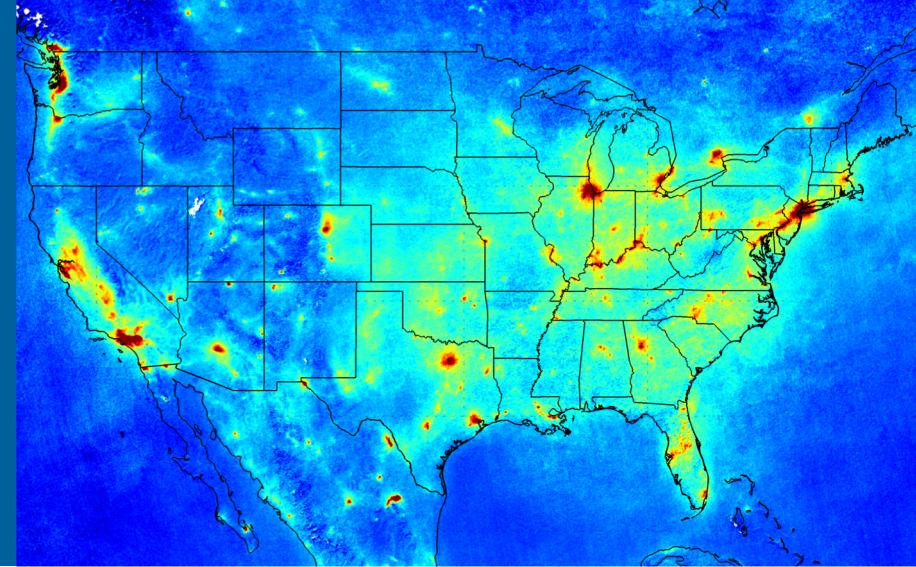


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# USING SATELLITE DATA TO ESTIMATE AIR POLLUTION AT HIGH SPATIOTEMPORAL RESOLUTION



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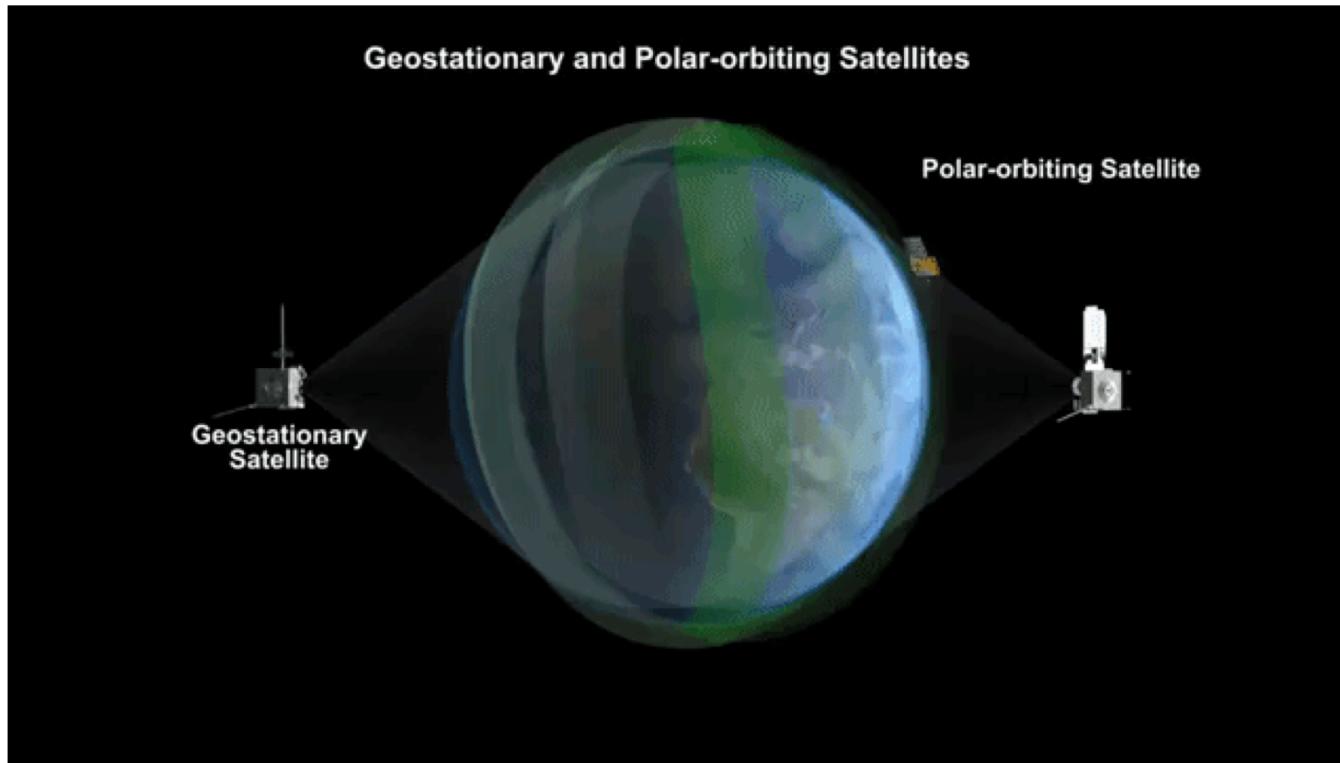
Satellite NO<sub>2</sub> observed by the newest instrument, TROPOMI, during July 2018

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.



All current air quality monitoring satellites are these.

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

# MOST USEFUL SATELLITES FOR AIR QUALITY PURPOSES

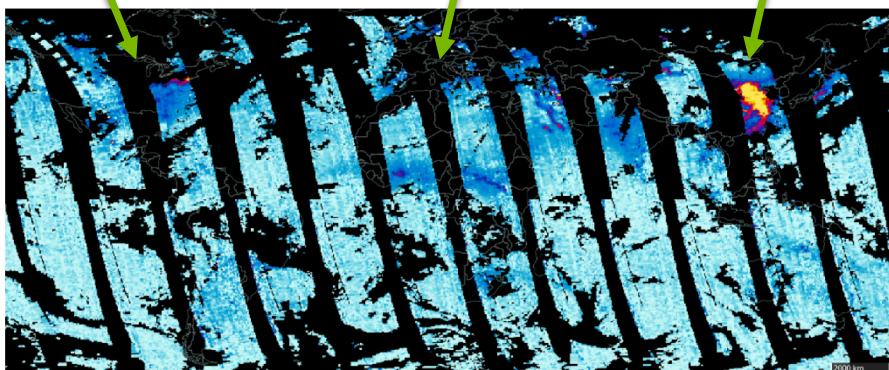
To monitor trace gases  
(i.e., NO<sub>2</sub> , SO<sub>2</sub> , etc.):

Tropospheric Monitoring Instrument (TROPOMI) Spectroradiometer (MODIS):

North America

Europe

Asia



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

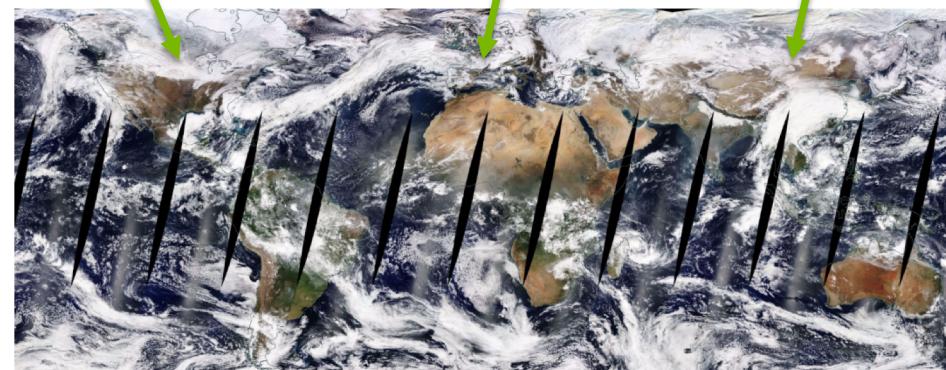
Moderate Resolution Imaging

Spectroradiometer (MODIS):

