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

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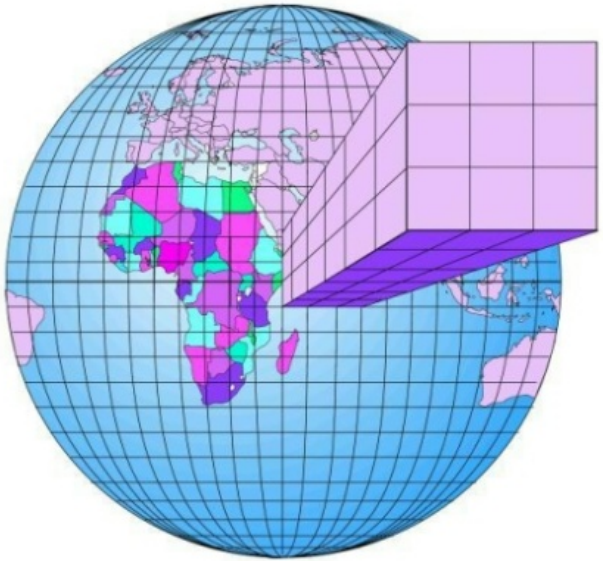

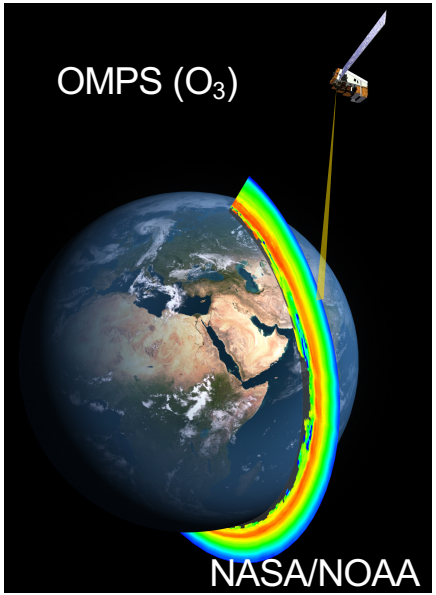

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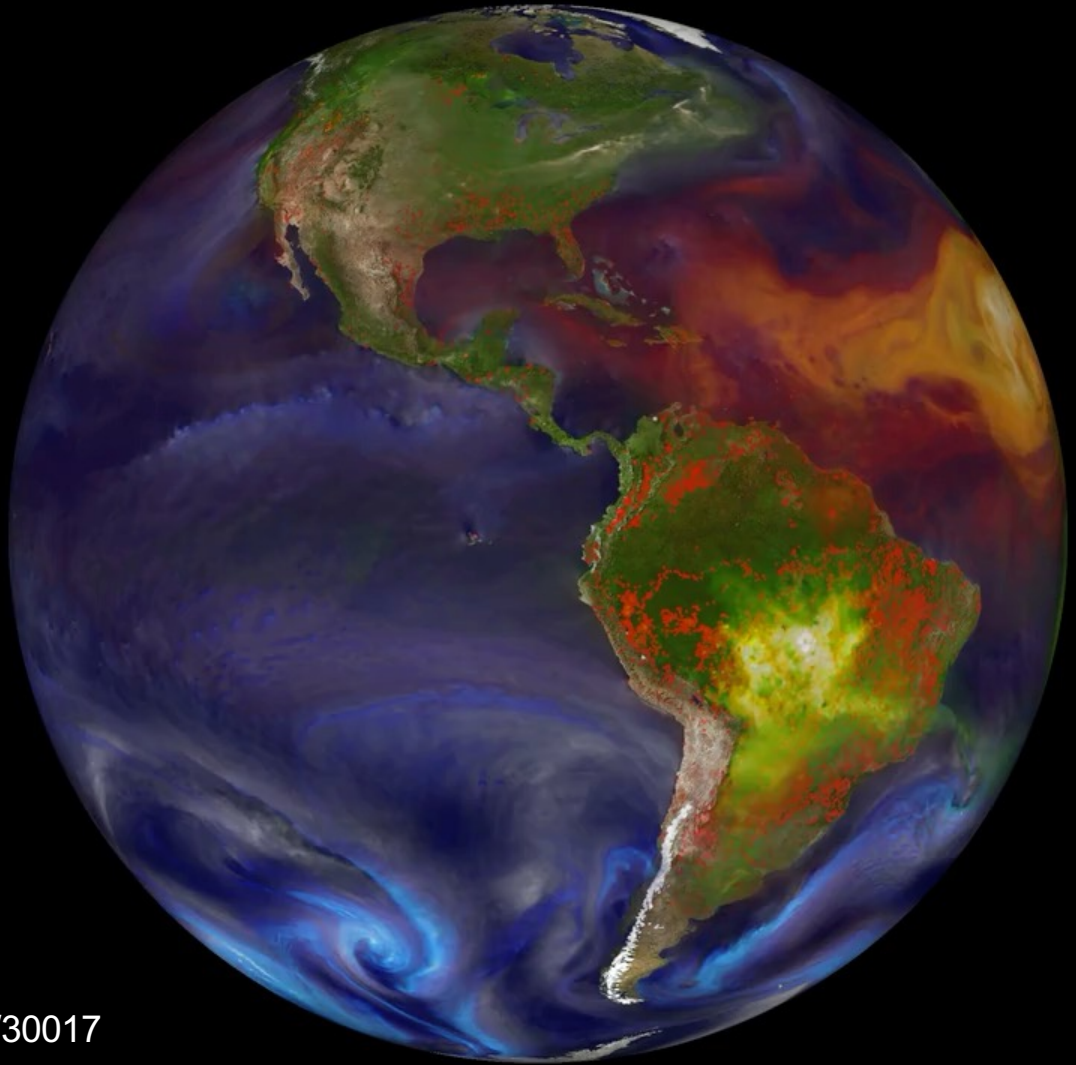

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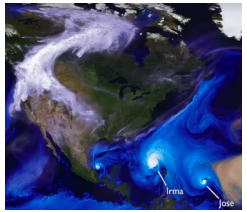
GEOS

Forecasting

Reanalysis

GEOS FP

MERRA-2



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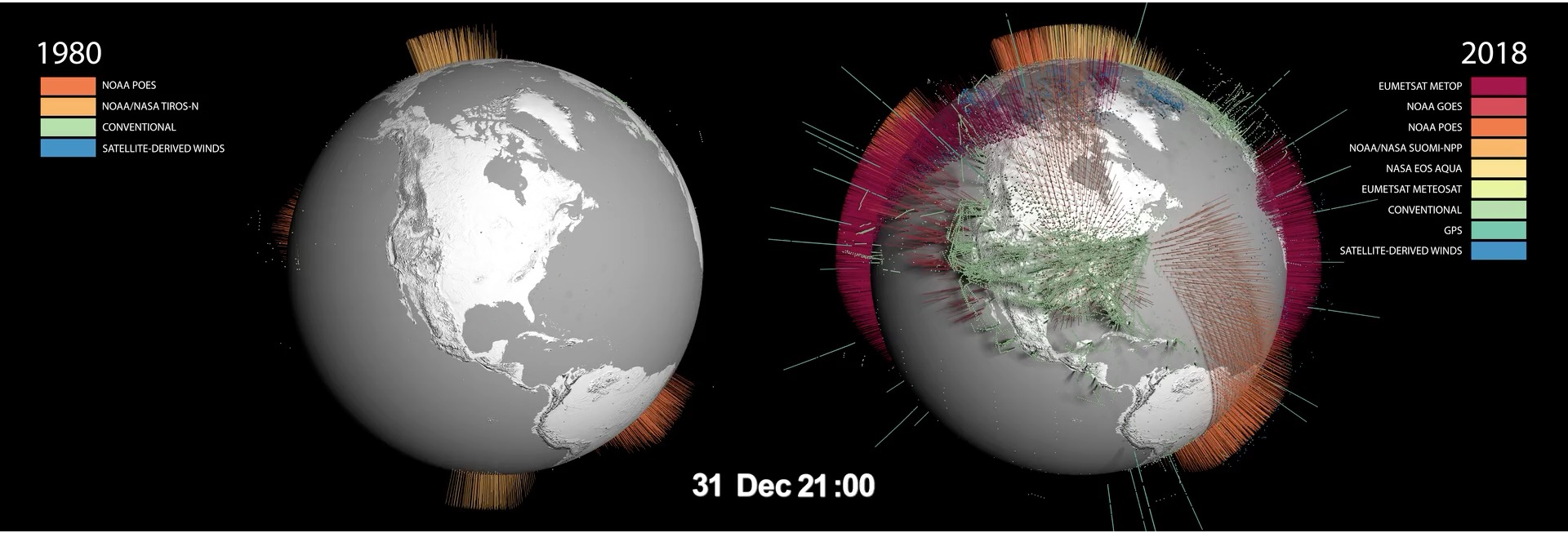

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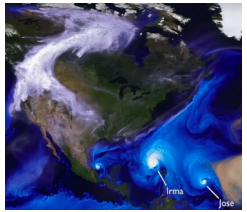

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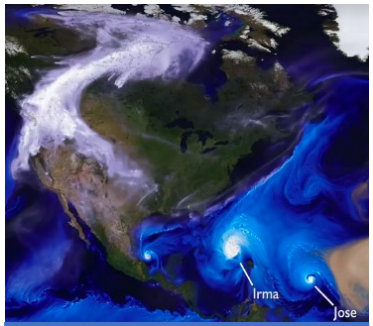
  - Forecasting
    - GEOS FP
    - GEOS FP-IT
      - GEOS-CF
  - Reanalysis
    - MERRA-2

GEOS Composition Forecast



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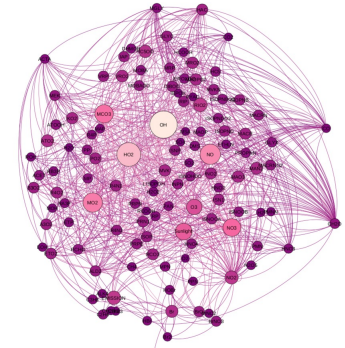


GEOS-Chem

GEOS - CF

Version 12

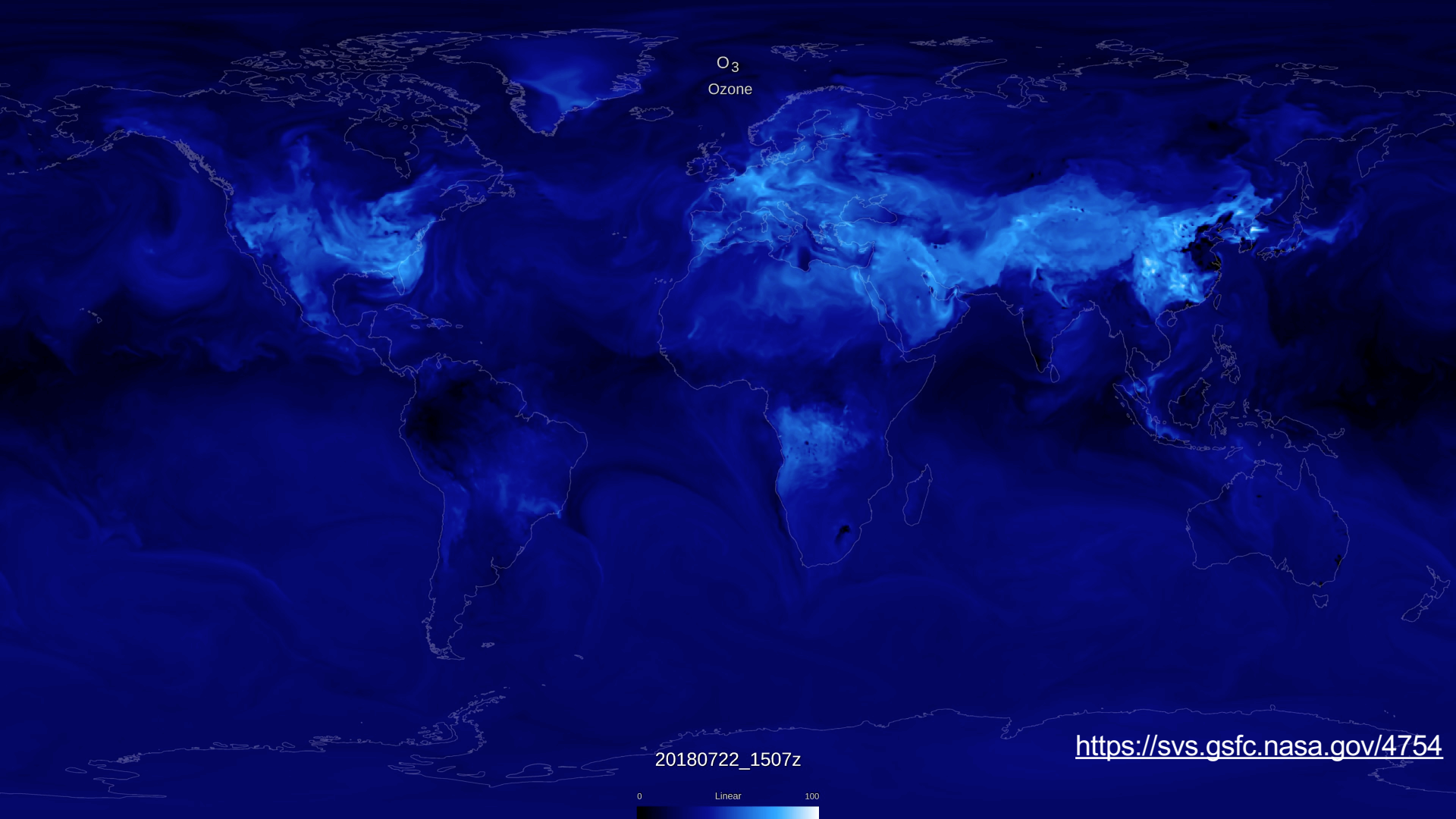
Tropospheric and Stratospheric chemistry

- 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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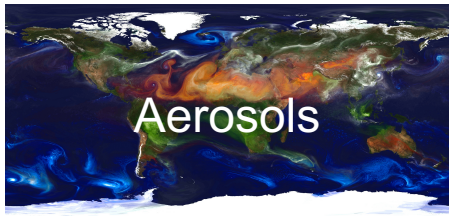

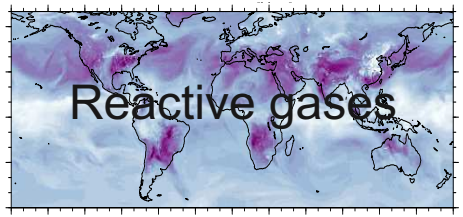

- Particulate matter:
  - Carbon
  - Sea salt
  - Dust
  - Sulfate
  - Nitrates
  - (Secondary Organics)

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

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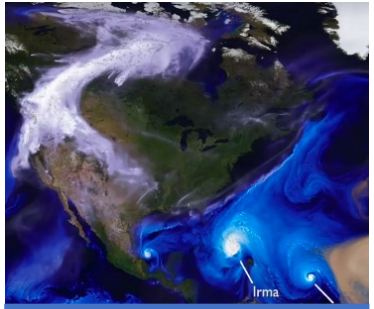
GEOS-Chem

Daily composition forecast



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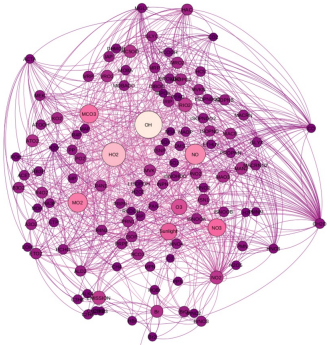
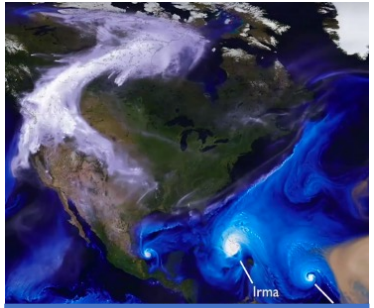


GEOS - Chem

GEOS - CF

One **5-day forecast** per day

Daily composition forecast



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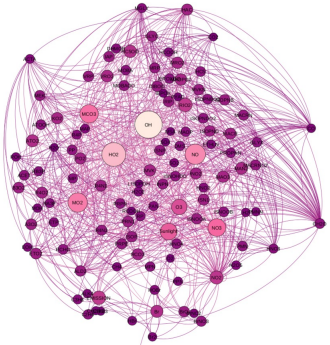

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- 1-day meteorological replay "analysis"
- 5-day forecast

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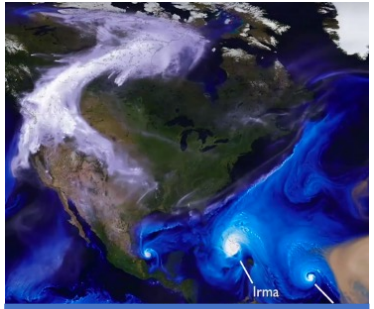

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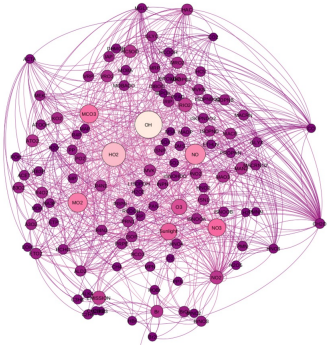

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- 5-day forecast
- c360 (0.25°, **~25x25 km²**) resolution, 72 model layers

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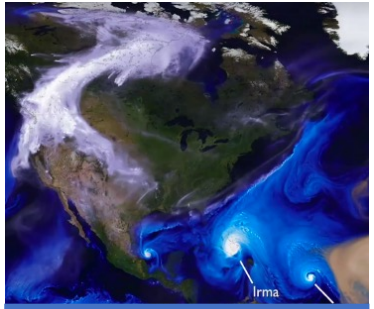

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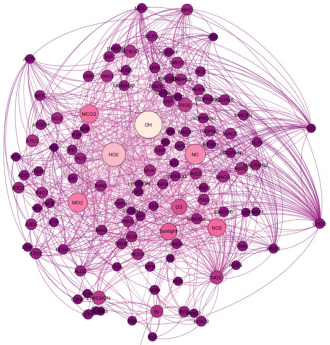

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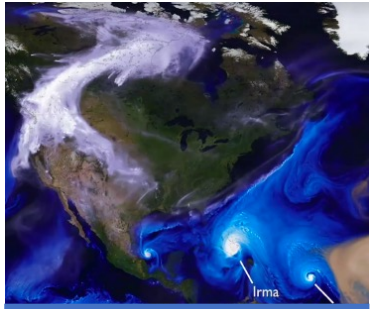
- O_3, NO_x, VOCs, PM ...
- T, U, V, RH ....

