

Earth System Science



Sun- Earth
Connection

Climate Variability
and Change

Carbon Cycle
and Ecosystems

Earth Surface
and Interior

Atmospheric
Composition

Weather

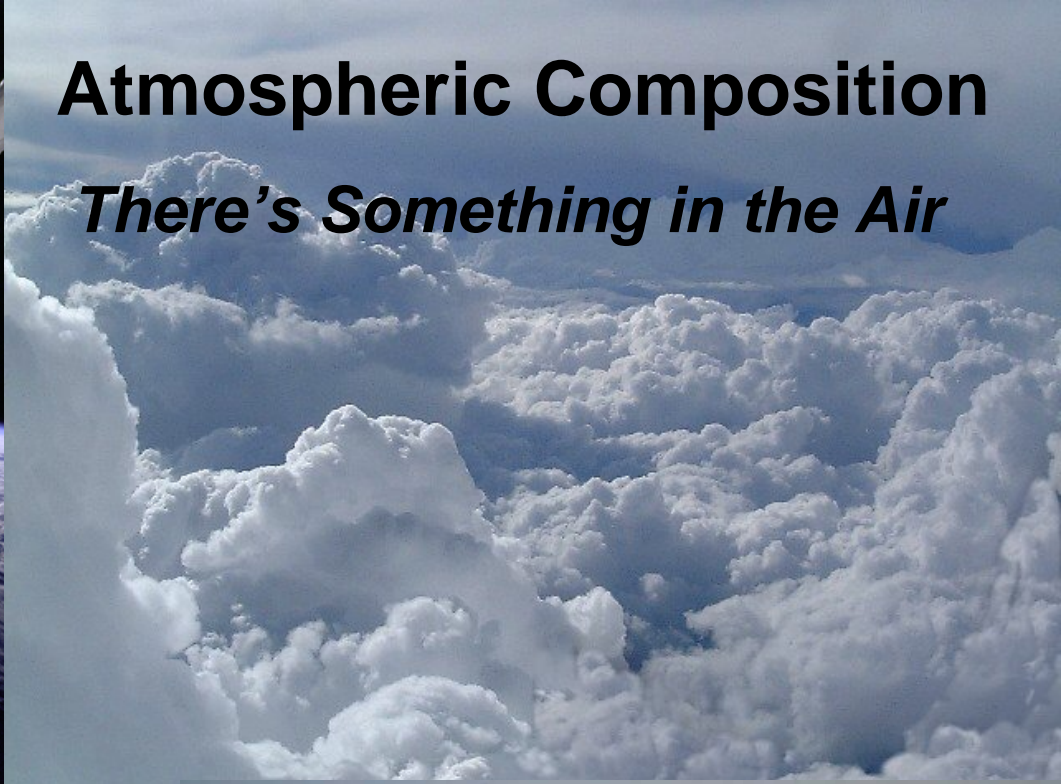
Water &
Energy
Cycle





Atmospheric Composition

There's Something in the Air



Atmospheric Composition

Component R&A Programs:

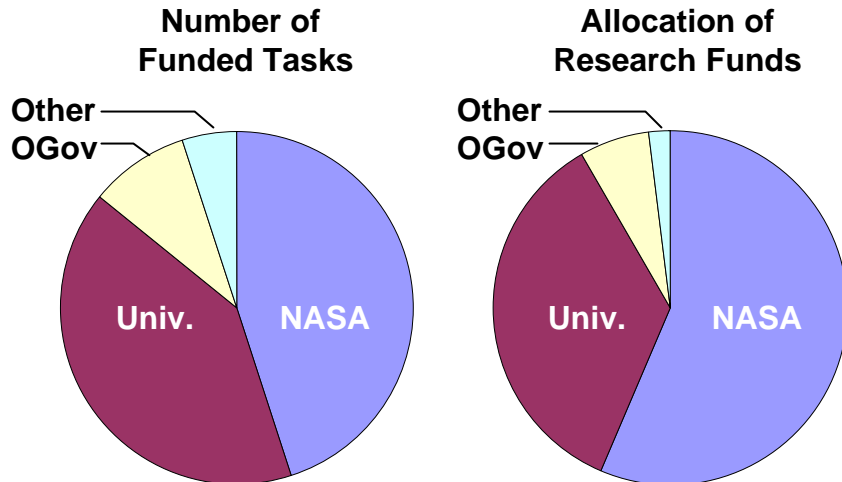
- Upper Atmosphere Research Program (UARP)**
Ozone recovery; UT & stratosphere chemical / physical process; Chemistry-Climate connections;
- Radiation Sciences Program (RSP)**
Climate impacts of aerosols and clouds –aerosol morphology & chemistry, convective transport, etc.
- Tropospheric Chemistry Program (TCP)**
Transport and transformation of gases and aerosols influencing Climate and Air Quality
- Atmospheric Chemistry Modeling and Analysis Program (ACMAP)**
Data analysis and modeling integrating satellite, aircraft, balloon, and ground-based observations

Observational Assets:

- Satellites:** Aura, CALIPSO, CloudSat, Terra, Aqua, Parosol, ENVISAT, ACE, EUMetSat, **OCO, Glory, NPP, GOSAT**
- Aircraft:** DC-8, WB-57F, ER-2, P-3B, **UAVs**, other agency and international aircraft
- Balloons:** High-Altitude/Heavy-Lift for remote sensing, in situ soundings for ozone, T, H₂O, aerosols
- Ground:** AGAGE, NDAAC, AERONET, MPLNet, NATIVE, SMART-COMMIT, other agency networks
- Other Investments:** Laboratory studies, model and instrument development

FY07 R&A Budget: \$36.5M for ~250 tasks

~40% reduction in science-buying power from FY04



Key Roles played by NASA centers and non-NASA organizations

	GSFC	LaRC	ARC	MSFC	JSC	WFF	DRFC	JPL	non-NASA
Satellite Mgmt.	X	X						X	
Satellite Data	X	X						X	X
Suborbital Mgmt.					X	X	X		X
Suborbital Data	X	X	X	X		X		X	X
Field Support			X						
Science Leadership	X	X	X					X	X
Modeling	X	X	X					X	X
Laboratory Studies		X	X					X	X

Scientific Activities/Key Results in Air Quality

Satellites

- **Aura** – Significant global observations connecting ozone chemistry, air quality, and climate
- **CALIPSO/CloudSat** - Detailed vertical profiles of cloud and aerosol properties on a global scale
- **MODIS** - Global coverage of areal distribution of clouds and aerosols
- **MISR** - Global multi-angle measurements of the areal and vertical distribution of cloud and aerosol properties
- **MOPITT** - Global observations of carbon monoxide quantifying anthropogenic and natural sources
- **Constellation Science** - improve cross-platform opportunities for A-Train and International Constellation (CEOS)

Suborbital Field Campaigns for Science and Validation

- **INTEX-B/MILAGRO**- Campaign examining North American inflow/outflow of pollution
- Small-scale campaigns, i.e., **IONS**, **EAST-AIRE**, **TexAQS/GoMACCS**

Long-term Observation Networks for Science and Validation

- **AGAGE** - Global network for tracking atmospheric burdens of Montreal and non-CO₂ Kyoto Protocol gases
- **NDAAC** - Remote-sensing research network for observing and understanding the physical / chemical state of the stratosphere and UT to assess the impact of stratospheric changes on the troposphere and on global climate
- **AERONET** - Global network of aerosol optical depth measurements for climate research and satellite validation
- **MPLNet** - Network for aerosol and cloud vertical profile measurements for climate research and satellite validation

Modeling and Data Analysis

- **GEOS-Chem** – Global tropospheric CTM playing a key role in the interpretation of NASA satellite data and used by over 30 research groups worldwide in a wide range of applications including chemistry/climate coupling
- **GOCART** - Simulates aerosols and related species to analyze NASA observations for aerosol-climate studies
- **AC&C / Aerocom / CCMVAL** - Continued intercomparison of models to validate and improve chemistry/climate assessment and prediction

TES: Maps of Tropospheric Ozone & Carbon Monoxide

Coincident measurements of tropospheric ozone and carbon monoxide are critical for understanding chemical and dynamical processes. Note the tropical high ozone coincident with CO which is associated with biomass burning.

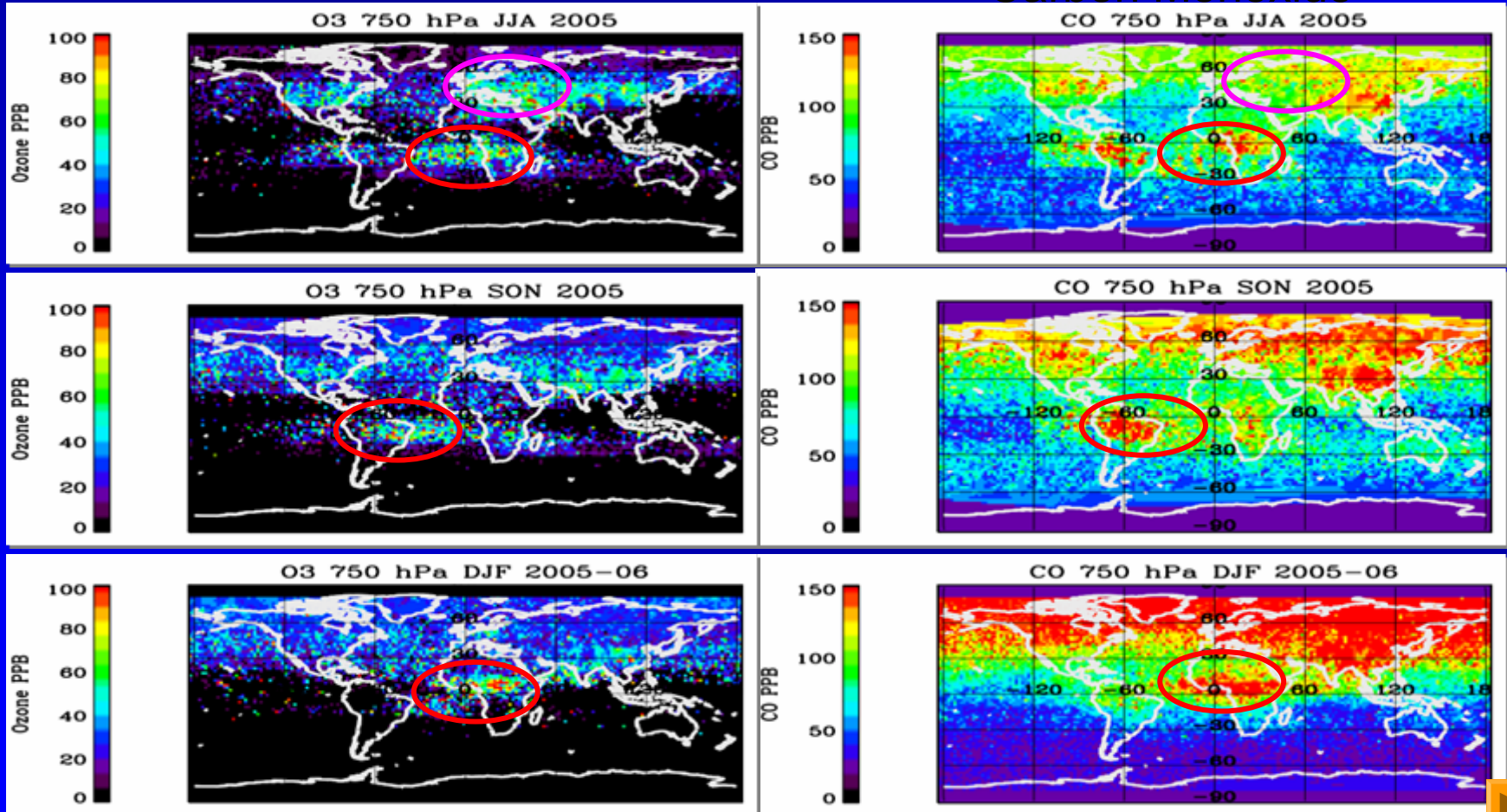
Ozone

Carbon Monoxide

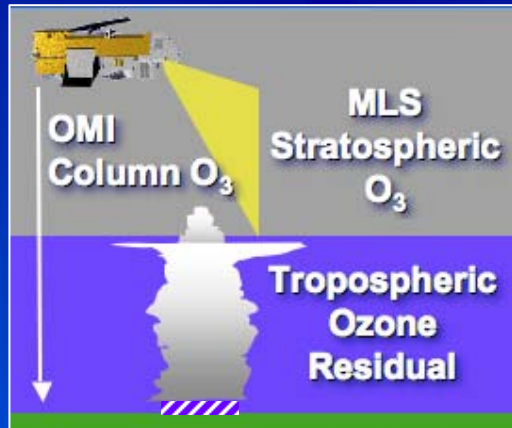
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Fall 05

