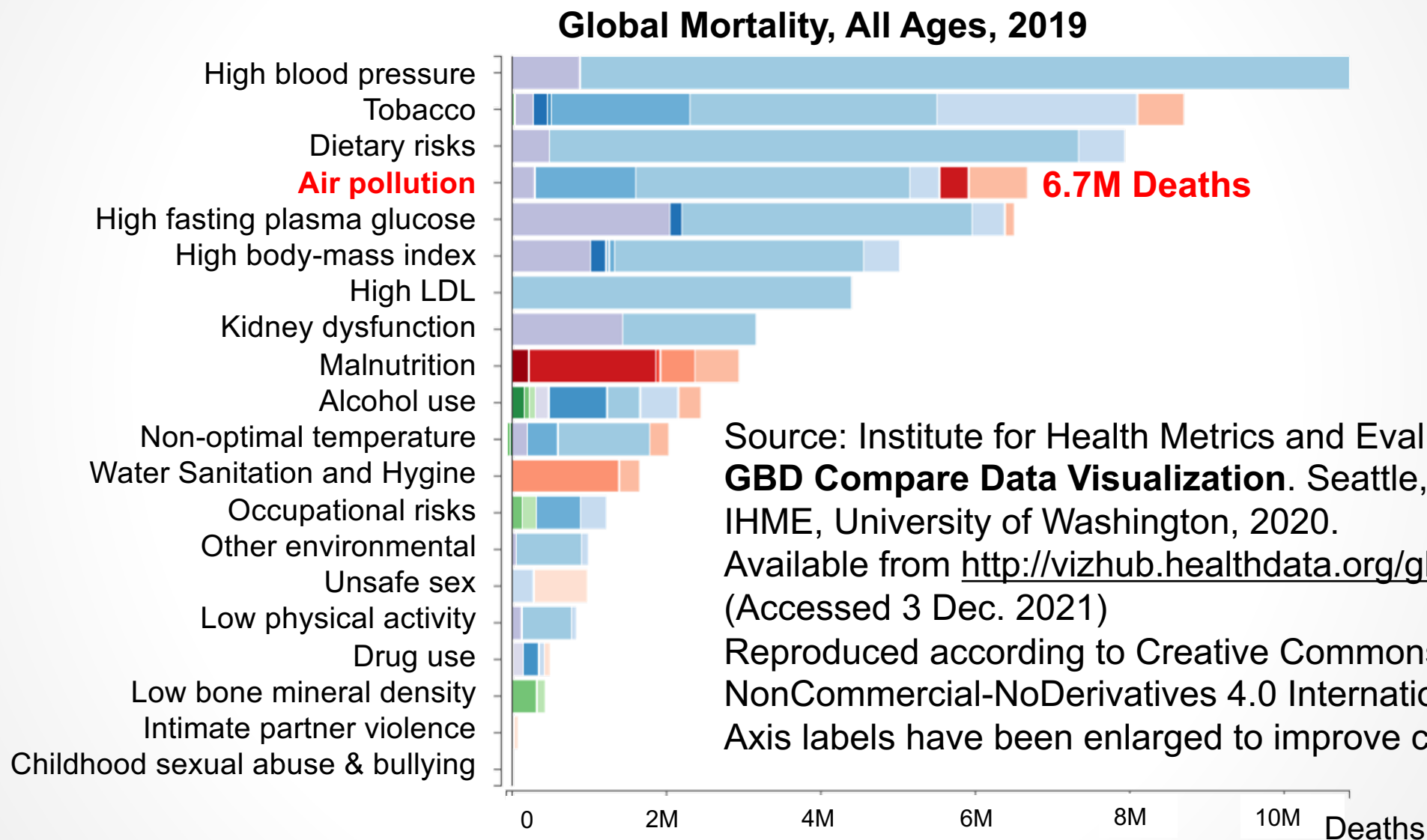


Air Quality Data Fusion with Sensors, Satellites, and Models

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The global risks of poor air quality are severe...

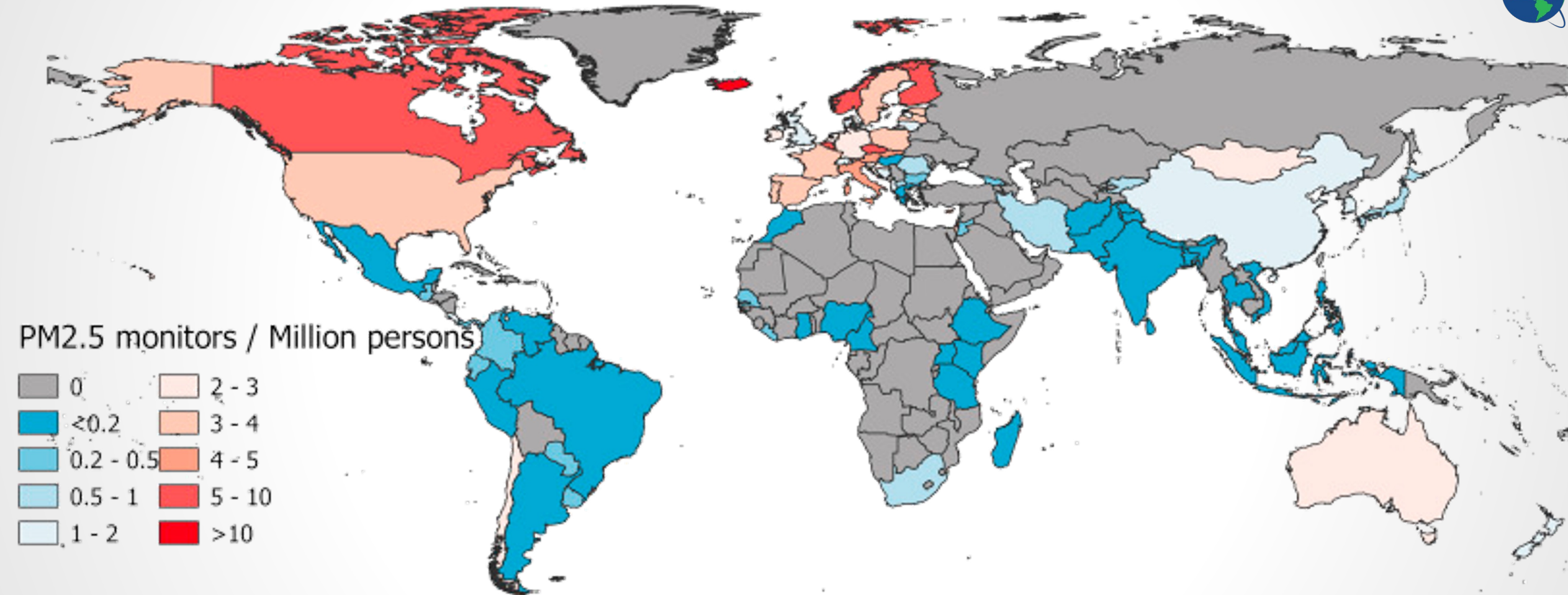


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Axis labels have been enlarged to improve clarity.

...but our knowledge of air quality is incomplete!



Source: Martin et al. (2019), “No one knows which city has the highest concentration of fine particulate matter”
Atmospheric Environment. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.aeaoa.2019.100040>

Outline

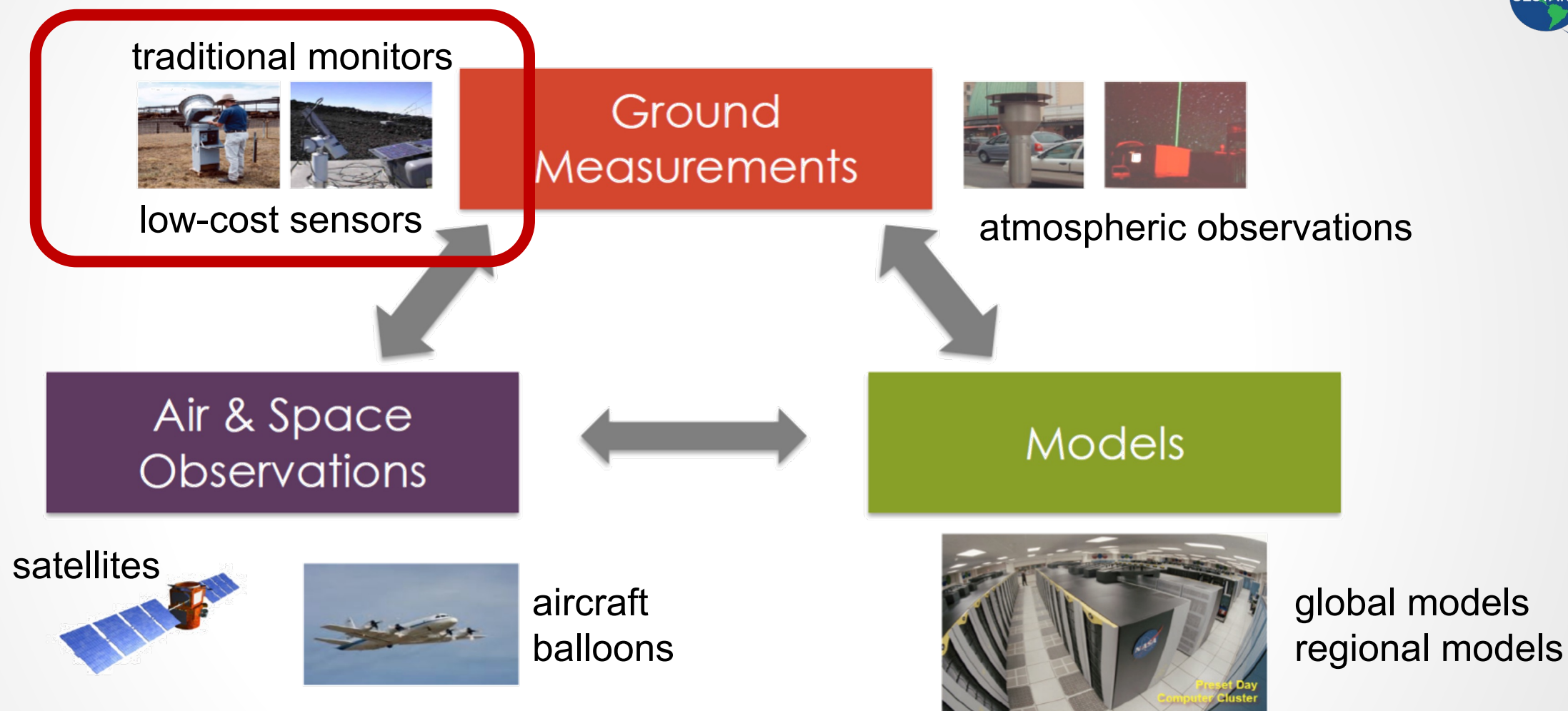
Part 1: Data Sources

- Regulatory Monitors
- Low-Cost Sensors
- Satellite Remote Sensing
- Atmospheric Chemistry and Transport Models
- Details on NASA GEOS-CF

Part 2: Data Fusion

- General Technique
- Example application in Google Earth Engine
- Ongoing Work: Uncertainty Quantification

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Traditional Regulatory Monitors



air quality monitoring trailer of the Houston Health Department,
www.houstontx.gov/health/Environmental



MetOne BAM-1020 for
Particulate Matter, metone.com

2BTech Model 405 for
NO_x, twobtech.com



- + accurate
- expensive
- ? representativity

These form the “backbone” of the monitoring system, but are relatively sparse (especially when taking a global view).

Low-Cost Air Quality Sensors



SENSIT RAMP multi-
pollutant sensor,
gasleaksensors.com

PurpleAir for Particulate
Matter, purpleair.com



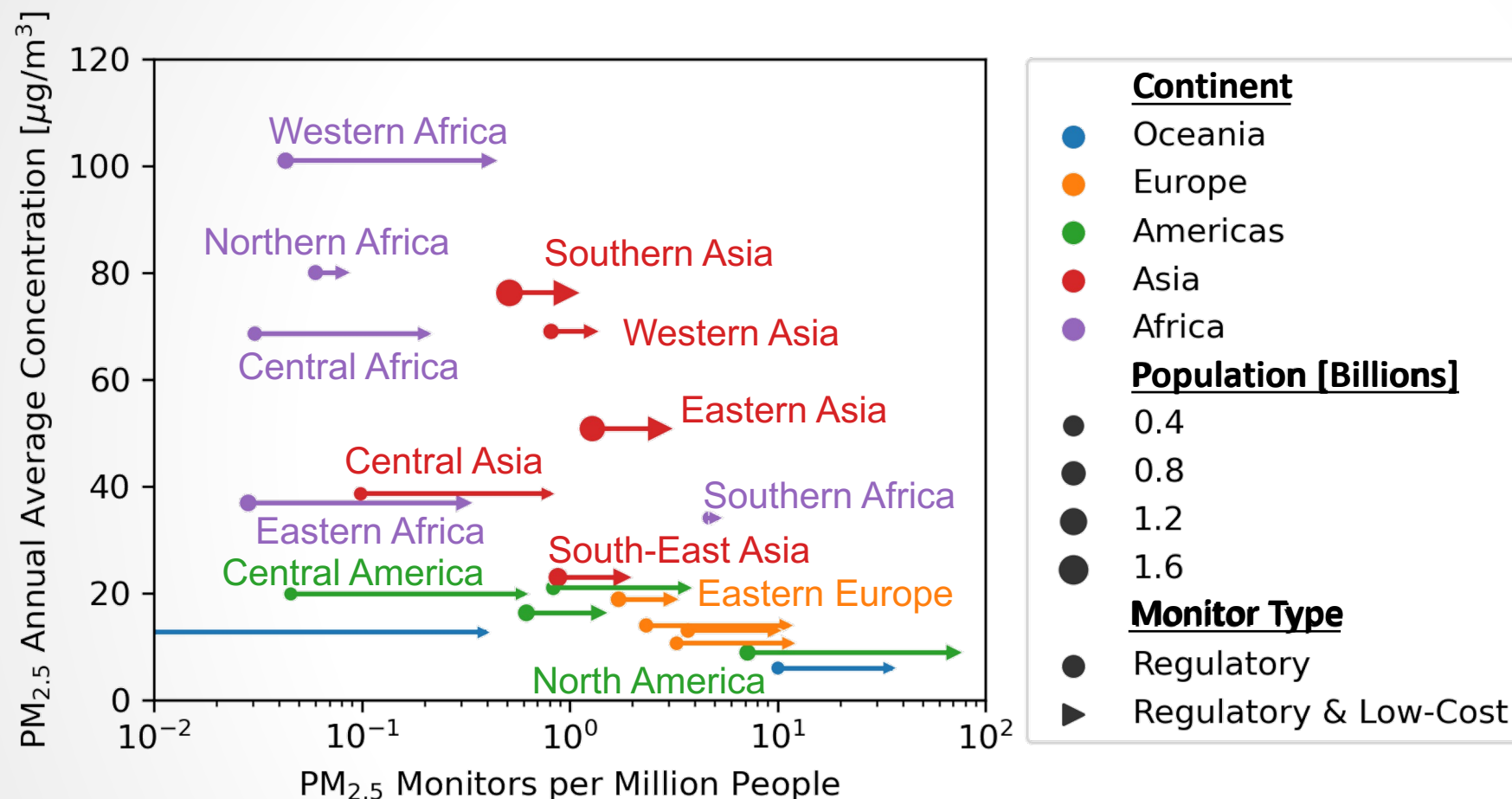
- + relatively inexpensive
- + dense and/or remote deployment
- greater noise and bias

calibration is an open issue, but leveraging network density
can offset some of these shortcomings, and allows greater
access to air quality monitoring technologies



Clarity Node for PM
and NOx, clarity.io

Global Monitoring of Air Quality (surface monitors)



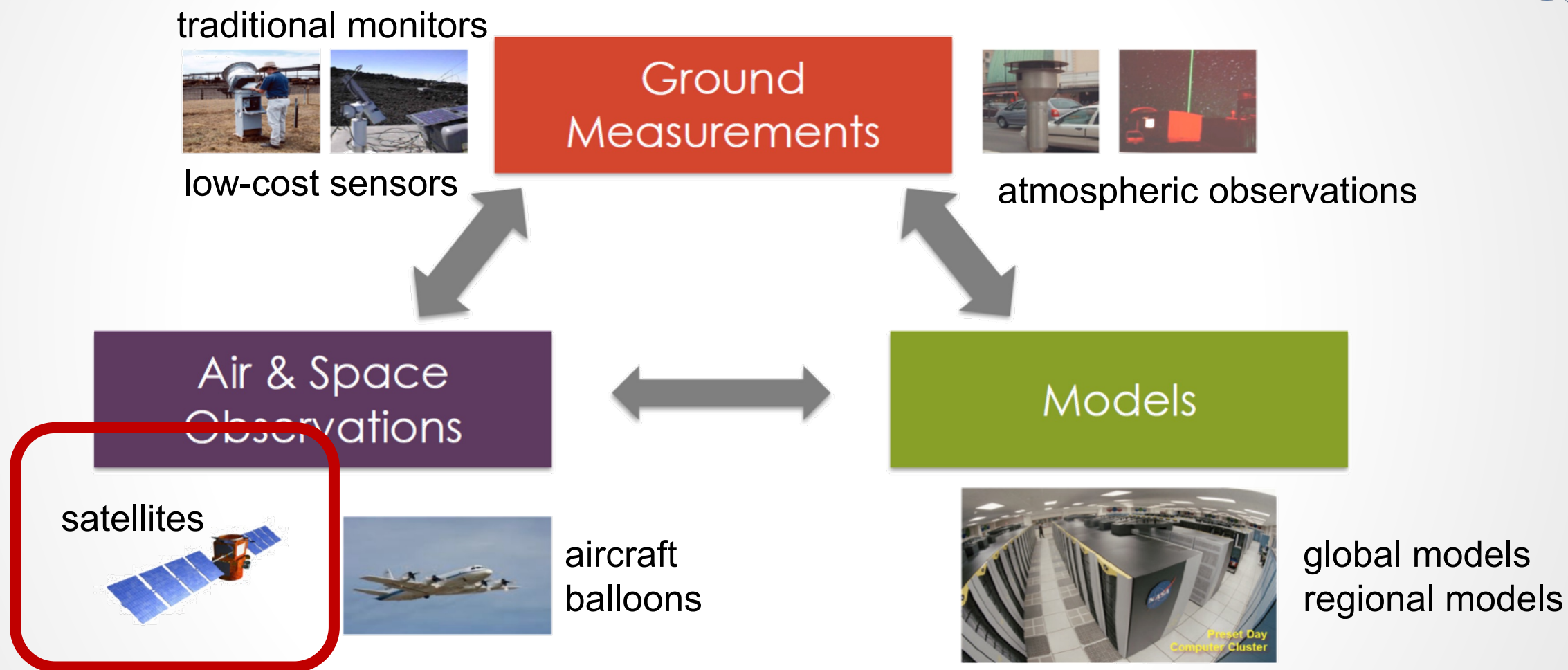
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Updated analysis based on open air quality data available from openAQ.org

Many regions (especially Africa & Asia) feature high PM_{2.5} concentration but low per-capita PM_{2.5} monitor density, leading to **poor AQ data coverage**.

Including low-cost sensors **increases per-capita AQ monitor density by up to an order of magnitude** in several major regions.

This highlights the need for **openly accessible AQ data** and the need to **integrate traditional & low-cost measurements**

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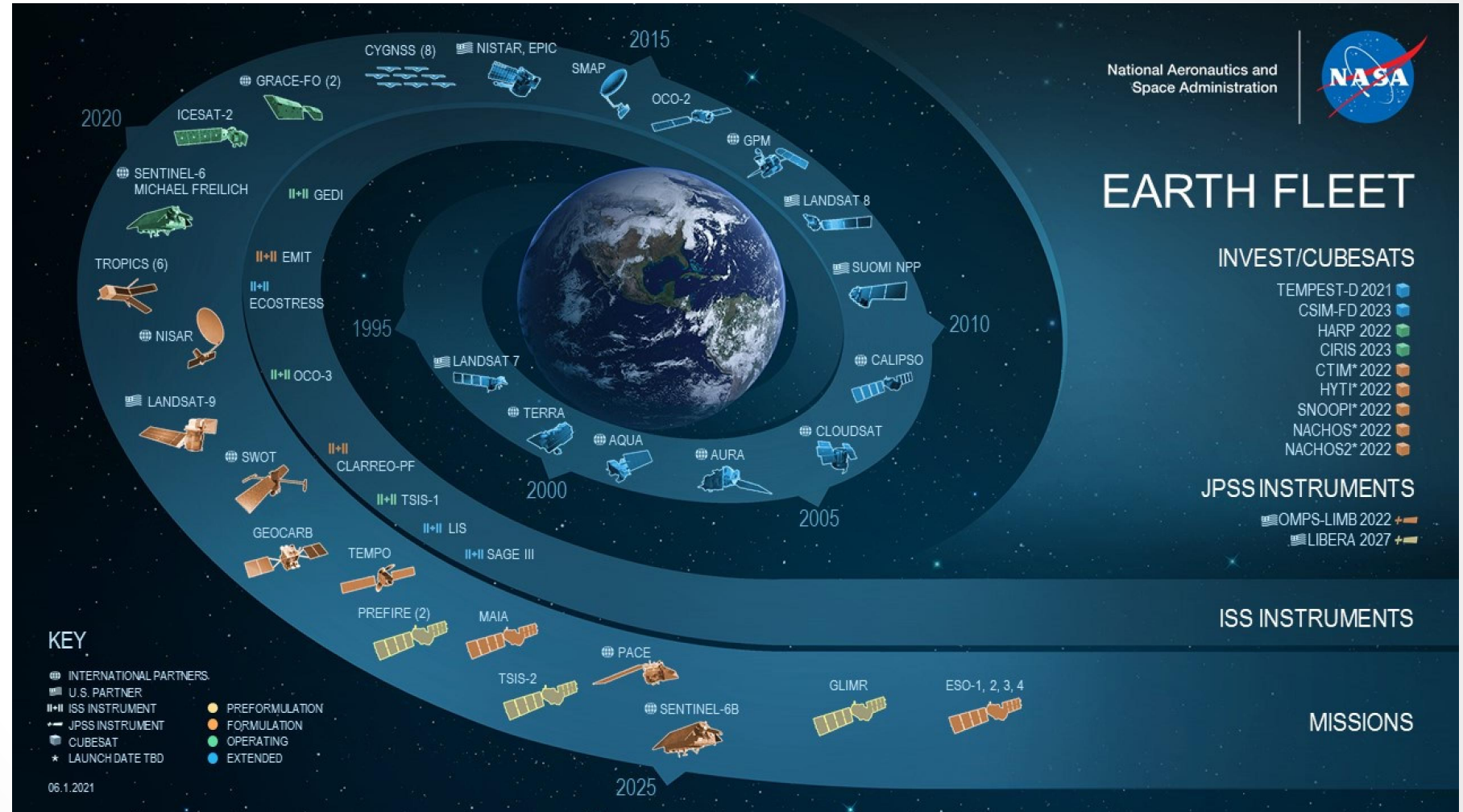
Satellite instruments and retrievals

Geophysical Parameters
(useful data product)

Retrieval Algorithm (data
processing)

Radiative Transfer Theory
(physics)

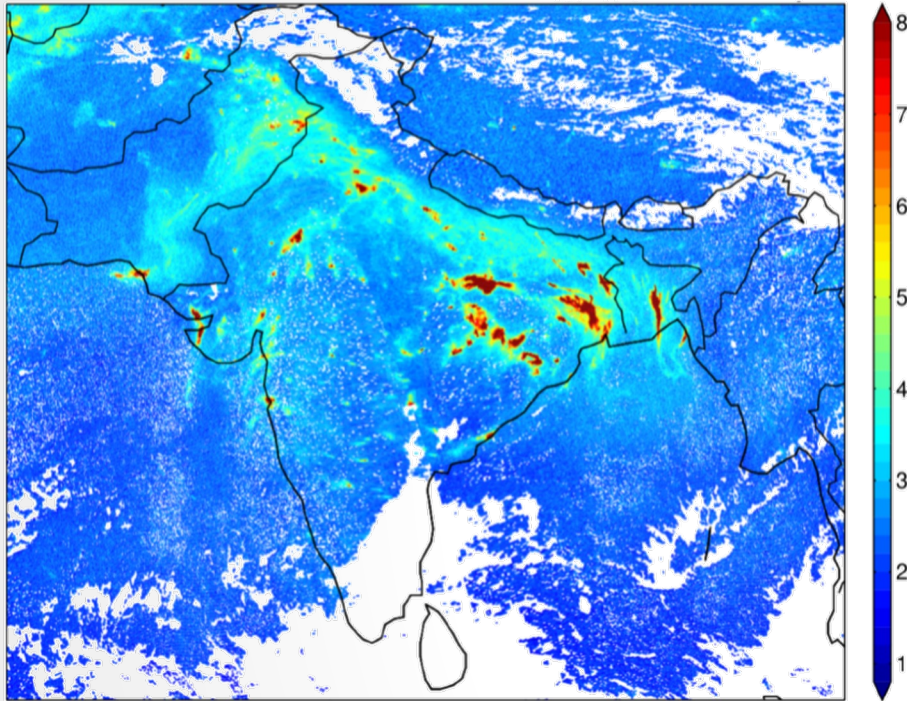
Spectral Radiance
(instrument)



Source: NASA Earth Science <https://science.nasa.gov/earth-science>

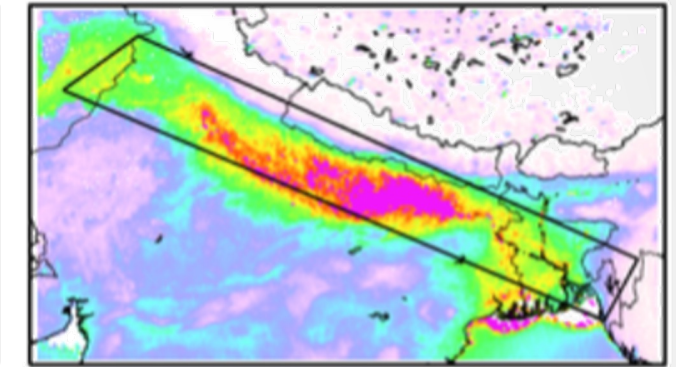
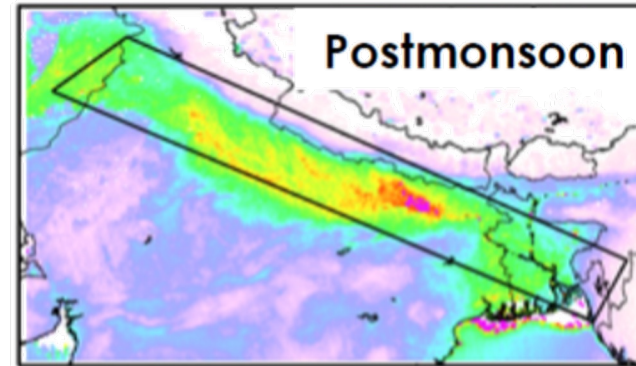
What a satellite CAN do for air quality

TROPOMI NO₂ (Real Data)

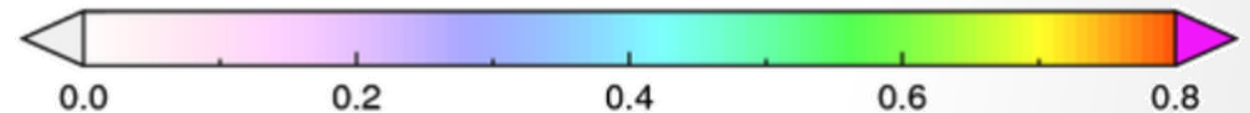


2003-2007

2008-2014



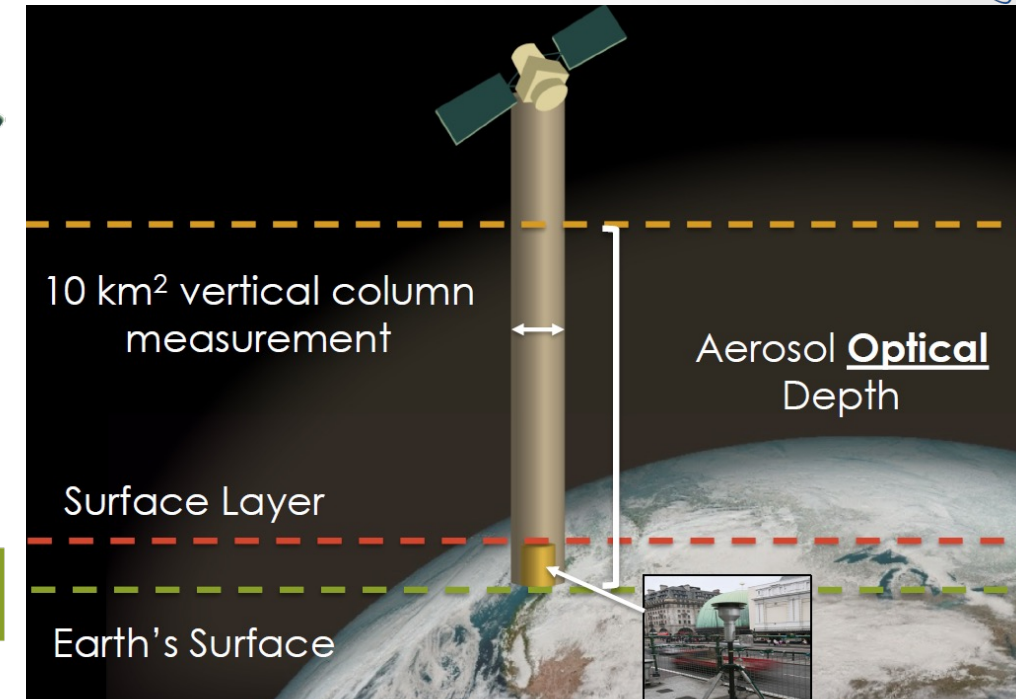
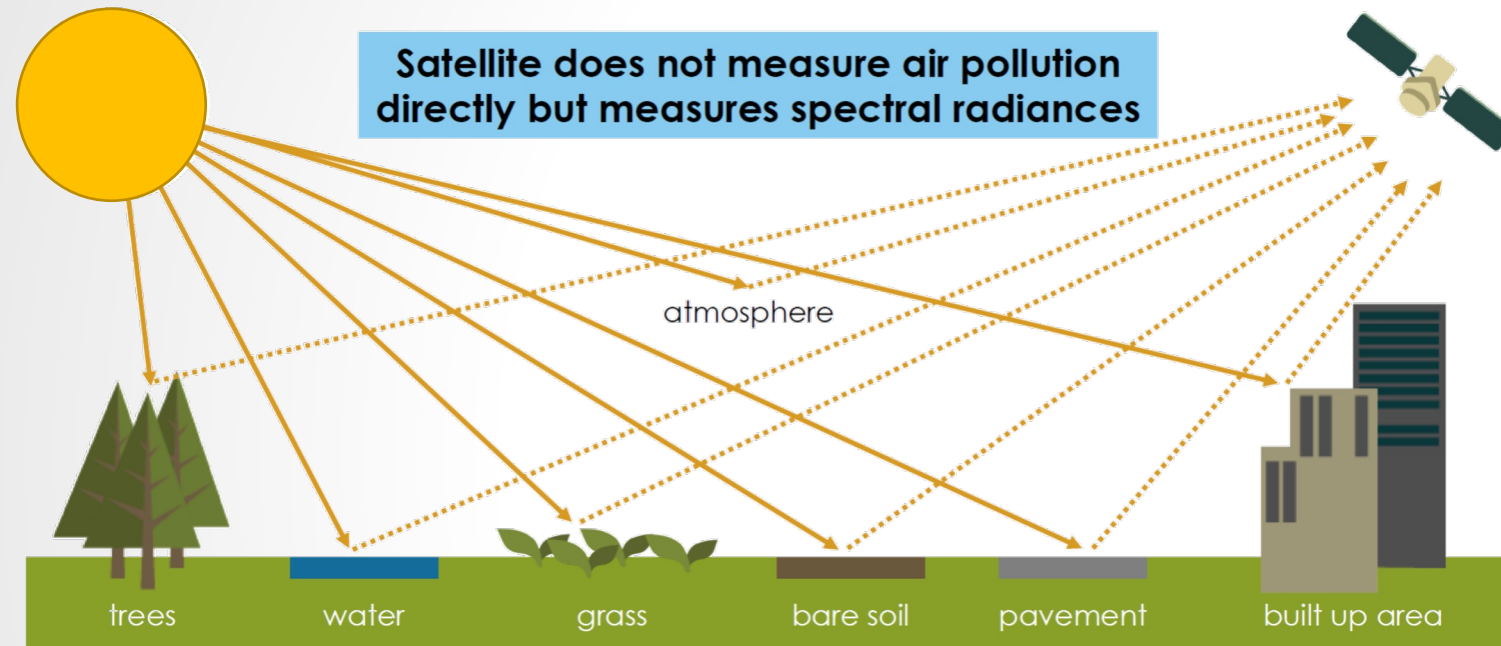
Aerosol Optical Depth at 550 nm



- **Examine a large area:** where are the hotspots? how is long-range transport happening?
- **Track changes over time:** how much has the average concentration over an area changed over time?
- **A picture is worth a million datapoints:** Anyone can understand a satellite photo of a smoke plume.

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What a satellite CANNOT do for air quality



- **See at night:** satellites measure the properties of reflected sunlight passing through the atmosphere.
- **See through clouds:** most satellite measurements are blocked by cloud cover.
- **See what is happening at “nose level”:** satellites measure quantities in the whole atmosphere.
- **See at different times of day:** polar-orbiting satellites will observe a location once per day.

