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## The First Decade of OMI Observations

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# The Anthropocene

- Ozone Layer
- Air Quality
- Climate

CFCs



Industry and traffic

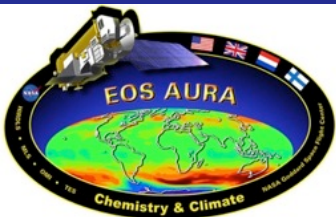


Biomass burning

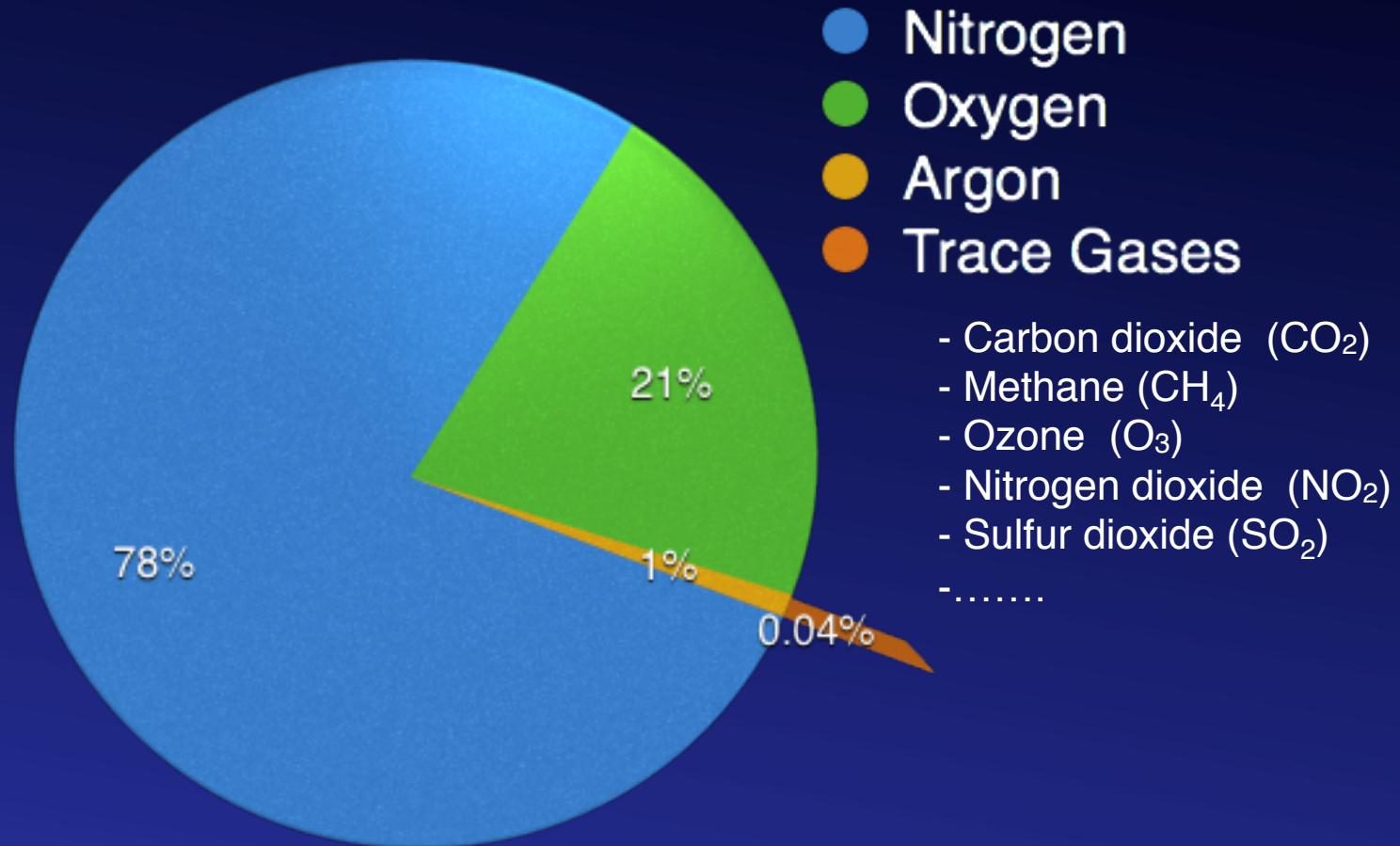
*Courtesy: R. Noordhoek (KNMI)*

# OMI Science Questions

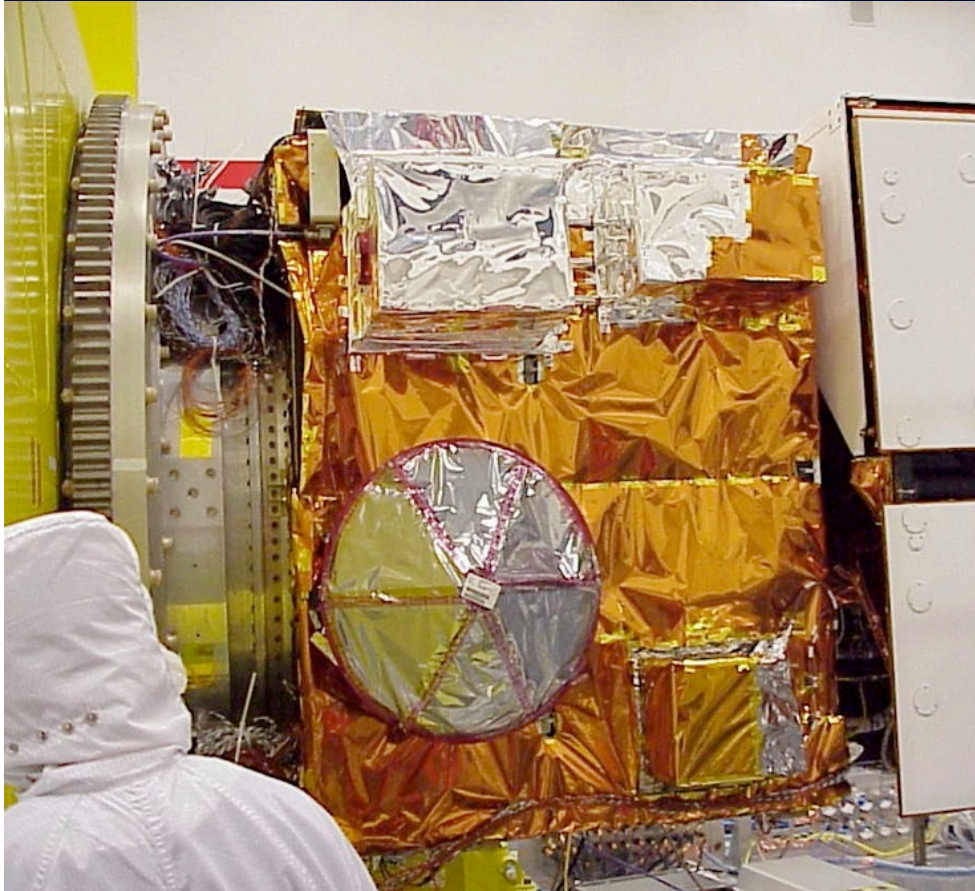
- Is the ozone layer recovering as expected ?
- What are the sources of aerosols and trace gases that affect global air quality and how are they transported?
- What are the roles of tropospheric ozone and aerosols in climate change?
- What are the causes of surface UV-B change?