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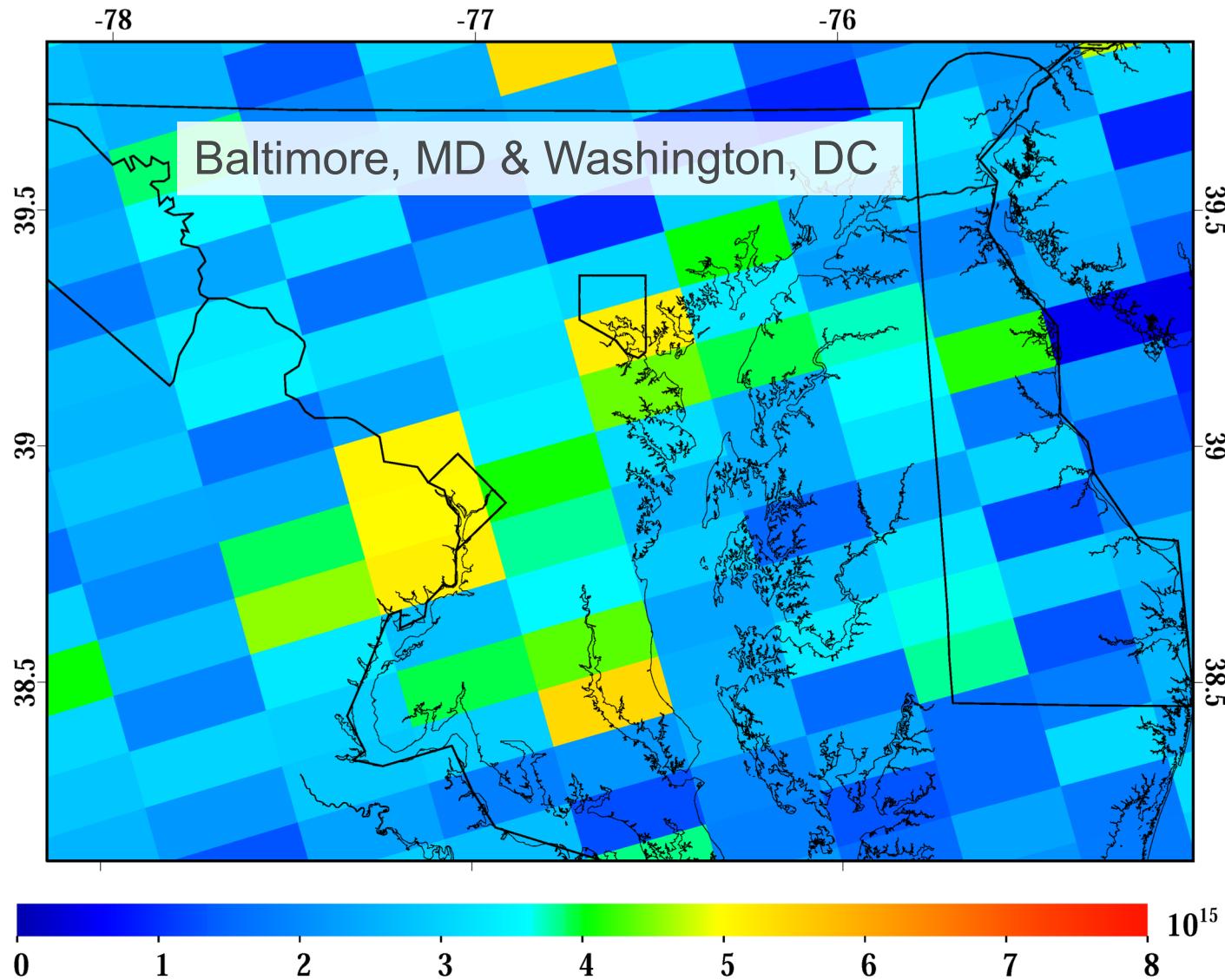
Quick looks (like above) are available at: <https://worldview.earthdata.nasa.gov/> or <http://www.temis.nl/airpollution/>

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.

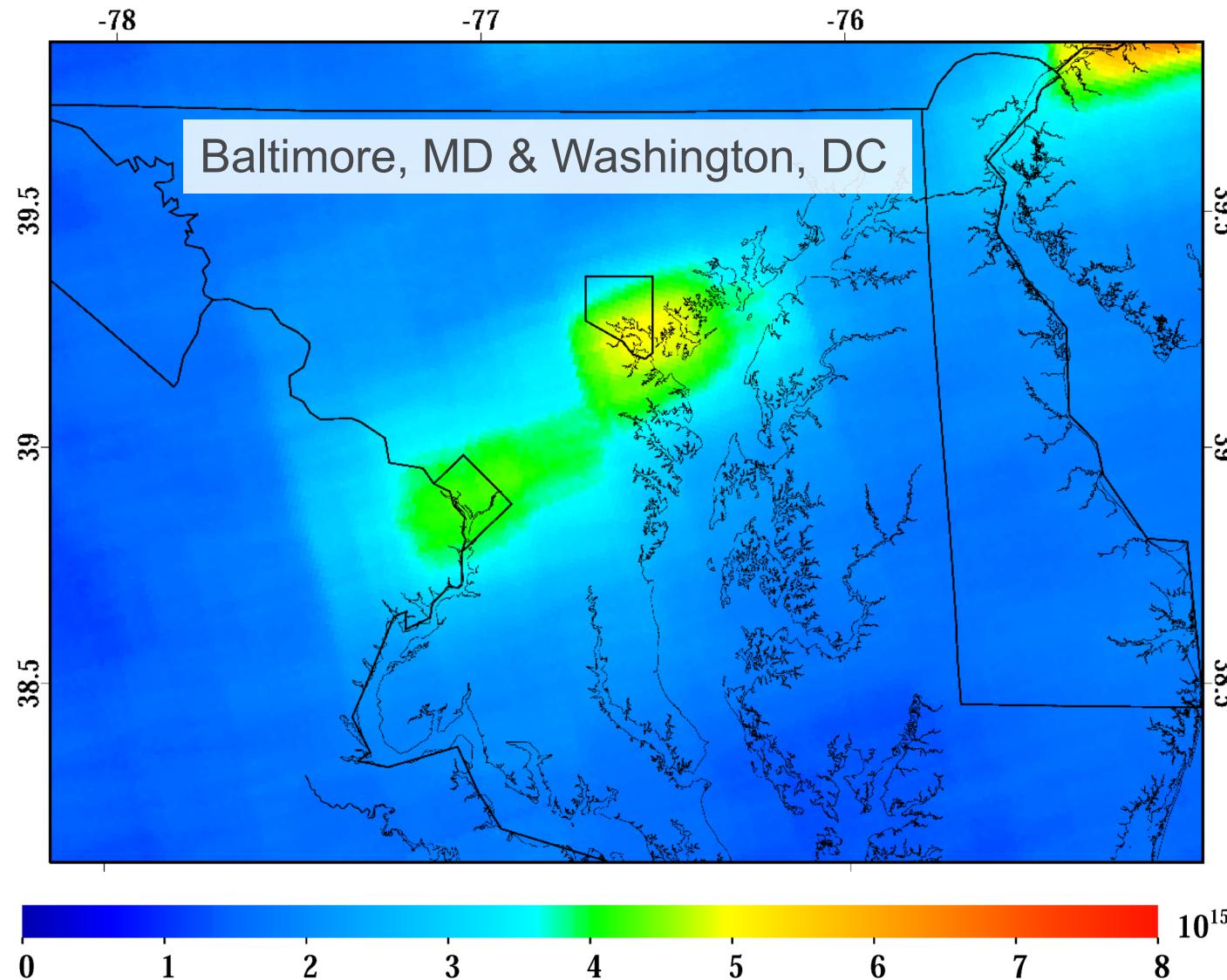
# OMI NO<sub>2</sub> SATELLITE DATA

One day: July 18, 2011



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

Ten months: June & July 2008 – 2012



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

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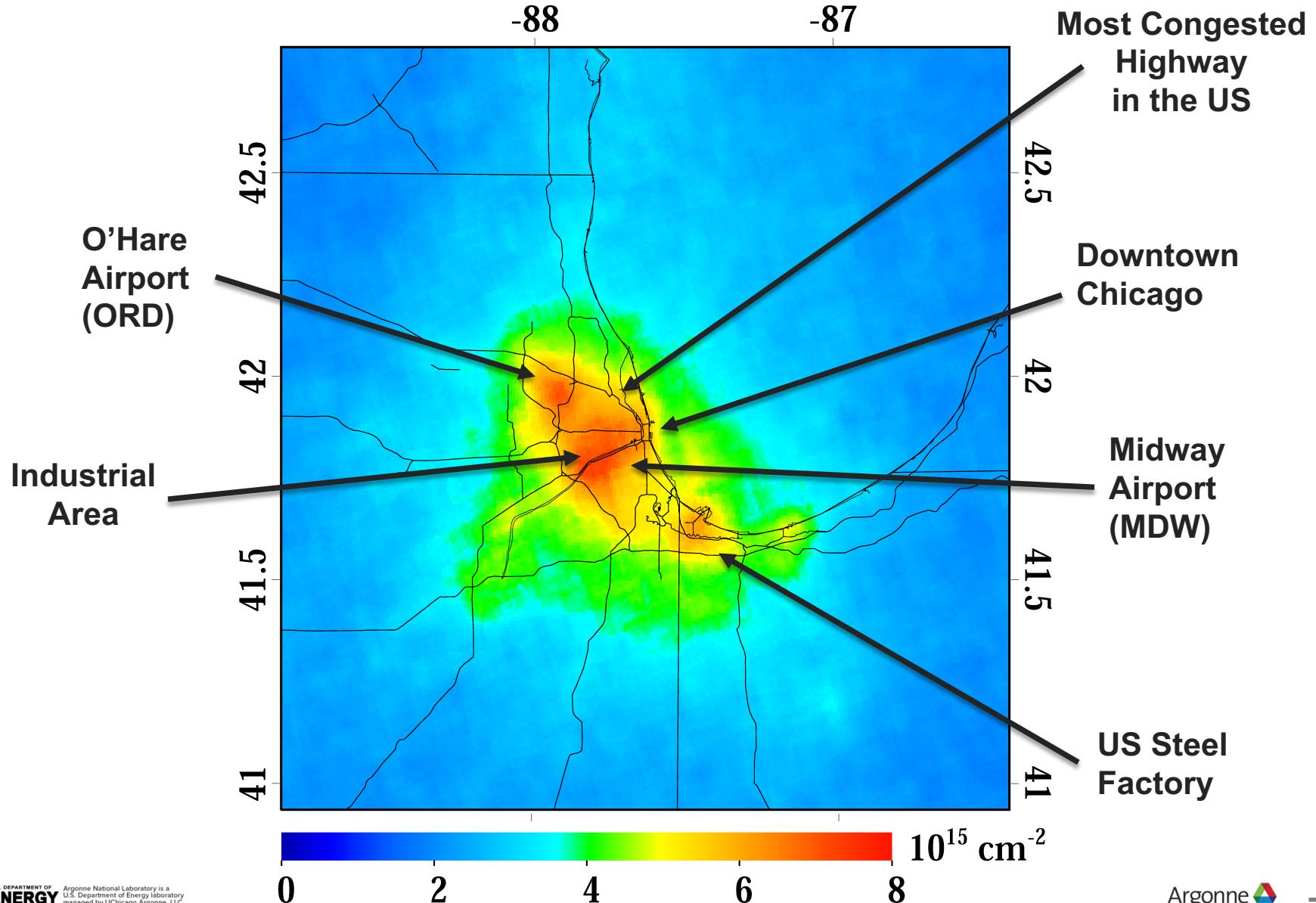


