



GlobEmission (ESA DUE program)

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November 25, 2013



Study: US spewing 50% more methane than EPA says

“The study estimates that in 2008, the U.S. poured 49 million tons of methane into the air. That means U.S. methane emissions trapped about as much heat as all the carbon dioxide pollution coming from cars, trucks, and planes in the country in six months. That’s more than the 32 million tons estimated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Administration”

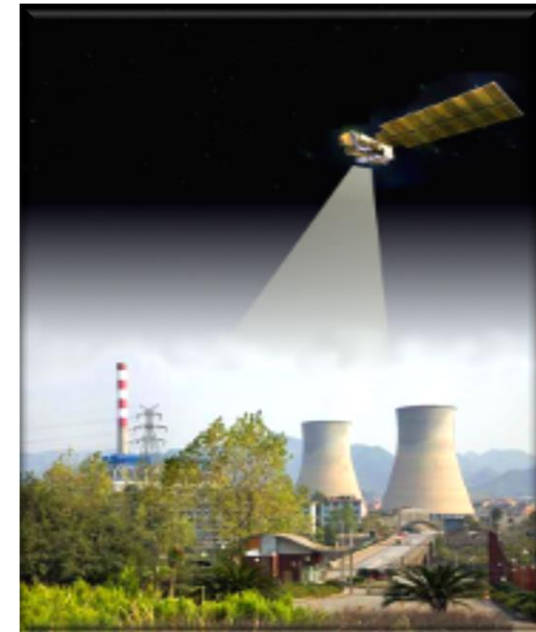
“Something is very much off in the inventories,” said study co-author Anna Michalak, an Earth scientist at the Carnegie Institution for Science in Stanford, Calif. “The total U.S. impact on the world’s energy budget is different than we thought, and it’s worse.”



Scope of GlobEmission



- Within the GlobEmission project emission estimates derived from satellite observations are developed.
- Main advantages:
 - spatial consistency and high temporal resolution
 - pointing out/identifying flaws in bottom-up inventories
 - monitoring of emission changes, trends & new spots
 - rapid availability to users
- They provide complimentary information to bottom-up emission inventories



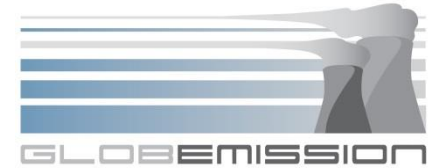
DUE project in 2011-2016

Committed end users

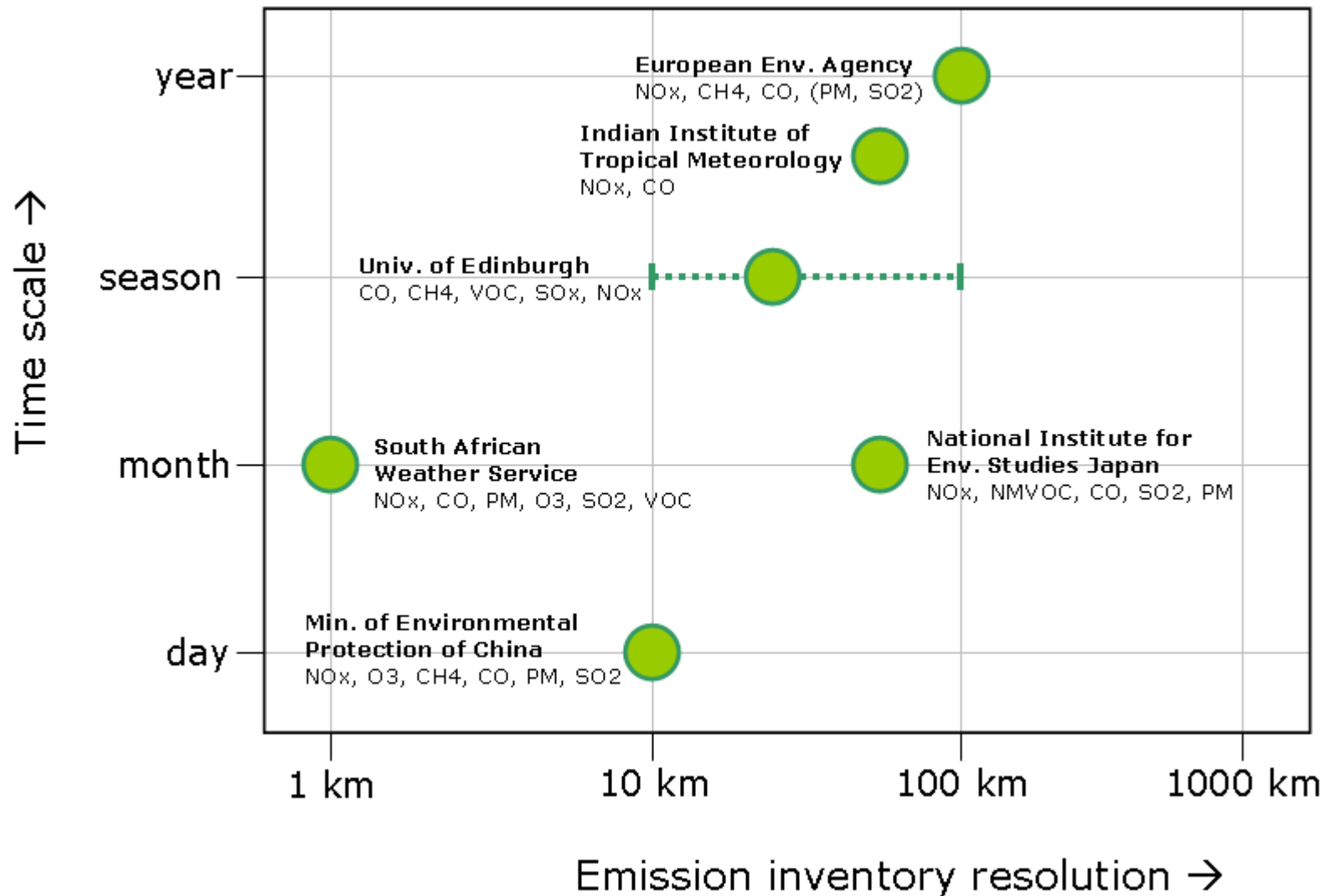
- European Environmental Agency
- LATMOS, France
- Satellite Environment Center of the Chinese Ministry of Environmental Protection
- Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology
- South National Space Agency + South African Weather Service
- National Institute for Environmental Studies, Japan
- Qatar Environmental & Energy Research Institute

Specific user requirements:

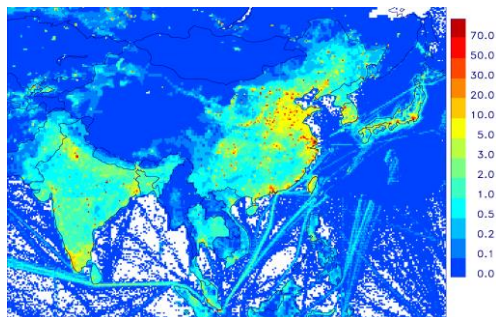
- Species: NO_x, CH₄, CO, NMVOC, SO₂, PM, O₃
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- Spatial resolution: 1 km - 50 km
- Time resolution: daily – annual
- Regional and Global



User Requirements: Temporal/Spatial



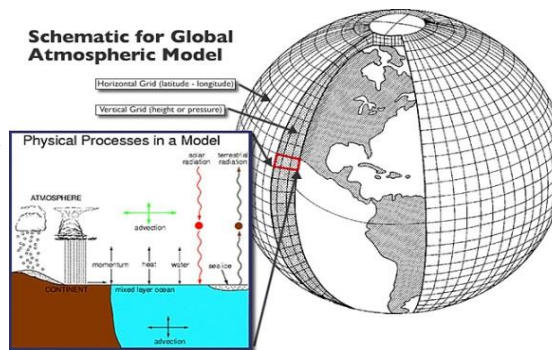
Inversion of satellite observations



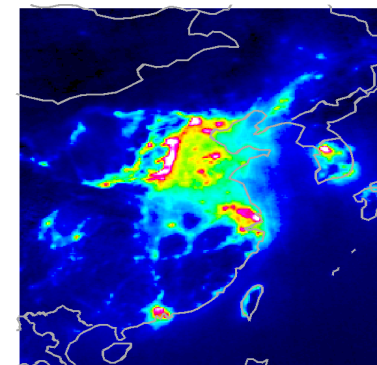
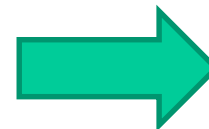
A priori
emissions



Schematic for Global
Atmospheric Model

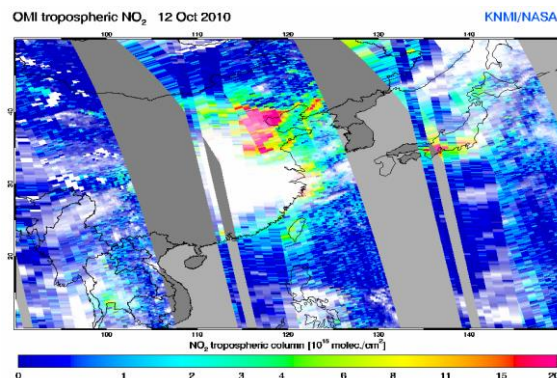


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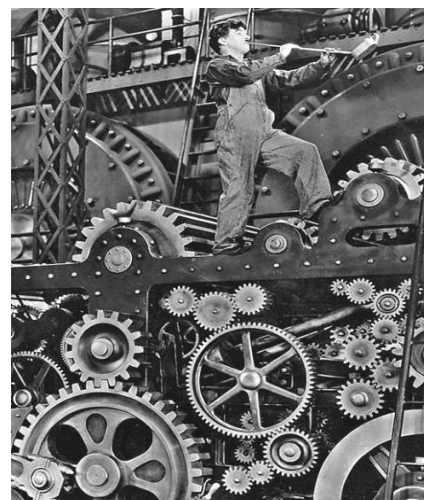
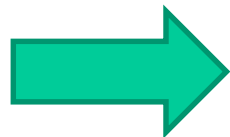


