



**PCW/ PHEMOS**  
**Weather, Climate and Air**  
**quality Mission**  
**Focus on FTS**

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# Polar Communications & Weather (PCW) Mission

**2 satellites, 12 hour orbits,  
Meteorological Imager,  
operational, quasi-geostationary  
around apogee +/- 4 hrs**

**Focus on Arctic**



Canadian Space Agency  
Agence spatiale canadienne

Canada

# PCW Imager Specifications



| Band No. | subgroup | Wavelength (microns) | Heritage   | Priority | GSD (km) |     | Main applications                                 |
|----------|----------|----------------------|------------|----------|----------|-----|---|
|          |          |                      |            |          | Goal     | Max |   |
| 1        | VNIR     | 0.45-0.49            | ABI, FDHSI | 1        | 0.5      | 1.5 | Surface, clouds, aerosols                         |
| 2        |          | 0.59-0.69            | ABI, FDHSI | 1        | 0.5      | 1.5 | Wind, clouds, ice mapping                         |
| 3        |          | 0.704-0.714          | MERIS-09   | 2        | 0.5      | 1.5 | Water quality, chlorophyll                        |
| 4        |          | 0.85-0.89            | ABI, FDHSI | 1        | 0.5      | 1.5 | Wind, aerosols, vegetation                        |
| 5        | SWIR     | 1.04 – 1.06          | SGLI SW1   | 2        | 1.0      | 3.0 | Snow grain and clouds                             |
| 6        |          | 1.37-1.39            | ABI, FDHSI | 2        | 1.0      | 3.0 | Cirrus detection                                  |
| 7        |          | 1.58-1.64            | ABI, FDHSI | 1        | 0.5      | 1.5 | Snow-cloud distinction, ice cover                 |
| 8        |          | 2.22-2.28            | ABI, FDHSI | 1        | 1.0      | 3.0 | Aerosol, smoke, cloud phase                       |
| 9        | MWIR     | 3.80-4.00            | ABI, FDHSI | 1        | 2.0      | 3.0 | Fog, fires, ice/cloud separation, wind, cld.phase |
| 10       |          | 5.77-6.60            | ABI, FDHSI | 1        | 2.0      | 3.0 | Wind, high level humidity                         |
| 11       |          | 6.75-7.15            | ABI, MTSAT | 2        | 2.0      | 3.0 | Wind, mid level humidity                          |
| 12       |          | 7.24-7.44            | ABI, FDHSI | 1        | 2.0      | 3.0 | Wind, low level humidity                          |
| 13       | LWIR     | 8.30-8.70            | ABI, FDHSI | 1        | 2.0      | 3.0 | Total water, cloud phase                          |
| 14       |          | 9.42-9.80            | ABI, FDHSI | 2        | 2.0      | 3.0 | Total ozone                                       |
| 15       |          | 10.1-10.6            | ABI, FDHSI | 2        | 2.0      | 3.0 | Cloud, surface, cirrus                            |
| 16       |          | 10.8-11.6            | ABI, HIRS  | 1        | 2.0      | 3.0 | Cloud, SST, ash                                   |
| 17       |          | 11.8-12.8            | ABI, FDHSI | 1        | 2.0      | 3.0 | Ash, SST  |
| 18       | LIRCO2   | 13.0-13.6            | ABI, FDHSI | 1        | 2.0      | 3.0 | Cloud height                                      |
| 19       |          | 13.5-13.8            | MODIS,HIRS | 2        | 2.0      | 6.0 | Cloud height, low level temperature               |
| 20       |          | 13.8-14.1            | MODIS,HIRS | 2        | 2.0      | 6.0 | Cloud height, mid level temperature               |
| 21       |          | 14.1-14.4            | MODIS,HIRS | 2        | 2.0      | 6.0 | Cloud height, high level temperature              |

# Other Minimum Requirements

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- Imagery refresh rate: (T) 20 min (G) 15 min
- Solar bands pixel resolution: (T) 1.5 km (G) 0.5-1.0 km
- Infrared pixel resolution: (T) 3 km (G) 2 km

# PHEMOS

- **Polar Highly Elliptical Molinya Orbital Science for PCW**
- **Science instrument suite (N-O)**
- **Weather, Air quality, & Climate,**

# Strategic Scientific Objectives - Primary

- Improve climate process modeling and weather forecasting, using the provision of basic weather information, including vertical temperature and water vapour profiles
- Better understand the impact of industrial and agricultural pollution and Boreal forest burning on the Arctic as well as the putative impact of expected increases in shipping in the Arctic resulting from the dramatic decrease in multi-year ice using the collection of synoptic-scale air quality (gas and aerosol) measurements over the Arctic.
- Assess perturbations due to the increasing release of methane from the permafrost and from shallowly buried clathrates using the acquisition of column abundance data on methane over the Arctic.

# Strategic Scientific Objectives

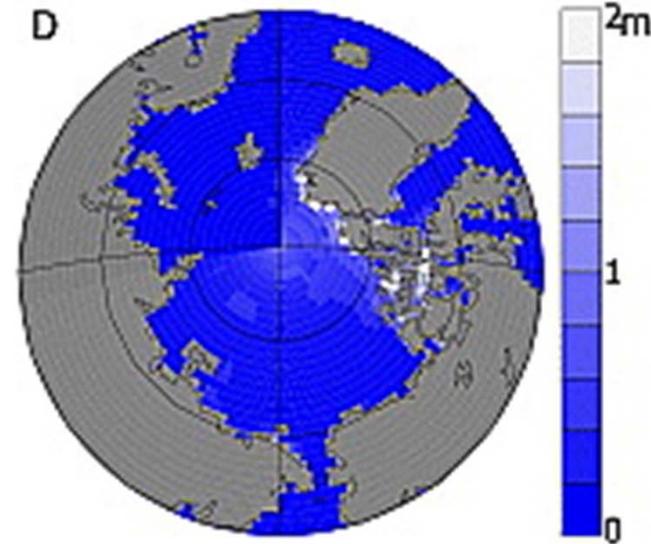
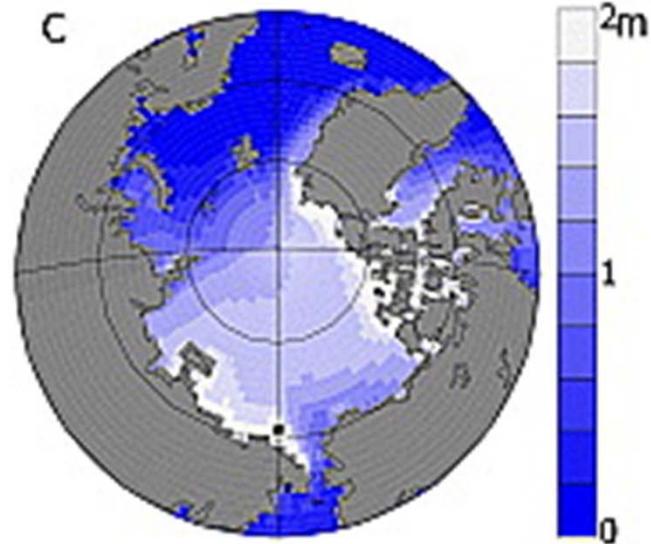
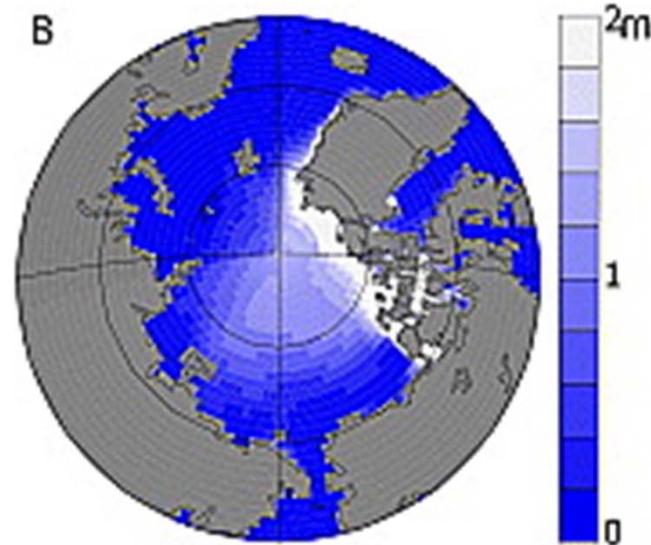
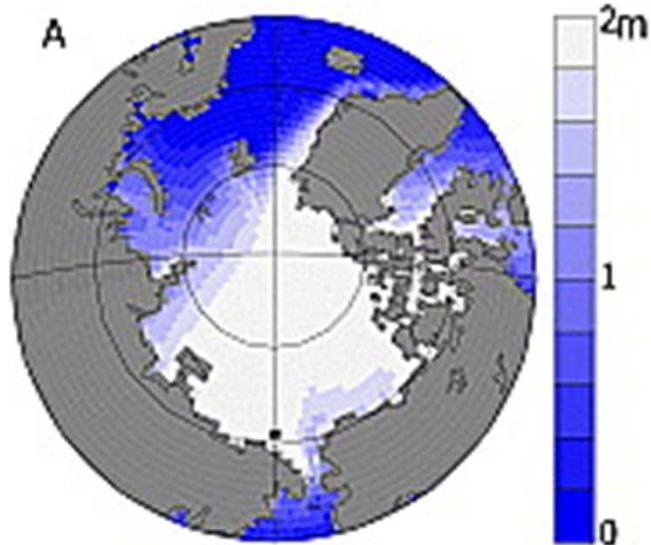
## Secondary

- provide measurements of column abundances for stratospheric ozone and a number of other species.
- provide, with modelling, a measure of the solar-terrestrial impact on the stratosphere via auroral deposition of NO<sub>x</sub> in the mesosphere.

Present

March

2037



Present

September

2037

Arctic sea ice thickness in metres Future sea ice cover is based on an average of the 6 IPCC models. 2037 is determined as the most probable year for which Arctic Sea ice cover declines to  $< 1$  million  $\text{km}^2$  (Wang and Overland, 2009).

# Science Objectives

- Provide Arctic data
- To improve meteorological data
  - T, P, H<sub>2</sub>O, ice clouds
- To improve understanding of impact of northern nations on air quality
  - Measuring gaseous species data
  - Aerosols
- To improve estimates of GHG gases sources

# EC Operational Objectives

- Improve accuracy of short and middle range weather forecasts
- Improve understanding and prediction of AQ from assimilation of column
- To improve modelling of physical processes characterizing Arctic climate and monitoring
- To improve estimates of GHG gases sources (EC/Carbon Assimilation System)

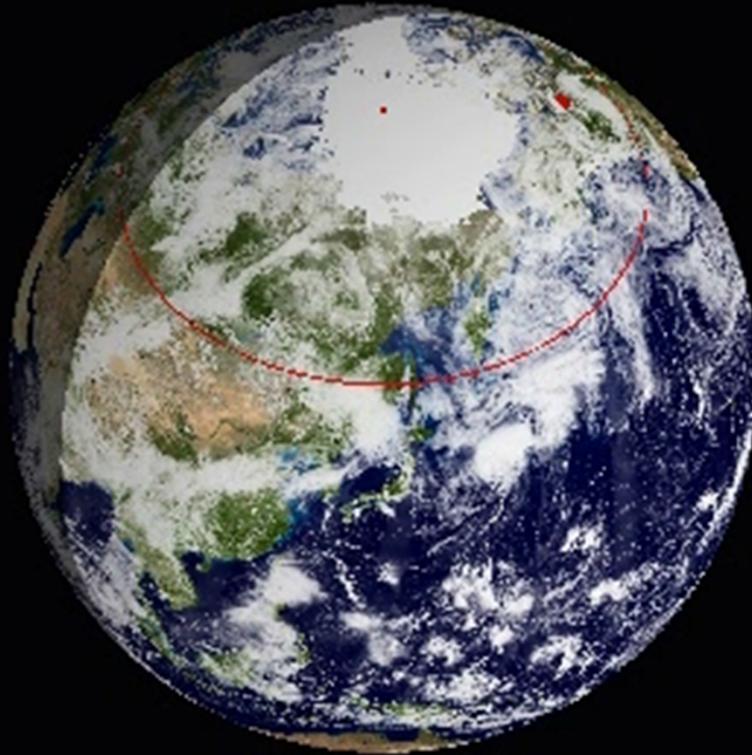
# Institutions

- ABB Bomen
- COM DEV
- York University
- University of Toronto
- Dalhousie University
- University of Sherbrooke
- Université de Québec a Montréal
- Carleton University
- University of Saskatchewan
- University of Waterloo
- Environment Canada

# Instrument and viewing considerations

How to achieve objectives

Viewing Earth from UV to Mid-IR



Courtesy of Alex Trishchenko

April 3, 20

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Viewing geometry from Molnya orbit locations. The 3 views are for an apogee at 90°W longitude. Images have been scaled to show approximate angular size difference due to altitude change over the 8 hr period they span. Note that rotation of the Earth almost exactly compensates for satellite motion in longitude.

