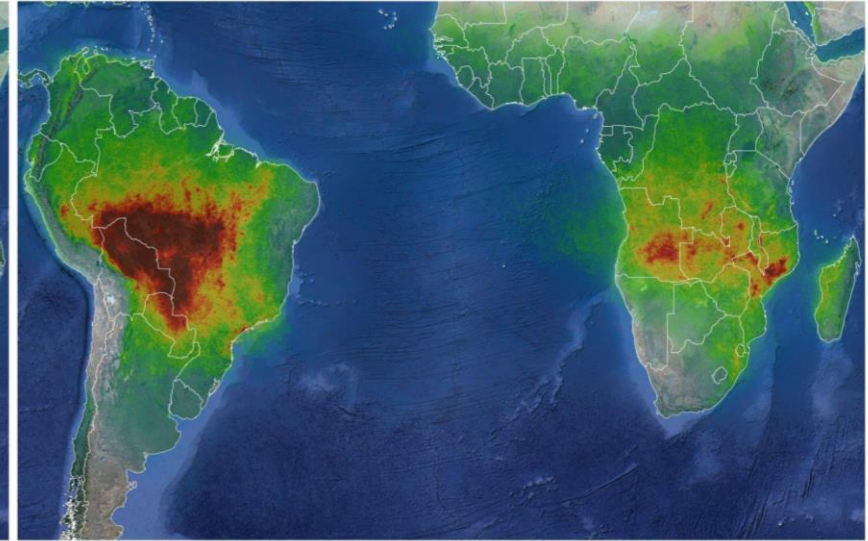
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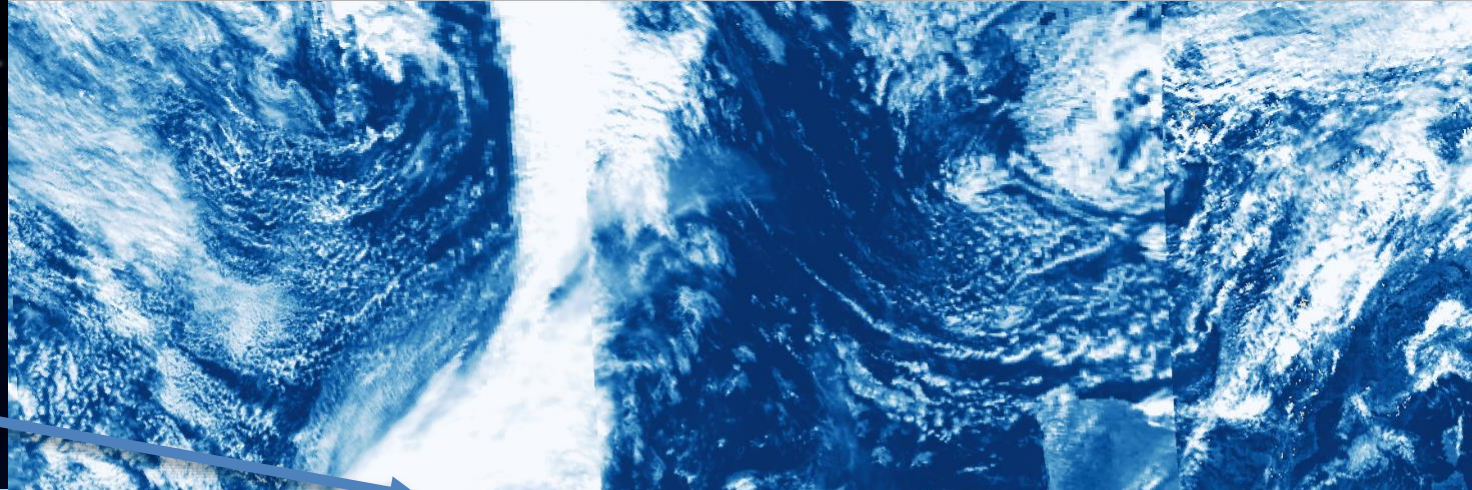
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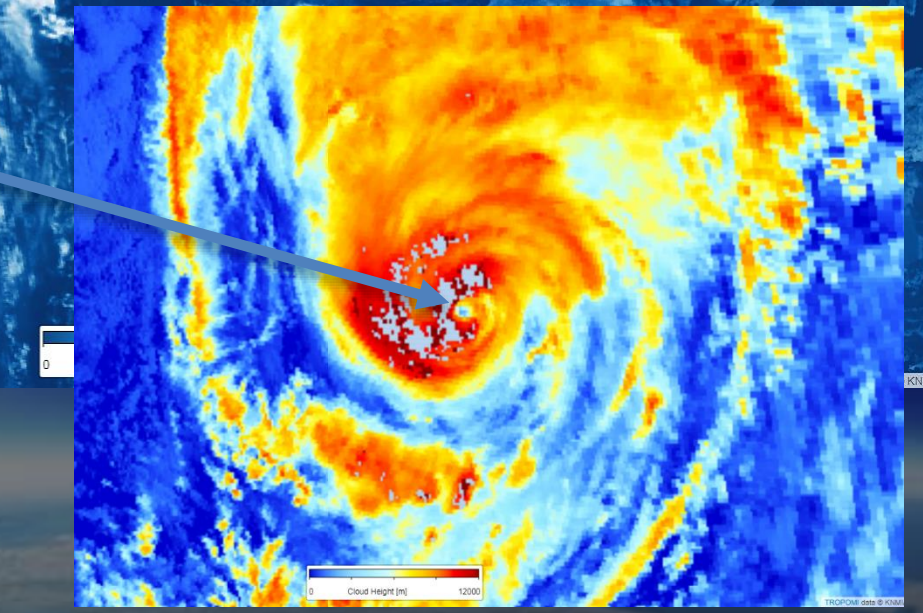
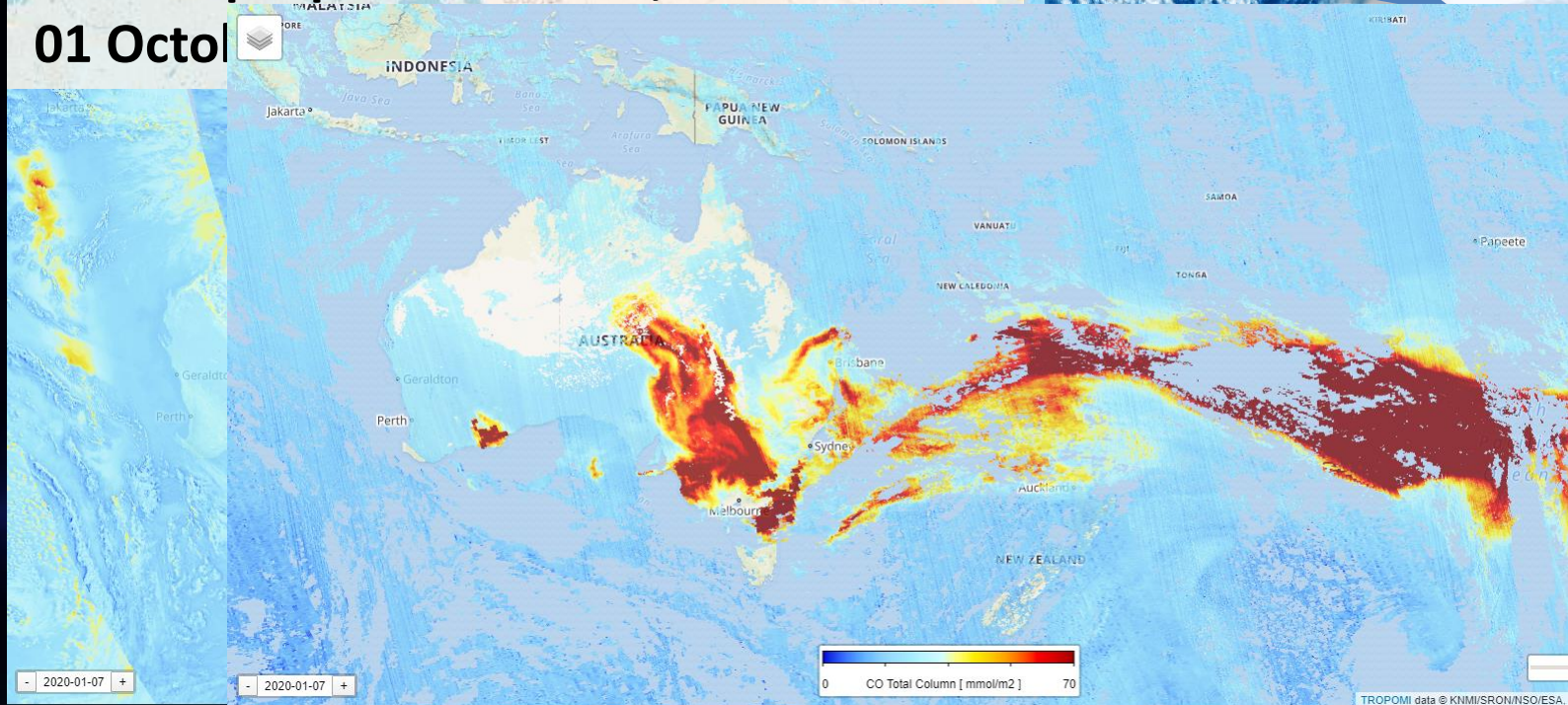
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Aerosol & Cloud: Key for correcting trace gas retrievals



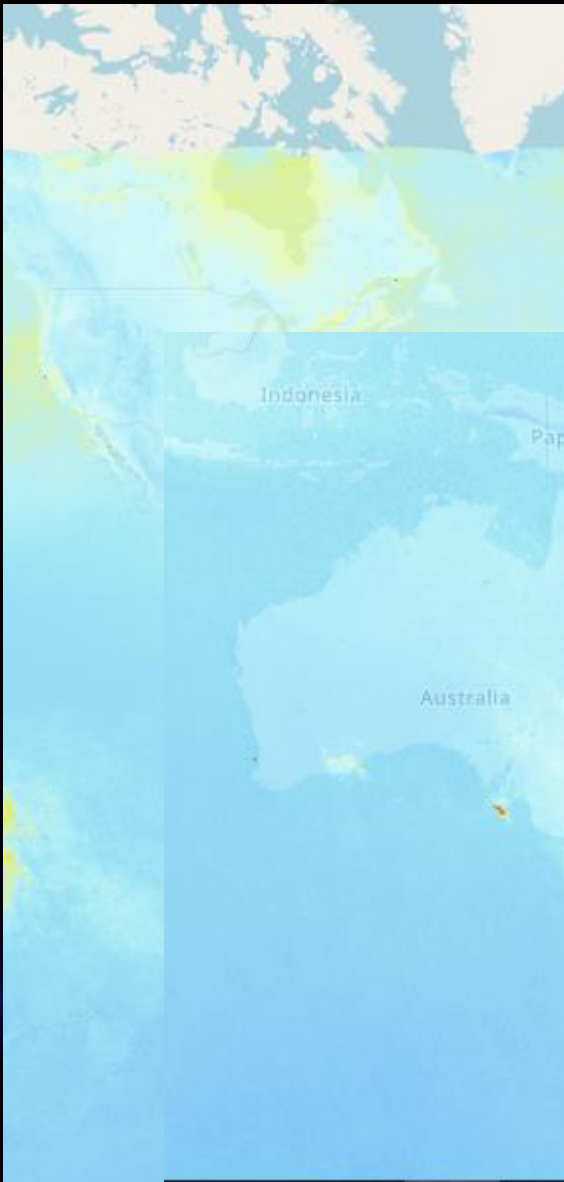
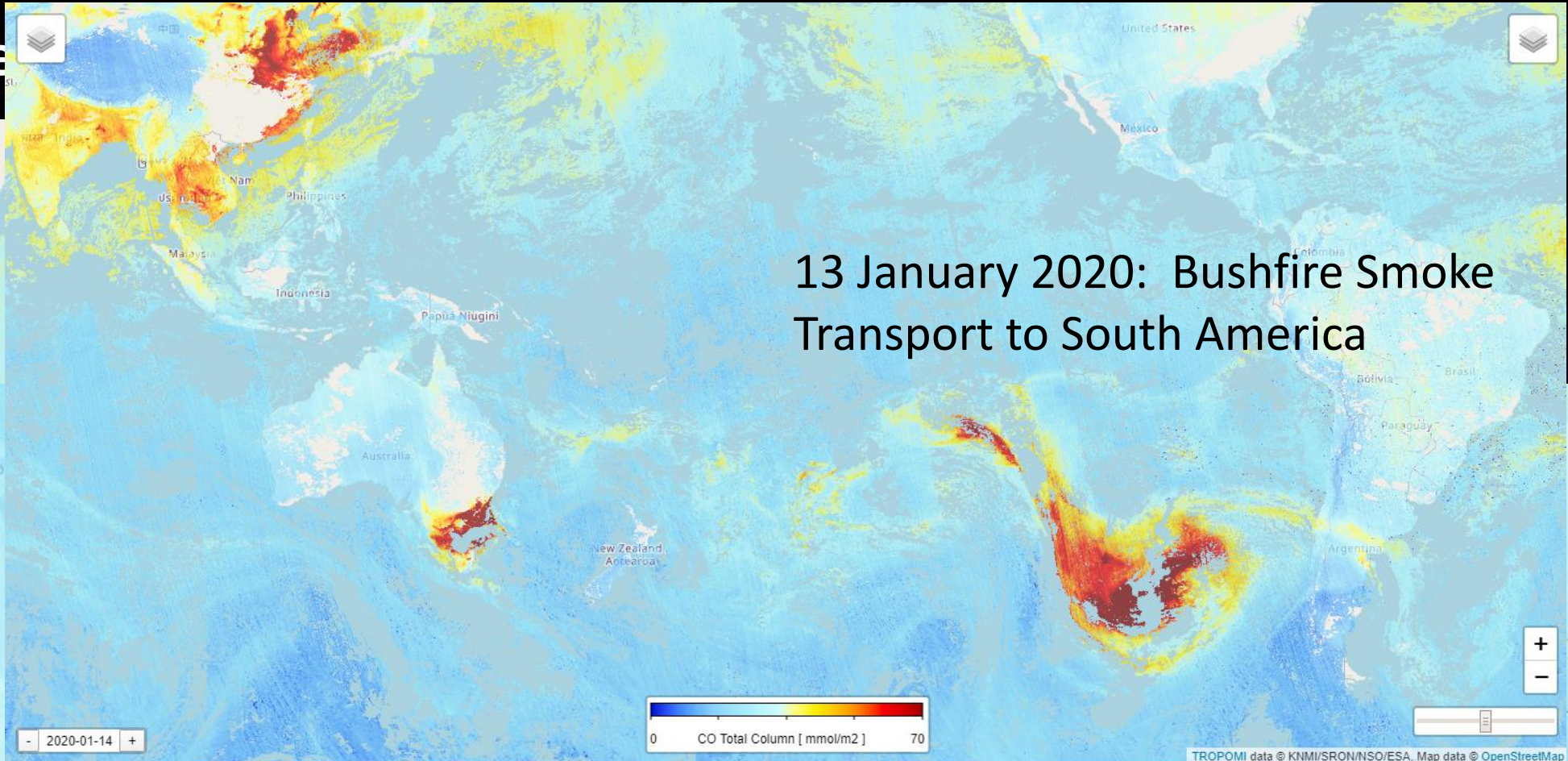
NO2 tropospheric column, cloud filtered
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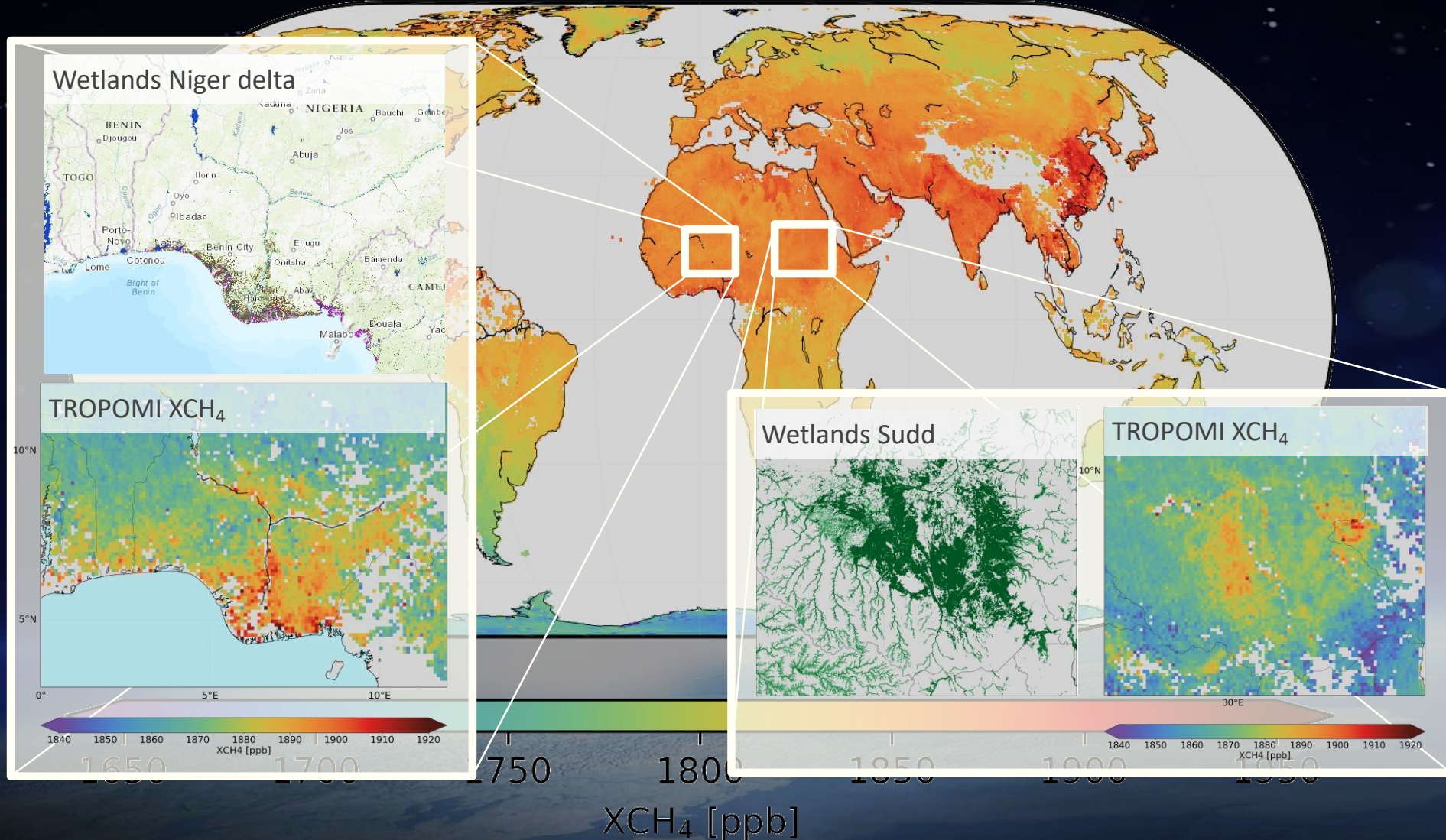
Cloud Fraction & Cloud Height