Daily composition forecast



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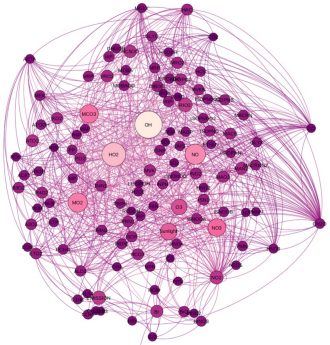


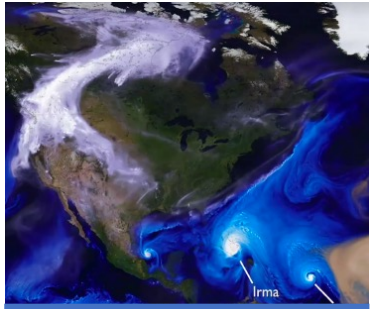
GEOS - Chem

GEOS - CF

One **5-day forecast** per day

- 1-day replay
- 5-day forecast
- c360 (0.25°, ~25x25 km^2)
- **15 minute** "surface"
- **1-hour** average and instantaneous 2D & 3D

Daily composition forecast



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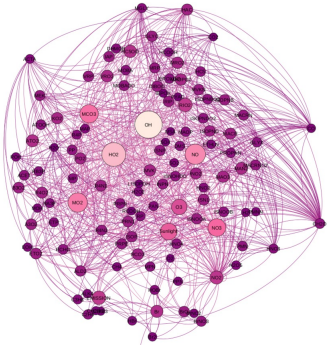

GEOS - Chem

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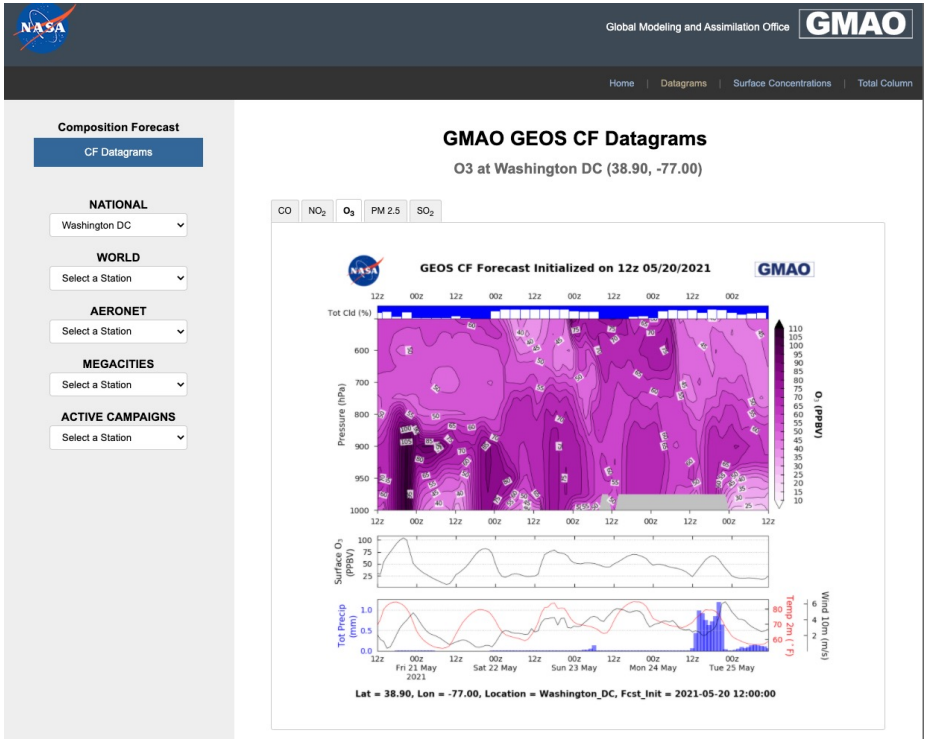
One **5-day forecast** per day

- 1-day replay
- 5-day forecast
- c360 (0.25°, ~25x25 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/



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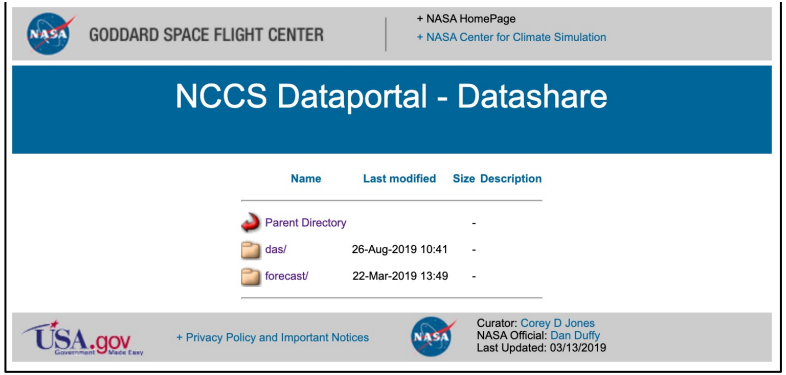

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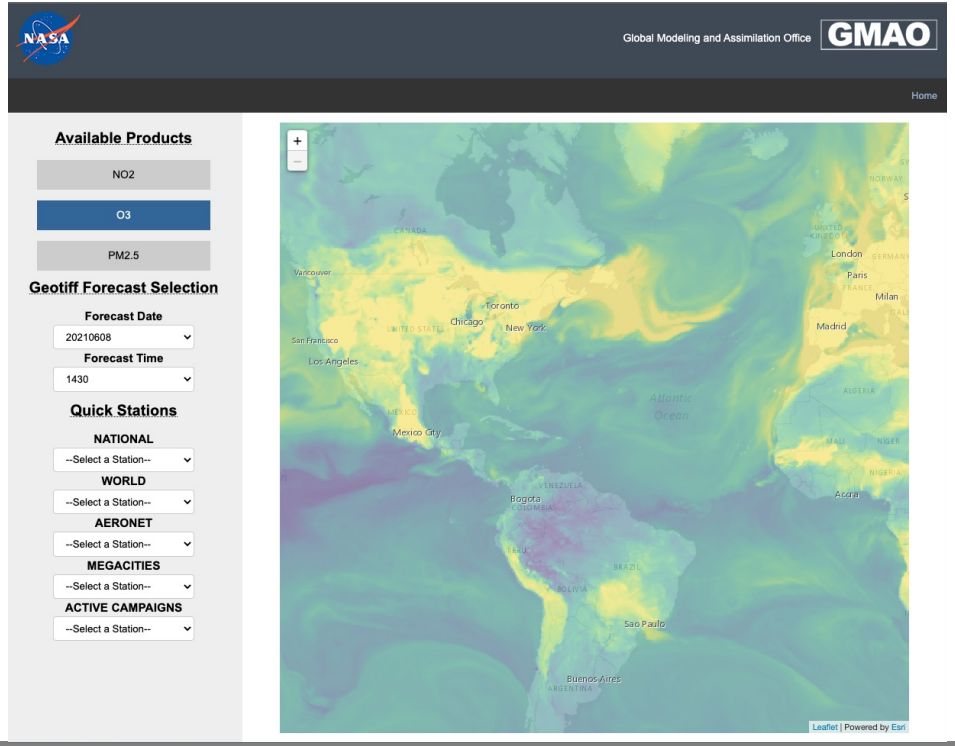
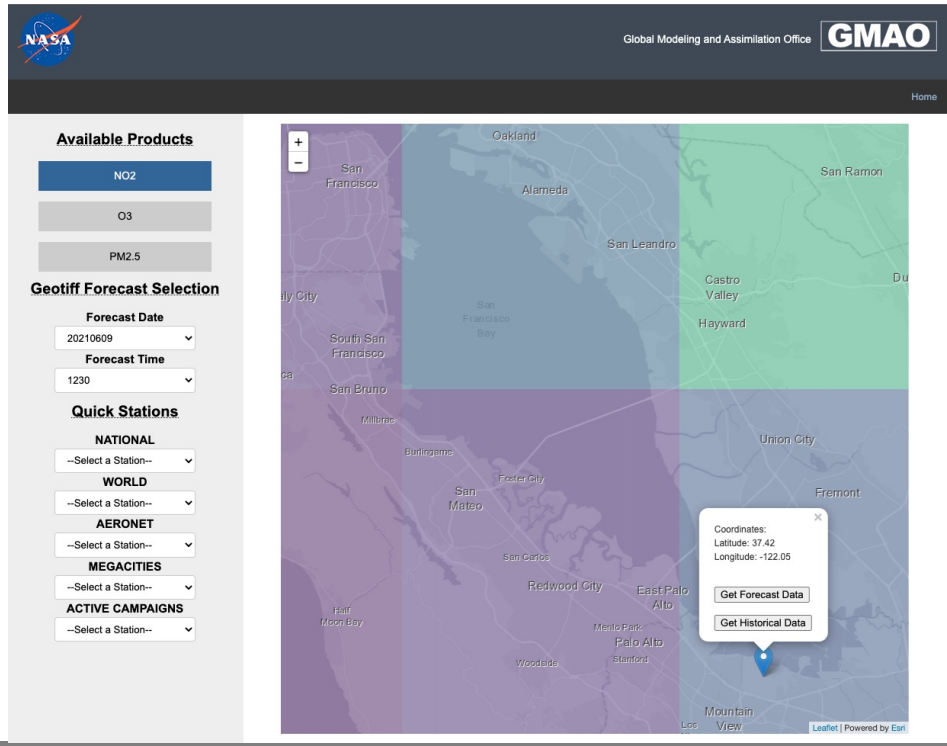
Description:	GEOS CF (Composition Forecast)	
Documentation:	(none provided)	
Longitude:	-180.00000000000°E to 179.75000000000°E	(1440 points, avg. res. 0.25°)
Latitude:	-90.00000000000°N to 90.00000000000°N	(721 points, avg. res. 0.25°)
Altitude:	72.00000000000 to 72.00000000000	(1 points)
Time:	00:30Z01JAN2018 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	peroxynitric 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	

Emerging FLUID Features *in Development*

Capability to zoom in and select data for any grid box

https://fluid.nccs.nasa.gov/cf_map





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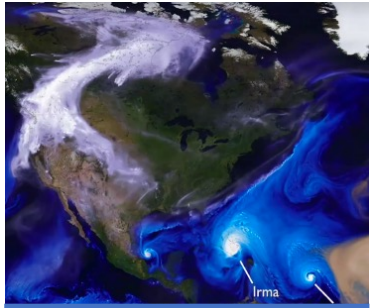

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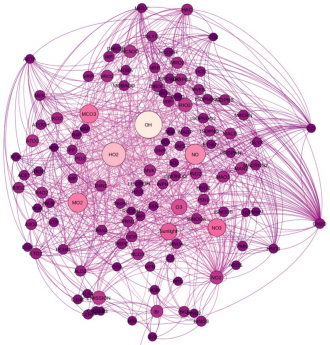


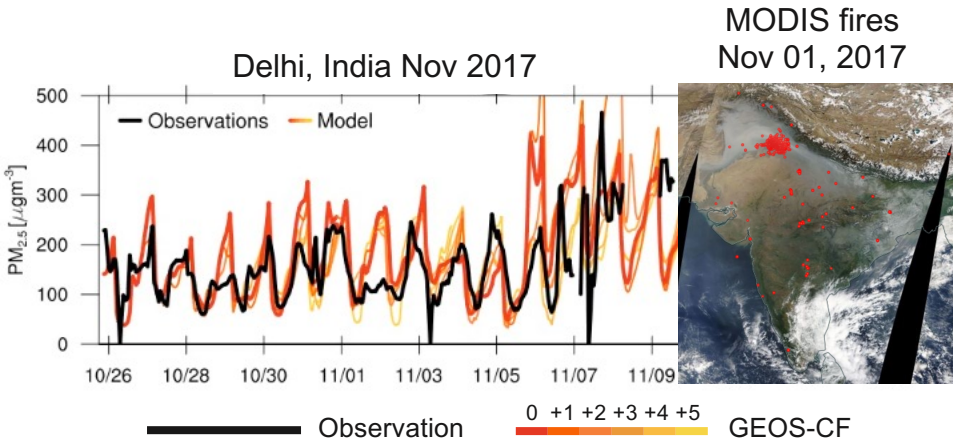
GEOS - Chem

GEOS - CF

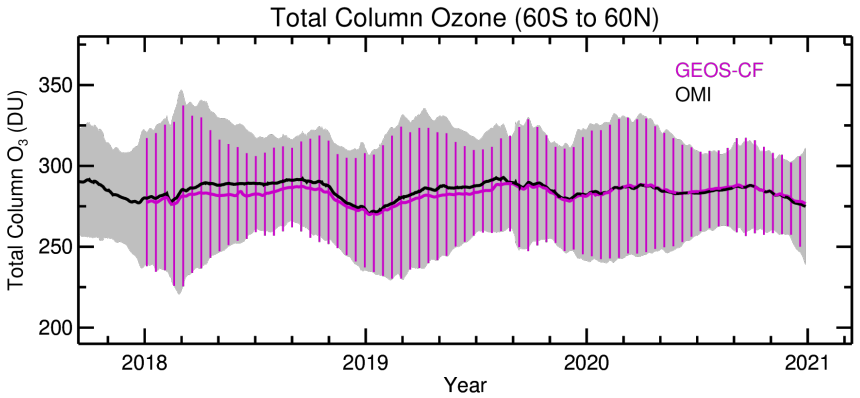
- Currently **no <u>direct</u> data assimilation of constituents** in GEOS-CF

Near-real time updates from satellite data

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



- GEOS-CF Stratospheric O_3 is weakly nudged to the GEOS FP assimilated O_3



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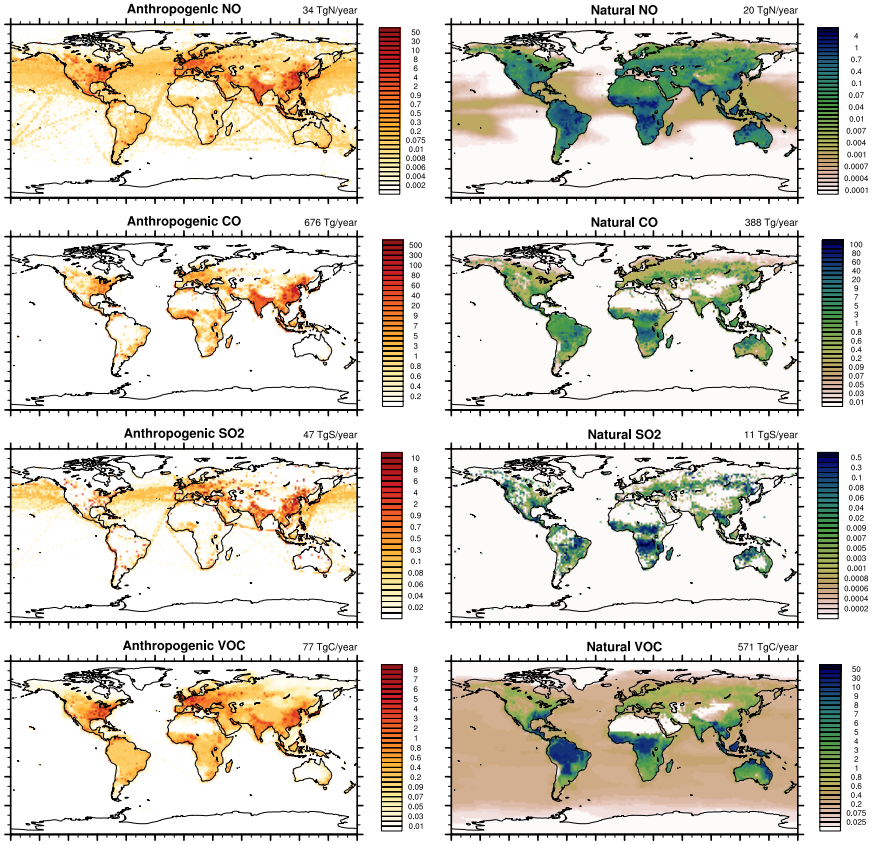

Anthropogenic: HTAP, RETRO, DICE (Africa), AEIC (aircraft)

Biomass burning: QFED NRT

Biogenic: Megan 2.1

Lightning: online (Murray et al., 2012)

