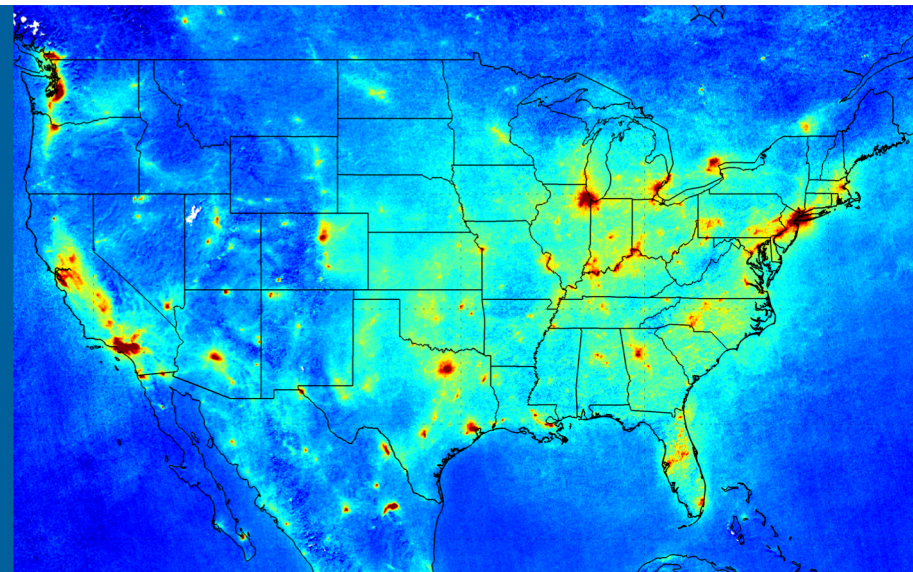


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# USING SATELLITE DATA TO ESTIMATE AIR POLLUTION AT HIGH SPATIOTEMPORAL RESOLUTION



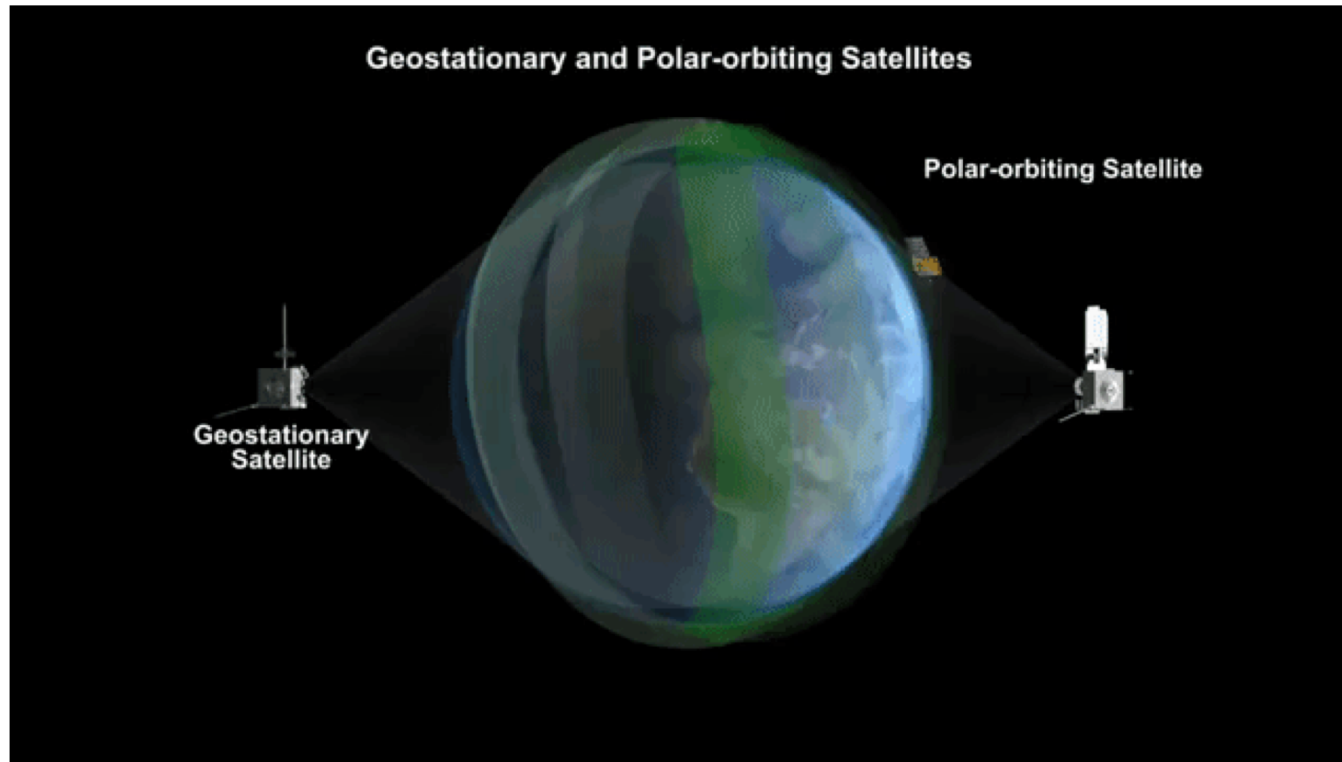
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Satellite NO<sub>2</sub> observed by the newest  
instrument, TROPOMI, during July 2018

March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Portland, Oregon  
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# POLAR-ORBITING SATELLITES VS. GEOSTATIONARY SATELLITES



Animation from  
UCAR COMET

Polar-orbiting, or low-earth-orbiting, satellites have global coverage but only one snapshot (sometimes fewer) per day.

Geostationary satellites have partial global coverage, but many snapshots (100x, 1000x) per day.

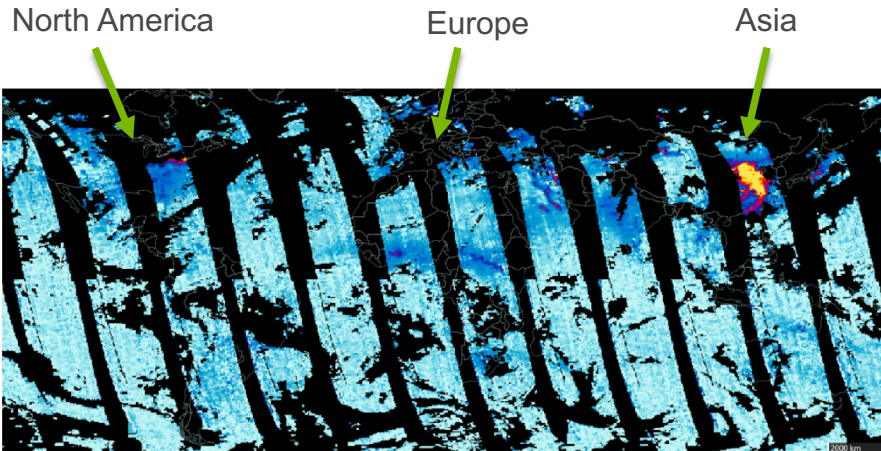
← All current  
air quality  
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satellites  
are these.



# MOST USEFUL SATELLITES FOR AIR QUALITY PURPOSES

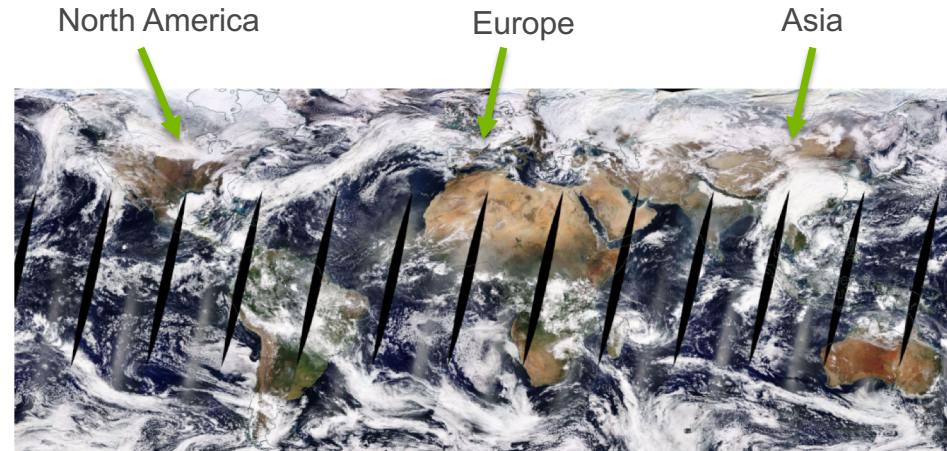
To monitor trace gases  
(i.e.,  $\text{NO}_2$ ,  $\text{SO}_2$ , etc.):

Tropospheric Monitoring Instrument (TROPOMI)



To monitor aerosols (i.e., particulate matter):

Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer (MODIS):



