

# Understanding Urban Carbon Emissions with Space-Based Carbon Dioxide Observations

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# Webinar Agenda

## Part 1: An Introduction to XCO<sub>2</sub> with OCO-2 and OCO-3

- EDT (UTC-4:00)
- Tuesday, May 24, 2022
- Trainers: Vivienne Payne (JPL)
- Background of the XCO<sub>2</sub> measurement and how it is measured
- Description of the OCO-2/OCO-3 sensors
- Characteristics, limitations and validation of the measurement
- Q&A

## Part 2: A Demonstration on how to Access and Visualize OCO-2/OCO-3 Data

- EDT (UTC-4:00)
- Thursday, May 26, 2022
- Trainers: Karen Yuen (JPL)
- Use of Jupyter Notebook to access, search, filter and display XCO<sub>2</sub> data
- Q&A

## Part 3: XCO<sub>2</sub> in Support of Global and Regional Climate-Related Studies

- EDT (UTC-4:00)
- Tuesday, May 31, 2022
- Trainers: Abhishek Chatterjee (JPL)
- Global and regional carbon flux estimation, and carbon cycle response to climate variability and changes in anthropogenic emissions
- Q&A

## Part 4: XCO<sub>2</sub> in Support of Local and Regional Climate-Related Studies

- EDT (UTC-4:00)
- Thursday, June 2, 2022
- Trainers: John Lin (University of Utah)
- Climate impacts from localized emissions, air quality, and urban density
- Q&A



**URBAN areas, where more than HALF of the global population resides, are responsible for significant emissions of CO<sub>2</sub>.**

**Air Quality issues are also magnified in cities, where pollutant emissions are concentrated and where exposure of large populations crammed into small areas are found.**

# Significance of Urban Emissions

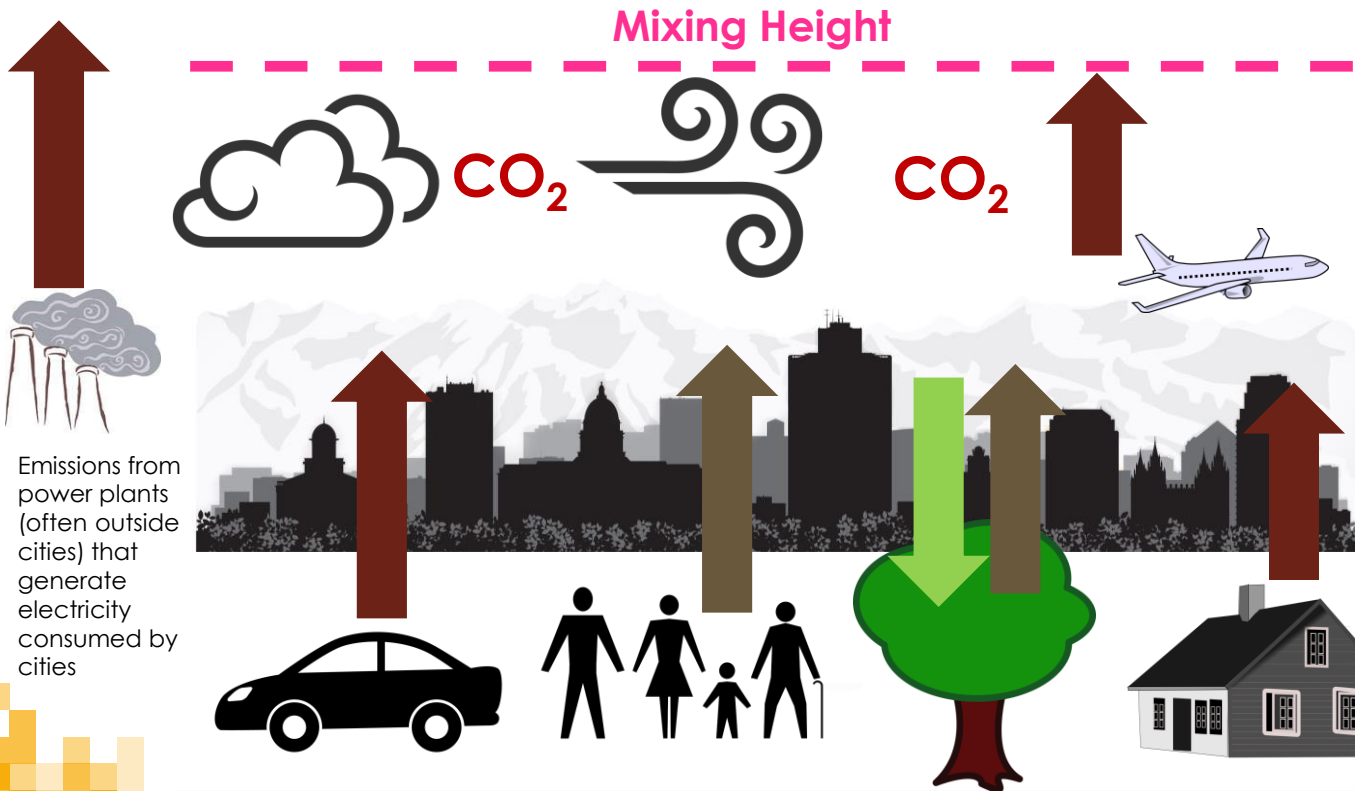


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**C40**  
CITIES



# Sources of Carbon Emissions in Cities



Emissions from power plants (often outside cities) that generate electricity consumed by cities

## CO<sub>2</sub> AND CARBON EMISSIONS FROM CITIES

Linkages to Air Quality, Socioeconomic Activity, and Stakeholders in the Salt Lake City Urban Area

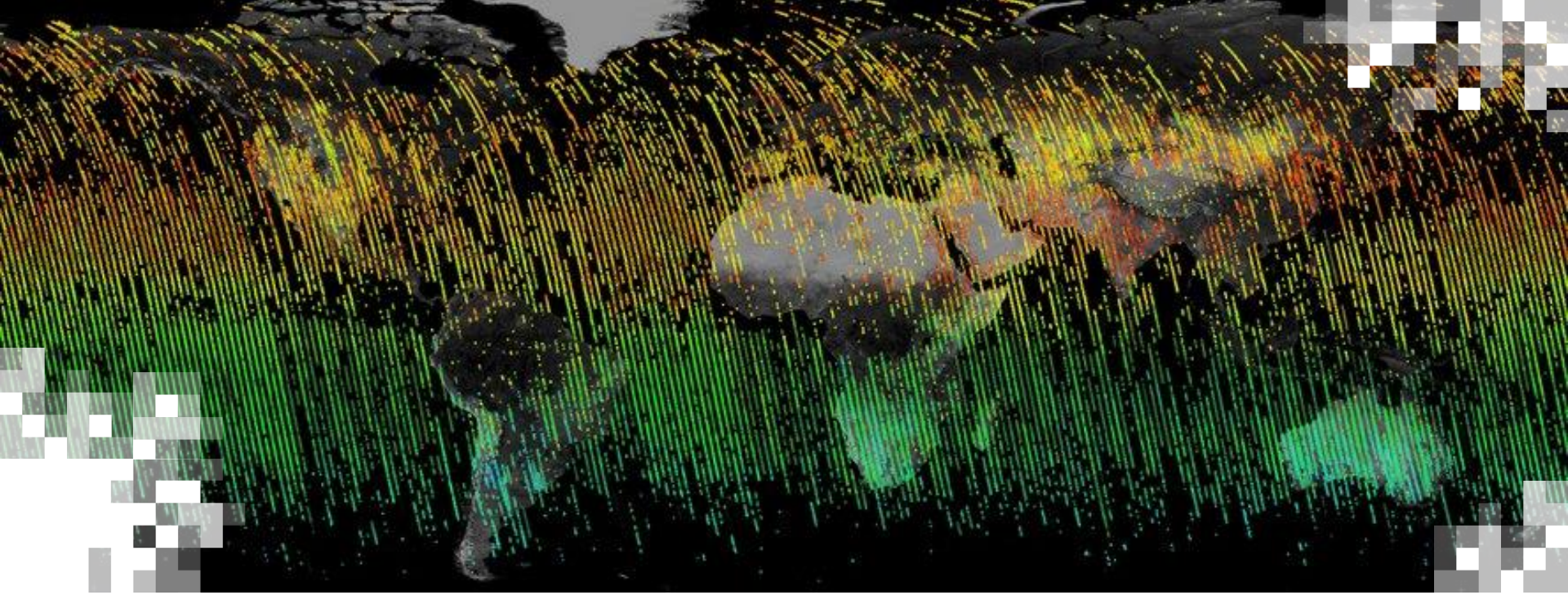
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Observations and modeling of atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> in the Salt Lake City, Utah, area help to quantify and understand urban carbon emissions and their linkage to air quality.

# Key Scientific Questions

- How can atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> be used to understand urban carbon emissions?
- How do carbon emissions vary between different cities?
- How can co-benefits be realized in reducing carbon emissions and improving air quality?





## Part 1: Examples of Studies from Salt Lake City, Utah



Credit: NASA Earth Observatory/NOAA NGDC

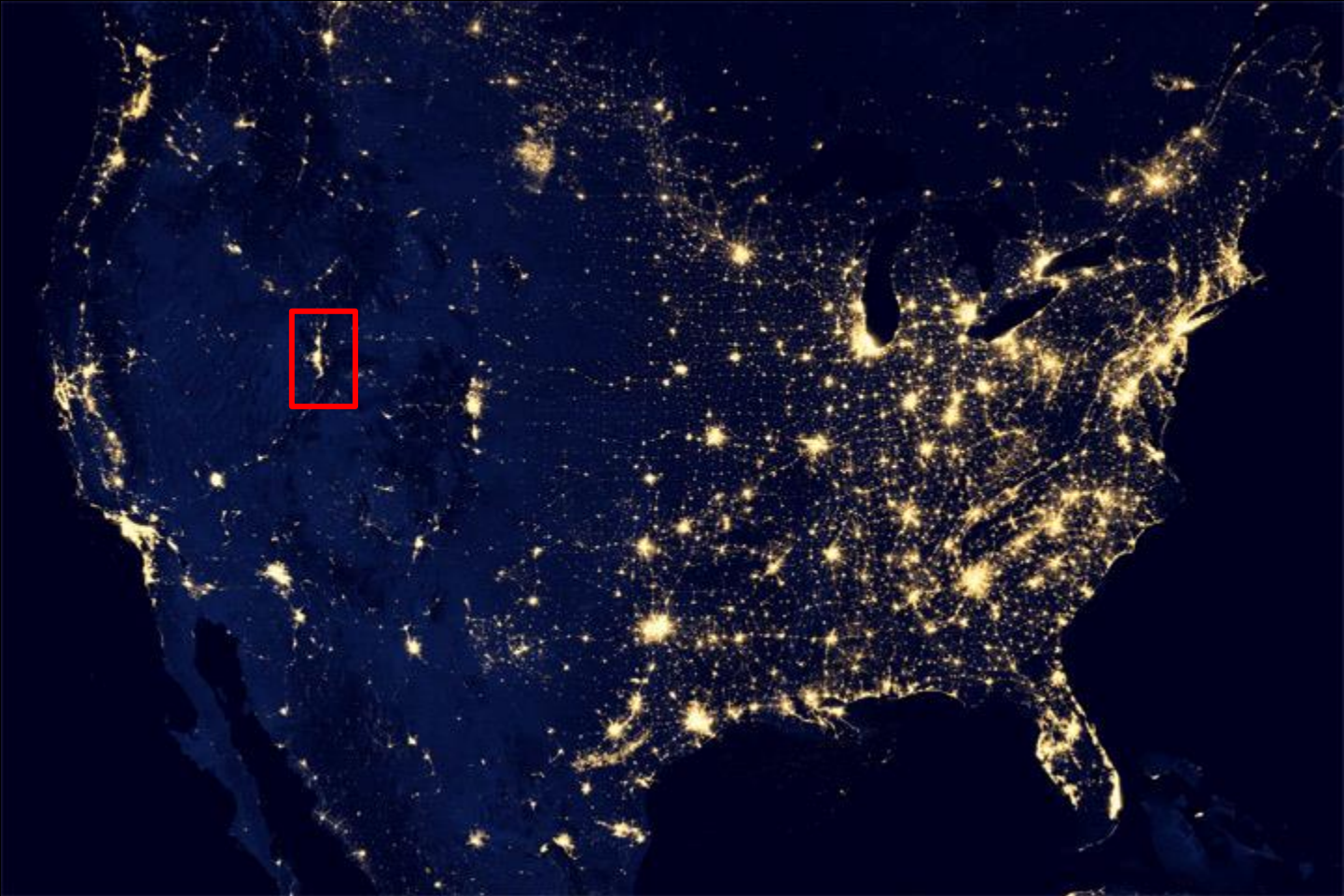






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# Salt Lake Valley CO<sub>2</sub> Observational Network (Among the longest-running urban CO<sub>2</sub> networks in the world)