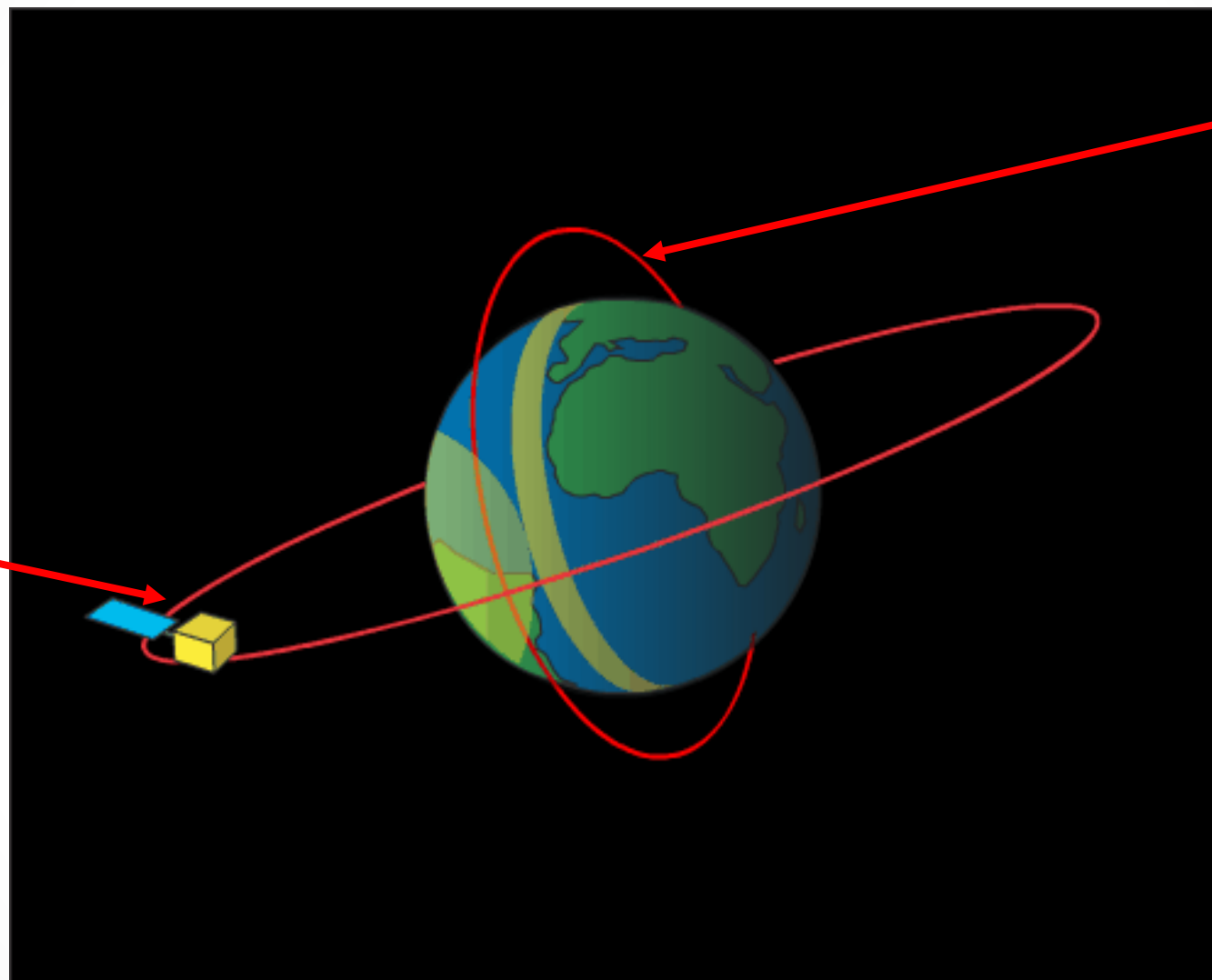
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Common types of orbits for air quality satellites

Geostationary Orbit

Observes the same
area all the time

Observes throughout
the day (weather and
light permitting)



Polar Orbit

Observes a location
about once a day
(weather permitting)

Observes at about
the same time of day
(sun-synchronous)

source: NOAA
<https://scijinks.gov/orbit/>

Tropospheric Emissions: Monitoring of POLLution (TEMPO)

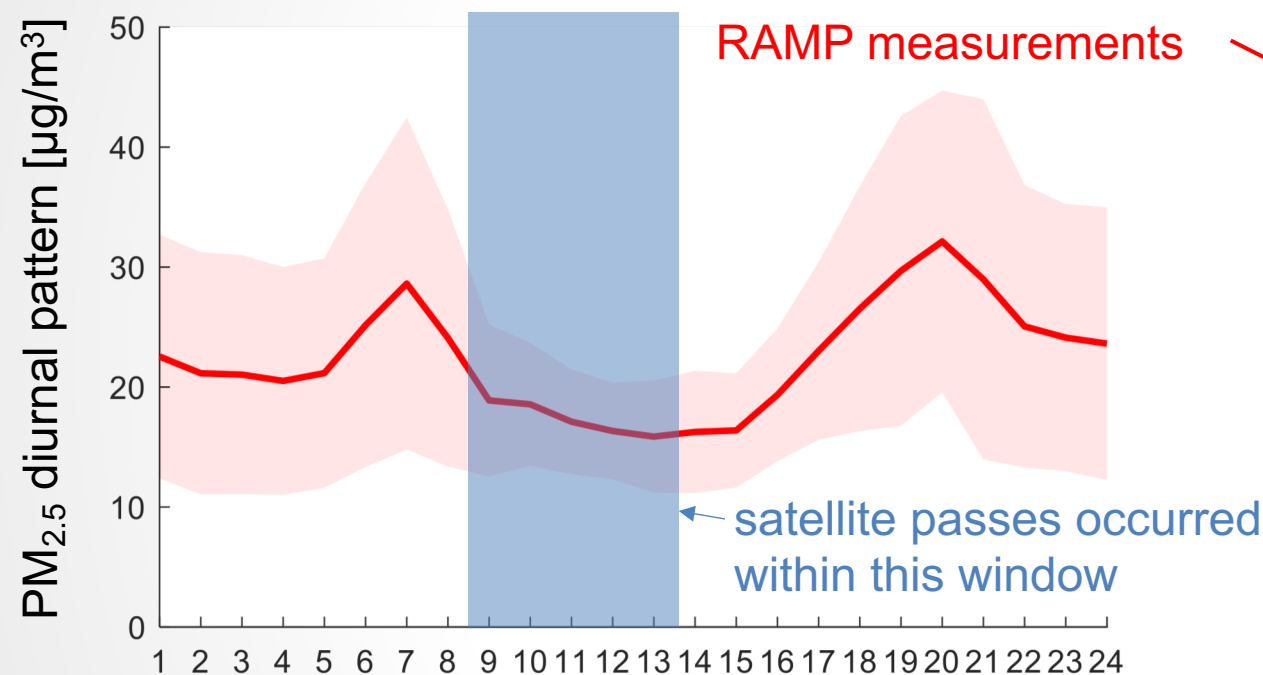
Proxy TEMPO Tropospheric NO₂ 20130809 1000 UTC



New geostationary instrument providing hourly trace gas products over North America
Launched April 7, 2023; [“first look” images released August 24, 2023](#), full data expected mid-2024.

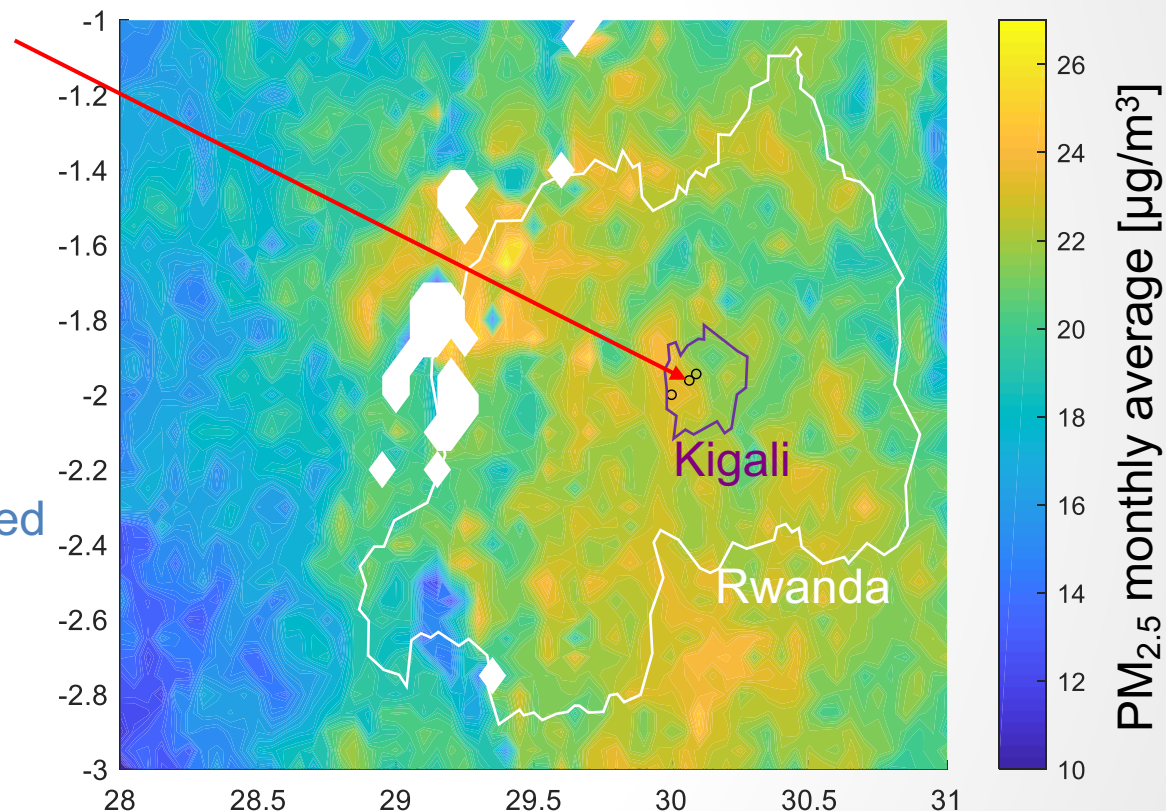
Satellites and surface sensors are complementary

Temporal Coverage (local measurements)



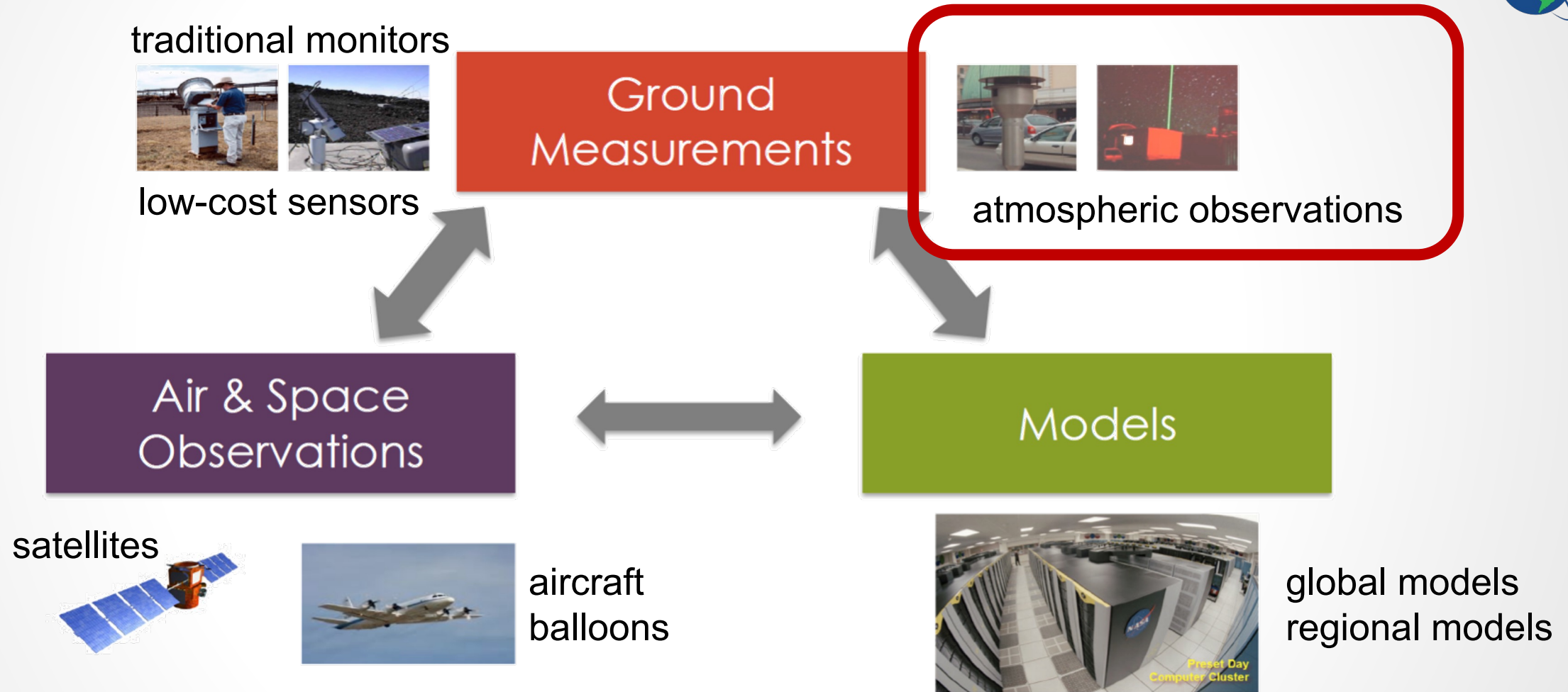
passes during low-concentration
periods may bias long-term averaging

Spatial Coverage (satellite)



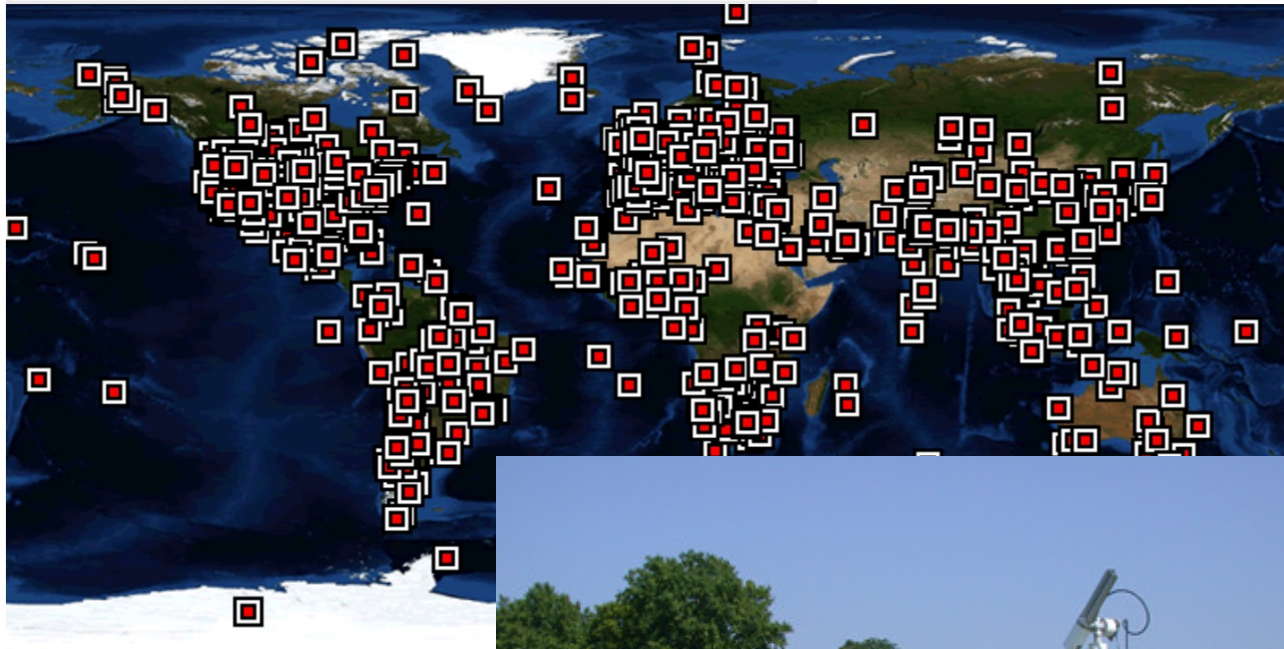
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Ground-based atmospheric column observations

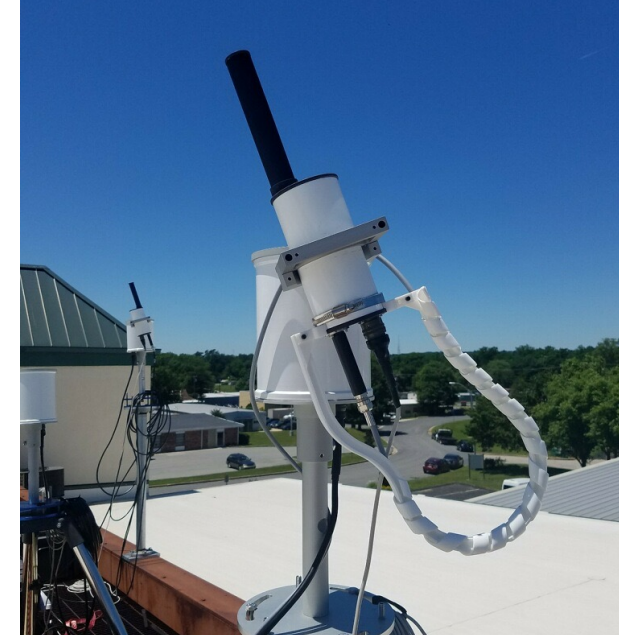


AERONET
aerosol optical depth
(relevant to PM)

Source: <https://aeronet.gsfc.nasa.gov/>

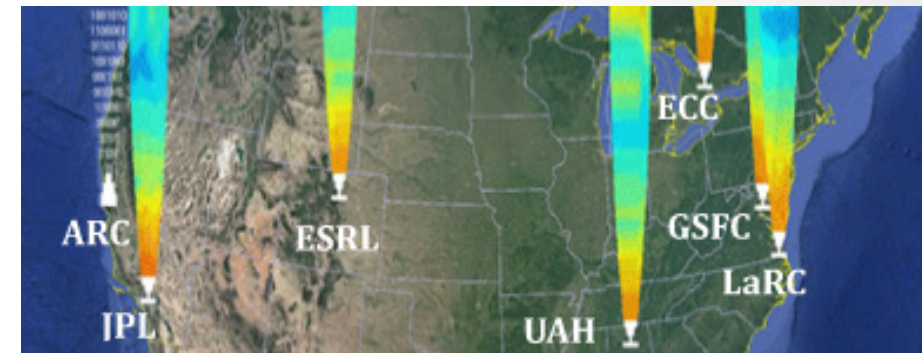


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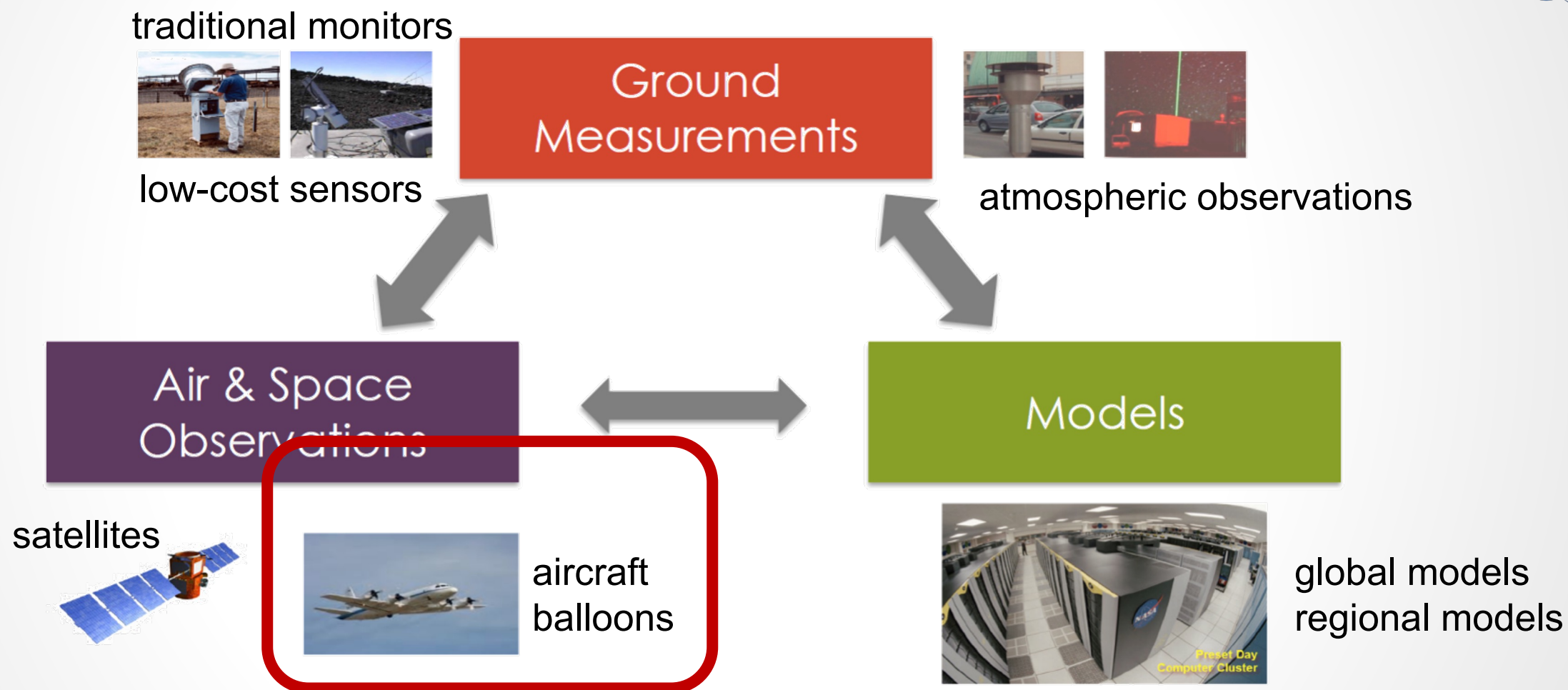
PANDORA
atmospheric gases
(NO₂, Ozone)

TOLNET
LIDAR measurements
of Ozone profiles



Source: <https://www-air.larc.nasa.gov/missions/TOLNet/index.html>

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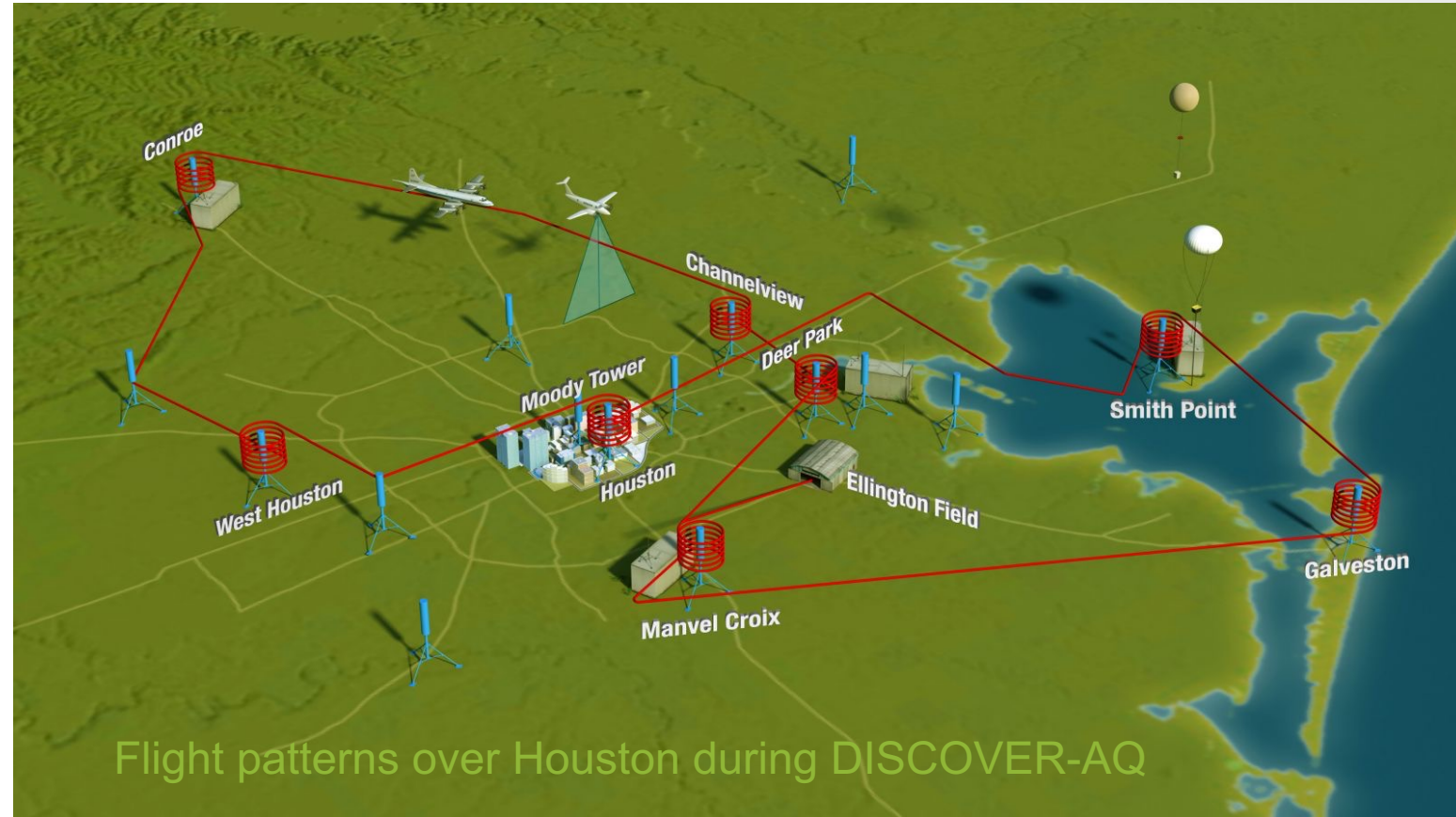
A few airborne air quality campaigns

Typically, these campaigns gather data to improve satellite retrieval algorithms and models.



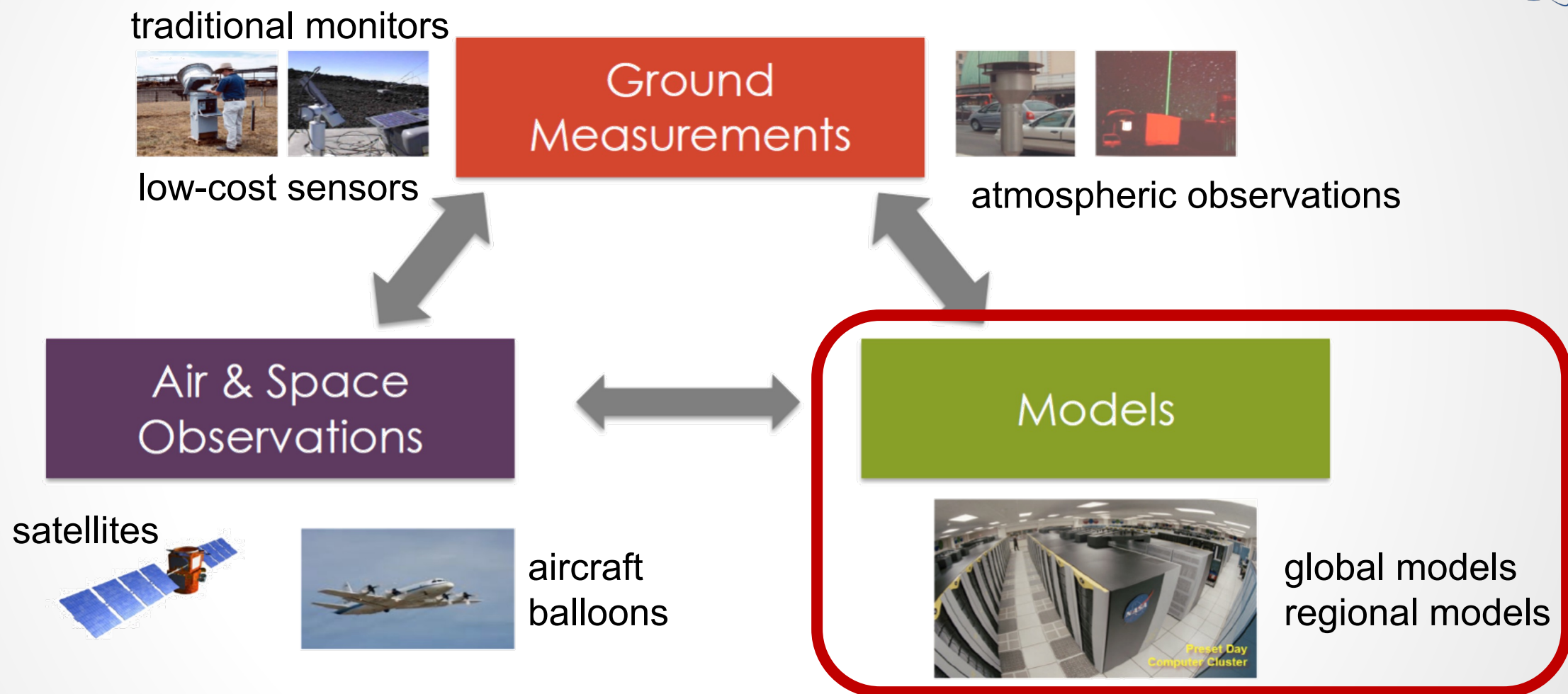
Instruments aboard NASA DC-8 Aircraft
(photo credit: Pedro Campuzano-Jost)

Source: <https://espo.nasa.gov/firex-aq/content/FIREX-AQ>



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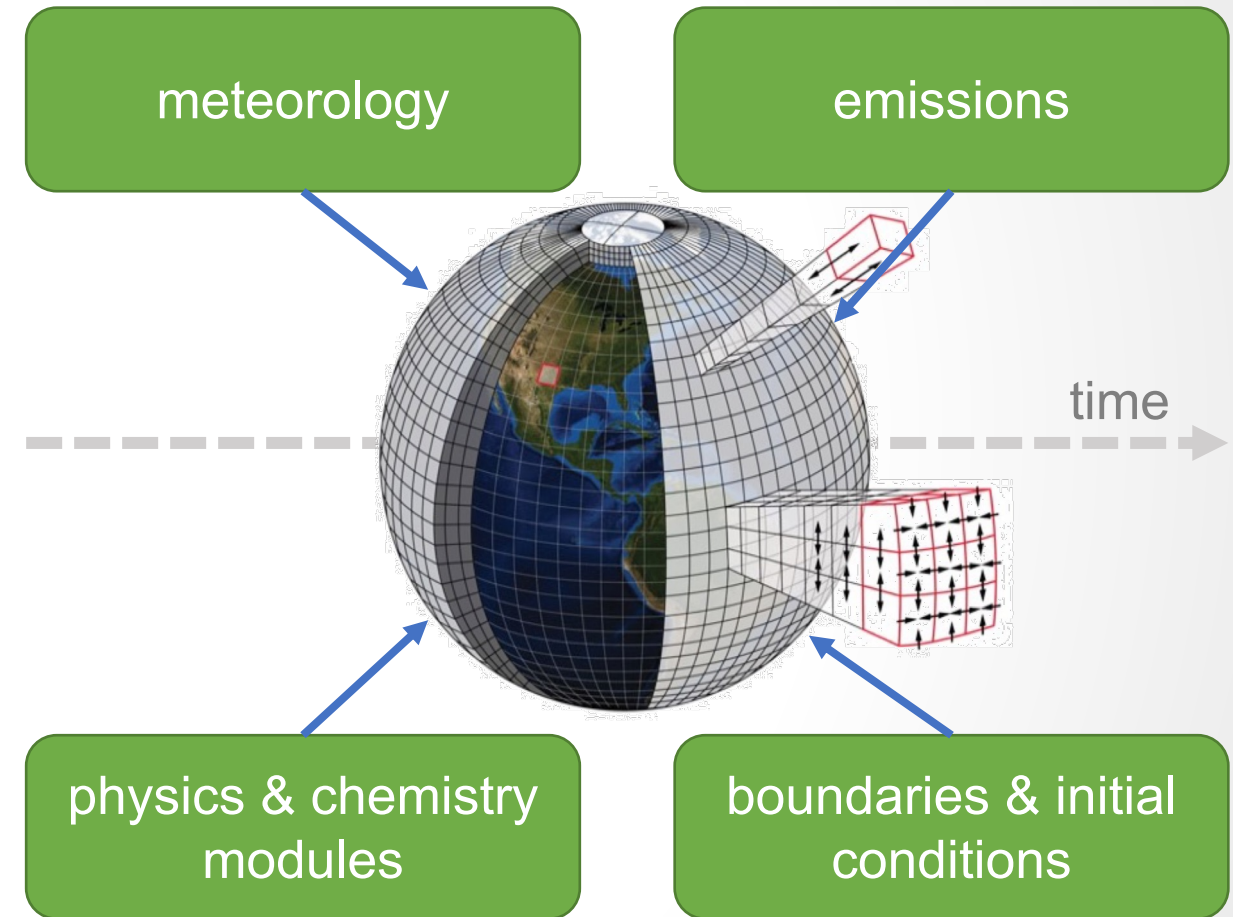
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Atmospheric transport & chemistry models

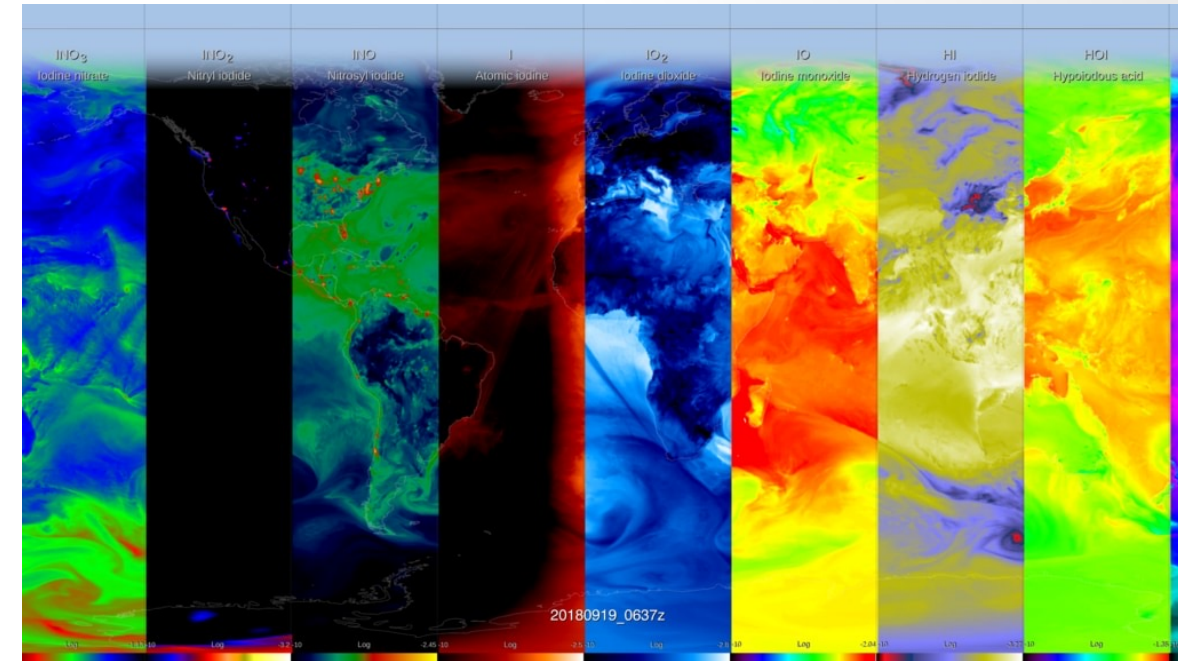
- **Mathematically represent the processes which influence air quality** (emission, transport, diffusion, transformation, removal)
- Operate on a **4D grid** with a specified resolution (horizontal, vertical, temporal)
- Can be part of an **Earth Systems Model** simulating the atmosphere, hydrosphere, geosphere, biosphere, etc.
- Models require decades of research and development; **updates integrate the latest science**, but make it harder to compare between different versions of the model
- **Different models use different approaches**, and so give different results.