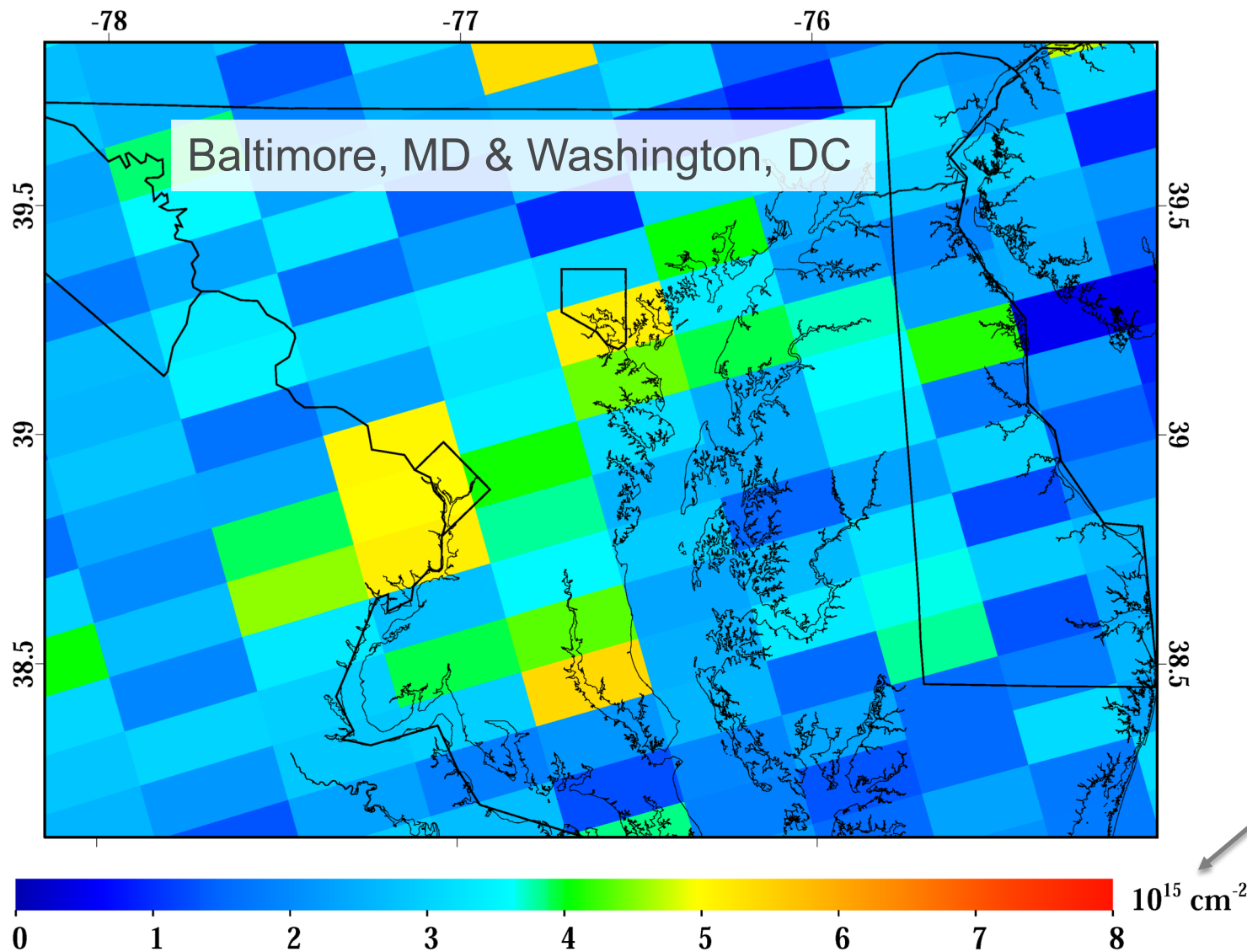
Quick looks (like above) are available at: <https://worldview.earthdata.nasa.gov/> or <http://www.temis.nl/airpollution/>

Both satellite instruments are known for their longevity; over 14 years of consistent data!

However, both are also low-earth orbiting satellites, which means only 1 snapshot per day.

