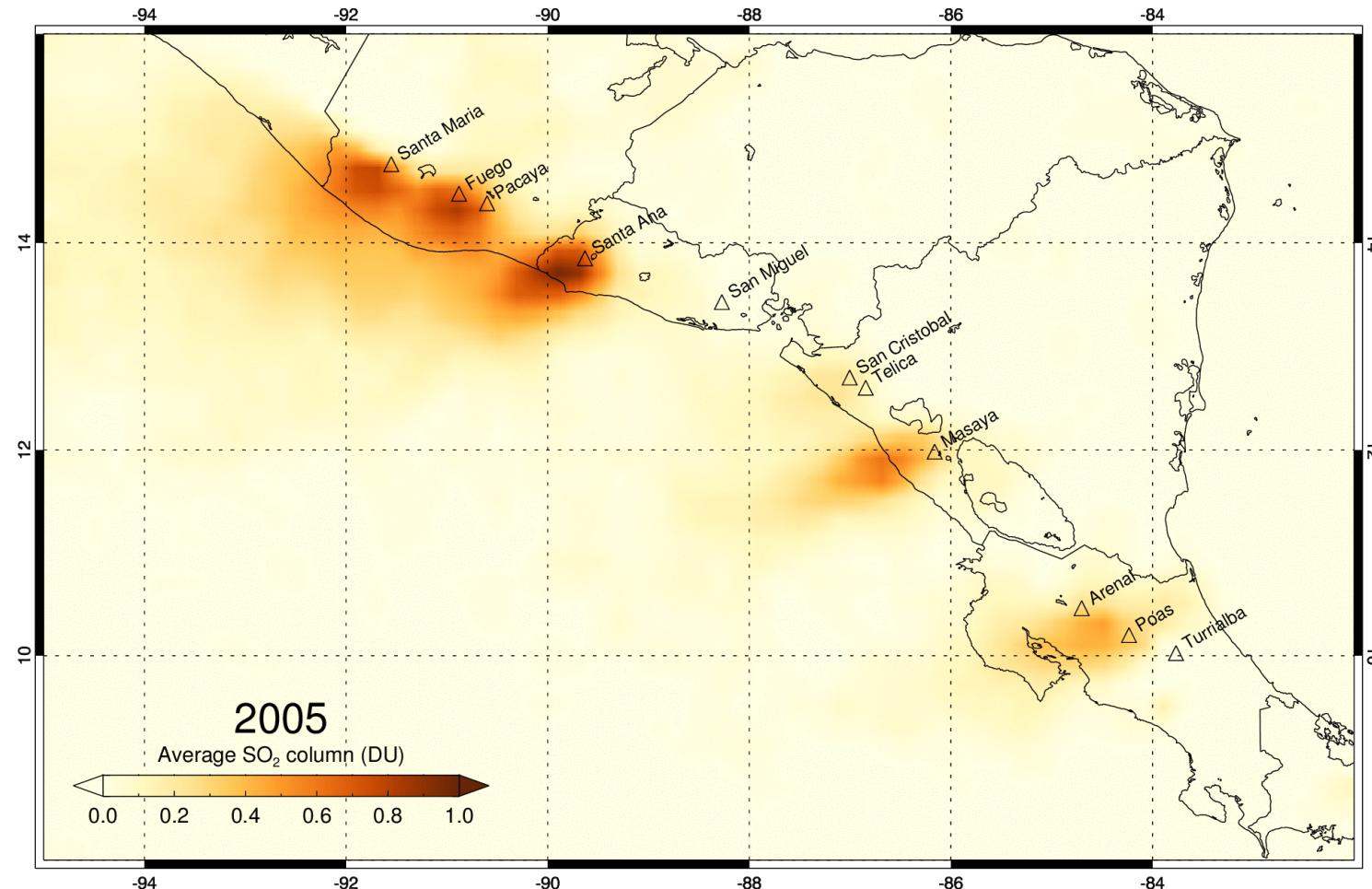


Satellite Monitoring of Volcanic Degassing



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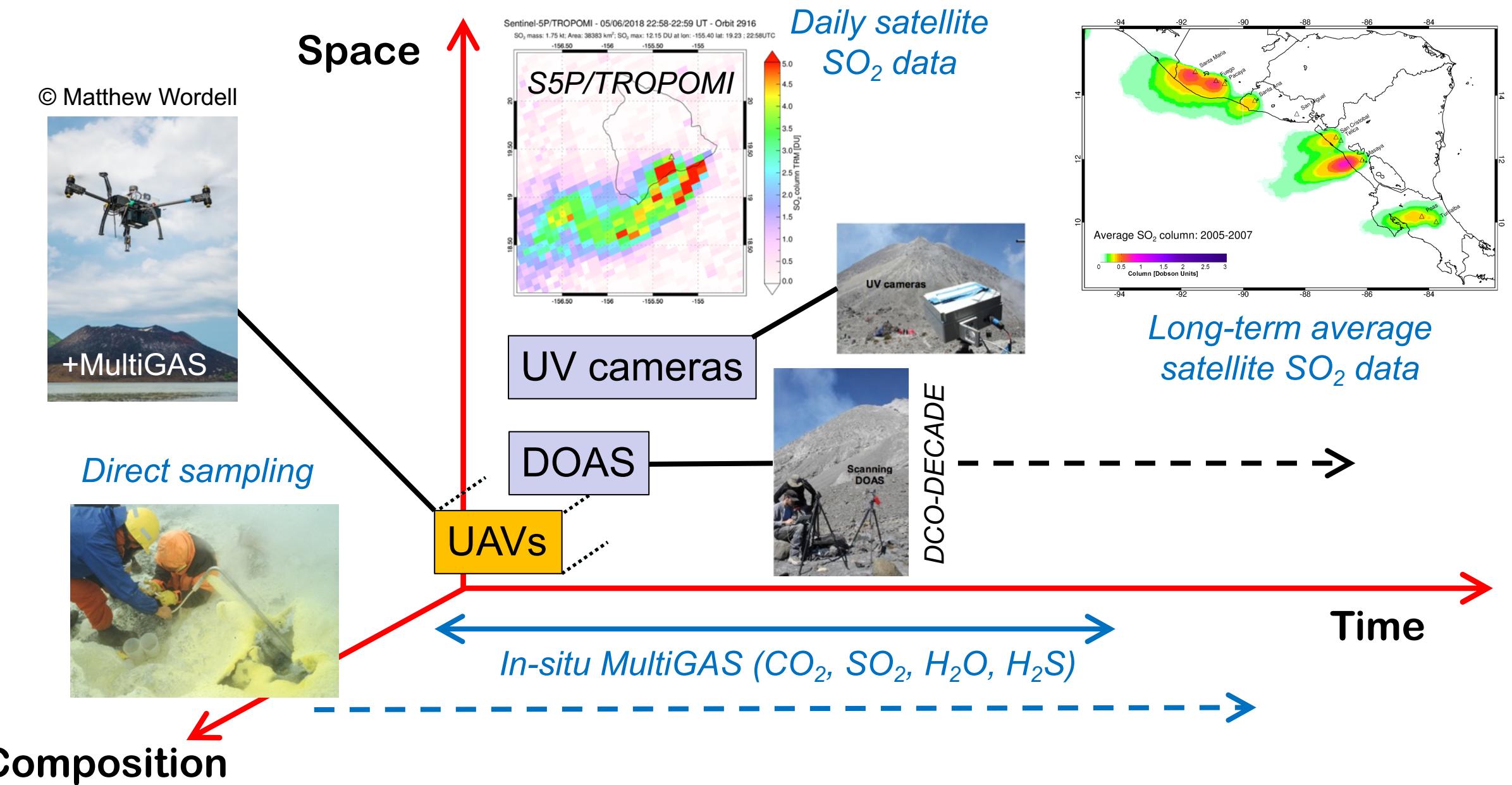
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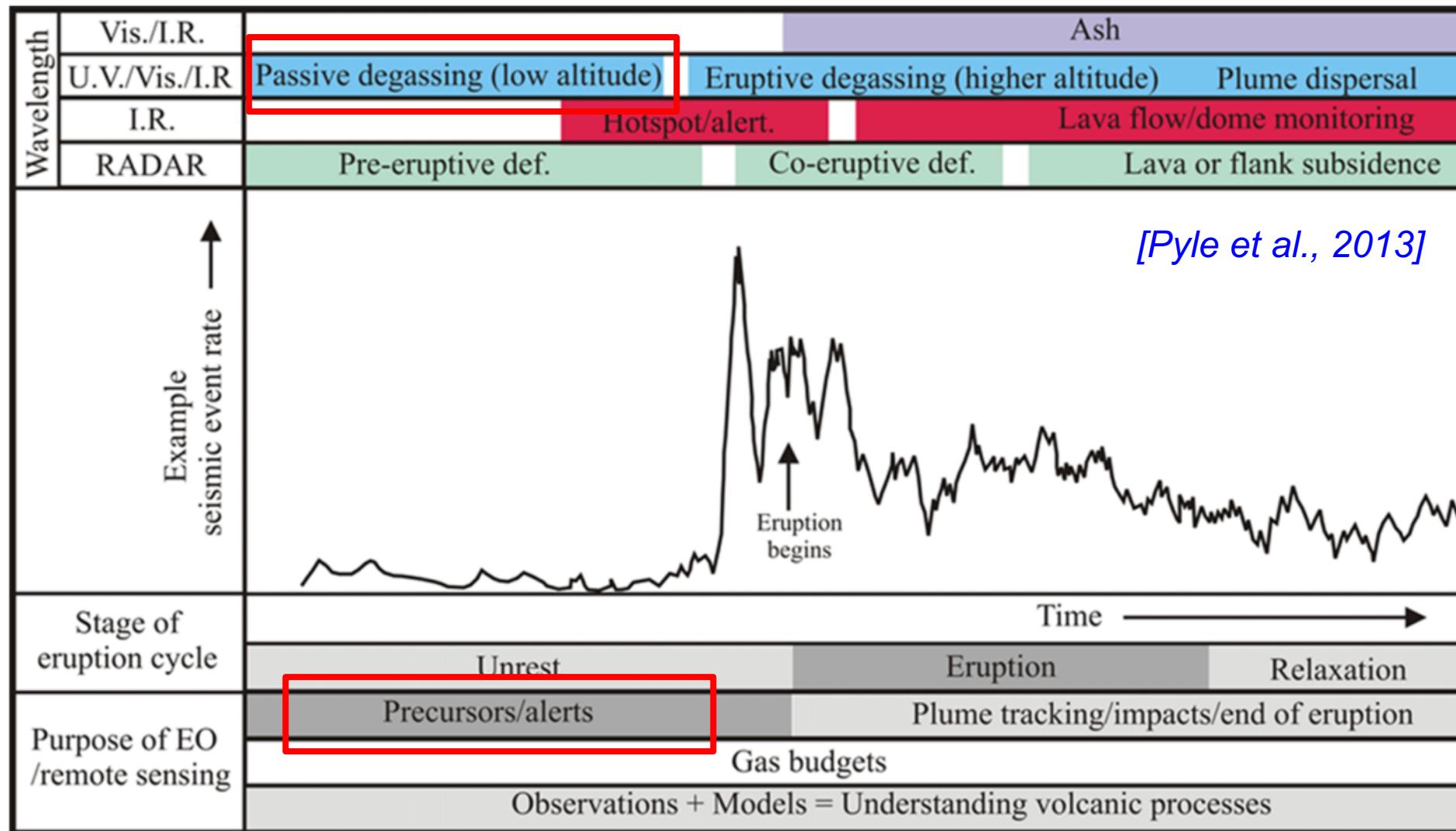


- Satellite data tutorial materials:
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1aE_0q9diEKJGXX5pJg0ZvuvOHFqHnyn?usp=sharing
- Instructions: carn_SatelliteDataTutorial.pdf
- Includes:
 - Web-based satellite data visualization with NASA Worldview
 - Satellite data visualization/extraction with NASA Panoply
 - Online satellite data analysis using NASA Giovanni

Multi-scale volcanic gas measurements

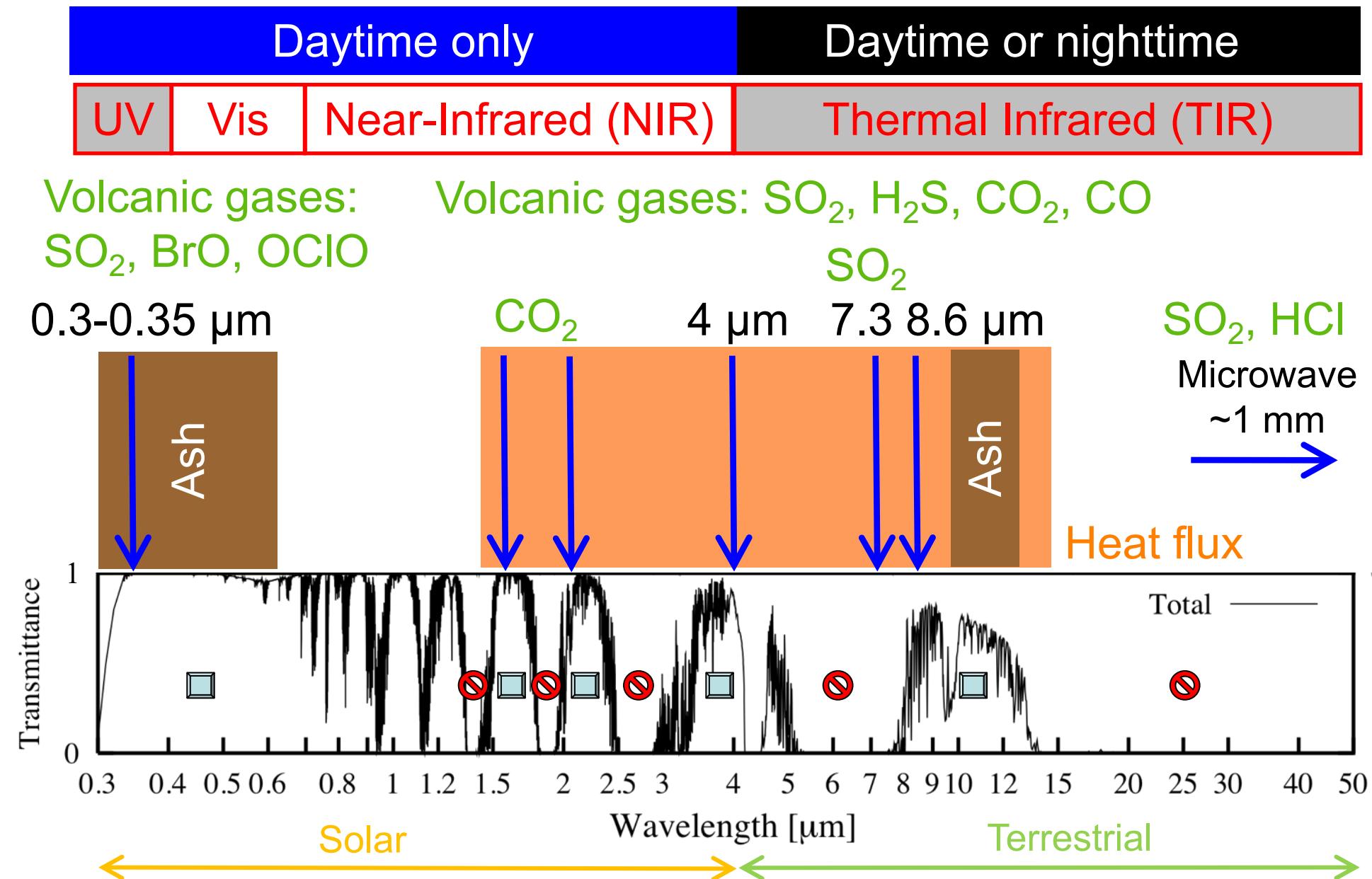


Application of remote sensing during eruption cycles



- UV/IR measurements of eruptive degassing and plume dispersal are mature
- When does passive degassing become ‘pre-eruptive’ degassing? Need ‘baseline’ or climatology.

Remote sensing of volcanic emissions



Volcanic gases detected from space (to date)

UV/IR Sensor ^a	Volatile species										Timespan
	H ₂ O	CO ₂	CO	SO ₂	H ₂ S	NO ₂ 	HCl	BrO	OCIO	IO	
TOMS*											1978-2005
SBUV* (P)											1978-present 
HIRS*											1978-present 
GOME											1995-2003
MODIS*											1999-present 
ASTER											1999-present 
MOPITT											1999-present 
SCIAMACHY (L)											2002-2012
MIPAS (L)											2002-2012
AIRS											2002-present 
ACE (L)											2003-present 
SEVIRI											2004-present 
OMI											2004-present 
MLS* (L)											1991-2001; 2004-present 
TES (P)											2004-present
GOME-2*											2006-present 
IASI*											2006-present 
GOSAT (P)											2009-present 
OMPS*											2011-present 
VIIIRS											2011-present 
CrIS											2011-present 
OCO-2											2014-present 
AHI											2015-present 
EPIC											2015-present 
TROPOMI											2017-present 
OCO-3											2019-present 

* = Multiple sat.

P = Profiler

L = Limb

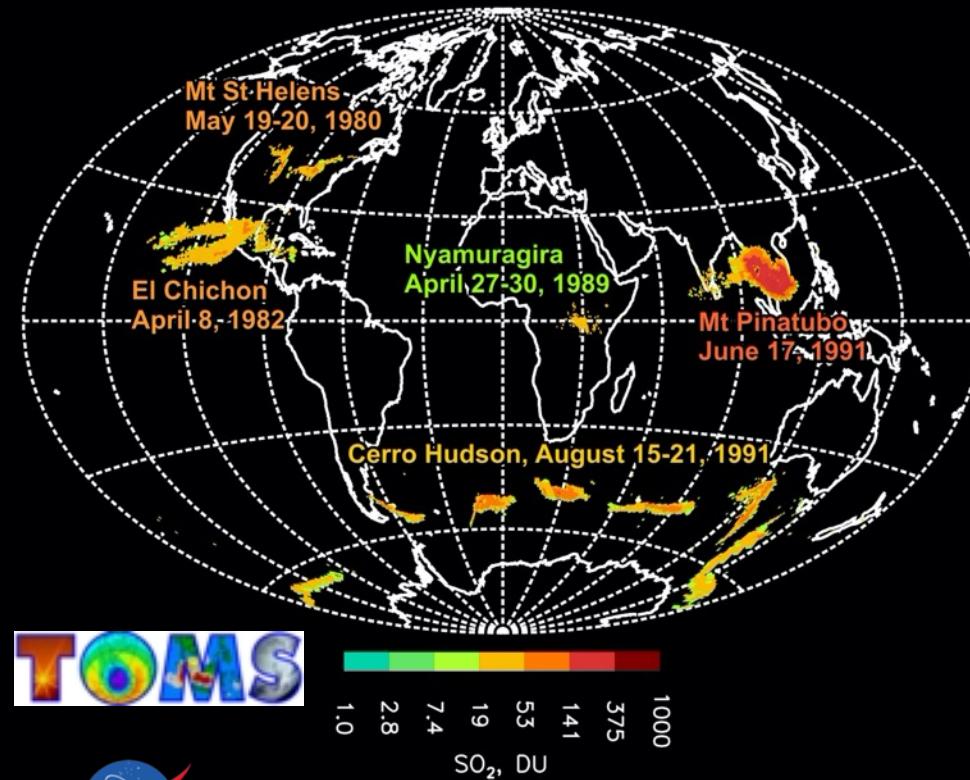
■ = Confirmed

□ = Possible?