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Advantages of air quality models

- Simulate physical and chemical processes which affect air quality; **data are self-consistent**.
- Applicable to **many space & time scales**.
- **No “missing data”**. The model grid is complete.
- Can forecast **future conditions**.
- Can utilize measurements (through data assimilation), but do not require measurements; this makes models **useful in data-sparse regions**.
- **Freely available** global models are run by various groups (including NASA), whose outputs can be used by anyone around the world for free.
- Simulations can **identify sources** of pollution and their relative importance to local air quality.



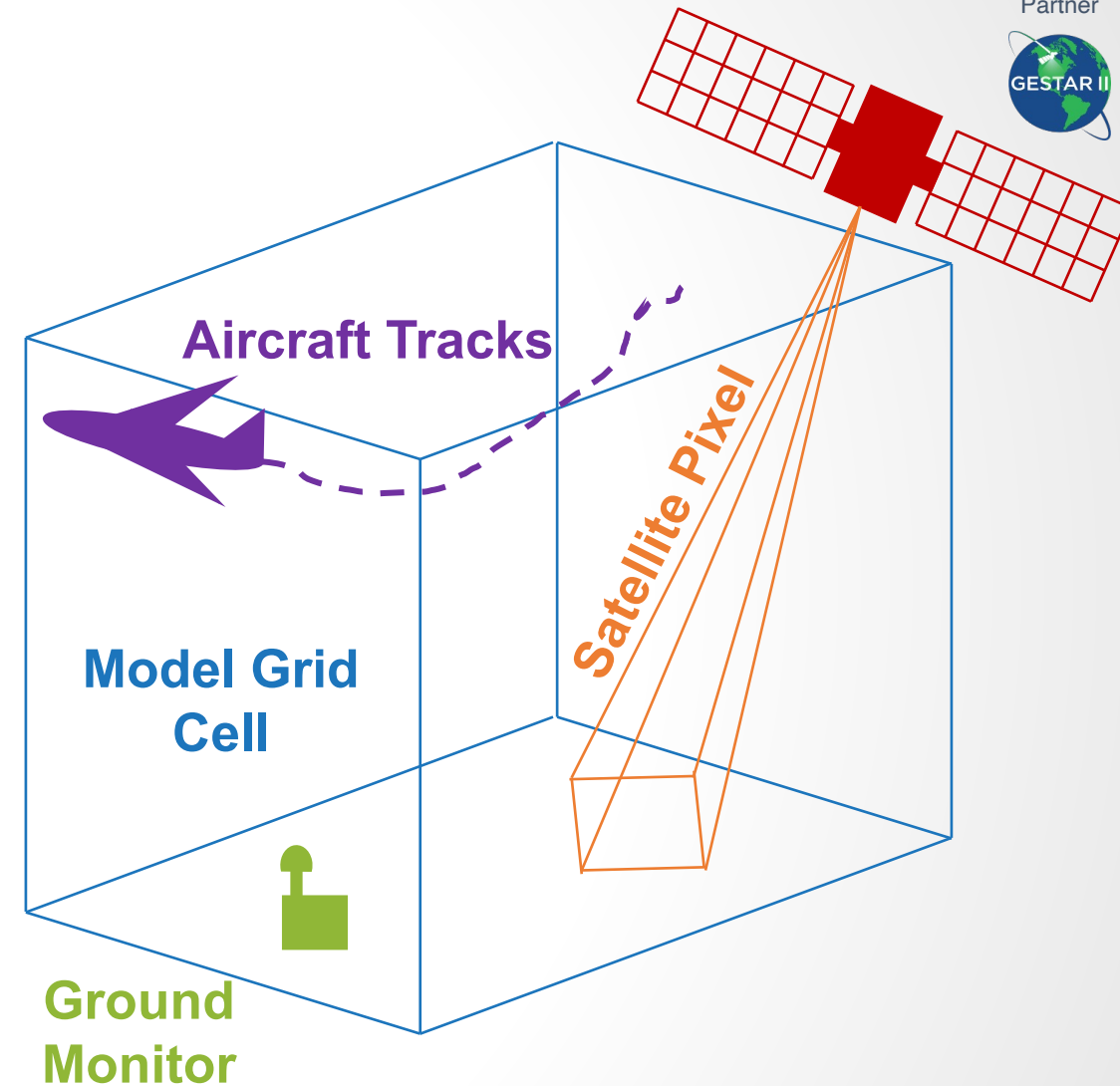
Visualization of several outputs from the NASA GEOS atmospheric chemistry model system.

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Weaknesses of air quality models

- **“garbage in, garbage out”**; model outputs are only as good as the emissions data, model assumptions, and initial conditions that are used.
- **Out of date** and/or **coarse resolution emissions inventories** cause uncertainty.
- **Model outputs are not directly comparable to ground or other data sources** due to the scale mis-match; the model estimates average concentrations across its grid, which are not the same as measurements at specific locations.
- Models are difficult and **computationally intensive** to run.
- **Large amount of data** requires expertise & software to interpret and visualize.



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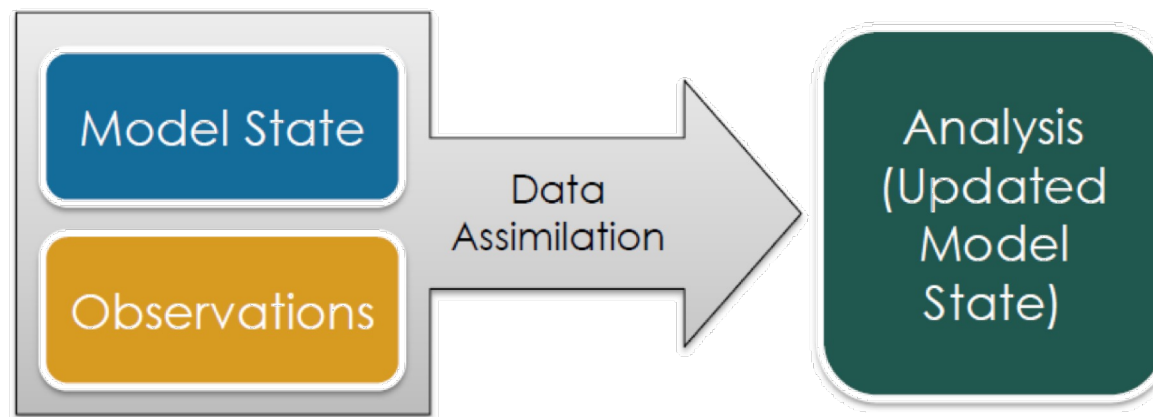


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Assimilation, analysis, reanalysis & forecasting

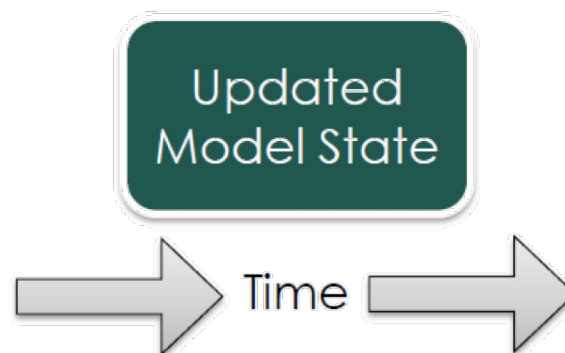
Data assimilation

describes the process of assimilating, or incorporating, observations into a model state to produce the best estimate of the atmosphere, land, and ocean conditions.



An **analysis** is the blend of the model and observations.

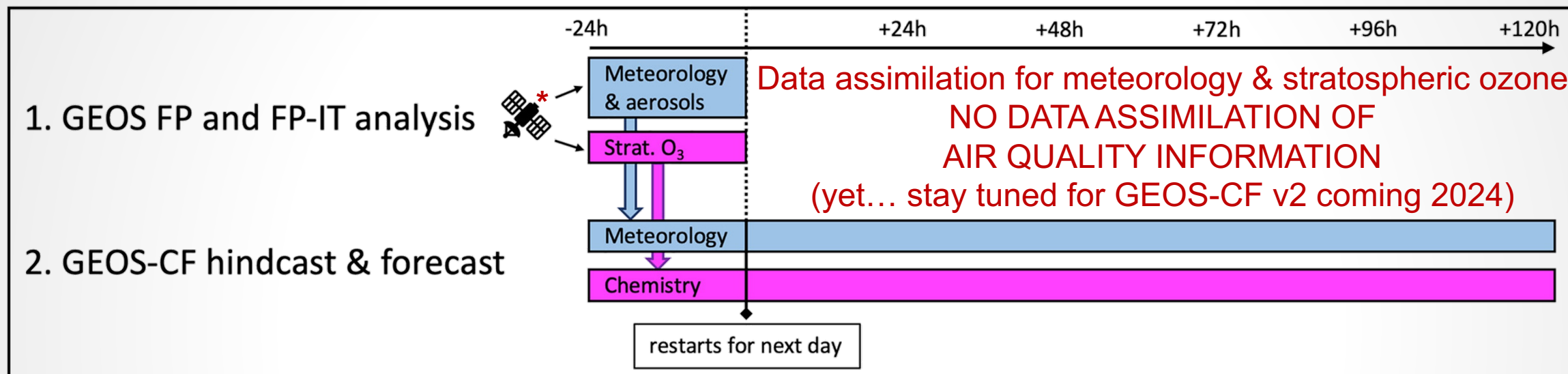
A **reanalysis** blends observations with model simulations of the past using a single model version.



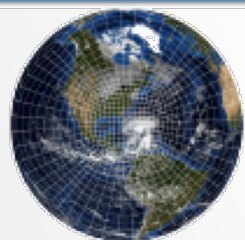
A **forecast** is a model simulation run forward in time to predict a future state.

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GEOS Composition Forecast (GEOS-CF)

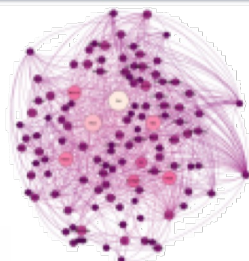


GEOS
Meteorology



+

GEOS-Chem
Chemistry

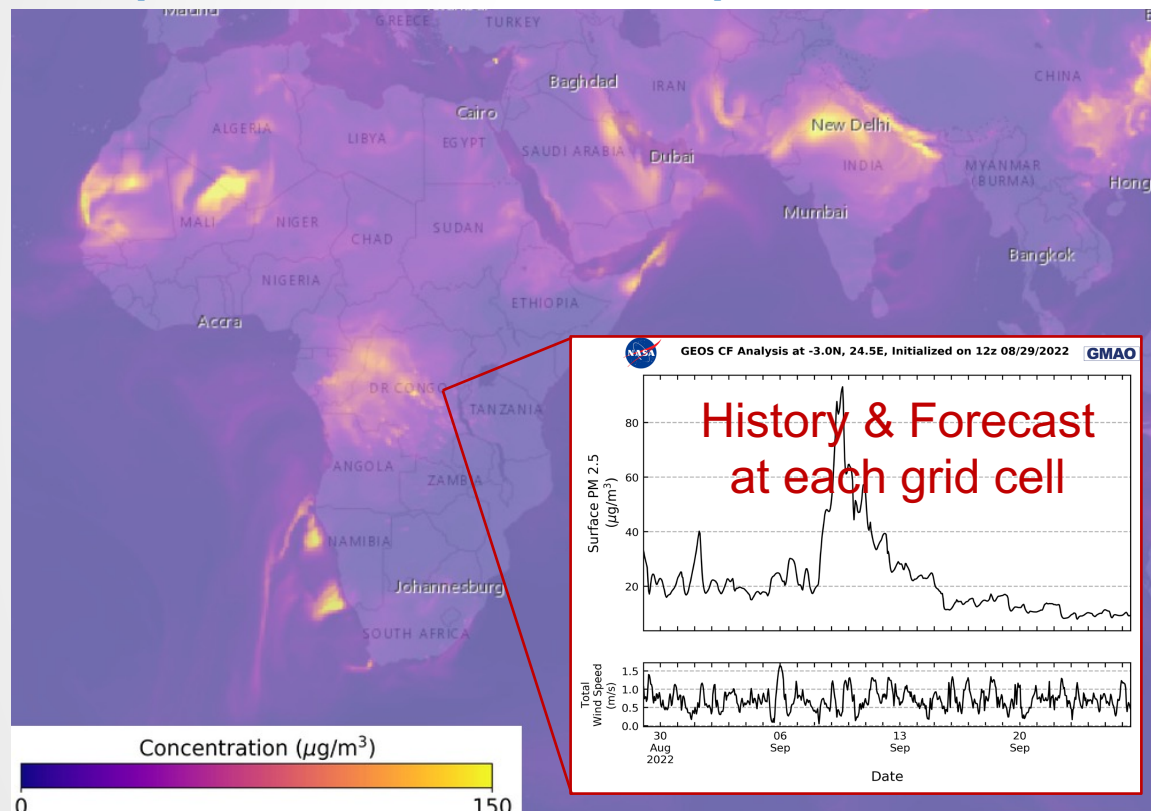


- Combine GEOS meteorology with GEOS-Chem chemistry
- 250 chemical species
- Hourly temporal resolution
- 0.25 degree (25 km) spatial resolution
- Global coverage
- Daily 1-day hindcast and 5-day forecast

Source: Keller, C., et al. (2021) "Description of the NASA GEOS Composition Forecast Modeling System GEOS-CF v1.0". *Journal of Advances in Modeling Earth Systems*, 13:4.
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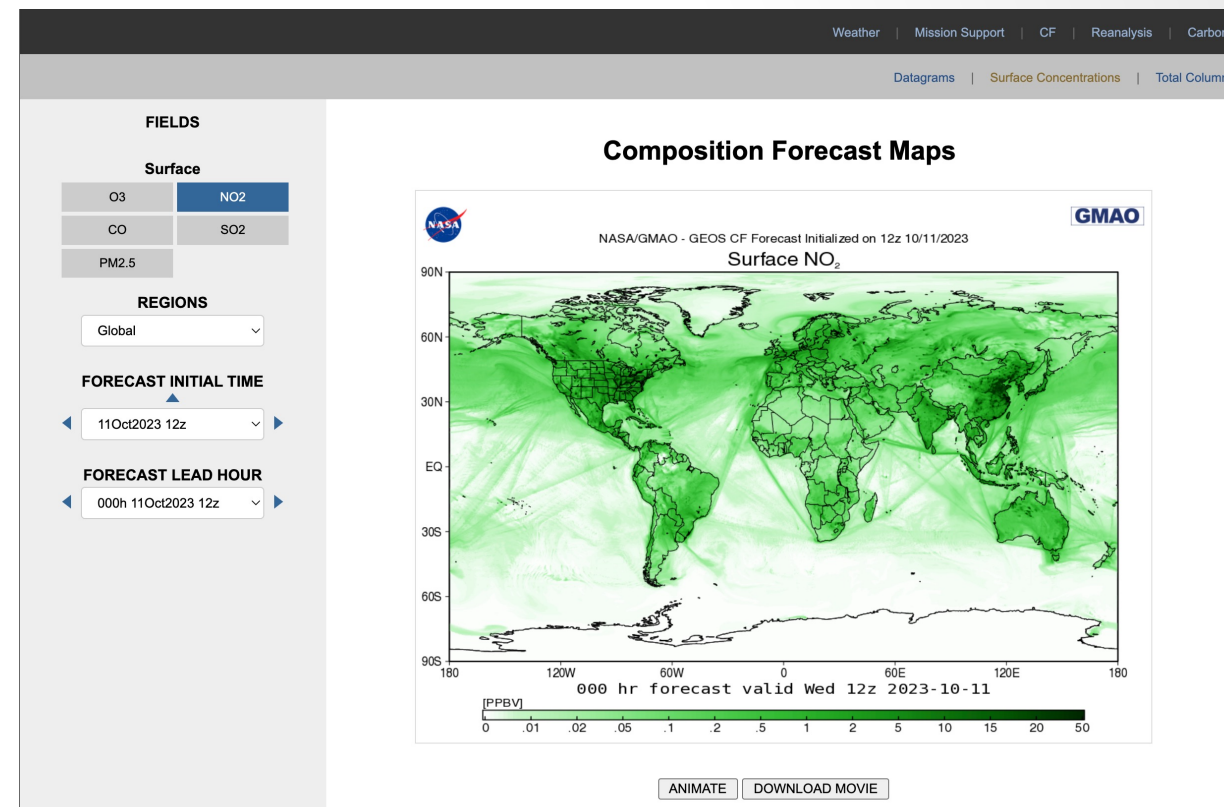
Interacting with NASA GEOS-CF data products

Example: interactive FLUID map for GEOS-CF PM_{2.5}



GEOS-CF FLUID interactive map https://fluid.nccs.nasa.gov/cf_map/index

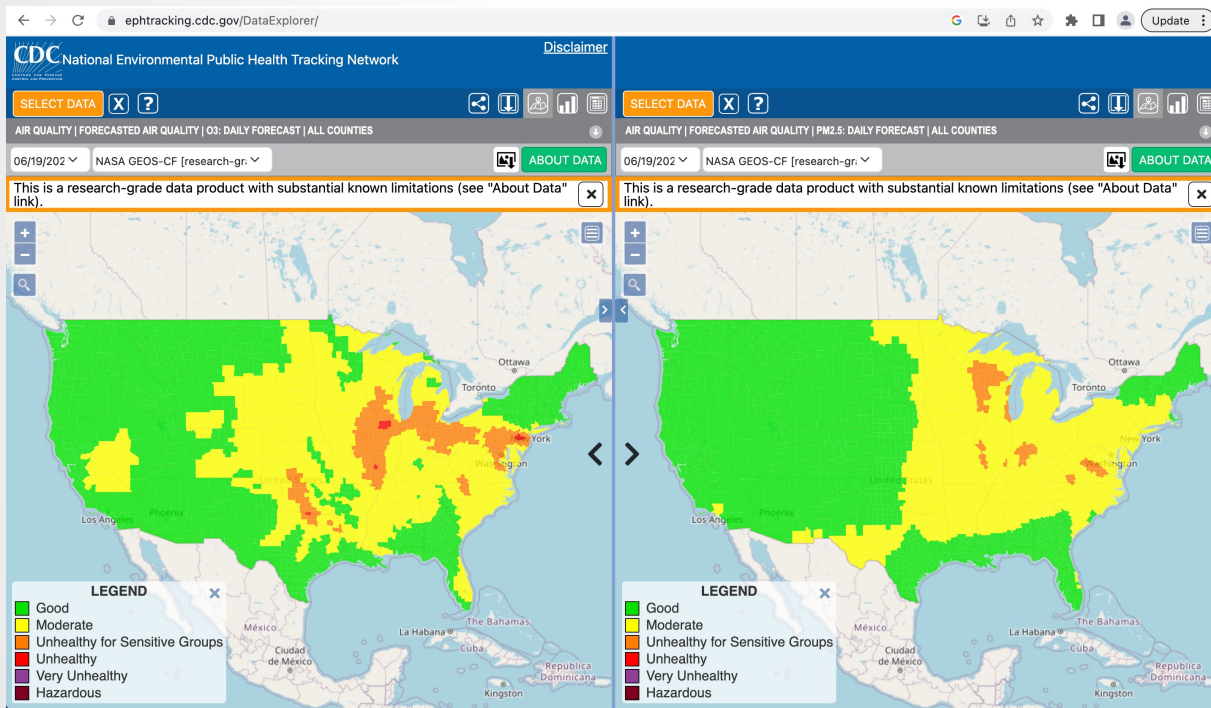
Example: FLUID animated map for GEOS-CF NO₂



GEOS-CF FLUID animated maps https://fluid.nccs.nasa.gov/cf/classic_geos_cf/

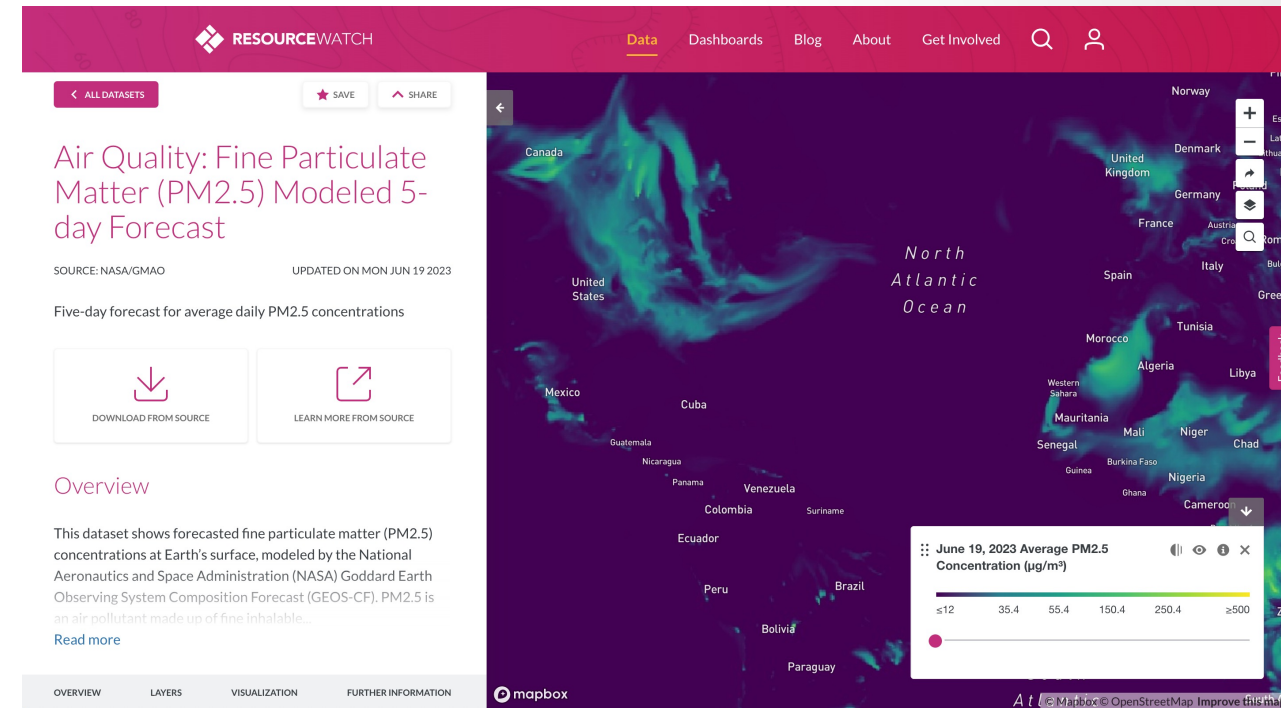
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Example: Derived Air Quality Index in CDC Tracker



Source: <https://ephtracking.cdc.gov/DataExplorer/>

Example: Forecasts in WRI CityAQ ResourceWatch



Source: <https://www.wri.org/initiatives/cityaq>

NASA GEOS-CF Data in Google Earth Engine

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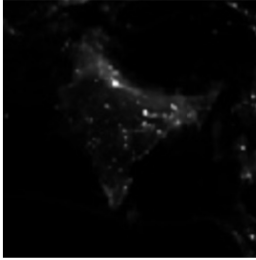
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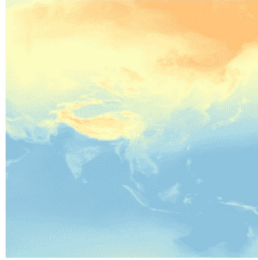


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composition forecast geos

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GEOS-CF fcst tavg1hr v1: Goddard Earth Observing System Composition Forecast

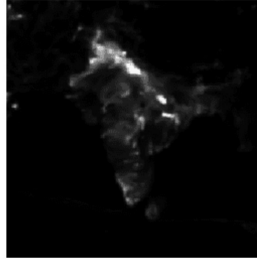


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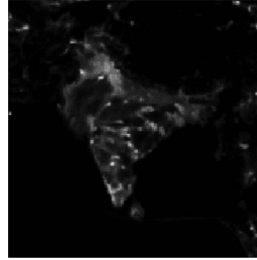


This dataset contains meteorological replay (rpl) of high-temporal frequency data (htf). The Goddard Earth Observing System Composition Forecast (GEOS-CF) system is a high-resolution (0.25°) global constituent prediction system from NASA's Global Modeling and Assimilation Office (GMAO). GEOS-CF offers a new tool for atmospheric chemistry research, with ...

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GEOS-CF rpl tavg1hr v1: Goddard Earth Observing System Composition Forecast



This dataset contains meteorological replay (rpl) of time-average one hour data (tavg1hr). It is built by merging the original GEOS-CF collections chm_tavg_1hr_g1440x721_v1, met_tavg_1hr_g1440x721_x1, and xgc_tavg_1hr_g1440x721_x1. The Goddard Earth Observing System Composition Forecast (GEOS-CF) system is a high-resolution (0.25°) global constituent prediction system from NASA's Global ...

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NASA/GEOS-CF/v1/rpl/tavg1hr

Replay (best estimate of past conditions)

1-hour time-averaged

Surface air quality bands:

PM25_RH35_GCC, NO2, CO, SO2, O3

NASA/GEOS-CF/v1/rpl/htf

Replay (best estimate of past conditions)

High time frequency (15 minute instantaneous)

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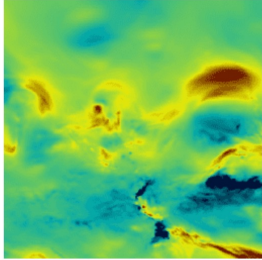
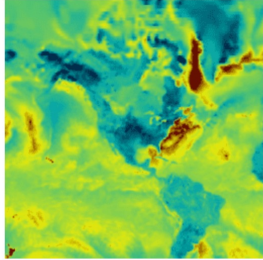
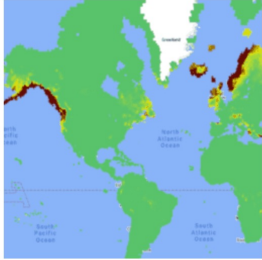
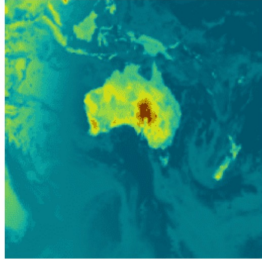
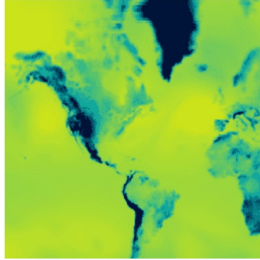
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MERRA-2 M2T1NXAER: Aerosol Diagnostics V5.12.4	MERRA-2 M2T1NXFLX: Surface Flux Diagnostics V5.12.4	MERRA-2 M2T1NXLND: Land Surface Diagnostics V5.12.4	MERRA-2 M2T1NXRAD: Radiation Diagnostics V5.12.4	MERRA-2 M2T1NXSLV: Single-Level Diagnostics V5.12.4
				
M2T1NXAER (or tavg1_2d_aer_Nx) is an hourly time-averaged 2-dimensional data collection in Modern-Era Retrospective analysis for Research and Applications version 2 (MERRA-2). This collection consists of assimilated aerosol diagnostics, such as column mass density of aerosol components (black carbon, dust, sea-salt, sulfate, and organic carbon), surface ...	M2T1NXFLX (or tavg1_2d_flux_Nx) is an hourly time-averaged data collection in Modern-Era Retrospective analysis for Research and Applications version 2 (MERRA-2). This collection consists of assimilated surface flux diagnostics, such as total precipitation, bias corrected total precipitation, surface air temperature, surface specific humidity, surface wind speed, ...	M2T1NXLND (or tavg1_2d_lnd_Nx) is an hourly time-averaged data collection in Modern-Era Retrospective analysis for Research and Applications version 2 (MERRA-2). This collection consists of land surface diagnostics, such as baseflow flux, runoff, surface soil wetness, root zone soil wetness, water at surface layer, water at ...	M2T1NXRAD (or tavg1_2d_rad_Nx) is an hourly time-averaged data collection in Modern-Era Retrospective analysis for Research and Applications version 2 (MERRA-2). This collection consists of radiation diagnostics, such as surface albedo, cloud area fraction, in cloud optical thickness, surface incoming shortwave flux (i.e. solar radiation), surface ...	M2T1NXSLV (or tavg1_2d_slv_Nx) is an hourly time-averaged 2-dimensional data collection in Modern-Era Retrospective analysis for Research and Applications version 2 (MERRA-2). This collection consists of meteorology diagnostics at popularly used vertical levels, such as air temperature at 2-meter (or at 10-meter, 850hPa, 500 hPa, 250hPa), ...
aerosol carbon mass merra nasa sea-salt	merra sea-salt so2 so4 soil-moisture	evaporation ice merra temperature	albedo emissivity merra shortwave temperature	humidity merra nasa pressure temperature vapor

NASA/GSFC/MERRA/aer/2

Reanalysis (assimilation of satellite data)

1-hour time-averaged

Surface aerosol bands:

[BCSMASS](#), [DMSMASS](#), [DUSMASS25](#),
[OCSMASS](#), [SSSMASS25](#), [SO4SMASS](#)

Aerosol Optical Depth Bands:

[BCEXTTAU](#), [BCSCATAU](#), [DUEXTTAU](#),
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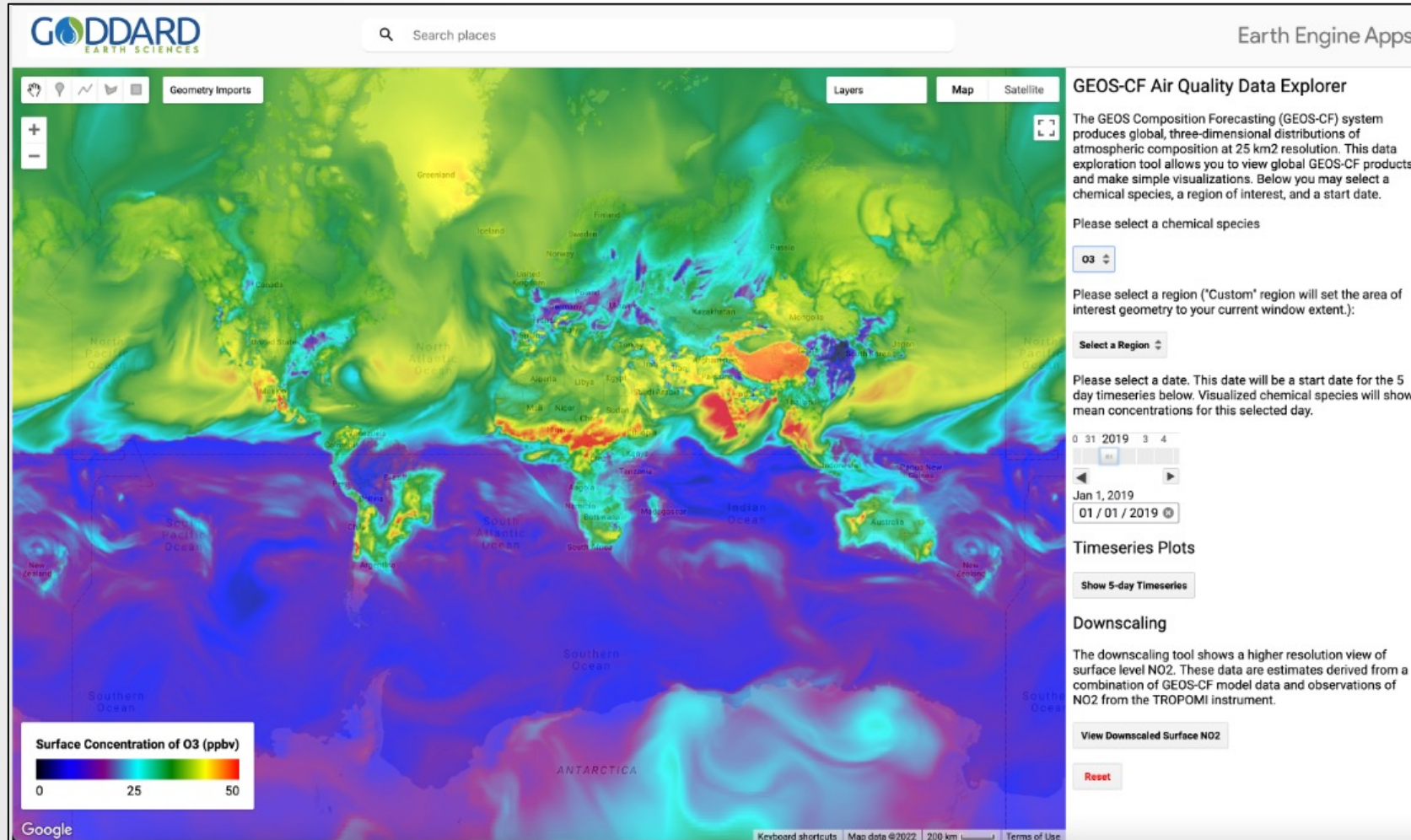
Surface PM_{2.5} can be calculated from aerosol constituents:

$$\text{PM}_{2.5} = \text{DUSMASS25} + \text{OCSMASS} + \text{BCSMASS} + \text{SSSMASS25} + \text{SO4SMASS} \times (132.14/96.06)$$

Source:

gmao.gsfc.nasa.gov/reanalysis/MERRA-2/FAQ/

NASA Applications in Google Earth Engine



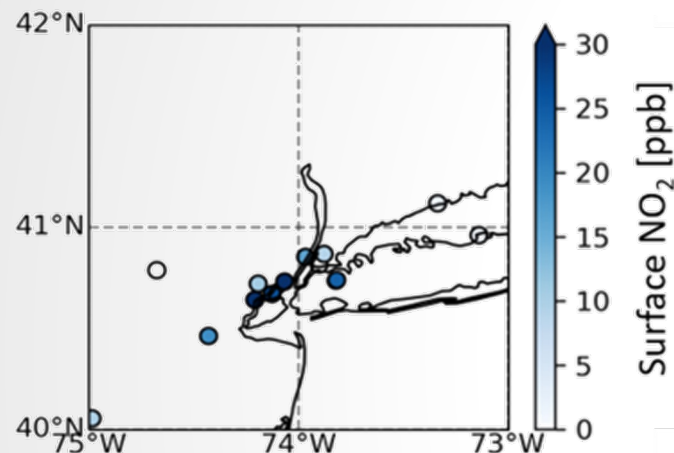
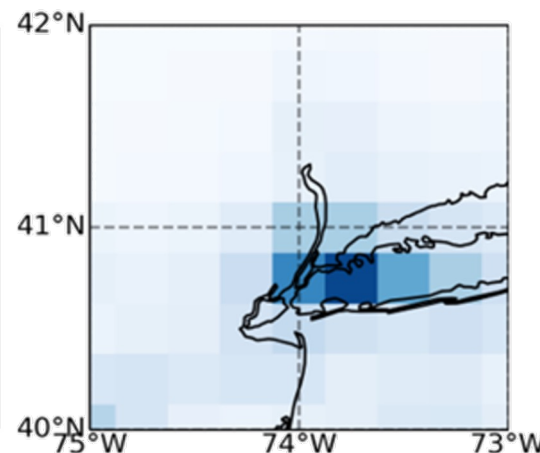
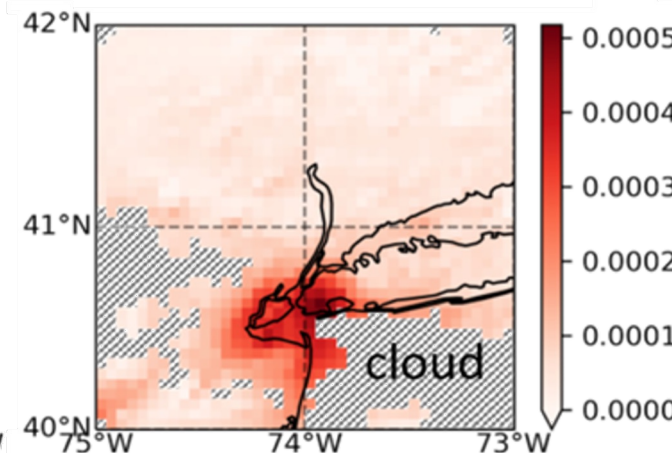
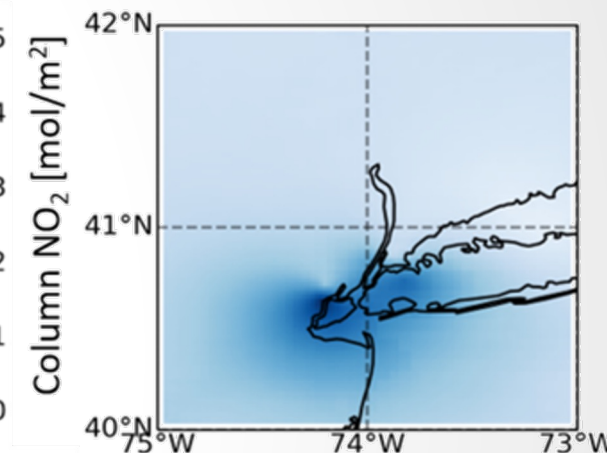
Through a NASA-Google Partnership Agreement, Callum Wayman (NASA GMAO & SSAI) has developed applications for viewing and manipulating NASA GEOS-CF and MERRA-2 data in Google Earth Engine, alongside other NASA & ESA data sources (e.g., TROPOMI).

Examples:

- Air quality data explorer
- GEOS-CF machine learning downscaling for surface NO₂
- Exploring Google Street View air quality data alongside GEOS-CF model outputs

Source: <https://callumwayman.users.earthengine.app/view/geoscfexplorer>

Data Fusion

a) Ground Data (US EPA)**b) Model (GEOS-CF)****c) Satellite (TROPOMI)****d) Forecast (Proposed)**

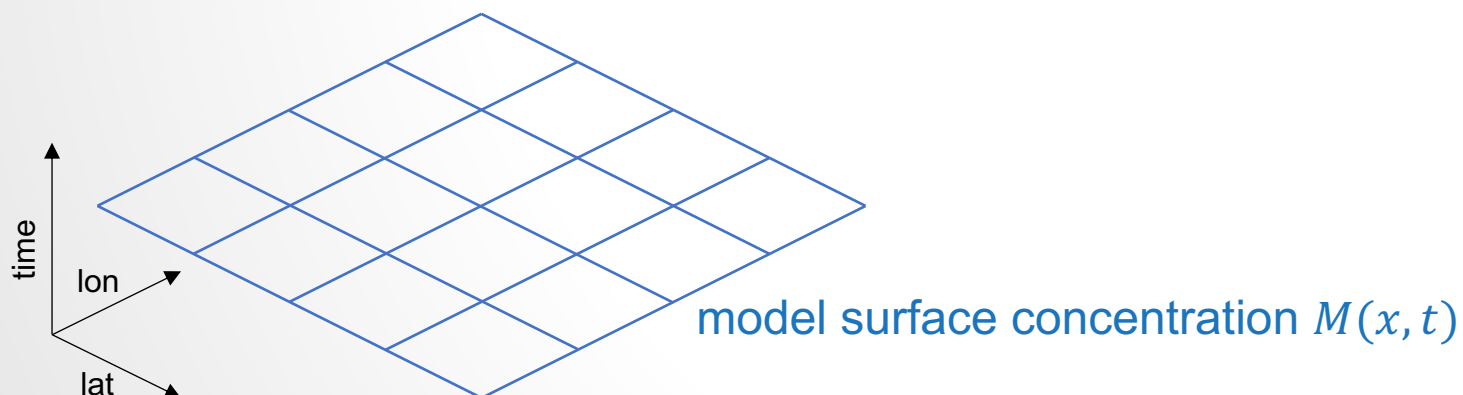
high(er) spatial resolution

fill gaps in space and time (and do forecasting)

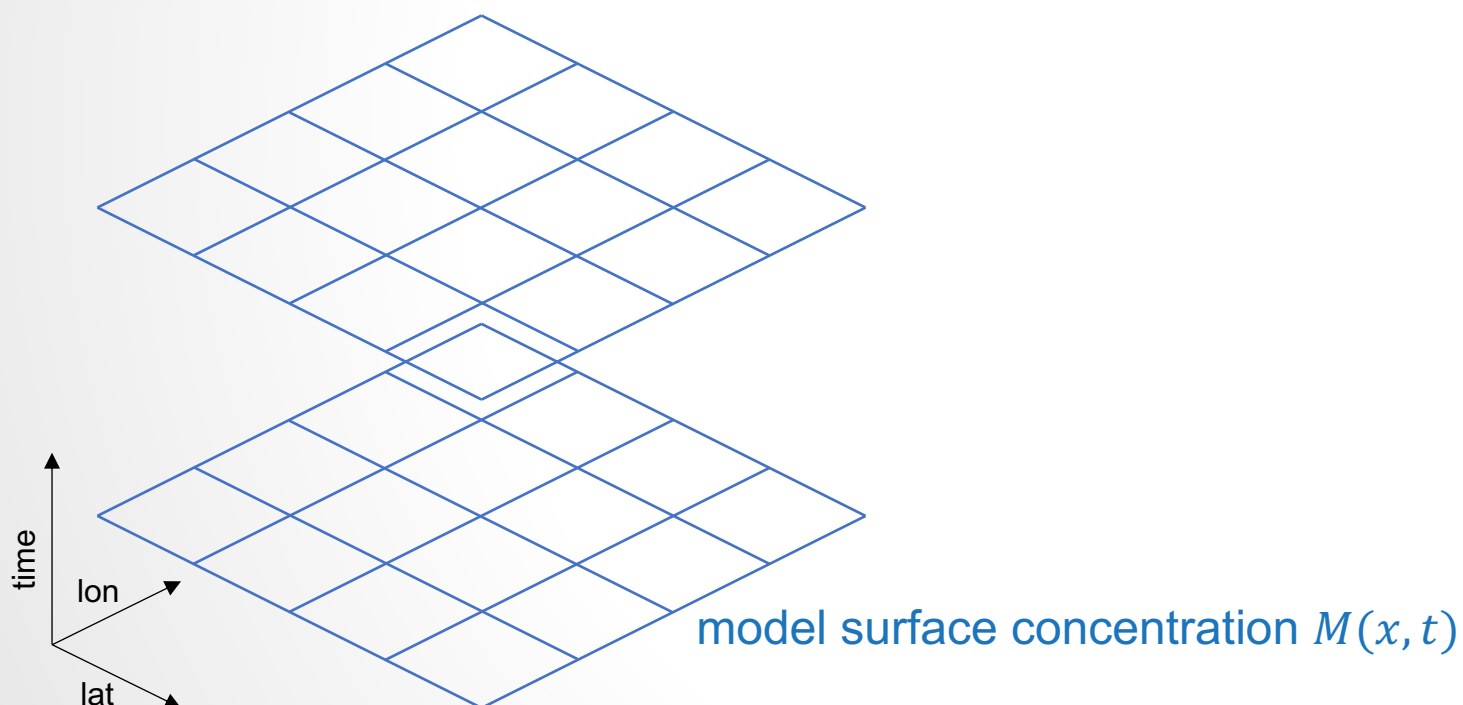
ground-truthing with trusted "nose-level" data, identify local impacts

Source: Malings et al. (2021), "Sub-City Scale Hourly Air Quality Forecasting by Combining Models, Satellite Observations, and Ground Measurements" *Earth & Space Science*. DOI: [10.1029/2021EA001743](https://doi.org/10.1029/2021EA001743)

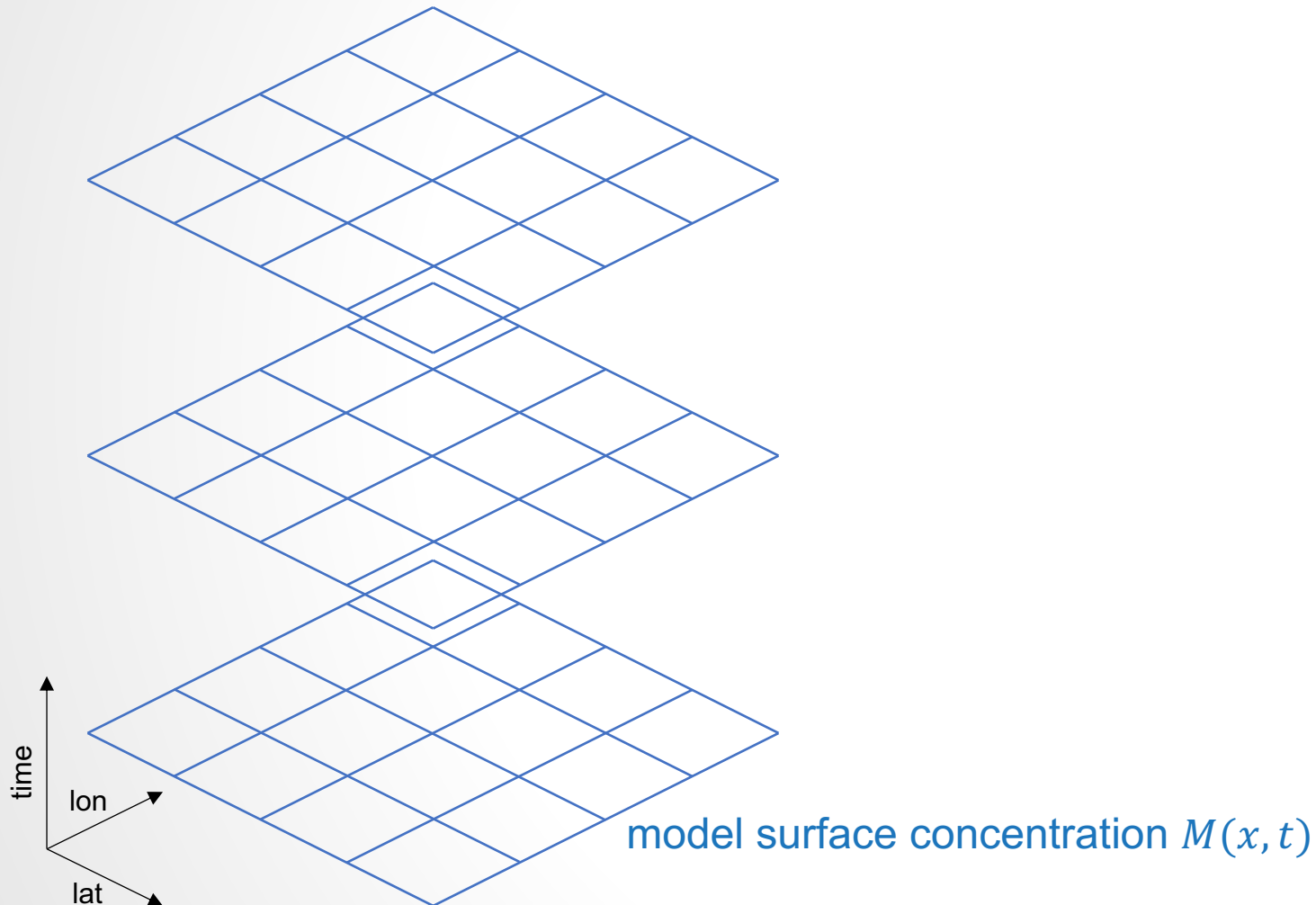
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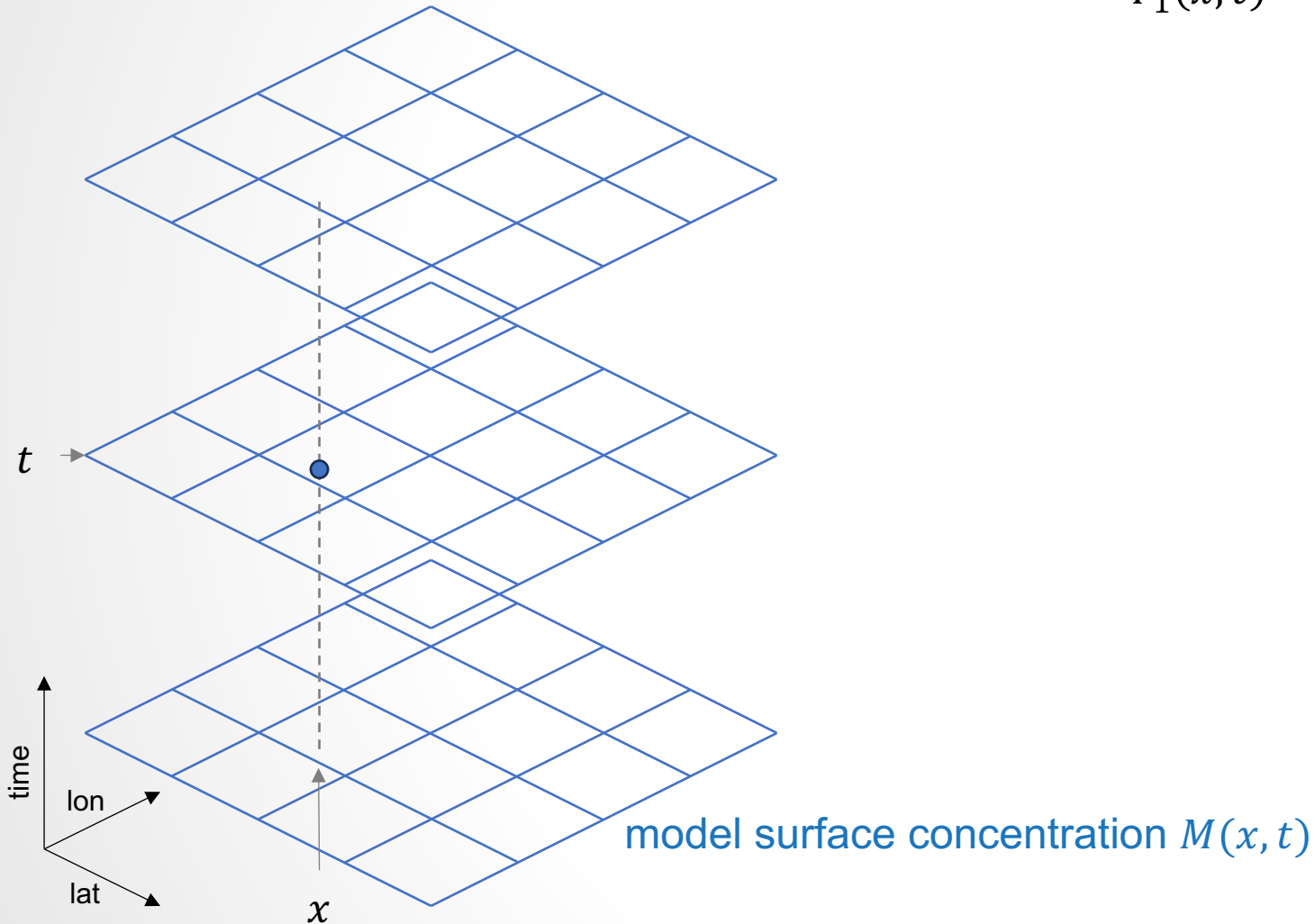


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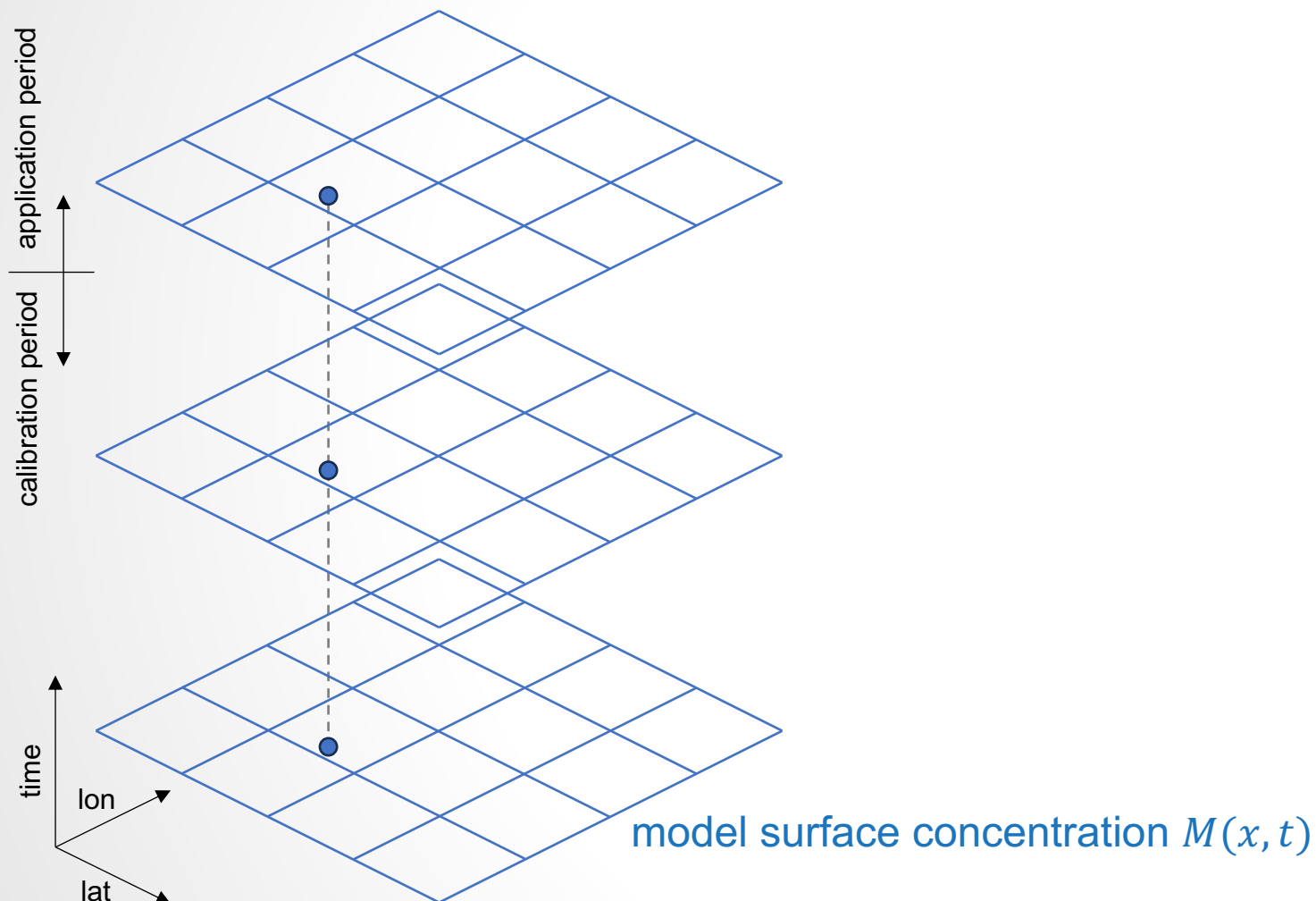


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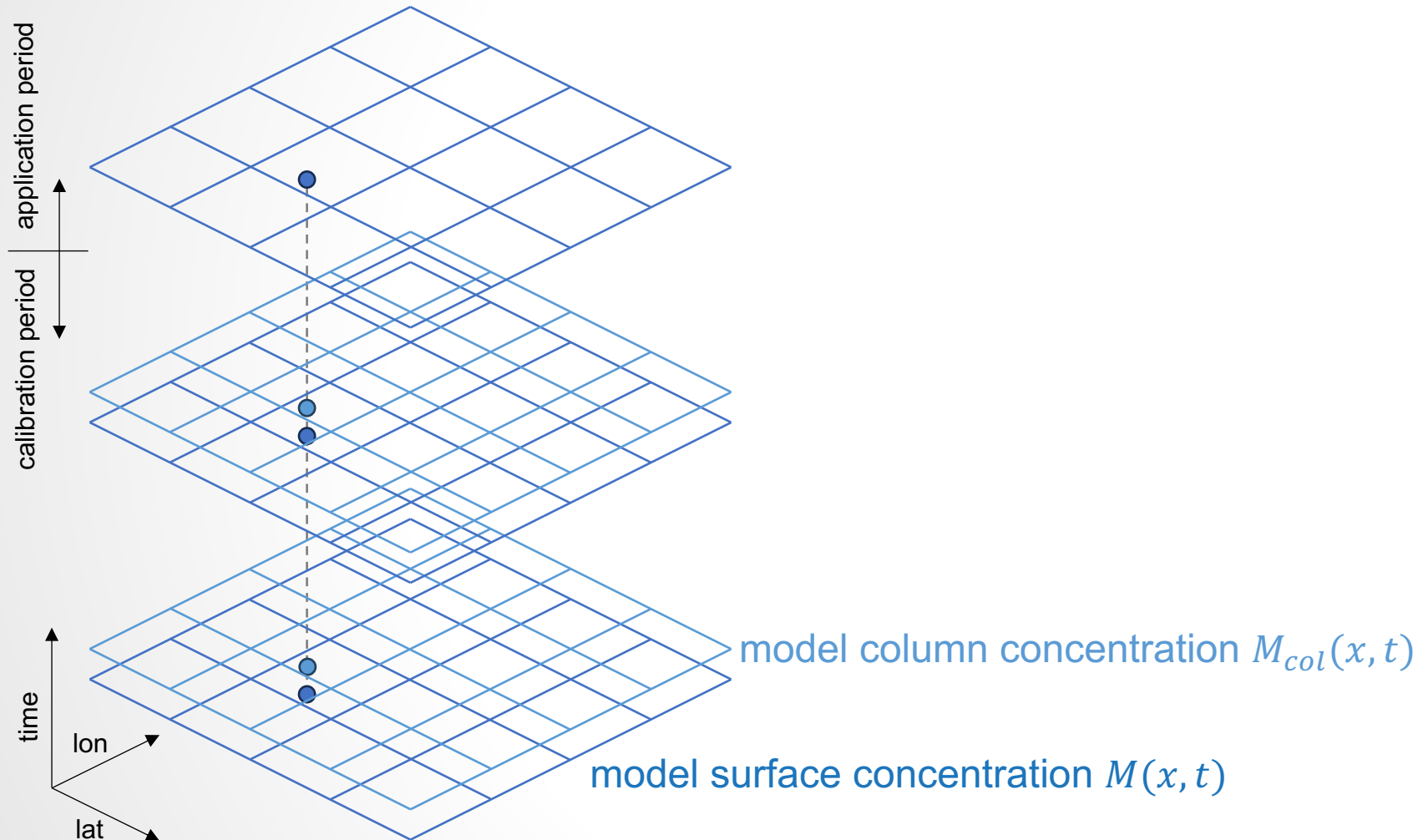
$$F_1(x, t) = M(x, t)$$



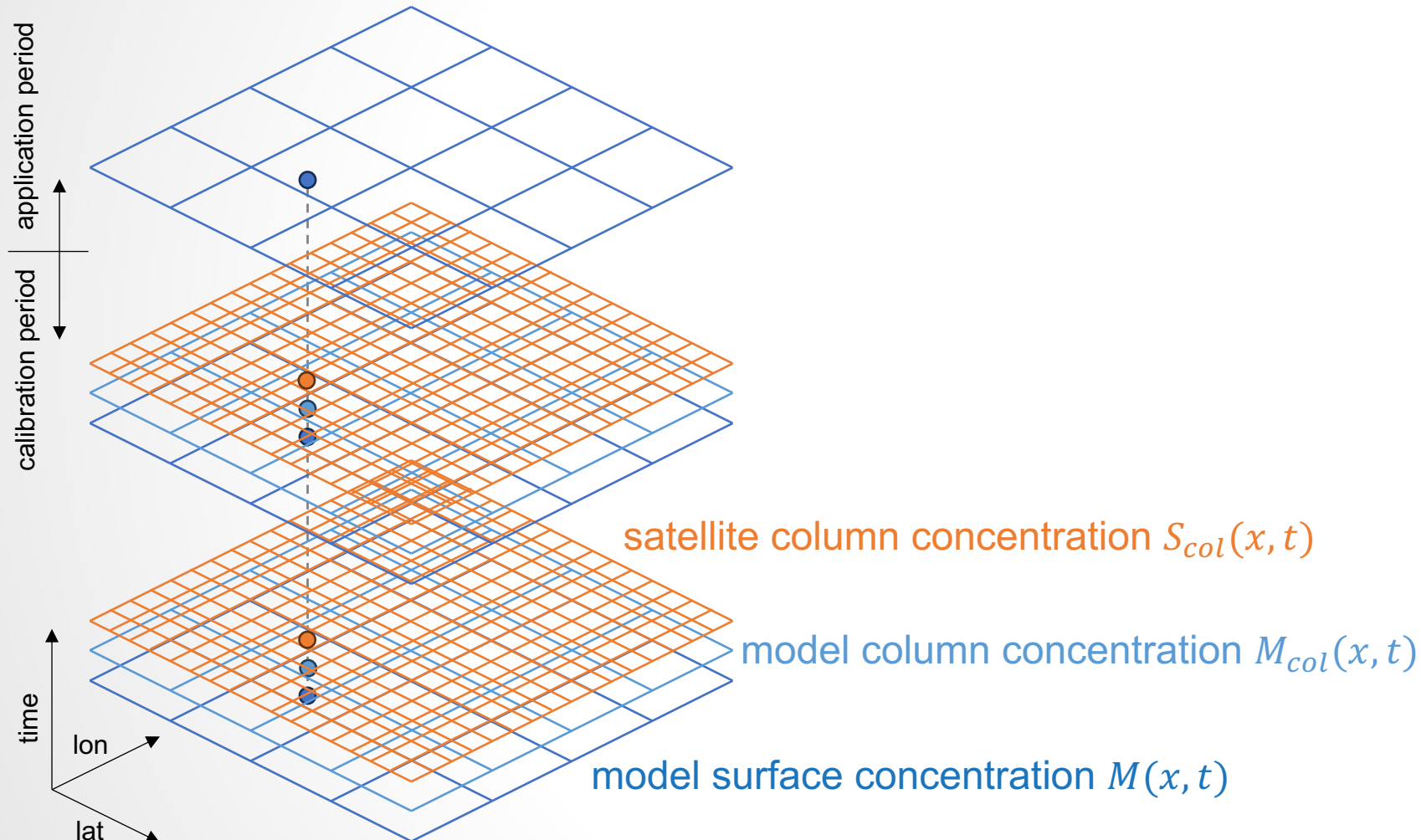
Phase 2: Model & Satellite



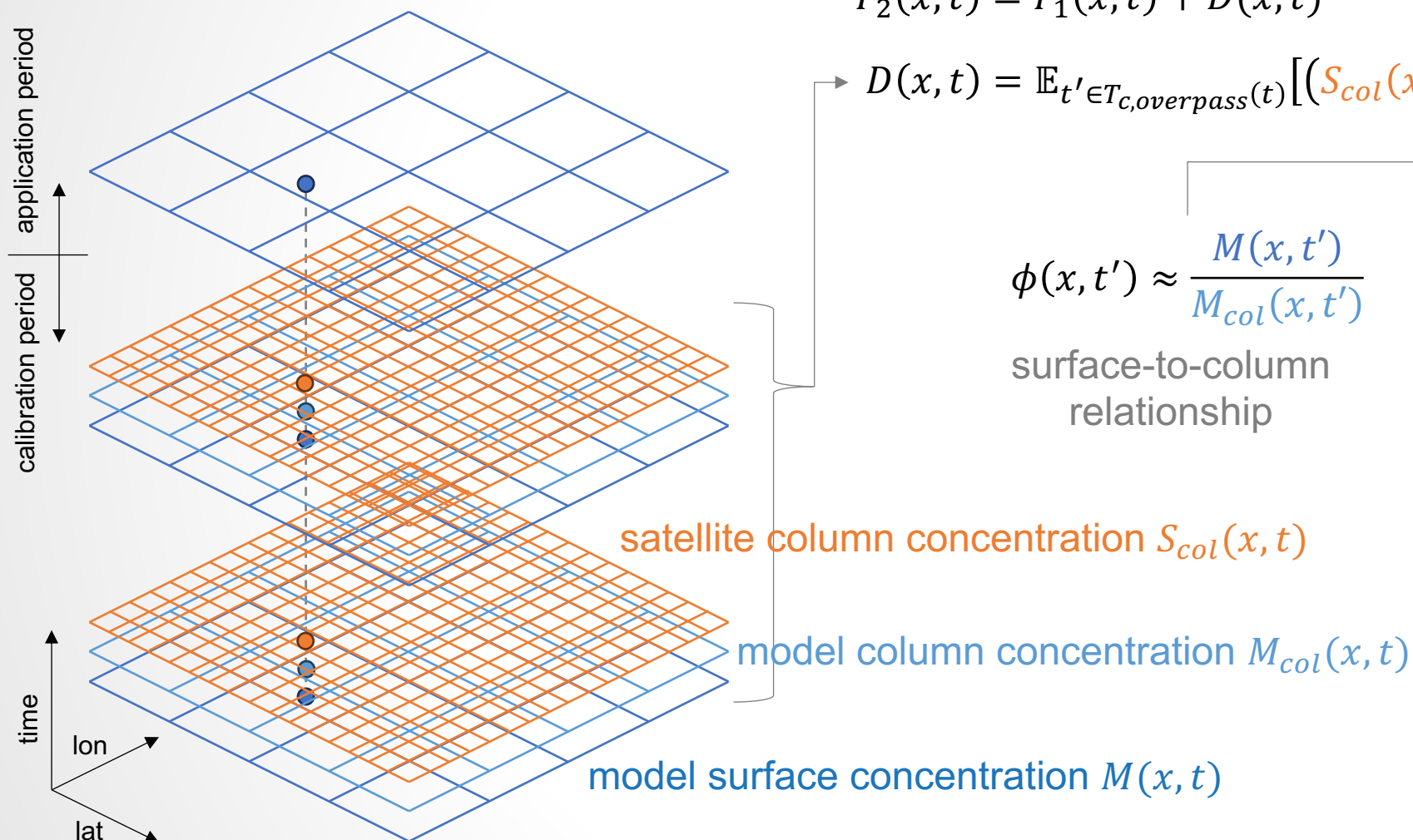
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$$F_2(x, t) = F_1(x, t) + D(x, t)$$

$$D(x, t) = \mathbb{E}_{t' \in T_{c, \text{overpass}}(t)} [(S_{col}(x, t') - M_{col}(x, t')) \phi(x, t') \psi(x, t, t')]$$

