

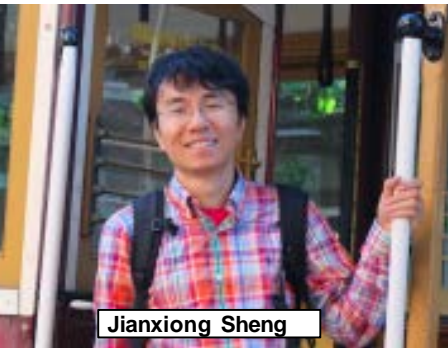
# GEO-CAPE Methane Working Group

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**Focus:** define the specifications for the GEO-CAPE infrared instrument (GCIRI)  
to provide fine-scale information on methane emissions

# Capabilities of different satellite observing systems for mapping methane emissions on regional to km scales

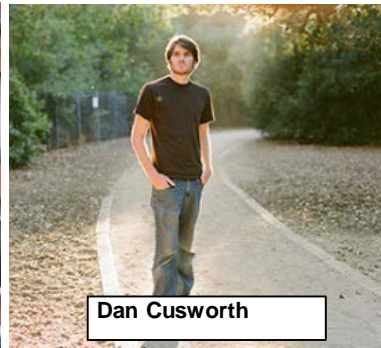
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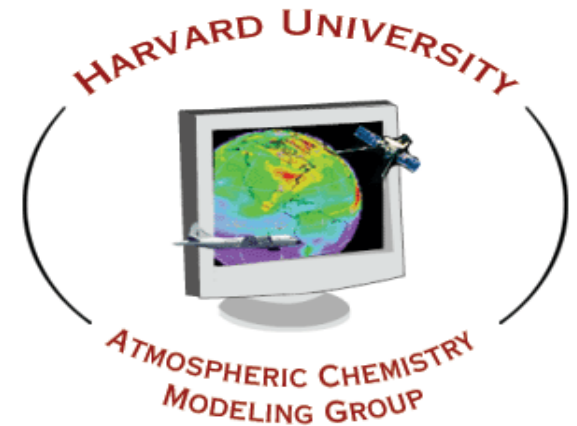
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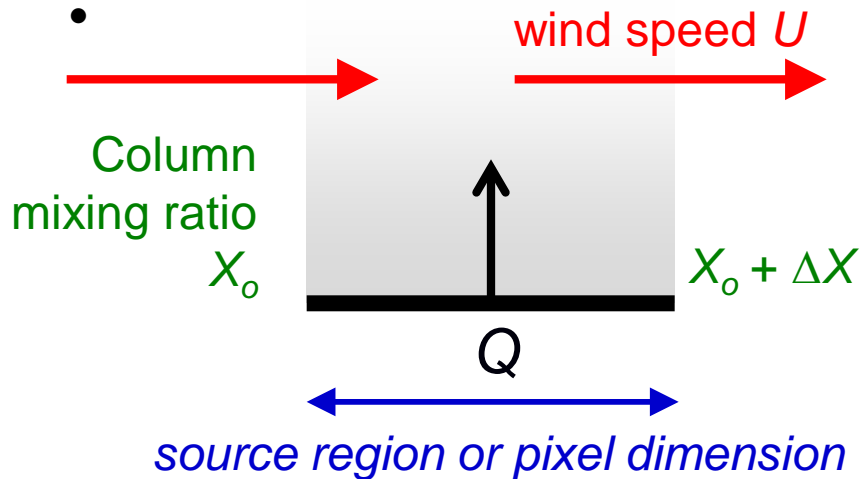
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# Satellite observations of atmospheric methane and their value for quantifying methane emissions (Jacob et al., ACP2016)

Simple mass balance analysis to compare capabilities of different systems:



- Pixel resolution
- Return frequency
- Instrument precision

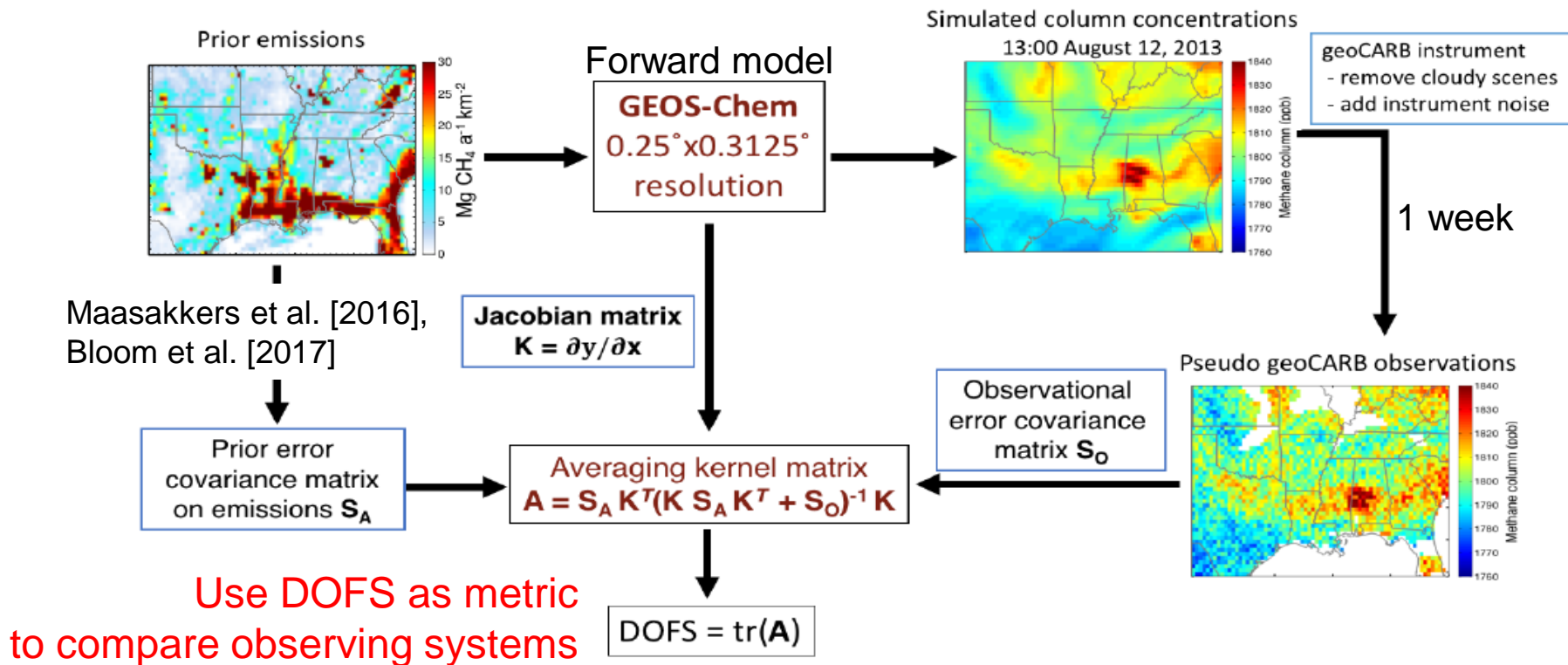
Instrument <sup>a</sup>	Regional source quantification ( $Q = 72 \text{ th}^{-1}$ over $300 \times 300 \text{ km}^2$ ) <sup>b</sup>	Point source detection threshold <sup>c</sup> ( $Q_{\text{min}}, \text{ th}^{-1}$ )
SCIAMACHY	1-year averaging time	68
GOSAT	1-year averaging time	7.1
TROPOMI	single pass (1 day)	4.2
GHGSat	NA <sup>d</sup>	0.25 <sup>e</sup>
GOSAT-2	4-month averaging time	4.0
MERLIN	7-month averaging time <sup>f</sup>	NA
CarbonSat	single pass (5–10 days)	0.80
GEO-CAPE,	single pass (1 h)	4.0
GeoFTS	single pass (2 h)	0.61 <sup>g</sup>
geoCARB	single pass (2–8 h)	4.0
G3E	single pass (2 h)	1.3

Geostationary observations could uniquely detect anomalous emitters by focusing on limited domains with high-frequency observations and high pixel resolution

geo instruments

# Regional-scale OSSE for the Southeast US

How does GeoCARB satisfy the GEO-CAPE GCIRI objectives?



- Cloud mask statistics from Remer et al, (2012) – exclude 73-91% of data depending on pixel size and following GEOS-5 cloud cover
- Forward model column error of 12 ppb, temporal error correlation of 6 hours from GEO-Chem comparison to Lamont TCCON site

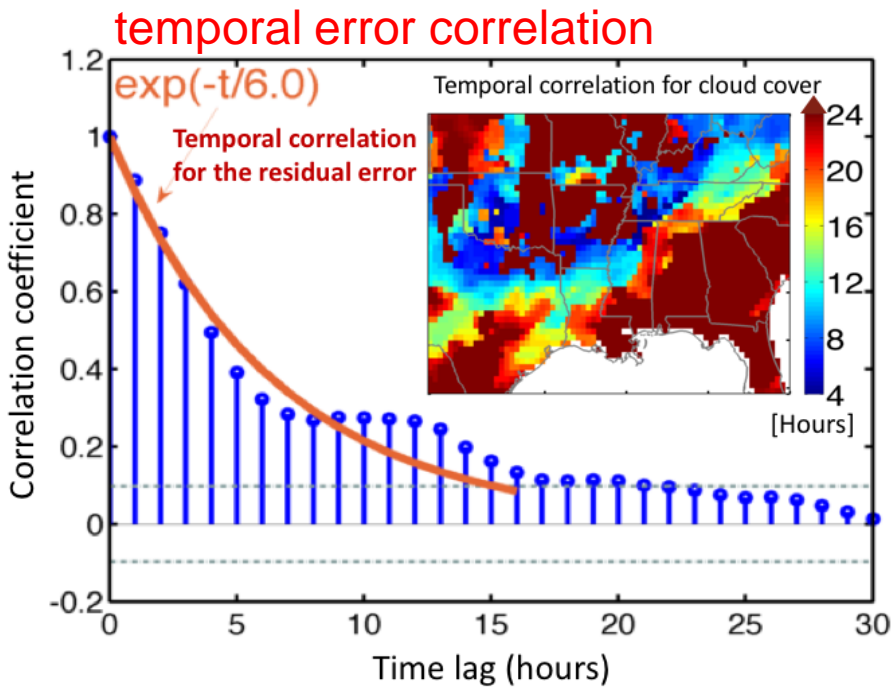
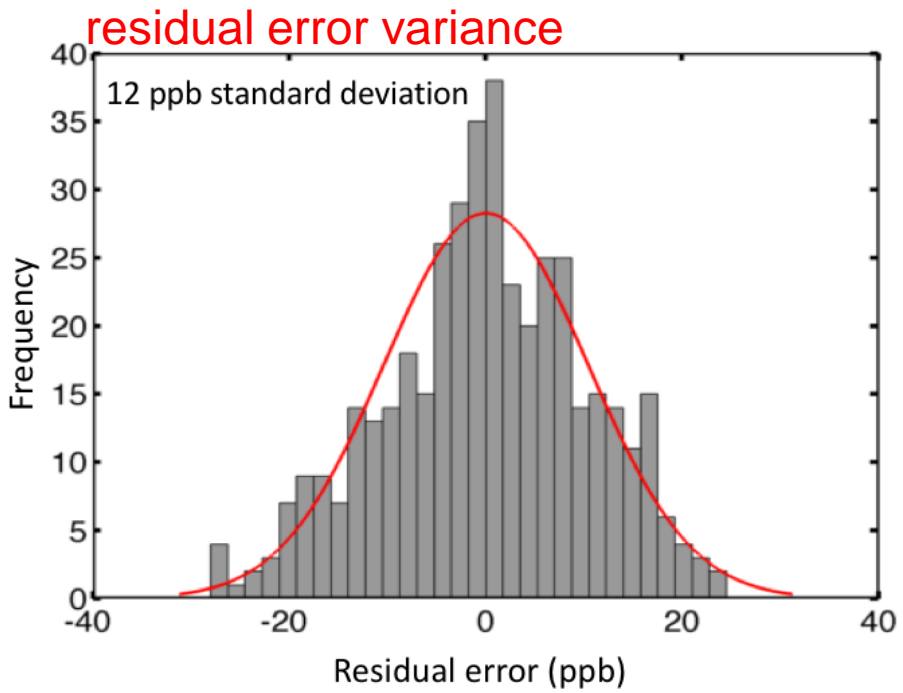


# Quantifying forward model error statistics with hourly TCCON data

Hourly comparison of 0.25°x0.3125° GEOS-Chem to Lamont TCCON data for Aug-Sep 2013

$$\underbrace{\text{Residual model error}} = \underbrace{X_{CH_4, GEOS-Chem} - X_{CH_4, TCCON}}_{\text{total error}} - \underbrace{X_{CH_4, GEOS-Chem} - X_{CH_4, TCCON}}_{\text{mean bias}}$$

Forward model error
total error
mean bias  
(to be corrected by inversion)

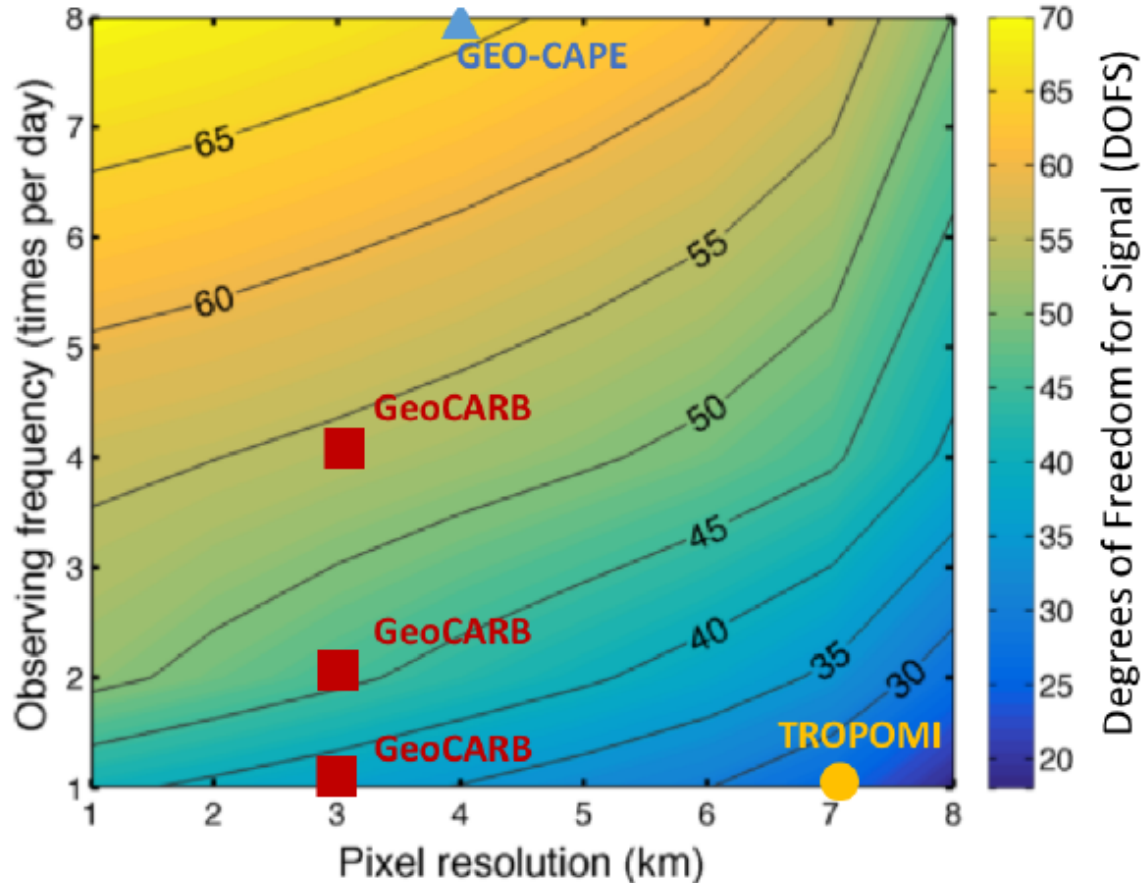


Two key results:

- Forward model error dominates over instrument precision on 25 km scale
- 6-h temporal error correlation diminishes value of frequent return times

# Comparing satellite observing systems by their DOFS

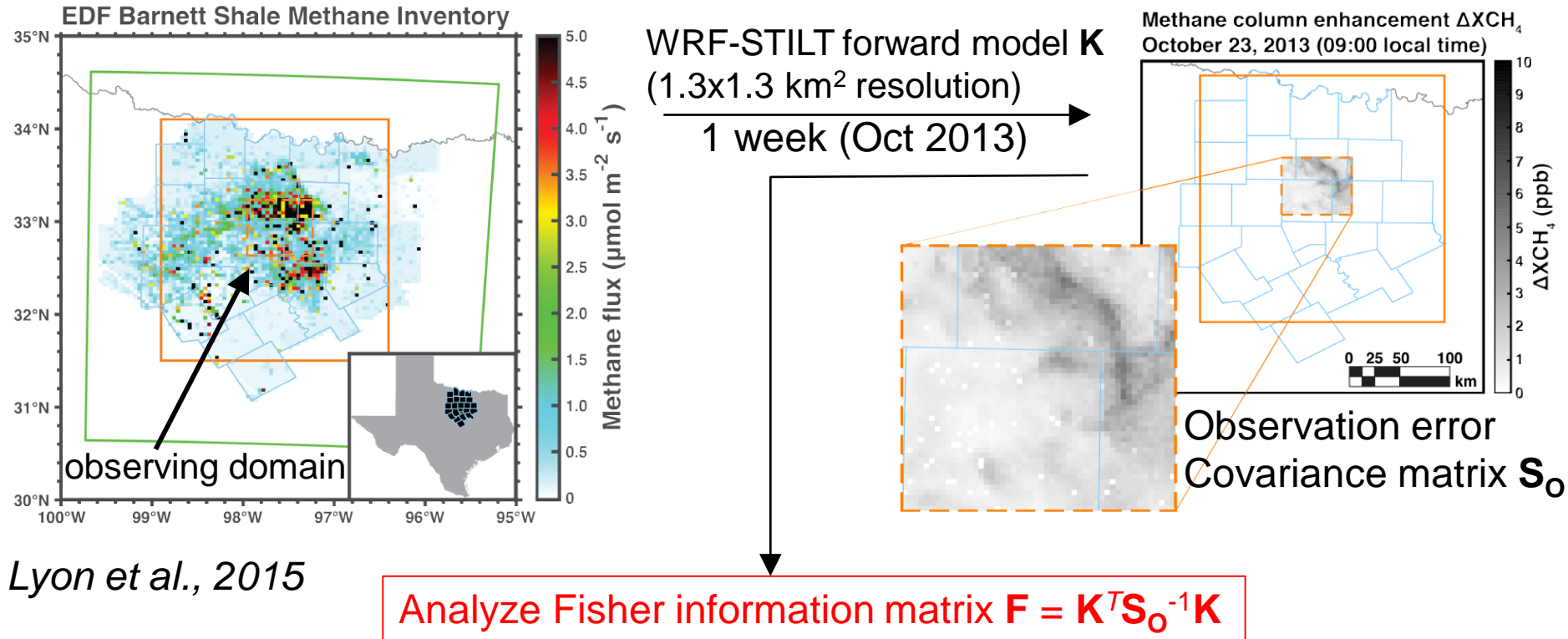
Ideal: DOFS=216 (full mapping of 25x25 km<sup>2</sup> emissions)



- All systems are better than what SEAC<sup>4</sup>RS aircraft observations could do (DOFS=10)
- GeoCARB 2x/day delivers ~70% of GEO-CAPE (GCIRI) information
- GeoCARB 2x/day performs comparably to alternate schedule of (4x/day, 1x/day)
- TROPOMI is very sensitive to cloud cover, GeoCARB is not

# Kilometer-scale OSSE over the Barnett Shale

Can GeoCARB and other geo configurations quantify emissions on km scales?

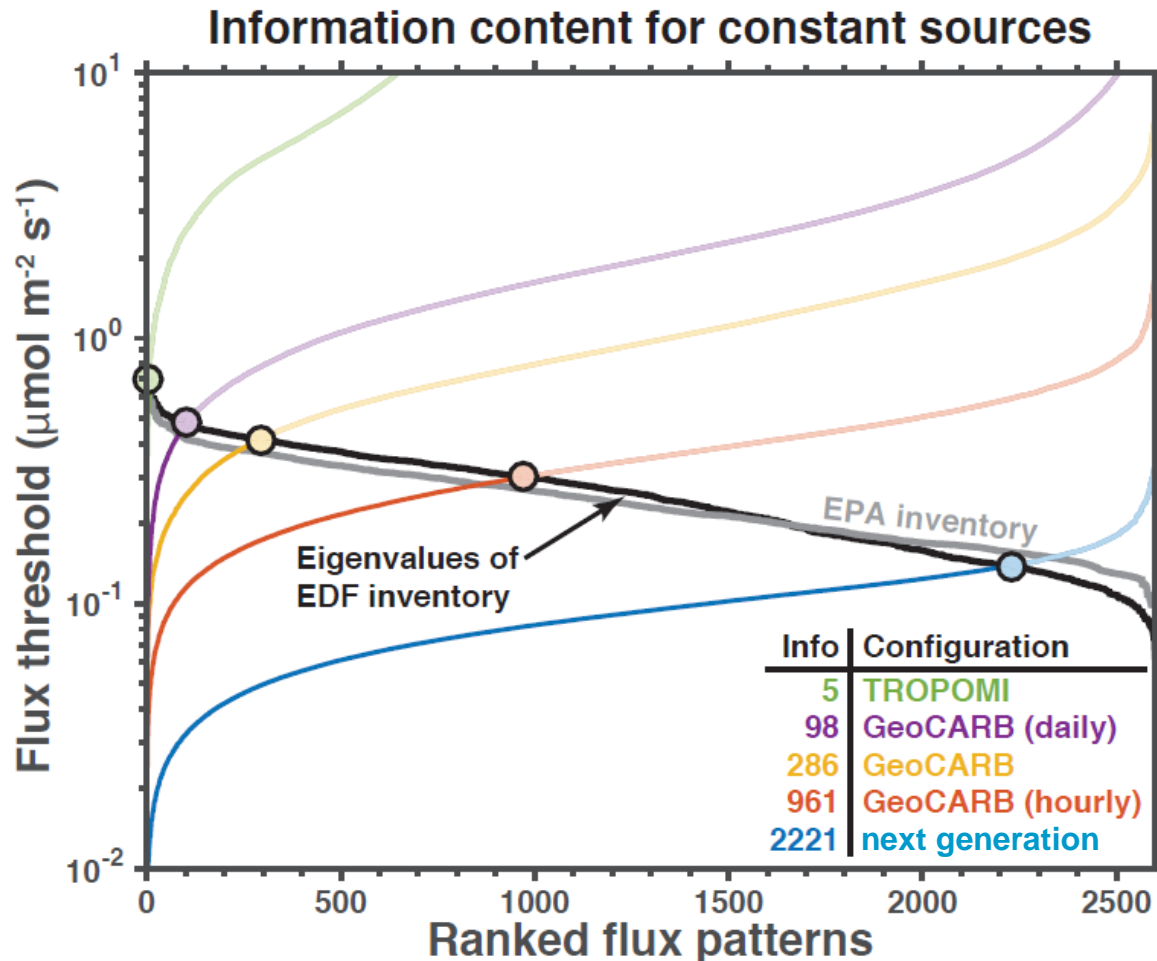


*Lyon et al., 2015*

Inverse square roots of eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{F}$  give the methane flux thresholds for detecting the flux patterns described by the corresponding eigenvectors

