

Tropospheric NO₂ Algorithm

- Radiance spectra (425 – 450 nm)
- NO₂ reference spectra (trop. Temperature)
- LUT (Radiance as a function of NO₂, viewing geometry etc.)

Spectral DOAS fitting

Slant NO₂ total column amount

Air Mass Factor

Vertical NO₂ column amount

Remove Stratosphere

Tropospheric vertical NO₂ column amount

Spectral Fitting

Measured radiance is fitted within the interval of 425nm to 450nm(Blue light).

Attenuation of the measured earthview signal contributed by optically active processes. We

include: *NO₂, water vapor, raman scattering, o₂-o₂ dimer,*

ozone(Chappuis band), Iodine Monoxide.

The fitting is a non-linear least squares parameter estimation routine. The *Elsunc* method has

been implemented.

The fitted parameters then give the slant column NO₂ within the mean photon path of the instruments line of sight.

Further details on the spectroscopy and measurements are in the backup slides.



Air Mass Factor

The AMF converts the Slant column to the vertical column.

AMF computation is inherently a Radiative Transfer task.

$$\text{AMF} = N_{\text{Slant}} / N_{\text{Vertical}}$$

In practice it is computed with RT assuming a vertical NO₂ profile (

Tomer 2001). $m(z')$ is the altitude resolved AMF, it is computed o

with the *lidort* RT model and stored in a lookup table as a

function of altitude, SZA, VZA, and Albedo.

$$M(z) = \frac{\int_z^{\infty} m(z') \alpha[T(z'), T_o] n(z') dz'}{\int_z^{\infty} n(z') dz'}$$

Air Mass Factor

Inputs to AMF calculation:

- Polluted Profile
- Unpolluted Profile
- Absorption cross section
- Monthly temperature profile climatology
- Radiative Transfer Lookup Tables.
- Cloud Fraction
- Cloud Top Height Pressure.

Cloud Information for AMF

- FAST Retrieval Scheme for Clouds from the Oxygen A band (FRESCO) developed by KNMI.
- Provides Cloud fraction, cloud top pressure, cloud top reflectivity.
- FRESCO data is part of the L1B data stream. Provided in NR for each ground pixel.
- Uses 765nm to 775 nm spectral region(the Oxygen A-Band).
- Fallback to less accurate 360nm UV cloud fraction retrieval and cloud top pressure climatology.

AMF for a partly cloudy pixel.

w is the cloud fraction. Z_c is

the cloud top height. Z_0 is

the ground height.

$$M' = w M(z_c) + (1 - w) M(z_0)$$

Computed AMF output Fields

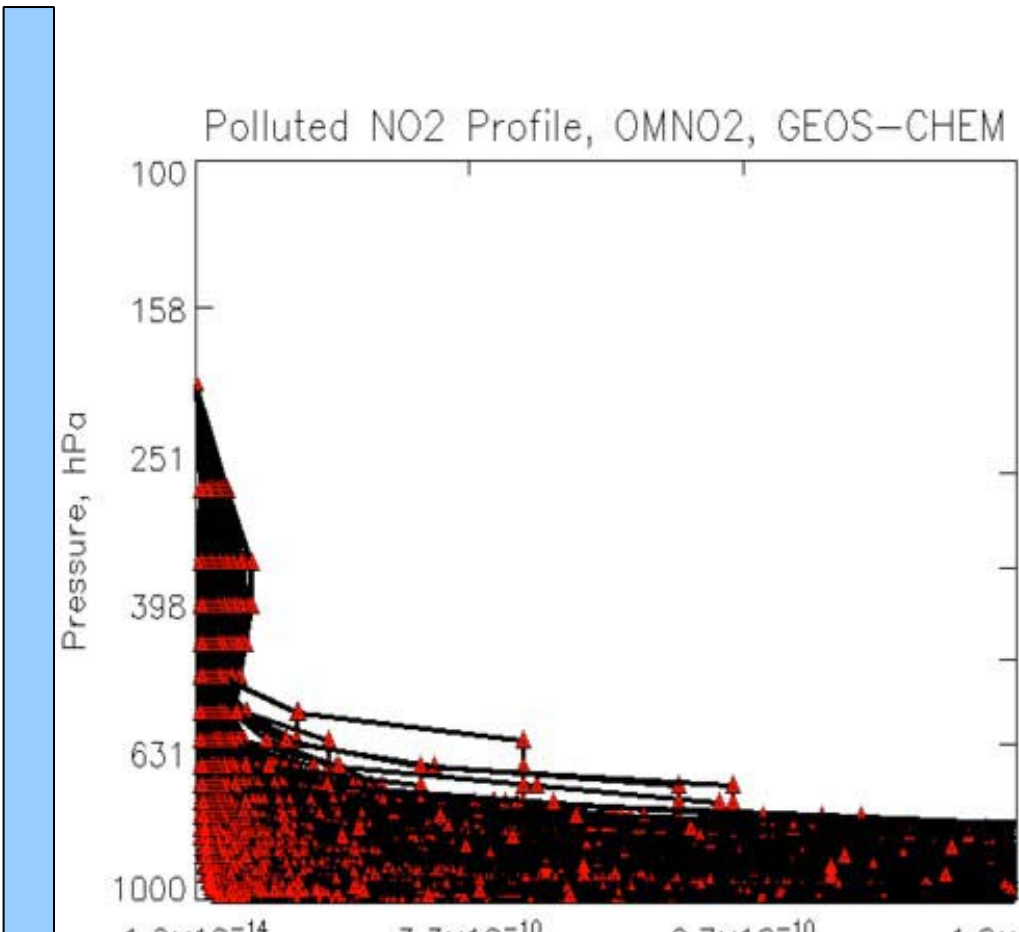
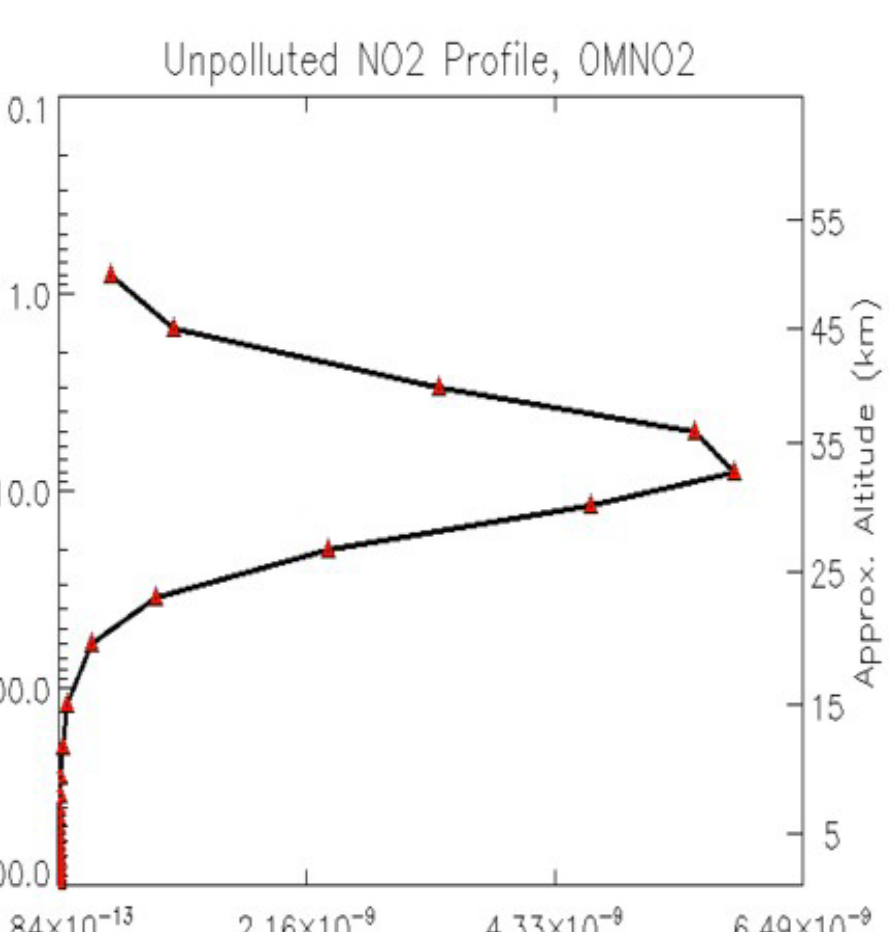
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Where Std indicates Standard Deviation

AMFQualityFlags

Unpolluted and Polluted Profiles

profile shape is determined from climatology. For a polluted scene the assumed profile shape is the sum of a stratospheric profile and a predetermined polluted profile (derived from GEOS-CHEM).