10^{15} molecules/cm²

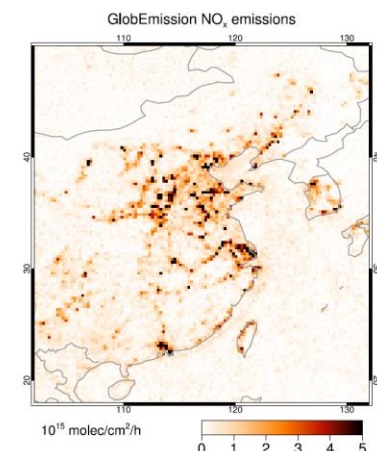
Concentrations



Satellite
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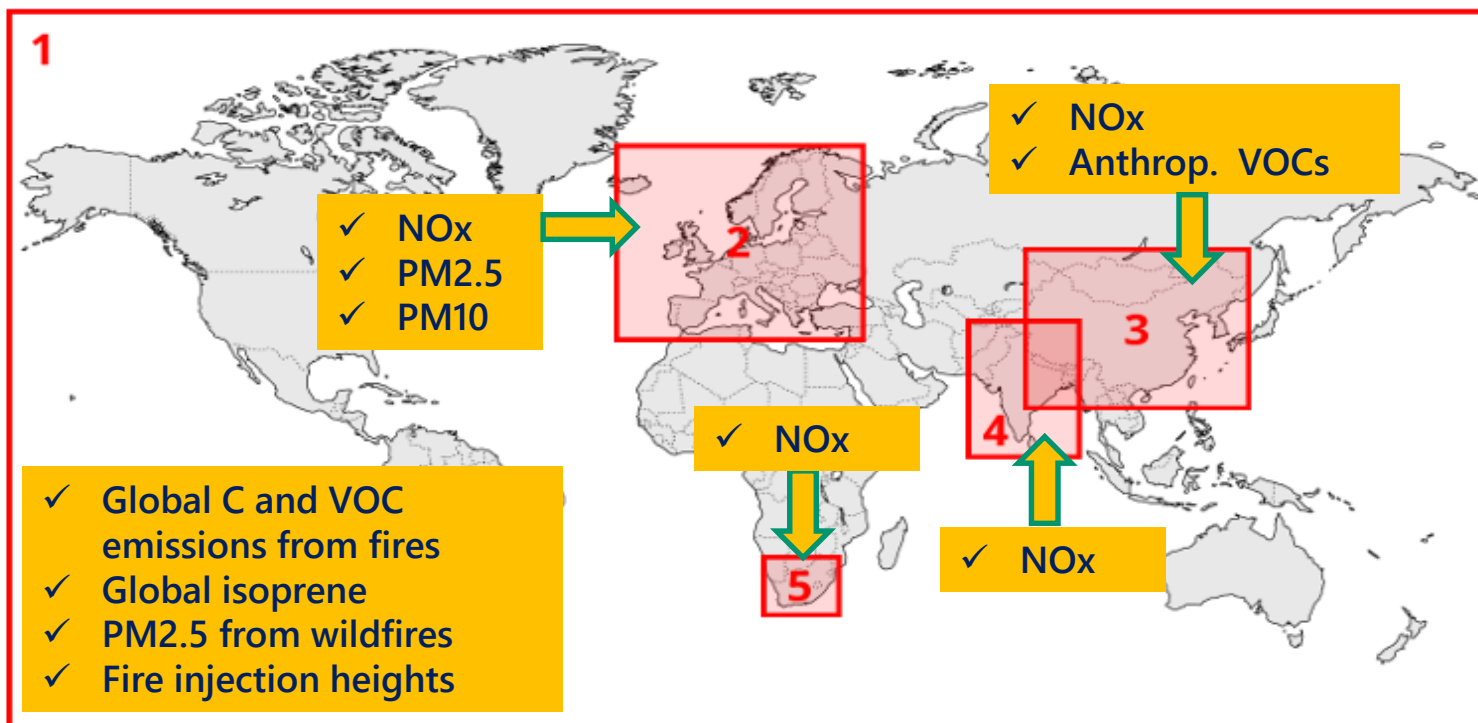
Inversion algorithm



10^{15} molec/cm²/h

Updated
Emissions

Select emission data area:

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World
[fire-related emissions](#),
[NMVOC](#), [biogenic isoprene](#)



Europe
[NO_x](#), [PM2.5](#), [PM10](#)



East China
[NO_x](#), [VOC](#)

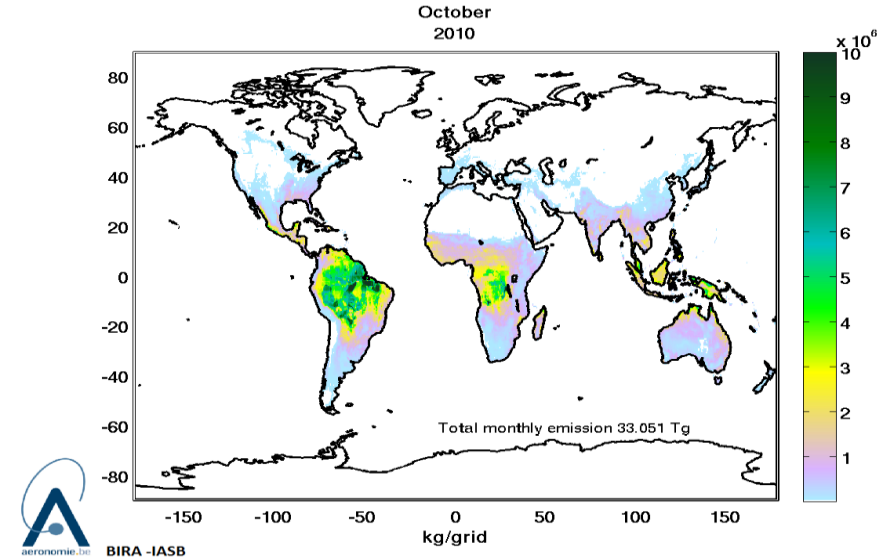
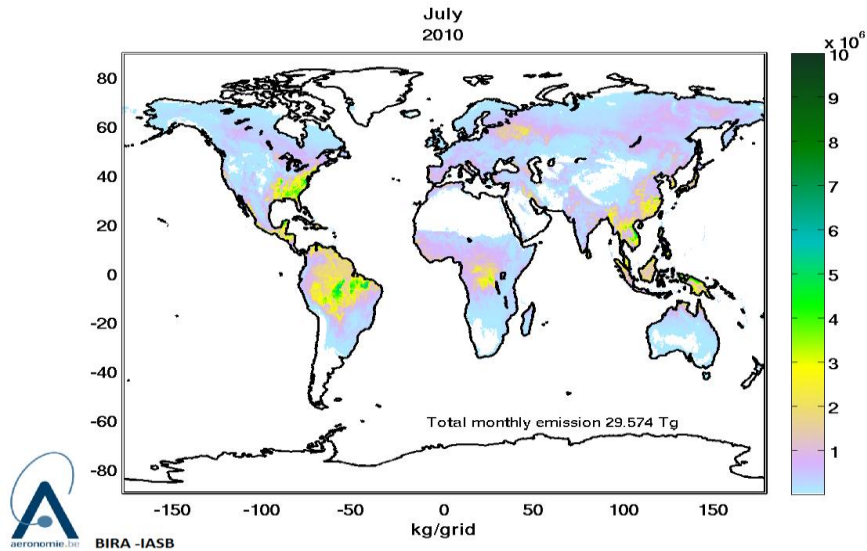
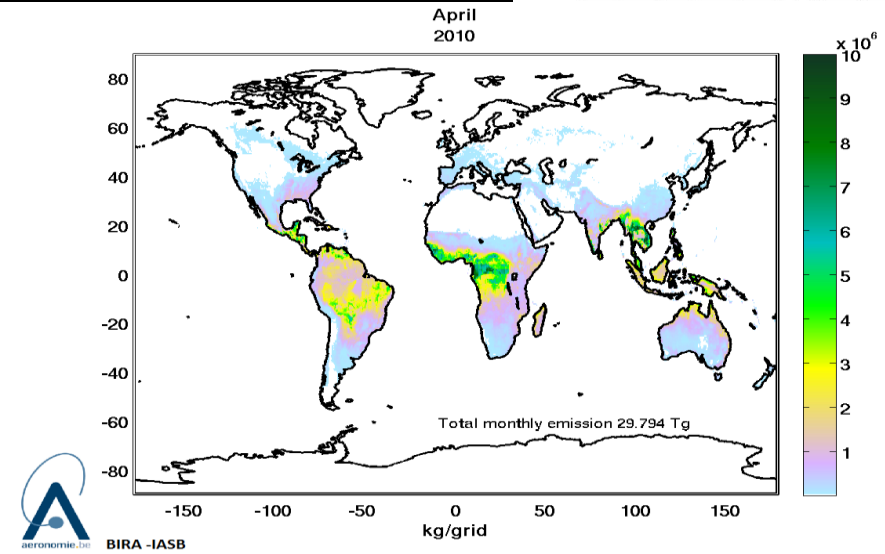
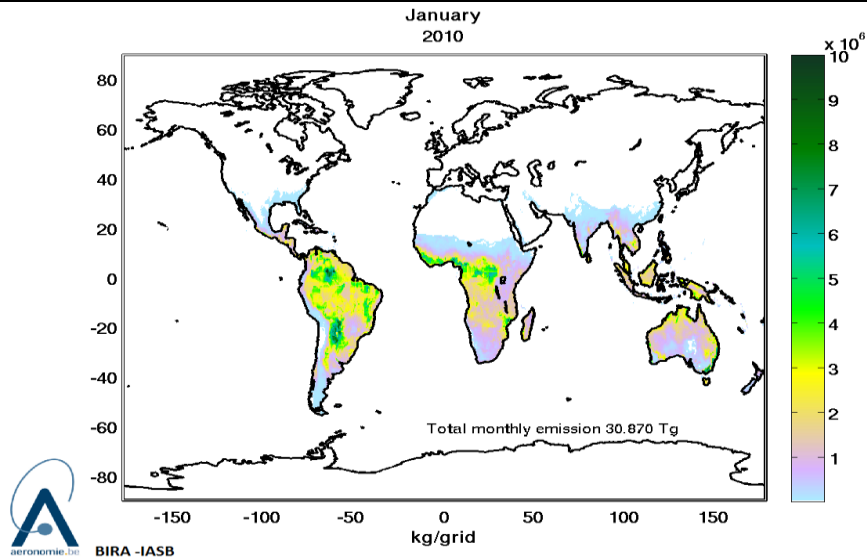
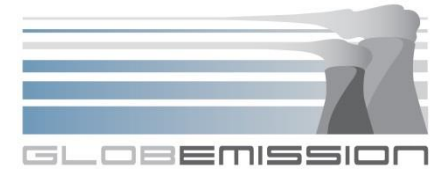