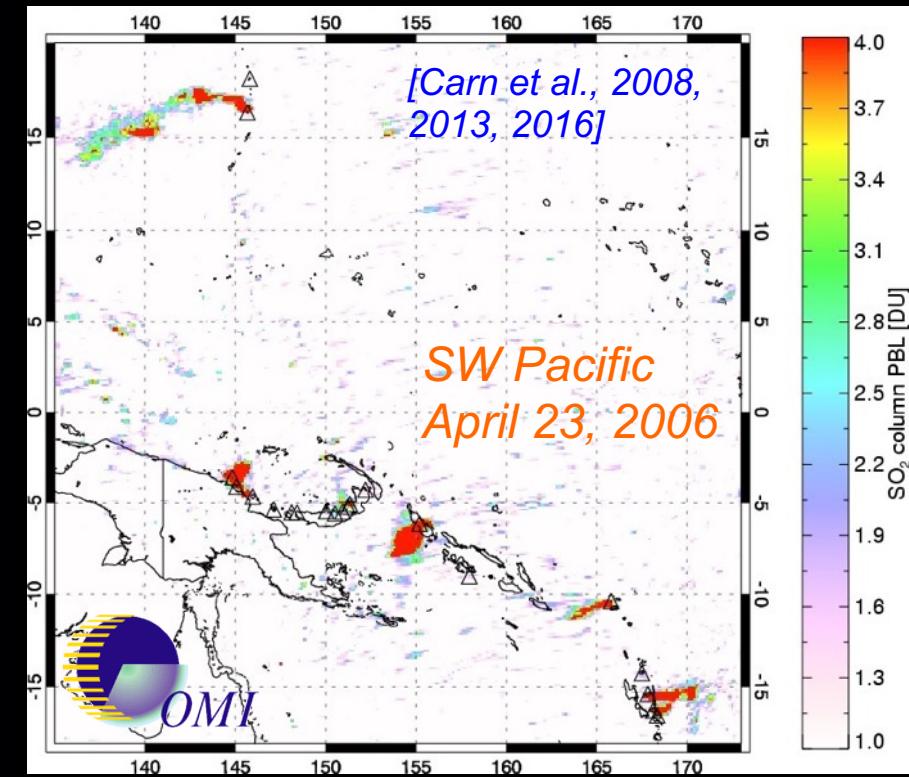
★ = Currently operational

- Measurements heavily biased towards SO₂, *especially for passive degassing*
- >20 daily polar-orbiting SO₂ sensor overpasses
- Daily satellite *monitoring* mostly restricted to SO₂

NASA and ESA UV satellite remote sensing of volcanic SO₂



1978-2005
Total Ozone Mapping
Spectrometer (TOMS)



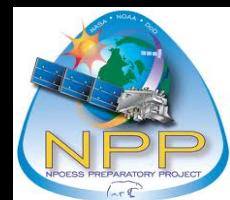
1995-2003
Global Ozone Monitoring
Experiment (GOME)

2004-

Ozone Monitoring
Instrument (OMI)



2006-
GOME-2



2012- & 2017-
Ozone Mapping and
Profiler Suite (OMPS)



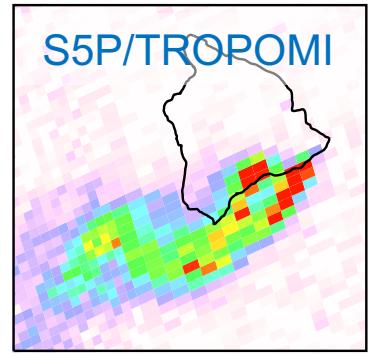
2015-
DSCOVR/
EPIC



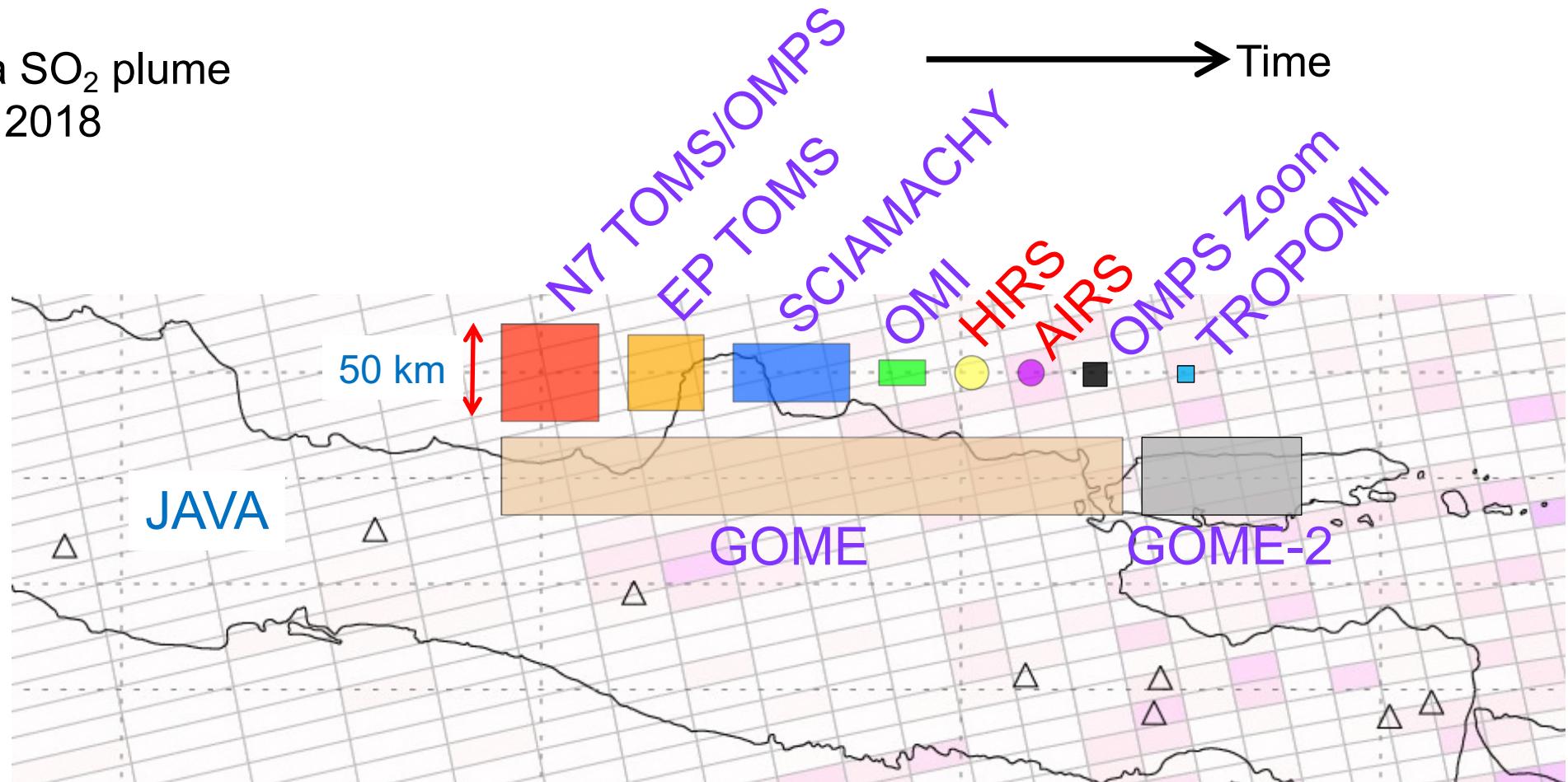
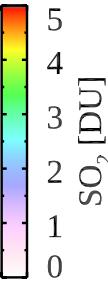
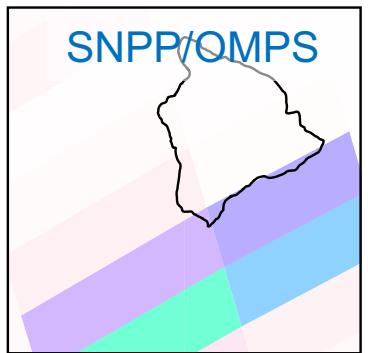
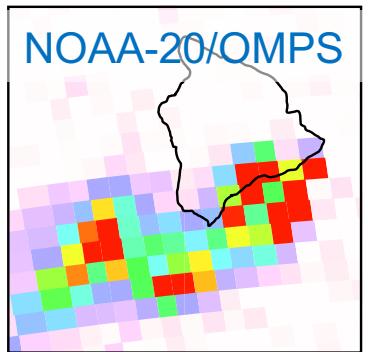
2017-
Sentinel 5P
TROPOMI



Satellite instrument spatial resolution



Kilauea SO₂ plume
May 6, 2018

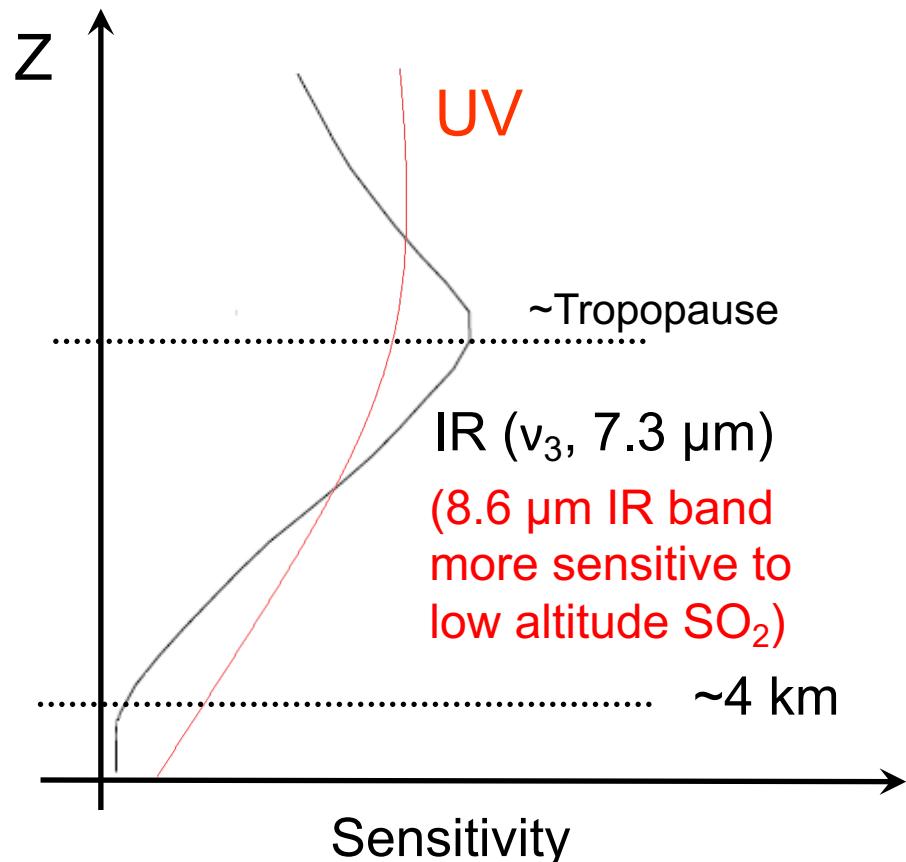


- Detection requires that a volcanic plume cover a large fraction of the sensor pixel or instantaneous field of view (IFOV)
- For most instruments, IFOV size also varies across the swath
- For large volcanic clouds (>IFOV), footprint size is less important

UV instrument SO₂ sensitivity

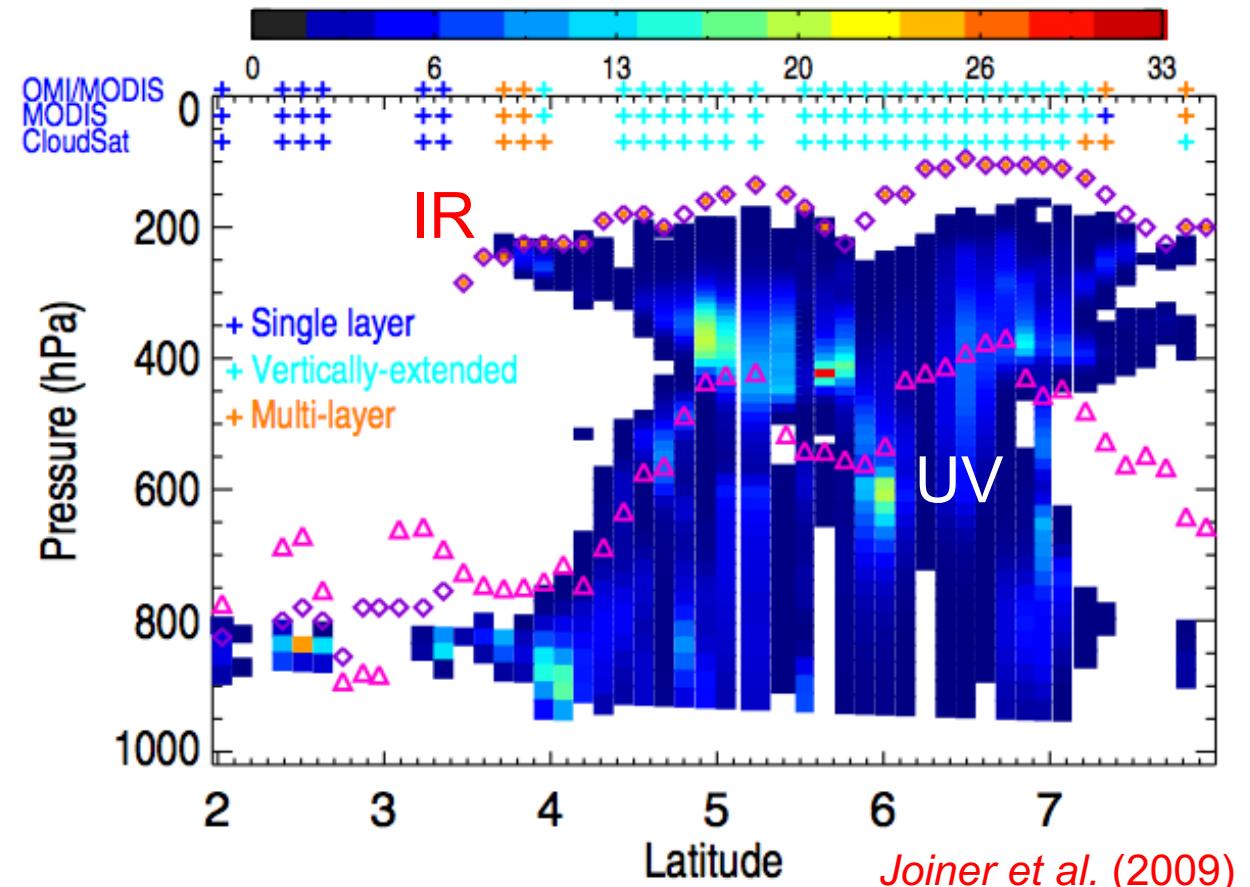
Instrument	Footprint area (km ²)	Noise (DU) 1-sigma		Smallest cloud detection limit (tons) 5 pixels at 5-sigma	
		Stratosphere 20 km	Troposphere <5 km	Stratosphere 20 km	Troposphere <5 km
EP TOMS	1521 (39 × 39)	3.5	7	3900	7800
GOME-2 (ESA/MetOp)	3200 (40×80)	0.2	0.4	460	914
OMI (NASA/Aura)	312 (13×24)	0.1	0.3	22	67
OMPS (NASA-NOAA/SNPP)	2500 (50×50)	0.1	0.3	178	535
OMPS (NOAA-20)	100 (10×10)	0.5	1	36	71
TROPOMI (Sentinel 5P)	20 (5.6 × 3.5)	0.2	0.4	3	6

Relative sensitivity of UV and IR measurements



Courtesy of L. Clarisse, ULB

- Satellite sensitivity increases with altitude in the troposphere
- UV measurements more sensitive to passive degassing (low altitude)

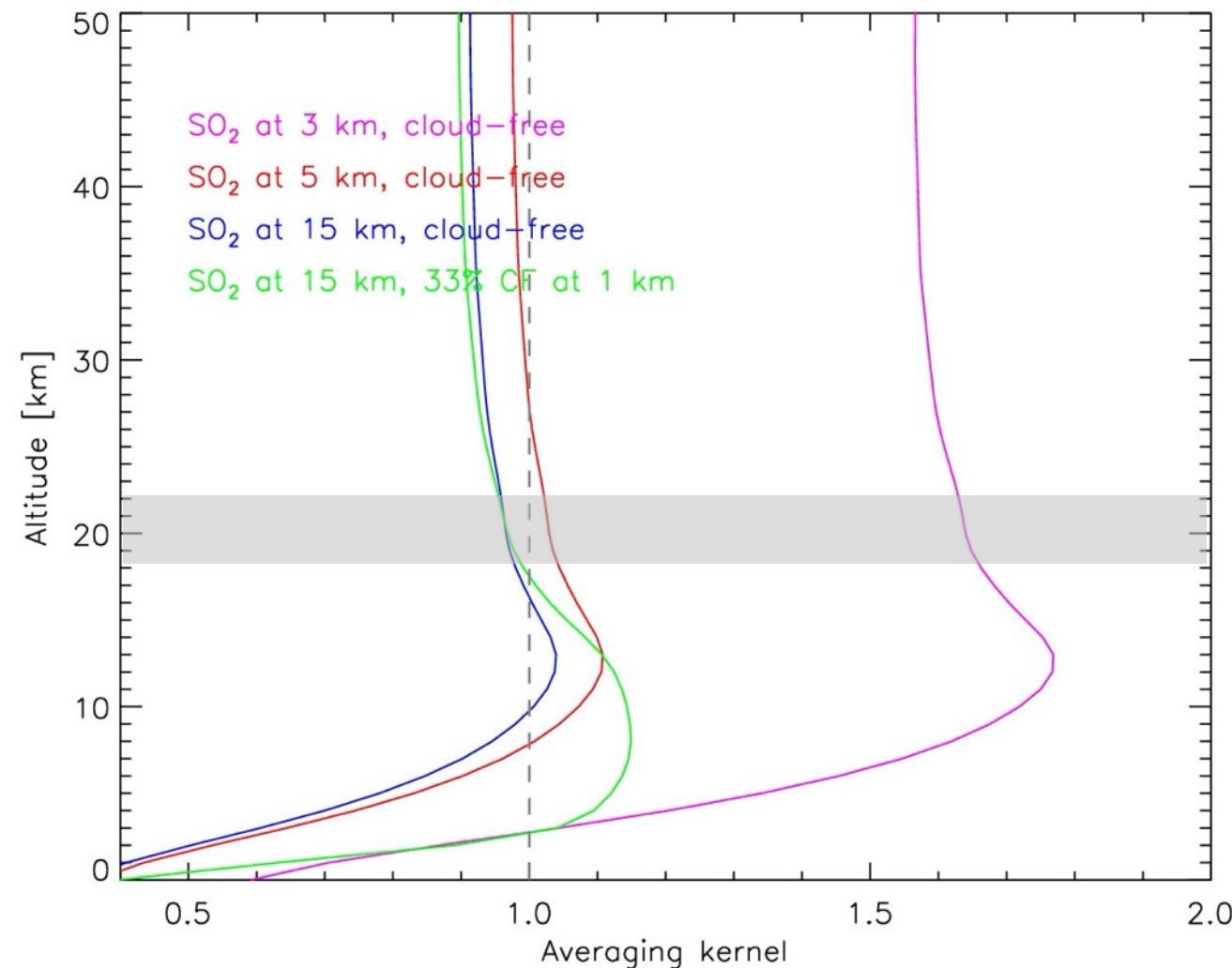


- IR cloud top \neq UV cloud pressure

Effect of volcanic plume altitude on UV SO₂ retrievals

- OMI, OMPS and TROPOMI SO₂ products
- SO₂ columns provided for 3-5 *prescribed* SO₂ profiles:
 - Planetary Boundary Layer (PBL): <3 km
 - Lower Troposphere (TRL): ~3 km
 - Mid-Troposphere (TRM): ~8 km
 - Upper Troposphere (TRU): ~10 km
 - Lower Stratosphere (STL): ~18 km
- User must select most appropriate value

[Krotkov et al., 2006; Yang et al., JGR, 2007; Li et al., 2017]



- Knowledge of SO₂ cloud altitude is critical for accurate SO₂ retrieval
- SO₂ altitude can now be directly retrieved from UV and IR measurements (more accurate SO₂ mass)

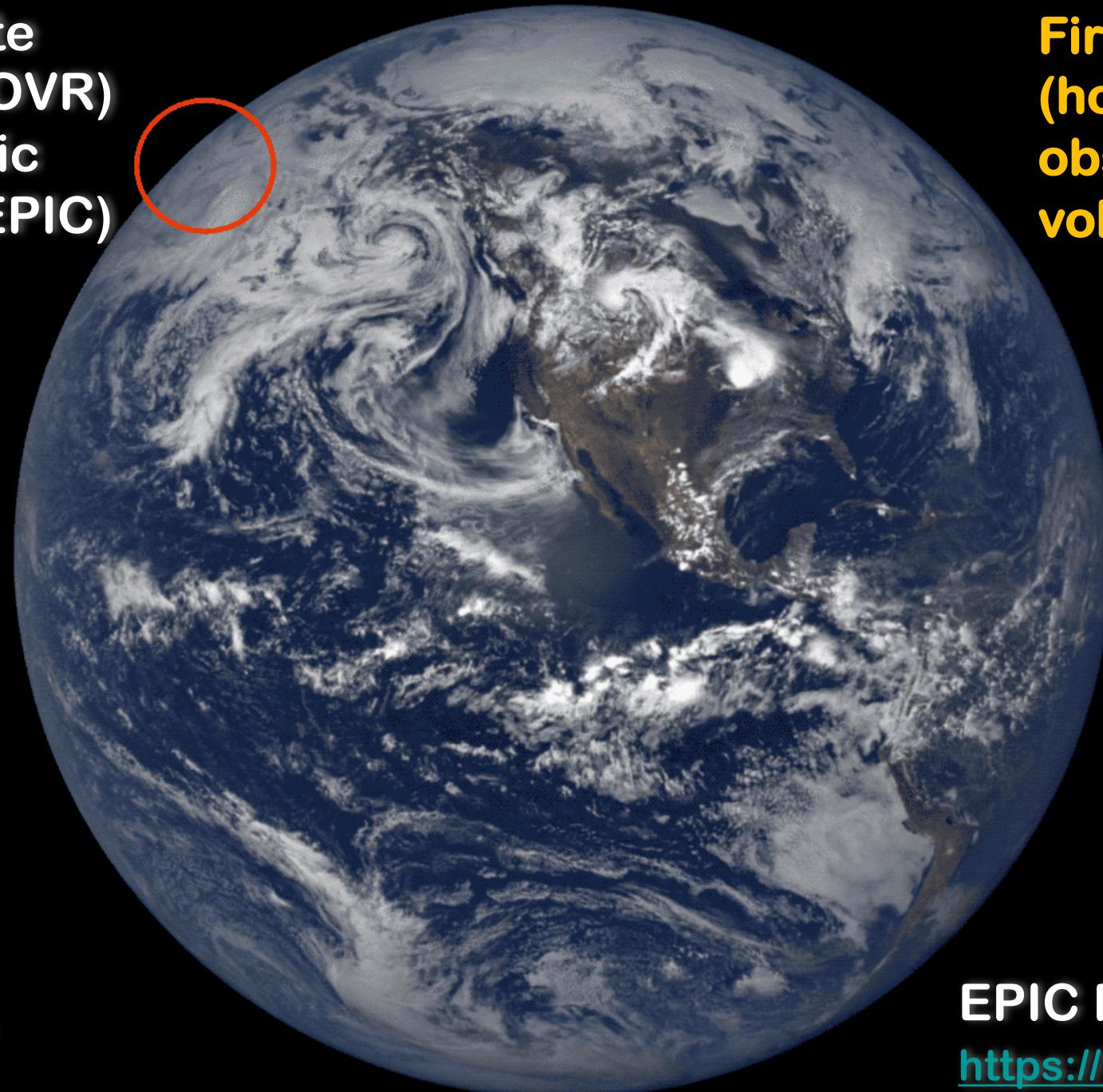
Satellite SO₂ sensor ‘constellation’



Adapted from Brenot et al. (2014)

Deep Space Climate
Observatory (DSCOVR)
Earth Polychromatic
Imaging Camera (EPIC)

L₁ Earth-Sun
Lagrange Point
(1,000,000
miles from
Earth)