<https://air.utah.edu/>

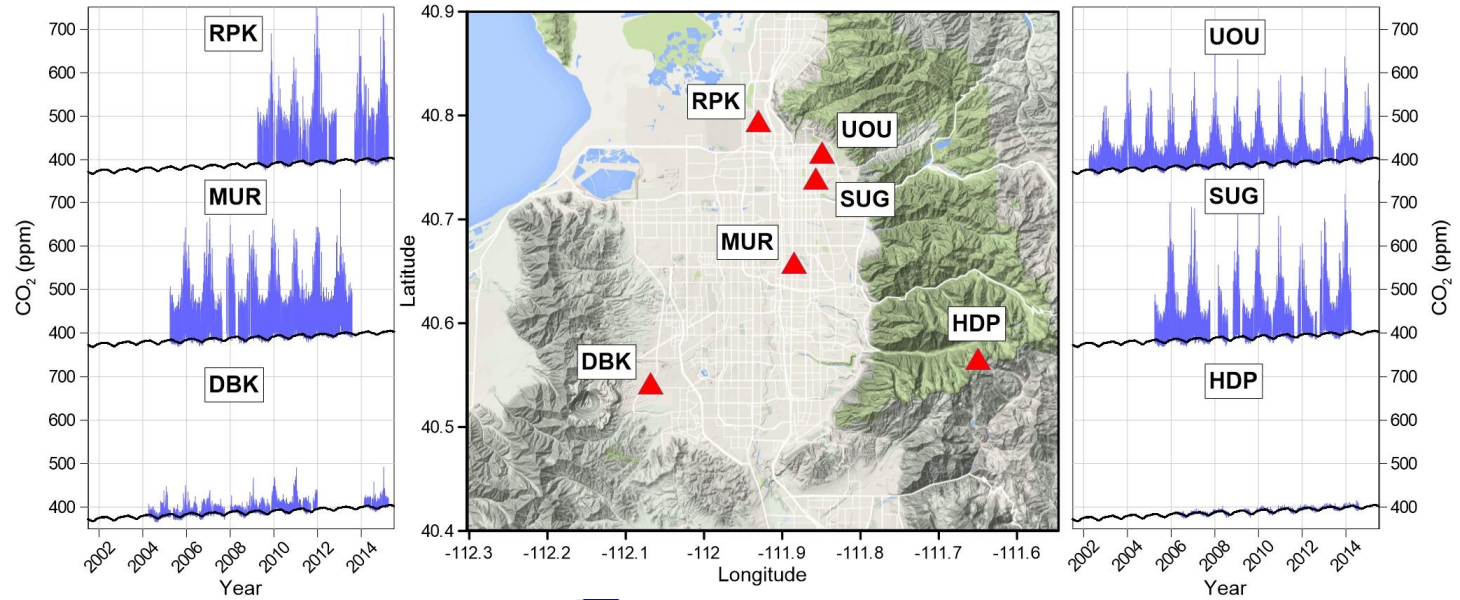
**“If you can't  
measure it, you  
can't improve it.”  
- Peter Drucker**







# Salt Lake City – CO<sub>2</sub> Long-Term Trends at various sites (3-letter site codes below)



## Long-term urban carbon dioxide observations reveal spatial and temporal dynamics related to urban characteristics and growth

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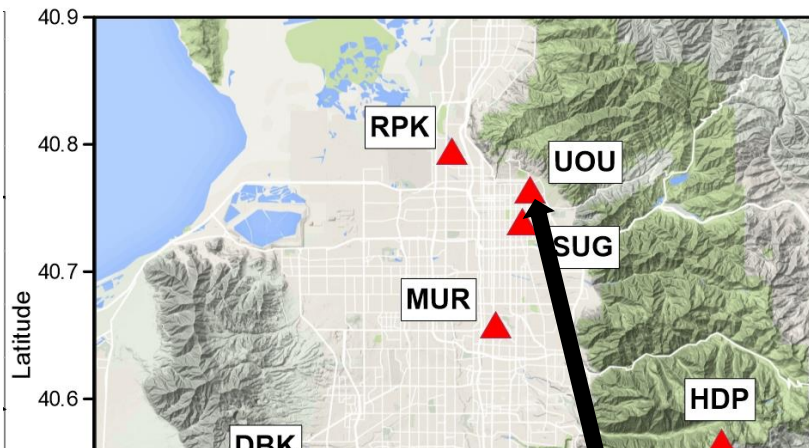
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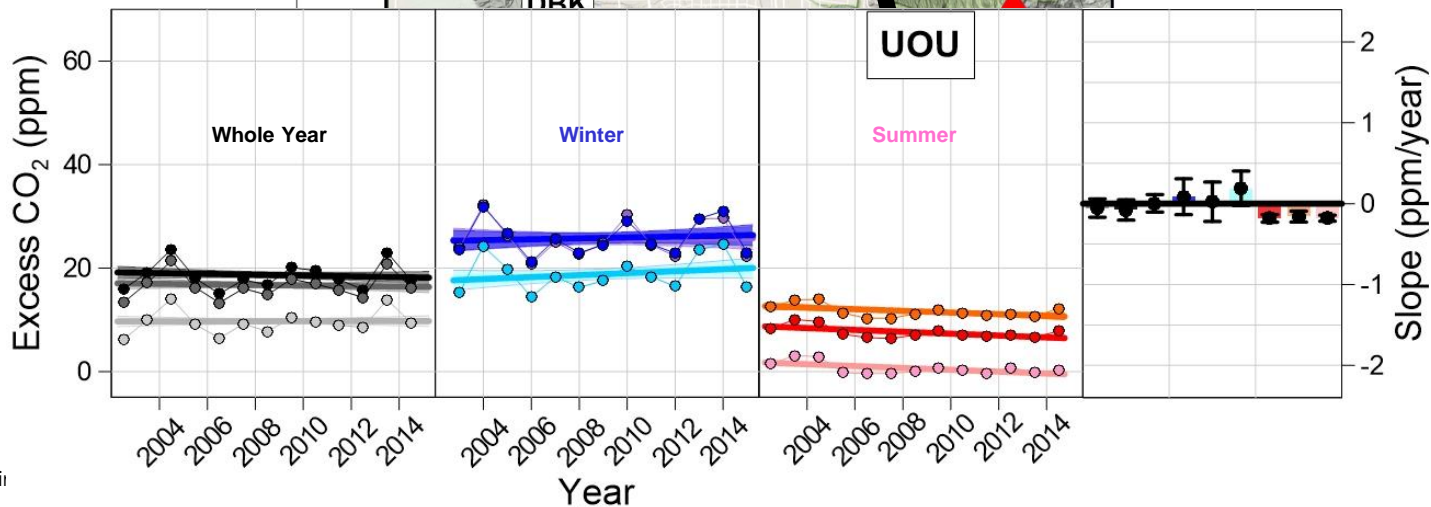


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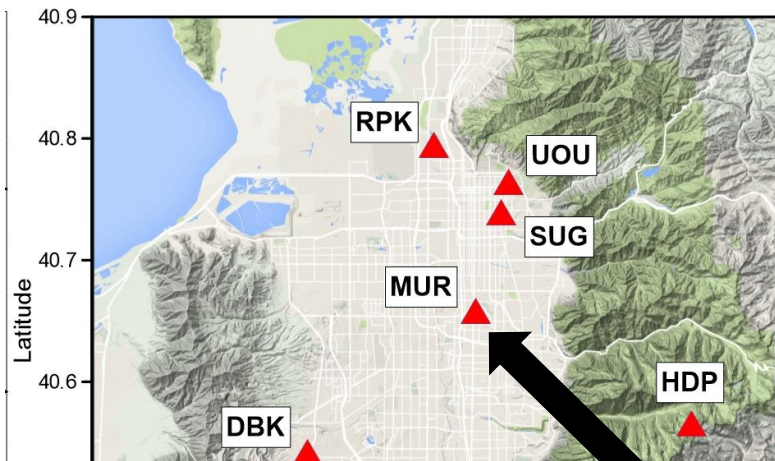


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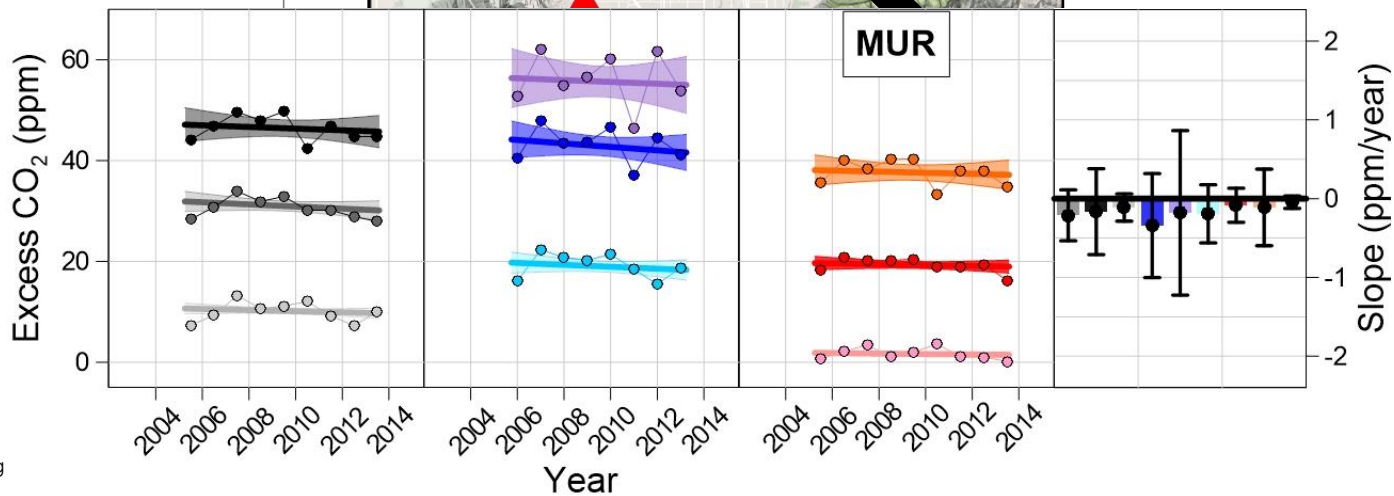


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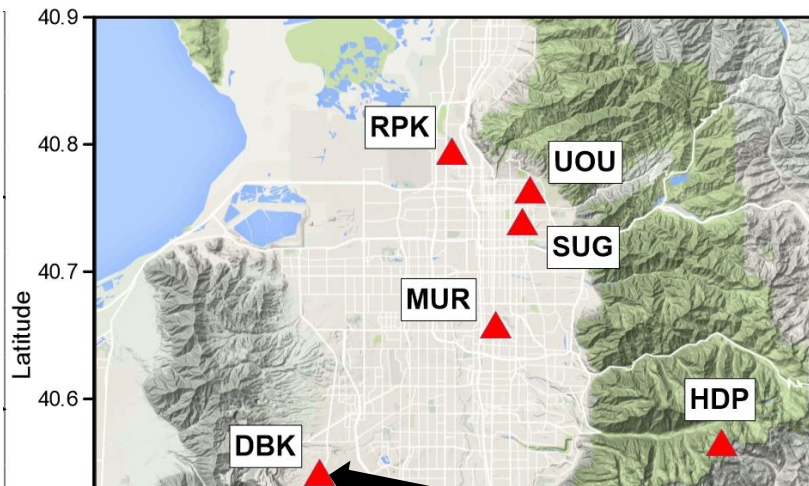


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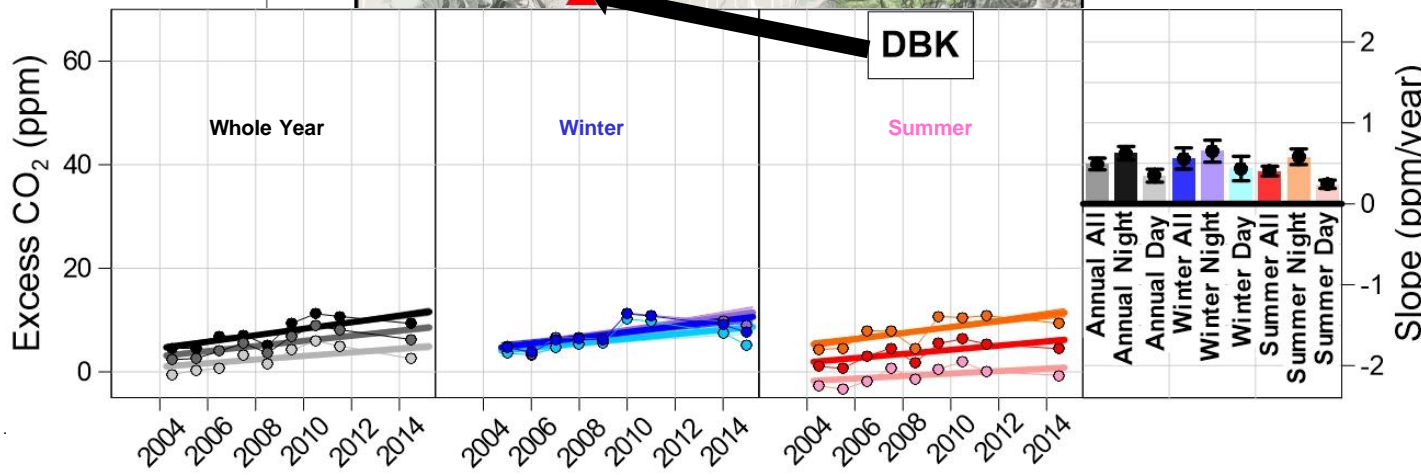


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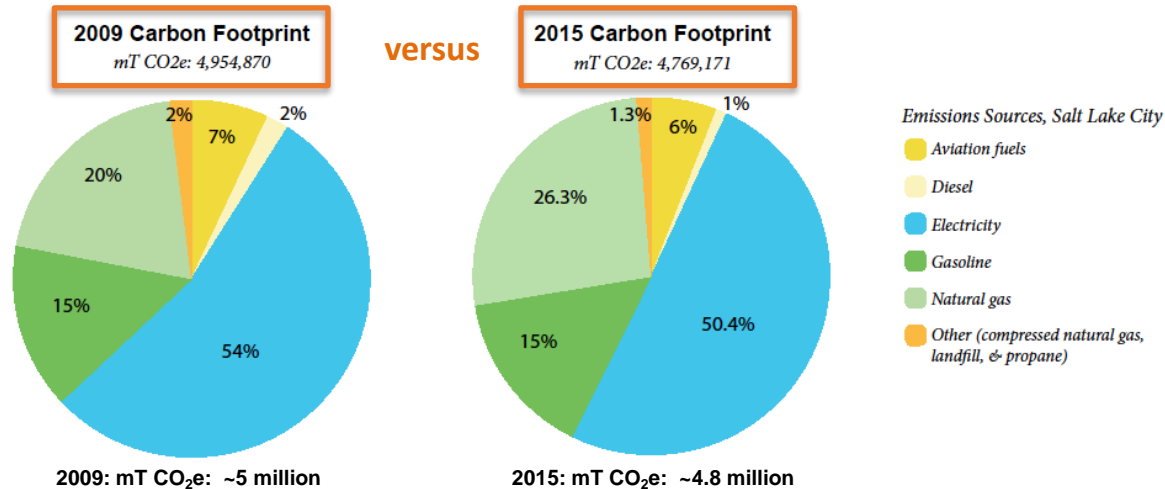


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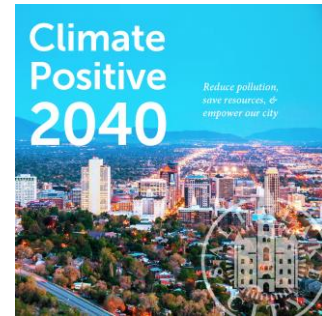


# Comparison Against Salt Lake City Government's Estimates of Carbon Emissions

The following pie charts represent most Scope I and Scope II emissions for the Salt Lake City community. The charts include fuels combusted locally, as well as upstream emissions associated with electricity generation. Scope III emissions such as those associated with the production of food and goods consumed locally are important contributors to climate change, but are not quantified in this report.