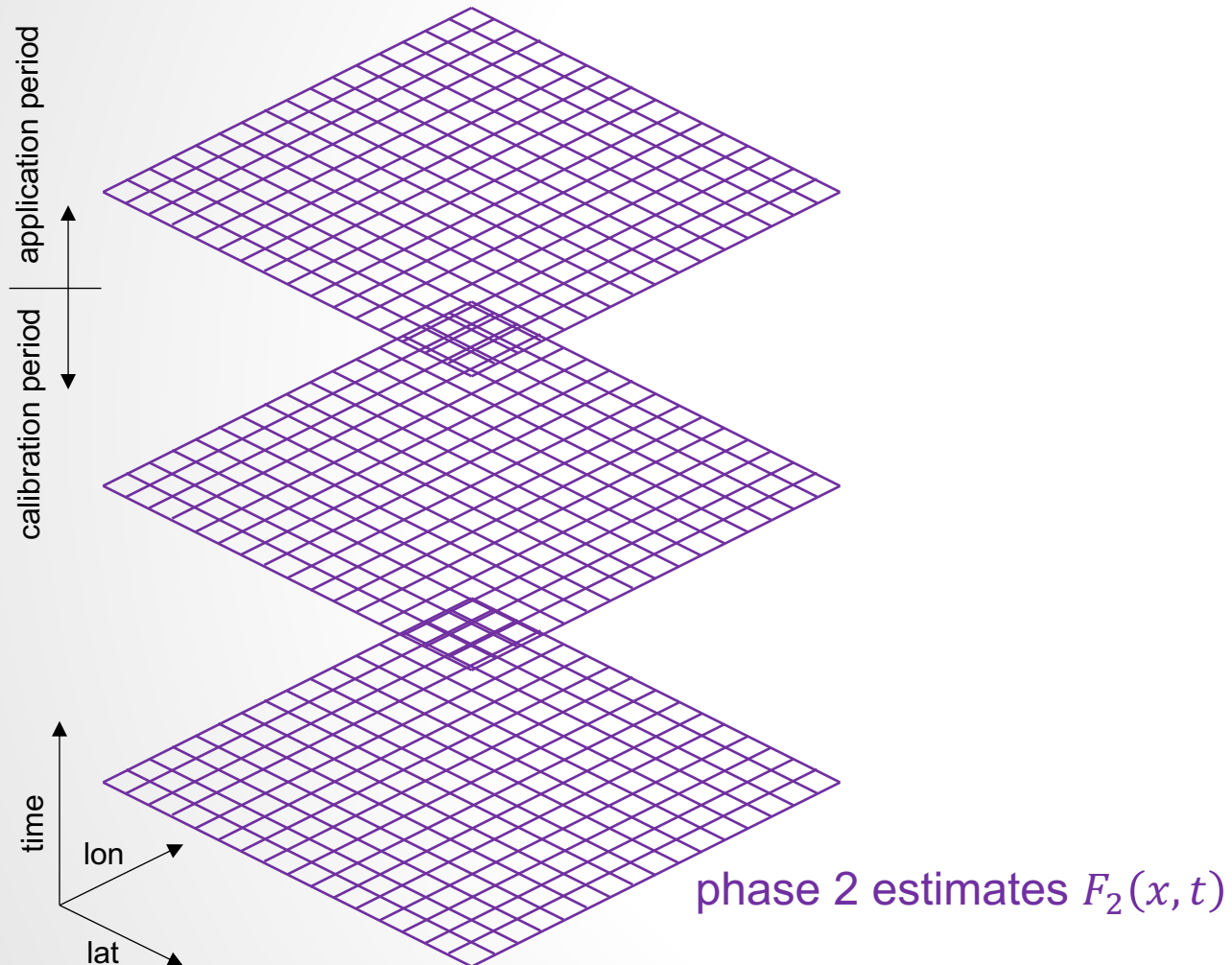
$$\phi(x, t') \approx \frac{M(x, t')}{M_{col}(x, t')}$$

surface-to-column
relationship

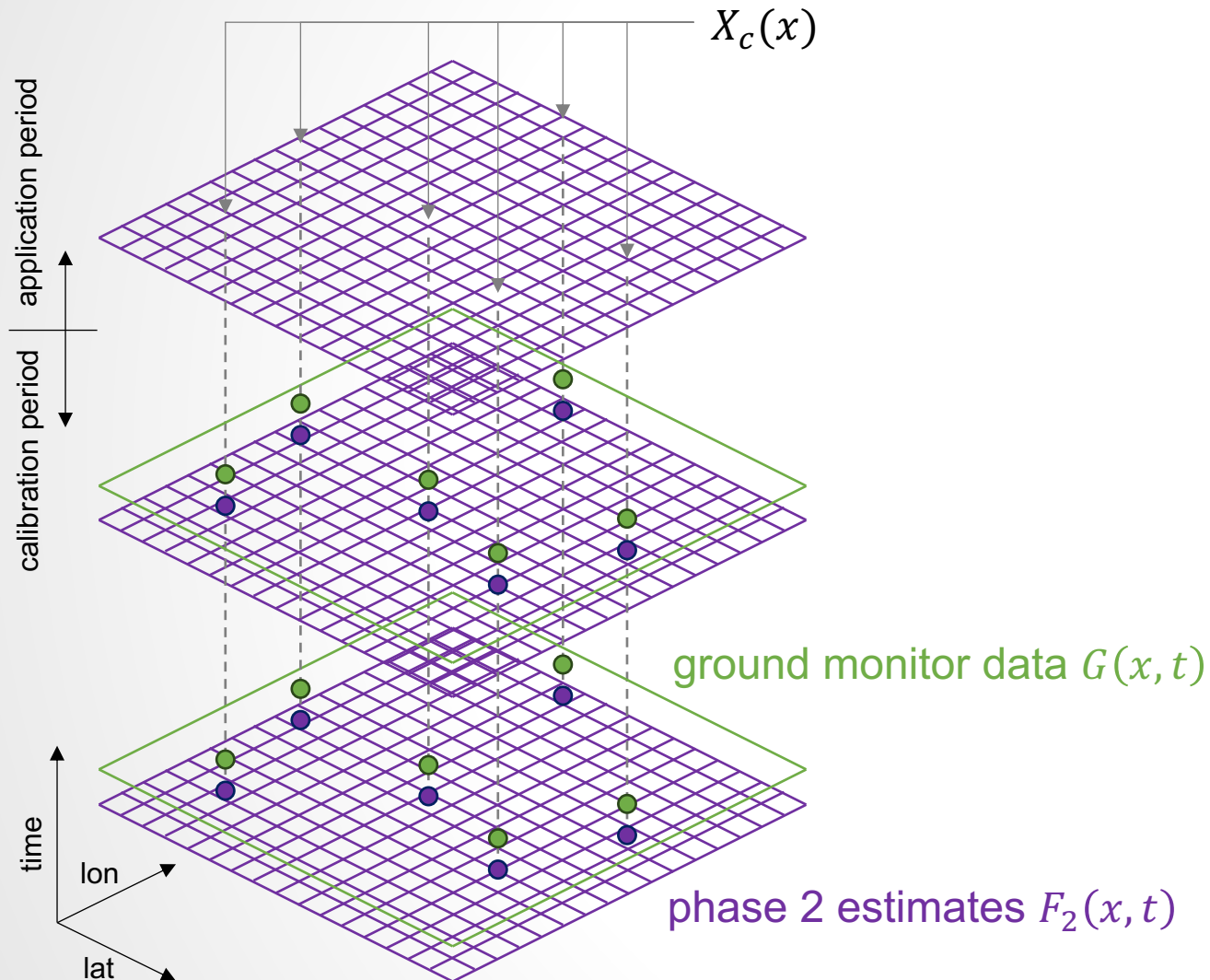
$$\psi(x, t, t') \approx \frac{M(x, t)}{M(x, t')}$$

target-time-to-overpass-time
relationship

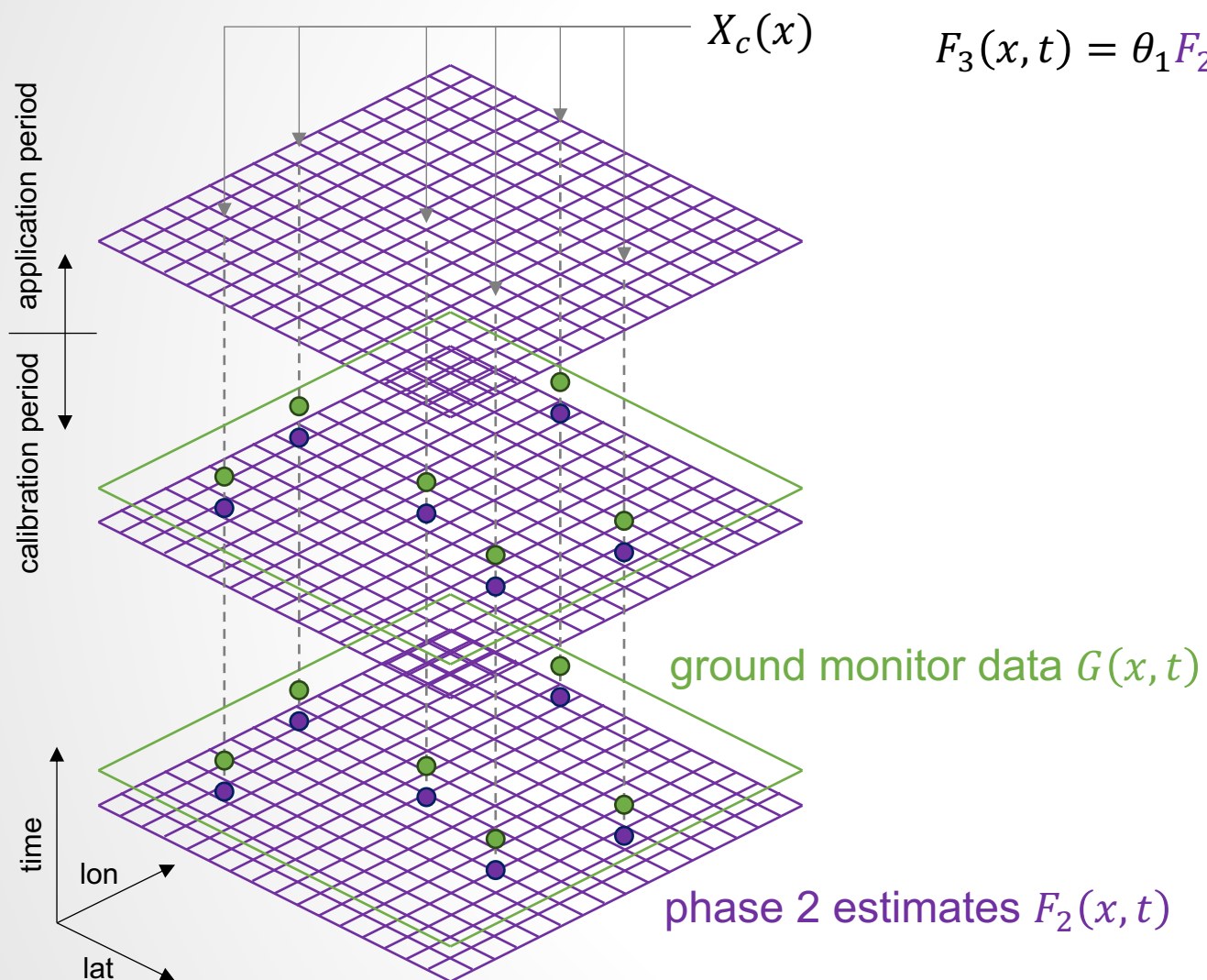
Phase 3: Model & Satellite & Ground



Phase 3: Model & Satellite & Ground

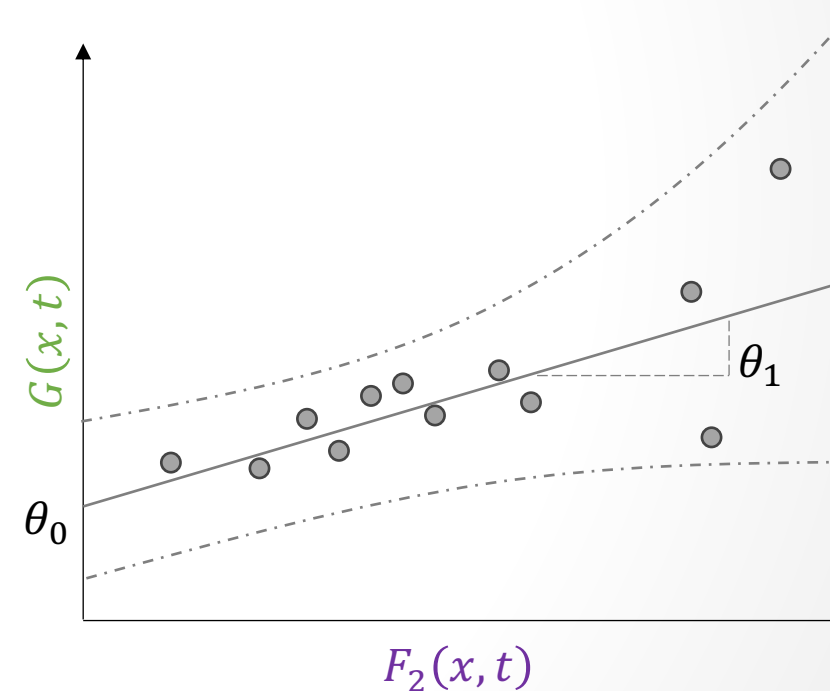


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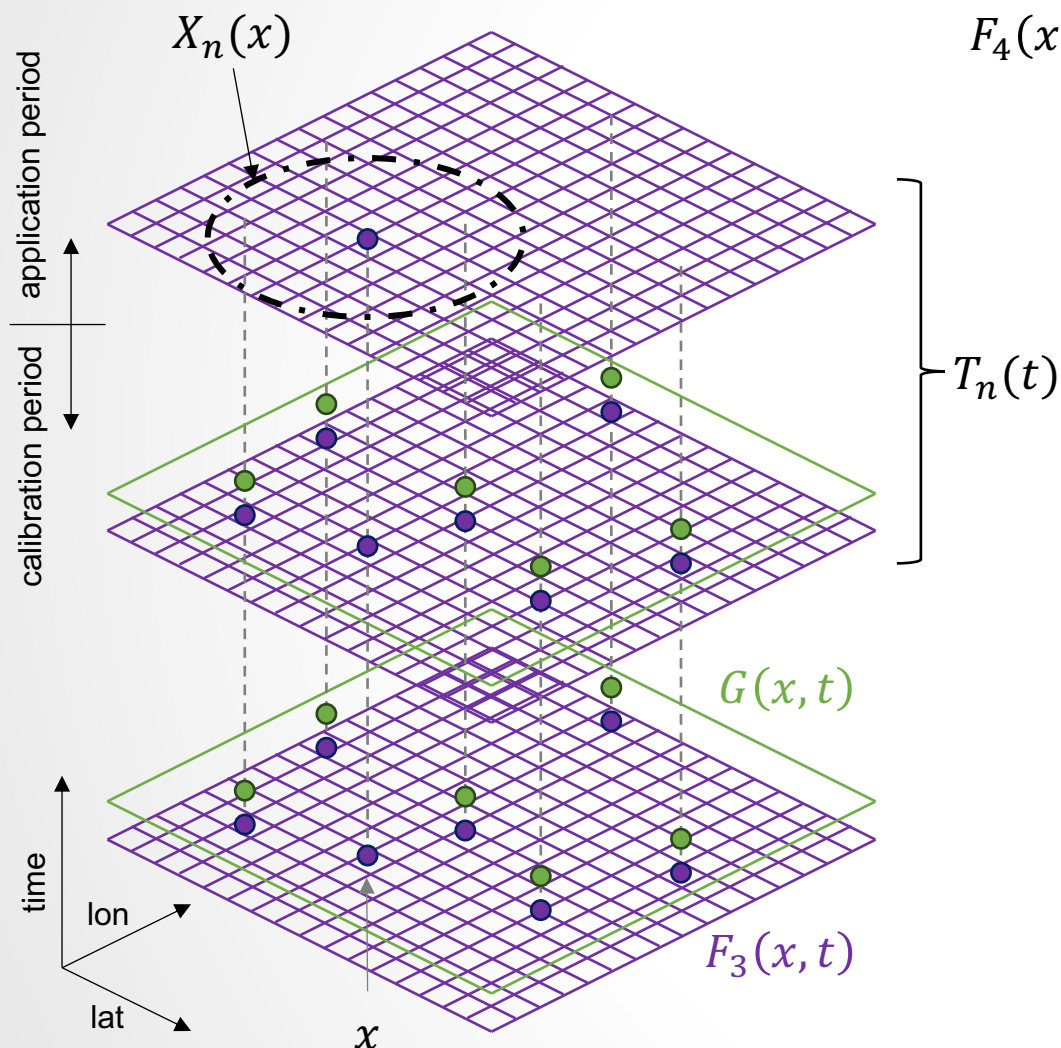


$$F_3(x, t) = \theta_1 F_2(x, t) + \theta_0$$

$$\theta_0, \theta_1 = \mathbb{LR}_{t' \in T_c(t), x' \in X_c(x)} [G(x', t') \sim F_2(x', t')]$$

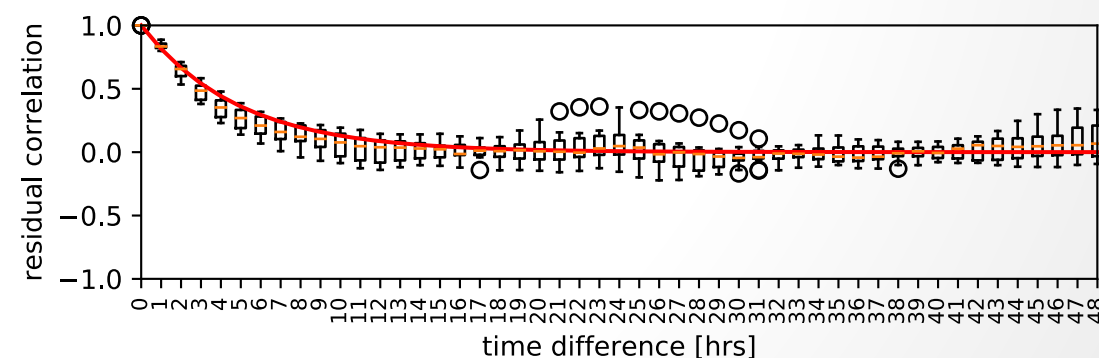
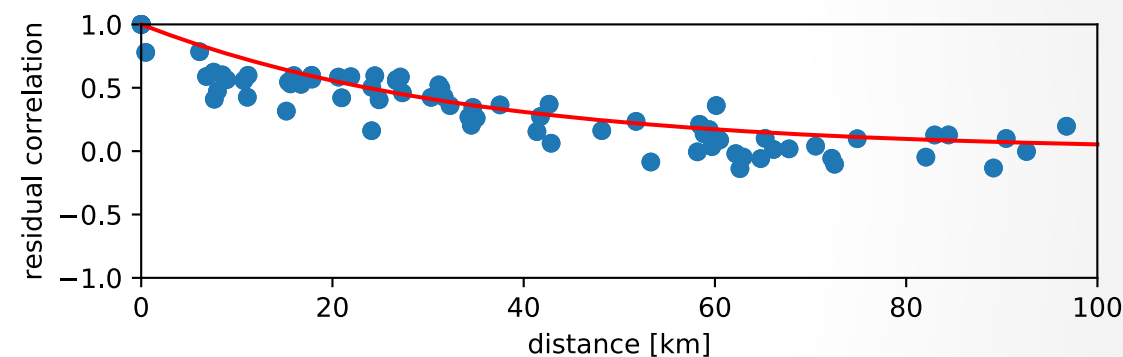


Phase 4: Residual Kriging

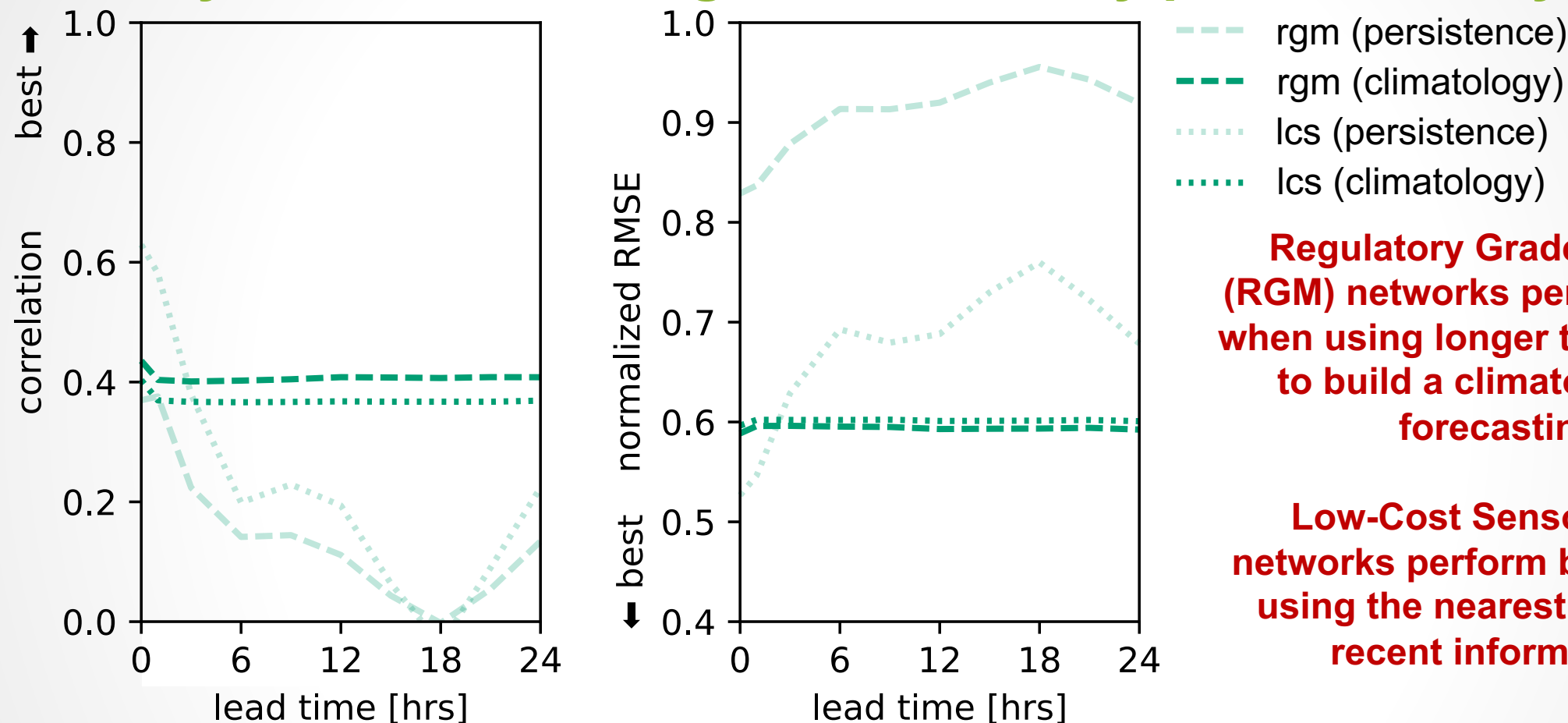


$$F_4(x, t) = F_3(x, t) + \sum_{x' \in X_n(x), t' \in T_n(t)} K(x, x', t, t') [G(x', t') - F_3(x', t')]$$

Kriging update term (function of assumed spatio-temporal correlation structure, variance & measurement uncertainty)



Case Study in London: Using local data only performs okay

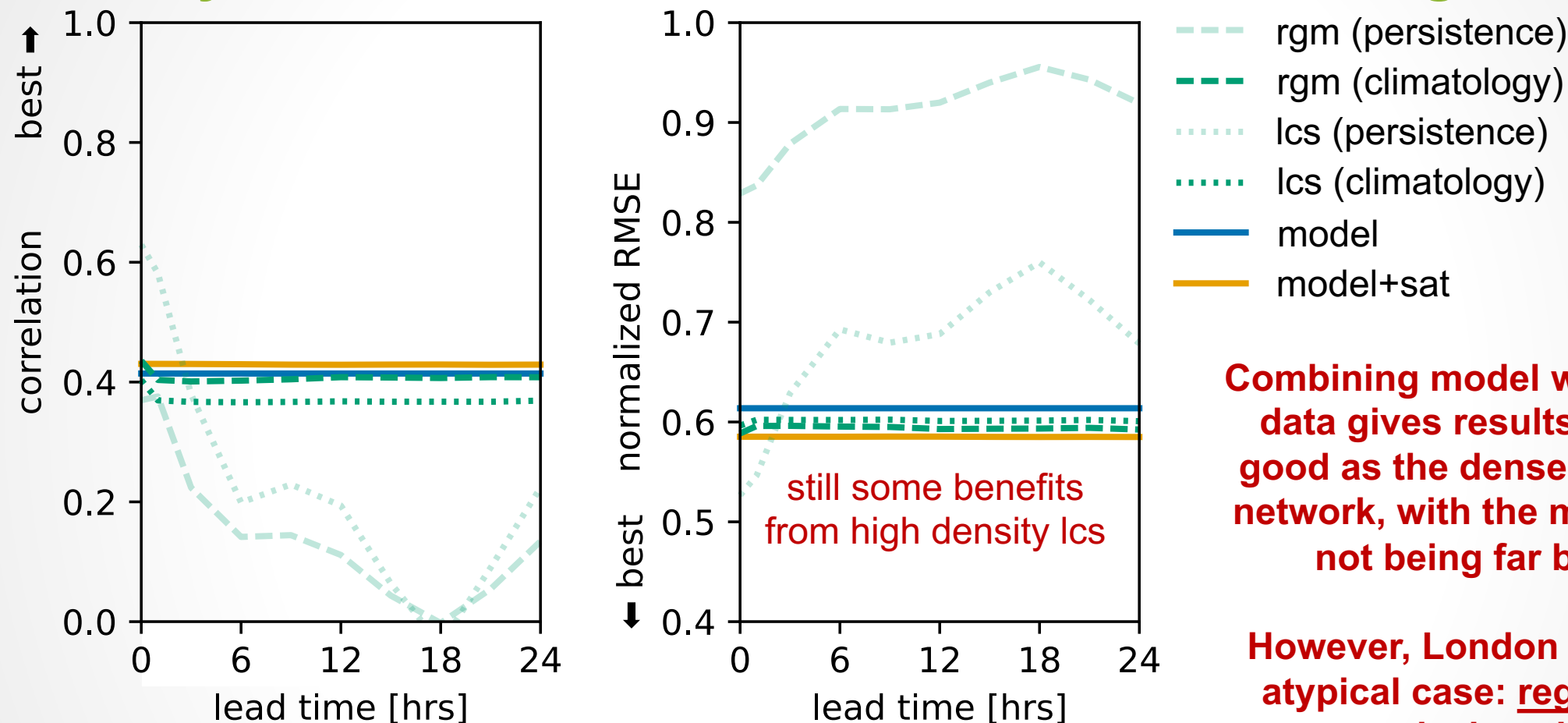


Regulatory Grade Monitor (RGM) networks perform better when using longer time periods to build a climatology for forecasting

Low-Cost Sensor (LCS) networks perform better when using the nearest and most recent information.

forecasting results for **NO₂** in **London, October & November 2019**
cross-validation: leave-one-site-out, considering only regulatory sites
plotted results represent **average metrics** across validation sites

Case Study in London: Model and satellite is about as good

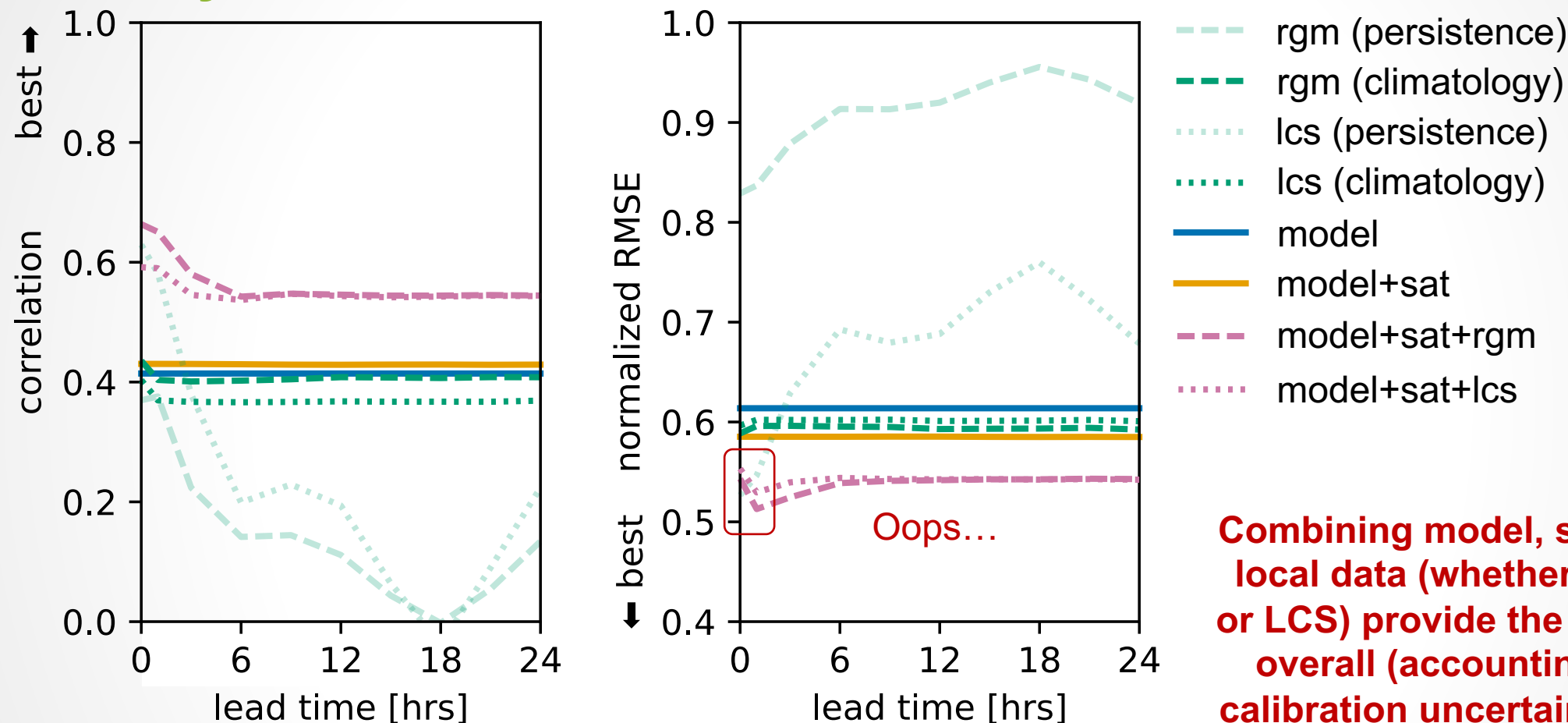


Combining model with satellite data gives results about as good as the dense local RGM network, with the model alone not being far behind.

However, London may be an atypical case: regions with worse emissions inventories may be more poorly represented by the model!