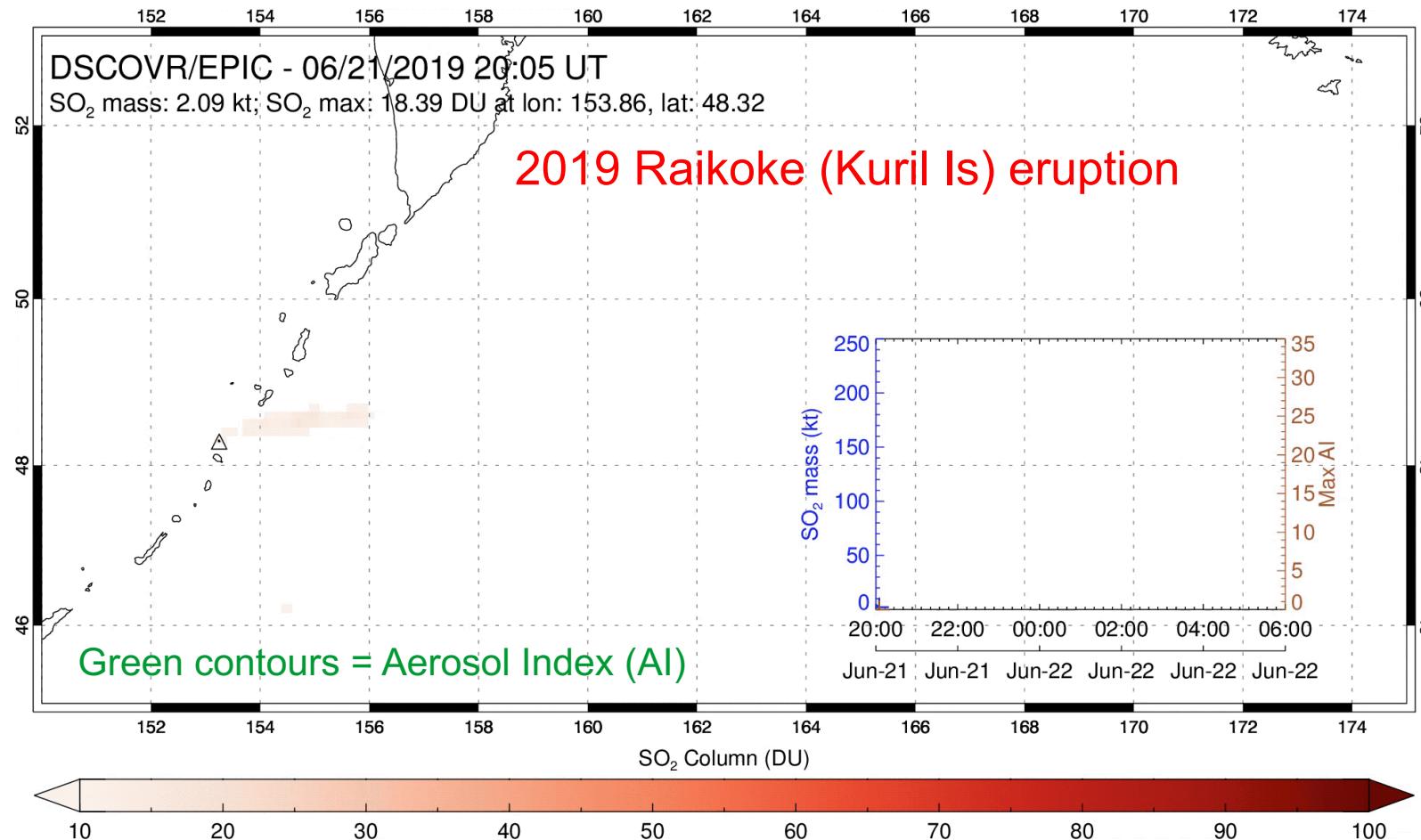
First high-cadence
(hourly) UV
observations of
volcanic eruptions



Raikoke eruption
(Kuril Islands,
Russia) – June 21,
2019

EPIC RGB images
<https://epic.gsfc.nasa.gov/>

Recent advances in UV satellite measurements



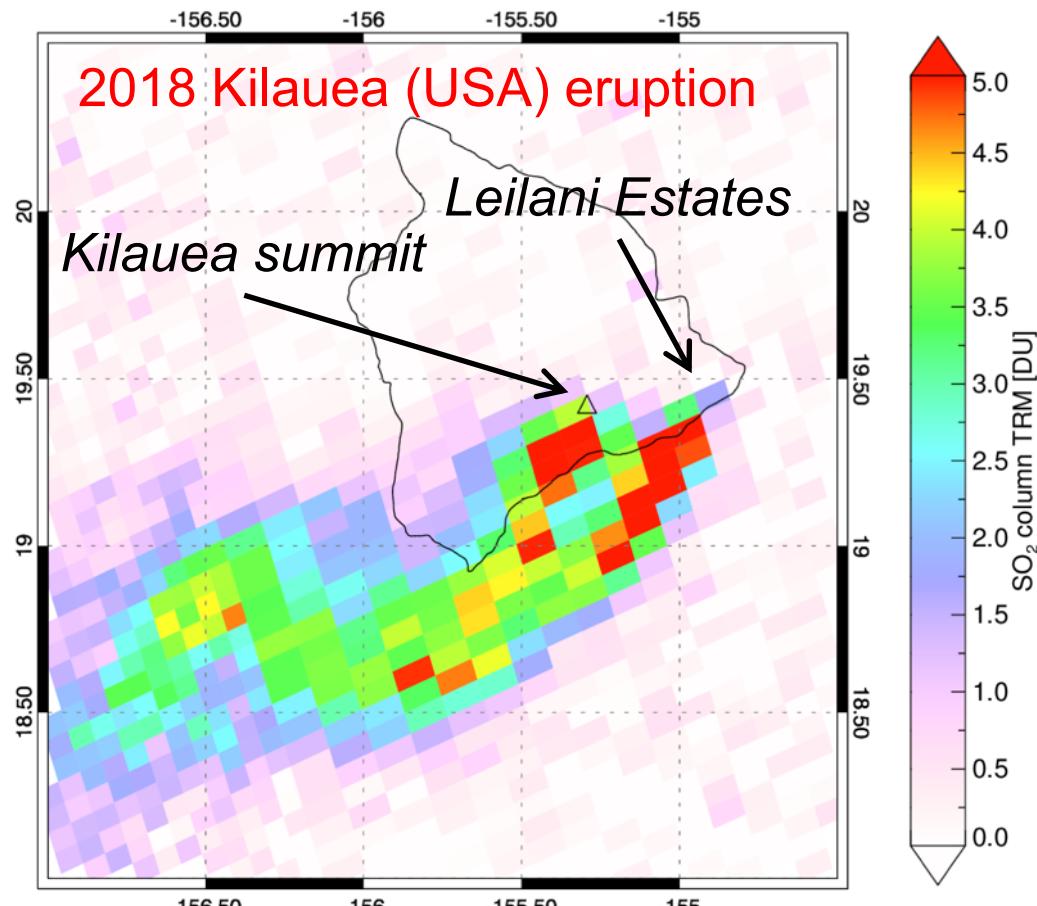
- NASA Deep Space Climate Observatory (DSCOVR) Earth Polychromatic Imaging Camera (EPIC)
- Hourly UV measurements of volcanic SO₂ and ash for large eruptions since mid-2015
- New insight into eruption processes (e.g., gas accumulation, SO₂ emission rates)
- NASA EPIC SO₂ product available (currently processed for large eruptions only)

Carn et al., 2018

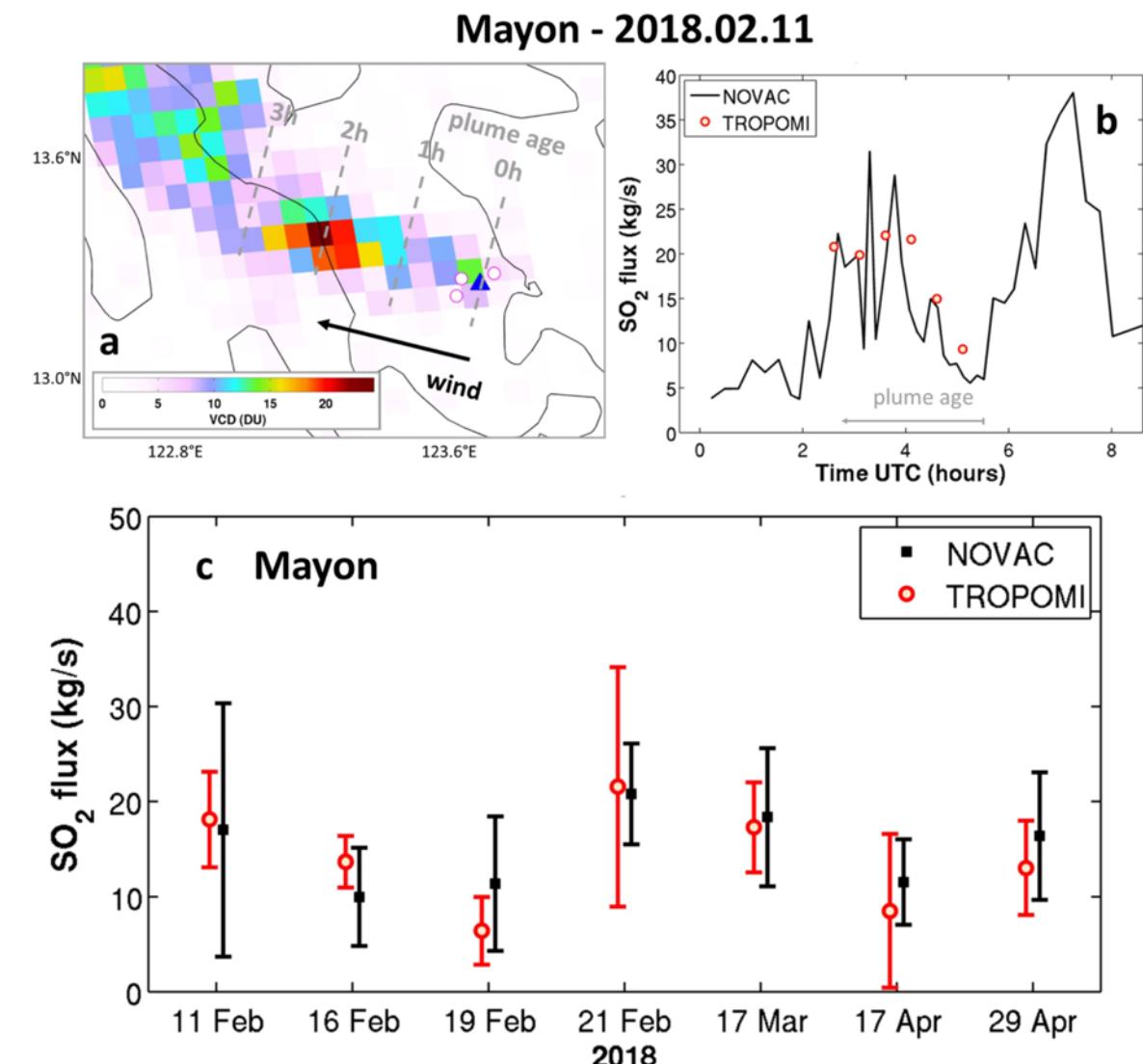
Recent advances in UV satellite measurements

Sentinel-5P/TROPOMI - 05/06/2018 22:58-22:59 UT - Orbit 2916

SO₂ mass: 1.75 kt; Area: 38383 km²; SO₂ max: 12.15 DU at lon: -155.40 lat: 19.23 ; 22:58UTC



- ESA Sentinel-5P UV TROPOMI (Oct 2017 - present)
- Improved volcanic plume resolution with 5.6 x 3.5 km pixel size – aids SO₂ source identification and SO₂ plume analysis (e.g., SO₂ fluxes)

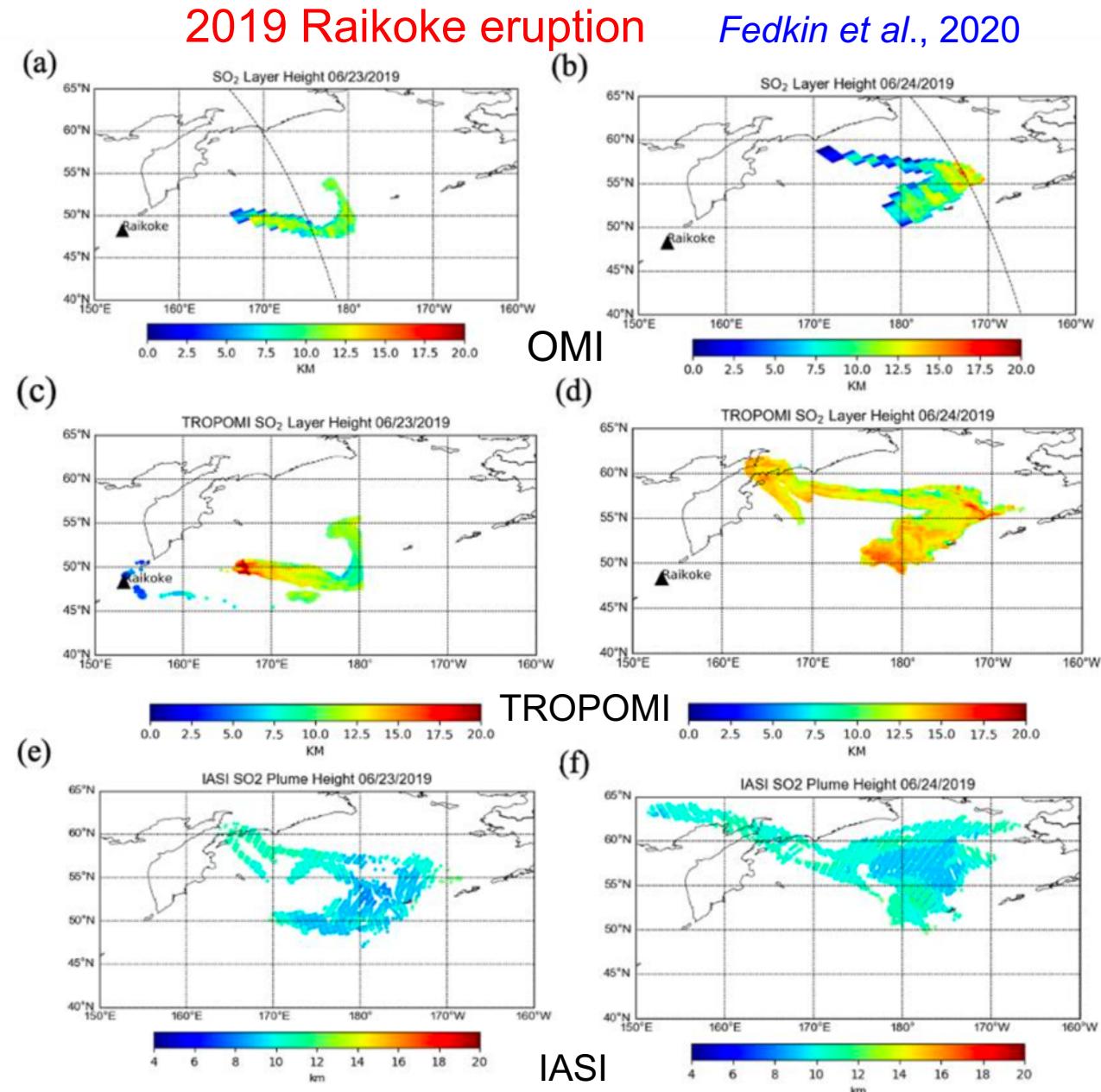


Theys et al., 2019; Queisser et al., 2019

Volcanic SO₂ layer height retrievals

- Volcanic SO₂ layer height retrieval is possible using UV and IR satellite measurements.
- Previously limited (for operational or NRT applications) by computational expense.
- New machine learning algorithms now permit fast volcanic SO₂ layer height retrievals (e.g., OMI, TROPOMI).
- Limited to relatively large SO₂ columns (>20-40 DU), typically found in eruption clouds (not passive degassing).
- Also produces more accurate SO₂ columns (and hence SO₂ mass).

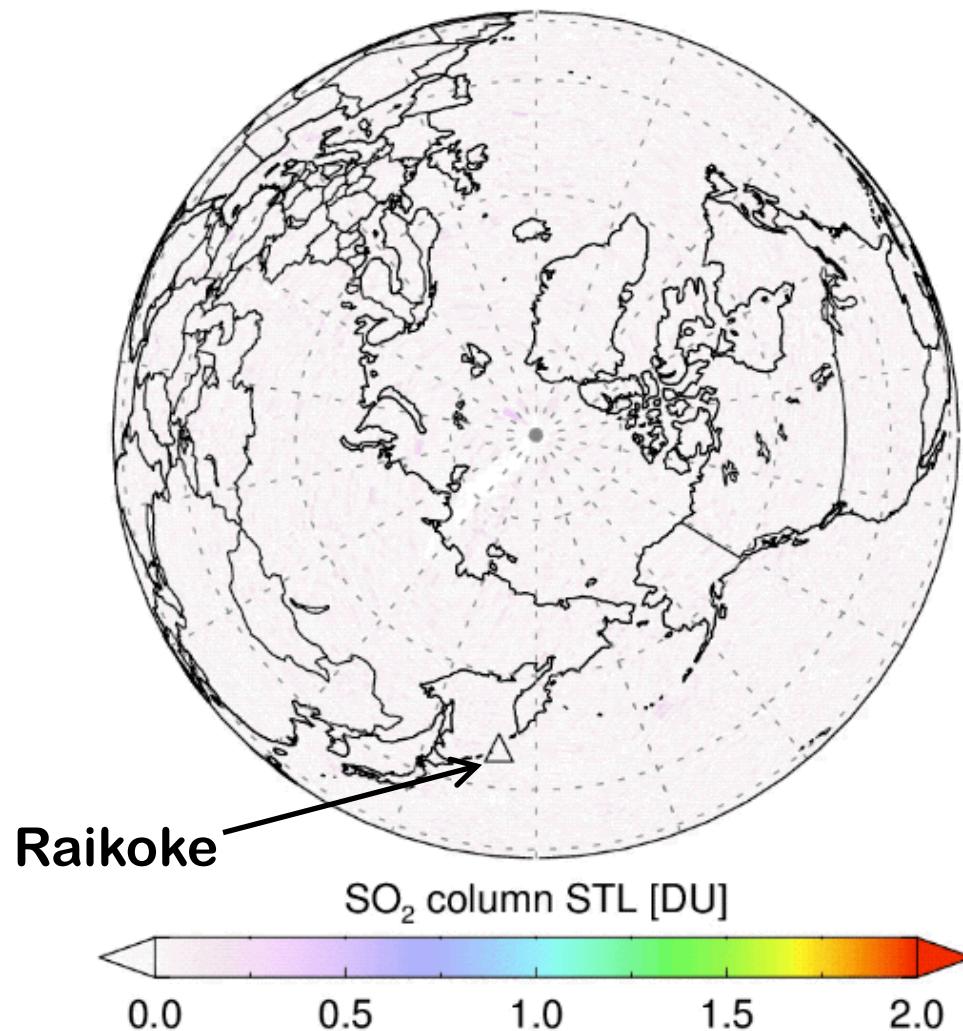
[Yang et al., 2009, 2010; Nowlan et al., 2011; Clarisse et al., 2014; Carboni et al., 2016; Efremenko et al., 2017; Hedelt et al., 2019; Fedkin et al., 2020]



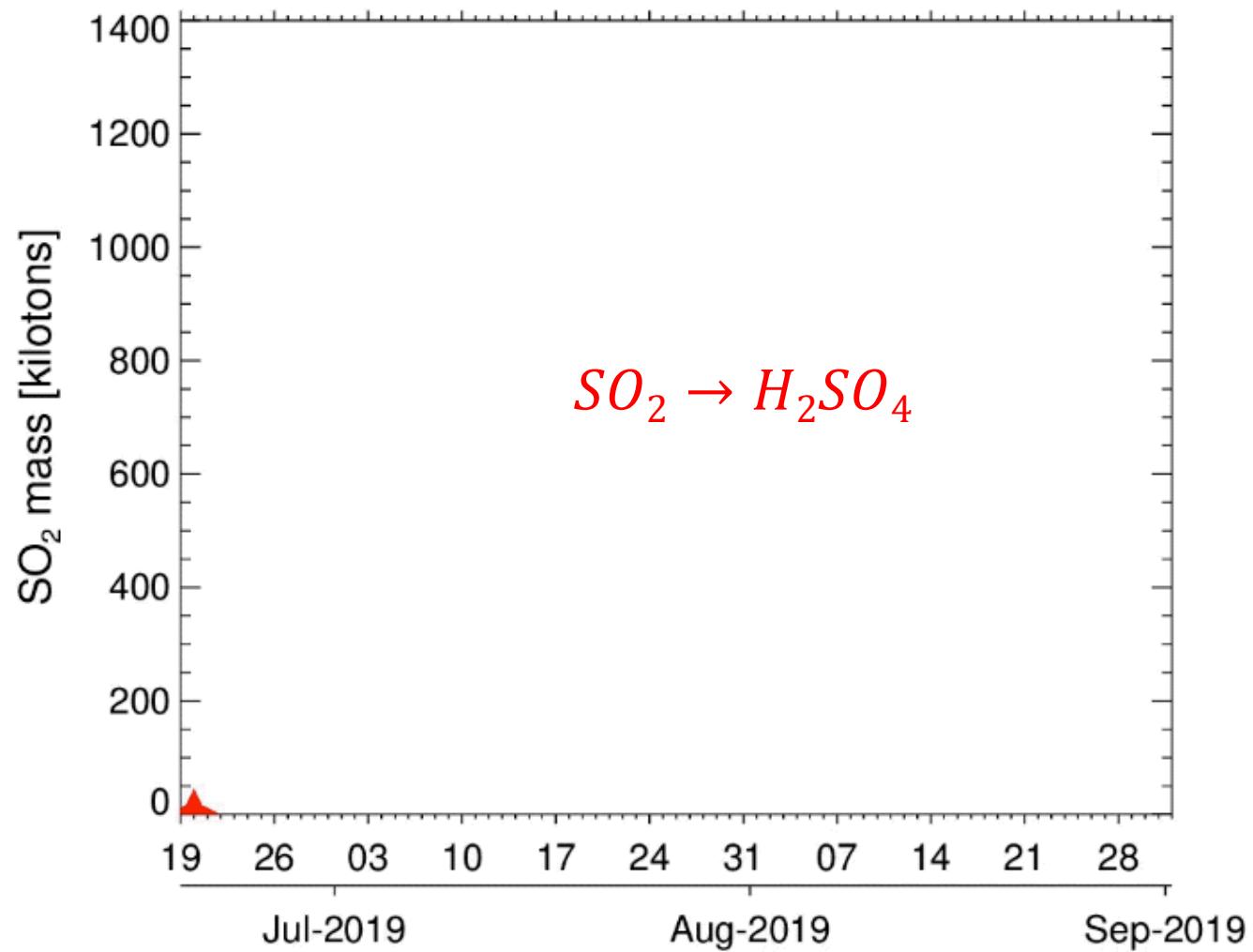
Raikoke eruption (Kuril Islands, Russia) – June 2019