# OMI NO<sub>2</sub> SATELLITE DATA

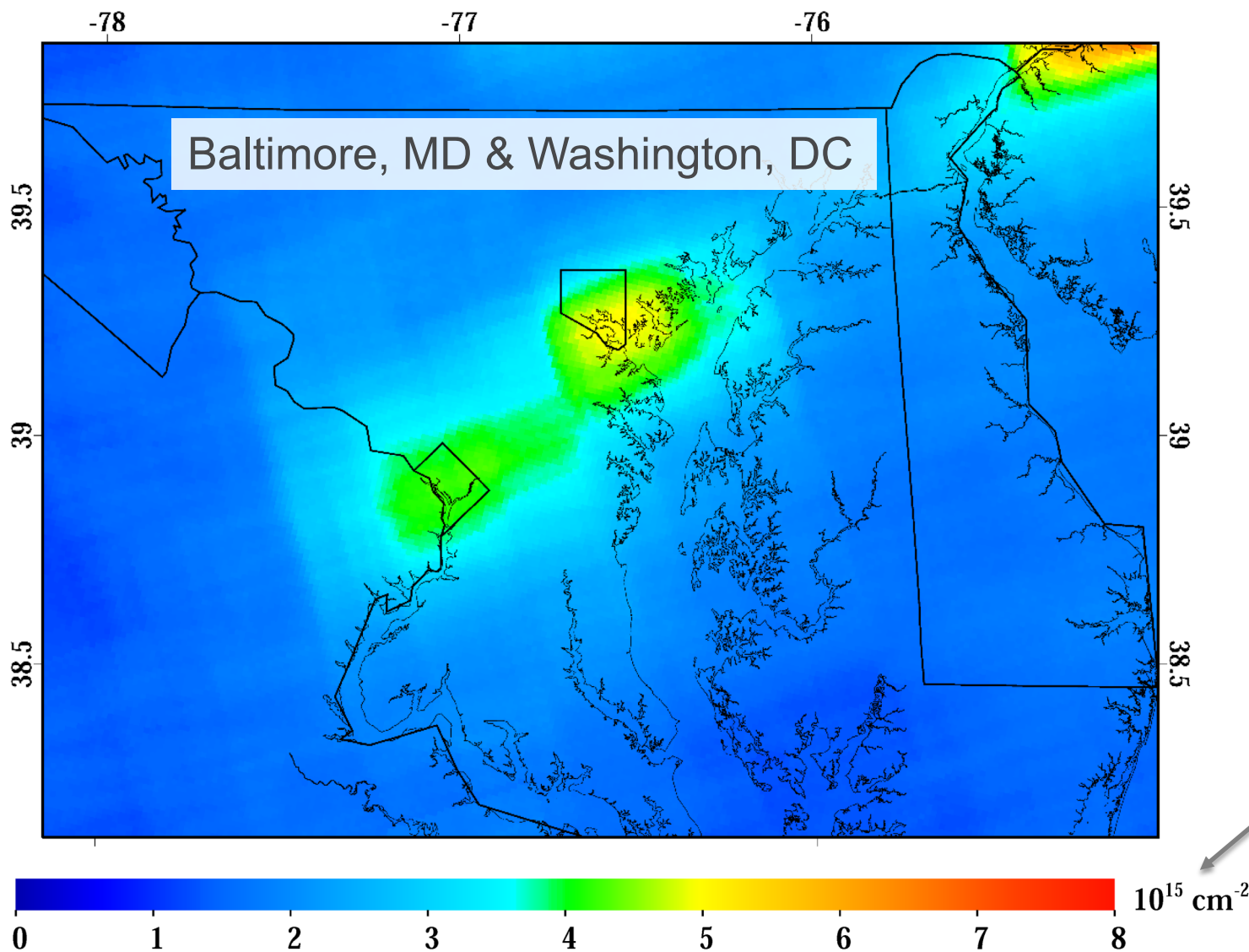
One day: July 18, 2011



Units are  
molecules  
per cm<sup>2</sup>

# OMI NO<sub>2</sub> SATELLITE DATA

Ten months: June & July 2008 – 2012





# DERIVING NO<sub>x</sub> EMISSIONS ESTIMATES USING SATELLITE DATA

**GOLDBERG ET AL., 2019;**  
**GOLDBERG ET AL., IN PREP.**



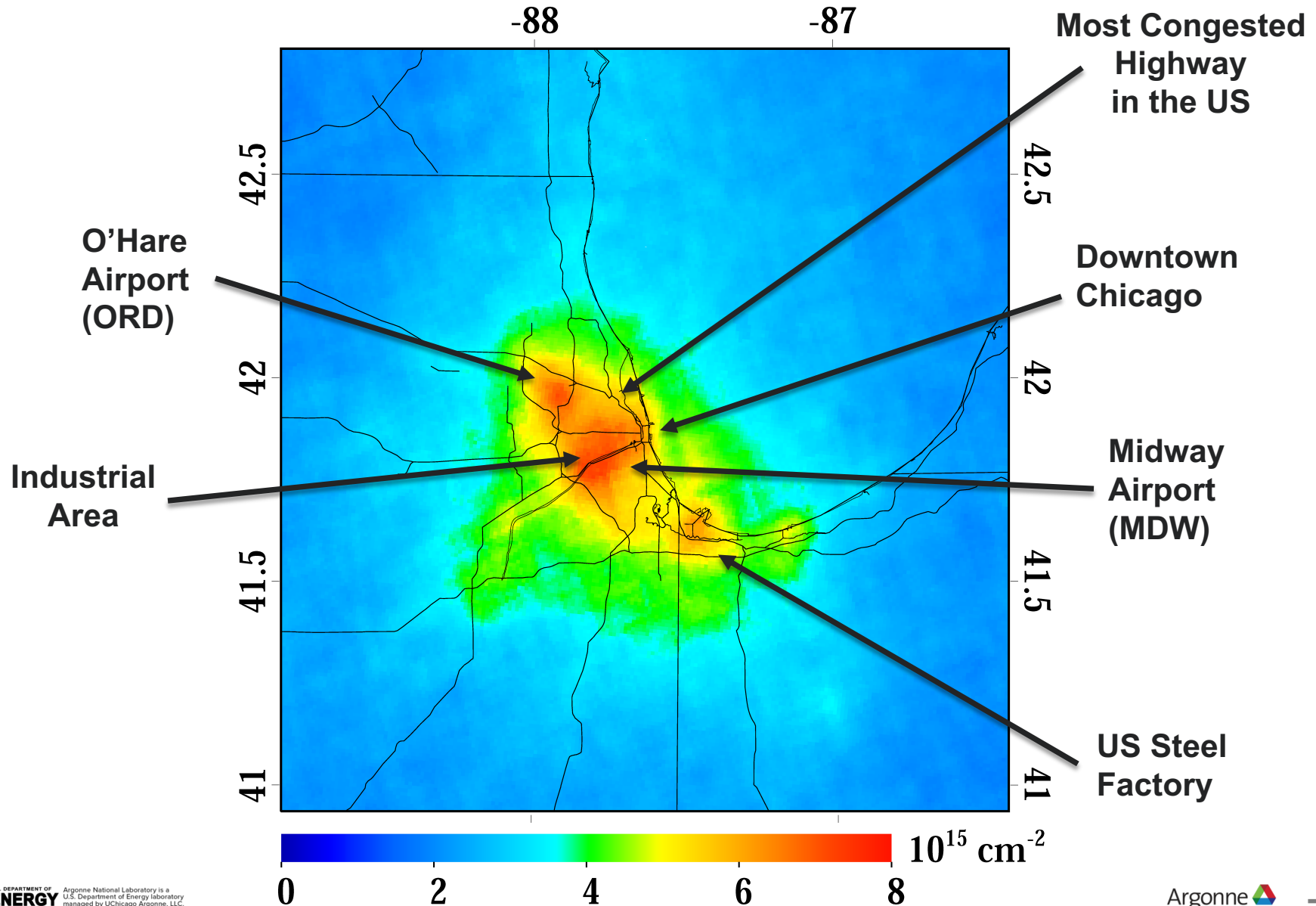
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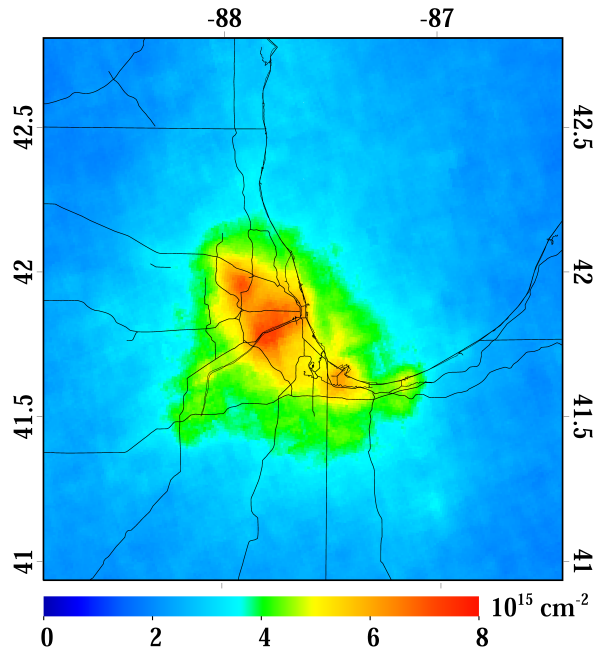
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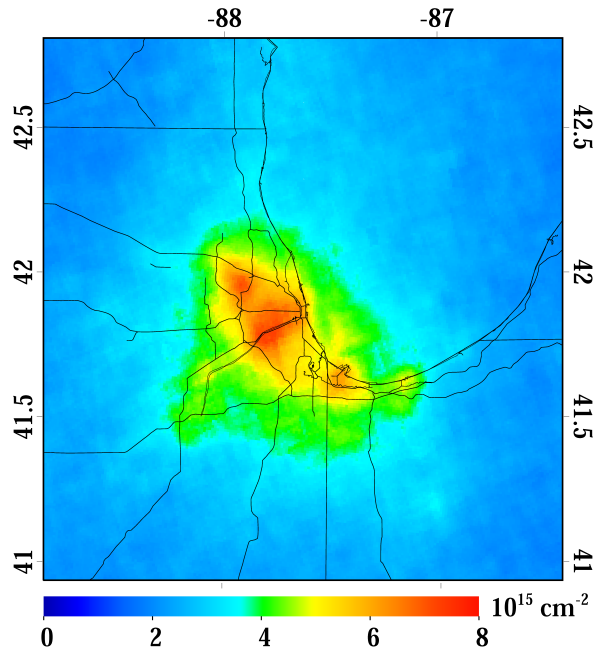
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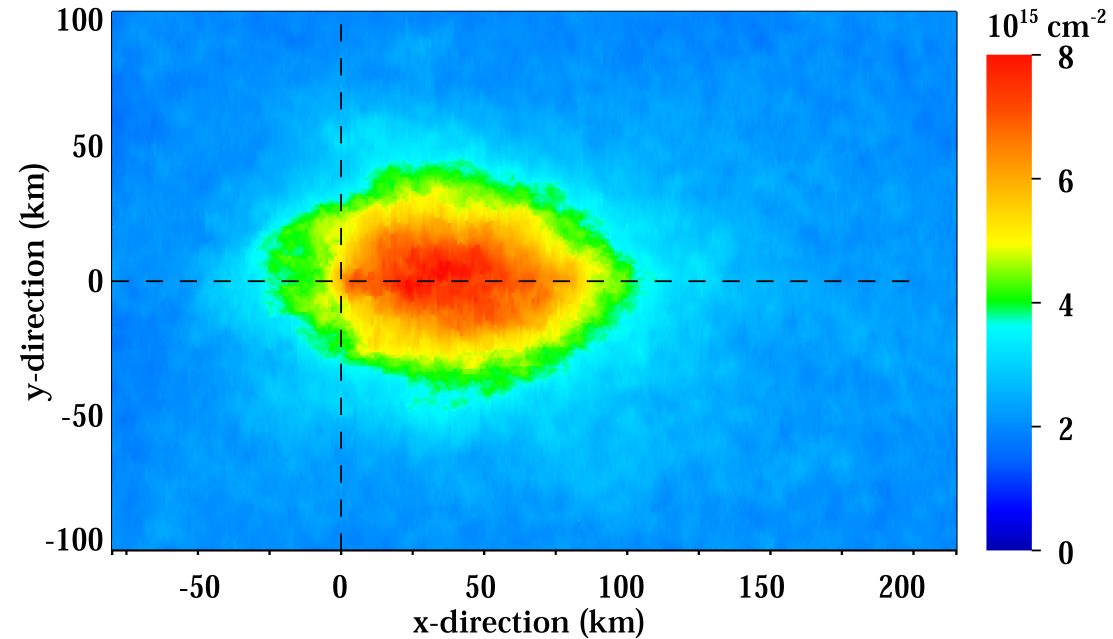


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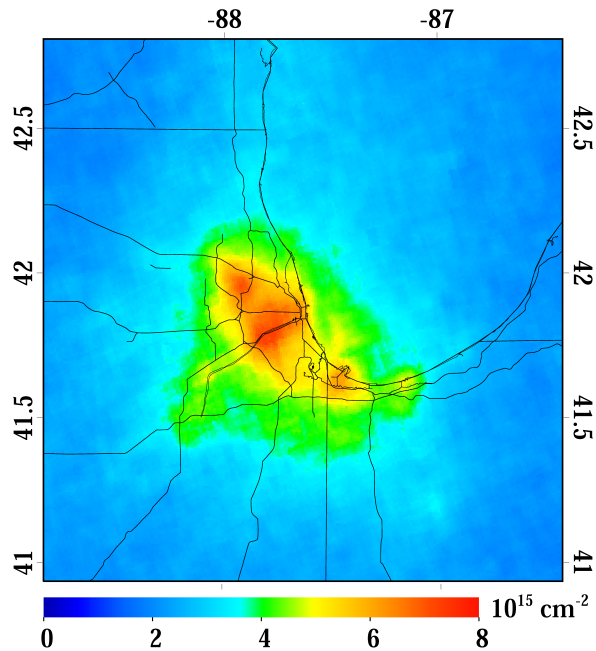


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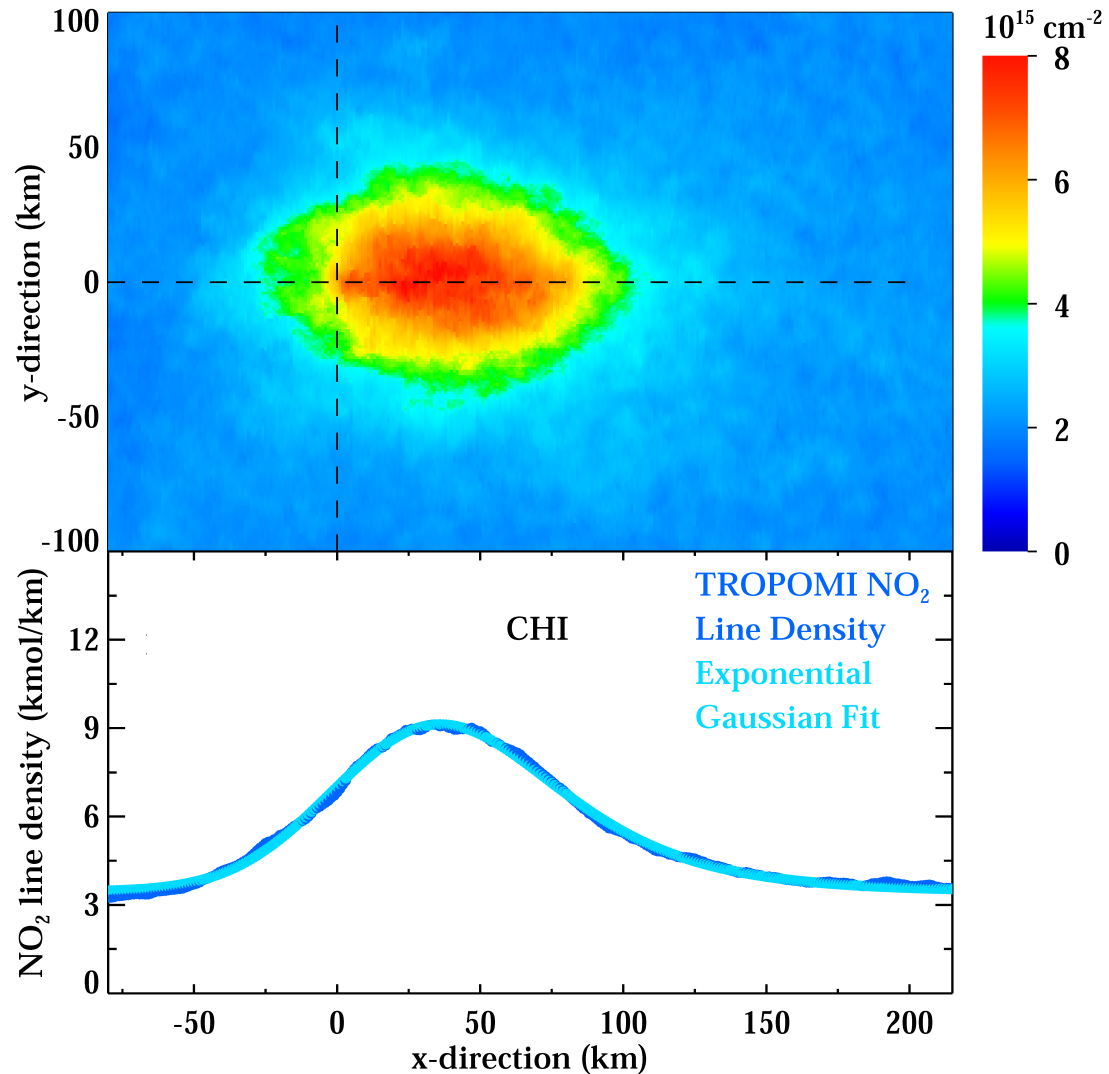