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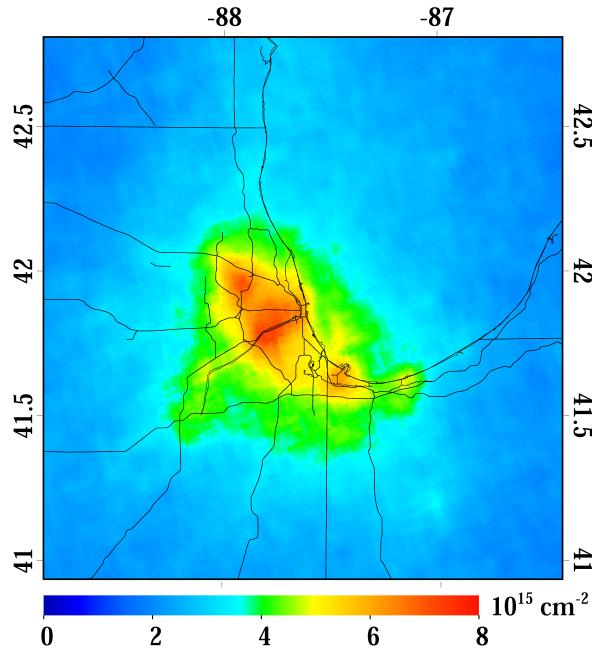
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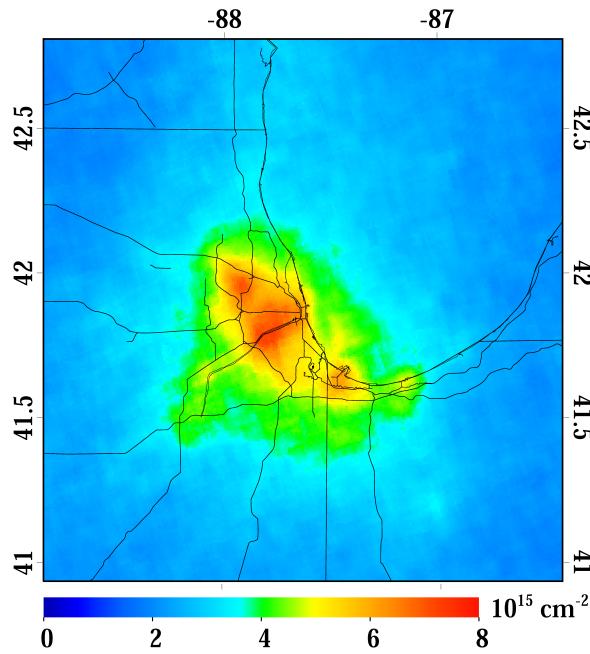
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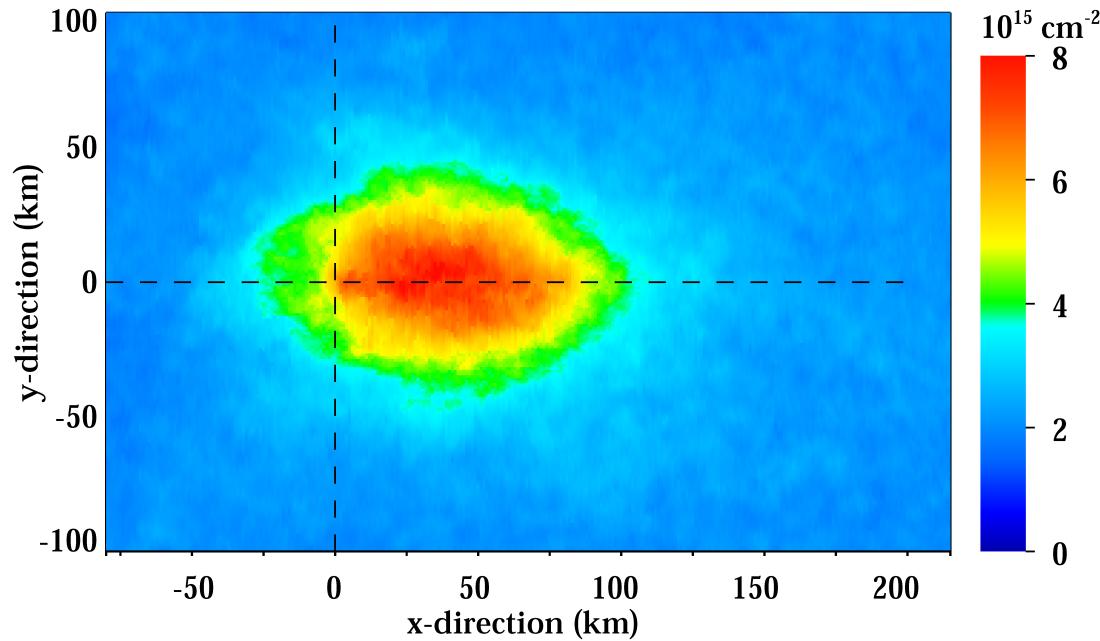


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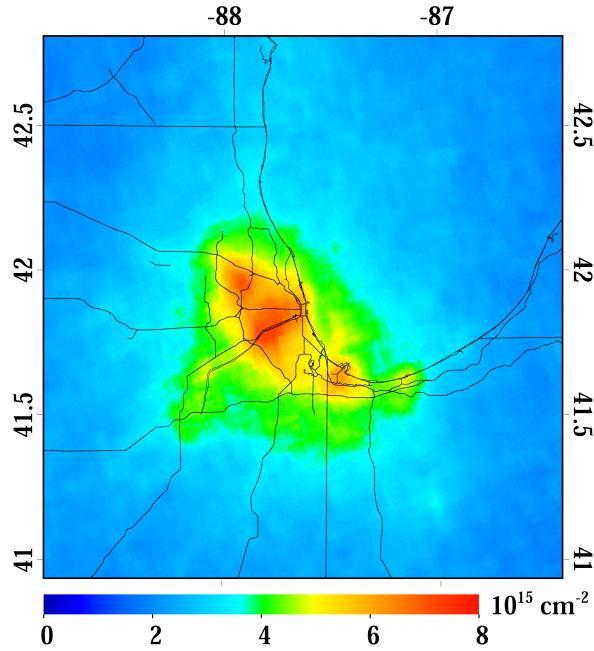


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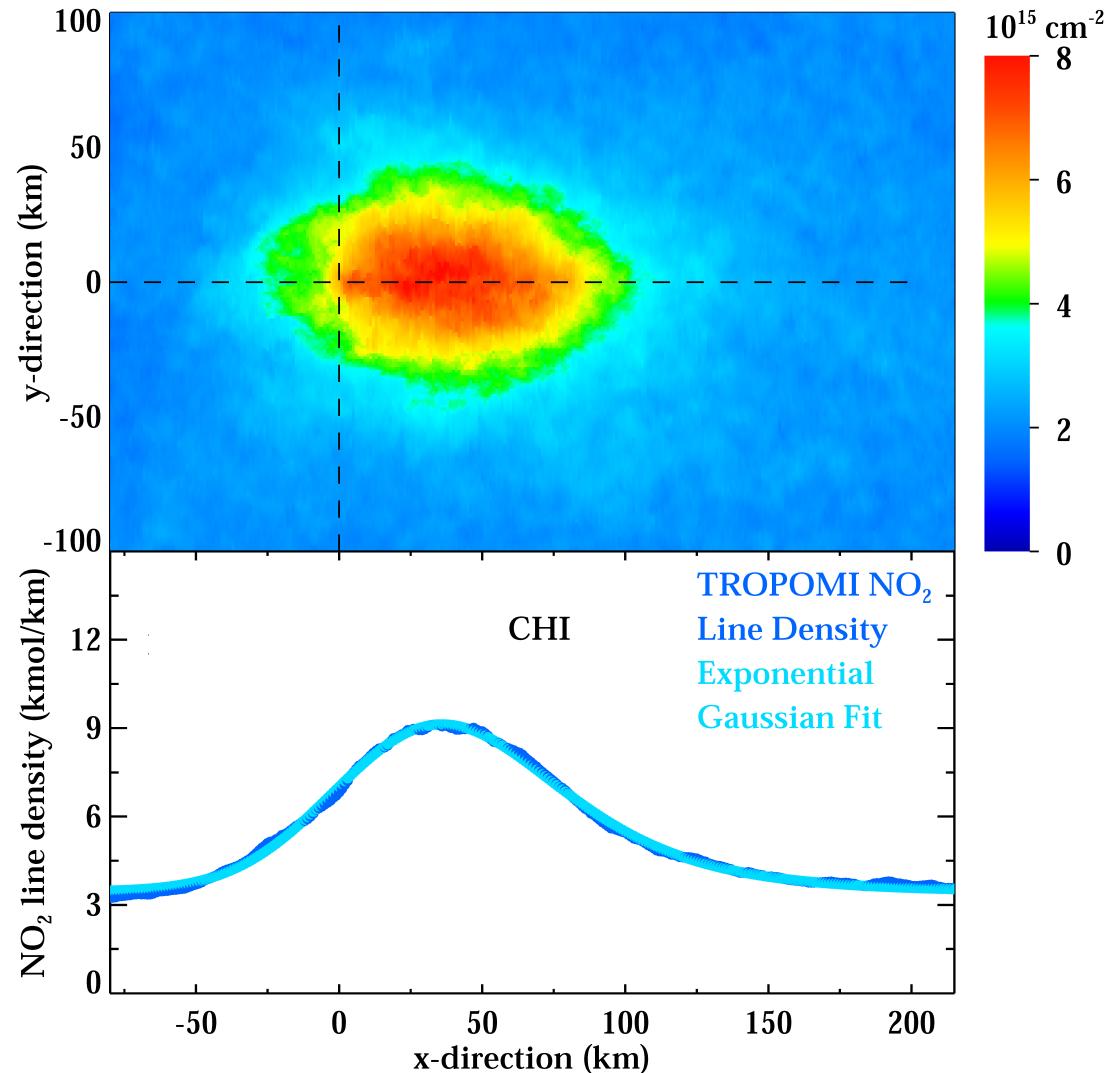


