

NASA's High-Resolution GEOS Forecasting and Reanalysis Products: A unified Tool from Local to Global Scales

K. Emma Knowland

USRA/GESTAR

NASA Global Modeling and Assimilation Office (GMAO)

In collaboration with:

GMAO: Christoph Keller, Pamela Wales, Larry Coy, Kris Wargan, Lesley Ott, Steven Pawson

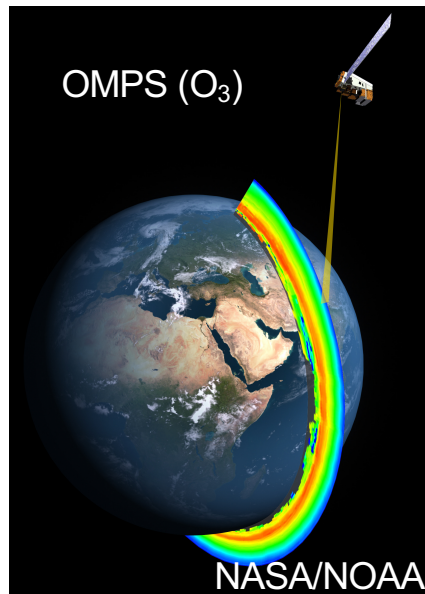
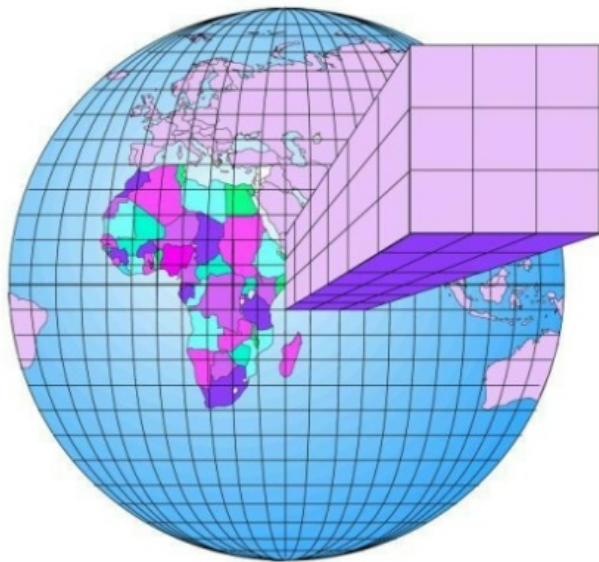
Atmospheric Chemistry and Dynamics Lab: Bryan Duncan, Sarah Strode, Junhua Liu, Julie Nicely, Dan Anderson, Eric Fleming

24 May 2021

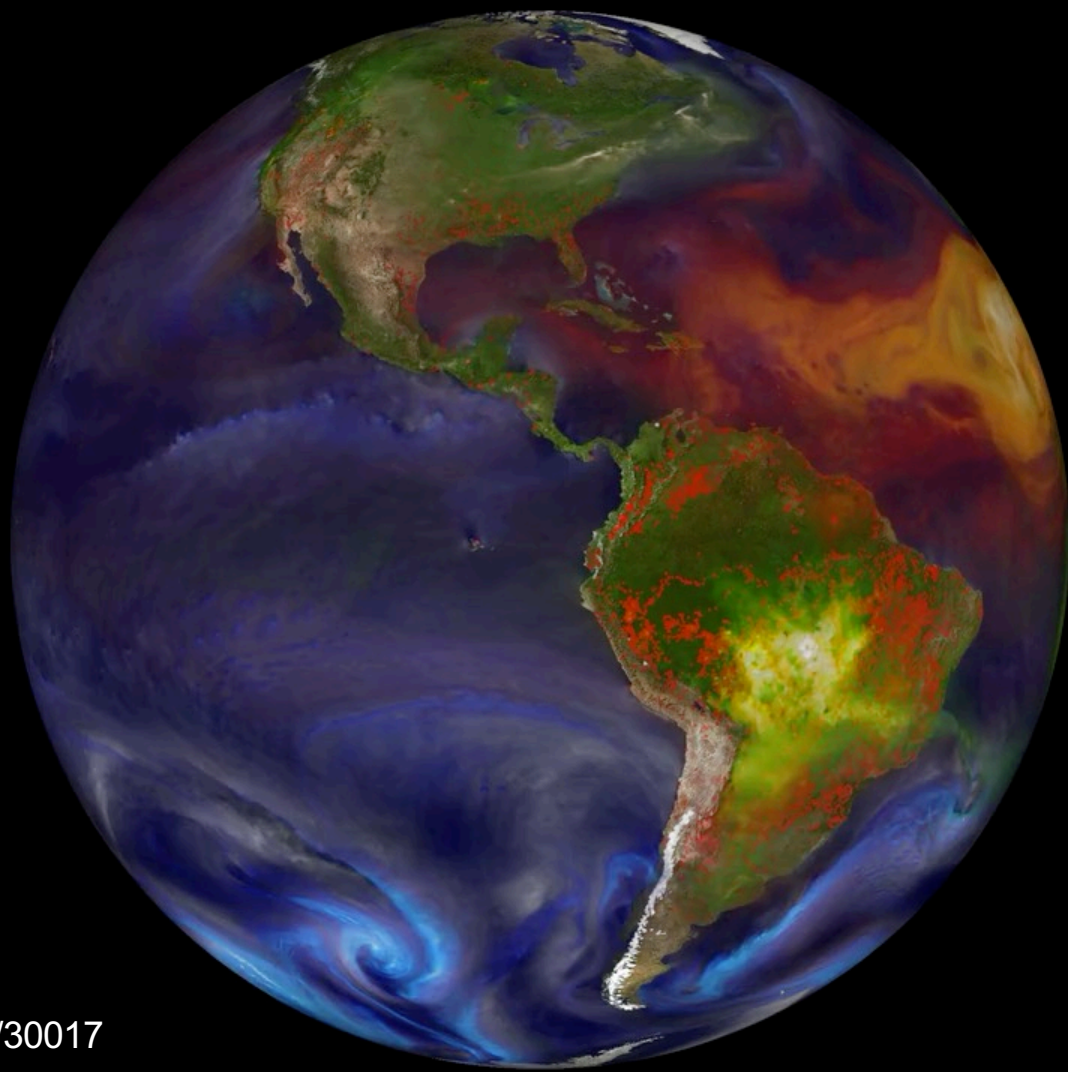


NASA GMAO global meteorology and chemistry products

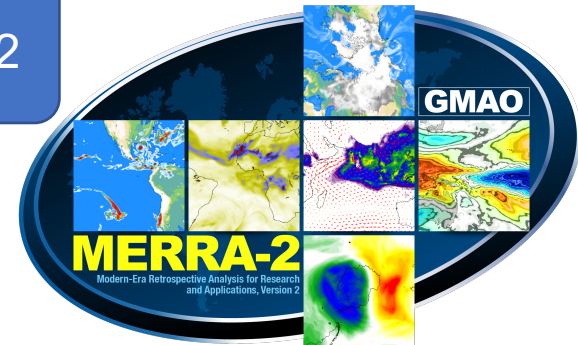
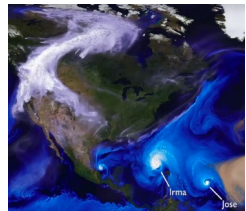
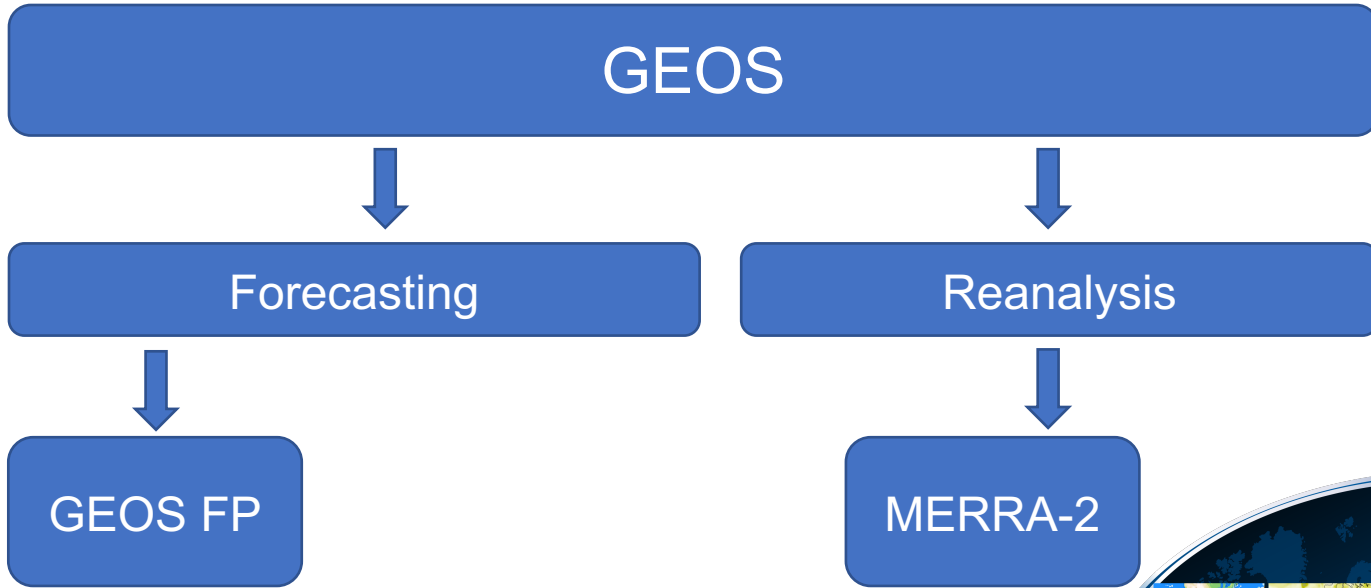
GEOS



www.nasa.gov



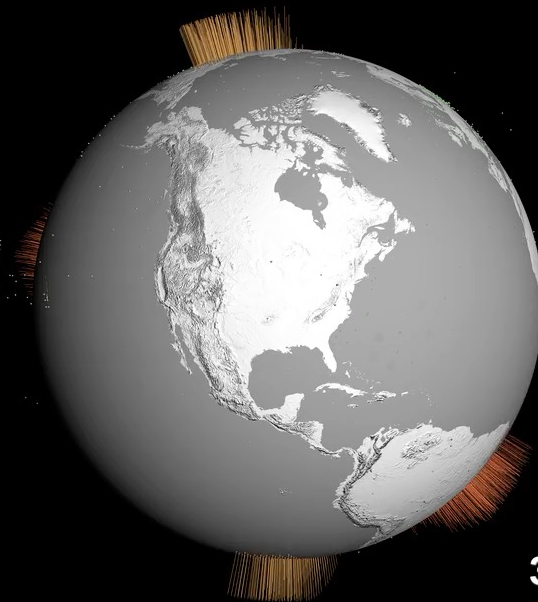
NASA GMAO global meteorology and chemistry products



Changes to the observing system

1980

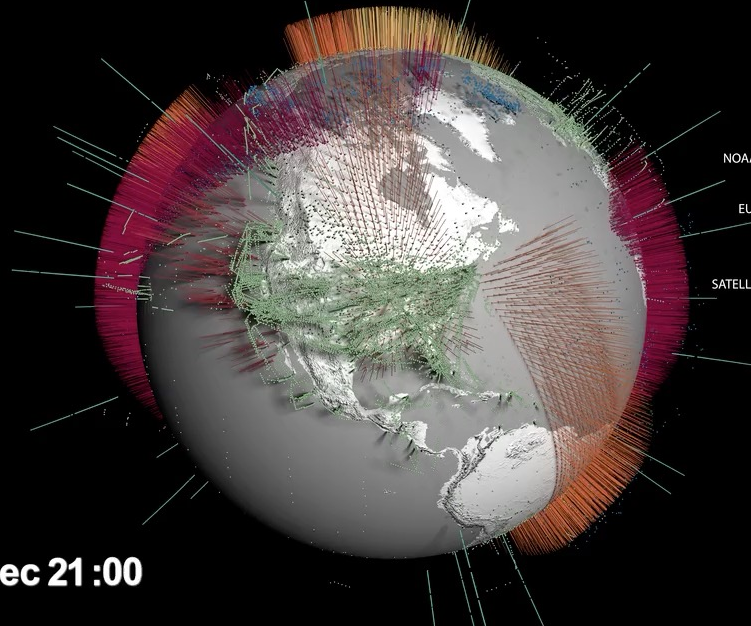
- NOAA POES
- NOAA/NASA TIROS-N
- CONVENTIONAL
- SATELLITE-DERIVED WINDS



31 Dec 21:00

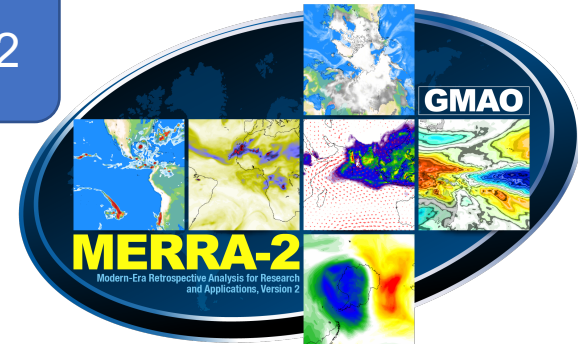
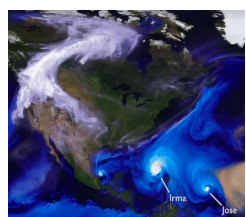
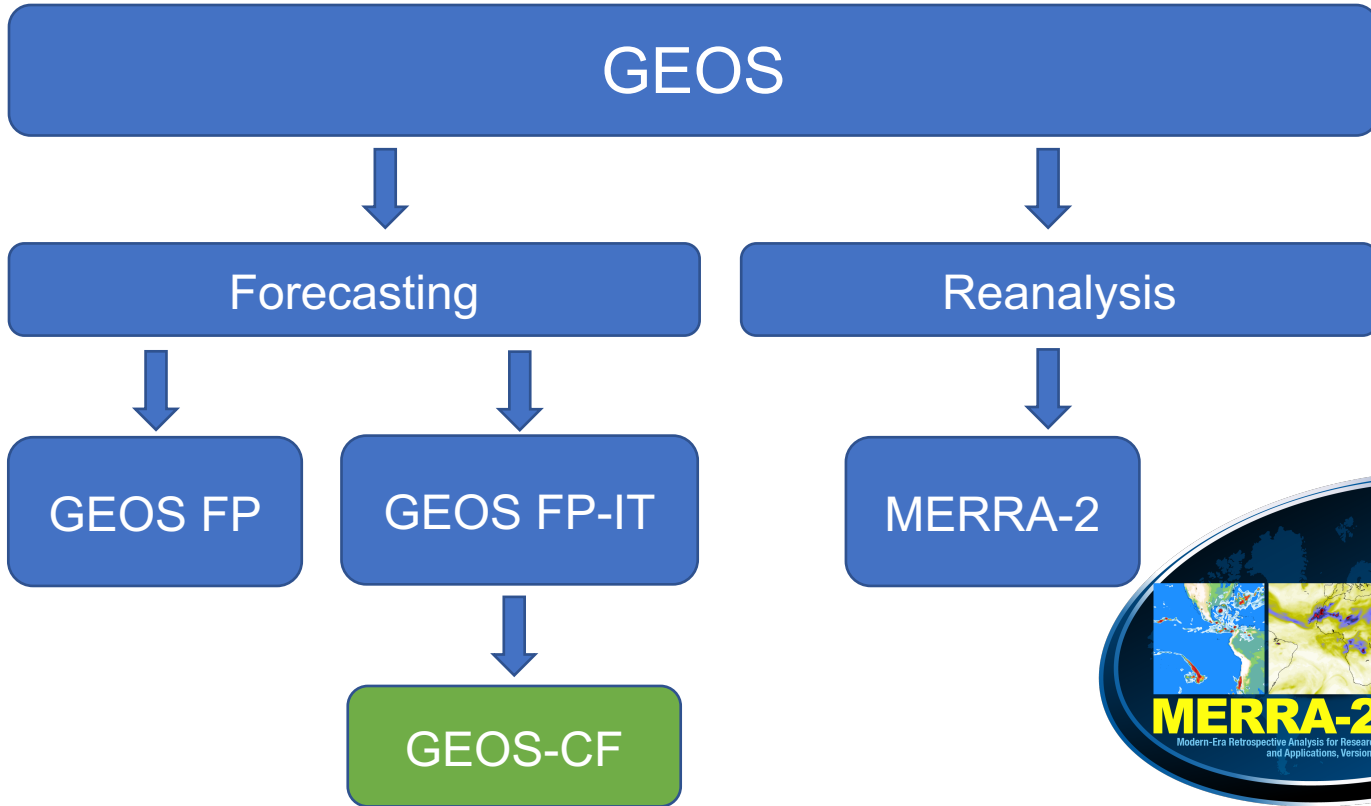
2018