Consistent with observed flat trends in atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> in Salt Lake City

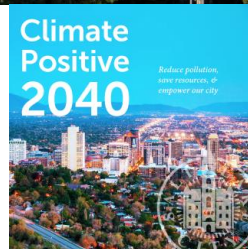




# Salt Lake City's Climate Commitment (Climate Positive 2040)

“Our city. . . is committed to powering 50% of municipal operations with renewables by 2020. We have set another goal of transitioning the entire community's electricity supply to 100 percent clean energy by 2032, followed by an overall reduction of community greenhouse gas emissions 80% by 2040.”

*-Jackie Biskupski, Former Mayor of Salt Lake City*



# Seen as Nature Lovers' Paradise, Utah Struggles With Air Quality



Scott G. Winterton/Deseret News

Along the Wasatch Front, the corridor where most Utahans live, weather and geography often help trap bad air.

By DAN FROSCH

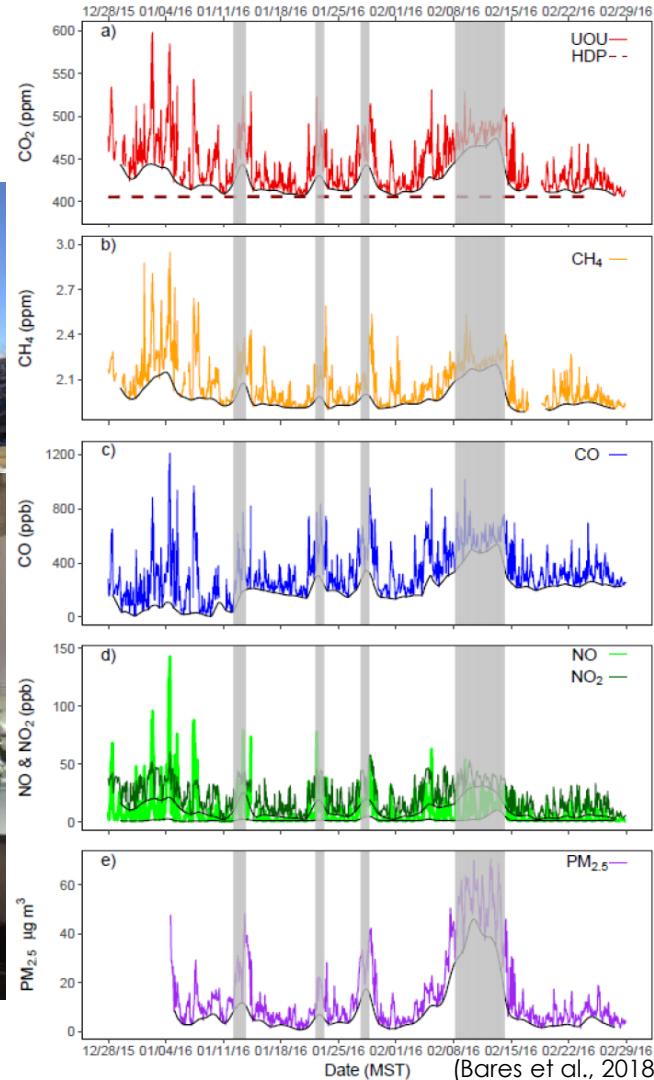
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# Observations on Univ. of Utah Campus of Greenhouse Gases and Criteria Pollutants

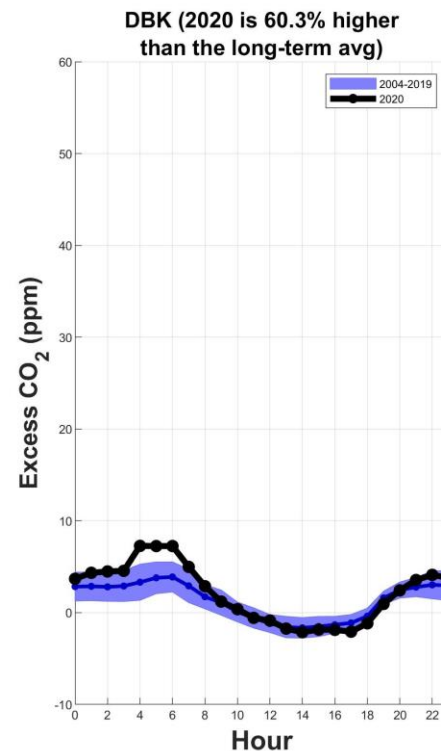
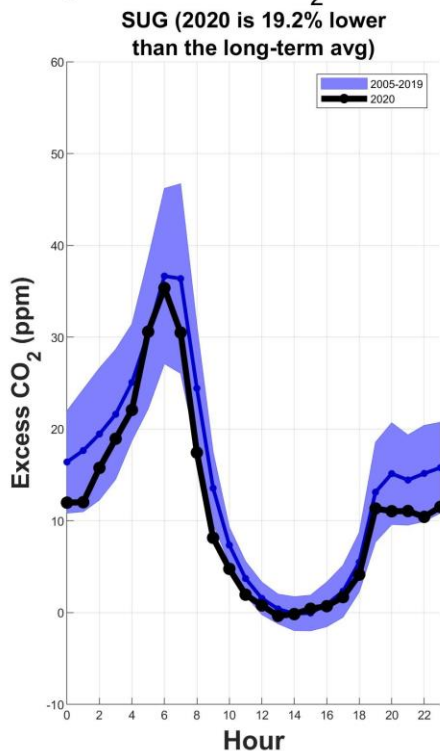
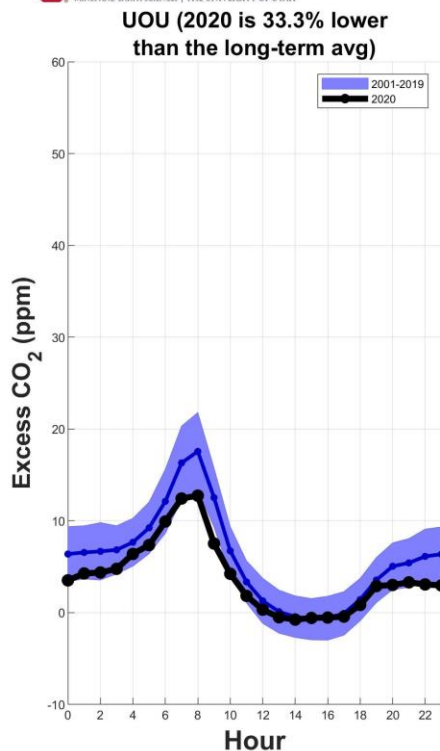
Utah Trace Gas & Air Quality (U-ATAQ) Lab



# COVID Shutdown Signal



March 15 - April 11 Excess CO<sub>2</sub> at UUCON Sites



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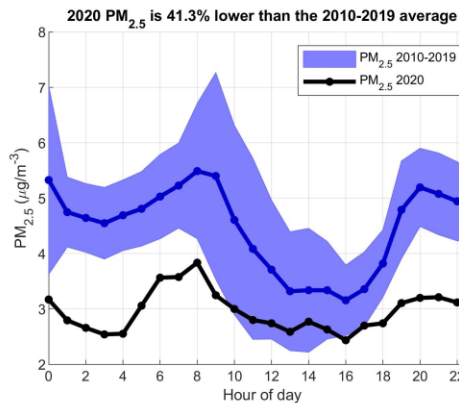
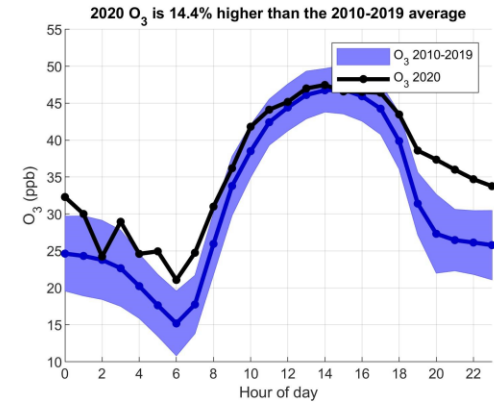
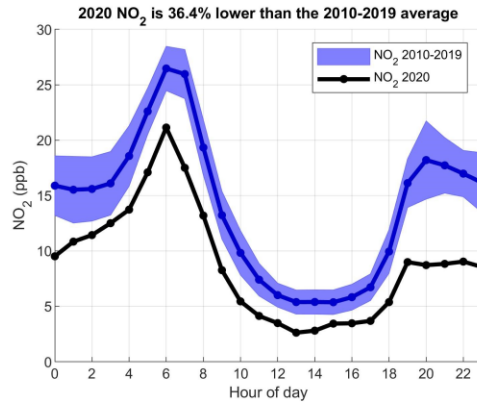
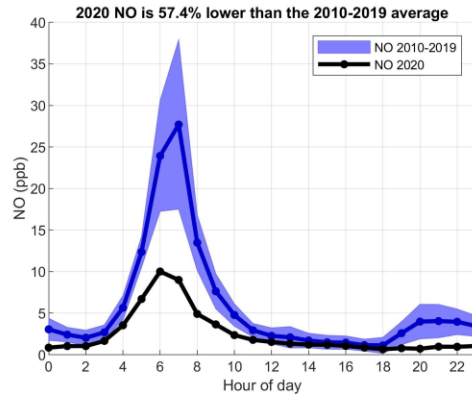




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## March 15-31 Air Quality at Utah DAQ Hawthorne Site



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# TRAX Monitoring of Air Quality and Greenhouse Gases in the Salt Lake Valley

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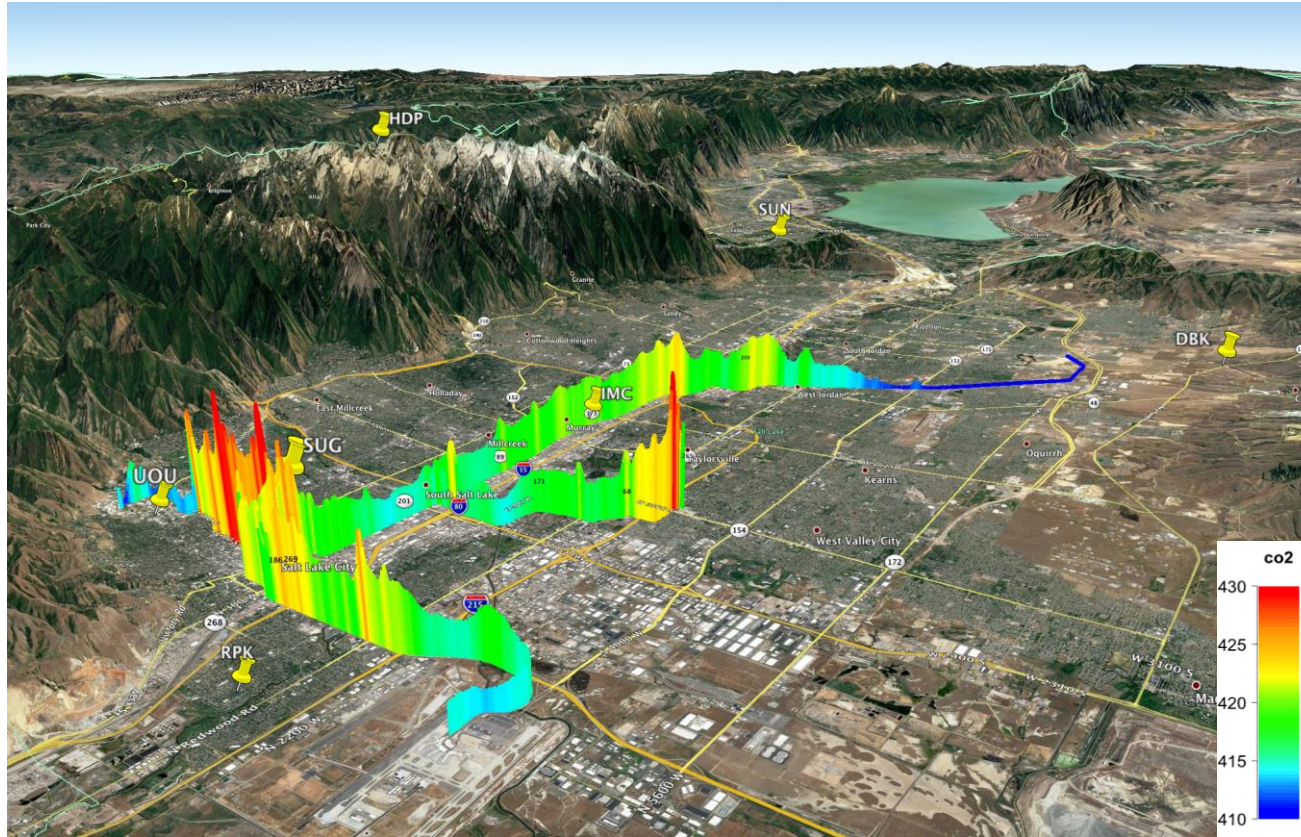
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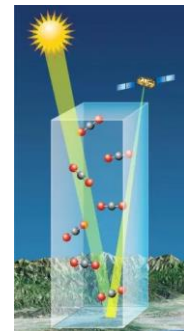
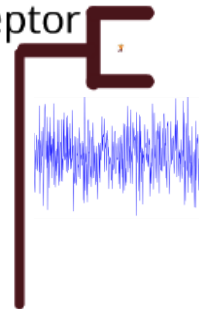
# Spatial Distribution of CO<sub>2</sub> as Observed on Light Rail Routes (July and August 2015)



# Information in Atmospheric CO2 Observations

Atmospheric Measurement Carries **INFORMATION** About **EMISSIONS & PROCESSES** in Upwind Source Region