Winter 05-06

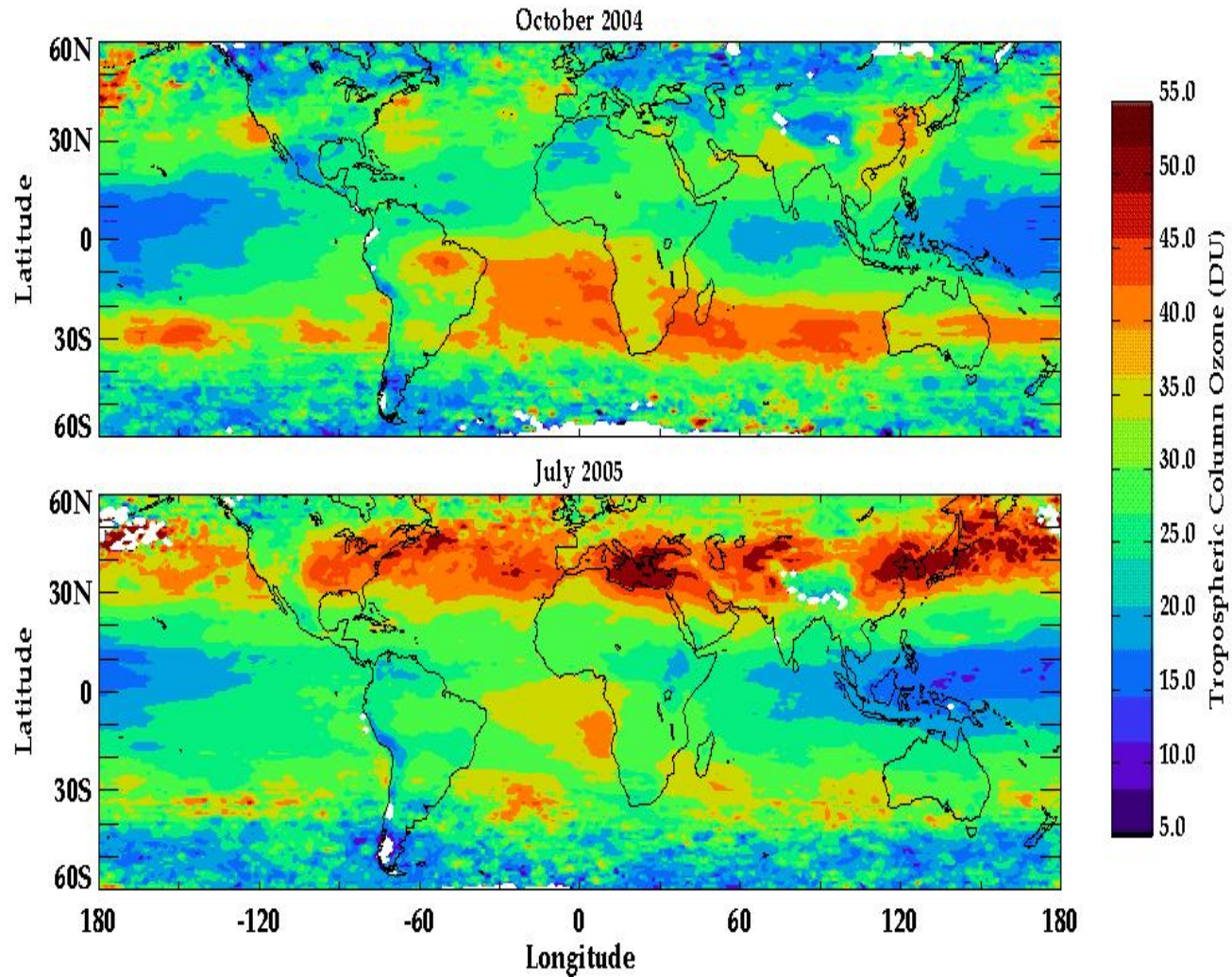


OMI & MLS: Global Tropospheric Ozone Residual



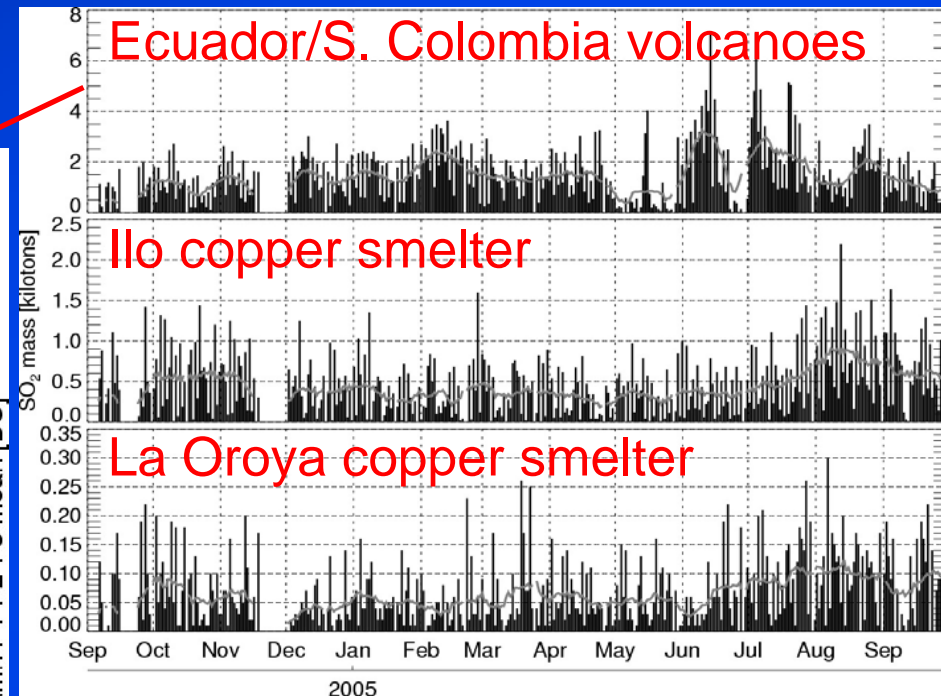
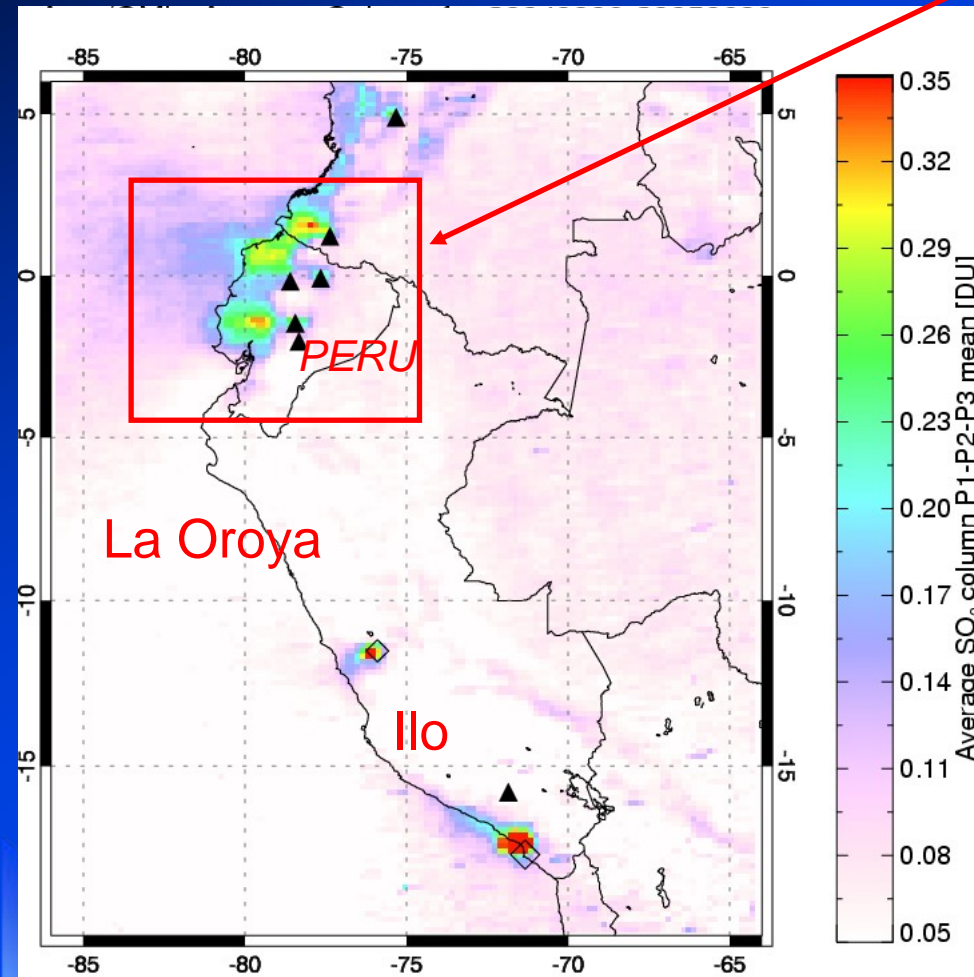
OMI & MLS produce a tropospheric ozone product by subtracting the MLS stratospheric ozone from OMI column ozone.

This can be compared to the more sparse but direct observations from TES



OMI: SO₂ emissions from smelters and volcanoes

Average OMI SO₂ vertical column
Sep 2004 - June 2005



Daily SO₂ burdens for 3 source regions
Sept. 2004 - June 2005

- Daily monitoring of SO₂ emissions is possible with OMI.
- The Peruvian copper smelters are among the world's largest industrial point sources of SO₂.

Carn *et al.*, in prep

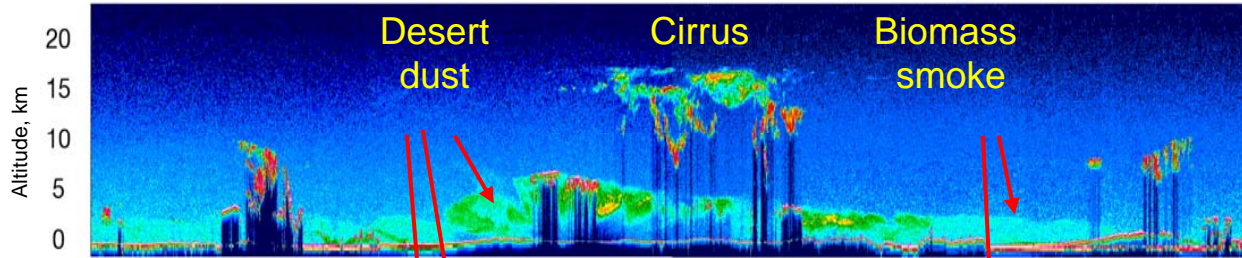




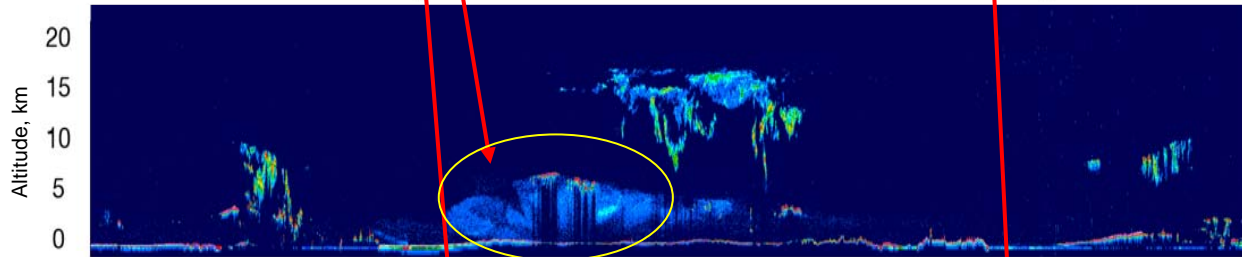
CALIPSO Observations – All 3 Lidar Channels

9 June 2006

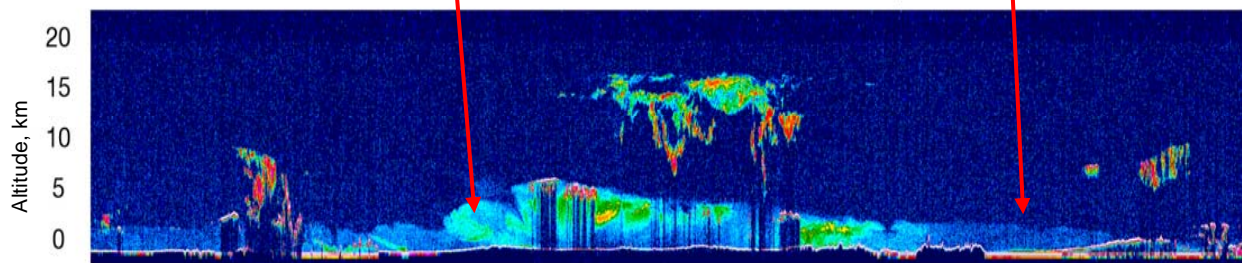
532 nm Total Attenuated Backscatter, /km/sr



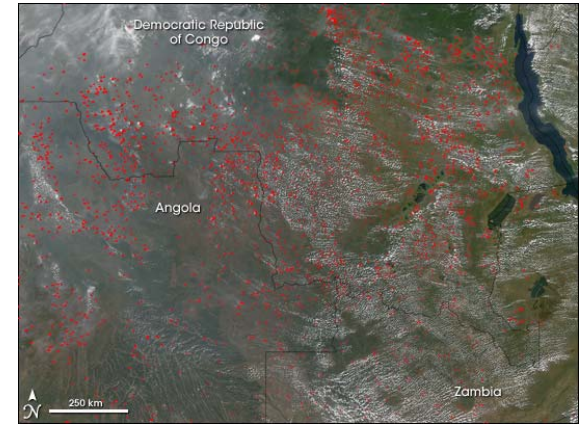
532 nm Perpendicular Attenuated Backscatter, /km/sr



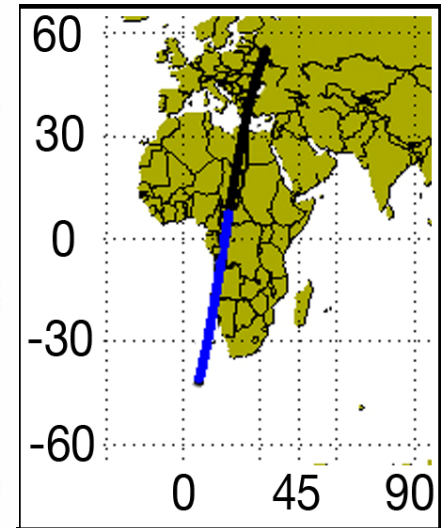
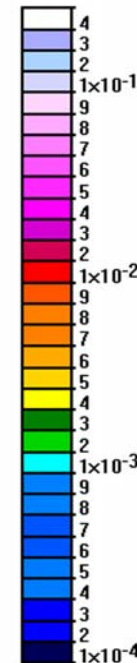
1064 nm Attenuated Backscatter, /km/sr



56.71	47.85	39.92	31.94	23.93	15.90	7.81	-0.23	-8.28	-16.31	-24.33	-32.32	-40.27
32.16	28.57	25.78	23.46	21.42	19.55	17.77	16.05	14.23	12.56	10.69	8.64	6.30