Aerosol Index used to filter out thick smoke in CO, 7 Jan 2020

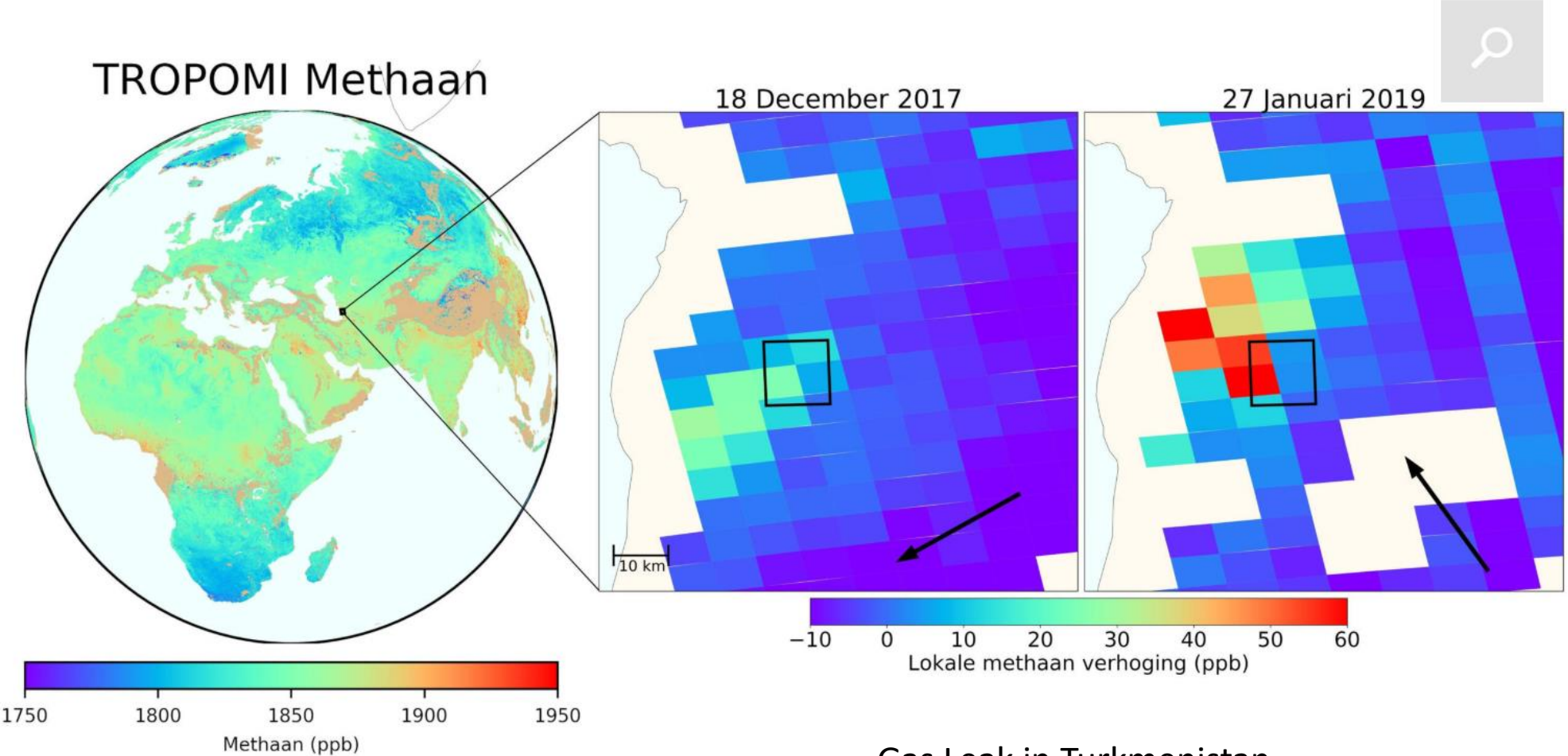
Carbon Monoxide



Methane (CH₄): Wetland emission seen by TROPOMI



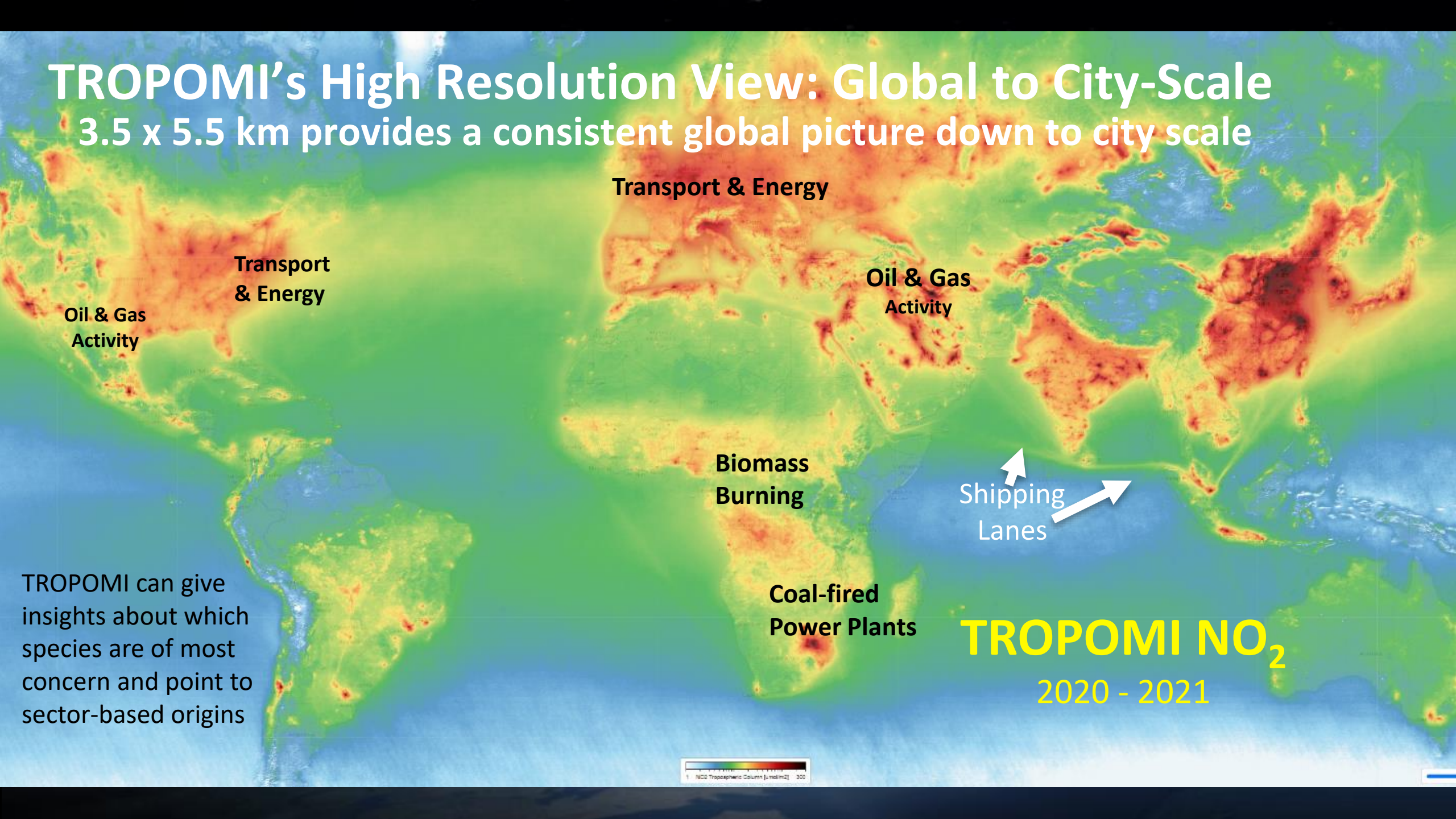
Methane (CH4): Gas leak as seen by TROPOMI



Gas Leak in Turkmenistan

TROPOMI's High Resolution View: Global to City-Scale

3.5 x 5.5 km provides a consistent global picture down to city scale



Transport & Energy

Oil & Gas Activity

Transport & Energy

Oil & Gas Activity

Biomass Burning

Shipping Lanes

Coal-fired Power Plants

TROPOMI NO₂
2020 - 2021

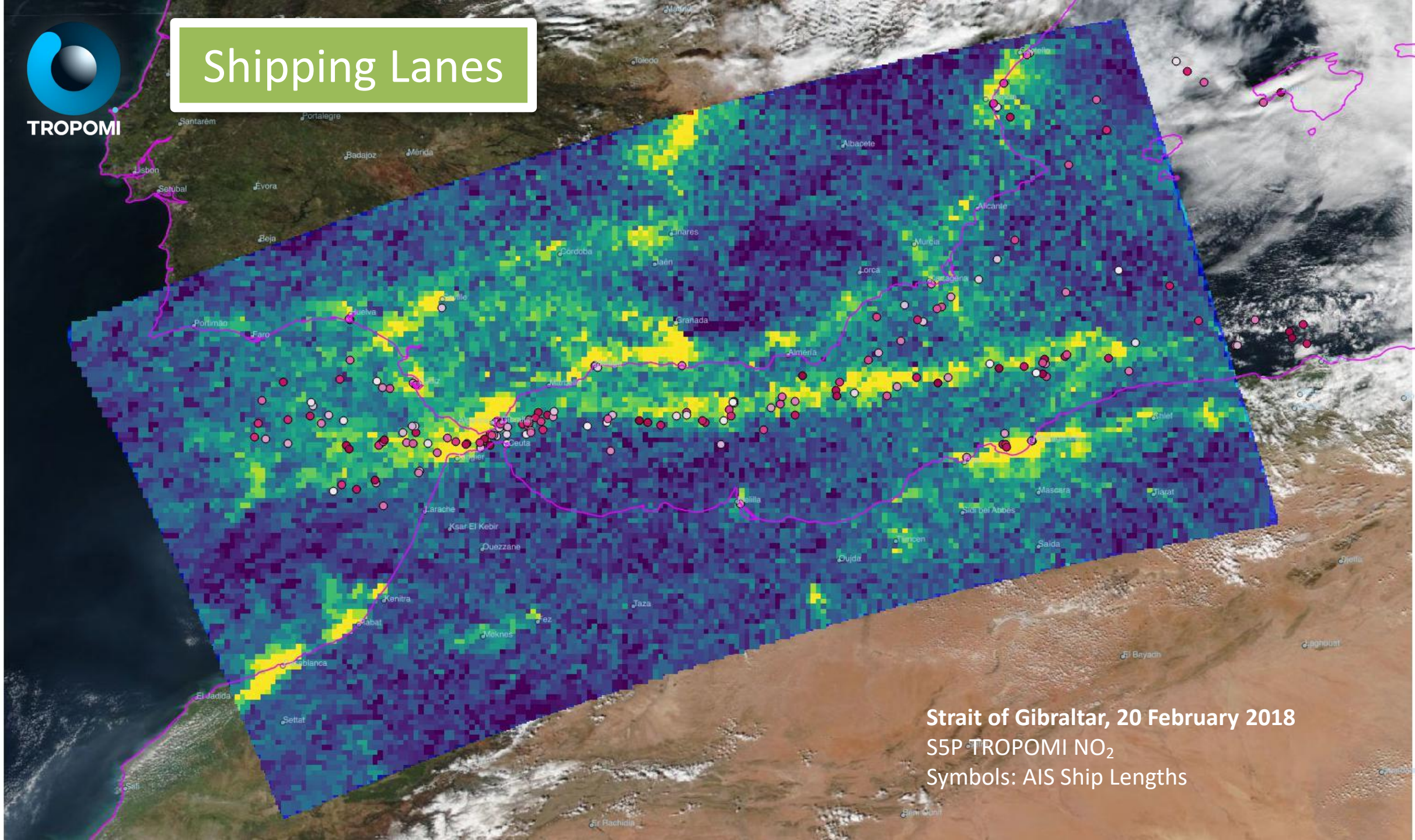
TROPOMI can give insights about which species are of most concern and point to sector-based origins





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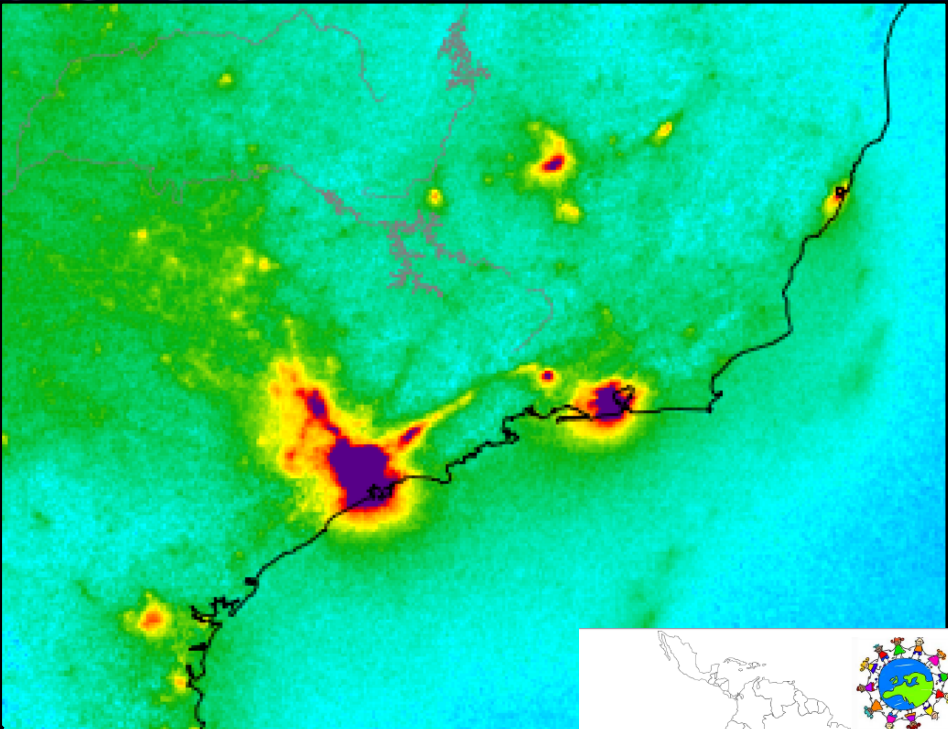
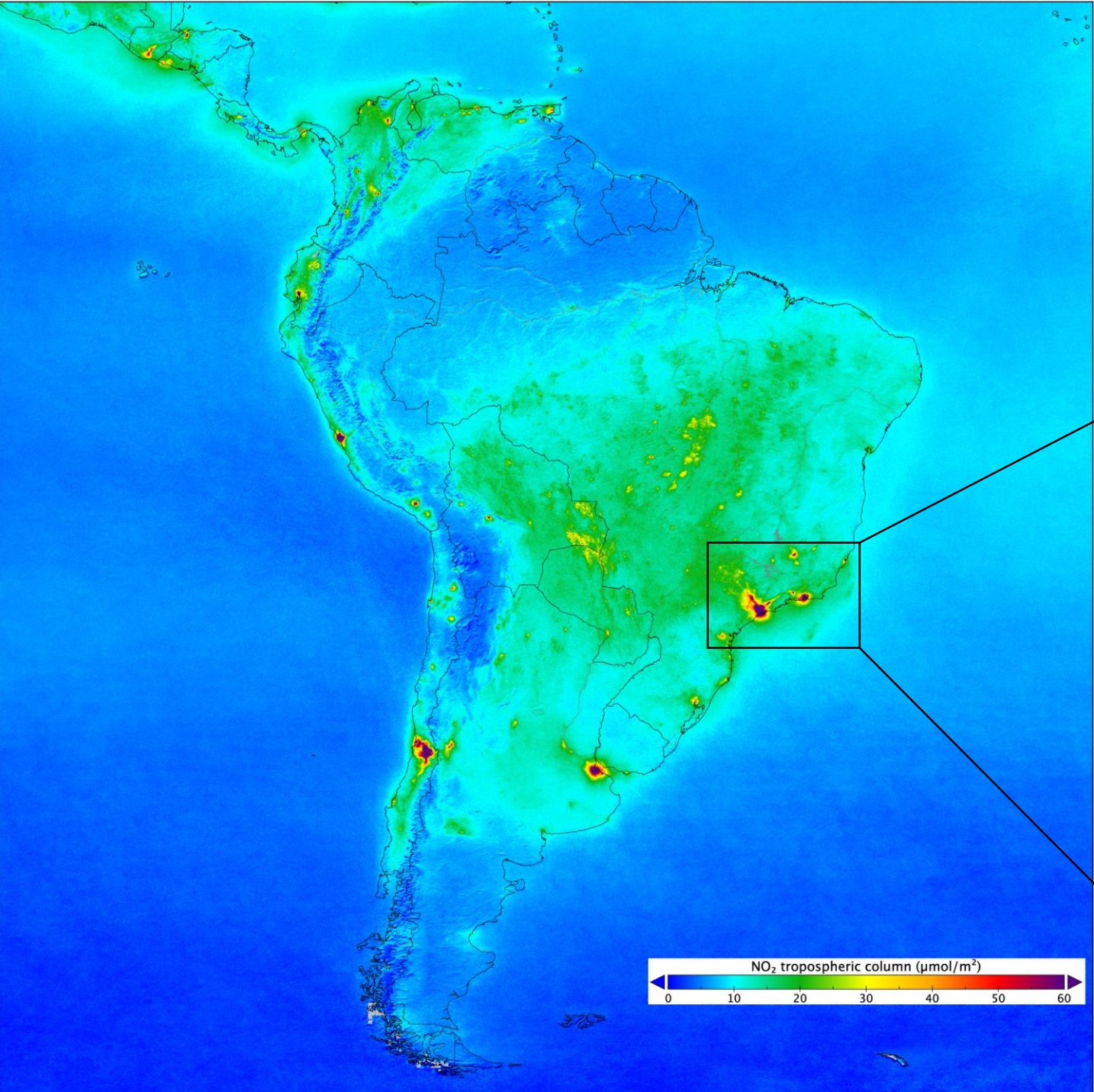
Shipping Lanes