**Air quality – summer Hi-Pressure**

**Boreal Forest burning/Volcanoes**



**East coast Low Pressure Bomb**

Apogee – 4 hours

Apogee

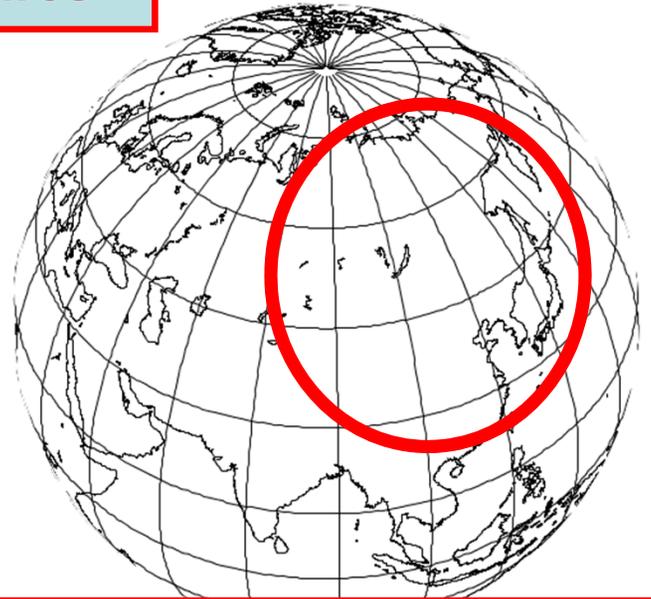
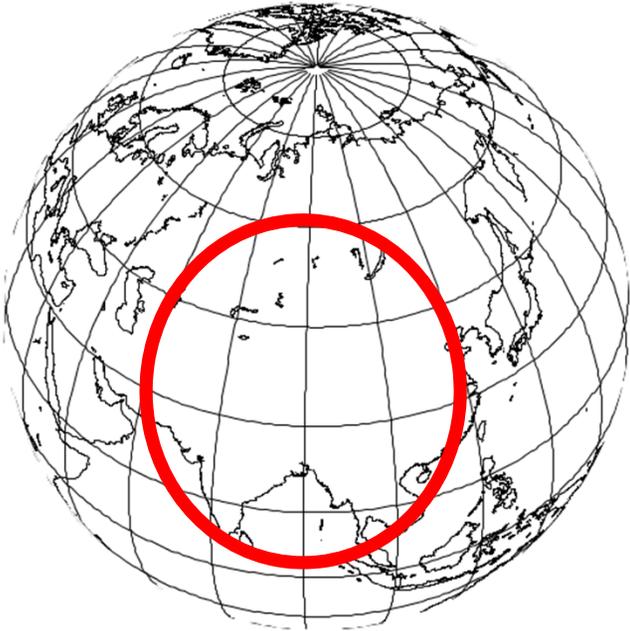
Apogee + 4 hours

Viewing geometry from Molnyia orbit locations. The 3 views would be for the alternate apogees which would occur at 90°E. Images have been scaled to show approximate angular size difference due to altitude change over the 8 hr period they span. Note that rotation of the Earth almost

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**Monsoon, meteorology + AQ**

**Siberian Fires**



**Dust Storms over China -> Canada**

Apogee – 4 hours

Apogee

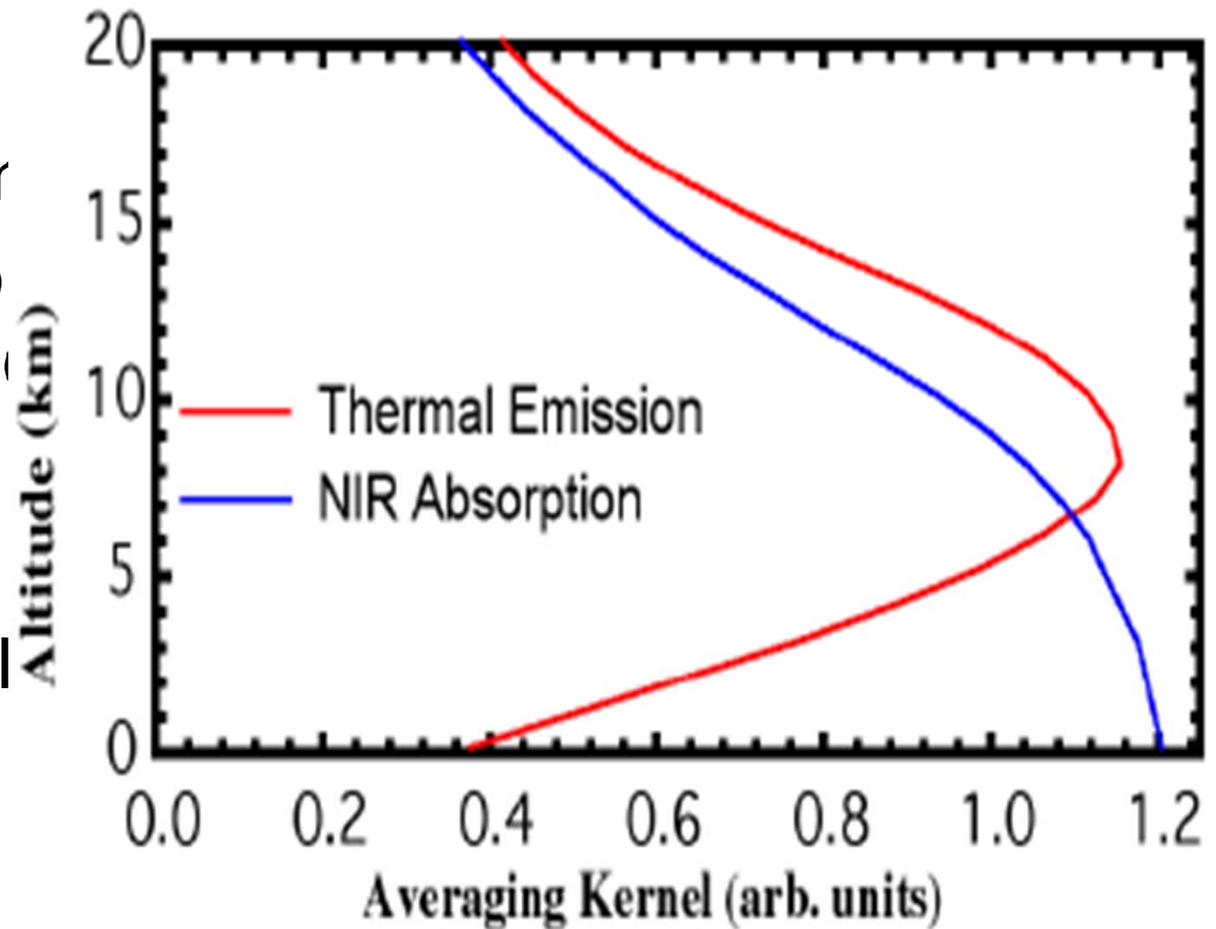
Apogee + 4 hours

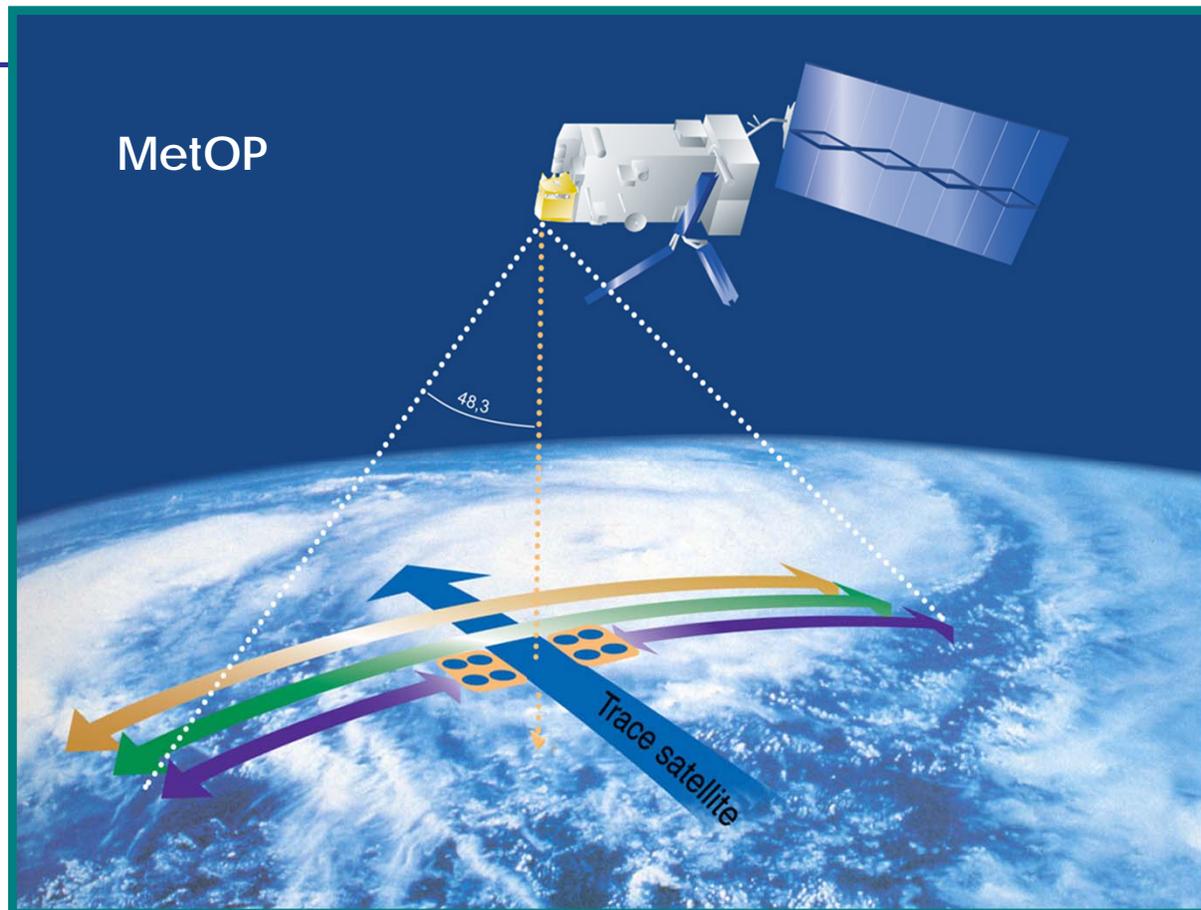
# Spectral Regions

- Mid-IR
  - Vertical profiles of T and H<sub>2</sub>O (only)
  - Kernel is generally of low sensitivity near surface
  - Using IASI or AIRS as a guide range of potential species is large (next slide)
  - Will include limited/partial column information on AQ species, GHG species

# Spectral Regions

- UVS
  - Kernel is generally uniform sensitivity with height
- UV-Vis
  - Resolution  $\sim 1\text{nm}$
  - Total column (tro)
    - O<sub>3</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>, Cl
    - O<sub>2</sub>-A band  $< 0.5$
- NIR
  - Could include col
  - CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, CO
  - Resolution  $\sim 0.2$





IASI instrument

**Nadir looking FTS**, 12 km pixel x 4 @ nadir, + scanning =  $\pm 48.3^\circ$   
Spectral coverage = 645-2760  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , Spectral resolution = 0.5  $\text{cm}^{-1}$   
Radiometric noise  $\sim 0.25\text{-}0.5$  K

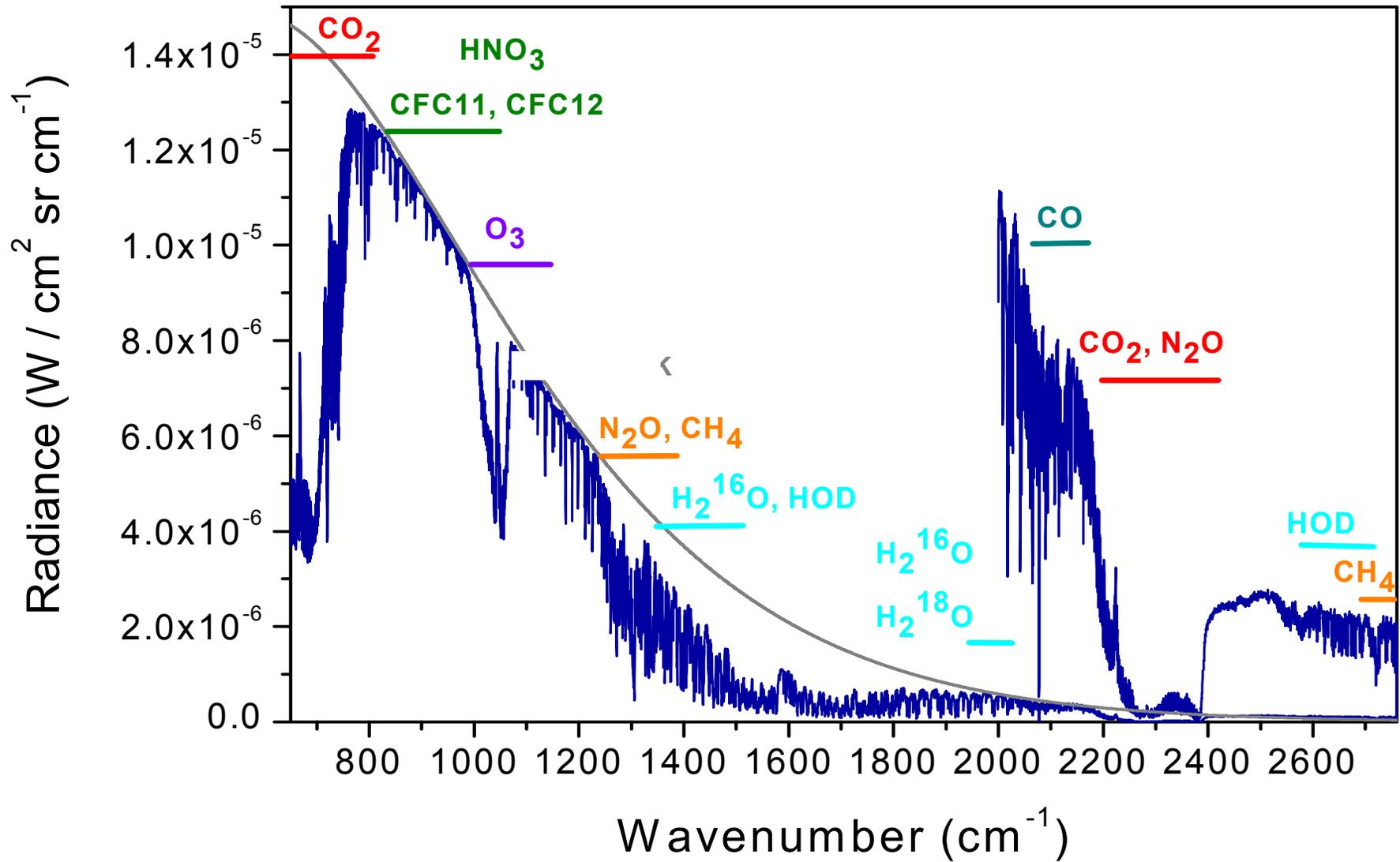
*Priorities:*

**NWP:** Temperature and humidity profiles each kilometer in the troposphere, (1 K, 10 % accuracy)

**Tropospheric chemistry and climate**

Integrated concentrations or vertical profiles for a series of target trace gases

Courtesy of Cathy Clerbaux, 2010



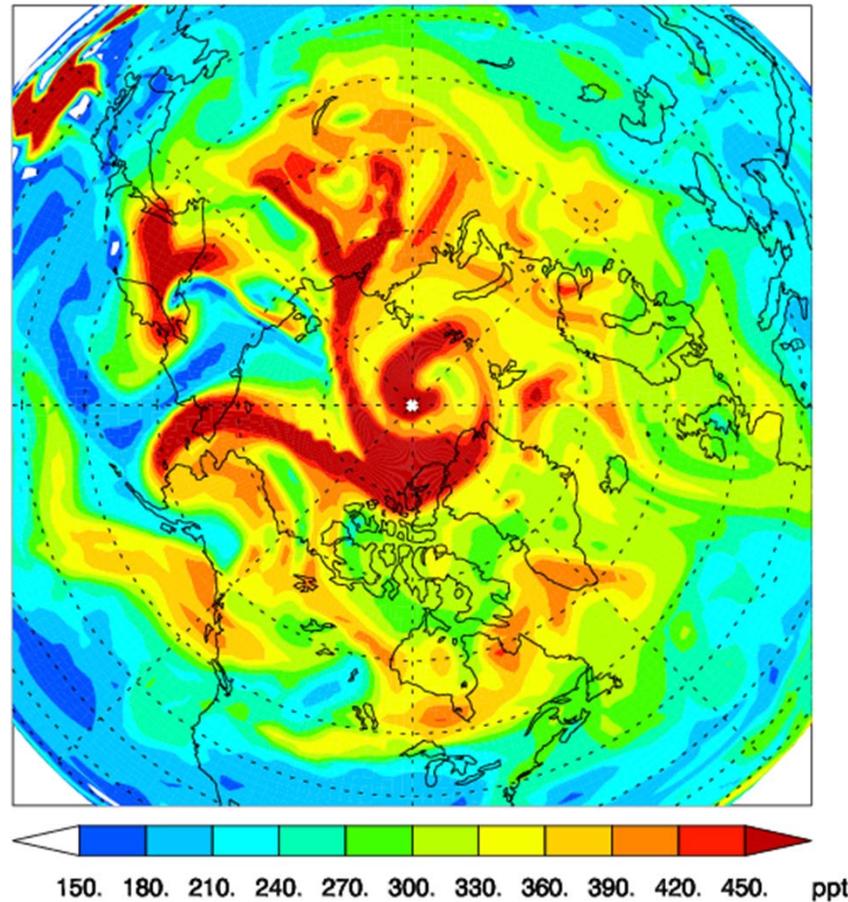
120 spectra along the swath (2400 km)  
Each 50 km along the trace  
April 3, 2011