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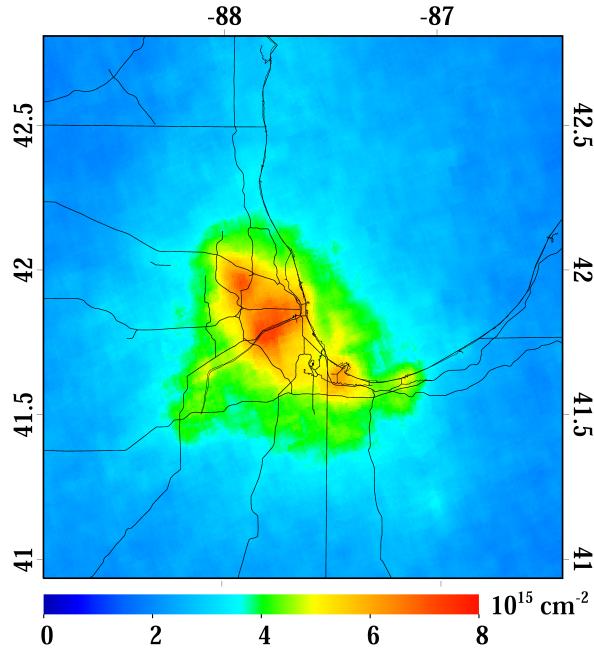
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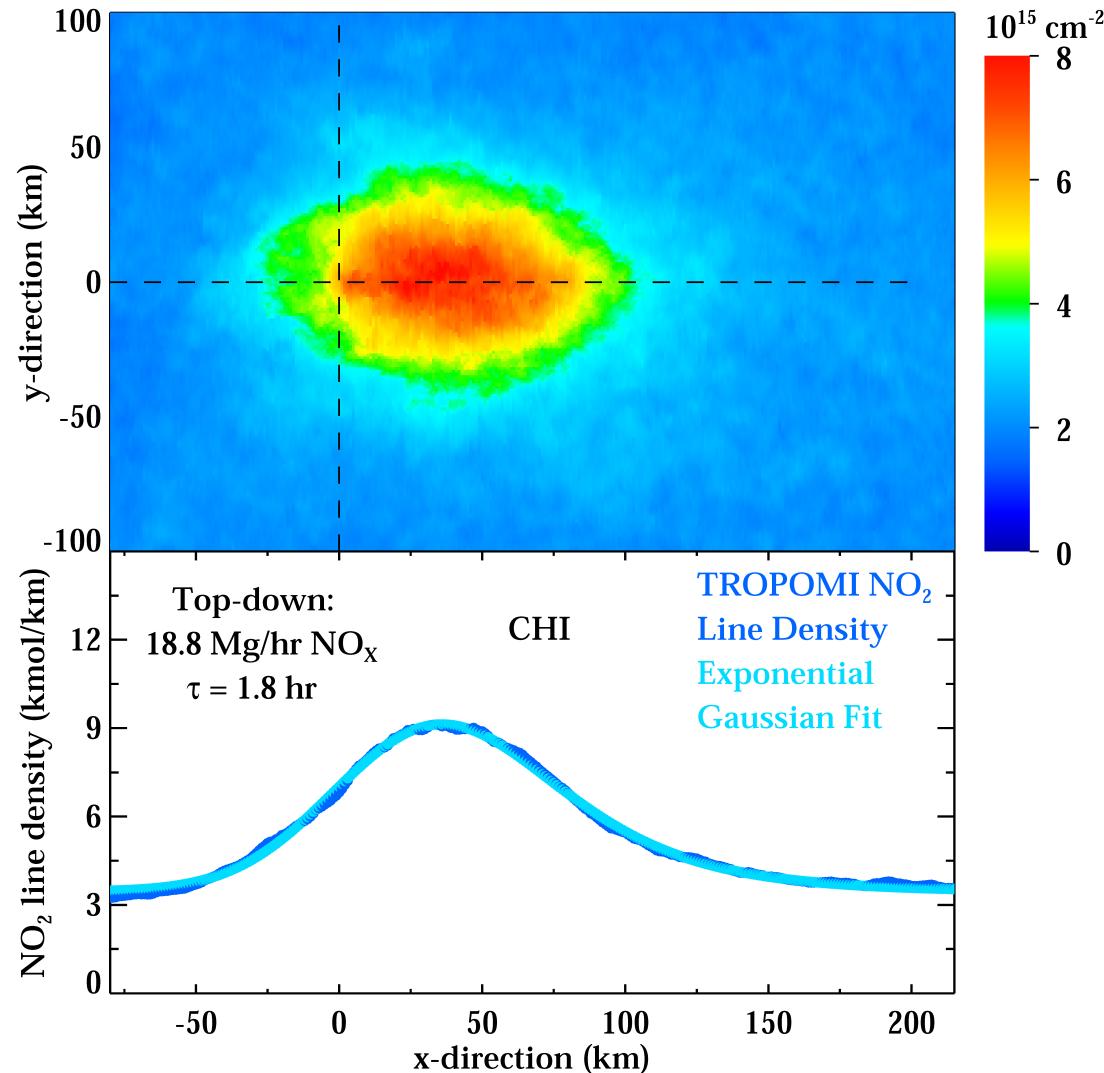
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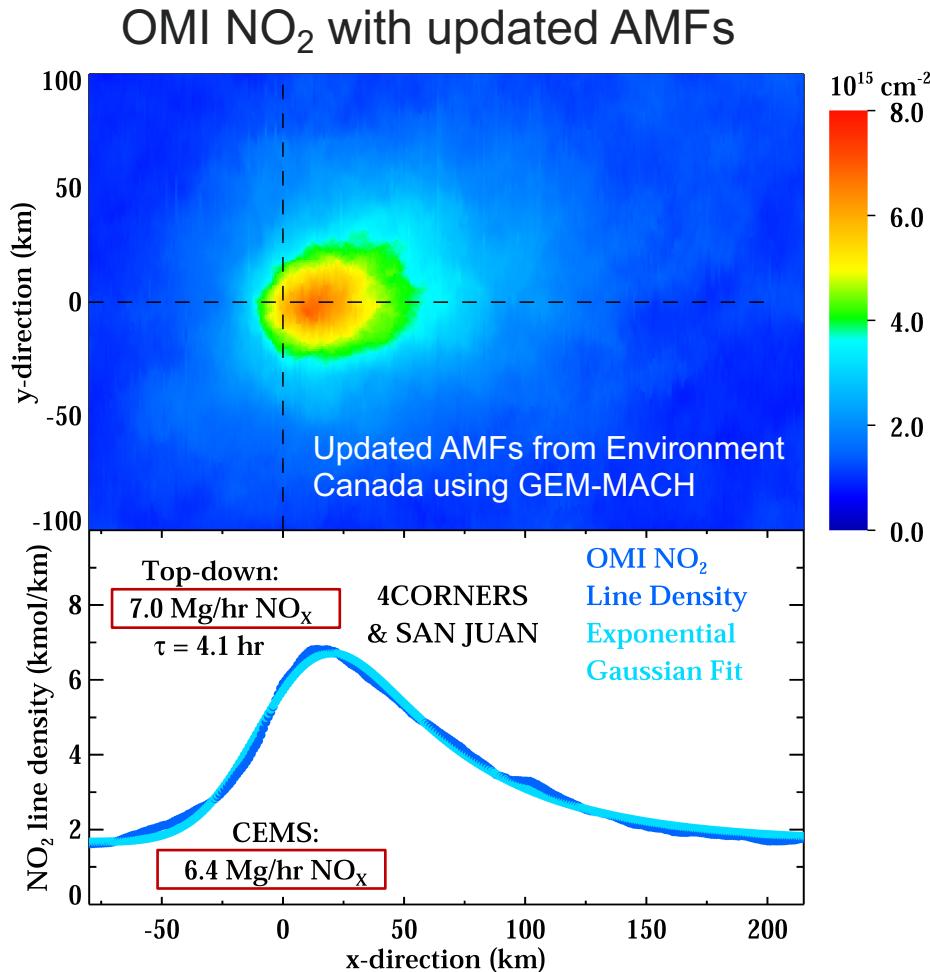


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Step 4: The fit will give a burden and decay distance, which can be used to calculate the emissions rate and lifetime