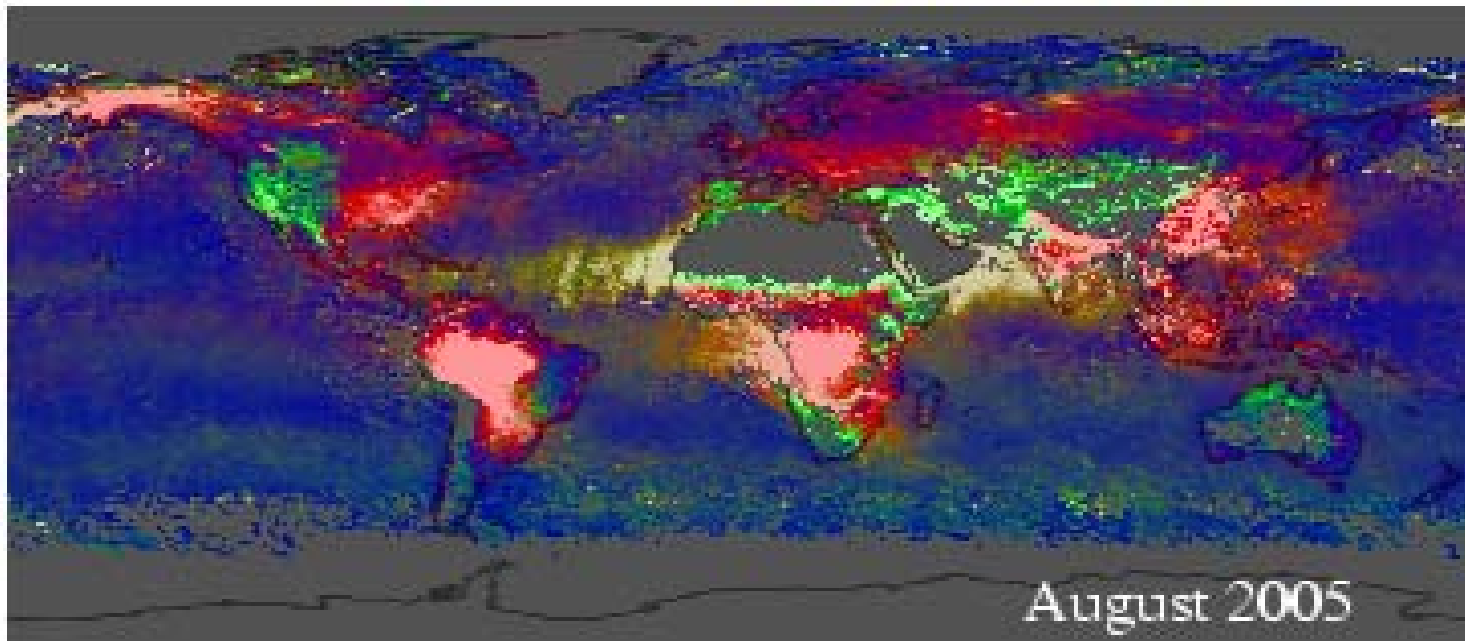


Fire locations in southern Africa from MODIS 10 June 2006

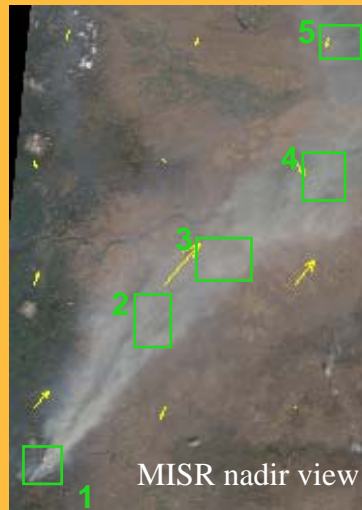


MODIS Aerosol Products View the Global Aerosol System in an Entirely New Way

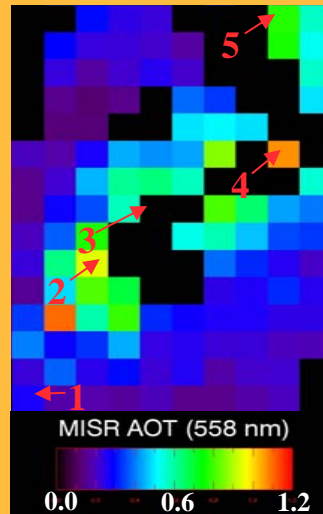
- Quantitatively calculate intercontinental transport of dust (Kaufman et al., 2005) or pollution (Yu et al. in preparation)
- Observationally-based estimate of aerosol direct radiative effect (Remer and Kaufman, 2006; Yu et al., 2006; Bellouin et al. 2005; Chung et al., 2005)
- Observationally-based estimate of oceanic aerosol anthropogenic component or direct forcing (Kaufman et al. 2006)
- Tool for operational air quality forecasts (Al Saadi et al. 2005)



Aerosol Source Plume Physical Characteristics from Space-based Multi-angle Imaging



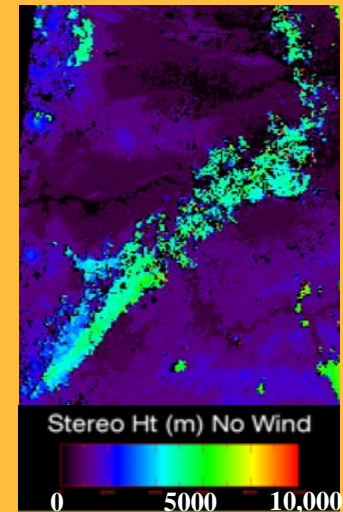
Oregon wildfire Sept 04 2003



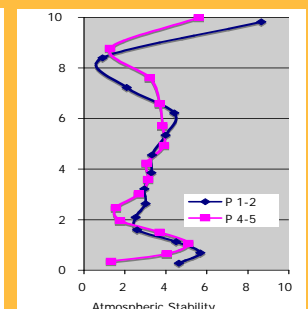
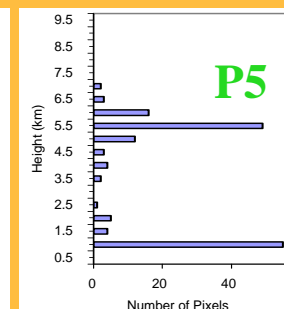
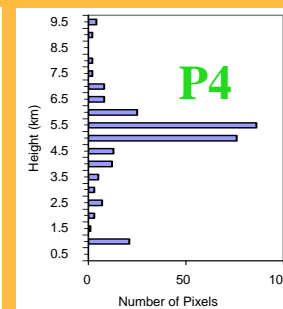
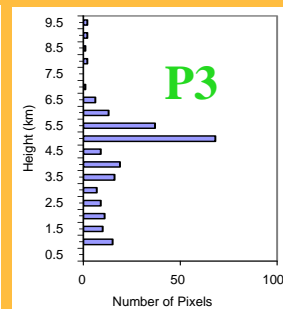
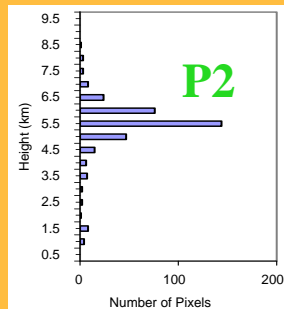
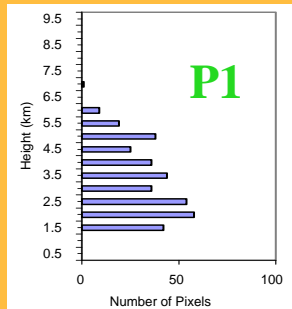
Smoke & bkgd aerosol amount



~Particle Size



Smoke Plume Height

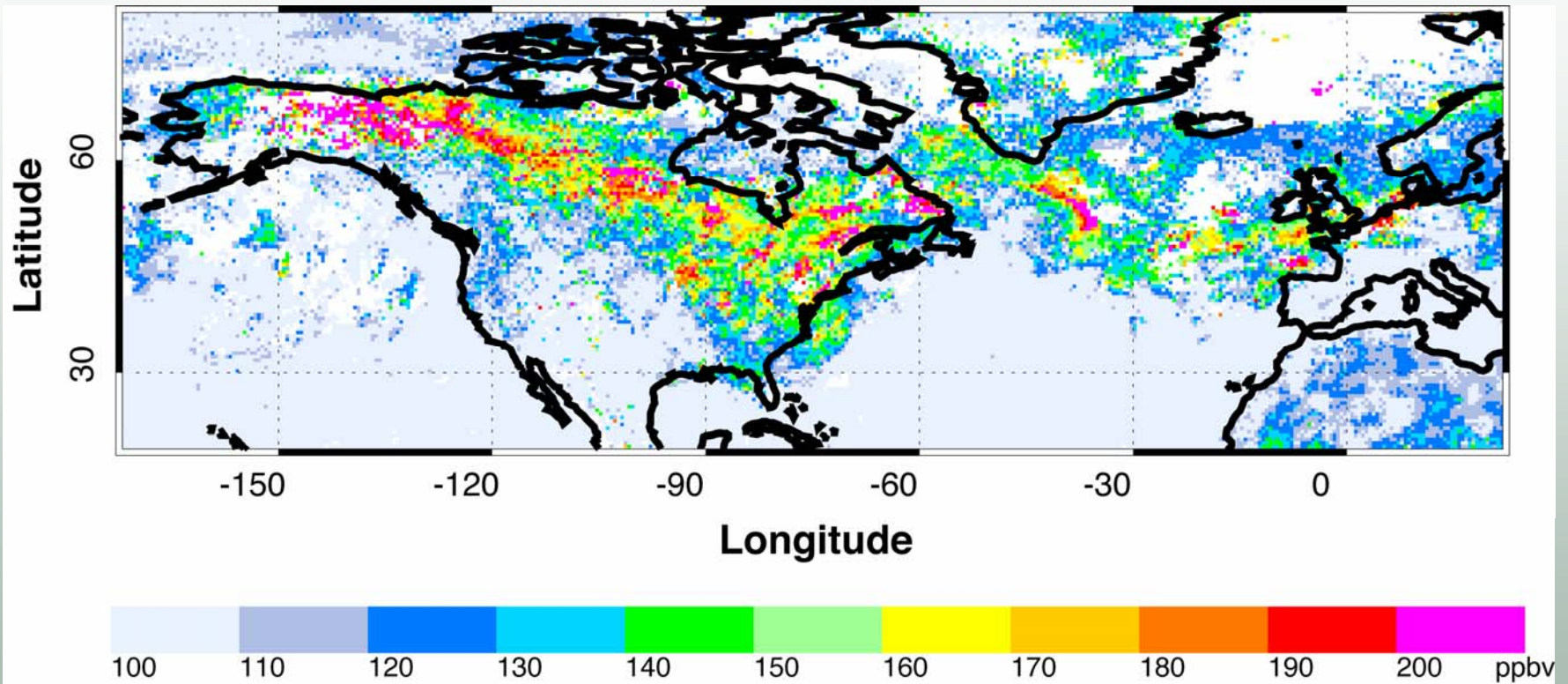


MISR Stereo-Derived Smoke Plume Height histograms for five patches, plus model-derived atmospheric stability profile

- Wildfire smoke plumes tend to concentrate in **layers of high relative atmospheric stability**.
- With sufficient buoyancy from a **fire or volcano**, can they reach **upper levels** in the atmosphere.
- The measurements can be used **directly in models that predict aerosol transport**, or as a guide for **model aerosol vertical distribution** where measurements are absent.



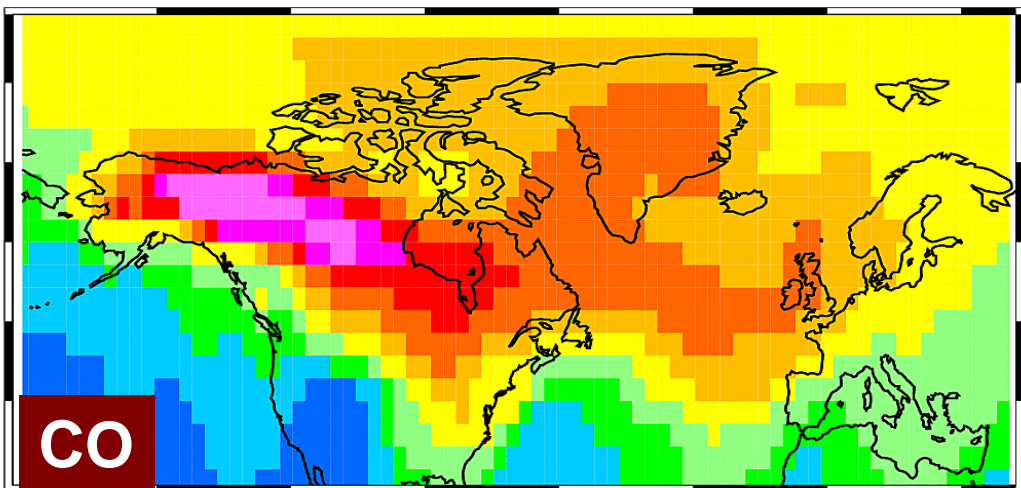
The 2004 Alaska Fires



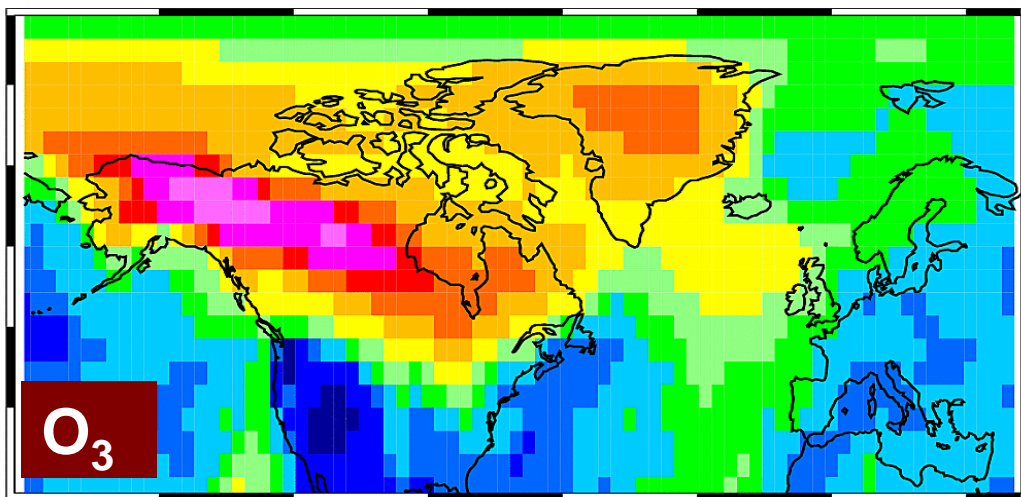
MOPITT 700 hPa CO mixing ratio for the period 15-23 July, 2004, during the INTEX-A field campaign. The intense wildfires in Alaska produced plumes of carbon monoxide pollution that can be traced across North America and the Atlantic Ocean.



MOPITT improves estimates for boreal fire emissions and their impact on CO and O₃



Change in Column CO (%) 20040715–20040725
-2 0 1 2 4 6 10 15 20 30 40 50



Change in Surface O₃ VMR (%) 20040715–20040725
-2 0 1 2 4 6 10 15 20 30 40 50

- Inverse modeling of MOPITT observations using the MOZART CTM showed that the fires emitted about as much CO as did human-related activities in the continental USA during the same time period, about 30 Tg CO June-August
- Because of the wildfires, ground-level concentrations of O₃ increased by 25% or more in parts of the northern continental USA and by 10% as far away as Europe

Enhancements to CO column and surface O₃ due to fires, July 15-25, 2004.