Tropospheric Computation

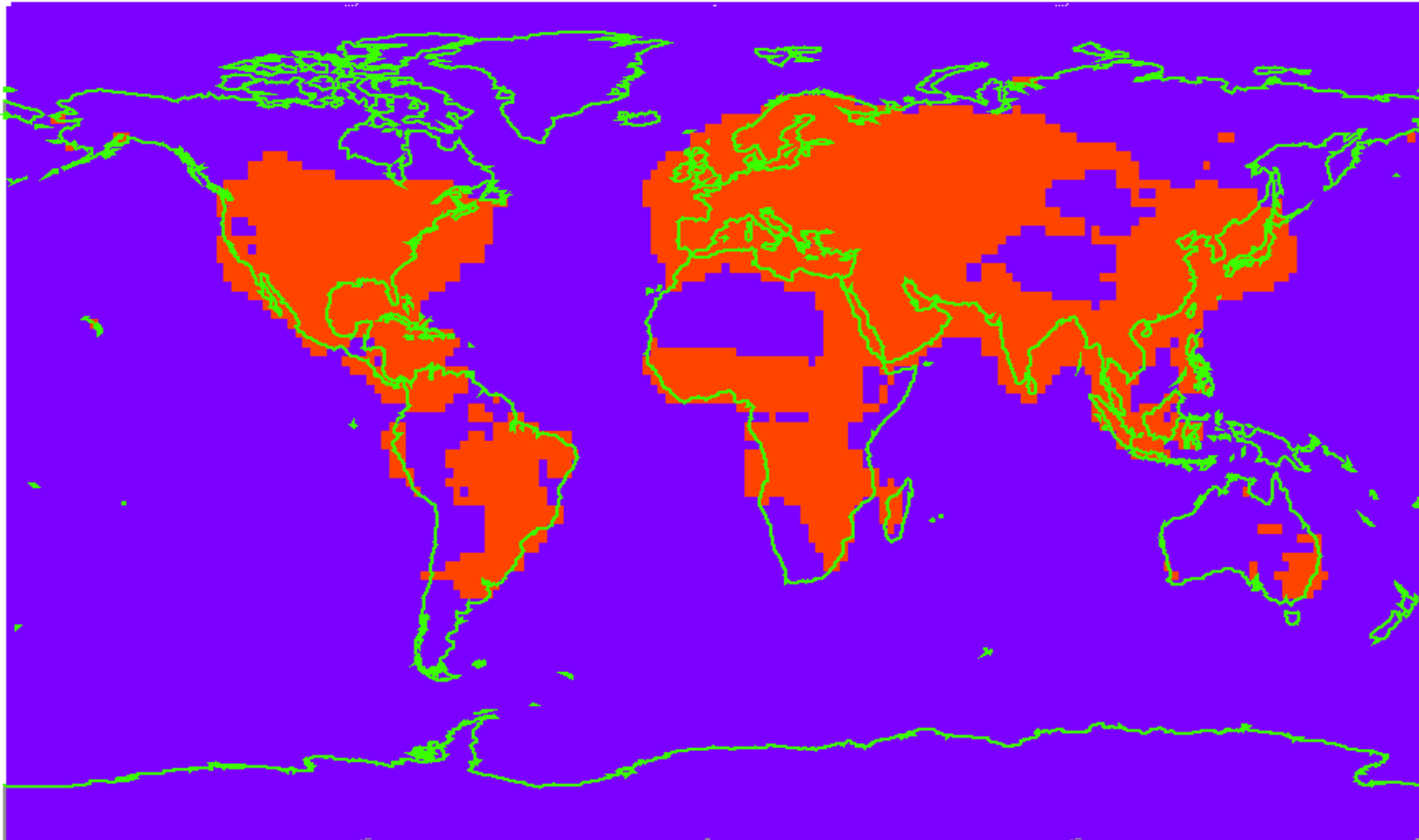
O2 Vertical Column Observations on 1°x1° grid.

Requires approximately one day of data.

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Pollution Mask for NO2 Retrievals



Tropospheric Computation

Computes background unpolluted NO₂ field.

- Gridded total column no₂ values are low pass filtered using fourier decomposition. Wave0, wave1 and wave2.
- Use LAPACK General Gauss-Markov Linear regression numerical routine: GGGLM().
- Fitting uses error estimates. Missing values ignored by setting large error estimate.

up to this point in the algorithm we have computed:

Total Column NO₂

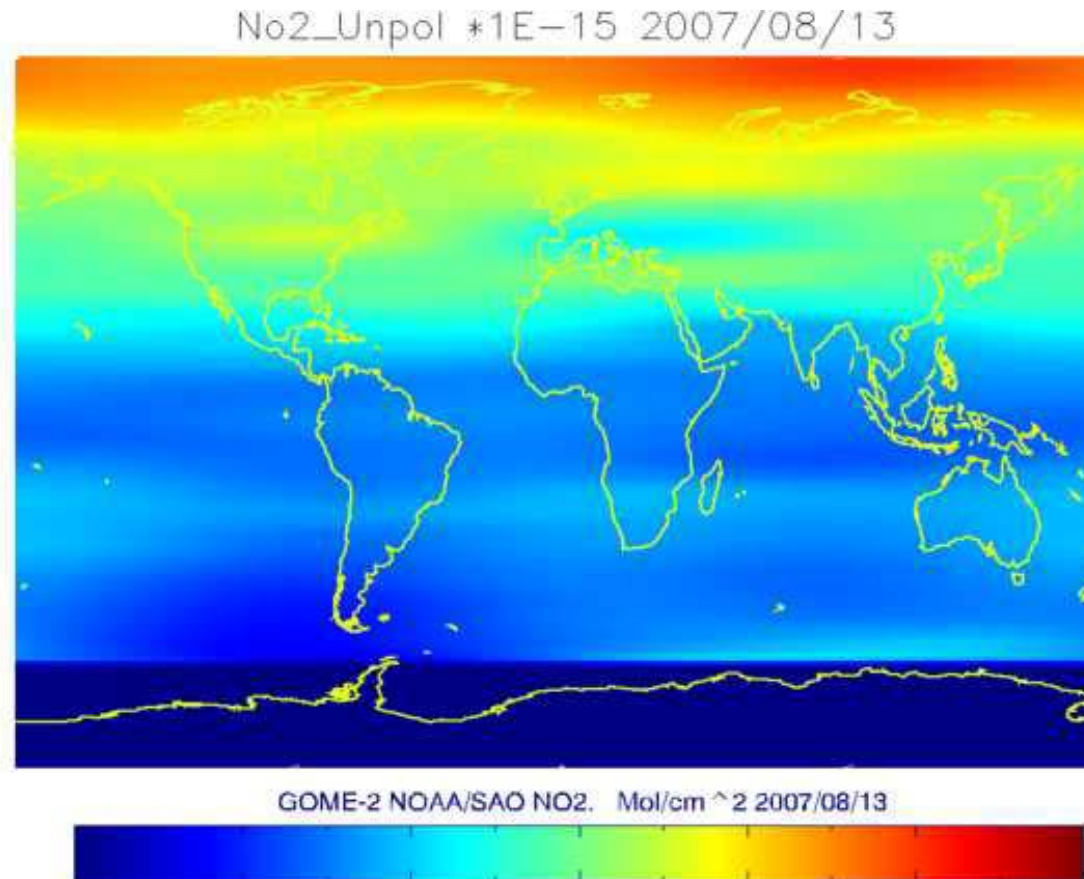
Stratospheric background(unpolluted) NO₂

AMF for total, polluted and unpolluted.