(4) Observations at receptor



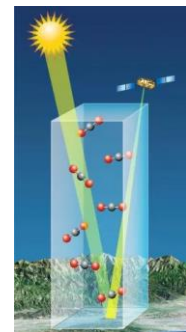
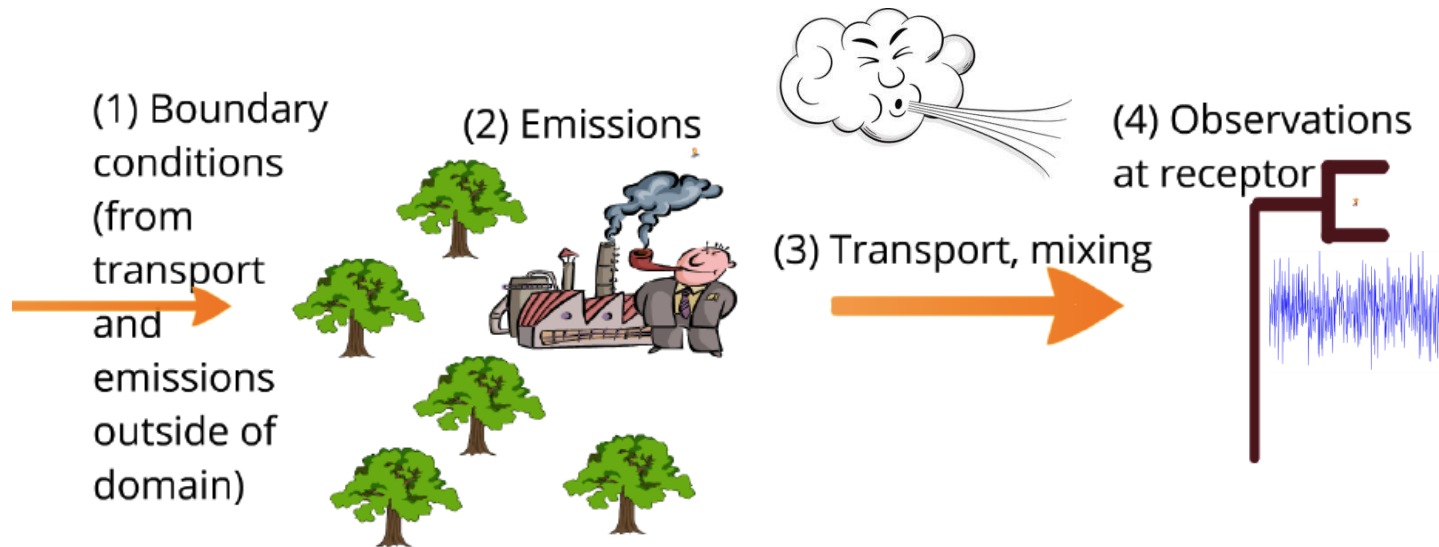
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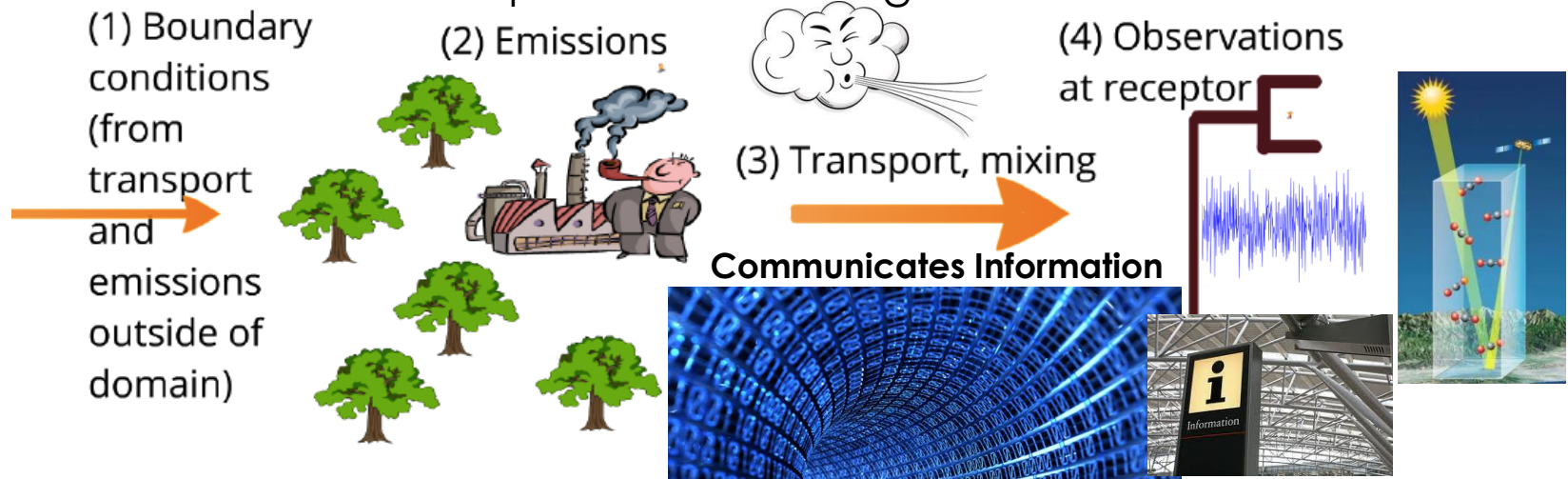
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Information on:

- Carbon emissions, fluxes
- Ecosystem stress
- Pollution, air quality
- Hydrology
- Etc.

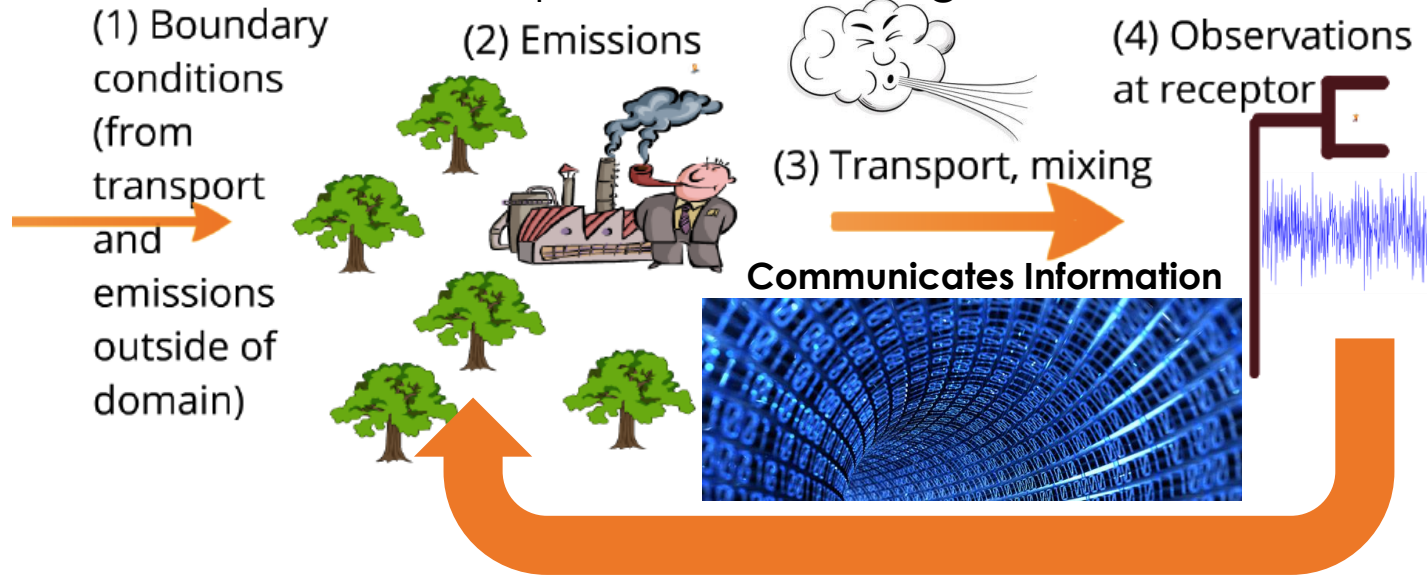
The atmospheric observations can be:

- CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>
- CO, PM<sub>2.5</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>
- H<sub>2</sub>O, D<sub>2</sub>O, H<sub>2</sub><sup>18</sup>O
- And many others...



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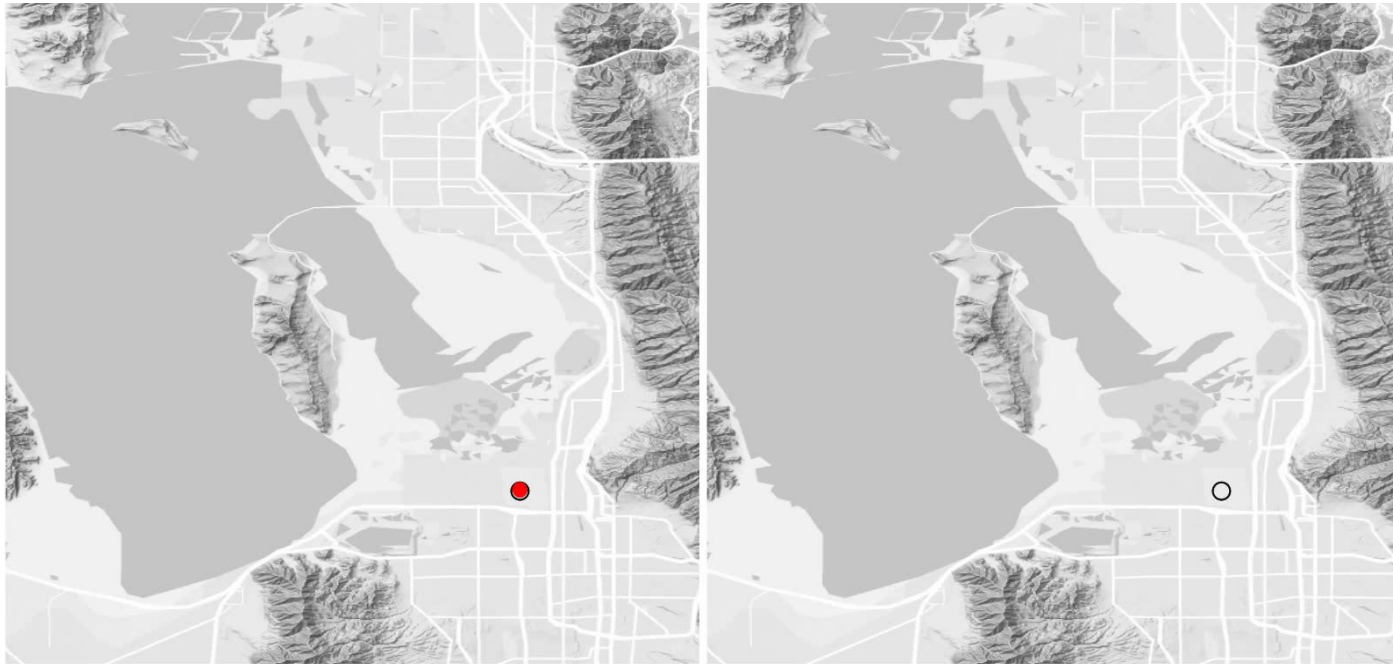


**BUT** the atmosphere is an **IMPERFECT** communication channel (loss of info through mixing); **AND** our ability to decode the information through atmosphere modeling is subject to uncertainties.



# Stochastic Time-Inverted Lagrangian Transport (STILT) Model Simulation:

## Determining Source Region



Low

High

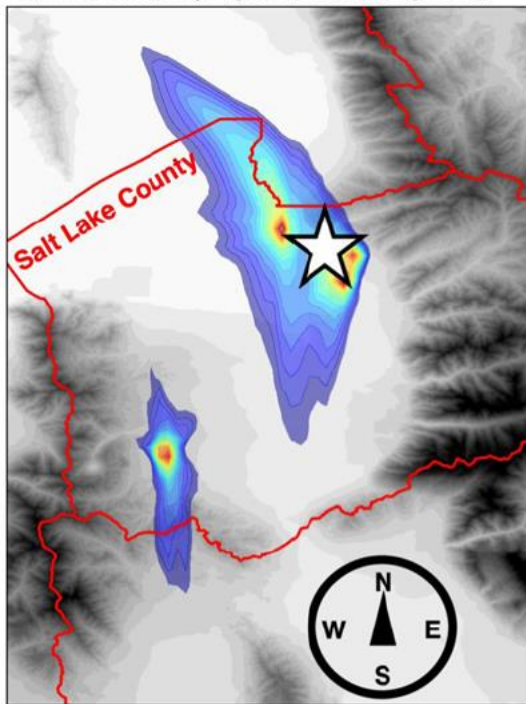
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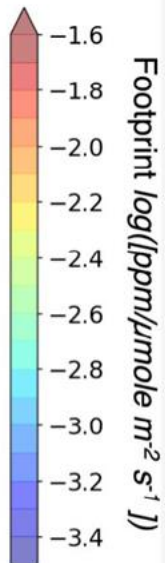
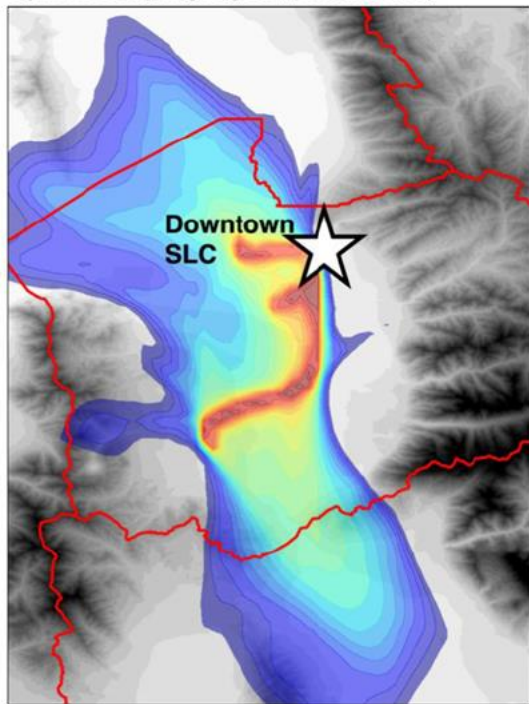


# STILT-Simulated Atmospheric Footprints of Observations

Upwind sampling region (4 stationary sites)