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# Spatial Goals and Temporal Goals

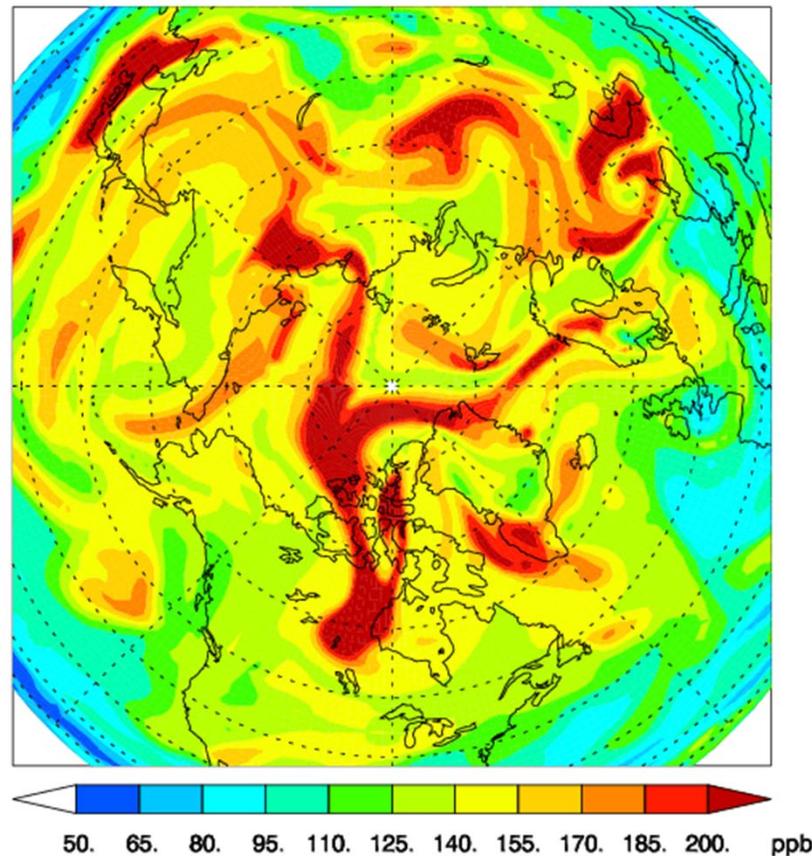
- Require highest spatial resolution compatible with mass, technology and financial
- Cloud clearing
- Resolution of features: plumes
- Watch the Earth breath (emissions: AQ and GHGs)

GEM-AQ HCN 600 hPa 2006 08 19 04:00 UTC



GEM-AQ HCN volume mixing ratio at 600 hPa over the Arctic on 19 August 2006 at 0400 UTC. The HCN plume swirling around the North Pole originated from forest fires in Siberia. (Courtesy of Alex Lupu, 2010).

GEM-AQ CO 600 hPa 2006 01 21 09:00 UTC

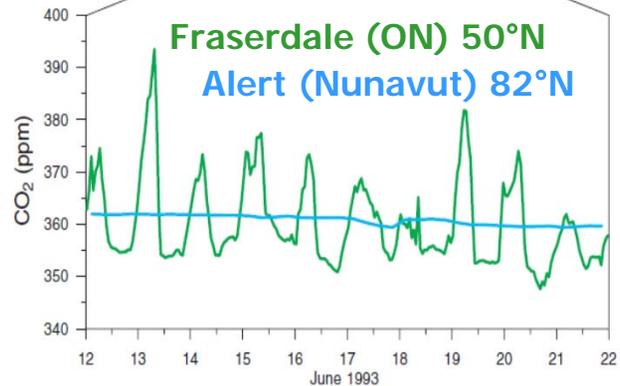
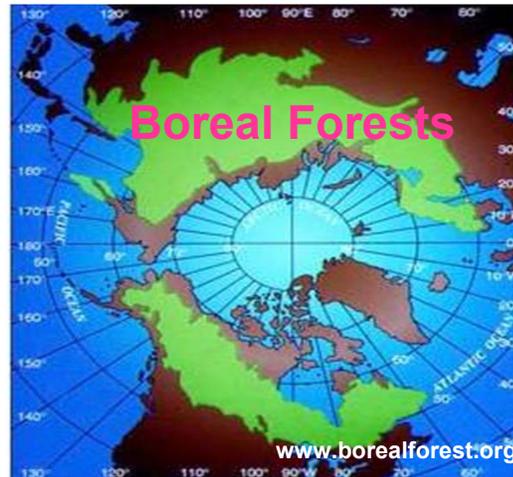
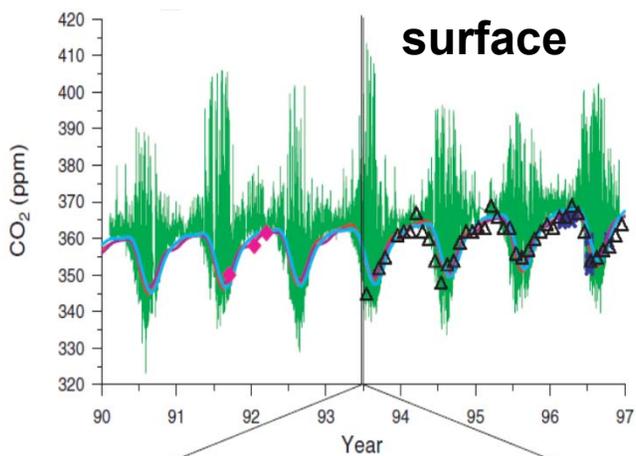


GEM-AQ CO volume mixing ratio at 600 hPa on 21 January 2006 at 0900 UTC illustrating wintertime transport of mid-latitude pollution into the Arctic troposphere.

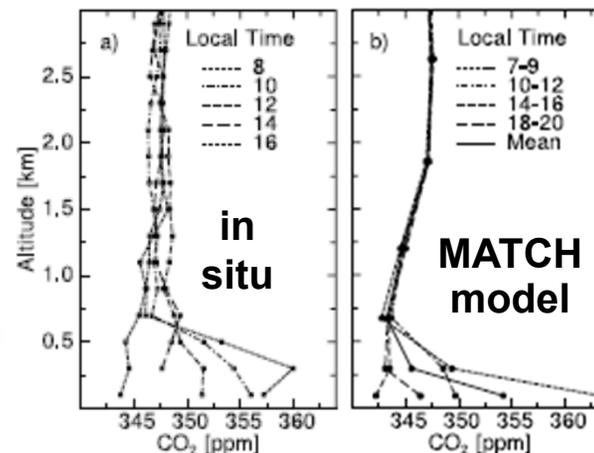
*(Courtesy of Alex Lupu, 2010).*

# Observing the CO<sub>2</sub> Diurnal Cycle

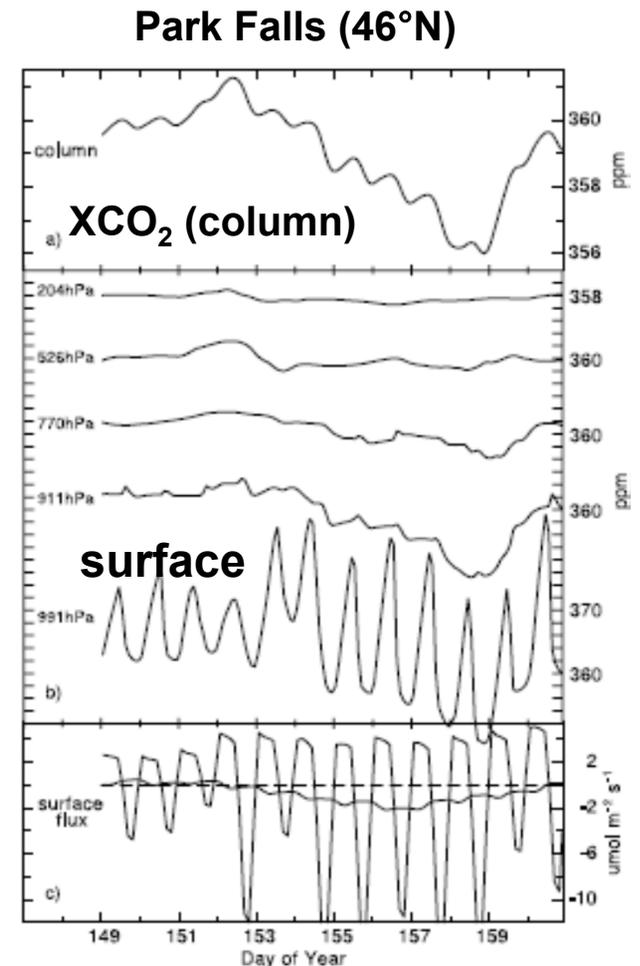
- Strong diurnal cycle of near-surface CO<sub>2</sub> over Boreal Forests, but not north of tree line
- XCO<sub>2</sub> diurnal amplitude < 1 ppm over forests, not observable in sun-sync LEO



Higuchi et al. (2003),  
Tellus 55B, 115-125



Olsen & Randerson (2004), JGR 109, D02301



# Air Quality

- Goals:
  - Human and biosphere exposures, gaseous, PM
  - source estimates
- Low(er) latitude urban areas
  - Natural sources
    - Trees
    - Boreal forest burning
- High latitude industrial sources
  - Current Northern Industry
  - New oil, gas, mineral exploration
  - Ship traffic increasing
- Volcanoes
- Aircraft



ACIA, 2004

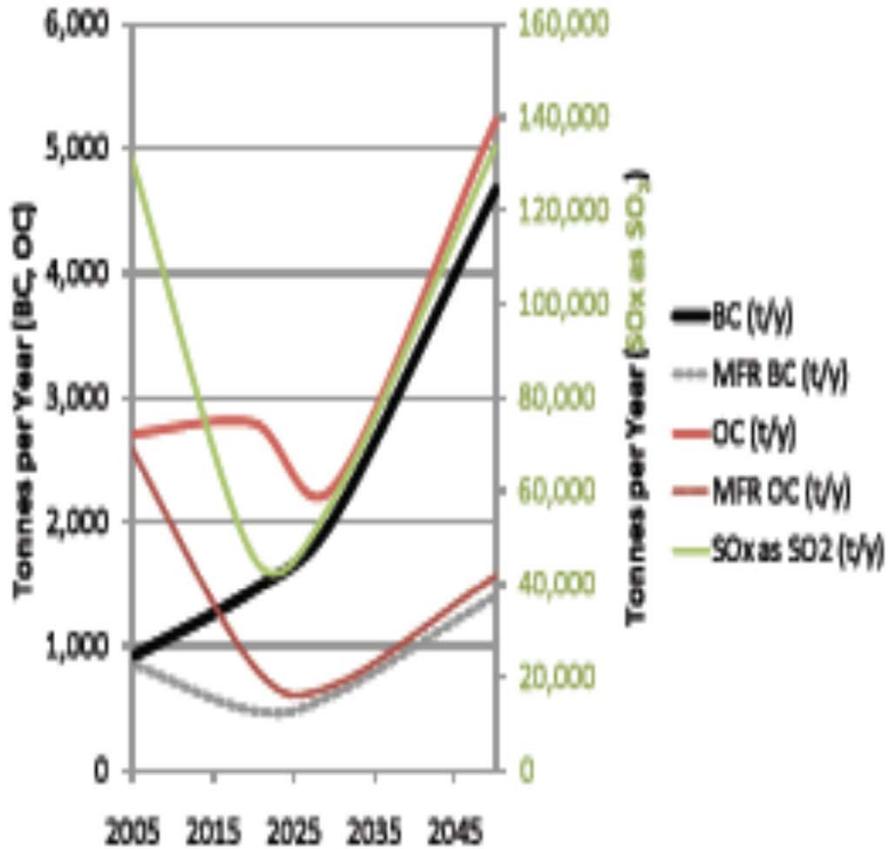
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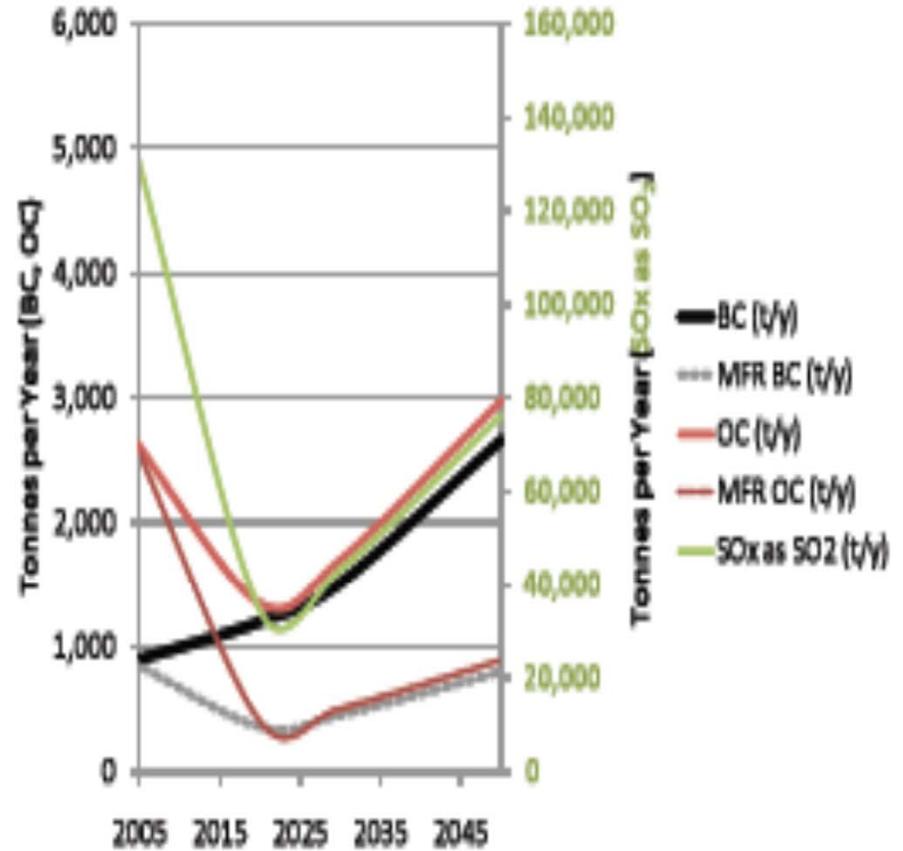
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In-Arctic Shipping: High-Growth Scenario Trends



(a)