# Atmospheric Composition



# Ozone Monitoring Instrument

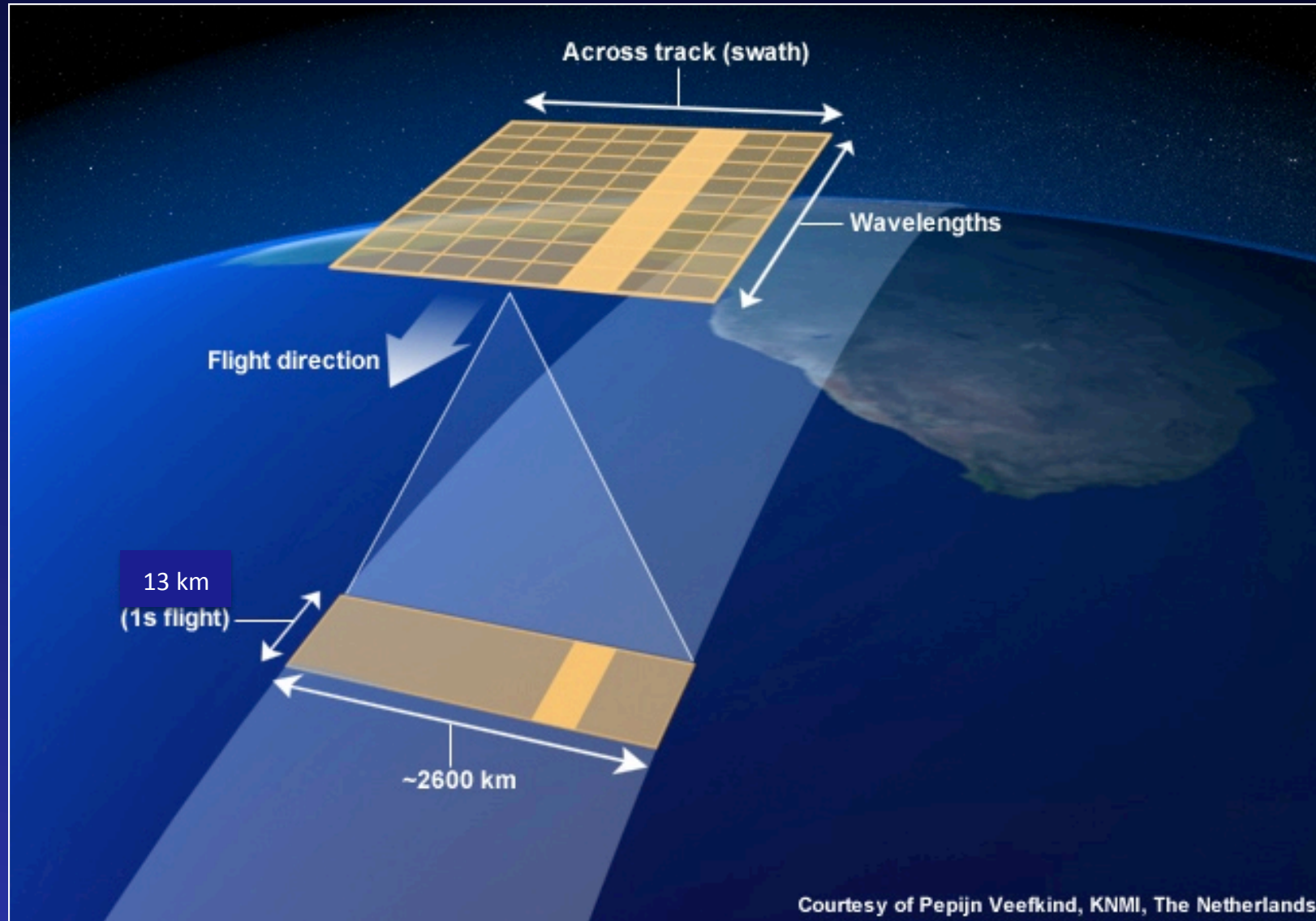


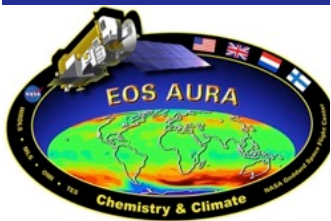
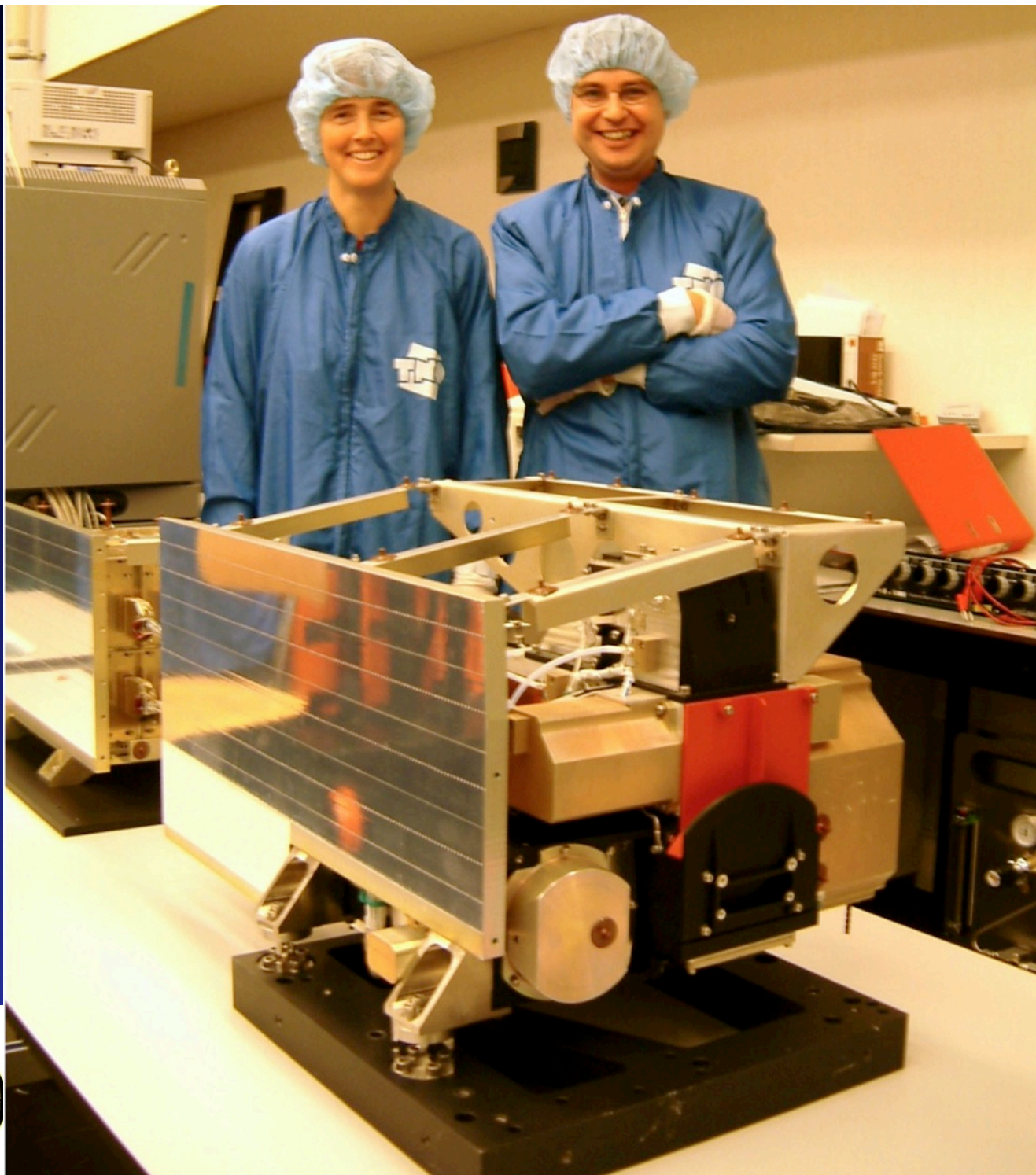
## Ozone Monitoring Instrument

Instrument	Imaging spectrometer
Spectral Range	270 - 500 nm
Spectral Resolution	0.45 - 0.63 nm
Spectral Sampling	0.15 - 0.30 nm
Spatial Resolution	13x24 km <sup>2</sup> (nadir)
Swath Width	2600 km
Mass	65 kg
Size	50 cm × 40 cm × 35 cm
Power	66 W
Data rate	0.8 Mbps (average)
Spacecraft	NASA EOS-Aura
Launch Date	15 July 2004
Orbit	Sun synchronous, 13:30 hr
Altitude	705 km
Agencies	NSO, FMI
PI Institutes	KNMI, FMI

*OMI is the Dutch-Finnish contribution to the NASA EOS-Aura Mission and is developed by an international consortium led by Dutch Space and TNO.*

# Measurement Principle





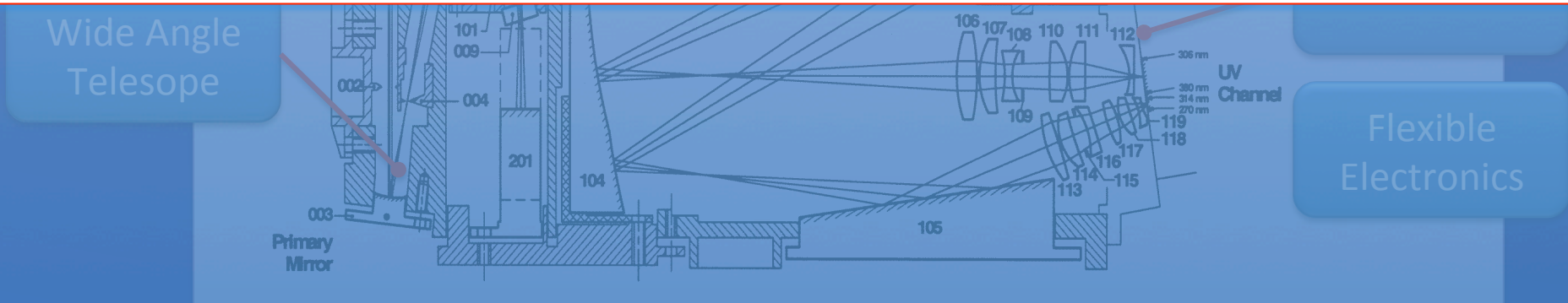


# Instrument Design



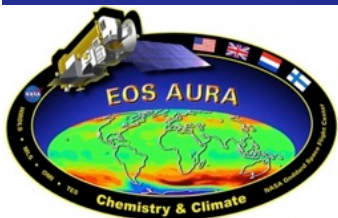
**Spectral range, resolution and sampling distances**