India
[NO_x](#), aerosol



South Africa
[NO_x](#), aerosol

Global: Isoprene emissions

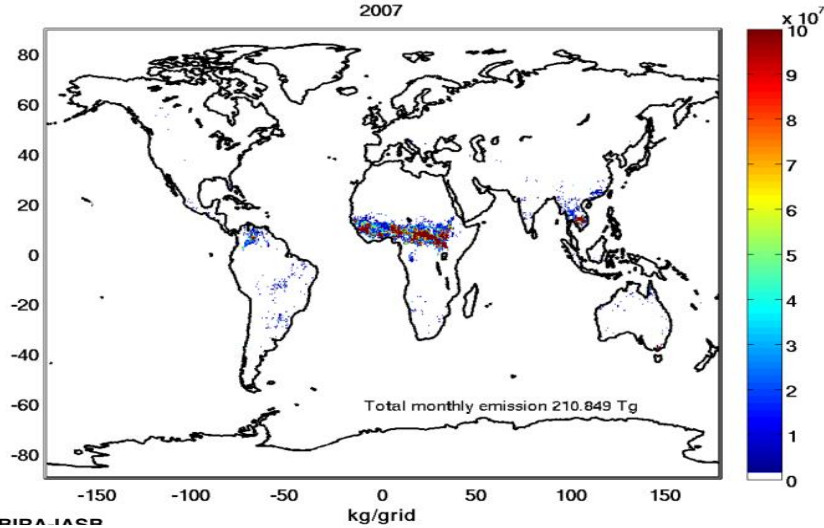


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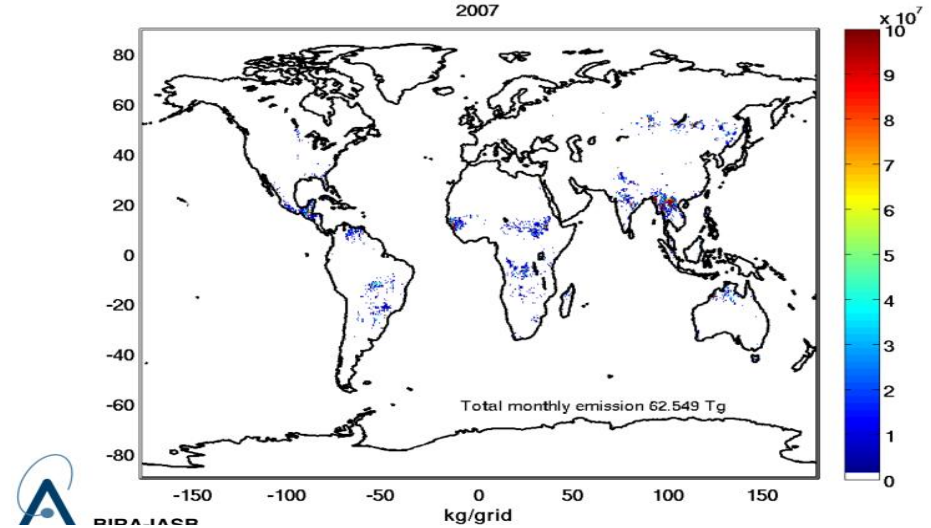
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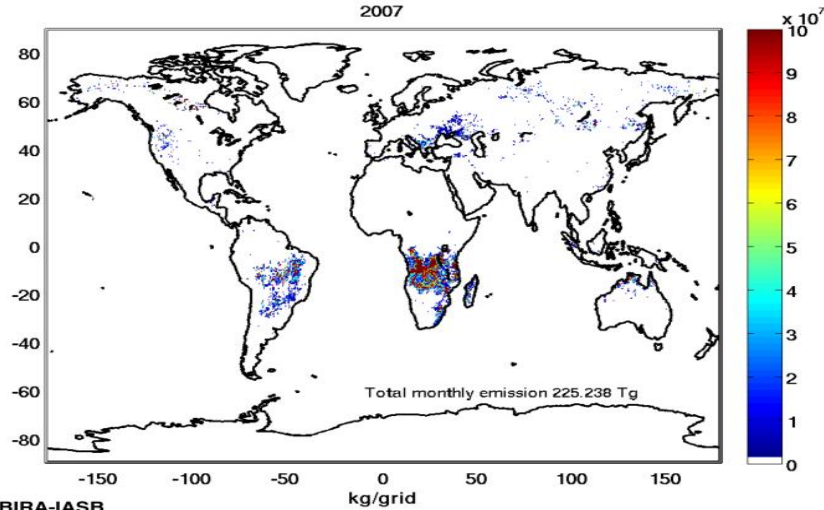
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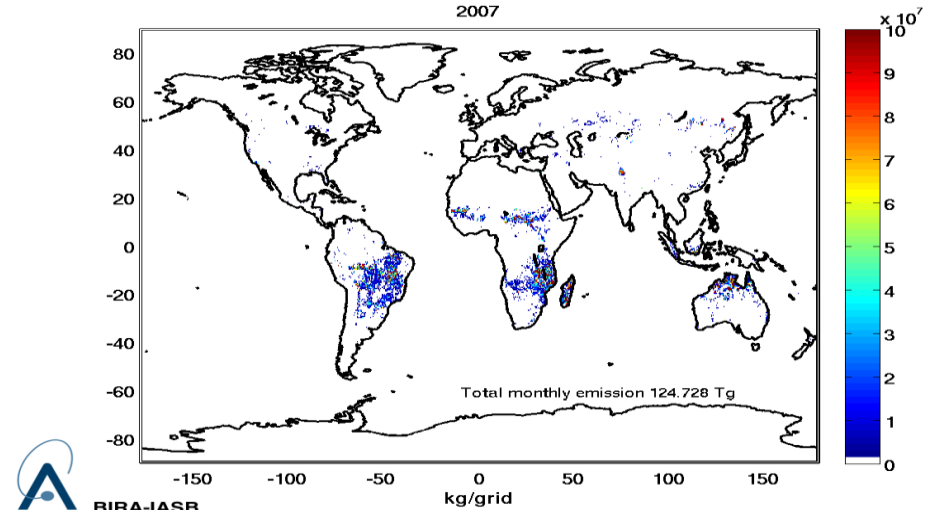
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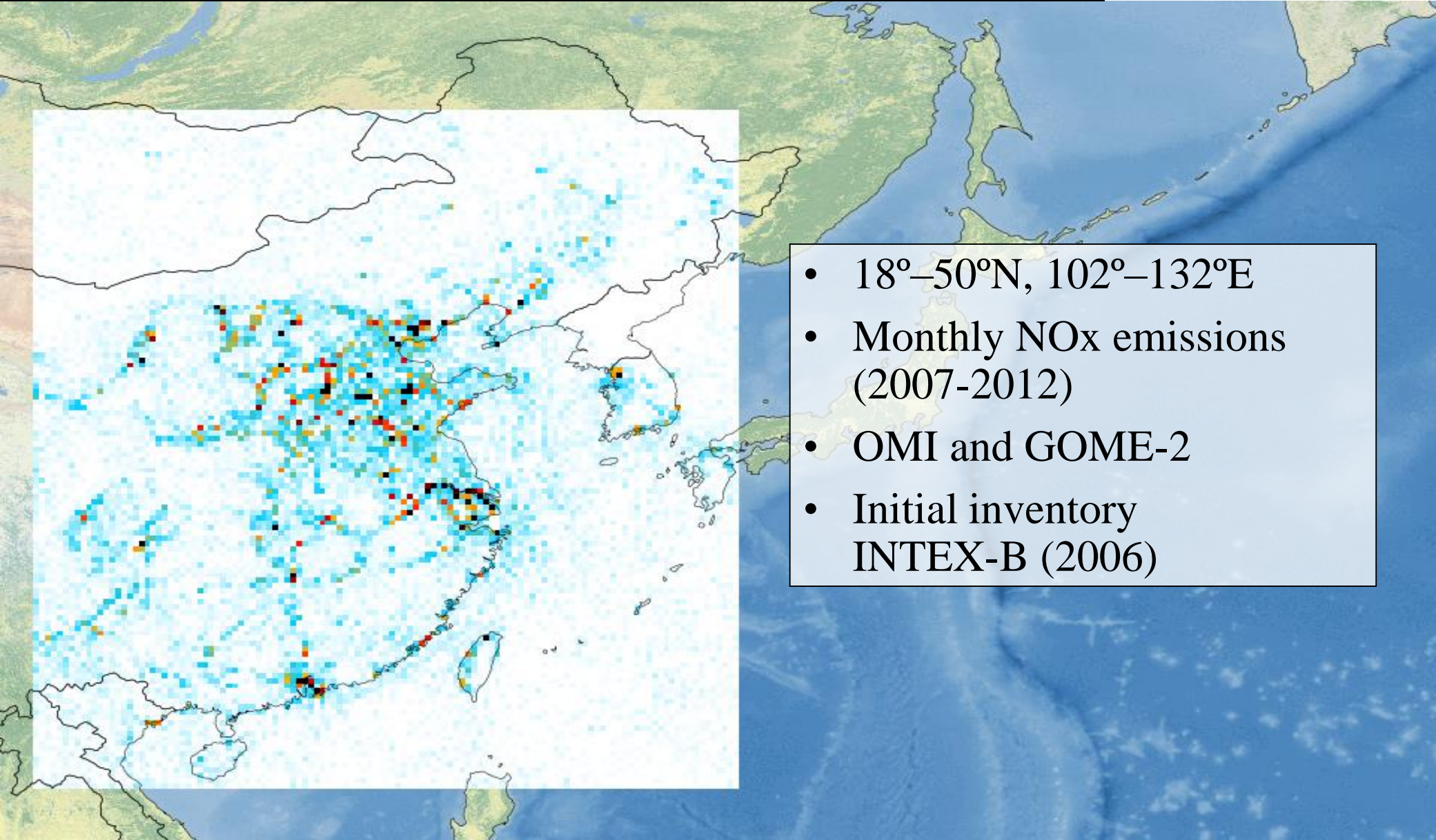