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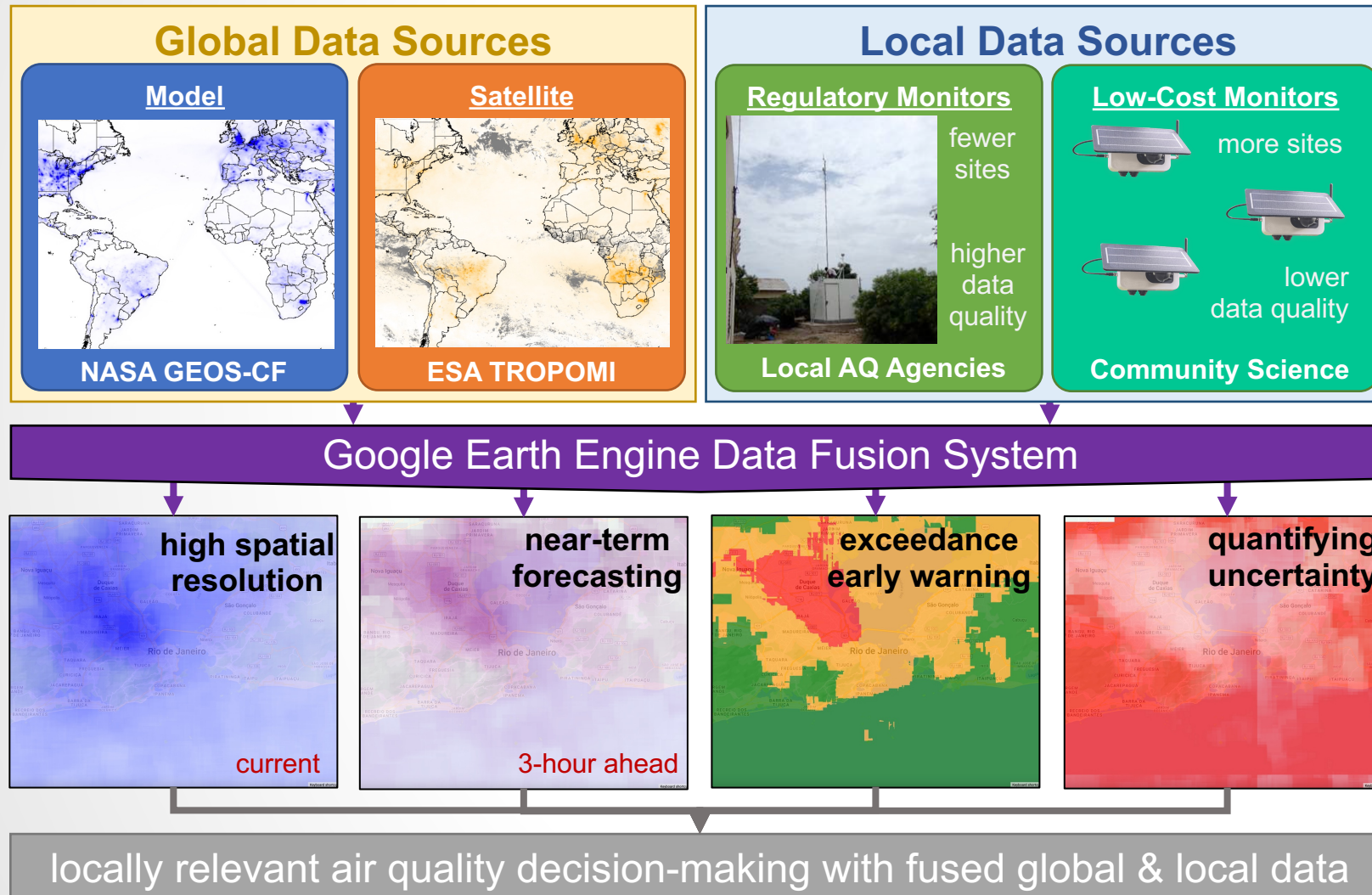
Case Study in London: Model, satellite, and local data are best



Combining model, satellite, and local data (whether from RGM or LCS) provide the best results overall (accounting for LCS calibration uncertainty properly is still work-in-progress).

forecasting results for **NO₂** in **London, October & November 2019**
cross-validation: leave-one-site-out, considering only regulatory sites
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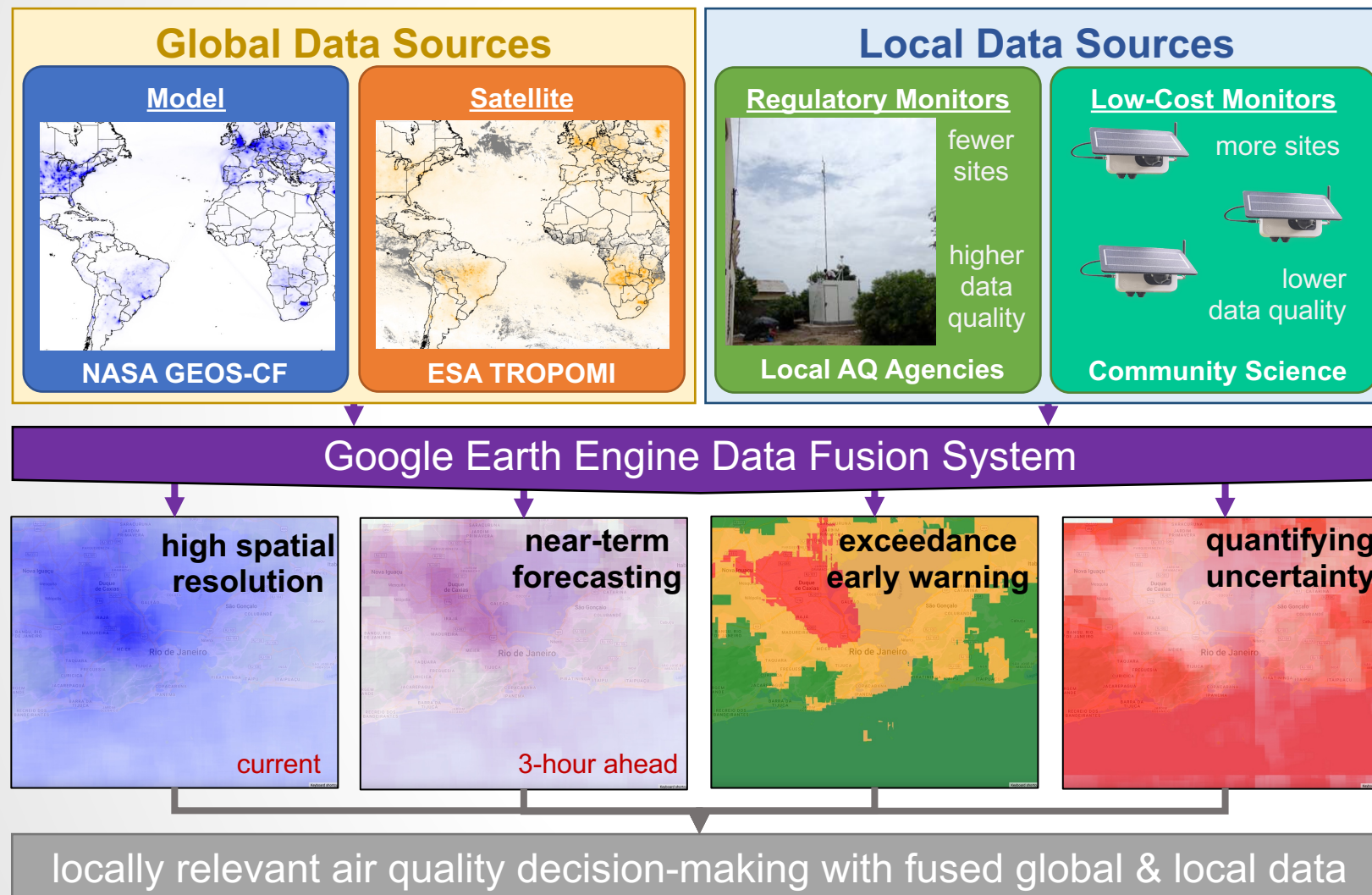
...integrate diverse **global** and **local** air quality data sources...

...using the cloud computing platform of **Google Earth Engine**...

...to provide synthesized **estimates** and **forecasts** of air quality at a **local scale** but with a **global scope**...

...which will be freely accessible by air quality managers worldwide, facilitating their **decision-making**.

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NASA GMAO: basic algorithm development & refinement

Clarity: low-cost sensor integration

Sonoma Technologies: data fusion system implementation & user interface

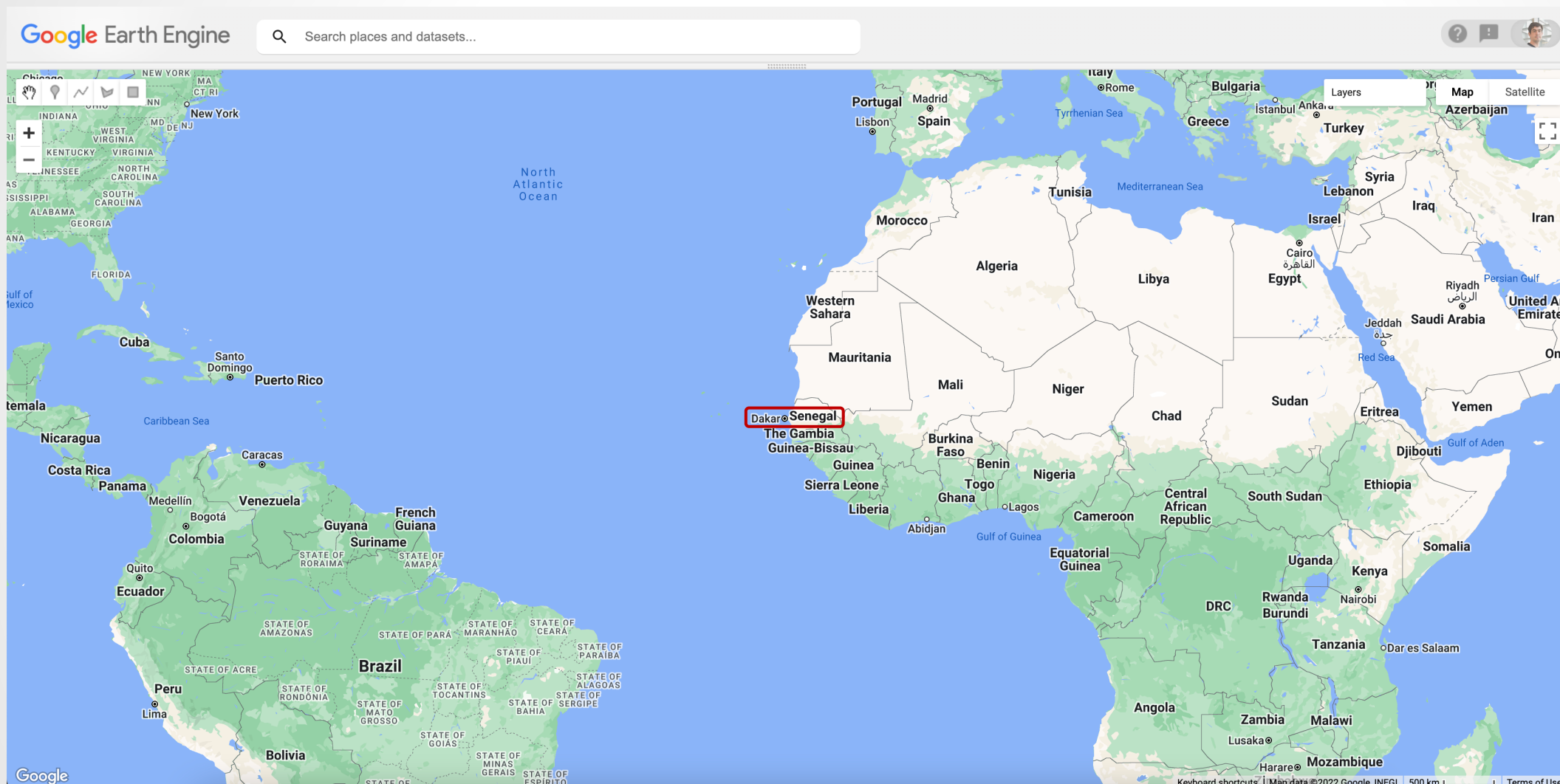
WUSTL: air quality data integration expertise (monthly/annual timescales)

Columbia LDEO: experience training end-users in AQ data interpretation

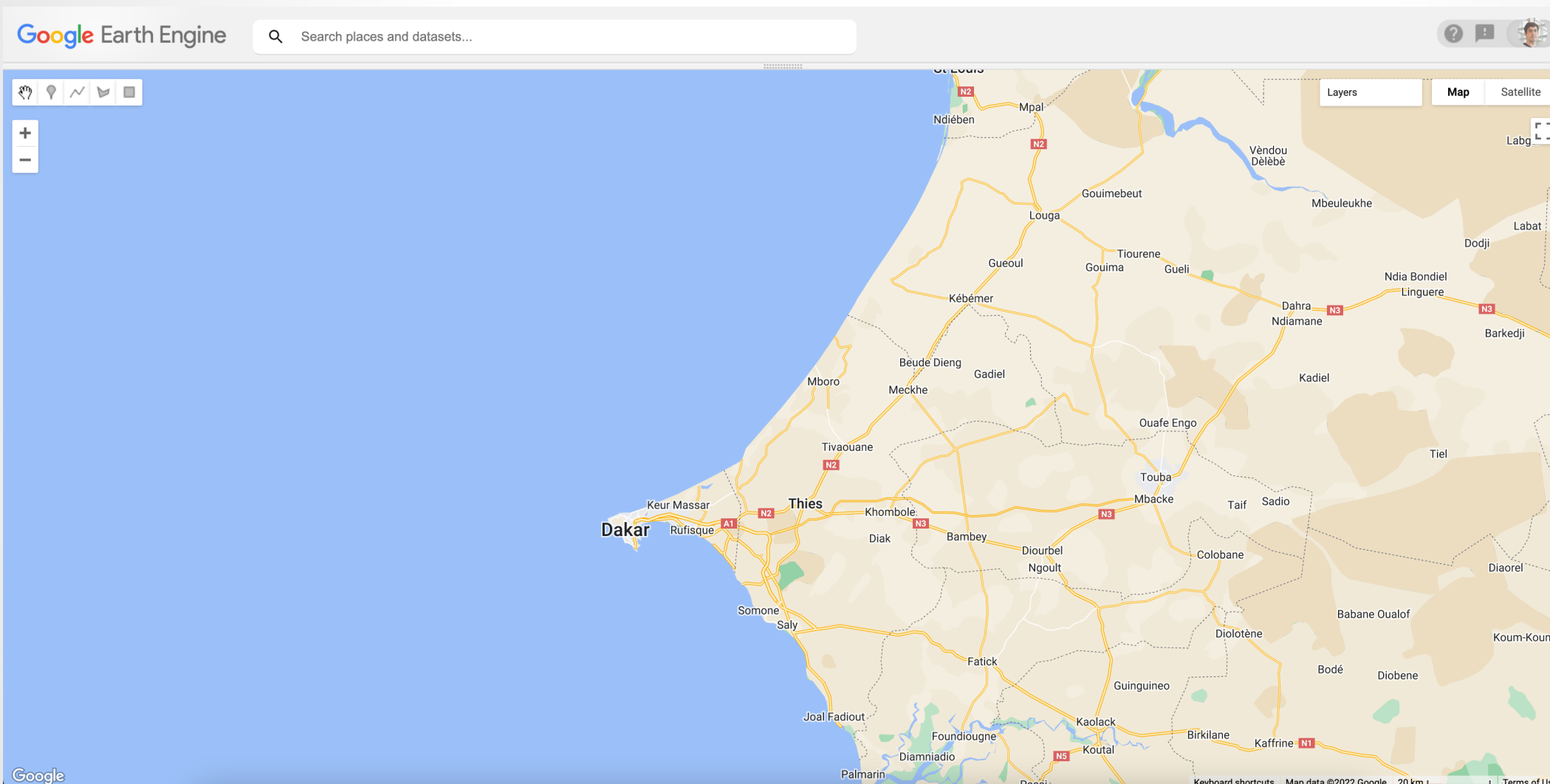
UNEP: integration with global users
Dakar, Senegal
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

US EPA: integration with US end-users in cities TBD

Demonstration of Data Fusion in GEE (preliminary)



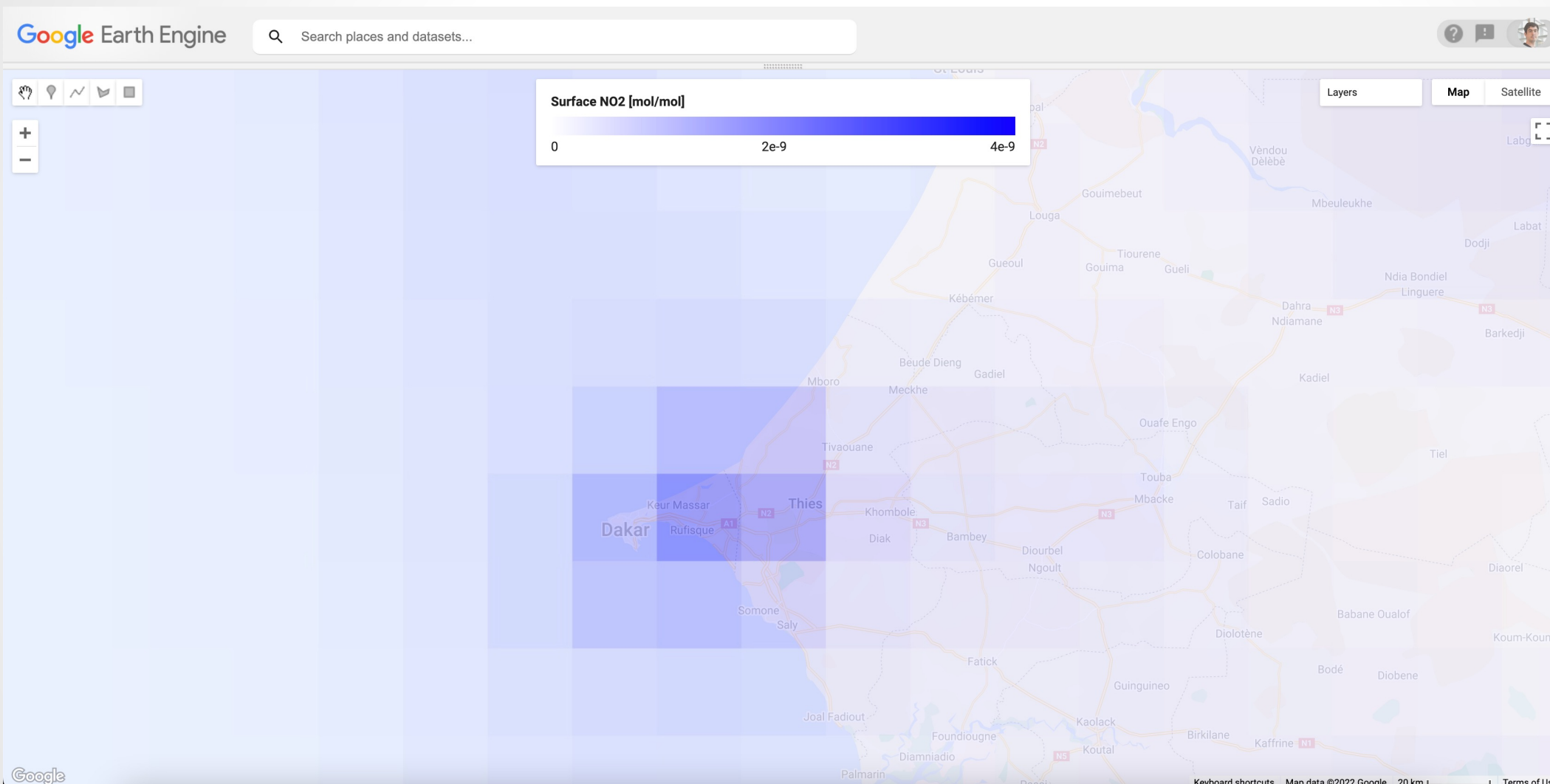
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Calibration

Model

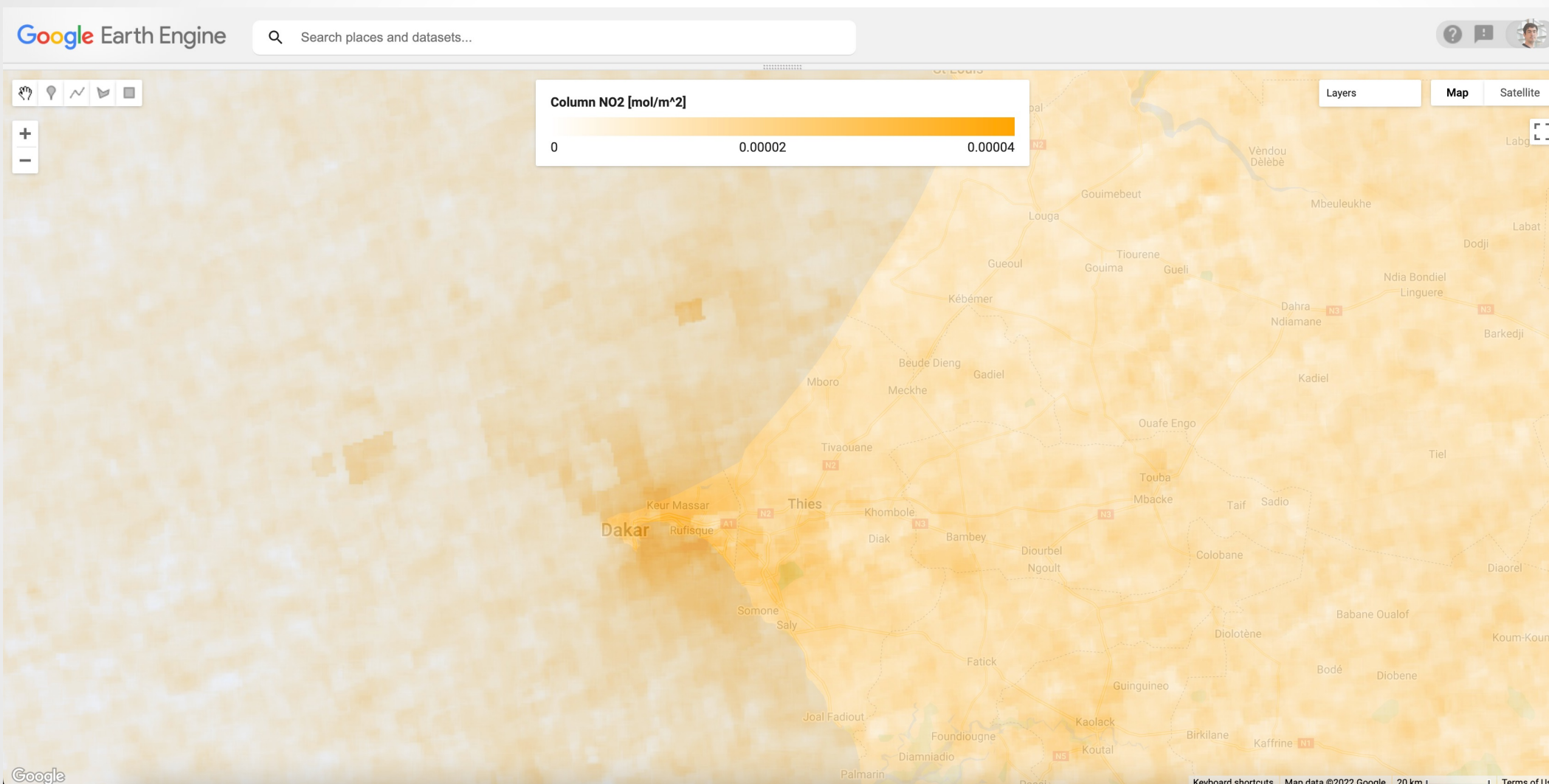


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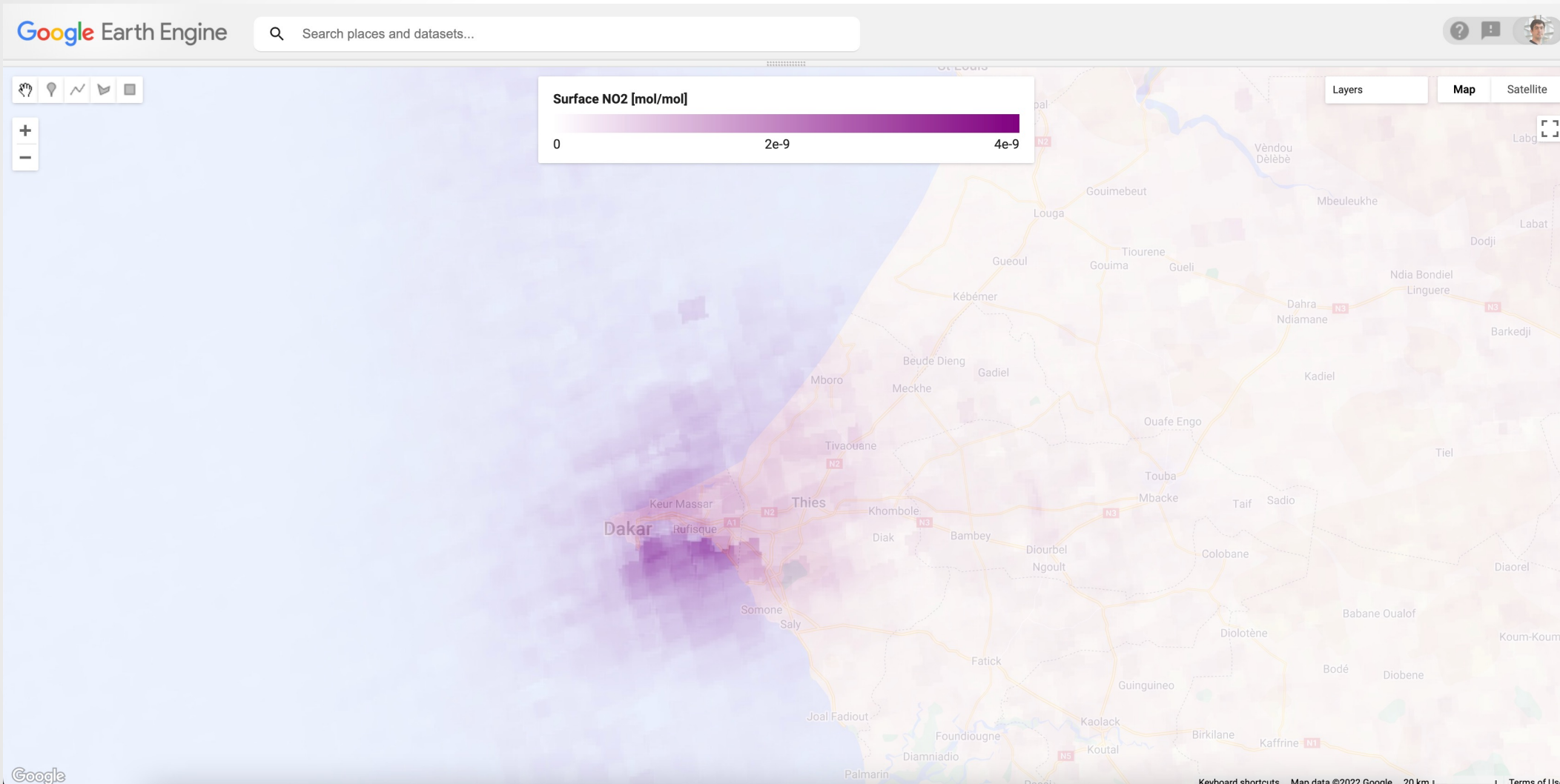
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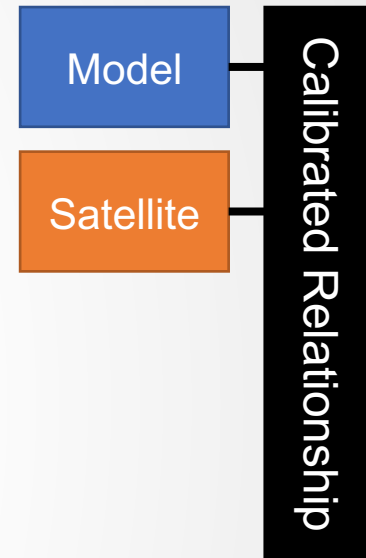
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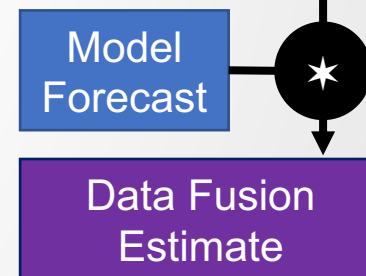
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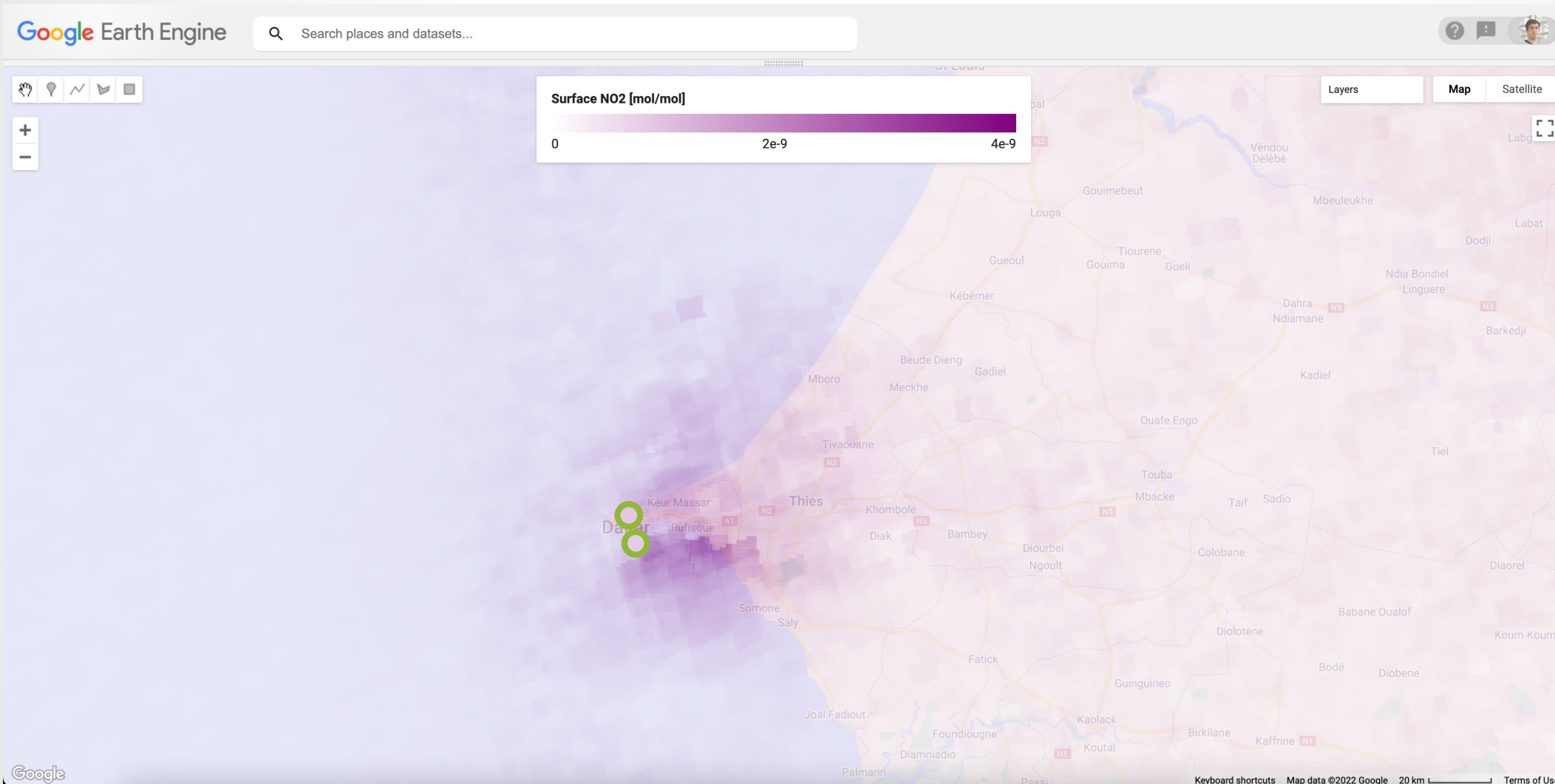
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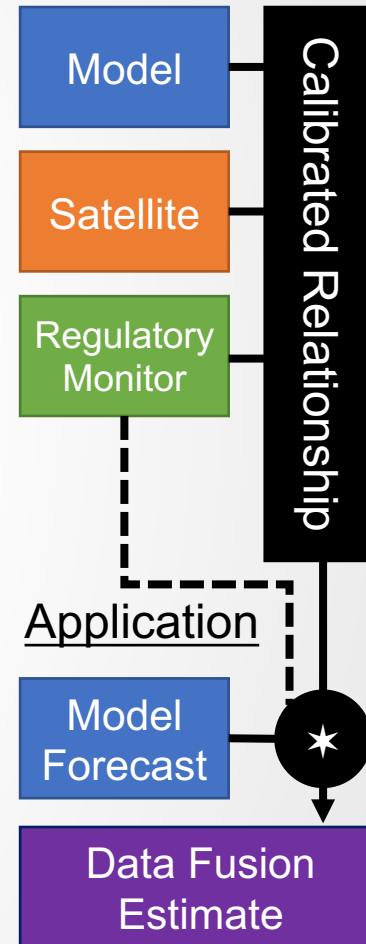
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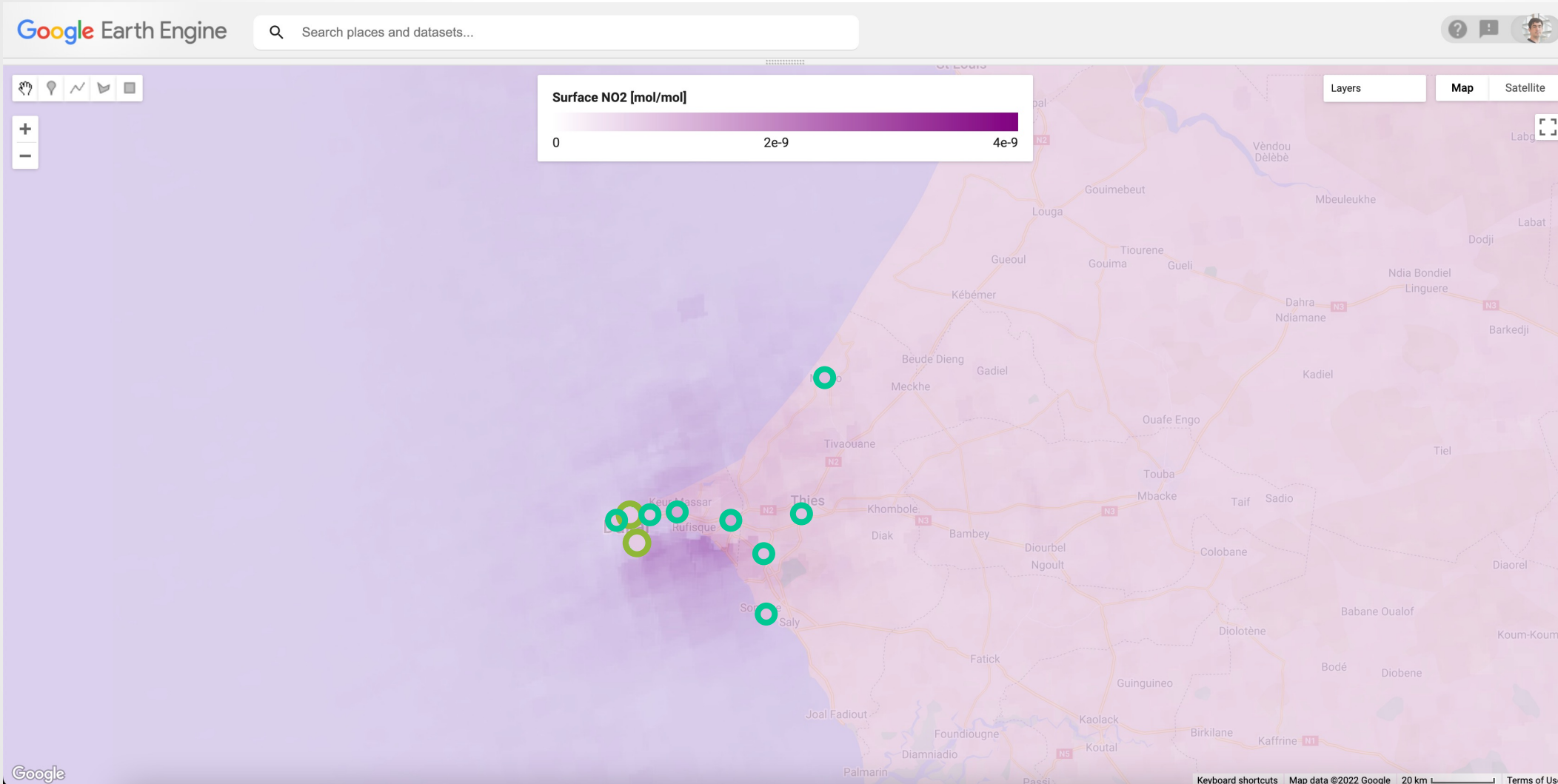
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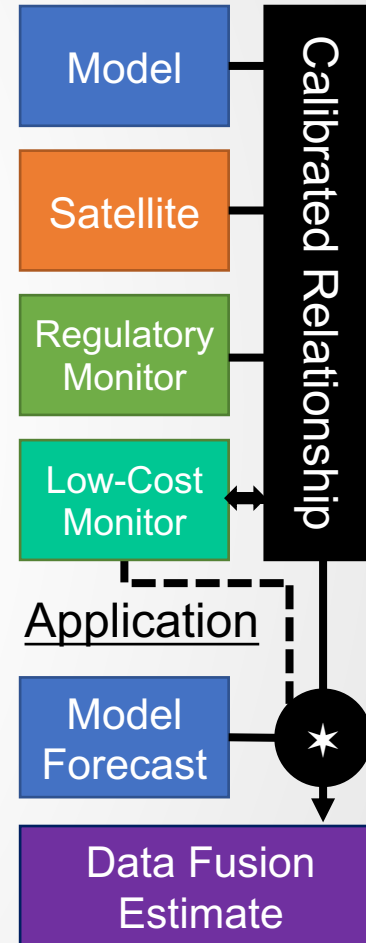
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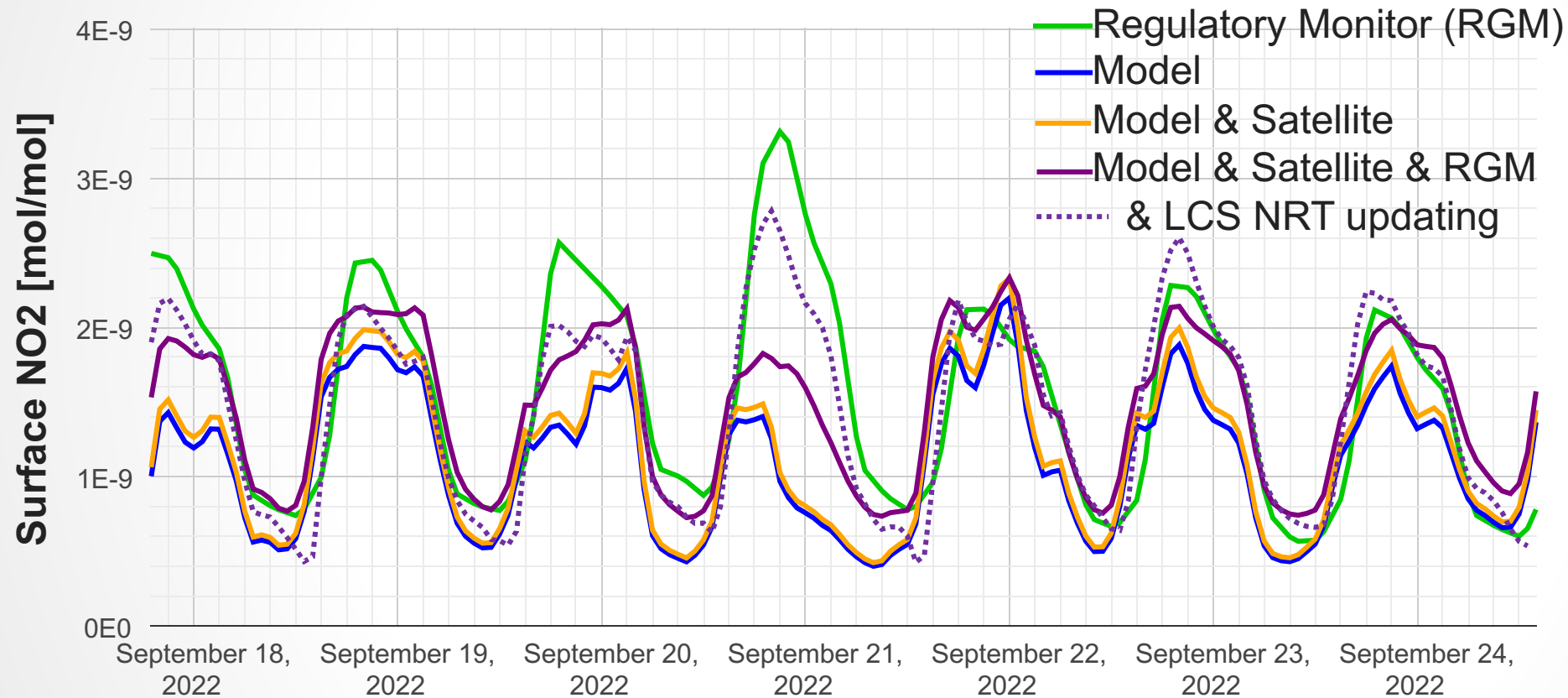