Suomi NPP/OMPS - 06/20/2019

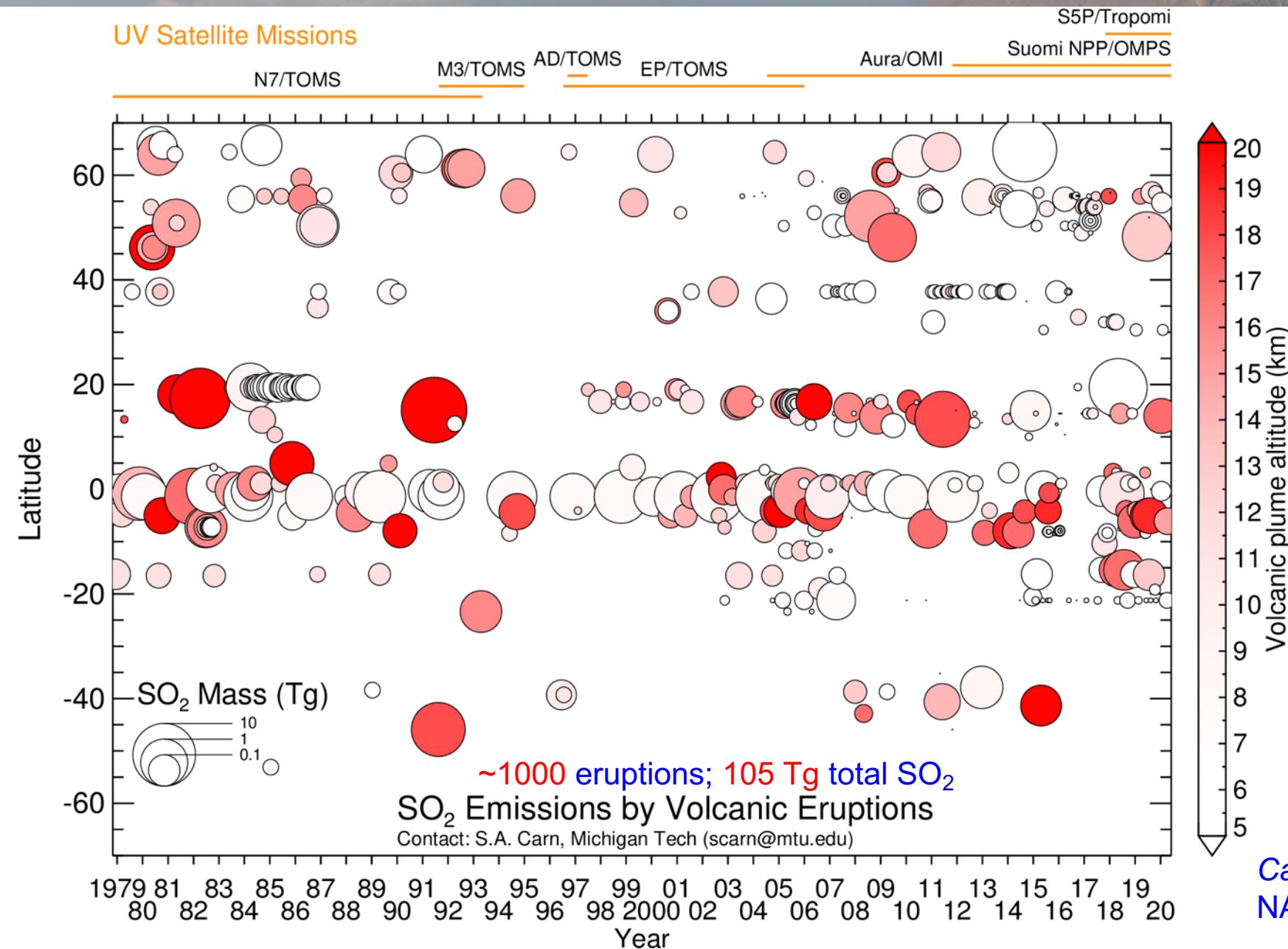
SO₂ mass: 1.587 kt; Area: 119994 km²; SO₂ max: 1.91 DU



~1.4 million tons SO₂

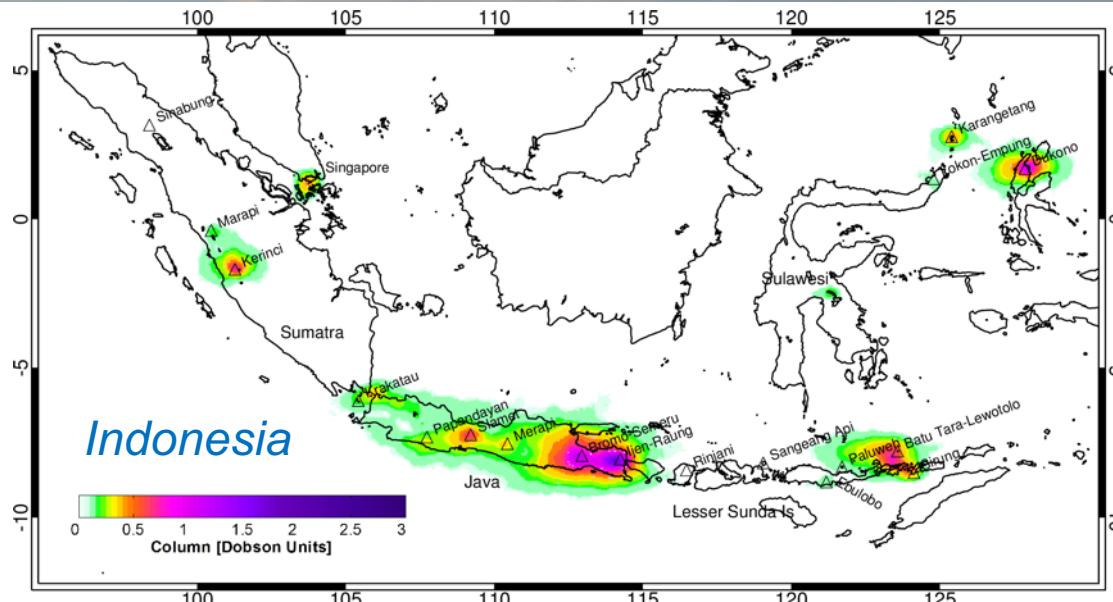


Volcanic SO₂ emissions database (since 1978) – all eruptions

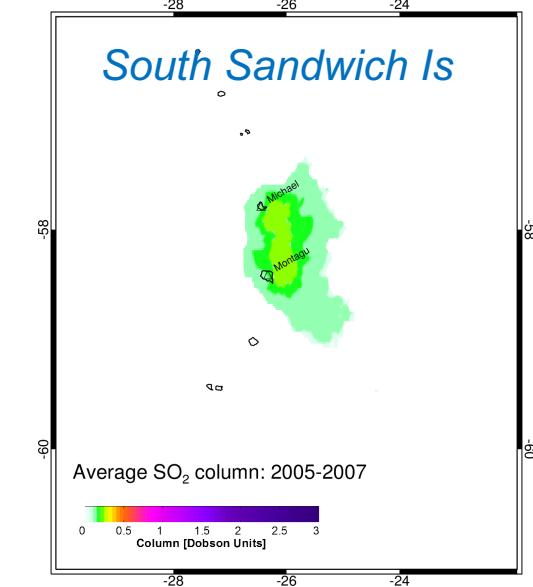


Carn et al., JVGR [2016]
NASA MEaSUREs

Satellite-based global volcanic SO₂ emission inventory

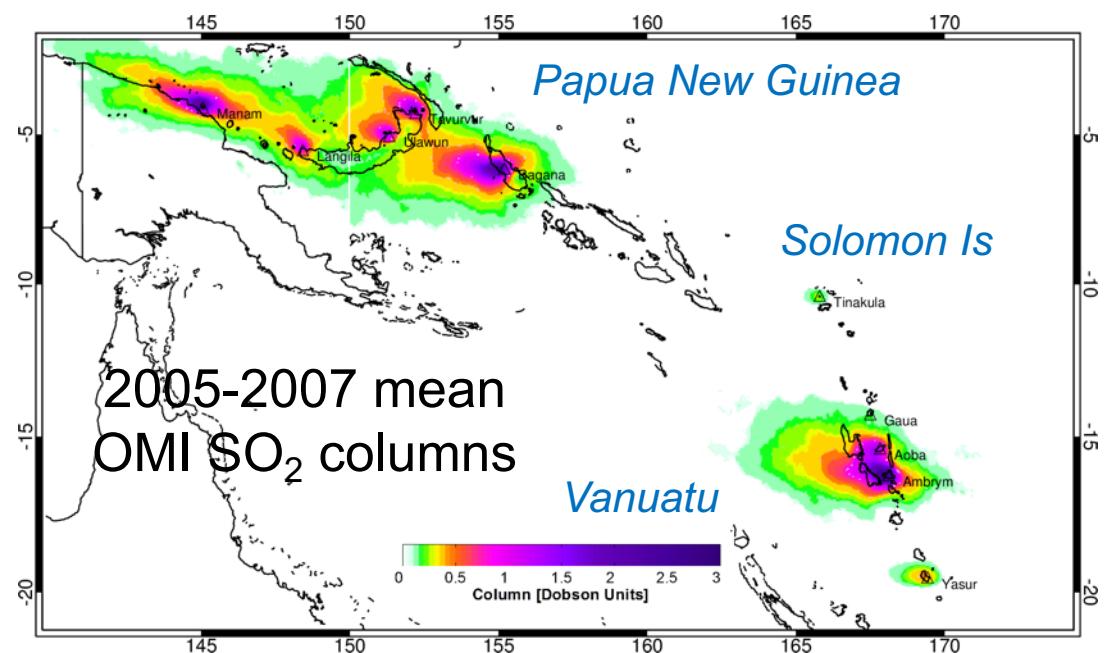


Indonesia



South Sandwich Is

Average SO₂ column: 2005-2007



2005-2007 mean
OMI SO₂ columns

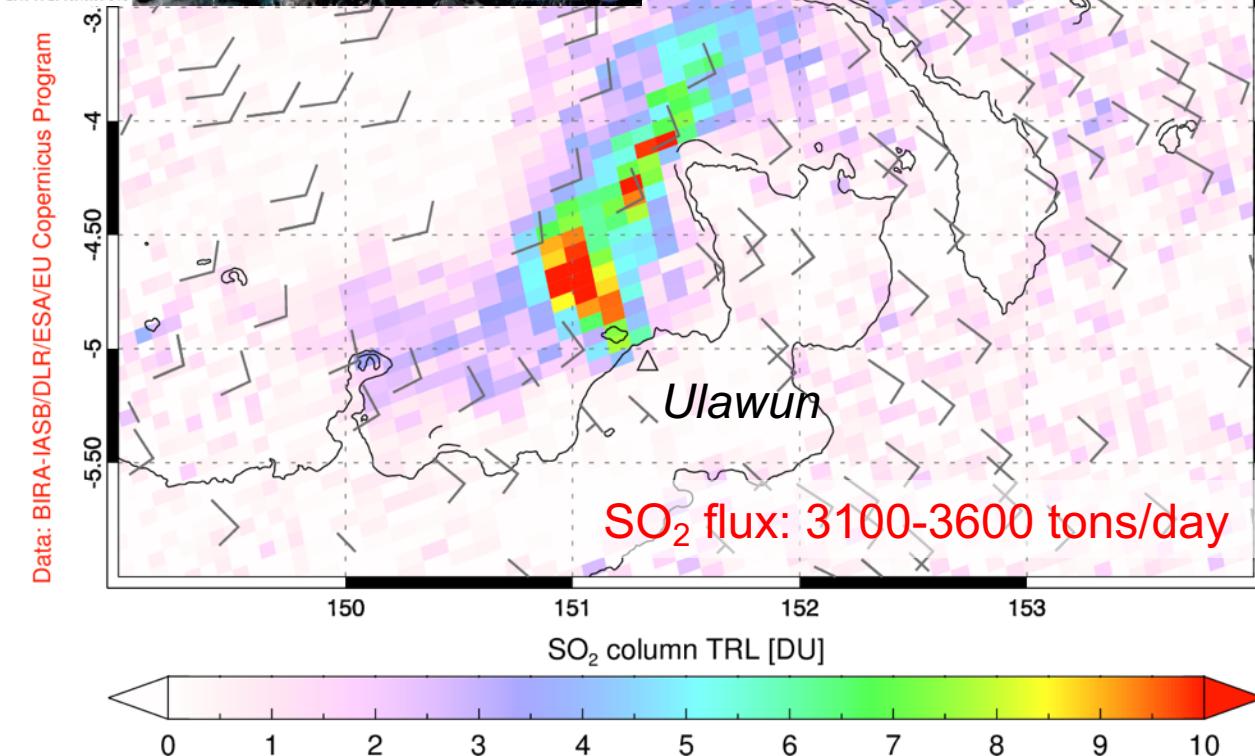
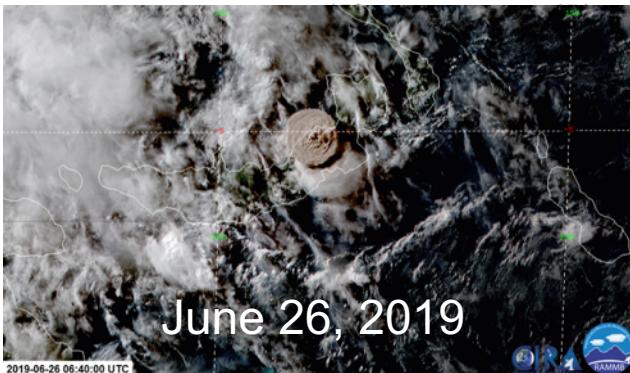
- Globally, 90-100 volcanic SO₂ sources quantified (10-20% ‘new’) using NASA Aura/OMI data
- Total SO₂ flux of 23+/-2 Tg/yr (~63 kt/day); ~80-90% of total volcanic SO₂ flux from passive + eruptive degassing
- Lowest flux: ~32 t/d; can be extended to weaker sources with new Sentinel-5P/TROPOMI data

Fioletov et al. (2016); Carn et al. (2017)

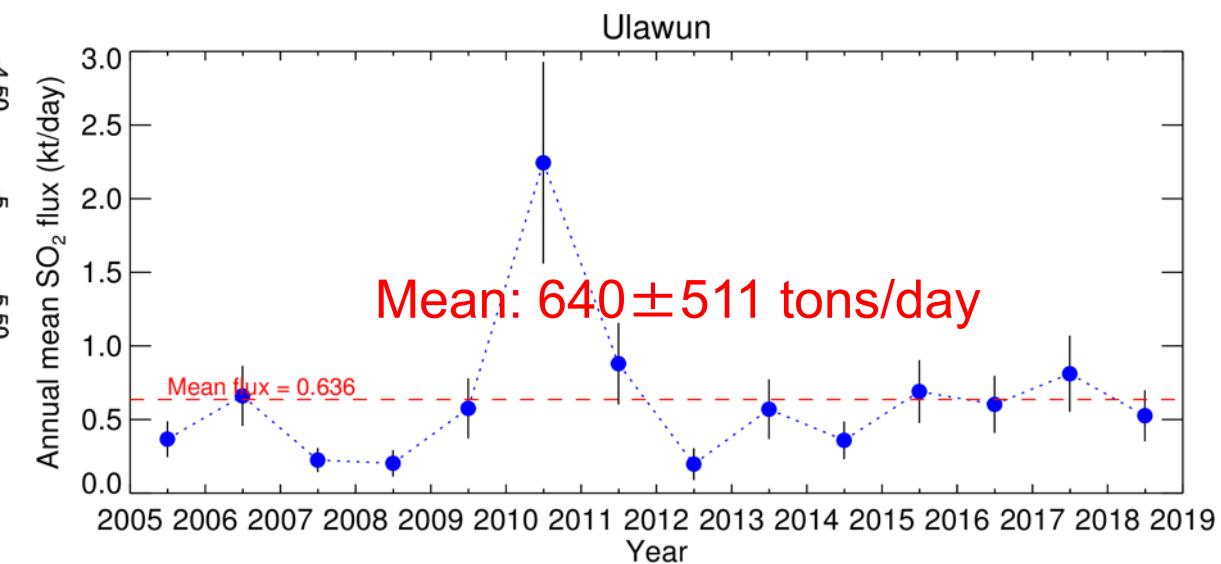
Identifying ‘pre-eruptive’ SO₂ emissions

Sentinel-5P/TROPOMI - 06/25/2019 02:51-02:53 UT - Orbit 8792

SO₂ mass: 5.85 kt; Area: 124366 km²; SO₂ max: 11.94 DU at lon: 151.03 lat: -4.63 ; 02:52UTC

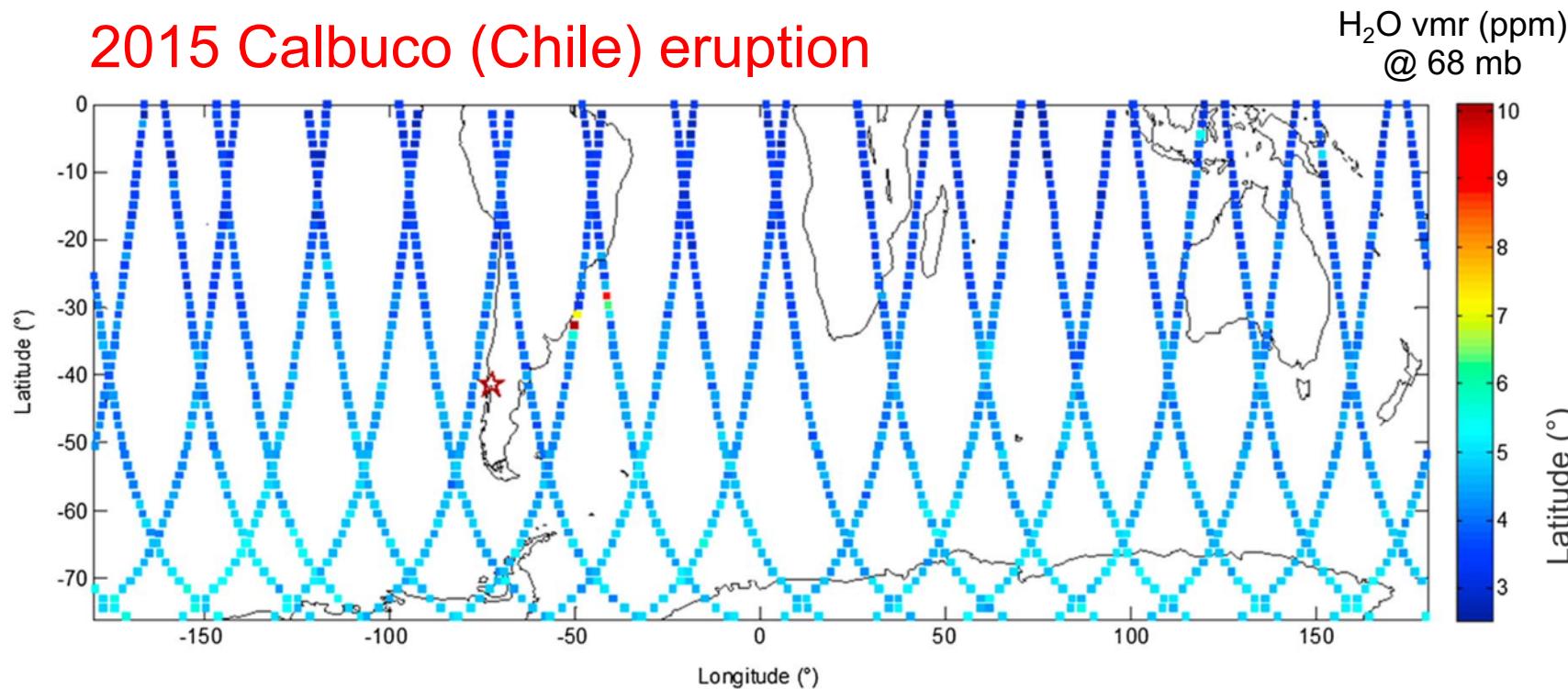


- Long-term Aura/OMI satellite record (2005-present) constrains magnitude of ‘typical’ volcanic SO₂ emissions, *at open-system volcanoes*
- At Ulawun volcano (PNG), SO₂ emissions $\sim 5\sigma$ above the decadal mean measured prior to major (VEI 4) eruption on June 26, 2019
- Short-Term Average/Long-Term Average (STA/LTA) approach (also used as seismic trigger algorithm)