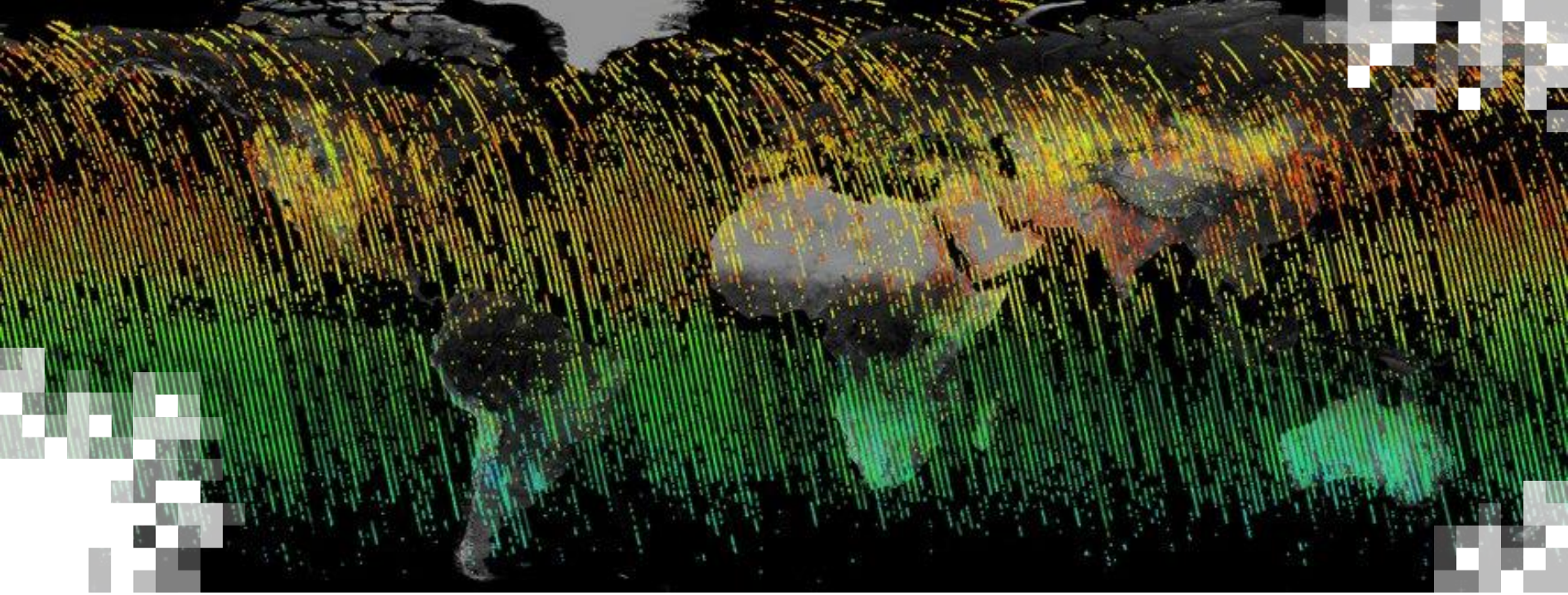
Upwind sampling region (1 mobile site)



## Constraining Urban CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions Using Mobile Observations from a Light Rail Public Transit Platform

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## Part 2: Understanding Carbon Emissions from Cities Around the World





Credit: NASA Earth Observatory/NOAA NGDC





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**Problem: Lack of High-Precision CO<sub>2</sub>  
Measurements in Most Cities Around  
the World!**



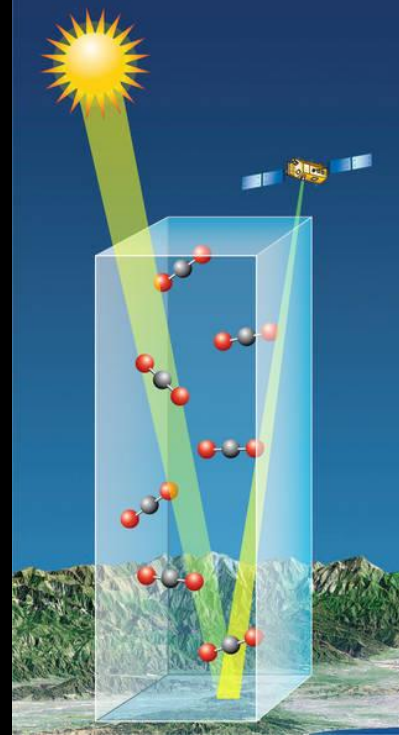


*Watching the Earth breathe...  
mapping CO2 from Space*

# OCO-2

Orbiting Carbon Observatory

# Satellites to the Rescue

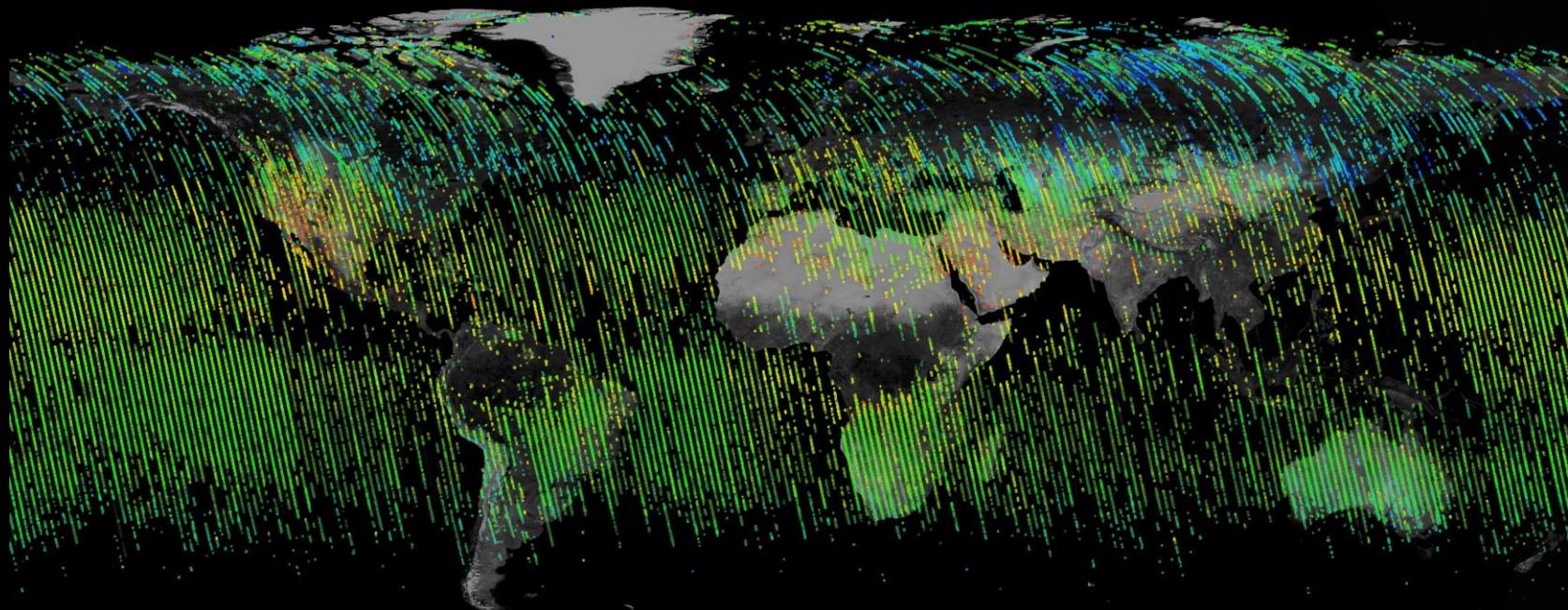


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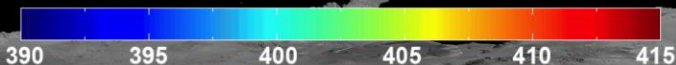


# Global Coverage from Space-Based CO<sub>2</sub> Measurements

Orbiting Carbon Observatory - 2  
Atmospheric Carbon Dioxide Concentration (09/06/14 - 07/30/2017)



Parts Per Million by Volume



07/01/2017 to 07/30/2017

<https://ocov2.jpl.nasa.gov/galleries/data-products/>





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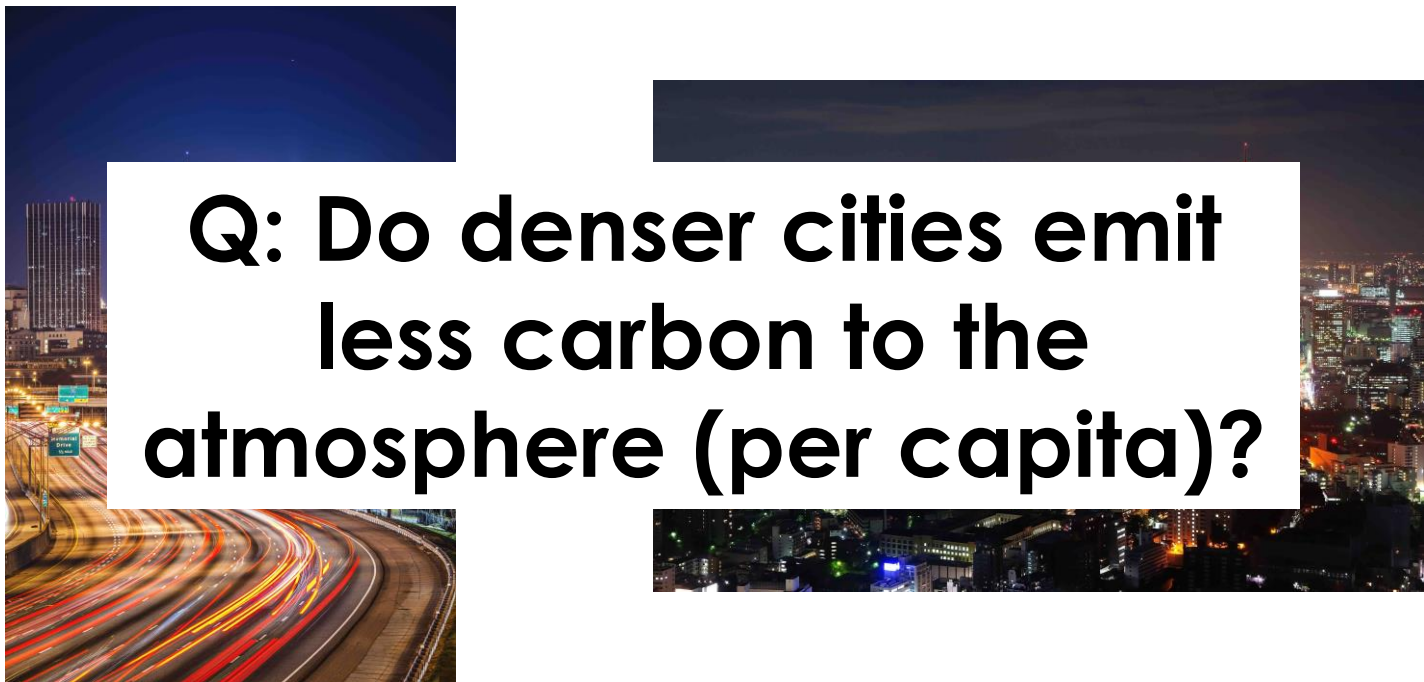


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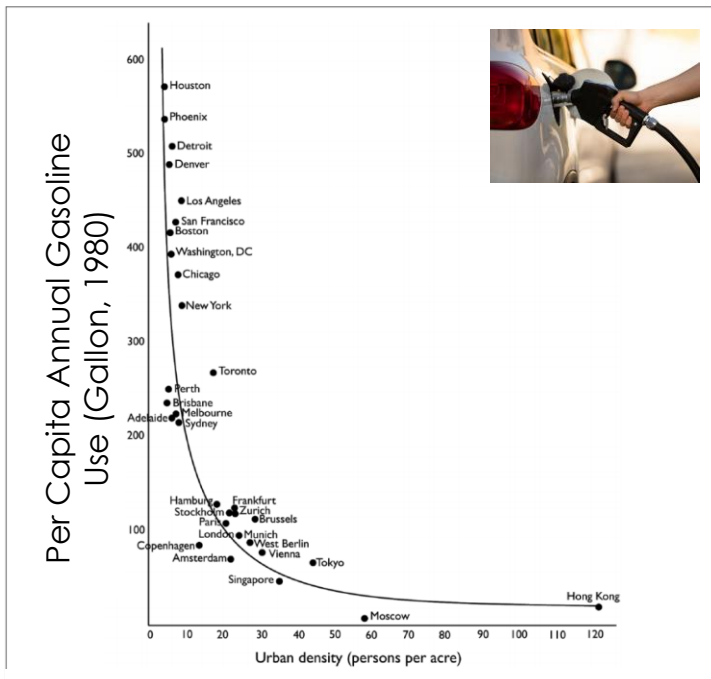
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**Q: Do denser cities emit less carbon to the atmosphere (per capita)?**

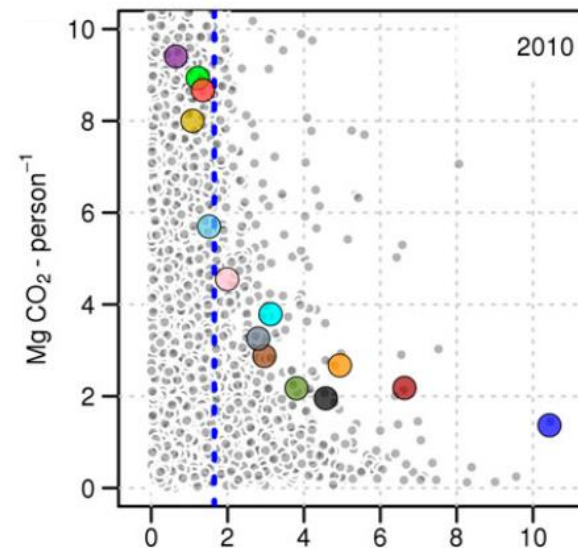


# Do Denser Cities Emit Less Carbon to the Atmosphere (Per Capita)?



Urban Density (Persons Per Acre)  
[Newman and Kenworthy, 1989]

- Atlanta, GA
- Baltimore, MD
- Boston, MA
- Chicago, IL
- Denver, CO
- Detroit, MI
- Houston, TX
- Los Angeles, CA
- New York City, NY
- Phoenix, AZ
- Salt Lake City, UT
- San Francisco, CA
- Seattle, WA
- Washington, DC



[Gately et al., 2015]





# A Lagrangian approach towards extracting signals of urban CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from satellite observations of atmospheric column CO<sub>2</sub> (XCO<sub>2</sub>): X-Stochastic Time-Inverted Lagrangian Transport model (“X-STILT v1”)