We then identify polluted and unpolluted regions by comparing to the standard deviation of the zonal mean NO₂.

Polluted pixels will use *AMFPolluted*.

Unpolluted ground pixels will use *AMFUnpolluted*.

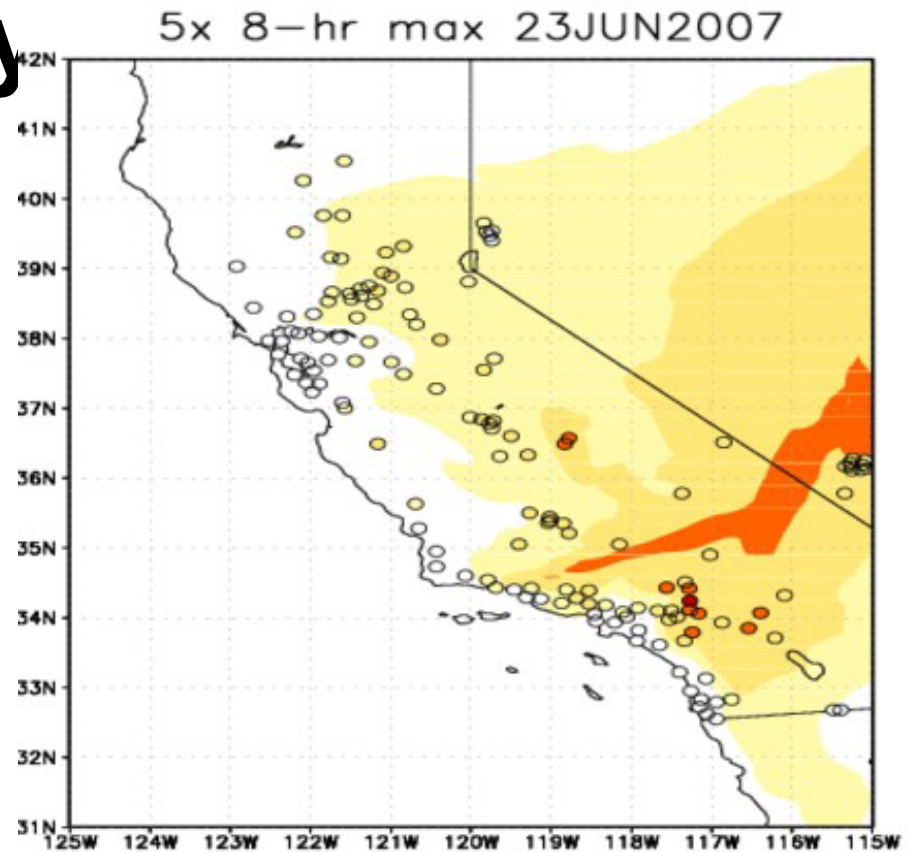


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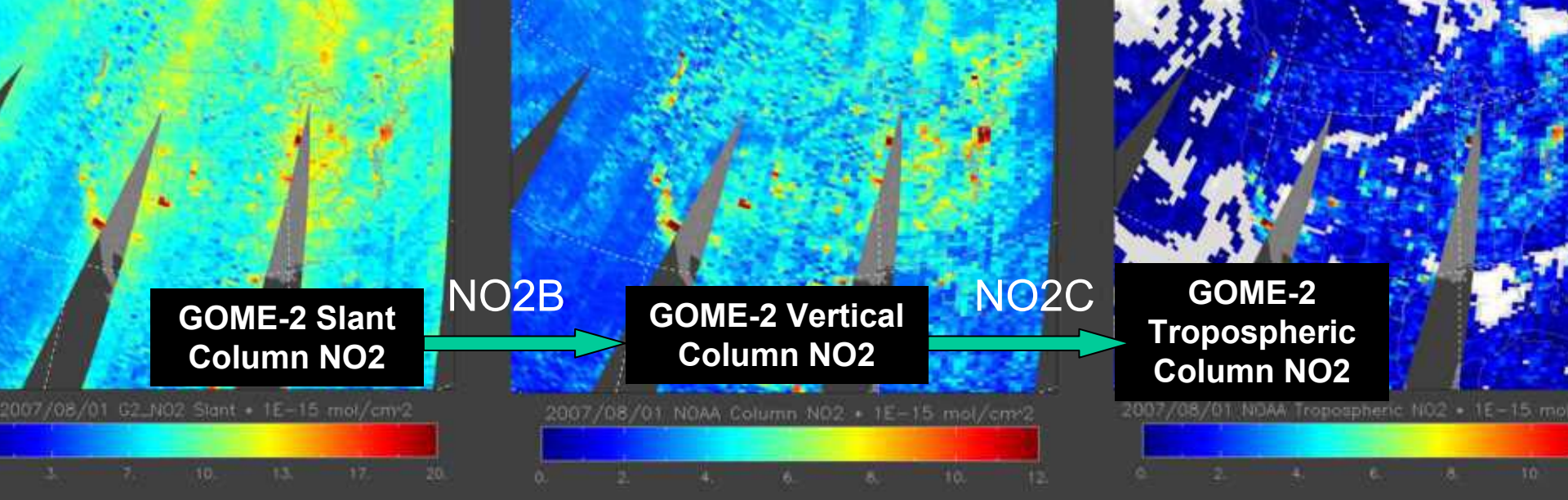
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**Evaluation of
WRF-CMAQ NO₂
predictions over
CONUS**

**–CMAQ urban
area over-
titration
problem. Is
there too much
NO_x in the model**



California Ozone Under-
prediction problem



NOAA GOME-2/OMI NO2 Work

Goal: To process GOME-2 and OMI data with a **common algorithm** to study diurnal variations in tropospheric NO₂ over

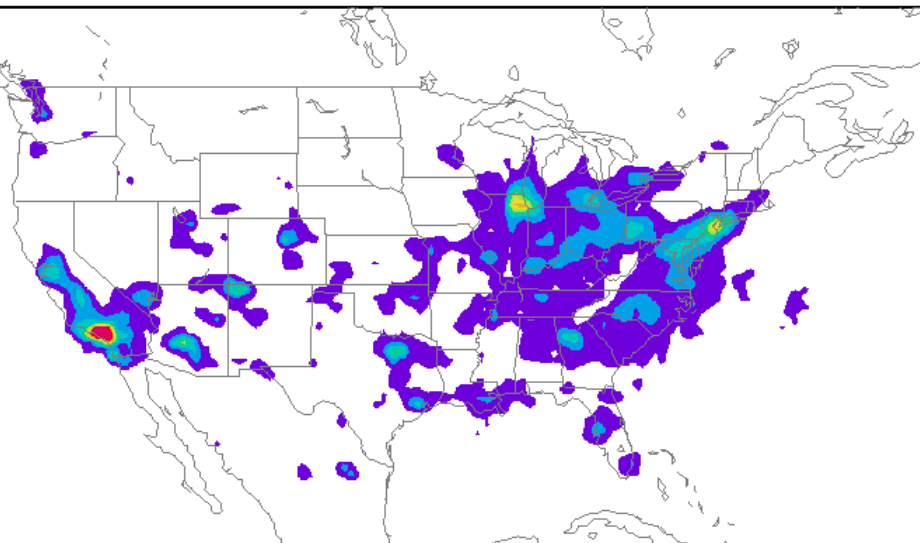
Common Algorithm: Harvard SAO GOME slant column NO₂ algorithm modified to run on both GOME-2 and OMI. NASA GSFC OMI NO₂B and NO₂C algorithms to convert slant column NO₂ to vertical column density and removing stratospheric NO₂ from total column to obtain tropospheric NO₂ amount