Strait of Gibraltar, 20 February 2018
S5P TROPOMI NO₂
Symbols: AIS Ship Lengths

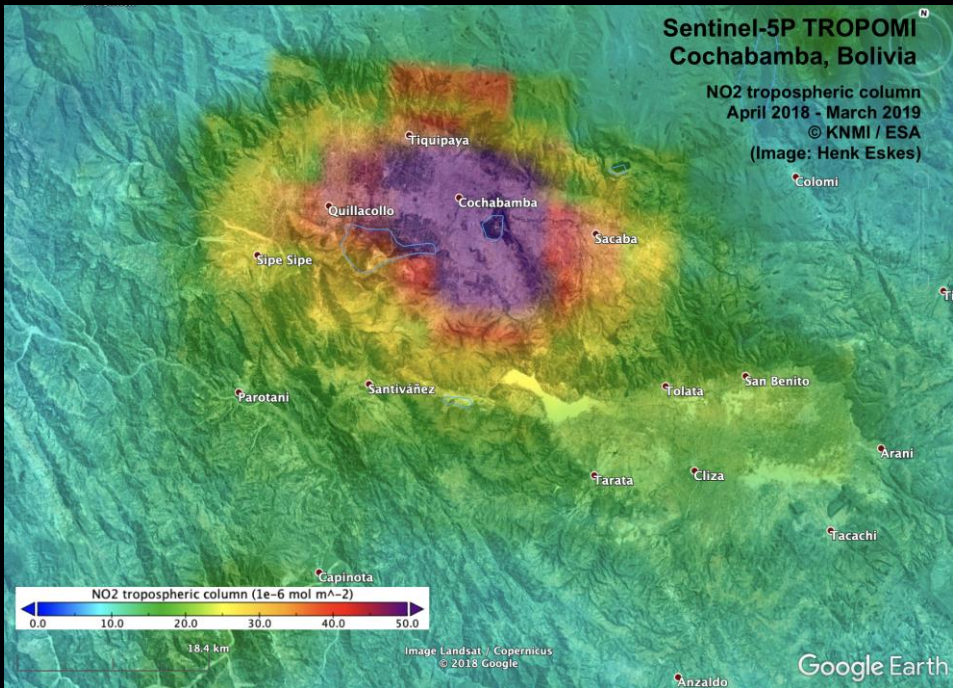
NO₂ tropospheric column

Annual Average 2015



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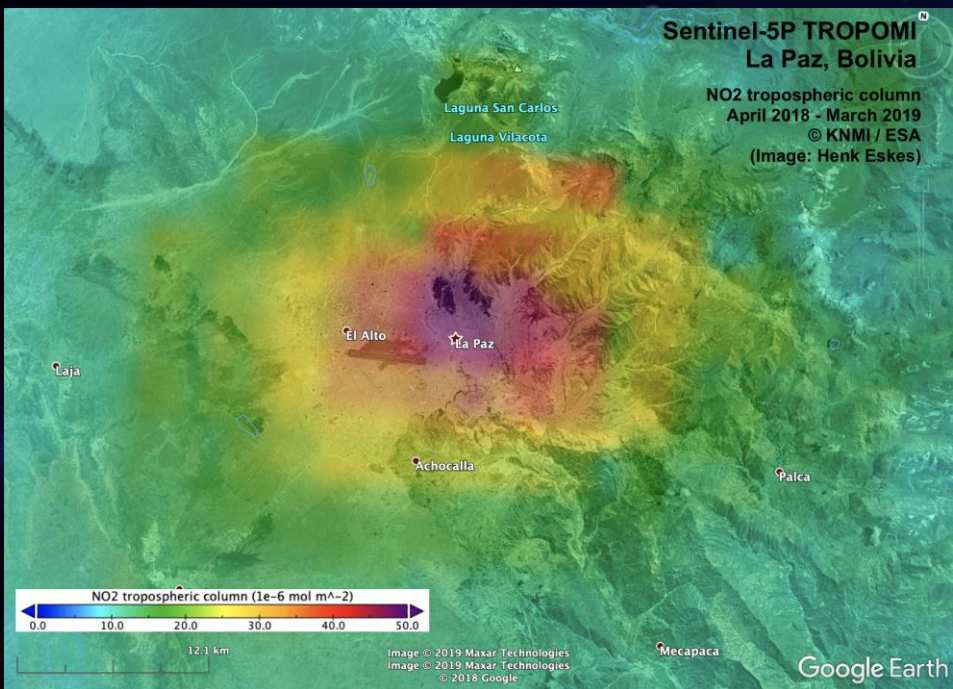
Prediction of Air Pollution
in Latin America and the Caribbean



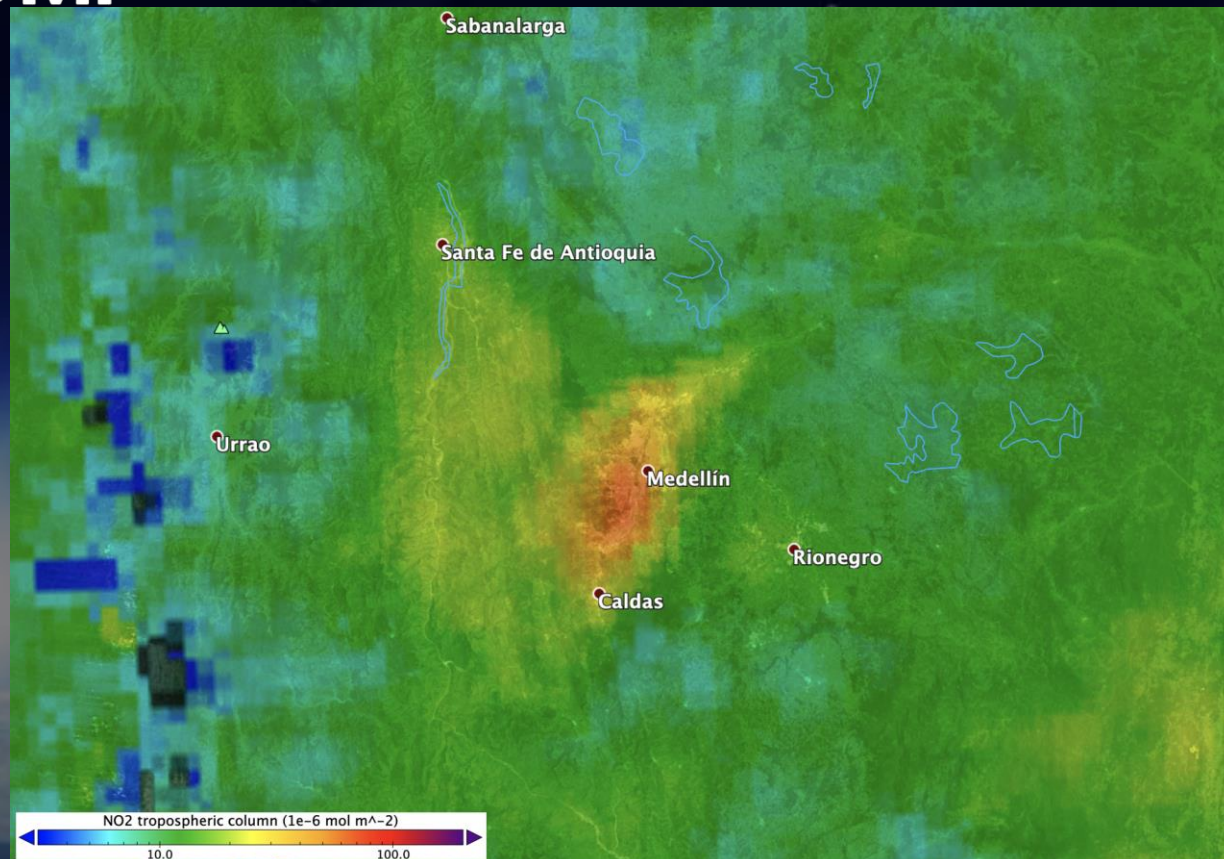
Cochabamba,
Bolivia

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City footprints, Annual average



La Paz,
Bolivia

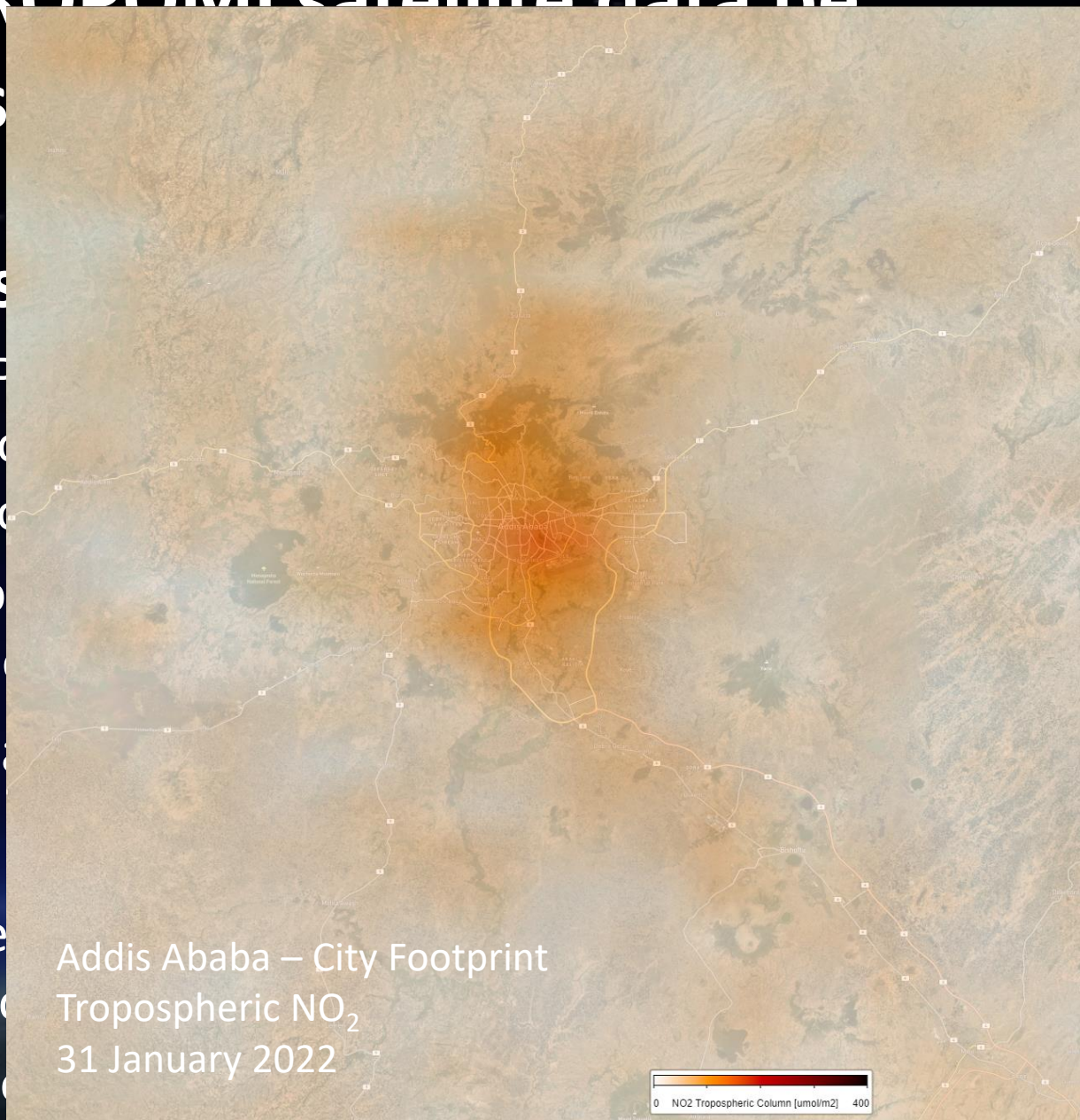


How can TROPOMI satellite data be used to answer

How Clean is

Once a day, TROPOMI scans the atmosphere in the lower atmosphere over the entire globe and surrounding regions.

- This daily global coverage allows for monitoring of air quality in space and time
 - Air Pollution
 - Information
- TROPOMI offers high-resolution data allowing to zoom in on specific regions
- Most Pixels are



THE AIR WE BREATHE

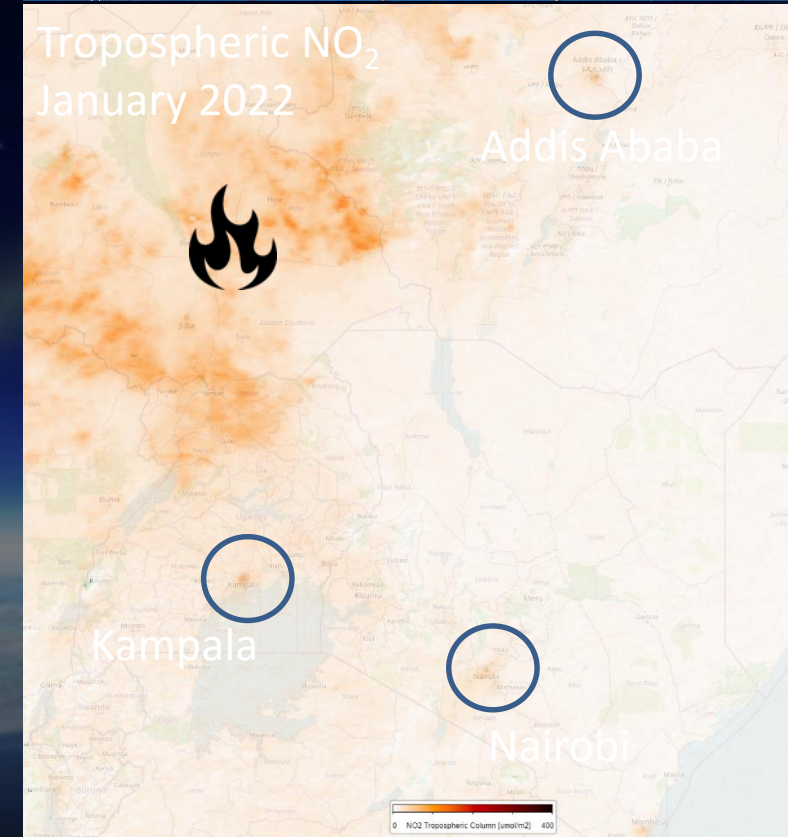
Air pollution is a major environmental health problem that affects millions of people around the world. Satellite data and computer models can show how pollution accumulates and how it is carried in the air. Mapping the global atmosphere every day, Sentinel-5P provides high-resolution data on a multitude of trace gases and information on aerosols that affect air quality and the climate. Offering advances in coverage and resolution, Sentinel-5P is set to take air-quality monitoring to a new level.

Sentinel-5P carries **TROPOMI**™ the most advanced multispectral imaging spectrometer to date.