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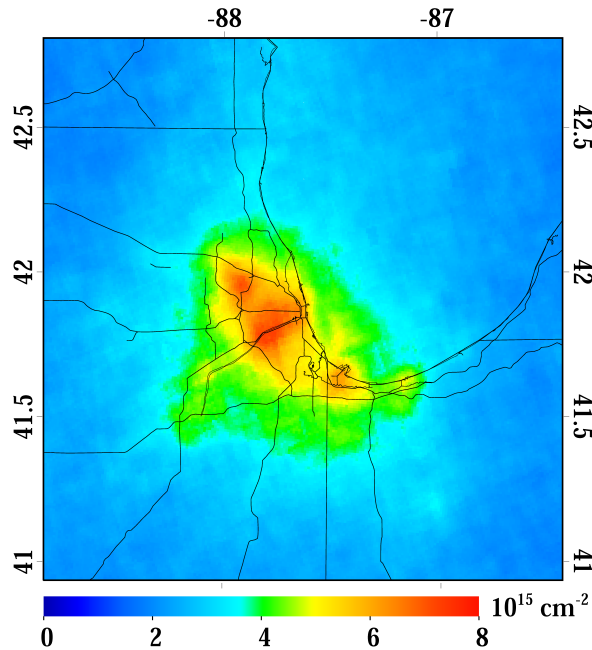
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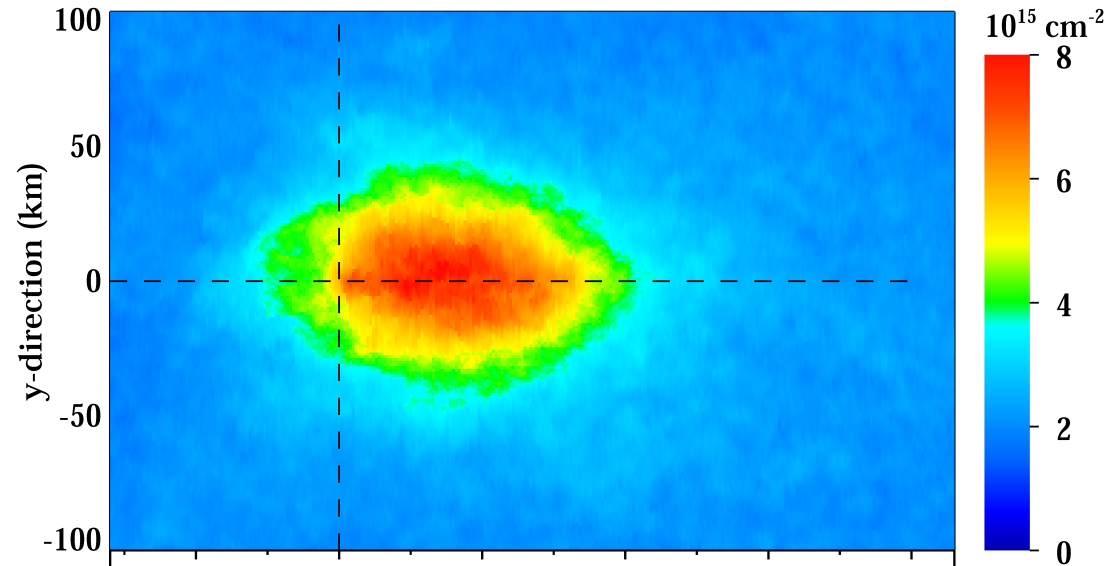
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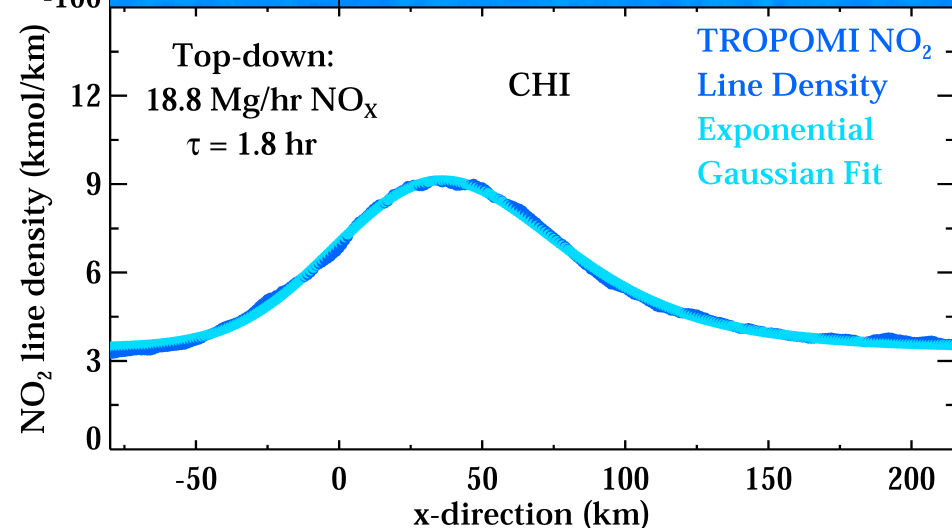


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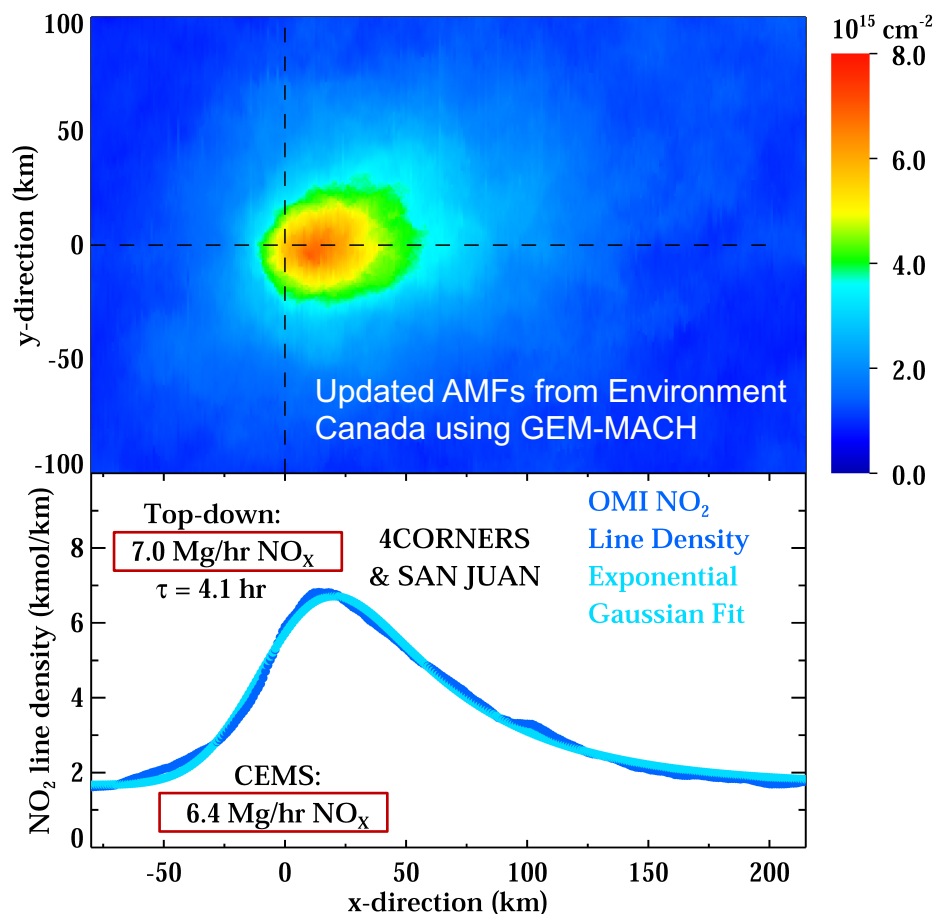
**Step 4:** The fit will give a burden and decay distance, which can be used to calculate the emissions rate and lifetime