Soil NOx: 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, I_2

Prescribed: CFCs, VSLS, CH_4, CO_2

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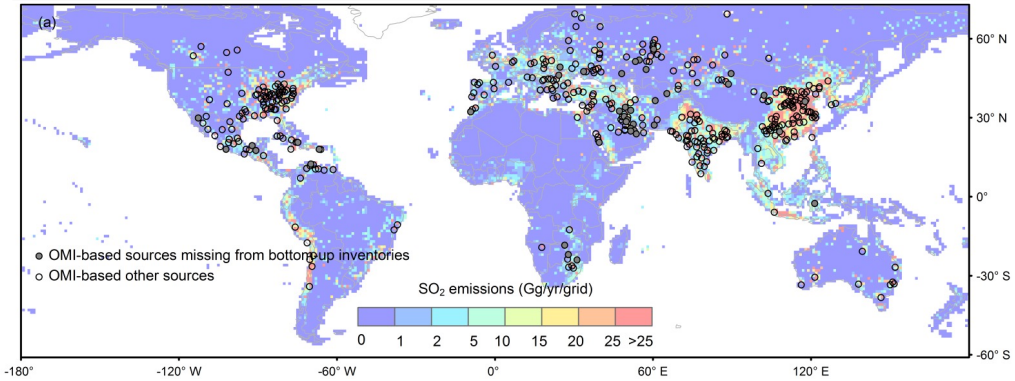
Year-to-year emissions changes

Emissions:

- Annual gridded scale factors based on satellite data are applied to the emissions of CO (Oda et al., 2017) and SO_2 (Liu et al., 2018).
- "Business-as-usual" assumed for 2020 and 2021

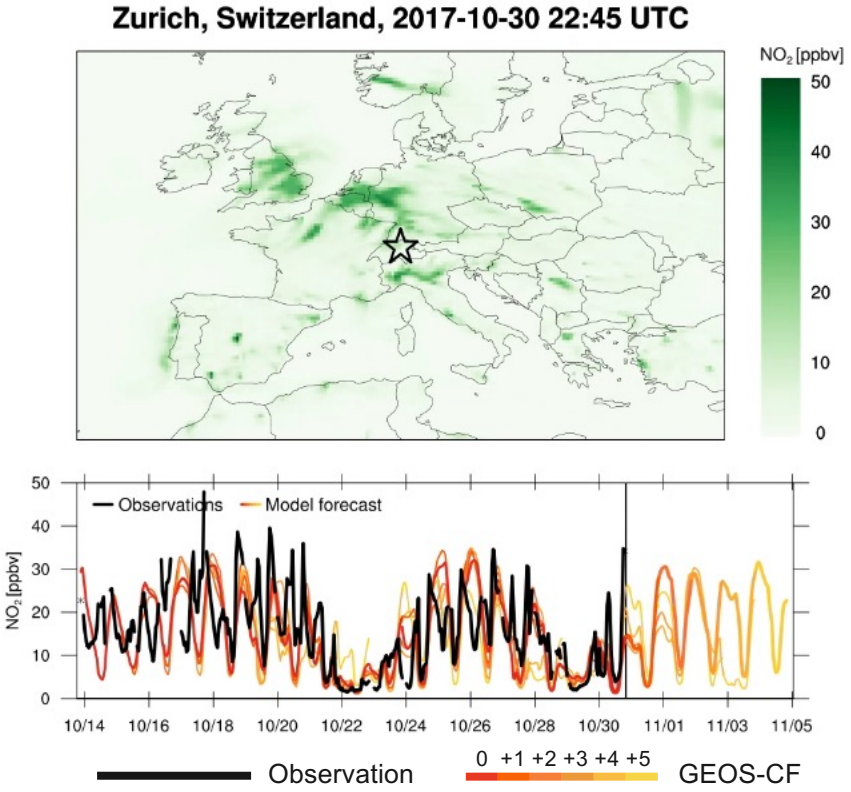
SO_2 emissions in the OMI-HTAP inventory



A new emission inventory, OMI-HTAP, combines OMI-based SO_2 emissions for large sources and the bottom-up inventory, HTAP, for smaller sources.

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

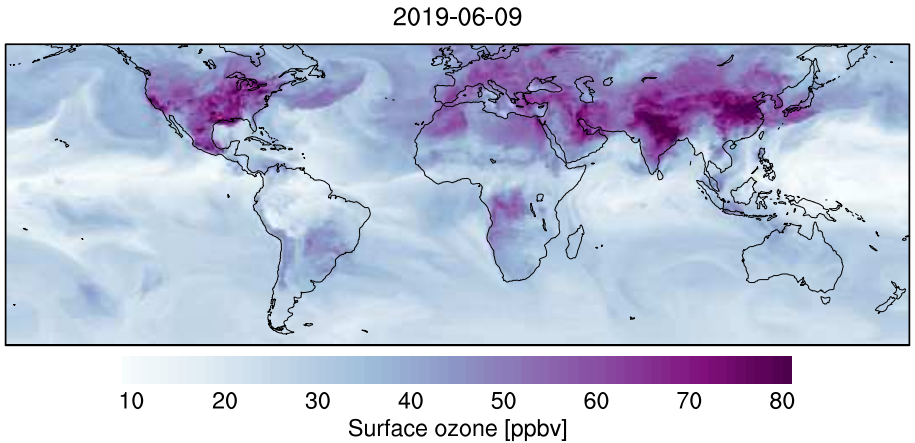
Daily variations of emissions



- Scale factors applied to emissions for diurnal and weekly variations
- These are clearly beneficial for surface NO_2 analyses and forecasts
- Shown for Zurich - weather and diurnal/weekly signals are prominent
- Surface observations obtained through emerging connection to OpenAQ (openaq.org)

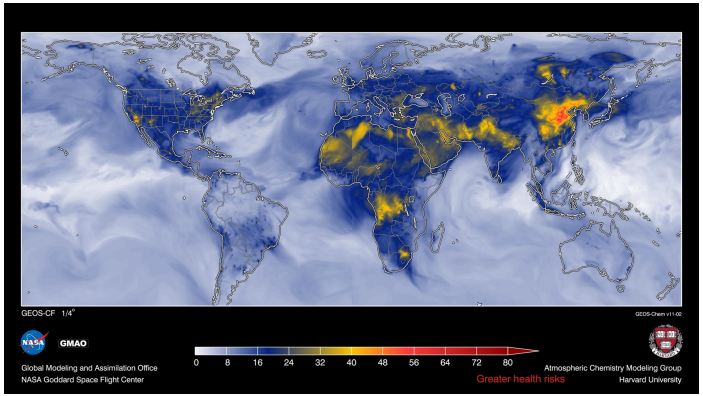
Air quality and health applications

➢ How good is the model?



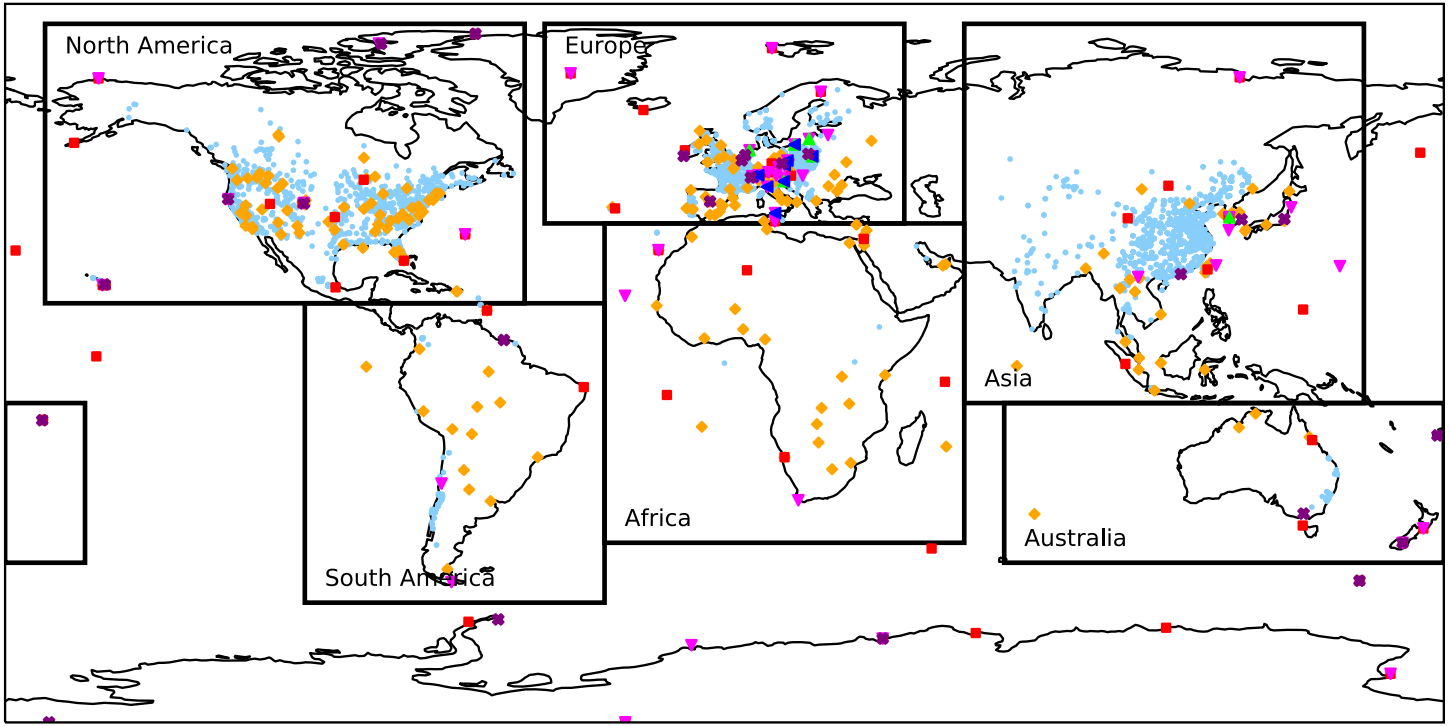
Optimize model predictions

➢ How bad is the air pollution?



Global exposure assessment

Observations for evaluation



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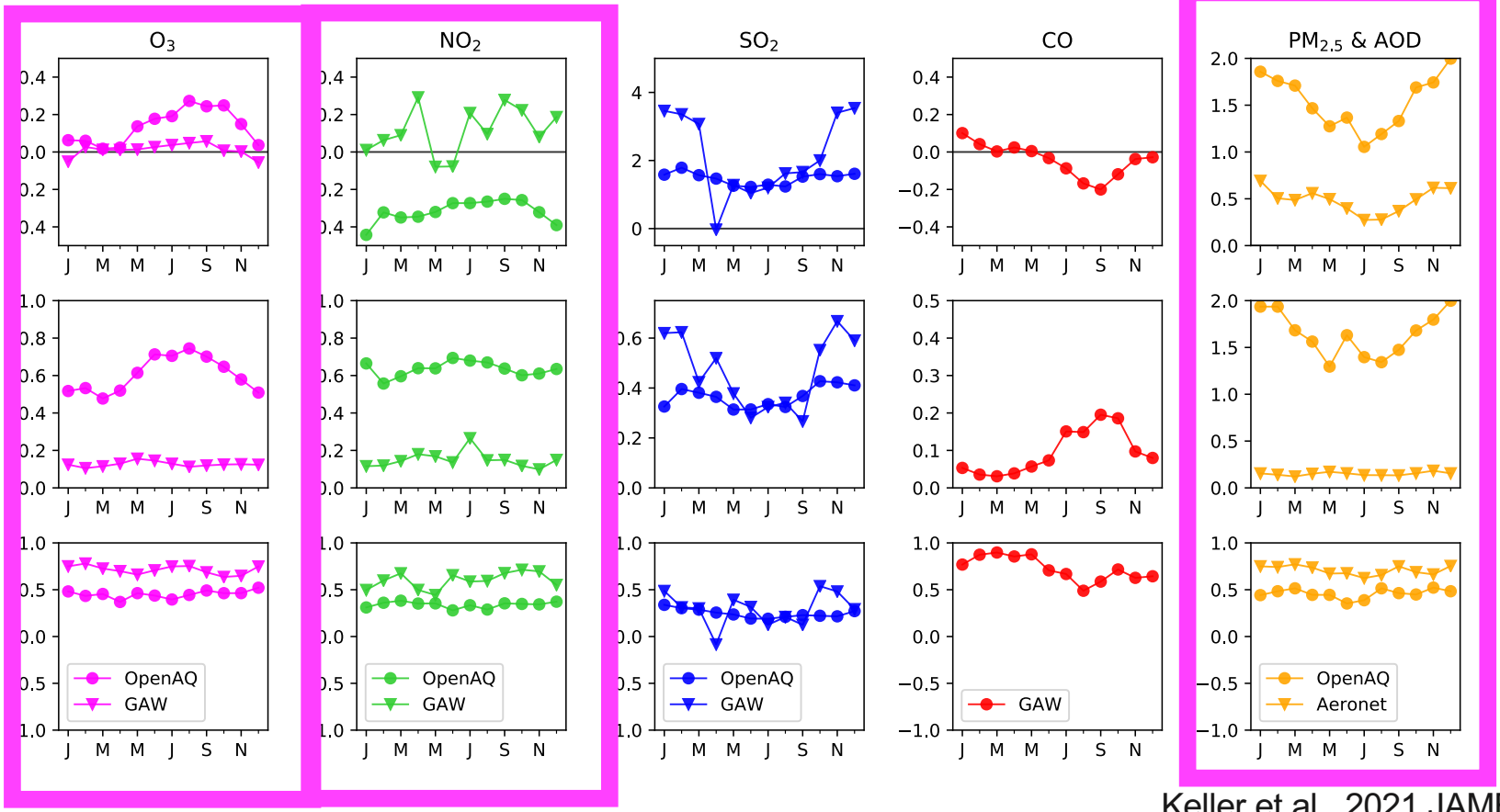
Global surface comparisons - monthly



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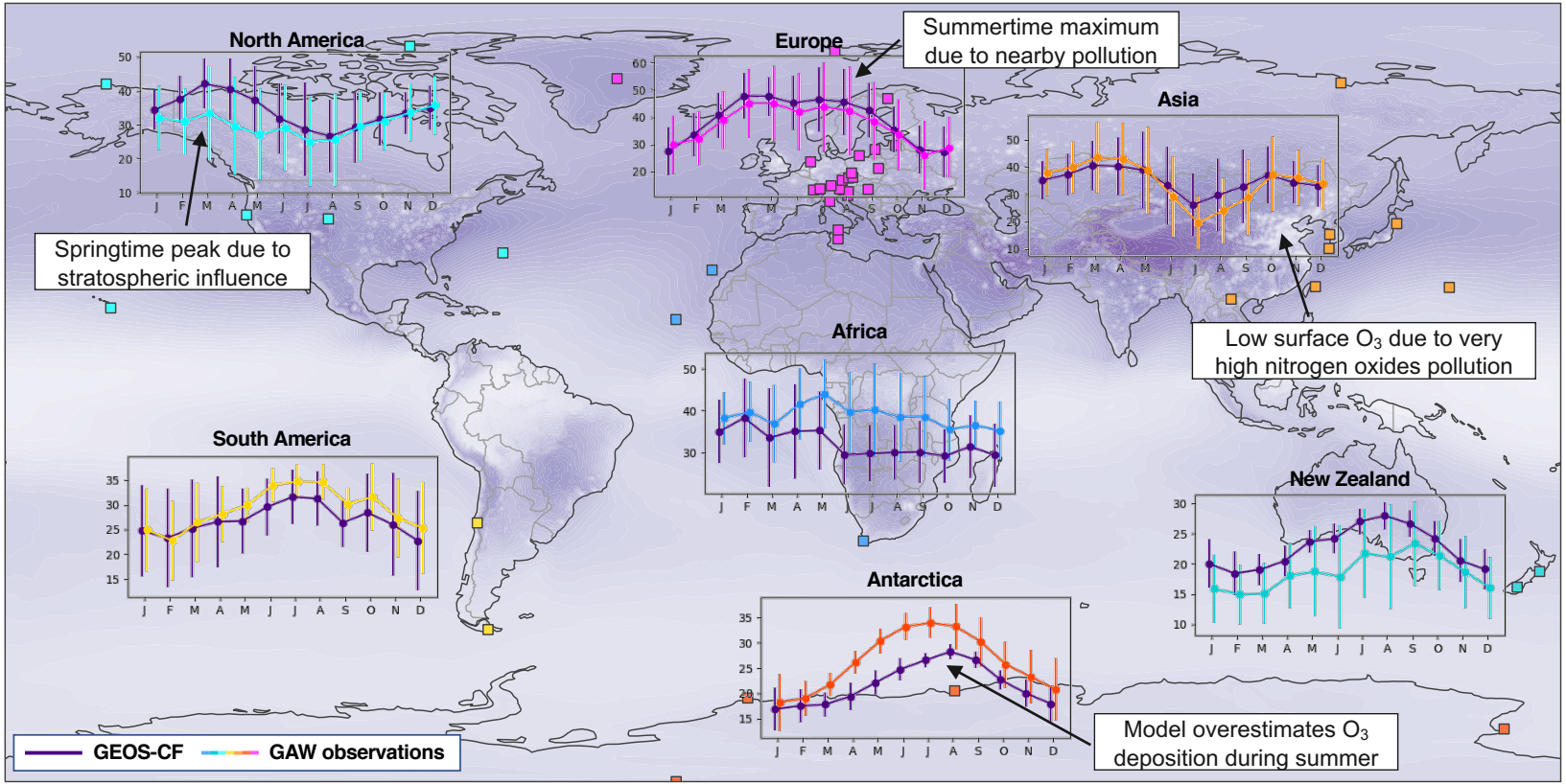
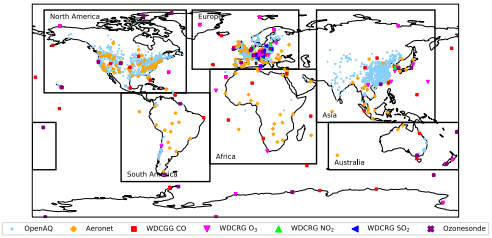
GEOS-CF surface ozone compares well against background observations from the Global Atmospheric Watch (GAW) network