Detection of stratospheric volcanic H₂O

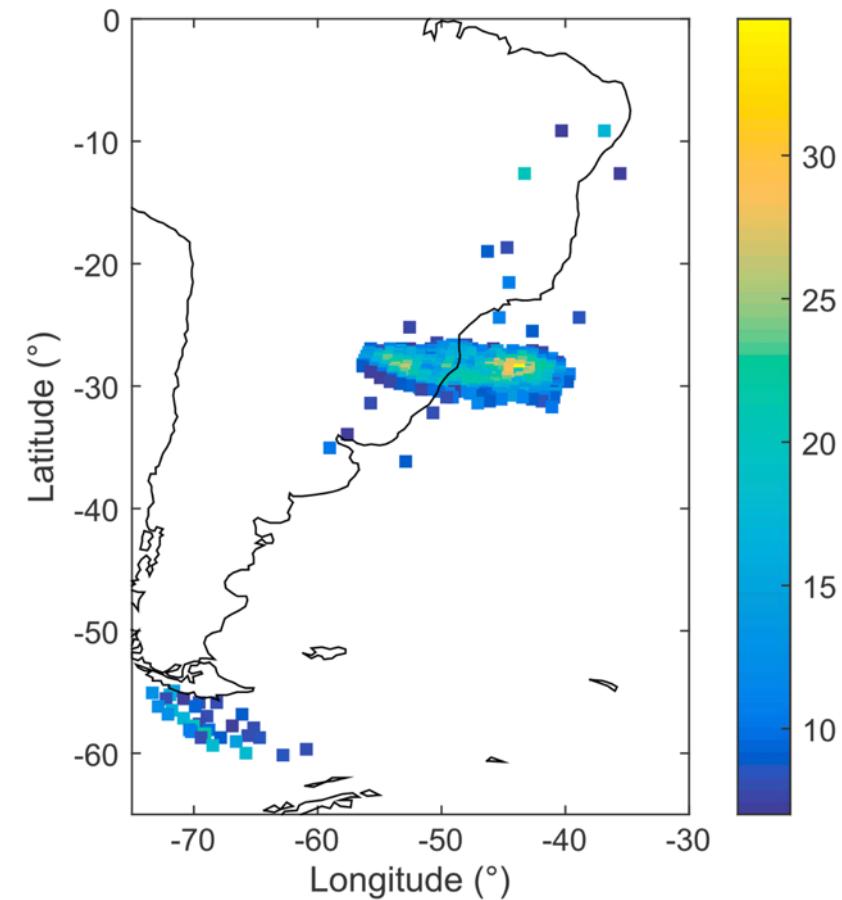
2015 Calbuco (Chile) eruption



Aura/Microwave Limb Sounder (MLS) H₂O data on April 25, 2015

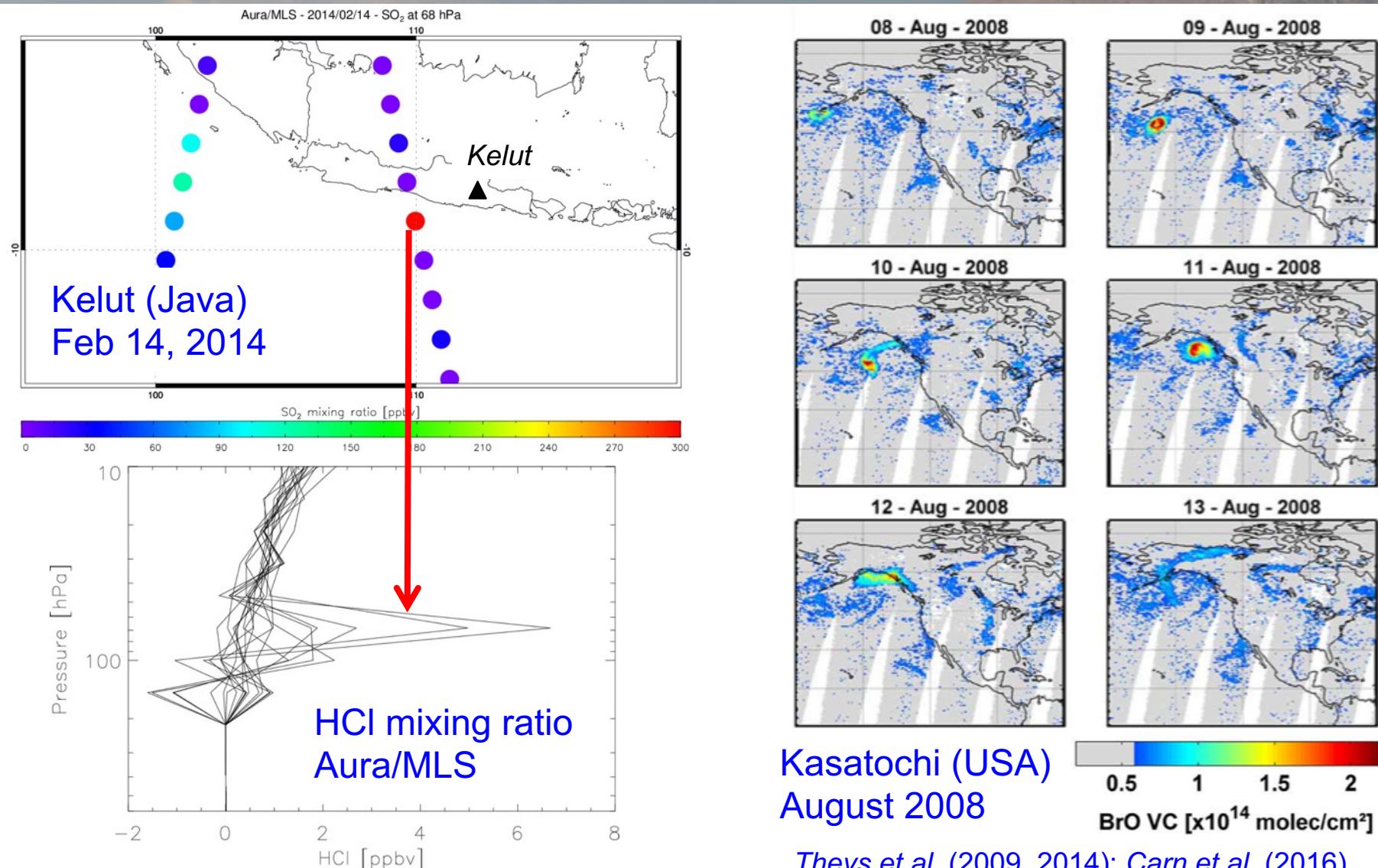
- Stratospheric water vapor (WV) anomalies detected by limb-sounding instruments after some explosive volcanic eruptions.
- Canada's SCISAT-1/Atmospheric Chemistry Experiment Fourier Transform Spectrometer (ACE-FTS) and NASA's Aura/Microwave Limb Sounder (MLS)
- WV anomalies reported after 2010 Eyjafjallajökull, 2011 Cordon Caulle and 2015 Calbuco eruptions (all high latitude).

Sioris et al., GRL (2016)



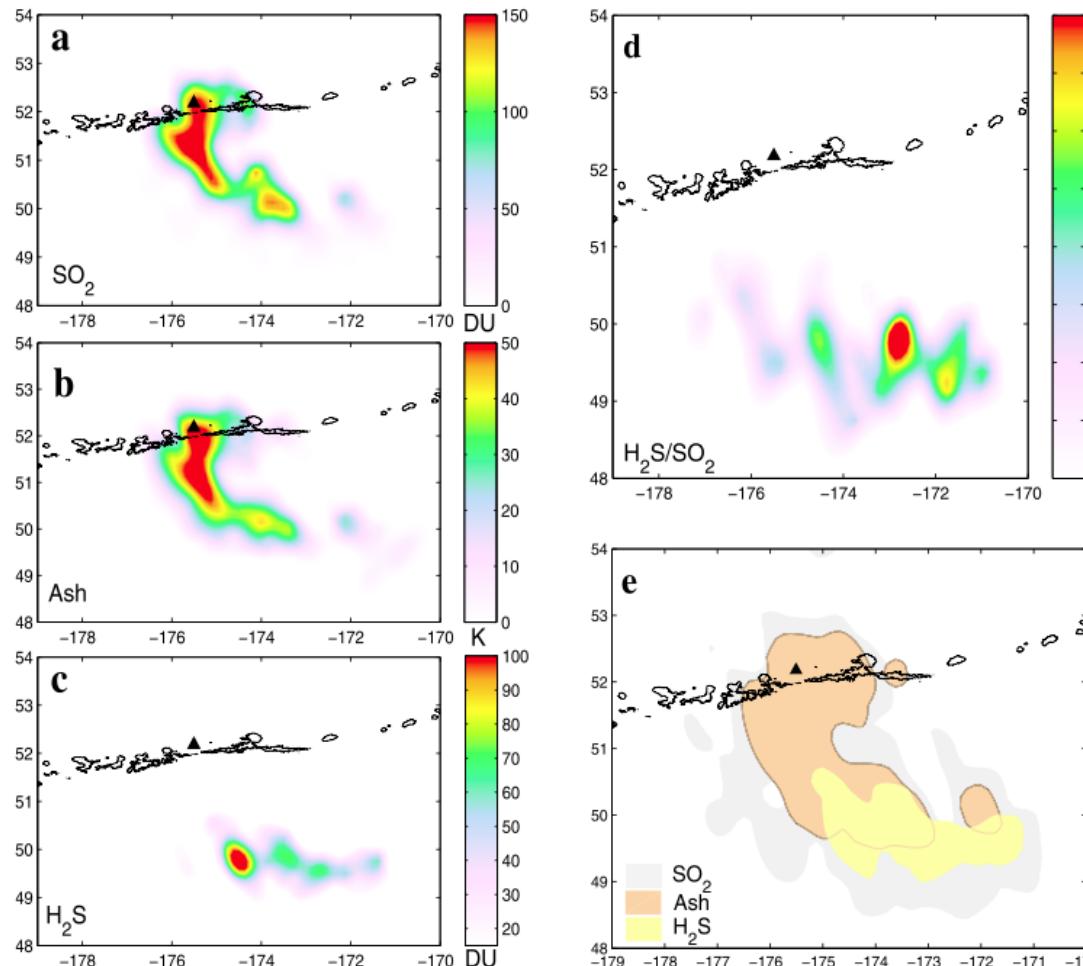
MetOp-B/GOME-2 SO₂ data

Satellite measurements of volcanic halogens

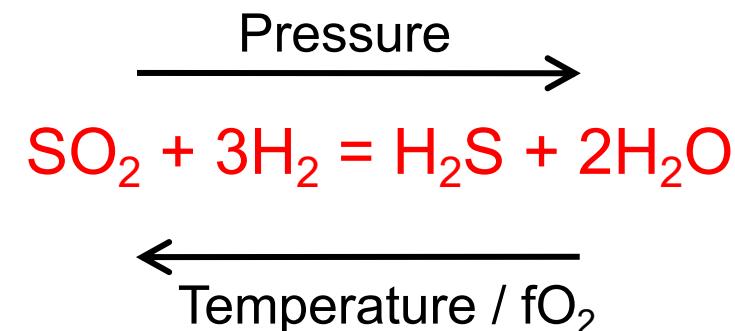


- Satellites have measured HCl, BrO, and OCIO in explosive volcanic eruption clouds
- New IASI nadir HCl retrievals recently developed (Clarisse et al., 2020)

Satellite measurement of volcanic H₂S emissions



2008 Kasatochi eruption
Clarisse et al. (2011)



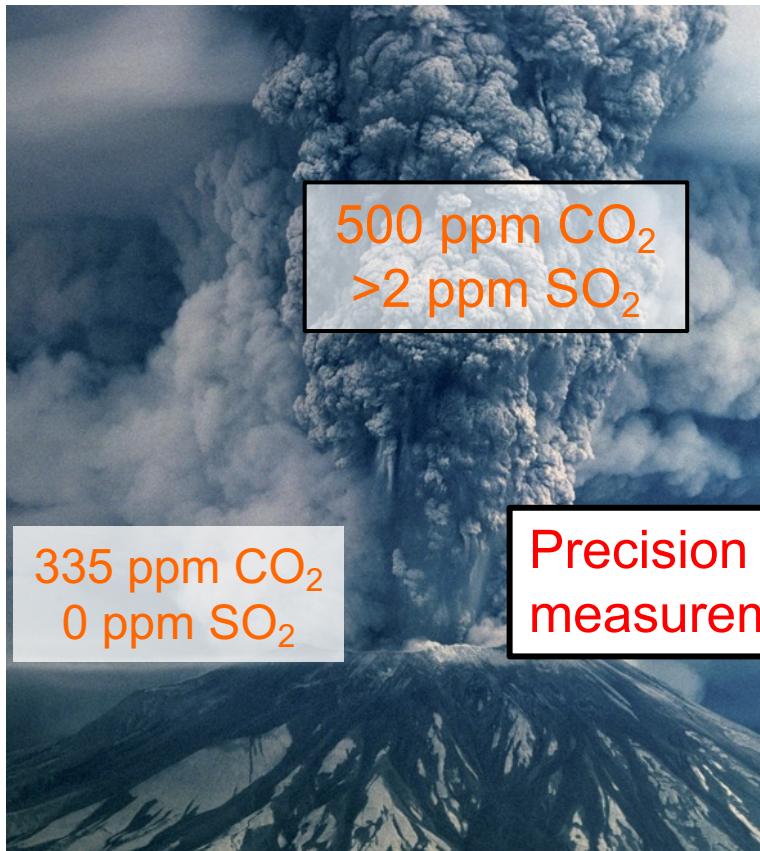
$$\log (\text{SO}_2/\text{H}_2\text{S}) = \log K_T - 3 \log (\text{H}_2/\text{H}_2\text{O}) - \log P \cdot X_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$$

Symonds et al., 1994

- May be a significant component of the total sulfur budget at some volcanoes (Aiuppa et al., 2005)
- IR absorption bands are very weak, hence can only be detected from space in large eruptions (IASI; Clarisse et al., 2011)

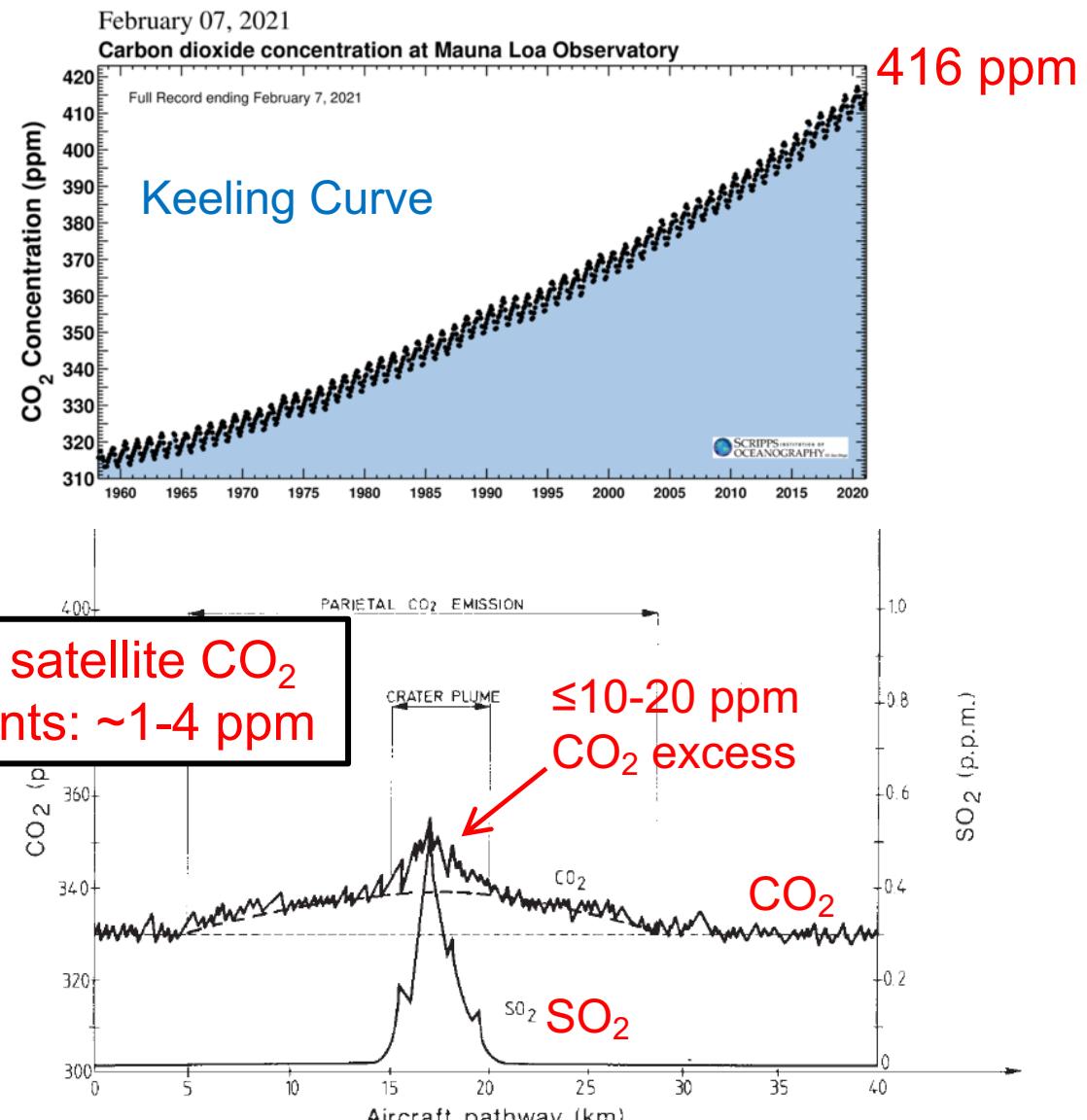
Can we monitor volcanic CO₂ from space?

Explosive eruption

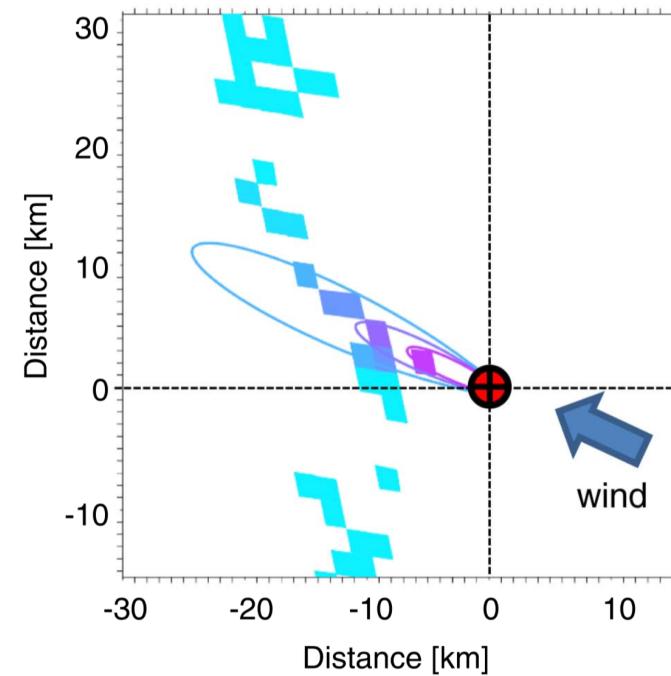
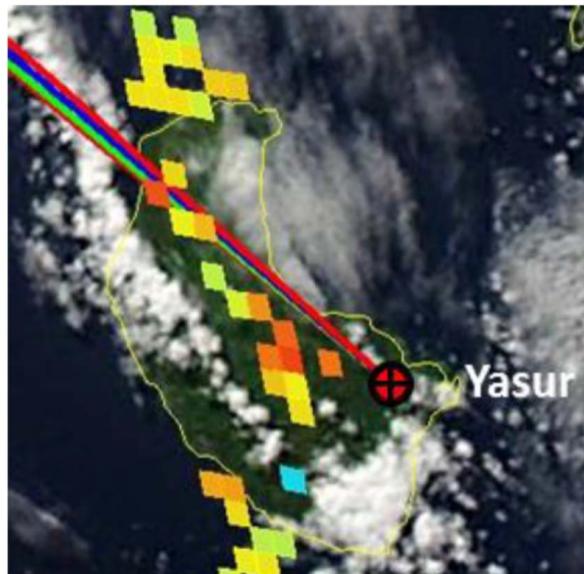


May 1980 Mt St Helens eruption
(Hobbs et al., 1982)

$$\text{CO}_2/\text{SO}_2 = 55 \rightarrow \sim 55 \text{ Tg CO}_2$$



Detection of passive volcanic CO₂ emissions

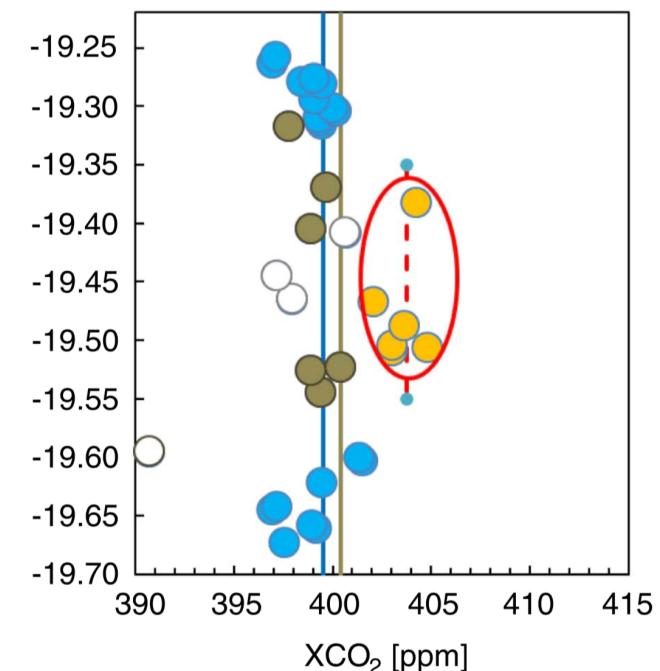


Mean dry air column concentration XCO₂ [ppm]

380 385 390 395 400 405 410

Excess CO₂ relative to background [%]

+0.0 +0.2 +0.4 +0.6 +0.8

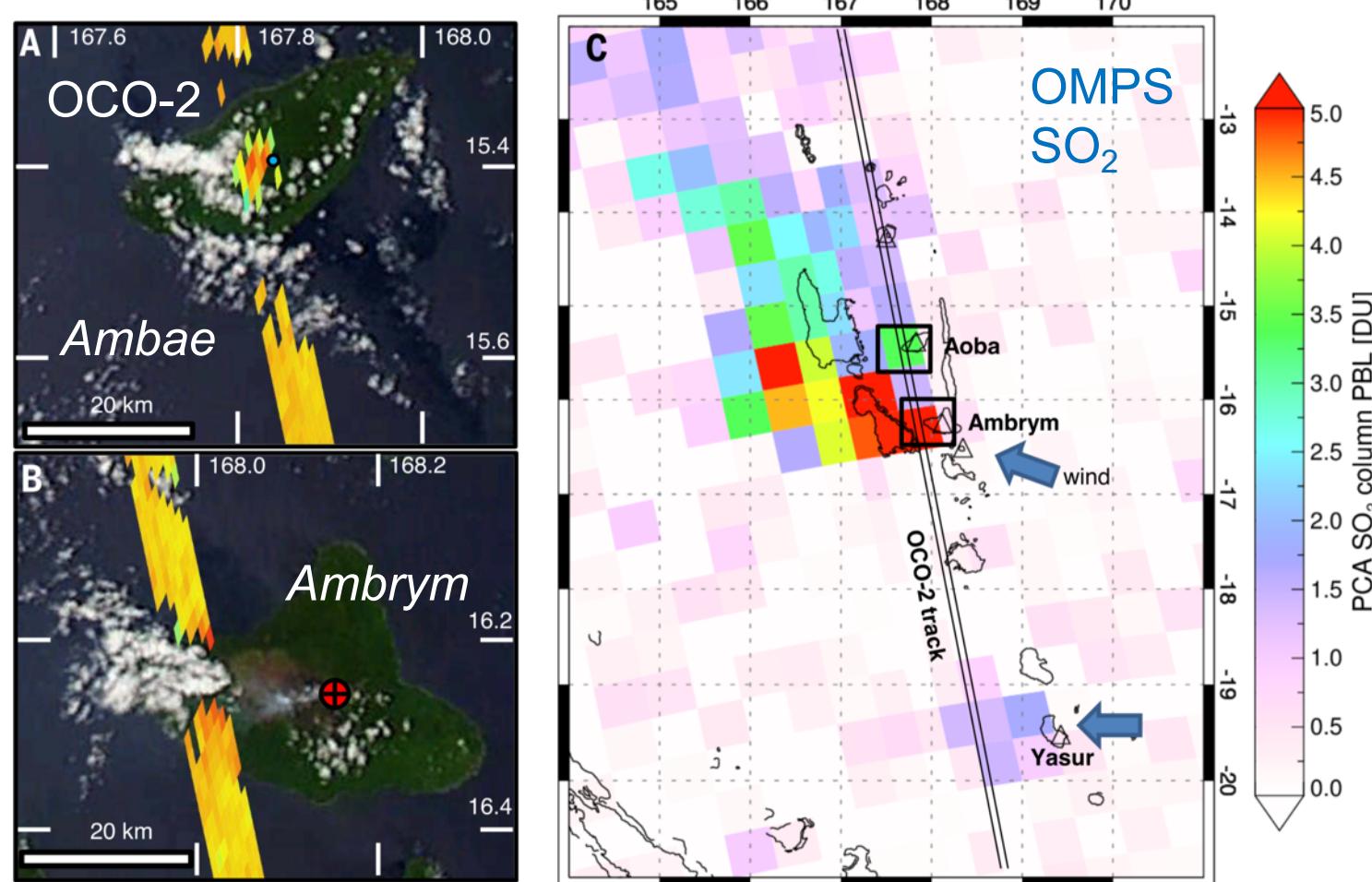


● Land ● Ocean ● Plume

Schwandner et al. (2017)

- Due to its lower solubility in magmas, CO₂ is a more reliable eruption ‘precursor’ than SO₂, but much more difficult to detect from space
- CO₂ sensing satellites include the NASA Orbiting Carbon Observatory-2 (OCO-2), the Japanese Greenhouse Gases Observing Satellite (GOSAT) and NASA’s OCO-3 aboard the International Space Station.
- Spatial coverage is poor and measurement precision is a few ppm CO₂; measurements are significantly impacted by clouds and aerosols.

