



# NASA GEOS-CF: Overview, Applications, Future Direction

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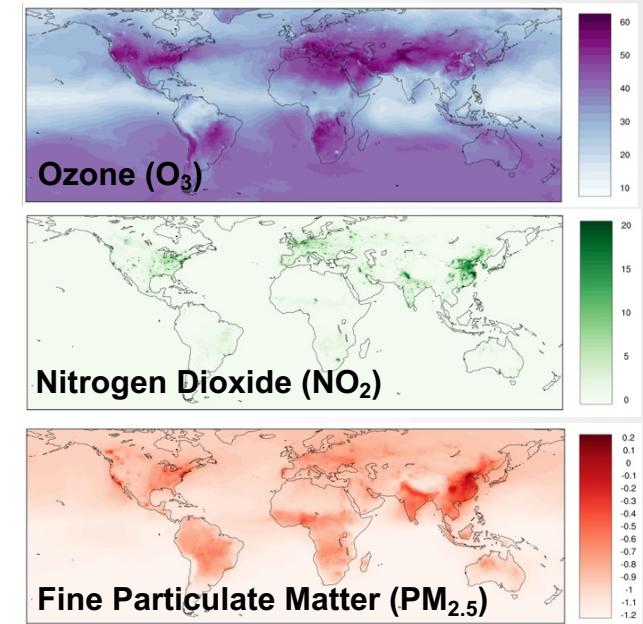
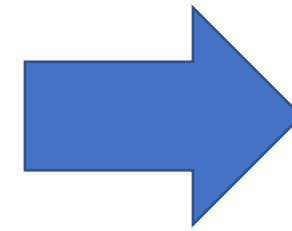
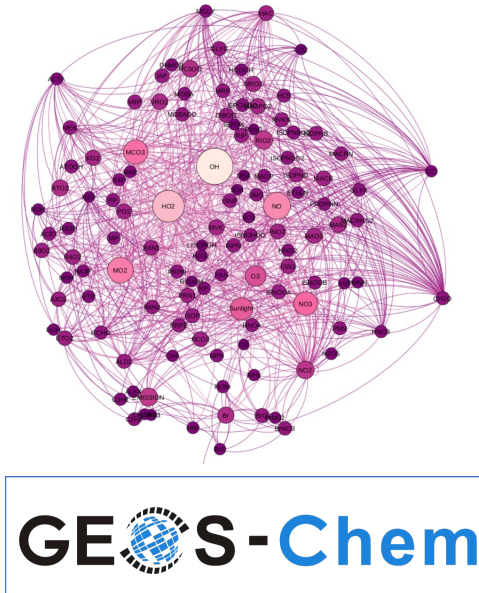
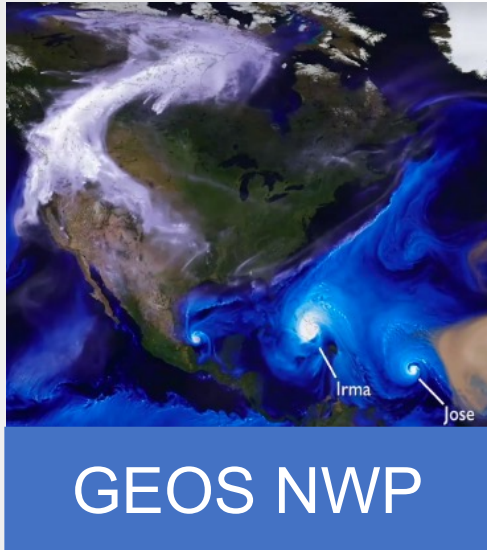
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# GEOS-CF produces daily global forecasts of atmospheric composition at 0.25° resolution



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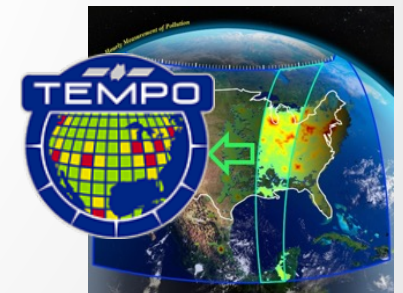
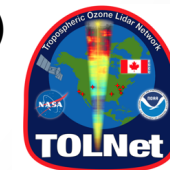
# GEOS-CF v1 Status

- Daily GEOS-CF global 5-day composition forecasts at 0.25° (25km) resolution are generated in near-real time:
  - High-resolution historical estimates for fields are available since January 2018
  - Forecast visualizations and links to data available at [fluid.nccs.nasa.gov/cf](https://fluid.nccs.nasa.gov/cf) and [/cf\\_map](#)

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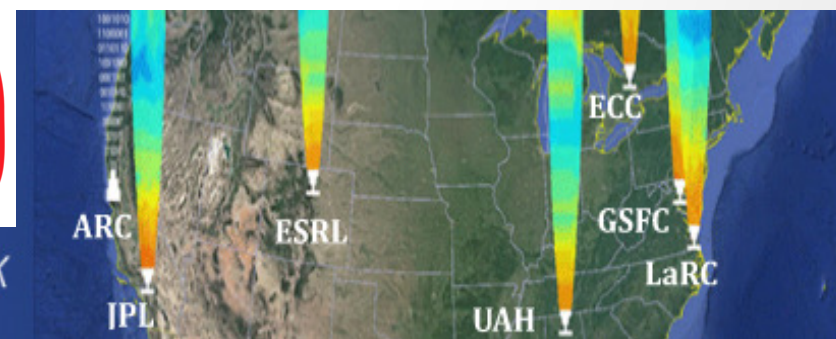
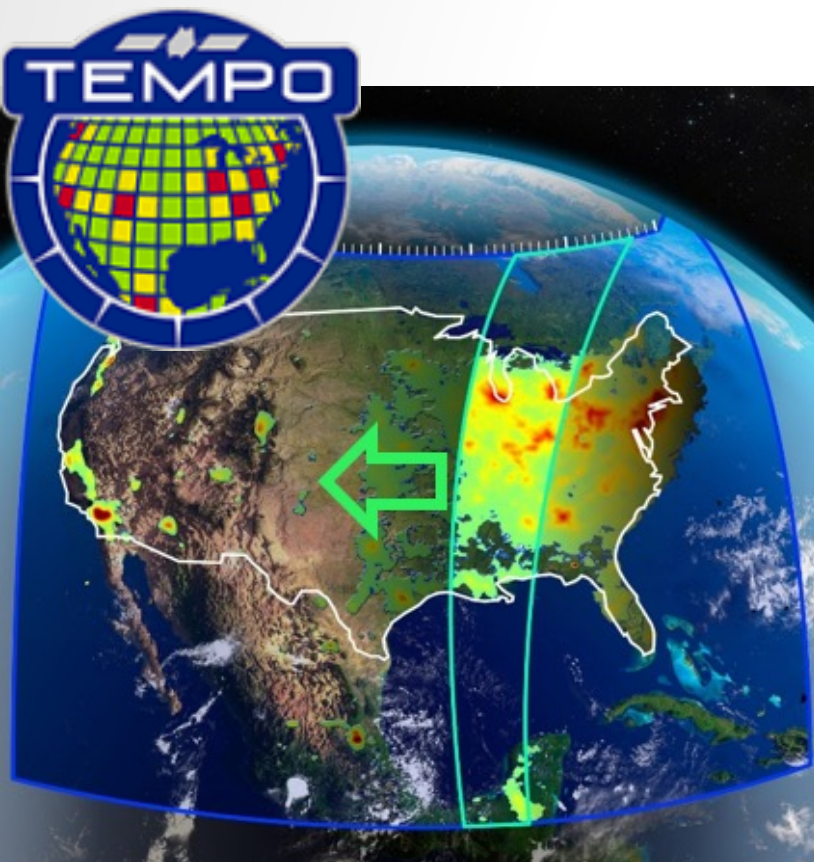
- Applications include:
  - NASA field missions (e.g., SCOAPE, FIREX-AQ, ACT-America, TRACER-AQ)
  - Daily alerts sent to NASA TOLNet lidar teams (Matt Johnson, NASA Ames)
  - TEMPO a priori for trace gas retrieval
  - Cloud platforms, e.g., Google Earth Engine, WRI Resource Watch, CDC Tracker