Channel	Total Range	Full Performance Range	Average Spectral Resolution (FWHM)	Average Spectral Sampling Distance
<b>UV-1</b>	264 - 311 nm	270 - 310 nm	0.63 nm	0.33 nm/pixel
<b>UV-2</b>	307 - 383 nm	310 - 365 nm	0.42 nm	0.14 nm/pixel
<b>VIS</b>	349 - 504 nm	365 - 504 nm	0.63 nm	0.21 nm/pixel

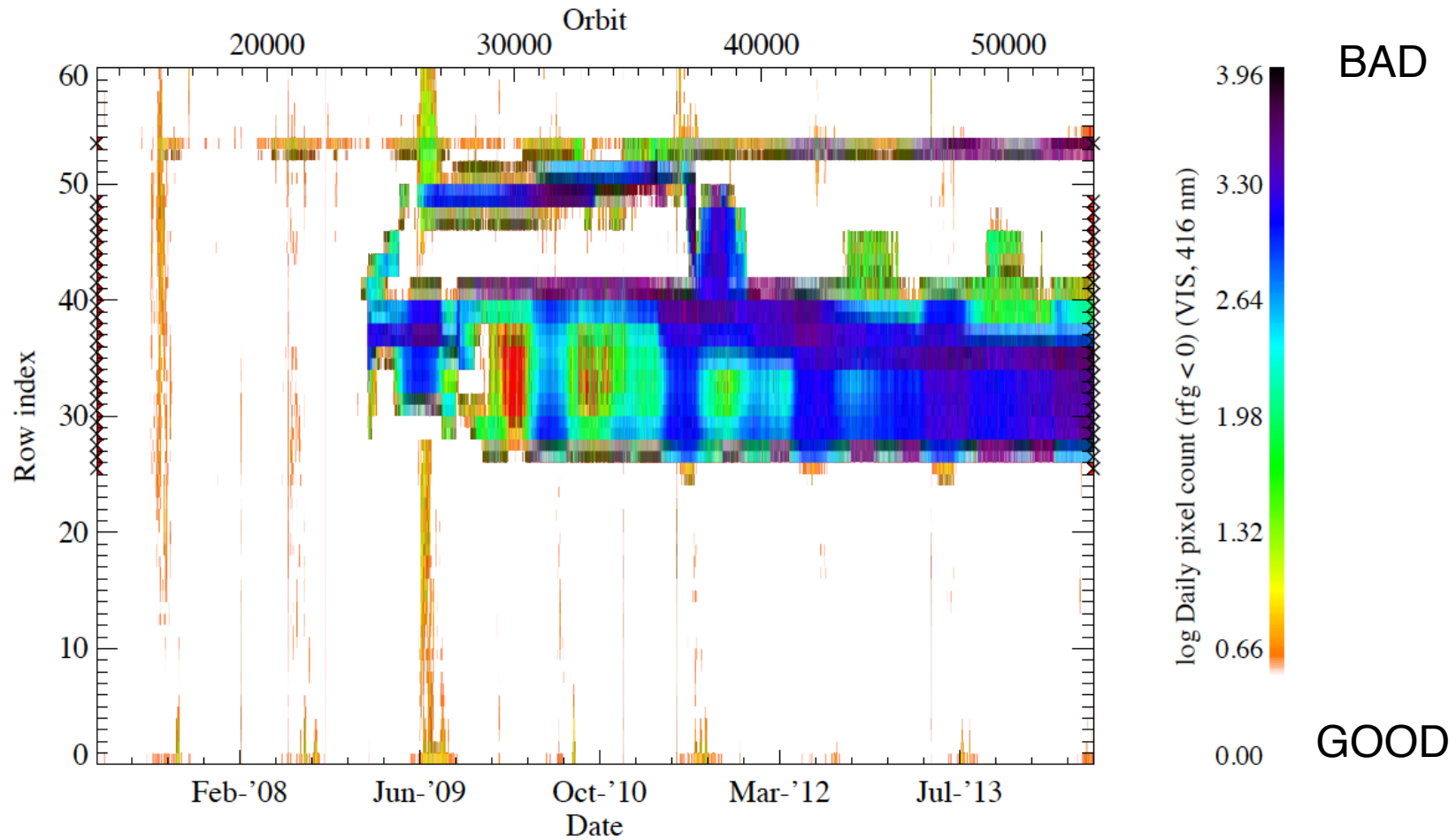


# OMI Stability

- OMI has never been switched off
- Near-perfect temperature control:
  - Detector trend 0.05 K/decade
  - Optical bench +1.2 K/decade
  - Electronics +1 K/decade
- Bad pixels ~7% after 10 years
- Radiance port optical degradation -0.5 – 1.0%



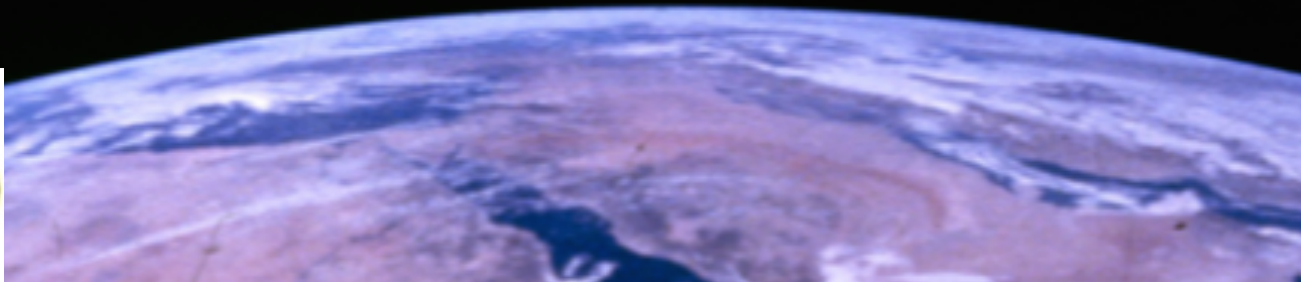
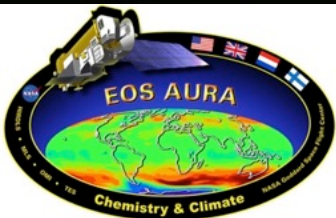
Number of negative reflectances (VIS, 416 nm) (Blockage)



OMTMRAMRFGDP multiple day visualization  
Orbit range: 13103 - 53412

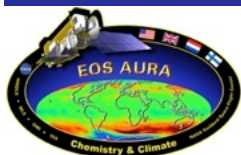
From: 2007-01-01  
To: 2014-07-31

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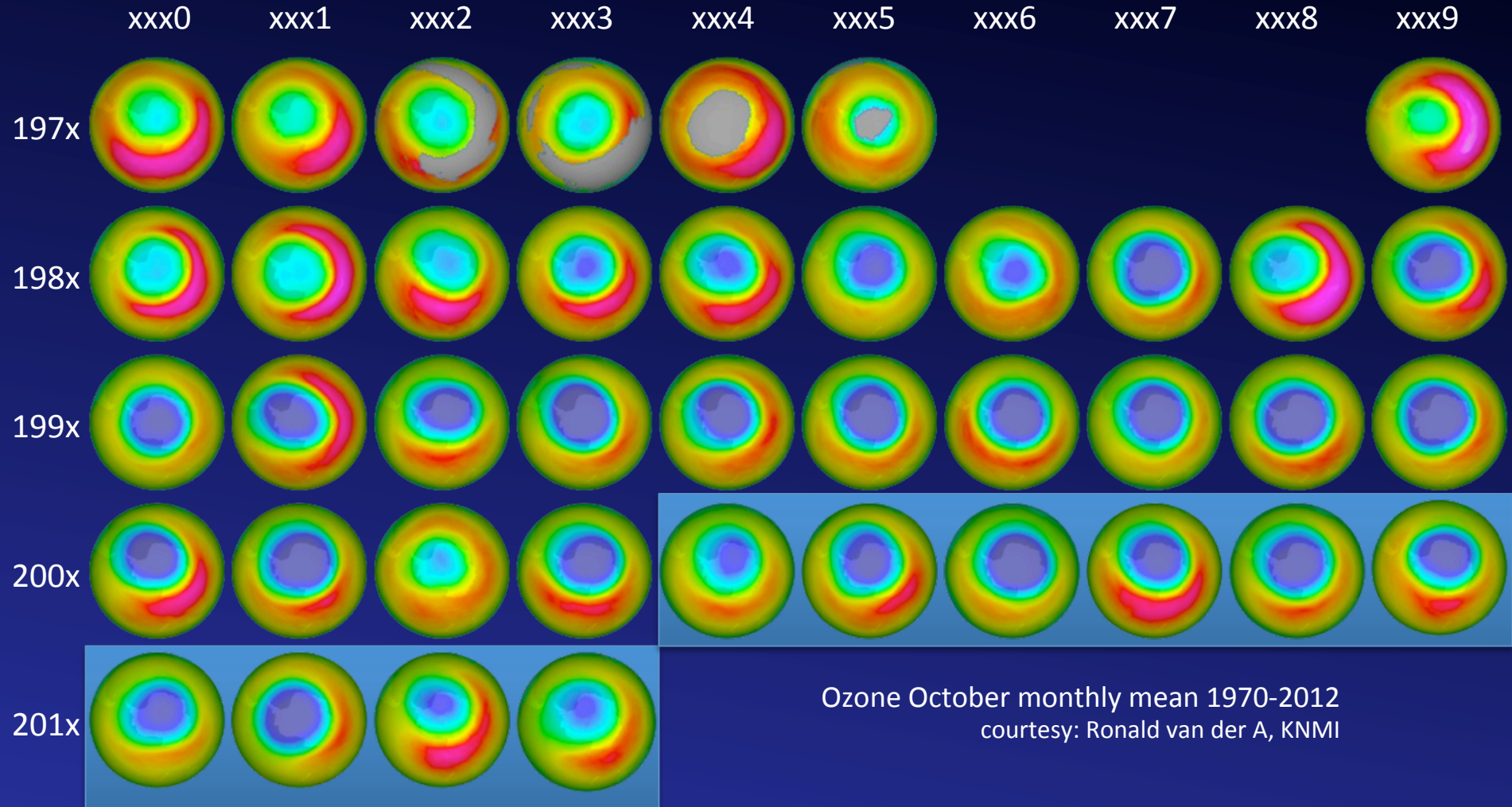