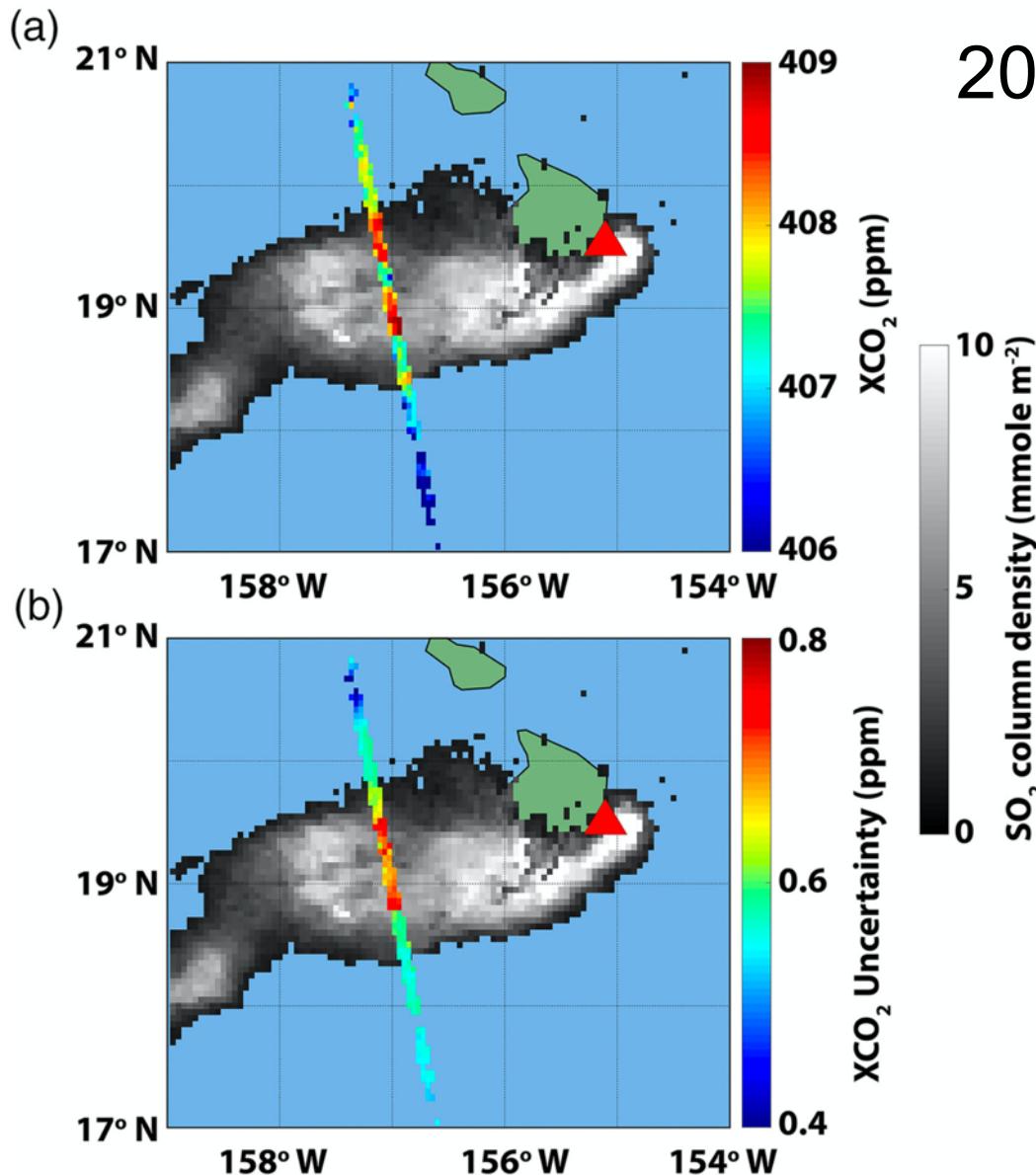
Detection of passive volcanic CO₂ emissions



Schwandner et al. (2017)

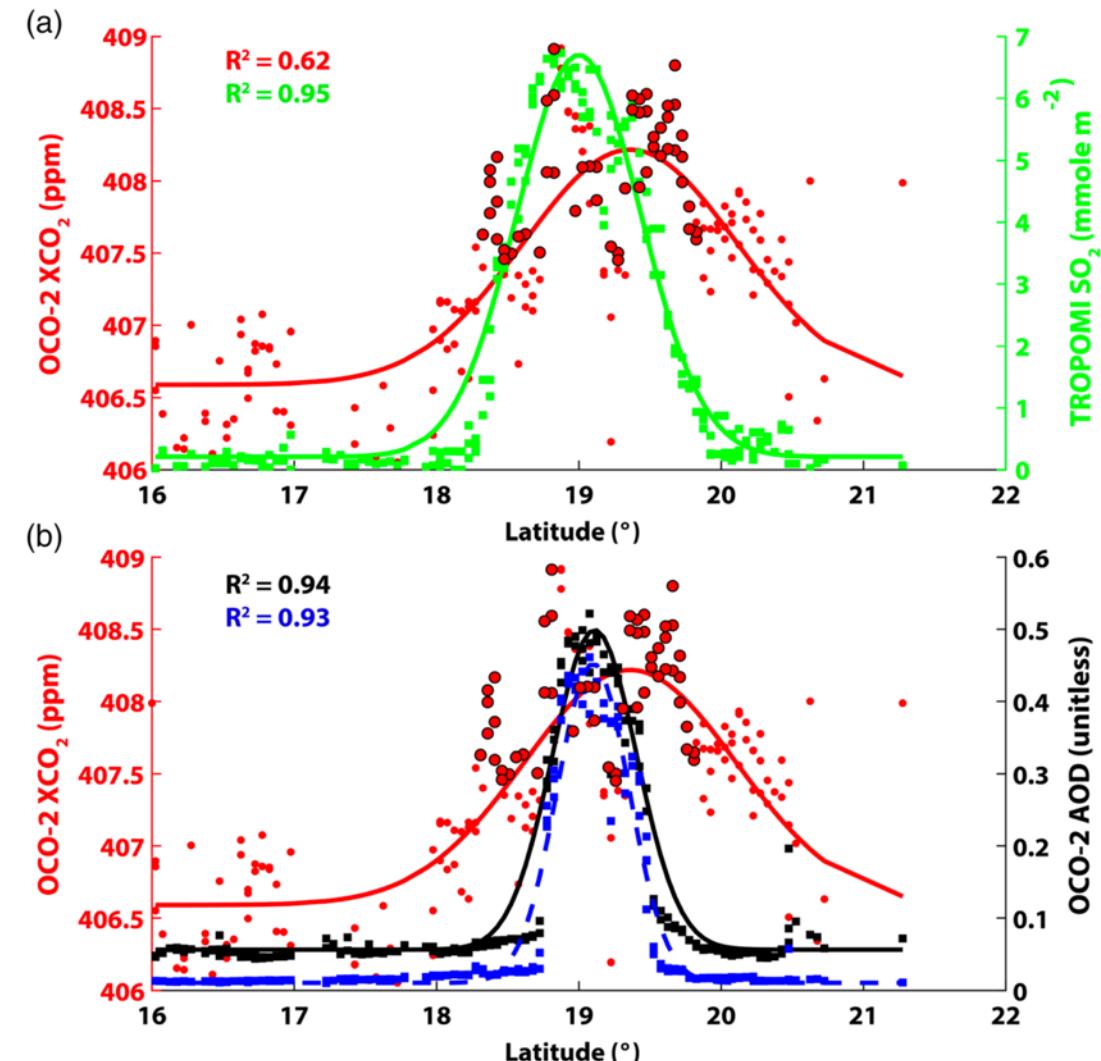
- Orbiting Carbon Observatory-3 (OCO-3) was deployed on the International Space Station in May 2019. Can be pointed at targets ('stare mode') such as volcanoes.
- Proxy methods for CO₂ (e.g., based on vegetation impacts) may be a useful alternative to direct measurement

Detection of eruptive volcanic CO₂ emissions

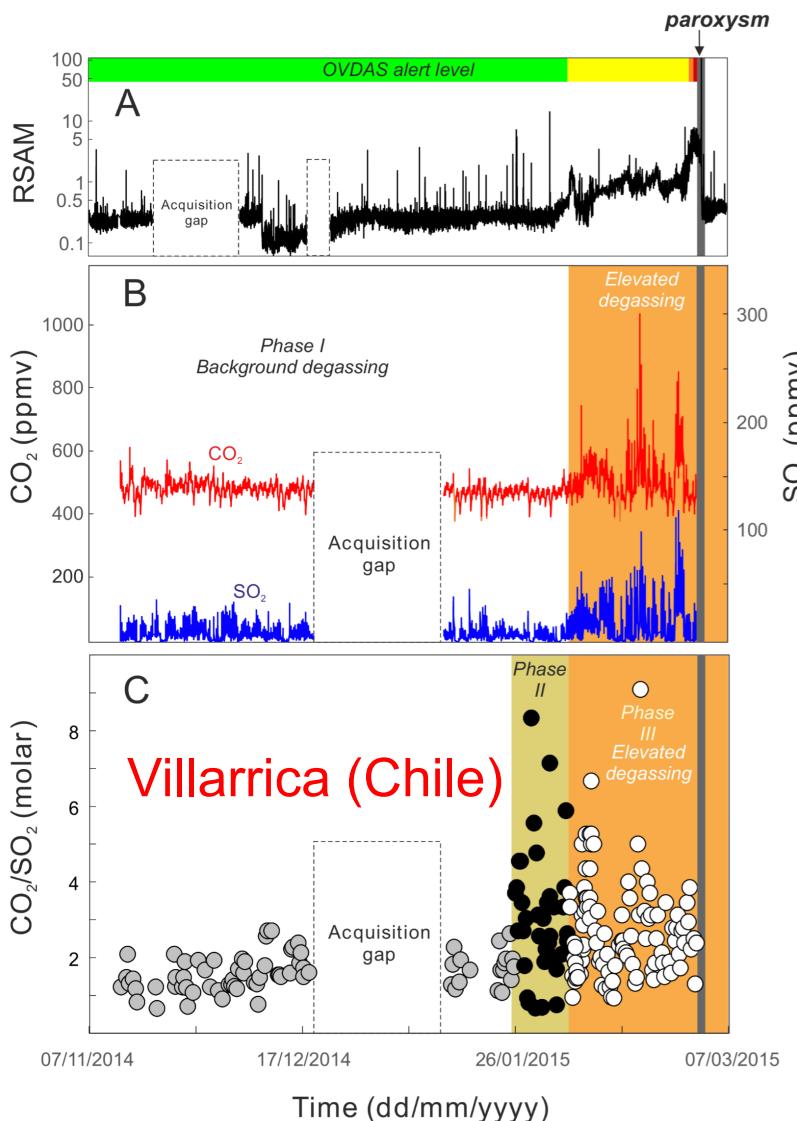


2018 Kilauea eruption

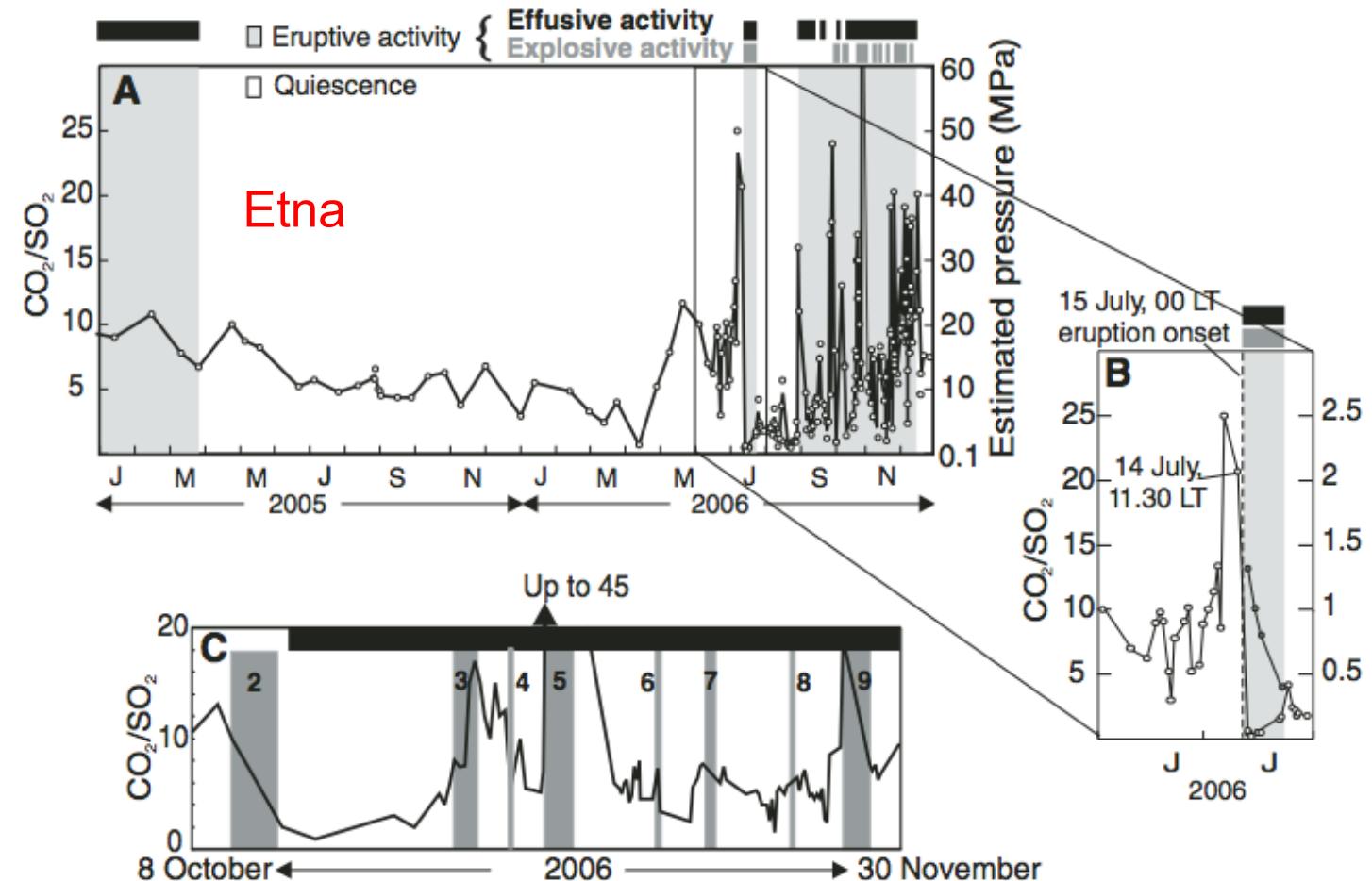
Johnson et al., GRL (2020)



Variable CO₂/SO₂ ratios before explosive eruptions

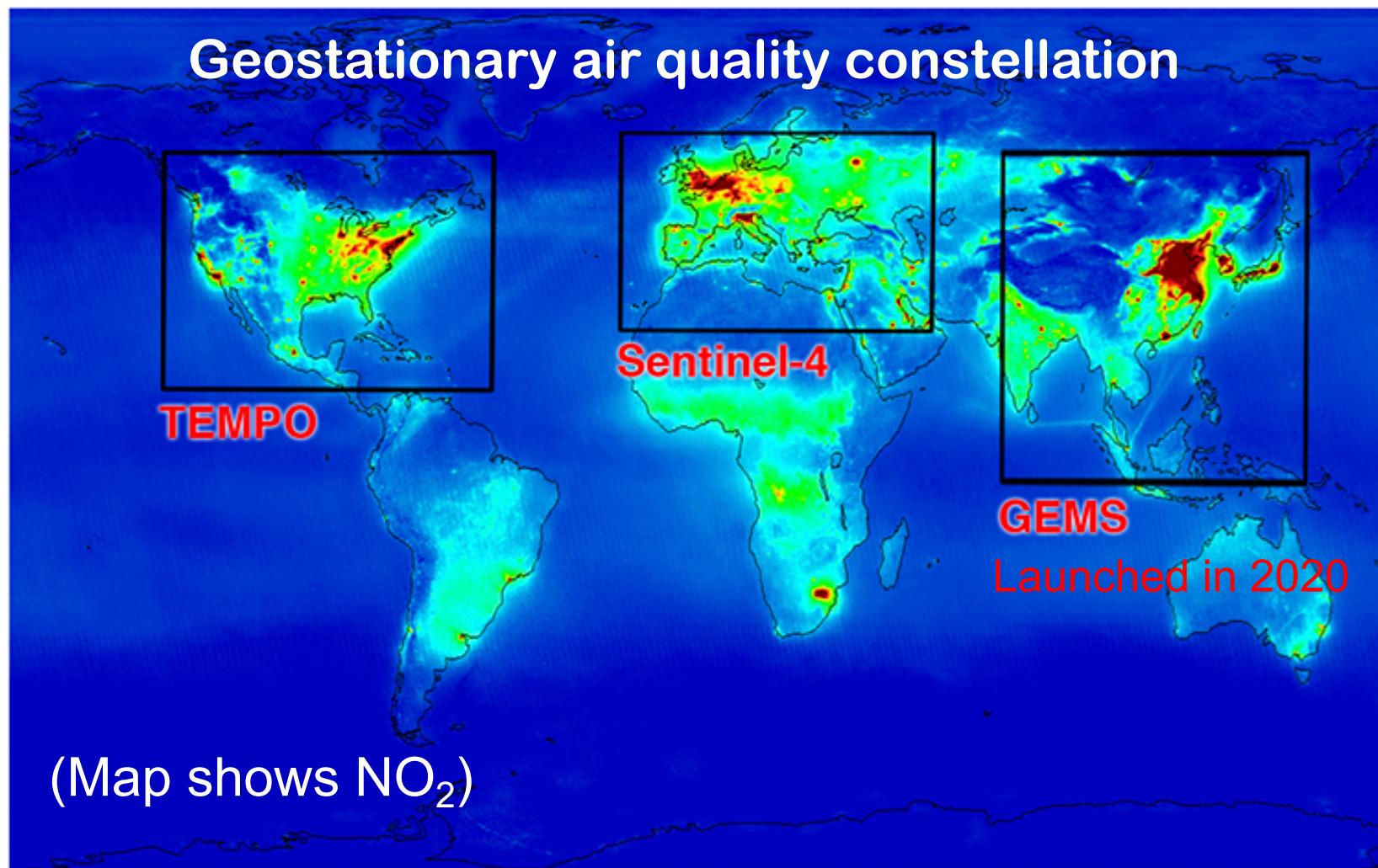


[e.g., Aiuppa et al., 2007, 2009, 2017; de Moor et al., 2016]



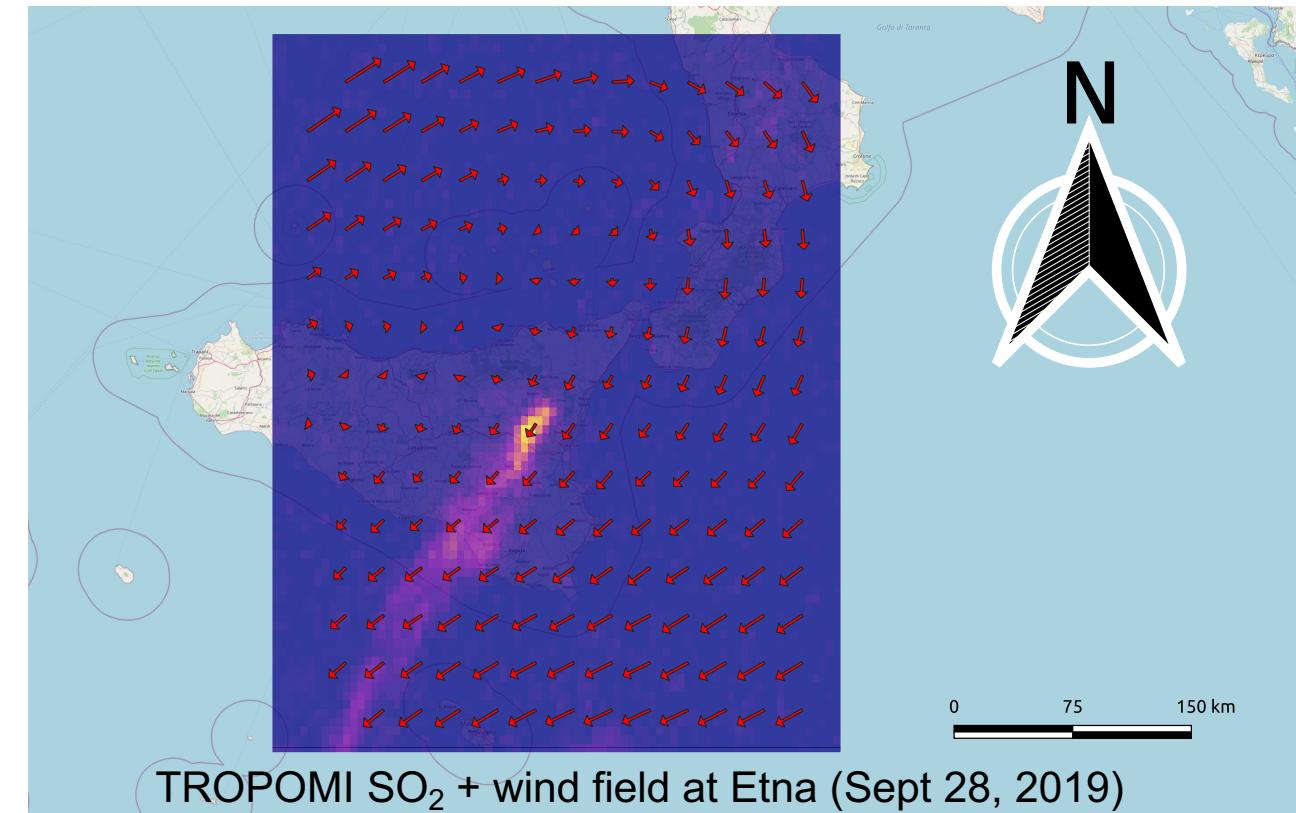
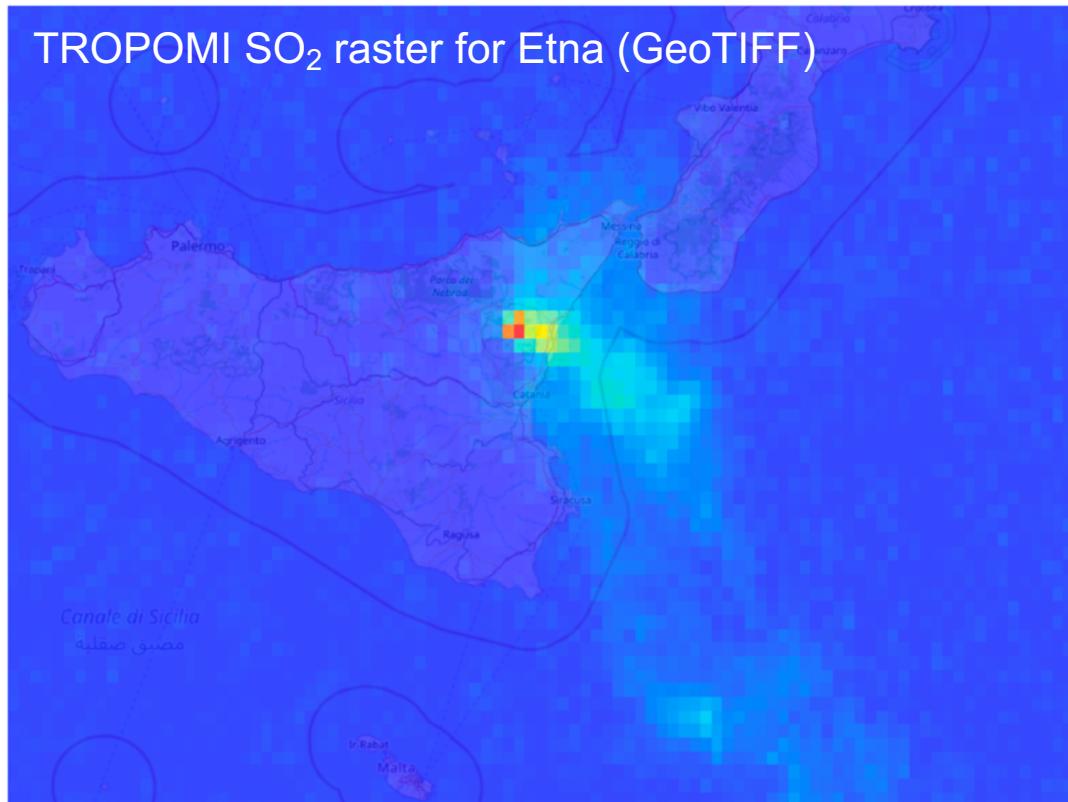
- Excursions in CO₂/SO₂ (and H₂O/CO₂) observed weeks-months prior to eruptions at basaltic, open-vent volcanoes (in-situ data)
- But *gas ratios remain difficult to measure from space, despite recent advances in CO₂ measurements (e.g., NASA OCO-2, OCO-3)*