Surface O_3 (OpenAQ sites only)



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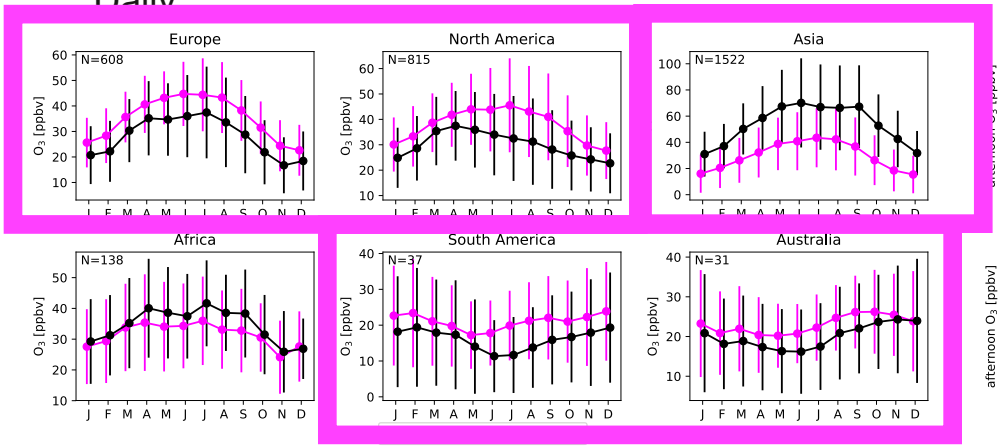

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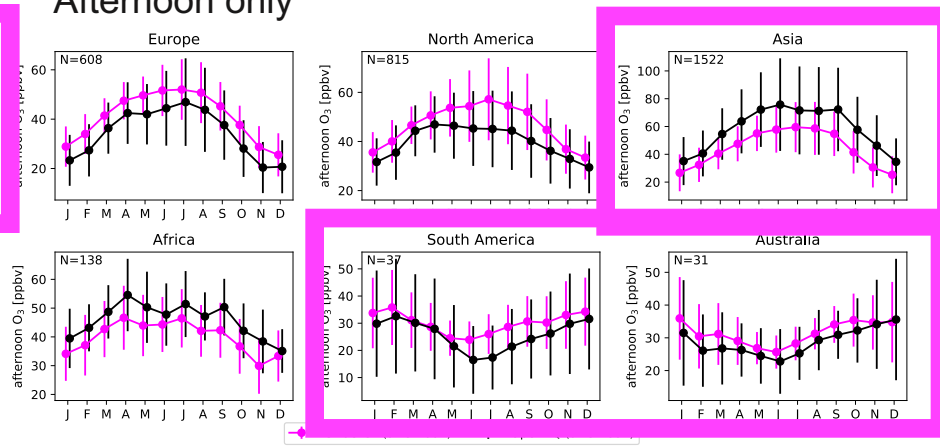

- GEOS-CF captures the overall seasonal cycle in the six regions, but generally overestimates in Europe, North & South America and Australia, while underestimating in Asia and Africa.
- In polluted regions, such as Asia, the bias is reduced when focusing on peak photochemical production period. GEOS-CF 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

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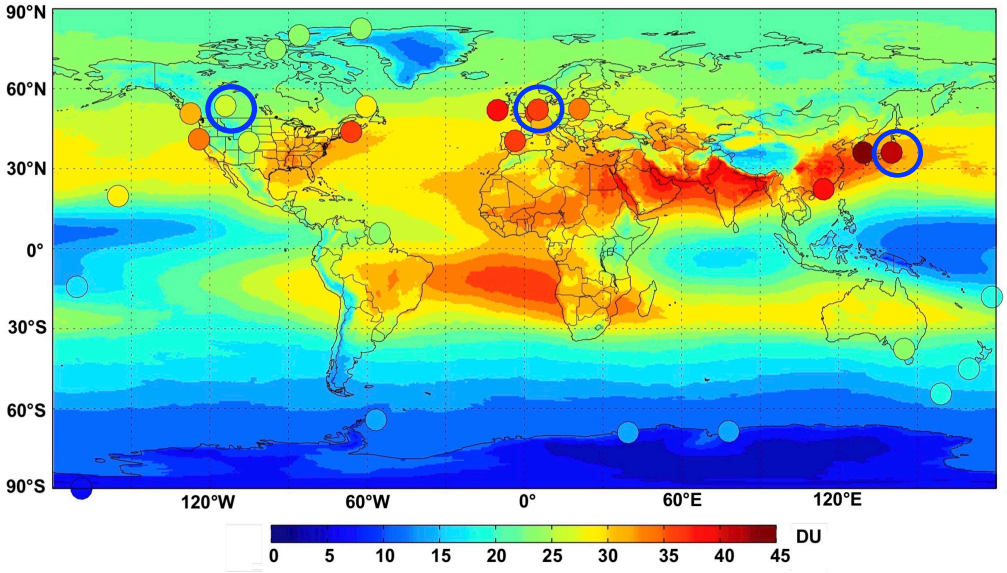
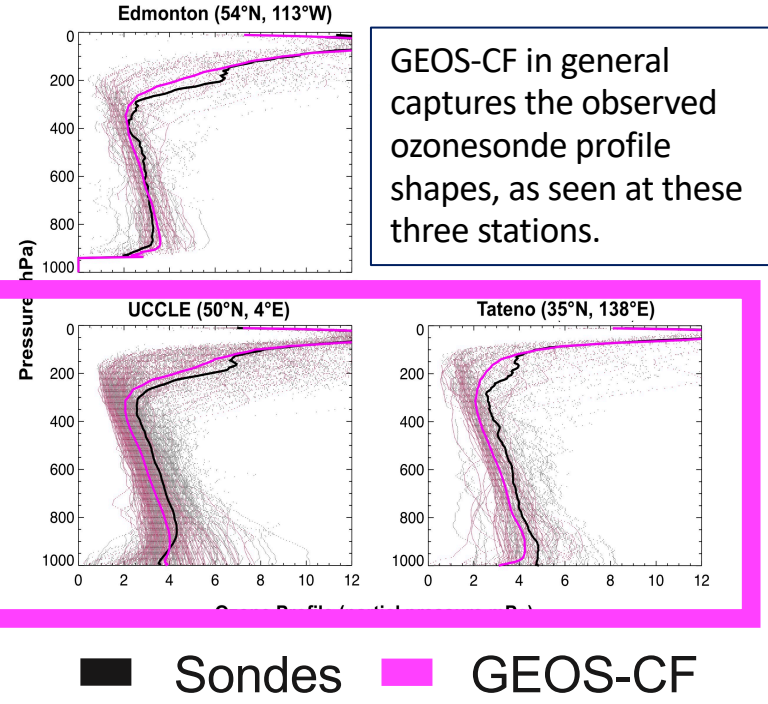
GEOS-CF captures the observed ozone spatial distribution and profile shapes shown by ozonesondes

2018 Tropospheric O_3 column (TOC): GEOS-CF and sondes





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

- 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).

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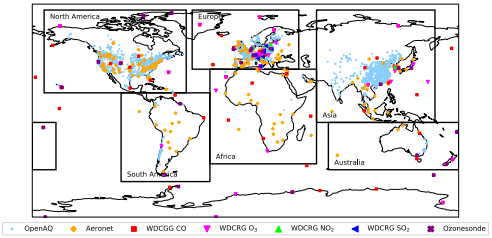
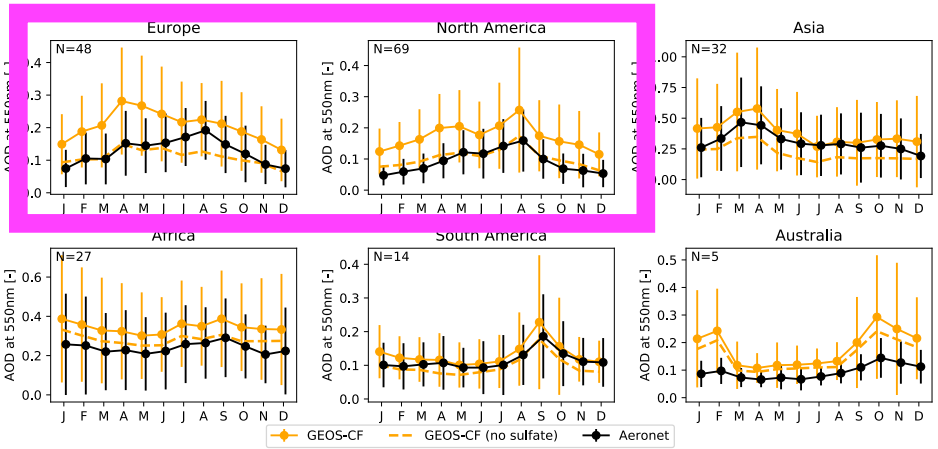
Thin lines: daily profiles in 2018
Thick lines: annual means

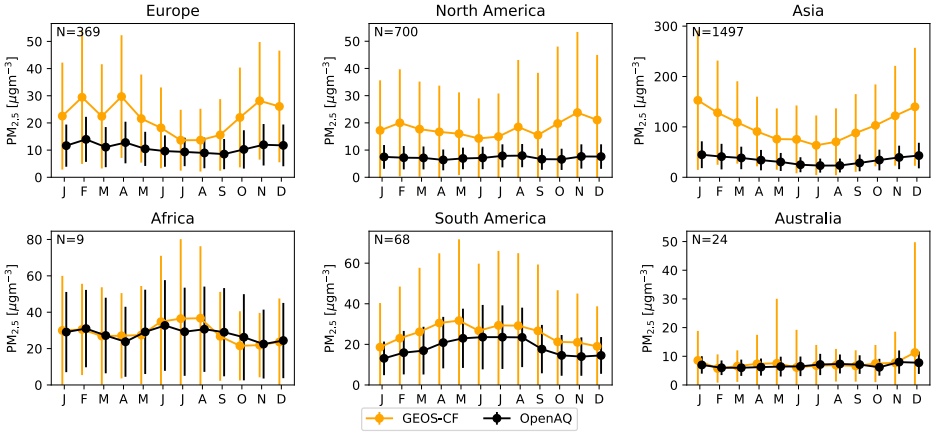
GEOS-CF generally overestimates aerosols (AOD and $PM_{2.5}$)



AOD from Aeronet network



PM2.5 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

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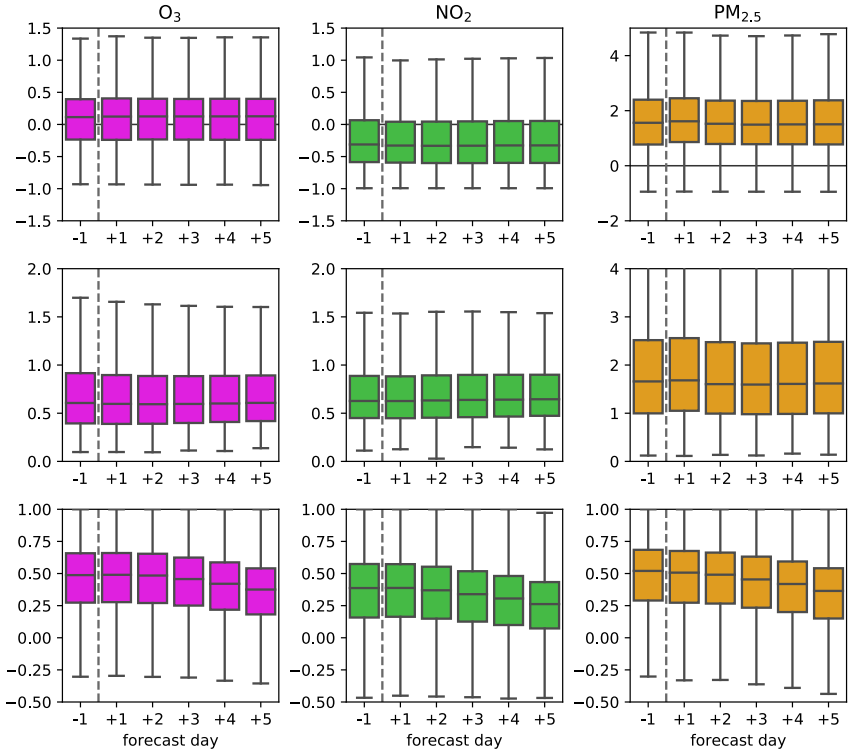
GEOS CF Forecast skill (GAW and OpenAQ)

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.

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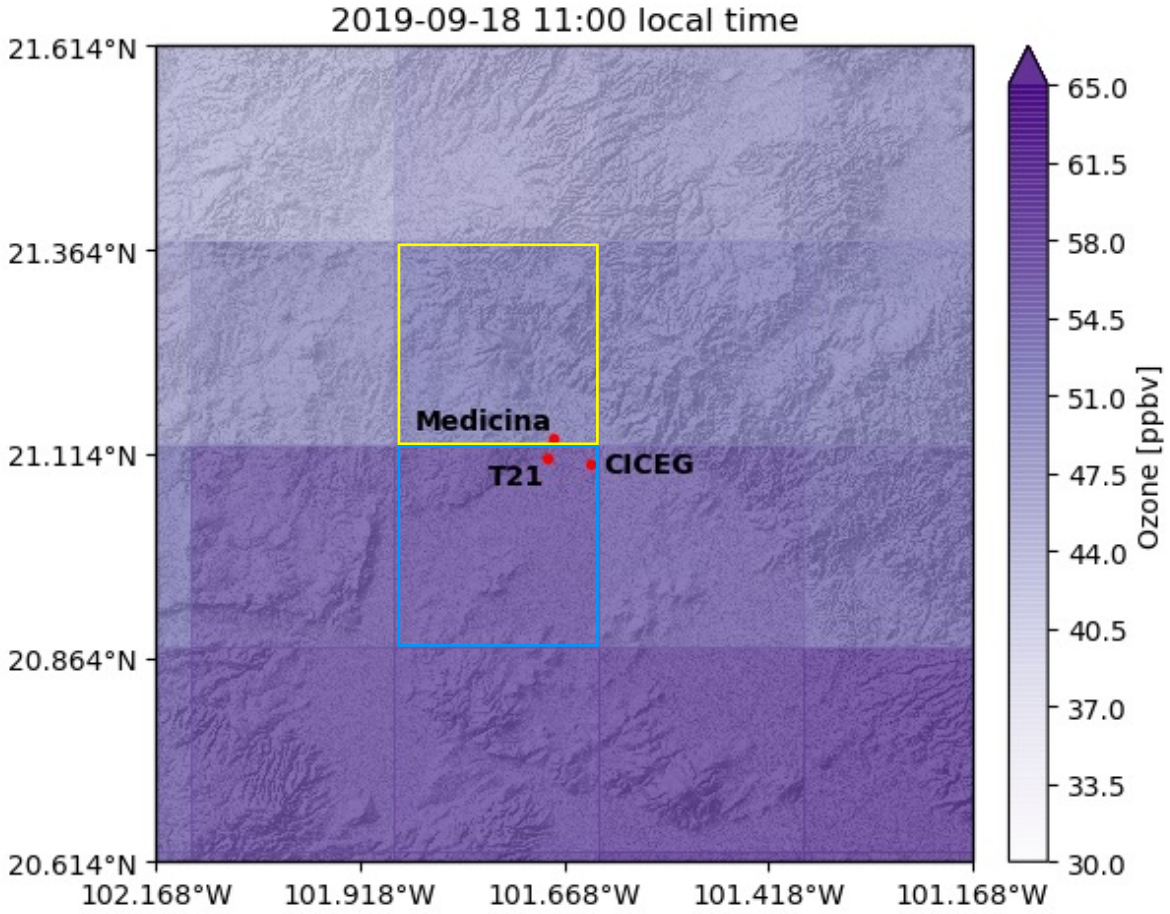
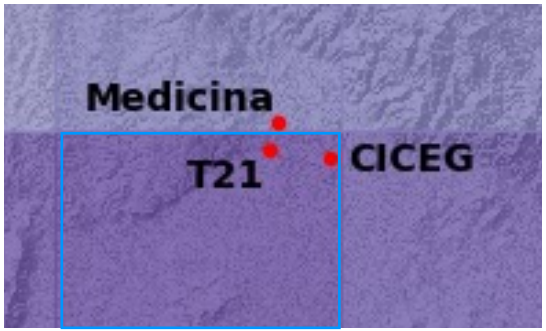