TRACE GASES

- O₃**
OZONE
Stratospheric ozone protects us from
- HCHO**
- NO₂**
NITROGEN DIOXIDE
Pollutes the air mainly as a result of road traffic and other fossil fuel combustion.
- CH₄**
- CO**

The infographic features a central image of the Sentinel-5P satellite in orbit, with beams of light pointing down to various Earth globes. Each globe is labeled with a trace gas and its corresponding sensor. The background is a dark blue space with stars.



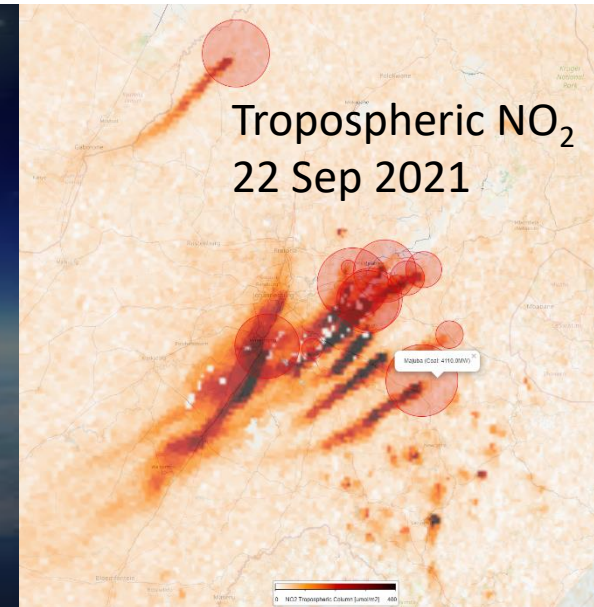
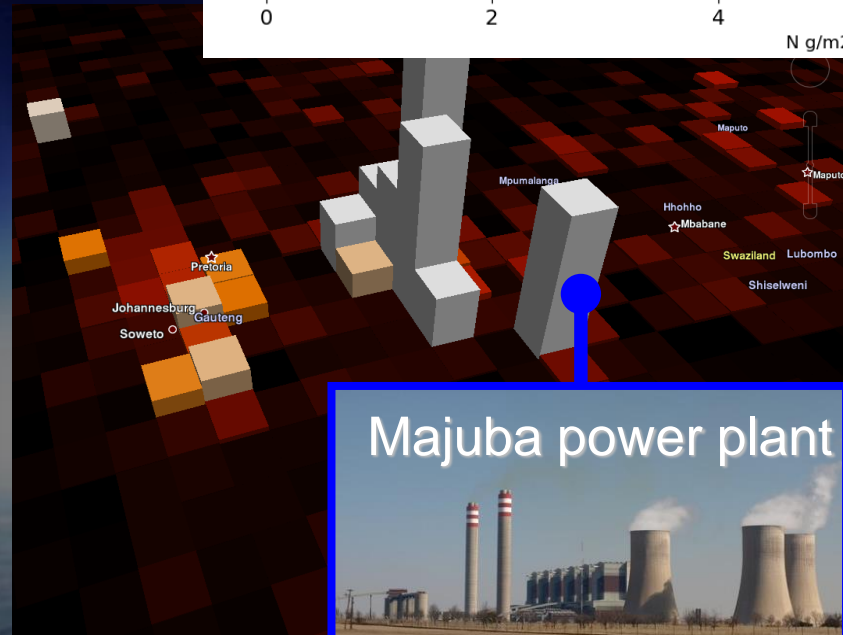
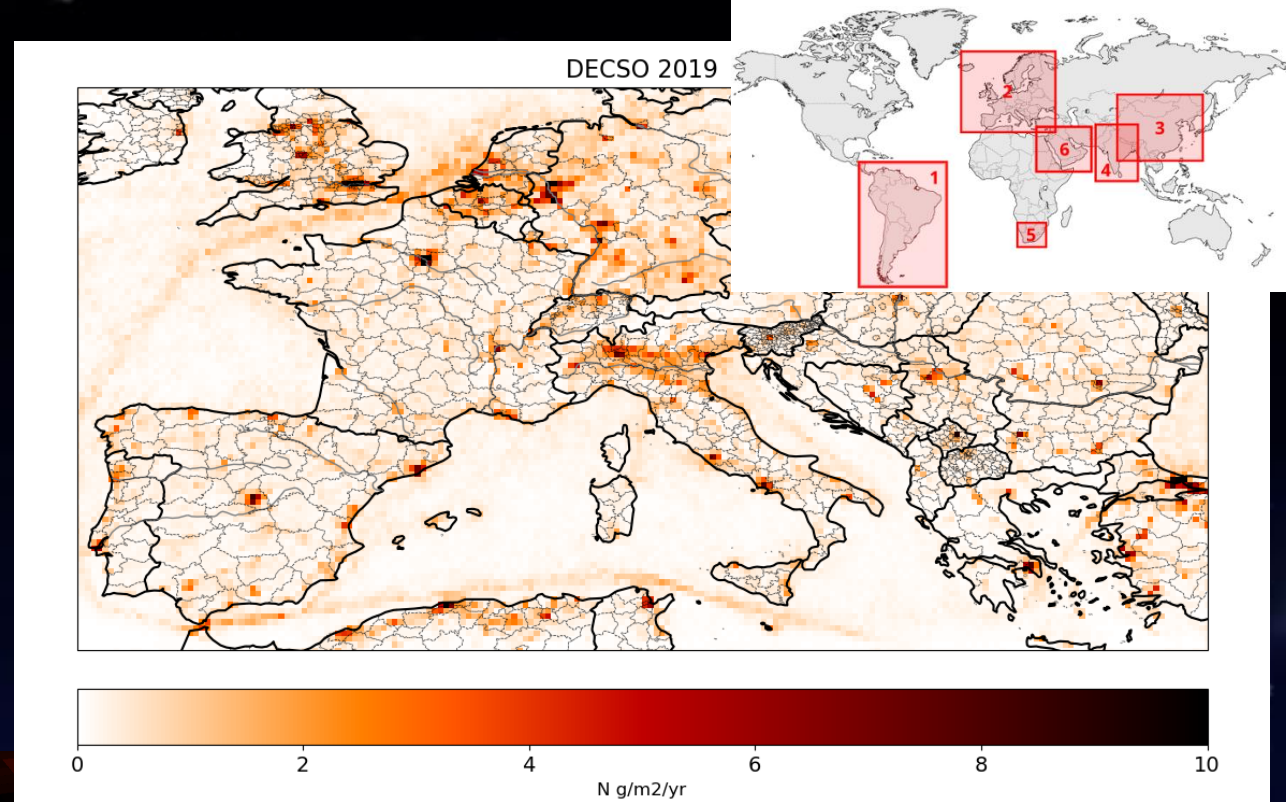
Monitoring Emissions

DECSO Daily Estimates Constrained by Satellite Observations

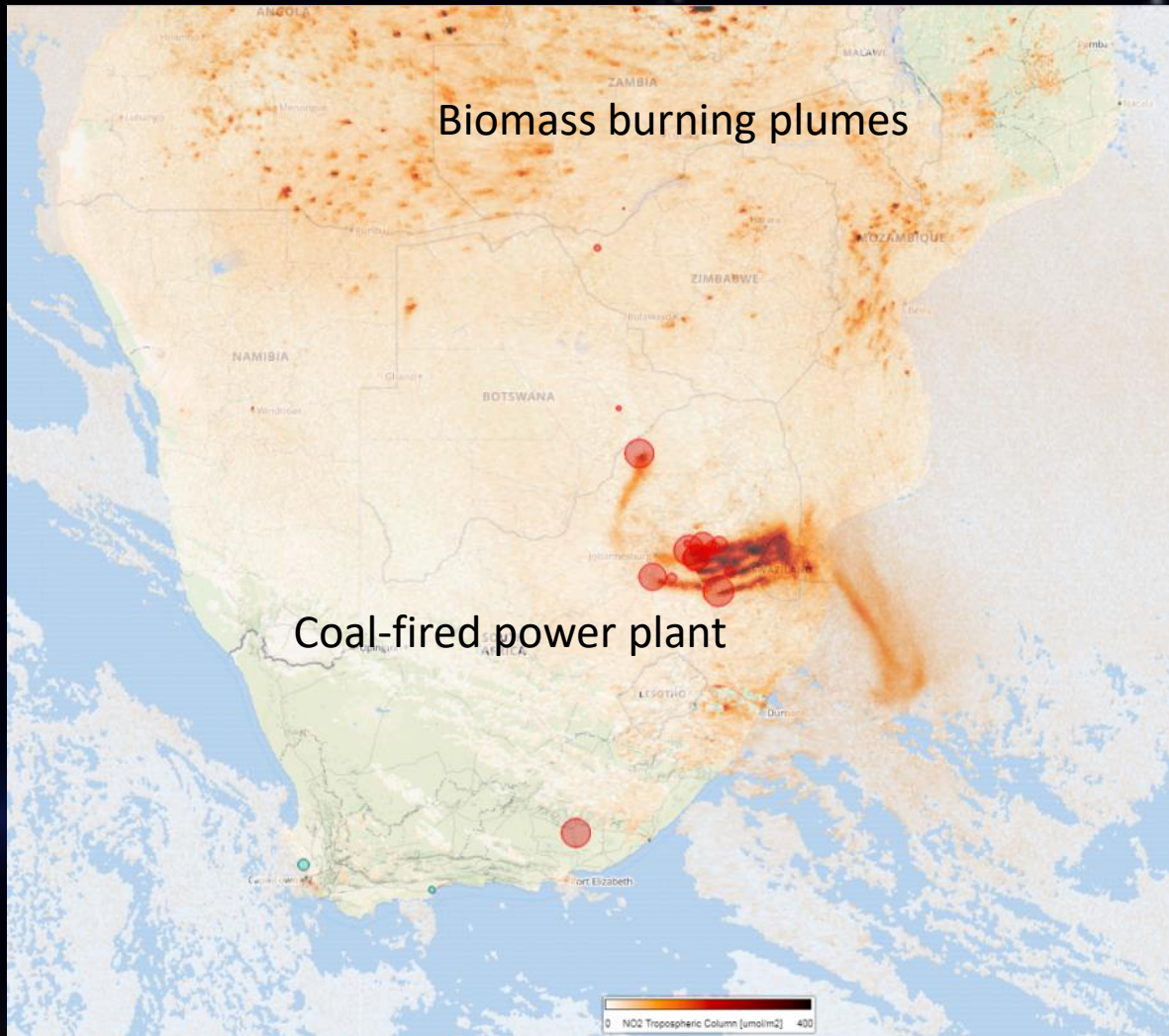
By Ronald van der A, Bas Mijling, Jieying Ding - **KNMI**

- It is fast: one model run per assimilation step of 1 day
- No *a priori* information needed: unknown sources will become visible.
- Full error estimation of new emission inventory
- Used for daily NO_x and NH_3 emissions

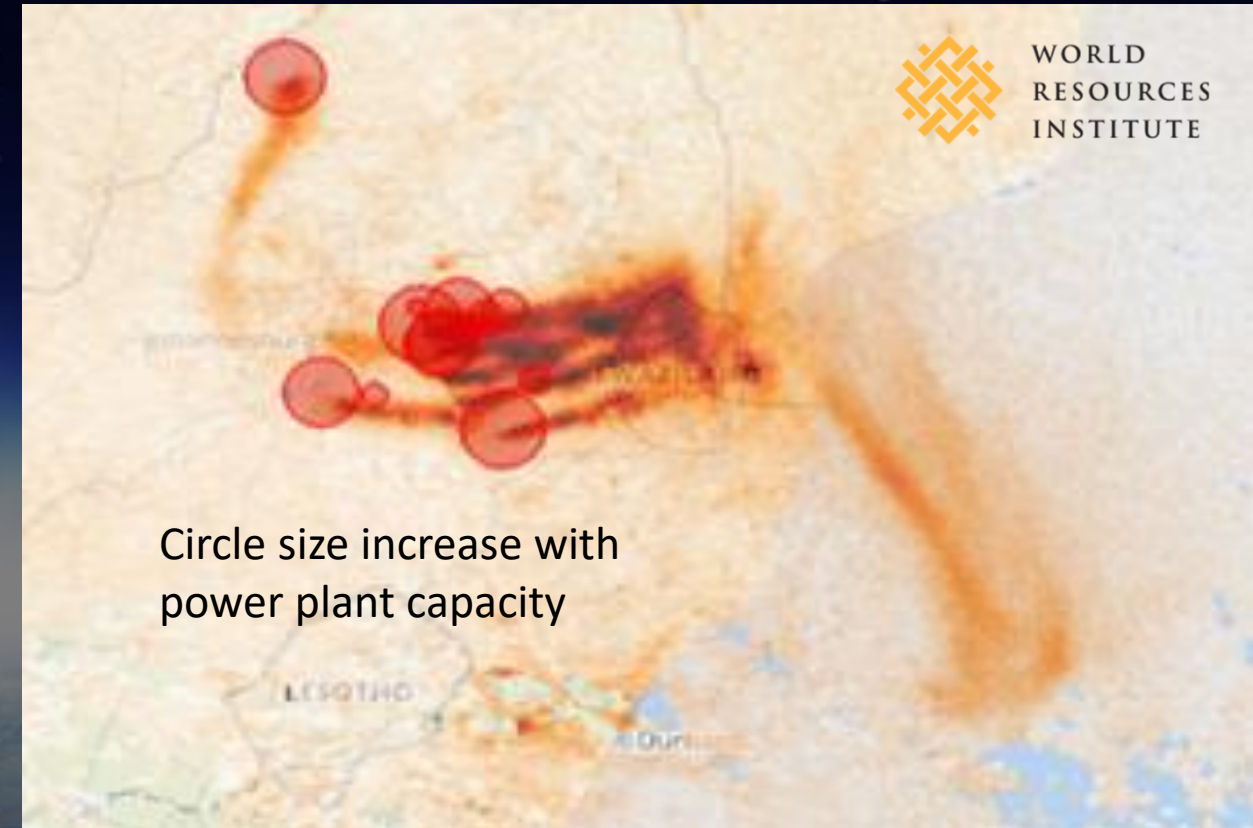
This type of emissions calculation can be linked to CO_2 emissions for known point sources (ex. Power plants)



Power generation: plume monitoring and emission calculations



Next steps: Monthly and Daily emissions inversions combined with daily generation information from WRI Power Explorer Team

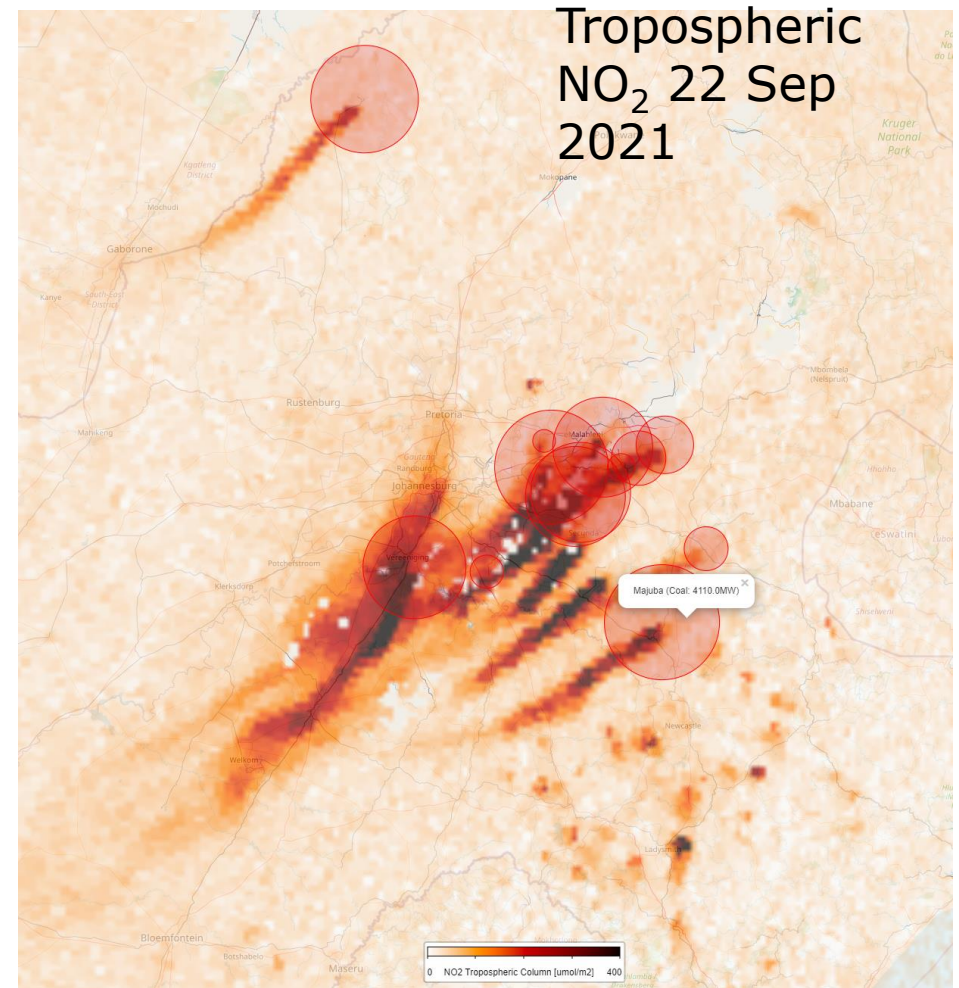
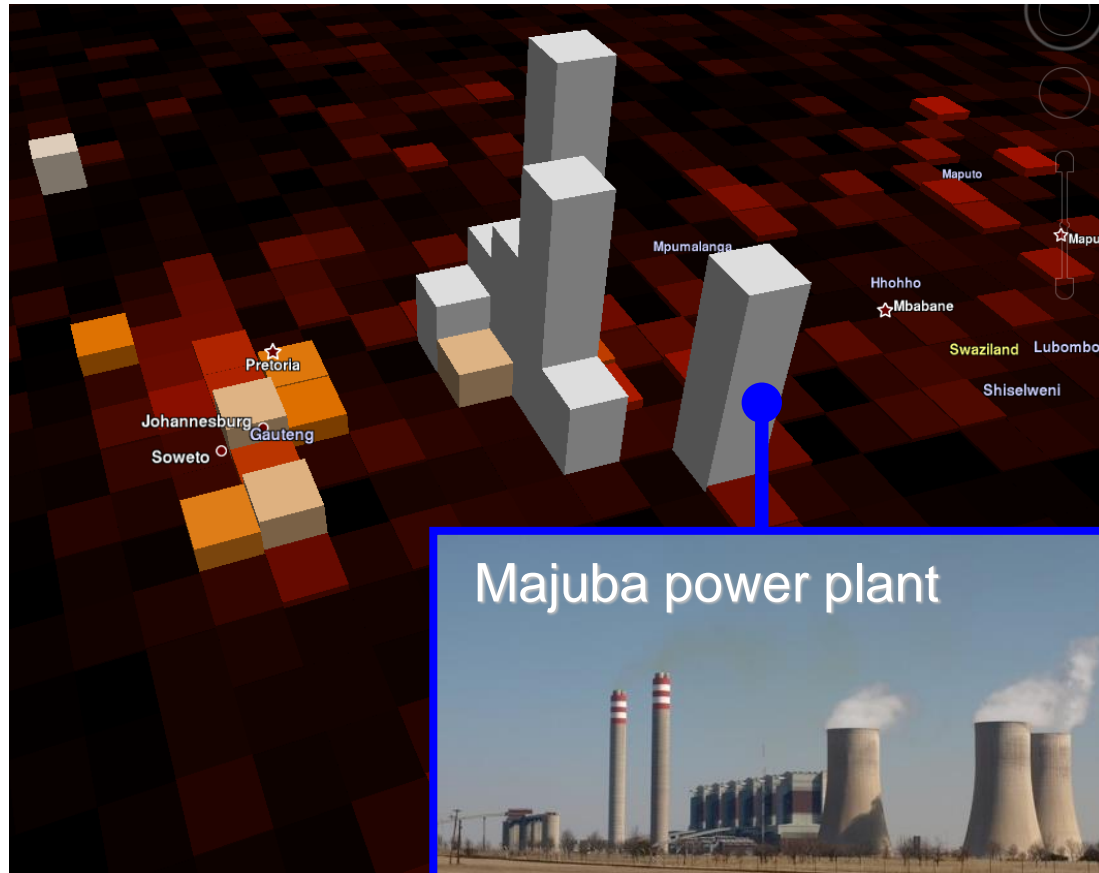