In-Arctic Shipping: BAU-Growth Scenario Trends

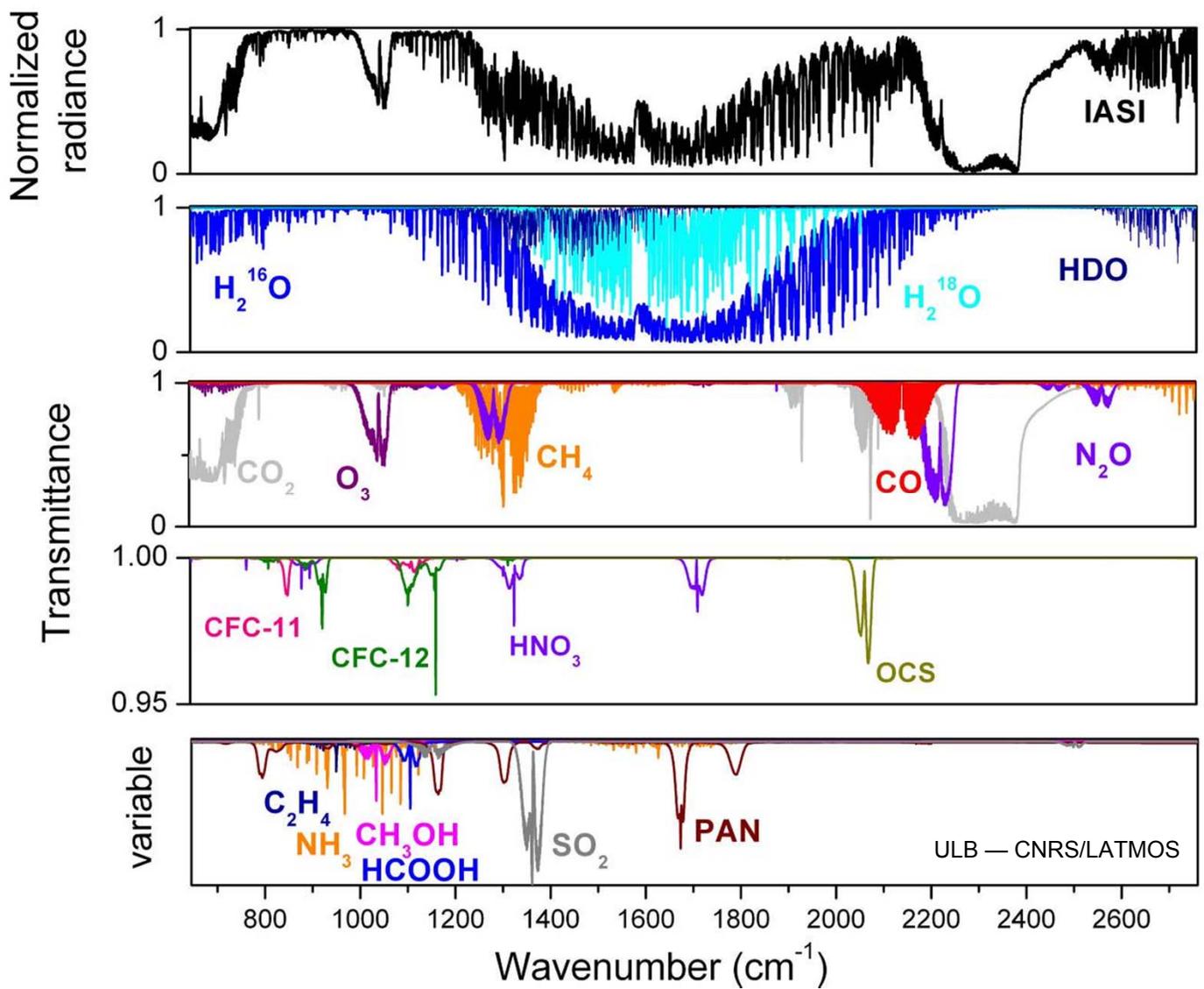


(b)

Comparison of in-Arctic trends for black carbon, organic carbon, and SOx emissions under (a) high growth and (b) BAU (business as usual) scenarios.. (Corbette al, 2010)

# IASI processing at CNRS-ULB

## IASI chemistry products



### NRT                      Research

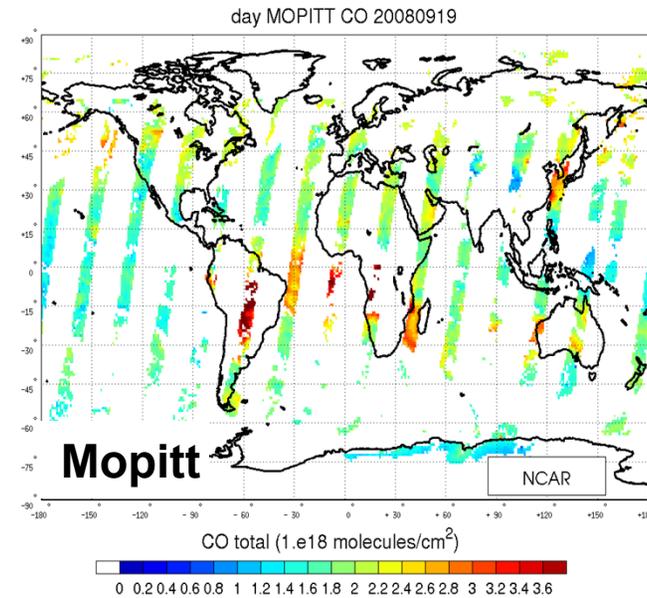
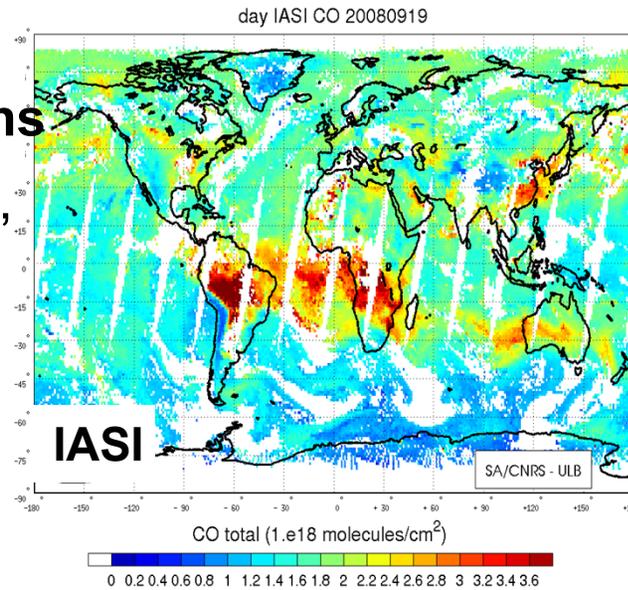
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|   | H <sub>2</sub> O, HDO, H <sub>2</sub> <sup>18</sup> O;<br>δD, δ <sup>18</sup> O profiles |
| CO profiles<br>O <sub>3</sub> Pcolumns                    | CH <sub>4</sub> profiles<br>O <sub>3</sub> profiles                                      |
| HNO <sub>3</sub> columns                                  |  |
| SO <sub>2</sub> (BTDs to columns)<br>NH <sub>3</sub> BTDs |  |

Courtesy of Cathy Clerbaux, 2010

# IASI carbon monoxide

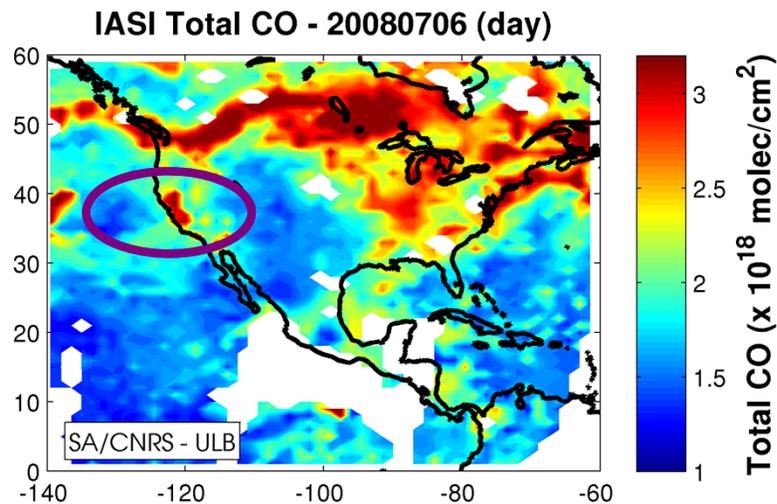
## Global distributions

Daily observation,  
morning orbit



## Sources and LRT

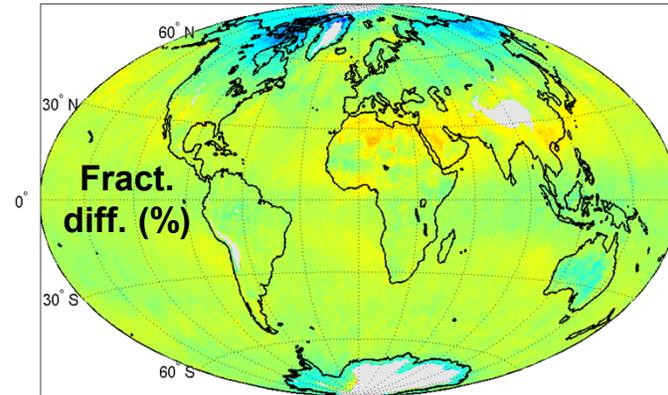
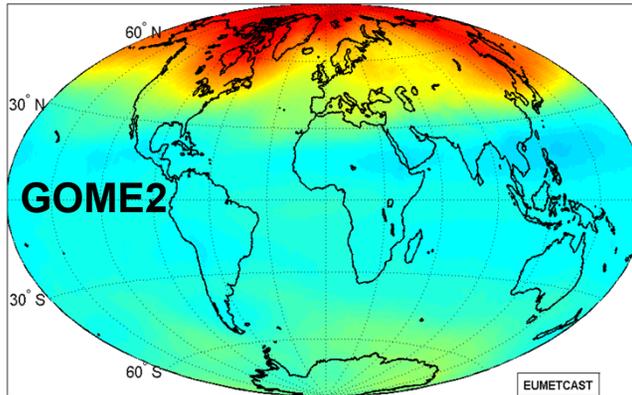
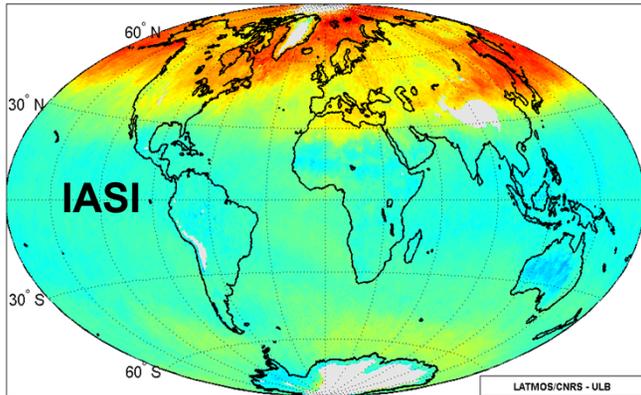
California fires  
July 2008



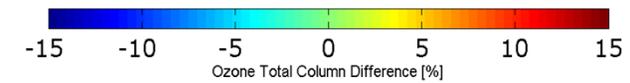
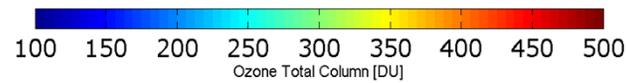
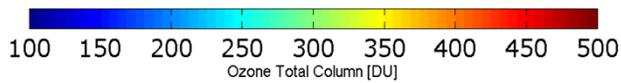
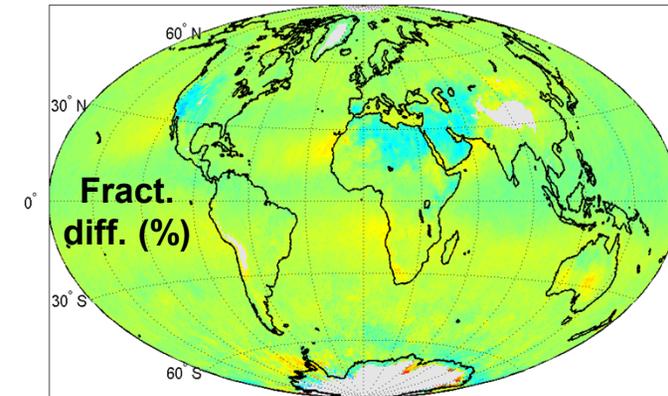
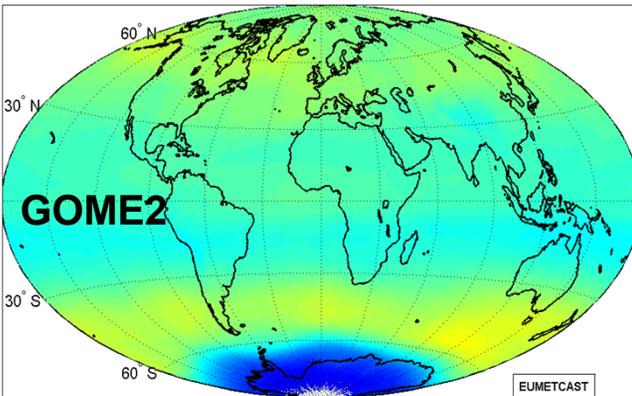
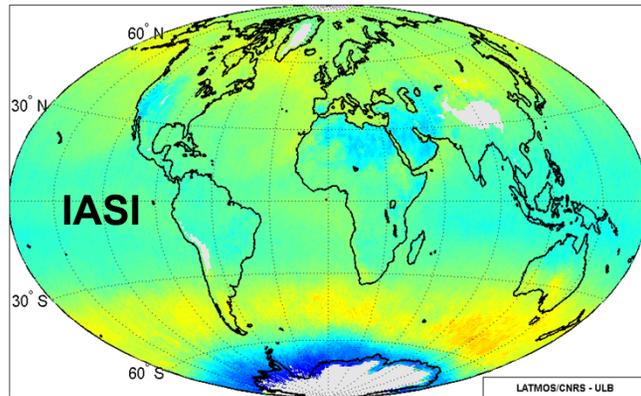
*George et al., in preparation for ACP*  
*Turquety et al., in preparation for ACP*