INTEX-B & MILAGRO: NASA Airborne Observations and Satellite Validation in 2006

INTEX- B Web Site <http://cloud1.arc.nasa.gov/intex-b/>

MILAGRO Web Site <http://www.joss.ucar.edu/milagro/>

Goal: To understand the transport, transformation, & impacts of gases & aerosols on air quality & climate from local to global scales

- MILAGRO: March 2006
 - Mexico City during dry season
 - Megacity plume evolution
- INTEX-B: April-May 2006
 - maximum Asian inflow to North America
 - seasonal contrast

MILAGRO

MCMA-2006

MAX-Mex

MIRAGE-Mex

INTEX-B/1

INTEX-B

INTEX-B/2 (IMPEX)
ITOP

Partners: NASA, NSF, DOE, US NGOs, MEX, CAN, GER; MEX NGOs



NASA DC-8



NSF C-130



NASA Be-200



NASA J-31



UW Duchess



DLR FALCON



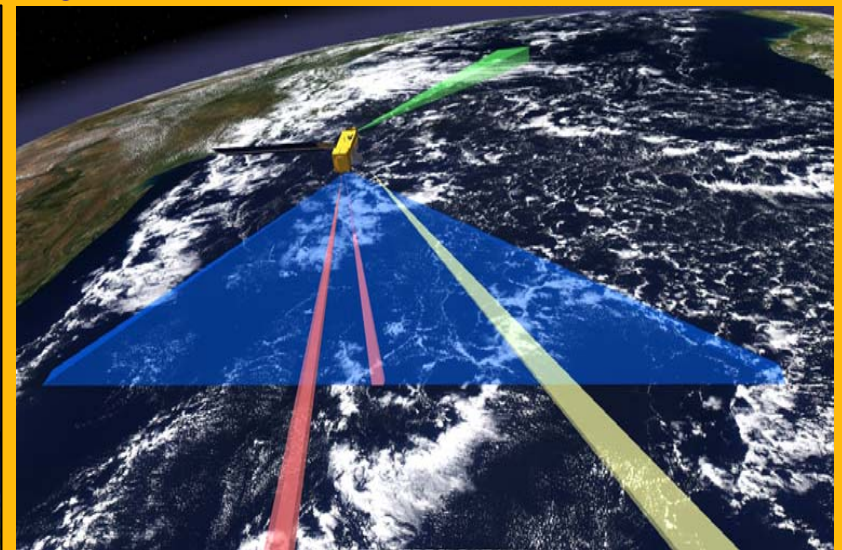
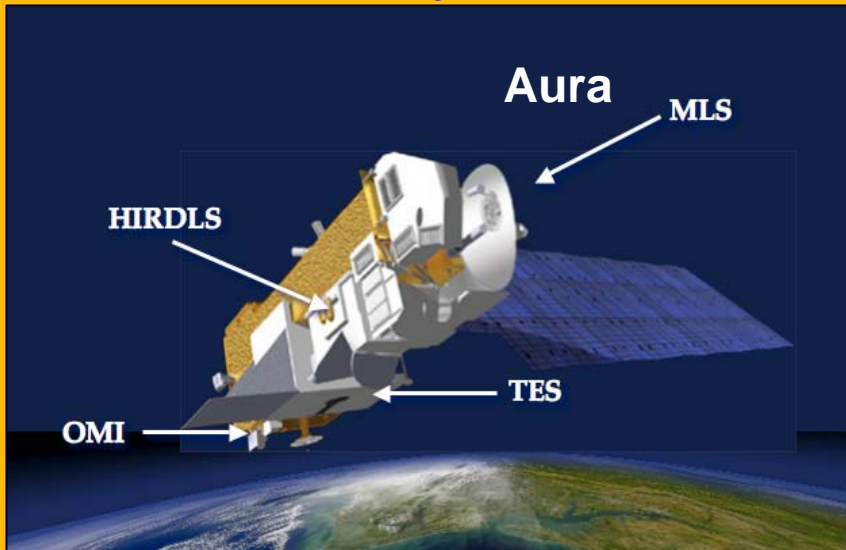
DOE G-1



Canadian Cessna



INTEX-B Targeted Aura Satellite Validation Activities (CO, O₃, HCHO, NO₂, HNO₃, H₂O, HCN, Aerosol)



	DC-8															C-130						
	3/4	3/9	3/12	3/16	3/19	3/21	4/17	4/23	4/25	4/26	4/30	5/4	5/7	5/9	5/12	4/24	4/28	5/1	5/3	5/8	5/11	
TES*	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●							
OMI	●	●	●	●	●		●	●				●				●	●		●	●	●	
HIRDLS [#]						●					●											
MLS									●				●									
Others**	●	●		●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●		●			●		●	●	●

* TES validation performed for both Nadir and Limb measurements

Night flights required for HIRDLS validation

** Mainly AIRS, SCIAMACHY and TERRA





Strategic Ozonesonde Networks in Integrated Observations

<http://croc.gsfc.nasa.gov/intexb/ions06.html>



*Design raises traditional instrument to “state-of-art” tool
for integrating models, in-situ, satellite data*

March 2006 – Milagro

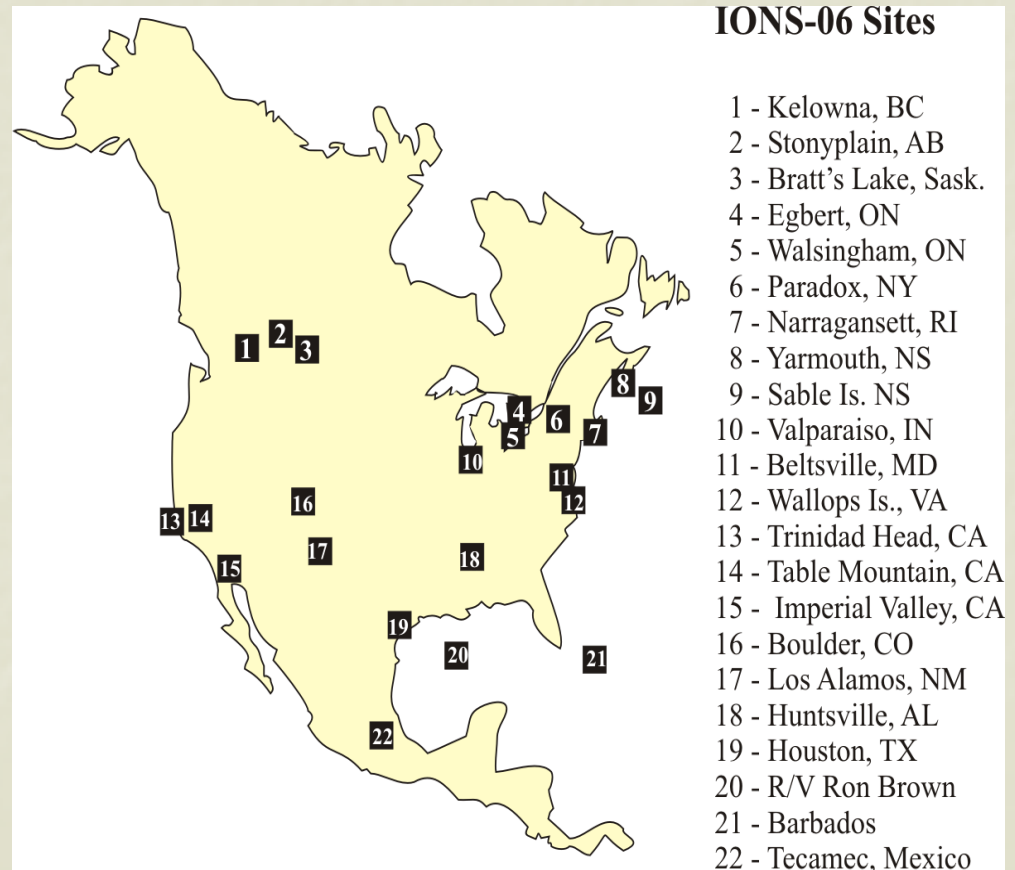
Is there a Mexico-to-Houston
Ozone connection?

April-May 2006 – INTEX-B

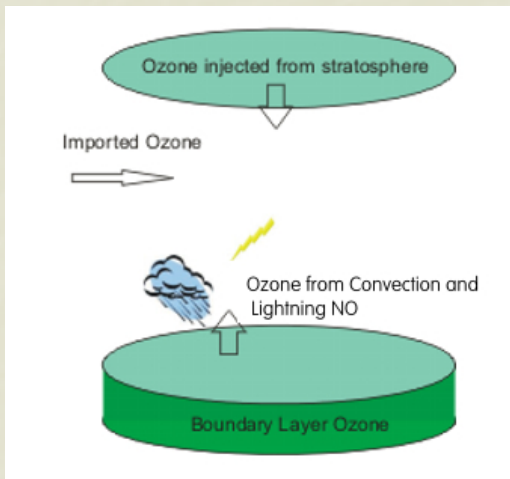
Is there an Asia-to-North
America Ozone connection?

August 2006 – TEXAQS- GOMACCS

What is upwind-downwind
of Houston Ozone?



Tropospheric Ozone Budgets Computed For Each IONS Sounding

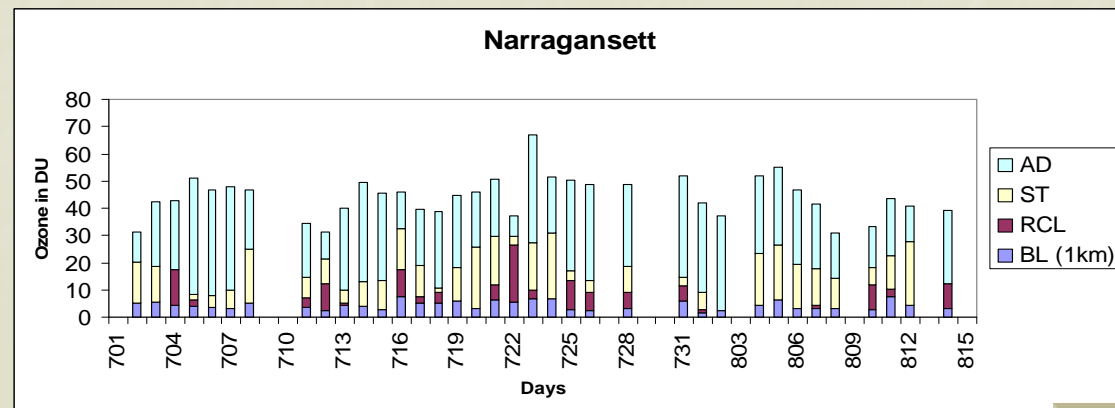
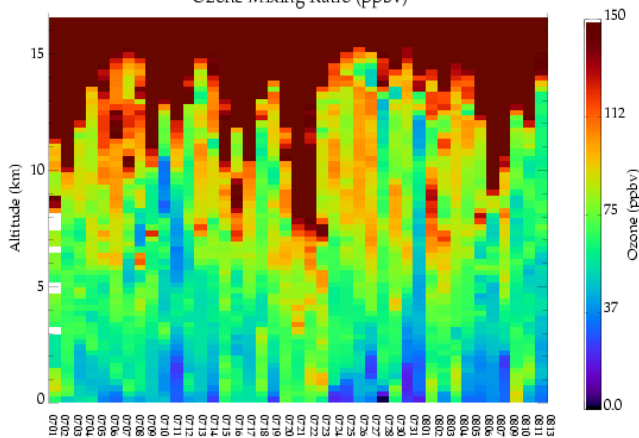


IONS-04 Budgets:

- 25% from Stratosphere
- 15% RCL – regional convection & lightning
- 10% - Boundary layer – local pollution
- 50% - Advected fresh and aged pollution

Thompson et al., *JGR*, 2007a,b

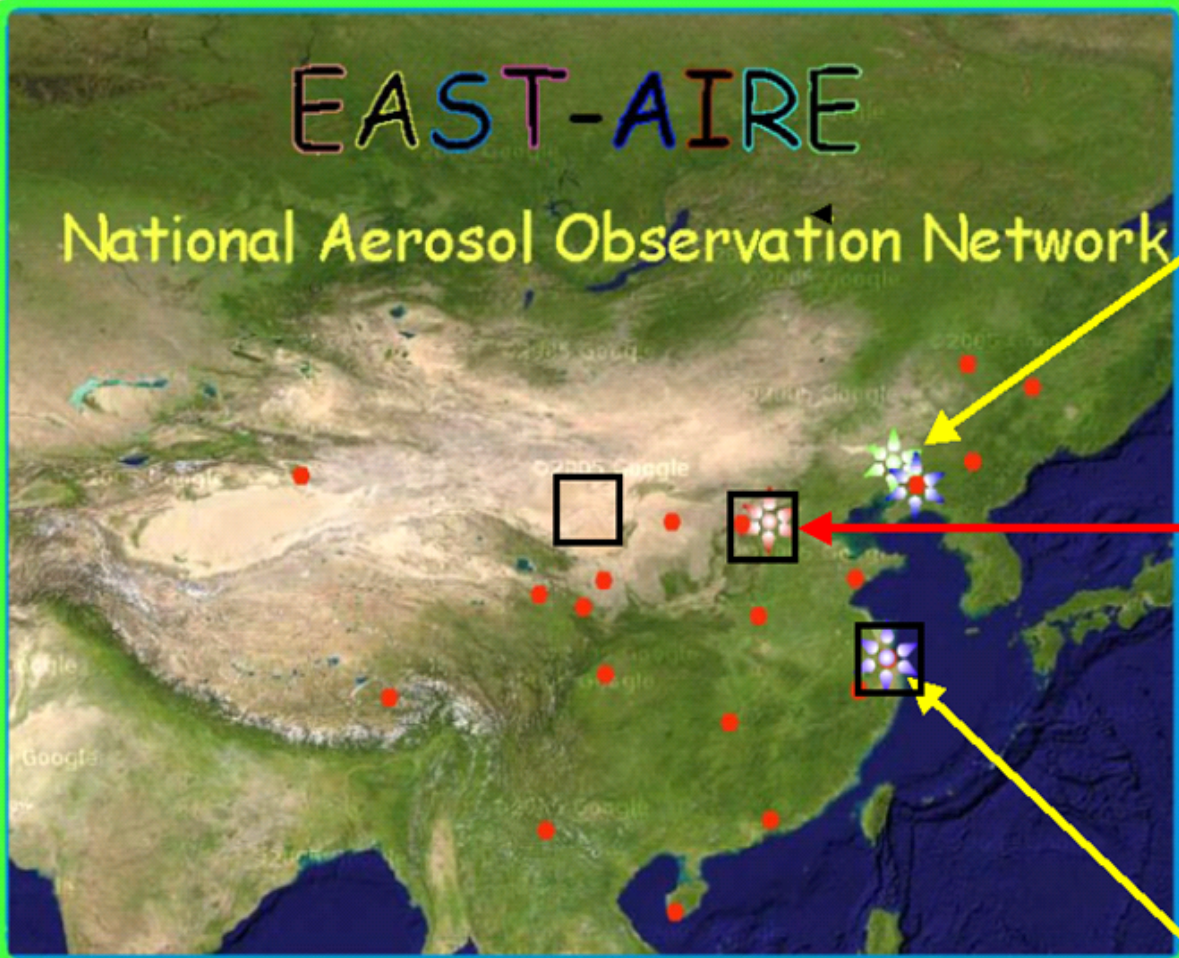
Narragansett, RI: July-August 2004
Ozone Mixing Ratio (ppbv)