# HOW DO WE KNOW THIS METHOD WORKS???

We compare to known NO<sub>x</sub> emissions sources: US power plants

OMI NO<sub>2</sub> with updated AMFs

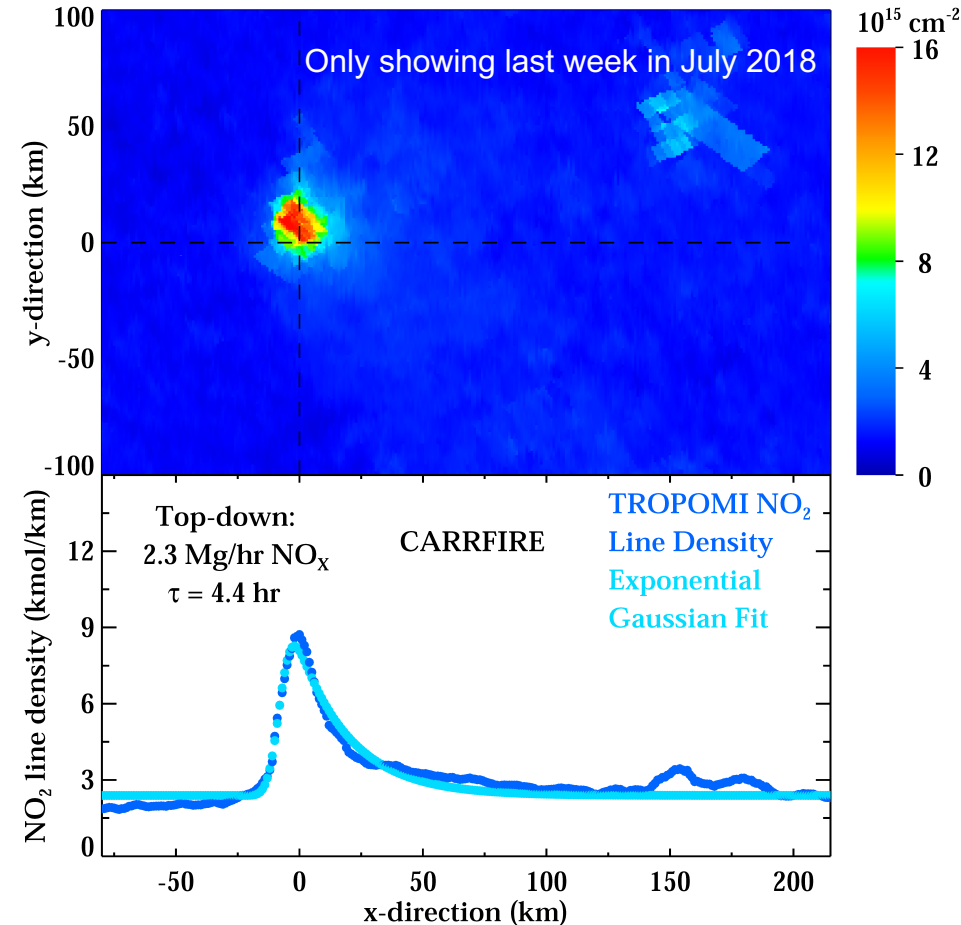
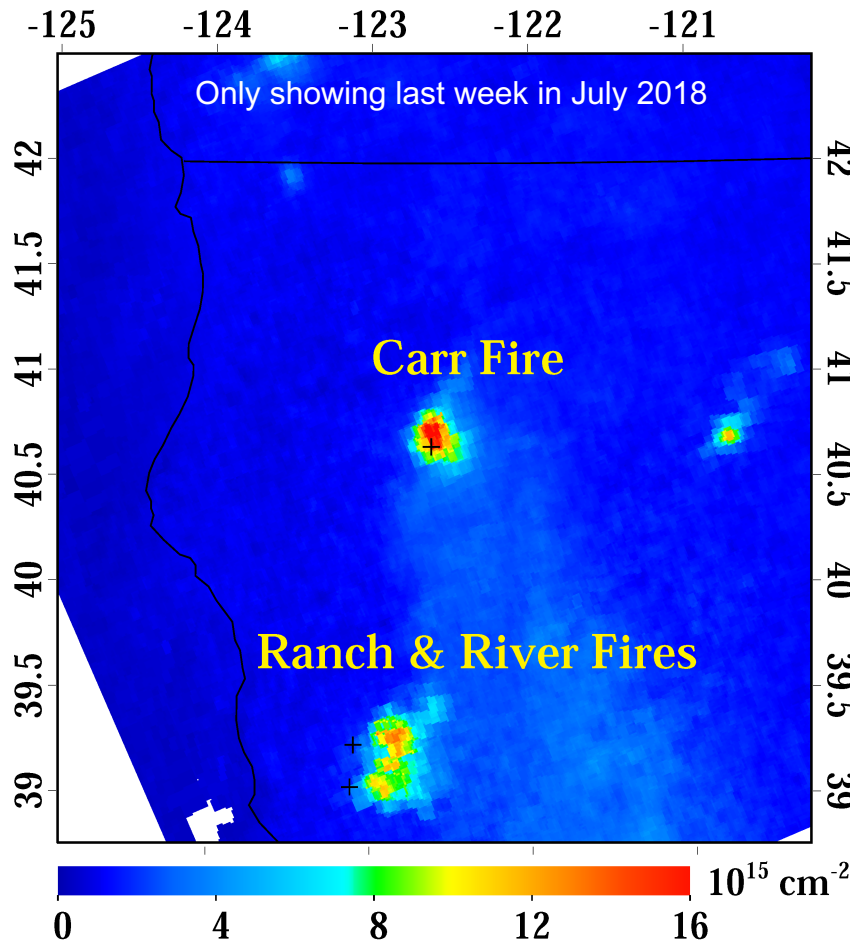


- After re-processing satellite data with regional air mass factors, there is very good agreement between the top-down method and the reported emissions (CEMS) to within  $\pm 15\%$ .

For more info on the satellite re-processing methodology see: McLinden et al., 2014; ACP, Goldberg et al., 2017; ACP  
For more info on the inverse modeling method see: de Foy et al., 2014, 2015 AE; Goldberg et al., 2019; ACP.

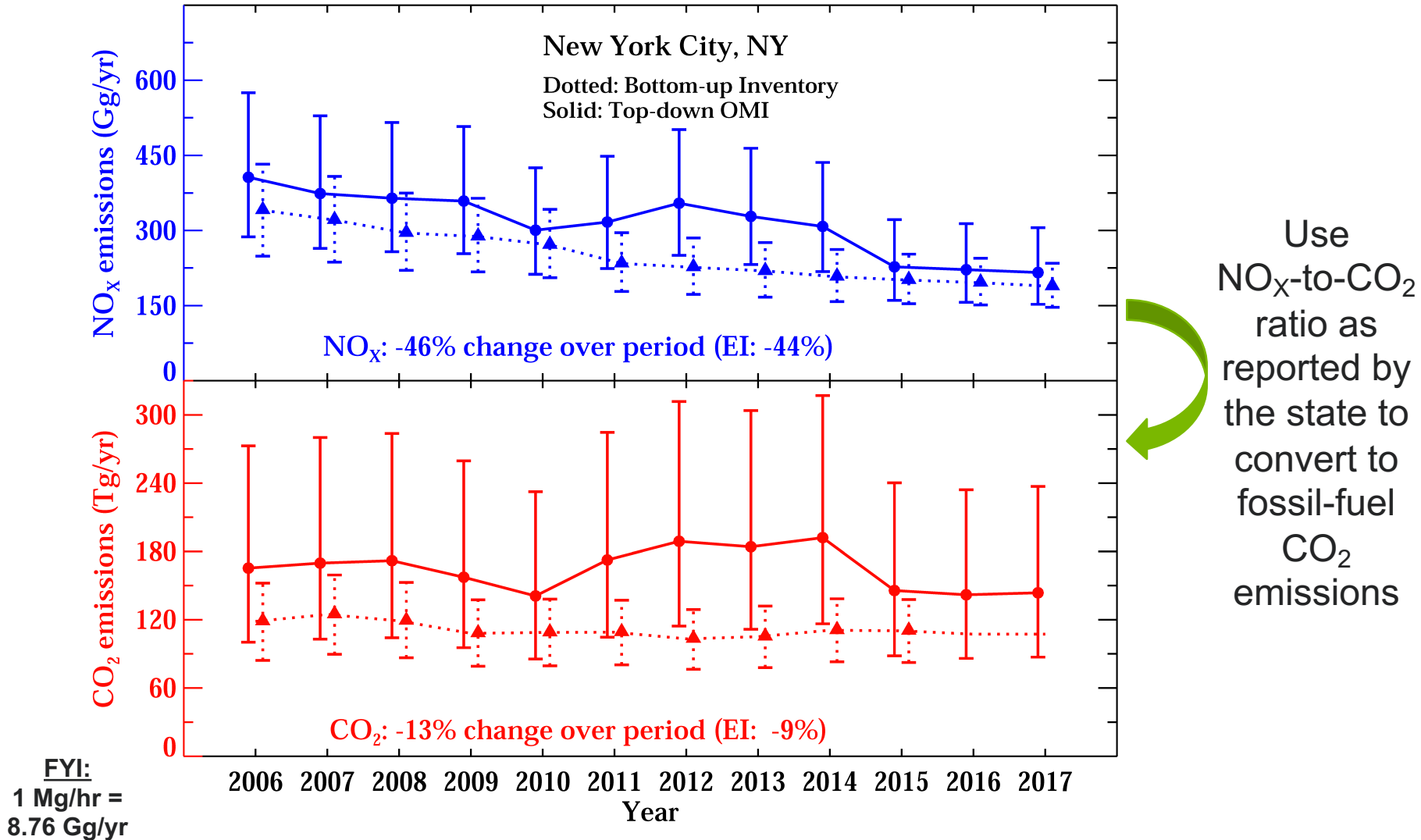


# SOME INTERESTING APPLICATIONS: WILDFIRE NO<sub>x</sub> EMISSIONS

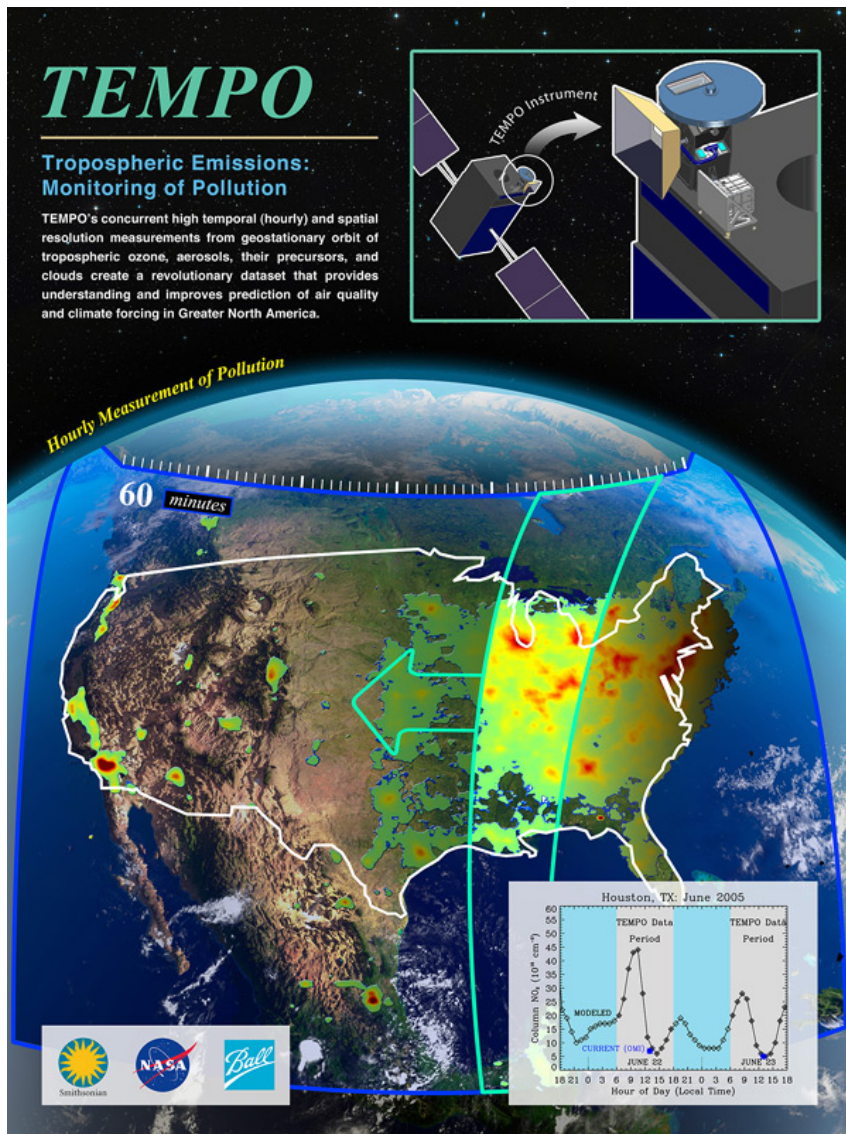


- Can derive NO<sub>x</sub> emissions from wildfires (Carr Fire: Approx. 1/4 emissions of Chicago)