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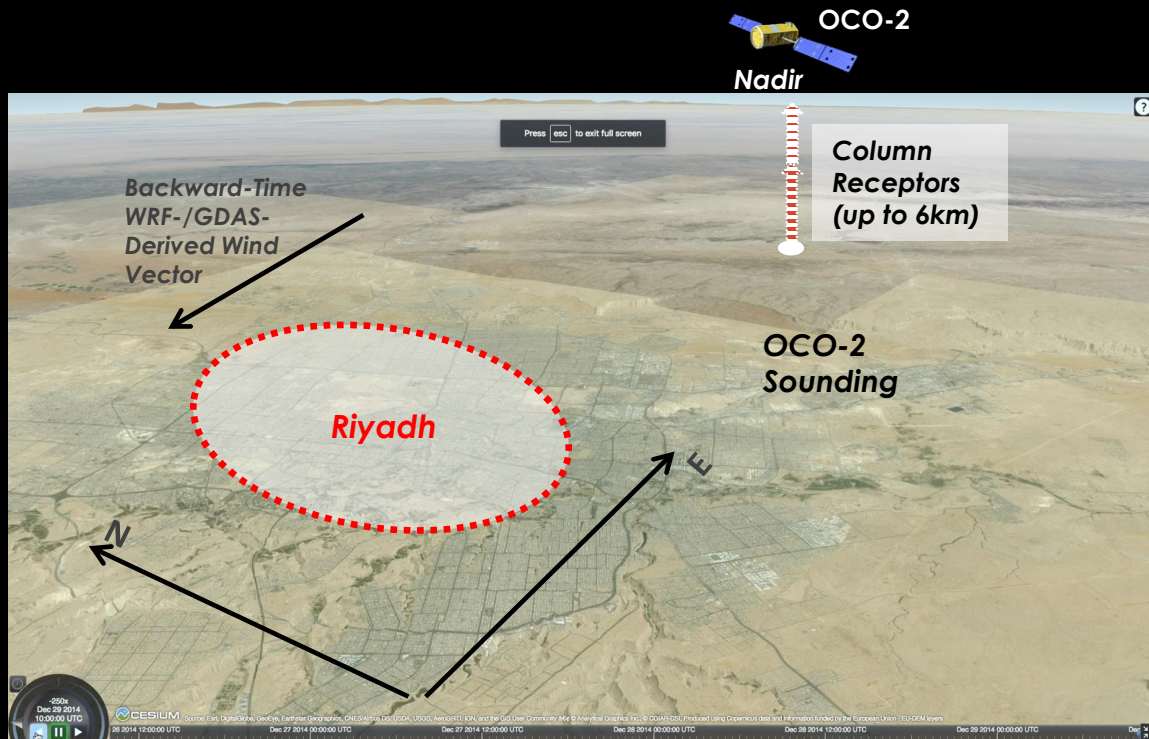
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# X-STILT to interpret OCO-2





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CO<sub>2</sub> enhancement for each air parcel  
due to anthropogenic emissions

Lower



Higher



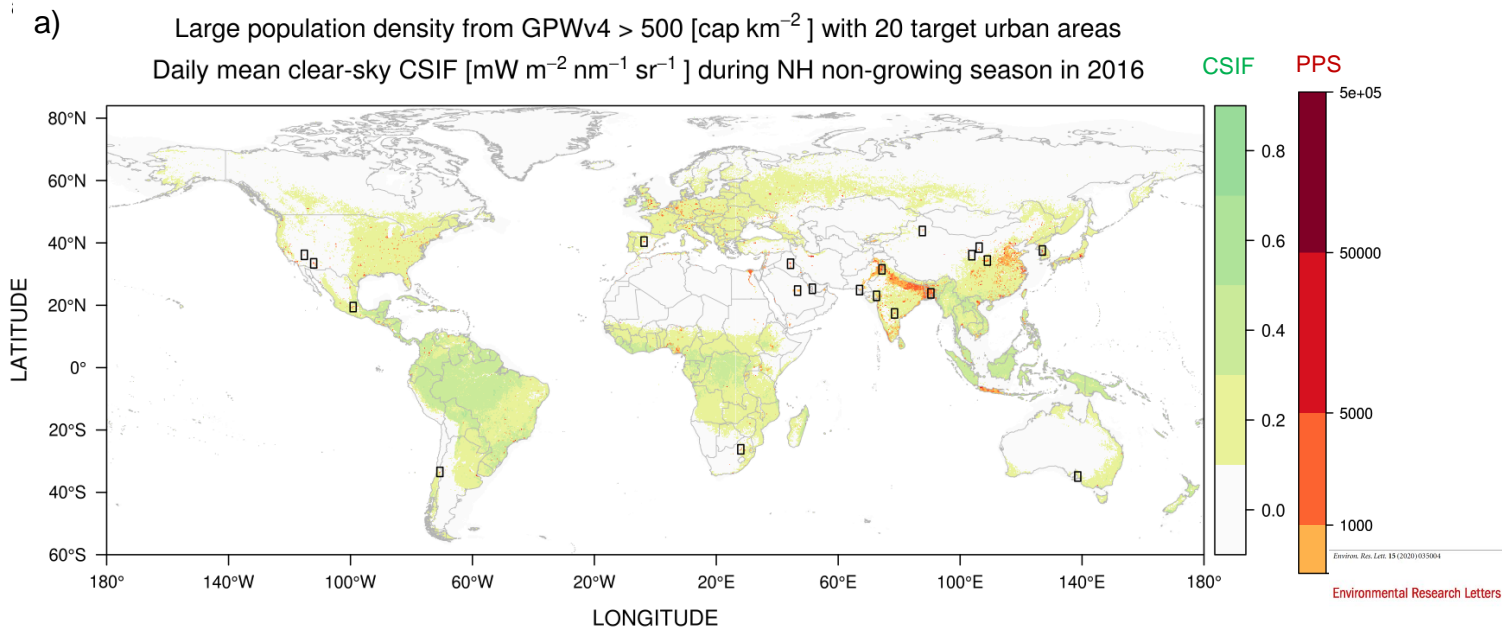
# Target Cities for Analysis

□ Relatively Large Population density (PPS)

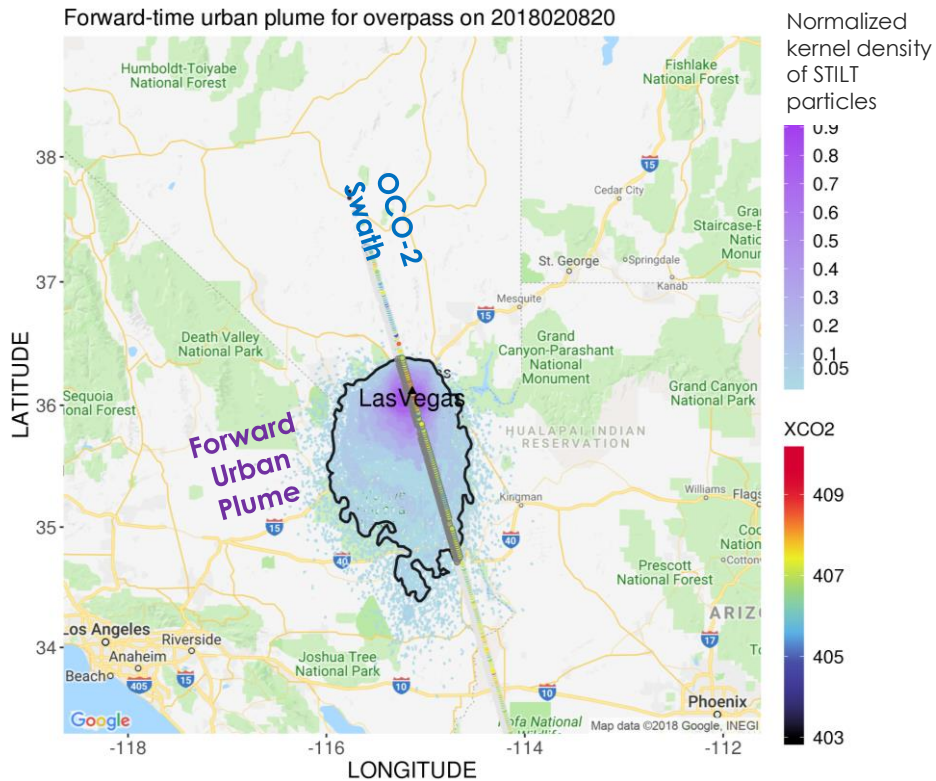
□ Minimal Biospheric Interference

- Non-Growing season
- Continuous Solar-Induced Fluorescence (CSIF)

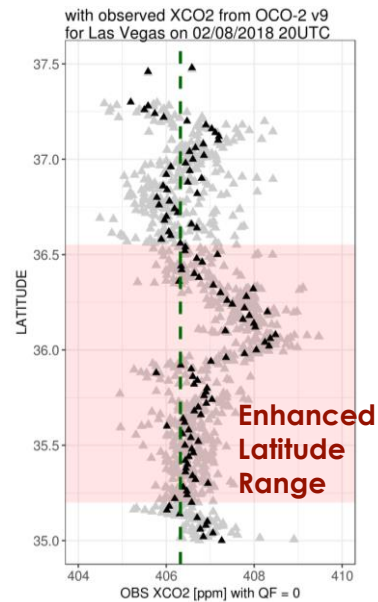
- 20 cities
- 6-9 tracks/city
- 2 by 3 degrees small area



# Methodology – Estimate Urban Signals



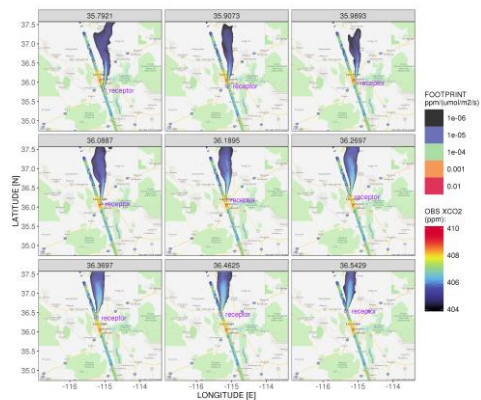
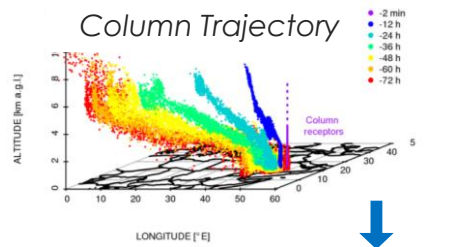
02/08/2018 Las Vegas



Observed urban signals  
(XCO<sub>2,ff</sub> with lat-integration)  
*ppm · degN*



# Methodology – Calculate Carbon Fluxes from XCO<sub>2</sub>

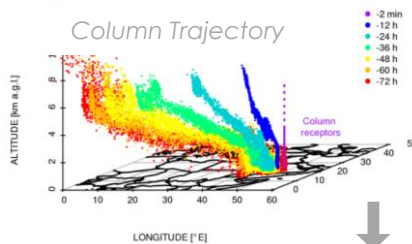


$$\frac{x\text{-footprint/receptor/track}}{\text{ppm}} \mu\text{mol/m}^2/\text{s}$$

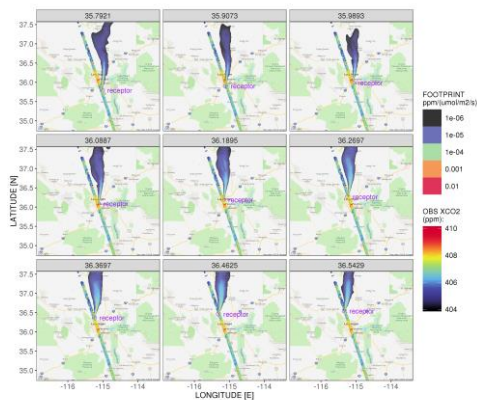




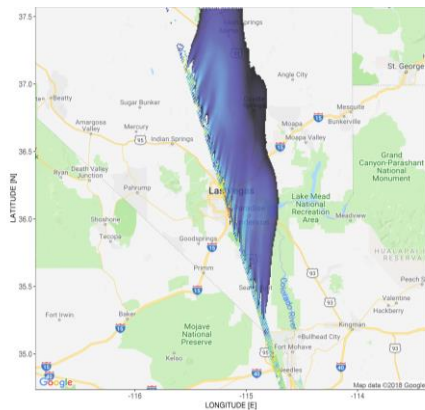
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$$xfoot_{int}(x, y) = \int_{lat1}^{lat2} xfoot(x, y, lat) dlat$$