October
2007



Monthly NetCdf files for 2007-2012, 0.5x0.5 deg.

East China: NO_x



- 18°–50°N, 102°–132°E
- Monthly NO_x emissions (2007-2012)
- OMI and GOME-2
- Initial inventory INTEX-B (2006)

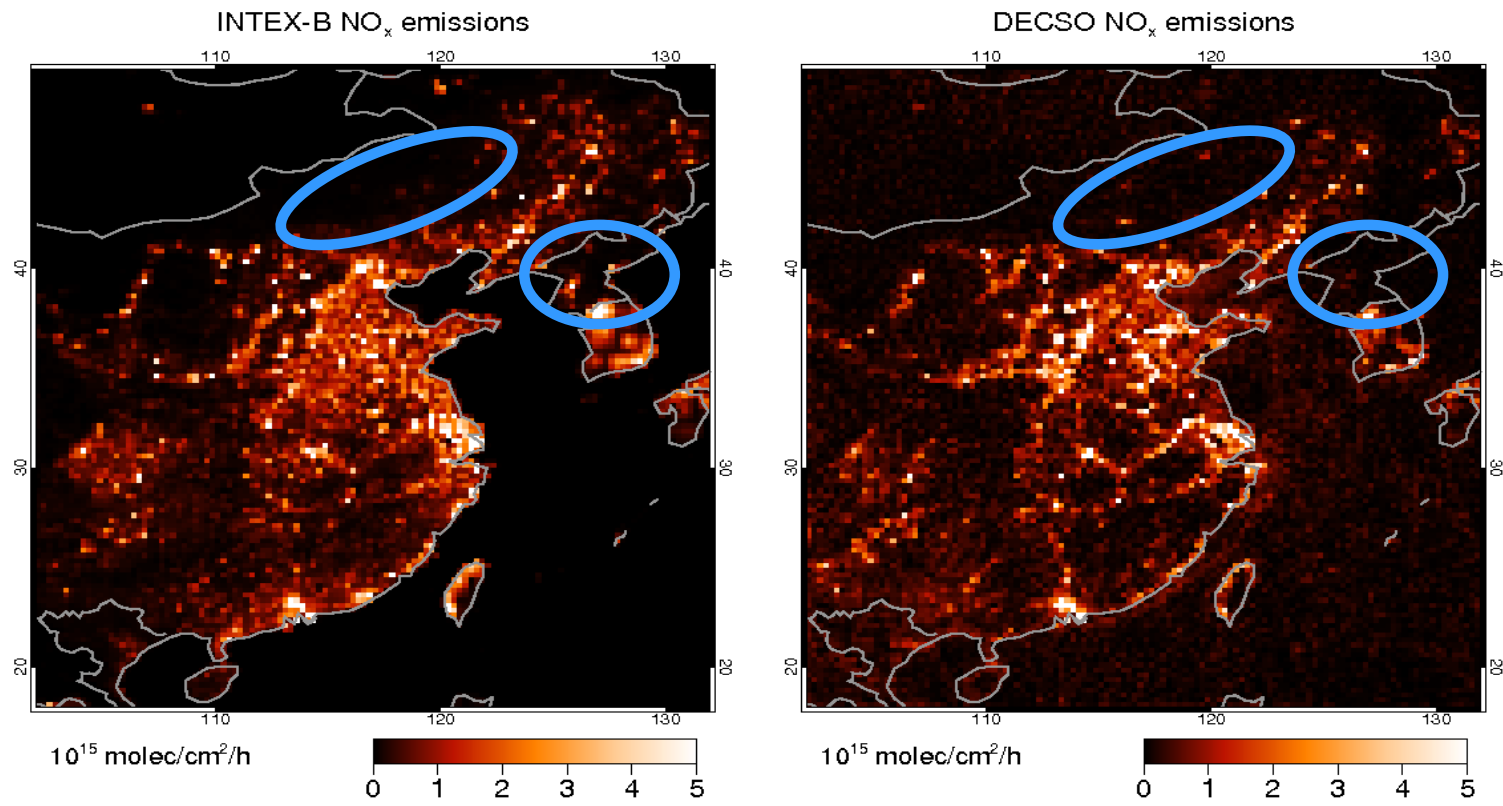
CHINA

□ NO_x emissions

Service provider : KNMI (R. van der A and B. Mijling)
Main user: SEC-MEP (China)

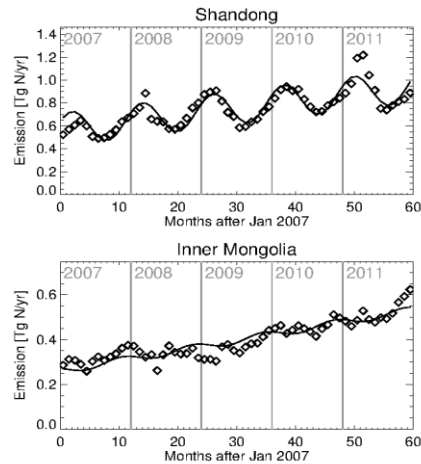
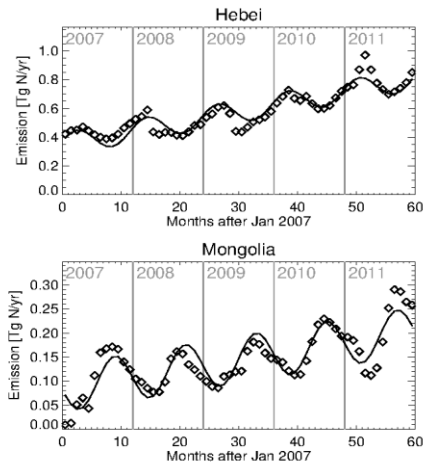


DESCO inversion algorithm enables estimation at high resolution (10-25 km)

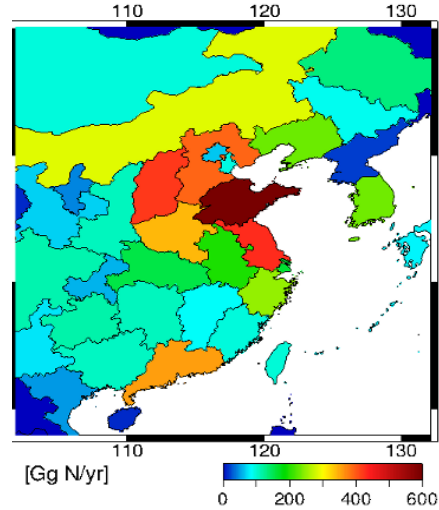


- New power plants in Inner Mongolia
- Distinct emissions along great rivers
- Low emissions in North Korea
- Ship emissions