# Ozone: IASI (SA-NN) vs GOME-2 Stratospheric O<sub>3</sub> columns

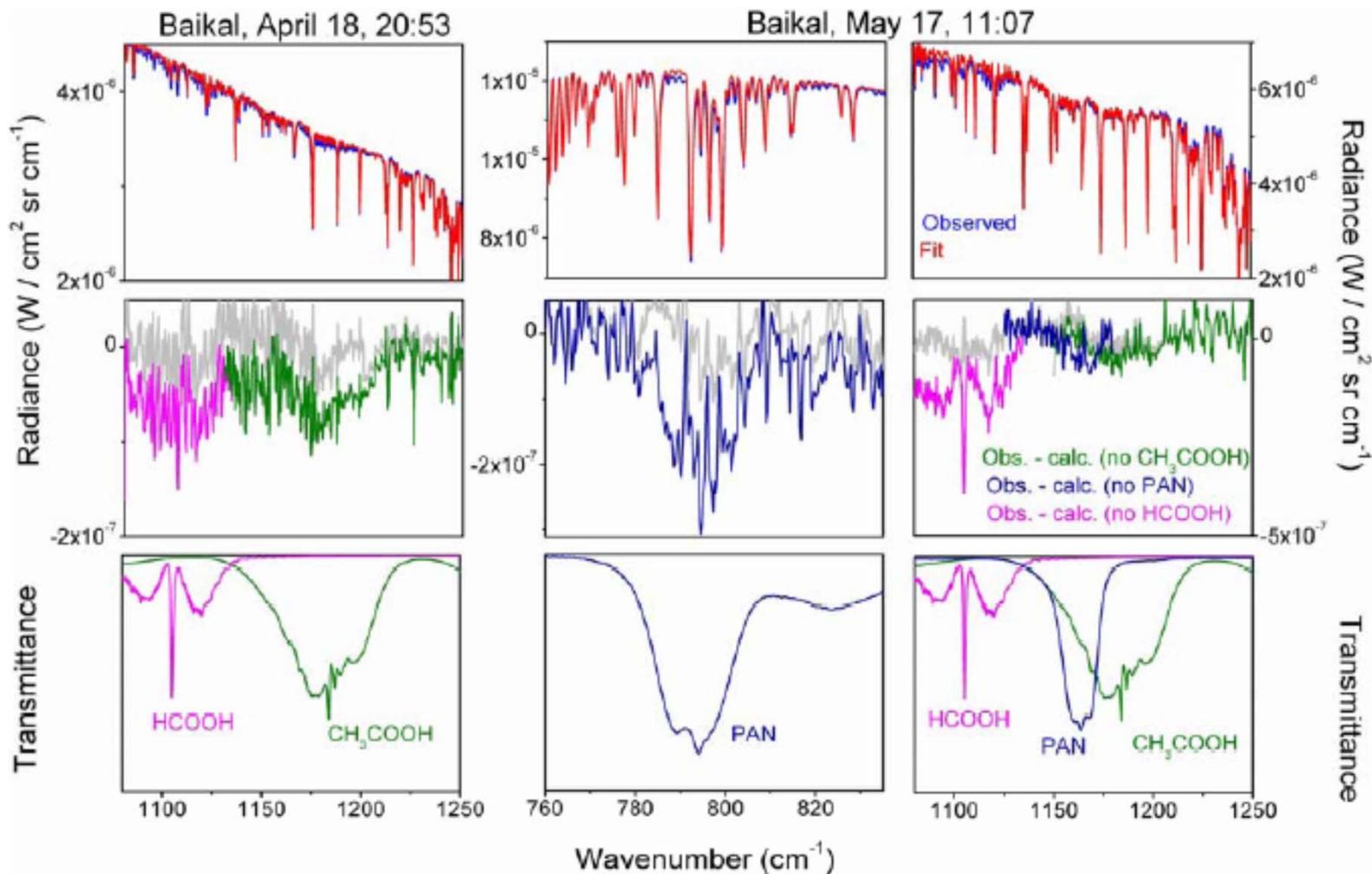
January → March 2008



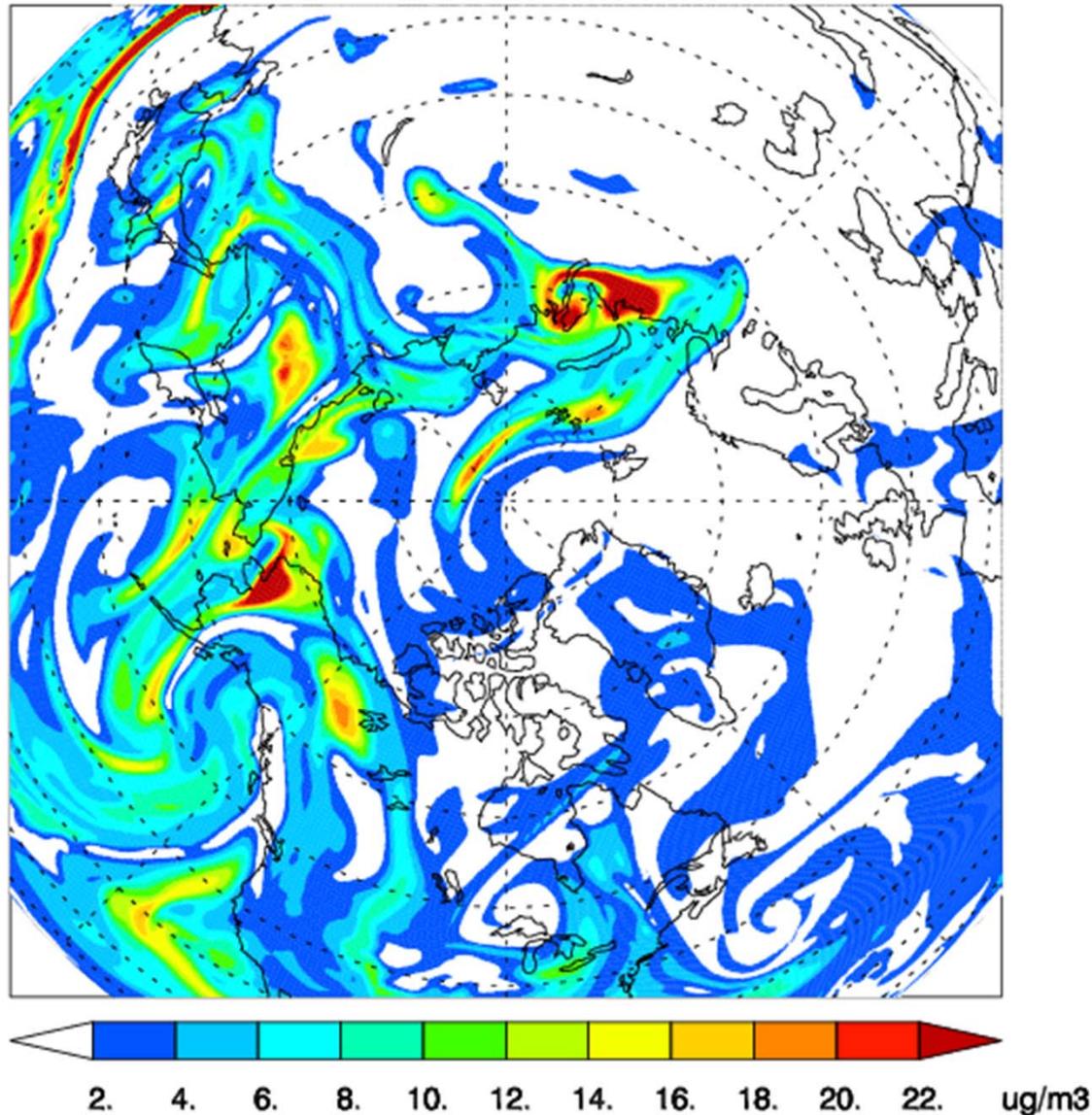
July → September 2008



A spectrum measured on 17 May in Eastern Siberia (46.09 N, 118.99 E, 11:07 local time, middle and right vertical panels). The focus is given here to the region 1075–1250  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , with contributions from HCOOH, CH<sub>3</sub>COOH and PAN (CO stretching modes) and to the region from 760 to 835  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  with contribution from PAN (NO<sub>2</sub> bending mode). In the middle panels, the light gray lines are the spectral residuals with all species accounted for in the retrieval, indicative of the best achievable RMS (Coheur et al., 2009)

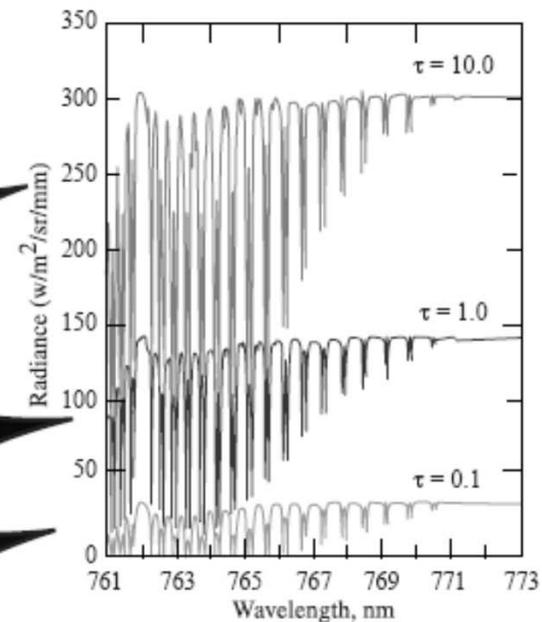
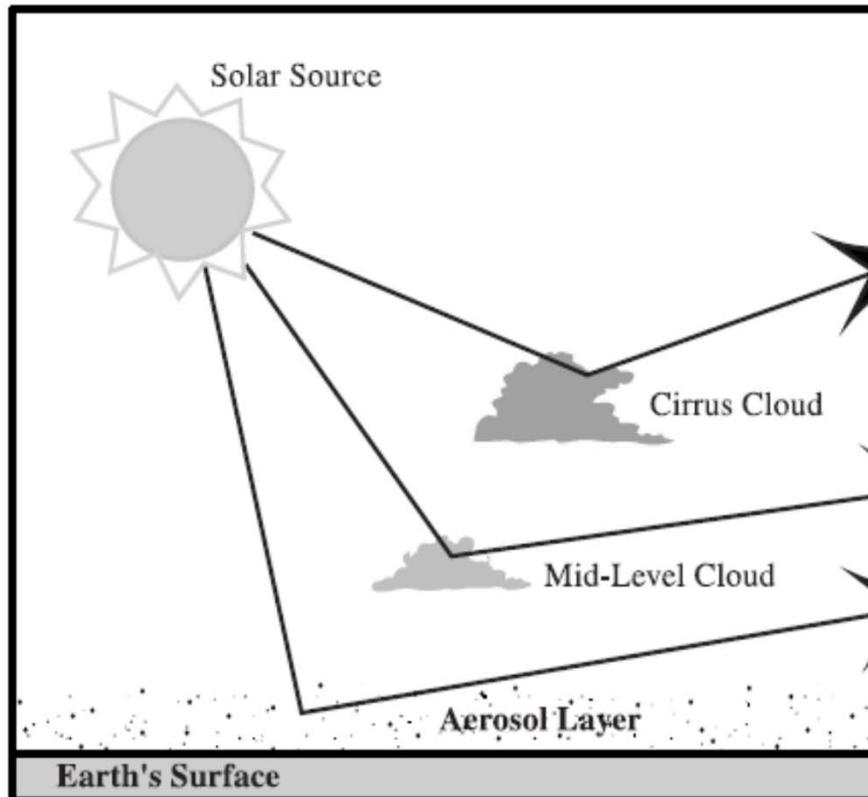


GEM-AQ OM 600 hPa 2008 04 27 00:00 UTC



GEM-AQ organic matter concentration at 600 hPa over the Arctic on 27 April 2008 at 0000 UTC. Year 2008 was characterized by an unusually early start of the fire season in northern Asia that resulted in large amounts of pyrogenic emissions being transported into the Arctic troposphere. courtesy of Alex Lupu, 2010

April



b) Observed radiance spectrum depends on optical depth and altitude of scattering layer

a) A high spectral resolution A-band spectrometer observes reflected sunlight within the oxygen A-band.

Concept for remote sensing of aerosol and cloud optical properties with a **high resolution A-band spectrometer** (Pitt et al., 2000)

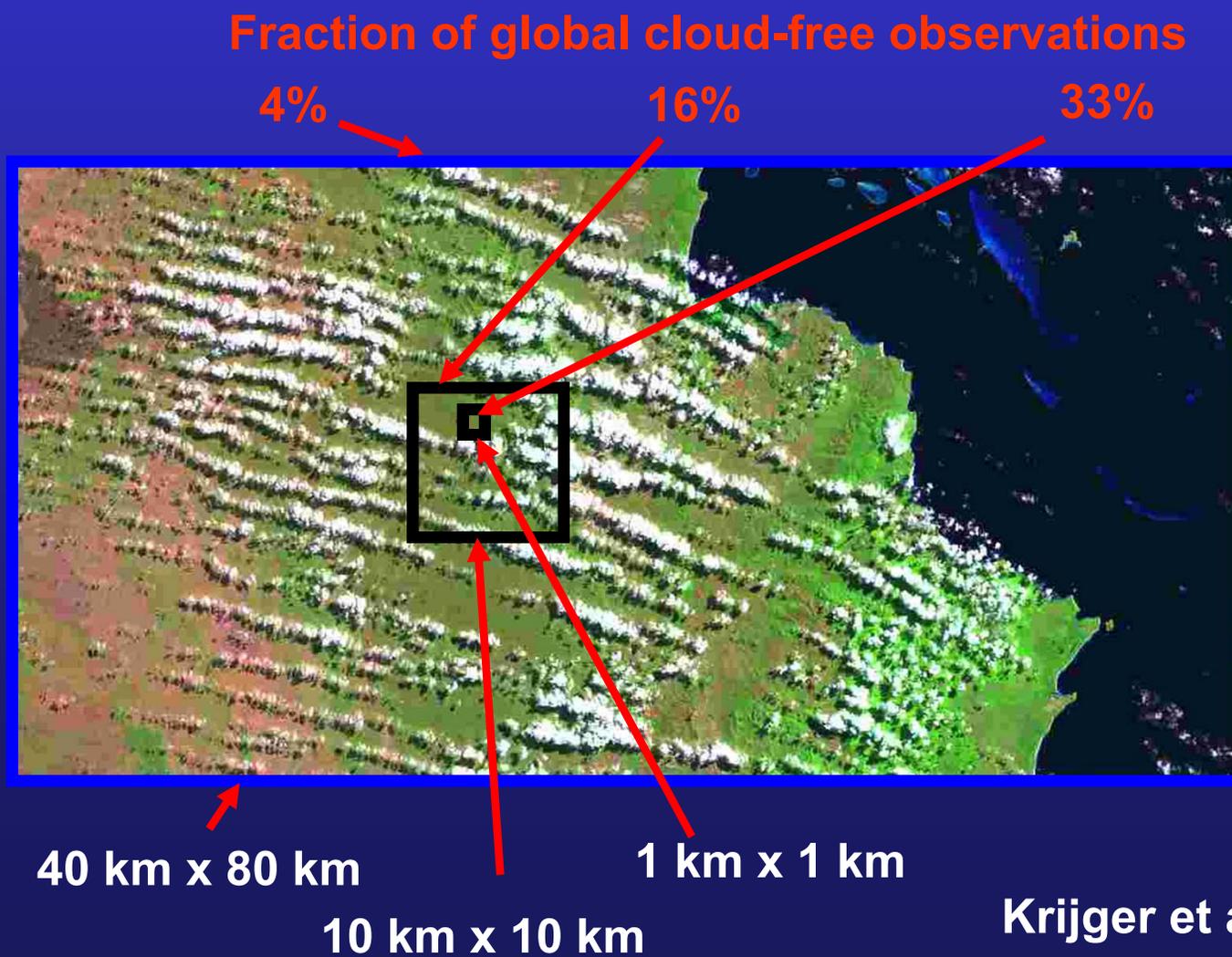
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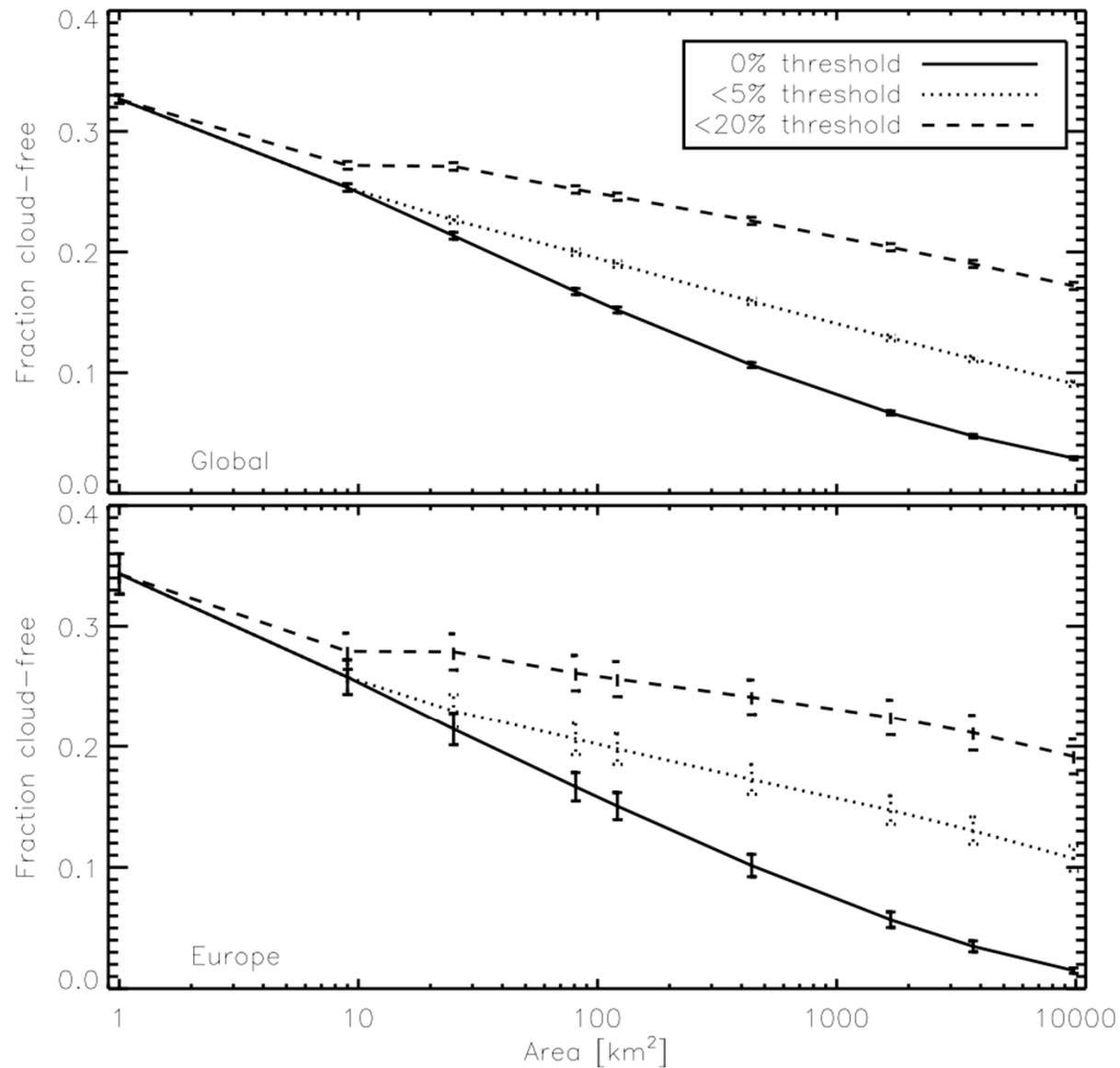
- Problem for all instruments
- Cloudiness and pixel size
- Critical for temperature
- Critical for GHGs
- Important for AQ