# OMI Data products

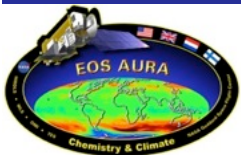
Product	Application
Ozone column	Ozone layer monitoring / NWP / UV index
Ozone profile	Ozone layer monitoring / Tropospheric ozone
Surface UV	UV index
NO <sub>2</sub>	Air quality / Emission monitoring
SO <sub>2</sub>	Volcanic eruptions / Air quality / Emission monitoring
Formaldehyde	Air quality / Emission monitoring
BrO	Air quality
OCIO	Ozone layer monitoring
Aerosol	Absorbing aerosol plumes / Volcanic ash
Cloud	Cloud fraction and height variability
Surface reflectivity	Climatology
Solar irradiance	Solar variability



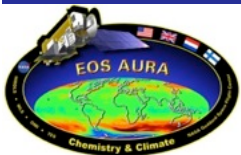
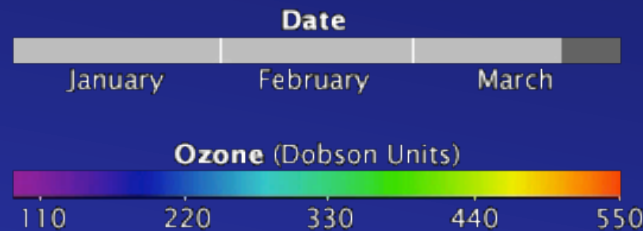
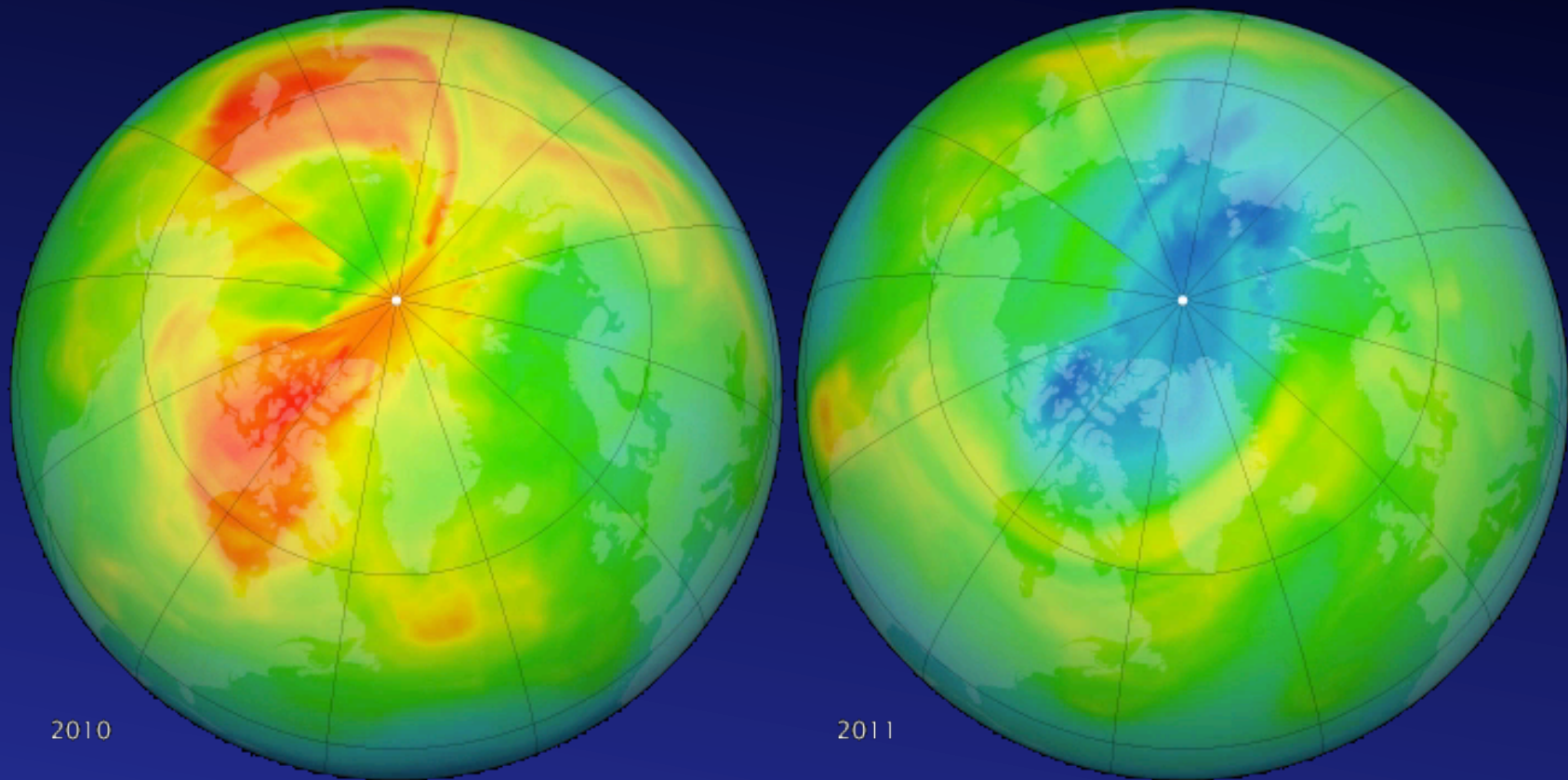
# Multi Sensor Reanalysis -2 (MSR)