Improve local forecasts using statistical bias correction

3 monitoring stations in Leon, Mexico

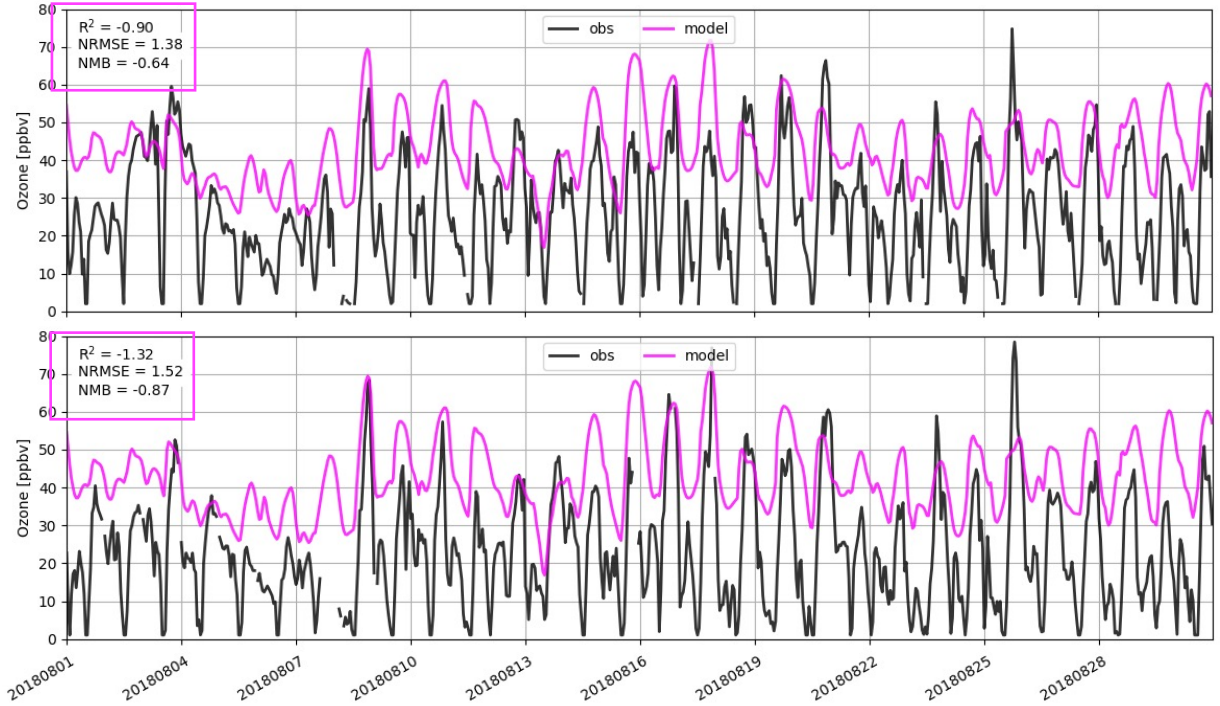
- 1 in one grid box
- 2 share a grid box
- Difficult terrain within each grid box

Improve local forecasts using statistical bias correction



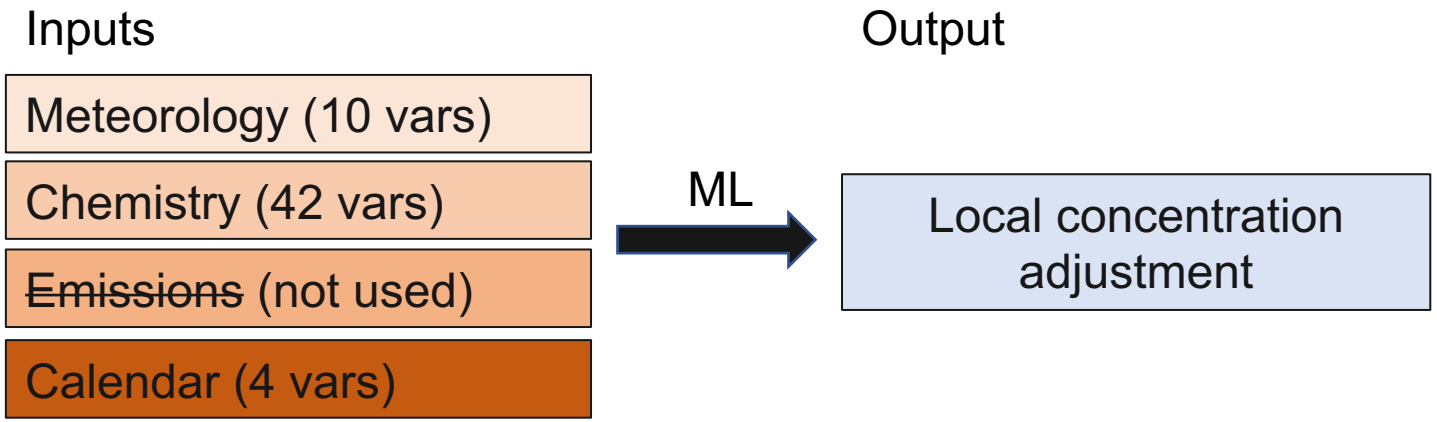
Two observation sites in the same grid box

- 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

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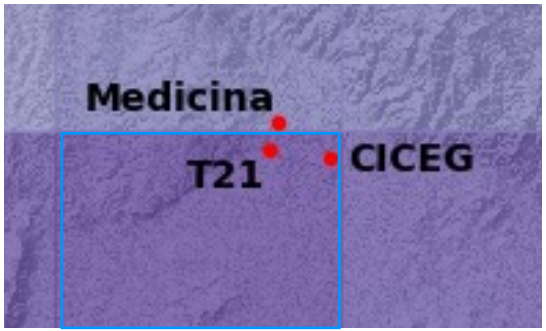
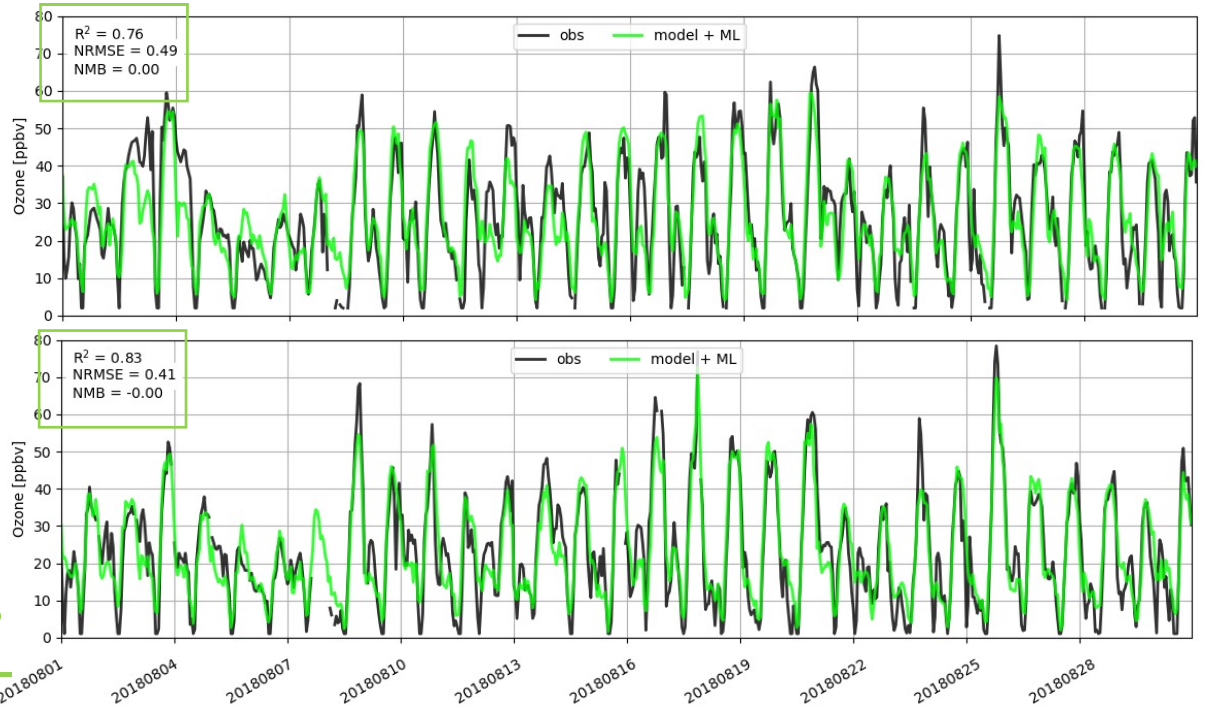




Two observation sites in the same grid box

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

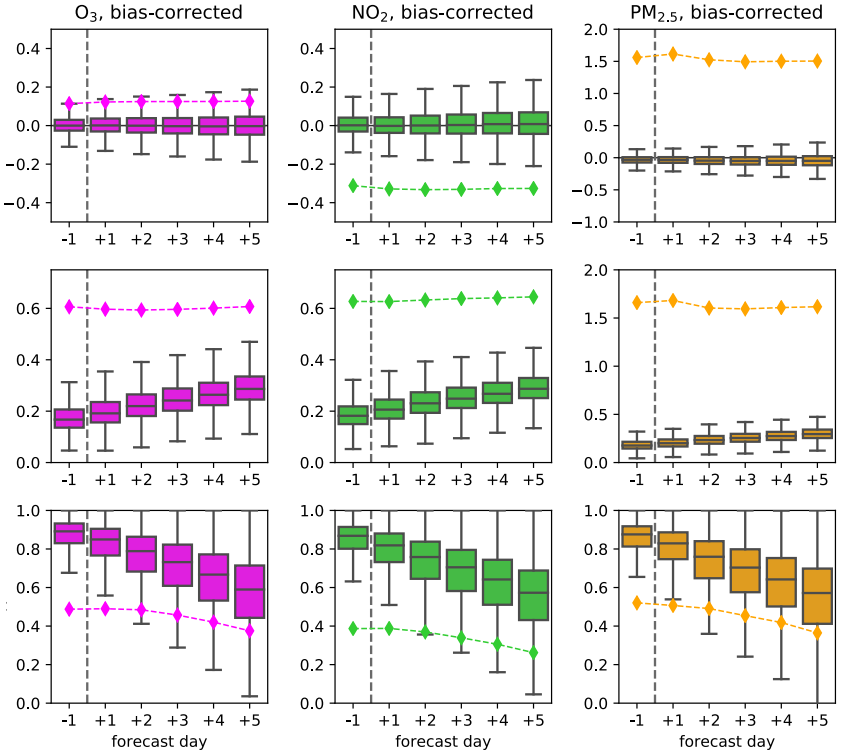
Observations Model + ML

GEOS CF Forecast skill

Normalized Mean Bias (NMB)

Normalized Root Mean Square Error (NRMSE)

Pearson Correlation Coefficient (R)



- ✓ 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

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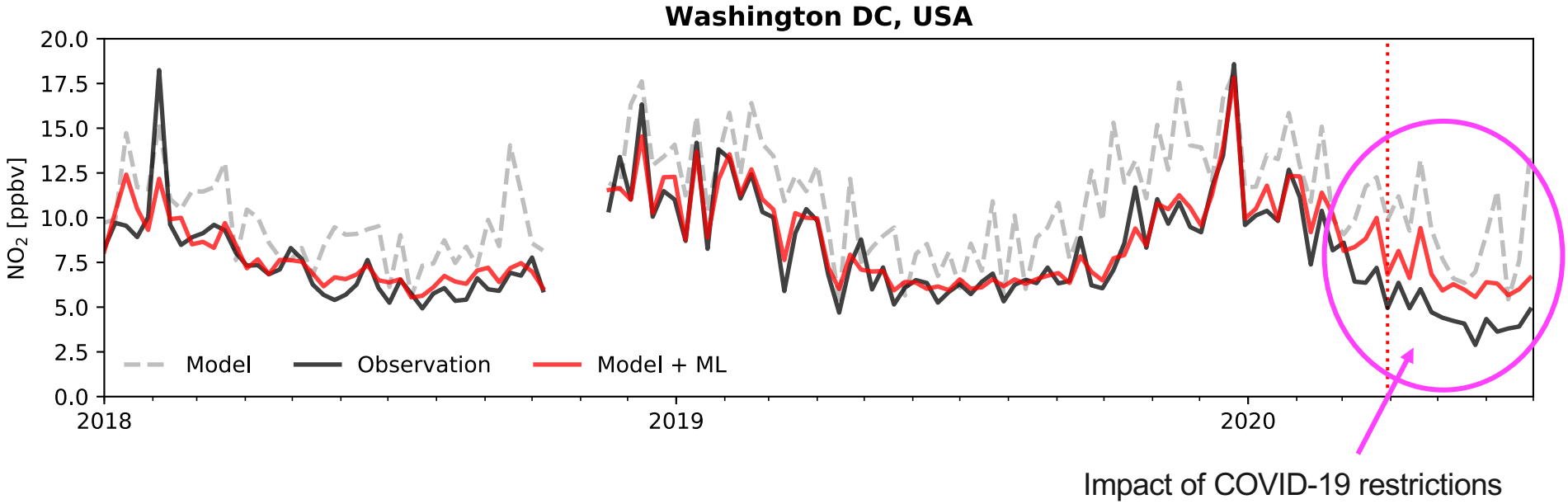
New application of the GEOS-CF ML algorithm



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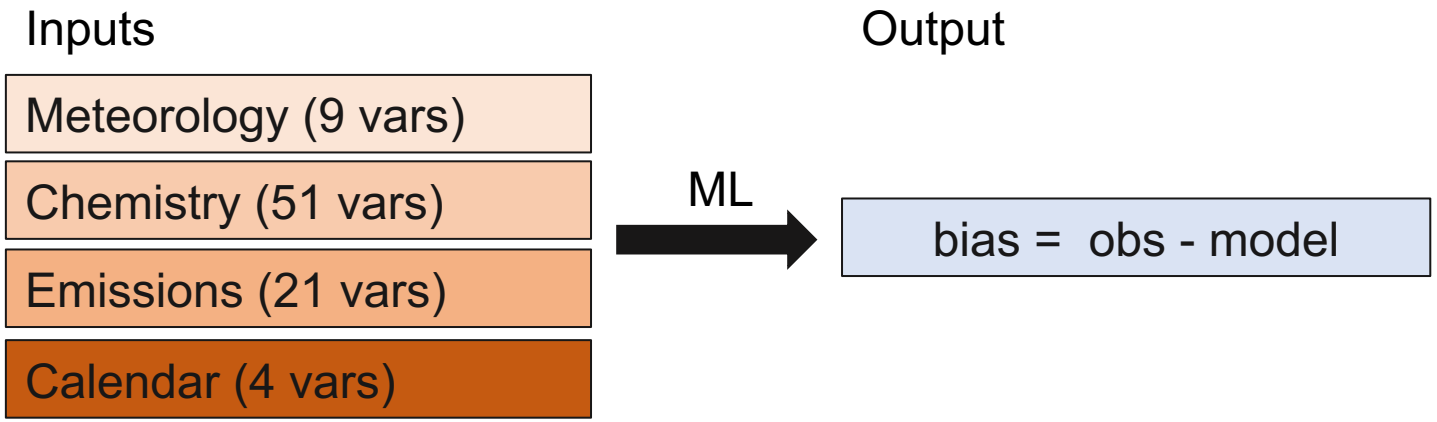
Apply bias-correction to model output using machine learning (using historical observation-model comparisons)



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

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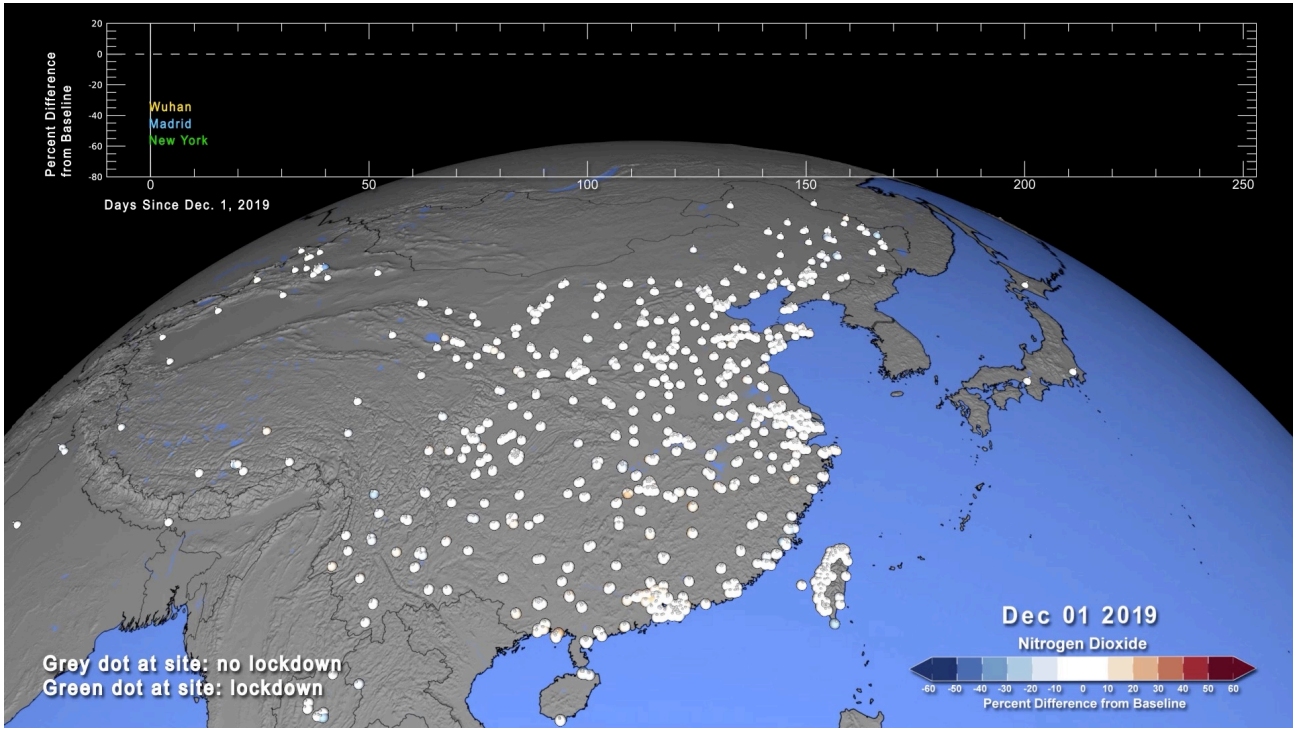
Apply analysis to 5756 sites worldwide