# Realistic tropospheric and stratospheric composition is critical for many NASA applications

Realistic troposphere **and** stratosphere in GEOS-CF are essential to support a broad range of NASA applications, including:

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





# TEMPO specific collection: “sat\_inst\_1hr\_r721x361\_v72”

## Regional Chemistry and Meteorology Diagnostics to support TEMPO satellite

**Frequency:** *hourly instantaneous from 00:00 UTC*

**Spatial Grid:** *3D, model-level, subset region of full horizontal resolution*

**Dimensions:** *longitude=721, latitude=361, every 0.25°*

**longitude:** 0° to -180°

**latitude:** 0° to 90°

**vertical level:** *72 layers*

**Granule Size:** *~258 MB per file*

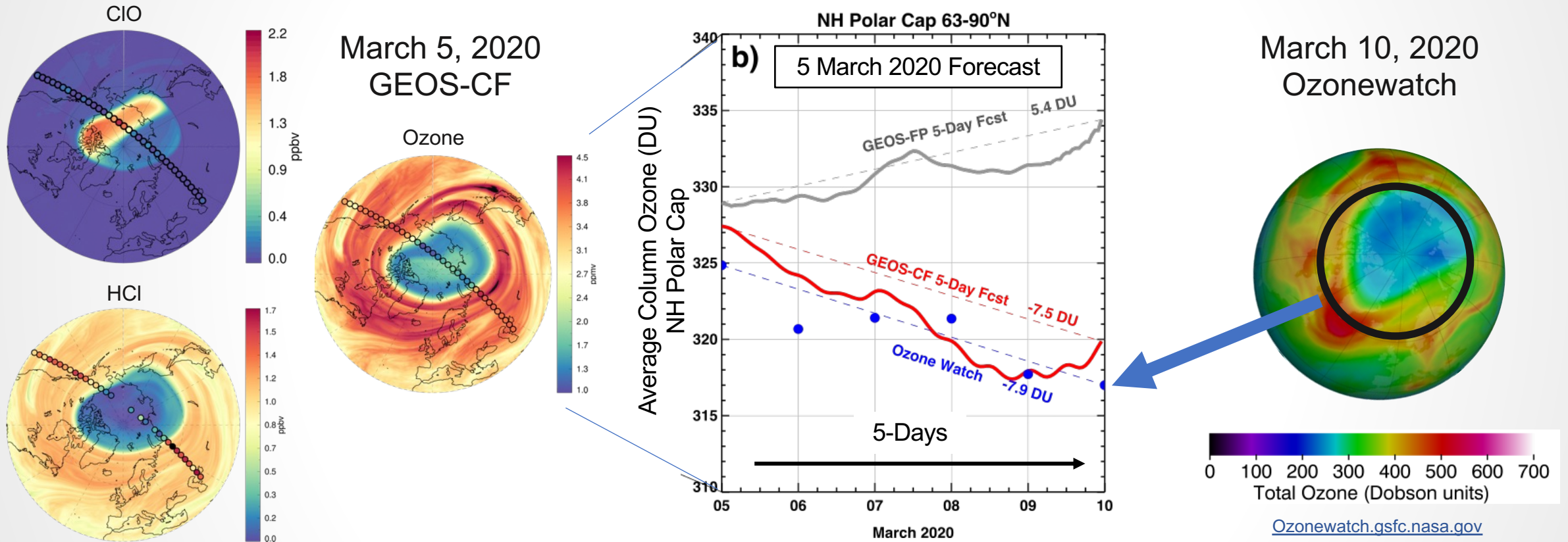
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**Mode:** Replay only; Forecasts available based on mission requirements

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BrO	tzyx	Bromine monoxide (BrO, MW = 96.00 g mol <sup>-1</sup> ) volume mixing ratio dry air	mol mol <sup>-1</sup>
FRSEACE	tyx	ice covered fraction of tile	1
FRSNO	tyx	fractional area of land snowcover	1
GLYX	tzyx	Glyoxal (CHOCHO, MW = 58.00 g mol <sup>-1</sup> ) volume mixing ratio dry air	mol mol <sup>-1</sup>
HCHO	tzyx	Formaldehyde (CH <sub>2</sub> O, MW = 30.00 g mol <sup>-1</sup> ) volume mixing ratio dry air	mol mol <sup>-1</sup>
HNO <sub>2</sub>	tzyx	Nitrous acid (HNO <sub>2</sub> , MW = 47.00 g mol <sup>-1</sup> ) volume mixing ratio dry air	mol mol <sup>-1</sup>
IO	tzyx	Iodine monoxide (IO, MW = 143.00 g mol <sup>-1</sup> ) volume mixing ratio dry air	mol mol <sup>-1</sup>
NO <sub>2</sub>	tzyx	Nitrogen dioxide (NO <sub>2</sub> , MW = 46.00 g mol <sup>-1</sup> ) volume mixing ratio dry air	mol mol <sup>-1</sup>
O <sub>3</sub>	tzyx	Ozone (O <sub>3</sub> , MW = 48.00 g mol <sup>-1</sup> ) volume mixing ratio dry air	mol mol <sup>-1</sup>
OCIO	tzyx	Chlorine dioxide (OCIO, MW = 67.00 g mol <sup>-1</sup> ) volume mixing ratio dry air	mol mol <sup>-1</sup>
PHIS	tyx	surface geopotential height	m+2 s-2
PS	tyx	surface pressure	Pa
Q	tzyx	specific humidity	kg kg <sup>-1</sup>
SNODP	tyx	snow depth	m
SNOMAS	tyx	Total snow storage land	kg m-2
SO <sub>2</sub>	tzyx	Sulfur dioxide (SO <sub>2</sub> , MW = 64.00 g mol <sup>-1</sup> ) volume mixing ratio dry air	mol mol <sup>-1</sup>
T	tzyx	air temperature	K
TROPPB	tyx	tropopause pressure based on blended estimate	Pa
U2M	tyx	2-meter eastward wind	m s <sup>-1</sup>
V2M	tyx	2-meter northward wind	m s <sup>-1</sup>
ZPBL	tyx	planetary boundary layer height	m