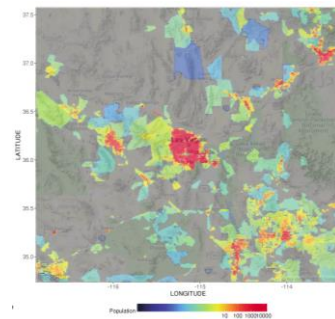
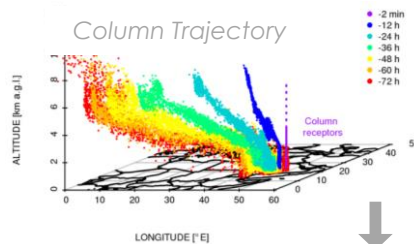
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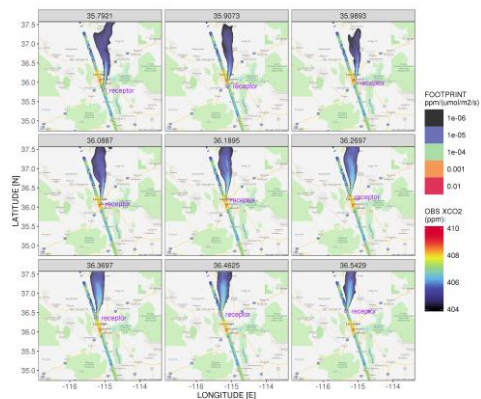
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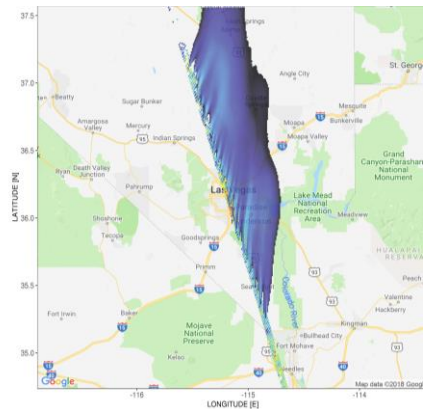
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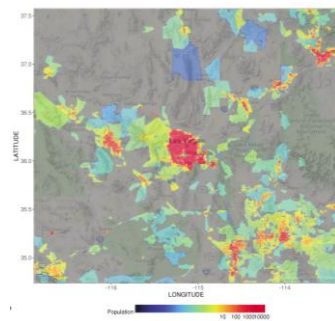
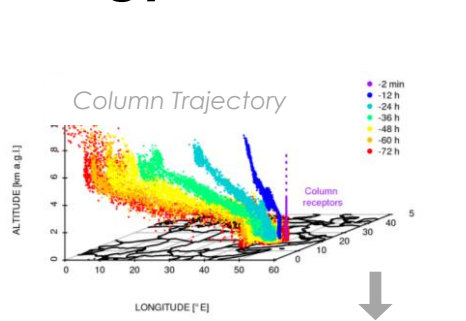
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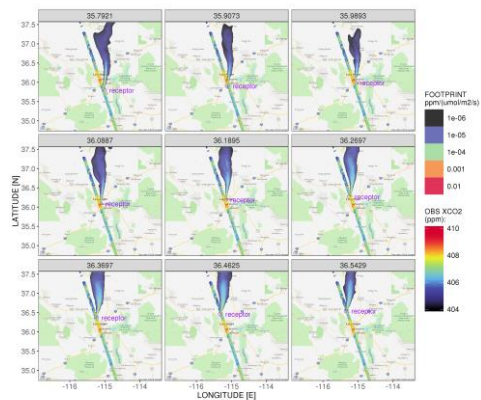
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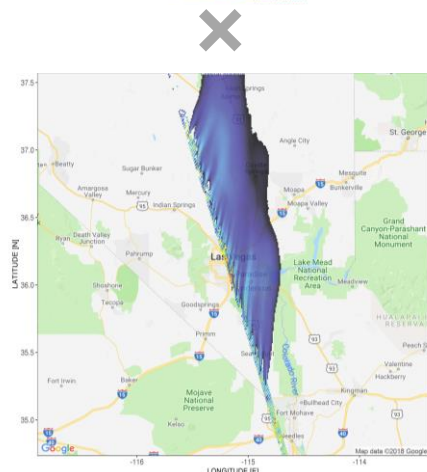
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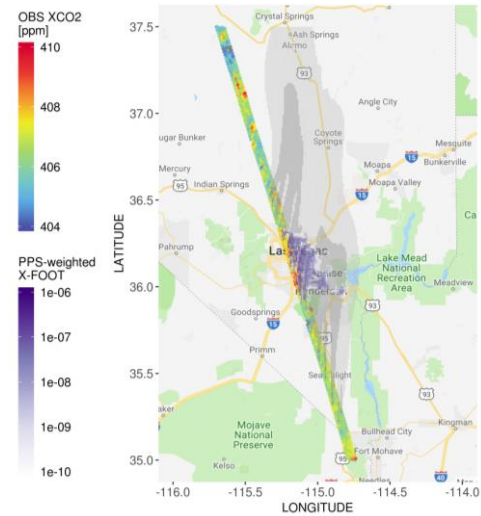
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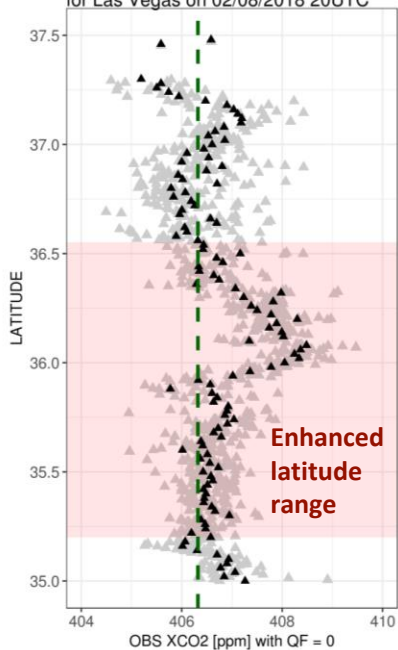
PPS weighted lat-integrated x-footprint (FP)  
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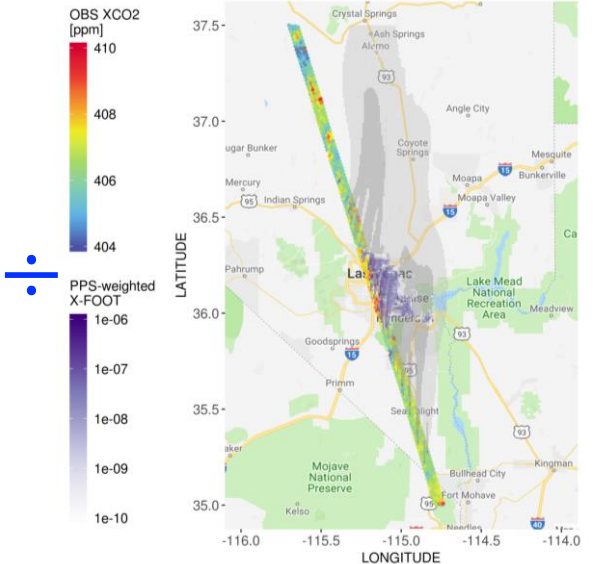
with observed XCO<sub>2</sub> from OCO-2 v9  
for Las Vegas on 02/08/2018 20UTC



$\text{ppm} \cdot \text{degN}$

## Population-weighted and lat-integrated x-footprint

Latitudinal integrated x-foot and PPS-weighted x-foot



$\frac{\text{ppm} \cdot \text{degN}}{\mu\text{mol}/\text{capita}/\text{s}}$

## Per Capita Emissions

$= \mu\text{mol}/\text{capita}/\text{s}$

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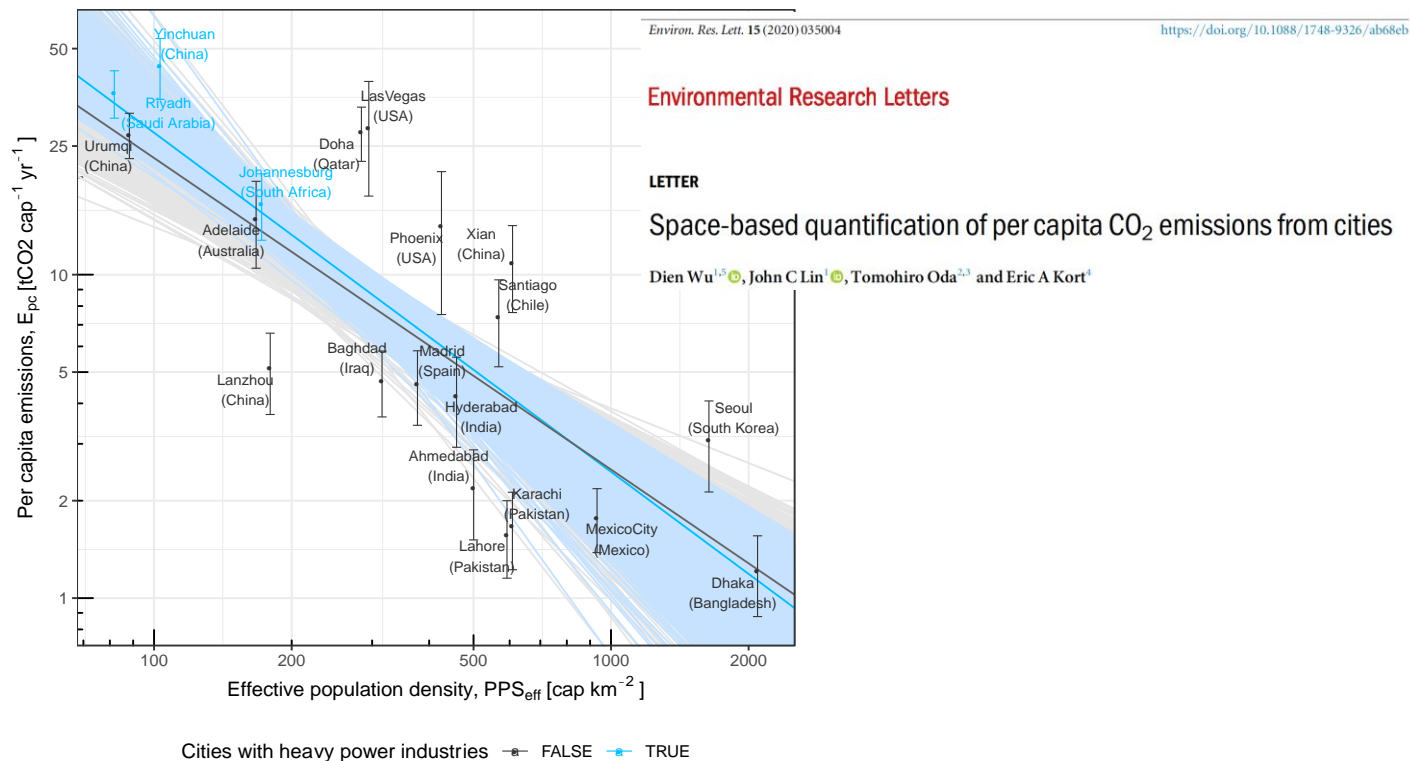
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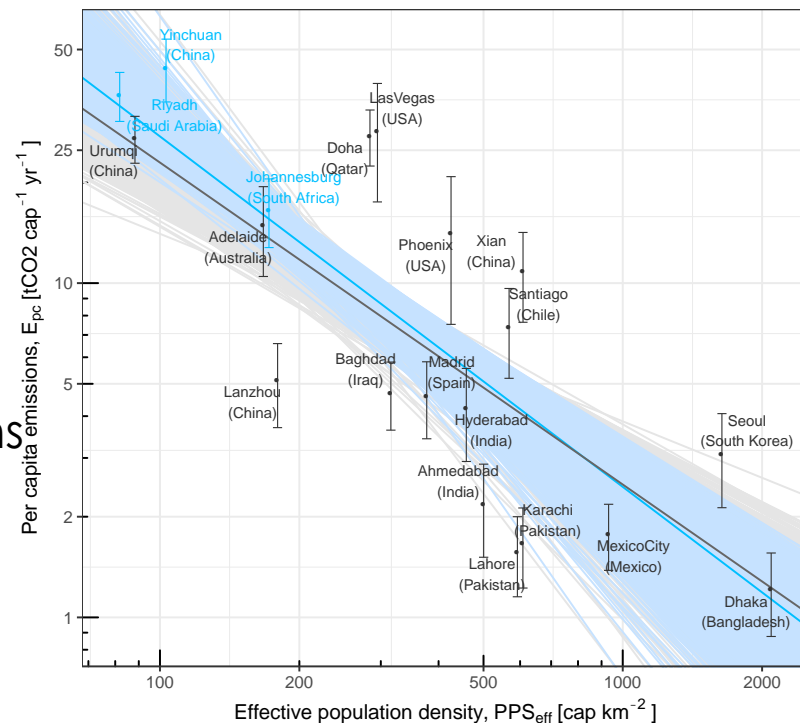
# Results: Urban Scaling Relations

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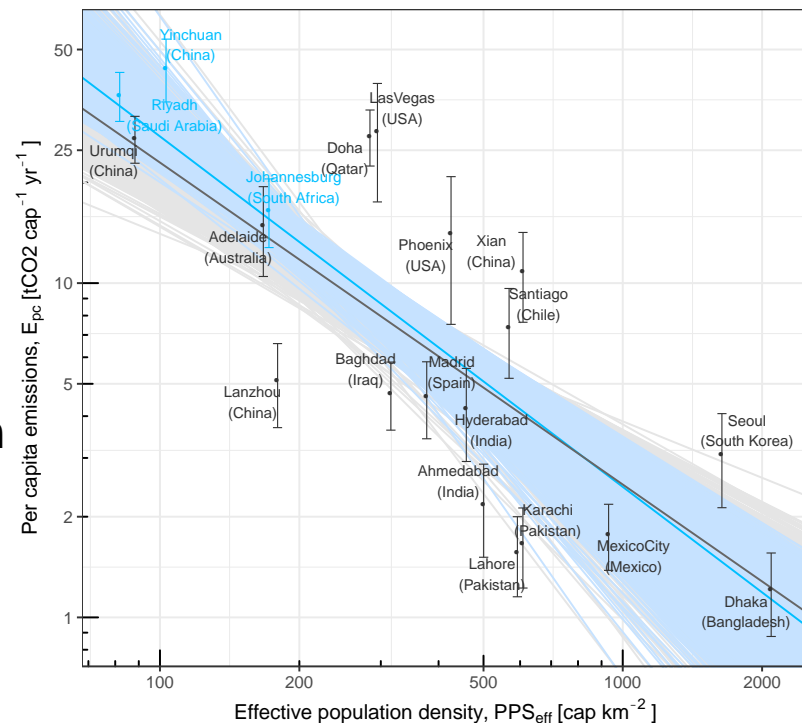