Ozone October monthly mean 1970-2012  
courtesy: Ronald van der A, KNMI



# Arctic Ozone Loss



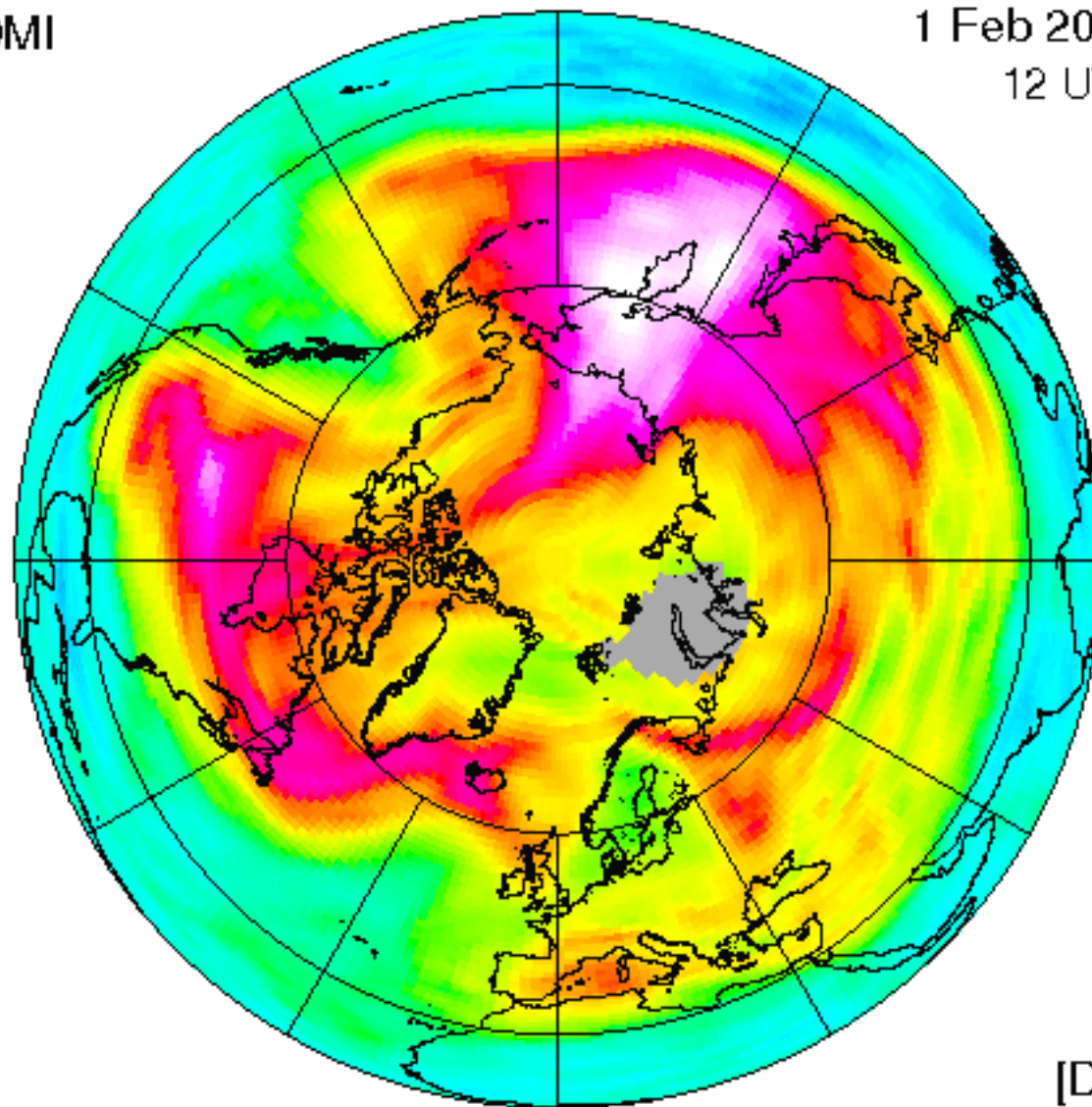
KNMI / NASA

OMI

Assimilated total ozone

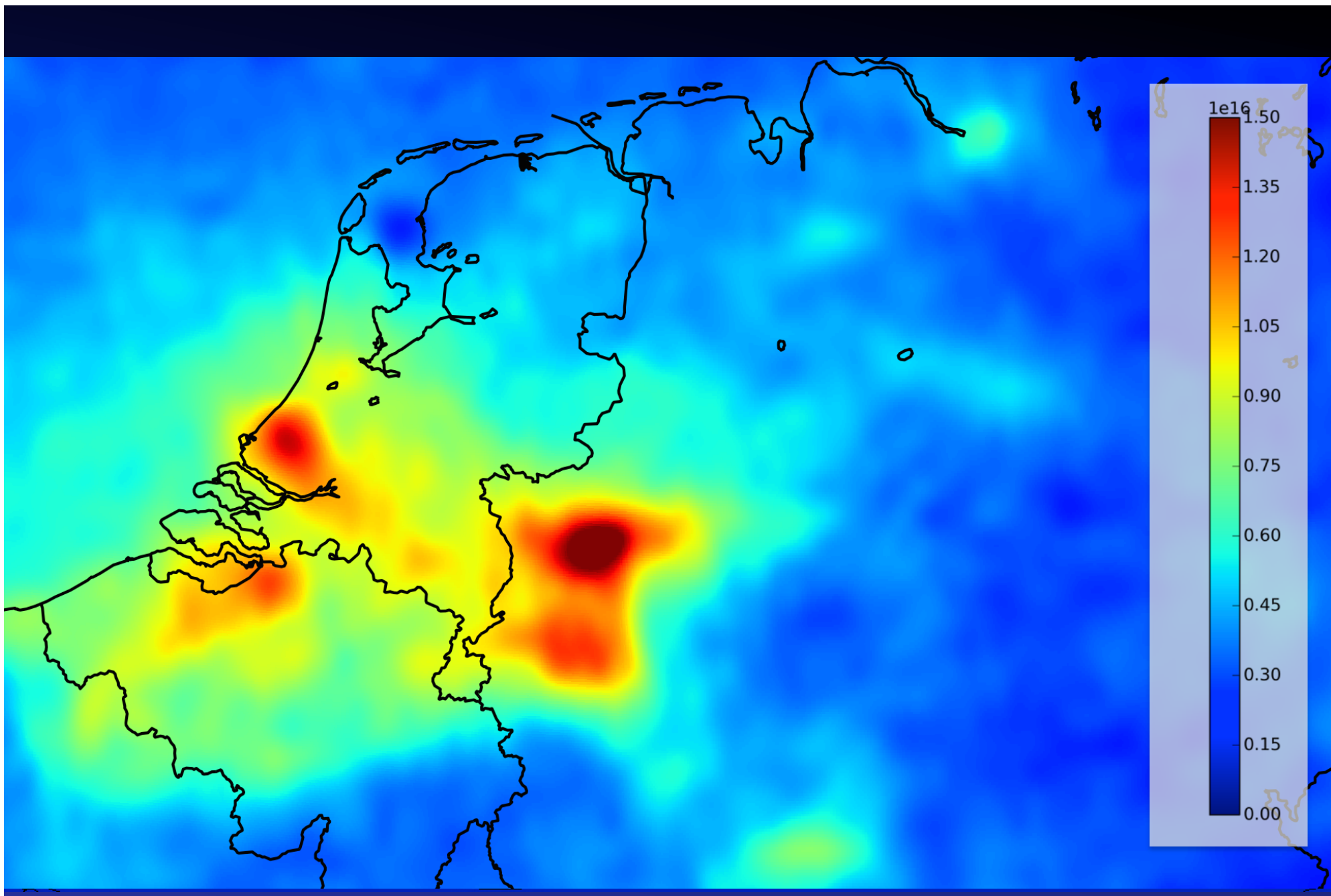
1 Feb 2011

12 UTC



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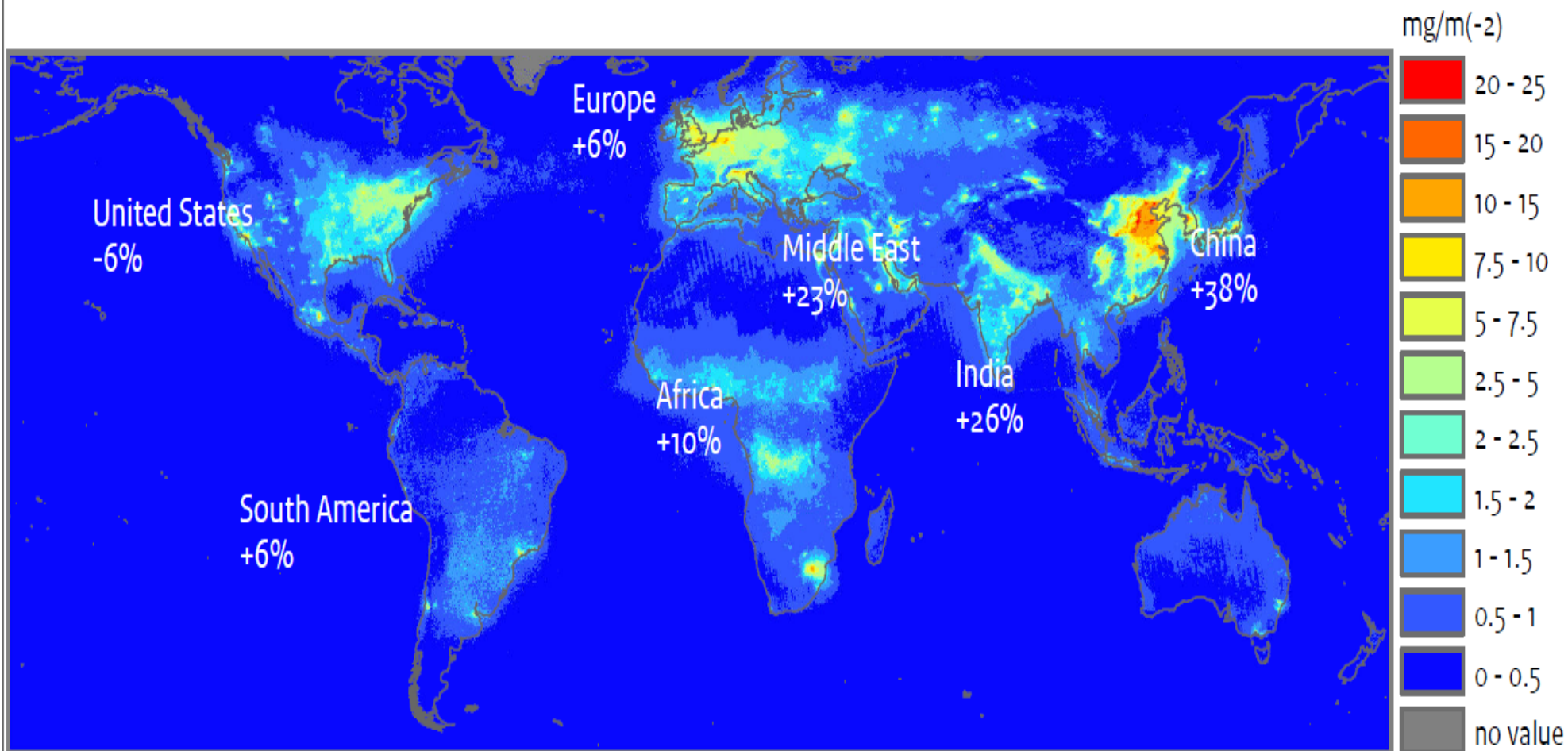