EAST-AIRE Observation

EAST-AIRE

National Aerosol Observation Network



- Planned AMF and AAF deployment sites
- ✳ Existing extensive observation stations
- Nation-wide aerosol observation network

Airborne and Ground IOP



April 2005

Xianghe Observatory
August 2004~~



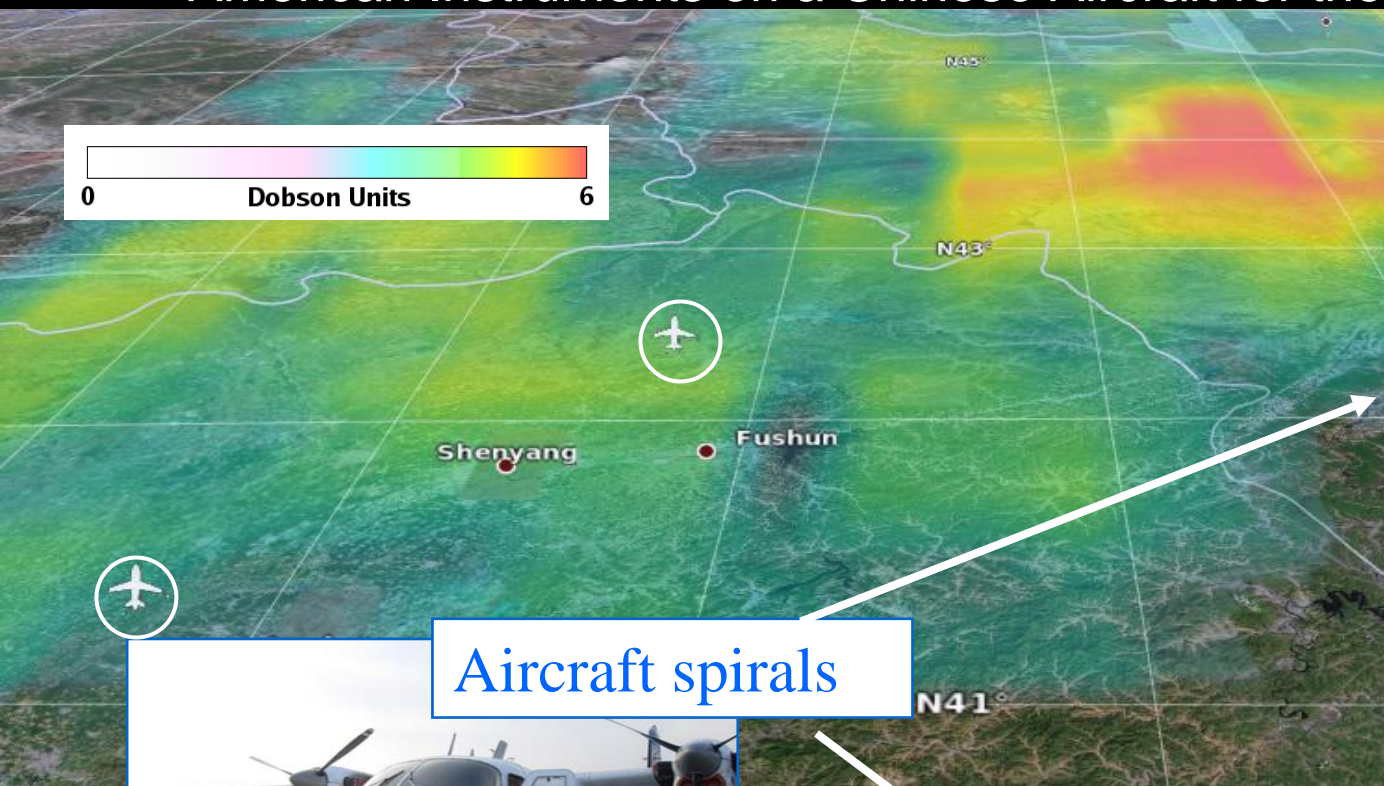
Taihu Observatory



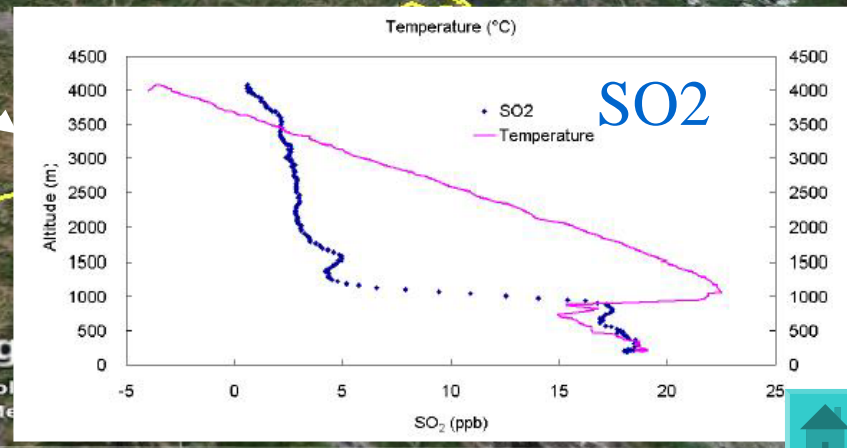
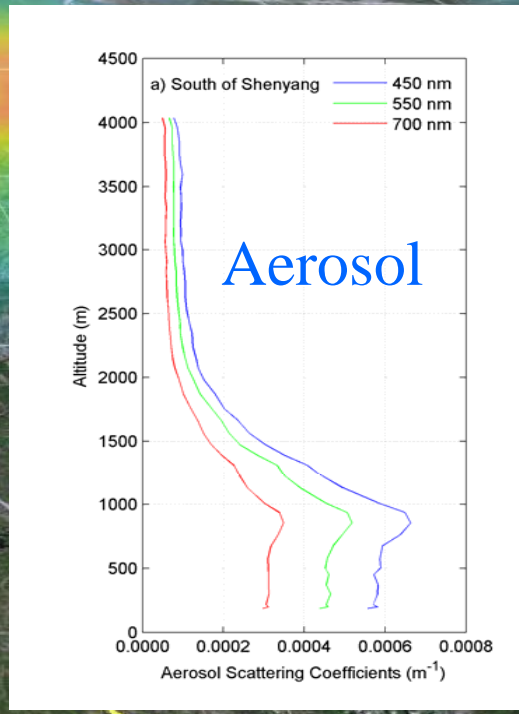
September 2005~



EAST-AIRE experiment over NE China in April 2005 provide the first in-situ SO_2 measurements to validate and improve AURA OMI by Flying American Instruments on a Chinese Aircraft for the first time in history



Aircraft spirals



Summary: Biomass-burning Aerosols in South East-Asia: Smoke Impact Assessment (BASE-ASIA)

Study biomass burning and interaction with cloud
Ground based at Phimai, Thailand
From February to May, 2006

- Longest SMART-COMMIT field mission so far
- First time both SMART and COMMIT deployed

Fire near the observatory

cloud

cloud

varying weather conditions

comprehensive set of instruments

cloud

smoke

Fires, smoke, clouds
April 5, 2002 Southeast Asia

Surrounding view of SMART-COMMIT setup at 15N, 102E

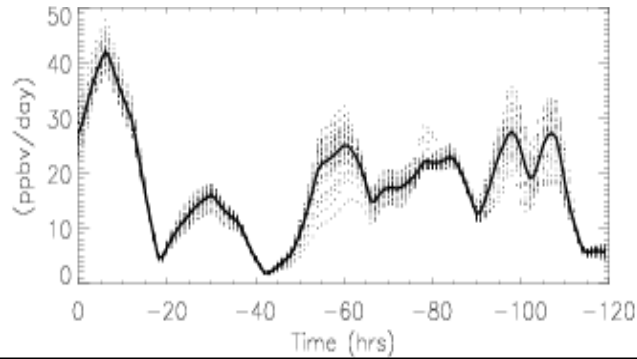


TEXAQS 2006 Ensemble Lagrangian Trajectory Analysis

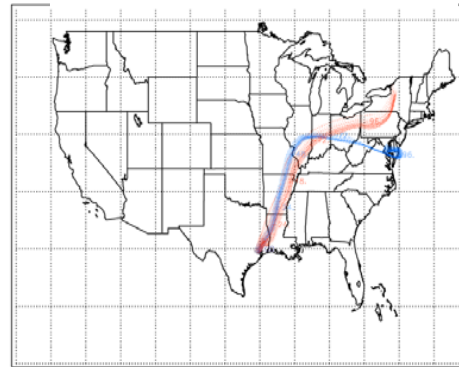
Enhanced regional ozone production was present 16% of days during the study in Houston and preceded 3 of the 6 periods of locally high O3

Back trajectory Chemistry 2006090418

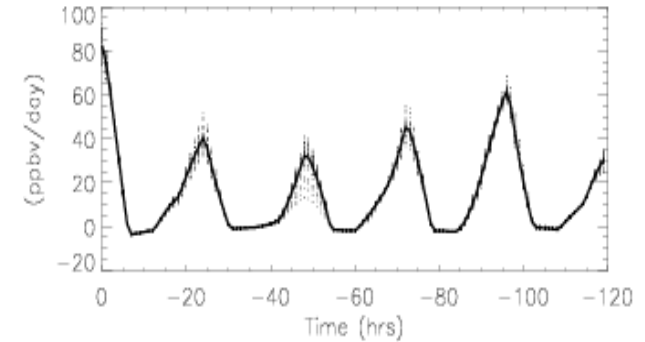
NOy Emissions



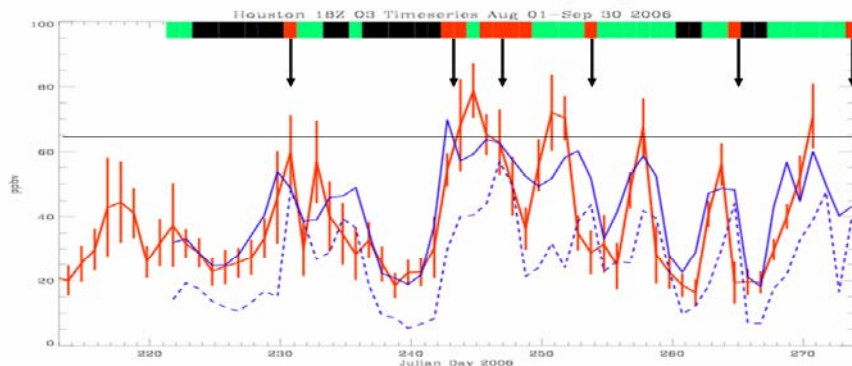
SFC (red) and 850 (blue)



O3 P-L



RAQMS_{global} Back-trajectory analysis of regional influences on Houston 18Z Ozone Aug-Sept, 2006



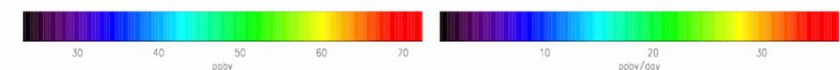
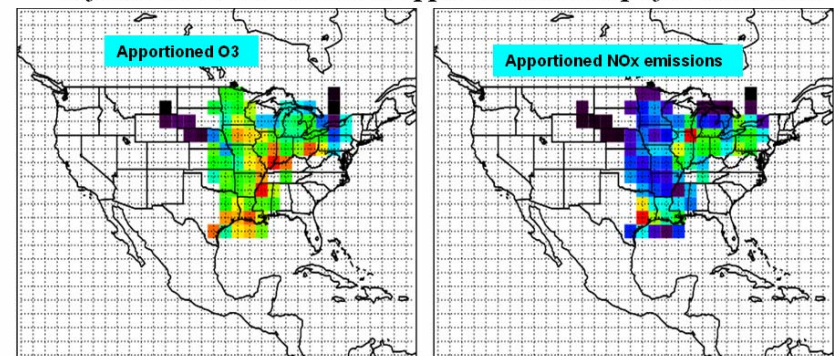
Red=Observed AIRNOW mean and MSA variability
 Solid=Predicted AIRNOW mean (bias corrected)
 Dashed=Predicted Background mean (bias corrected)
 (immediately prior to entering Houston MSA)

Trajectory Classification

- = Net O3 Loss
- = 5 < P-L < 10 ppbv/day
- = P-L > 10 ppbv/day

Source Apportionment for O3 (P-L) > 10 ppbv/day

Binning the NOy sources and ozone mixing ratios along the trajectories results in source apportionment maps for each class



Enhanced background ozone production is associated with NOy emissions from the Western Gulf and Central Midwest with Chicago and Houston contributing more than 30ppbv/day on average over the study period.

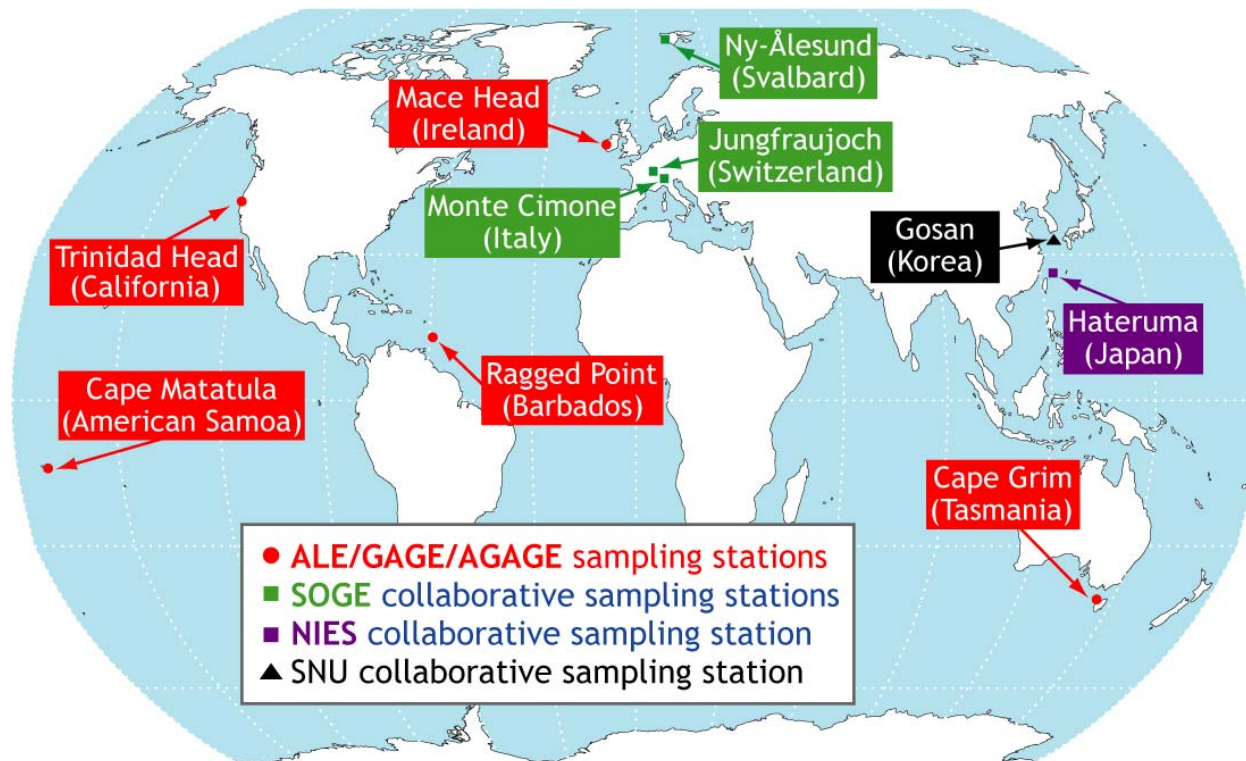
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- Enhanced regional ozone production events preceded 3 out of 6 Houston periods with elevated O3.