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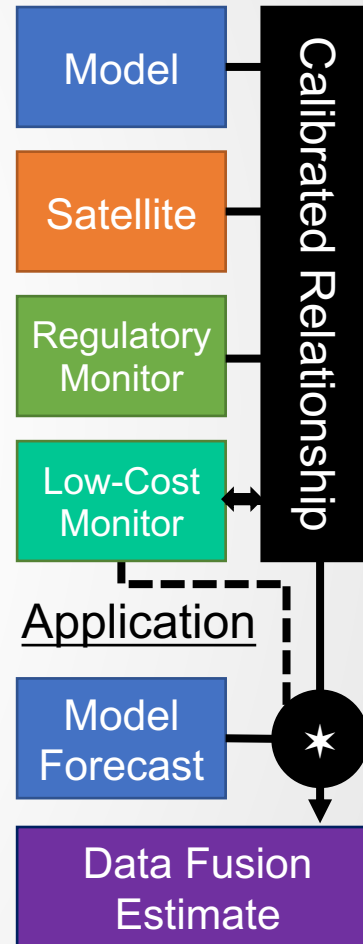


Demonstration of Data Fusion in GEE (preliminary)

Comparison during Calibration Period



Calibration



Prototype Data Fusion System Current Status

Earth Engine Apps

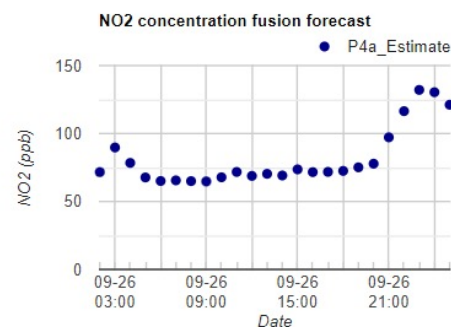
Courtesy of Nathan Pavlovic & Jonathan Coughlin, Sonoma Technologies, Inc.

Sub-city air quality forecasts

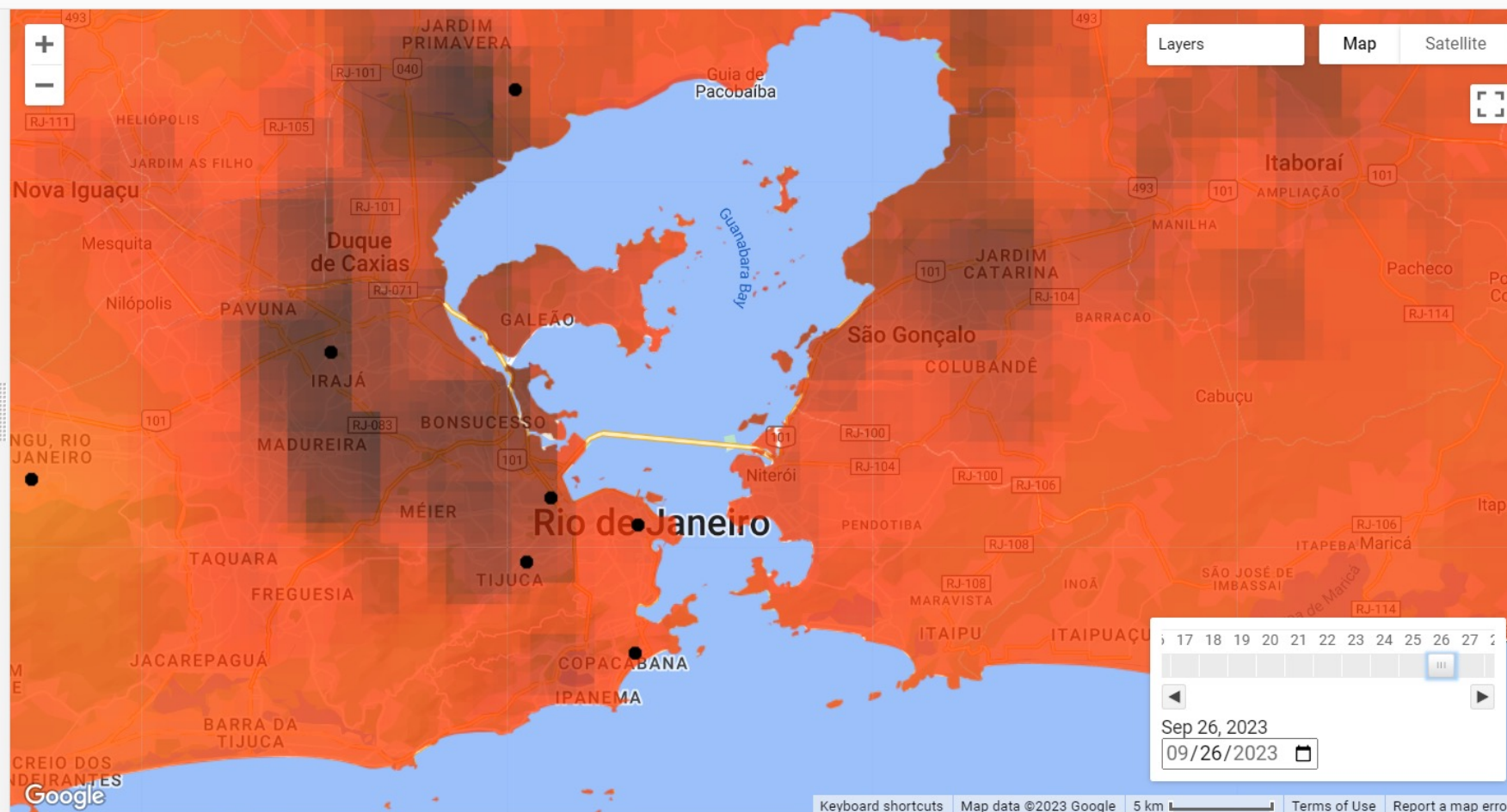
Select the region of interest to view forecasts

Rio de Janeiro, BR

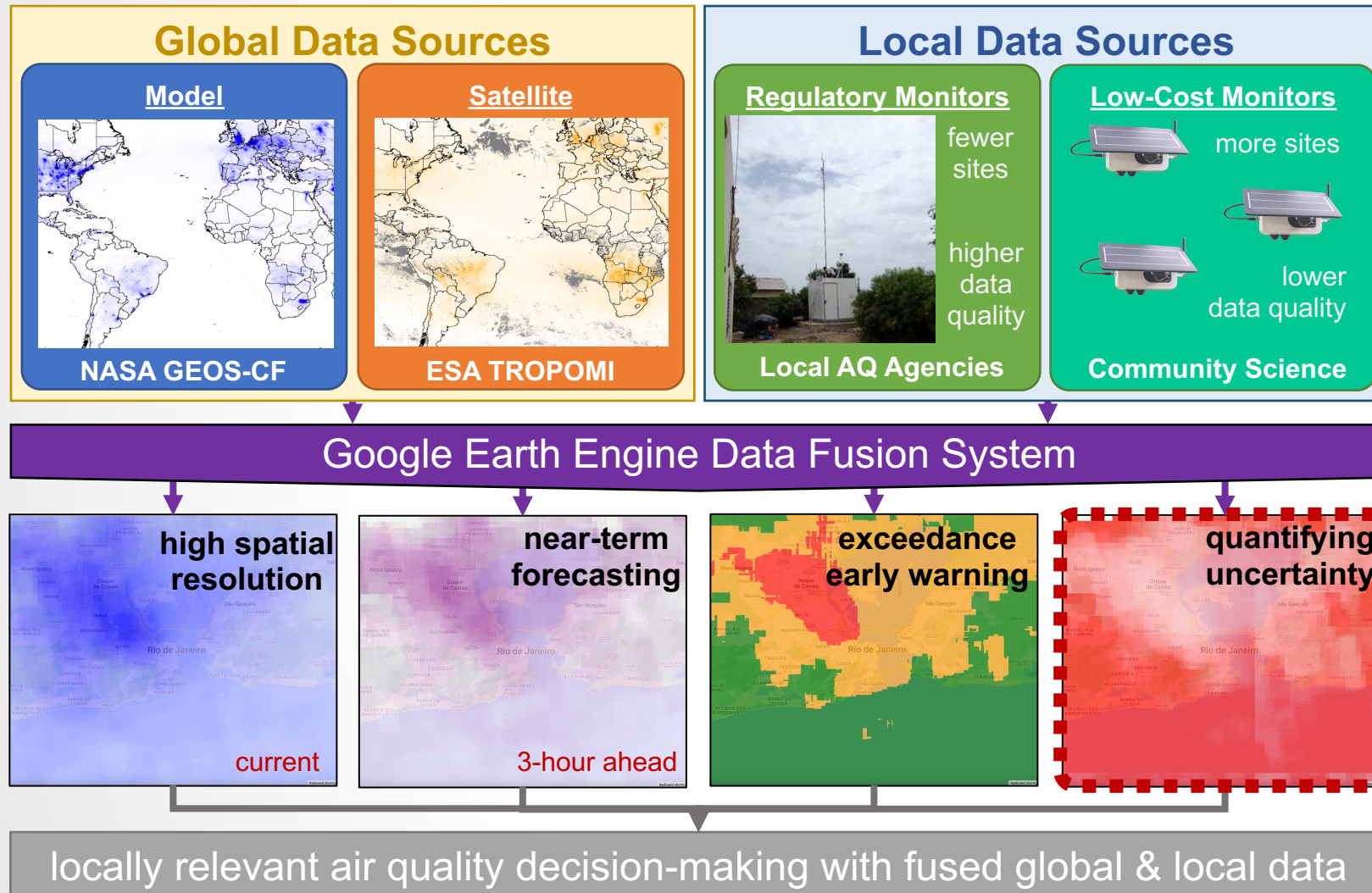
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Hourly NO2 Concentration (ppb)



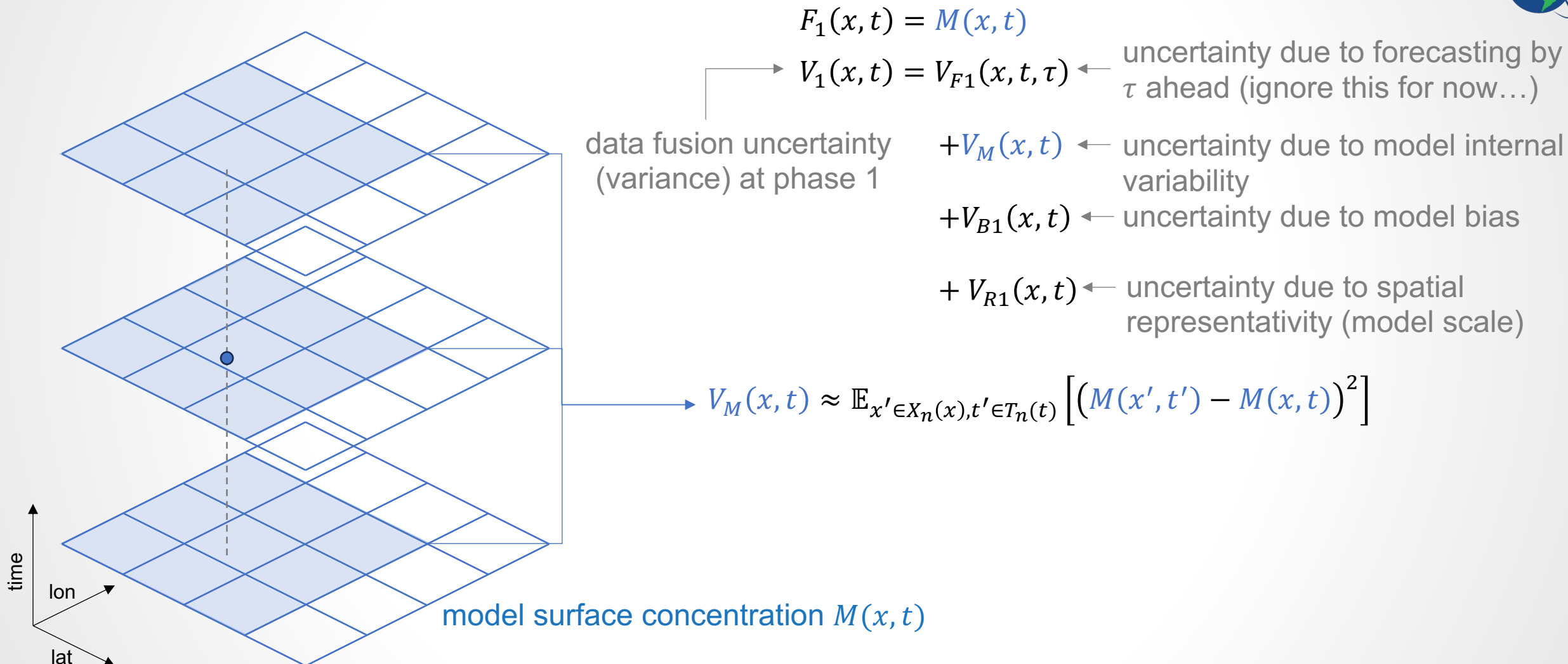
As part of our NASA A.37 project, we want to quantify uncertainty in our Google Earth Engine data fusion tool



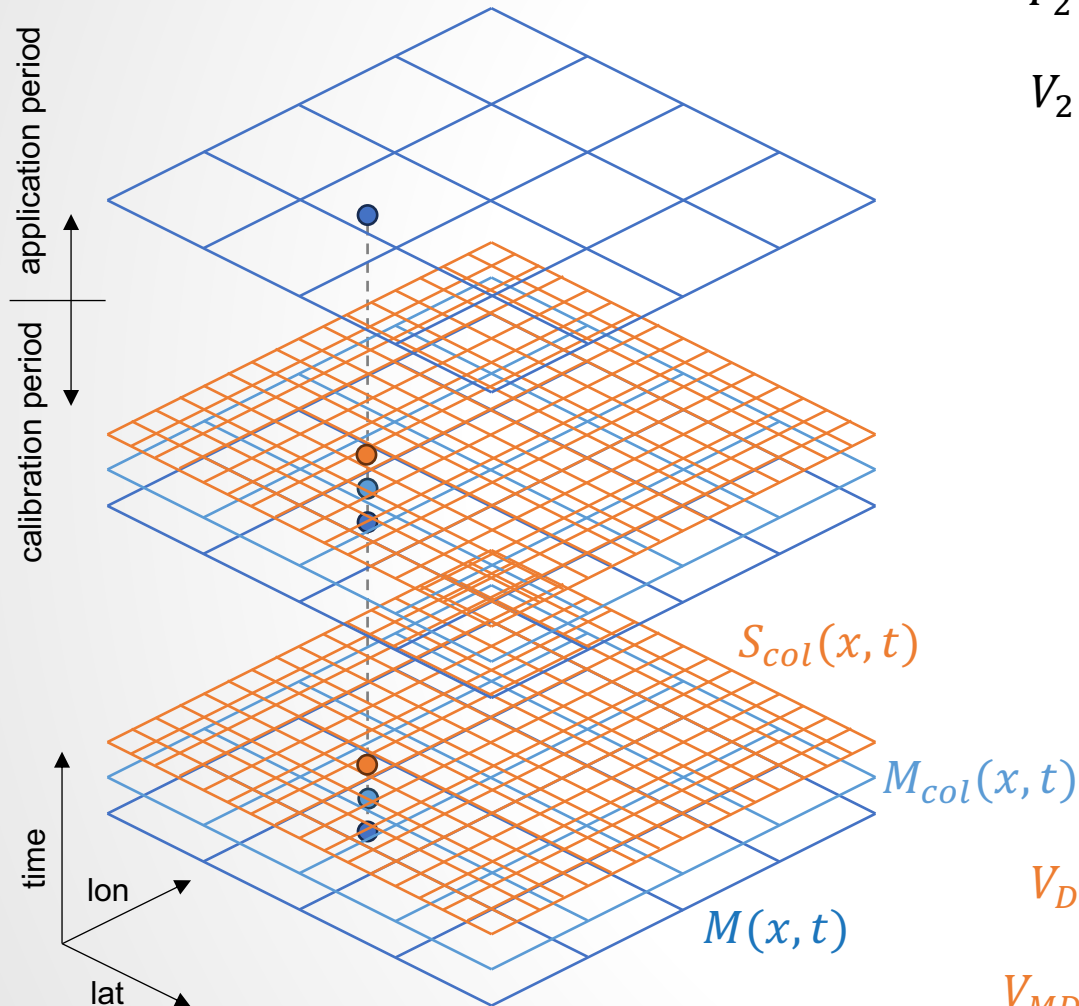
Uncertainty quantification allows:

- Properly incorporating different types of measurements (e.g., low-cost sensors v. regulatory monitors)
- Establishing confidence in estimates and forecasts
- Proper communication of results to end-users
- Identifying the contributions of different data in the fusion process
- Prioritizing new data sources for end users, e.g., low-cost sensor deployments

Phase 1 Uncertainty



Phase 2 Uncertainty



$$F_2(x, t) = F_1(x, t) + D(x, t)$$

$$V_2(x, t) = V_{F_2}(x, t, \tau) \leftarrow \text{uncertainty due to forecasting by } \tau \text{ ahead (ignore this for now...)}$$

$$+ V_M(x, t) \leftarrow \text{uncertainty due to model internal variability}$$

$$+ V_D(x, t) \leftarrow \text{uncertainty in satellite-to-model differences (estimated over the calibration period)}$$

$$+ 2V_{MD}(x, t) \leftarrow \text{co-variance of satellite-to-model differences with model outputs (empirical estimate)}$$

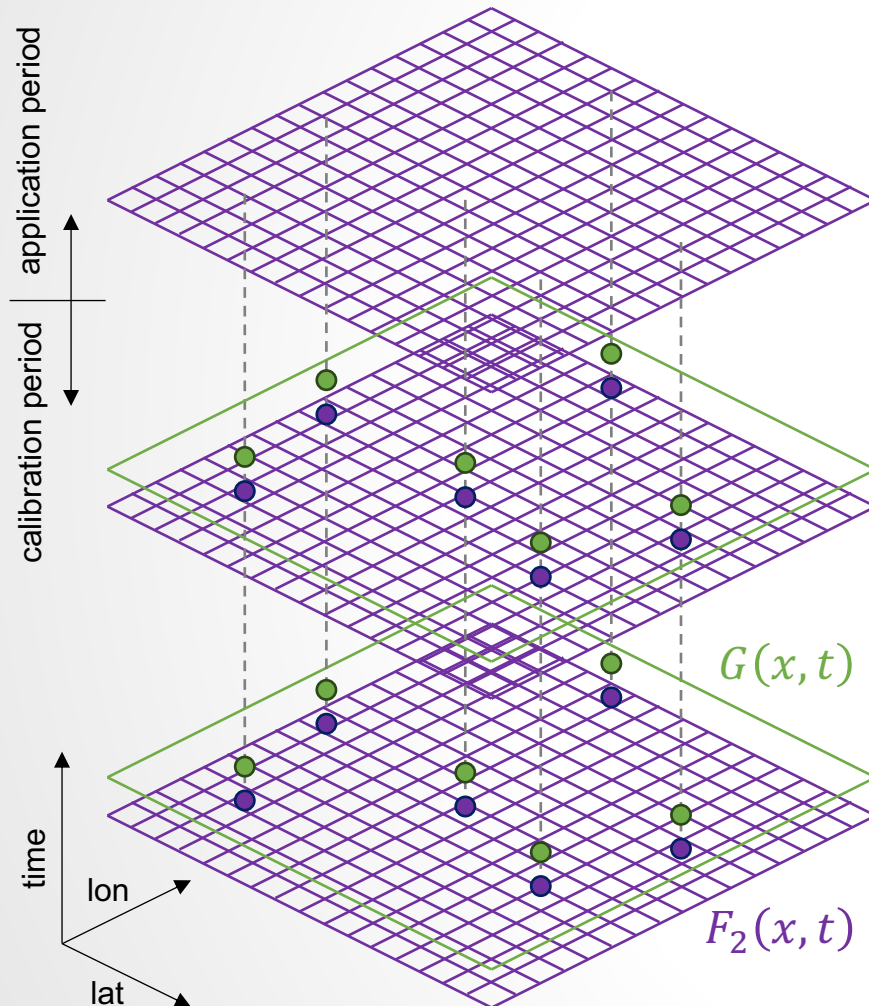
$$+ V_{B2}(x, t) \leftarrow \text{uncertainty due to model \& satellite bias}$$

$$+ V_{R2}(x, t) \leftarrow \text{uncertainty due to spatial representativity (satellite scale)}$$

$$V_D(x, t) \approx \mathbb{V}_{t' \in T_{c, \text{overpass}}(t)} [(S_{col}(x, t') - M_{col}(x, t')) \phi(x, t') \psi(x, t, t')]$$

$$V_{MD}(x, t) \approx \mathbb{E}_{x' \in X_n(x), t' \in T_n(t)} [(M(x', t') - M(x, t))(D(x', t') - D(x, t))]$$

Phase 3 Uncertainty



$$F_3(x, t) = \theta_1 F_2(x, t) + \theta_0$$

$$V_3(x, t) = V_{F_3}(x, t, \tau) \leftarrow \text{uncertainty due to forecasting by } \tau \text{ ahead (ignore this for now...)}$$

$$+ \theta_1^2 [V_M(x, t) + V_D(x, t) + 2V_{MD}(x, t)] \leftarrow \text{rescaled from phase 2}$$

$$+ \text{var}[\theta_1] F_2(x, t)^2$$

$$+ 2\text{cov}[\theta_0, \theta_1] F_2(x, t)$$

$$+ \text{var}[\theta_0]$$

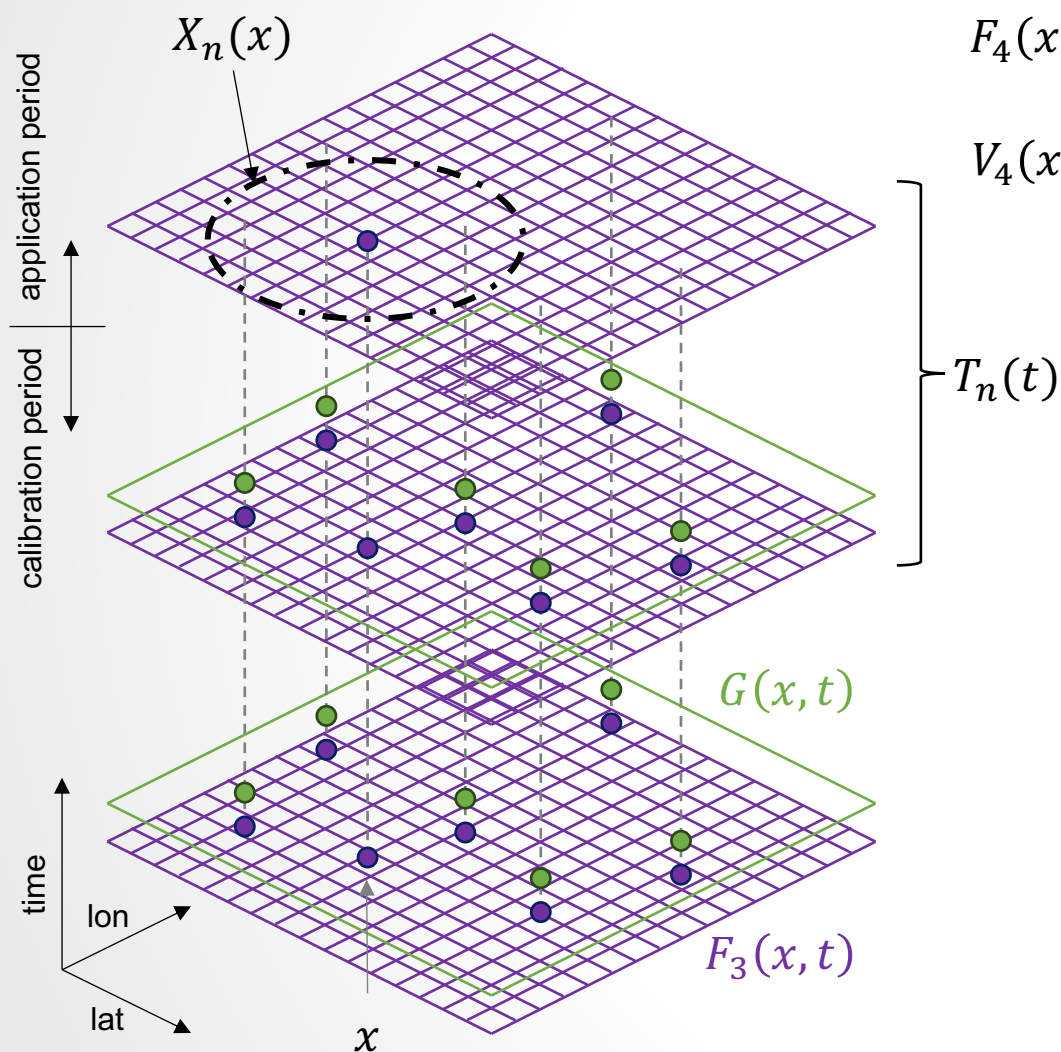
$$+ \sigma_{\text{residual}}^2$$

variance and co-variance of regression parameters as well as regression residual are known

We can now quantify every term contributing to the uncertainty!