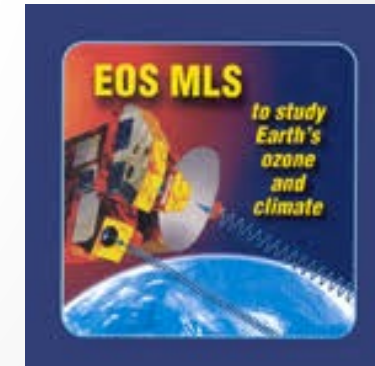
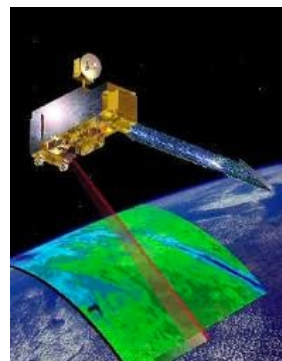
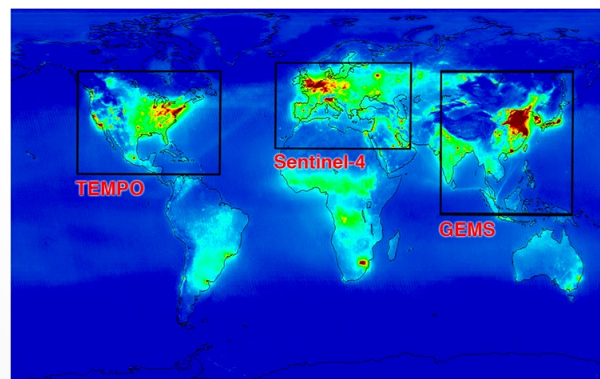
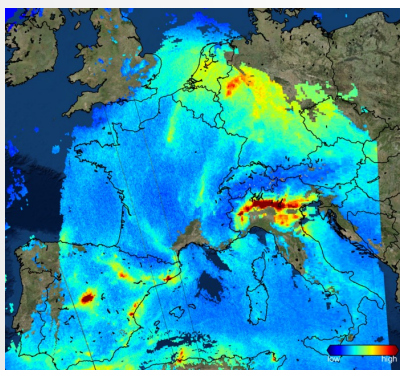
# GEOS-CF with stratospheric chemistry adds near-real-time stratospheric ozone forecasting capability to the NASA GMAO



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## Spinning up GEOS-CF version 2

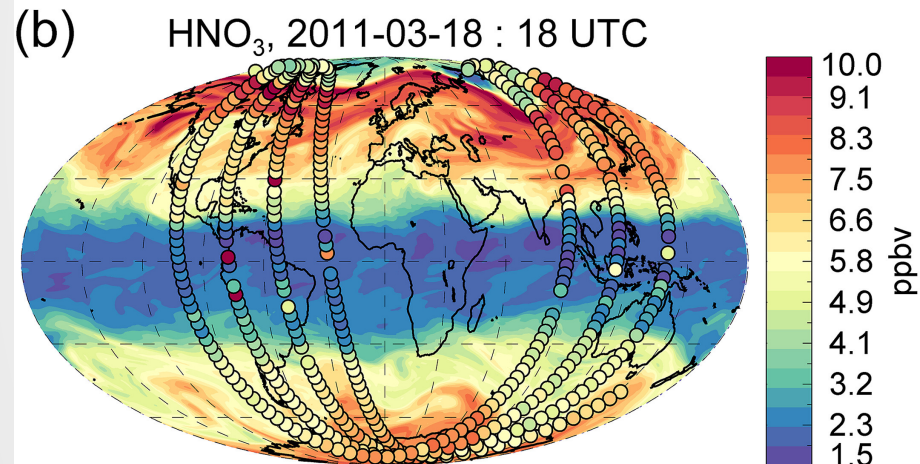
- Model update to GEOS-Chem v14.0
- GEOS AGCM update
- CEDS emission inventory (latest release through 2019)
- Constituent Data Assimilation System (CoDAS)
  - Multi-constituent assimilation with  $O_3$ ,  $NO_2$ ,  $SO_2$
  - Output will include simulated  $CO_2$  and  $CH_4$  (GOCART)



# Constituent Data Assimilation System (CoDAS)

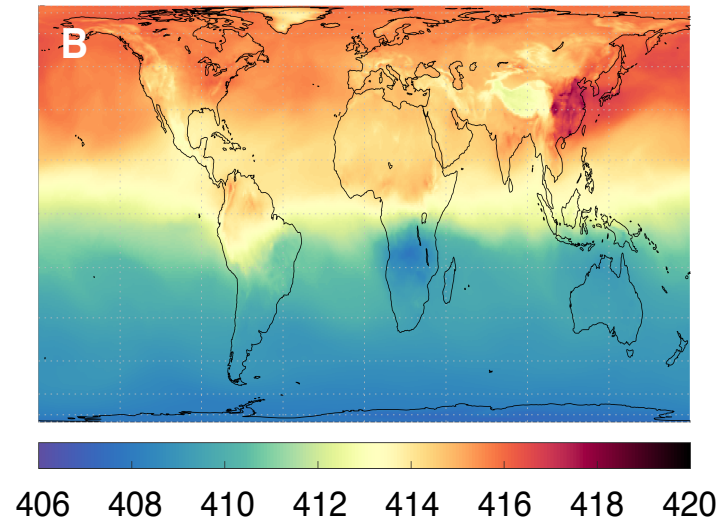
- Designed to be tracer agnostic: can assimilate any type of retrieved constituent observations with an averaging kernel or at a point
  - CoDAS builds on the Gridpoint Statistical Interpolation scheme developed at NCEP and GMAO

M2-SCREAM



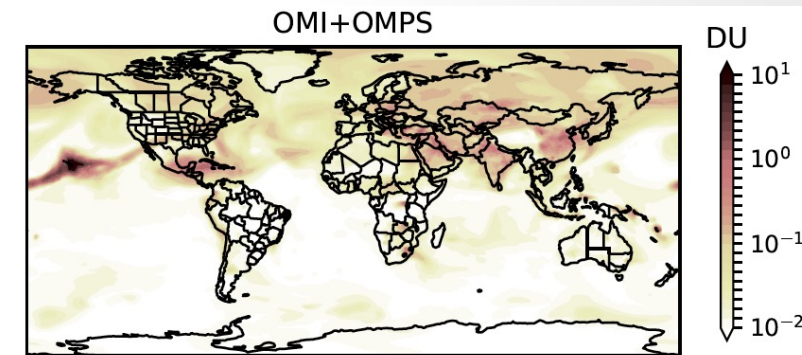
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GEOS-CF v2