# Higher Spatial Resolution UVNS for NO<sub>2</sub>?

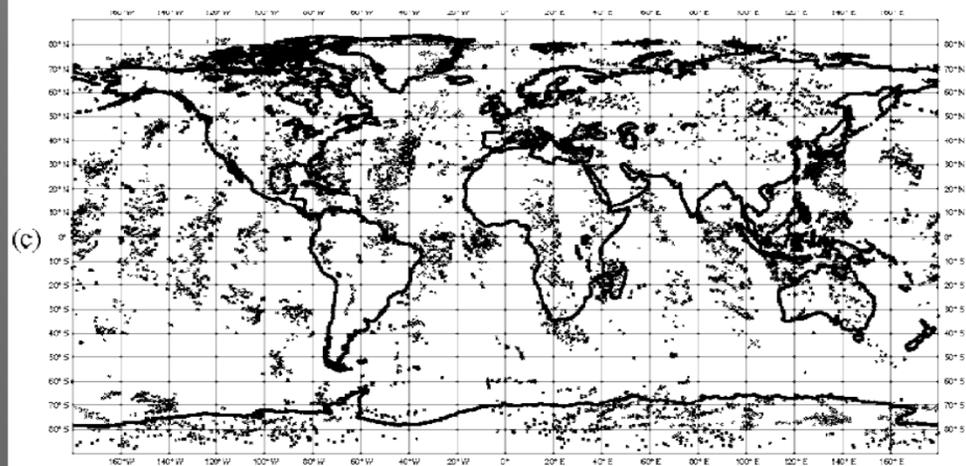
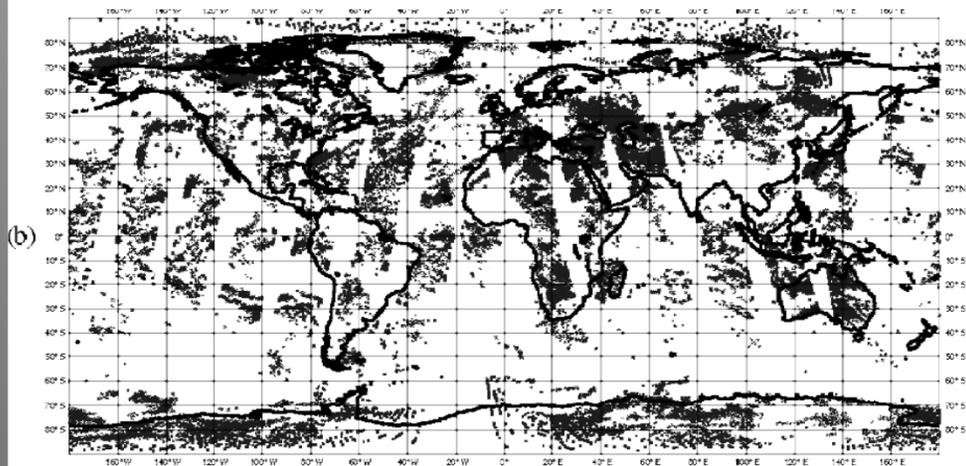
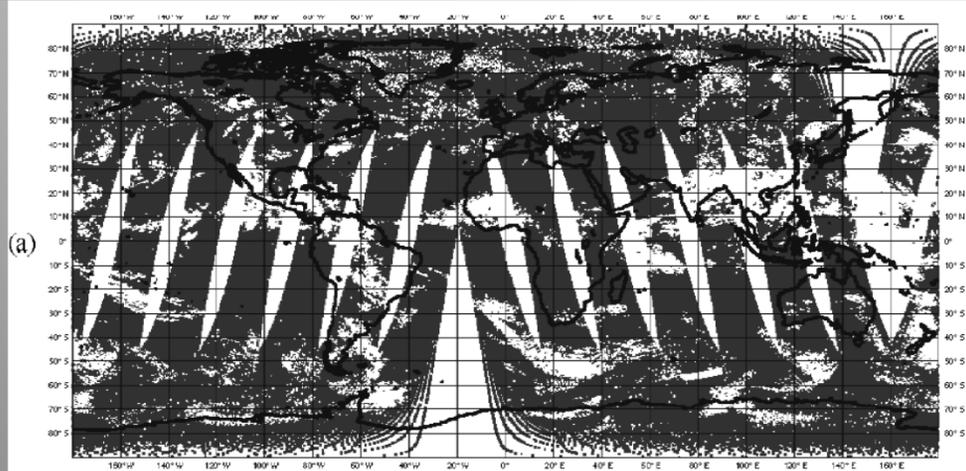
Cloud Error Reduced with Increasing Resolution

Study by K. Chance for GEOCAPE: Sufficient S/N for NO<sub>2</sub>  
Down to 2-4km





The fraction of cloud-free observations as a function of sensor resolution (footprint area) for 3 different threshold levels for cloud cover within the field of view. This is a copy of Figure 1 from Krijger et al., 2007.



## Distribution of clear locations for three AIRS channels:

A. channel 145 (at 14.5  $\mu\text{m}$  and a weighting function peak around 100 hPa),

B. channel 226 (at 13.5  $\mu\text{m}$  and a weighting function peak around 600 hPa),

C. channel 787 (at 11.0  $\mu\text{m}$  and a weighting function peak at the surface). (McNally and Watts, 2003).

Table 2 Instrument Characteristics  
Table 2A

| Instrument   | Spectral Range   | Spectral Resolution                     | Sensitivity Goal (G), Threshold (T)  | Ground IFOV                               |
|--------------|--|---|--|---|
| FTS – Band 1 | 700 - 1500 $\text{cm}^{-1}$<br>14.2 to 6.7 $\mu\text{m}$ | 0.25 $\text{cm}^{-1}$<br>$\pm 2$ cm OPD | NEdT $\text{cm}^{-1}$<br>= 0.33K (T) 700-1500<br>= 0.075K (G) 700-1000<br>= 0.1K (G) 1000-1200<br>= 0.2K (G) 1200-1500 | 10x10 $\text{km}^2$<br>IFOV<br>Contiguous |

Table 2B

|              |  |   |  |   |
|--------------|--|---|--|---|
| FTS – Band 2 | 1800 - 2700 $\text{cm}^{-1}$<br>5.6 to 3.7 $\mu\text{m}$ | 0.25 $\text{cm}^{-1}$<br>$\pm 2$ cm OPD | NEdT $\text{cm}^{-1}$<br>= 0.6(T), 0.3(G)K 1800-2000<br>= 1.0(T), 0.5(G)K 2000-2200<br>= 2.0(T), 1.0(G)K 2200-2700 | 10x10 $\text{km}^2$<br>IFOV<br>Contiguous |
|--------------|--|---|--|---|

Table 2 C

|                               |                              |                       |  |                                   |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| FTS - Band 3<br>$\text{CH}_4$ | 5990 - 6010 $\text{cm}^{-1}$ | 0.25 $\text{cm}^{-1}$ | > 500:1 for 0.4 albedo at 60°<br>SZA<br>SNR(T)=80, (G)=240   | 10x10 $\text{km}^2$<br>contiguous |
| UVS                           | 280 - 540 nm                 | 1.0 nm                | 200 to 4,000 (0.1 s) 8x8 km IFOV<br>SNR(T)=1250, (G)=2000, 400 nm<br>SNR(T)=300, (G) = 600, 350 nm | 1-D scan<br>6.8x8.5 $\text{km}^2$ |

| Table 2D – additional options to Table 2A above   |                                     |                         |                                      |                                      |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| FTS – Band 3<br>CH <sub>4</sub> + CO <sub>2</sub> | 5990 - 6450 cm <sup>-1</sup>        | 0.25 cm <sup>-1</sup>   | > 130:1 for 0.4<br>albedo at 60° SZA | 10x10 km <sup>2</sup><br>contiguous  |
| FTS – Band 4<br>O <sub>2</sub> (A-band)           | 13060-13160 cm <sup>-1</sup>        | 0.5 cm <sup>-1</sup>    | > 100:1 for 0.4<br>albedo at 60° SZA | 10x10 km <sup>2</sup><br>contiguous  |
| Table 2E – option for heavier mass                |                                     |                         |                                      |                                      |
| SHS – CH <sub>4</sub>                             | 1663-1668 nm                        | 0.1 cm <sup>-1</sup>    | 3x10 <sup>-9</sup> Wm <sup>-2</sup>  | 3x3 km <sup>2</sup> IFOV<br>2-D scan |
| SHS – CO <sub>2</sub>                             | 1993-1998 nm                        | 0.1 cm <sup>-1</sup>    | 3x10 <sup>-9</sup> Wm <sup>-2</sup>  | 3x3 km <sup>2</sup> IFOV<br>2-D scan |
| SHS - O <sub>2</sub>                              | 13000-13100 cm <sup>-1</sup><br>TBC | 0.1cm <sup>-1</sup> TBC | TBC                                  | 3x3 km <sup>2</sup> IFOV<br>2-D scan |

Note: UVS numbers are for a bright scene (high albedo)

# IR-Sounder description

## High level requirements - Baseline

| Instrument   | Spectral Range                                | Spectral Resolution                | Sensitivity Goal (G), Threshold (T)  | Ground IFOV                                 |
|--|---|------------------------------------|--|---|
| FTS – Band 1                                       | 700 - 1500 cm <sup>-1</sup><br>14.2 to 6.7 μm | 0.25 cm <sup>-1</sup><br>±2 cm OPD | NEdT<br>< 0.33 K (T) 700-1500 cm <sup>-1</sup><br>< 0.075 K (G) 700 -1000 cm <sup>-1</sup><br>< 0.1 K (G) 1000 -1200 cm <sup>-1</sup><br>< 0.2 K(G) 1200-1500 cm <sup>-1</sup> | 10×10 km <sup>2</sup><br>IFOV<br>contiguous |
| FTS – Band 2                                       | 1800 - 2700 cm <sup>-1</sup><br>5.6 to 3.7 μm | 0.25 cm <sup>-1</sup><br>±2 cm OPD | NEdT<br>< 0.6 K(T), 0.3 K (G) 1800-2000 cm <sup>-1</sup><br>< 1.0 K (T), 0.5 K (G) 2000-2200 cm <sup>-1</sup><br>< 2.0 K (T), 1.0 K (G) 2200-2700 cm <sup>-1</sup>             | 10×10 km <sup>2</sup><br>IFOV<br>contiguous |
| FTS - Band 3<br>CH <sub>4</sub>                    | 5990 - 6010 cm <sup>-1</sup>                  | 0.25 cm <sup>-1</sup>              | SNR > 80 (T), 240 (G) for 0.4 albedo at 60° SZA  | 10×10 km <sup>2</sup><br>contiguous         |
| FTS – Band 3b<br>CH <sub>4</sub> + CO <sub>2</sub> | 5990 - 6450 cm <sup>-1</sup>                  | 0.25 cm <sup>-1</sup>              | SNR > 130 for 0.4 albedo at 60° SZA  | 10×10 km <sup>2</sup><br>contiguous         |
| FTS – Band 4<br>O <sub>2</sub> (A-band)            | 13060-13160 cm <sup>-1</sup>                  | 0.5 cm <sup>-1</sup>               | SNR > 100 for 0.4 albedo at 60° SZA  | 10×10 km <sup>2</sup><br>contiguous         |