# HOW DO WE KNOW THIS METHOD WORKS???

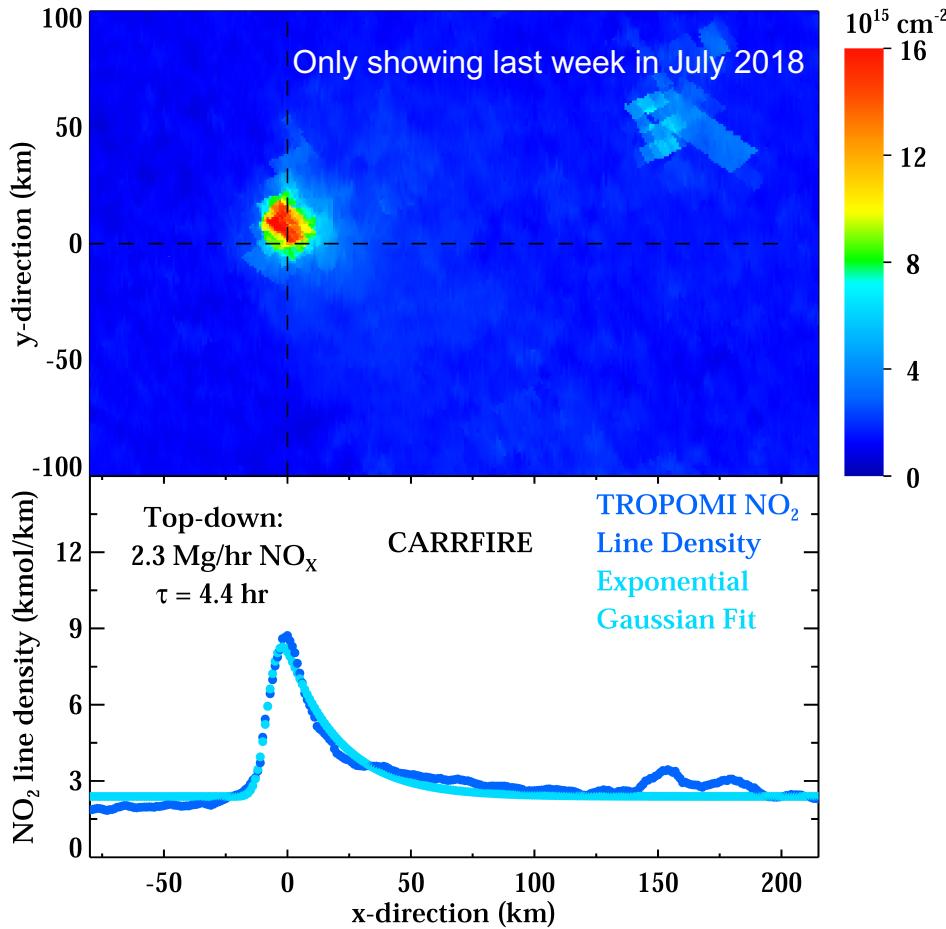
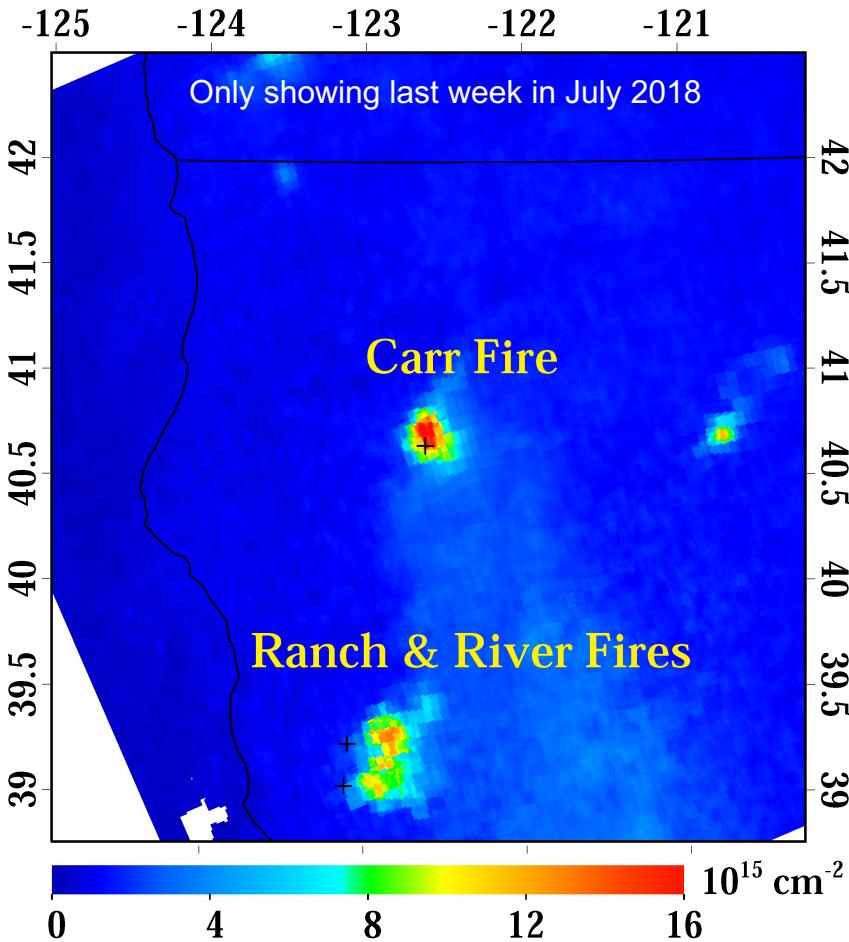
We compare to known NO<sub>x</sub> emissions sources: US power plants



- 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  $\pm 15\%$ .

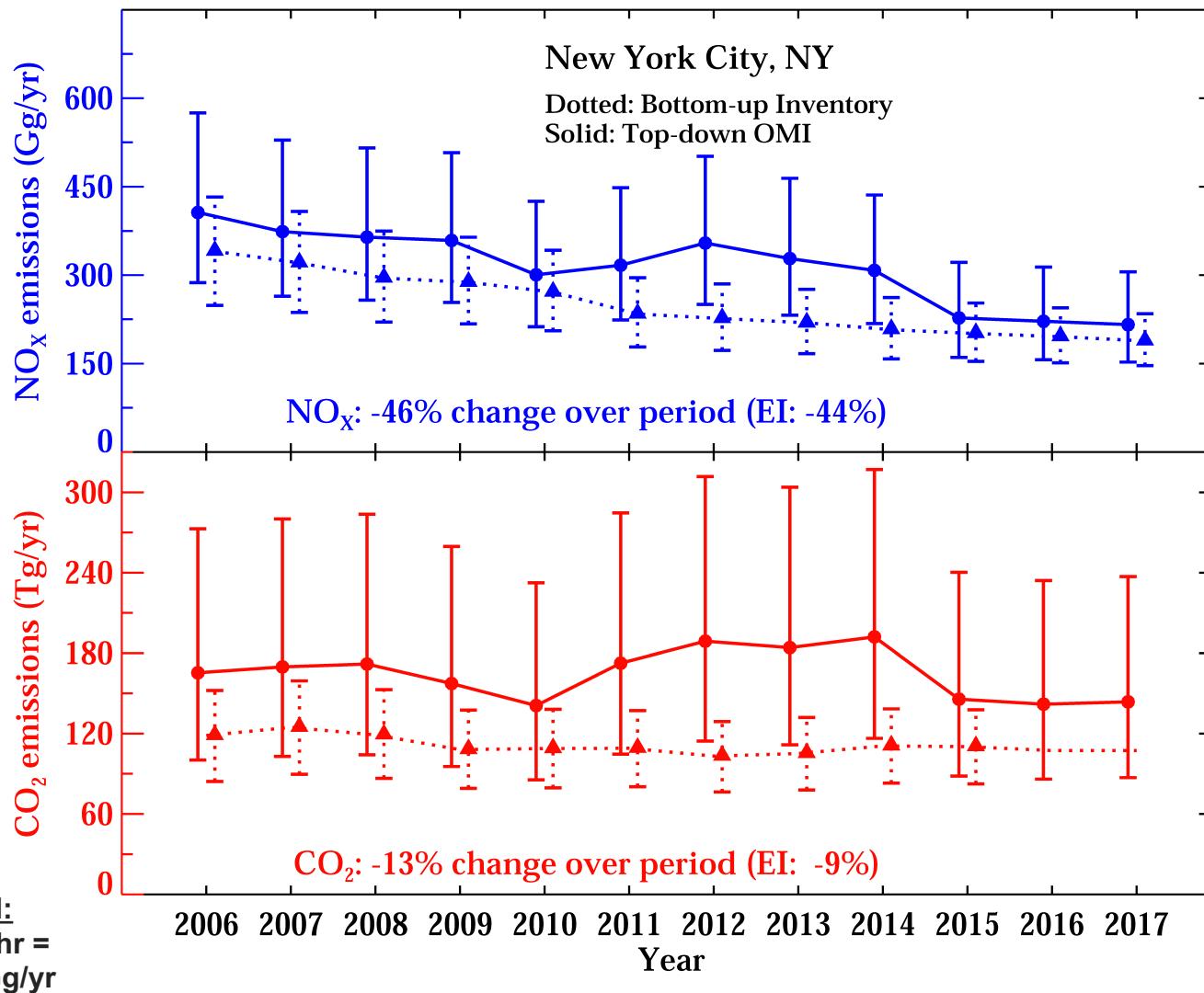
For more info on the satellite re-processing methodology see: McLinden et al., 2014; ACP, Goldberg et al., 2017; ACP  
For more info on the inverse modeling method see: de Foy et al., 2014, 2015 AE; Goldberg et al., 2019; ACP.

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



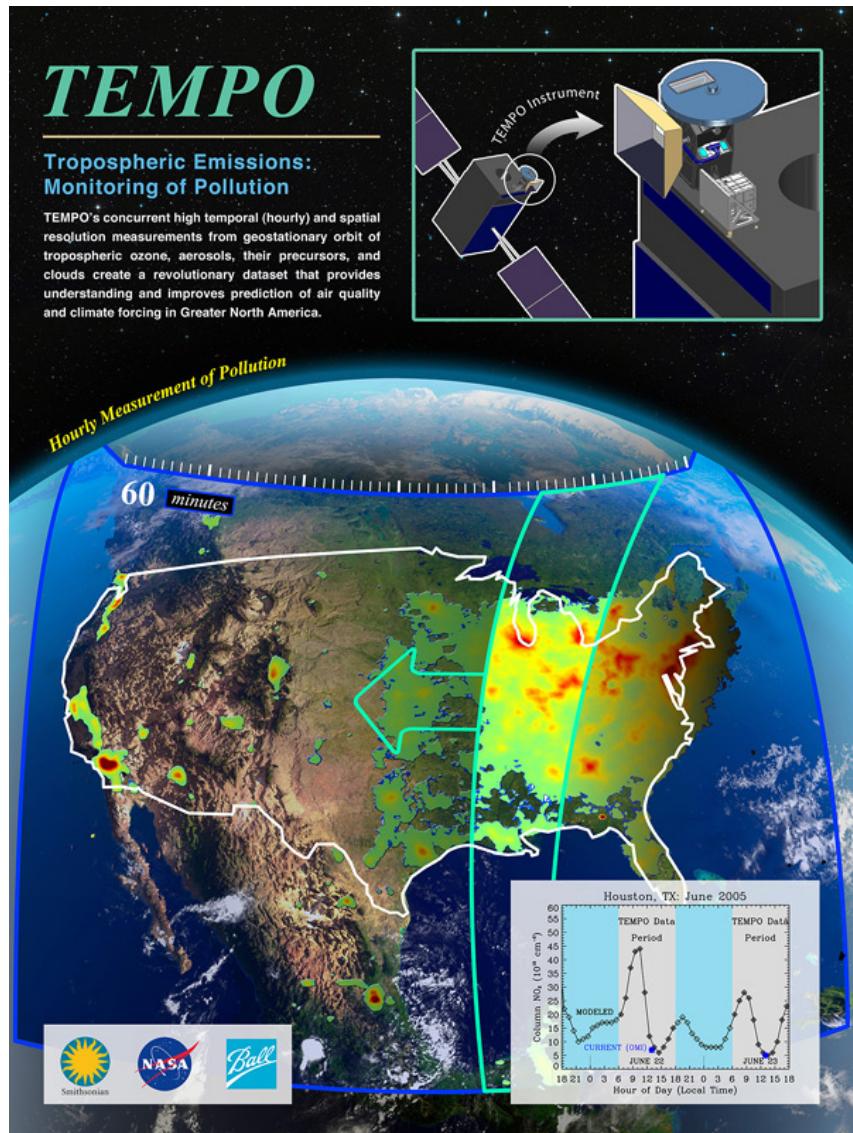
- Can derive NO<sub>x</sub> emissions from wildfires (Carr Fire: Approx. ¼ emissions of Chicago)