Common metrics of emissions, exposure



Power of combining satellite data with atmospheric models, ground-measurements, demographics, point source locations, vehicular usage, health, etc. we can create common metrics

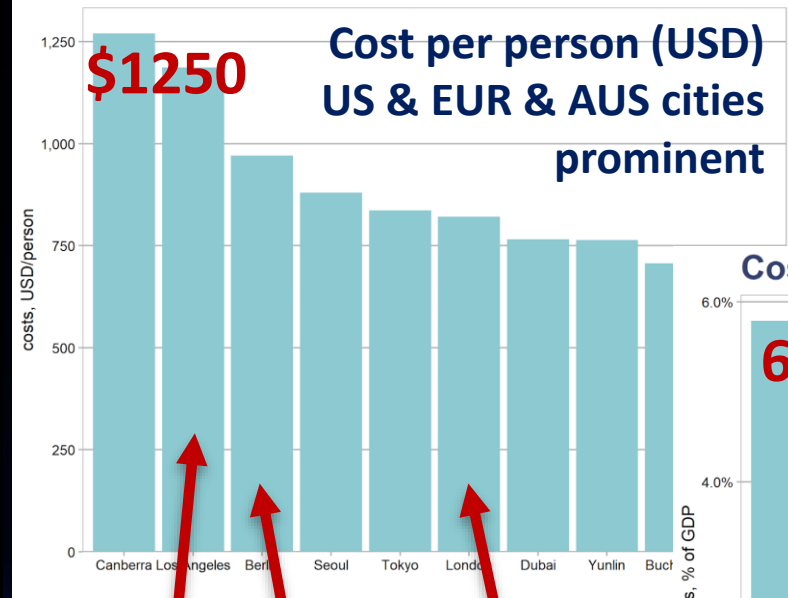


WHY Measure Air Quality (AQ)?:

to motivate mitigation of human health impacts

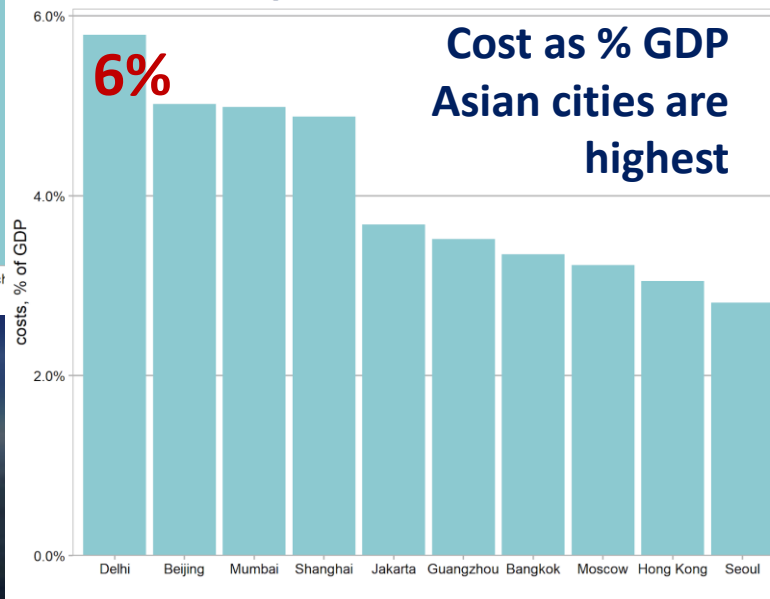
- Improving air quality is a gateway to tackling climate change
- Staggering global costs & health impacts of air quality

Costs of air pollution in world's cities

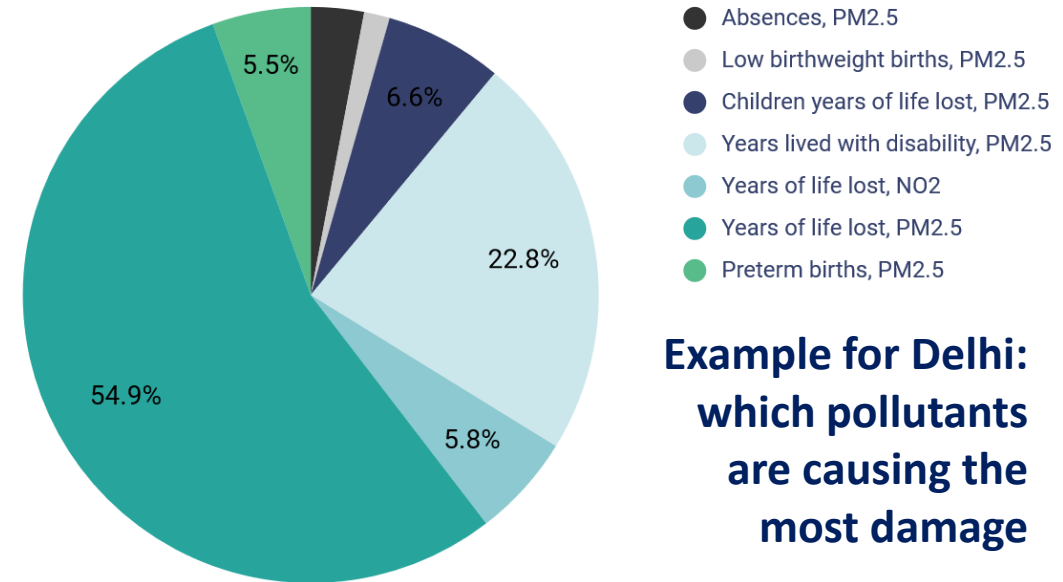


LA, Berlin, London

Costs of air pollution in world's cities



Air pollution health impacts and cost percentages



Example for Delhi:
which pollutants
are causing the
most damage

From: Center of Research on Clean Air & Energy
<https://energyandcleanair.org/revealing-the-cost-of-air-pollution-in-real-time/>



What kind of data do users want?

- > Satellite retrieval community: L1, L2 data orbit or granule-based with lots of metadata and flag information, customizable for analyzing & visualizing in their own way
- > Broader science(-interested) community: L3 data & visualization, on a consistent geolocation grid, preferably time averaged for a least a day, and for longer time periods like months, years
- > Policy, changemakers, stakeholders and interested public: Nice visualizations and easy-to-understand (trend) analyses of regions/sources already on their 'radar', will rarely use data files
- > Data dissementators: Best quality, most-documented data files in formats that can be manipulated to fit their own platforms



(Mis)information

- > Example of how TROPOMI data was used in a Greenpeace report to make the following conclusion:
- > Mpumalanga (African highveld) is the most polluted hotspot on the planet.

The world's biggest hotspot is Mpumalanga in South Africa, home to a cluster of a dozen coal fired power plants with a total capacity of over 32 gigawatts owned and operated by Eskom.

- > With this conclusion, no context given about when or how often (seasonality), certainly no nuance regarding vertical distribution, impacts of cloud cover, etc.

New satellite data reveals world's largest NO2 air pollution emission hotspots - Greenpeace Media Briefing

The global air pollution crisis and the role of NO2

Air pollution is a global public health crisis, with up to 95% of people across the world breathing unsafe air, and several million deaths per year attributable to it.

Power Plant Hotspots

For the power plant hotspots, the main source of emissions is also readily visible from images generated from daily snapshots of NO2 levels in the atmosphere – these images show plumes originating from specific power plants.

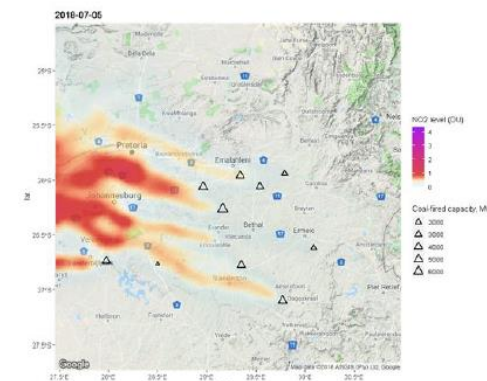
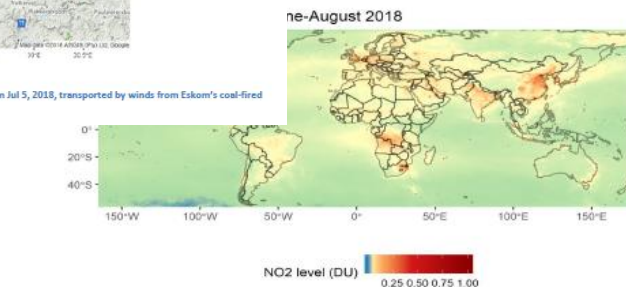


Figure 3. Power plant pollution plumes detected by Sentinel 5P on Jul 5, 2018, transported by winds from Eskom's coal-fired power plants in South Africa to Johannesburg.



The list of the largest emissions hotspots includes several coal-fired power plants in India, South Africa and Germany, 10 power plant and industrial clusters in China, 14 megacities with very high transport-related emissions, including Santiago de Chile, Tehran, Dubai, London and Paris; as well as agricultural burning in Congo and Angola. Some hotspots, such as Seoul, Jakarta and New Delhi, have a mix of contributing sources, including transport, coal power plants and manufacturing.

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The data covers the period from 1 June to 31 August 2018.

led by the European Space Agency's new satellite and the globe's worst NO2 emissions sources.

air pollutants, causing respiratory symptoms and lung chronic diseases in long-term exposure.

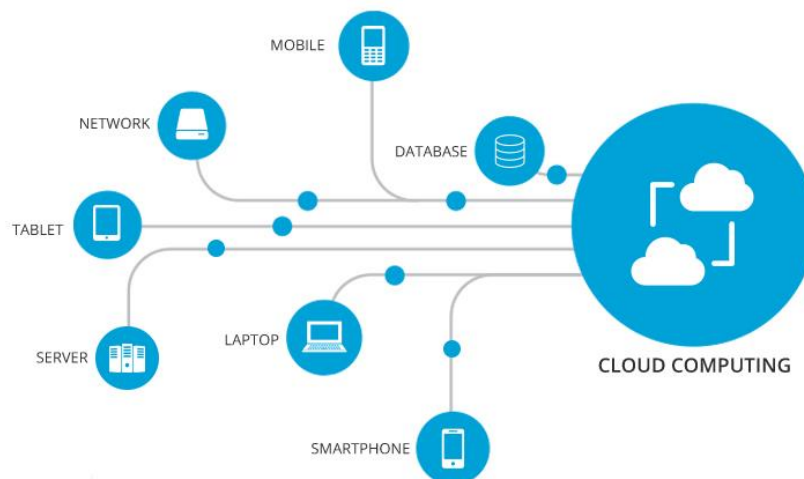
increased mortality rates world-wide². In the European Union, 75,000 premature deaths per year³. In China, there is a significant increase in respiratory and cardiovascular

in addition to the formation of PM2.5 and ozone, two of the most significant public health damage across the world⁷.



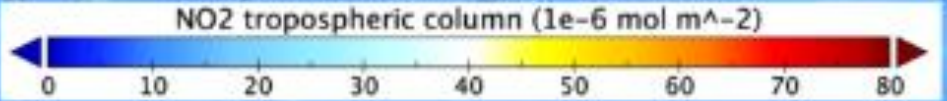
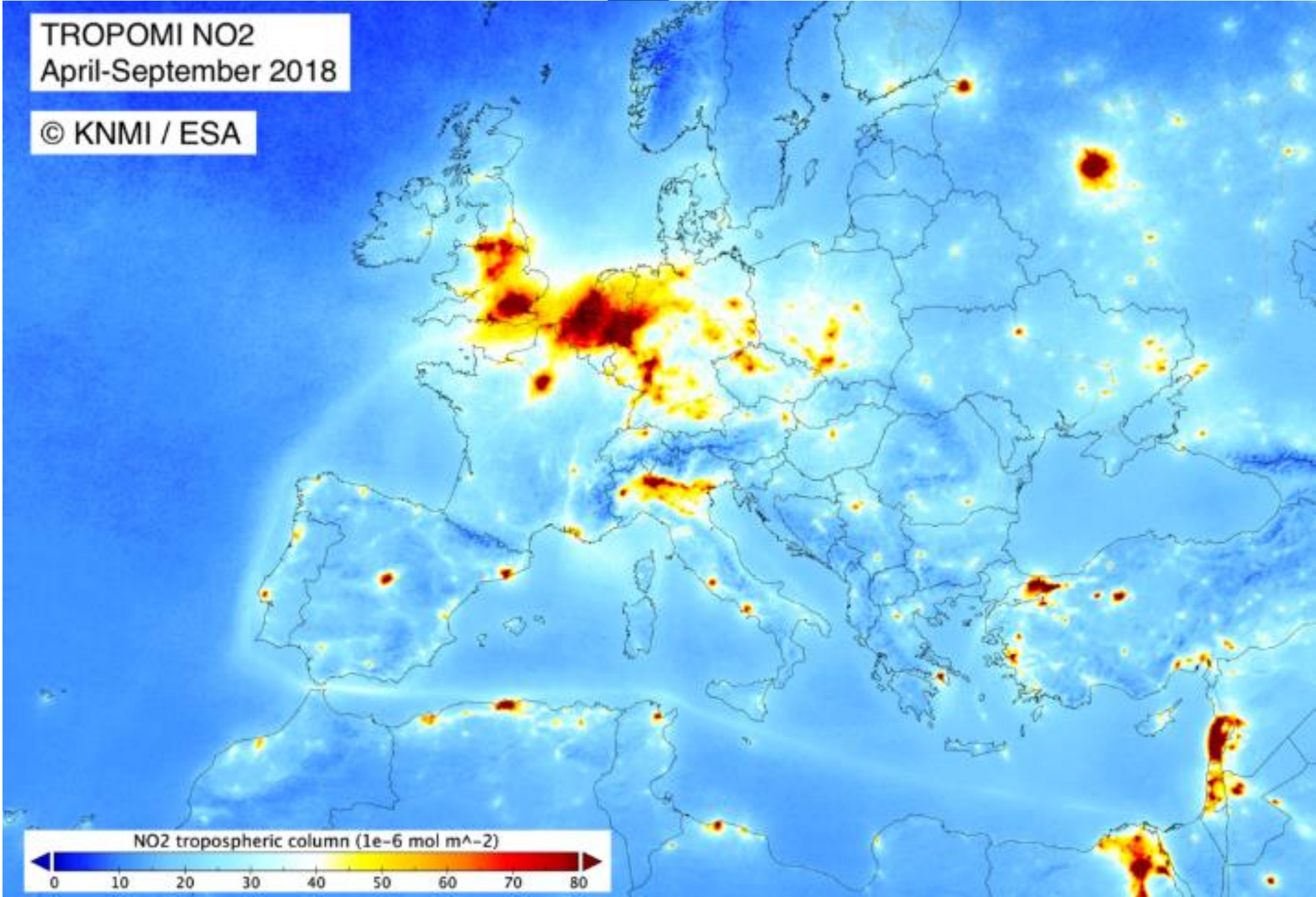
Better accessibility via the cloud

- > As TROPOMI dataset grows it is increasingly prohibitive for anyone except the largest data warehouses to 'download' the data and work with it, need to be selective for local data use
- > With cloud computing environments, the data and the analysis no longer has to be on your own machine in principle this means that a whole new group of users can access, learn about, and analyze the data with out in-house computative limitations



TROPOMI NO2
April-September 2018

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Who makes up the TROPOMI community?