- EUMETSAT METOP
- NOAA GOES
- NOAA POES
- NOAA/NASA SUOMI-NPP
- NASA EOS AQUA
- EUMETSAT METEOSAT
- CONVENTIONAL
- GPS
- SATELLITE-DERIVED WINDS

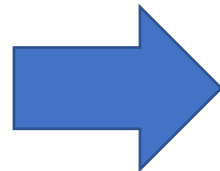
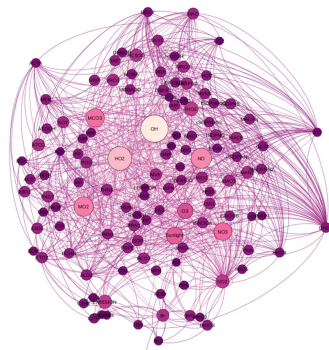
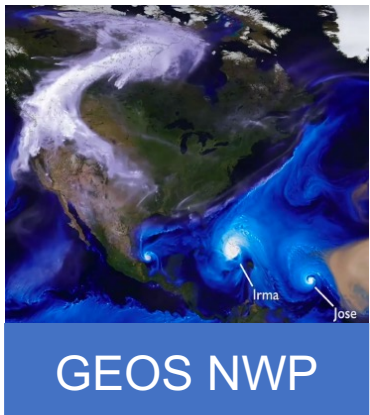


<https://svs.gsfc.nasa.gov/4654>

NASA GMAO global meteorology and chemistry products



GEOS Composition Forecast



Version 12

Tropospheric and Stratospheric chemistry

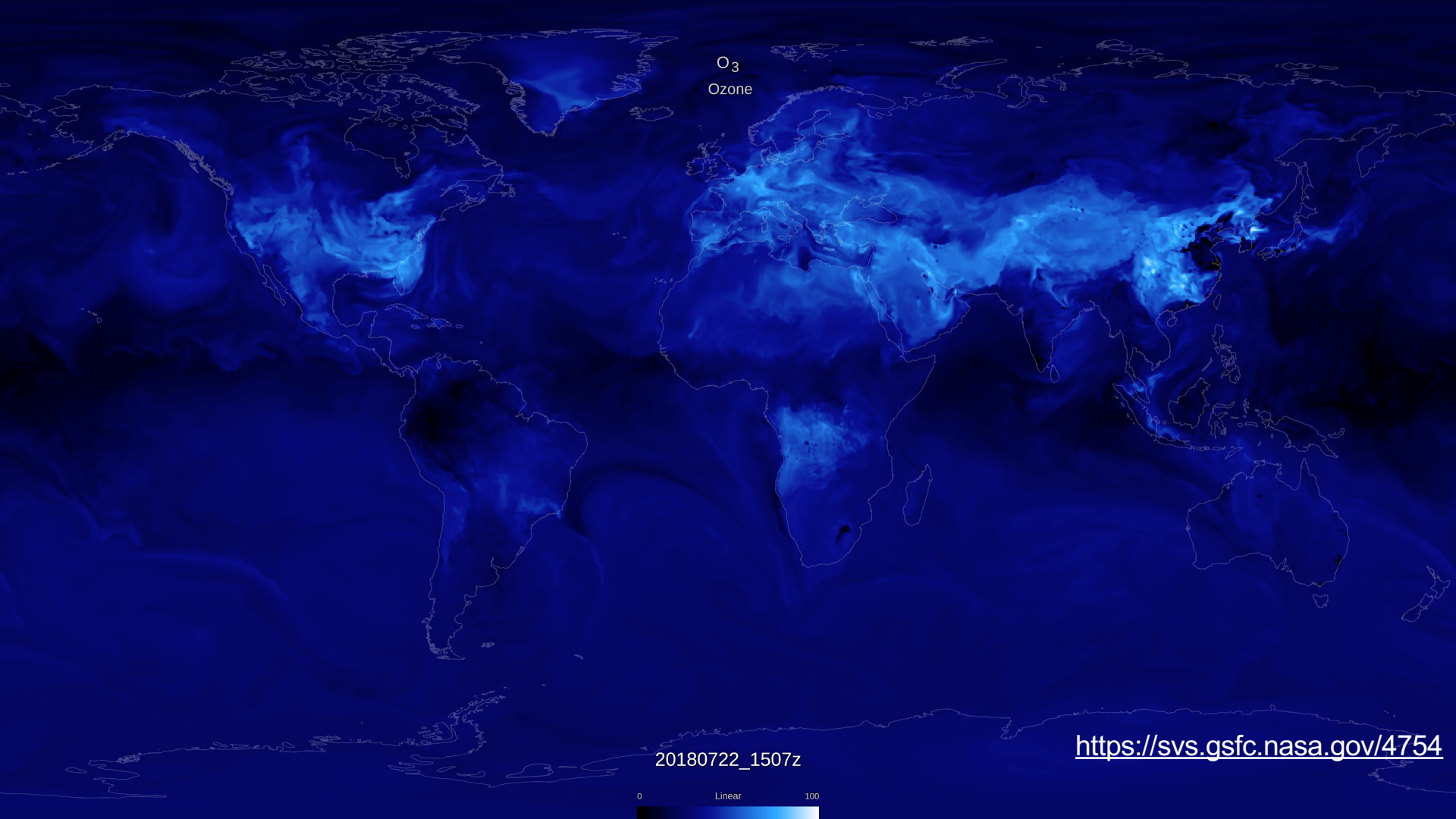
- 250 Chemical Species
- 725 Chemical Reactions



Summary of major GMAO products

System	Focus	Customers/Applications
GEOS-FP "weather prediction"	Impacts of NASA observations on NWP: forefront resolution and complexity	NASA Field Missions (weather, aerosols) Multiple Agencies: NOAA/FAA: NOAA field stations: NRL
GEOS-CF "air quality"	Pioneering global system for atmospheric composition using multiple NASA assets	Health/Air Quality studies (via NASA Applied Sciences) Multiple agencies: NIH, US Army Public Health Center, NOAA
GEOS-S2S "seasonal prediction"	Ensembles of coupled Earth System predictions, emphasizing NASA observations	National ensembles (NMME, SubX), drought/sea-ice prediction Multiple Agencies and international linkages
MERRA-2 "reanalysis"	Stable product for climate studies, emphasizing NASA data	Only current national reanalysis: USGCRP/NCA applications Interagency use: DoE, DoT, NOAA, ...
GEOS-FPIT "mission support"	Stable, well validated, low-latency product for use by NASA instrument teams	More than 20 NASA Instrument Teams
GEOS-Nature Run "mission planning"	Complex Earth System simulations at fine resolution with obs. simulators	Planning for new space-based missions NOAA and broad community; DoE/Smithsonian; NSF

GMAO's current products that are documented both technically and through robust file specifications, well validated, and released to the broad community for research and applications



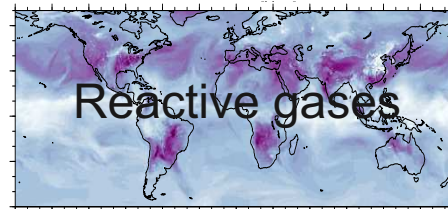
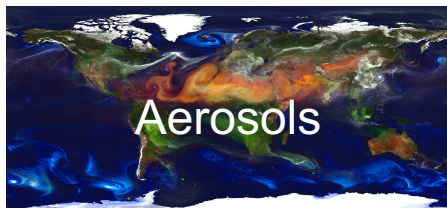
O₃
Ozone

20180722_1507z

<https://svs.gsfc.nasa.gov/4754>

0 Linear 100

Aerosol and Gas Phase Chemistry



- Particulate matter:
 - Carbon
 - Sea salt
 - Dust
 - Sulfate
 - Nitrates
 - (Secondary Organics)

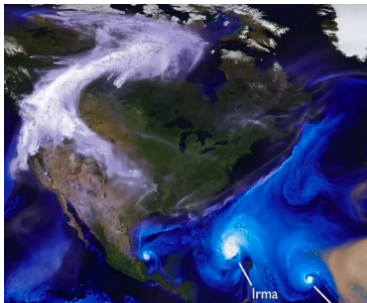
GOCART

- Ozone (O_3)
- Nitrogen dioxide (NO_2)
- Carbon monoxide (CO)
- Volatile organic compounds (VOCs):
 - Formaldehyde
 - Benzene / Toluene
 - And many more!

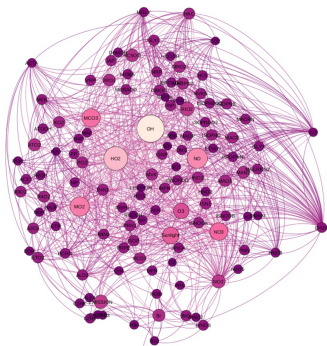
GEOS-Chem



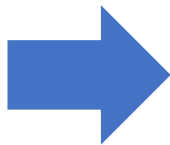
Daily composition forecast



GEOS NWP



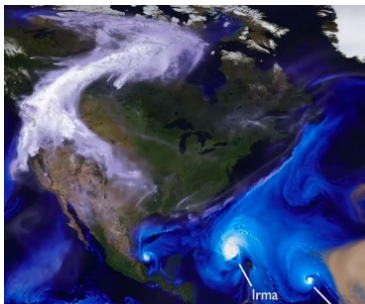
GEOS - Chem



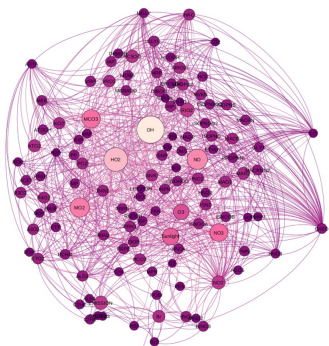
GEOS - CF

One **5-day forecast** per day

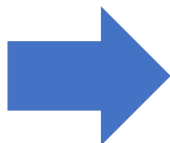
Daily composition forecast



GEOS NWP



GEOS - Chem

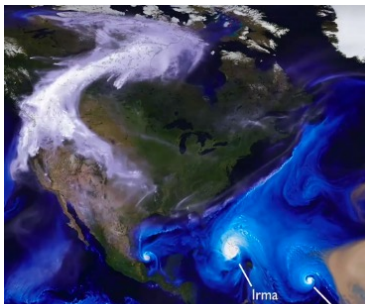


GEOS - CF

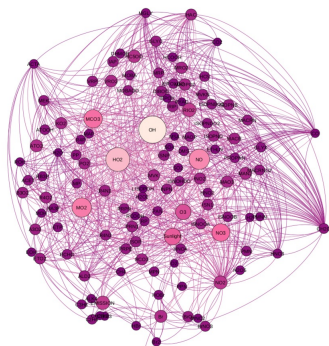
One **5-day forecast** per day

- 1-day meteorological replay
“analysis”
- 5-day forecast

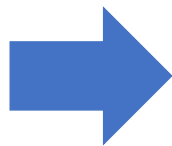
Daily composition forecast



GEOS NWP



GEOS - Chem

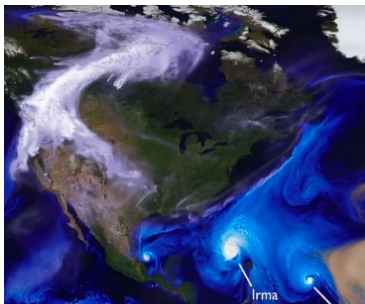


GEOS - CF

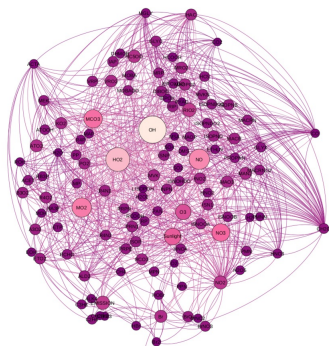
One **5-day forecast** per day

- 1-day replay
- 5-day forecast
- c360 (0.25° , $\sim 25 \times 25 \text{ km}^2$) resolution, 72 model layers

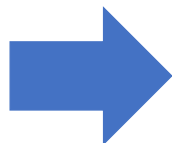
Daily composition forecast



GEOS NWP



GEOS - Chem

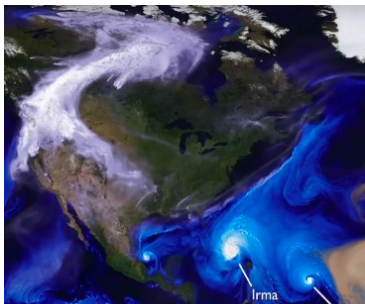


GEOS - CF

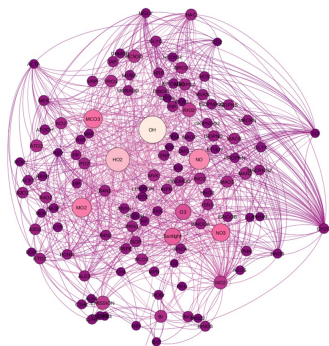
One **5-day forecast** per day

- 1-day replay
- 5-day forecast
- c360 (0.25° , **$\sim 25 \times 25 \text{ km}^2$**) resolution, 72 model layers
- O_3 , NO_x , VOCs, PM ...
- T, U, V, RH

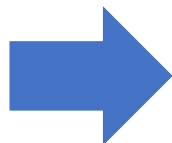
Daily composition forecast



GEOS NWP



GEOS - Chem

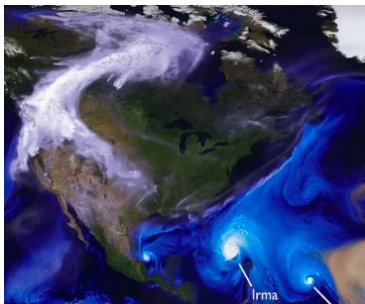


GEOS - CF

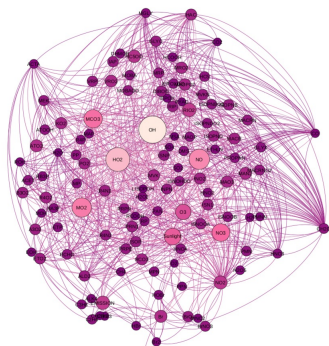
One **5-day forecast** per day

- 1-day replay
- 5-day forecast
- c360 (0.25° , $\sim 25 \times 25 \text{ km}^2$)
- **15 minute** “surface”
- **1-hour** average and instantaneous 2D & 3D