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



Use  
NO<sub>x</sub>-to-CO<sub>2</sub>  
ratio as  
reported by  
the state to  
convert to  
fossil-fuel  
CO<sub>2</sub>  
emissions

# 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 PM<sub>2.5</sub> CONCENTRATIONS USING A COMBINATION OF SATELLITE DATA & CHEMICAL TRANSPORT MODELS

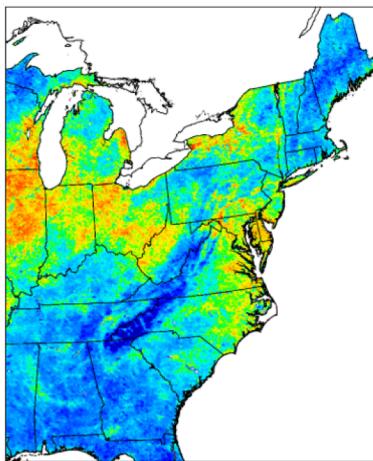
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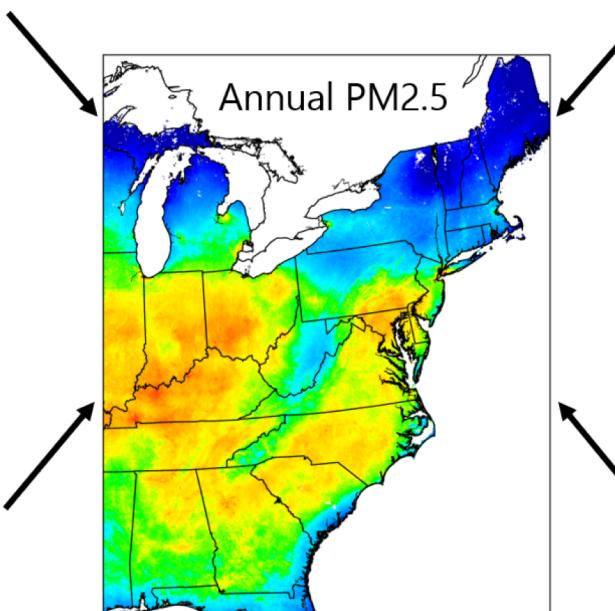


# OUTLINE OF OUR PM<sub>2.5</sub> STATISTICAL MODEL

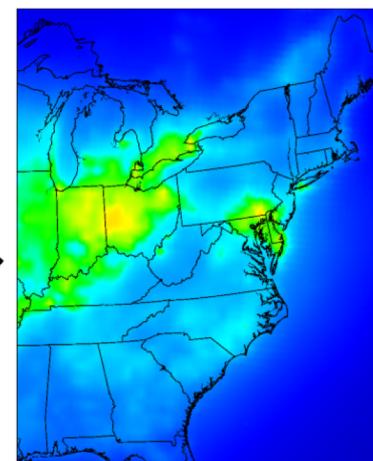


Satellite Aerosol  
Optical Depth

Forest Percentage

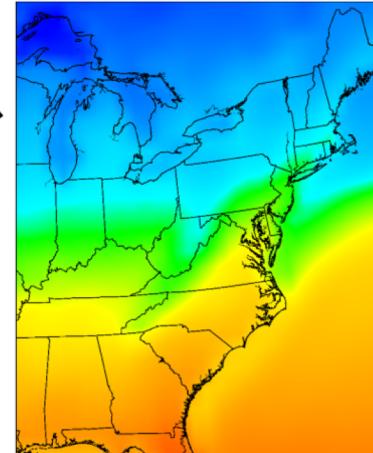
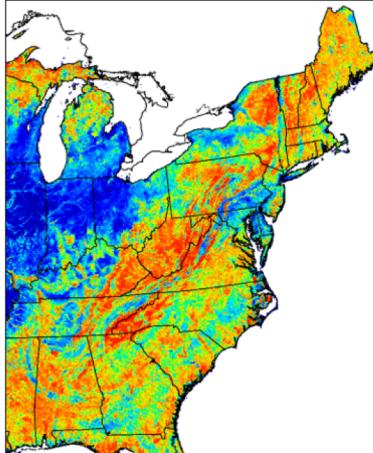


Annual PM<sub>2.5</sub>



Chemical Transport  
Model Data

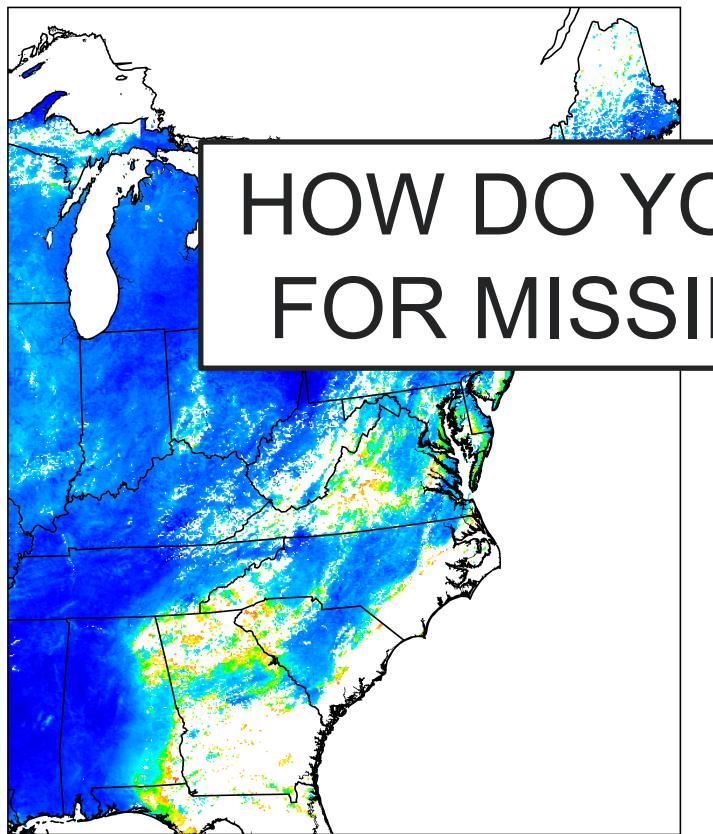
2-m Temperature



# 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



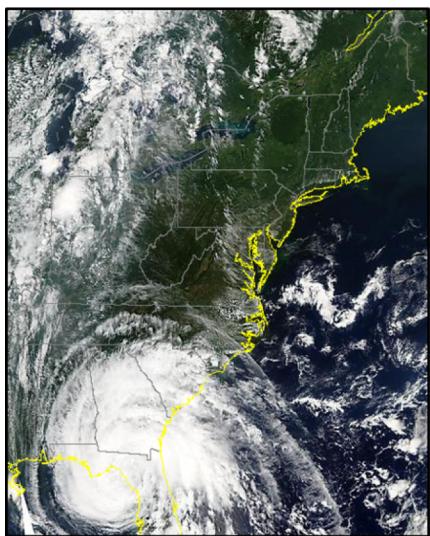
- Calculates Aerosol Optical Depth (AOD) from the NASA Terra & Aqua

HOW DO YOU ACCOUNT  
FOR MISSING DATA???

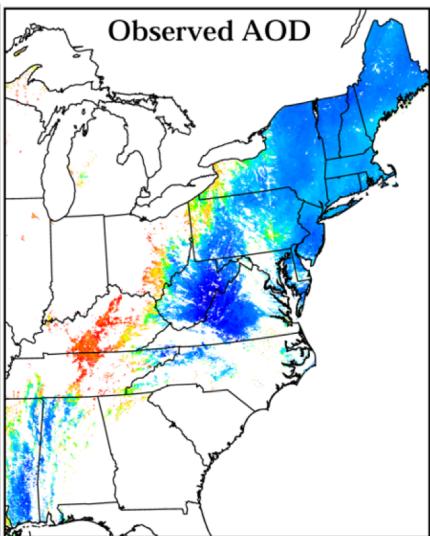
- The algorithm “observes the same grid cell over time, helping to separate atmospheric and surface contributions... using multi-angle observations from different orbits.” Lyapustin et al., 2018.