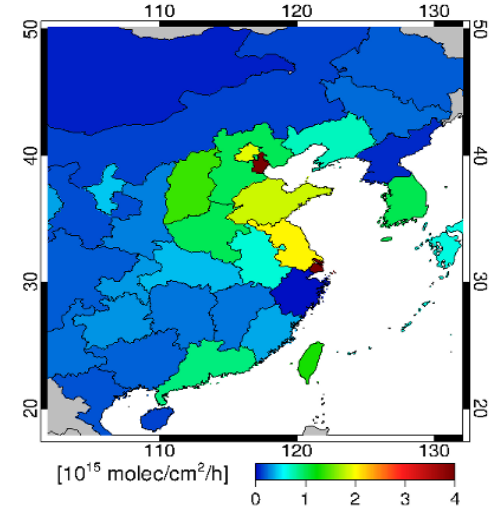
Emission trends



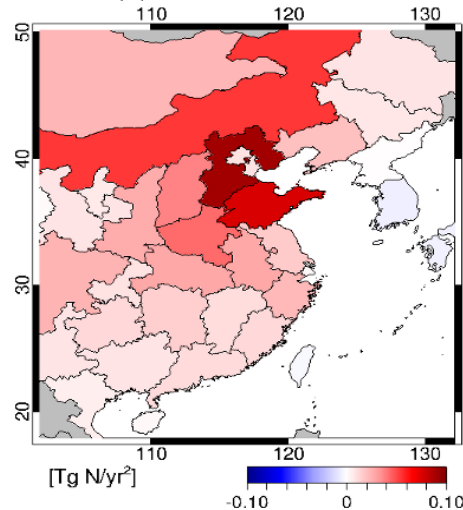
(a) NO_x emissions in 2007



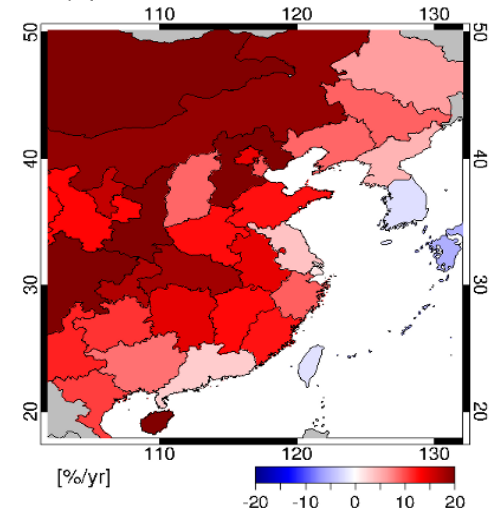
(b) Emission fluxes in 2007



(c) Emission trend



(d) Relative emission trend



41% growth in 2007-2011

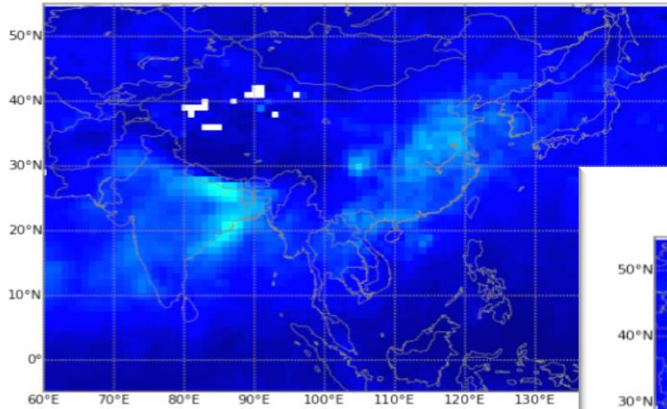
Mijling et al. (2013) *Regional nitrogen oxides emission trends in East Asia observed from space*, Atmos. Chem. Phys.

China: Aerosol emissions

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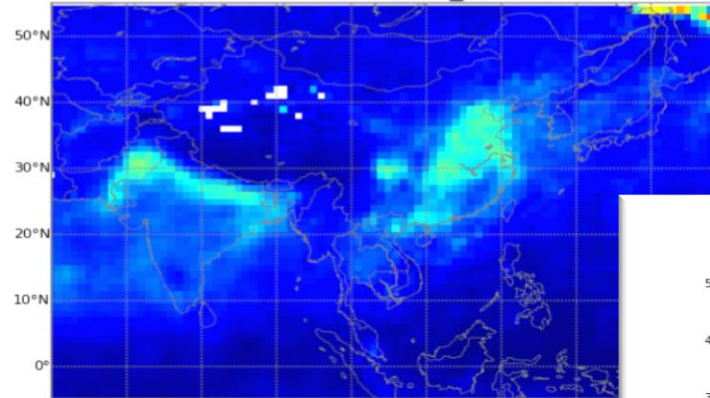


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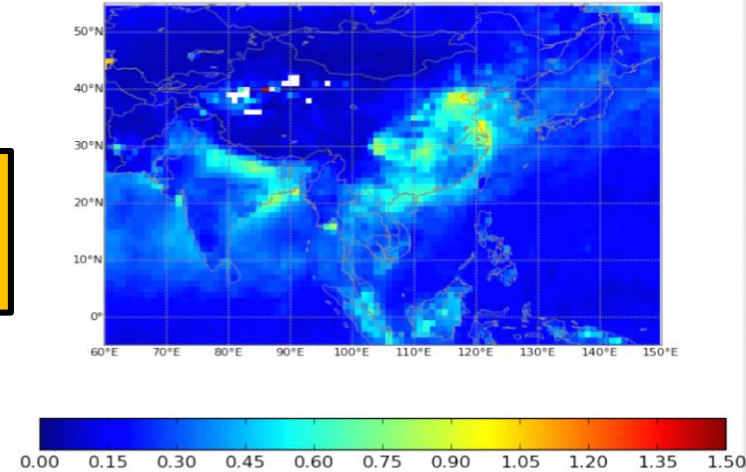
**A priori
model**

AOT: AATSR.AERO35_ASIA 2008



**After assimilation of
MODIS AOD data**

AOT: AATSR 2008



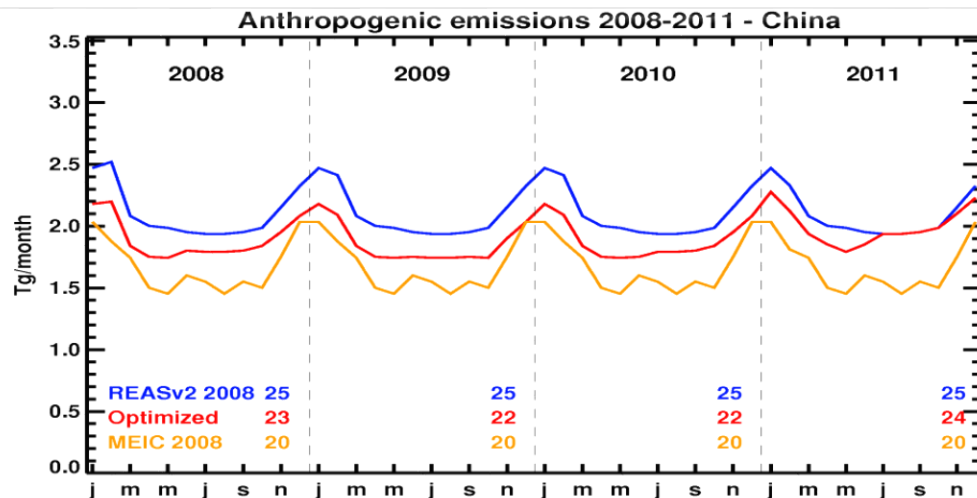
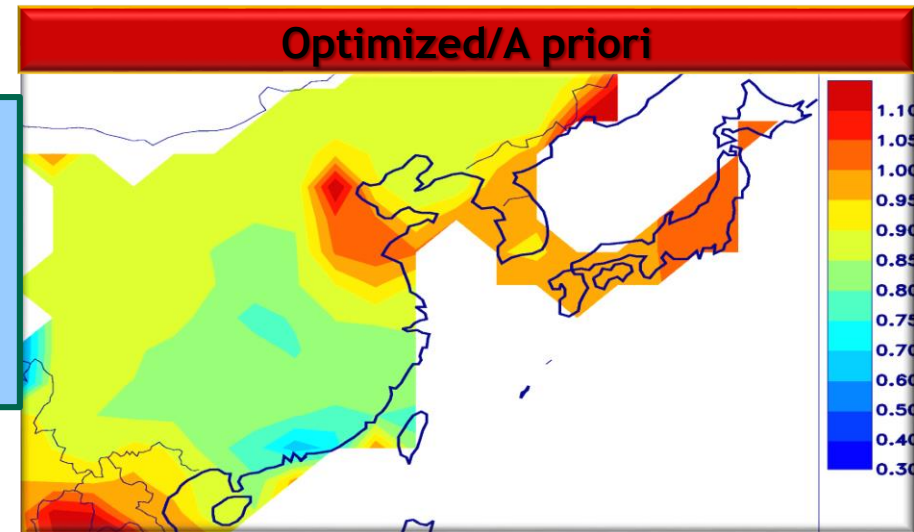
AATSR AOD data