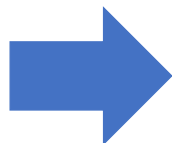
Daily composition forecast



GEOS NWP



GEOS - Chem



GEOS - CF

One **5-day forecast** per day

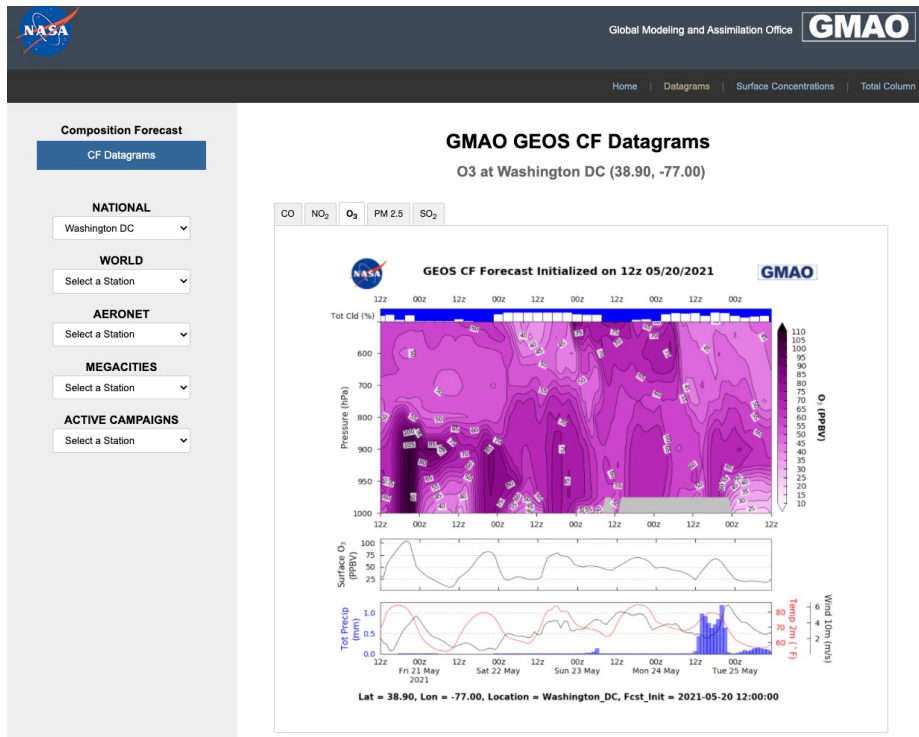
- 1-day replay
- 5-day forecast
- c360 (0.25° , $\sim 25 \times 25 \text{ km}^2$)
- **Available since**
1 January 2018 (replay)
1 January 2019 (forecast)



GEOS-CF are available online in near real-time

FLUID is a mobile-friendly website

<https://fluid.nccs.nasa.gov/cf/>



<https://portal.nccs.nasa.gov/datashare/gmao/geos-cf/v1/>

The screenshot shows the NCCS Dataportal - Datashare interface. At the top, it says 'GODDARD SPACE FLIGHT CENTER' and 'NCCS Dataportal - Datashare'. Below this is a table with columns 'Name', 'Last modified', and 'Size Description'. The table contains three entries: 'Parent Directory', 'das/' (26-Aug-2019 10:41), and 'forecast/' (22-Mar-2019 13:49). At the bottom, there is a 'USA.gov' logo, a 'Privacy Policy and Important Notices' link, and a NASA logo with the text 'Curator: Corey D Jones, NASA Official: Dan Duffy, Last Updated: 03/13/2019'.

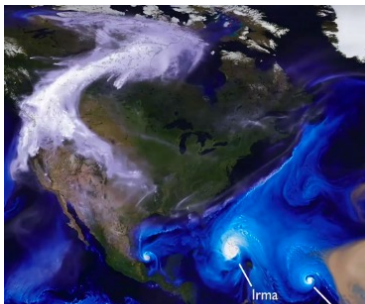
<https://opendap.nccs.nasa.gov/dods/gmao/geos-cf/>

GrADS Data Server - info for /gmao/geos-cf/assim/chm_tavg_1hr_g1440x721_v1 : [dds](#) [das](#)

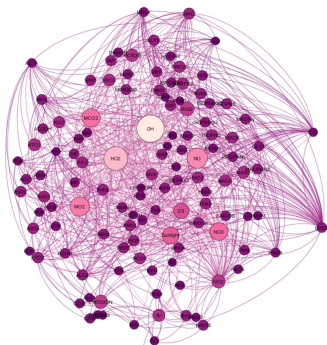
OPeNDAP/DODS Data URL: https://opendap.nccs.nasa.gov/dods/gmao/geos-cf/assim/chm_tavg_1hr_g1440x721_v1

Description: GEOS CF (Composition Forecast)
Documentation: (none provided)
Longitude: -180.0000000000°E to 179.7500000000°E (1440 points, avg. res. 0.25°)
Latitude: -90.0000000000°N to 90.0000000000°N (721 points, avg. res. 0.25°)
Altitude: 72.0000000000 to 72.0000000000 (1 points)
Time: 00:30Z01JAN2018 to 11:30Z31OCT2019 (16044 points, avg. res. 0.042 days)
Variables: (total of 52)
xyle xylene (c8h10, mw = 106.16 g mol-1) volume mixing ratio dry air
dst2 dust aerosol, reff = 1.4 microns (mw = 29.00 g mol-1) volume mixing ratio dry air
hno4 peroxyntic acid (hno4, mw = 79.00 g mol-1) volume mixing ratio dry air
pm25su_rh35_gcc sulfate_particulate_matter_with_diameter_below_2.5_um_rh_35

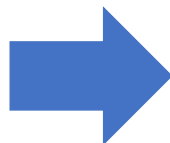
Daily composition forecast



GEOS NWP



GEOS - Chem



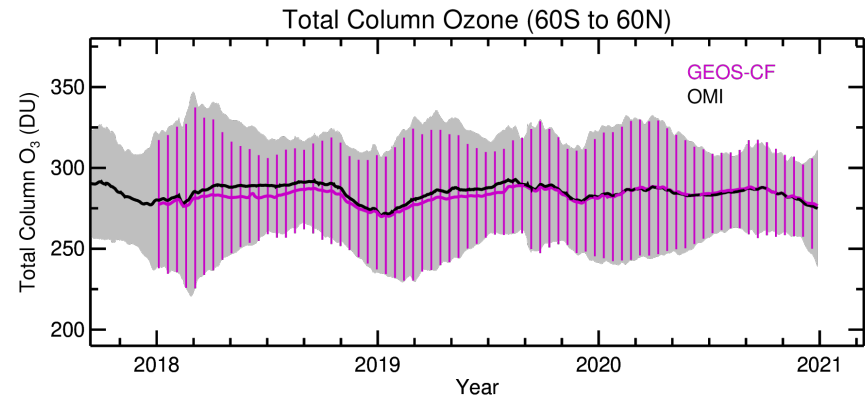
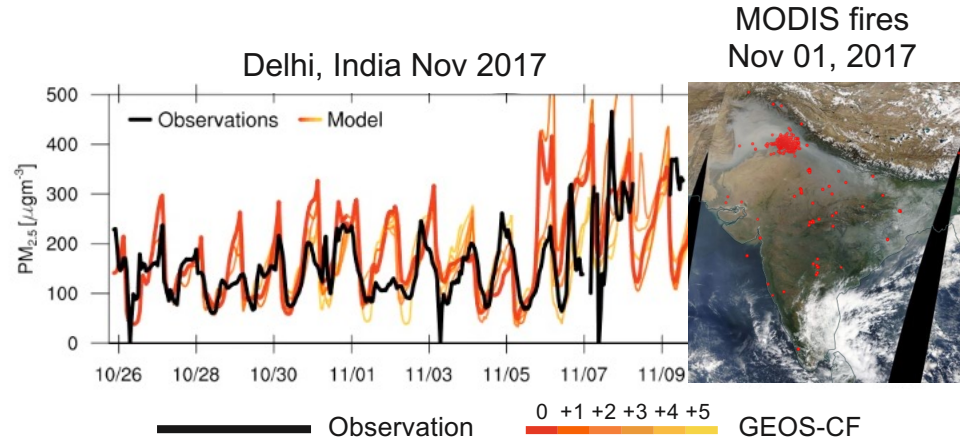
GEOS - CF

- Currently **no direct** data assimilation of constituents in GEOS-CF

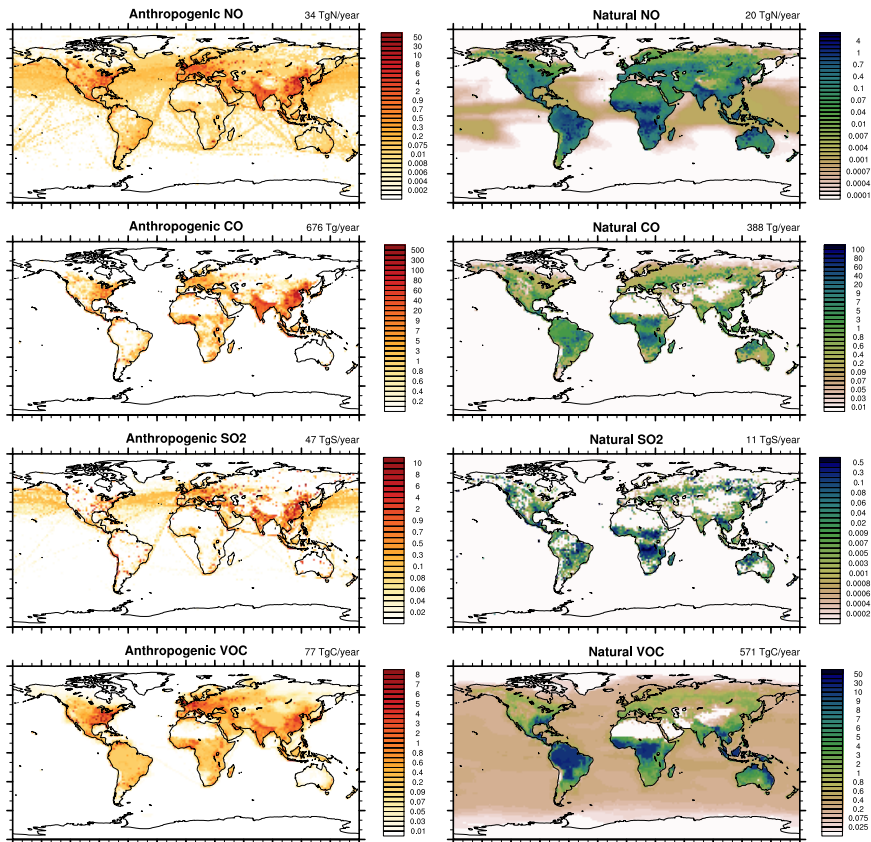
Near-real time updates from satellite data

- Biomass burning emissions from near-real time QFED v2.5

- GEOS-CF Stratospheric O₃ is weakly nudged to the GEOS FP assimilated O₃



GEOS-Chem emissions



Anthropogenic: HTAP, RETRO, DICE (Africa), AEIC (aircraft)

Biomass burning: QFED NRT

Biogenic: Megan 2.1

Lightning: online (Murray et al., 2012)

Soil NO_x: online (Hudman et al. 2012)

Dust: online (Zender et al. 2003)

Sea salt: online (Jaegle et al., 2011)

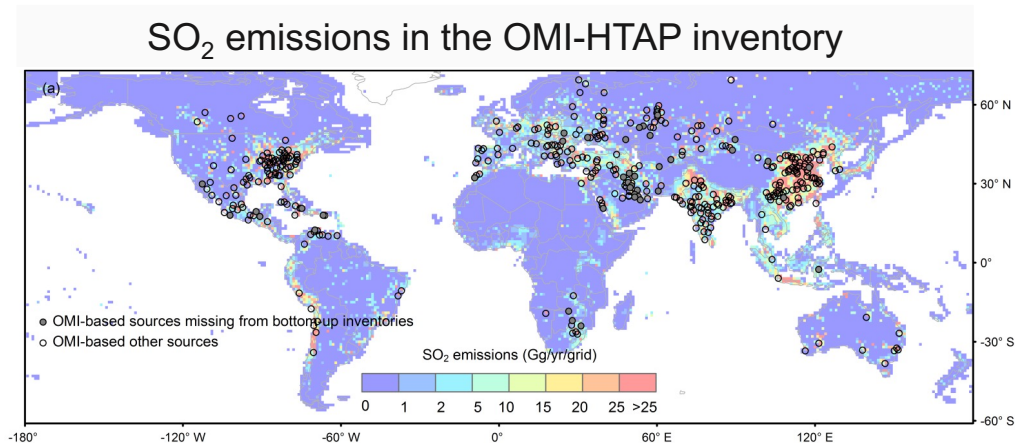
Ocean: online: sea salt, DMS, acetone, acetaldehyde, HOI, I₂

Prescribed: CFCs, VSLs, CH₄, CO₂

Year-to-year emissions changes

Emissions:

- Annual gridded scale factors based on satellite data are applied to the emissions of CO (Oda et al., 2017) and SO₂ (Liu et al., 2018).
- “Business-as-usual” assumed for 2020 and 2021

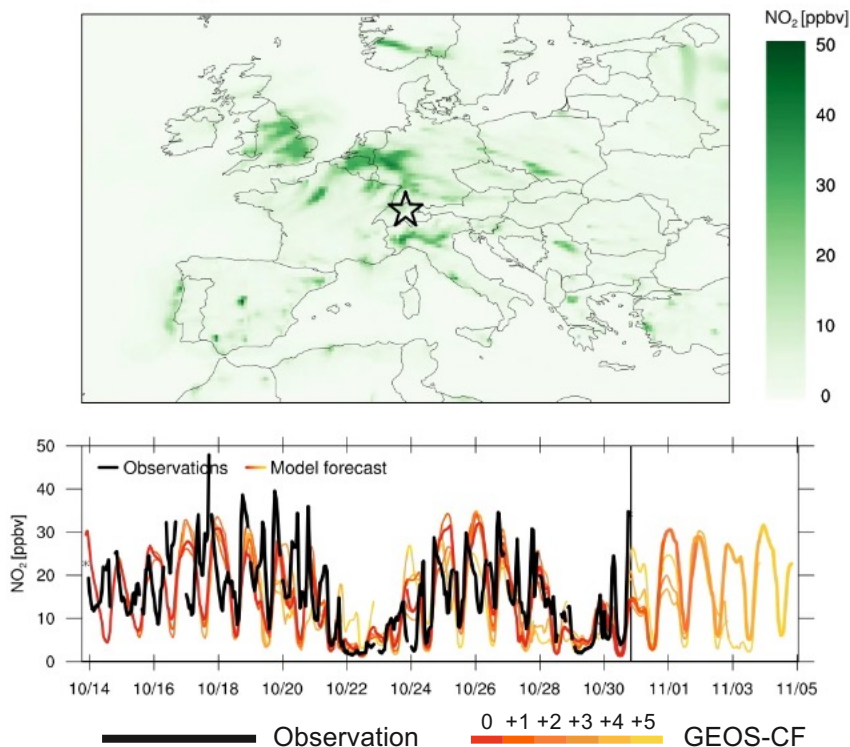


A new emission inventory, OMI-HTAP, combines OMI-based SO₂ emissions for large sources and the bottom-up inventory, HTAP, for smaller sources.

Liu, F., et al., *Atmos. Chem. Phys.*, 18, 2018

Daily variations of emissions

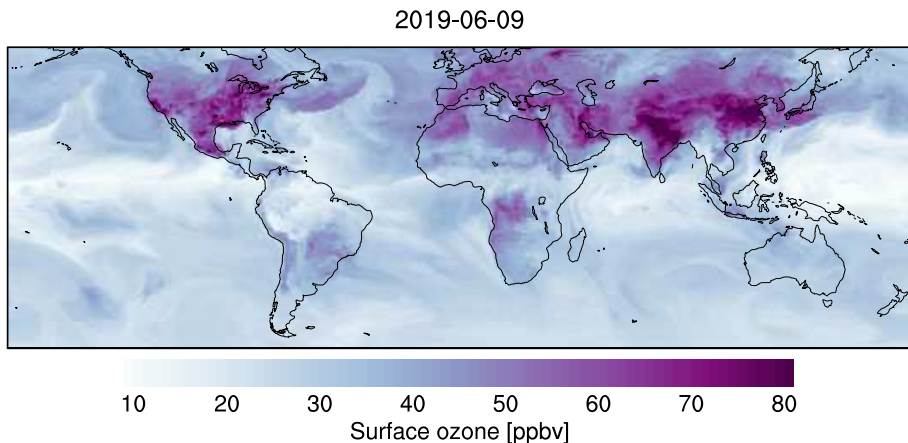
Zurich, Switzerland, 2017-10-30 22:45 UTC



- Scale factors applied to emissions for diurnal and weekly variations
- These are clearly beneficial for surface NO₂ analyses and forecasts
- Shown for Zurich - weather and diurnal/weekly signals are prominent
- Surface observations obtained through emerging connection to OpenAQ (openaq.org)

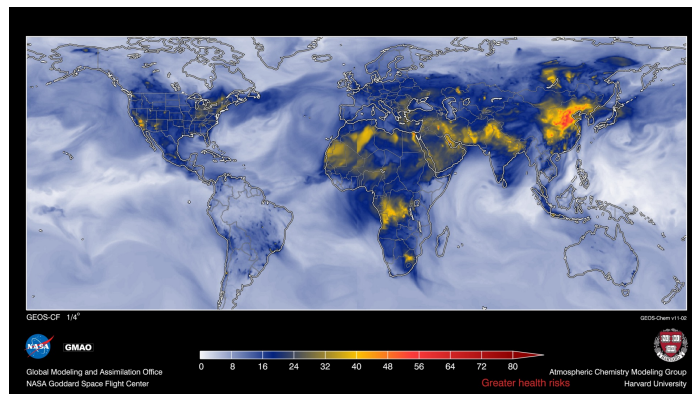
Air quality and health applications

➤ How good is the model?