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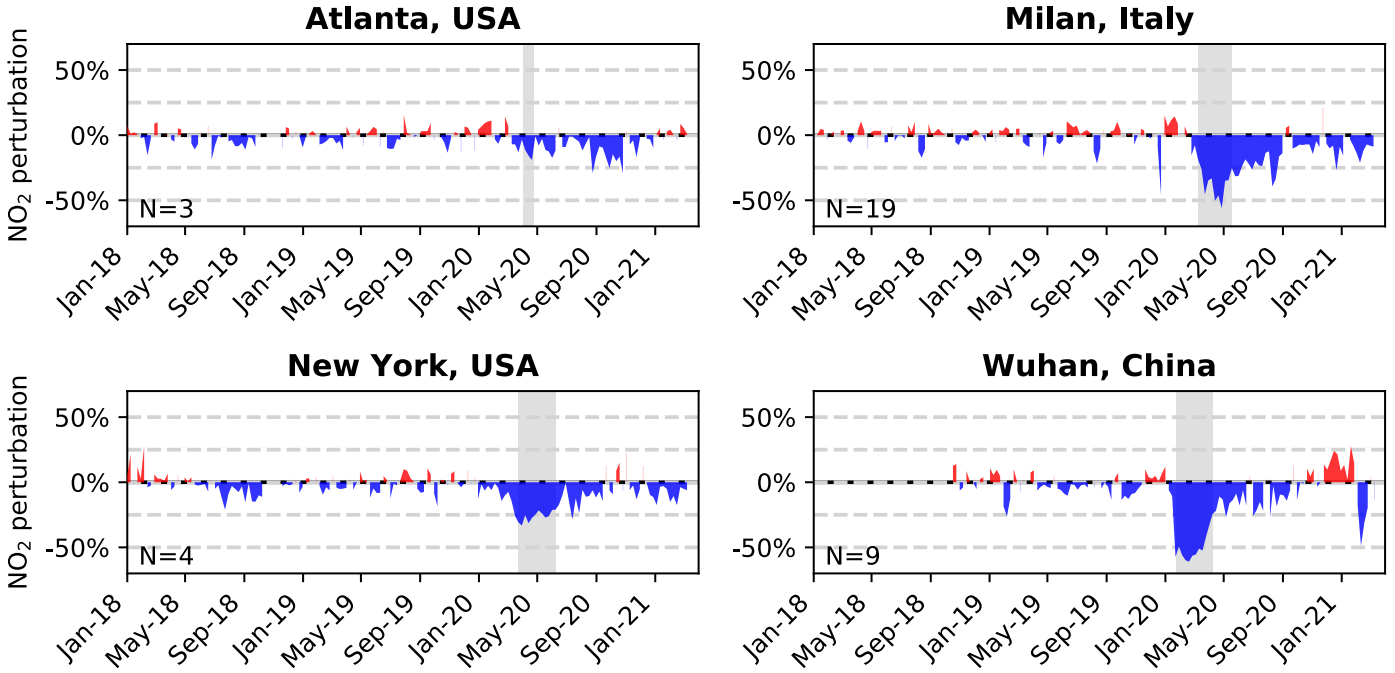
https://www.nasa.gov/feature/goddard/2020/nasa-model-reveals-how-much-covid-related-pollution-levels-deviated-from-the-norm

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



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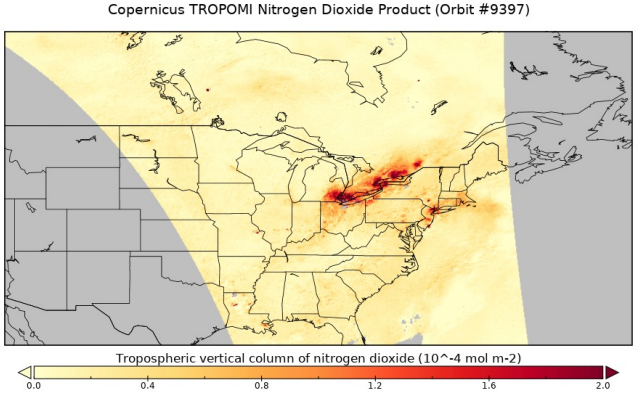
Multiple Sources of Air Quality Data

regulatory monitoring

+ accurate
- expensive
? representativity

form the "backbone" of the monitoring system, but insufficient alone



satellite retrievals

+ global coverage
- low time resolution
- column-integrated

good coverage and frequency, but need to be related to the ground-level situation

low-cost monitoring

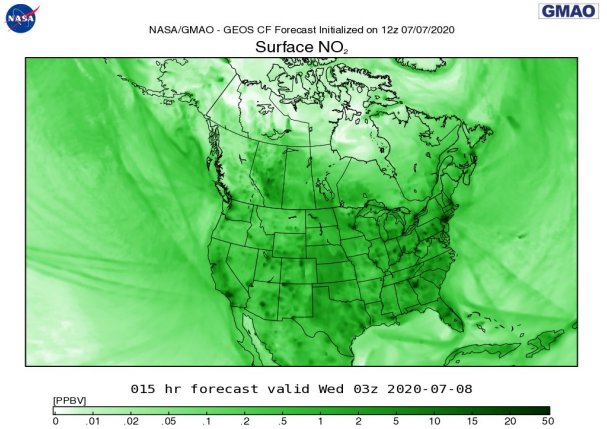
+ relatively inexpensive
+ dense/remote deployment
- greater noise and bias

calibration is an open issue, but leveraging network density can offset some of these shortcomings

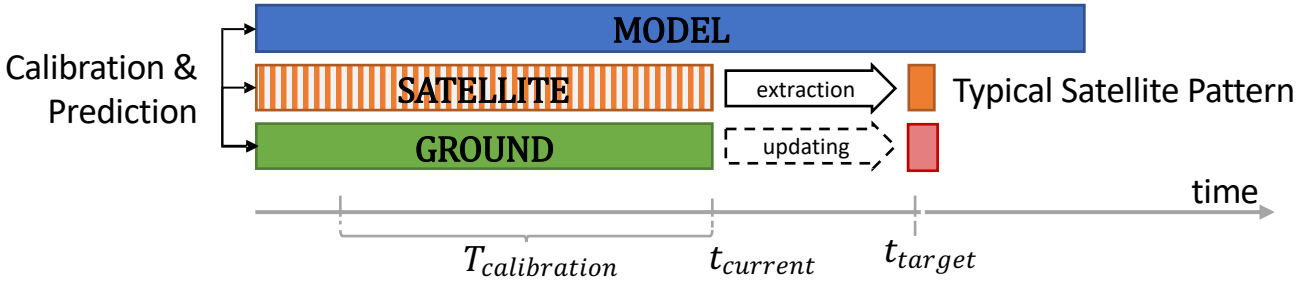
simulation models

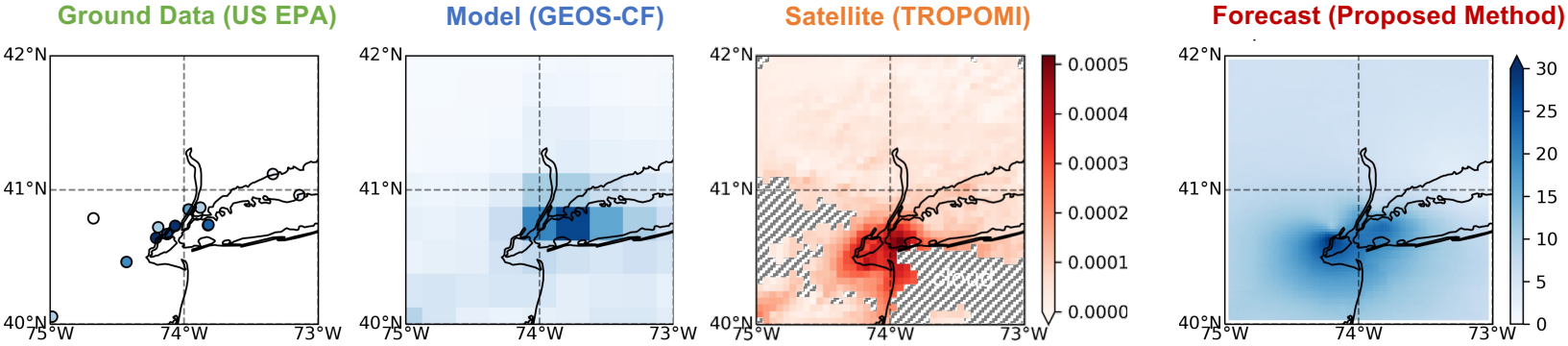
+ global coverage
+ forecasting
- limited resolution

The best tool for prediction, but need the support of other data sources for accuracy



Data Fusion method for city-scale AQ forecasts





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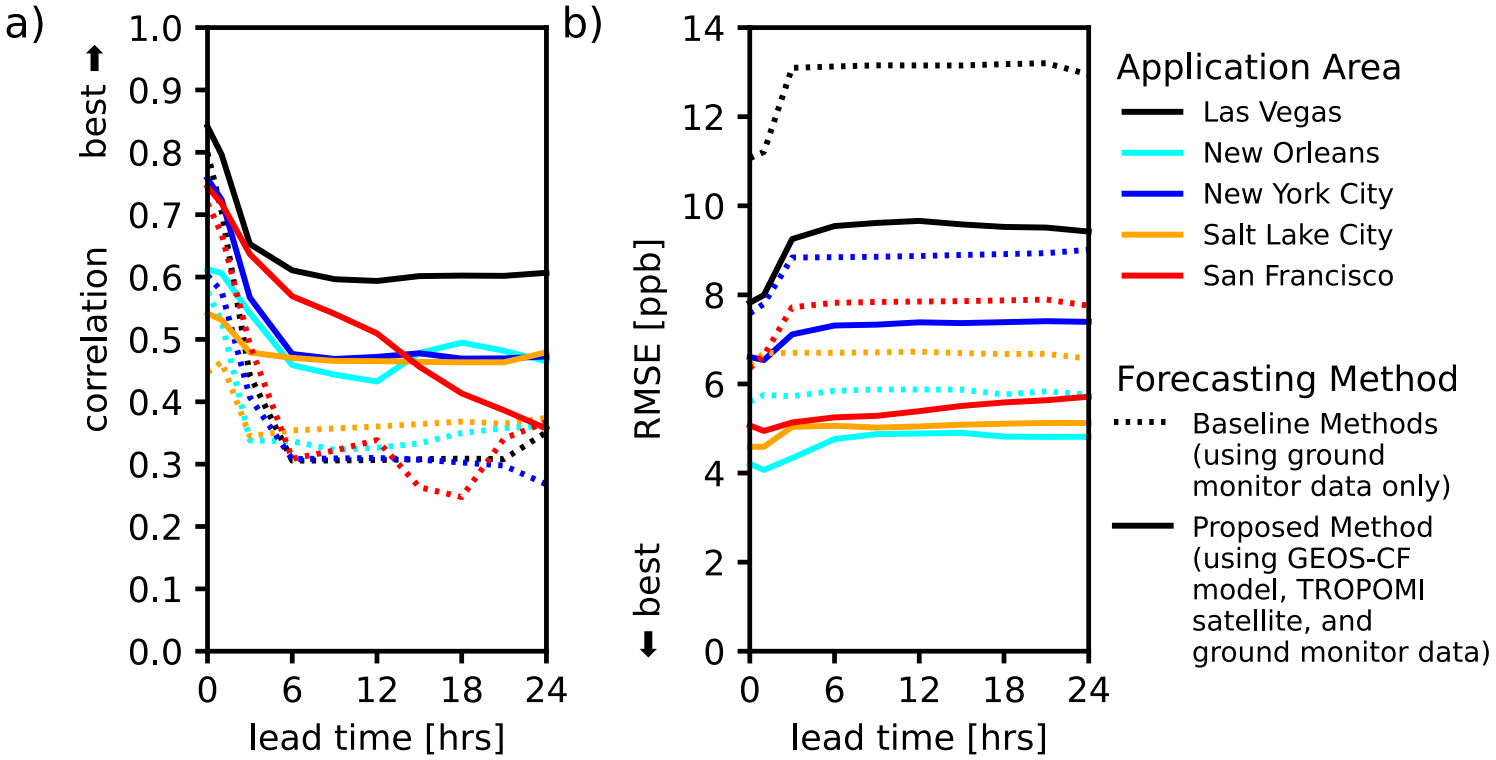

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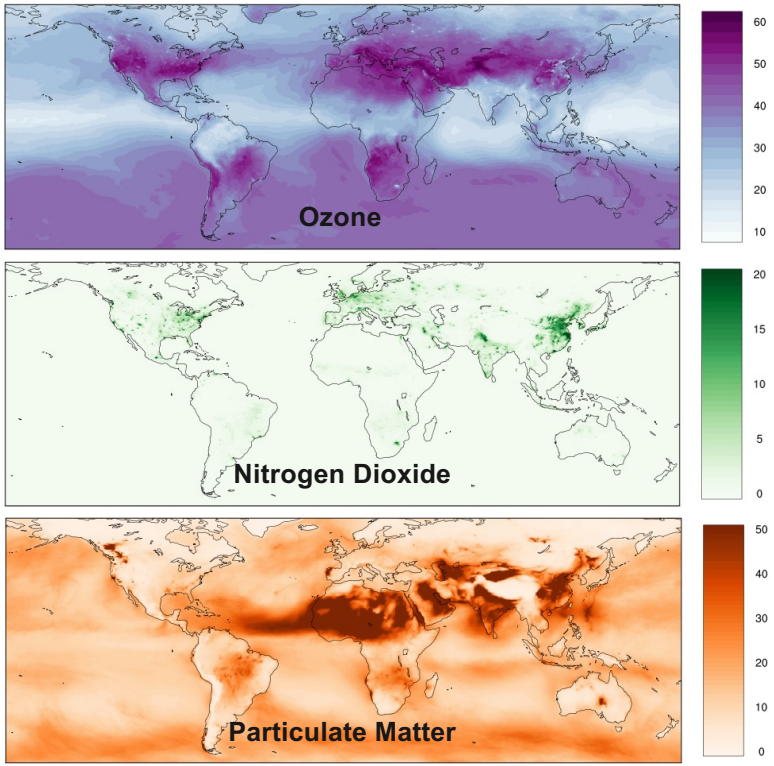
Forecast Application: Multi-pollutant Health Risk Index



- O_3 influences Background levels
- NO_2 is Short-lived
- Extreme gradients
- $PM_{2.5}$ driver of spatial gradients

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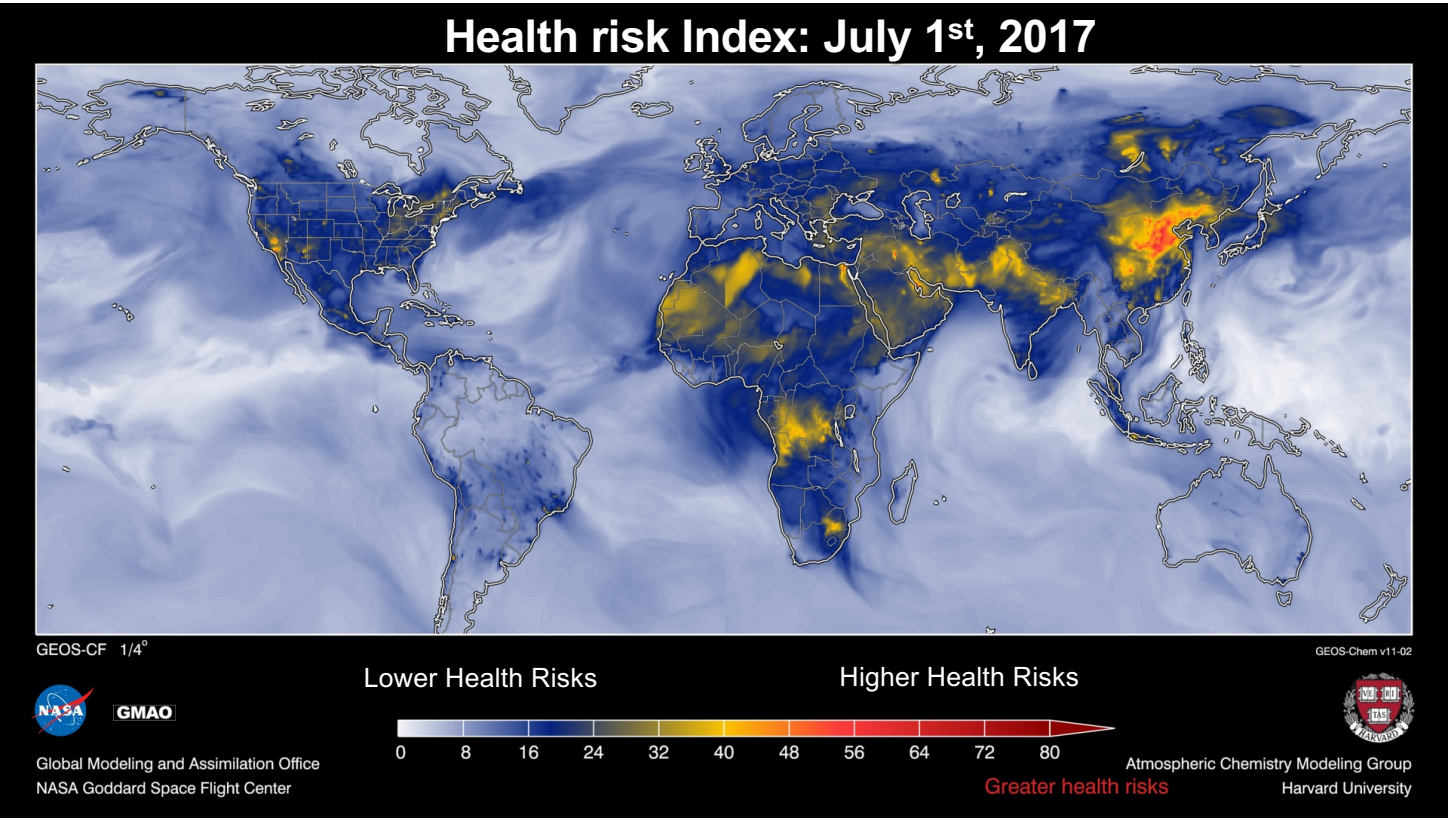
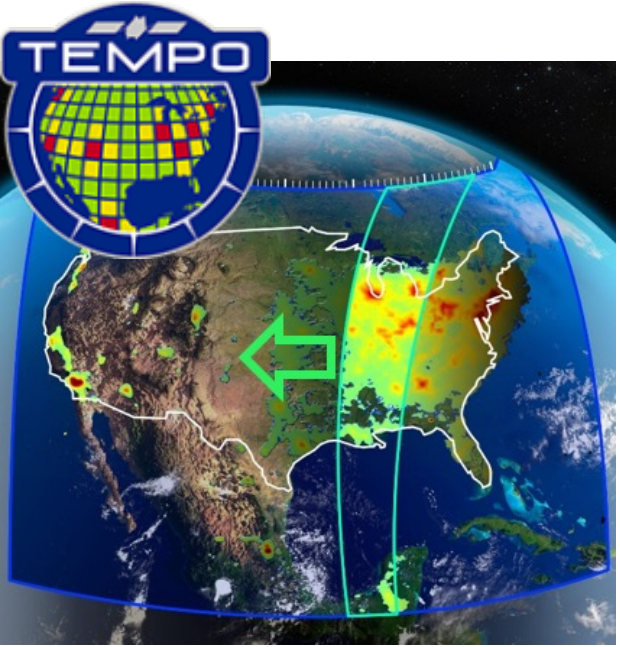