**Assimilation of MODIS AOD improves
agreement also with AATSR AOD and
AERONET ground-based data**

China: Anthrop. VOC emissions

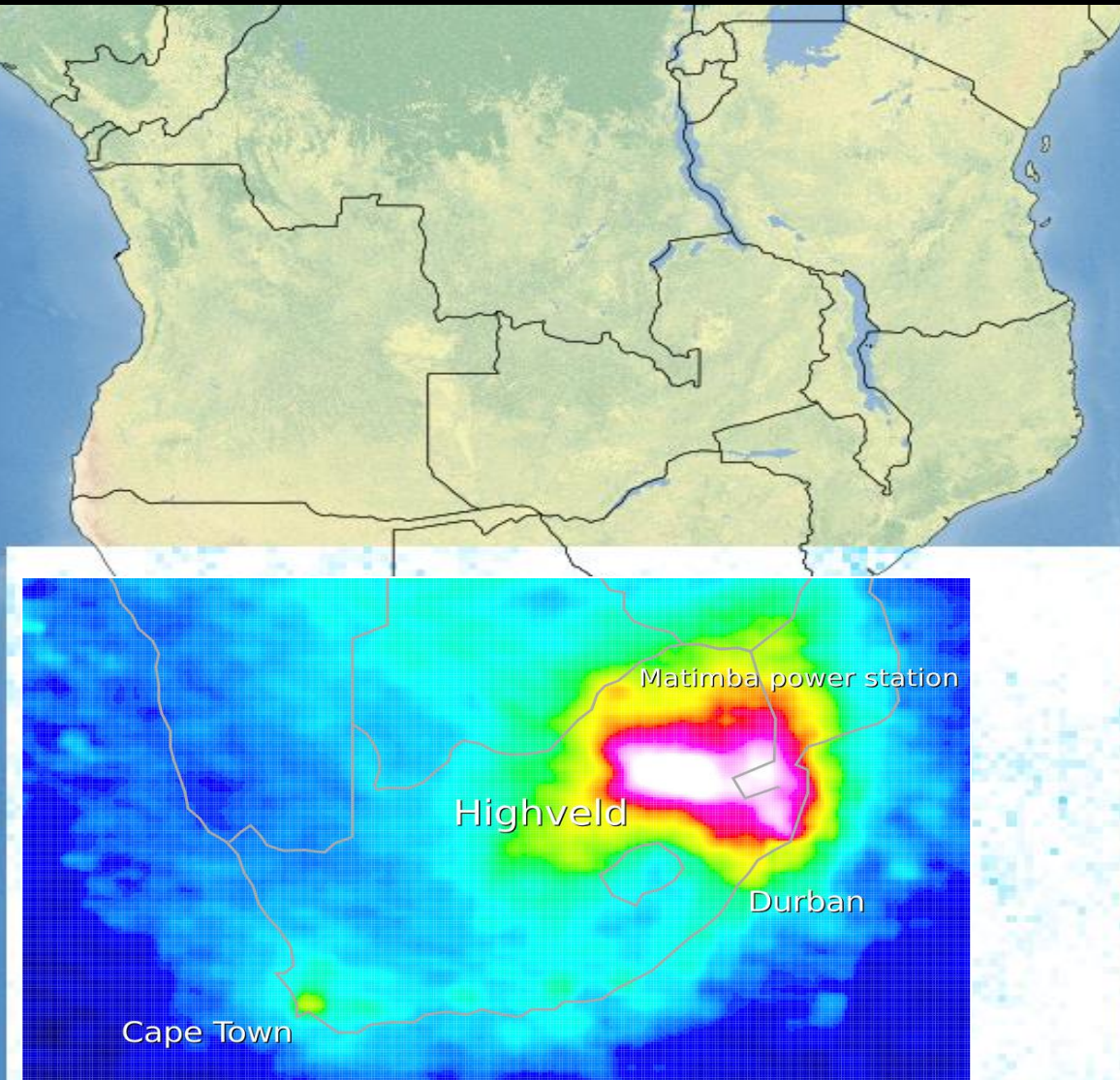
Service provider : BIRA-IASB
(J. Stavrakou, J.-F. Muller, M. Bauwens)
Main user: NIES (Japan)

Moderate increase in Beijing region, and almost no change in the rest of NCP, decreases in the South-East China and especially in PRD region



✓ Optimized emissions are lower than estimated in REASv2, especially in 2009 and 2010, GlobEmission products are between the two bottom-up estimates

South Africa: NO_x

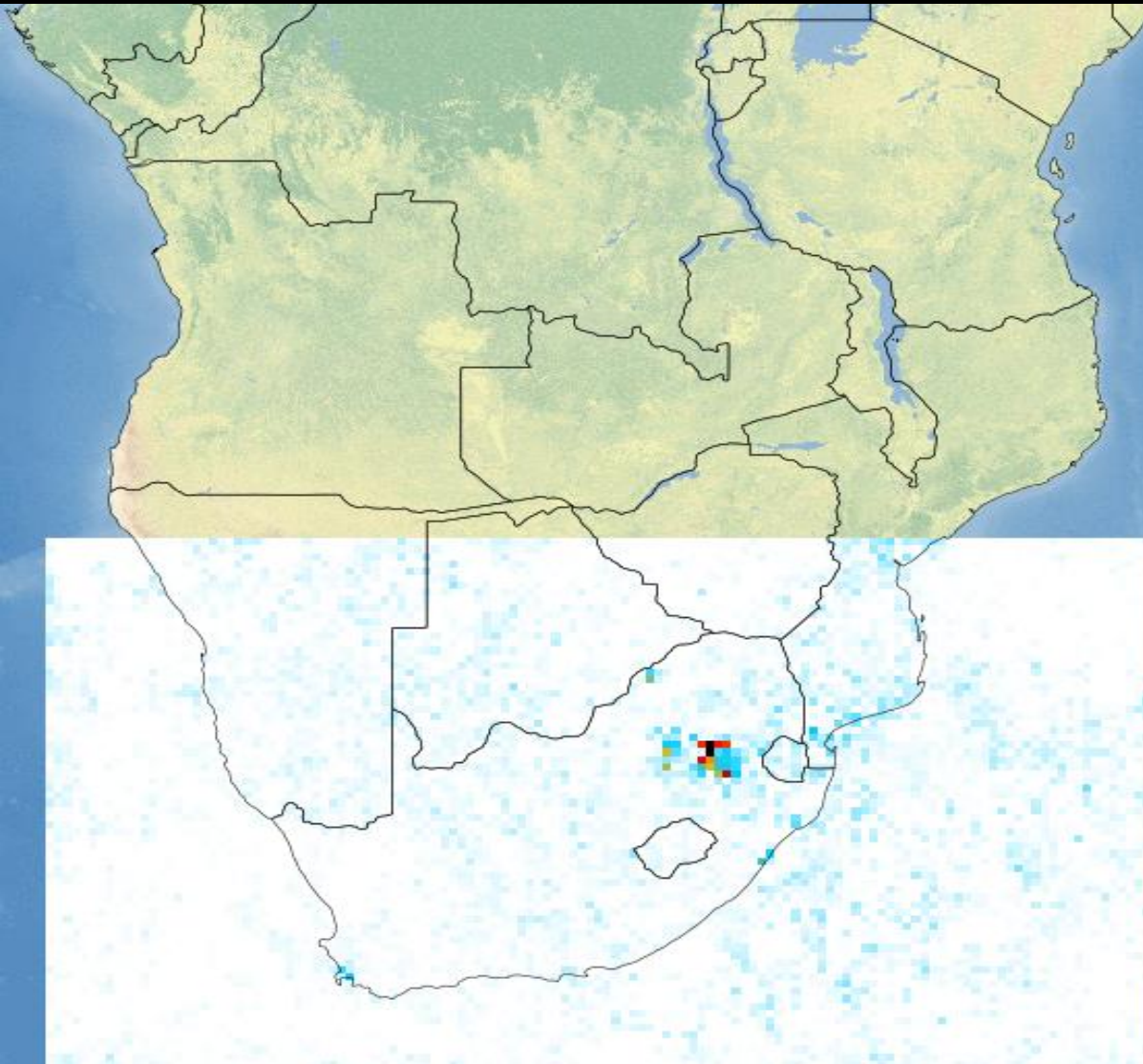


- 19°–37°S, 10°–42°E
- Monthly NO_x emissions (2009-2010)
- Based on OMI
- Initial inventory EDGAR v4.2

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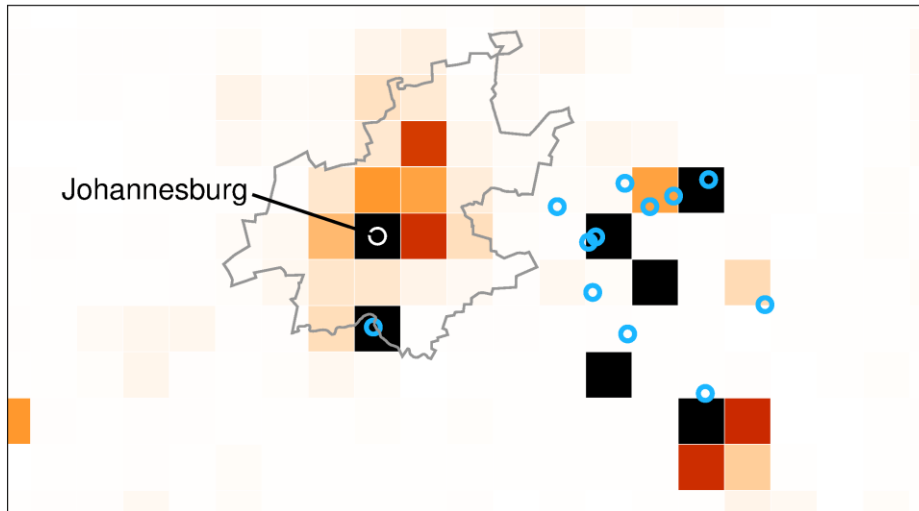
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Highveld , SOUTH AFRICA



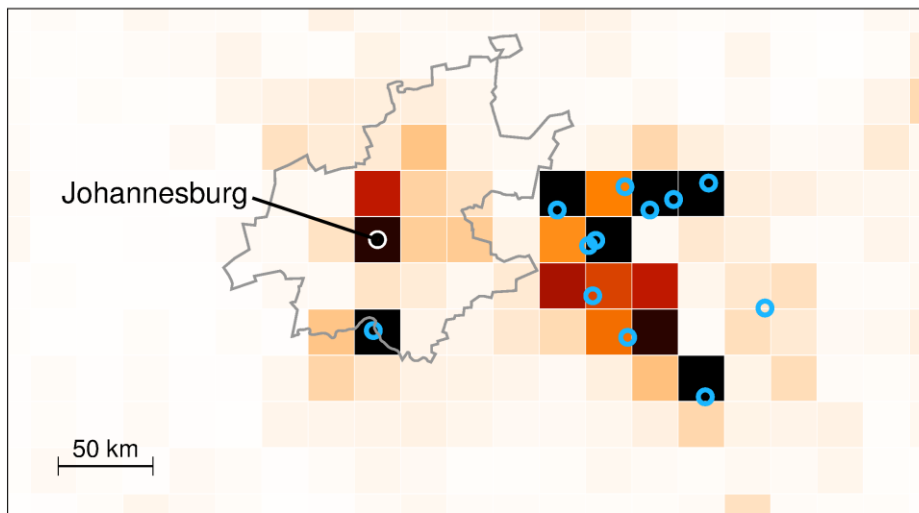
EDGAR v4.2 NO_x emission inventory (2008)



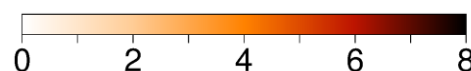
Service provider : KNMI
Main user: SAWS (South Africa)