Progress: (1) Test processing of the common algorithm on GOME-2 data for August 2007 complete, (2) Test processing of the common algorithm on OMI data for August 2007 underway

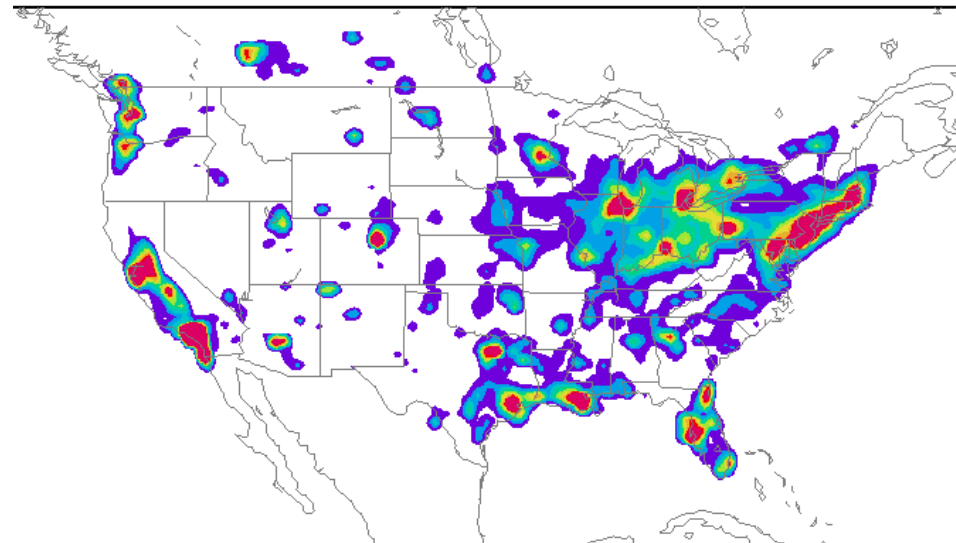
Ongoing and future work: (1) Optimize the algorithm (e.g., surface reflectivity database, NO₂ cross sections, a priori profiles), (2) conduct spatio-temporal analysis and verification of GOME-2 and OMI NO₂ retrievals for summer 2007, (3) compare GOME-2 and OMI NO₂ retrievals with NWS operational CMAQ NO₂ predictions

Other applications: Work with state environmental agencies (e.g., NYDEC) in using OMI and GOME-2 NO₂ products in SIP (State Implementation Planning) modeling