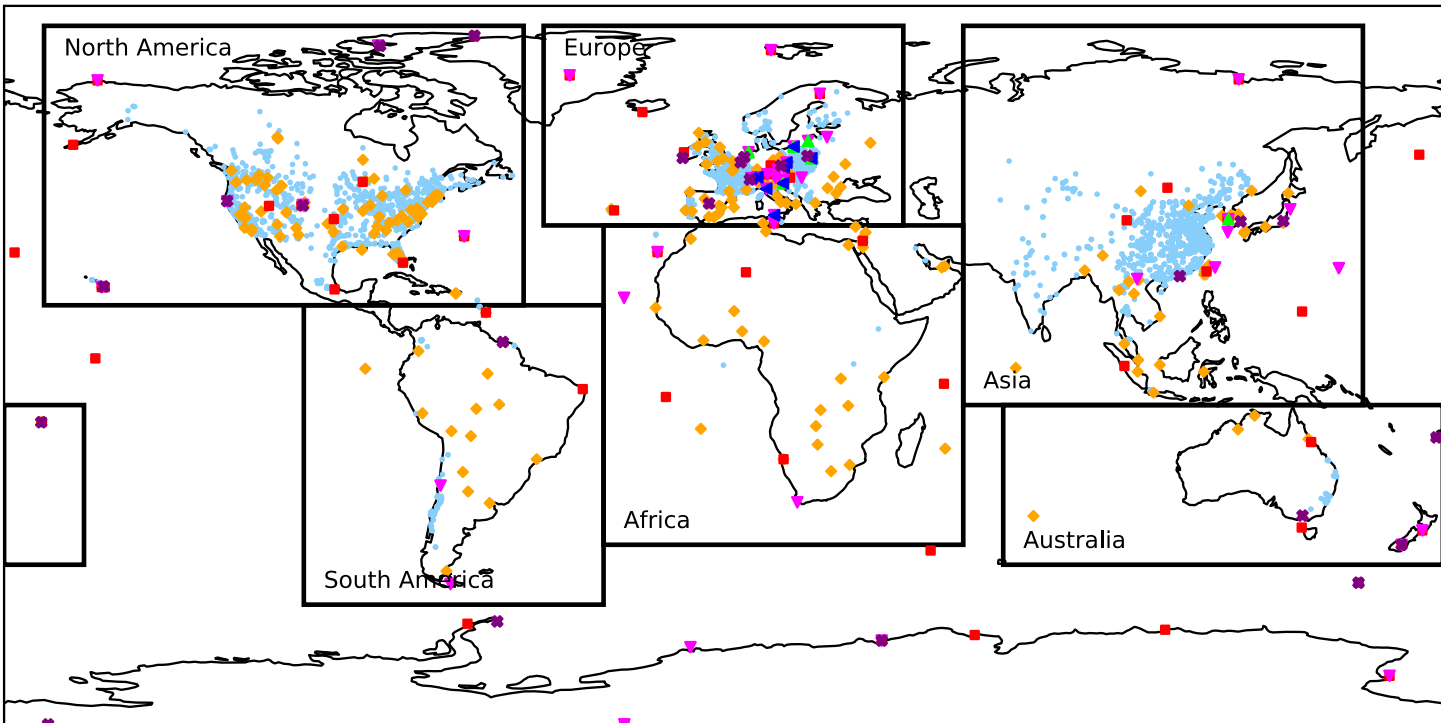
Optimize model predictions

➤ How bad is the air pollution?



Global exposure assessment

Observations for evaluation

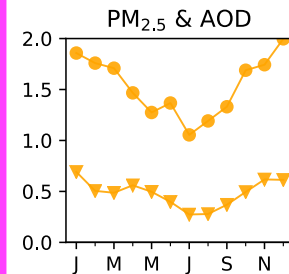
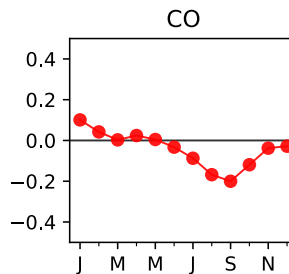
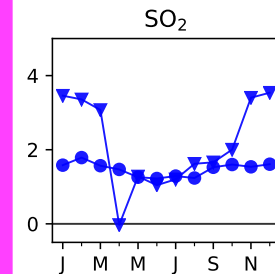
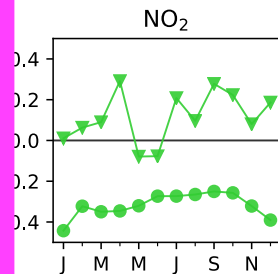
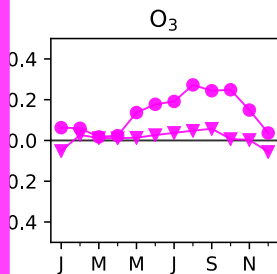


● OpenAQ
 ◆ Aeronet
 ■ WDCGG CO
 ▼ WDCRG O₃
 ▲ WDCRG NO₂
 ◄ WDCRG SO₂
 ✱ Ozonesonde

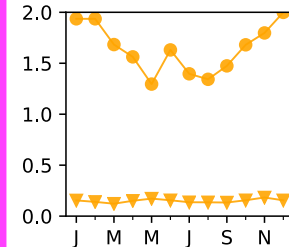
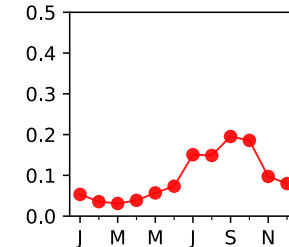
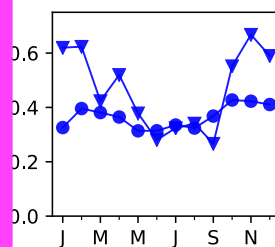
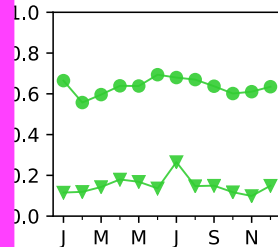
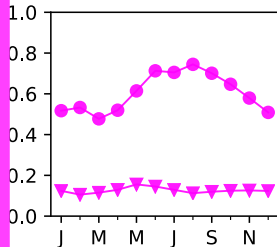
Keller et al., 2021 JAMES

Global surface comparisons - monthly

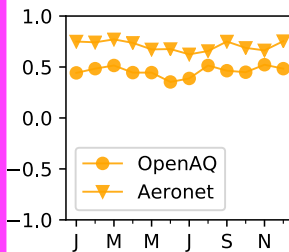
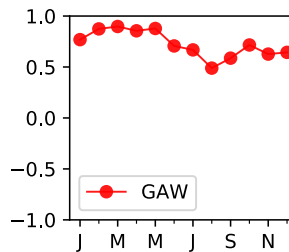
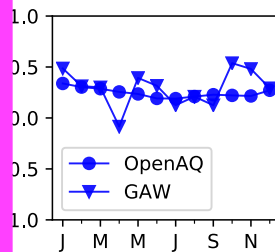
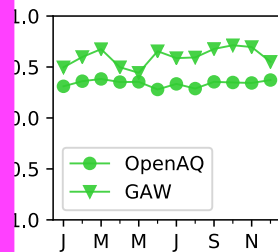
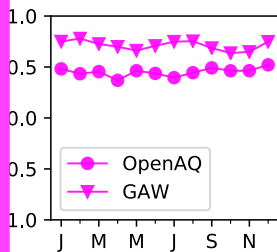
Normalized
Mean Bias
(NMB)



Normalized
Root Mean
Square Error
(NRMSE)

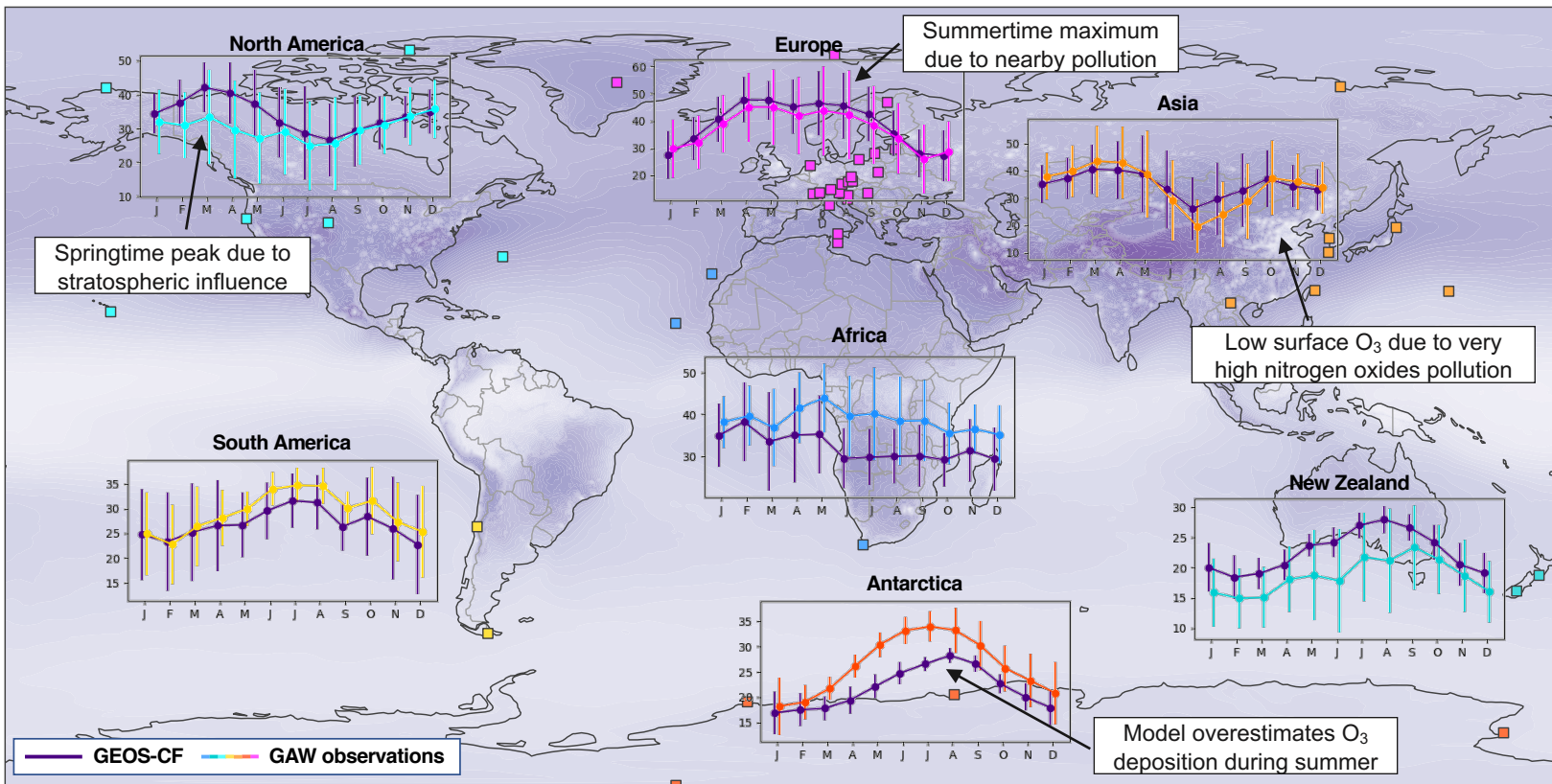


Pearson
Correlation
Coefficient
(R)



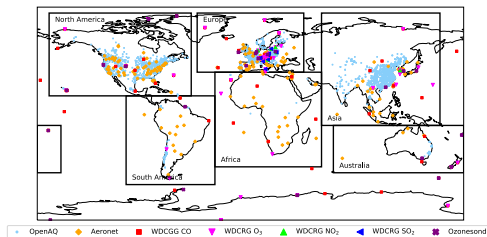
Keller et al., 2021 JAMES

GEOS-CF surface ozone compares well against background observations from the Global Atmospheric Watch (GAW) network

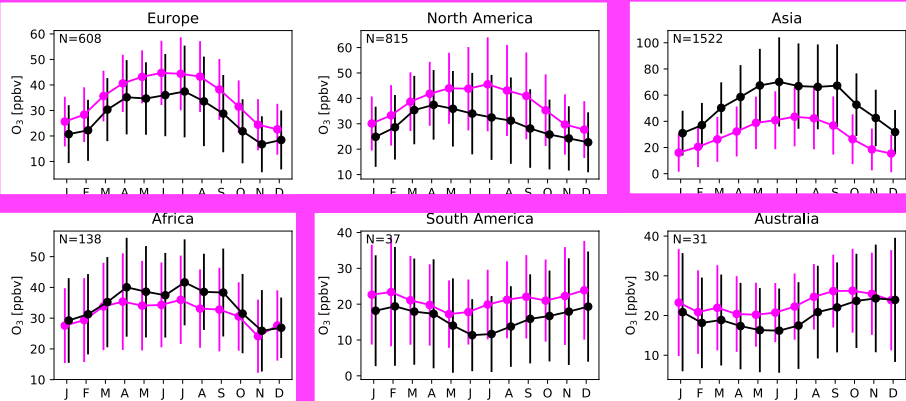




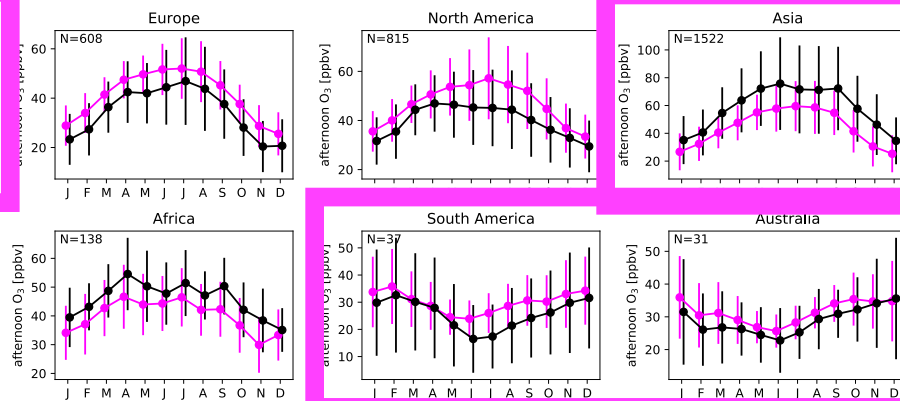
Surface O₃ (OpenAQ sites only)



Daily



Afternoon only



- GEOS-CF captures the overall seasonal cycle in the six regions, but generally overestimates in Europe, North & South America and Australia, while underestimating in Asia and Africa.