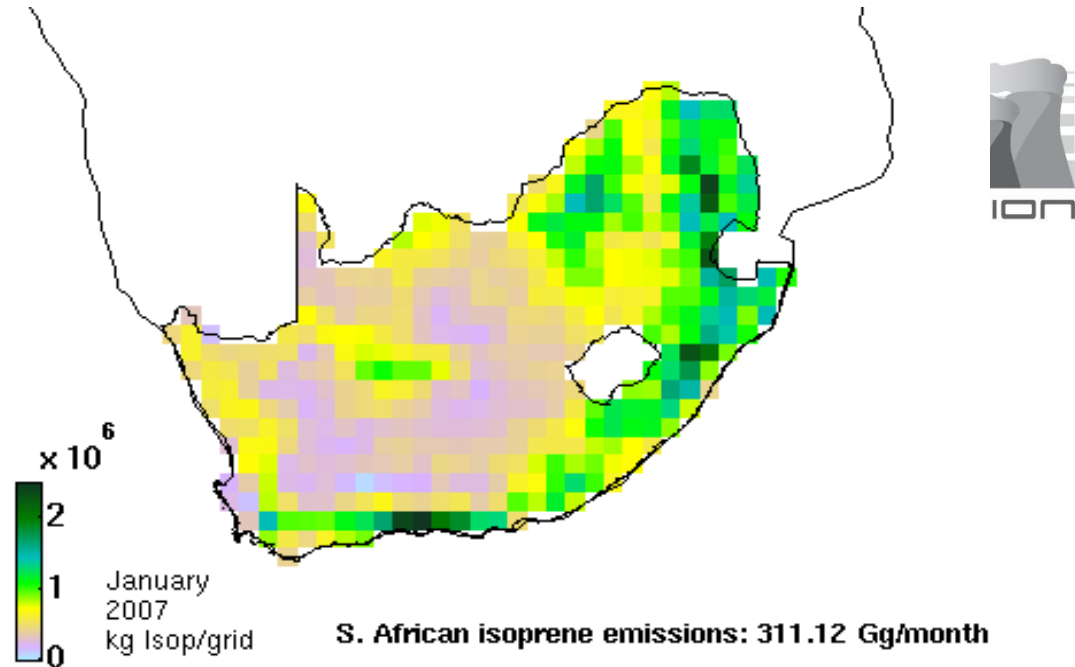
- NO_x emission hotspots due to power plants and heavy industry
- Grey outline : densely populated Gauteng province
- Blue circles : coal-fired power stations, important hot spots of NO_x emissions
- Upper panel : EDGARv4.2 based on 2008 data
- Lower panel : emission estimates based on OMI NO₂ for 2010.
- Errors in the location of emissions in EDGAR are improved with satellite data

NO_x emission estimates by OMI (2010)



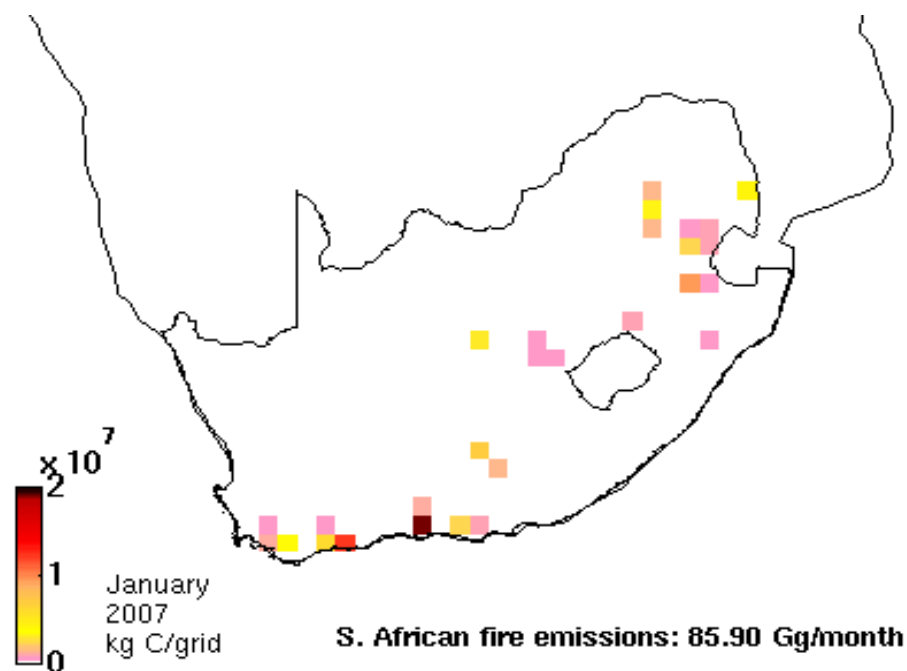
Nitrogen emission [kton N/yr]



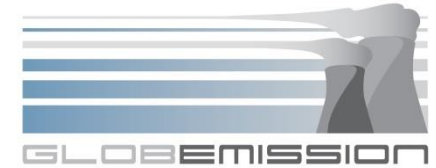


✓ GOME-2 HCHO data
✓ IMAGES CTM and
adjoint

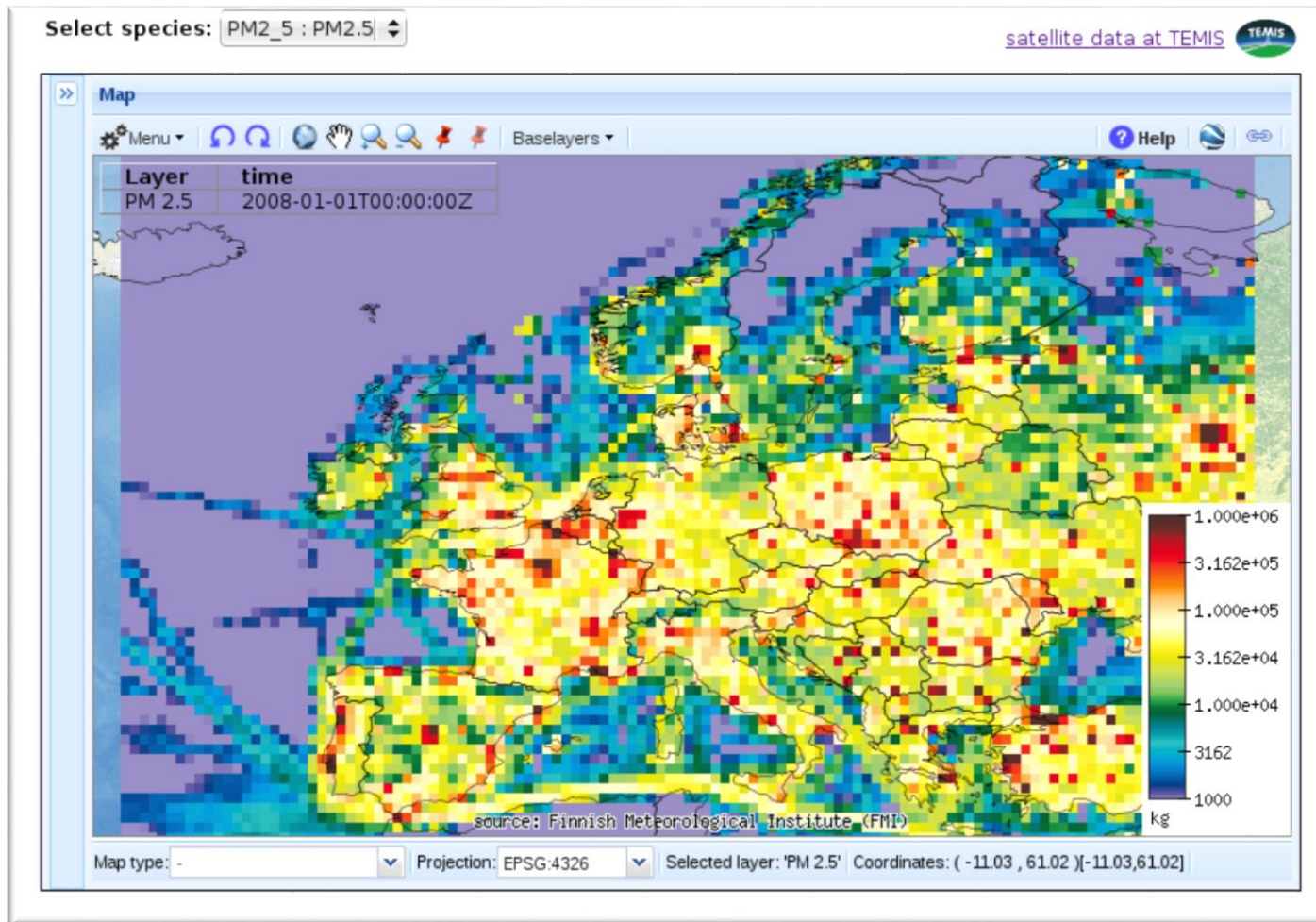
✓ VOC emissions from
fires
✓ Biogenic isoprene
emissions