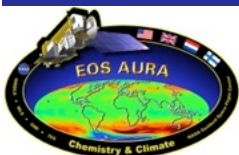


# OMI NO<sub>2</sub> average amounts 2012

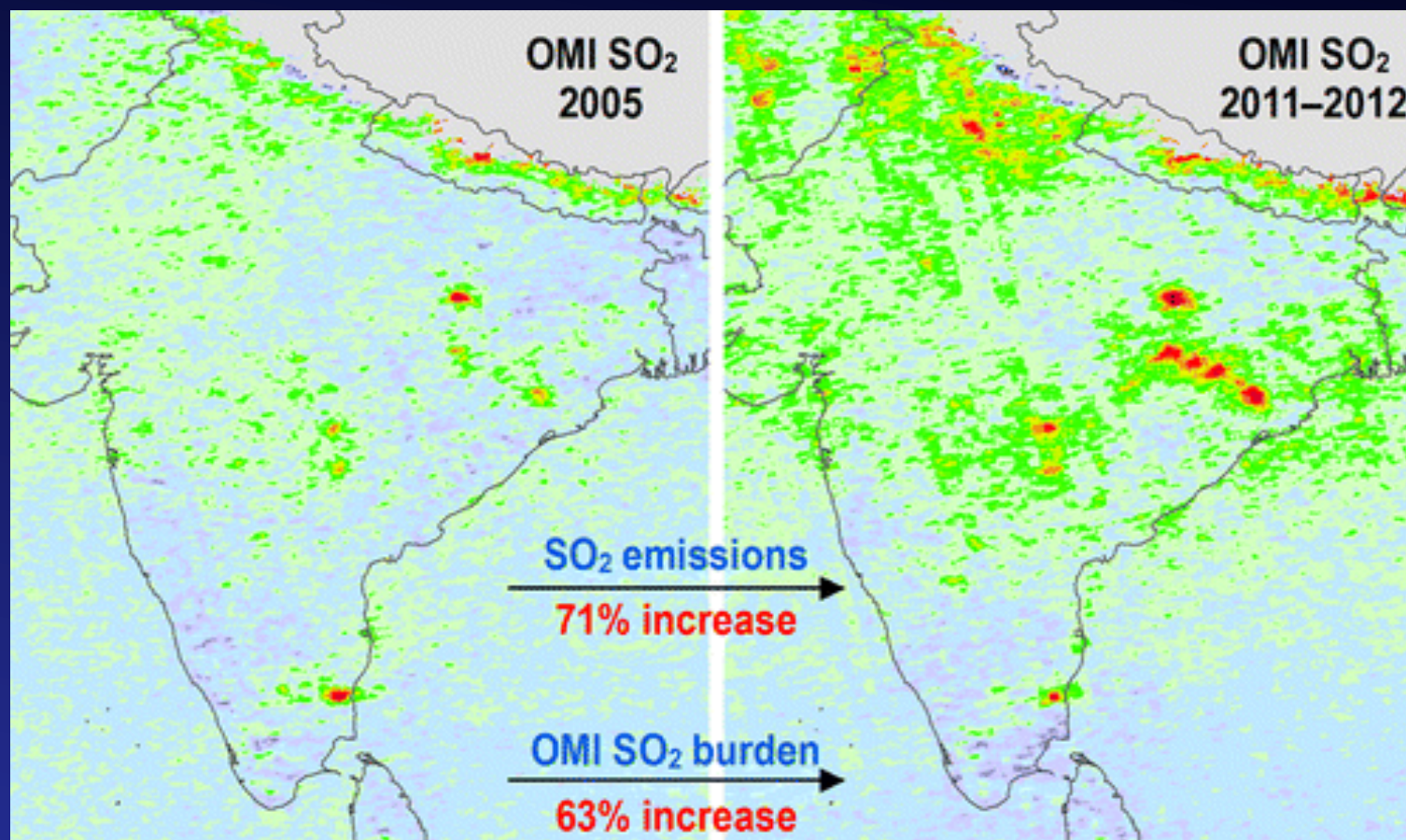
percentages indicate observed change since 2005



Credits: R.J. van der A, R. Sluiter, M. van Weele (KNMI)