Advanced Global Atmospheric Gases Experiment



The Advanced Global Atmospheric Gases Experiment (AGAGE), and its predecessors (the Atmospheric Lifetime Experiment, ALE, and the Global Atmospheric Gases Experiment, GAGE) have been measuring the composition of the global atmosphere continuously since 1978.

AGAGE is distinguished by its capability to measure over the globe at high frequency almost all of the important species in the Montreal Protocol to protect the ozone layer and almost all of the significant non-CO₂ gases in the Kyoto Protocol to mitigate climate change.



The ALE/GAGE/AGAGE stations occupy coastal & mountain sites around the world chosen to provide accurate measurements of trace gases whose lifetimes are long compared to global atmospheric circulation times.

SOGE: System for Observation of Halogenated Greenhouse Gases in Europe. NIES: National Institute for Environmental Studies, Japan. SNU: Seoul National University, Korea.

AGAGE WEB SITE at
<http://agage.eas.gatech.edu>

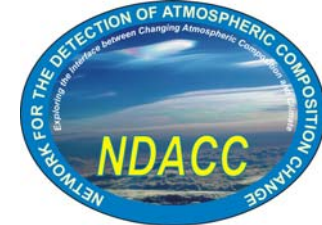


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Network for the Detection of Atmospheric Composition Change:

Exploring the Interface Between Changing Atmospheric Composition and Climate



Lauder, NZ



S. Pole



Priorities:

- studying the temporal and spatial variability of atmospheric composition and structure
- detecting trends in overall atmospheric composition and understanding their impacts on the stratosphere and troposphere,
- establishing links between climate change and atmospheric composition,
- calibrating and validating space-based measurements of the atmosphere,
- supporting process-focused scientific field campaigns, and
- testing and improving theoretical models of the atmosphere.

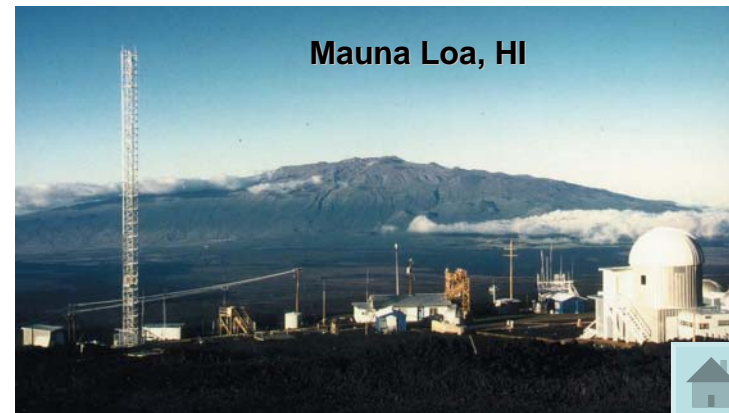
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Andoya, Norway

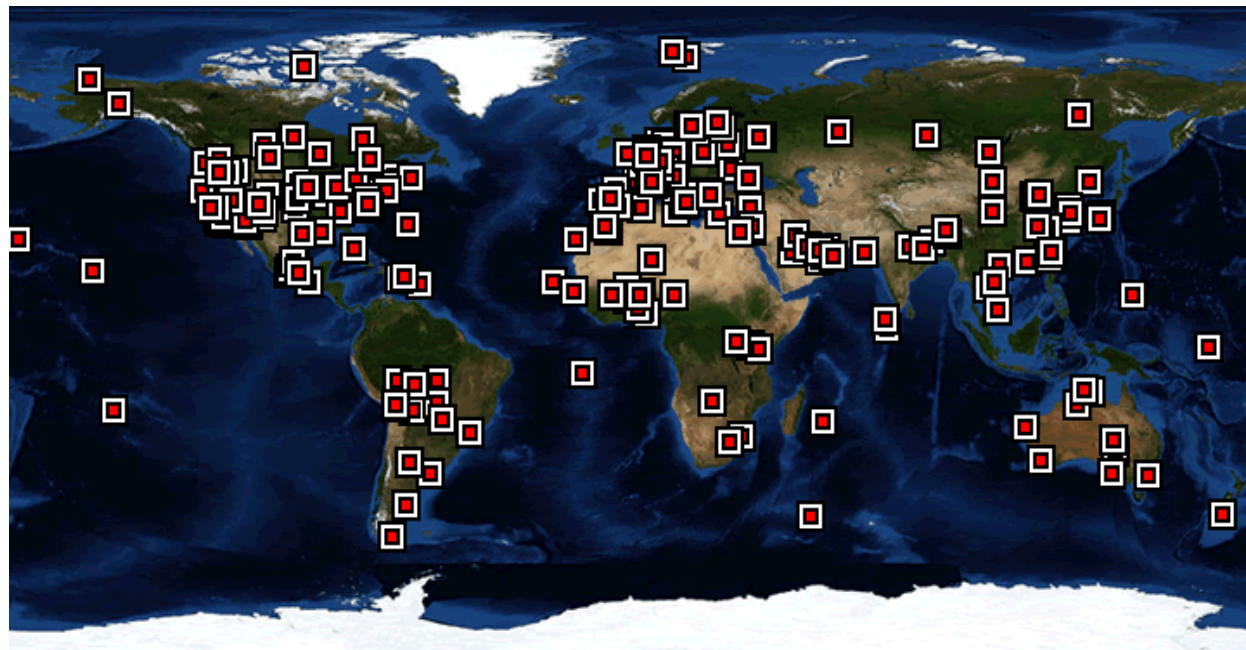


Mauna Loa, HI





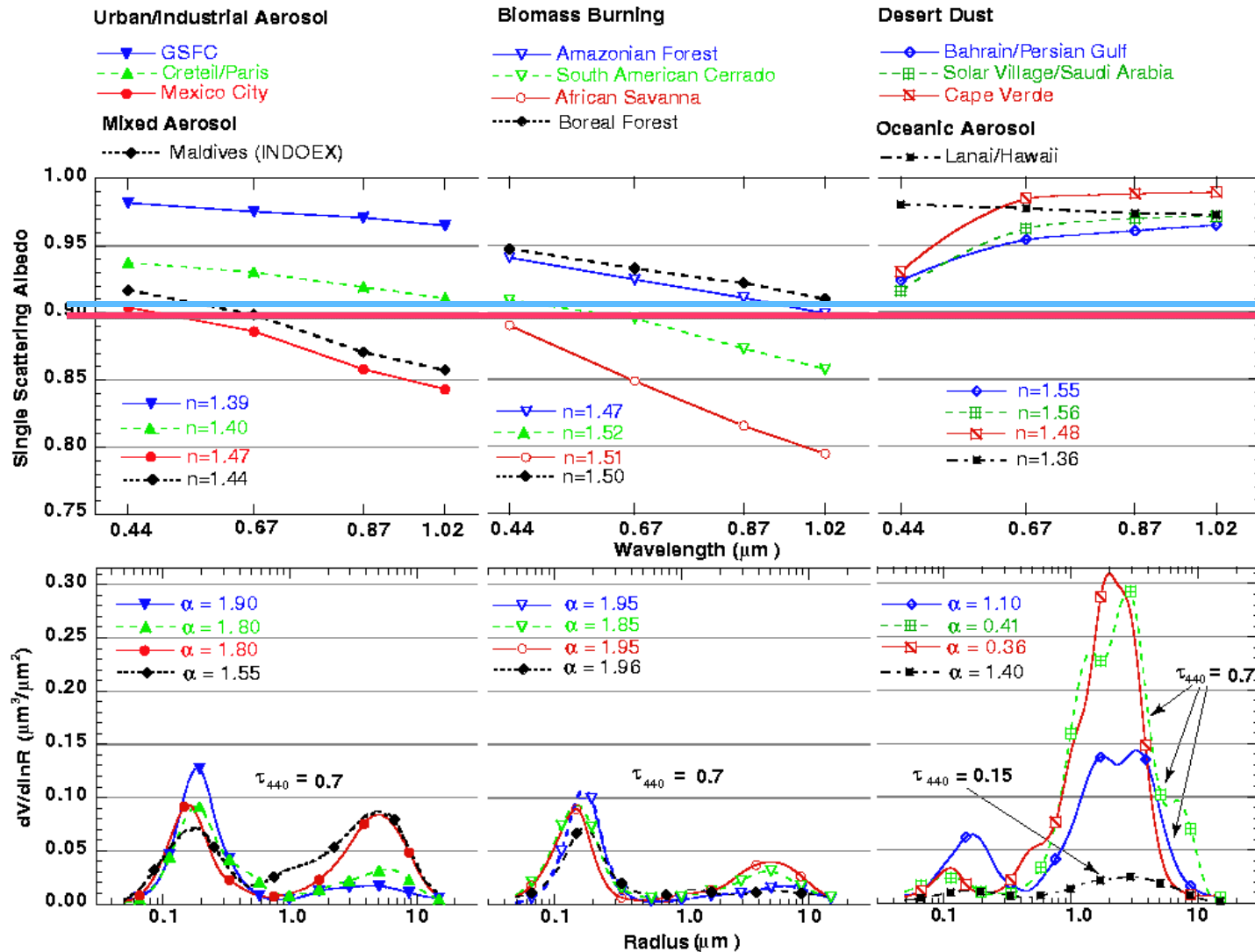
AERONET - An Internationally Federated Network



- **Aerosol Optical Properties Research & Enabling Project**
 - Program of long term systematic network measurements
 - Homepage access <http://aeronet.gsfc.nasa.gov/>
- **Mission Objectives**
 - Validation of satellite aerosol retrievals
 - Characterization of aerosol optical properties
 - Synergism with satellite observations and climate models



The Dynamic Atmosphere: AERONET-Defining Aerosol Optical Properties





Micro-Pulse Lidar Network (MPLNET)



Objective: Long-term, local - regional - worldwide aerosol and cloud profile observations using common instrument & data processing in a federated network

Status:

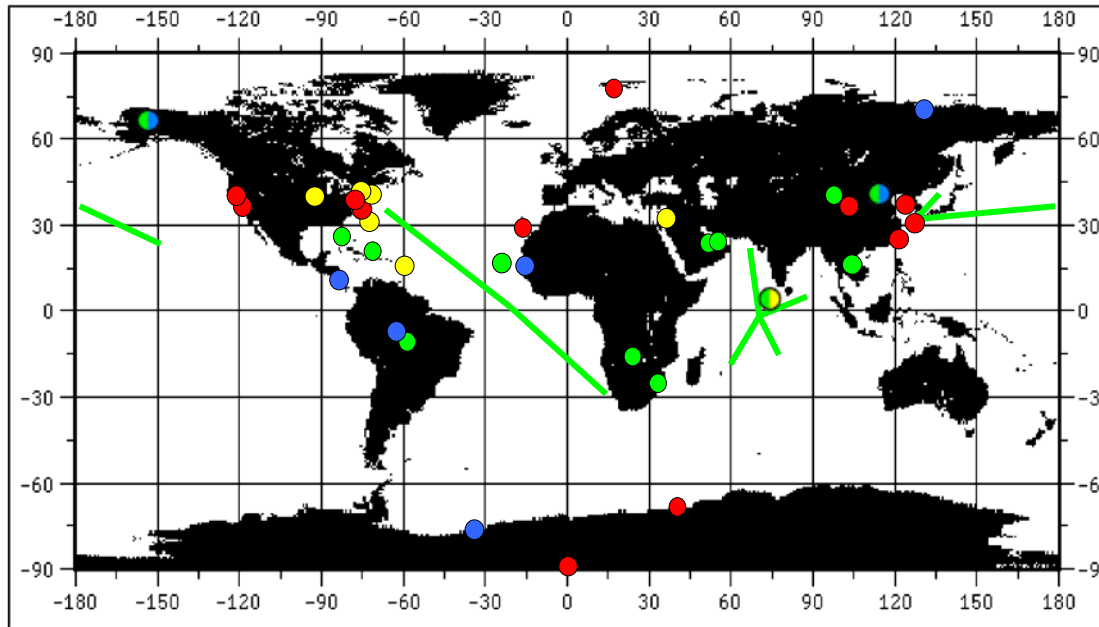
- 12 active sites
- 6 planned sites (in preparation)
- 6 proposed sites (funding dependent)
- 12 short-term field campaigns
- 1 ocean cruise (two cruises pre-dating MPLNET are available)

Goddard team + 13 Partners compose MPLNET:

- NASA LaRC
- NOAA ESRL
- Naval Research Lab - Monterey
- Japan's National Institute of Polar Research
- Spain's Instituto Nacional de Técnica Aeroespacial - INTA
- 4 US Universities
- 2 Korean Universities
- 1 Taiwan University
- 1 Chinese University
- other partners pending*

Accomplishments:

- MPLNET has generated and contributed to over 30 peer reviewed publications since 2000.
- Validation & algorithm development for ICESat & TOMS. CALIPSO pending.
- Cooperation with AERONET, modeling, and satellite groups led to formulation of new Synergy Tool (online aerosol database)



- active sites
- field campaigns
- planned sites
- proposed sites
- former campaign, permanent site planned
- former campaign, permanent site proposed

- * Most sites are co-located with AERONET
- * Campaigns utilize SMART-COMMIT and/or MAARCO platforms
- * line denotes research cruise