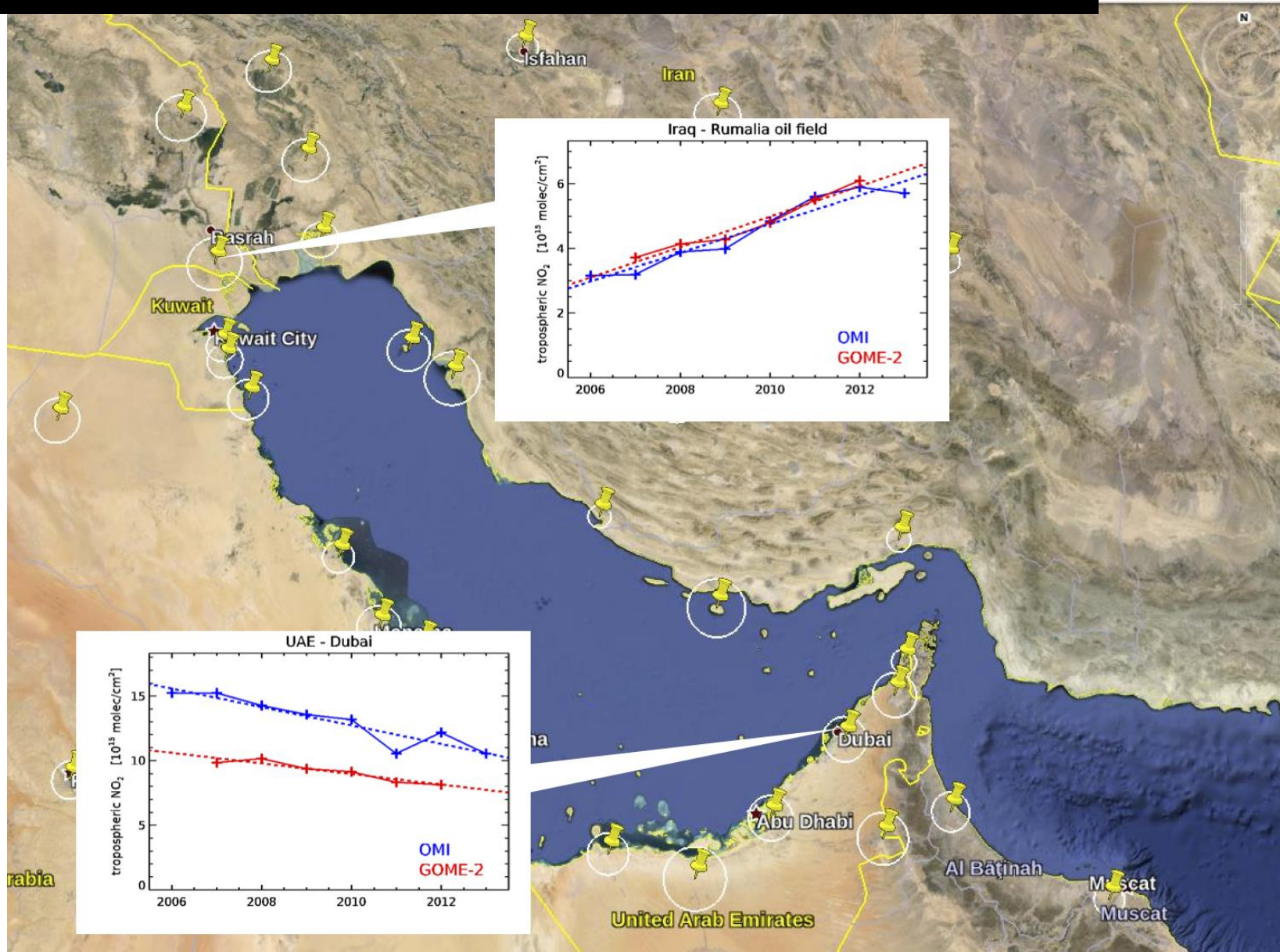
Europe: PM2.5 emissions



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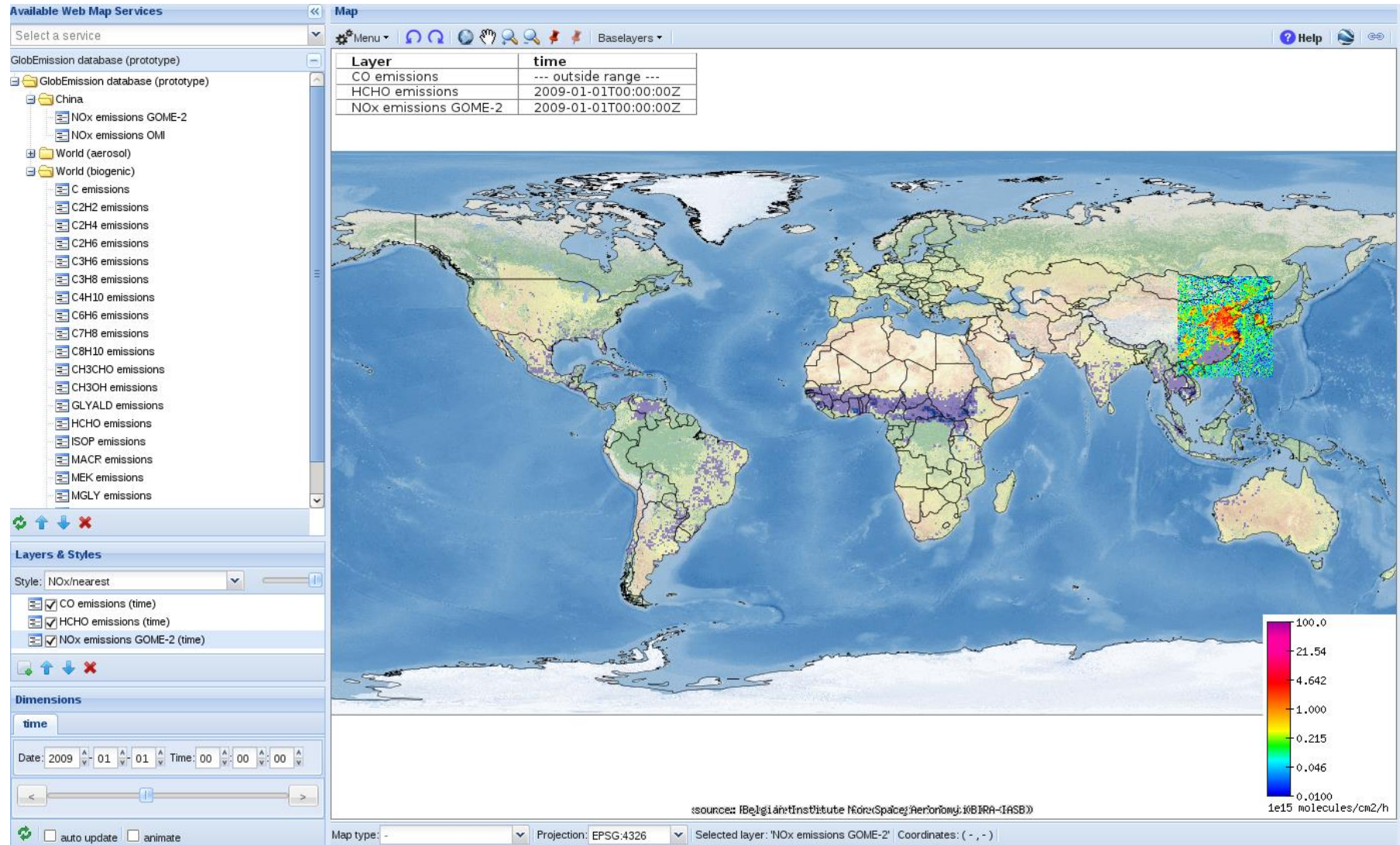


Middle East: NO_x emissions

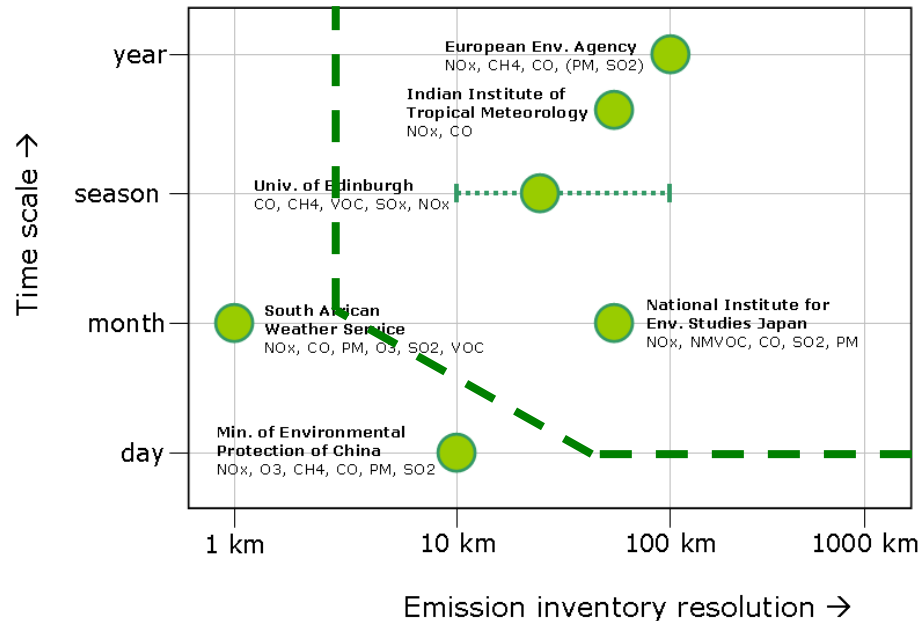


Visualisation tool

Data accessibility (NetCdf) + documentation



Are the user requirements met ?



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- Accuracy: better than 30% - 80 %
- Spatial resolution: 1 km - 50 km
- Time resolution: daily – annual
- Regional and Global

GlobEmission:

NO_x, CO, NMVOC, PM

ok, more validation needed

GlobEmission: 5 km – 50 km

GlobEmission: daily - monthly

ok

Conclusions GlobEmission



- For several users/regions/species services are providing emission estimates constrained by satellite observations
- Validation with existing inventories and model results
- Strengths:
 - Fast updates,
 - Fair comparison between regions
 - Weaknesses in existing inventories identified
- Easy access via the web-portal: www.globemission.eu
- User feedback via workshops and Service Assessment Report
- Users need higher resolution emission maps => need for higher resolution satellite observations (S5p)