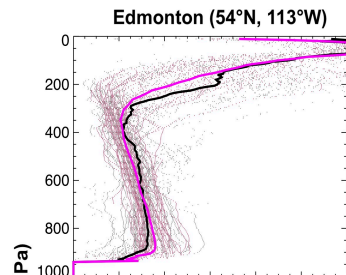
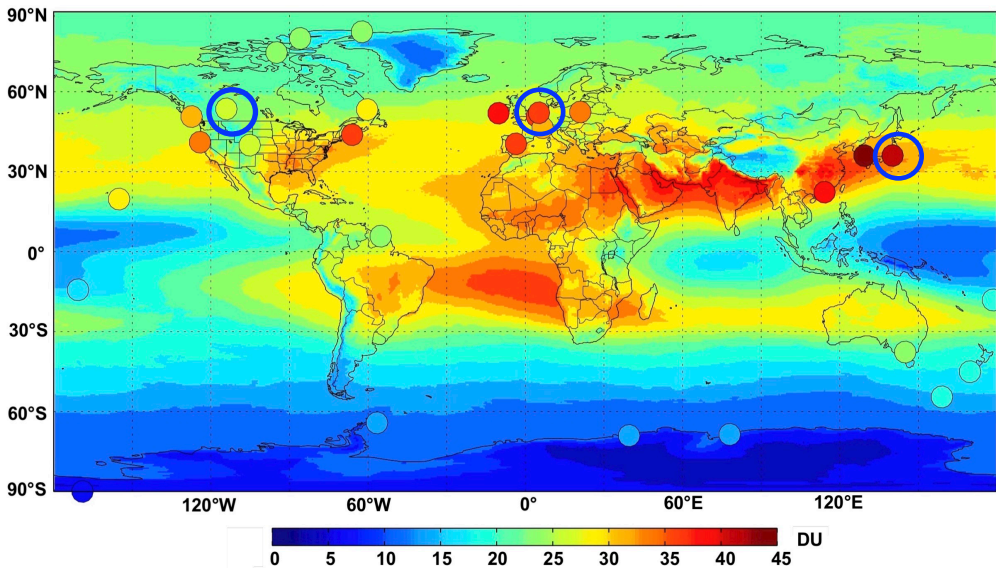
- In polluted regions, such as Asia, the bias is reduced when focusing on peak photochemical production period. GEOS-CF still has a bias over US during summer and fall, a known GEOS-Chem issue (Travis et al., 2016;2019; Hu et al., 2018).

■ Observations ■ GEOS-CF

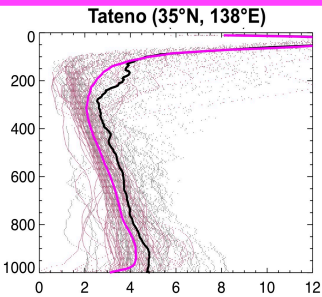
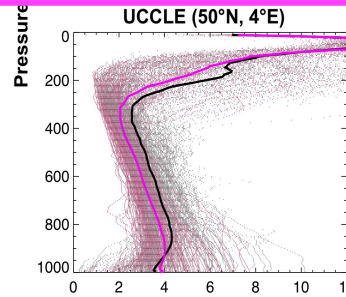
Keller et al., 2021 JAMES

GEOS-CF captures the observed ozone spatial distribution and profile shapes shown by ozonesondes

2018 Tropospheric O₃ column (TOC): GEOS-CF and sondes



GEOS-CF in general captures the observed ozonesonde profile shapes, as seen at these three stations.



Sondes



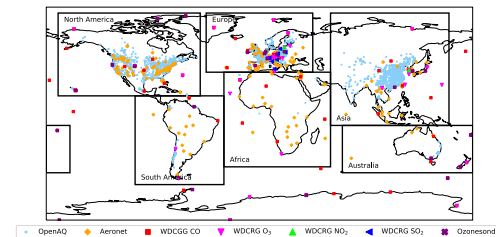
GEOS-CF

Thin lines: daily profiles in 2018
Thick lines: annual means

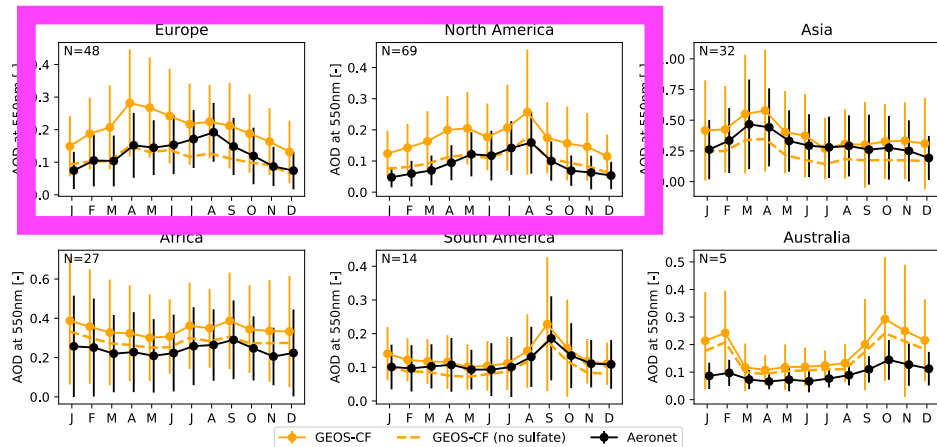
- GEOS-CF captures the overall spatial distribution of ozonesonde TOC, but with underestimates over polluted regions (e.g. sites over eastern US, Europe, east Asia).

Figures courtesy of Junhua Liu

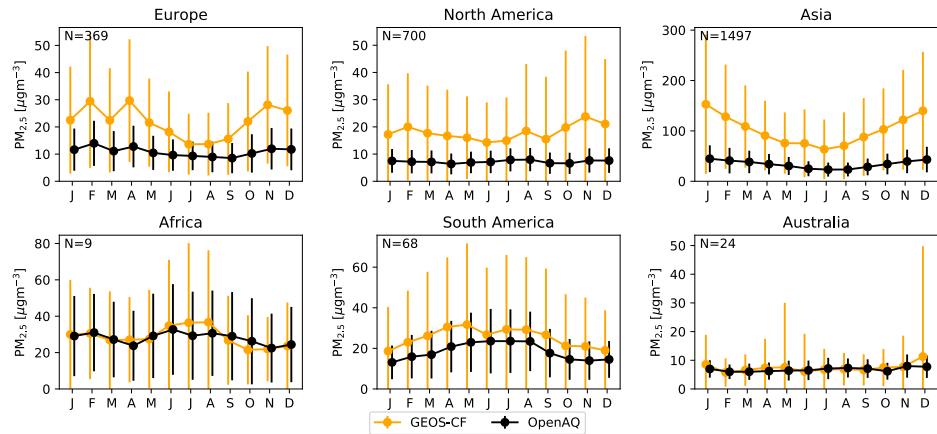
GEOS-CF generally overestimates aerosols (AOD and PM_{2.5})



AOD from Aeronet network



PM_{2.5} from OpenAQ database



- GEOS-CF overestimates AOD 550 nm at most Aeronet sites. This is likely due to the overestimation of sulfates in the model.

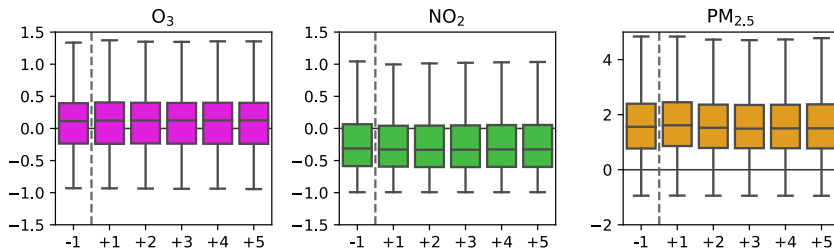
- Similarly, GEOS-CF PM_{2.5} is overestimated in Europe, North America, Asia and South America.

■ Observations ■ GEOS-CF

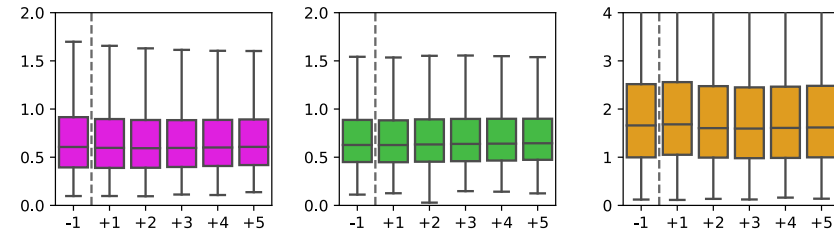
Keller et al., 2021 JAMES

GEOS CF Forecast skill (GAW and OpenAQ)

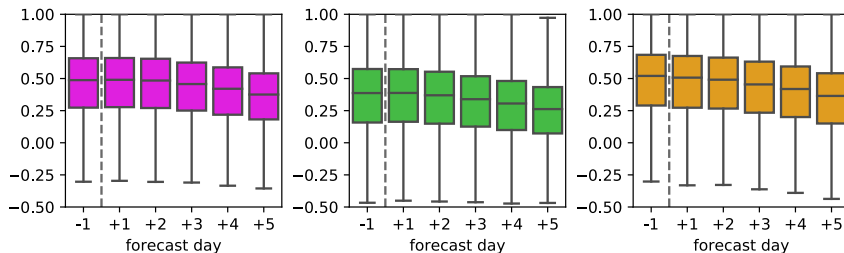
Normalized
Mean Bias
(NMB)



Normalized
Root Mean
Square Error
(NRMSE)



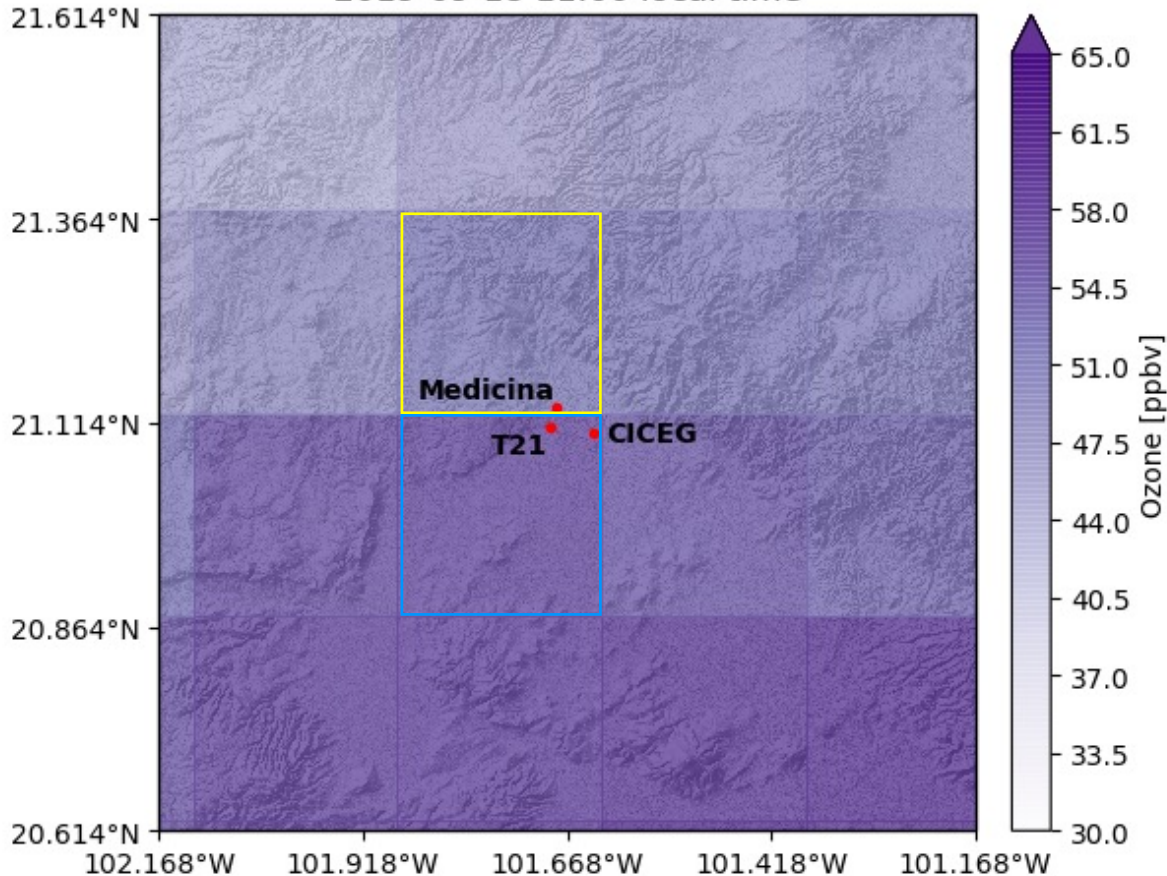
Pearson
Correlation
Coefficient
(R)



- Little variation in the skill scores out to 5 days
- Correlation tends to decrease after day 2 and this is likely due to changes in the meteorological forecast and biomass burning emissions.

Keller et al., 2021 JAMES

2019-09-18 11:00 local time

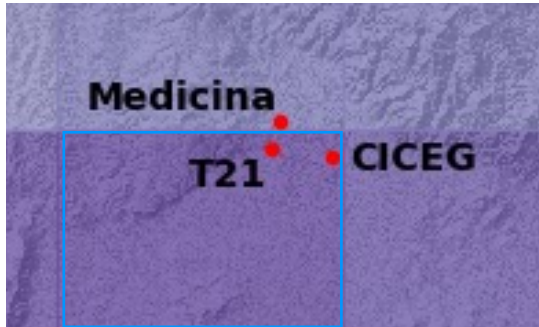


Improve local forecasts using statistical bias correction

3 monitoring stations in Leon, Mexico

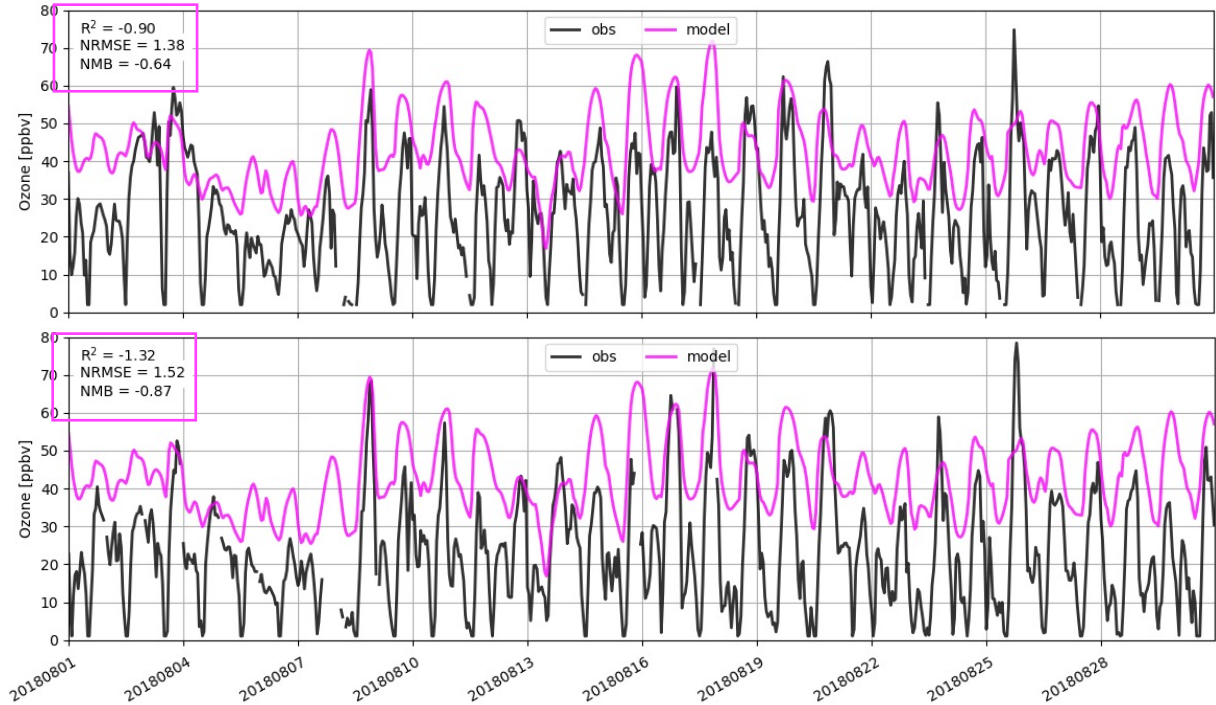
- 1 in one grid box
- 2 share a grid box
- Difficult terrain within each grid box