Multi-pollutant index, developed by Kevin Cromar and NYU team (Gladson et al. *in prep*)

- Maximum daily 8-hour average (MDA8) O_3
- 24-hour-average NO_2
- 24-hour-average $PM_{2.5}$

Daily *atmospheric composition* forecast

GEOS - CF

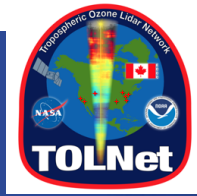


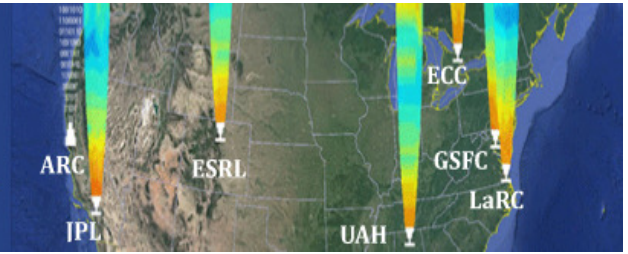
A realistic stratosphere in GEOS-CF is essential to support a broad range of NASA applications, including:

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

TOLNET

Tropospheric Ozone LIDAR Network





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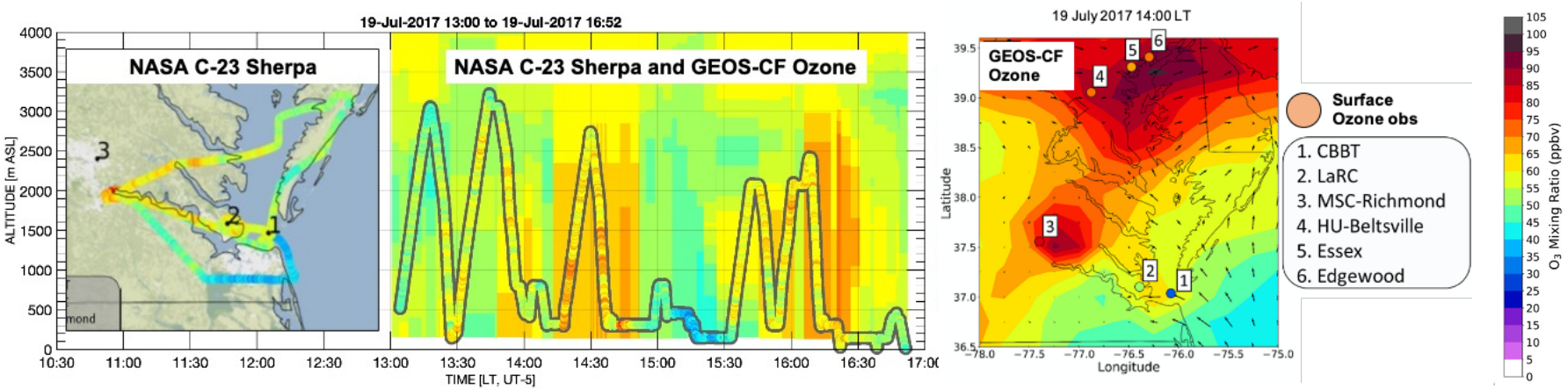
GEOS-CF evaluation with NASA's OWLETS campaign observations



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"

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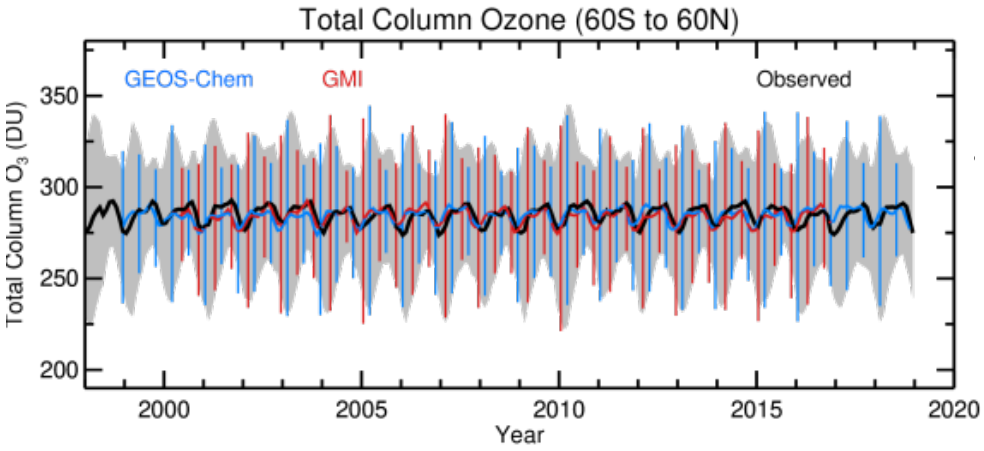
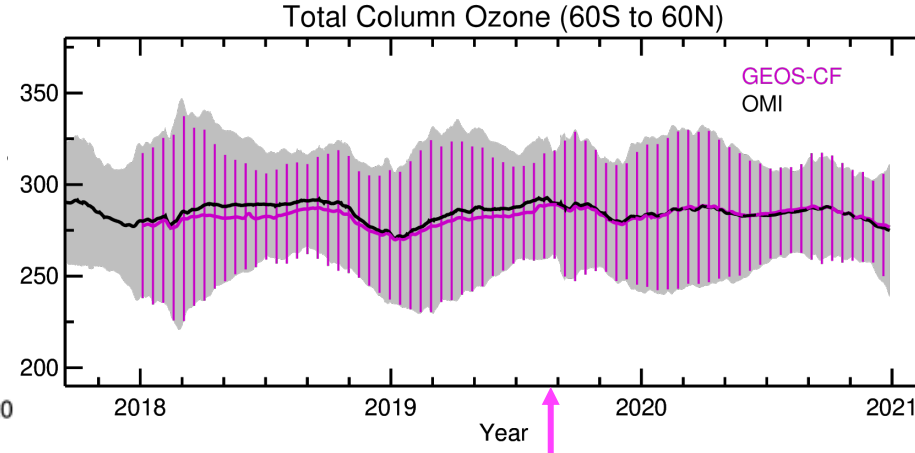
Stratospheric Composition Evaluation





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

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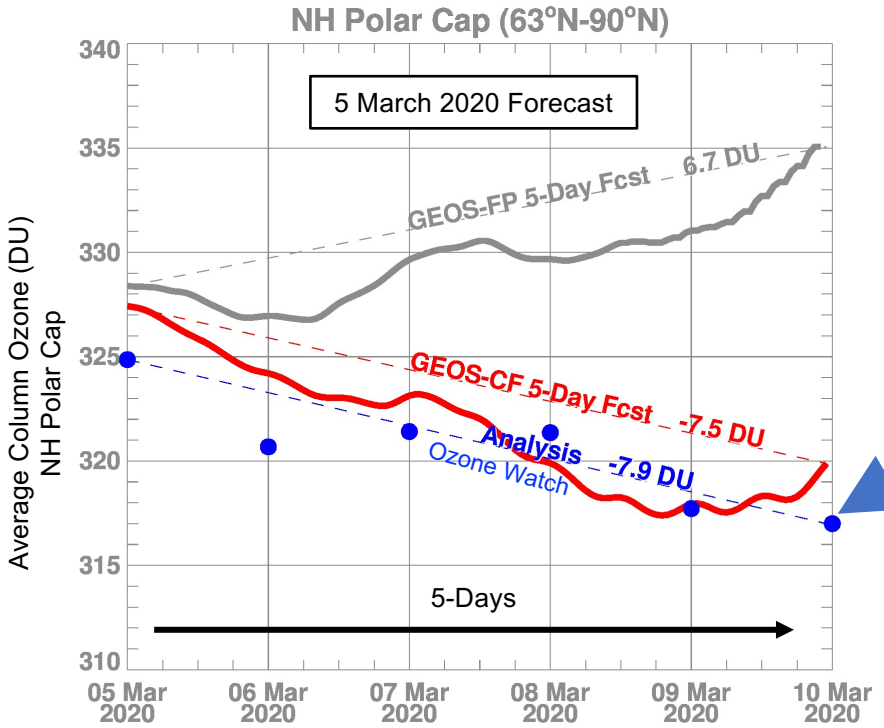
GEOS-CF has realistic stratospheric ozone forecasts



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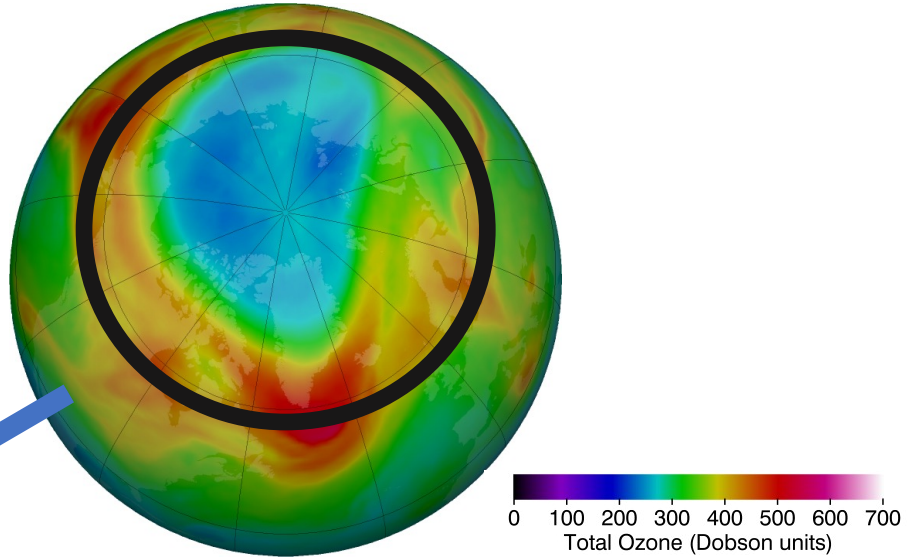

March 10, 2020: Ozonewatch.gsfc.nasa.gov

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.

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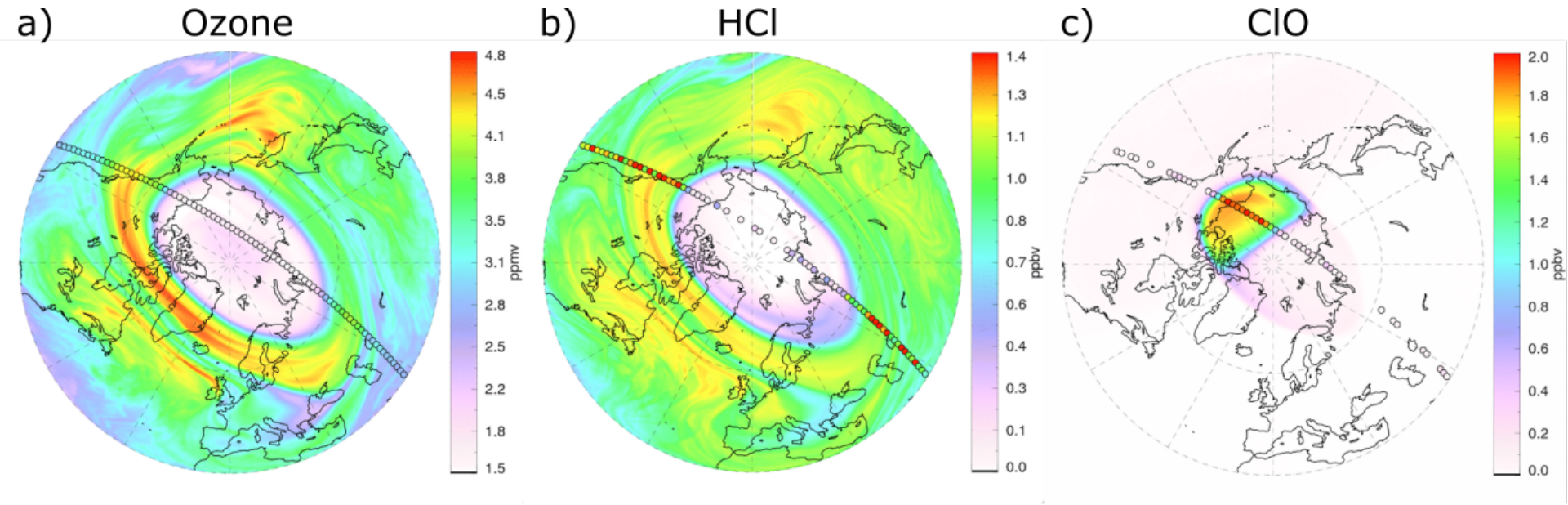
Evaluation GEOS-CF against MLS at 45 hPa



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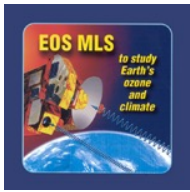
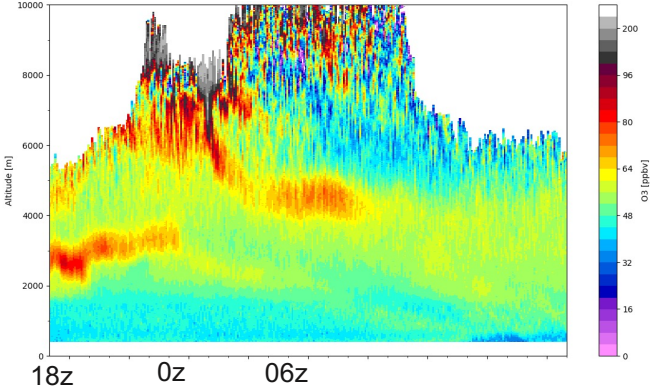


Stratosphere Troposphere Exchange

NASA LaRC Feb 13-14, 2019



LMOL lidar plot courtesy of G. Gronoff

GEOS-CF
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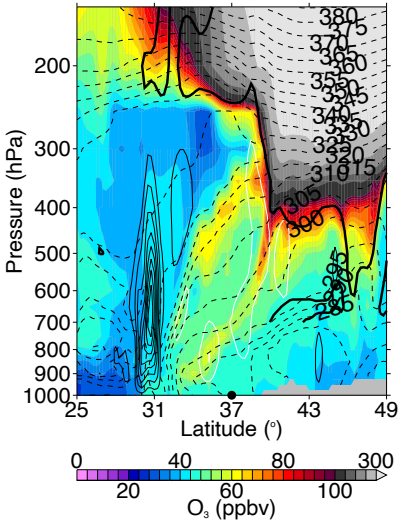

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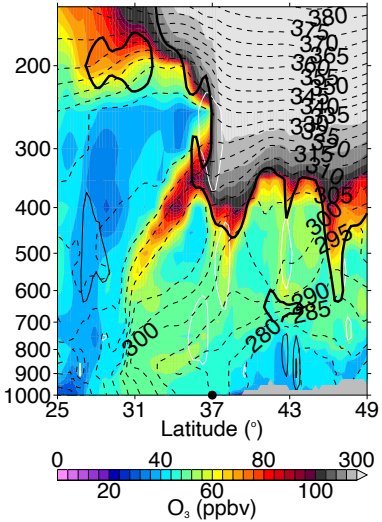