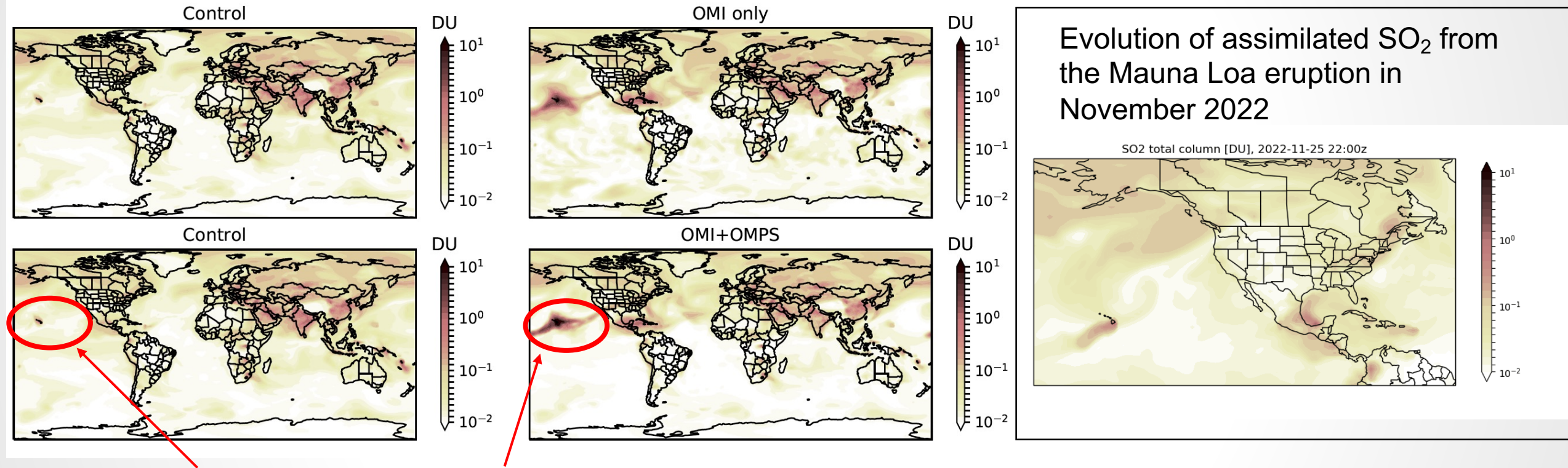
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➤ GMAO involved and invested in the constituent DA with JEDI



# SO<sub>2</sub> assimilation: Mauna Loa's smoking gun

Simulated SO<sub>2</sub> total column [DU] for Dec 6, 2022



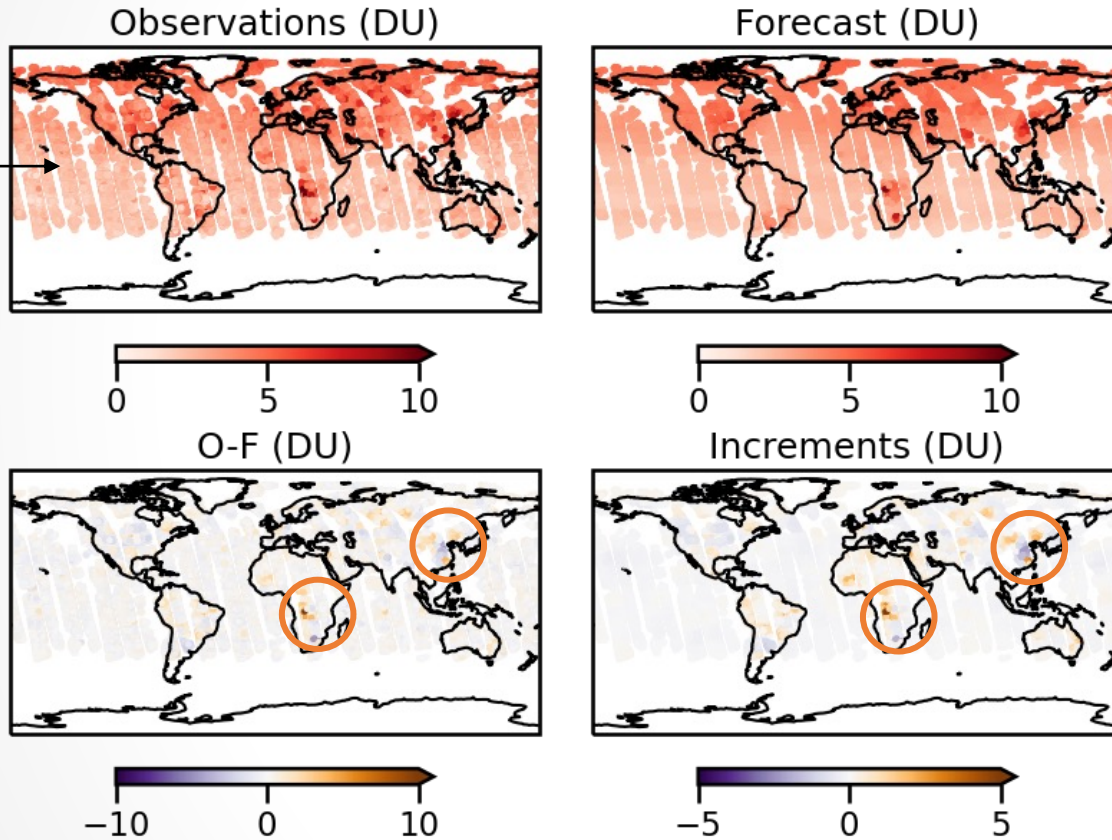
Mauna Loa eruption only captured in runs with assimilation

The resulting volcanic plume of sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) can be seen from space with satellite instruments such as NASA's Ozone Monitoring Instrument (OMI). [https://gmao.gsfc.nasa.gov/research/science\\_snapshots/2022/mauna-loa.php](https://gmao.gsfc.nasa.gov/research/science_snapshots/2022/mauna-loa.php)

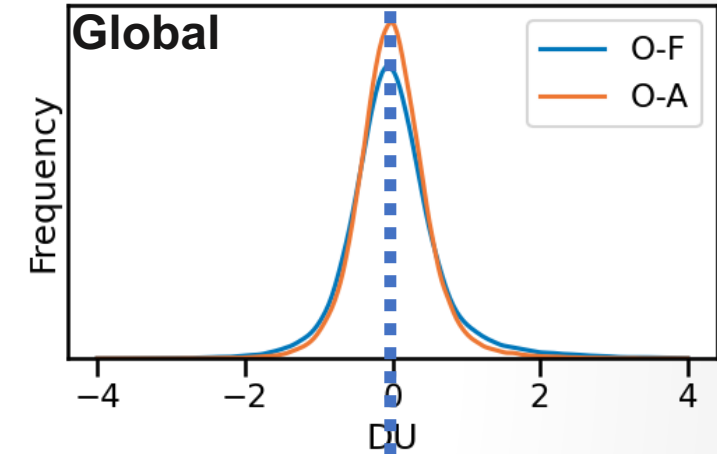
# NO<sub>2</sub> assimilation → Improved NO<sub>2</sub> in polluted areas