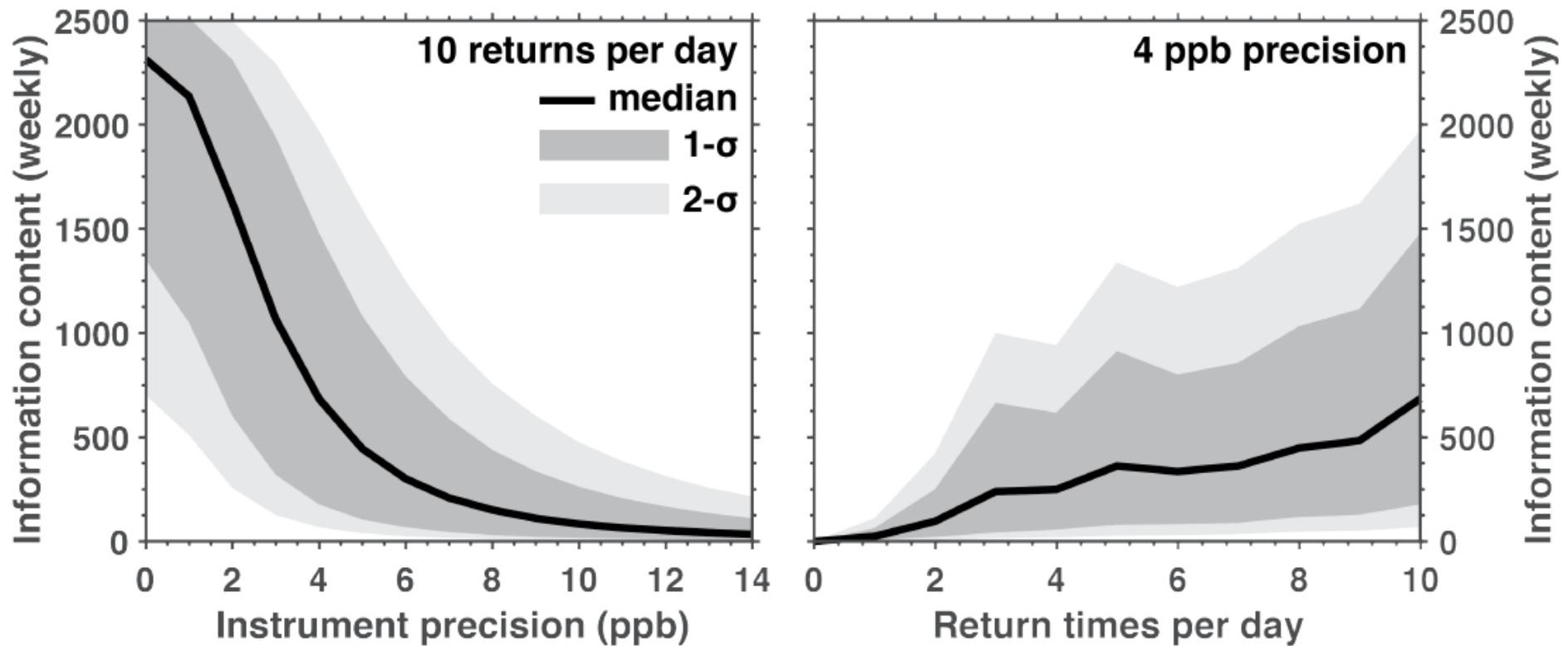
*Turner et al. [2018]*

# Eigenanalysis of Fisher information matrix



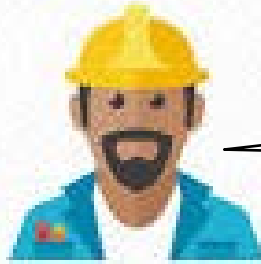
- TROPOMI can achieve ~30 km resolution on emissions in 1 week of observations, GeoCARB can achieve ~2-7 km depending on return frequency
- A next-generation instrument with 1.3x1.3 km<sup>2</sup> pixel resolution, 0.1% precision, hourly return could fully resolve the emission fields

## On 1-km scale, instrument precision matters more than return frequency



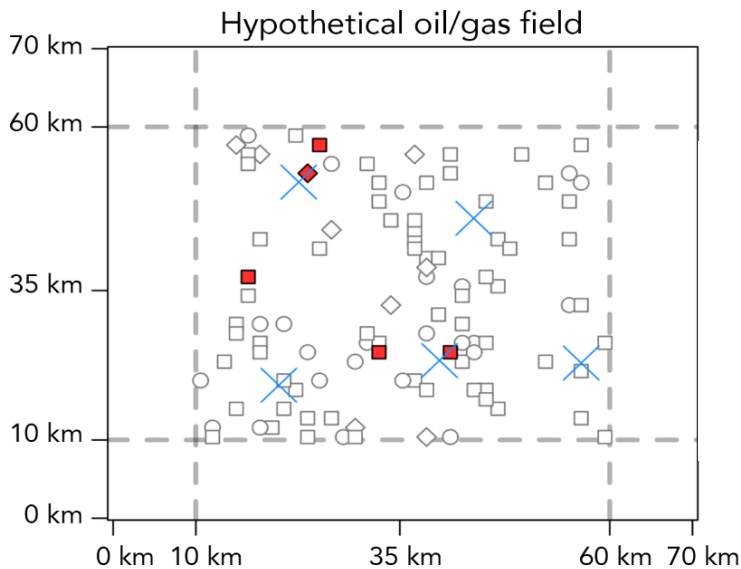
- Instrument precision better than 6 ppb is critical
- Temporal error correlation limits benefit from increasing return frequency

# Detecting anomalous methane emitters from space



Can I use satellite data to detect leaky wells?

Typical oil/gas field  
20-100 wells in 50x50 km<sup>2</sup> domain

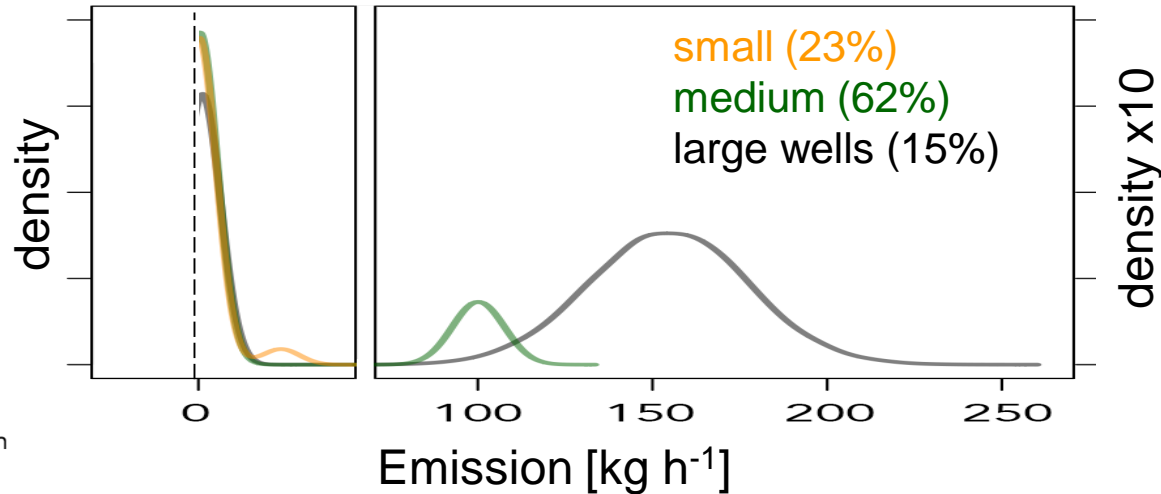


random leaky wells  
(high-mode emitters)

bimodal emission pdfs for wells (Barnett Shale, EDF)

Low-mode (~95%)

High-mode (~5%)

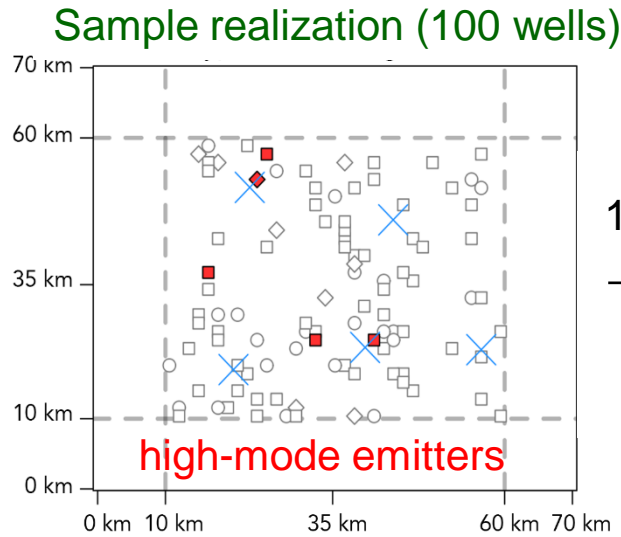


(Cusworth et al., 2018)

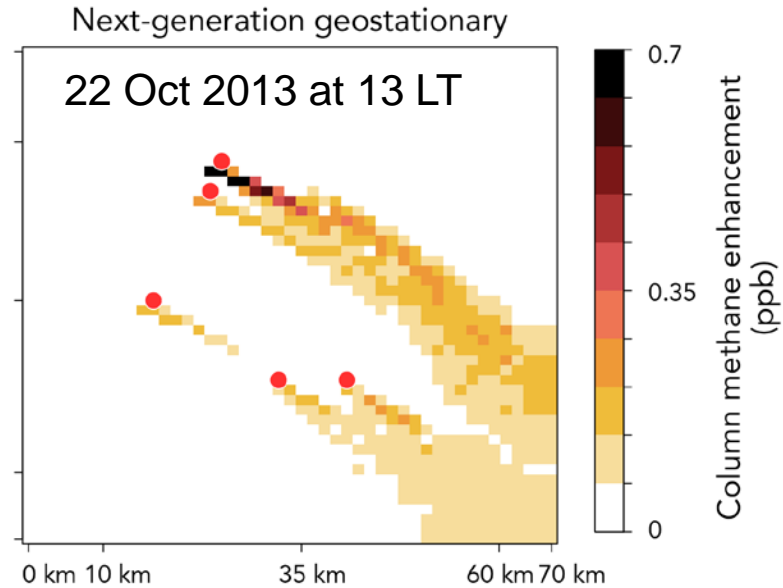


# OSSE for 50x50 km<sup>2</sup> domain with 20-100 wells

Generate 500 emission scenarios by random sampling of bimodal pdfs



WRF-STILT  
1.3x1.3 km<sup>2</sup> resolution  
1-week simulation  
(Turner et al., 2018)



Detection of high-mode emitters by inversion with L-1 regularization (sparse solution):

minimize cost function  $J(\mathbf{x}) = (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{K}\mathbf{x})\mathbf{S}_0^{-1}(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{K}\mathbf{x})^T + \lambda \|\mathbf{x}\|_1$

with forward model error correlations of 40 km, 2 h

Diagnose success with categorical metrics: T/F for well in high-mode (P) or not (N)

Probability of detection

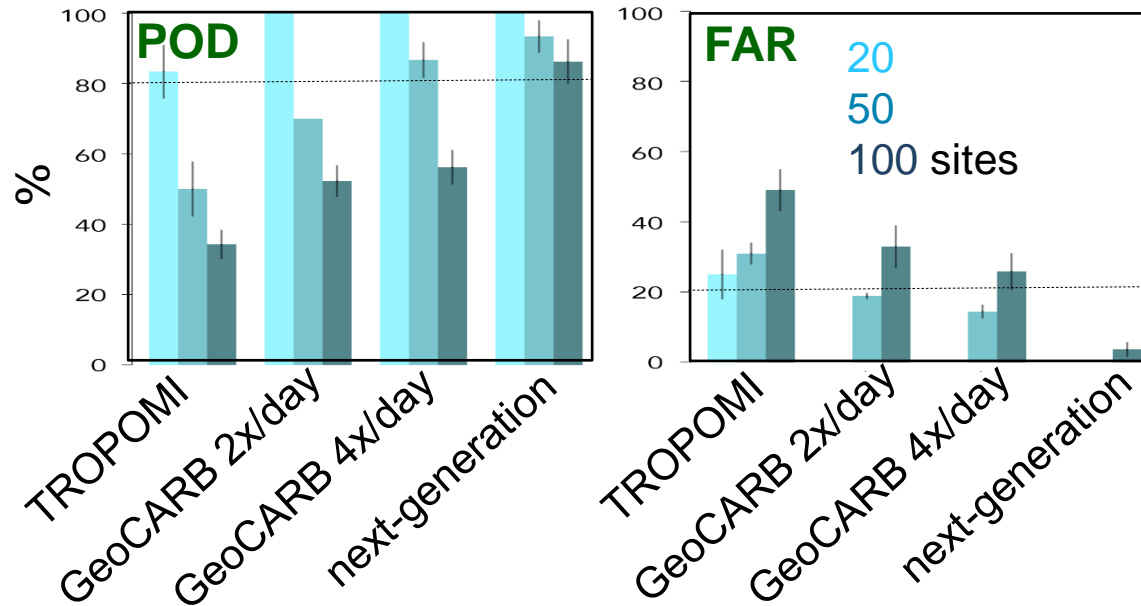
$$\text{POD}(\%) = 100 \times \frac{\sum \text{TP}}{\sum \text{TP} + \sum \text{FN}}$$

False alarm ratio

$$\text{FAR}(\%) = 100 \times \frac{\sum \text{FP}}{\sum \text{TP} + \sum \text{FP}}$$

## Probability of detection of high-mode emitters (POD) and false alarm ratio (FAR)

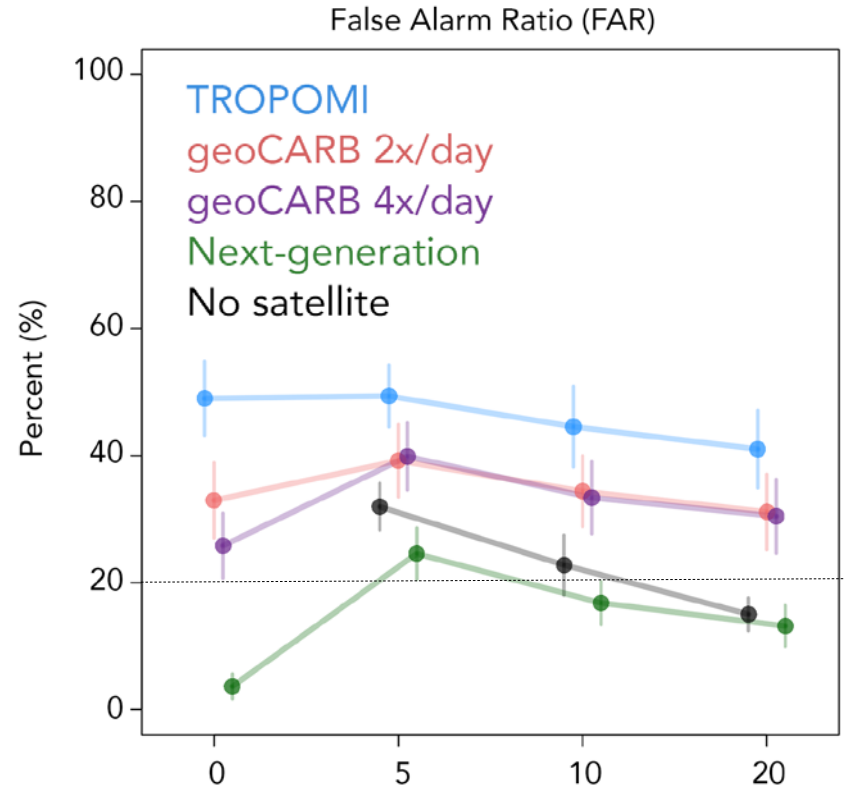
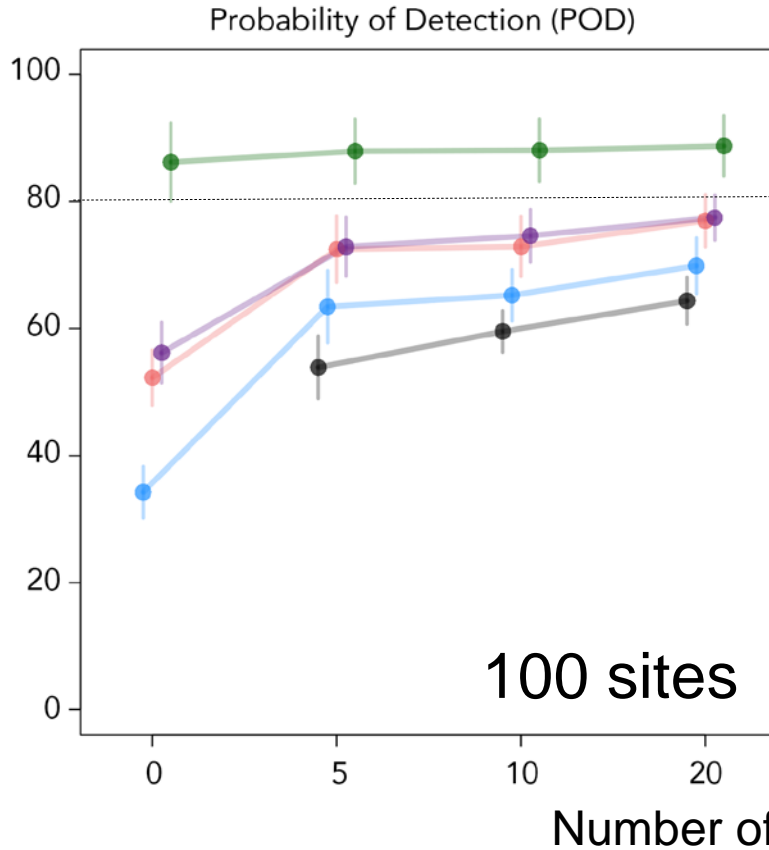
Sensitivity to the density of sites (50x50 km<sup>2</sup> domain)



- Problem gets harder as site density increases
- TROPOMI: OK with 20 sites
- GeoCARB 4x/day: 50 sites
- Next-generation: 100 sites

# Can a surface monitoring network complement the satellite data?

5-20 optimally placed surface monitors based on  $k$ -means of spatial distribution of sites



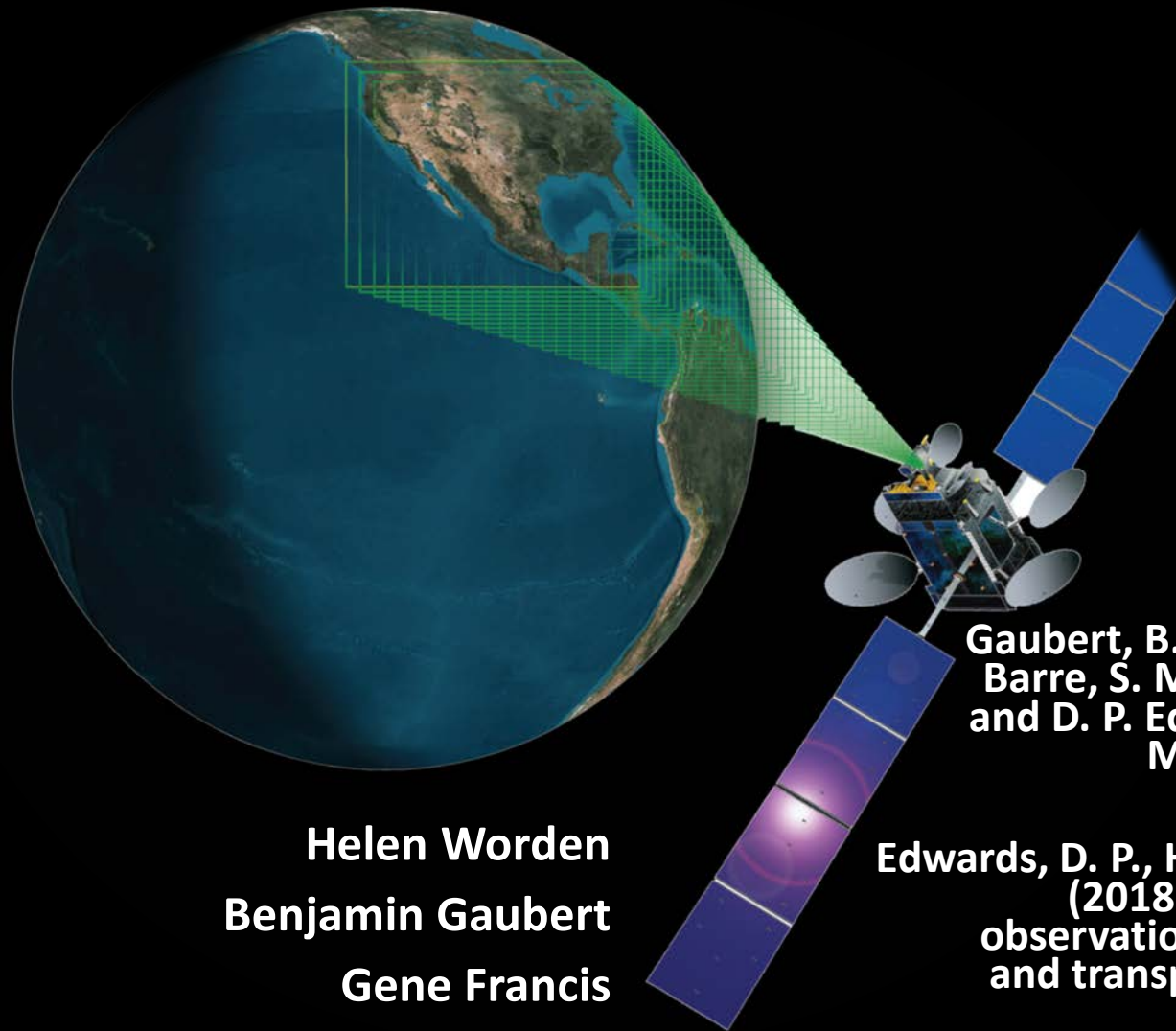
- Surface monitors augment capability of TROPOMI and GeoCARB
- GeoCARB usefully augments a surface network, TROPOMI mostly adds false alarms
- Next-generation satellite does it all – no need for surface monitors

## Findings

- GeoCARB 2x/day delivers about 70% of GEO-CAPE recommendation (GCIRI) for regional mapping of methane sources. Alternating 4x/day and 1x/day gives comparable information to 2x/day
- GeoCARB 2x/day with precision < 6 ppb can map emissions down to 4 km and can detect anomalous emitters in a sparse field of point sources (1 site per 100 km<sup>2</sup>)

## Recommendations

- A next-generation geostationary instrument with 1.3 km pixel resolution, hourly return, 0.1% precision would be transformative for mapping emissions at km-scale and for detecting anomalous emitters in dense fields
- Instead of the conventional paradigm of using geostationary satellites for continental-scale observations, consider focus on limited domains to enable higher pixel resolution and observation frequency – this would most usefully complement existing LEO capabilities.



# GEOCAPE Methane Working Group: NCAR/ACOM Results

## Publications

Gaubert, B., H. M. Worden, A. F. J. Arellano, L. K. Emmons, S. Tilmes, J. Barre, S. M. Alonso, F. Vitt, J. L. Anderson, F. Alkemade, S. Houweling, and D. P. Edwards (2017), Chemical Feedback From Decreasing Carbon Monoxide Emissions, *Geophys. Res. Lett.*, 44(19), 9985-9995, doi:10.1002/2017GL074987.