- › People who do work similar to ours typically in Europe, US and Asia
 - Includes training of the next generation of scientists via student opportunities
- › People in different branches of science
 - Often instrumental in making valuable operational applications, ex. risk management, aviation safety etc.
- › People in policy sometimes with background / interest in science
- › Stakeholders, like funding agencies
- › Data disseminators: commercial & non-commercial
- › Communicators (media outlets) & Changemakers (NGOs)
- › Industry / Commercial entities





Who's missing?

- > Underrepresented regions, links to knowledge 'on-the-ground'
 - Satellite data can help greatly in regions with little or no ground measurements
- > Potential users with limited access / bandwidth
 - New solutions for 'remote', online data access & analysis, mapping services
- > Policy & changemakers without knowledge of the value of satellite data for setting agenda for improving air quality & addressing climate change
 - Awareness of satellite data as tool for understanding AQ & climate change is steadily increasing with powerful imagery
- > Potential users who don't know how to use the data
 - Simple (in-cloud) tutorials can facilitate better use of the data





S5P-PAL site: ESA is interested in L3

Copernicus Sentinel-5P Mapping Portal



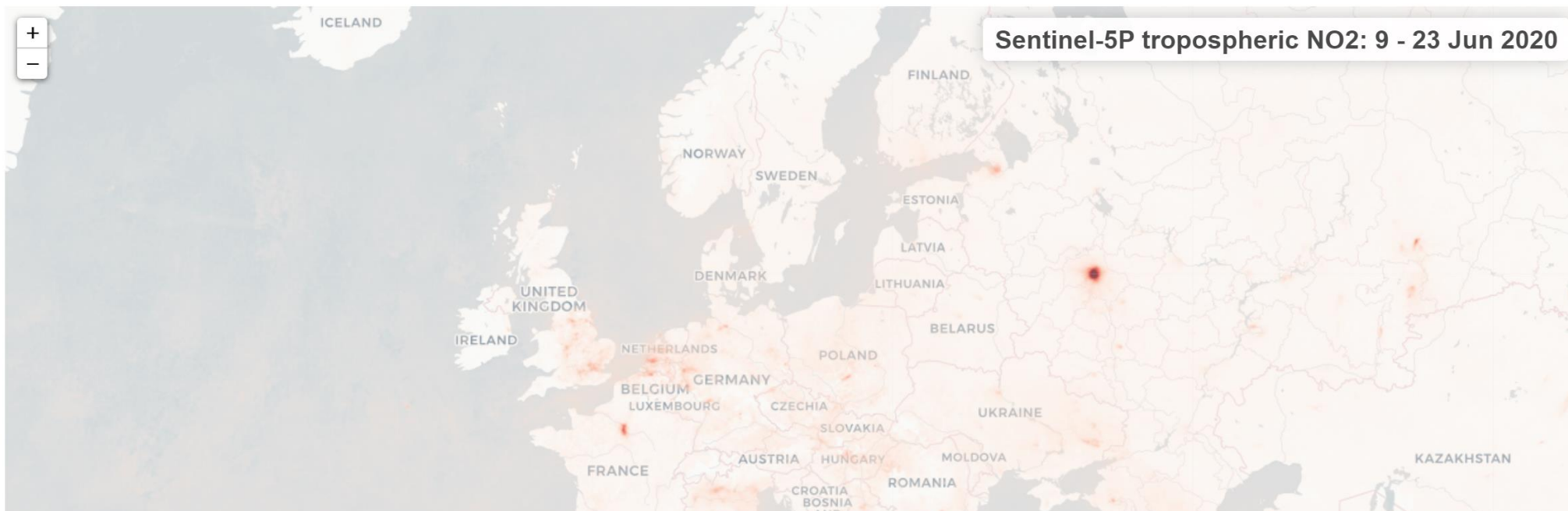
MAPS

USE CASES

Copernicus Sentinel-5P Tropospheric Nitrogen Dioxide >

<https://maps.s5p-pal.com/>

Maps of tropospheric NO₂ concentrations averaged over 14 days





Google Earth Engine

From TEMIS to Google

- > Importance of L3 data
- > For rapid case studies
- > For trend analysis,
- > We need L3, gridded
- > QC-filtered data



<https://medium.com/google-earth/monitoring-air-quality-with-s5p-tropomi-data-4f6b0aeb1c0>

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It's vital for the health of the planet and its inhabitants to have access to outdoor air that's safe to breathe. However, there are many regions of the world where people are subjected to unhealthy levels of air pollution, and where vulnerable ecosystems are being damaged due to unsafe air quality. In the United States, poor air quality is the cause of around 60,000 premature deaths annually and over \$150 billion in costs related to air pollution-driven illnesses.

During this time of shelter in place, social distancing, and lockdowns, many



TROPOMI user forum: work starting soon

- > Together with SRON via NSO / EU leveraging our NGO & national networks to reach out, spread awareness and gather feedback
- > August 2023 will be setting up the project
- > Work planned to start in Dec 2020
- > Deliverables
 - Building a network of changemaker users
 - Survey them and their networks to culminate themes of (un)met needs
 - Work with accessible (data) platforms to keep these new users visible

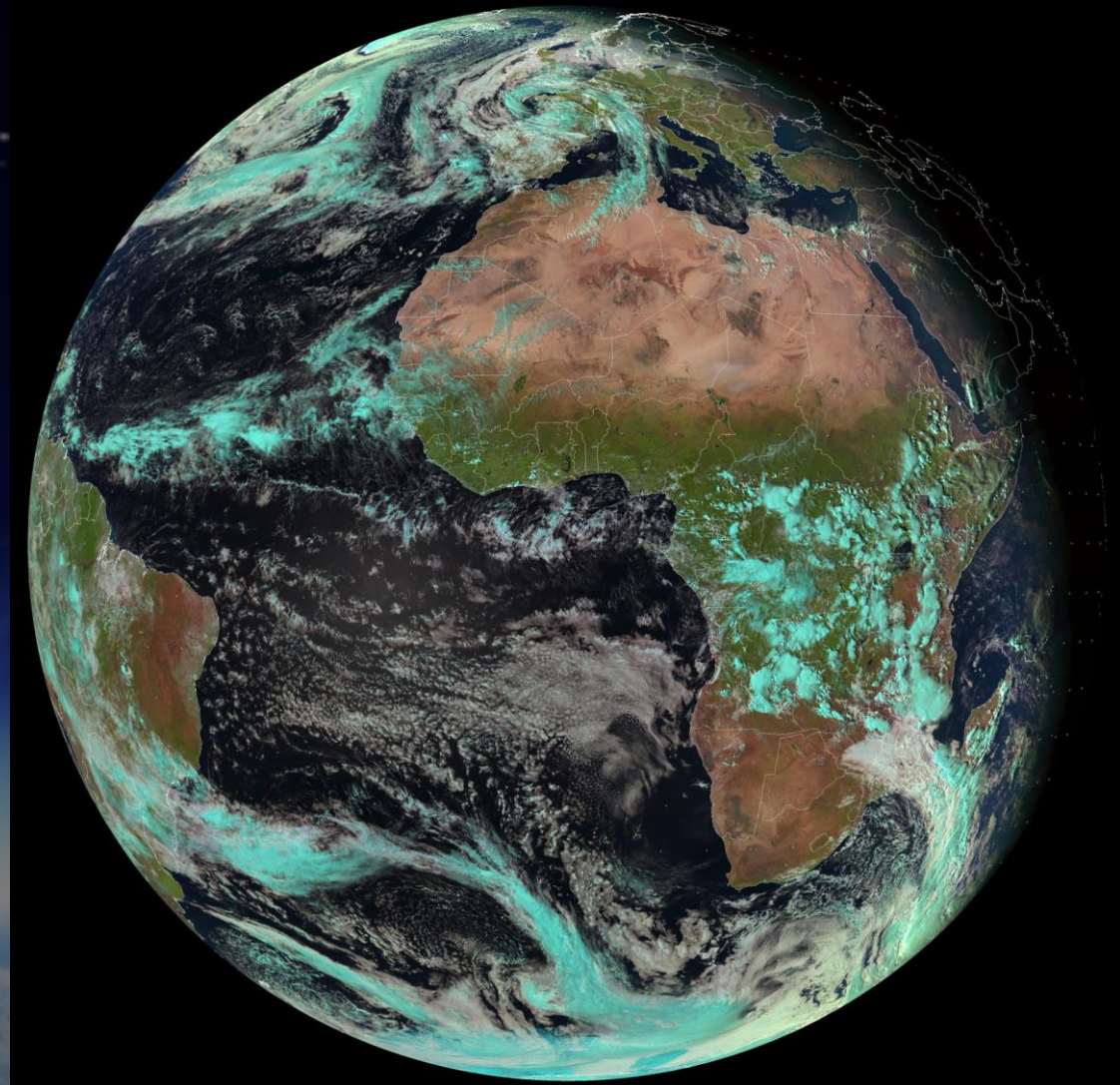
Why Satellites?

Meteorological satellites have revolutionized our understanding of dynamics and dramatically improved forecast skill

- Now, > 90% of data used in weather forecasting comes from satellites!

What can a space borne perspective offer as compared to other atmospheric chemical datasets?

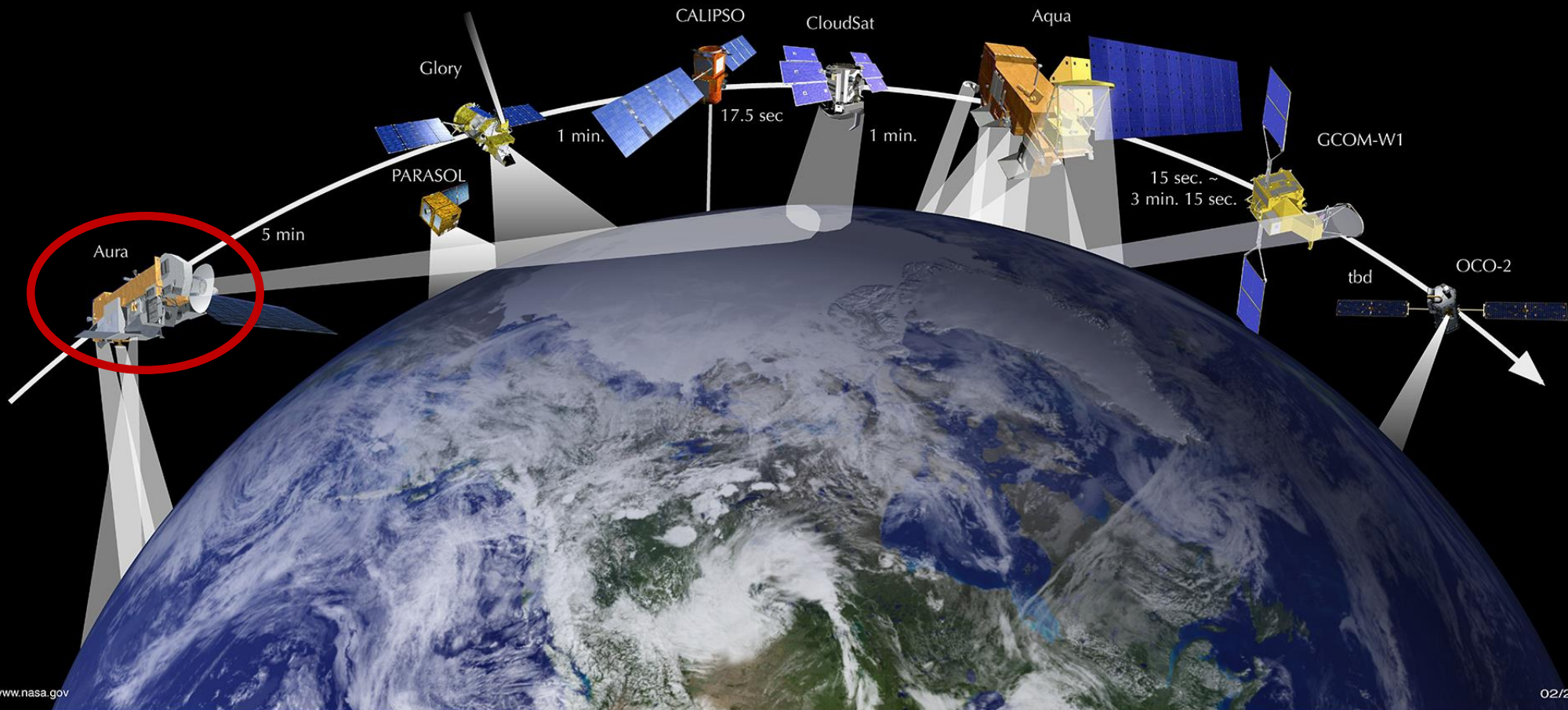
- “Honest judge”: uniform methods for daily, global snapshots at a specific time
- Global, consistent input for Assimilation
- Copernicus Atmospheric Monitoring Service (CAMS) uses satellite data for global/regional air quality forecasts
- Assimilation/Forecast framework advances our understanding of global atmospheric chemical cycling – which in turn informs mission prio’s



Flavors of Satellite Instruments

National Aeronautics and Space Administration

The Afternoon Constellation "A-Train"





Using OMI & TROPOMI to monitor CO₂

- › CO₂ is a difficult measurement for many reasons
 - Long atmospheric lifetime of CO₂ complicates separation of local emissions, background concentration, and
 - Vertical distribution of NO₂ is better understood and more easily modeled
- › However, NO₂ is useful proxy for CO₂ in many situations
- › KNMI produced a press release regarding this work
- › <https://www.knmi.nl/over-het-knmi/nieuws/CO2-uitstoot-in-beeld-dankzij-tropomi>

Nieuwsbericht

CO₂-uitstoot in beeld dankzij Tropomi

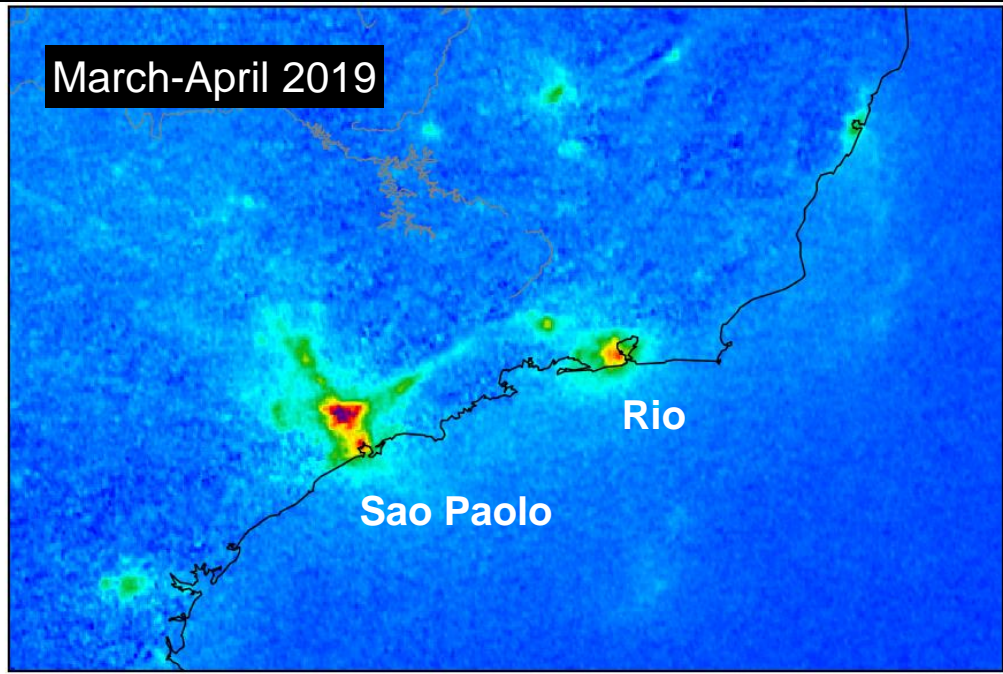


11 december 2018

Satellietinstrument Tropomi meet stikstofdioxide (NO₂) over de hele wereld. Via NO₂ kunnen de hotspots van CO₂ door verbranding van fossiele brandstoffen worden getraceerd. Dankzij Tropomi krijgen we dus ruimtelijk inzicht waar veel CO₂ wordt uitgestoten. Zo kunnen de komende jaren wereldwijd de belangrijkste veranderingen in CO₂ hotspots worden bijgehouden.