Improve local forecasts using statistical bias correction



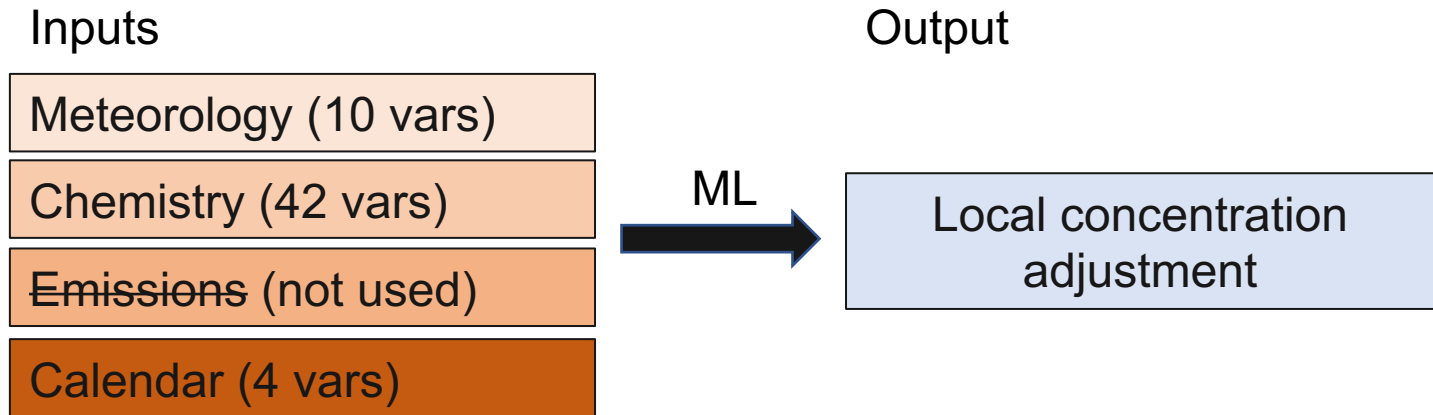
Two observation sites in the same grid box

- GEOS-CF generally over-estimates



Observations **Model**

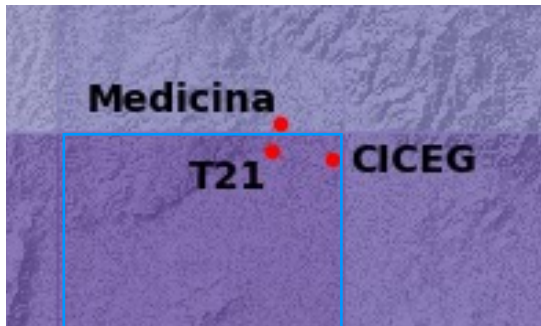
Use machine learning to correct for small scale variability and/or model biases



- Algorithm: gradient boosted decision trees (XGBoost)
- Train separate algorithm for each site

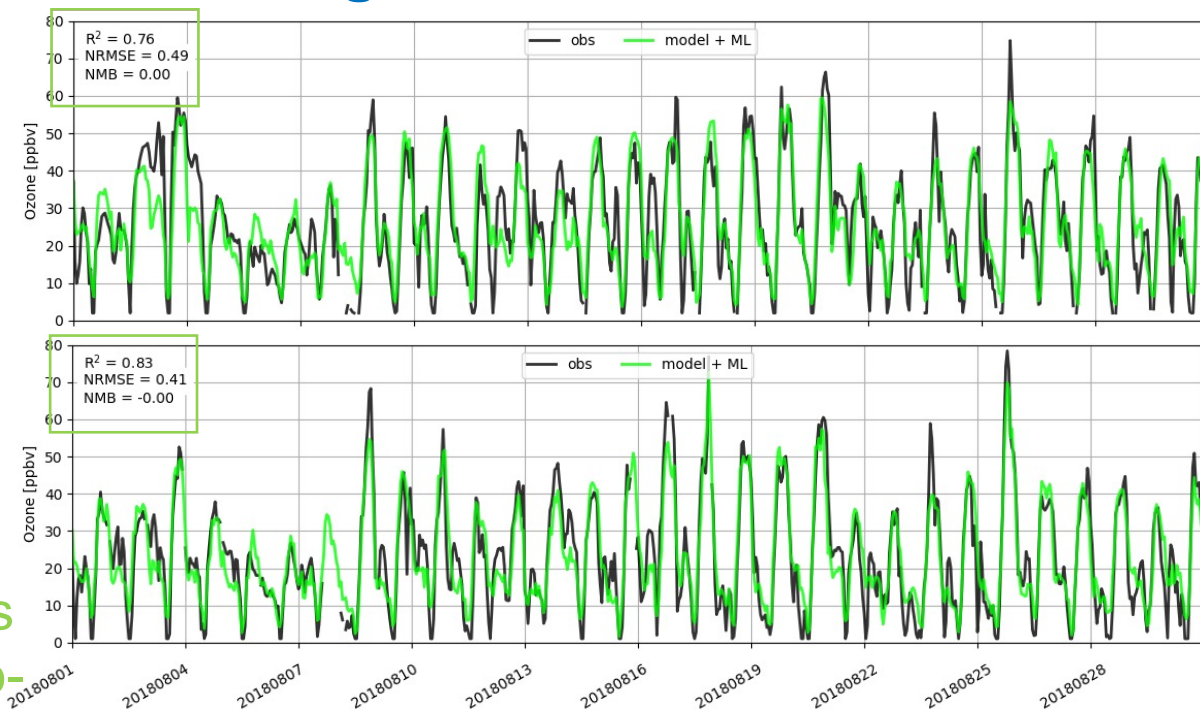
Keller et al., 2021 ACP

Improve local forecasts using statistical bias correction



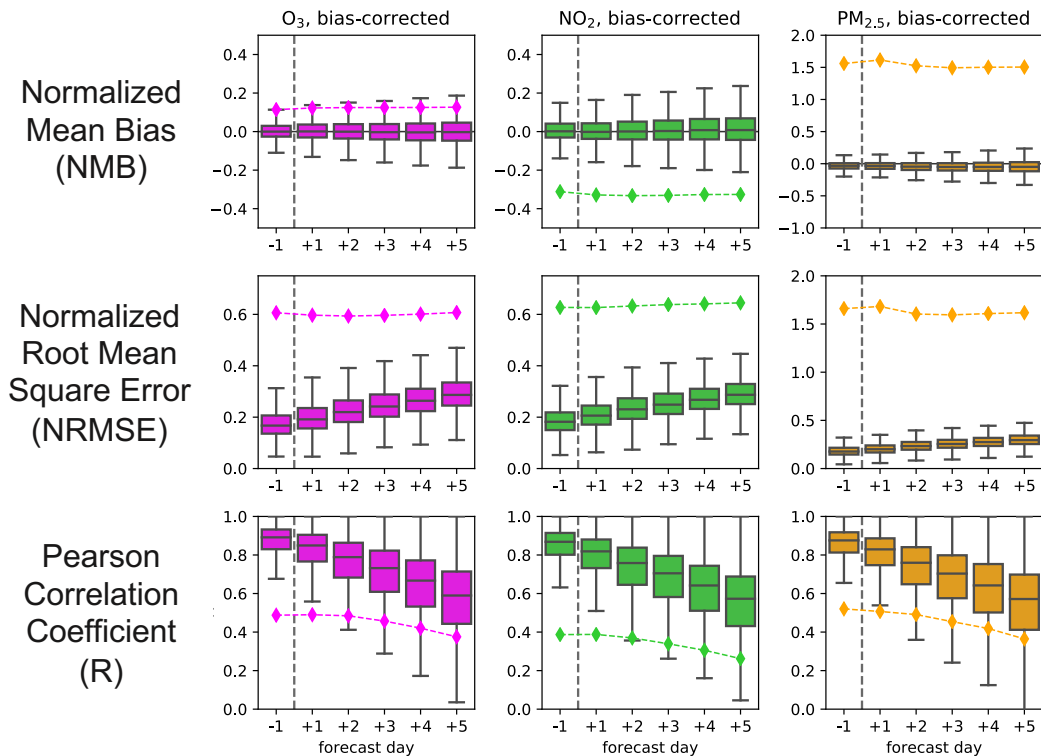
Two observation sites in the same grid box

- GEOS-CF+ML captures diurnal variability at sub-grid scale



Observations **Model + ML**

GEOS CF Forecast skill

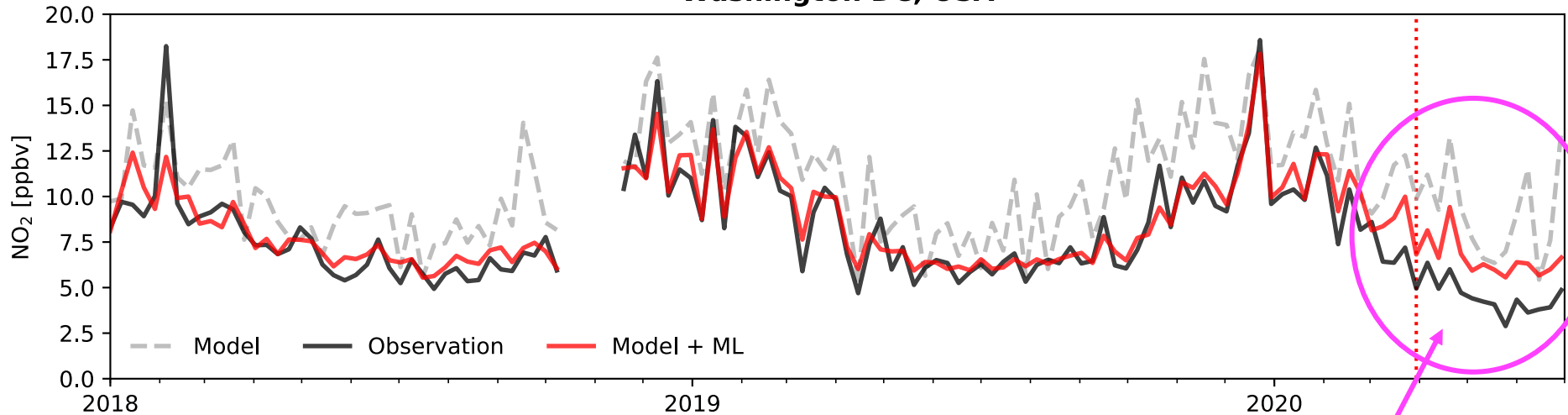


- ✓ Using a Machine Learning (ML) algorithm to calculate bias-correction term for each monitoring site can drastically improve the forecast skill at the individual locations

Keller et al., 2021 JAMES

New application of the GEOS-CF ML algorithm

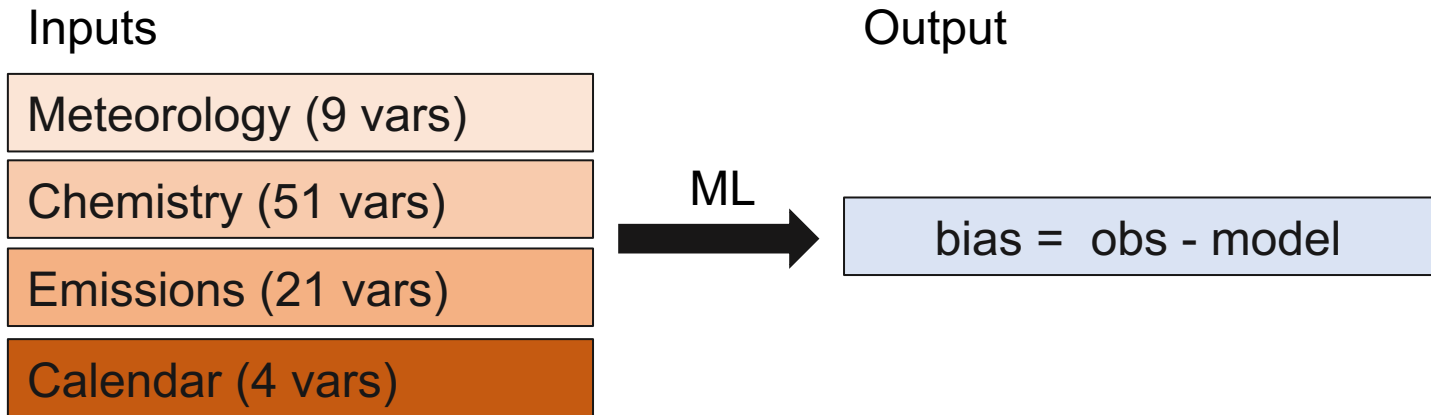
Washington DC, USA



Impact of COVID-19 restrictions

Keller et al., 2021 ACP

Apply bias-correction to model output using machine learning (using historical observation-model comparisons)

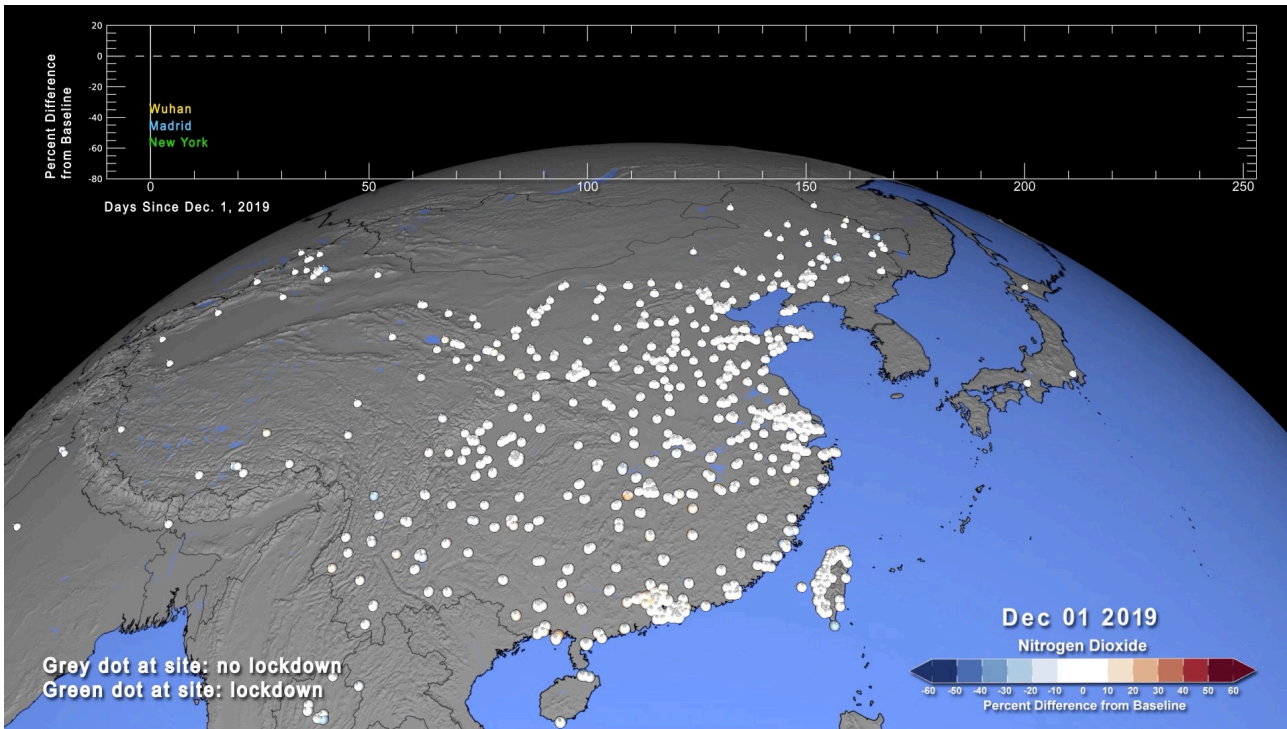


- Algorithm: gradient boosted decision trees (XGBoost)
- Training: 2018-2019 (8-fold cross validation)