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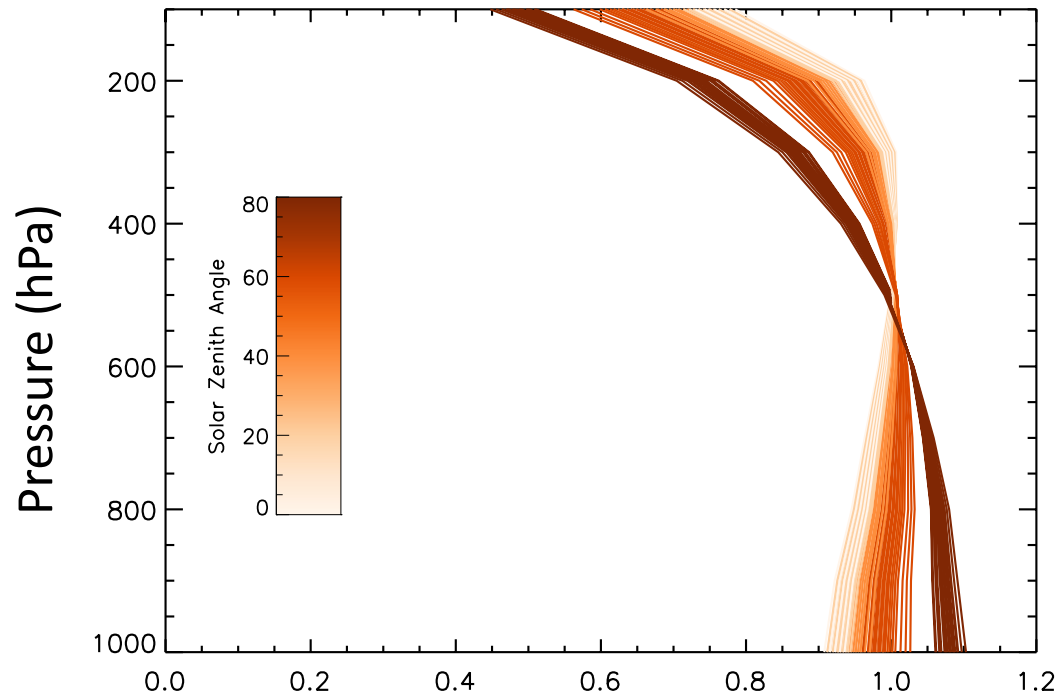
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# Facilitating OSSEs: Averaging Kernel (AK) variability

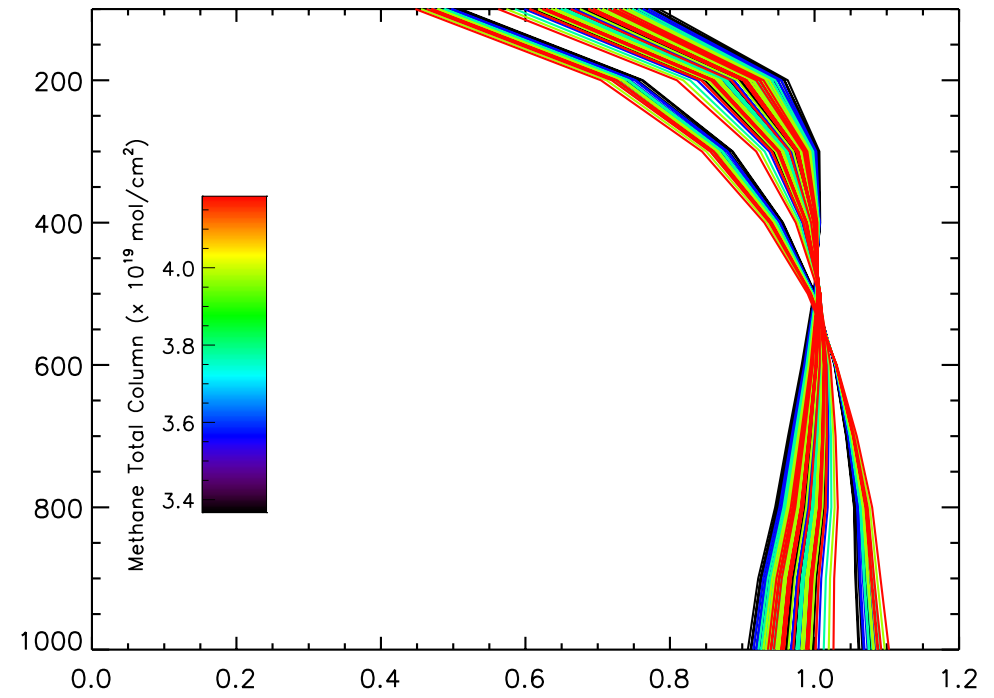
## Simulated AK for column $\text{CH}_4$

### SZA Dependence



### $\text{CH}_4$ Column AK

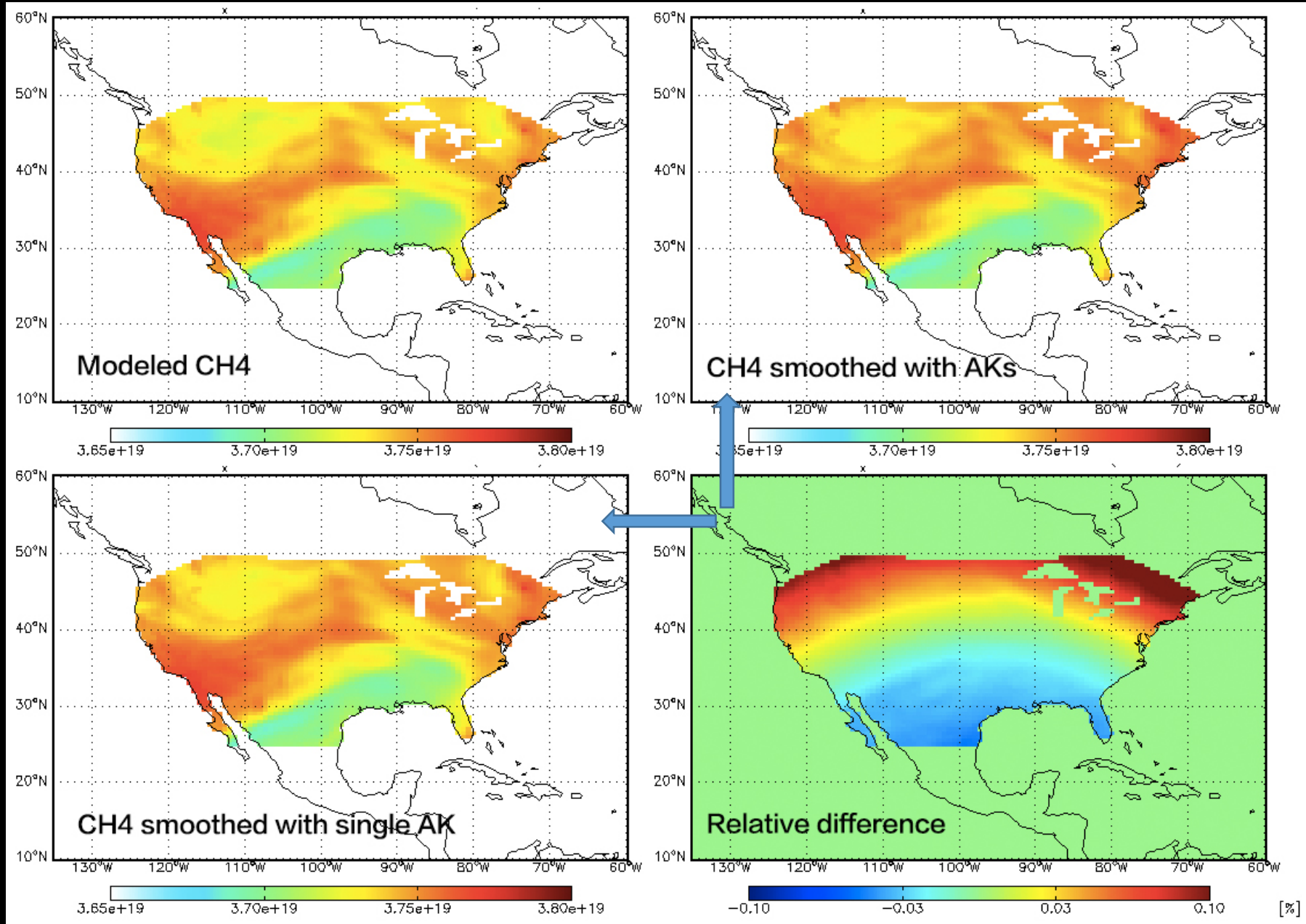
### $\text{CH}_4$ Col. Dependence



### $\text{CH}_4$ Column AK



# Simulated column CH<sub>4</sub> observations



Simulated observations  
over daylight hours  
for July 2009

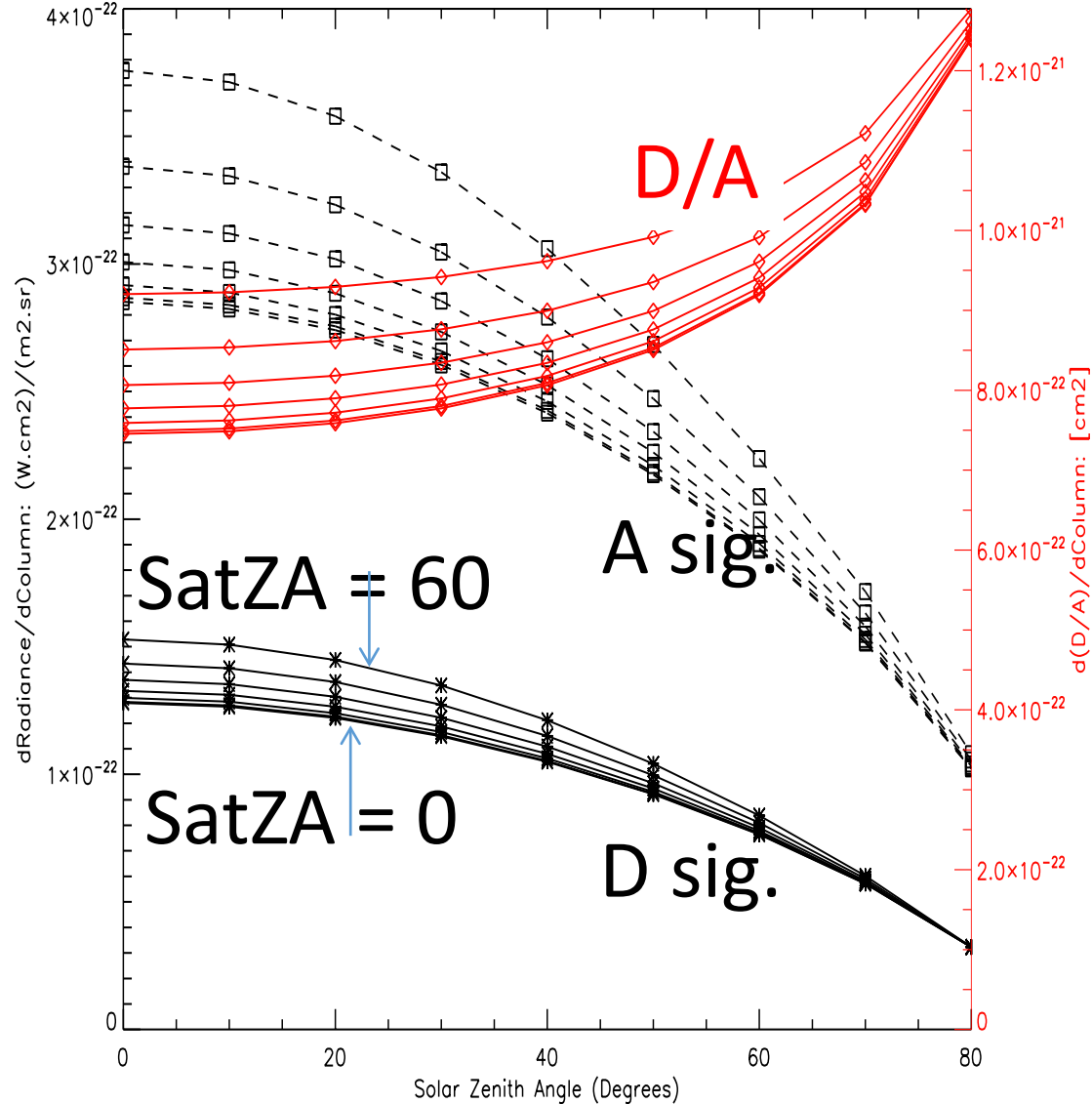
Nature run = GEOS-Chem

- 0.5° x 0.667° resolution
- Full chemistry
- CH<sub>4</sub> emissions from EDGAR v4 and GFED3

Only small ~0.1%  
differences between  
simulated observations  
using scene-dependent  
CH<sub>4</sub> AKs (LUT) and those  
using an average AK



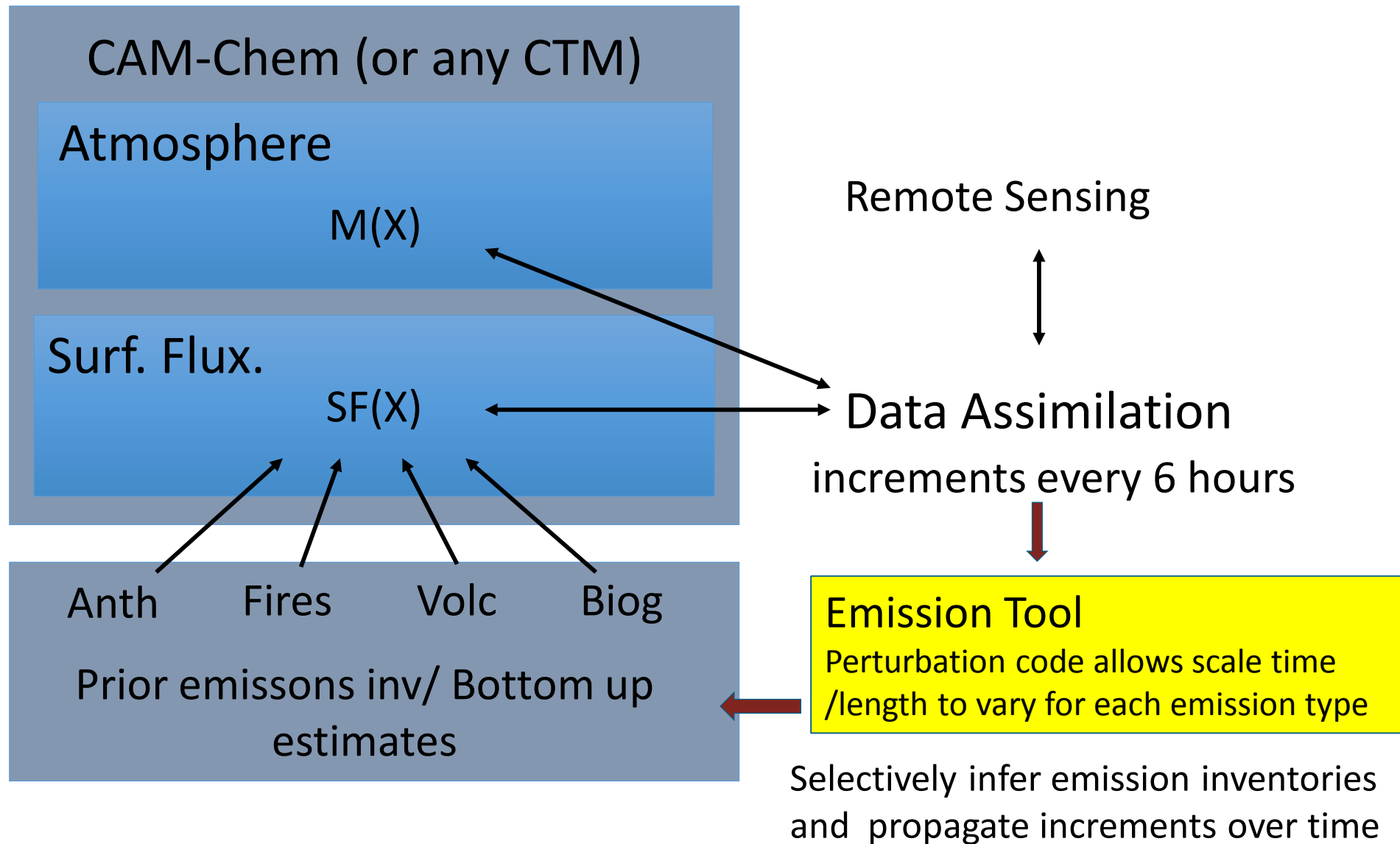
CHRONOS Methane Channel: Surface Jacobian Absolute Value versus SOLZA and SATZA  
D (solid); A (dashed); D/A (red)



Preparatory studies for the CHRONOS solution for GCIRI: Analysis of signal dependence on viewing parameters illustrate the GFCR advantage of increased D/A signal at higher SZA

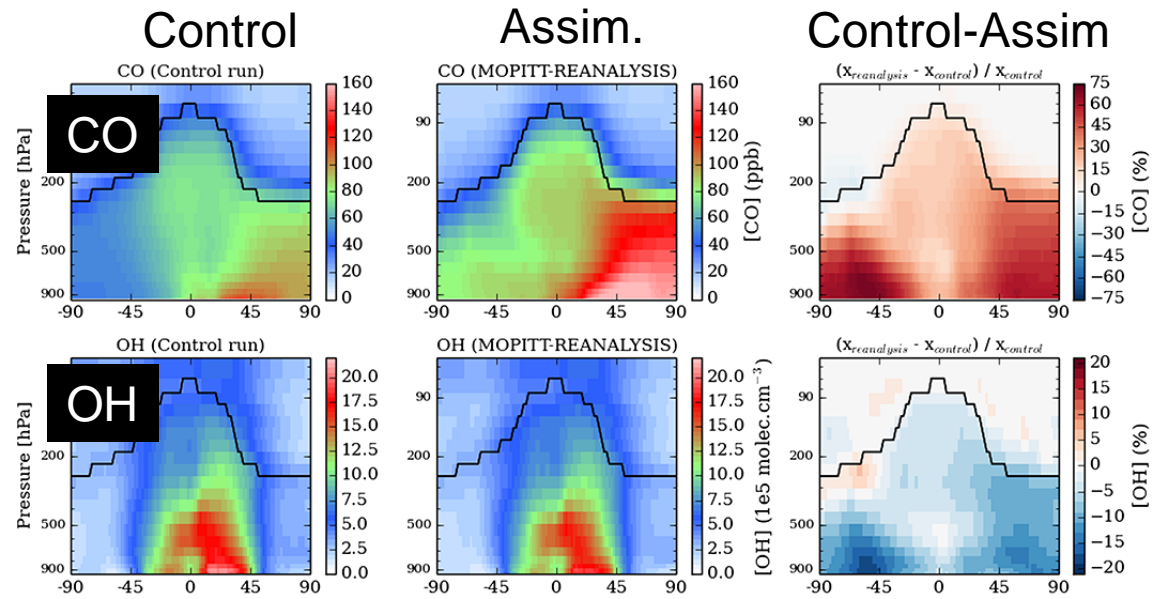
# Including CH<sub>4</sub> emissions in DART/CESM

Tested for CO, in development for CH<sub>4</sub>



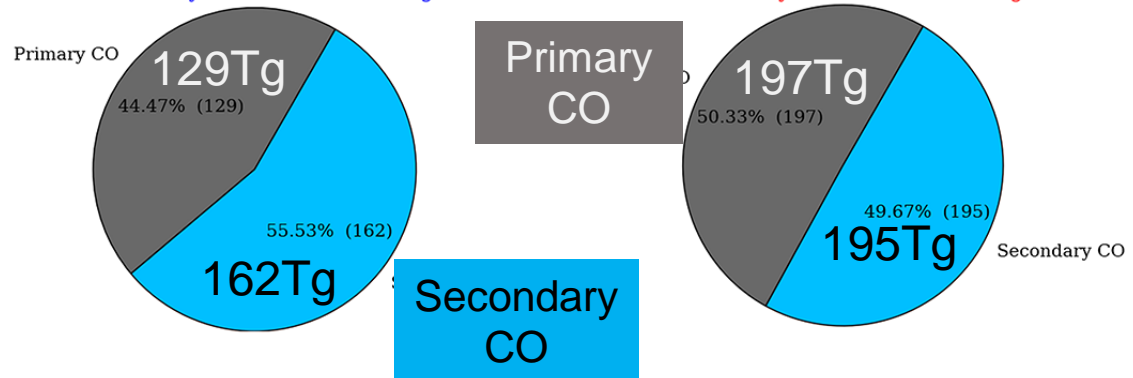
# Chemical response to CO assimilation

- MOPITT CO assimilation in CAM-chem in 2002
- Increases CO, particularly in the NH
- Overall improvement against validation
- Resulting decrease in OH; leads to reduced CH<sub>4</sub> oxidation; increases CH<sub>4</sub> lifetime from 8.7 to 9.3 years
- Increase in primary CO emissions is necessary, but also an increase in VOC that oxidize to CO



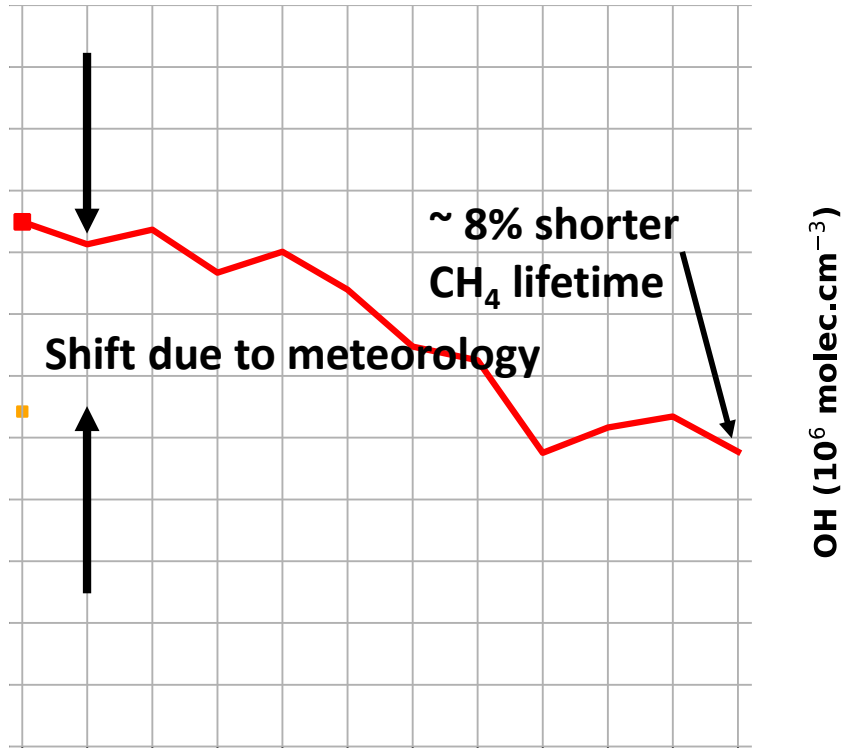
Control run  
 Total tropospheric annual CO burden = 291.1 Tg  
 primary CO burden: 129.4 Tg  
 secondary CO burden: 161.7 Tg

MOPITT reanalysis  
 Total tropospheric annual CO burden = 391.7 Tg  
 primary CO burden: 197.1 Tg  
 secondary CO burden: 194.5 Tg



# Decreasing CO abundance reduces methane lifetime

Gaubert et al.,  
GRL, 2017



**MOPITT-Reanalysis (DART, with MET assim.)**  
**Control-Run (MERRA)**  
**Control-SCO (MERRA with specified CO)**  
**DART-Control (1<sup>st</sup> year only)**

Although meteorology (MERRA vs. DART assim.) affects the  $\text{CH}_4$  lifetime offset, the reduction (slope) in  $\text{CH}_4$  lifetime is due mostly to decreasing CO.

# Conclusions

- SWIR column CH<sub>4</sub> AKs depend mainly on SZA, satellite ZA and CH<sub>4</sub> amount.
- Only small differences (< 1%) in simulated CH<sub>4</sub> columns are found from using a scene dependent LUT column AK compared to an average AK for column CH<sub>4</sub>
  - OSSE results from previous SWIR CH<sub>4</sub> studies do not have large uncertainties from assuming an average AK
- Emission tool for including CH<sub>4</sub> emissions in DART/CESM being developed
- Lifetime of methane has significant dependence on changes in CO through OH
- Decreasing emissions of CO (e.g., BB and China) need to be included in model studies and assessments that aim to attribute changes in methane emissions, abundance, growth rates and lifetime
- Start using TROPOMI CH<sub>4</sub> to see what time/spatial scales are possible for emissions from LEO at 7 km
- Compare these to surface estimates for a well characterized regions (e.g. Greeley with NOAA mobile labs)



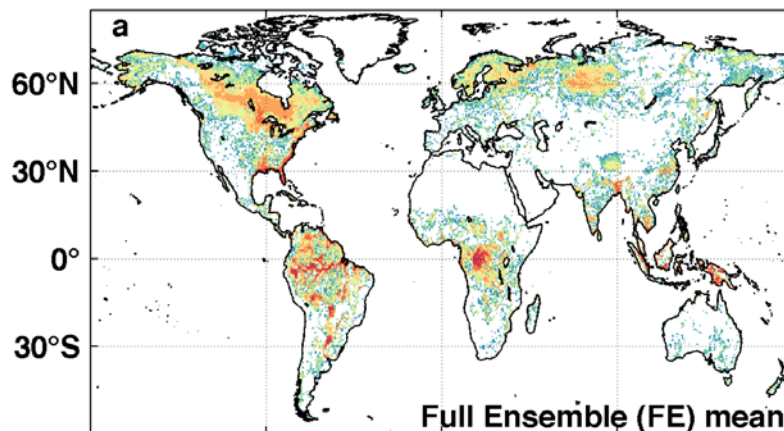
# The role of wetland emissions within the North America geostationary domain

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Meemong Lee

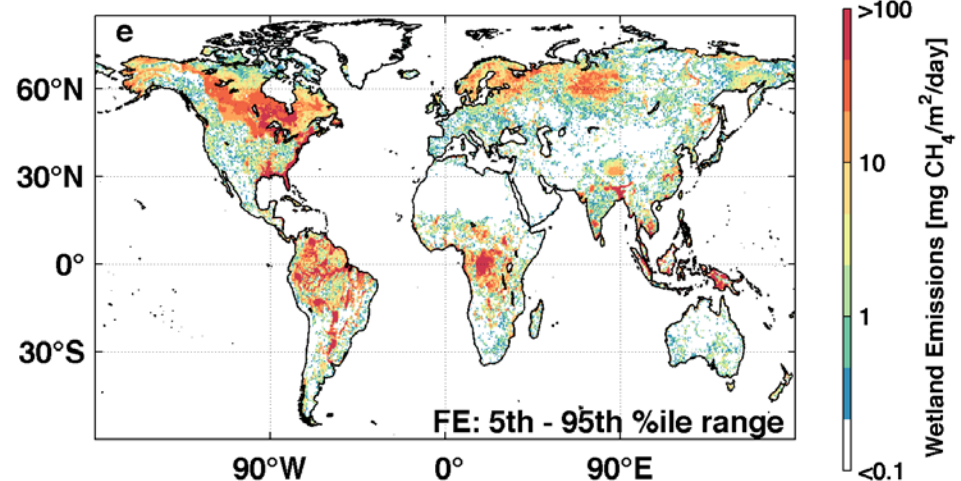
# Wetlands & the NA CH<sub>4</sub> budget

- Wetlands account to ~50% of NA CH<sub>4</sub> budget.
- Major uncertainties on location and extent within and outside NA domain.
- Global constraints on magnitude lead to substantial error correlations between NA and the rest of the world.
- Constraints on NA and global wetlands key to NA GEO mission success.