CO₂ hotspots traceren via NO₂

March-April 2019

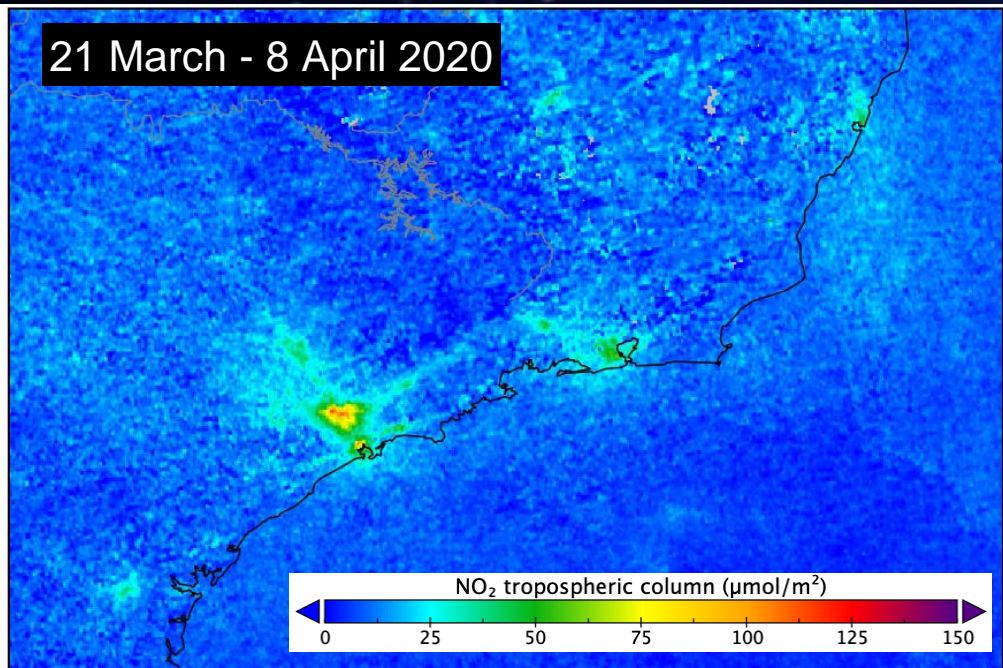


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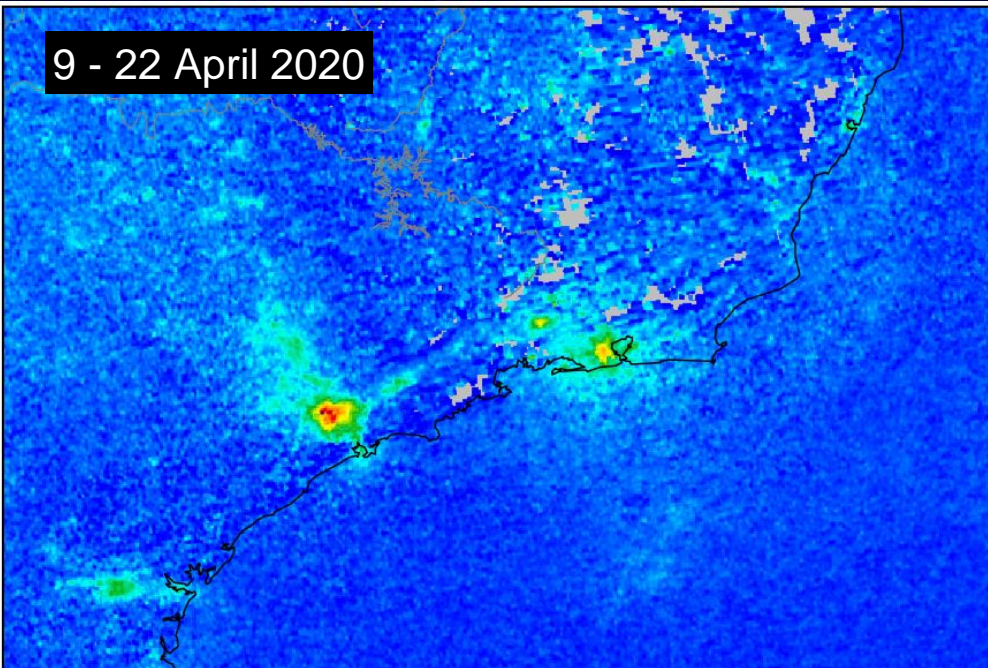
First weeks after lockdown

The two weeks after that:
Indication of increasing emissions.
Traffic?

21 March - 8 April 2020



9 - 22 April 2020

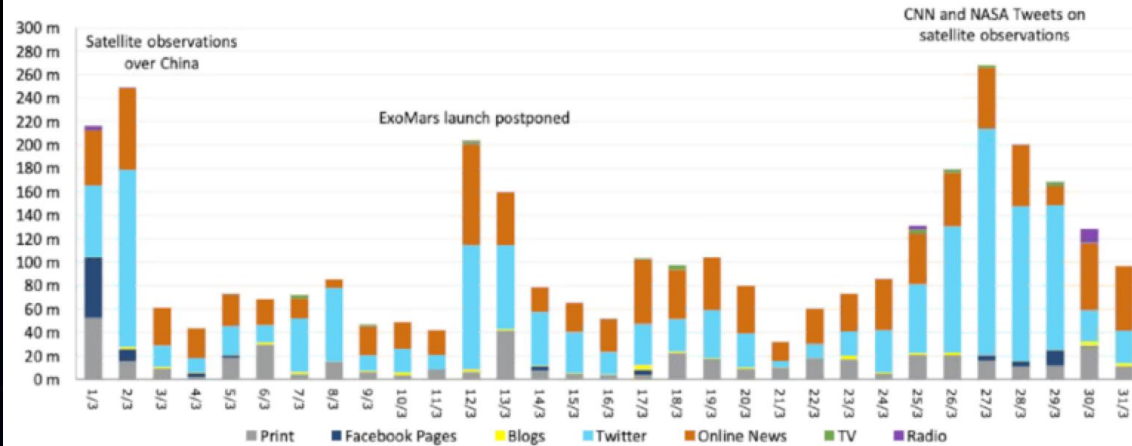


COVID-19 impact as 'seen' by Sentinel-5P (March 2020 - ESA internal Statistics)



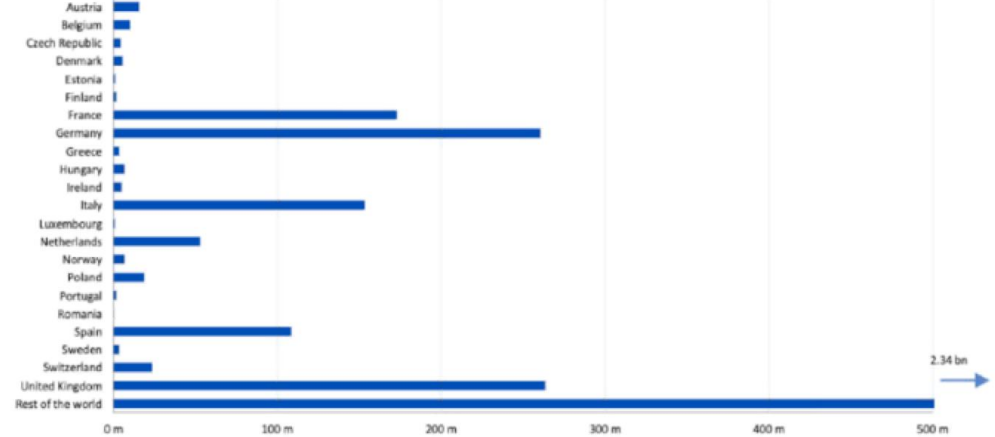
ExoMars and Sentinel-5P drive the media visibility

Visibility by date and by channel (Gross Reach)



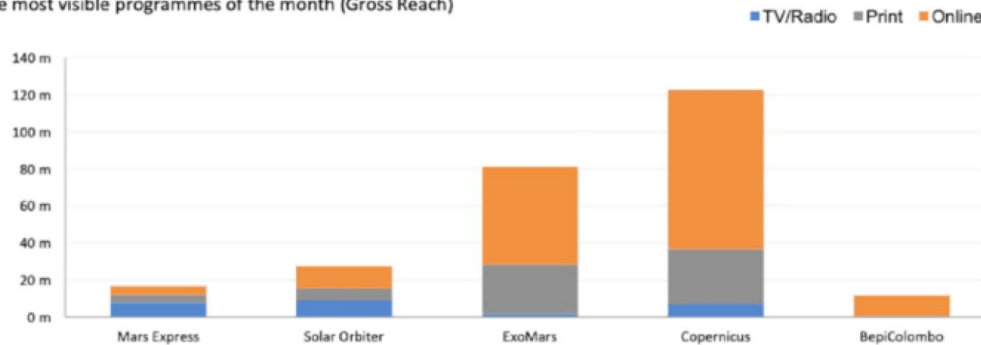
32 % of the visibility generated by ESA member states media

Visibility by country (Gross Reach)



Programmes

Visibility of the most visible programmes of the month (Gross Reach)



Gross Reach	16.6 M	27.4 M	81 M	122.5 M	11.8 M
Frequency % out of total 912 M	1.8 %	3 %	8.9 %	13.4 %	1.3 %

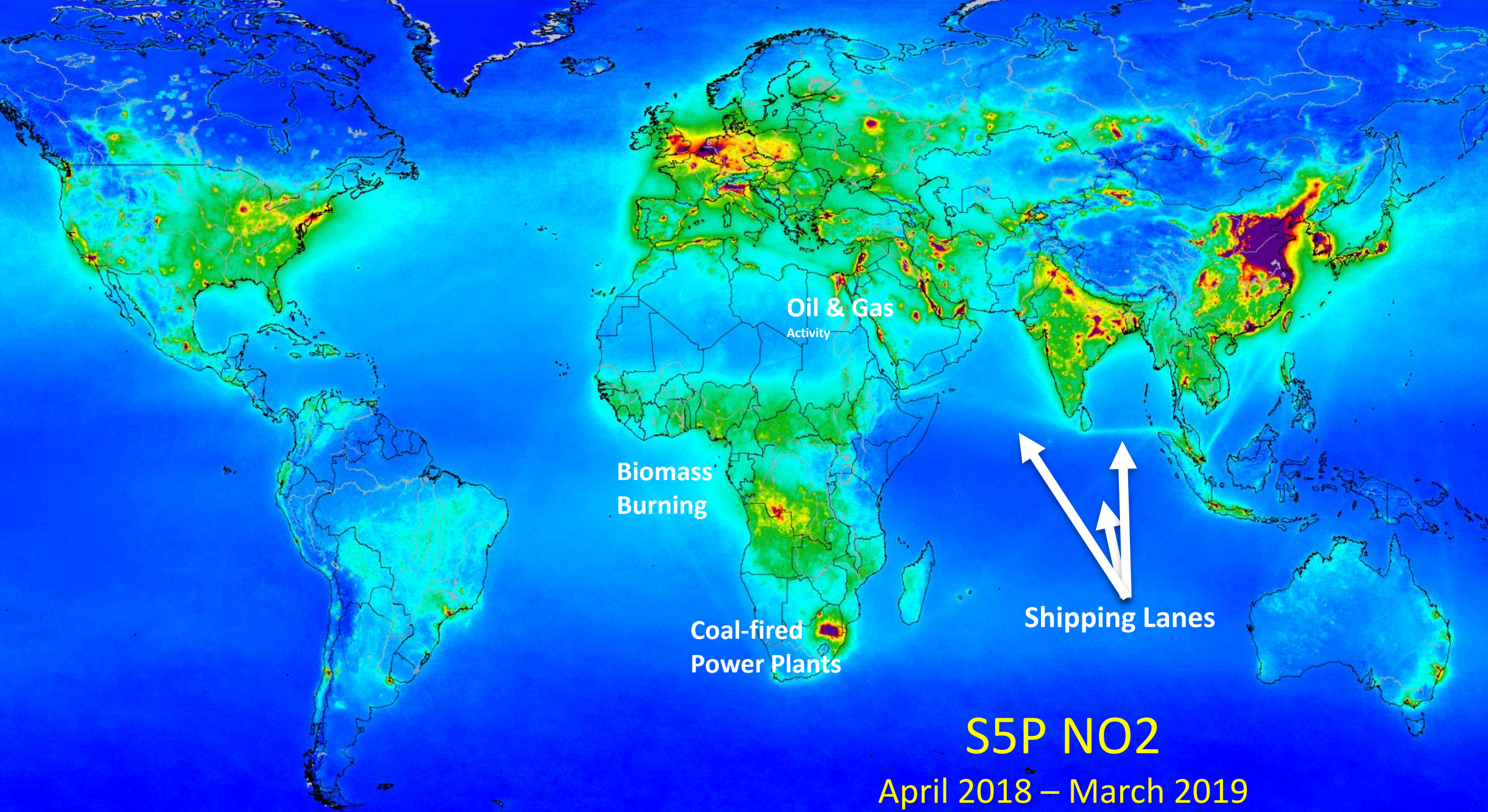
Key messages

Italy

- Italy was overwhelmingly the story which gained most traction in March. 53% of all Facebook posts were focused on NO2 drops in Northern Italy.

China

- China also featured prominently, though the posts looked at increasing emissions after the lockdown was relaxed. 12% of all Facebook posts focused on China.



Oil & Gas
Activity

Biomass
Burning

Coal-fired
Power Plants

Shipping Lanes

S5P NO2

April 2018 – March 2019

But first, a thought exercise...



Motivation: Confronting our Meme Culture



meme noun

'mēm 

1 : an amusing or interesting item (such as a captioned picture or video) or genre of items that is spread widely online especially through social media

- Memes as a Metaphor: make a nice picture, add a caption or soundbite
- Reductionism to deal with Complexity

Example of Meme-Style TROPOMI Data Usage

GREENPEACE

New satellite data reveals world's largest NO₂ air pollution emission hotspots - Greenpeace Media Briefing

The global air pollution crisis and the role of NO₂

Air pollution is a global public health crisis, with up to 95% of people across the world breathing unsafe air, and several million deaths per year attributable to it.

Unprecedentedly detailed satellite data generated by the European Space Agency's new satellite and analyzed by Greenpeace reveals the location of the globe's worst NO₂ emissions sources.

NO₂, and NO_x more generally, are dangerous air pollutants, causing respiratory symptoms and lung damage on acute exposure, increasing the risk of chronic diseases in long-term exposure.

Long-term exposure to NO₂ is associated with increased mortality rates world-wide². In the European Union, exposure to NO₂ is linked to an estimated 75,000 premature deaths per year³. In China, there is growing scientific evidence that indicates significant increases in respiratory and cardiovascular mortality as a result of exposure to NO₂^{4,5,6}.

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The list of the largest emissions hotspots includes several coal-fired power plants in India, South Africa and Germany, 10 power plant and industrial clusters in China, 14 megacities with very high transport-related emissions, including Santiago de Chile, Tehran, Dubai, London and Paris; as well as agricultural burning in Congo and Angola. Some hotspots, such as Seoul, Jakarta and New Delhi, have a mix of contributing sources, including transport, coal power plants and manufacturing.

The world's biggest hotspot is Mpumalanga in South Africa, home to a cluster of a dozen coal fired power plants with a total capacity of over 32 gigawatts owned and operated by Eskom.

The data covers the period from 1 June to 31 August 2018.

Power Plant Hotspots

For the power plant hotspots, the main source of emissions is also readily visible from images generated from daily snapshots of NO₂ levels in the atmosphere – these images show plumes originating from specific power plants.