...provided that we ignore potential systematic differences between the calibration and application periods and the fact that the ground monitors may not be representative of the domain as a whole

Phase 4 Uncertainty



$$F_4(x, t) = F_3(x, t) + \sum_{x' \in X_n(x), t' \in T_n(t)} K(x, x', t, t') [G(x', t') - F_3(x', t')]$$

$$V_4(x, t) = V_3(x, t) - \underbrace{\sum_{x' \in X_n(x), t' \in T_n(t)} K(x, x', t, t') \text{cov}[G(x', t'), F_3(x', t')]}_{\text{Kriging reduction from phase 3 variance}}$$

Kriging reduction from phase 3 variance

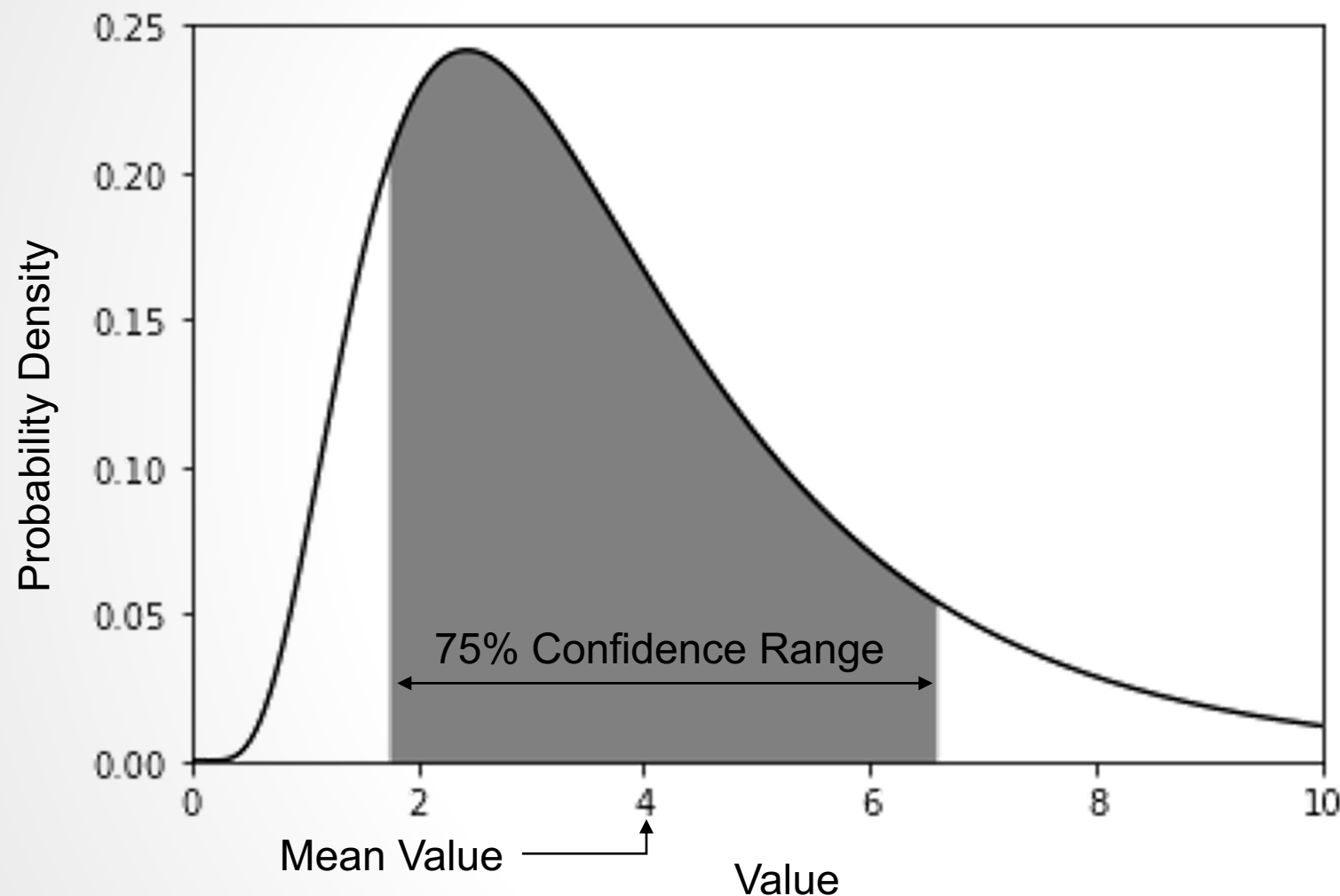
Summary of Data Fusion Estimates & Uncertainties

Phase		Estimate	Uncertainty			
			Bias	Model Variance	Model Scale Spatial Representativity	Satellite Scale Spatial Representativity
1	Model	$F_1(x, t) = M(x, t)$	$V_{B1}(x, t)$	$V_M(x, t)$	$V_{R1}(x, t)$	
2	Model & Satellite	$F_2(x, t) = \text{avg}_{t' \in T_c(t)} [(S_{col}(x, t') - M_{col}(x, t')) \phi(x, t') \psi(x, t, t')] + F_1(x, t)$ $= D(x, t) + F_1(x, t)$	$V_{B2}(x, t)$	$V_M(x, t)$	$V_D(x, t) + 2V_{MD}(x, t)$	$V_{R2}(x, t)$
3	Model & Satellite & Ground	$F_3(x, t) = \theta_1 F_2(x, t) + \theta_0$ $with \ \theta_0, \theta_1 = \mathbb{L} \mathbb{R}_{t' \in T_c(t), x' \in X_c(x)} [G(x', t') \sim F_2(x', t')]$	0^*	$\theta_1^2 V_M(x, t)$	$\theta_1^2 [V_D(x, t) + 2V_{MD}(x, t)]$	$\text{var}[\theta_1] F_2(x, t)^2$ $+ 2\text{cov}[\theta_0, \theta_1] F_2(x, t)$ $+ \text{var}[\theta_0] + \sigma_{residual}^2$
4	Model & Satellite & Ground & Kriging	$F_4(x, t) = F_3(x, t) + \sum_{x' \in X_n(x), t' \in T_n(t)} K(x, x', t, t') [G(x', t') - F_3(x', t')]$	0^*	$\theta_1^2 V_M(x, t)$	$\theta_1^2 [V_D(x, t) + 2V_{MD}(x, t)]$	$\text{var}[\theta_1] F_2(x, t)^2$ $+ 2\text{cov}[\theta_0, \theta_1] F_2(x, t)$ $+ \text{var}[\theta_0] + \sigma_{residual}^2$
			$-\sum_{x' \in X_n(x), t' \in T_n(t)} K(x, x', t, t') \text{cov}[G(x', t'), F_3(x, t)]$			

*Ground measurements during the calibration period are assumed to be an unbiased representation of concentrations across the domain of interest during the application period

Using outputs from later phases, informed estimates can be made for uncertainty terms in earlier phases
Ad hoc estimates for these terms might be crafted later based on observed relationships with model outputs

Defining Confidence Intervals



Assuming a distribution for the values being estimated (a lognormal distribution is assumed in this case), confidence intervals can be estimated.

$$\mu(x, t) = \log \left[\frac{F(x, t)}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{V(x, t)}{F(x, t)^2}}} \right]$$

$$\sigma(x, t) = \sqrt{\log \left[1 + \frac{V(x, t)}{F(x, t)^2} \right]}$$

$$f(x, t) \sim LN(\mu(x, t), \sigma(x, t))$$

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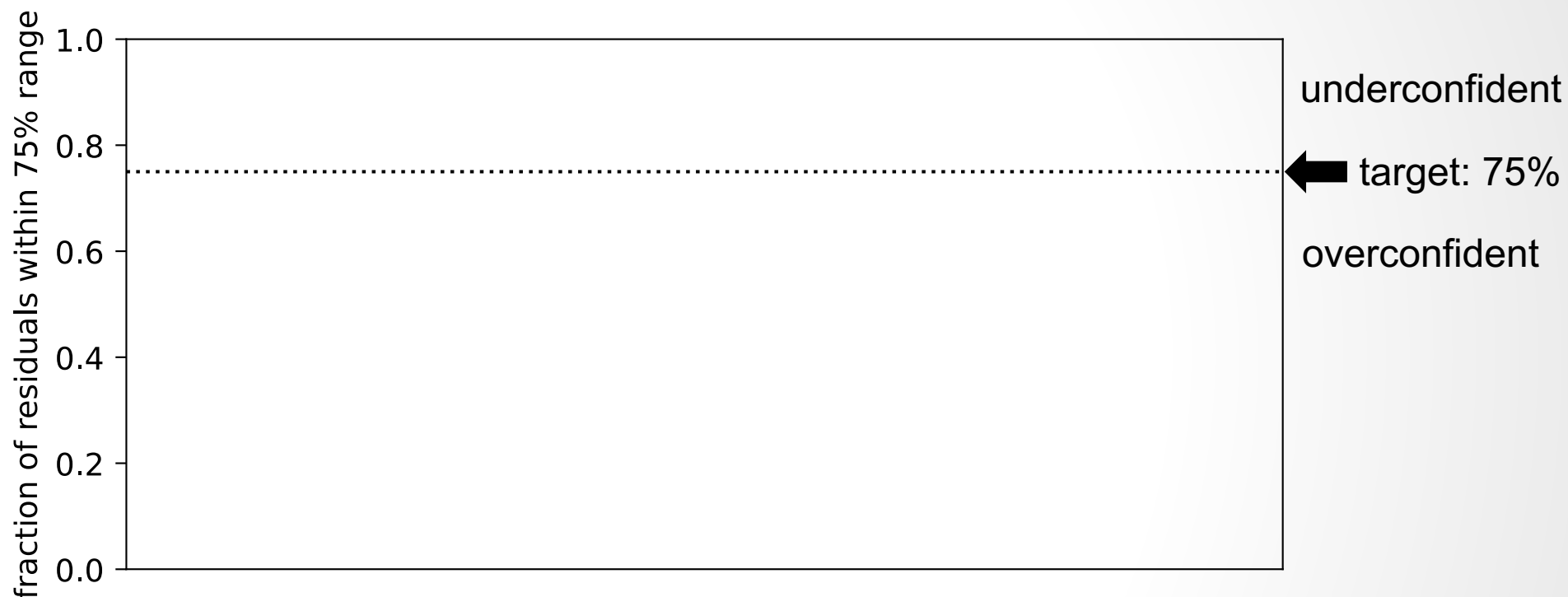
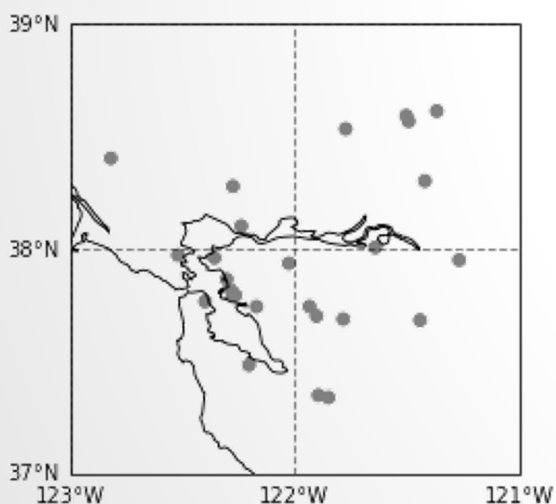
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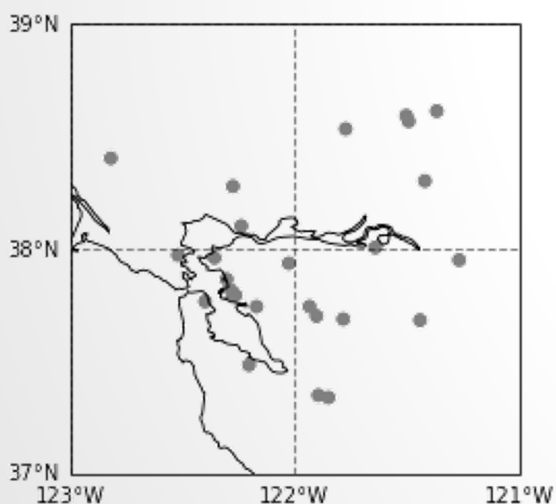
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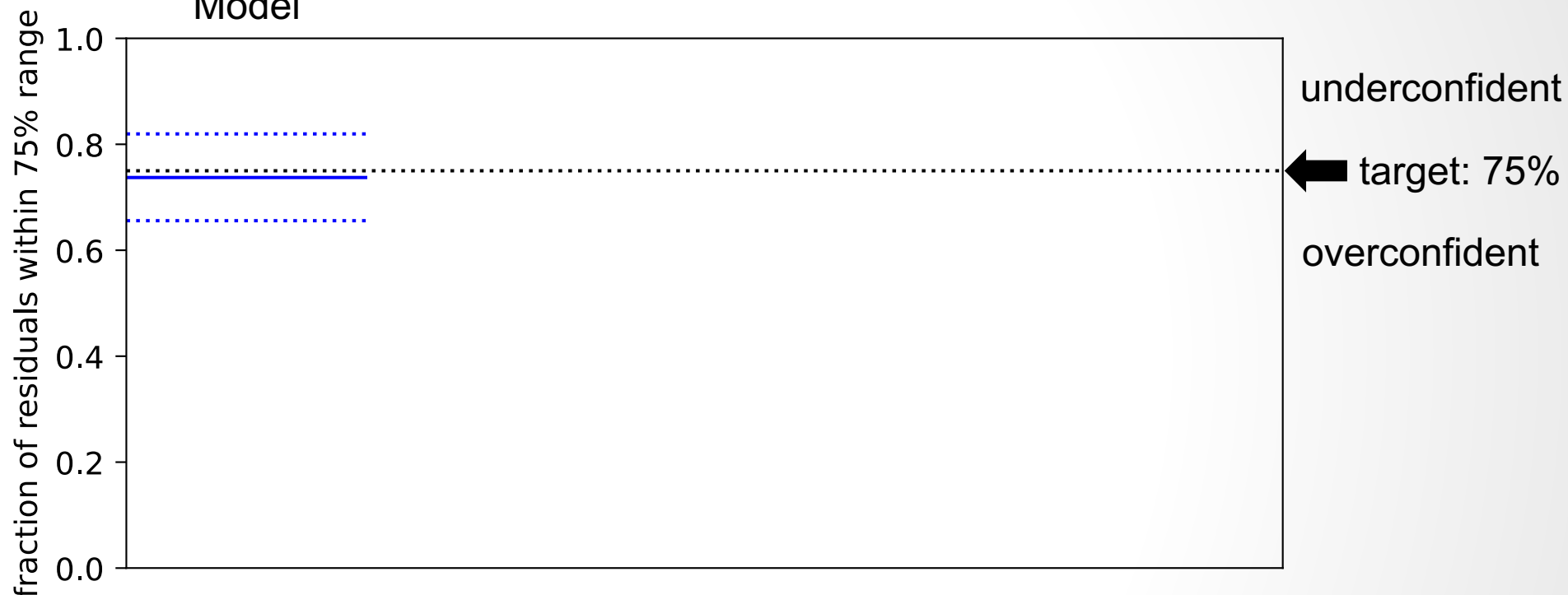
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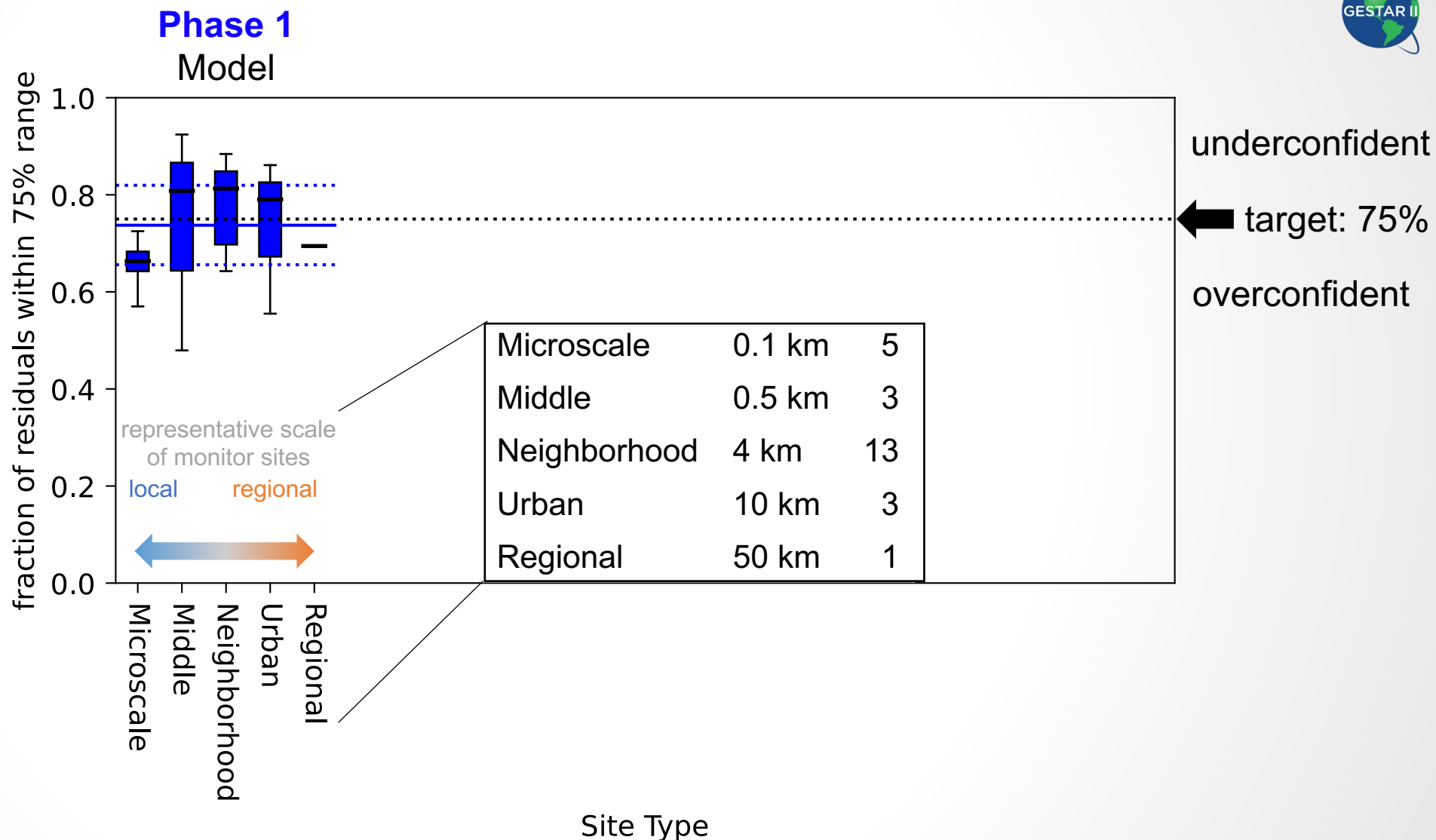
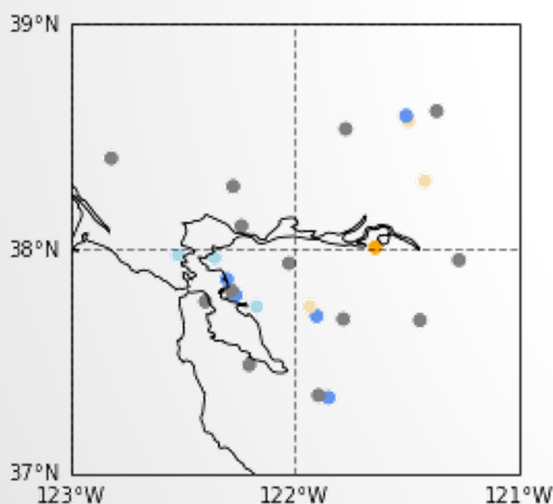
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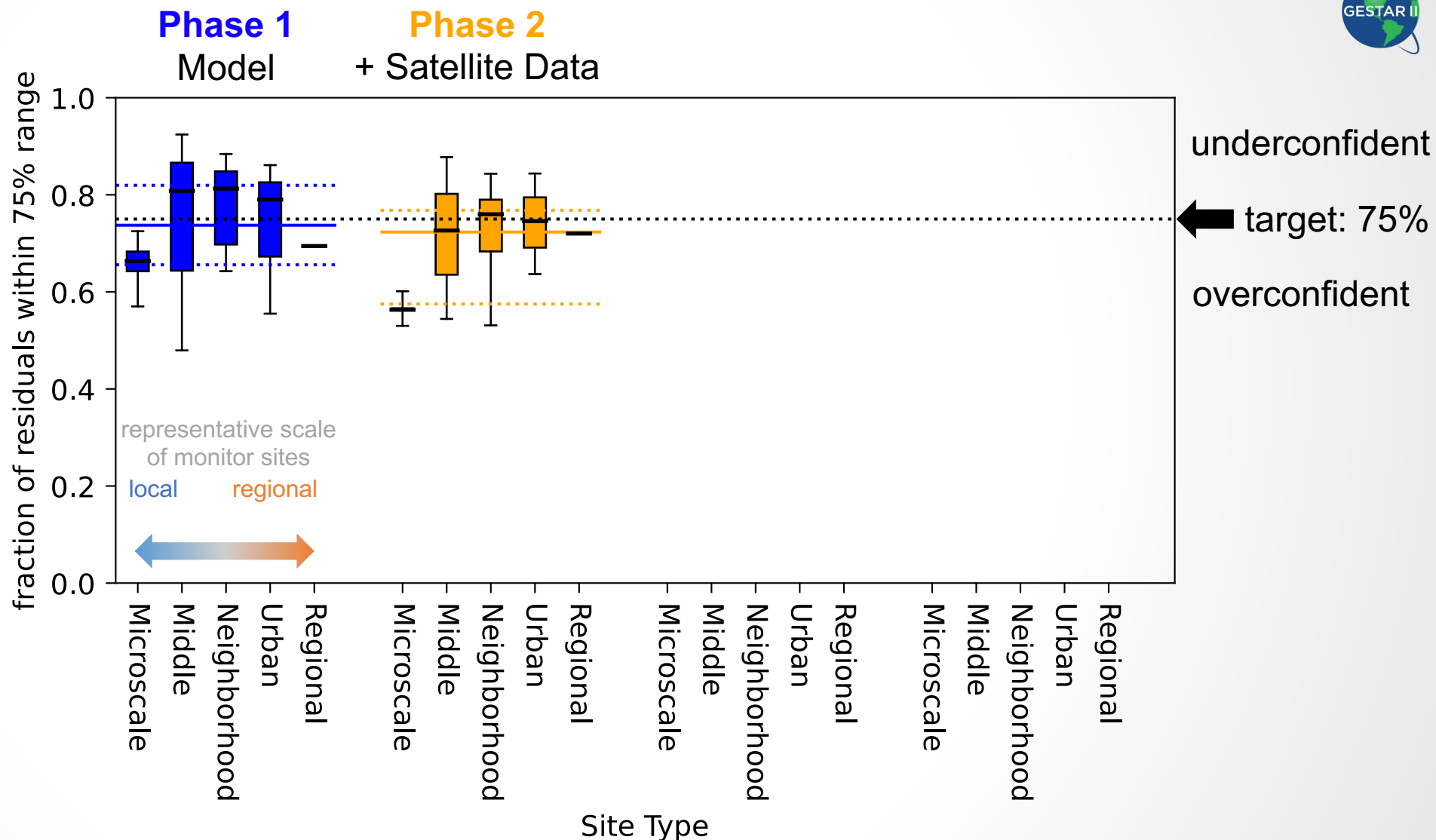
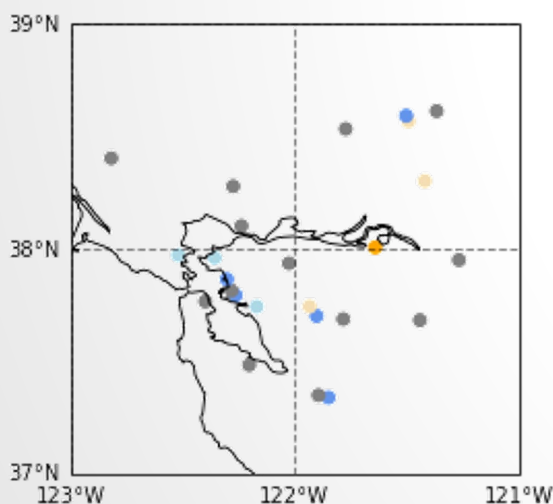
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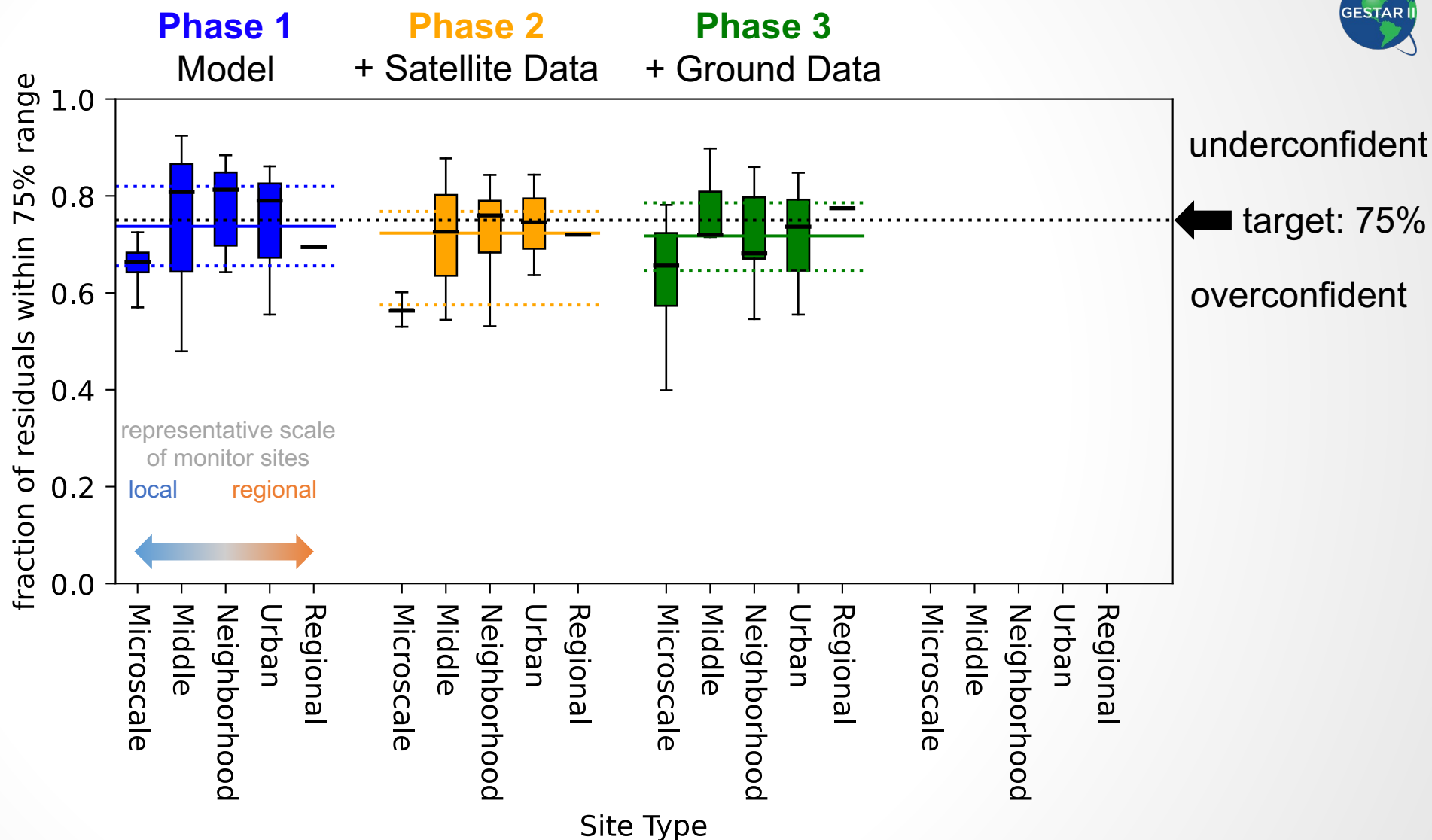
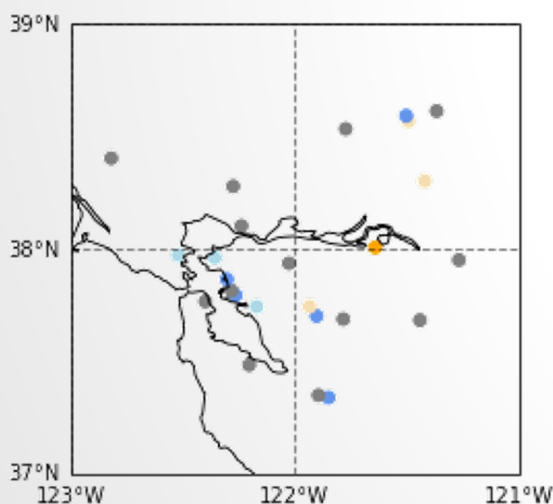
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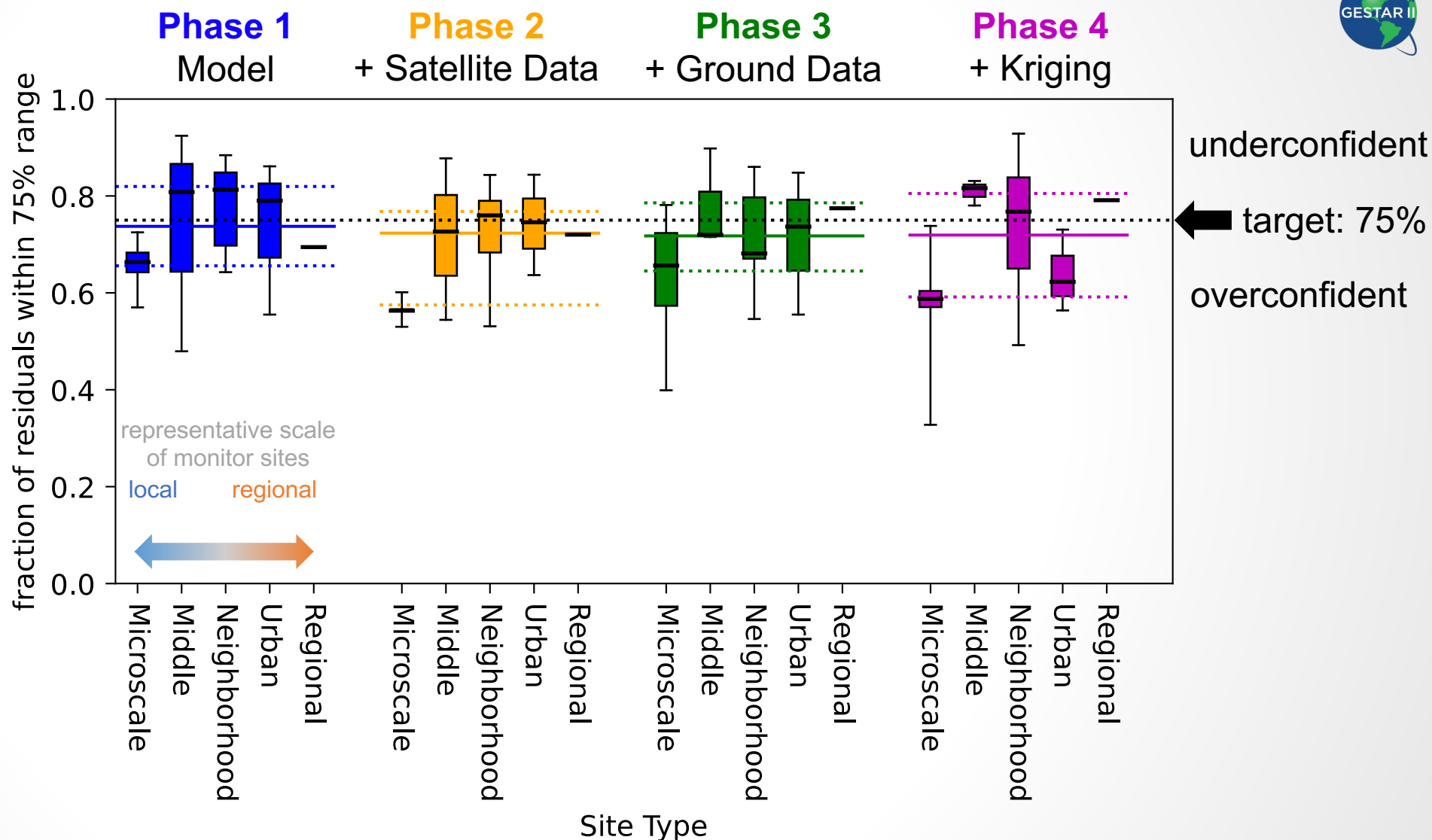
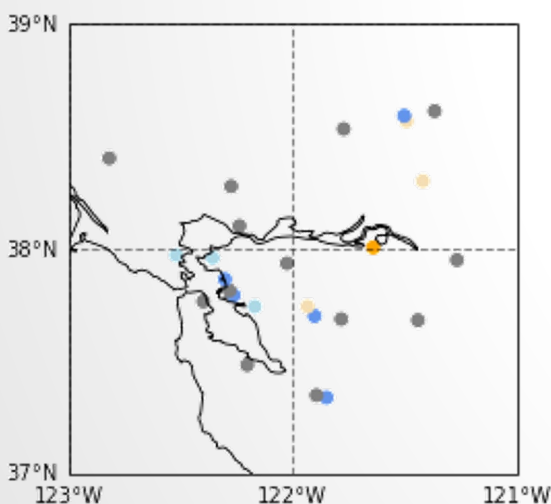
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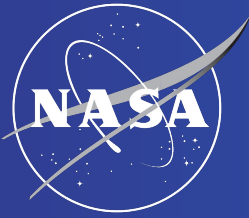
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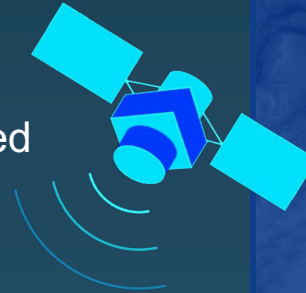
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