WetCHARTs mean

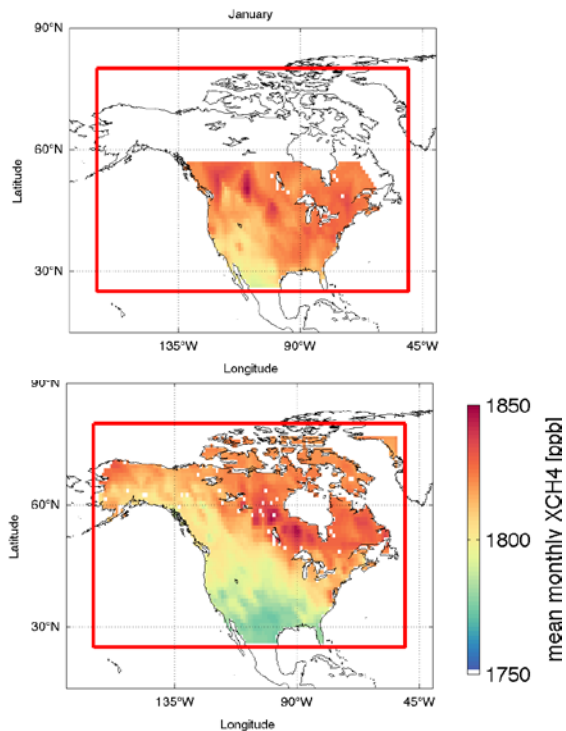


WetCHARTs: uncertainty

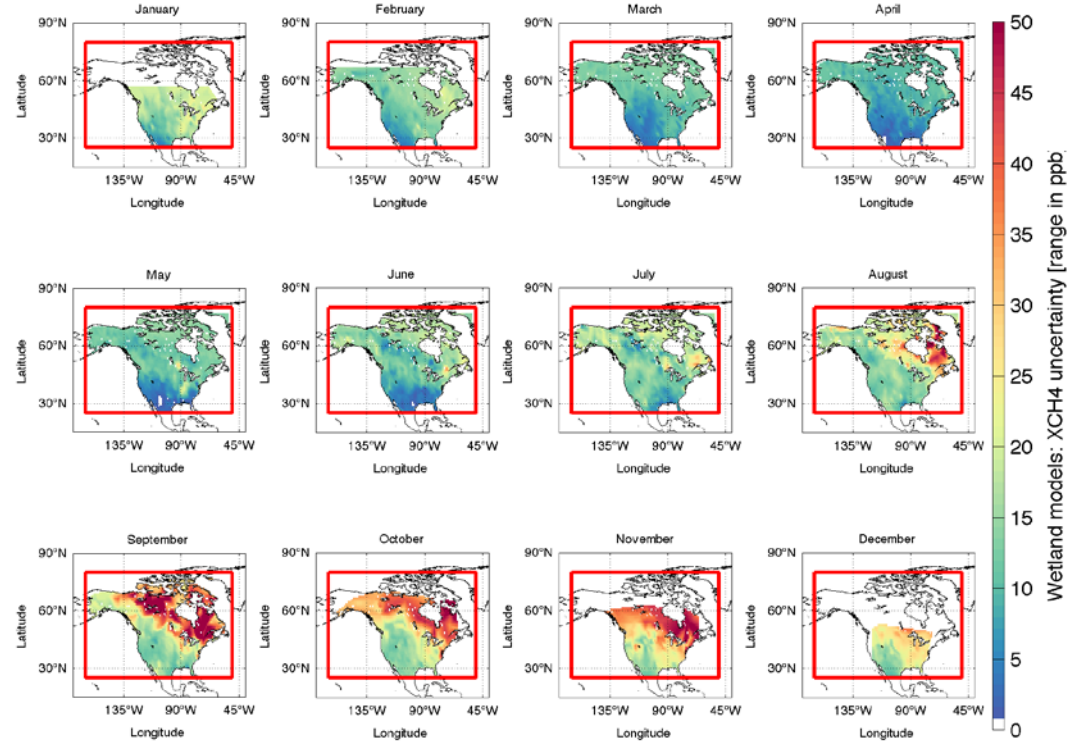


# Atmospheric simulations of wetland CH<sub>4</sub> within GEO-CAPE domain

January & July mean XCH<sub>4</sub> concentrations



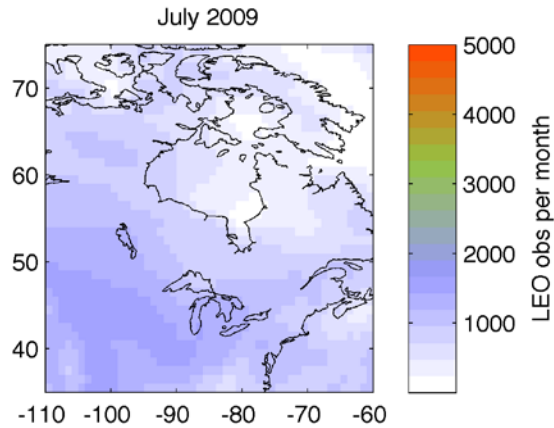
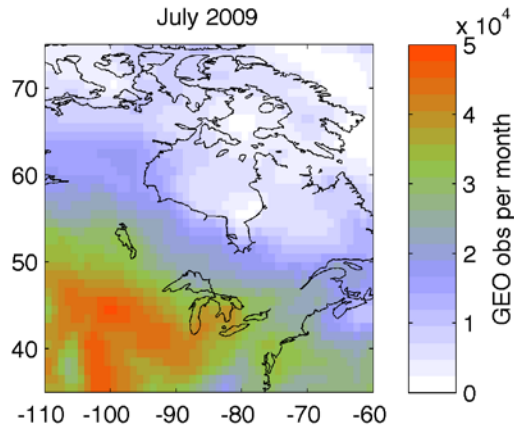
**Uncertainty:** based on 3 wetland emission scenarios.  
Range comparable to WETCHIMP model range



1. GEO-CAPE XCH<sub>4</sub> observations can differentiate between summer-time (July-October) enhancements due to wetland CH<sub>4</sub> emission scenarios (provided a 1.1% - approx. 20ppb - observational precision; Wecht et al., 2014).
2. Large uncertainty (comparable to typical XCH<sub>4</sub> spatial variability) due to uncertainty in the magnitude and timing of wetland CH<sub>4</sub> emissions.



# Satellite-constrained wetland CH<sub>4</sub> flux uncertainty



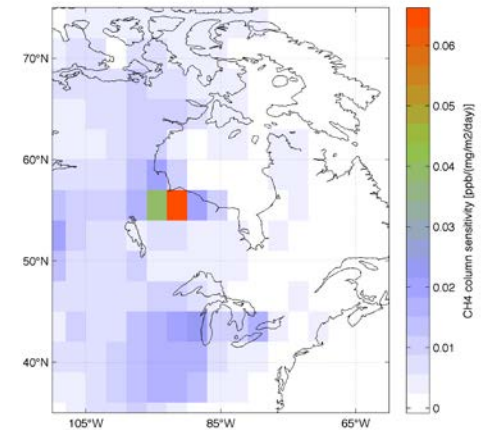
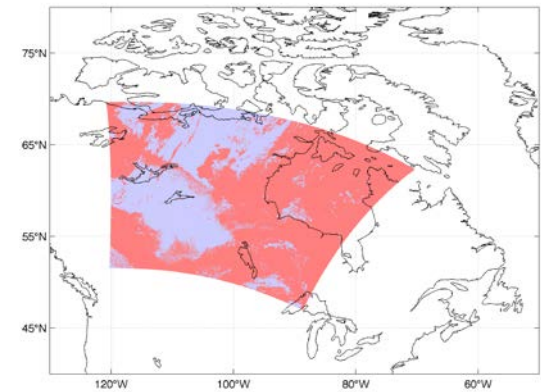
**Step 1.** Number of GEOCAPE and TROPOMI observations in July 2009 using MODIS cloud cover, ERA-interim cloud cover & sunshine hours.

**Step 2.** Construction of mock atmospheric operator using GEOS-Chem adjoint.

**Step 3.** Wetland CH<sub>4</sub> flux uncertainty, based on Monte Carlo perturbation of GEO-CAPE and TROPOMI concentrations using Wecht et al., 2014 observation uncertainty.

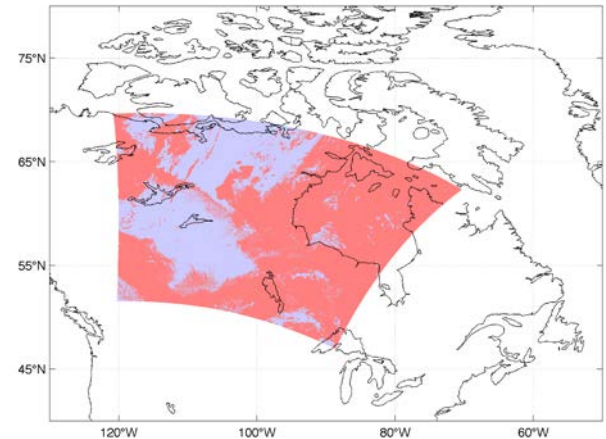
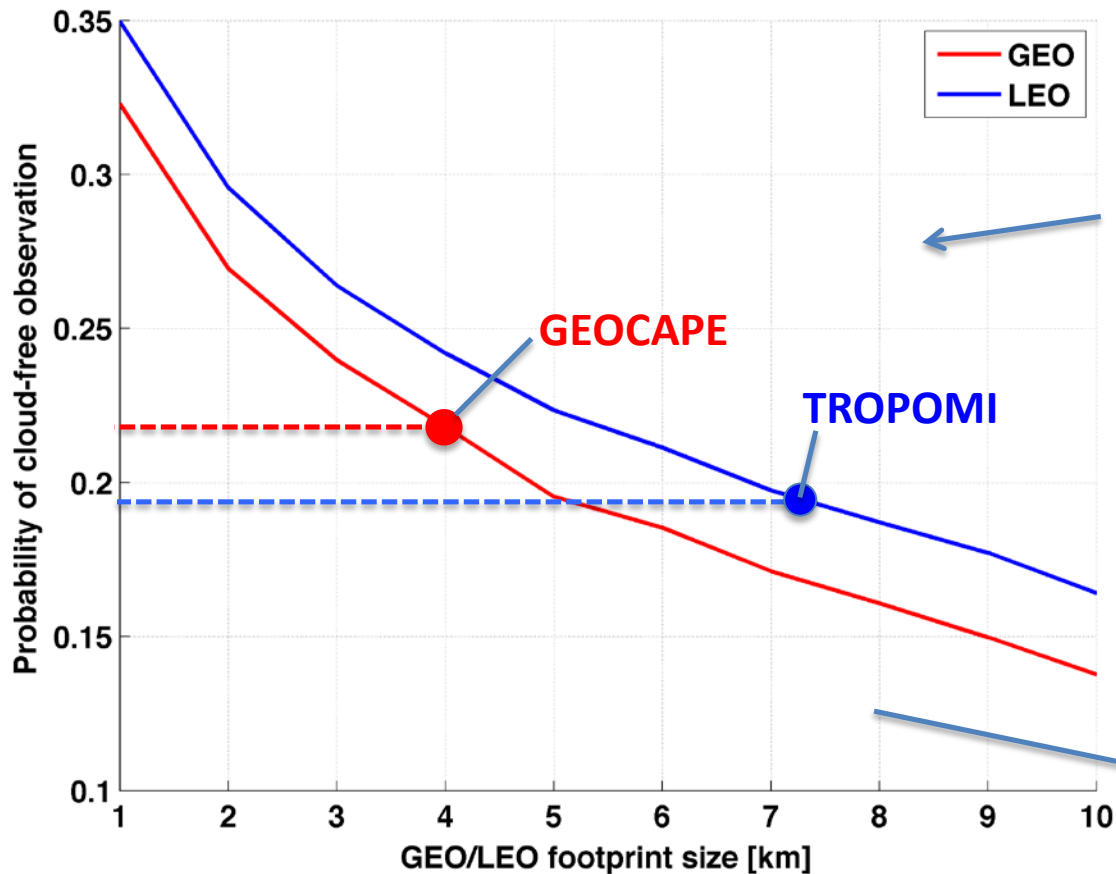
(Analysis described by Bloom et al., 2016).

MODIS cloud-cover



Example CH<sub>4</sub> column influence function: derived using GOSAT averaging kernel and GEOS-Chem CH<sub>4</sub> adjoint.

# MODIS cloud cover



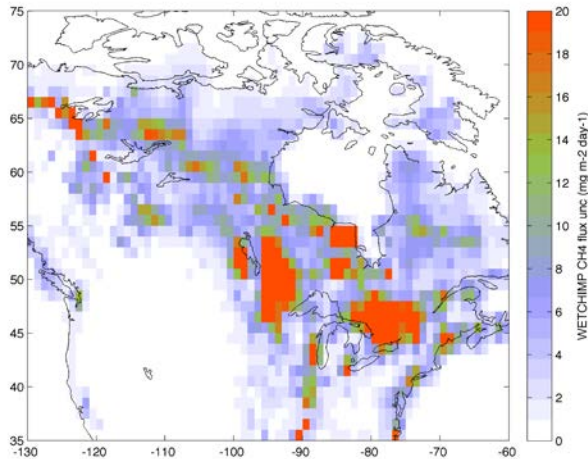
Example: 1km x 1km  
MODIS cloud cover

**Cloud-free domain  $\neq$   
Cloud-free observations**

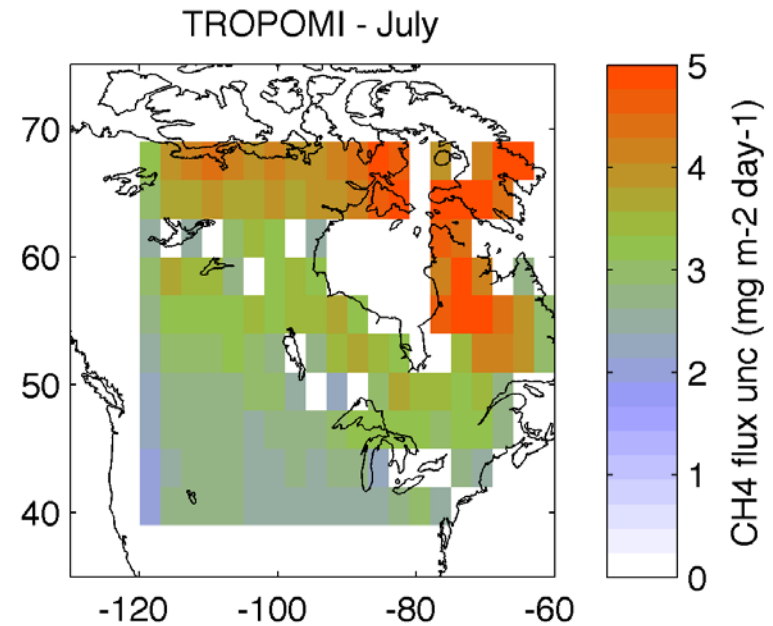
- GEOCAPE: smaller pixel size increases cloud-free observation yield (despite  $\sim 60^\circ$  angle from nadir)
- We use MODIS cloud cover statistics to derive ERA-interim cloud-free cover domain for GEOCAPE (0.6) and TROPOMI (0.5)



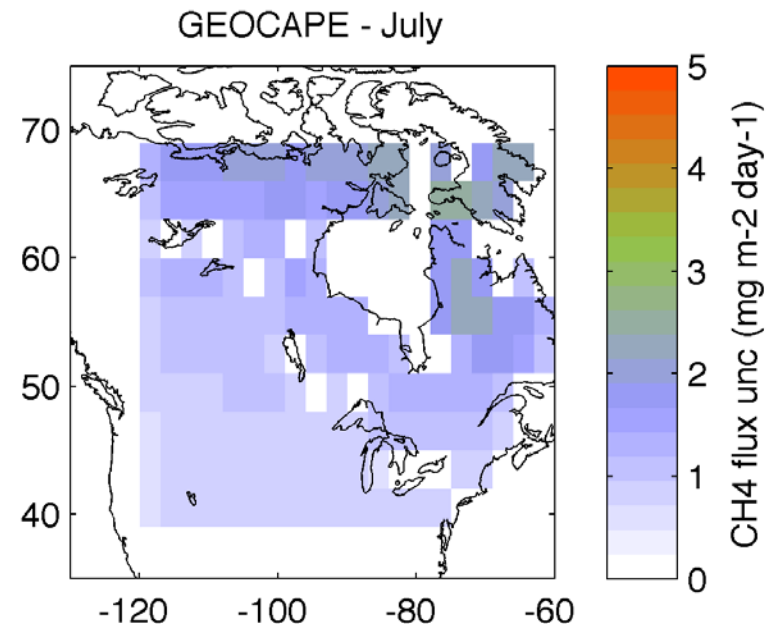
# GEO-CAPE wetland CH<sub>4</sub> OSSE: example

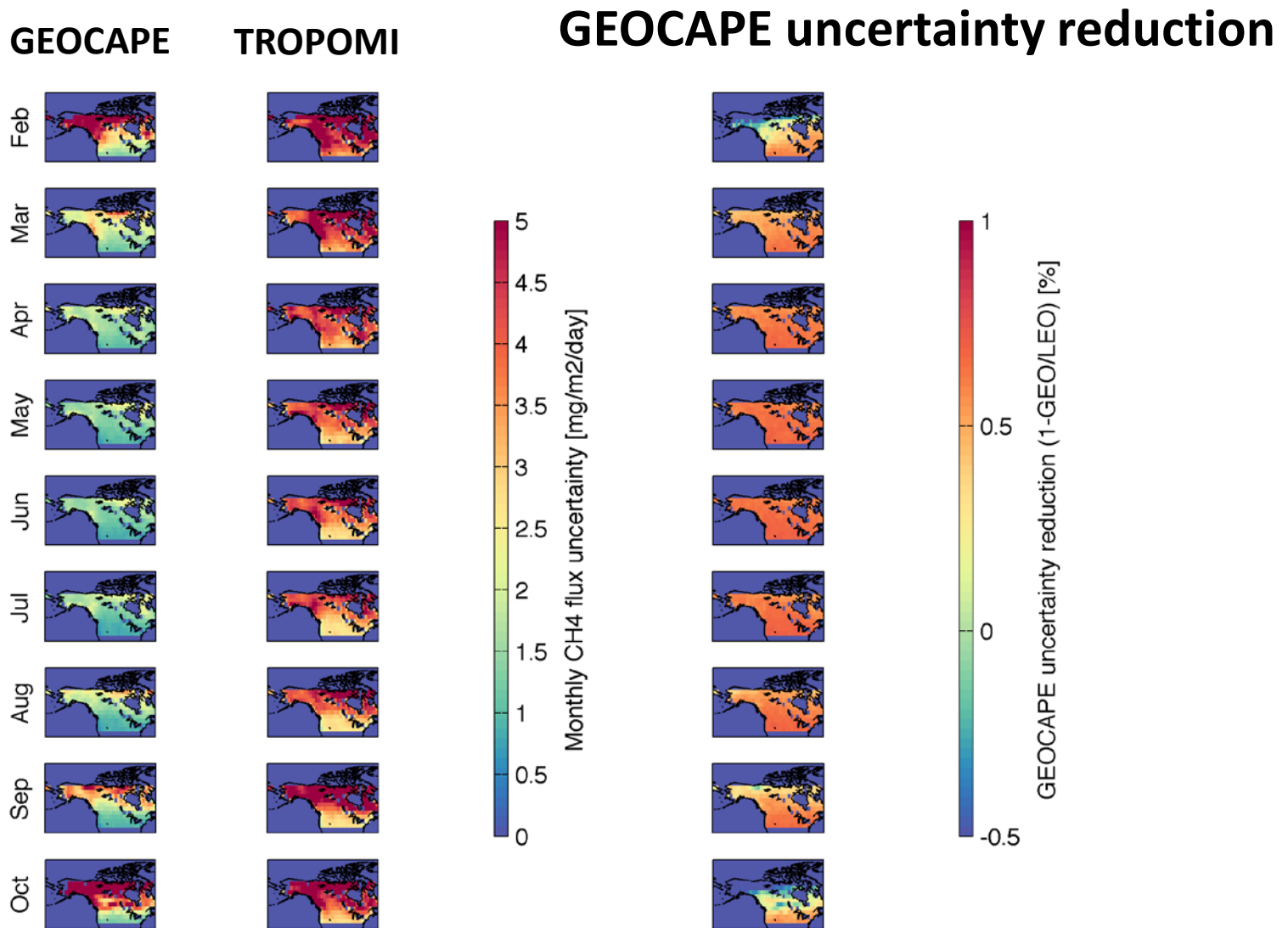


*July  
WETCHIMP  
uncertainty*



1. Example, July 2009: GEO-CAPE observations indicate factor ~2 improvement (relative to TROPOMI) in ~300km CH<sub>4</sub> flux estimates in major NA wetland region.
2. Based on preliminary simulation of GEO-CAPE retrieved flux uncertainty, GEO-CAPE measurements will provide substantial constraints on WETCHIMP wetland model CH<sub>4</sub> uncertainties.