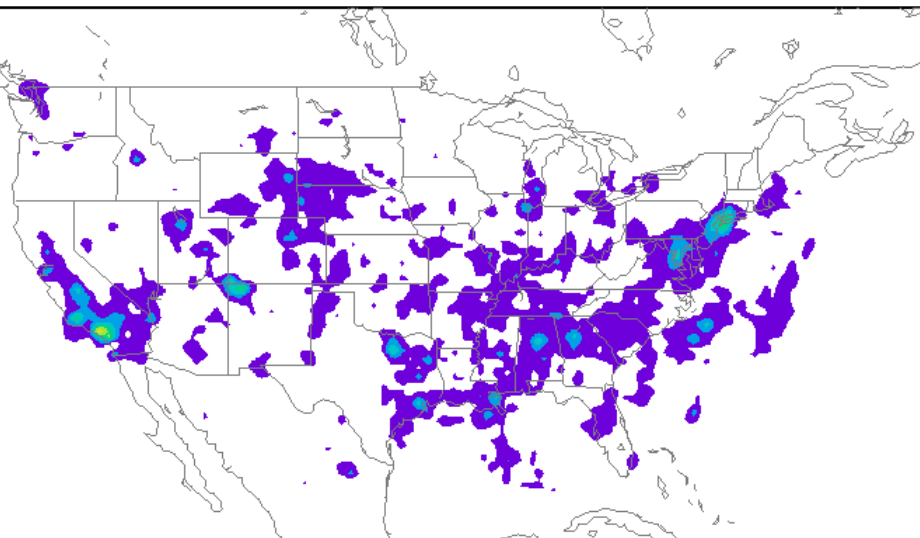
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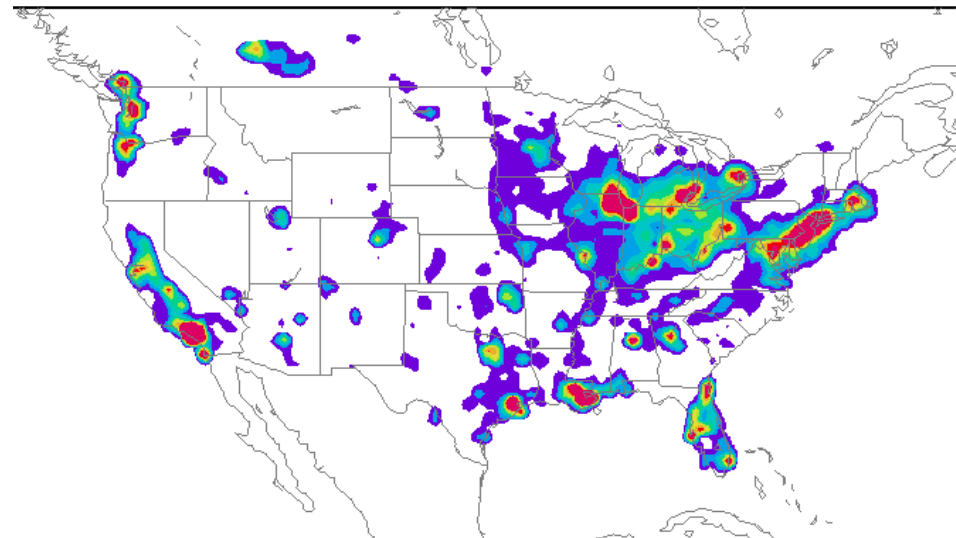
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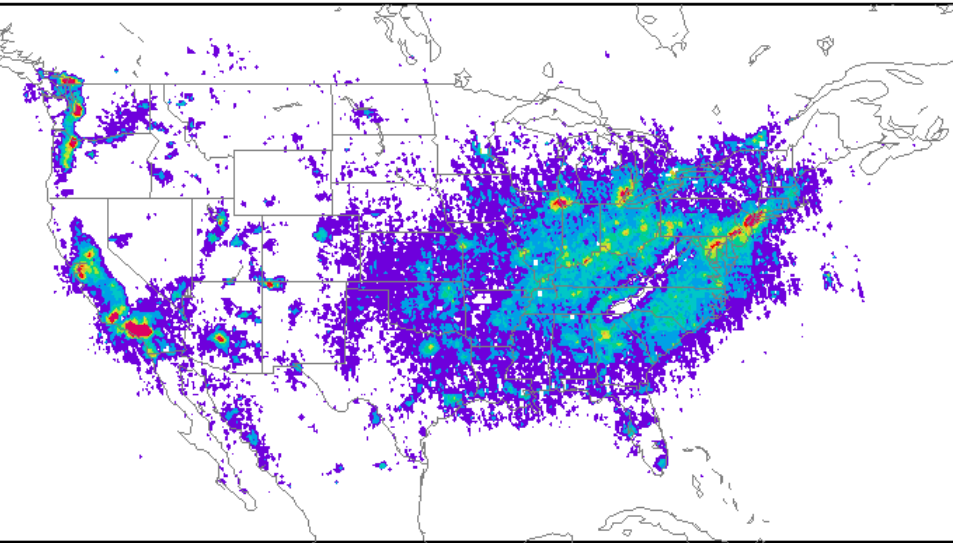
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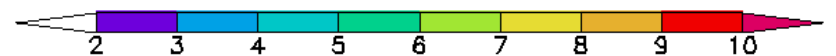
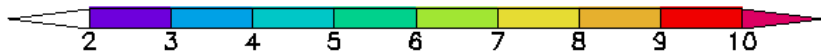
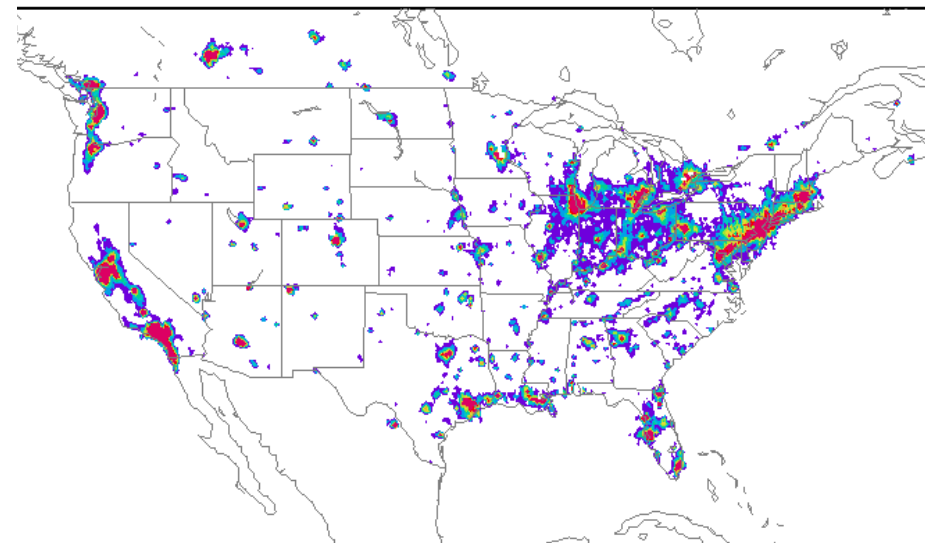