# GAP-FILLING METHODOLOGY: EXAMPLE AUGUST 22, 2008

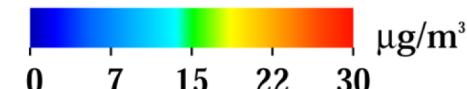
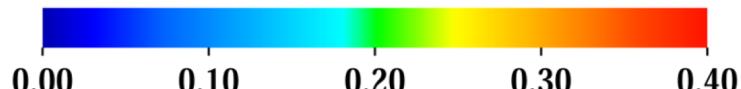
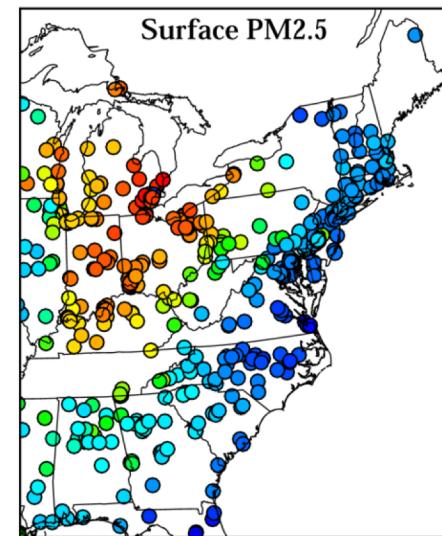
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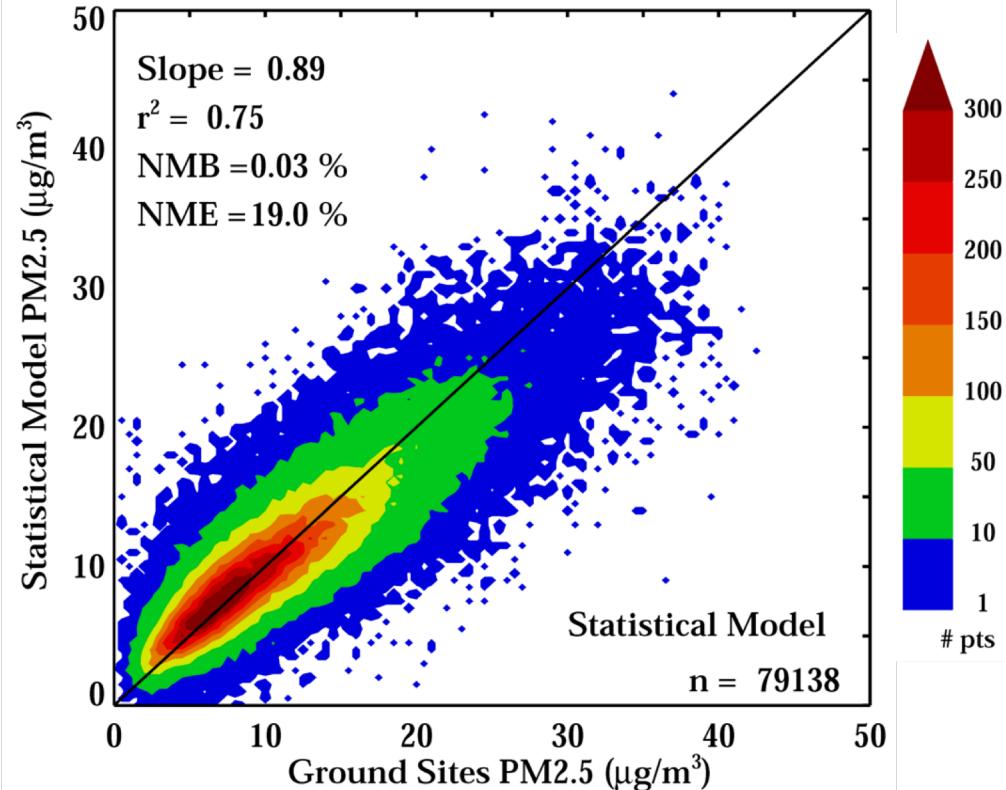
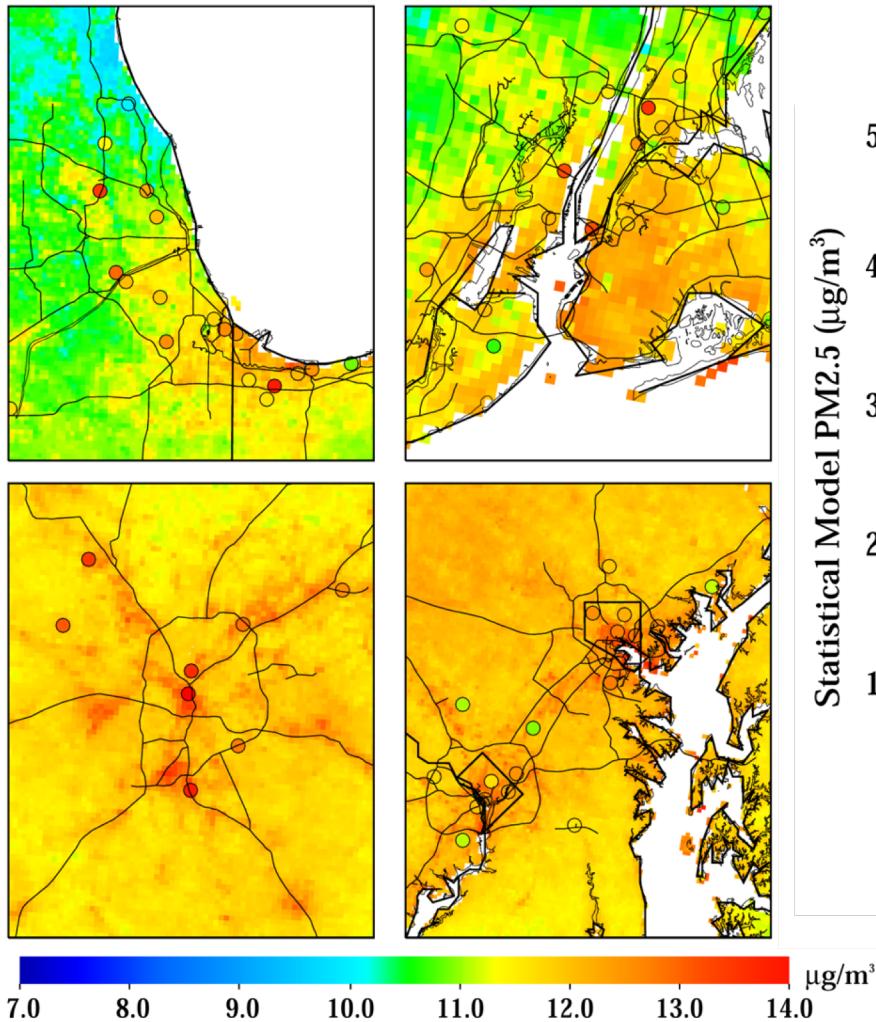
Observed MAIAC AOD



Observed Surface PM<sub>2.5</sub>



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

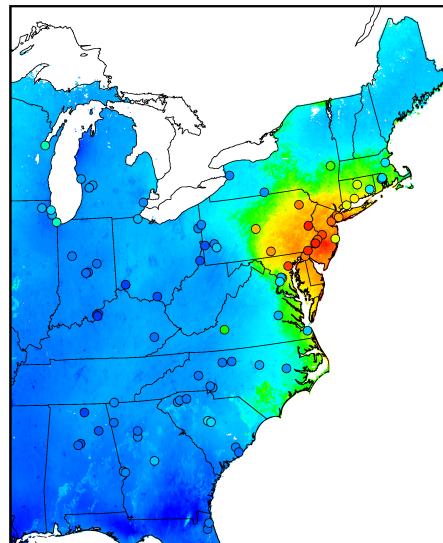


Model estimates daily PM<sub>2.5</sub> with excellent accuracy and precision. Comparable to other studies such as from Dalhousie, Harvard & Emory.

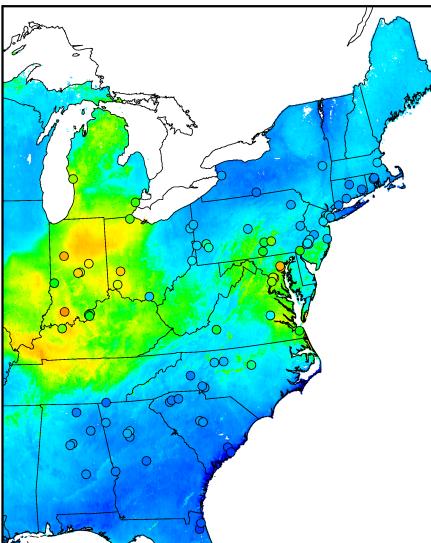
\*\*10-fold cross-validation: 90% of the observations are used to predict values at the remaining 10% of the monitoring sites. Process is repeated 10 times.