Keller et al., 2021 ACP



Apply analysis to 5756 sites worldwide

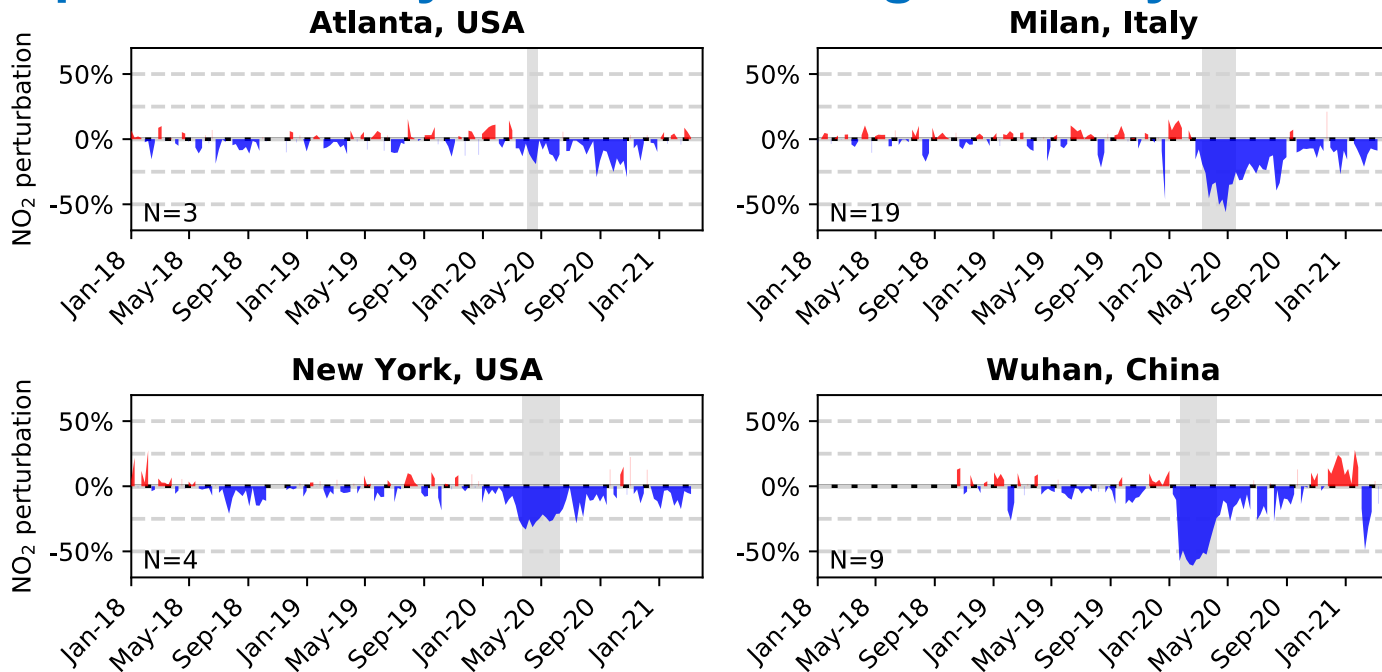


<https://svs.gsfc.nasa.gov/13753>

<https://svs.gsfc.nasa.gov/4872>

<https://www.nasa.gov/feature/goddard/2020/nasa-model-reveals-how-much-covid-related-pollution-levels-deviated-from-the-norm>

Observation-model differences indicate city-wide NO_2 declines of up to 50% early on and a halting recovery since then

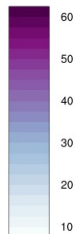
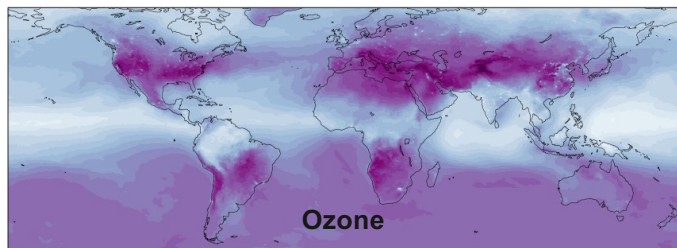


Updated through March 16, 2021

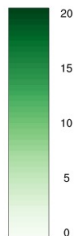
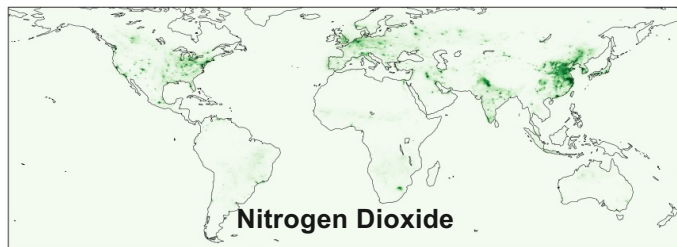
Keller et al., 2021 ACP

<https://www.nasa.gov/feature/goddard/2020/nasa-model-reveals-how-much-covid-related-pollution-levels-deviated-from-the-norm>

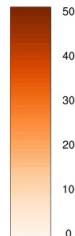
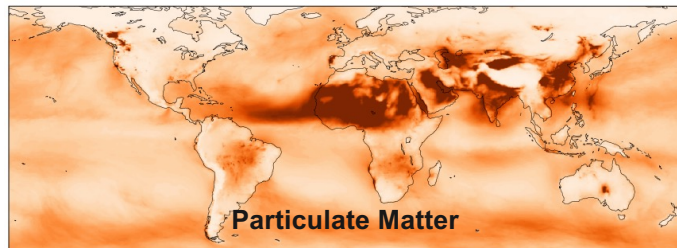
Forecast Application: Multi-pollutant Health Risk Index



- **O₃ influences Background levels**



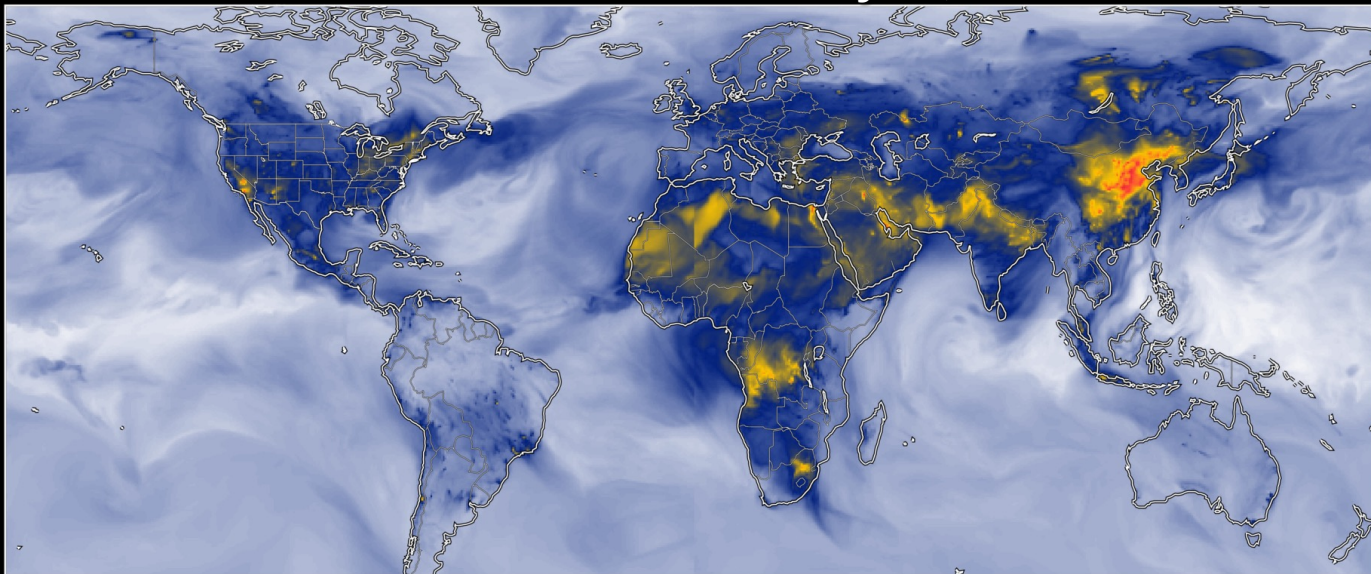
- **NO₂ is Short-lived**
- **Extreme gradients**



- **PM_{2.5} driver of spatial gradients**

Forecast Application: Multi-pollutant Health Risk Index

Health risk Index: July 1st, 2017



GEOS-CF 1/4°

GEOS-Chem v11-02

Lower Health Risks

Higher Health Risks



Greater health risks



Global Modeling and Assimilation Office
NASA Goddard Space Flight Center



Atmospheric Chemistry Modeling Group
Harvard University

Multi-pollutant index, developed by Kevin Cromar and NYU team (Gladson et al. *in prep*)

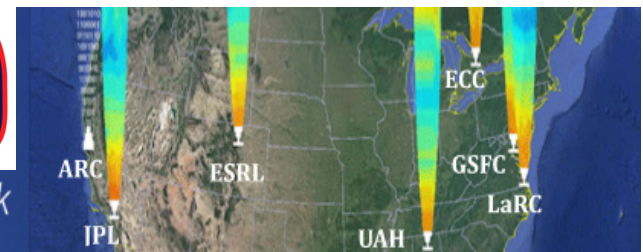
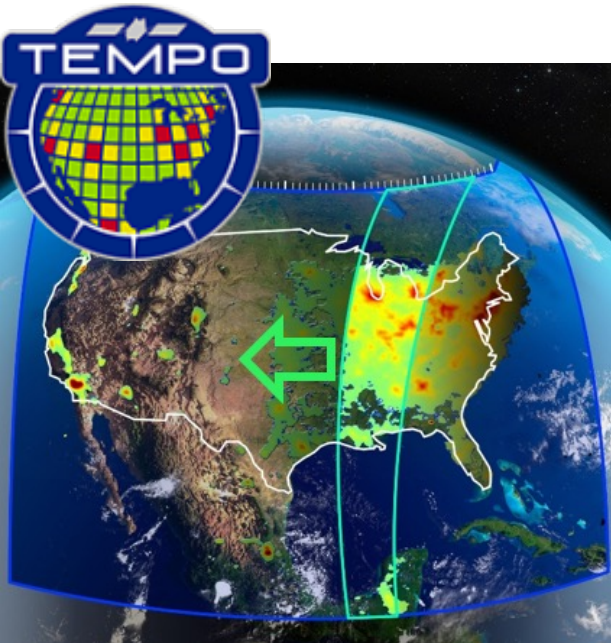
- Maximum daily 8-hour average (MDA8) O₃
- 24-hour-average NO₂
- 24-hour-average PM_{2.5}

Daily atmospheric composition forecast

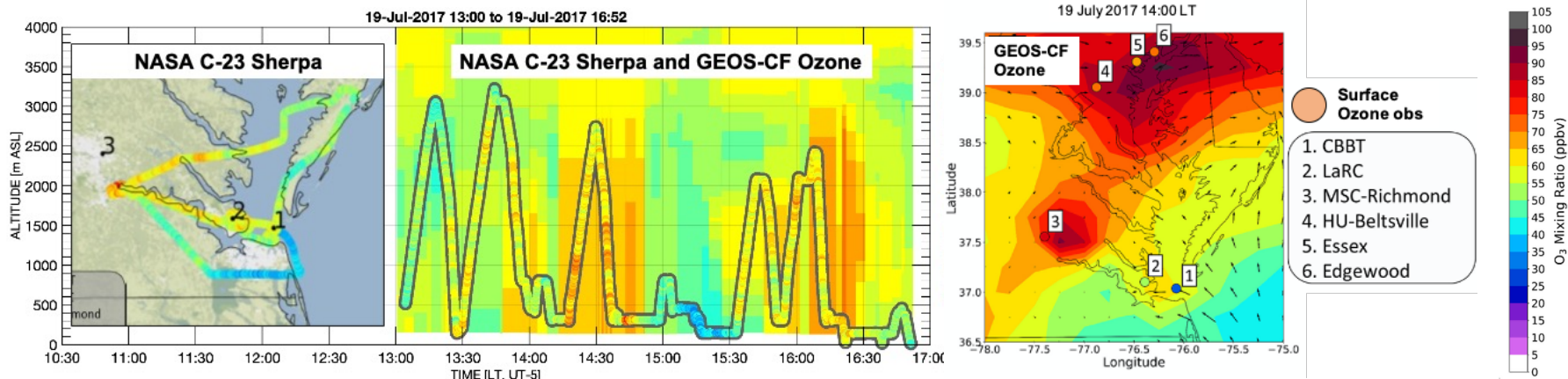
GEOS - CF

A realistic stratosphere in GEOS-CF is essential to support a broad range of NASA applications, including:

- Satellite retrievals of trace gases
- Airborne campaigns
- Stratosphere-troposphere exchange



GEOS-CF evaluation with NASA's OWLETS campaign observations

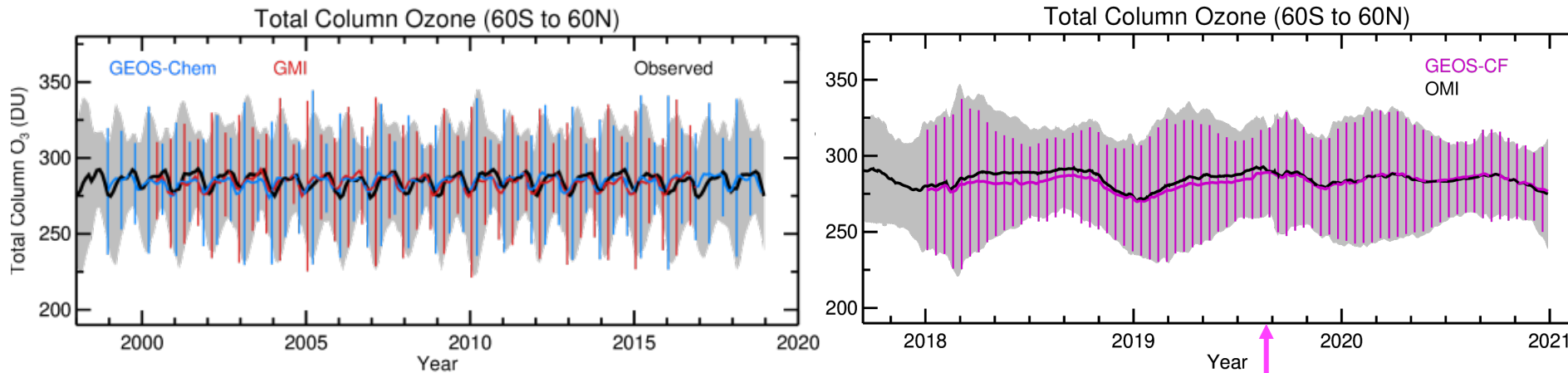


Dacic et al. (2020) used the GEOS-CF simulated ozone to put the OWLETS observations in 'the big picture', using the combined meteorology and chemistry to represent the synoptic conditions that lead to the observed ozone exceedances at surface observation sites.

From where the model and the observations diverged, we learned where there are missing local marine emission sources and errors in the boundary layer chemical and dynamical processes in the model over the Chesapeake Bay.