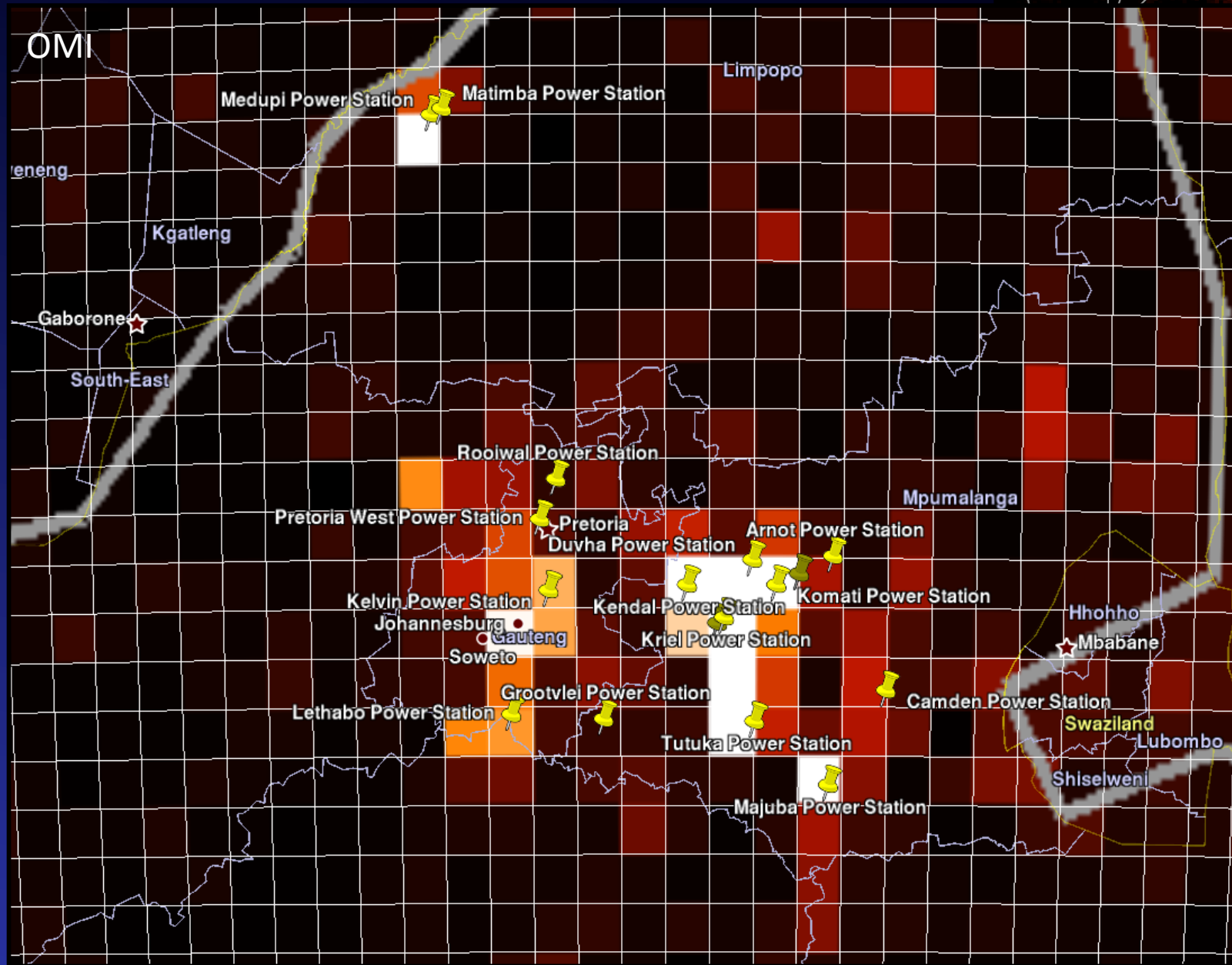


# Trend in SO<sub>2</sub> over India

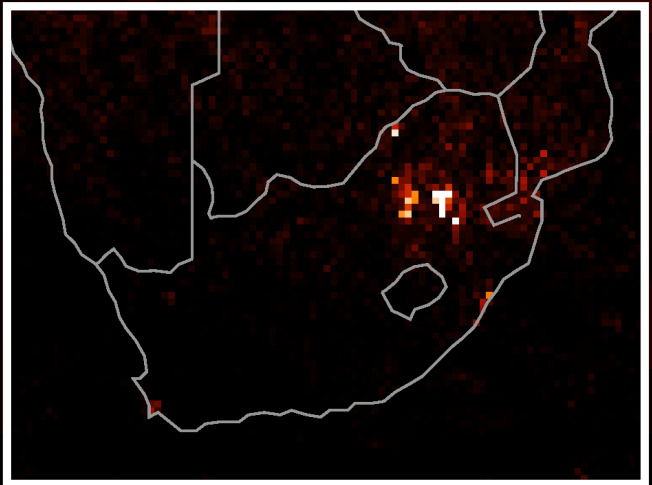
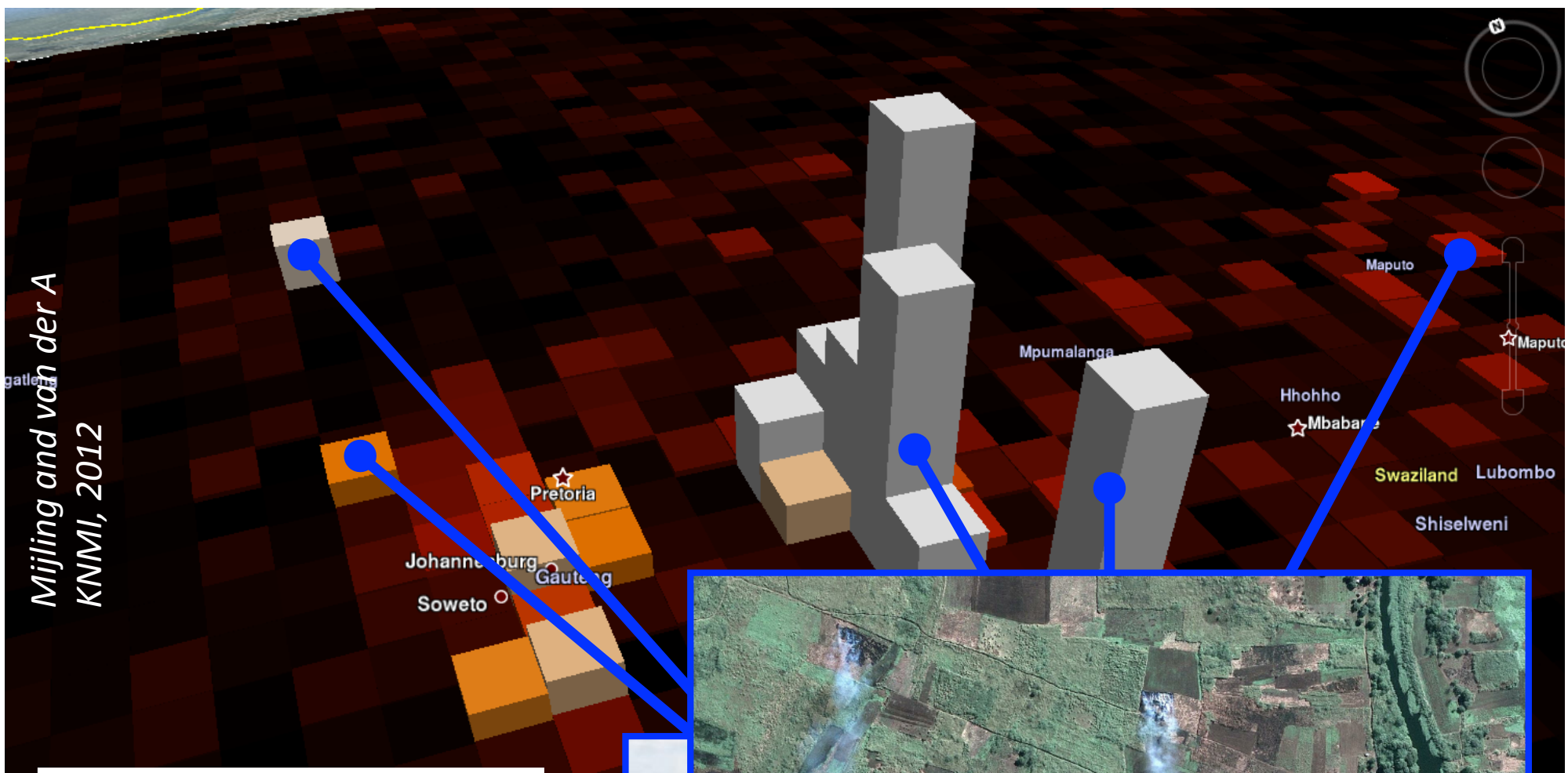


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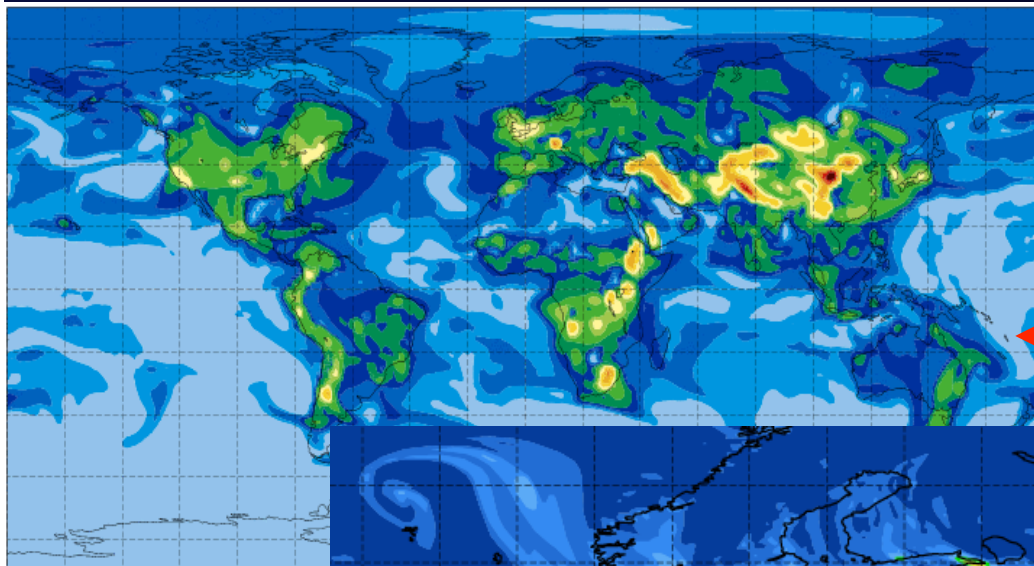
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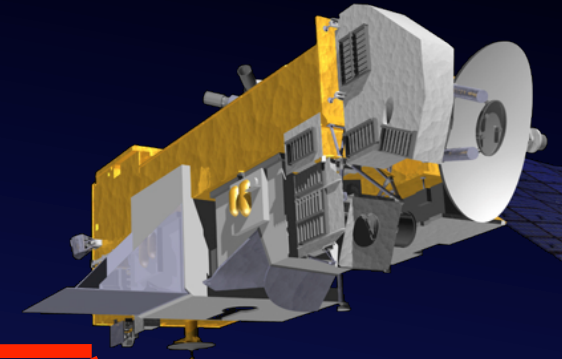
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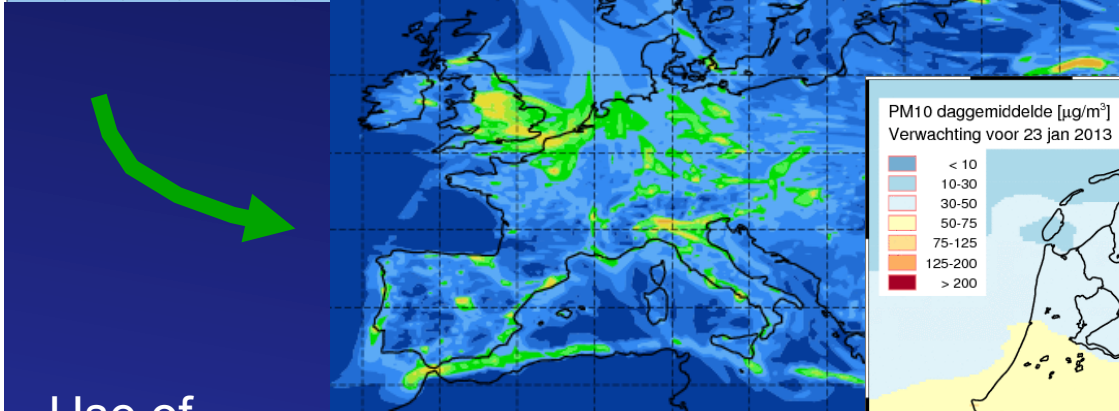
# Copernicus Atmosphere: Air Quality product chain