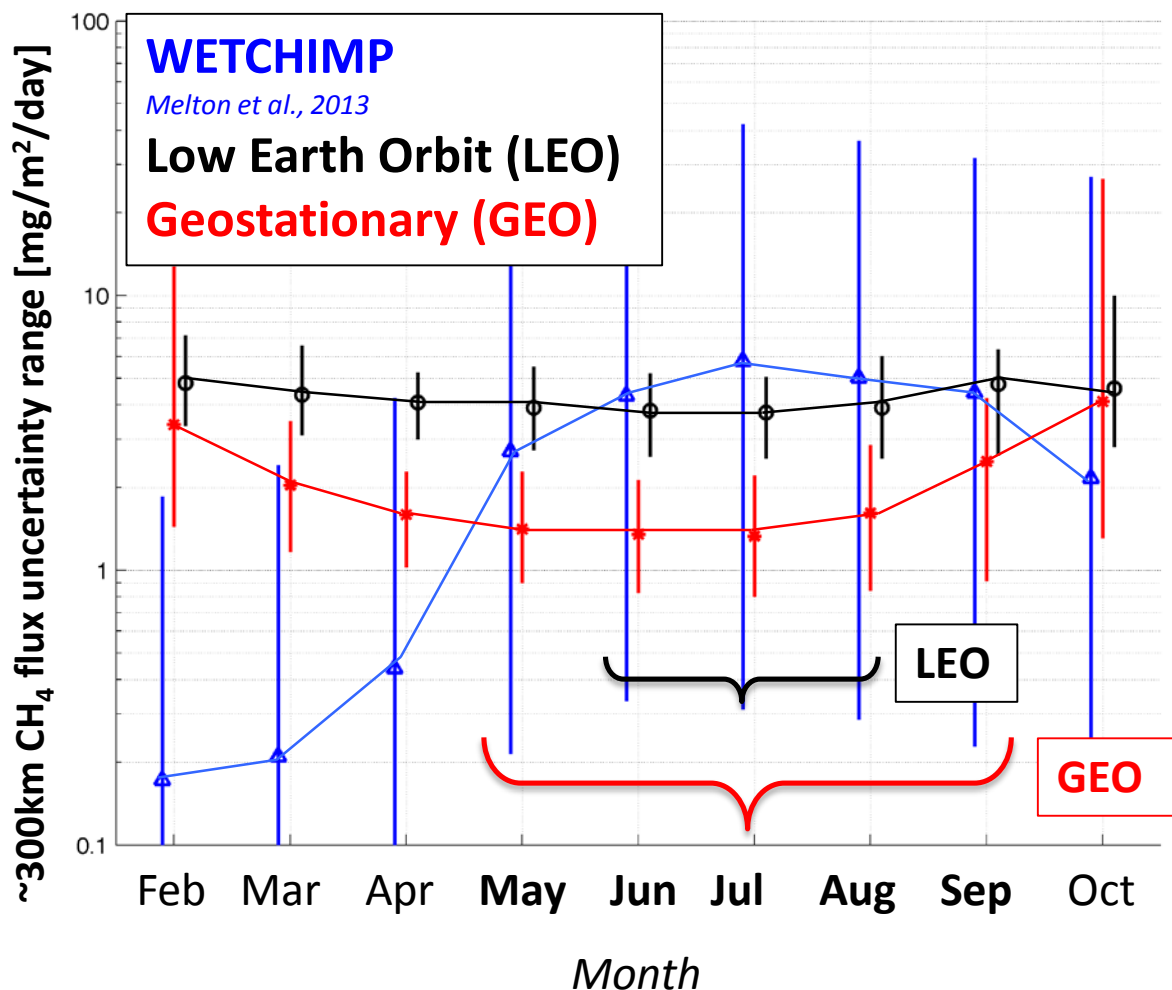




- 1. GEOCAPE yields 60% uncertainty reduction (relative to TROPOMI) over NA wetlands**
- 2. GEOCAPE advantage is largest in summer (coincides with largest CH<sub>4</sub> emissions).**
- 3. Fewer sunlight hours in shoulder seasons reduce the relative advantage of GEOCAPE.**

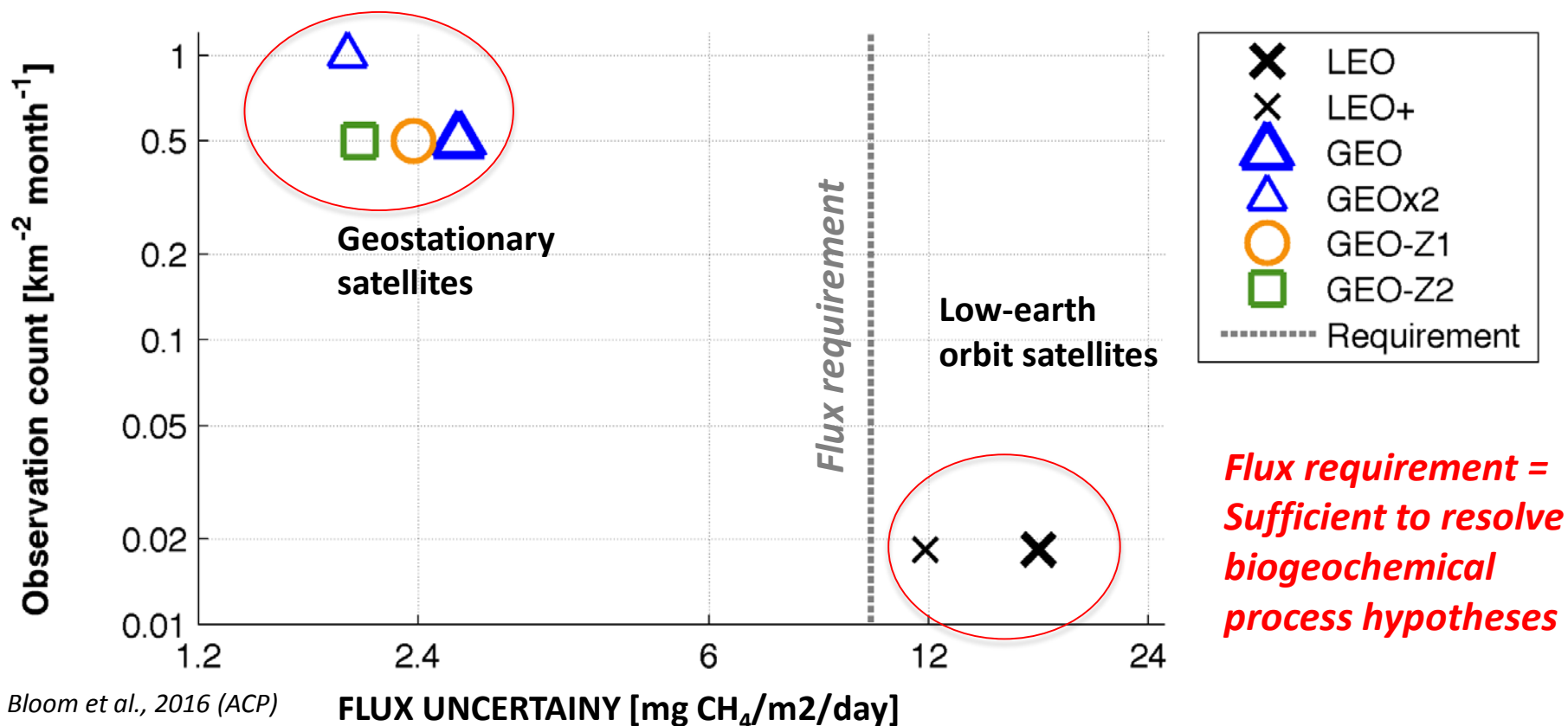
# Satellite-retrieved and model ensemble CH<sub>4</sub> flux uncertainty

North America (40N – 70N)



1. **Low Earth Orbit** can improve median WETCHIMP CH<sub>4</sub> uncertainty for 3-month period (Jun – Aug).
2. **Geostationary:** can improve median WETCHIMP CH<sub>4</sub> uncertainty for 5-month period (May – Sep).
3. **Geostationary:** can potentially constrain early season CH<sub>4</sub> fluxes in high-emission wetland regions.

# Biogeochemical constraints on wetland CH<sub>4</sub> emissions: lessons learned from Amazon OSSE

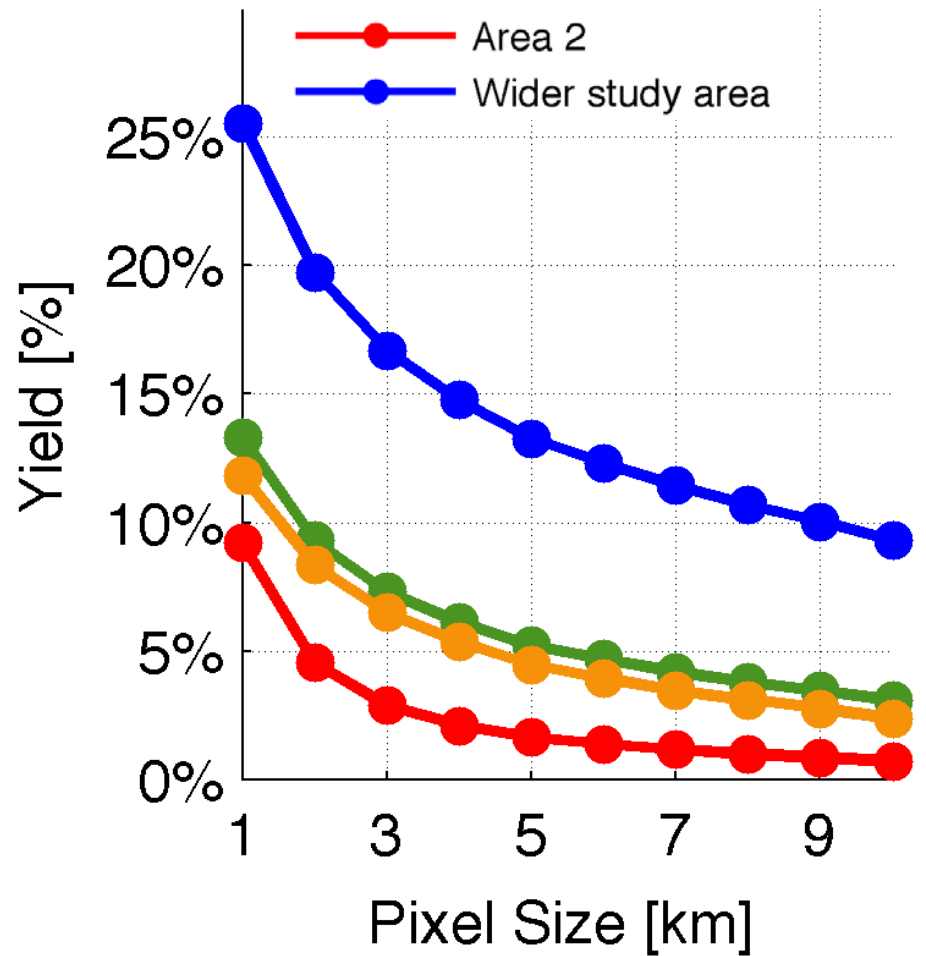


- Geostationary OSs can resolve CH<sub>4</sub> fluxes at a sufficient resolution to distinguish between key biogeochemical process hypotheses
- Biogeochemical insights crucial for understanding seasonal and year-to-year evolution of NA CH<sub>4</sub> budget

# Conclusions

- Wetlands are a central component of the NA domain and its boundary conditions.
- Reducing uncertainties in magnitude and timing of wetlands key to deciphering the NA budget.
- Geostationary mission will provide substantial uncertainty reductions on wetland model CH<sub>4</sub> emissions.
- Based on Amazon OSSE, geostationary mission will likely resolve fluxes at sufficient resolution to test biogeochemical process hypotheses, which are central to understanding the evolution of the NA CH<sub>4</sub> budget.

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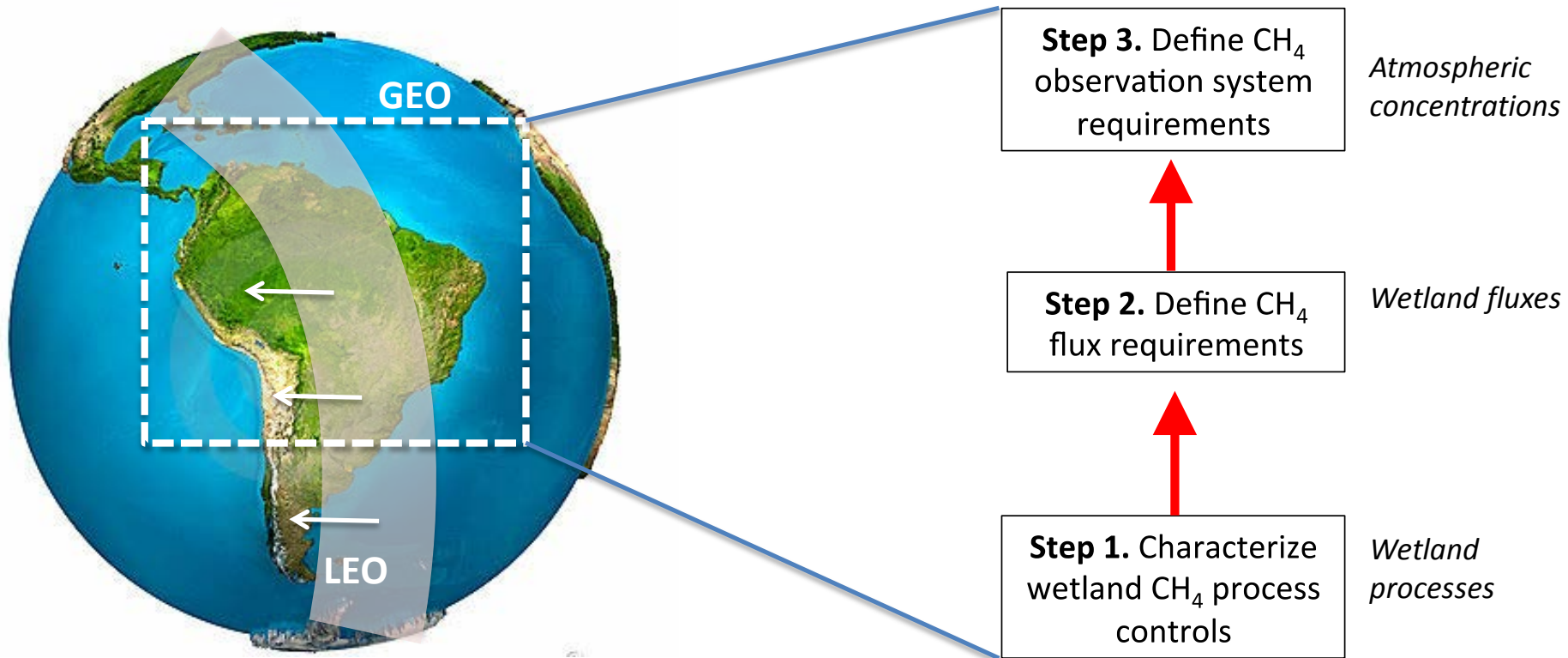
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MODIS mean monthly cloud cover

**Cloud cover:** MODIS imagery was used to assess the role of pixel size in the abundance and spatial distribution of cloud-free CH<sub>4</sub> observations.



# Part 2: what observing system is needed to reduce biogeochemical process uncertainty?

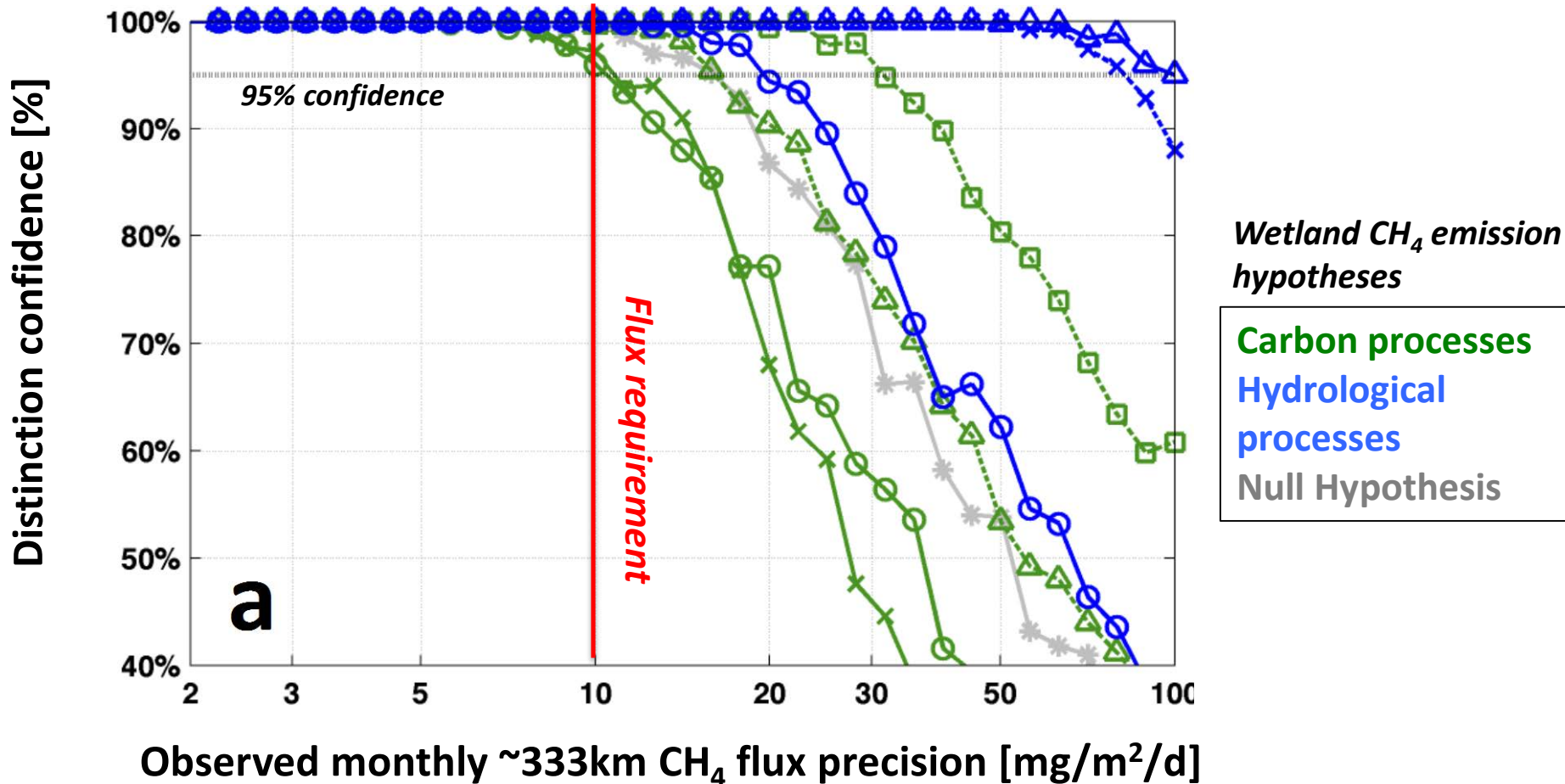
## *Amazon CH<sub>4</sub> emissions as a case study*



*Bloom et al., 2016 (ACP)*



# Observing system simulation experiment (OSSE)



Wetland  $\text{CH}_4$  emission hypotheses

- Carbon processes
- Hydrological processes
- Null Hypothesis

Bloom et al., 2016 (ACP)

**Top-down  $\text{CH}_4$  flux requirement: 333km, monthly, 10  $\text{mg CH}_4 \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ day}^{-1}$**



# Simulated Geostationary CH<sub>4</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>, CO and Aerosol Measurements Testbed: California Laboratory for Atmospheric Remote Sensing



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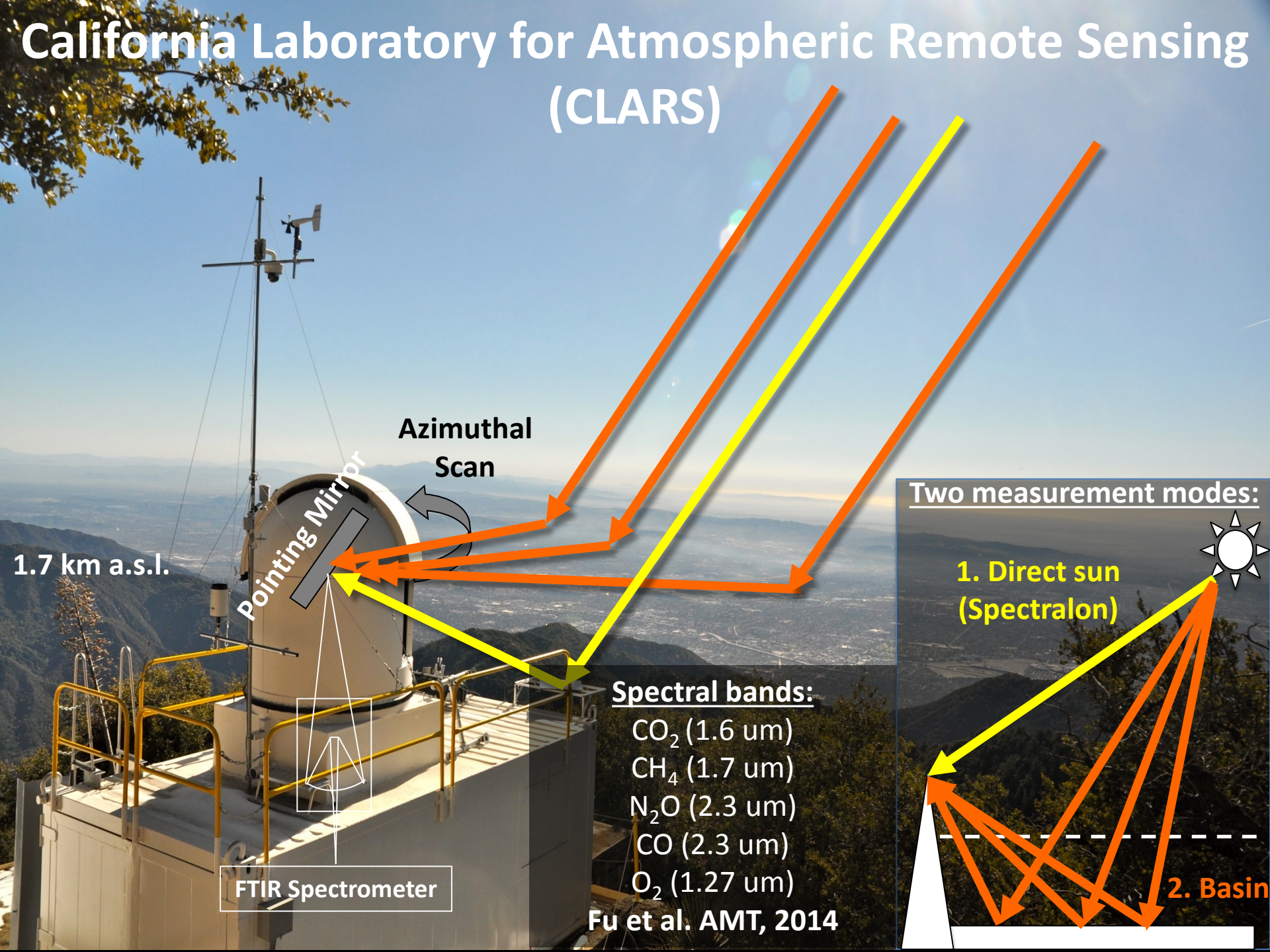
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# Objectives for GEO-CAPE pre-phase A studies

1. Using an observing system for trace gases that emulates a spectrometer in geostationary orbit, obtain spatially and temporally resolved fluxes of trace gases including CH<sub>4</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub> and CO from column abundance measurements.
2. Assess the impact of confounding variables including high and low clouds and aerosols, topographic relief, and surface albedo variations
3. Use these results to refine the measurement and instrument requirements for instruments on future missions.
4. Continue to develop the technology for future imaging Fourier transform spectrometers such as PanFTS.

# California Laboratory for Atmospheric Remote Sensing (CLARS)



1.7 km a.s.l.