Dacic, N. et al., 2020, Atmos. Environ. "Evaluation of NASA's high-resolution global composition simulations: Understanding a pollution event in the Chesapeake Bay during the summer 2017 OWLETS campaign"

Stratospheric Composition Evaluation



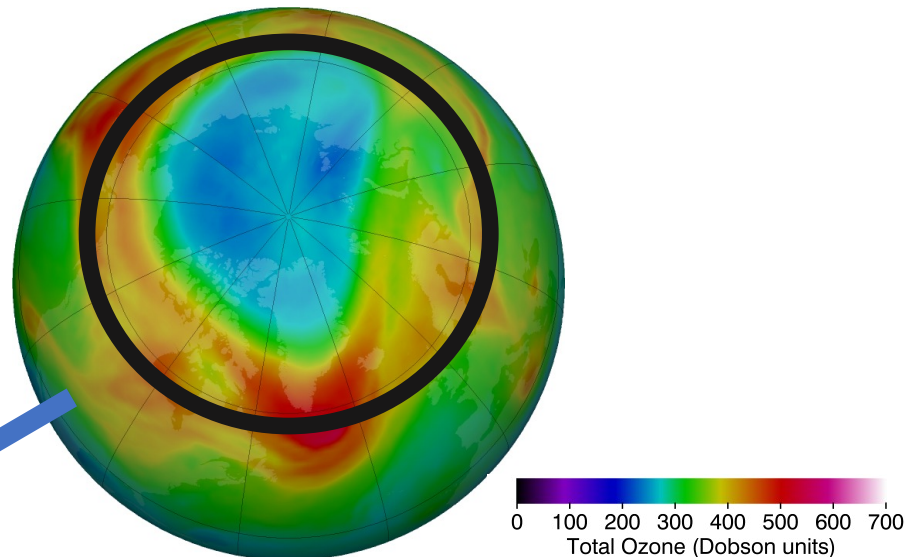
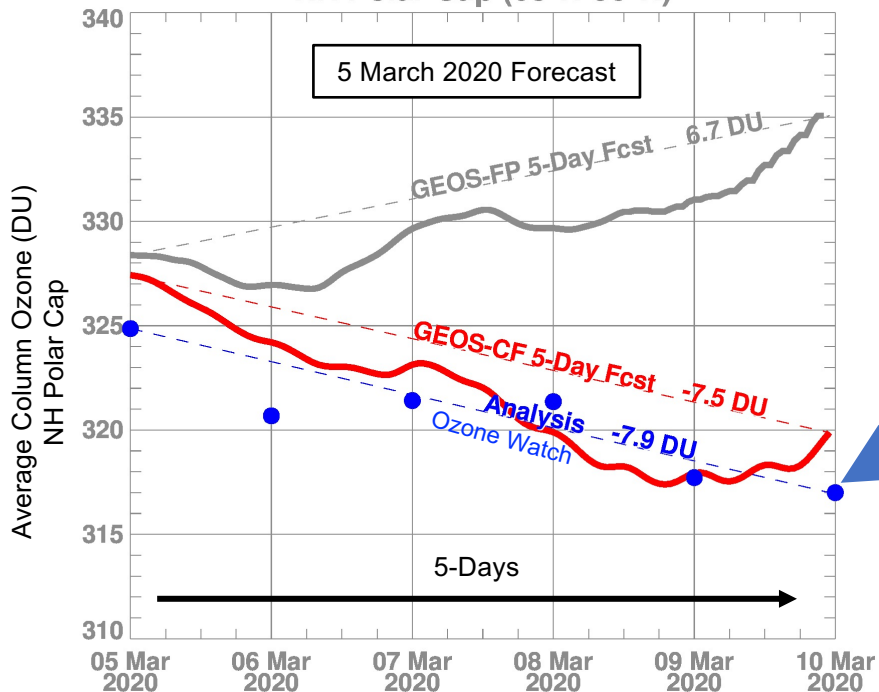
Updates were made to GEOS-Chem in GEOS-CF based on experience from the GSFC Chemistry Climate Modeling (CCM) group with GMI

Figure courtesy of Pam Wales

Knowland et al., 2021 in prep

GEOS-CF has realistic stratospheric ozone forecasts

NH Polar Cap (63°N-90°N)



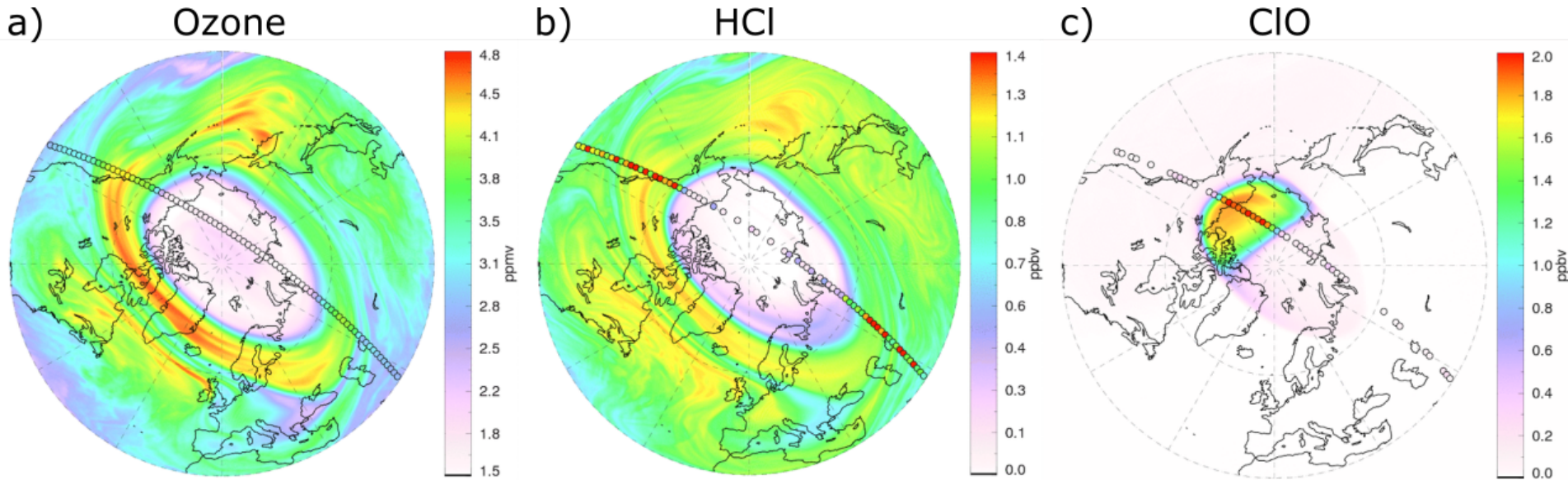
March 10, 2020: [Ozonewatch.gsfc.nasa.gov](https://ozonewatch.gsfc.nasa.gov)

The GEOS-CF with stratospheric chemistry is responsible for the improved ozone forecasts adding realistic near-real-time stratospheric ozone forecasting capability to the NASA GMAO.

Figure courtesy of Larry Coy

Knowland et al., 2021 in prep

Evaluation GEOS-CF against MLS at 45 hPa



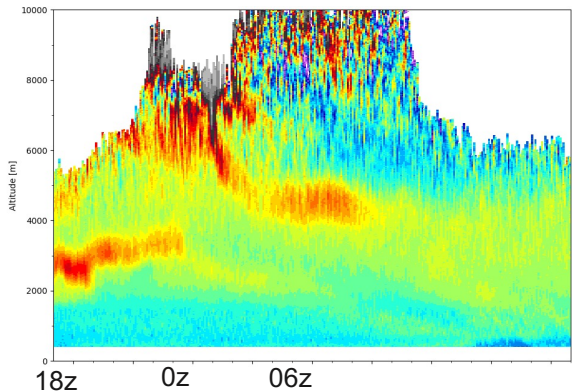
Figures courtesy of Kris Wargan

Knowland et al., 2021 in prep



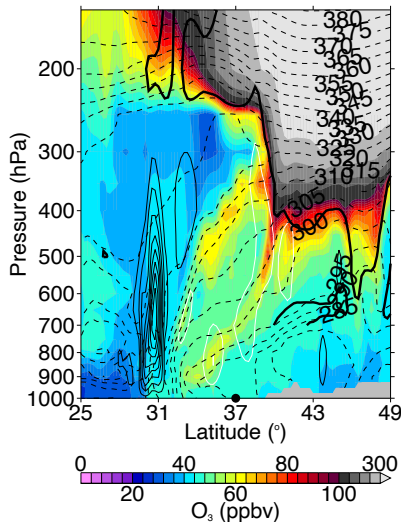
Stratosphere Troposphere Exchange

NASA LaRC Feb 13-14, 2019

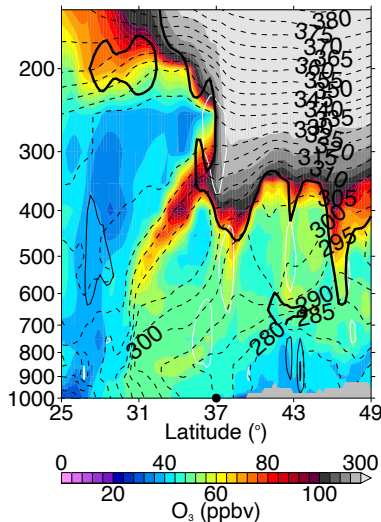


LMOL lidar plot courtesy of G. Gronoff

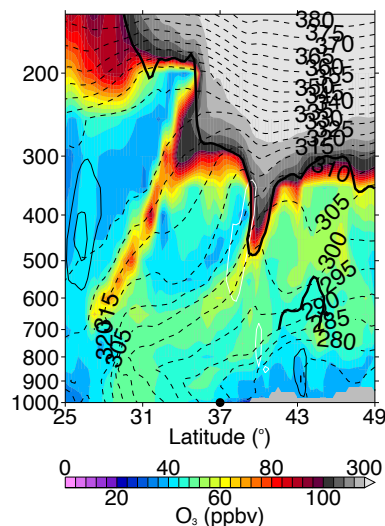
GEOS-CF
Feb 13, 2019 18z



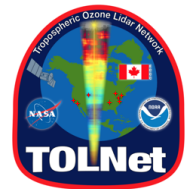
Feb 14, 2019 00z



Feb 14, 2019 06z

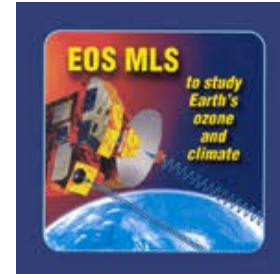
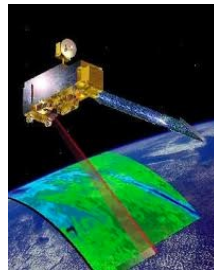
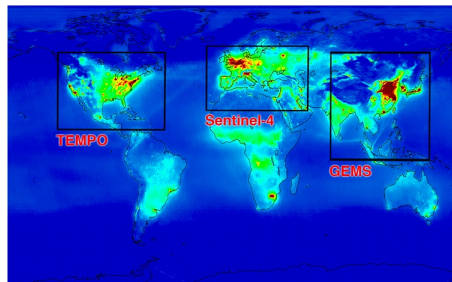
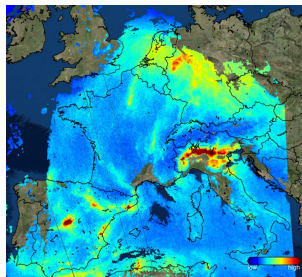


Case study of stratospheric Intrusion above Hampton, Virginia: lidar-observation and modeling analysis
Gronoff et al., Accepted to Atmospheric Environment



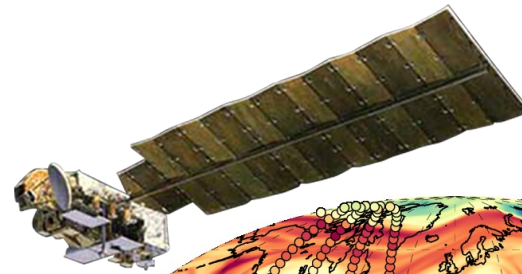
Planned upgrades for GEOS-CF

- Model update to GEOS-Chem v13.0
 - Improvements to ozone deposition
 - Updates to NO_3 washout \rightarrow likely reduce $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ bias
- CEDS emission inventory (latest release through 2019)
- Constituent Data Assimilation System (CoDAS)
 - Multi-constituent assimilation with O_3 , CO , NO_2
 - Satellite-based emission scale factors

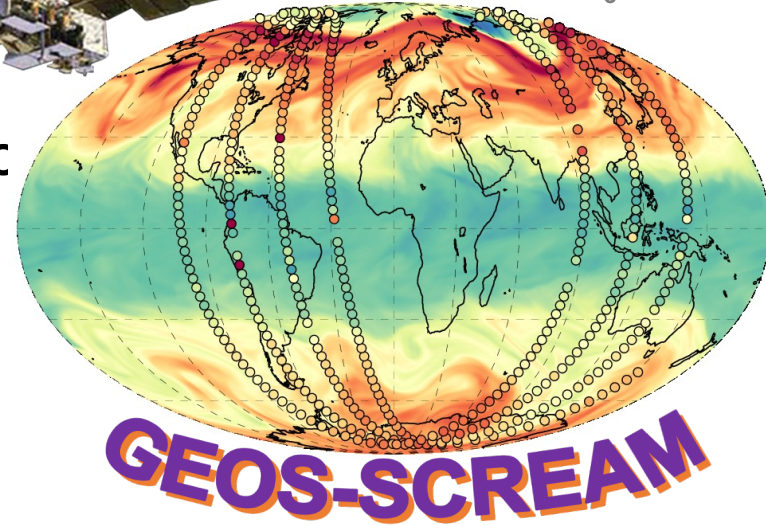


GEOS Stratospheric Composition Reanalysis with Aura MLS (GEOS-SCREAM)

Kris Wargan, Brad Weir, Gloria L. Manney, Stephen E. Cohn,
Nathaniel J. Livesey and JPL colleagues



HNO₃ at 500 K



- ❑ Assimilating MLS v4.2 **ozone**, **H₂O**, **HCl**, **HNO₃**, & **N₂C** and **total ozone** from OMI
- ❑ Replay to MERRA-2
- ❑ GEOS “StratChem” stratospheric-only chemistry
- ❑ Period: September 2004 – December 2020+
- ✓ Close agreement with ACE-FTS and GLORIA data and the BRAM2 reanalysis
- GMAO Reanalysis of the 21st Century (R21C, ~2022) with chemistry

Wargan, K., Weir, B., Manney, G. L., Cohn, S. E., & Livesey, N. J. (2020). The anomalous 2019 Antarctic ozone hole in the GEOS Constituent Data Assimilation System with MLS observations. *Journal of Geophysical Research: Atmospheres*, 125, e2020JD033335. <https://doi.org/10.1029/2020JD033335>



Summary of GEOS-CF Status

- GEOS-CF daily global composition forecasts at 25km resolution are generated in near-real time:
 - High-resolution replay segments are available since January 2018
 - ✓ Model realistically captures global distribution of the major pollutants, though aerosols and SO₂ are biased high, when compared against surface observations, ozonesondes and satellite.
 - ✓ Due to grid-box size, model skill is typically worse for the urban sites (OpenAQ) than the background sites (GAW)
 - Forecasts accessible via data servers for two weeks, or since January
 - ✓ Forecast skill is improved using ML algorithm in post-processing step.
 - ✓ Now have realistic stratospheric ozone 5-day forecasts
- Emerging applications users, including:
 - NASA field missions (SCOAPE, FIREX-AQ, ACT-America, TRACER-AQ)
 - Daily alerts sent to NASA TOLNet lidar teams (Matt Johnson, NASA Ames)
 - TEMPO a priori for trace gas product



Thank you!

Referred

Keller, C. A., Knowland, K. E., Duncan, B. N., Liu, J., Anderson, D. C., Das, S., et al. (2021). Description of the NASA GEOS composition forecast modeling system GEOS-CF v1.0. *Journal of Advances in Modeling Earth Systems*, 13, e2020MS002413. <https://doi.org/10.1029/2020MS002413>

Johnson, M. S., Strawbridge, K., Knowland, K. E., Keller, C., and Travis, M. (2021), Long-range transport of Siberian biomass burning emissions to North America during FIREX-AQ, *Atmos. Environ.*, 252, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.atmosenv.2021.118241>.

Keller, C. A., Evans, M. J., Knowland, K. E., Hasenkopf, C. A., Modekurty, S., Lucchesi, R. A., Oda, T., Franca, B. B., Mandarino, F. C., Díaz Suárez, M. V., Ryan, R. G., Fakes, L. H., and Pawson, S. (2021), Global impact of COVID-19 restrictions on the surface concentrations of nitrogen dioxide and ozone, *Atmos. Chem. Phys.*, 21, 3555–3592, <https://doi.org/10.5194/acp-21-3555-2021>.

Dacic, N., Sullivan, J. T., Knowland, K. E., Wolfe, G. M., Oman, L. D., Berkoff, T. A., and Gronoff, G. P. (2020), Evaluation of NASA's high-resolution global composition simulations: Understanding a pollution event in the Chesapeake Bay during the summer 2017 OWLETS campaign, *Atmospheric Environment*, 117133, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.atmosenv.2019.117133>.

Non-Refereed

Knowland, K. E., Keller, C. A. and Lucchesi, R. A. (2020), "File Specification for GEOS-CF Products." *GMAO Office Note No. 17 (Version 1.1)*, 37pp, available from http://gmao.gsfc.nasa.gov/pubs/office_notes