# Interfaces

## Main resources required

|           | IR-Sounder                  | UVNS  | Resources             |
|-----------|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| Mass      | 38.7 kg + 11 kg contingency | Optical head: 6 kg<br>Electronics: 5 kg<br>Structure: 9 kg<br>Contingency: 6 kg | 50 kg                 |
| Volume    | 32 cm x 30 cm x 22 cm       | Optical head: 35 cm x 30 cm x 25 cm<br>Structure: 46 cm x 35 cm x 20 cm         | 30 cm x 30 cm x 30 cm |
| Power     | 106 W + 25 W contingency    | 25 W  | 100 W                 |
| Data rate | < 16.4 Mb/s                 | 5 Mb/s  | 5 Mb/s                |

# Nominal parameters of PHEMOS FTS

- **10 x 10 km GIFOV at nominal 37600 km altitude and nadir**
  - **For all bands**
- **Measurement time per GIFOV ~100s.**
  - **For contiguous coverage measure ~100,000 IFOVs in ~60 min.**
    - **Require at least 2800 parallel detectors**
    - **Focal plane array detectors with ~60 x 60 pixels**
- **With mirror can stare/point to mesoscale event (fire, storm, volcano)**
  - **Reduce FOR**
  - **Reduce repeat time**

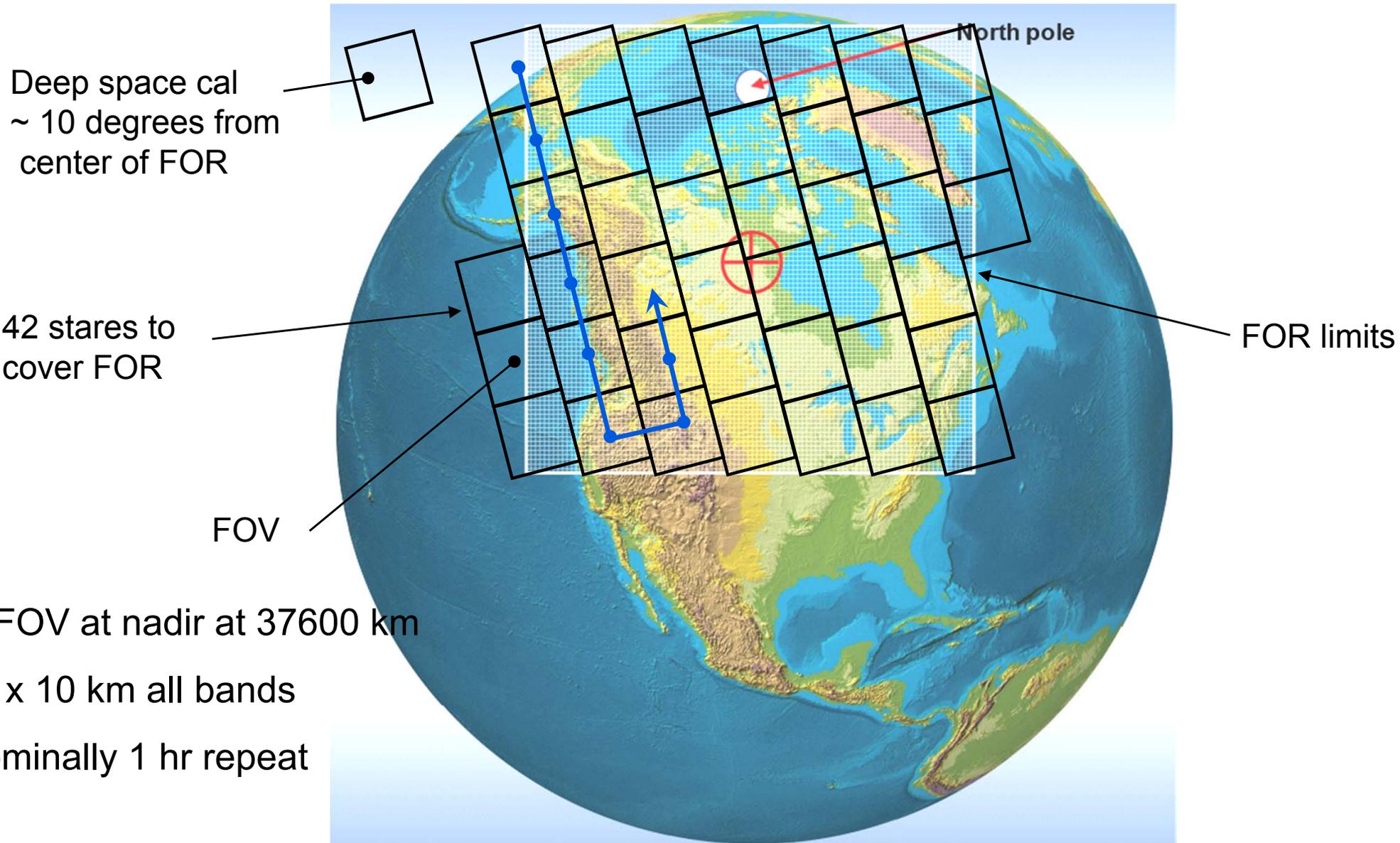
# IR-Sounder description

## Observation scenario

- Field of regard is approximately 3020 km x 3530 km ( $\pm 1.5$  h from apogee)
- Field of regard is scanned in 2-D
  - Step & stare
  - 6 x 7 stares
  - 10% overlap (contingency for pointing error)
- Each stare:
  - Has 56 x 56 pixels
- Each pixel is 10 km x 10 km ( $\pm 1.5$  h from apogee)
- The FOR is imaged in 1 h 11 min (FOV 100s)
- Imaging time is kept constant over the orbit
  - FOR dimension will vary with altitude

# IR-Sounder description

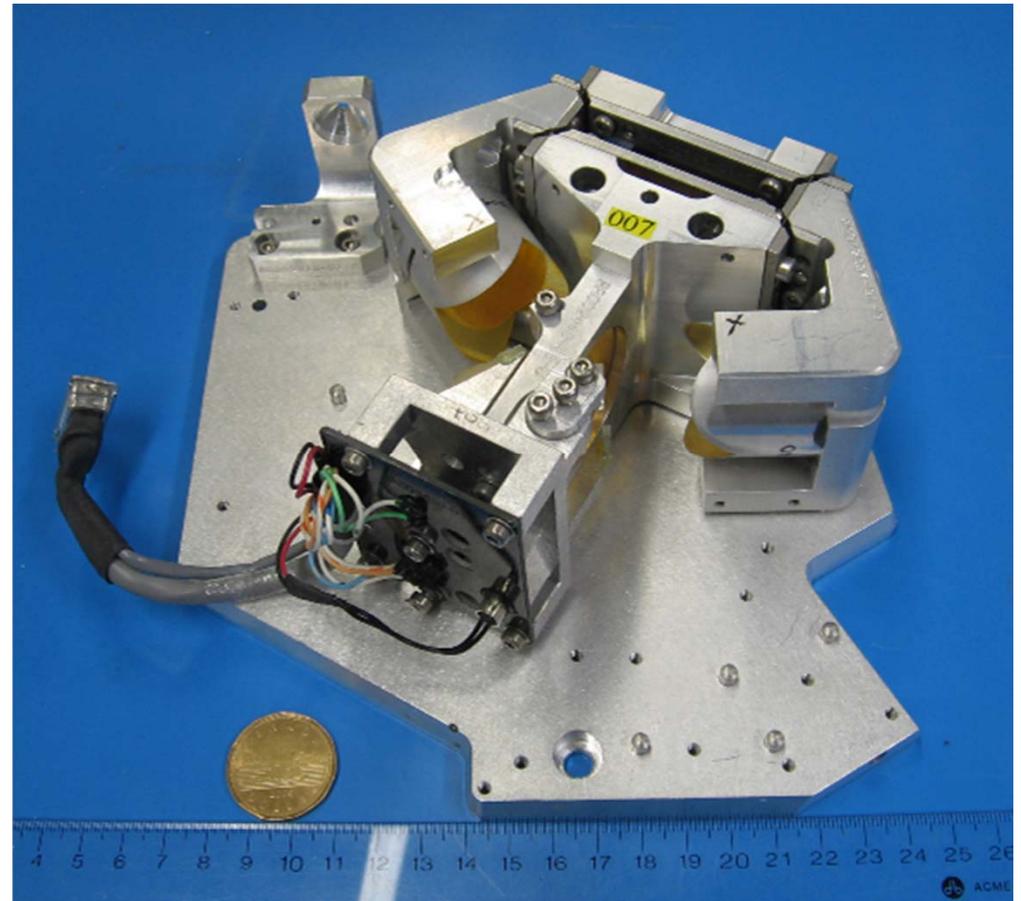
## Scan pattern



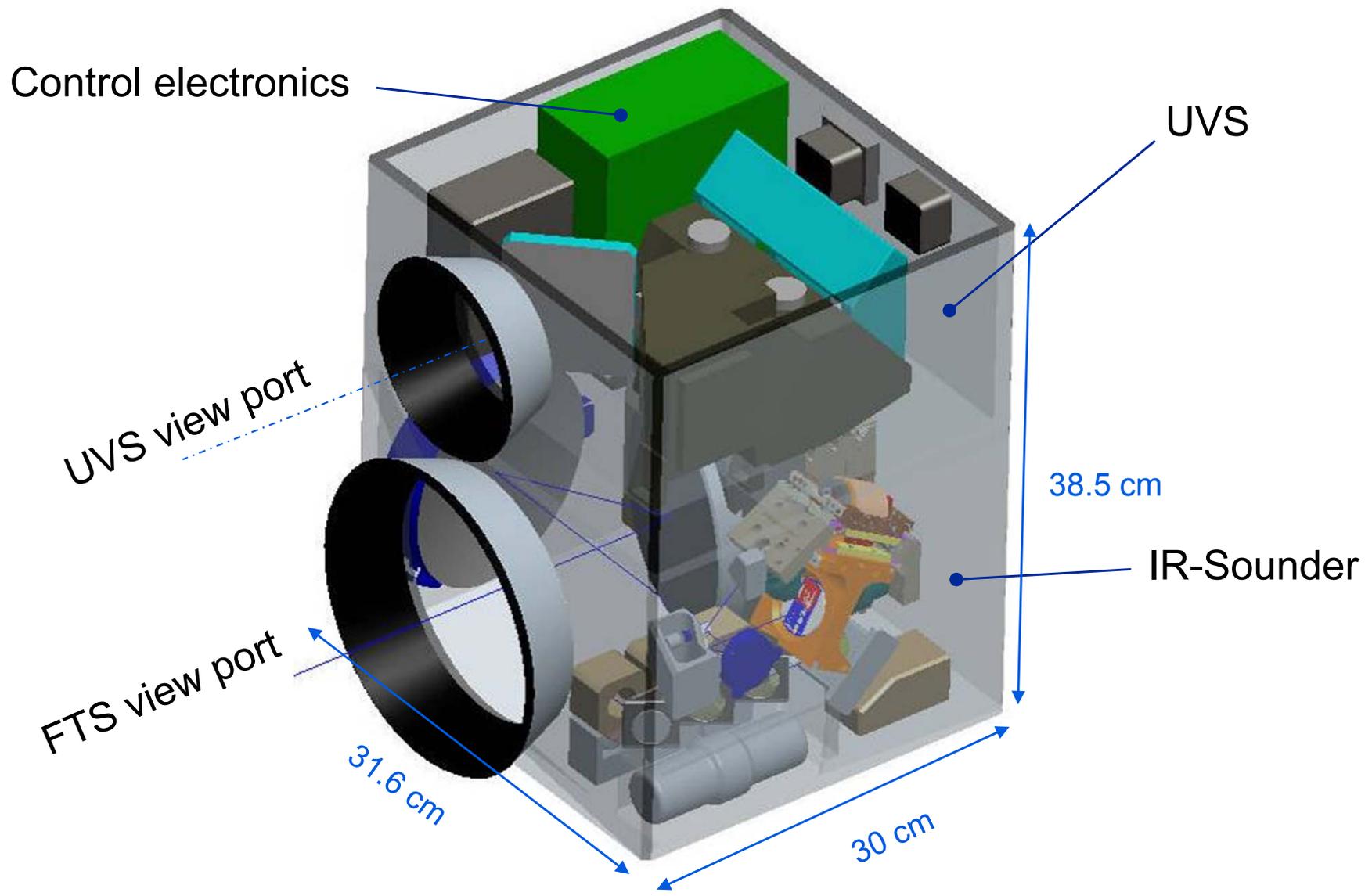
# IR-Sounder description

## Interferometer

- Based on MINT interferometer (CSA STDP)
- Mass: 1 kg
- MPD: 2 cm
- Fibre-coupled laser metrology
- Spectral range: 0.7 to 25  $\mu\text{m}$
- Beam size: 30 mm
- Modulation efficiency: 80% at 1.6  $\mu\text{m}$