<http://mplnet.gsfc.nasa.gov>

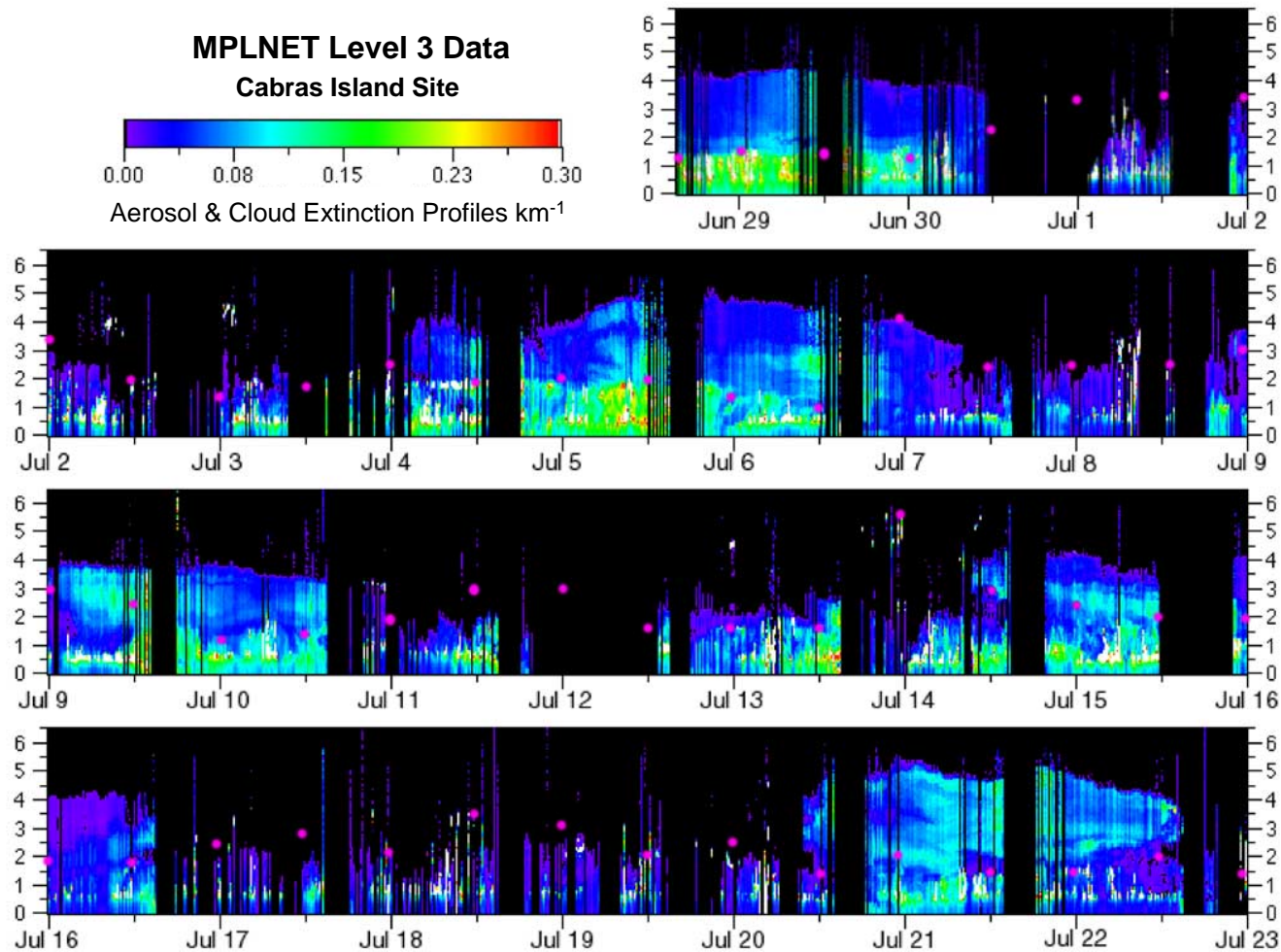
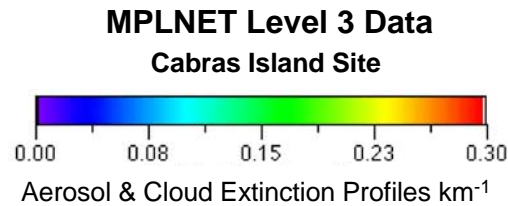
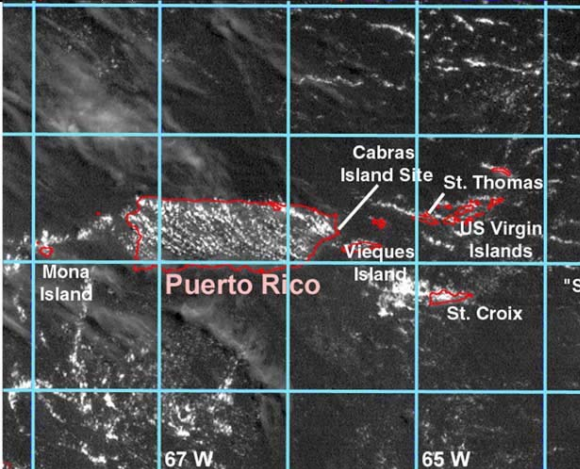
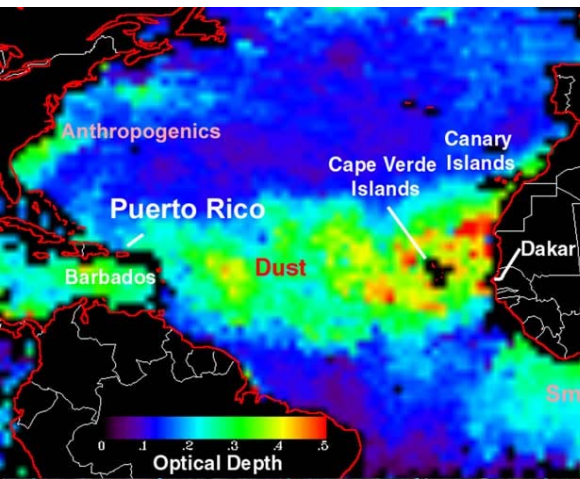




Micro-Pulse Lidar Network (MPLNET)

Observations of Saharan Dust Transport

Reid et al., *JGR*, 2003: Puerto Rico Dust Experiment (PRIDE) in 2000

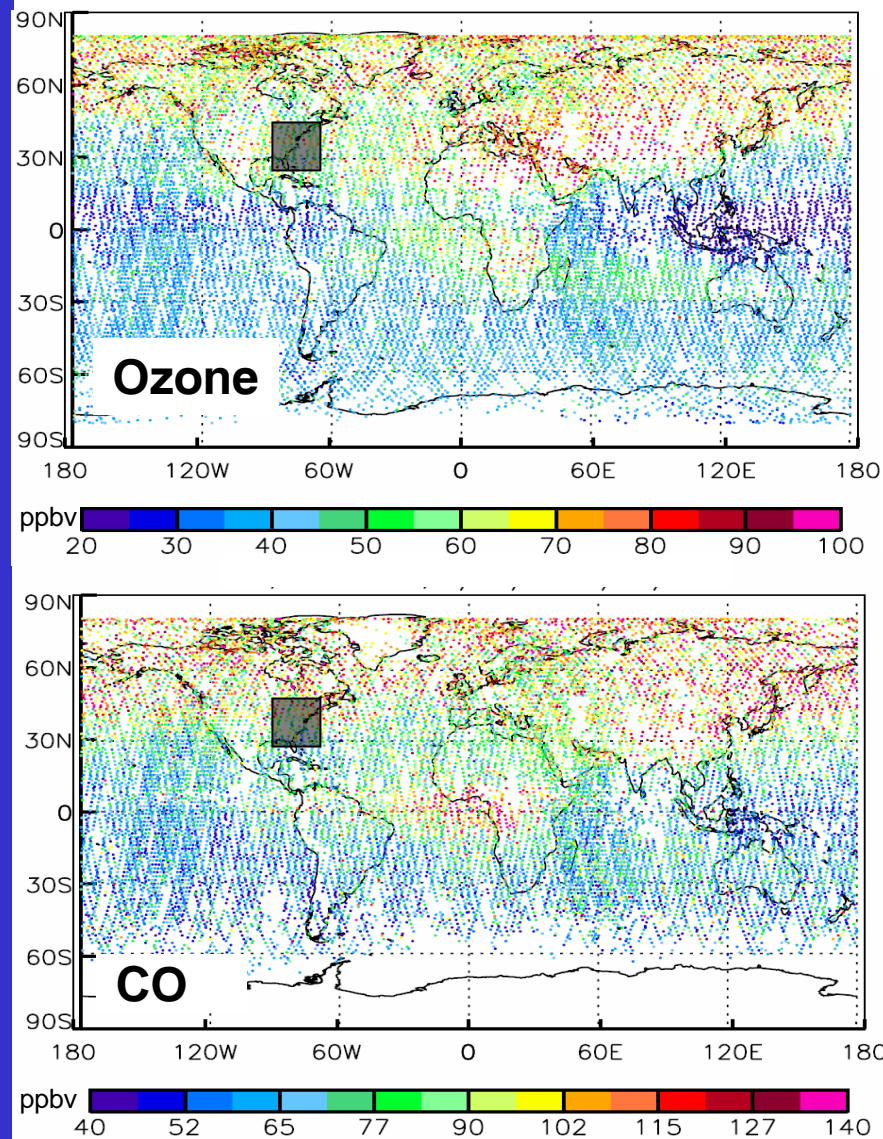


Pink dots indicate Marine Boundary Layer heights from nearby radiosonde

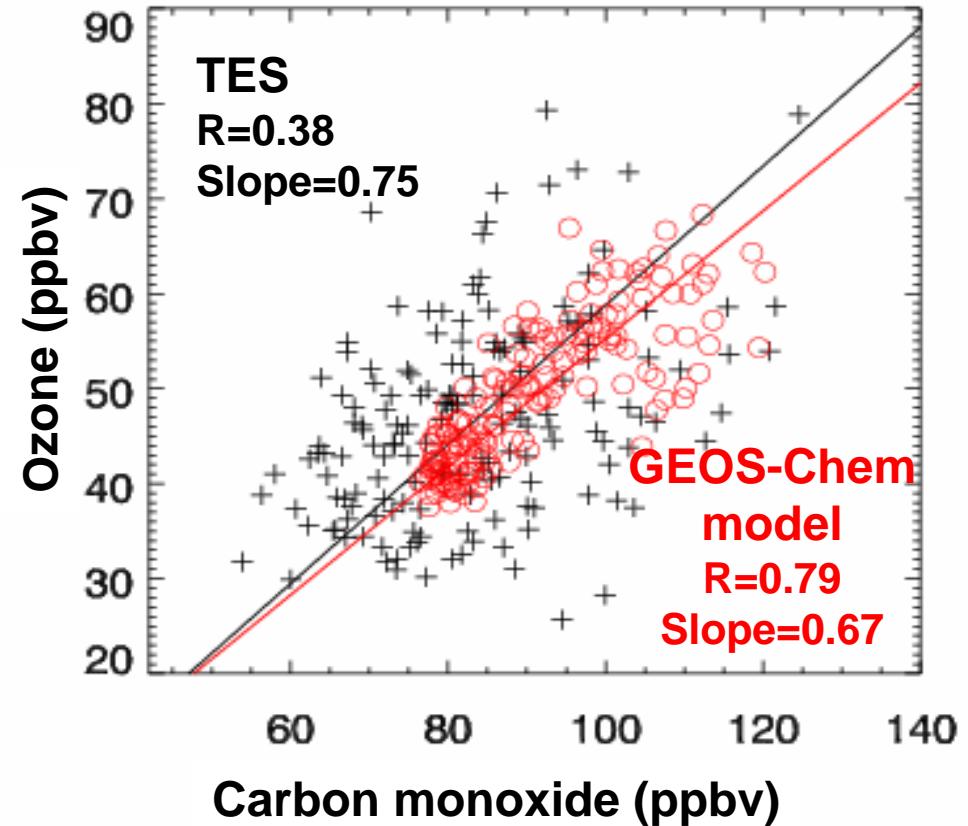


Using O3-CO Correlations from TES to Test Model Representation of Ozone Sources

602 hPa TES observations, July 2005



Ozone-CO relationship
downwind of eastern N. America

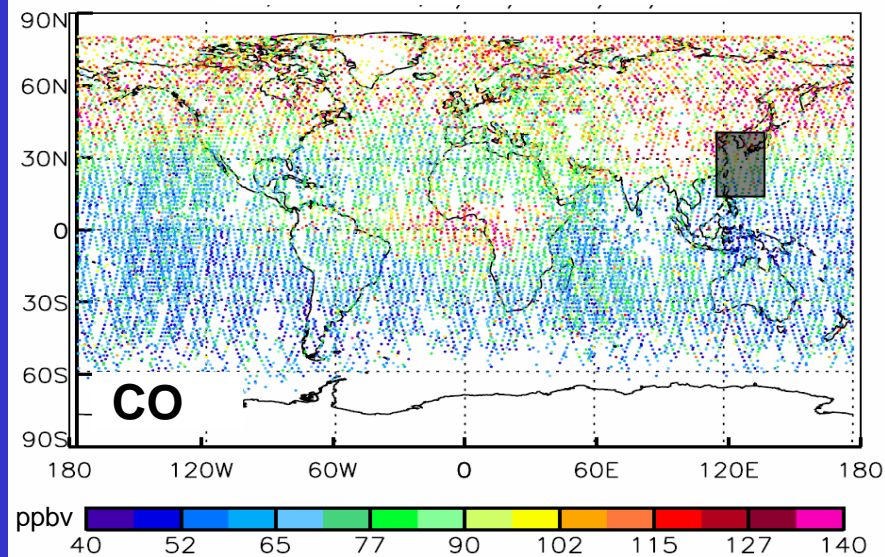
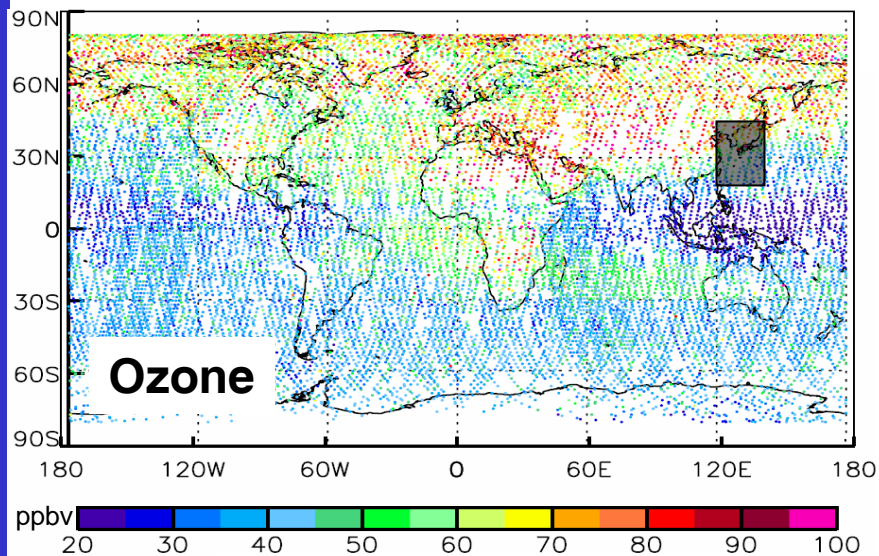