Future attractions



- Geostationary UV measurements (driven by air quality)
 - Some volcanic regions covered; SO_2 is a key measurement
- Cubesat constellations (e.g., GHGSat - targeted CO_2 measurements), GeoCarb

Future attractions



- Data volume is a major obstacle to operational use of satellite measurements by many VOs
- One NRT TROPOMI SO₂ data granule = 100 Mb; one TROPOMI SO₂ orbit = ~800 Mb
- Solution: satellite SO₂ data analysis using NASA Earthdata API (*Epiard and Carn, EGU, 2021*)
- *We are looking for volcano observatory partners to test new open-source Python software*

Online satellite emissions data tools

NASA Global SO₂ monitoring: <https://so2.gsfc.nasa.gov/> (UV satellite SO₂ data; SO₂ mass time-series)

MOUNTS: <http://www.mounts-project.com/home> (TROPOMI SO₂ data; SO₂ mass time-series; alerts)

FMI SAMPO: <https://sampo.fmi.fi/> (Direct Readout OMI/OMPS SO₂; high latitude eruption detection)

NOAA OMI SO₂: <https://satepsanone.nesdis.noaa.gov/pub/OMI/OMISO2/> (Near real-time [NRT] OMI SO₂; global eruption detection)

NOAA OMPS SO₂: <https://www.ospo.noaa.gov/Products/atmosphere/ompss02/> (NRT OMPS SO₂; global eruption detection)

BIRA/SACS: <https://sacs.aeronomie.be/nrt/> (NRT OMI/OMPS/GOME-2/IASI/AIRS SO₂; global eruption detection; SO₂ alerts)

TROPOMI SO₂ explorer: <https://phedelt.users.earthengine.app/view/so2explorer> (average TROPOMI SO₂ maps)

NASA WorldView: <https://worldview.earthdata.nasa.gov/> (NASA data visualization; OMI/OMPS/MLS/AIRS SO₂, OCO-2/3 CO₂)

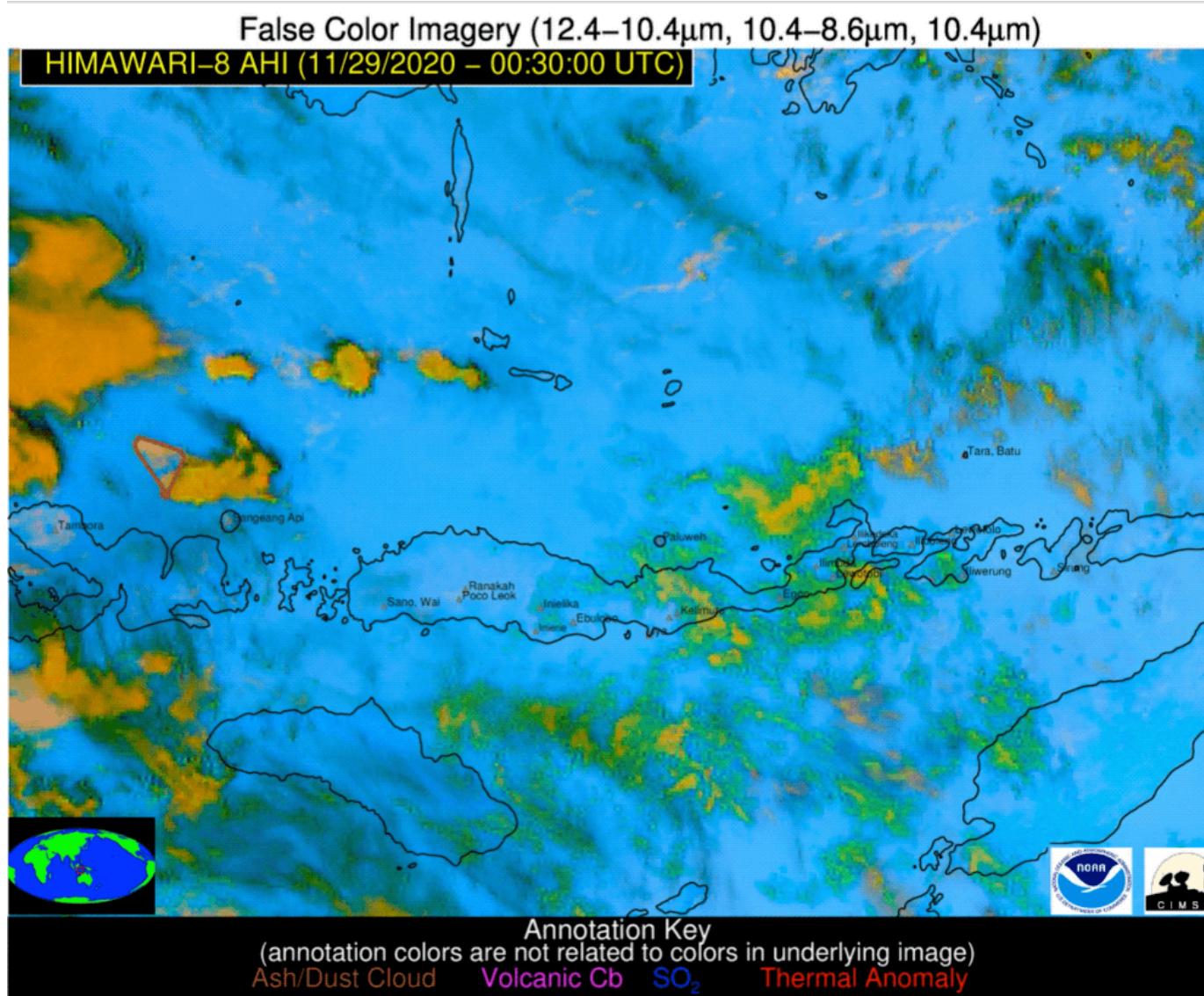
NOAA/CIMSS VOLCAT: <https://volcano.ssec.wisc.edu/> (IR GEO and LEO satellite volcanic ash and SO₂ detection)

AIRS SO₂ plume detection (NASA/JPL): http://airs.jpl.nasa.gov/volcanic_plumes (IR SO₂ and volcanic ash detection)

EUMETSAT EUMETView: <https://view.eumetsat.int/productviewer?v=default> (Geostationary SEVIRI Ash RGB images)

Sentinel Hub EO Browser: <https://apps.sentinel-hub.com/eo-browser> (ESA Sentinel satellite data including TROPOMI SO₂)

Geostationary satellite detection of volcanic eruptions



Nov 2020 Lewotolo eruption (Indonesia)

- Thermal anomaly
- Volcanic Cb
- Ash cloud

VOLCAT SO₂ alerts (using LEO data) available to VAACs, MWOs, VOs.

- VOLCAT: <https://volcano.ssec.wisc.edu>

Pavoloni et al., 2015a, 2015b, 2018

NASA Global SO₂ monitoring website



National Aeronautics and Space Administration
Goddard Space Flight Center

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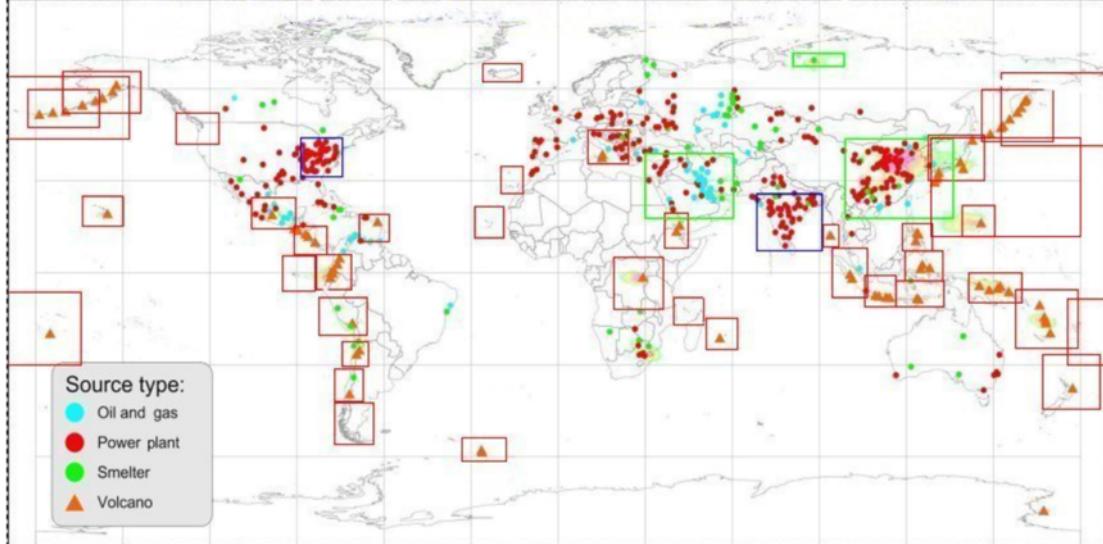
SO₂ eruption alerts NOAA-NESDIS, SACS_BIRA, AIRS_JPL.

SO₂ Near Real-Time Images: NASA(DR), FMI(DR), NASA(NRT), NOAA-OMI(NRT), AIRS(NRT), NOAA-OMPS(NRT).

SO₂ climatology from satellite instruments

[Historic TOMS images](#) | [AIRS images](#) | [OMI images](#) | [OMPS images](#) | [TROPOMI images](#)

Red = daily volcanic regions, green = daily pollution regions, blue = long-term pollution images



Archived daily OMI/OMPS/TROPOMI images

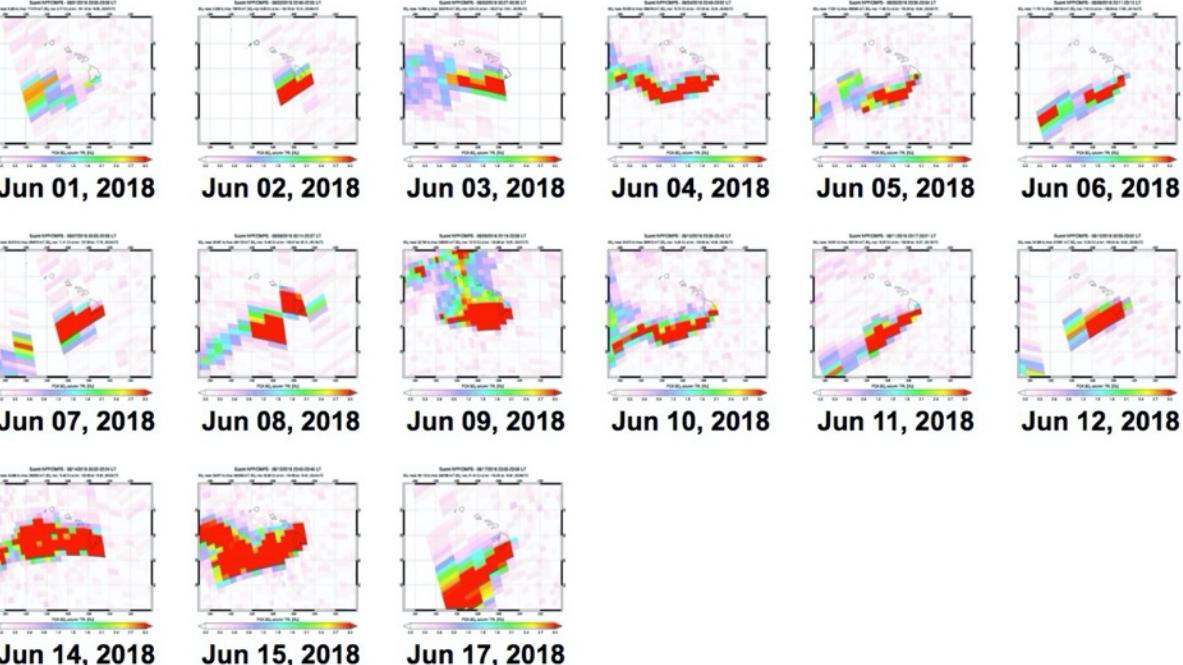
Reunion Island, Indian Ocean

May 2015

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Hawaii, USA (OMPS)

*** Data used for these OMPS images include non-standard products generated by NASA's Ozone PEATE ***



previous month

OMI PCA imgs

next month

Time series plot

OMPS data for time series plot

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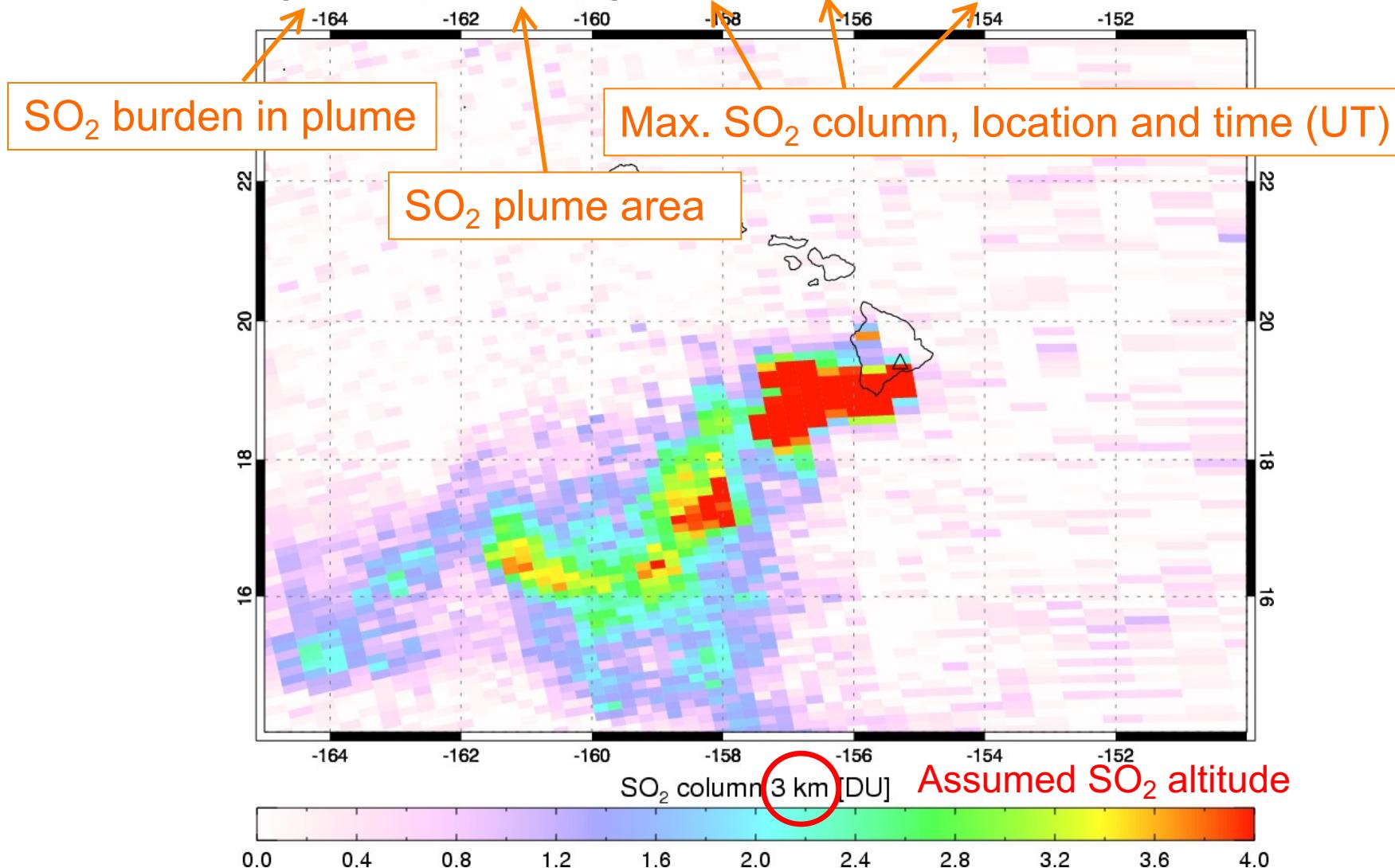
Archived images: <https://so2.gsfc.nasa.gov>

Daily OMI SO₂ measurements for Kilauea

<http://so2.gsfc.nasa.gov>

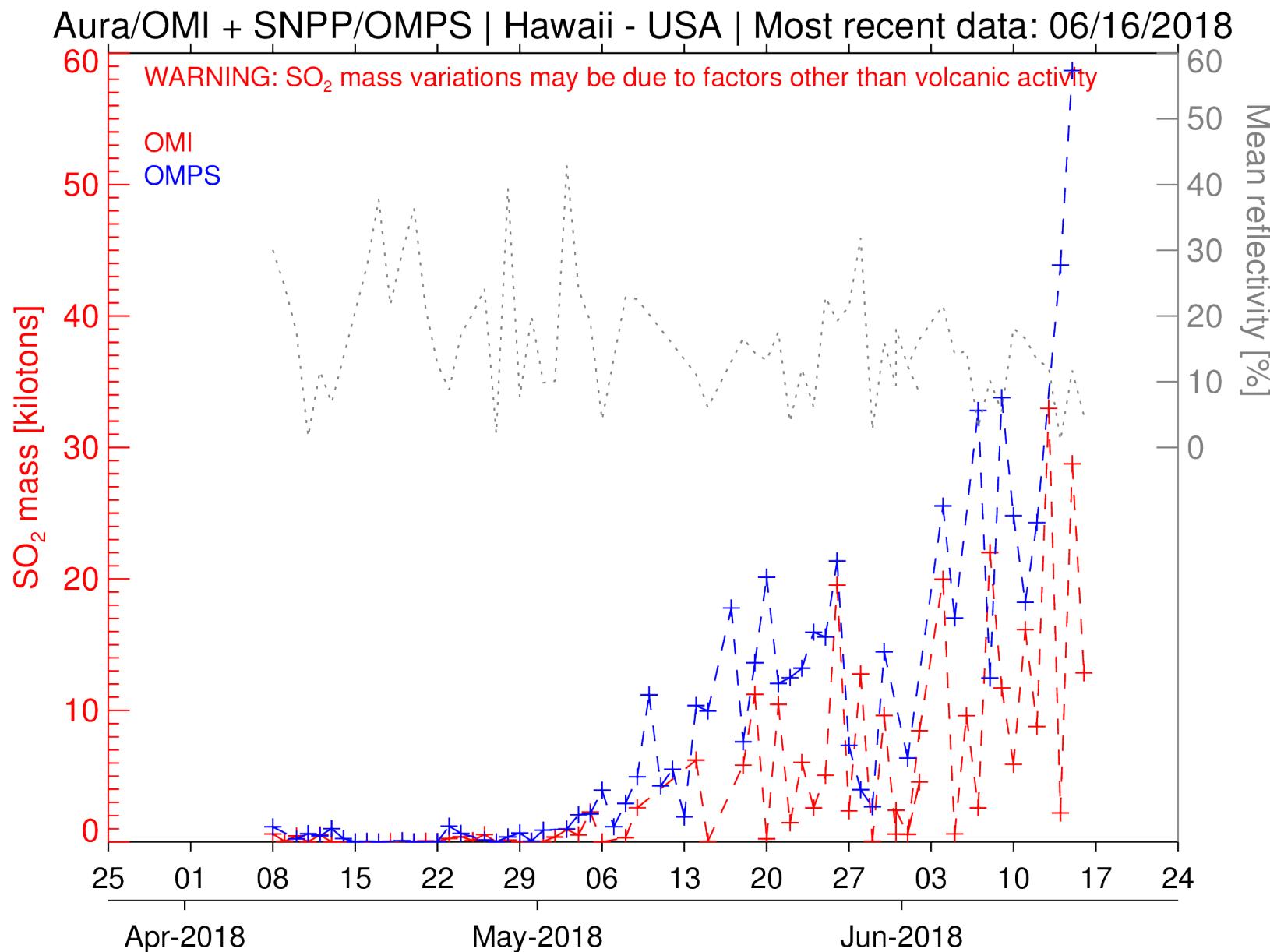
Aura/OMI - 07/13/2008 00:14-00:17 UT - Orbit 21257

SO₂ mass: 19.344 kt; Area: 326084 km²; SO₂ max: 31.06 DU at lon: -155.29 lat: 19.21 ; 00:16UTC