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

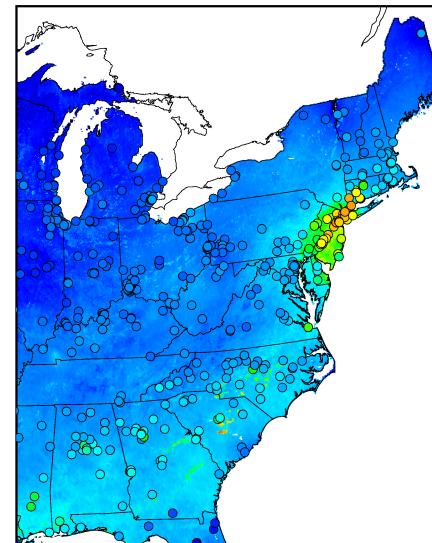
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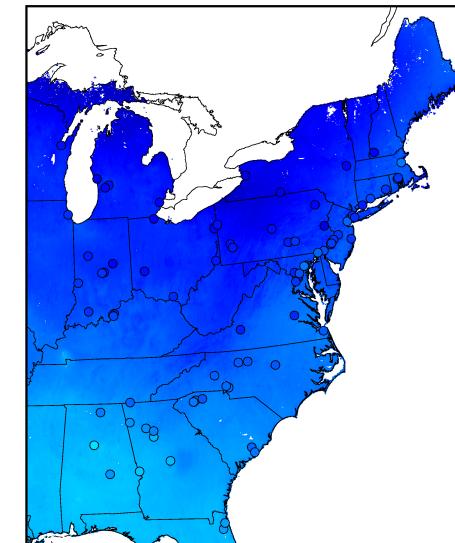
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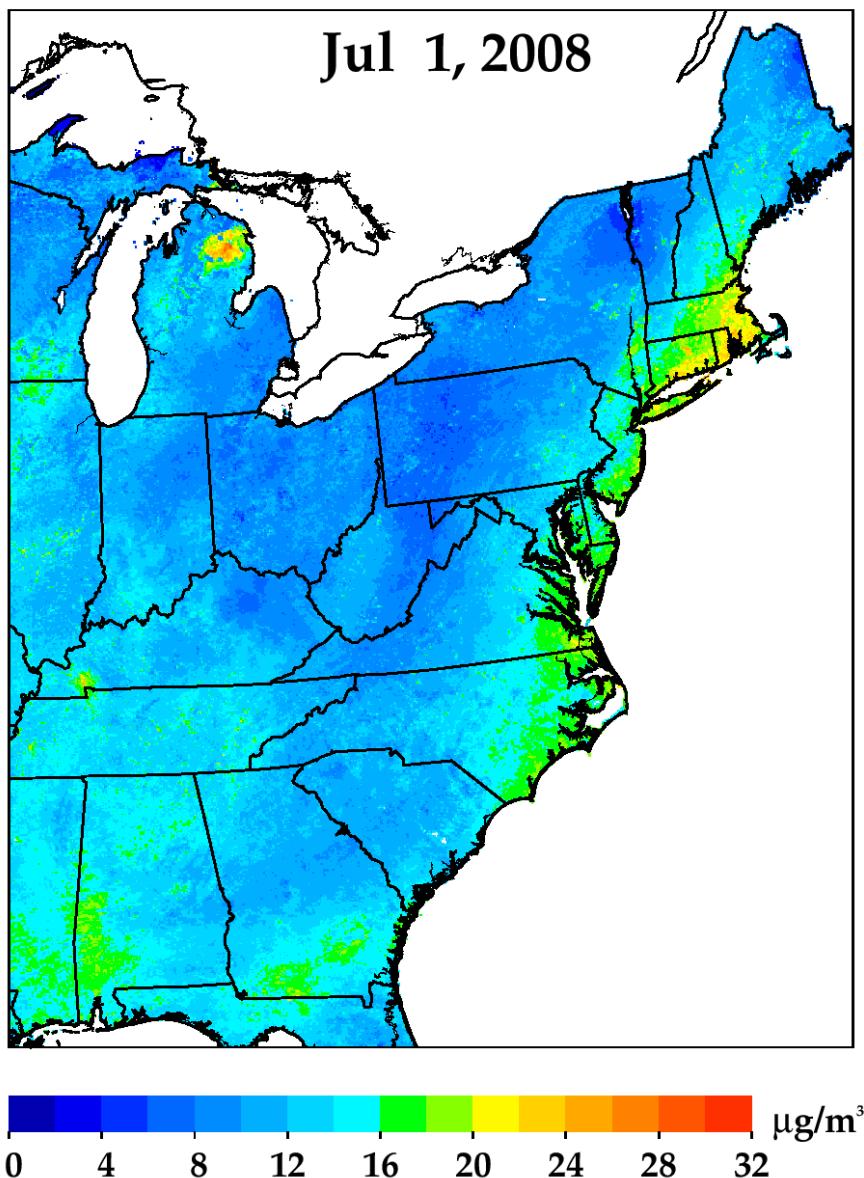
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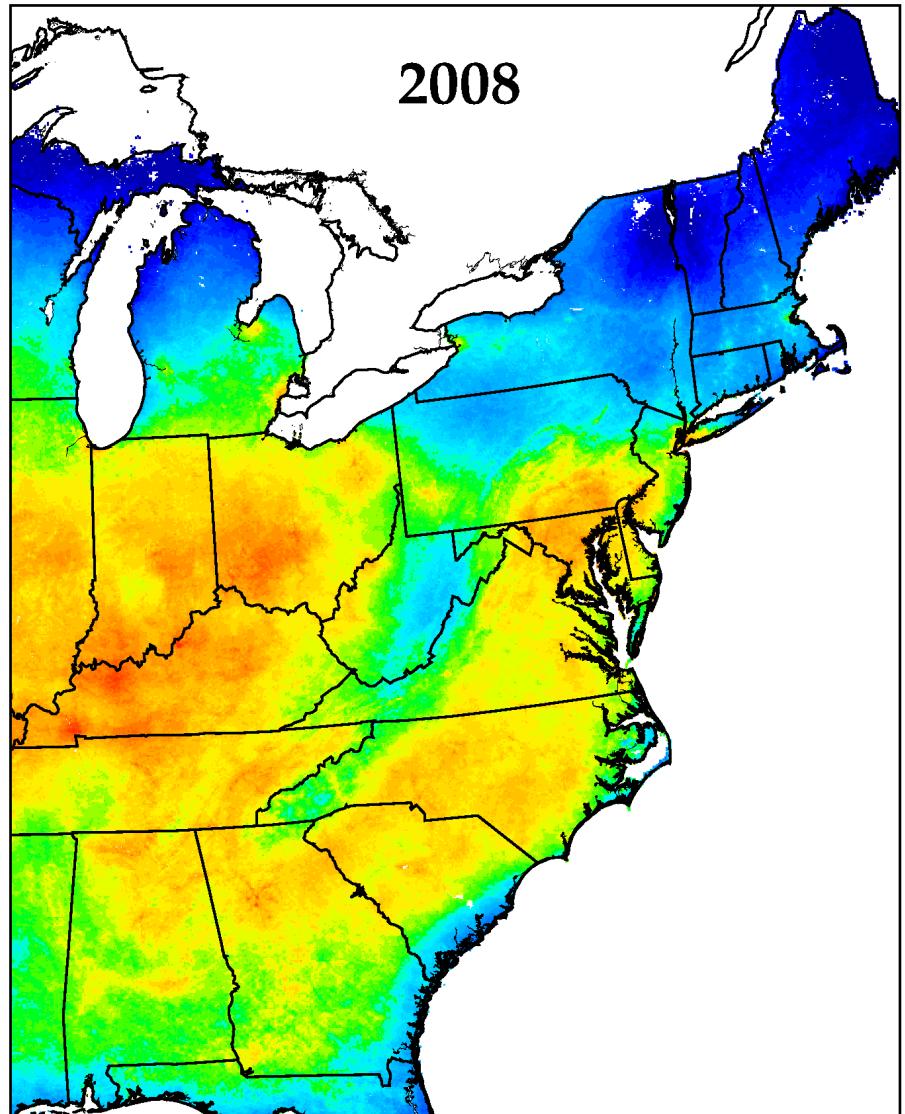
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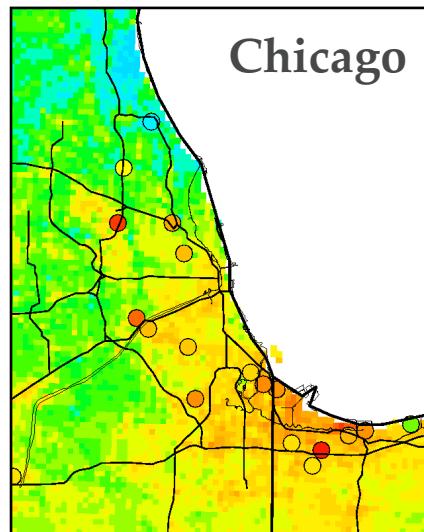
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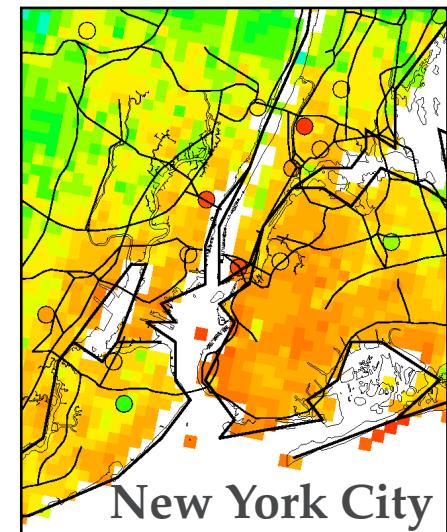
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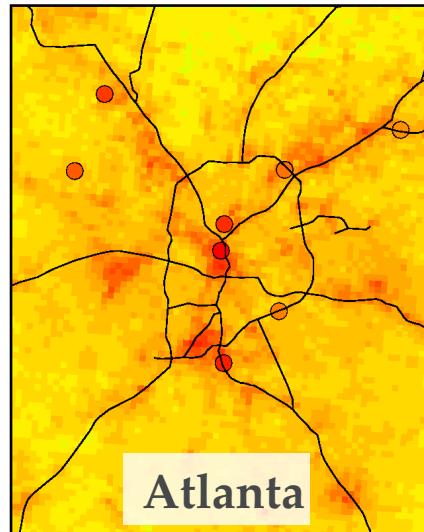
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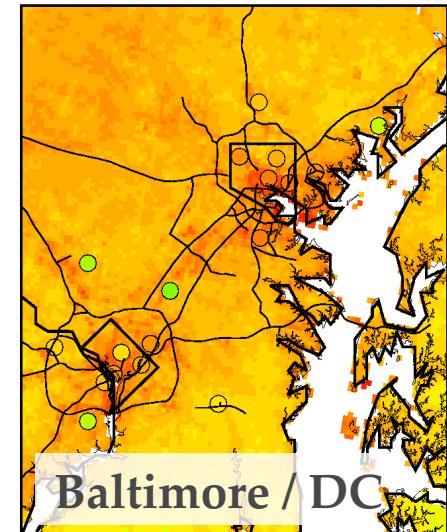
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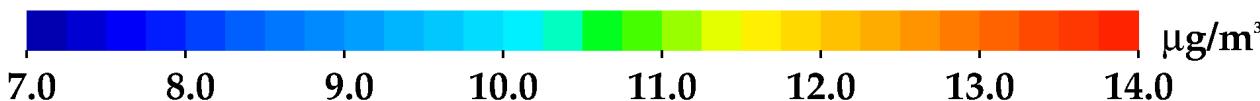
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# CONCLUSIONS

- 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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