# SOME INTERESTING APPLICATIONS: LONG-TERM NO<sub>x</sub> & FOSSIL-FUEL CO<sub>2</sub> TRENDS



# COMING SOON: TEMPO & GEMS



## Characteristics:

- Geostationary orbit
  - GEMS: East Asia
  - TEMPO: North America
- Hourly resolution that can show diurnal variability of emissions!
- Spatial resolution:
  - TEMPO: 2 km x 4.5 km
  - GEMS: 7 km x 8 km
- Species: O<sub>3</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>, HCHO, glyoxal, aerosols, among others

Image: NASA



# ESTIMATING DAILY 1 KM $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ CONCENTRATIONS USING A COMBINATION OF SATELLITE DATA & CHEMICAL TRANSPORT MODELS

GOLDBERG ET AL., 2019

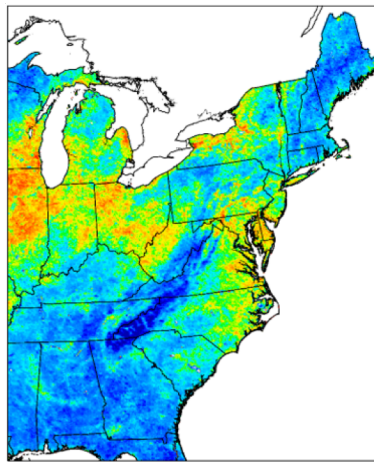


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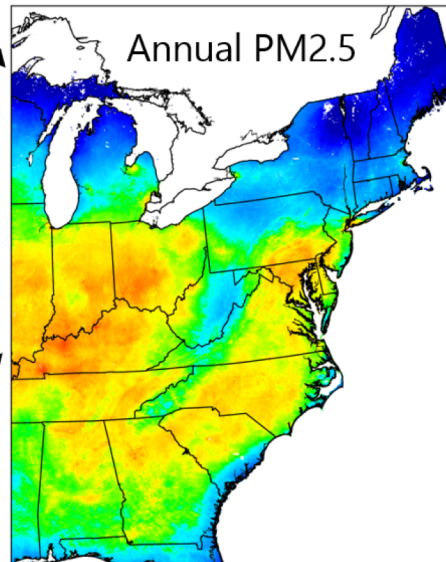
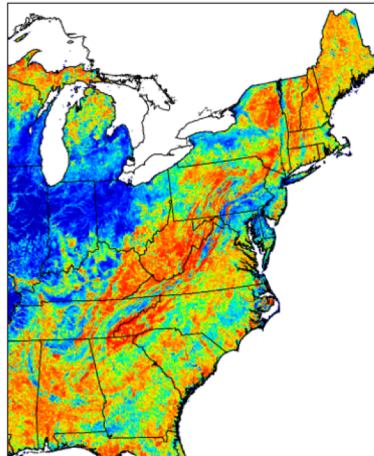
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# OUTLINE OF OUR PM<sub>2.5</sub> STATISTICAL MODEL

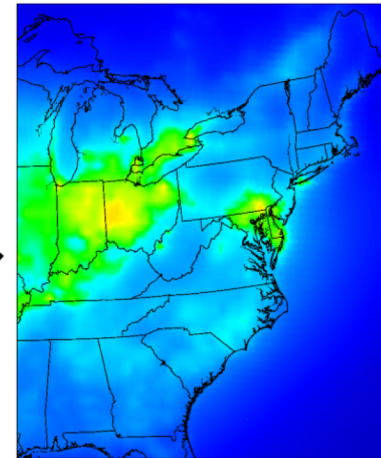


Satellite Aerosol  
Optical Depth

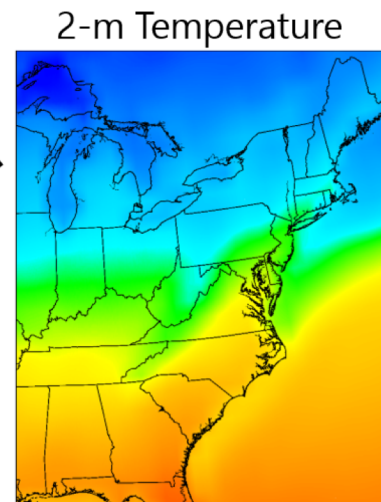
Forest Percentage



Annual PM<sub>2.5</sub>



Chemical Transport  
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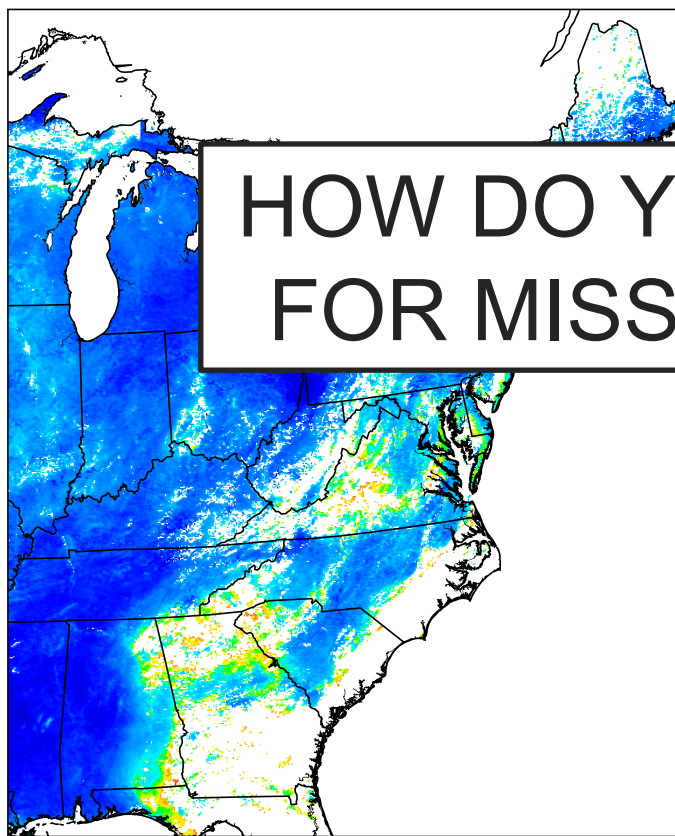
2-m Temperature



# INTRODUCTION TO MAIAC AEROSOL OPTICAL DEPTH (AOD)

MAIAC = Multi-Angle Implementation of Atmospheric Correction  
Operational AOD algorithm released by NASA June 2018

Example: July 15, 2008



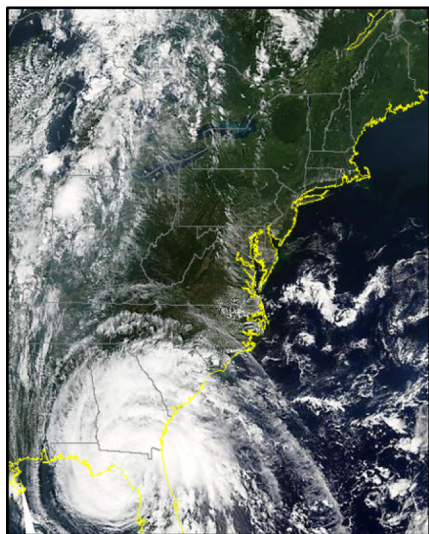
- Calculates Aerosol Optical Depth (AOD) from the NASA Terra & Aqua

- The algorithm “observes the same grid cell over time, helping to separate atmospheric and surface contributions... using multi-angle observations from different orbits.” Lyapustin et al., 2018.