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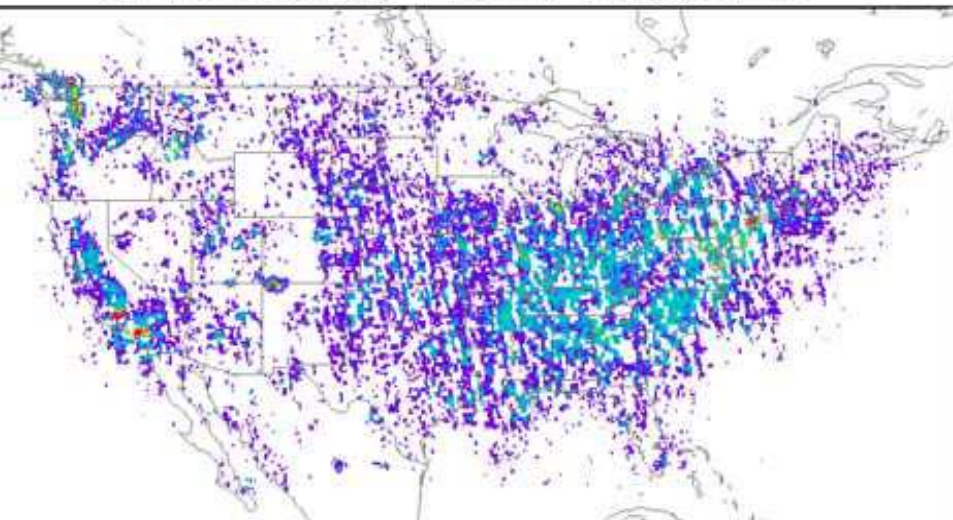
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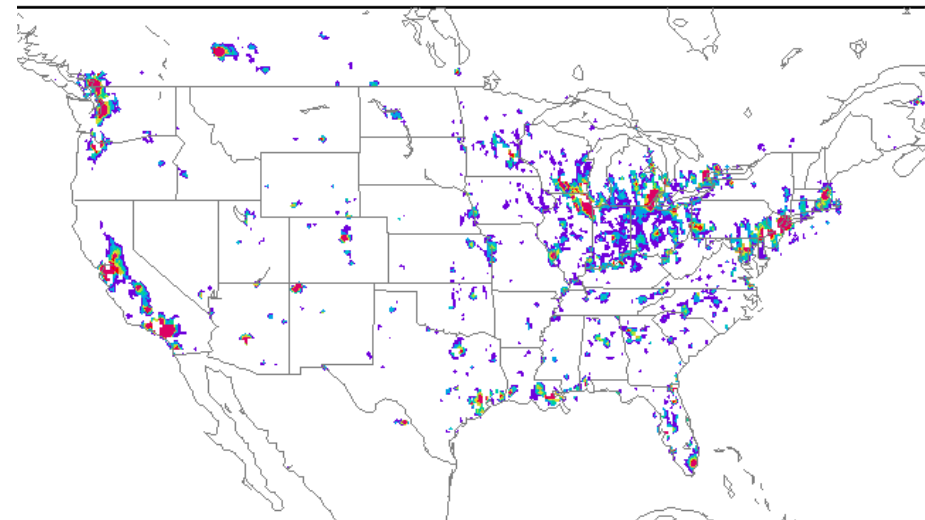
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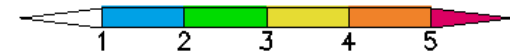
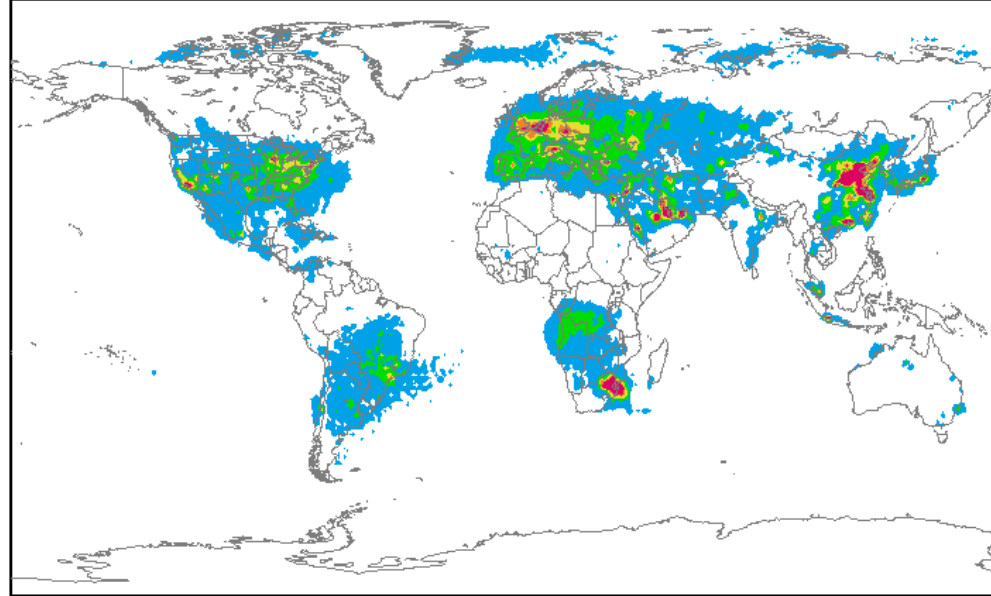
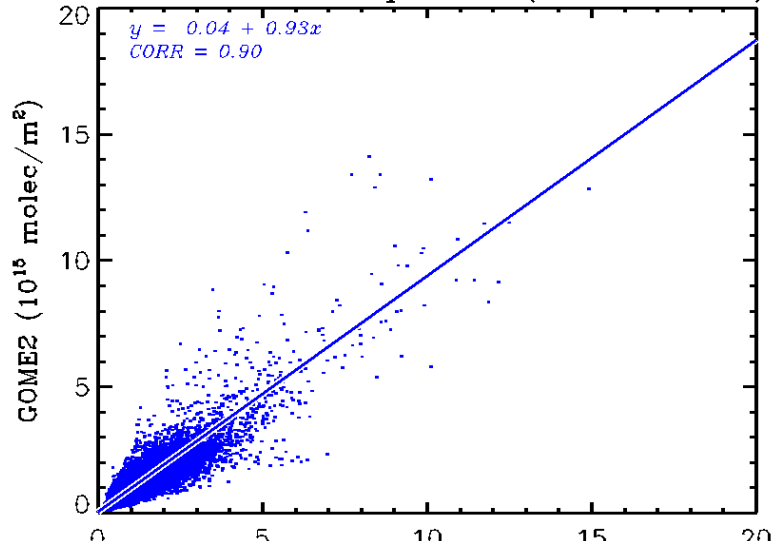
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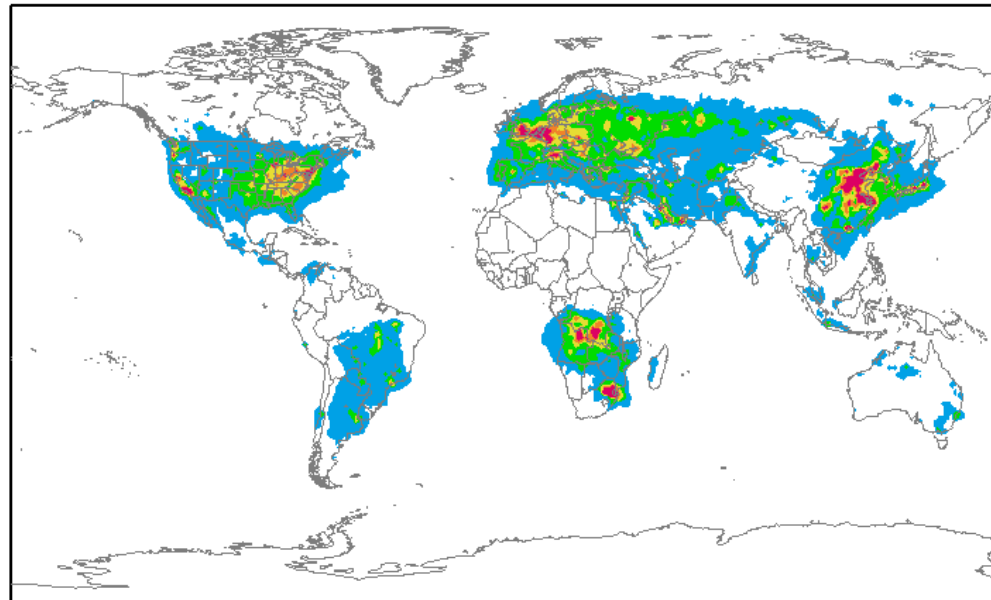
NO₂ Summary