Assimilating OMI NO<sub>2</sub> total slant columns

Mostly Strat NO<sub>2</sub> in remote atmosphere

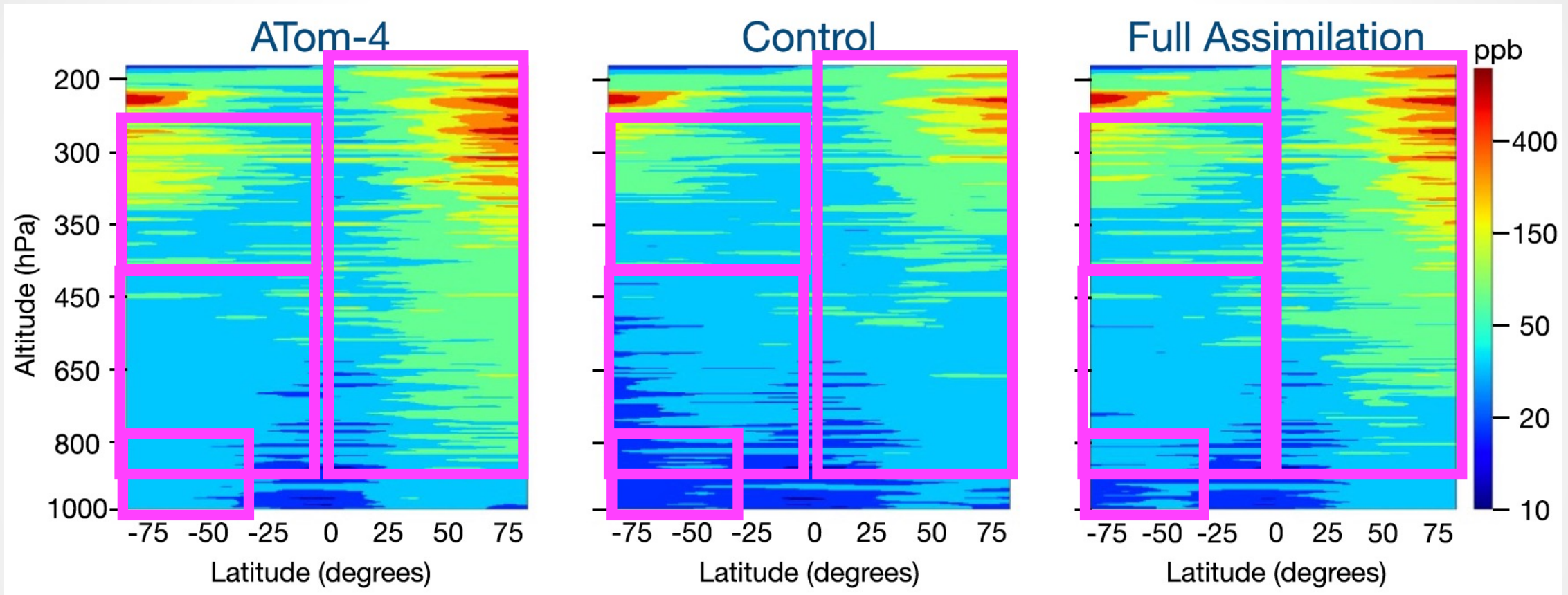


### Frequency distributions of O-F and O-A



**Increments smaller than O-F's – reflects the ratio of observation to background errors**

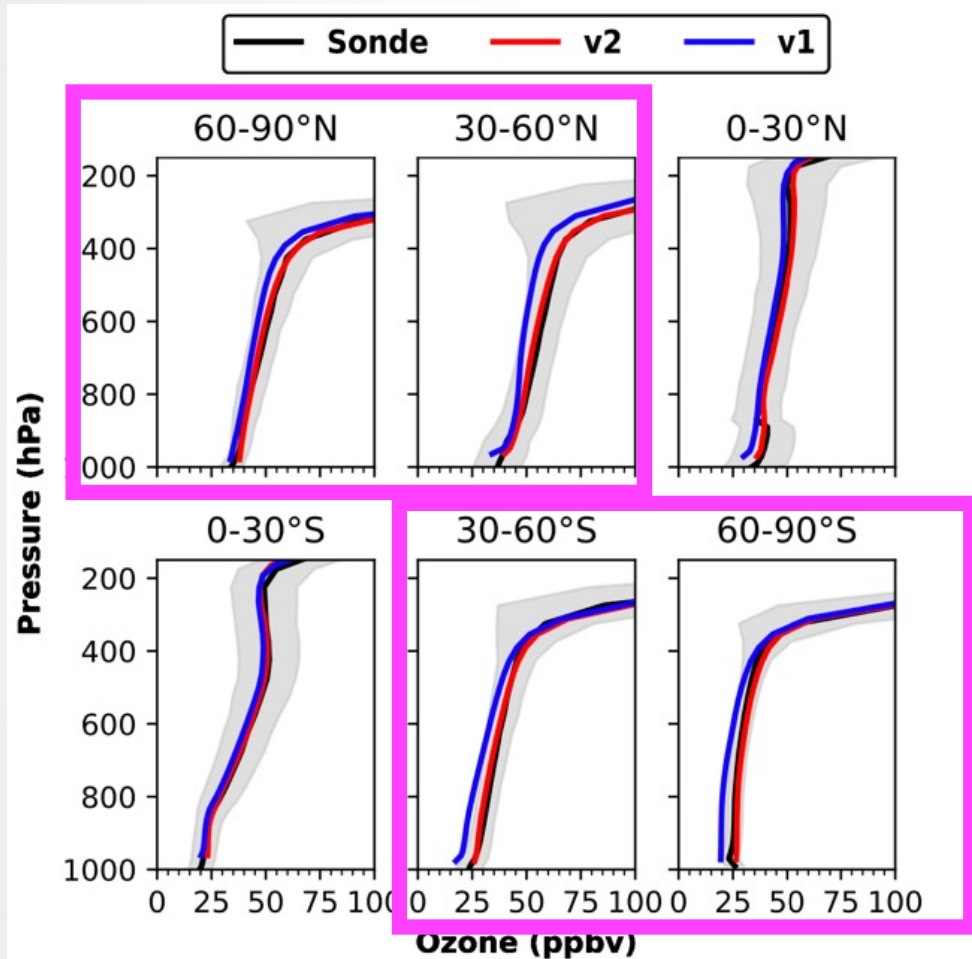
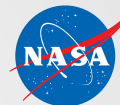
# Ozone assimilation → Improved tropospheric ozone