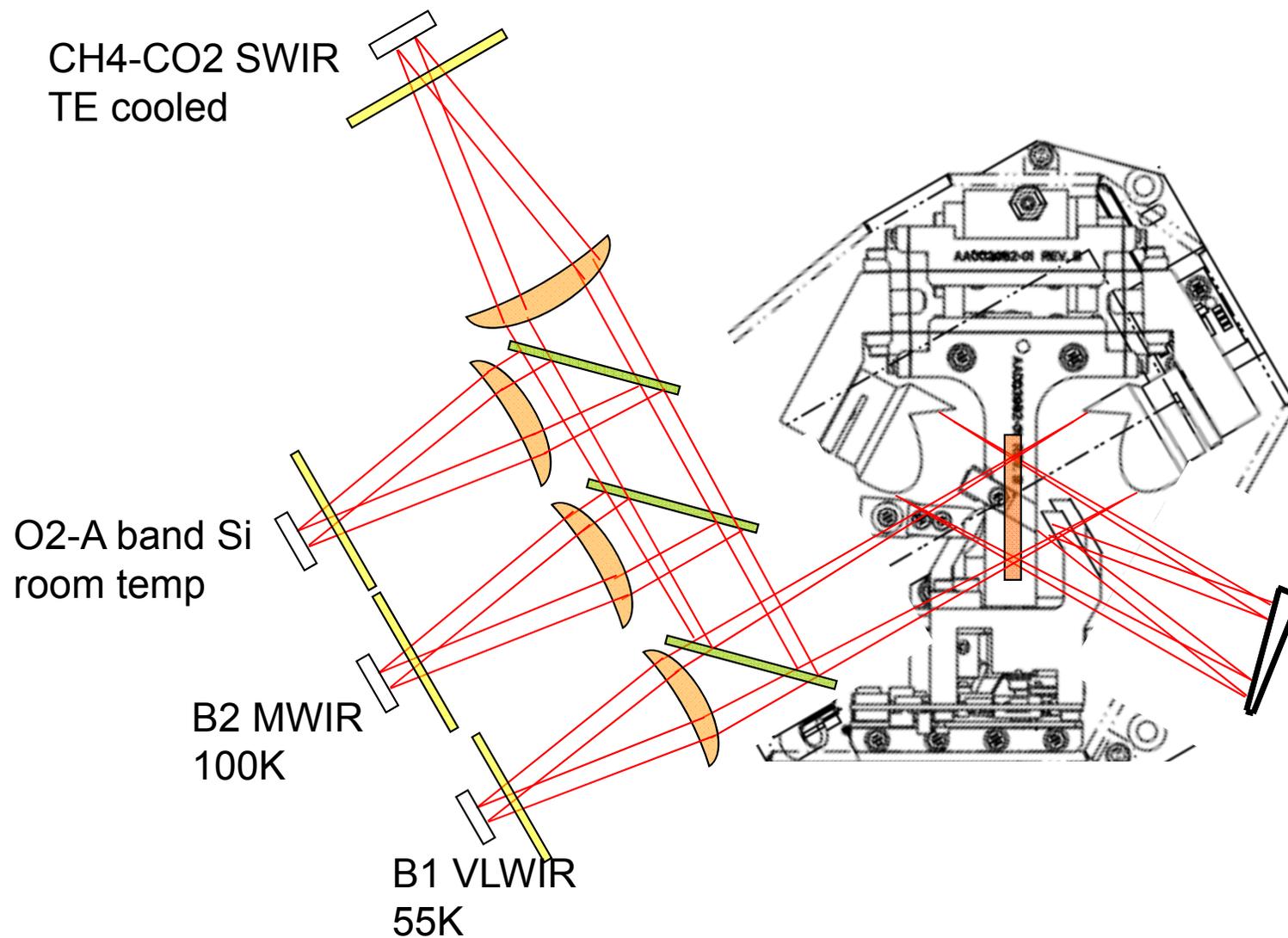


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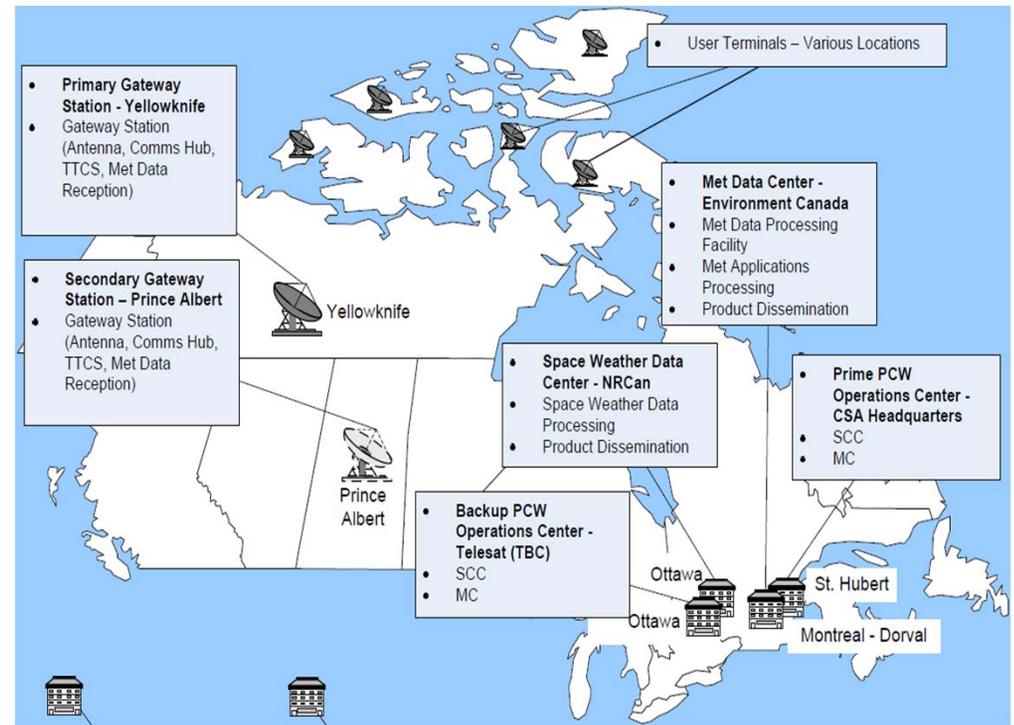
# MINT interferometer

Option CH4 +CO2 imaging with O2-A band

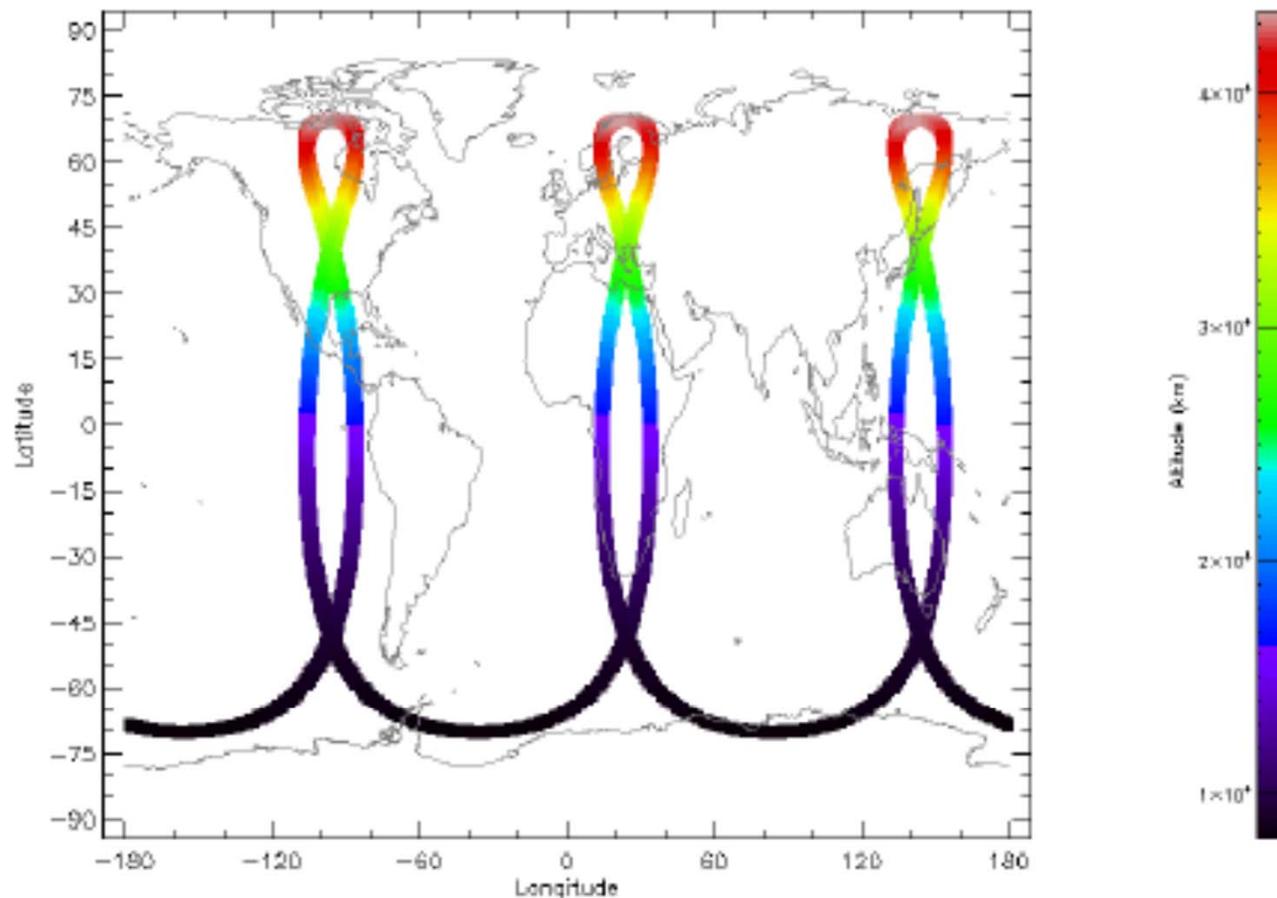


# Ground Segment Overall Principles

- Three main data streams:
  - DS1: operational meteorological and air quality
    - Complement to PCW MP
  - DS2: special events (volcanic eruption, etc.)
  - DS3: research products
- Same data products level as PCW MP
- Use the PCW Ground Segment for DS1 and DS2
- Use the PHEMOS Ground Segment for DS3
- PHEMOS Ground Segment has no direct access to the PCW satellite, the PCW payloads and the PHEMOS payloads.



# 16hrs orbit is very good alternative candidate for PCW

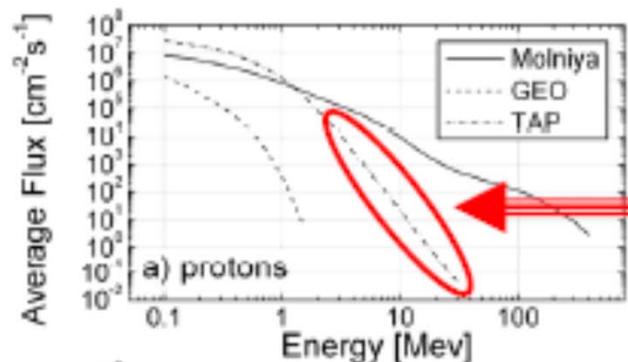


Three **AP**ogee (**TAP**) orbit

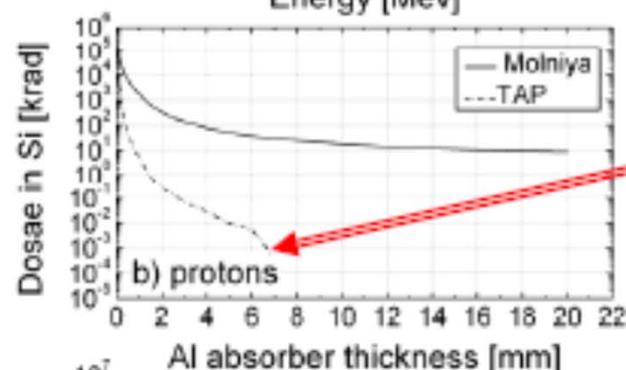
**Suggested apogees:  
95°W; 25°E, 145°E**

A. Trishchenko, L. Garand, and L. Trishtchenko,  
Submitted to *J. Atmos. Ocean. Tech.*, March, 2011

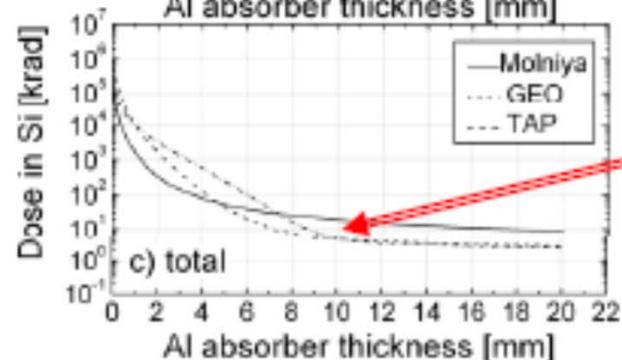
# Comparison of radiation conditions between Molniya, GEO and TAP orbits



3-4 order of magnitude smaller flux of high energy trapped protons

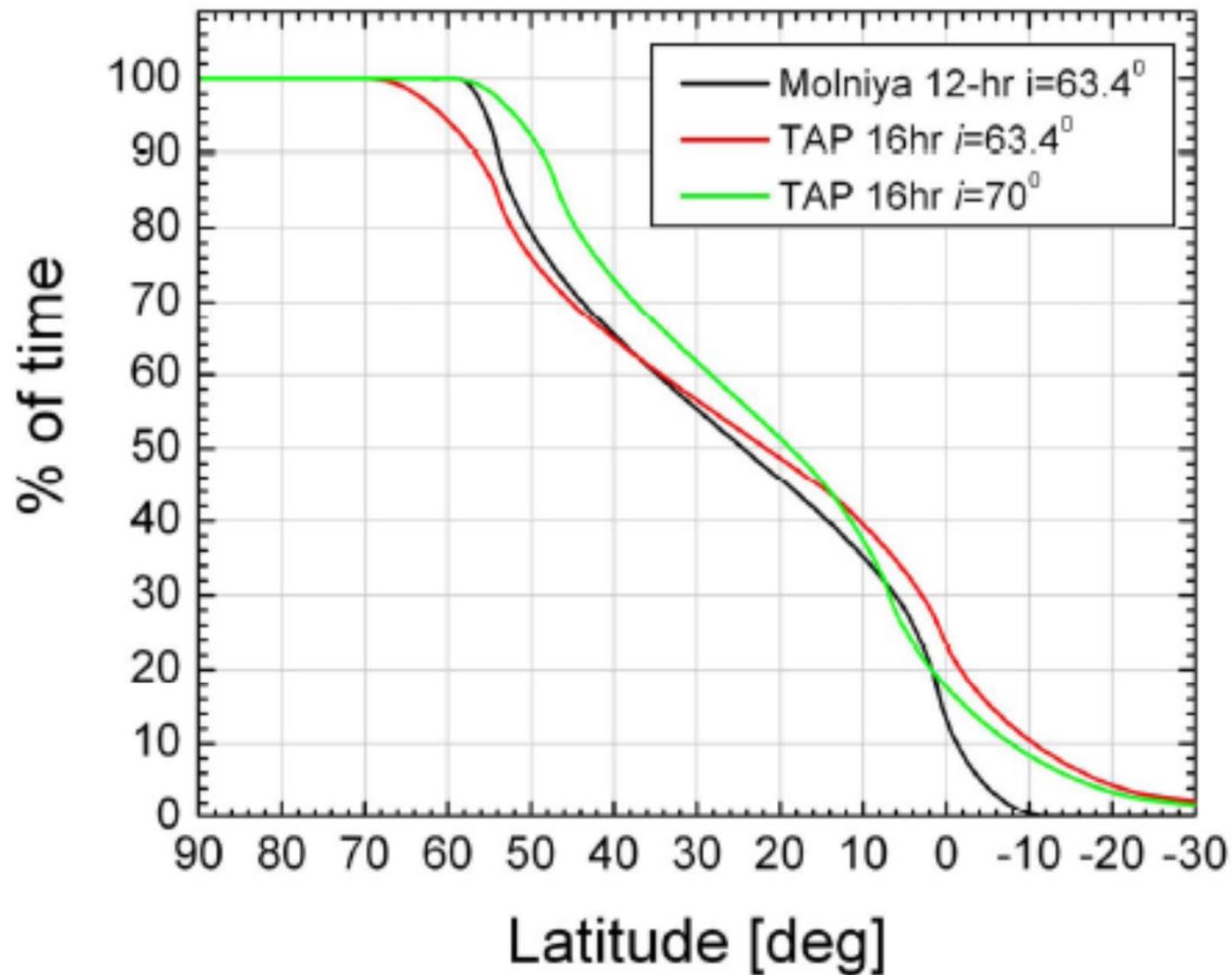


trapped protons flux essentially vanishes after  $\approx 7$ mm AL shielding



after  $\approx 9$ mm AL shielding TAP orbit becomes similar to GEO

# Zonal mean coverage: 12-hr vs 16-hr orbit



# Summary from Phase 0

- Application of FTS in Thermal and NIR spectral range
- UV instrument also possible
- For Highly Elliptical Orbits (Molinya and TAP)
  - 24x7 coverage above ~ 60N
  - 2 satellites
  - Possibility of stereo viewing
  - Footprint better or equal to 10x10 km<sup>2</sup>
- Compact
- Science (N-O)
  - Weather forecasting – T, water profiles
  - Air quality, total/partial columns
  - Climate Gases/total partial columns

**Thank You**