August 2007 monthly maps of GOME-2/OMI NO₂, and NWS operational CMAQ tropospheric NO_x show:

- OMI and GOME-2 show weekday vs weekend differences, whereas CMAQ differences are not that striking
- GOME-2 and OMI tropospheric NO₂ amounts show similar features across the whole globe:



OMI NO₂ Weekday 10¹⁵ molec/cm²



Tropospheric Computation

With the status of the pixel being known as polluted or unpolluted the final application of the appropriate AMF occurs and the data is written to the output file.

Output Fields for NO2 amount:

ColumnAmountNO2

ColumnAmountNO2BelowCloud

ColumnAmountNO2Polluted

ColumnAmountNO2Trop

ColumnAmountNO2Unpolluted

ColumnAmountNO2Std

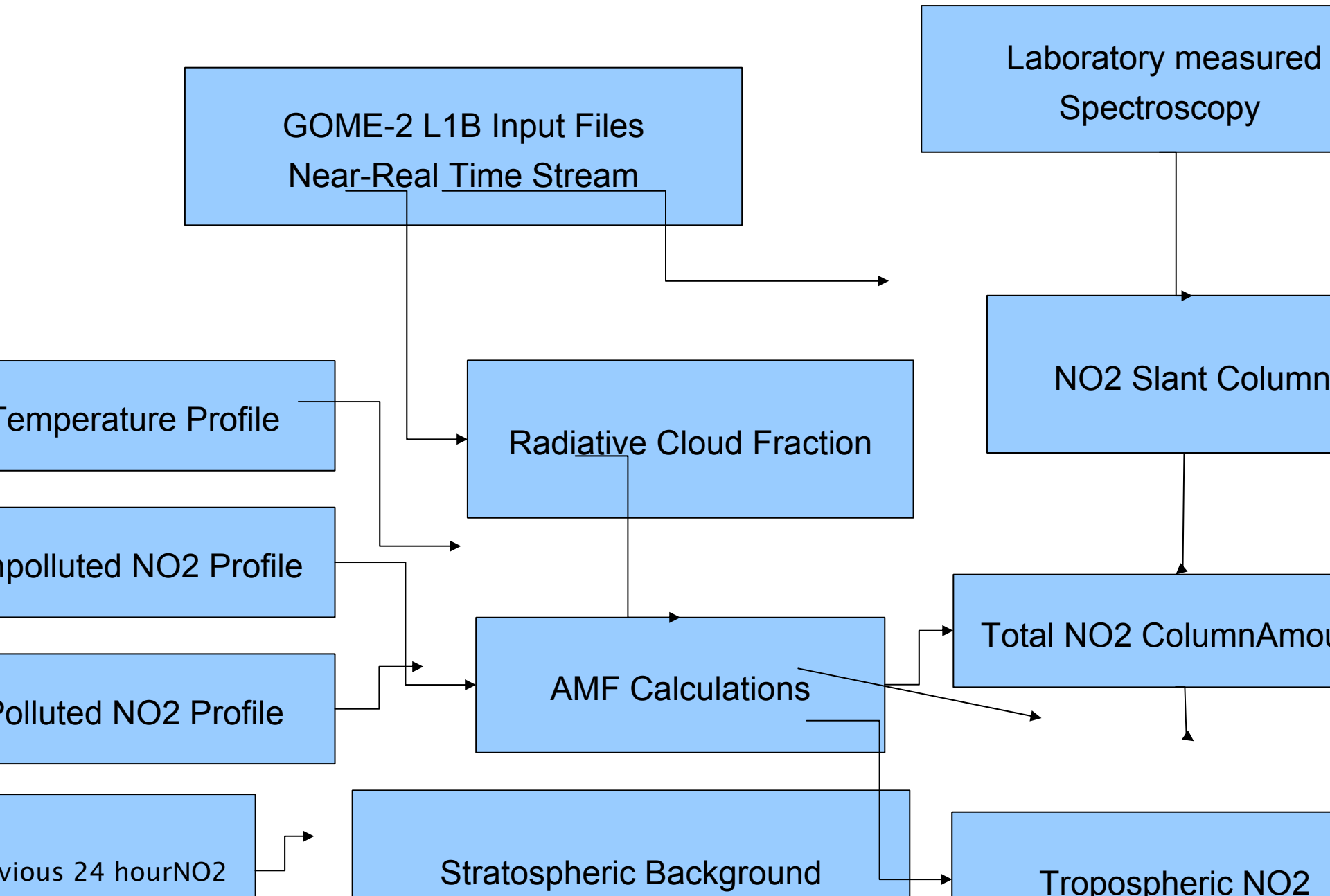
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Tropospheric NO2 Algorithm



Future Plans



We have the opportunity to
retrievals from GOME-2
data using the spectral fit
method for:

BrO

Bromine Monoxide

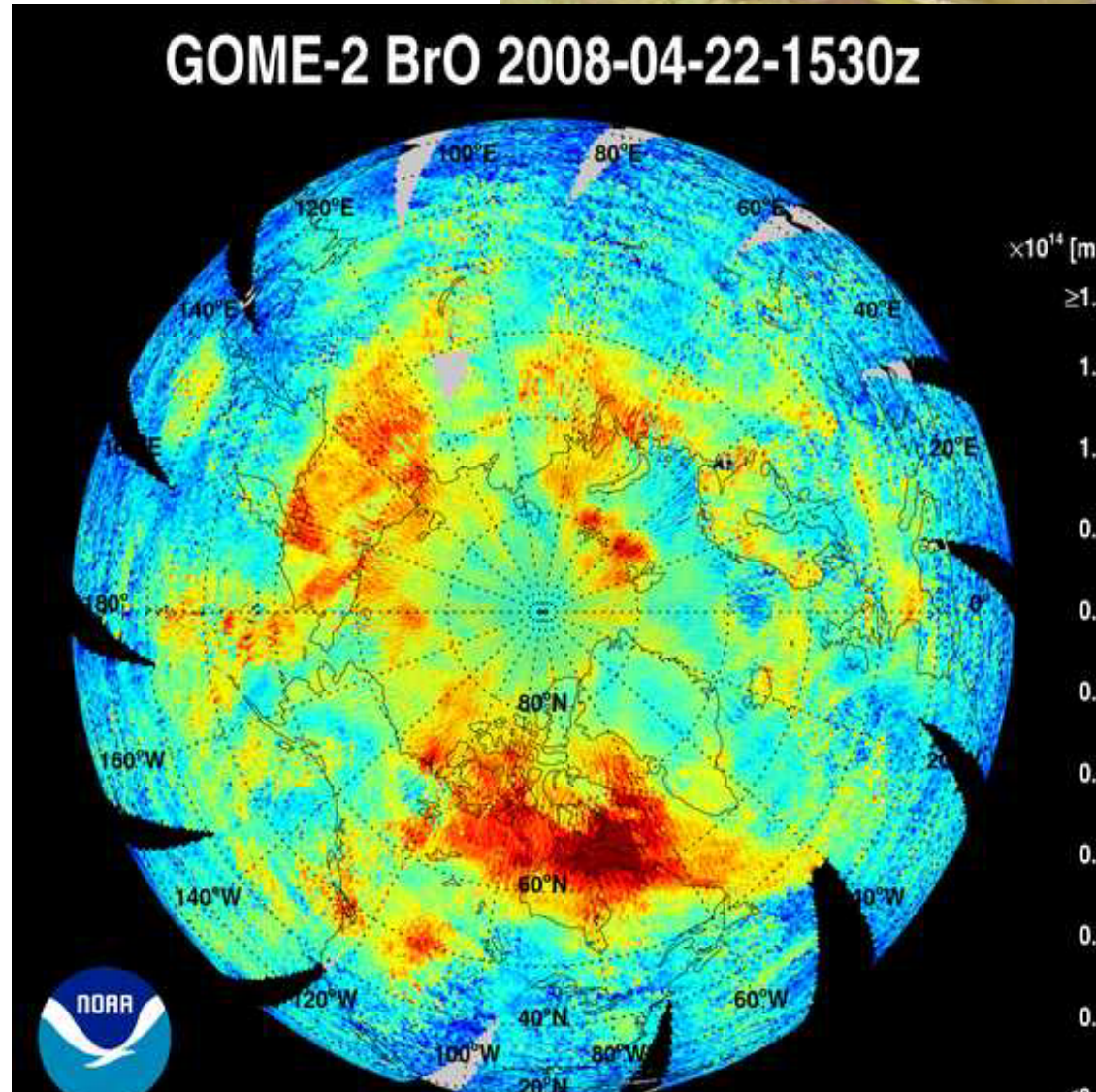
HCHO

Formaldehyde

ClO₂

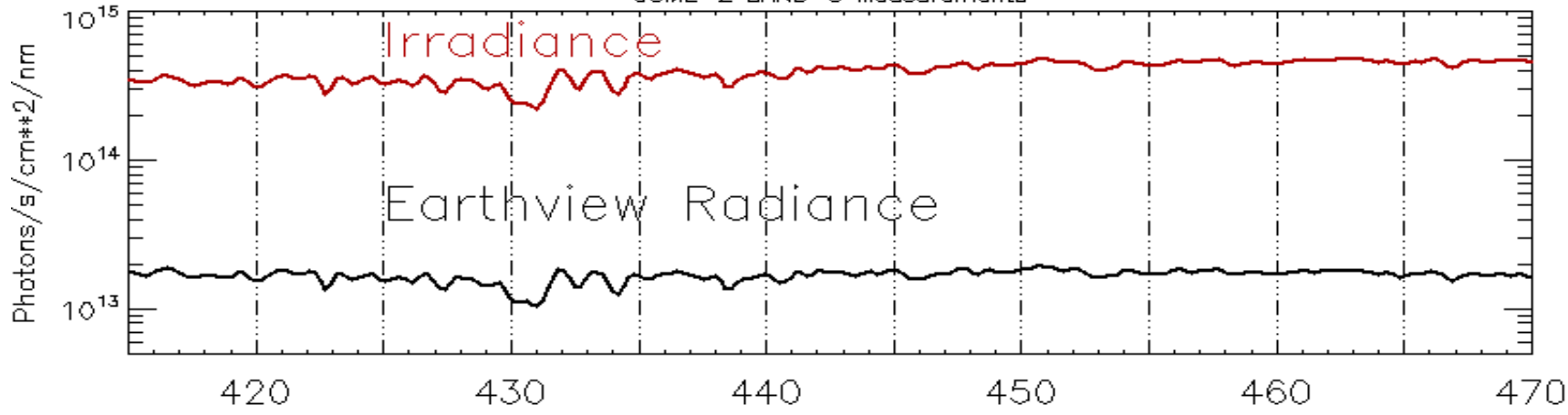
Chlorine Dioxide

GOME-2 BrO 2008-04-22-1530z

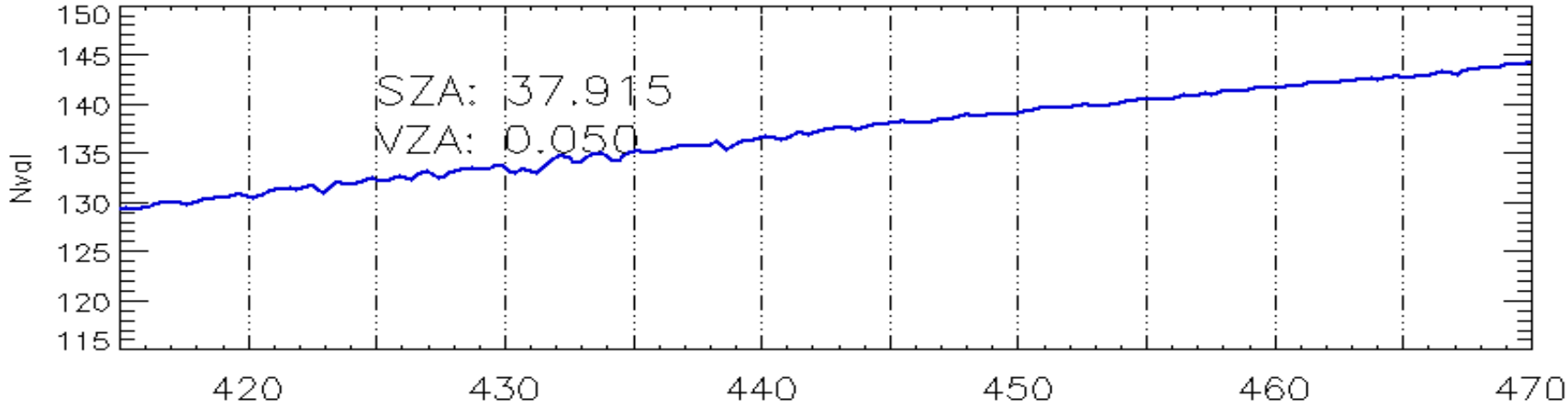


GOME-2 Example Measurement

GOME-2 BAND-3 Measurements

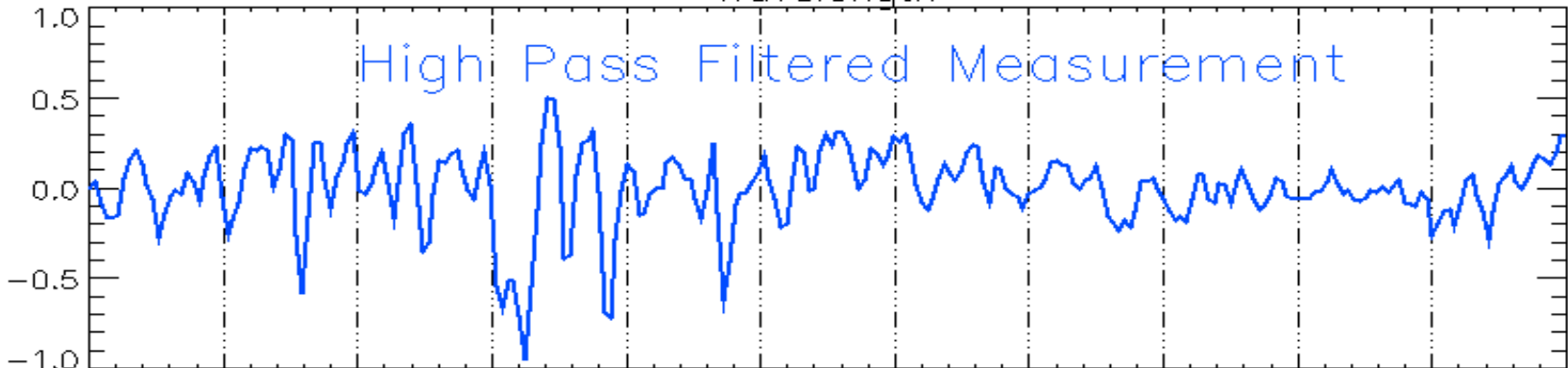


Sun normalized Measurement

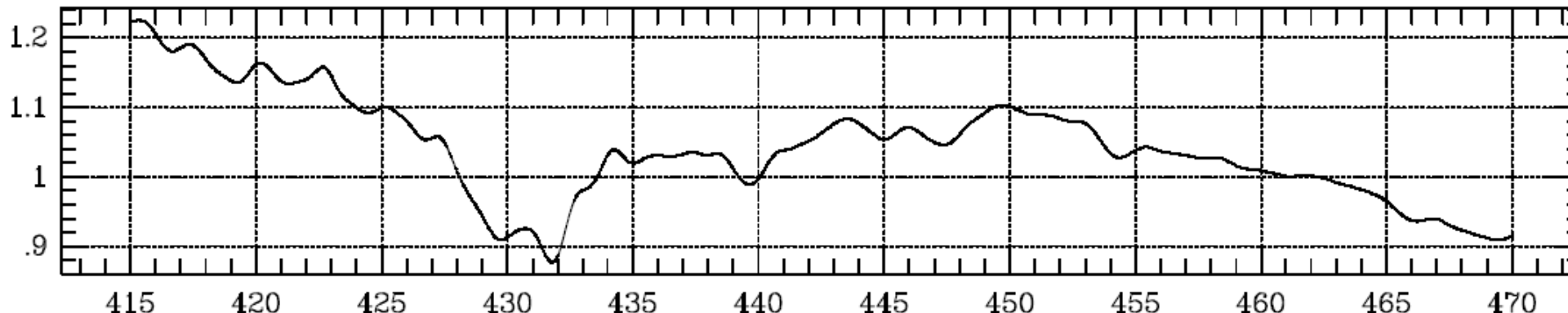
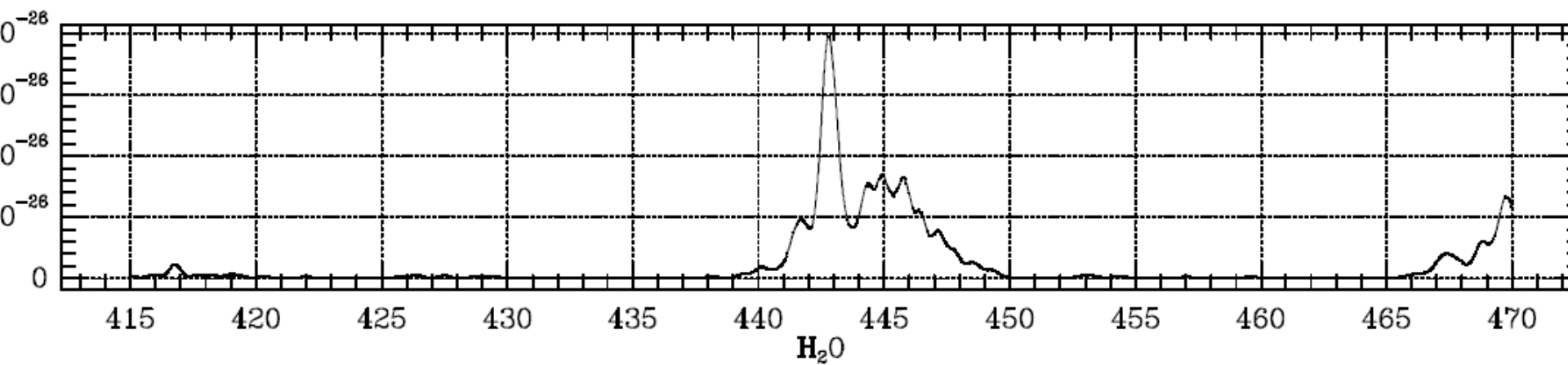
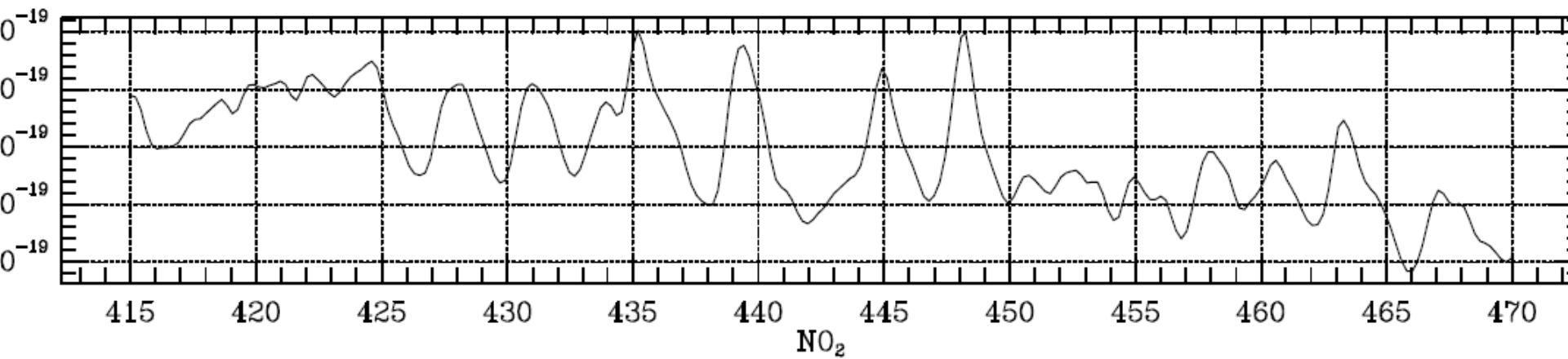


Wavelength

High Pass Filtered Measurement



Spectral Fitting Basis Functions



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