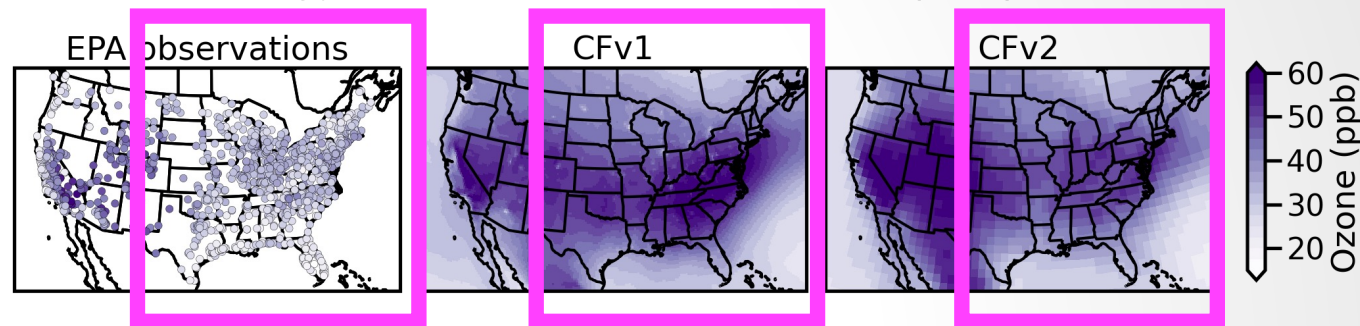
Ozone assimilation of MLS v4.2 profiles, Total Column Ozone from OMI, and 9.6-micron radiances drastically **improves the representation of ozone in the remote atmosphere** according to this comparison to ATom-4 measurements and a version of the GEOS-CF v2 system used in testing.

Figure reproduced from Makoto M Kelp *et al* 2023 *Environ. Res. Lett.* **18** 094036 DOI 10.1088/1748-9326/acf0b7

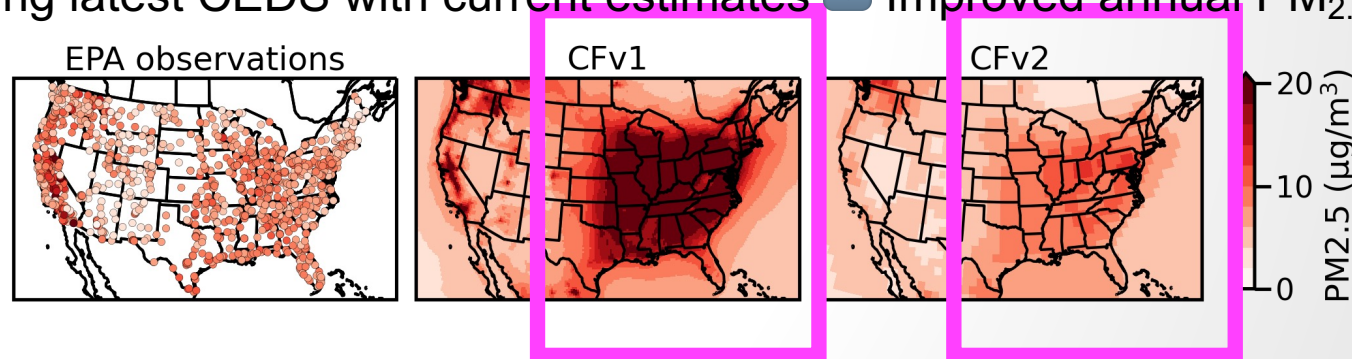
# GEOS-CF v2 updates (including DA) positively impact O<sub>3</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub>



New Meteorology → Improved summertime (JJA) surface O<sub>3</sub>



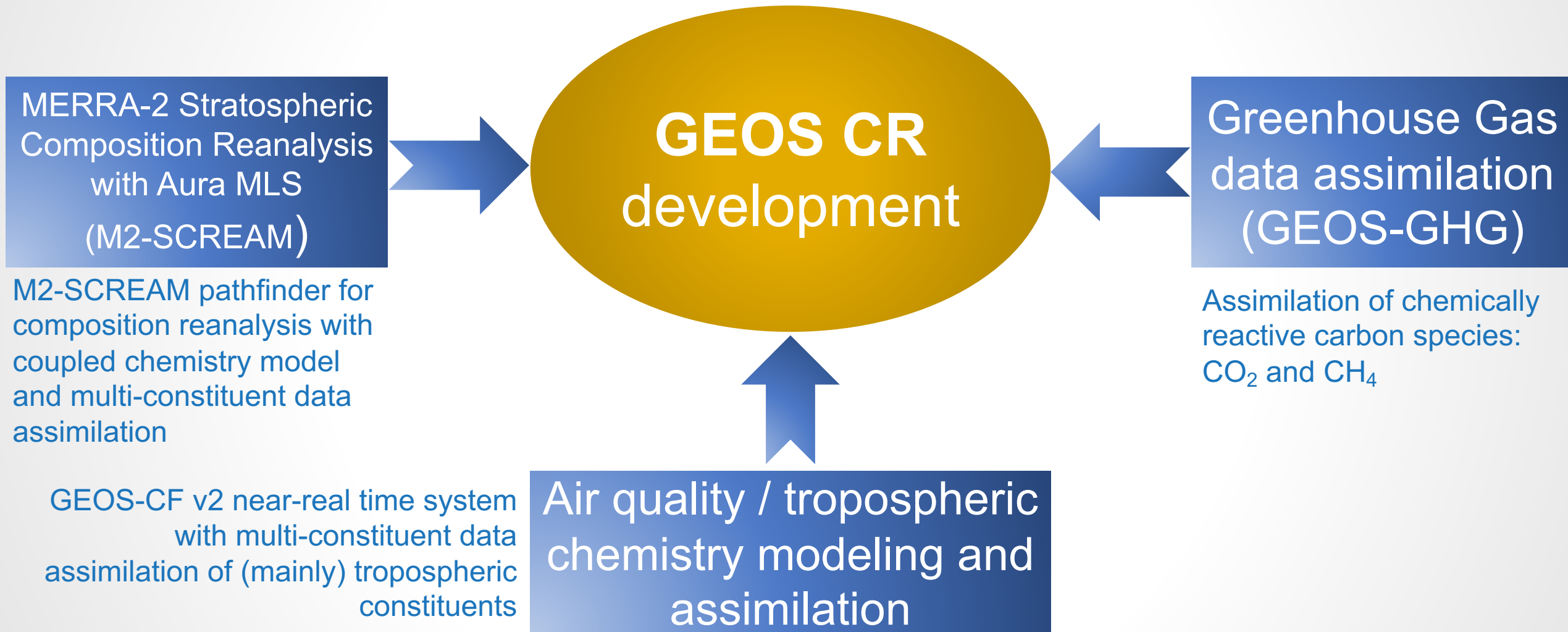
GEOS-CF v1 uses HTAP v2.2 which is now >10 years behind  
Using latest CEDS with current estimates → Improved annual PM<sub>2.5</sub>