Pointing Mirror

Azimuthal Scan

FTIR Spectrometer

### Spectral bands:

- CO<sub>2</sub> (1.6  $\mu\text{m}$ )
- CH<sub>4</sub> (1.7  $\mu\text{m}$ )
- N<sub>2</sub>O (2.3  $\mu\text{m}$ )
- CO (2.3  $\mu\text{m}$ )
- O<sub>2</sub> (1.27  $\mu\text{m}$ )

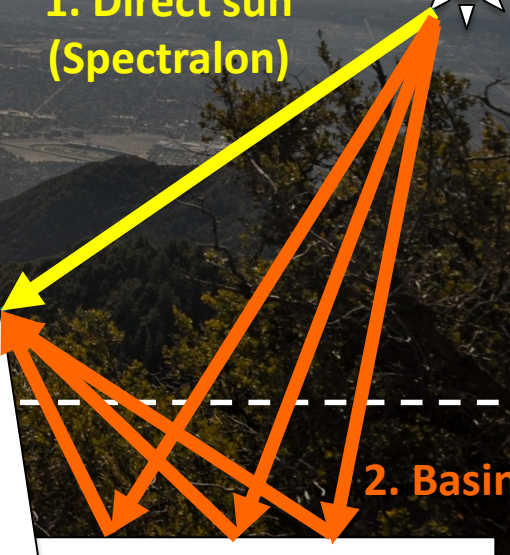
Fu et al. AMT, 2014

### Two measurement modes:

1. Direct sun (Spectralon)



2. Basin





★ CH<sub>4</sub> leak

- ▲ CLARS reflection points
- In situ tower stations
- ☀ TCCON station



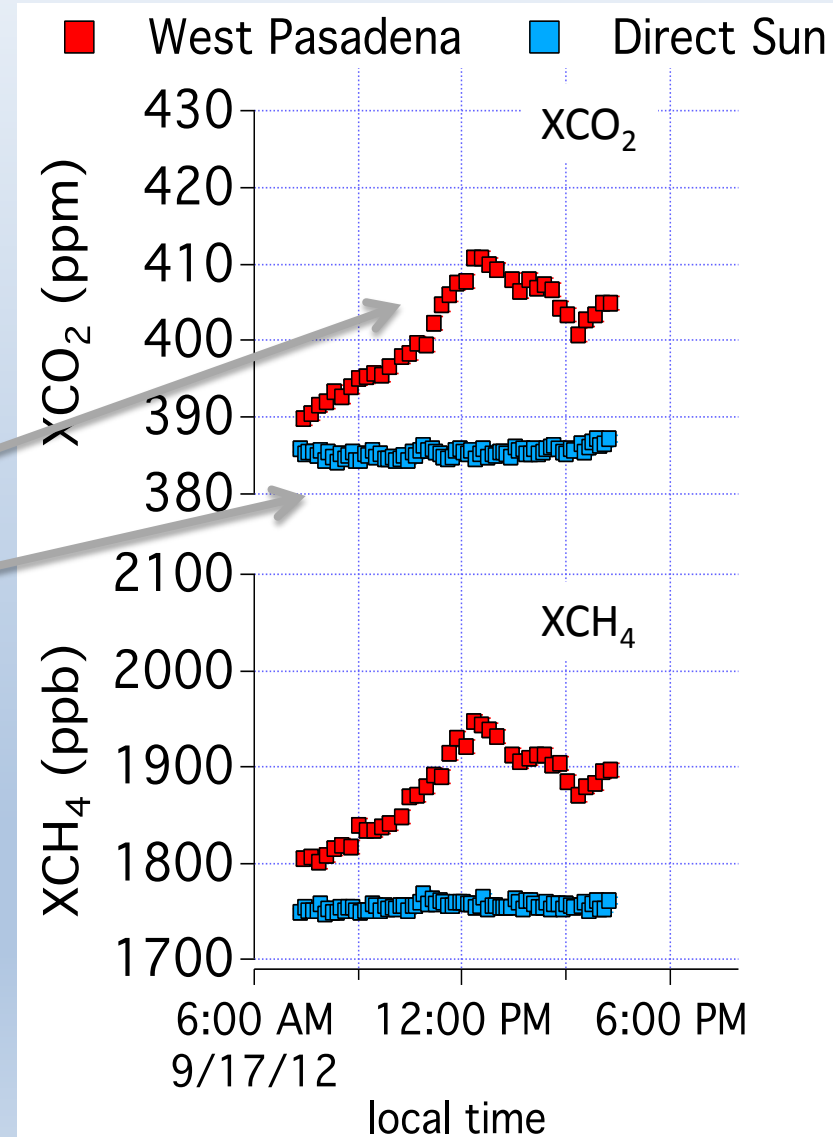
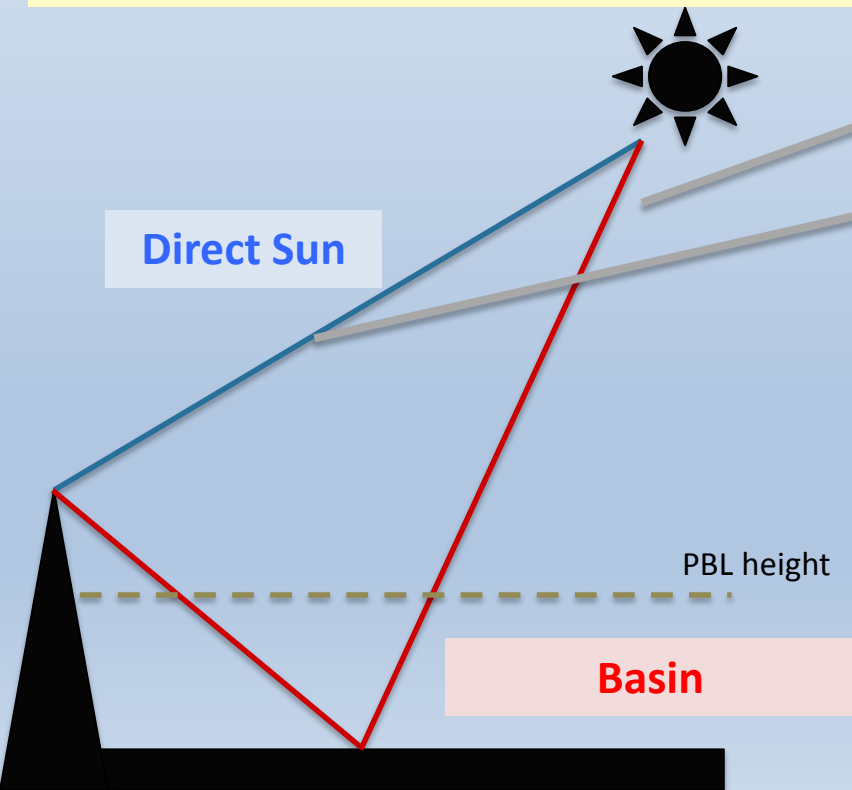
CLARS-FTS



4-8 mapping cycles/day depending on season, clouds and aerosols

# Diurnal variations of Direct Sun & Basin XGAS

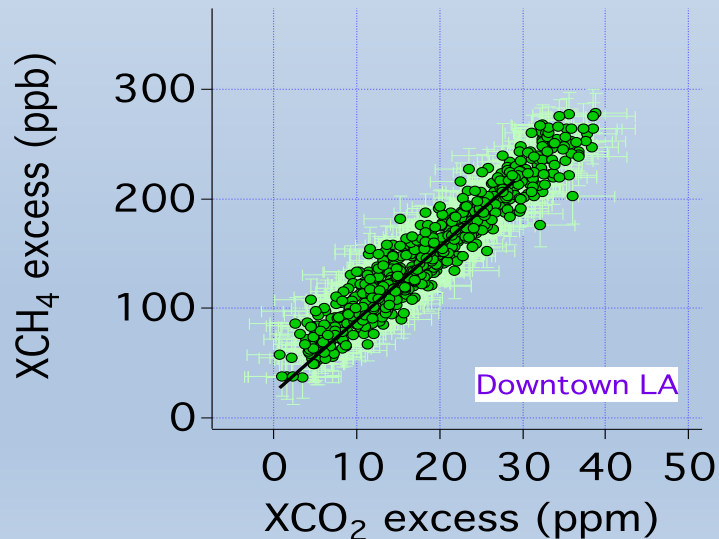
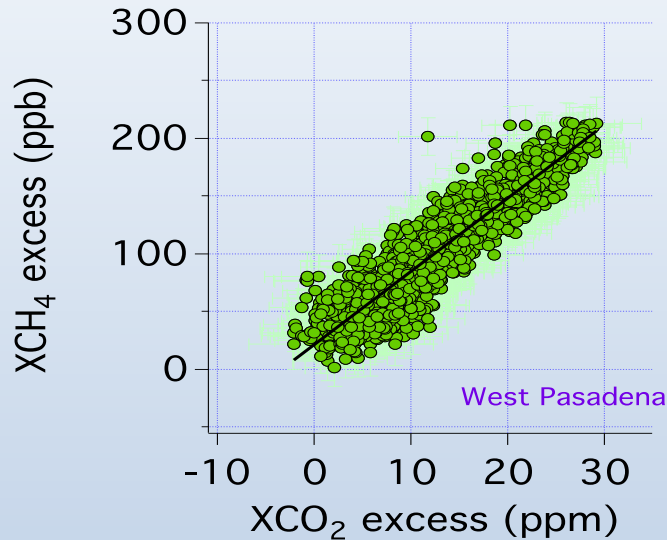
- Direct sun XGAS diurnal variability is small as expected
- Basin XGAS shows strong diurnal variation due to basin emissions.
- CLARS basin XGAS is strongly weighted to the boundary layer due to large VZA





# Correlation Between $XCH_4$ and $XCO_2$ Excess

Period: September 2011 – October 2013



- Tight correlations between  $XCO_2$  and  $XCH_4$  excess are observed at every reflection point even though they are emitted by different sources – why?
- Both species are chemically inert, so the variabilities of both  $CO_2$  and  $CH_4$  are controlled primarily by local emissions and advection.

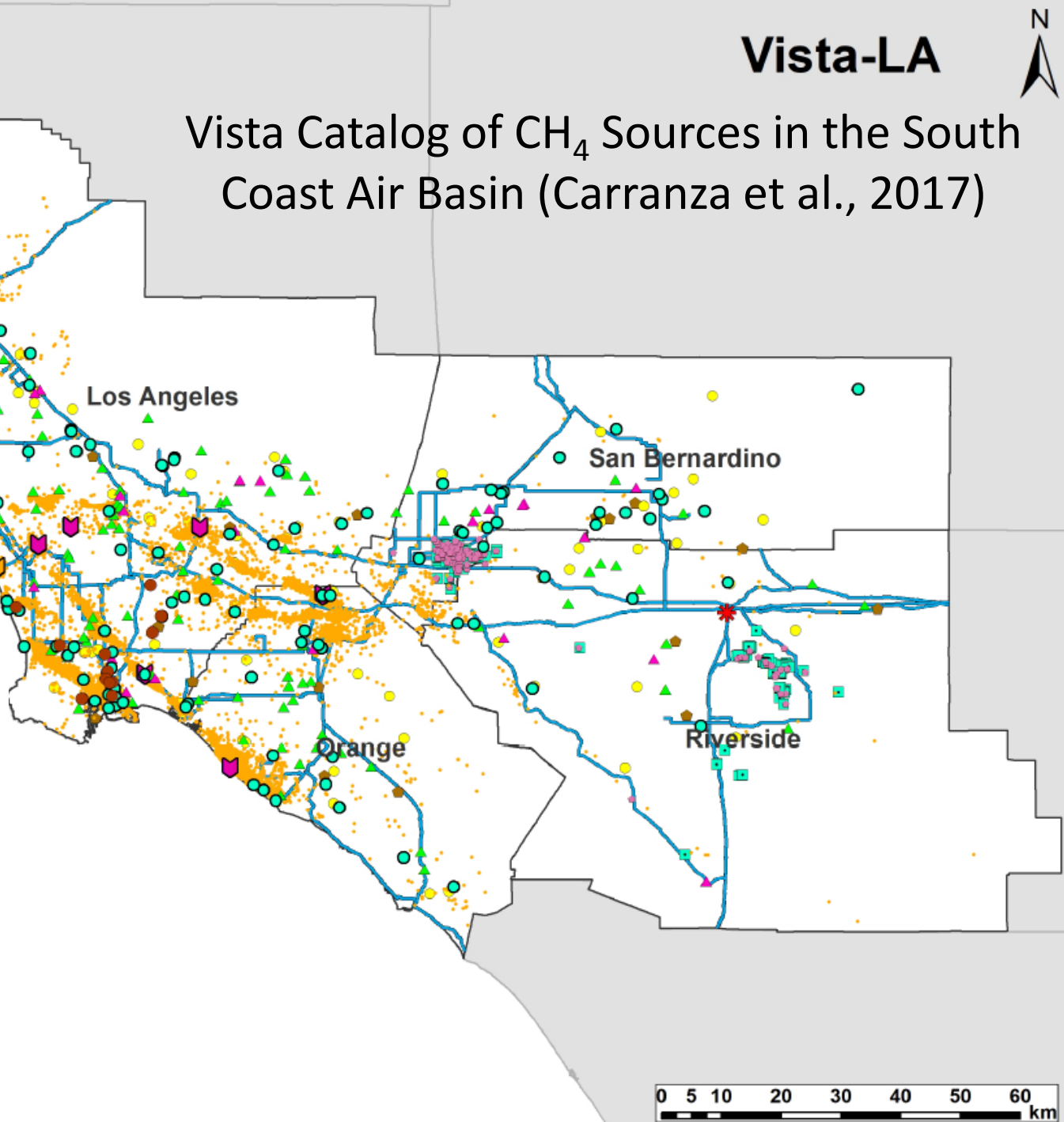
# Vista-LA



## Vista Catalog of CH<sub>4</sub> Sources in the South Coast Air Basin (Carranza et al., 2017)

### Vista-LA

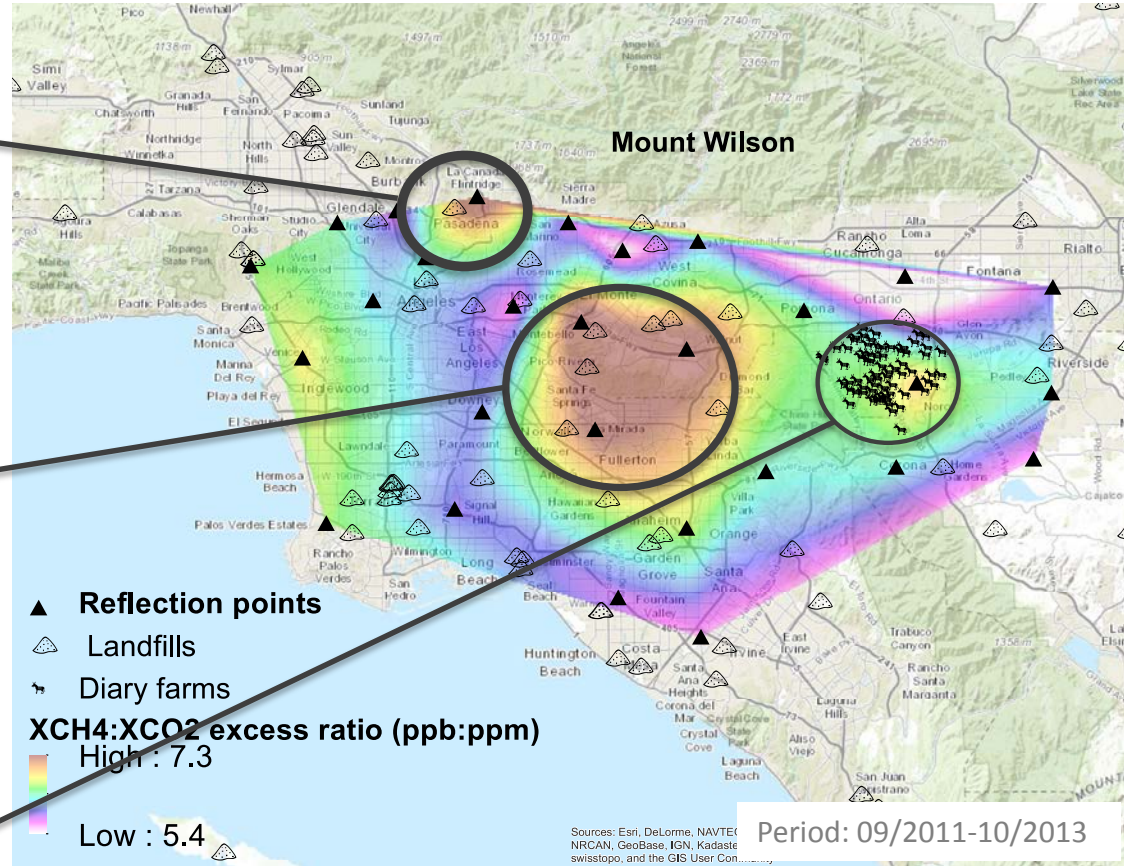
- Anaerobic Lagoons
- ▲ Compressed Natural Gas Fueling Stations
- Dairies
- ◆ Landfills
- ▲ Liquefied Natural Gas Fueling Stations
- Natural Gas Pipelines
- Natural Gas Processing Plants
- Natural Gas Storage Fields
- ✱ Natural Gas Compressor Stations
- Petroleum Refineries
- Power Plants
- Wastewater Treatment Plants



# Map of XCH<sub>4</sub>:XCO<sub>2</sub> Excess Ratio

- Scholl Canyon landfill
- NG pipeline

- Puente Hills landfill
- Fracking sites



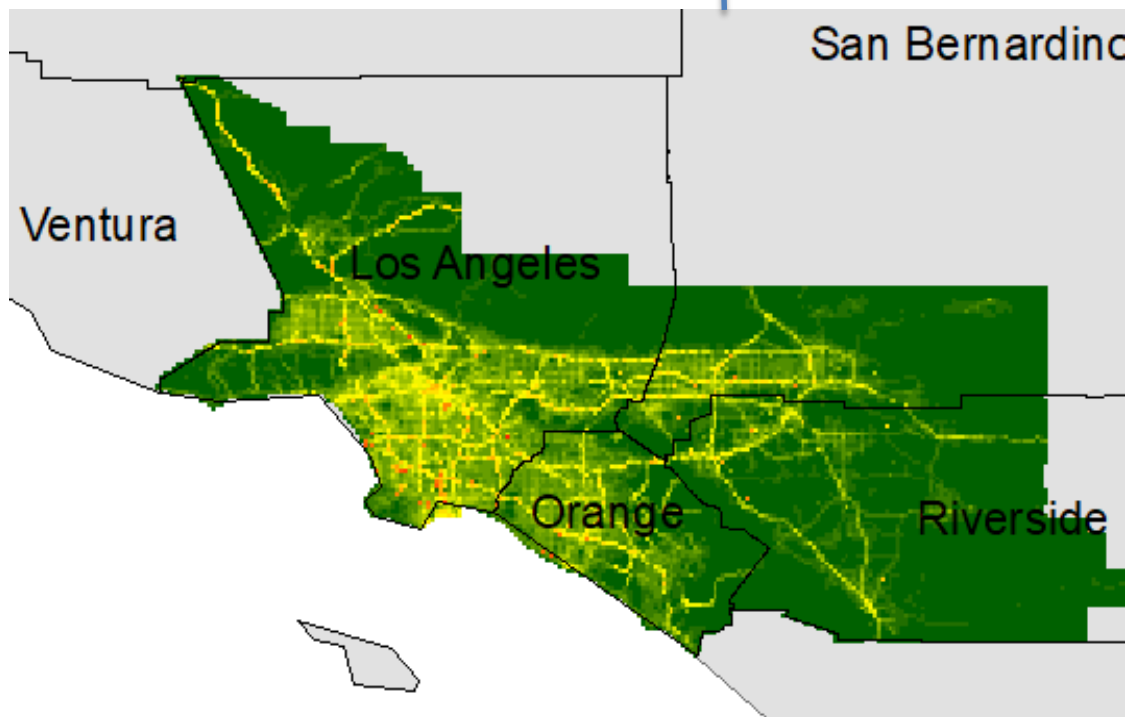
Dairy farms

\*Attribution of CH<sub>4</sub> hot spots to specific sources is not feasible. Other methods are required, e.g. in situ measurements, isotopic fractionation

# Basin-wide CH<sub>4</sub> emissions inventory

Using CLARS FTS XCH<sub>4</sub>:XCO<sub>2</sub> excess ratio measurements, basin-wide CH<sub>4</sub> emissions are given by:

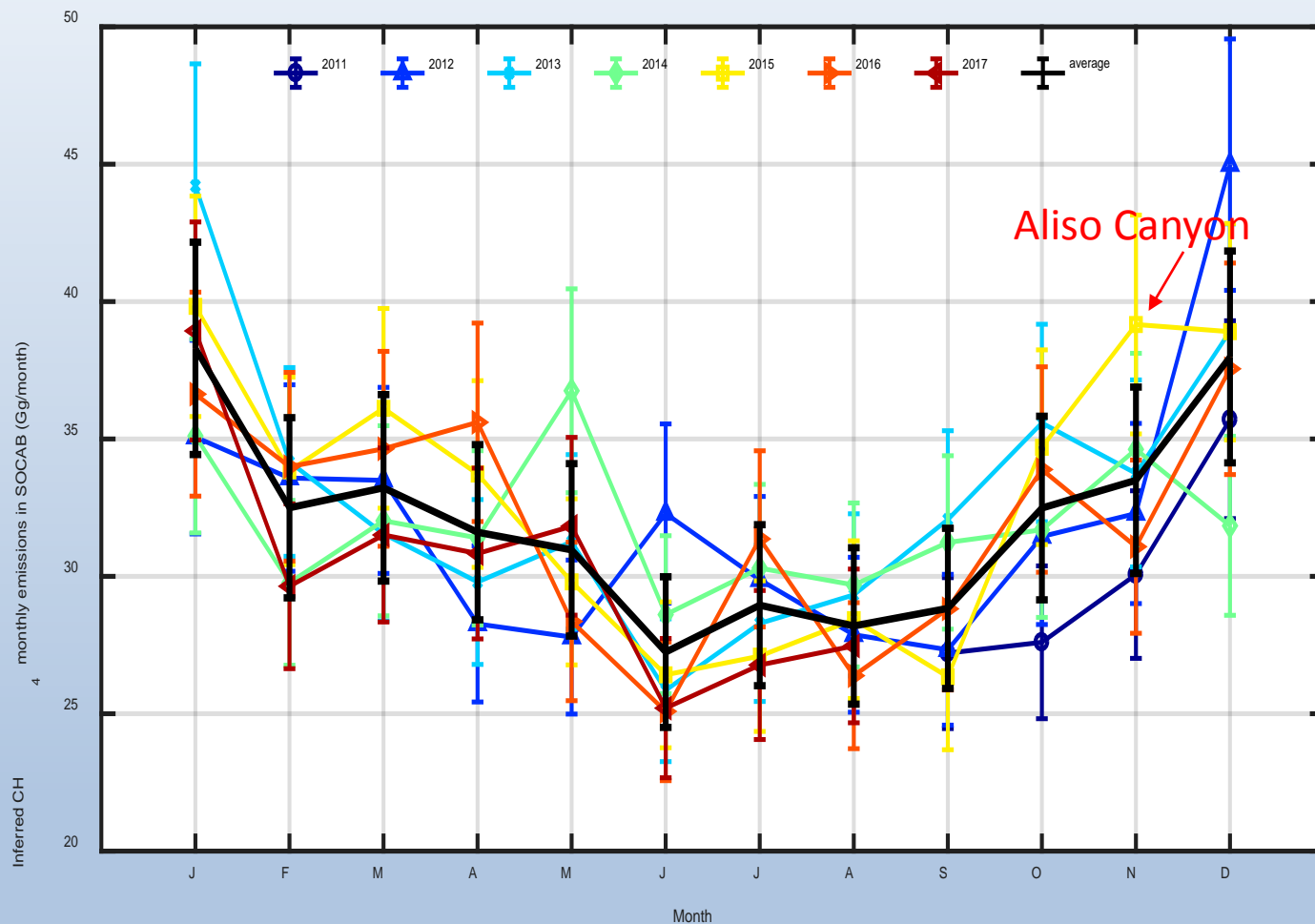
$$E_{CH_4}|_{top-down} = E_{CO_2}|_{bottom-up} \times \frac{X_{CH_4}}{X_{CO_2}}|_{slope} \times \frac{MW_{CH_4}}{MW_{CO_2}}$$



Bottom-up CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from the Hestia v2.4 inventory in the South Coast Air Basin (Gurney et al.):