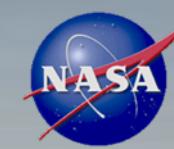


Operational OMI+OMPS (+TROPOMI) SO₂ time-series plots

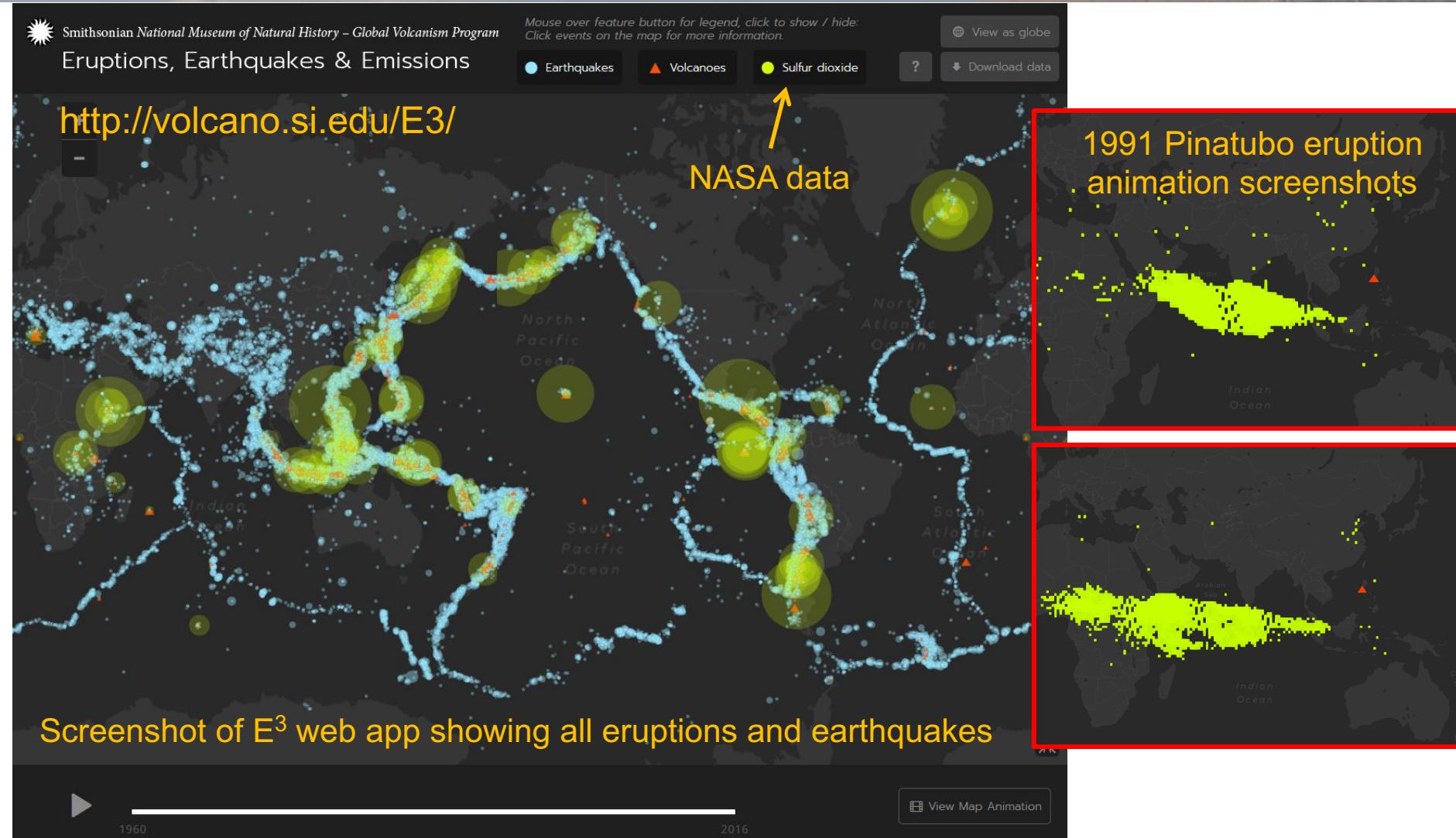
Assumes
fixed SO₂
altitude



- Proxy for
cloud cover



NASA SO₂ data in GVP database



The Global Volcanism Program at the Smithsonian Institution National Museum of Natural History has created an Eruptions, Earthquakes and Emissions web visualization using NASA volcanic SO₂ data from multiple satellites.



Smithsonian Institution
National Museum of Natural History
Global Volcanism Program

Volcanic SO₂ database text file (MSVOLSO2L4)

Volcano	lat	lon	v_alt	yyyy	mm	dd	type	vei	p_alt_obs	p_alt_est	so2(kt)
Ambrym	-16.25	168.12	1.334	1978	12	5	exp	2	-999	11.334	87
Cerro_Azul	-0.92	-91.408	1.69	1979	2	1	eff	2	2	-999	10
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Karkar	-4.649	145.964	1.839	1979	3	8	exp	2	-999	11.839	50
Soufriere_St_Vincent	13.33	-61.18	1.22	1979	4	13	exp	3	18	-999	3
Etna	37.734	15.004	3.35	1979	8	4	exp	3	-999	8.35	10
Sierra_Negra	-0.83	-91.17	1.49	1979	11	13	eff	3	14	-999	500
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- Volcano name, location, altitude
- Eruption date
- Eruption type
- VEI
- Observed plume altitude
- Estimated plume altitude
- SO₂ mass (kilotons)
- One line per day for continuous (i.e., effusive) eruptions
 - Variable SO₂ emissions and plume altitude
- Need to add uncertainty
 - SO₂ loading
 - SO₂ altitude

https://disc.gsfc.nasa.gov/datasets/MSVOLSO2L4_3/summary?keywords=msvolo2l4

Satellite-based SO₂ alerts

SACS multi-sensor notification of exceptional SO₂ concentration

Process date : 2021/02/18

Process time : 13:15 UTC

Instrument : TROPOMI

<http://sacs.aeronomie.be/nrt>

SACS – Support to Aviation Control Service

Notification region: 206

http://sacs.aeronomie.be/TROPOMIalert/2021/02/alertsTROPOMI_20210218_11h02_206.php?alert=20210218_131549_206

Date : 2021/02/18

Time : 11:06 UTC

Longitude : 15.0 deg. East

Latitude : 37.6 deg. North

Max. SO₂ column : 1.5 DU (assuming 15 km plume height)

SO₂ mass loading : 7.116 kt (assuming 15 km plume height)

SO₂ plume area : 140433 km²

Notification level : HIGH

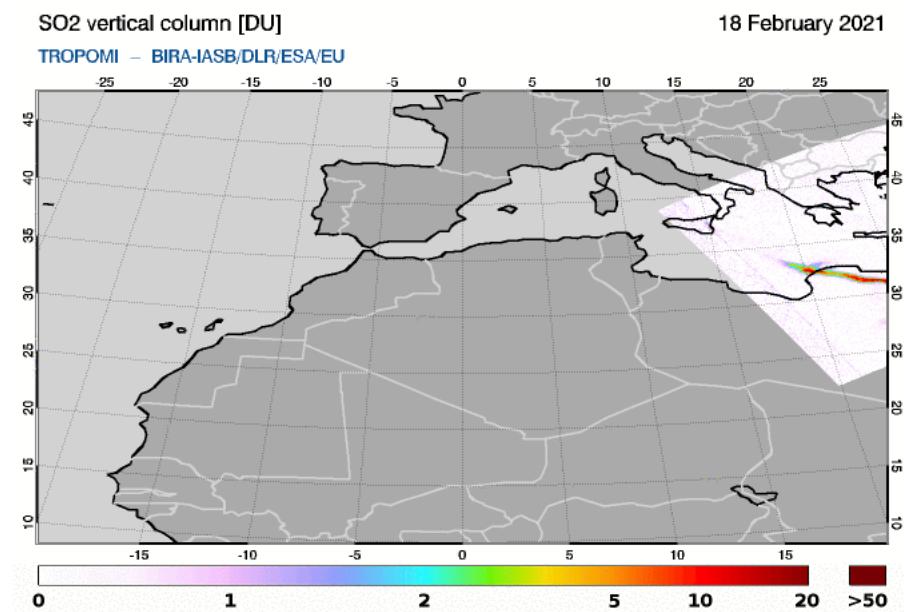
Volcano erupting : Etna (most likely)

Cloud data : used for VCD

SZA : 49.1 deg.

Name data source :

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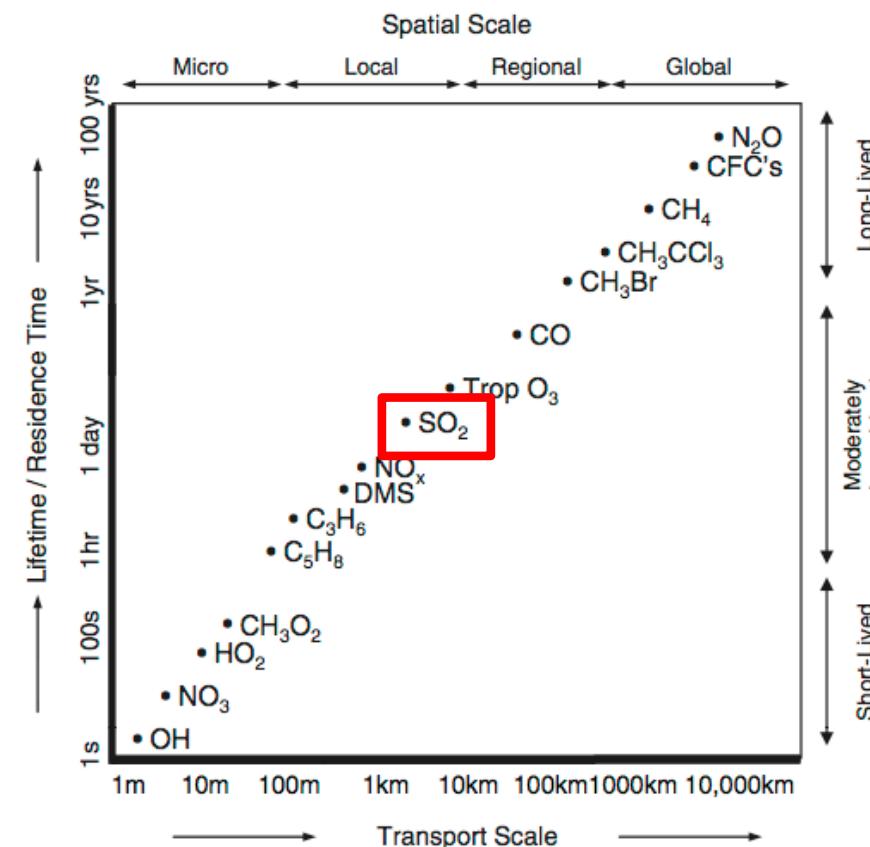
- Detect degassing and eruptions (depends on threshold)
- Few ‘false’ alerts

SO_2 flux estimation from satellite data - lifetime

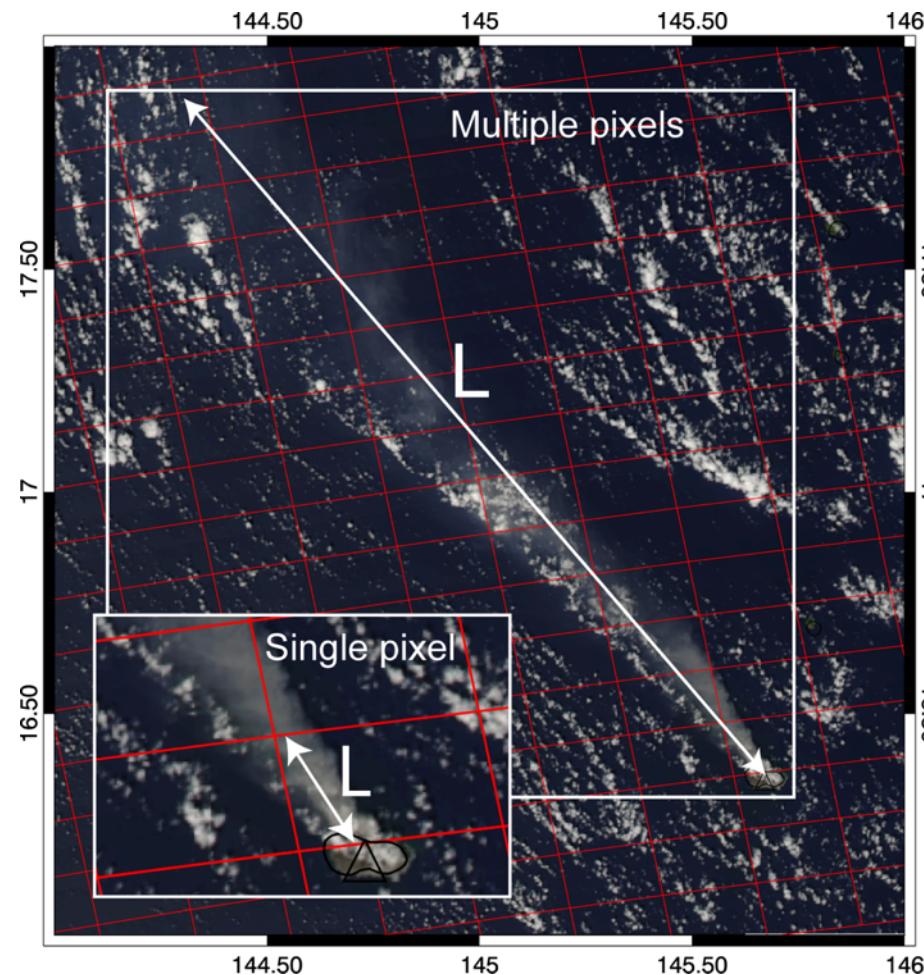
- Satellite ‘snapshots’ measure SO_2 burden, not flux
- To first order, SO_2 emission rates can be inferred using the SO_2 burden and an estimate of the SO_2 lifetime
- SO_2 lifetime short (hours) at low altitudes and in humid environments
- Few hours in tropical boundary layers

$$Q = \frac{M}{\tau}$$

- $Q = \text{SO}_2$ emission rate (tons/day)
- $M = \text{SO}_2$ burden (tons)
- $\tau = \text{SO}_2$ lifetime (days)



SO_2 emission rate estimation from satellite data



$$Q_{\text{meas}} = Q_{\text{init}} \tau t_c^{-1} [1 - \exp(-\tau^{-1} t_c)]$$

$$t_c = L v^{-1}$$

$$Q_{\text{meas}} = \left[\frac{\nu M}{L} \right]$$

M = SO_2 mass in pixel (kg)

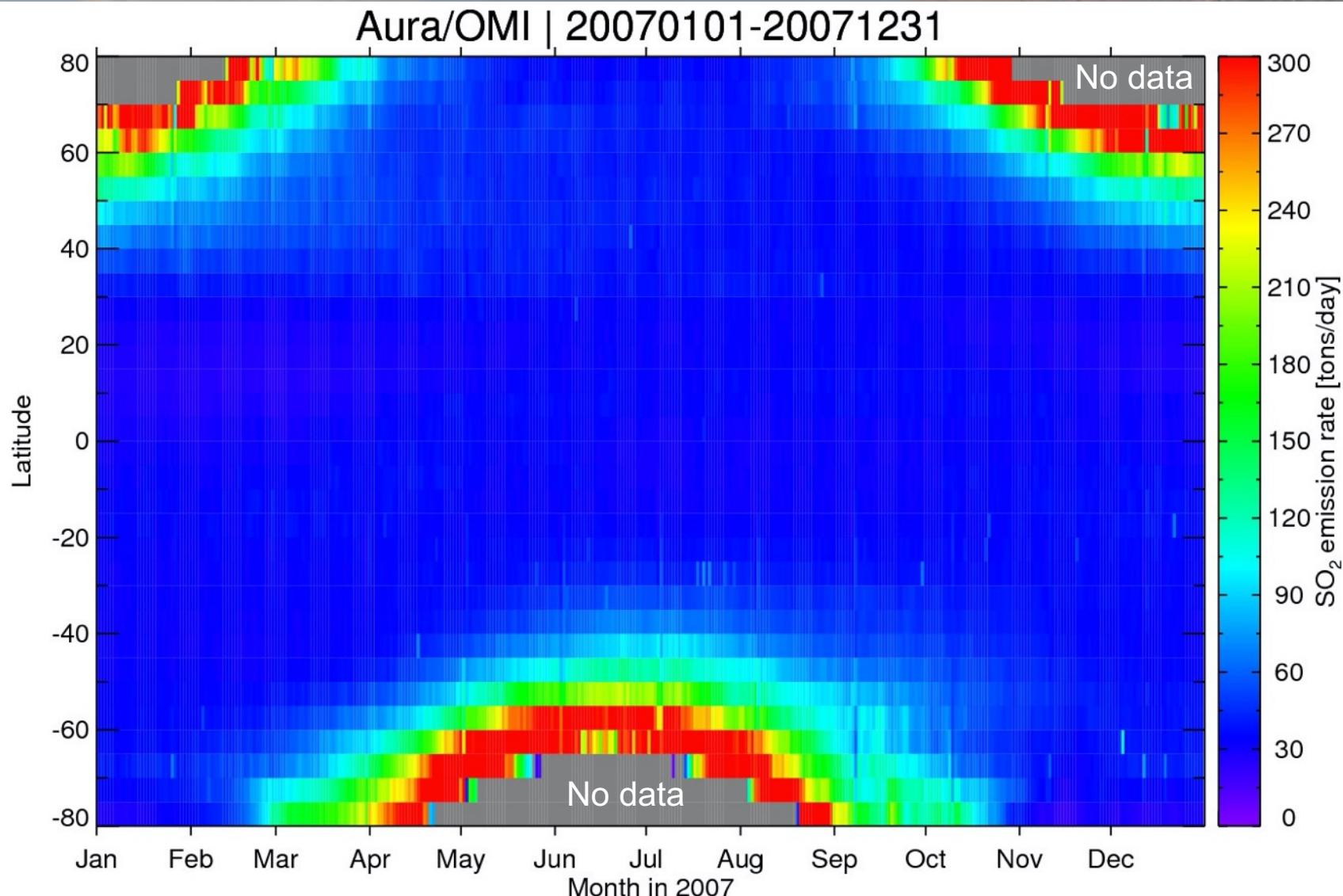
ν = wind speed (m s^{-1})

L = length of plume (m)

Q = SO_2 flux (kg s^{-1})

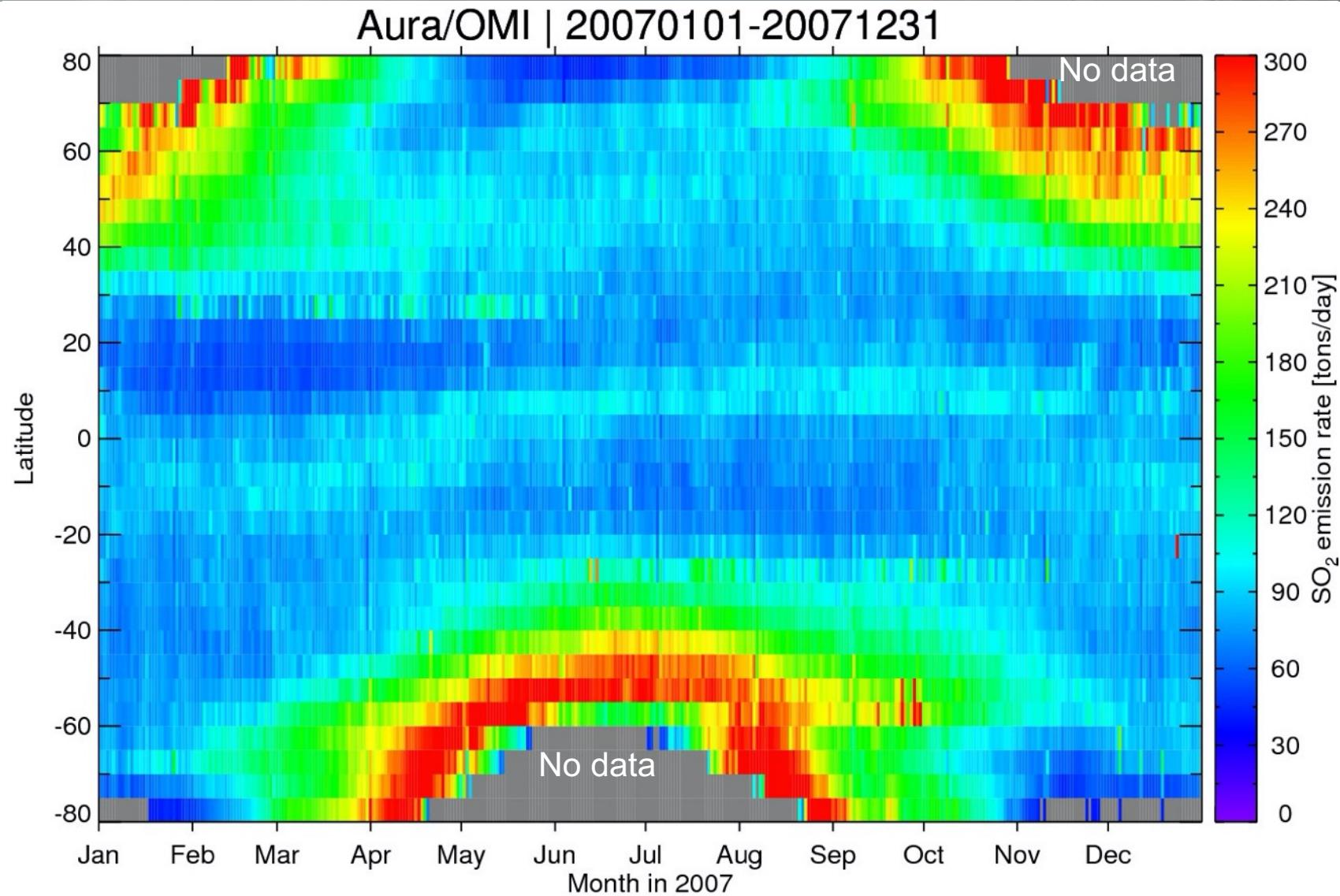
- Similar approach used to estimate smoke and NO_2 emissions from fires [*Ichoku and Kaufman, 2005; Mebust et al., 2011*]
- Note that asymmetry of OMI pixel affects plume detection
- Chemistry correction [*Mebust et al., 2011*] can be applied if SO_2 lifetime is known

SO_2 flux detection limits – zonal means (TRM)



[Carn et al., Spec. Pub. Geol. Soc. Lon., 2013]

SO_2 flux detection limits – zonal means (TRL)



[Carn et al., Spec. Pub. Geol. Soc. Lon., 2013]