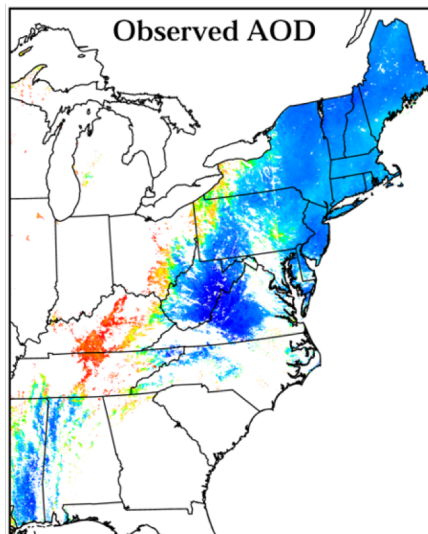


# GAP-FILLING METHODOLOGY: EXAMPLE AUGUST 22, 2008

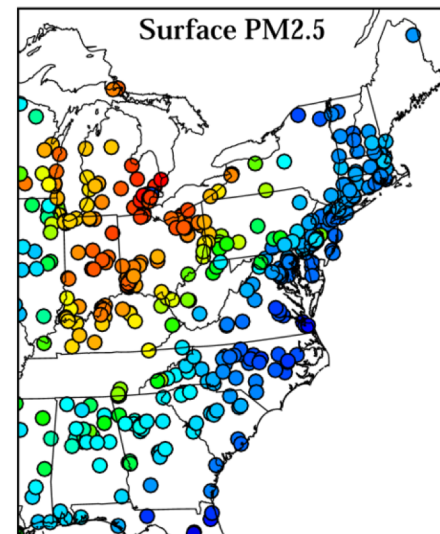
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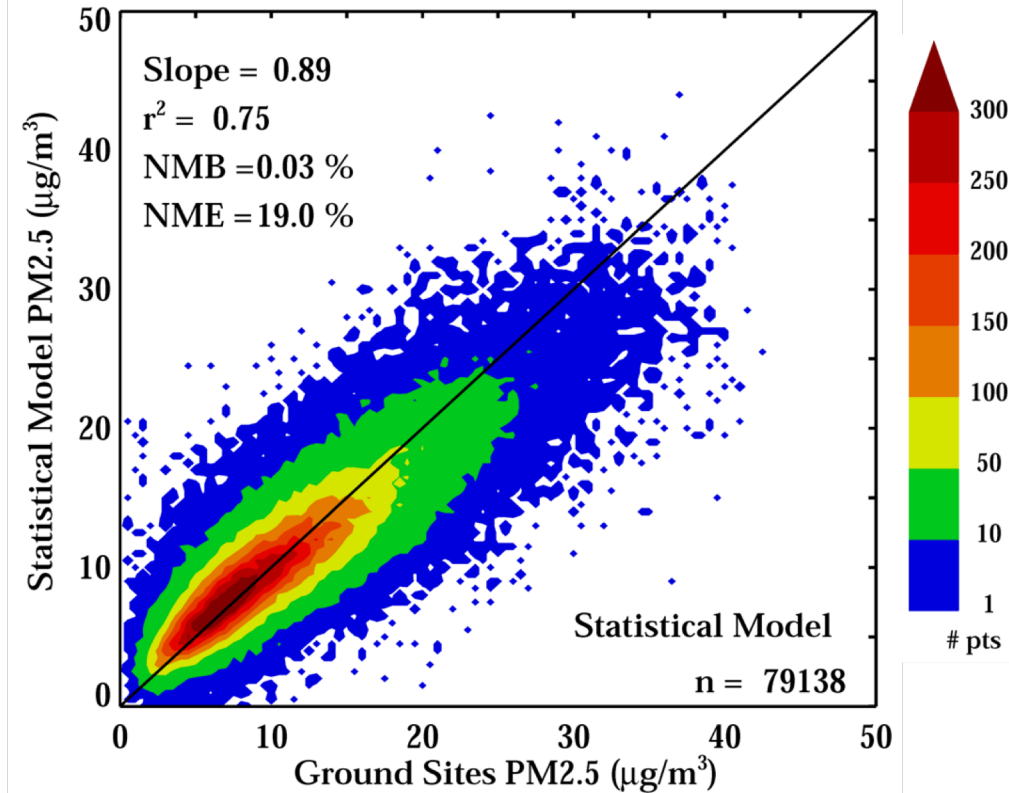
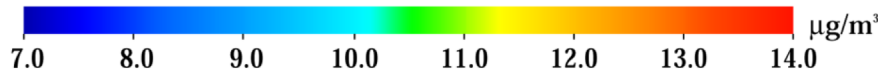
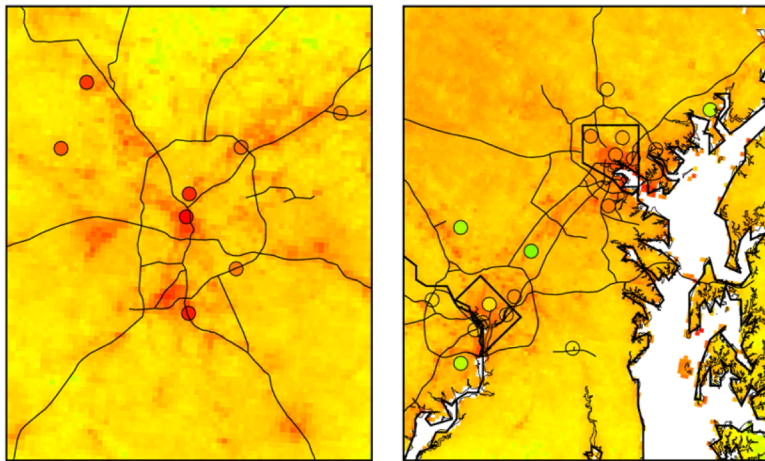
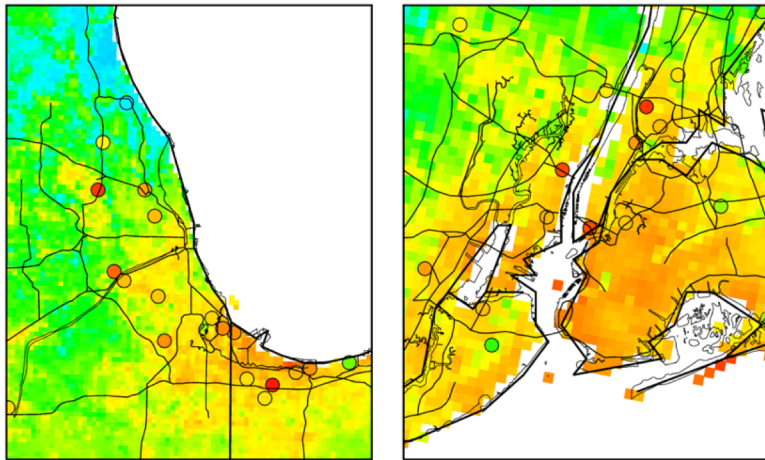
Observed MAIAC AOD



Observed Surface PM<sub>2.5</sub>



# 2008 ANNUAL AVERAGED SURFACE PM<sub>2.5</sub> FROM OUR *DAILY* REGRESSION MODEL

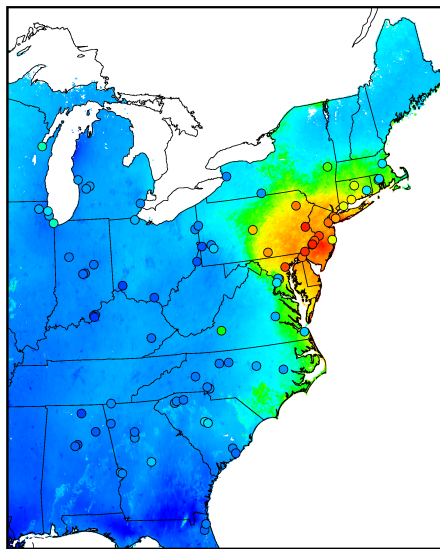


Model estimates daily PM<sub>2.5</sub> with excellent accuracy and precision. Comparable to other studies such as from Dalhousie, Harvard & Emory.

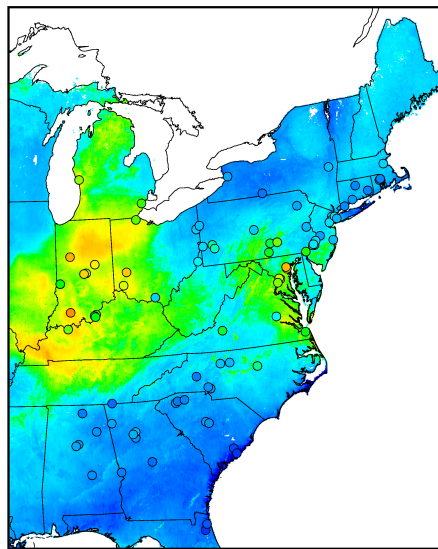
**\*\*10-fold cross-validation:** 90% of the observations are used to predict values at the remaining 10% of the monitoring sites. Process is repeated 10 times.

# DAILY PM<sub>2.5</sub> ESTIMATES FROM OUR STATISTICAL MODEL

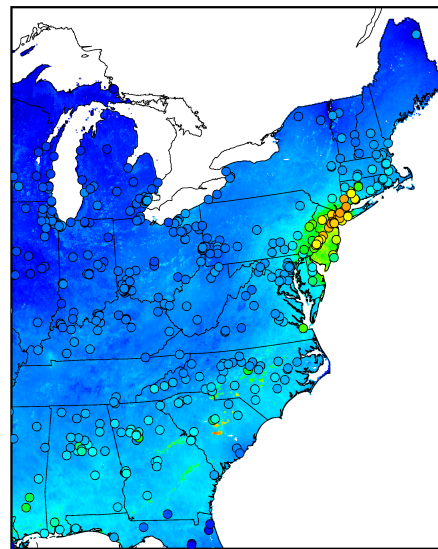
January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2008:  
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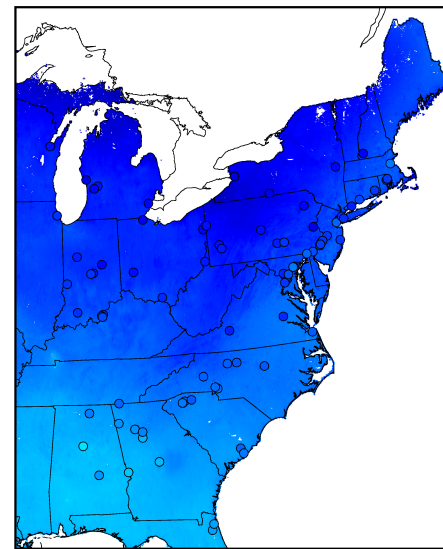
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SE Wildfires