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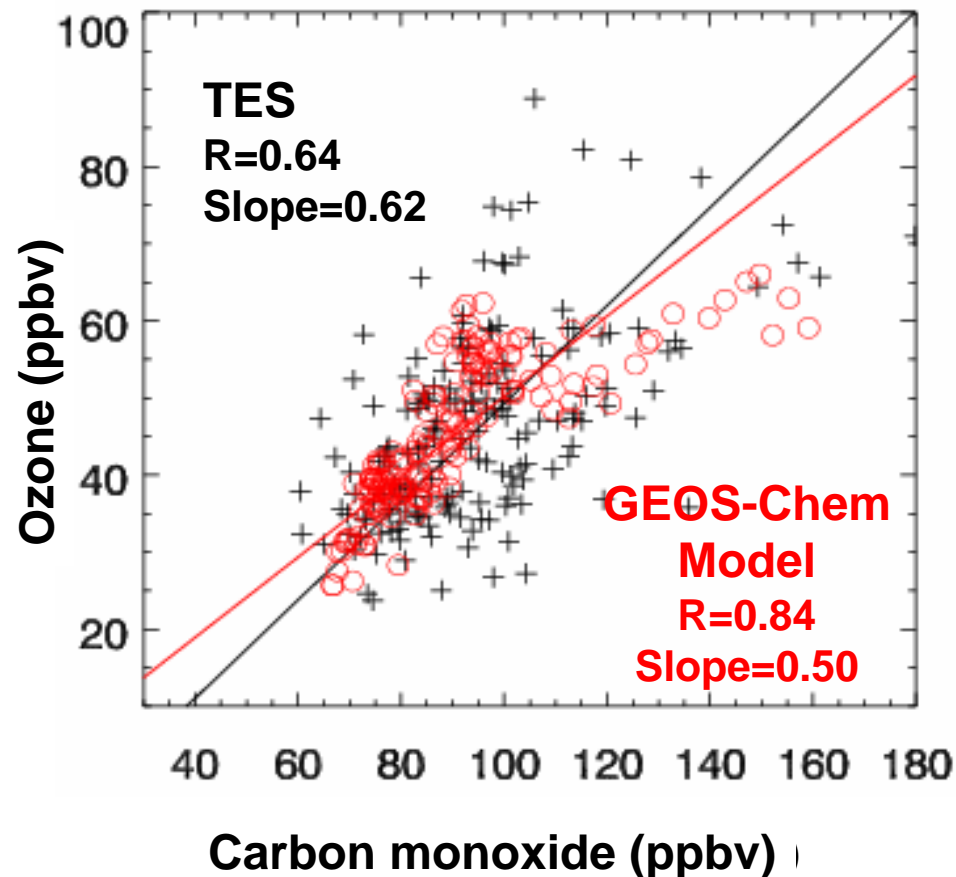


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Ozone-CO relationship
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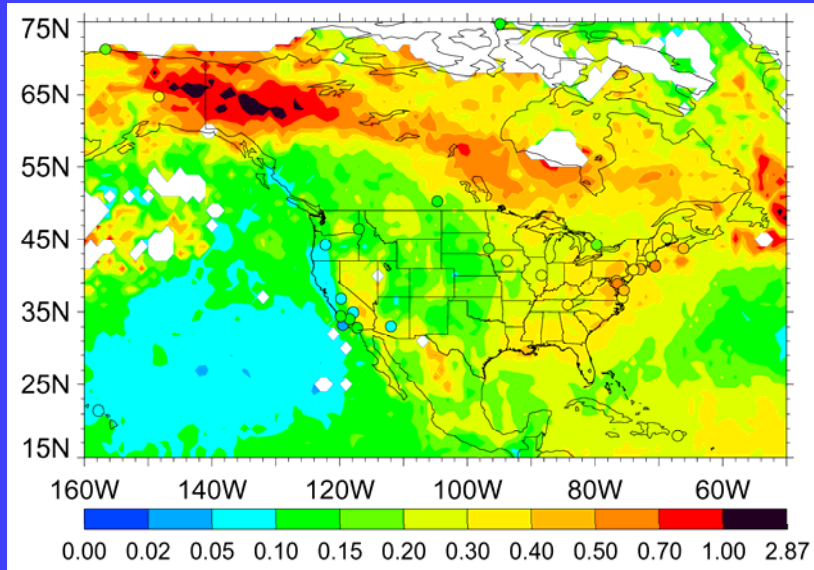
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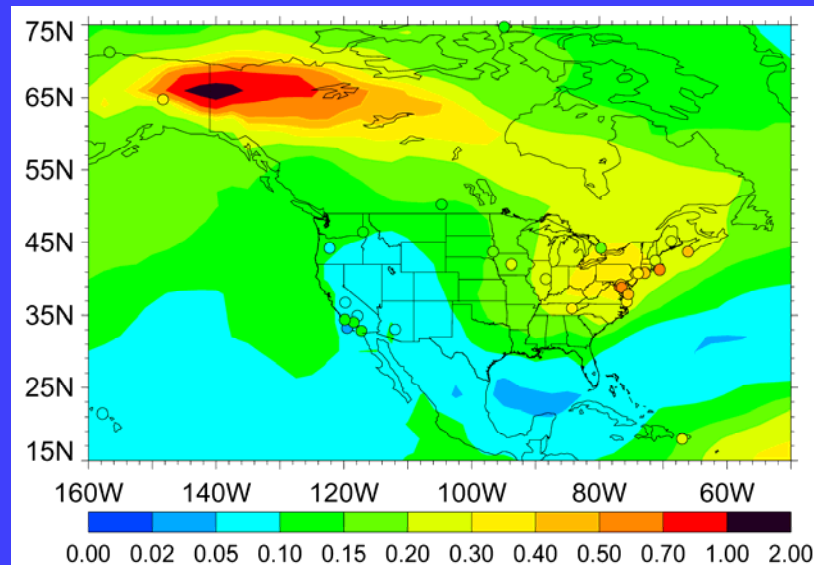
Long-range transport of smoke affects air quality

Comparison of MODIS and GOCART

MODIS AOT 550 nm 200407



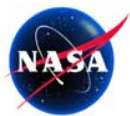
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- Pollutants from forest fires (e.g., aerosol particles and ozone) can be transported long distances, affecting surface air quality downwind.
- In July 2004, large forest fires occurred in Alaska and western Canada. Smoke aerosols were transported across Canada and to large areas of continental U.S., affecting regional air quality.
- Event was observed by MODIS and simulated by the GOCART model, which showed a similar pattern and intensity for aerosol optical thickness.

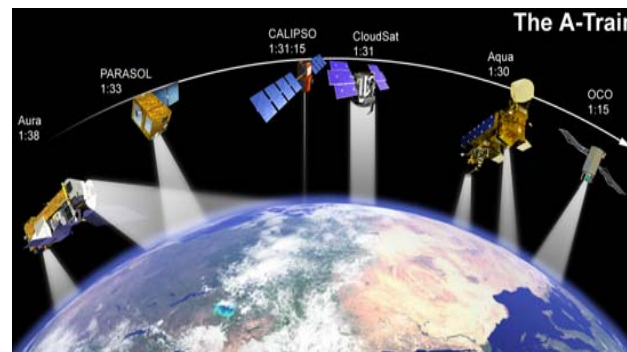


Constellation Science



Unique opportunity for conducting Atmospheric Composition science for societal benefit using multiple instruments across international platforms

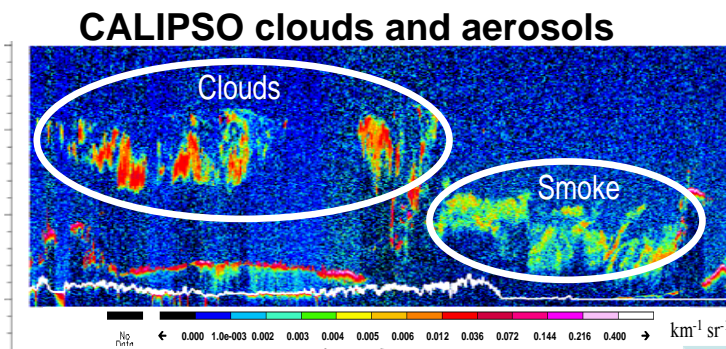
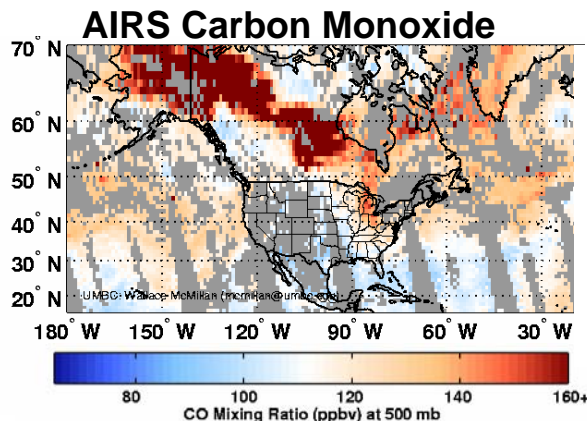
- Collaboration efficiency: take advantage of each instrument's unique capability
- Cross instrument validation
- Improved spatial and temporal coverage: e.g. different equator crossing times
- Enhanced data products: e.g. aerosol and cloud characteristics, pollution and its transport
- More accurate trends by comparing and combining data sets



A-train is a good example of Constellation Science

CEOS provides an opportunity to extend collaboration internationally

Potential Application:
Geographic extent of CO from biomass burning in combination with vertical distribution of smoke could improve assessment of total fire emissions and their downwind transport



Airborne Field Campaign Strategy: Use aircraft to increase the value of satellite data for improving models of atmospheric composition and climate.

Satellites: CALIPSO, Cloudsat, OMI, TES, HIRDLS, MLS, MODIS, AIRS, MISR, MOPITT

- Aerosol optical depth, properties
- CO, ozone, NO₂, HCHO, SO₂, BrO

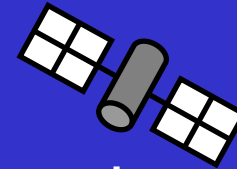


Aircraft: DC-8, WB-57, ER-2, P-3B

- Comprehensive in situ chemical and aerosol measurements
- Passive remote sensing of aerosol impacts on radiation
- Active remote sensing of ozone and aerosol optical properties

Models: CTMs, GCMs, ESMs

- Source-receptor relationships for pollution
- Inverse modeling for estimating emissions
- Aerosol radiative forcing
- Detailed chemical processing



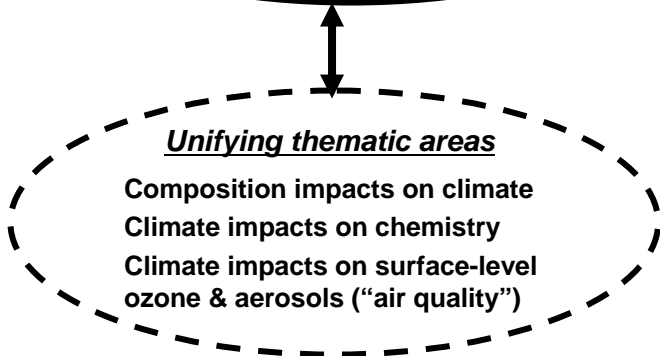
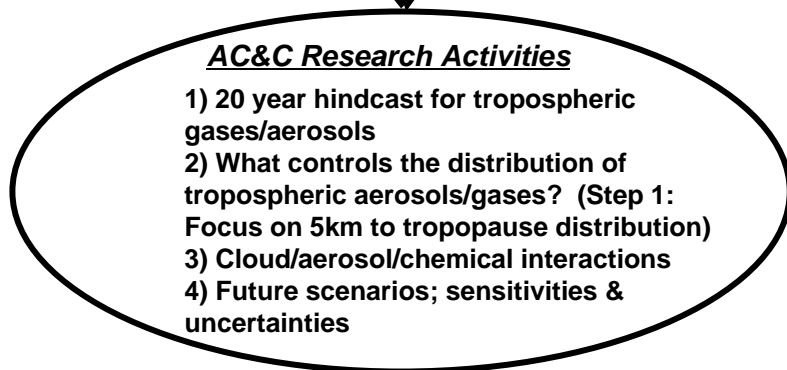
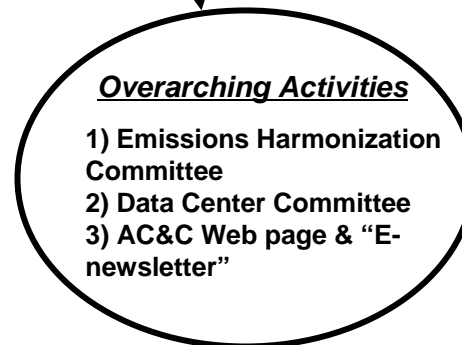
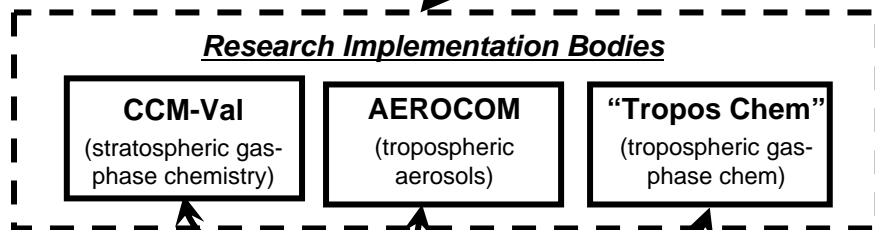
Retrieval algorithm development & validation
Correlative information
Model error characterization

Data assimilation
Diagnostic studies





WCRP-SPARC/IGBP-IGAC Atmospheric Chemistry and Climate Initiative



> Motivated but not funded by "international" organizations

> The success of these activities is contingent on buy-in from the scientific community, including us

> By participating, we take advantage of the community as well

- Share progresses on model improvement and development
- Better evaluate the model performance
- Better access to emission, observations, etc.
- More relevant to international community

>The ensemble of model results are proven to be more robust than a single "best" model (if there is any). Therefore, these exercises can be used for

- Analyzing data from past and current missions to better understand global and regional aerosol trends, emissions, processes, and impacts
- Identifying common needs or problems among the models that can be used to recommend or emphasize future observation priorities
- Forming an international assessment body (e.g., IPCC, WMO, CCSP) providing guidance for research and policies