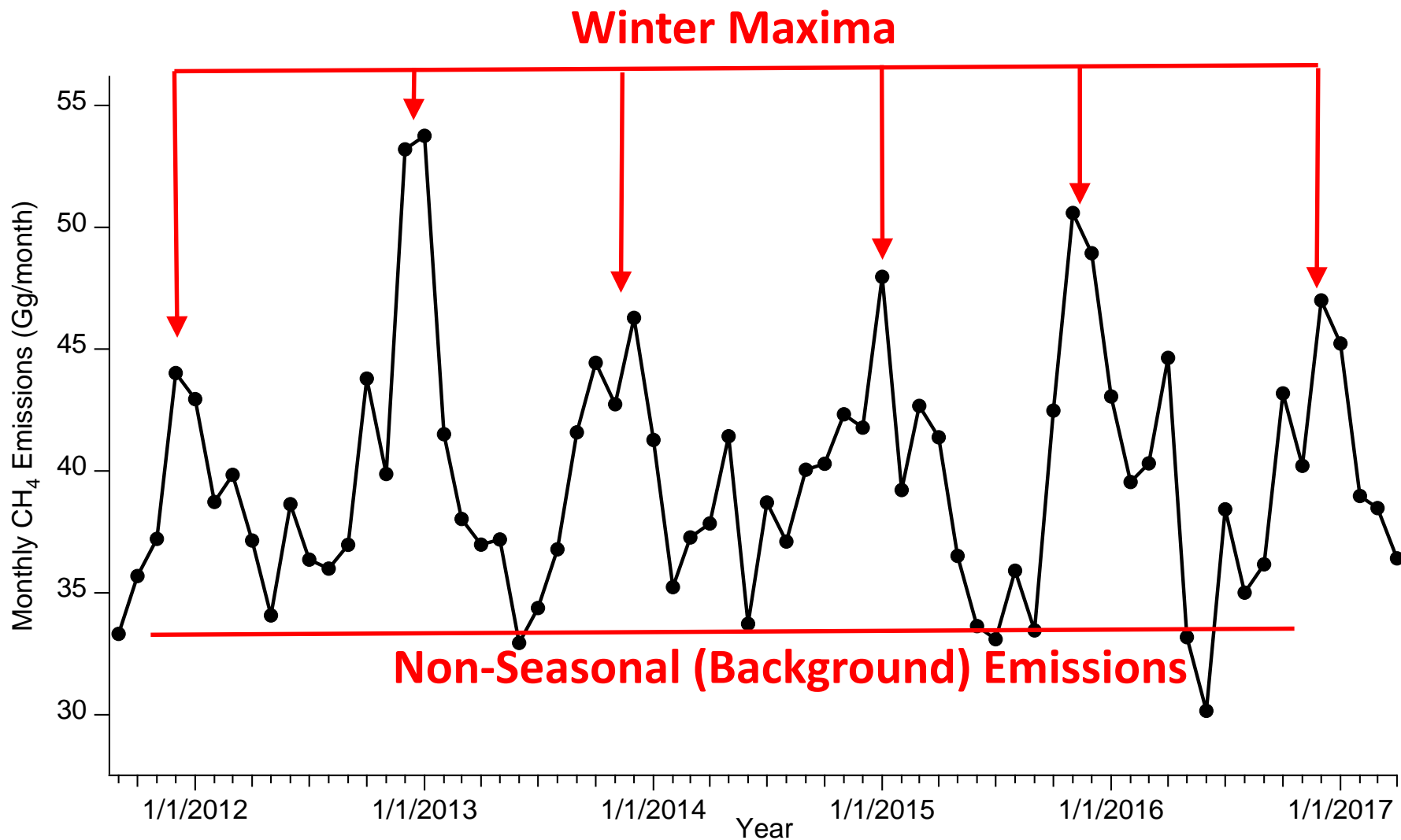
- Building scale
- Hourly

# CLARS-FTS Monthly Methane Emissions in the LA Basin



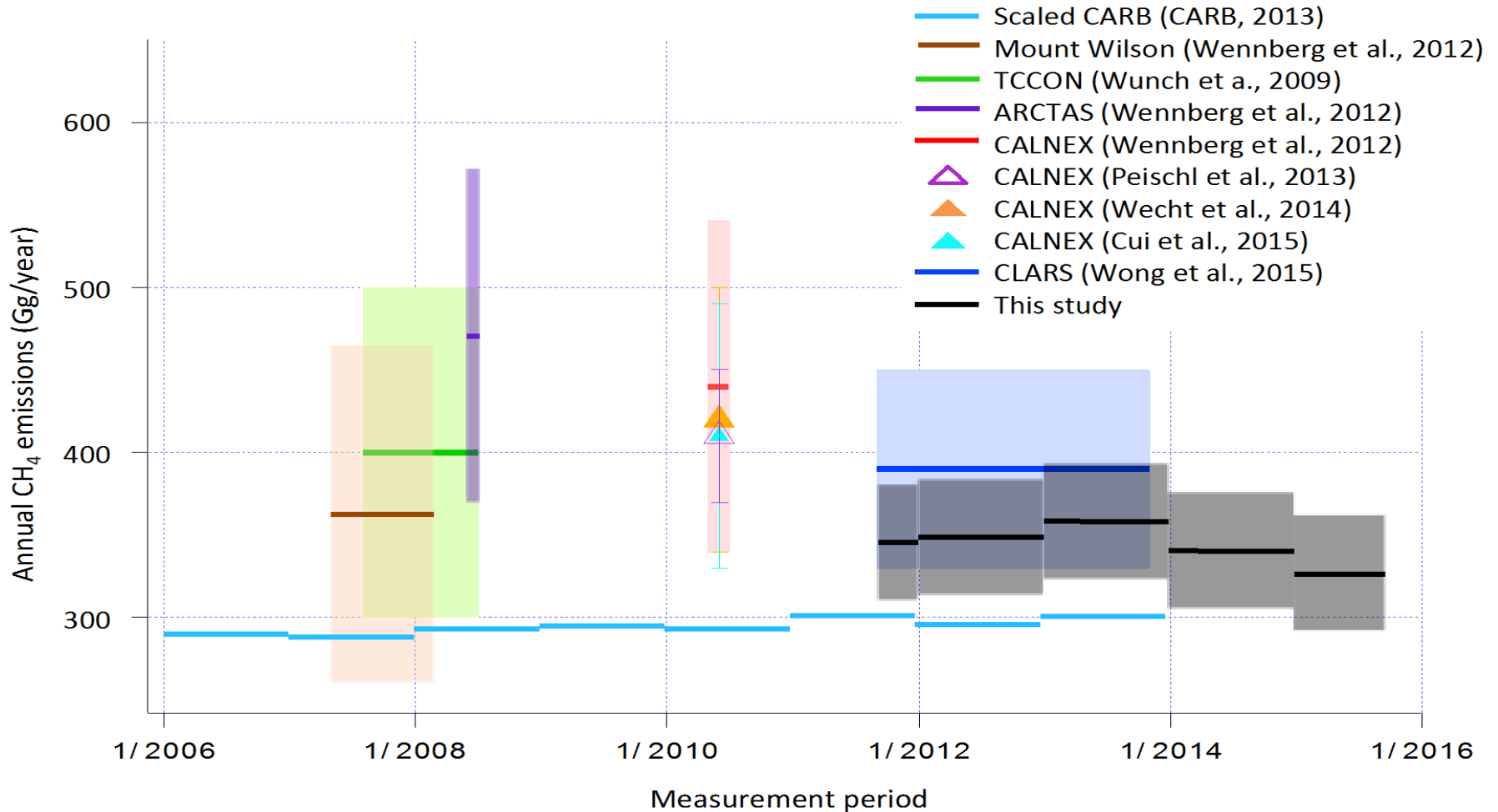
**Annual monthly pattern of CH<sub>4</sub> emissions is highly repeatable with large winter maximum**

# CLARS-FTS Monthly Methane Emissions in the LA Basin



- CLARS-FTS data reveal prominent annual peaks in  $\text{CH}_4$  emissions as well as non-seasonal background emissions

# Annual CH<sub>4</sub> Emissions Estimates in the past 10 years in Los Angeles



- CLARS observations are consistent with previous estimates.
- Scaled CARB CH<sub>4</sub> emissions from 2011 to 2013 were 2-31% lower than our estimates.



# Tracking CH4 Transport Over the LA Basin from an Episodic Release: Aliso Canyon Natural Gas Storage Well Blowout



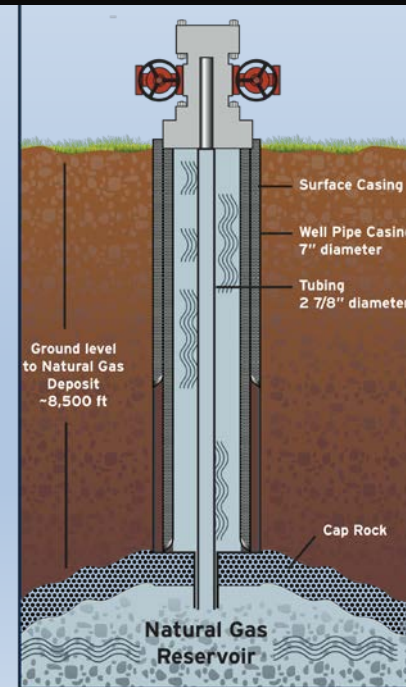
SoCal Gas



LA Daily News

## Repairing Porter Ranch leaking gas well may take 4 months

LA Daily News



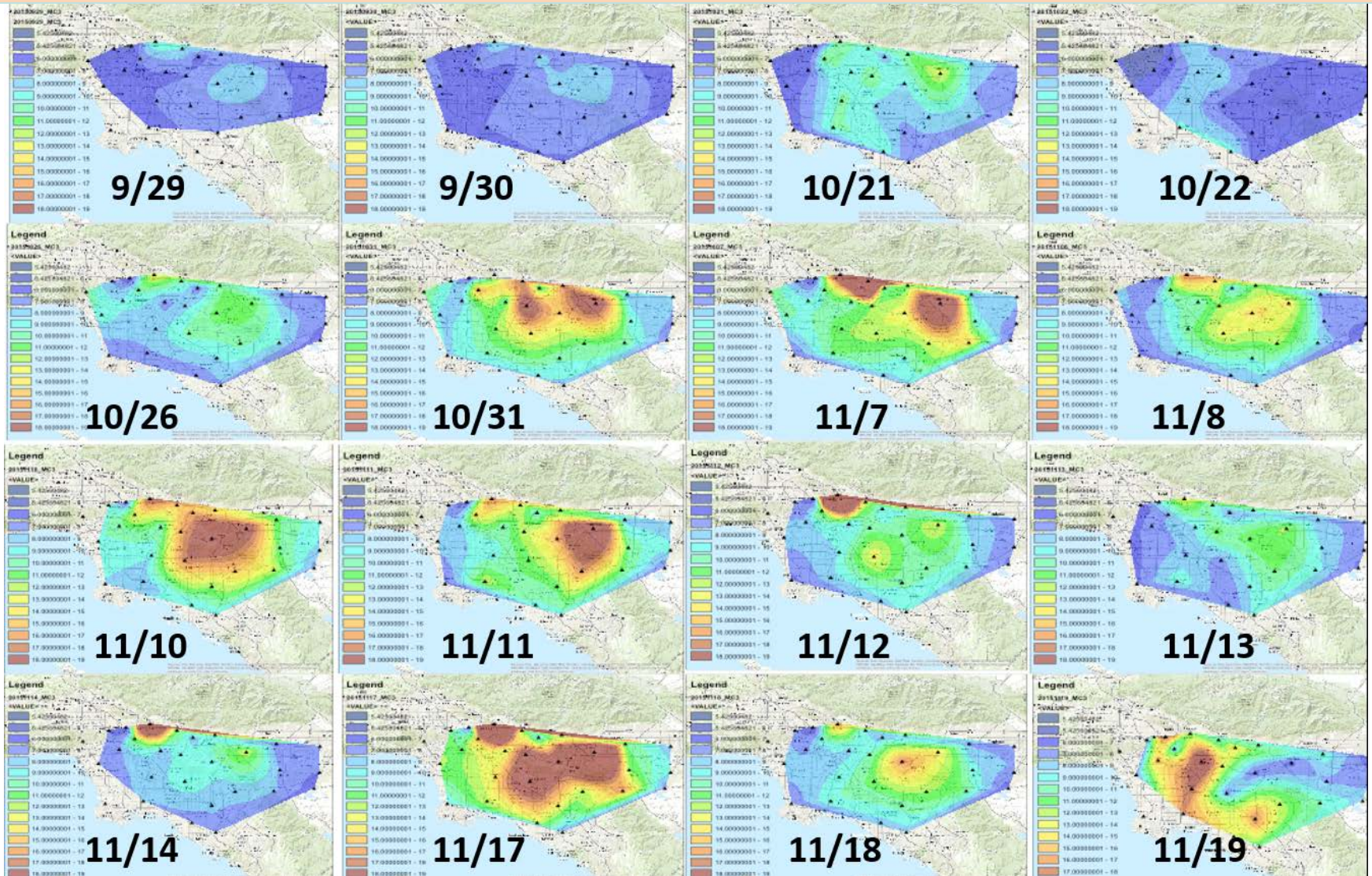
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- NG leak is due to a broken pipe below the surface.
- 4 months were required to drill a relief well to cap the leaking well with concrete



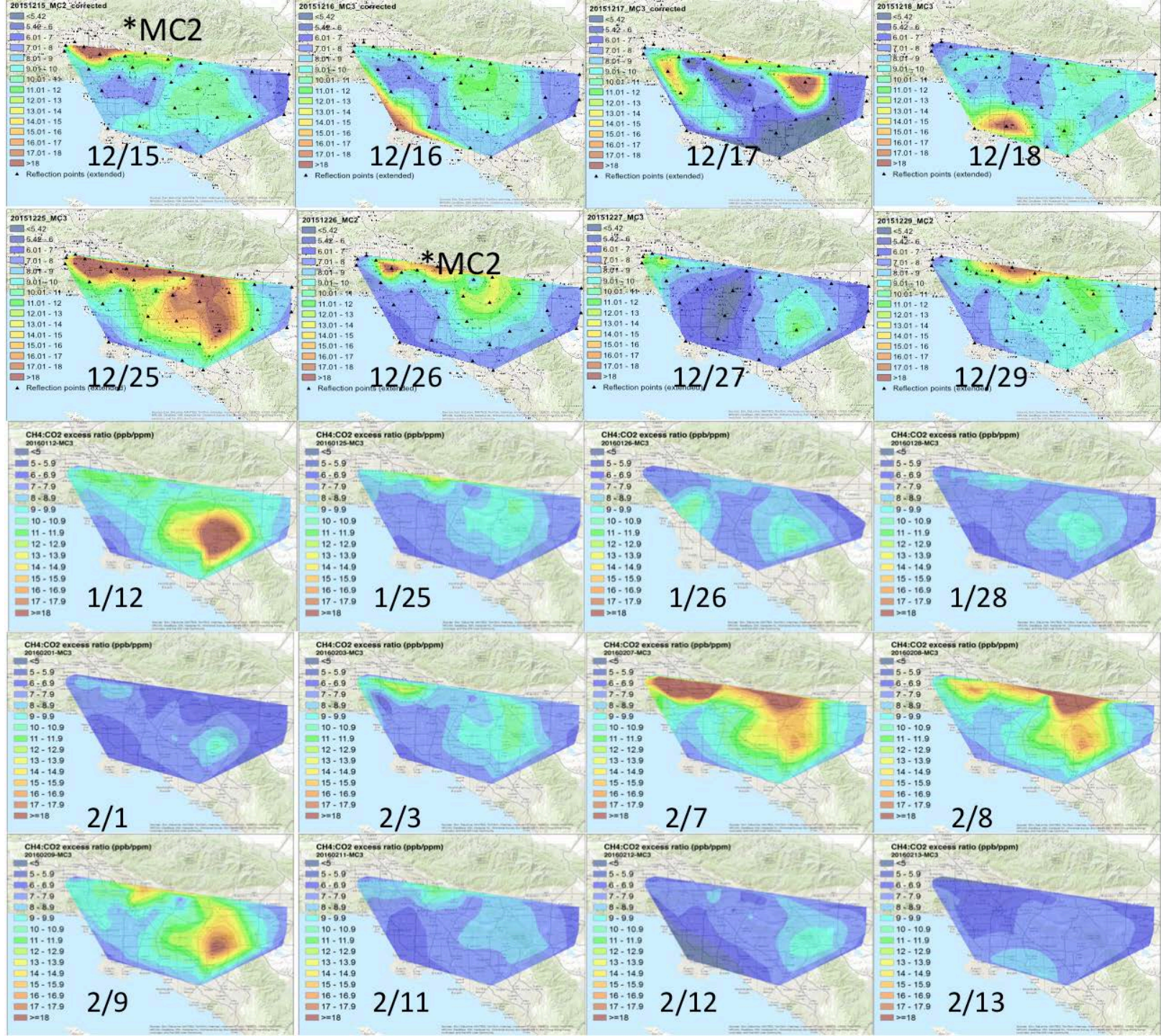
# Snapshot (2 p.m.) images of XCH<sub>4</sub>/XCO<sub>2</sub> from Aliso Canyon

Leak started on 10/23 according to SoCal Gas

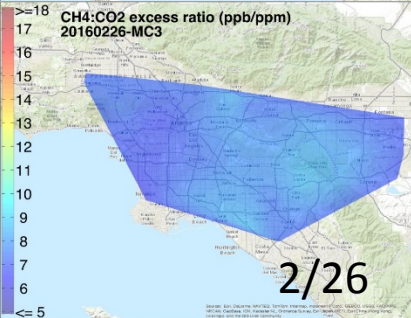
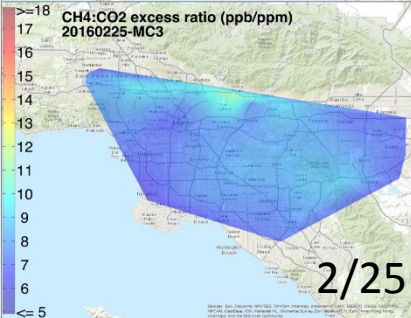
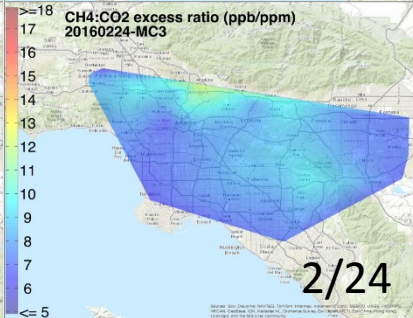
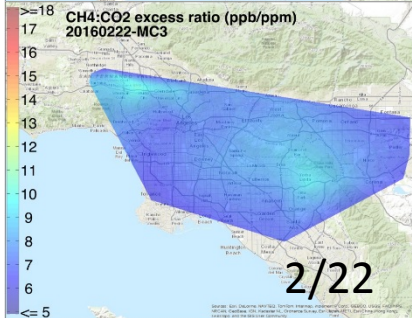
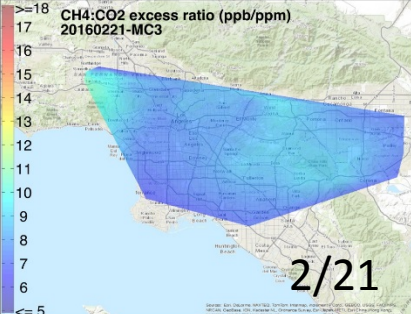
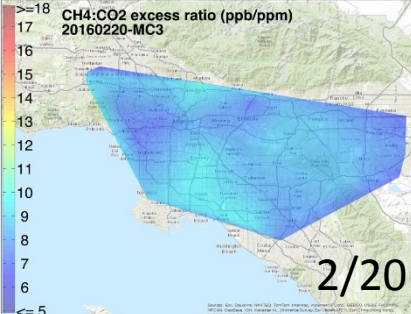
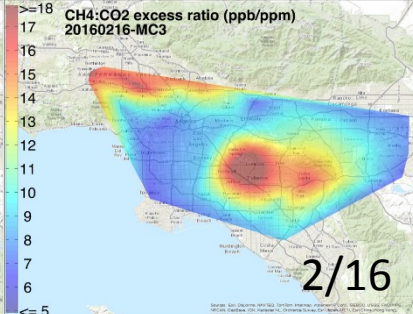
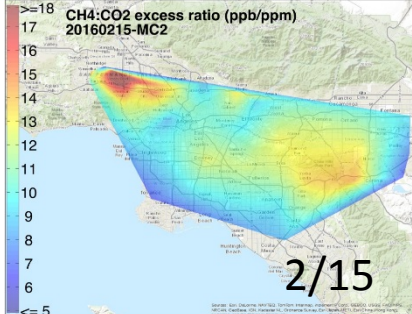


**Spatial variability on short time scales demonstrates variability in atmospheric transport**

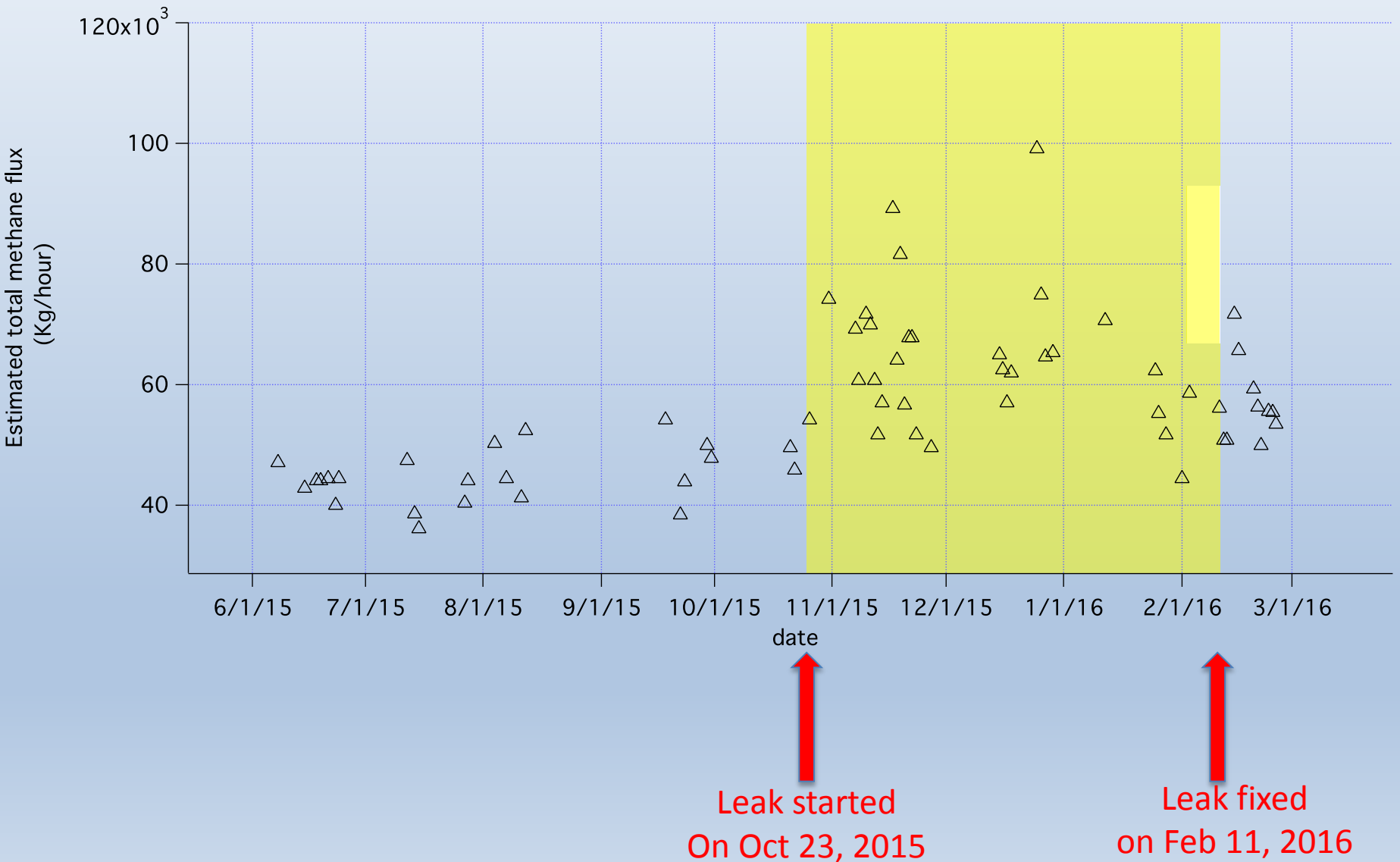




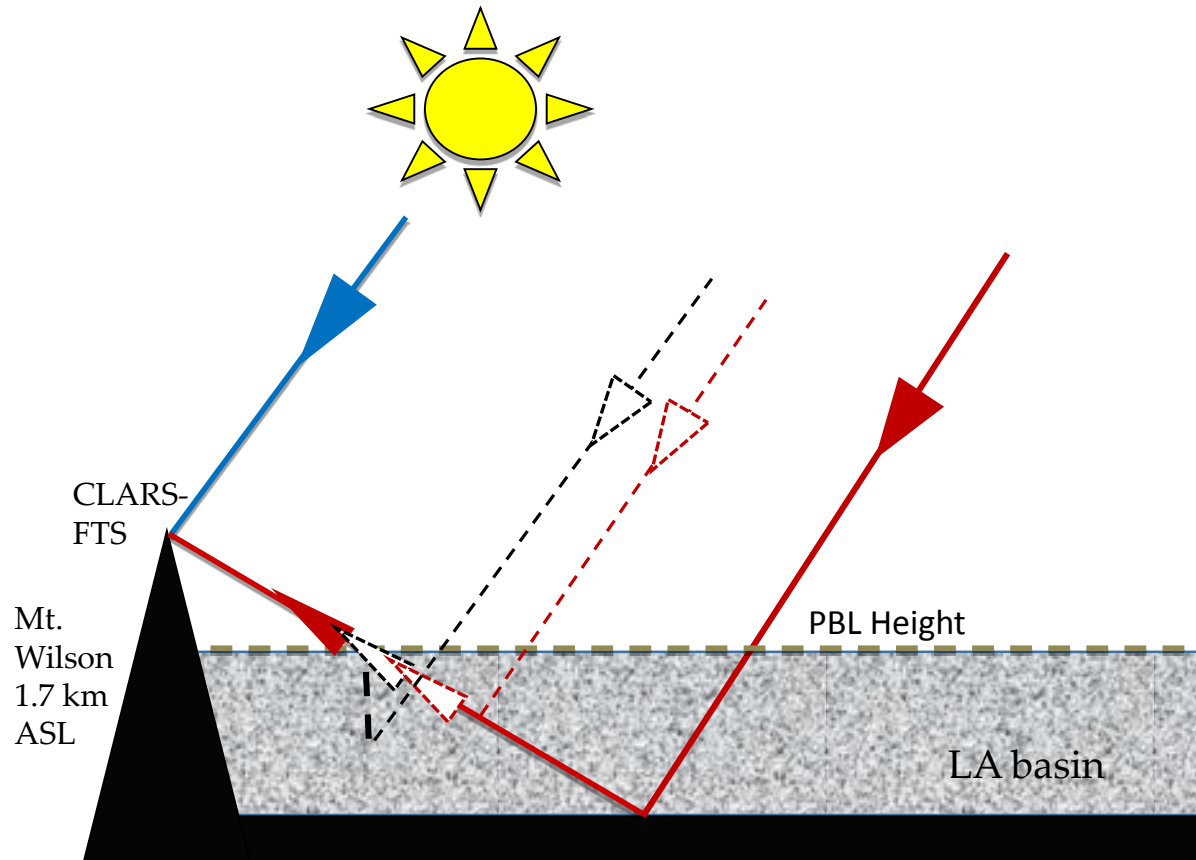




# Estimated CLARS CH<sub>4</sub> flux from SoCAB (6/1/2015 – 3/1/2016)



# Inferring the Aerosol Vertical Profile from CLARS-FTS $O_2$ Observations



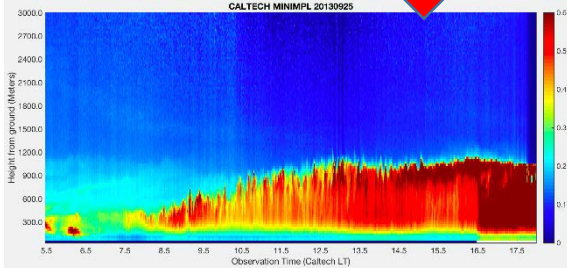
## Aerosol scattering

- “Short-circuits” the optical path relative to the surface
- Increases the observed radiance for highly scattering aerosols