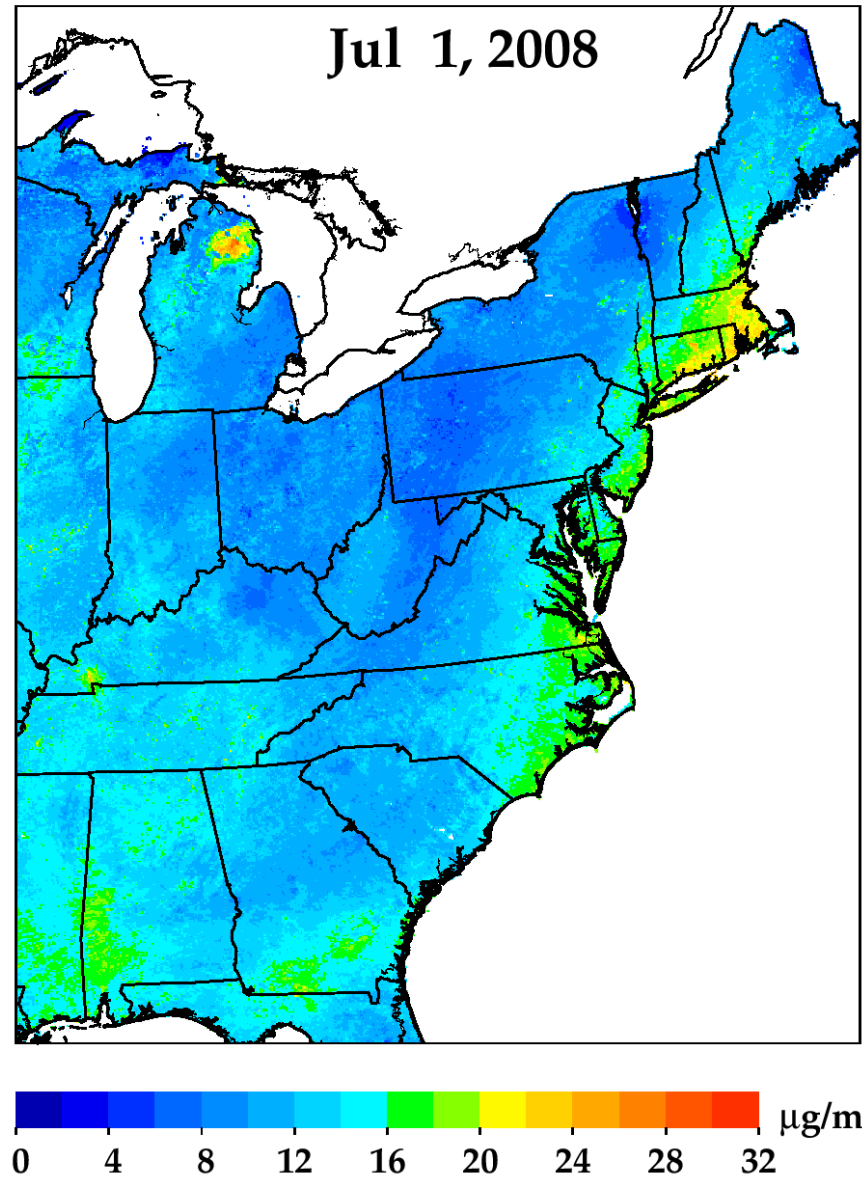


October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008:  
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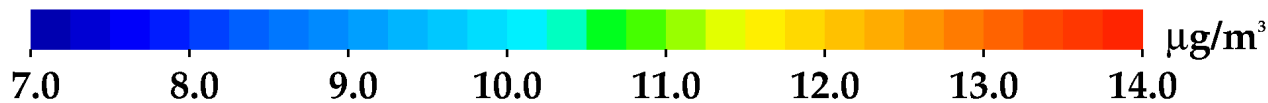
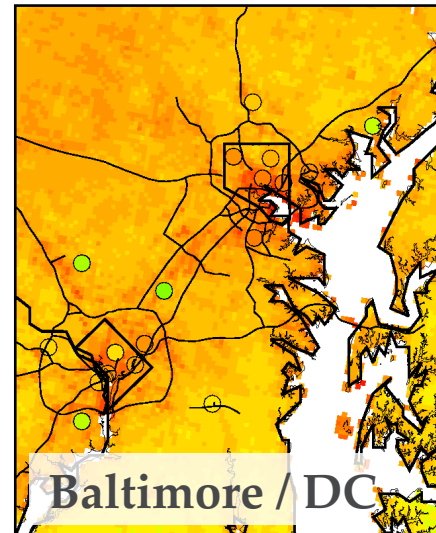
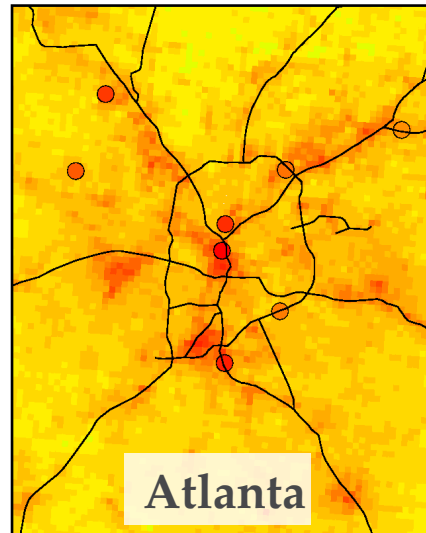
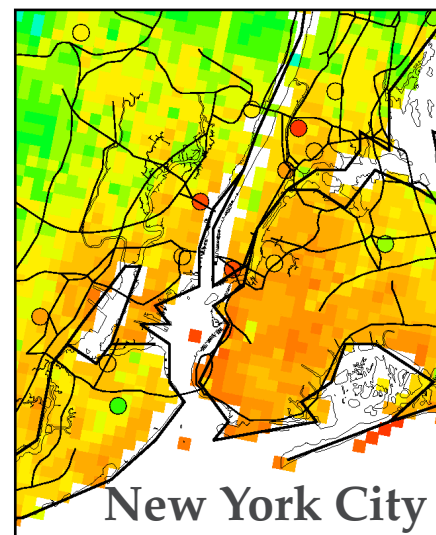
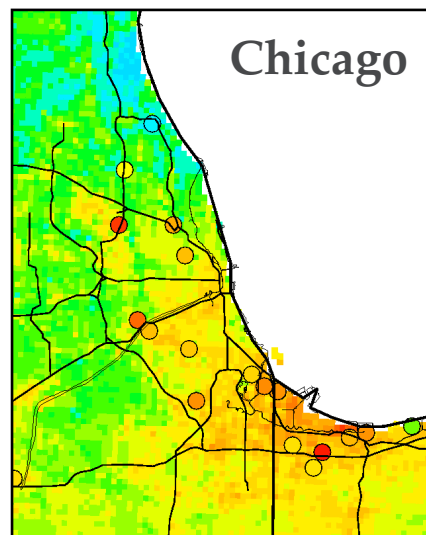
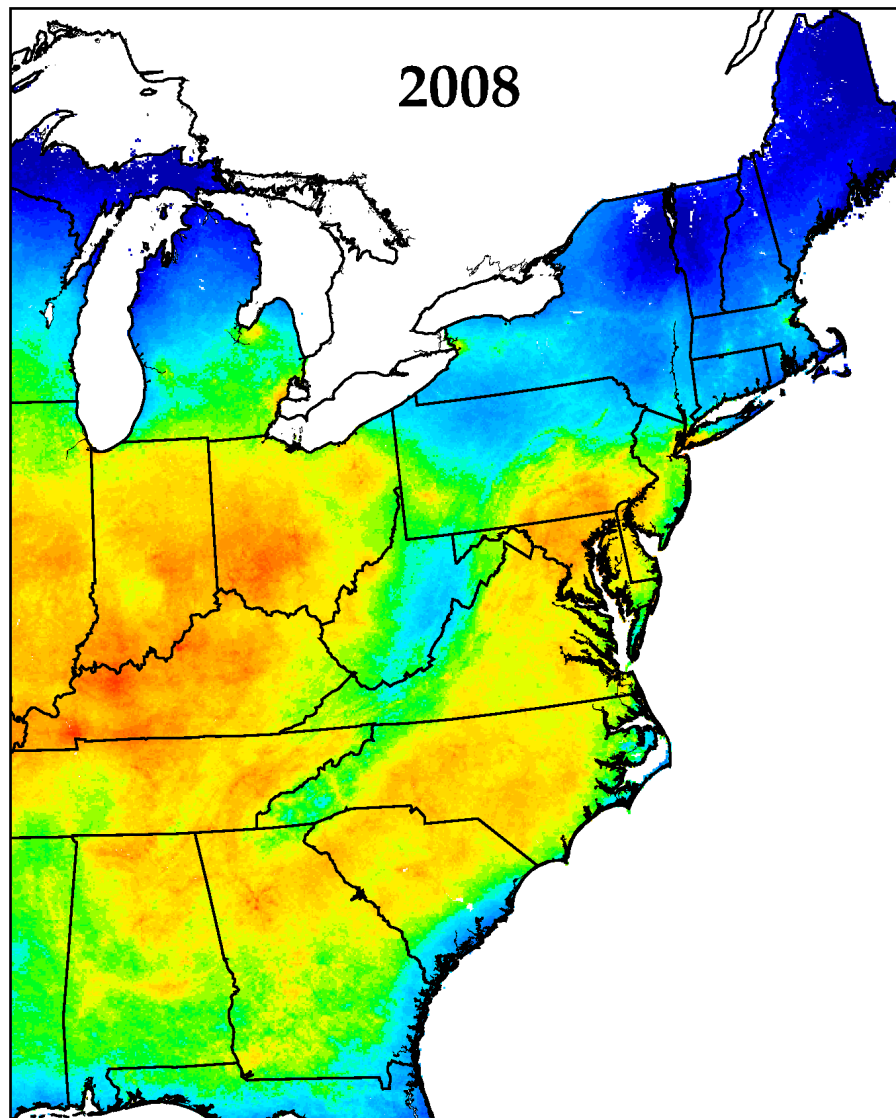


# DAILY PM<sub>2.5</sub> ESTIMATES FROM OUR STATISTICAL MODEL





# ANNUAL PM<sub>2.5</sub> ESTIMATES FROM OUR STATISTICAL MODEL



# CONCLUSIONS

- Emissions: OMI and TROPOMI NO<sub>2</sub> have been used to estimate top-down NO<sub>x</sub> emissions
  - Advantages: Timely & independent of bottom-up methods
  - Disadvantages: Spatially aggregated (little info on sectors)
- Exposure: The PM<sub>2.5</sub> statistical model driven by satellite data is computationally efficient (uses only 11 covariates) and generates a high-fidelity estimate ( $r^2 = 0.75$  using a 10-fold cross-validation) of daily PM<sub>2.5</sub> at 1 km spatial resolution.
  - Information from ground monitors and chemical transport models are key contributors to the model's performance!



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