Ozone assimilation → Improved tropospheric ozone

# GEOS Composition Reanalysis for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

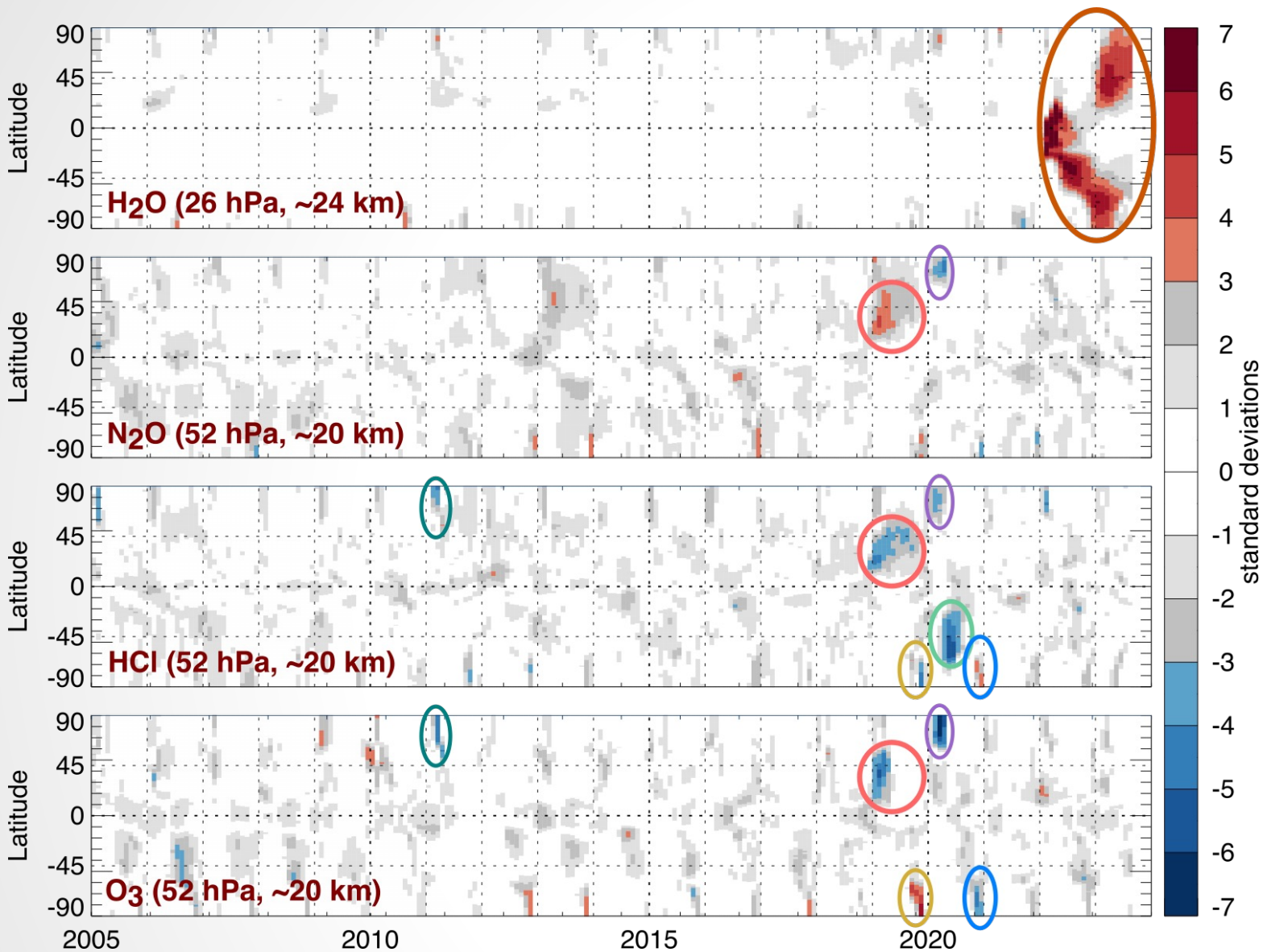
Lines of development and legacy systems





# GEOS Composition Reanalysis of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century System Design

- Assimilation of selected gases important for stratospheric and tropospheric chemistry, with **CoDAS**
- Model: **GEOS AGCM** with the **GEOS-Chem** full chemistry model and a carbon module (developed from legacy **GOCART**)
  - Coupling GEOS-Chem to GOCART aerosols under development
- Constrained by temperature, winds, surface pressure, tropospheric water vapor from a GMAO reanalysis (“*meteorological replay*” technique)



# Our surprising stratosphere

**2022** Hunga Tonga - Hunga Ha'apai eruption

**2020** Long-lasting ozone hole

**2020** Australian New Year's wildfires

**2020** Exceptionally strong Arctic ozone minimum

**2019** Rare sudden stratospheric warming in the Southern Hemisphere

**2019** Dynamically driven anomaly

**2011** Strong Arctic ozone minimum

*Detrended anomalies in constituent fields from M2-SCREAM*

A series of large stratospheric perturbations occurred in the last five years.  
Continuing measurements of the stratosphere will be essential for reanalyses.



# Assimilated species and sensors

## Retrievals

Sensor	Molecules	Observation type
OMI, TROPOMI, OMPS	NO <sub>2</sub> , SO <sub>2</sub> , O <sub>3</sub>	Column
SCIAMACHY, GOSAT, TROPOMI	CH <sub>4</sub>	Column
SCIAMACHY, GOSAT, OCO	CO <sub>2</sub>	Column
MOPITT TIR & NIR	CO	Column
MLS	O <sub>3</sub> , HCl, HNO <sub>3</sub> , N <sub>2</sub> O, H <sub>2</sub> O, CH <sub>3</sub> Cl, CO	Stratospheric limb profiles
OMPS-LP	O <sub>3</sub>	Stratospheric limb profiles