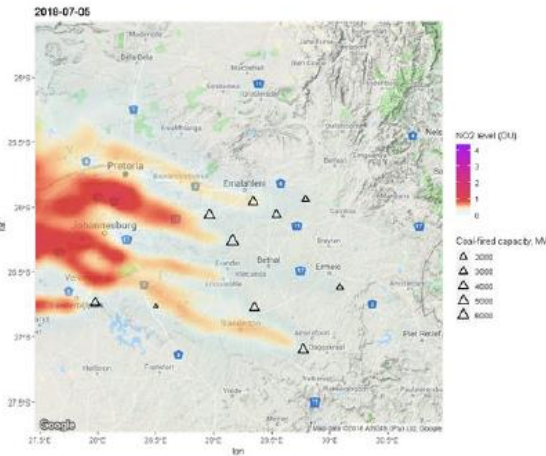
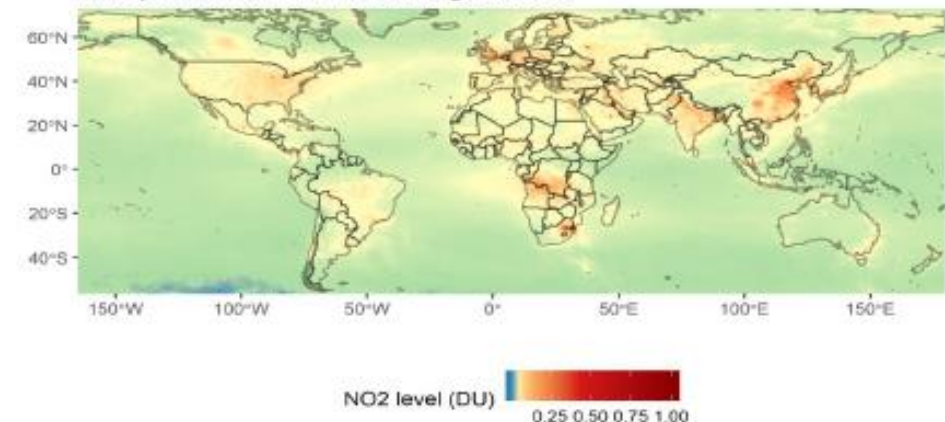


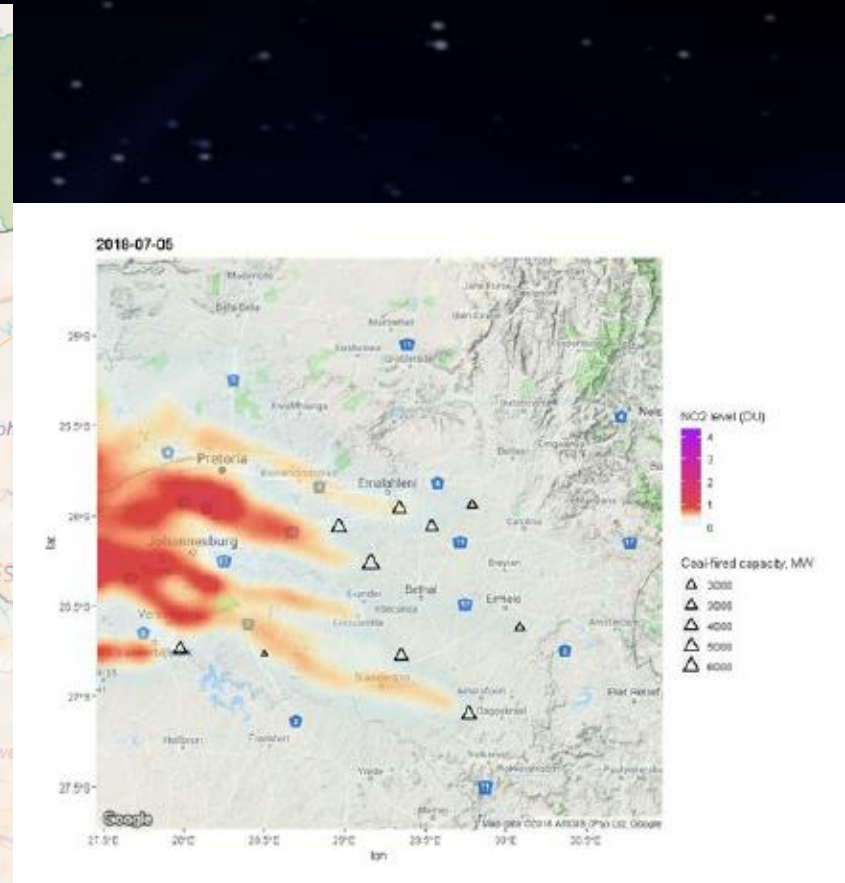
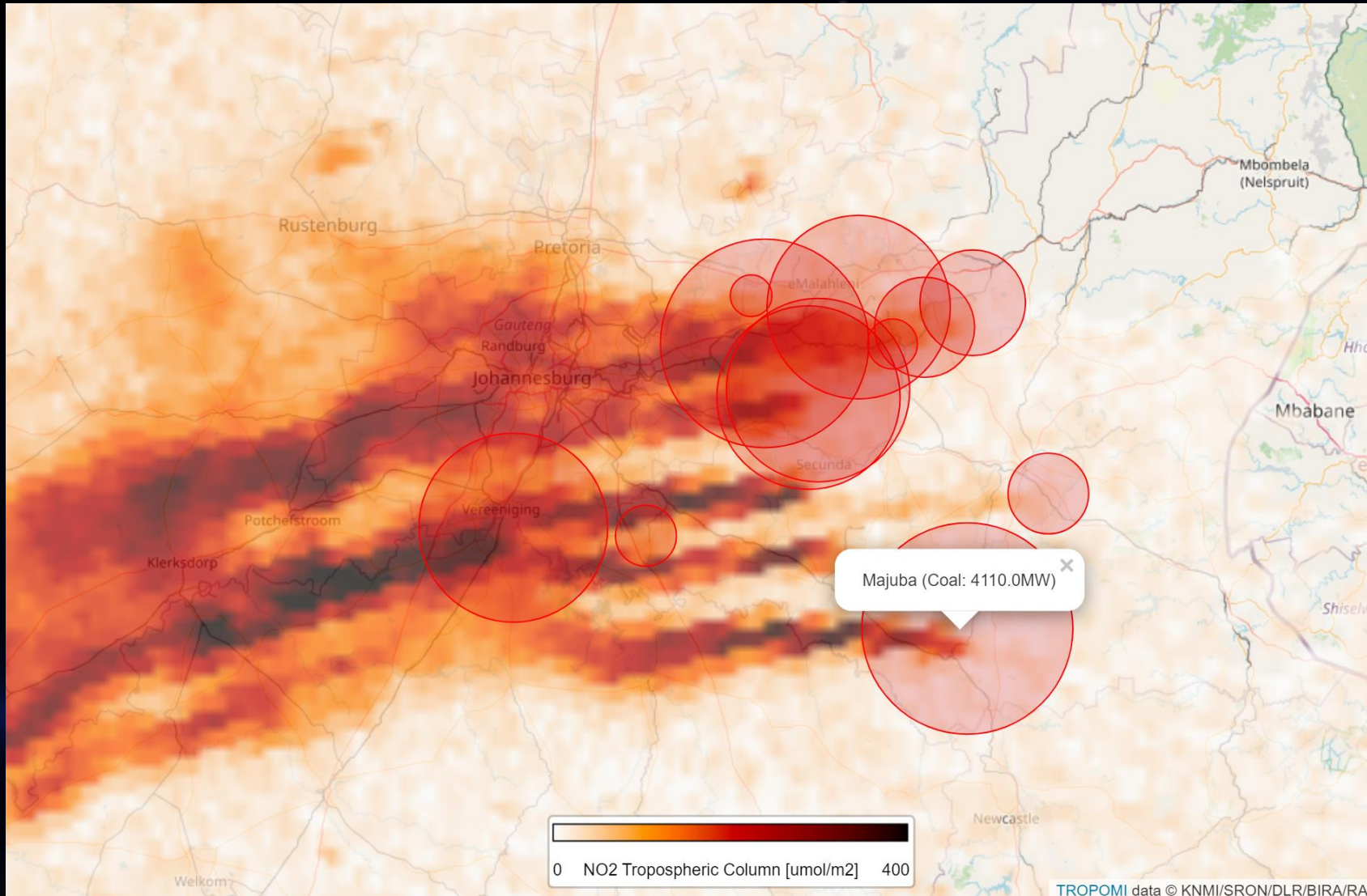
Figure 3. Power plant pollution plumes detected by Sentinel 5P on Jul 5, 2018, transported by wind power plants in South Africa to Johannesburg.

- Climatological and seasonal context was ignored
- Mix of data streams and versions
- No information about data quality (filtering)
- Color scale matters

NO₂ pollution levels in June-August 2018



Combining TROPOMI NO₂ with WRI Power Explorer



Motivation: Bridging the Gap(s)



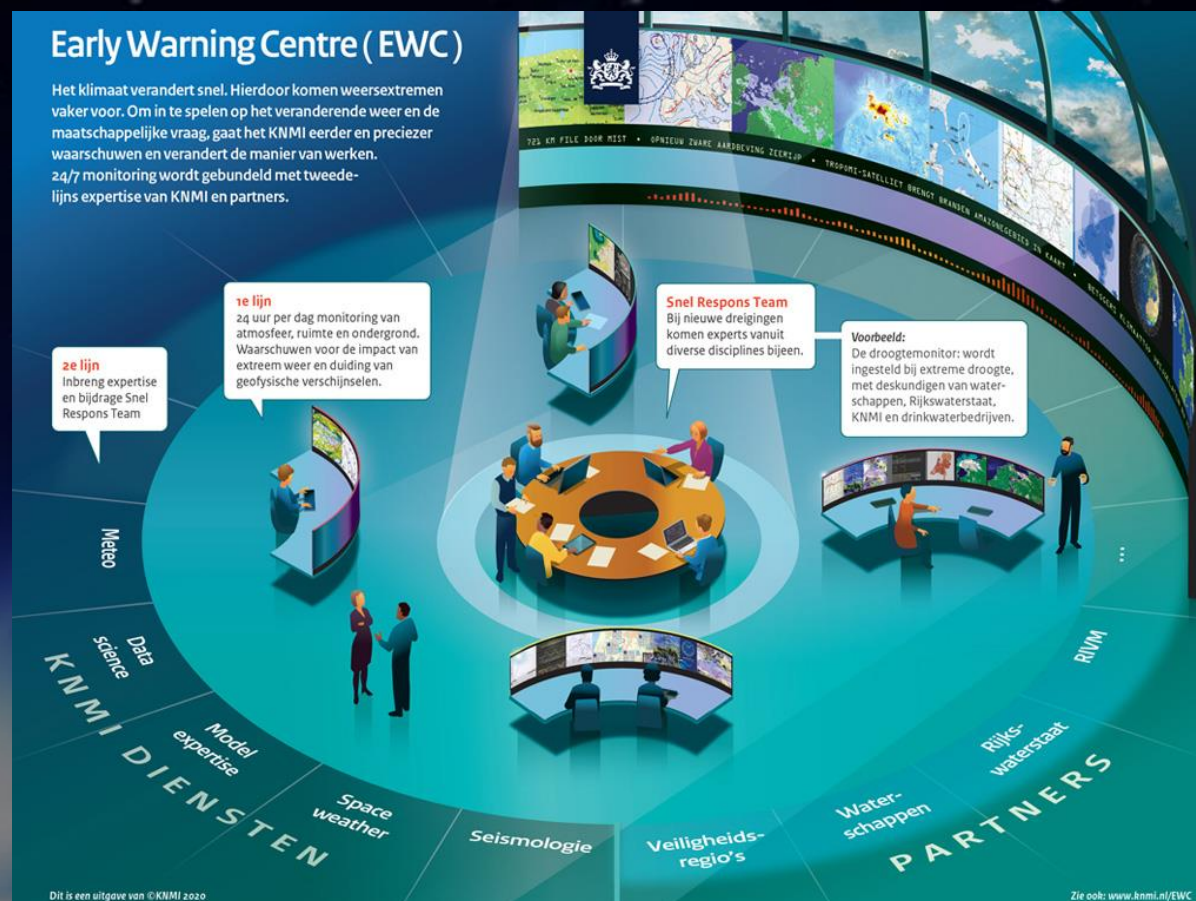
Goal today: Identify which gaps are present between the data creators & data provider and the (non-technical) data user

With which types of non-scientific users are you interacting?

- Policy makers,
- City council members,
- Concerned citizen groups,
- Local, regional environmental agencies
- ...

KNMI: who are we & what do we do?

- **New Director & New Directions**
- **Maarten van Aalst: former director International Red Cross/Red Crescent Climate Risk Management research background**
- **KNMI is reframed and reorganized to act as an Early Warning Center**
- **KNMI Global is driven by WMO initiatives to facilitate international partnerships to expand services beyond the Netherlands**



KNMI: Engaging African Researchers

- **Motivation to act as facilitators to engage & learn regarding**
- **Operationalization of Early Warning Systems**
- **Climate Attribution & Communication**
- **Utilization of Satellite datasets for Monitoring and services**
 - Meteorology & Climate
 - Air Quality & Emissions
 - Agriculture & Public Health
- **Innovations for sensor networks city-scale field measurements**
- **What data, services, insights related to the development can we share with you to learn from you?**


KNMI: Receptoren African-focused

- Workshop about Bridging African Science & TROPOMI
- 11-15 April, 2022 in Leiden, The Netherlands
- Invited a mix of Natural Sciences & researchers from Africa, US & Europe to establish needs & partnerships for a better world together for green growth

28 juni 2023

Koninklijk Nederlands Meteorologisch Instituut

The poster features a satellite in the top left corner, with several rectangular panels showing satellite imagery of Africa. The background is a map of Africa with a color scale from green to red, indicating air quality or temperature variations. A fire icon is visible in the upper right. The text is arranged in a structured layout with a yellow header and a black footer.

NIAS 
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The Power of TROPOMI to Bridge African Science and Policy

11 - 15 April 2022, Leiden, the Netherlands

Scientific Organizers

- Abebe Shimeles, AERC
- Marleen Dekker, ASCL
- Rebecca Garland, U. Pretoria
- Deborah Stein Zweers, KNMI
- Pieter Levelt, UCAR

Topics

- Satellite Measurement of Air Quality (TROPOMI Instrument)
- Policy questions and data issues
- Understanding Emissions
- City-Scale Approach
- Public Health
- Agriculture

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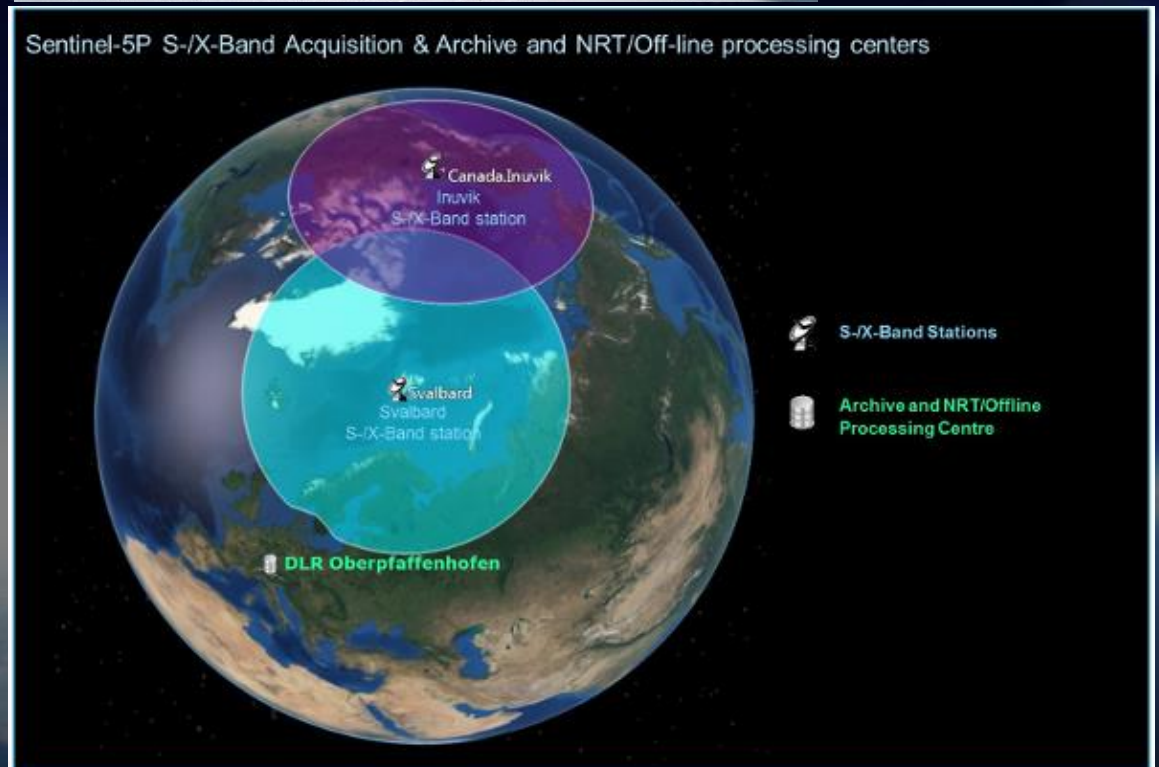
TROPOMI images show trace gases relevant to air quality measured in September 2021. Image credits KNMI, ESA. Compilation by Deborah Stein Zweers, KNMI. Poster design: SuperNova Studios . NL

What are data levels? From satellite to ground

- **LEVEL ZERO (L0):** This electronic information is the so-called L0 data and is transmitted to receivers (satellite dishes) at high-latitude
- Using electronic L0 data from both direct sunlight and Earth plus lots of information about the satellite itself the L0 is translated into L1 data
- **LEVEL ONE (L1):** is a description of the exact amount of light for many spectral wavelengths as detected by TROPOMI for a given ground location (or pixel);



Kiruna, Sweden:
Station for sending
commands to
TROPOMI



What are data levels? spectral bar codes

Each trace gas species, aerosol type, or cloud has a unique spectral signature which acts like a kind of barcode telling us how much light absorption is taking place in the atmosphere due to that specific species

- **LEVEL TWO (L2):** the spectrum is transformed into an amount of the trace gas spread over the atmospheric vertical column for a given pixel (ground location); The pixels in an orbit are not all the same size across an orbit (larger on the extreme edges) and orbits don't fall over the same place
- **LEVEL THREE (L3), GEE is an example:** To more easily compare the day-to-day variability for a specific location the all of the orbit-based data needs to be averaged and redistributed on a fixed grid; L3 data can be used to make time-series analyses for a specific site

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Processing Level = L2

Timeliness

Absolute Orbit Number

Offline
Near real time
Reprocessing

Orbit number is optional

Sentinels Website – TROPOMI

- <https://sentinel.esa.int/web/sentinel/technical-guides/sentinel-5p/products-algorithms>
- L1, L2 and supporting documentation per product
- **Product Readme Files (PRF)** – Start with this Document
 - Compact overview of how to use TROPOMI data products
 - Short descriptions of data fields, version, quality & validation status
- Product User Manual (PUM)
- Algorithm Theoretical Basis Document (ATBD)