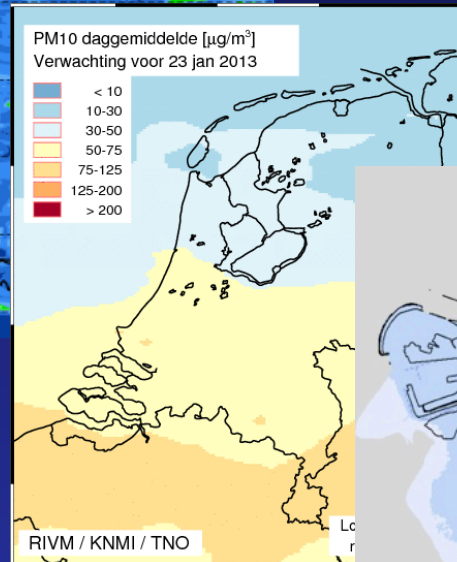
OMI NRT  
contributions



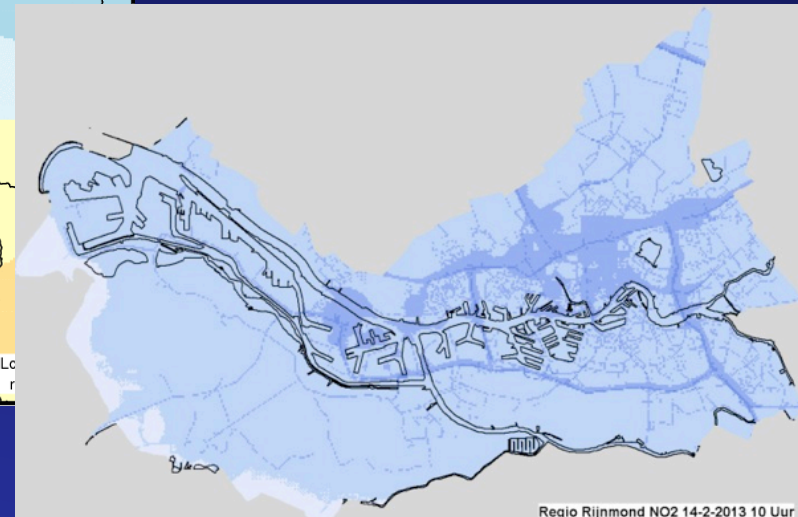
National forecasts:  
Nesting in MACC regional

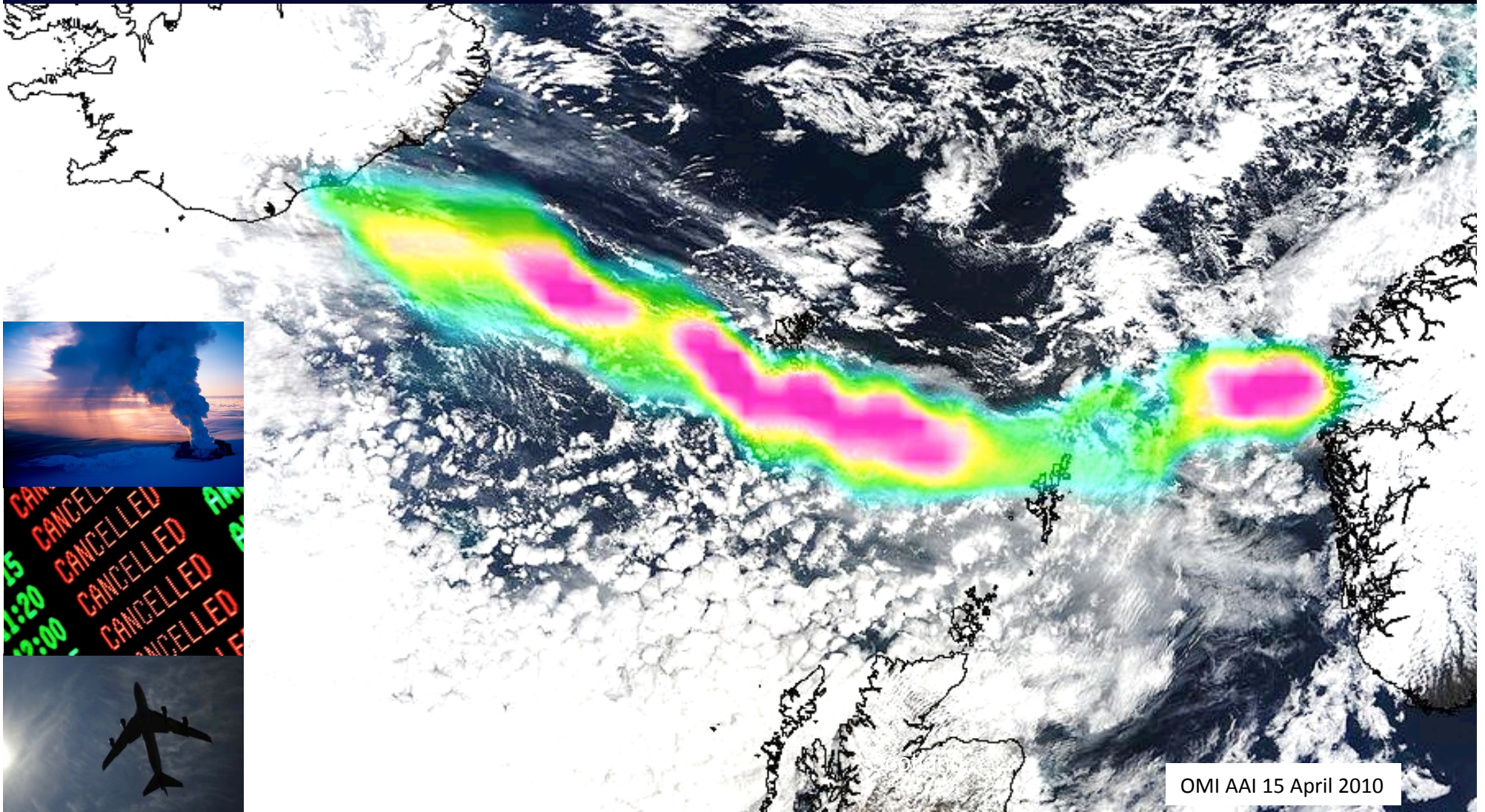


Couple to  
city-scale models



Use of  
MACC-global analyses as  
boundary conditions for  
MACC-Europe







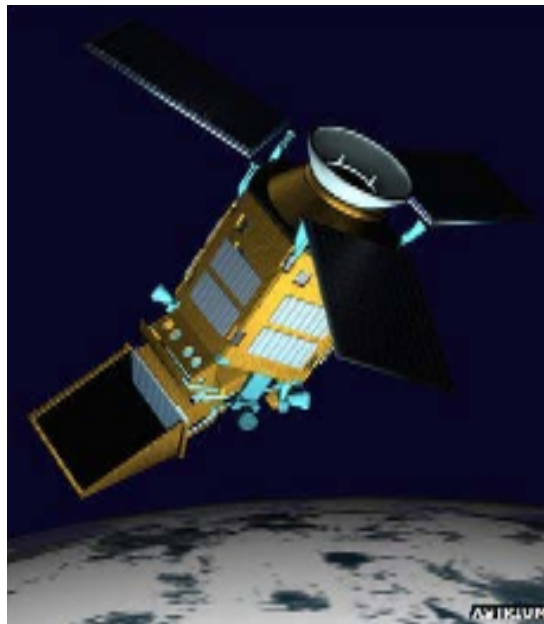
# sentinel-5 precursor

COPERNICUS/GMES ATMOSPHERE MISSION IN POLAR ORBIT

- The ESA Sentinel-5 Precursor (S-5P) is a pre-operational mission focussing on global observations of the atmospheric composition for air quality and climate.
- The TROPospheric Monitoring Instrument (TROPOMI) is the payload of the S-5P mission and is jointly developed by The Netherlands and ESA.
- The planned launch date for S-5P is 2016 with a 7 year design lifetime.

## TROPOMI

- ▶ UV-VIS-NIR-SWIR nadir view grating spectrometer.
- ▶ Spectral range: 270-500, 675-775, 2305-2385 nm
- ▶ Spectral Resolution: 0.25-1.1 nm
- ▶ Spatial Resolution: 7x7km<sup>2</sup>
- ▶ Global daily coverage at 13:30 local solar time.



## CONTRIBUTION TO GMES

- ▶ Total column  
O<sub>3</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, CO, SO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>,  
CH<sub>2</sub>O, H<sub>2</sub>O, BrO
- ▶ Tropospheric column  
O<sub>3</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>
- ▶ O<sub>3</sub> profile
- ▶ Aerosol absorbing index,  
type, optical depth



## sentinel-5 precursor

→ GMES LOW EARTH ORBIT ATMOSPHERE MISSION

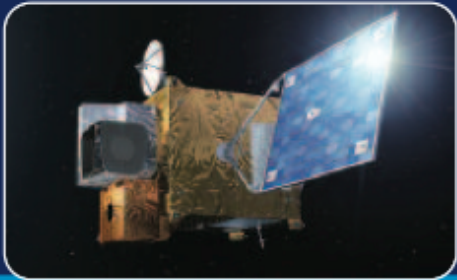
→ GMES LOW EARTH ORBIT ATMOSPHERE MISSION

2016-2023  
daily global  
coverage



## EUMETSAT Polar System

2021 - ~2030  
hourly over  
Europe



## sentinel-4

→ GMES GEOSTATIONARY ATMOSPHERIC MISSION

→ GMES GEOSTATIONARY ATMOSPHERIC MISSION

2017 - ...  
hourly over SE  
- ASIA

**gems | tempo**  
KARI | NASA

2019 - ...  
hourly over N-  
America





# From OMI to TROPOMI

- **6x higher spatial resolution**  
7x7 km<sup>2</sup> vs. 13x24 km<sup>2</sup>
- **1-5x higher signal-to-noise**
- **Variable binning scheme**
- **better cloud information**  
from the oxygen A+B bands
- **CO and CH<sub>4</sub> observations**  
from the SWIR band
- **Data rate ~20x OMI**