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- No temporal variation
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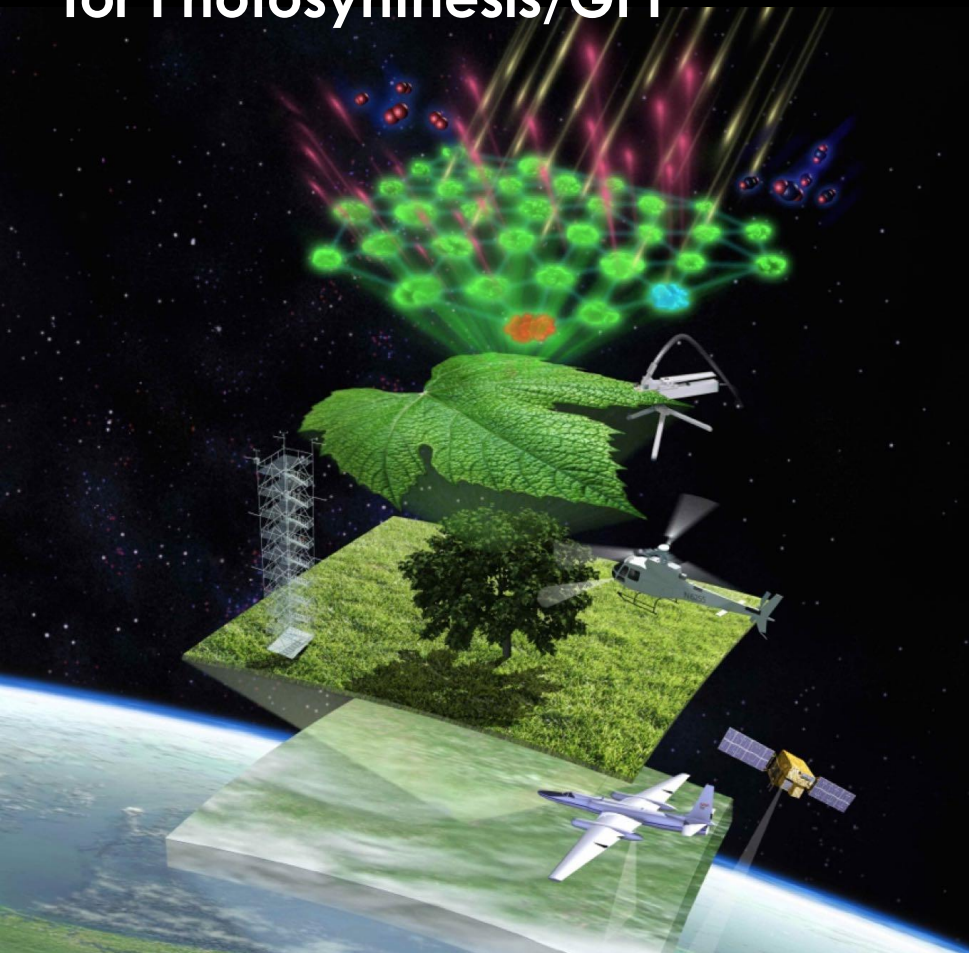


Cities with heavy power industries — FALSE — TRUE

**But will be addressed soon!**



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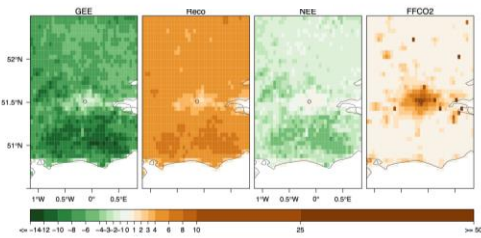




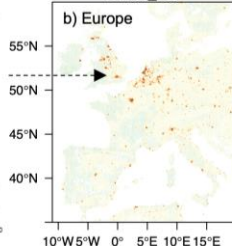
# Urban Biological Carbon Fluxes from SIF (SMUrF)



## London



## Winter\_DJF



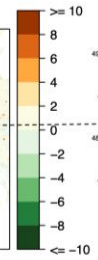
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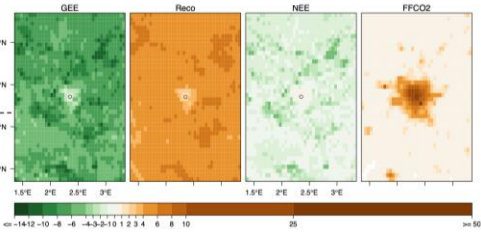
## Summer\_JJA



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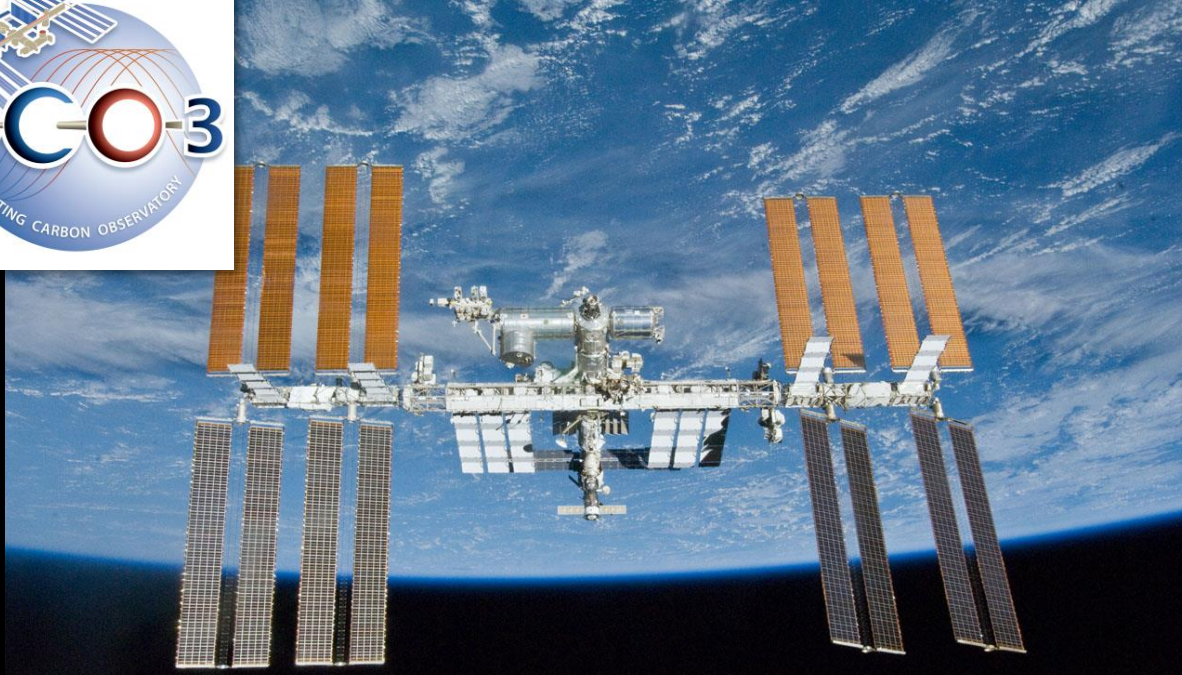


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# Exciting New Datastream: OCO-3 on the International Space Station (ISS)

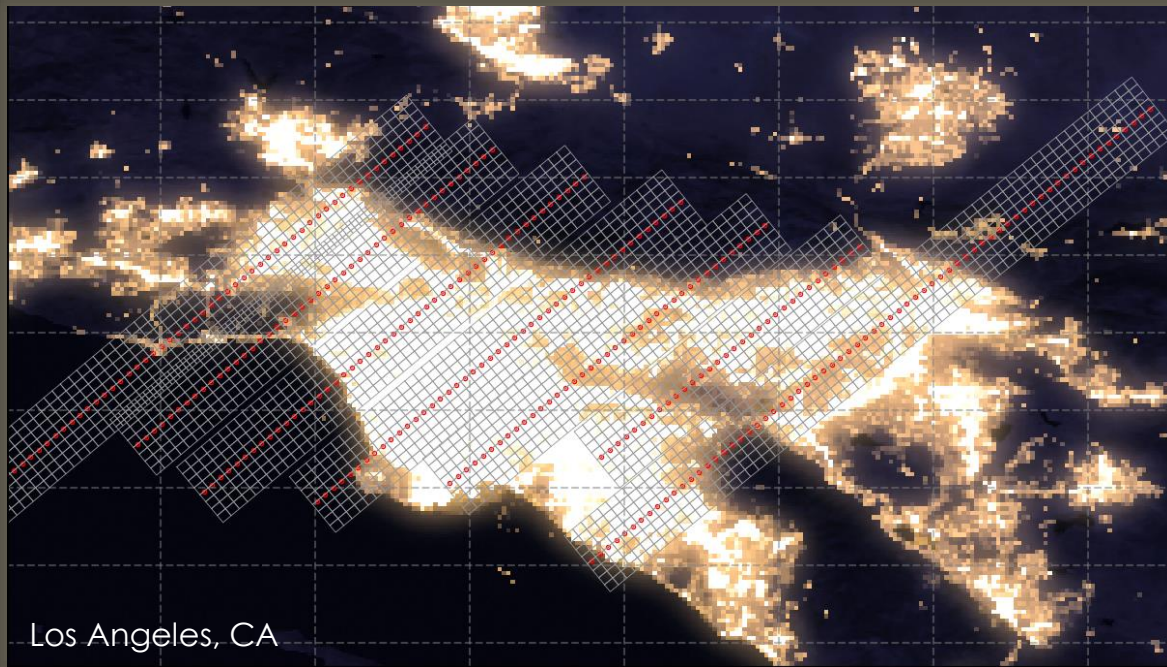


Credit: NASA

Launched on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from Kennedy Space Center



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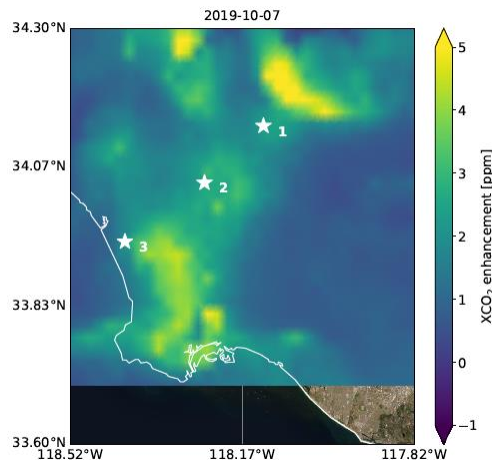




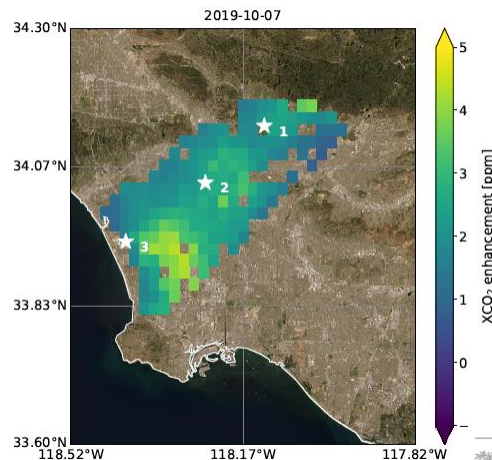
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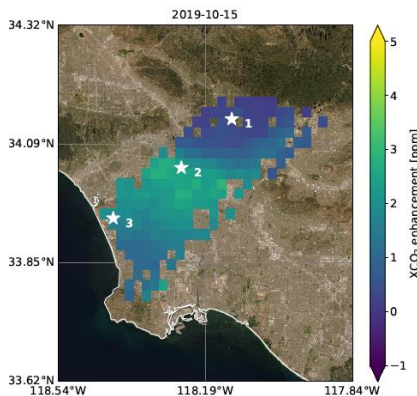
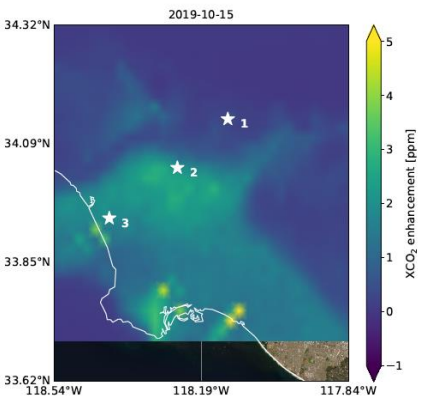
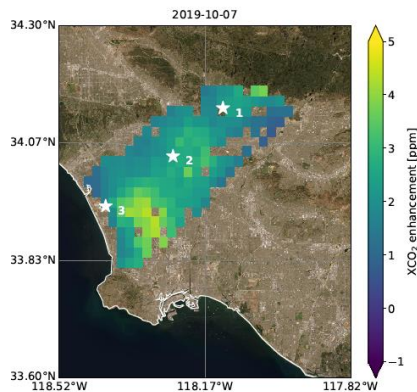
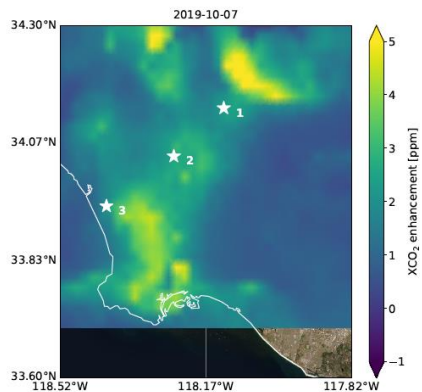


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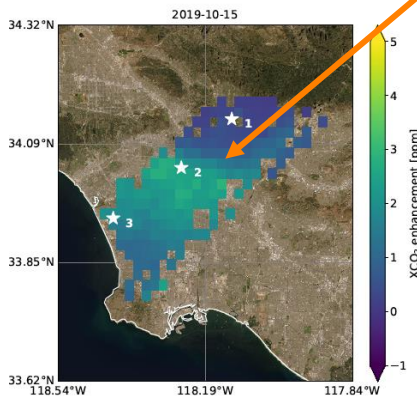
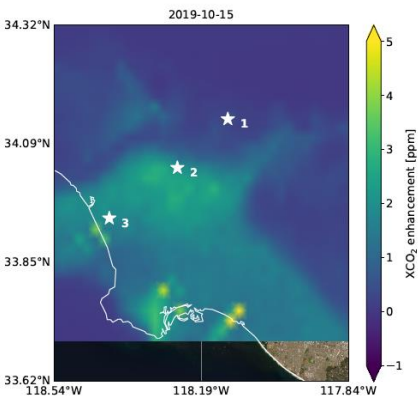
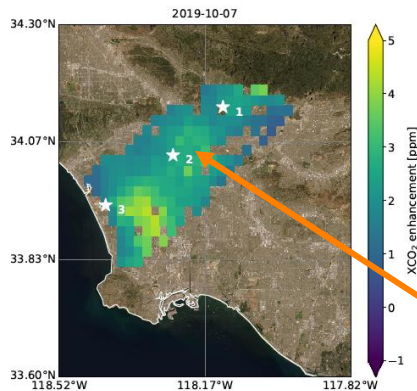
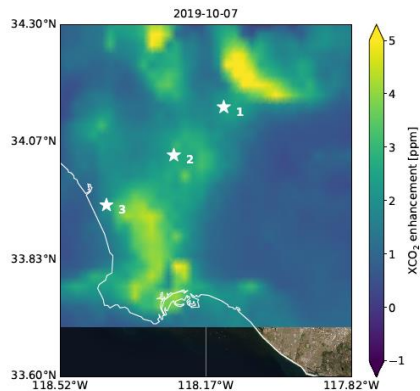
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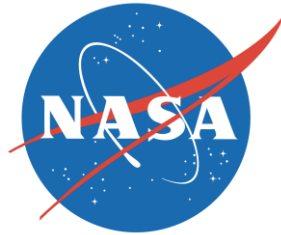
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