established      new

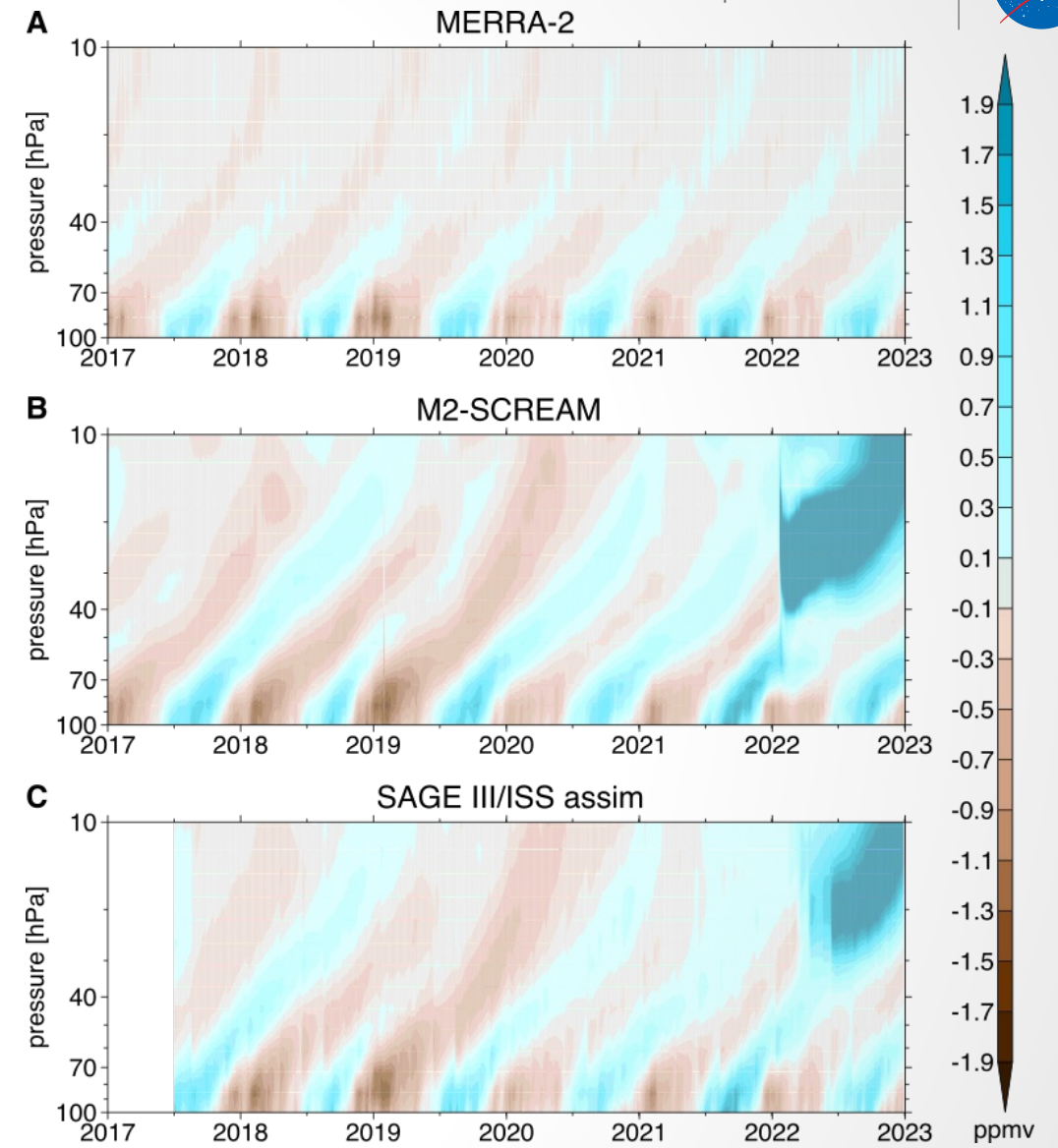
## Radiances

Sensor	Wavelength	Comment
AIRS, IASI (MetOp-A,B), CrIS FSR (potentially)	9.6 μm	Ozone-sensitive channels



# Preparing for the end of EOS missions

- The assimilation of SAGE water vapor is now possible in the GEOS CoDAS framework to carry-on the trend and climate assessments after the Aura mission.
- There is a clear benefit to assimilating the less frequent SAGE III/ISS water vapor observations, especially after anomalous events like the period following the Hunga Tonga Eruption.

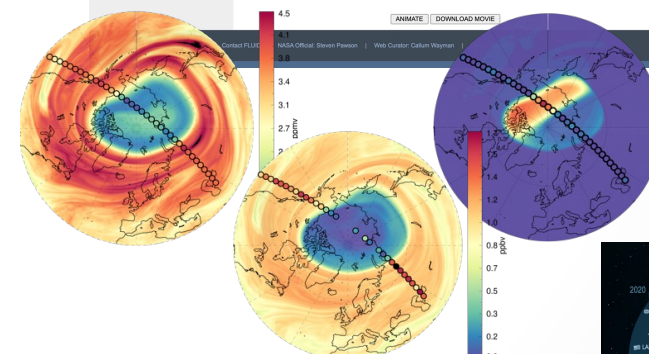
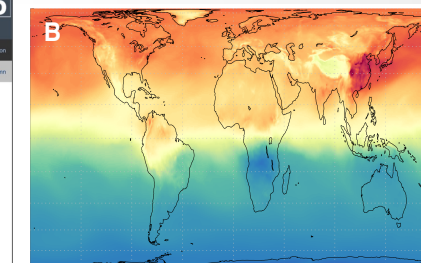
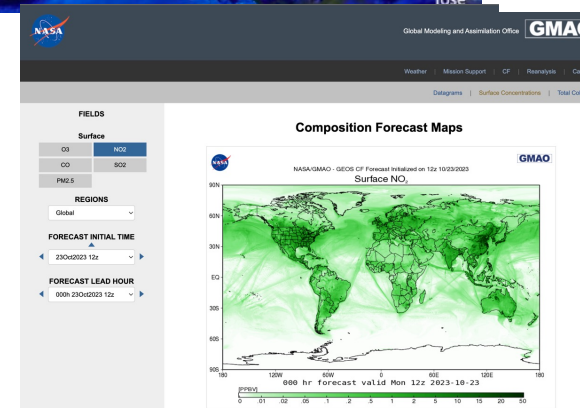
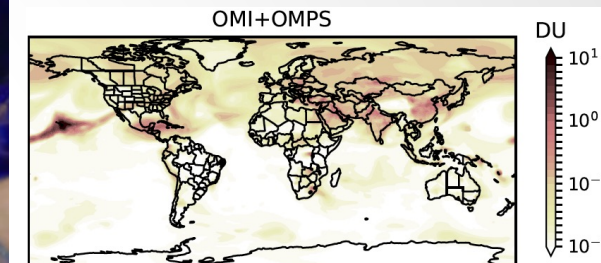
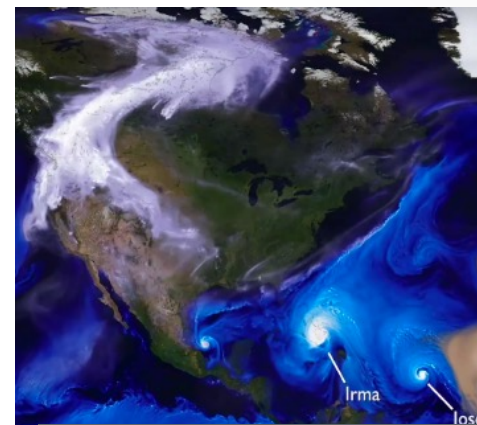


Tropical tape recorder signal assessed as anomalies in water vapor for 15°S to 15°N. Figure from Knowland et al. in prep

# Summary

- ❖ GMAO has a state-of-the-science Earth System model and data assimilation system
- ❖ Daily GEOS-CF global 5-day composition forecasts at 0.25° (25km) resolution are generated in near-real time
- ❖ GEOS-CF v2 will include CoDAS with O<sub>3</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, and SO<sub>2</sub>
- ❖ GEOS Composition Reanalysis builds on the development of tropospheric and stratospheric composition modeling and assimilation at GMAO
- ❖ Involved and invested in new data assimilation infrastructure for multi-constituent data assimilation system
- ❖ NASA products are research products

*Thank you for listening!*



(b) HNO<sub>3</sub>, 2011-03-18 : 18 UTC