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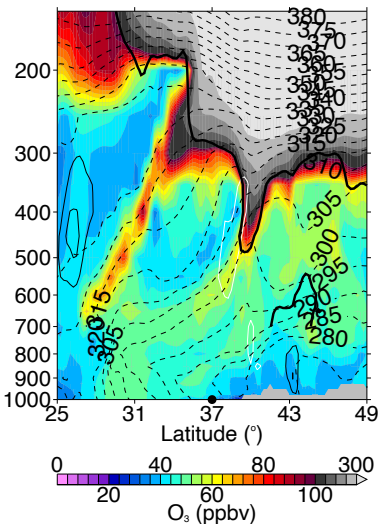
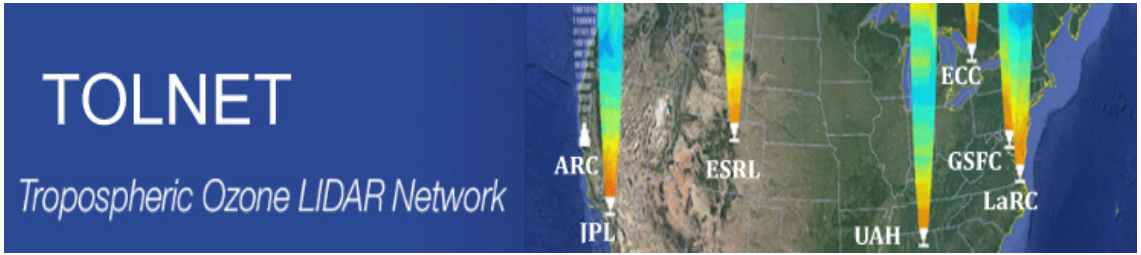
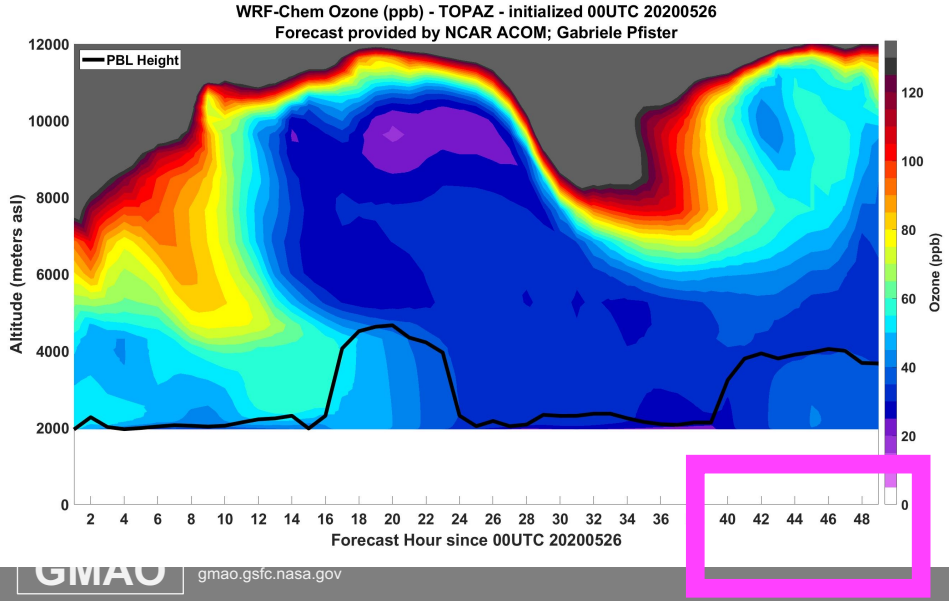


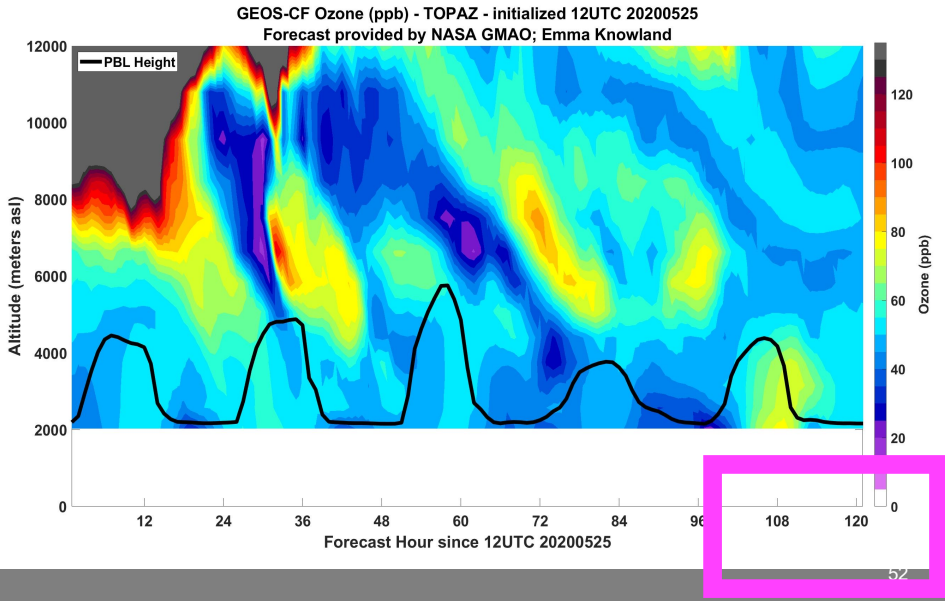
Case study of stratospheric Intrusion above Hampton, Virginia: lidar-observation and modeling analysis
Gronoff et al., Accepted to Atmospheric Environment

Daily alerts to NASA TOLNet Lidar teams sent by Matt Johnson, NASA AMES

WRF-Chem 48-hour (left) and GEOS-CF 120-hour (right) Ozone forecasts for TOPAZ on May 26, 2020.

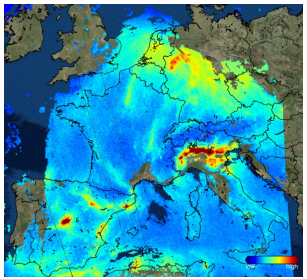


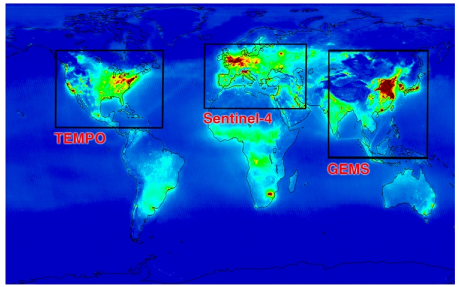


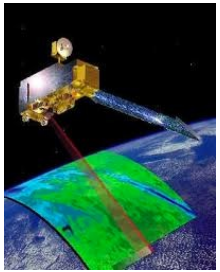


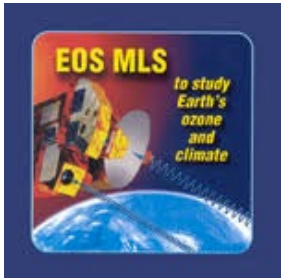
Planned upgrades for GEOS-CF

- Model update to GEOS-Chem v13.0
  - Improvements to ozone deposition
  - Updates to NO_3 washout ⇢ likely reduce PM2.5 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



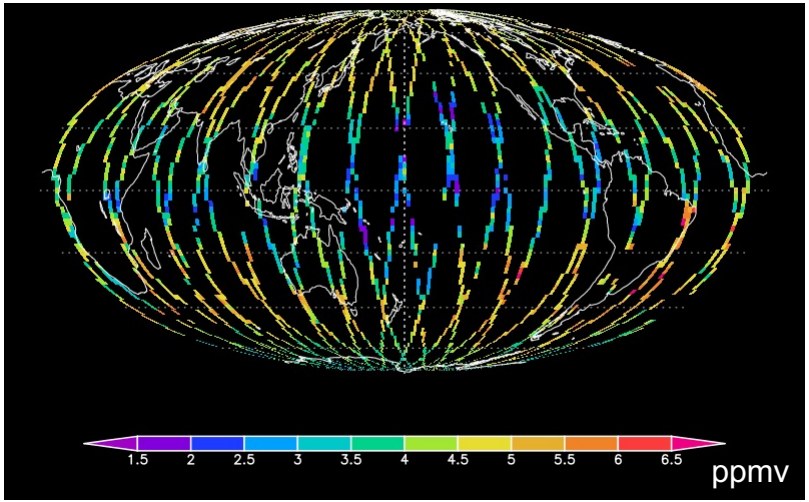




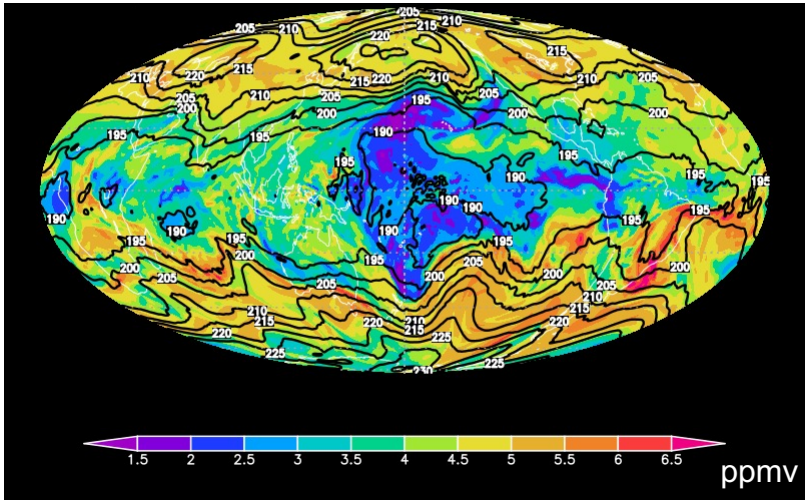


Constituent data assimilation

MLS water vapor at 100 hPa, 2 Jan 2016



Assimilated MLS water vapor and MERRA-2 temperature at 100 hPa, 2 Jan 2016



Data assimilation is a Bayesian method of combining and propagating information from observations in space and time using the governing equations and error estimates.

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

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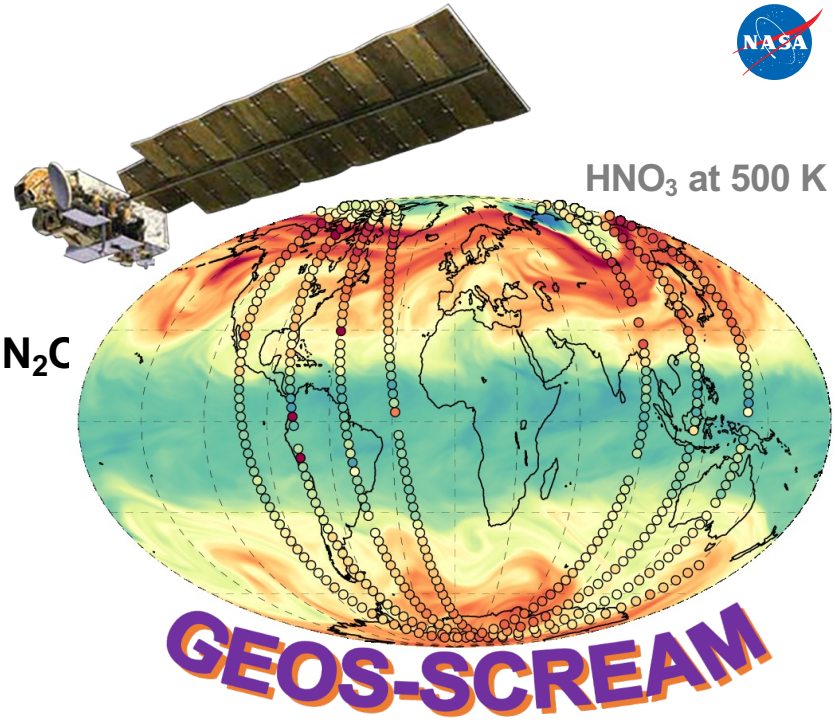

- ❑ Assimilating MLS v4.2 **ozone, H_2O, HCl, HNO_3,** & **N_2C** and **total ozone** from OMI
- ❑ Replay to MERRA-2
- ❑ GEOS "StratChem" stratospheric-only chemistry
- ❑ Period: September 2004 – December 2020+

- ✓ Close agreement with ACE-FTS and GLORIA data and the BRAM2 reanalysis
- ➢ GMAO Reanalysis of the 21st Century (R21C, ~2022) with chemistry

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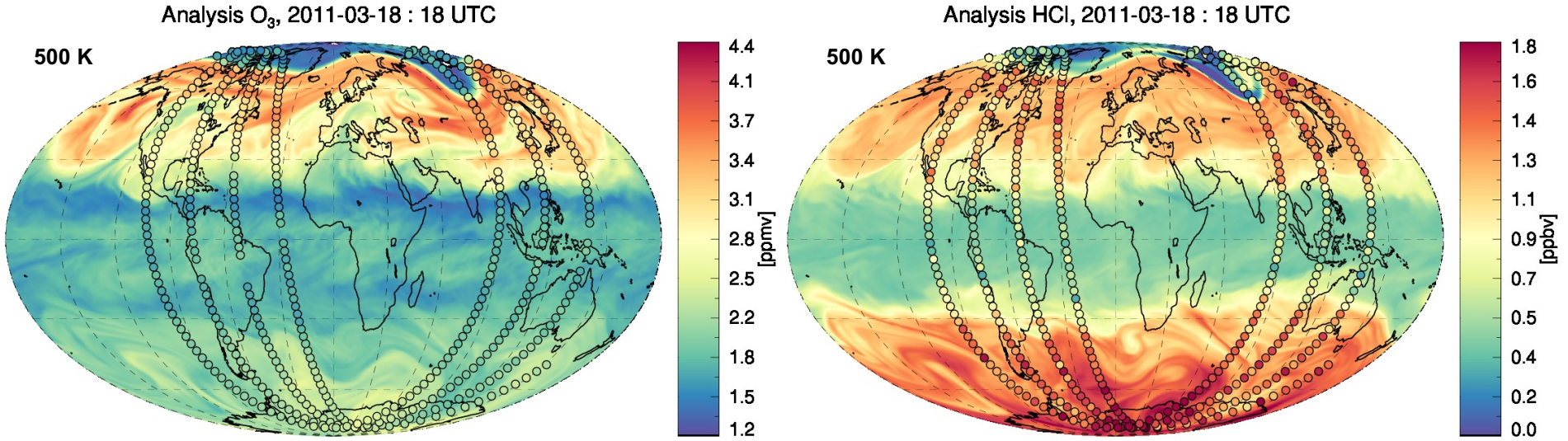

Maps of assimilated ozone and HCl and MLS observations (circles)

Close agreement between the constituent fields and assimilated MLS data.
Note dynamically driver features at mid- and high latitudes, and areas of depleted ozone and low HCl within the polar vortex.

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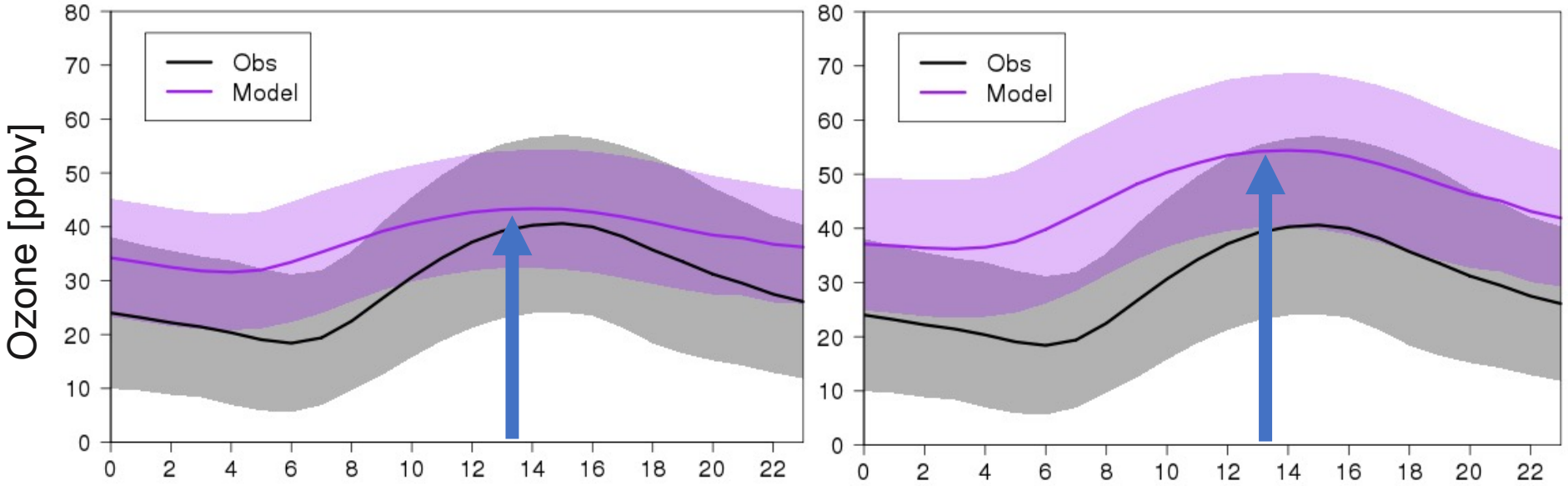
Assimilation of NO_x and CO exacerbates tropospheric ozone bias

Control (no assimilation)

With multi-species assimilation



- Improved diurnal cycle, most likely due to improved afternoon NO_2

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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 realisticly 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!

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