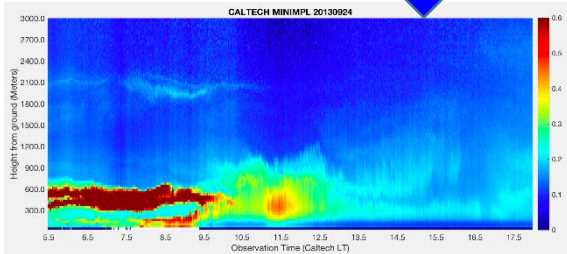
# Sensitivity of radiance and lineshape to aerosol

3 pm local time

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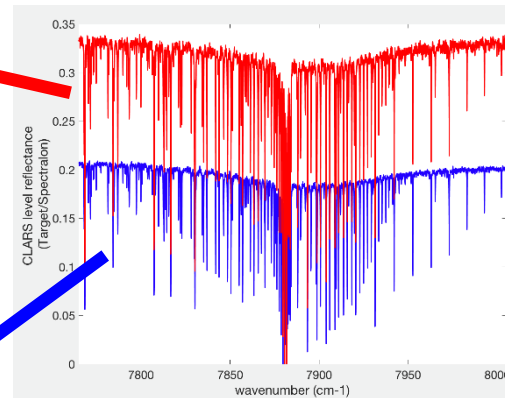
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## MiniMPL aerosol backscatter at Caltech

Two consecutive days (ensure similar geometries) with different aerosol loadings

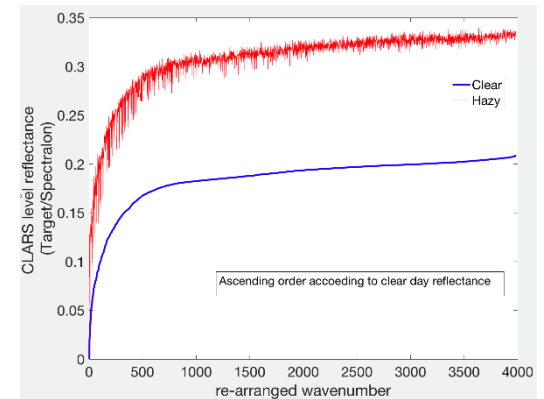
Oxygen band at 1.27  $\mu\text{m}$



Enhancement in CLARS continuum radiance

Liou (2002)

Richardson et al. (2016)



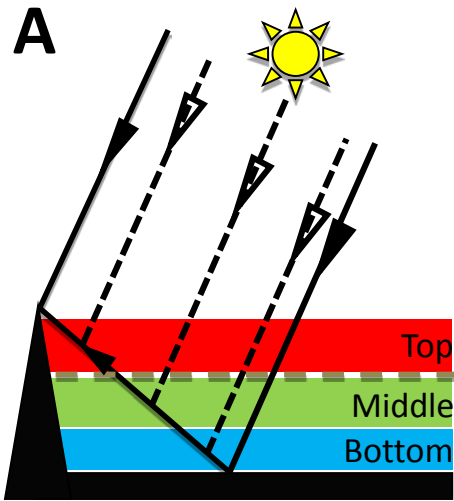
## Sorted radiance

- Sort the clear-day radiance and then apply to hazy-day radiance
- The advantage of this sorting will be obvious when studying the impact of aerosol profiles (next slide)

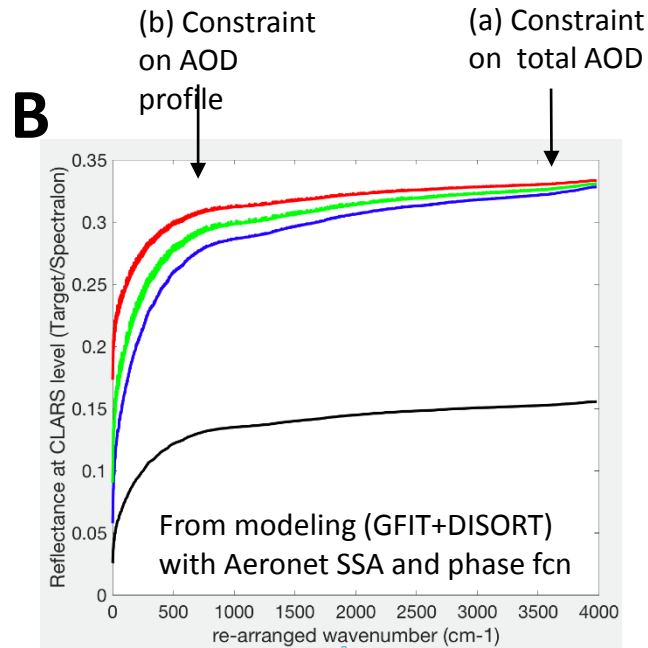
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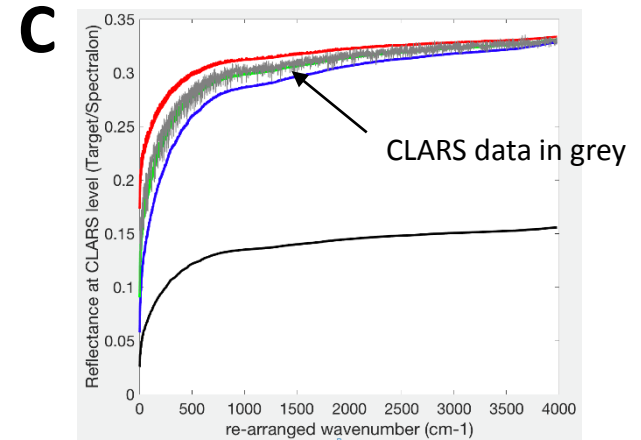
# Retrieval of aerosol vertical profile



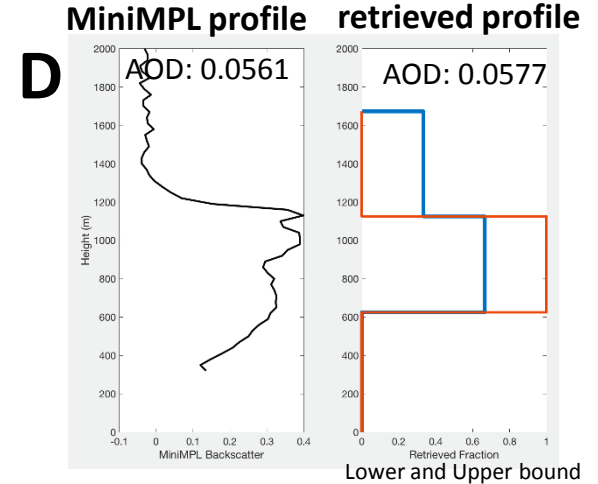
3 scenarios:  
Same aerosol loading  
but at different  
altitudes



(a) The continuum level doesn't change with aerosol layer height because scattered light is not absorbed;  
(b) The effect of scattering in line wings relative to line cores depends on the aerosol layer height.  
-> the sorted radiance provides two pieces of information to constrain total and profile AOD



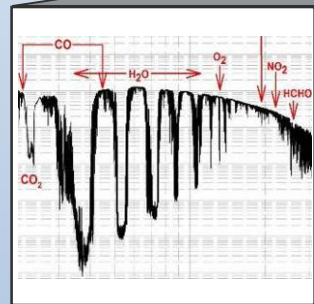
Retrieve the profile by fitting the radiance



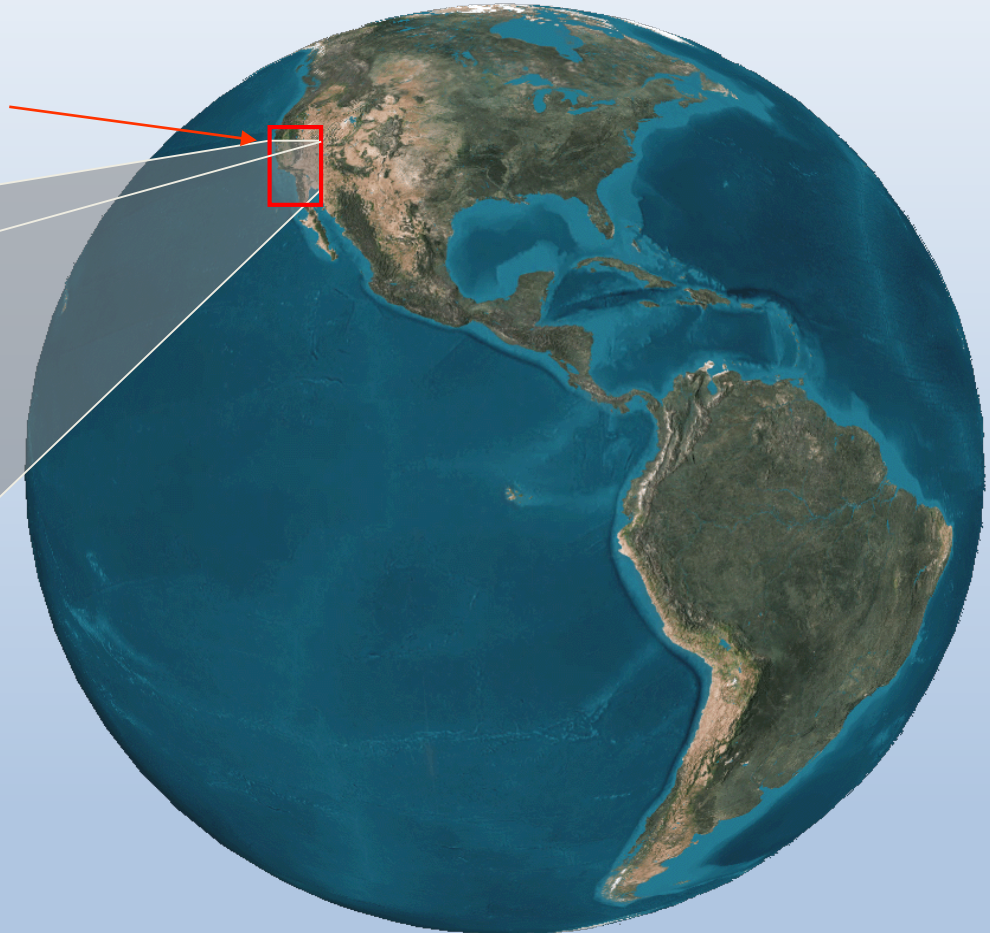
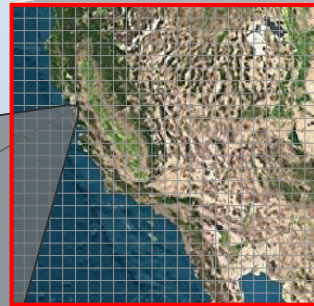
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# Geostationary Imaging Fourier Transform Spectrometer: Hourly Sampling of XCO<sub>2</sub>, XCH<sub>4</sub>, XCO

500 km x 500 km scene is imaged onto a 128x128 pixel focal plane array which provides a 2.7x2.7 km size pixel at nadir and records spectra in every pixel for 60 seconds per scene



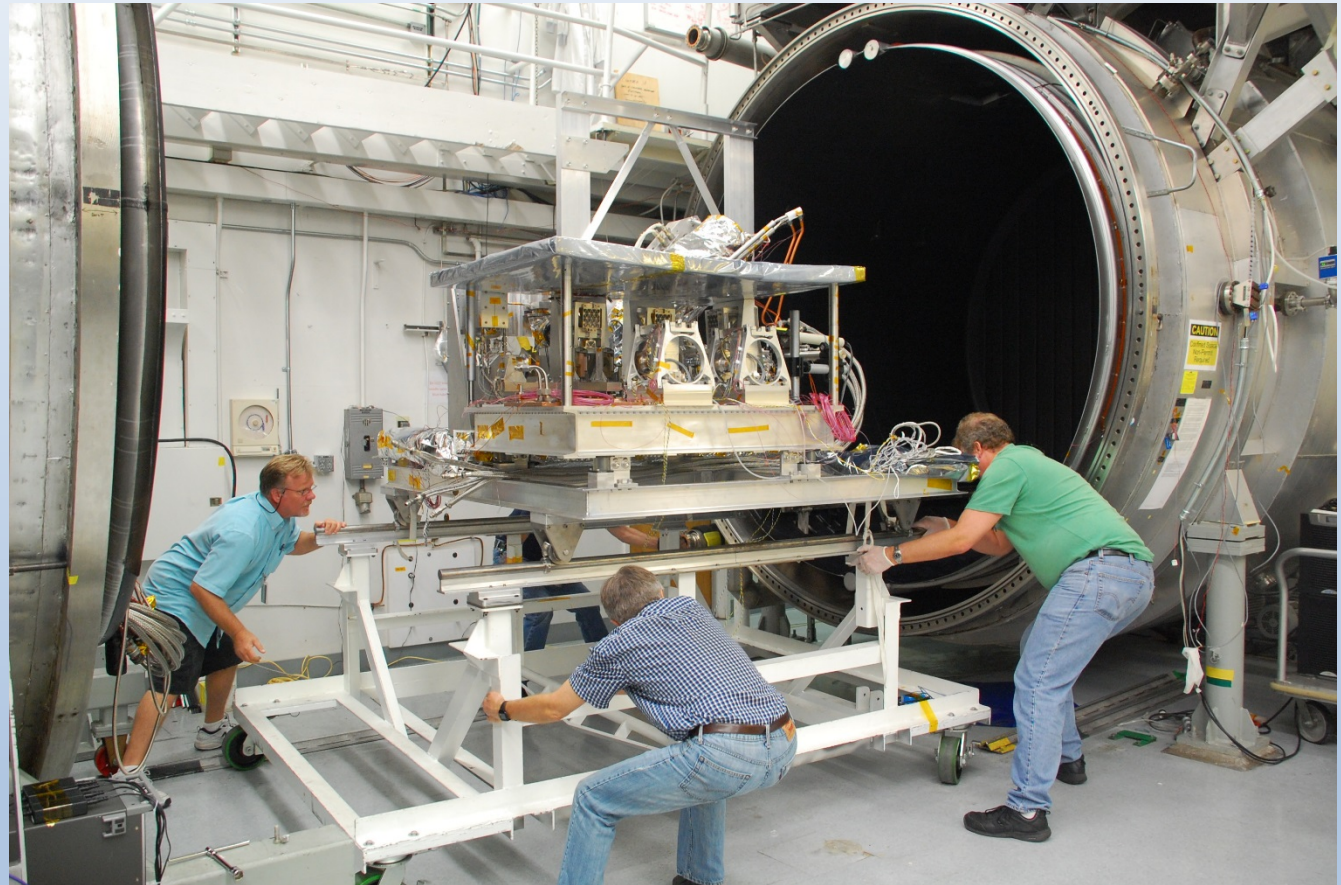
Spectra in every pixel captures rapidly evolving tropospheric chemistry



From geostationary orbit GeoFTS can map all of North and South America hourly with high resolution measurements (temporal, spatial, and spectral) that capture rapidly evolving tropospheric concentrations with planetary boundary layer sensitivity

# Panchromatic Fourier Transform Spectrometer (PanFTS): Engineering Model for Geostationary Chemical Imaging

- Spectral Coverage:  
0.3-10  $\mu\text{m}$
- 2 Dynamically  
Aligned Plane Mirror  
Michelson  
Interferometers  
MOPD = 10 cm
- 3 Cameras: 128x128  
focal plane arrays  
with in-pixel  
digitization
- 2.7 km nadir ground  
sampling/pixel from  
geostationary orbit



PanFTS Engineering Model being inserted into JPL's 10-foot thermal-vacuum chamber for environmental testing in vacuum at  $-100\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ .



# GEO-PanFTS Engineering Model Demonstrated in LA

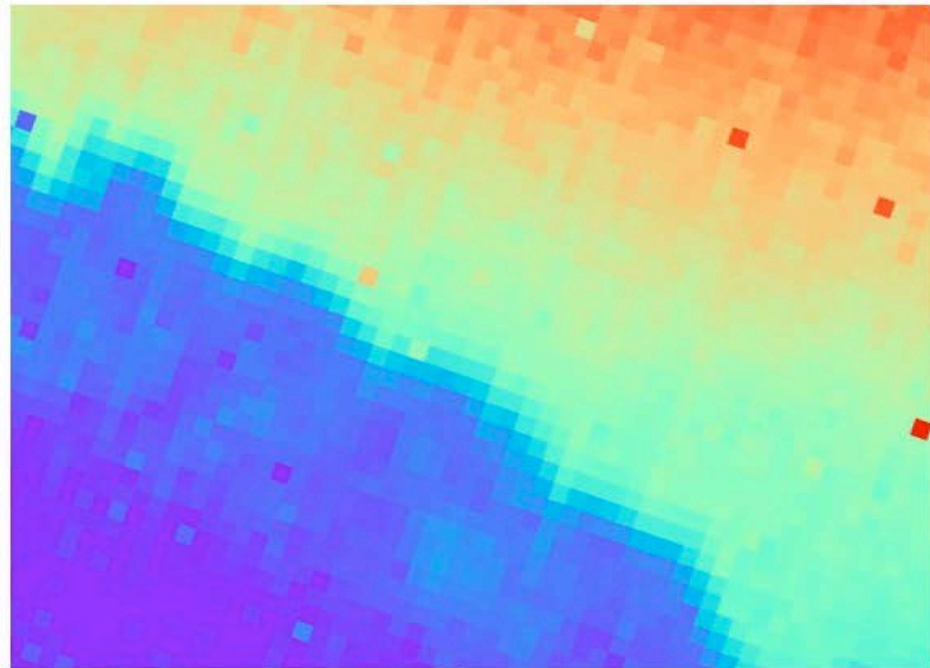


- PanFTS measures  $\text{CO}_2$ ,  $\text{CH}_4$ ,  $\text{CO}$ , SIF and aerosols in a 128x128 pixel scene
- Like OCO-2, PanFTS uses sunlight reflected from the land surface
- PanFTS at CLARS simulates soundings from GEO

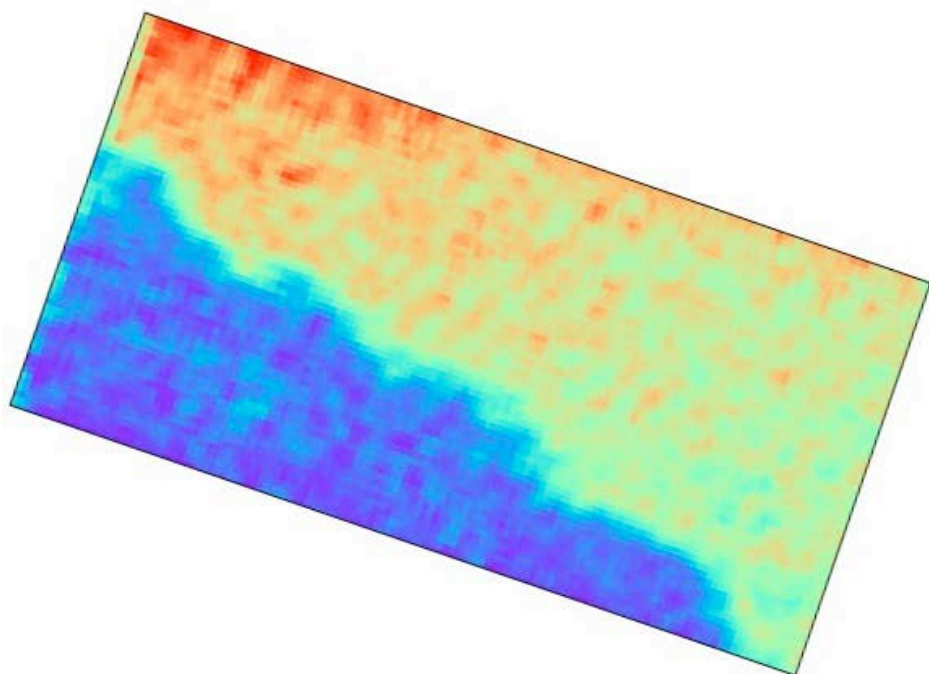
128x128 scene



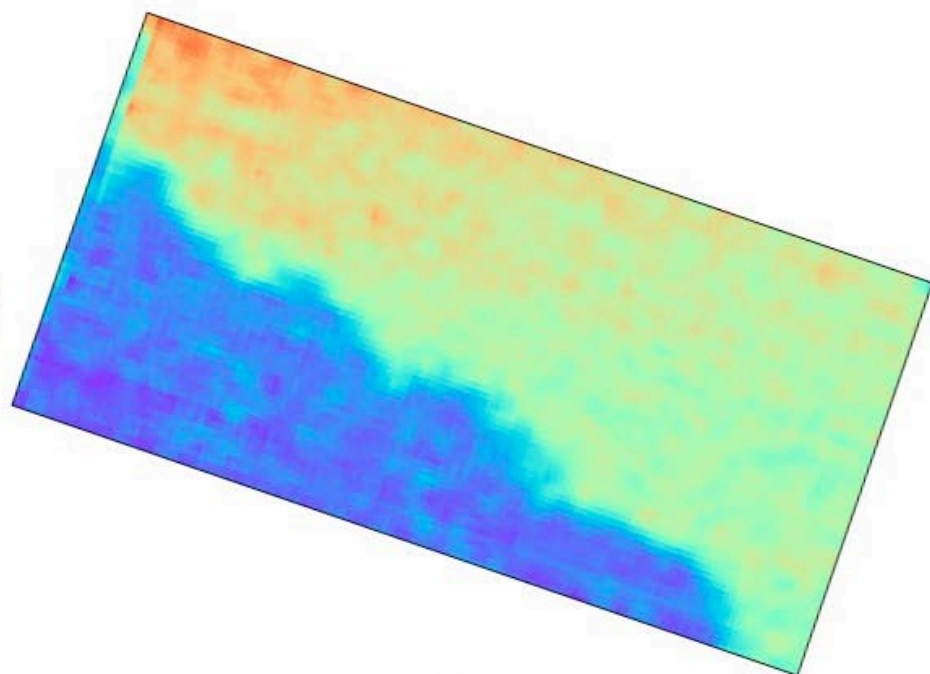
Visible



O2



CH4



CO2



# Findings and Recommendations

- Observational data from CLARS, which mimic a geostationary platform, confirm the value of persistent measurements with high temporal, spatial and spectral resolution
- CLARS results on CH<sub>4</sub> show that the additional data volume provided by GEO mapping on dense space-time grids will enable more accurate determinations of regional trace gas fluxes.
- Enables the jump from mapping missions to process-oriented missions.
- Geostationary observations are well-suited to capture rapidly evolving emissions from industrial accidents, hot spots and other episodic emissions such as the Aliso Canyon natural gas well leak.
- A GEO mission/constellation should be an integral part of NASA's mission strategy for the aerosol, trace gas/ozone and greenhouse gas targeted observables in the 2018 Decadal Survey.

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