

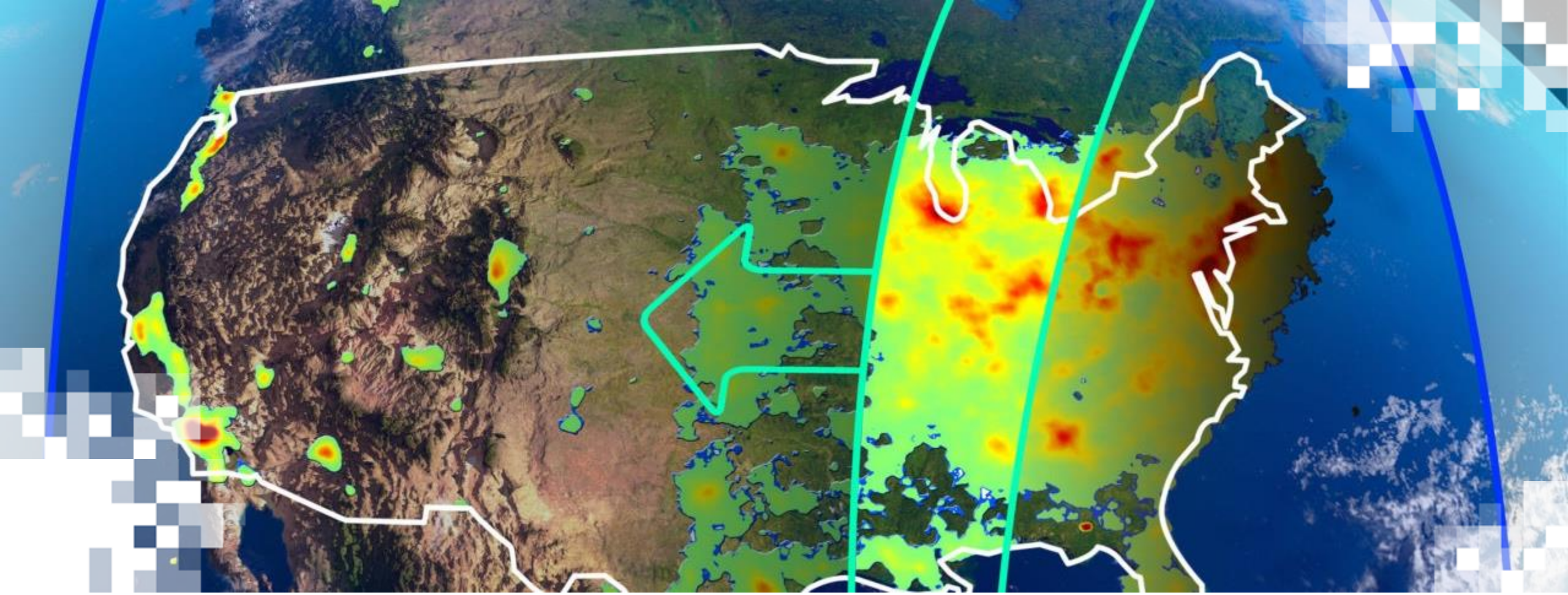
Geostationary Remote Sensing of Trace Gases for Air Quality Applications in North America

Part 1: North American Geostationary Trace Gas Data Products for Air Quality

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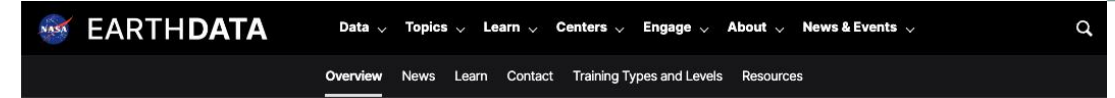
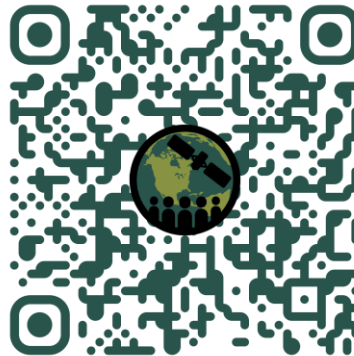


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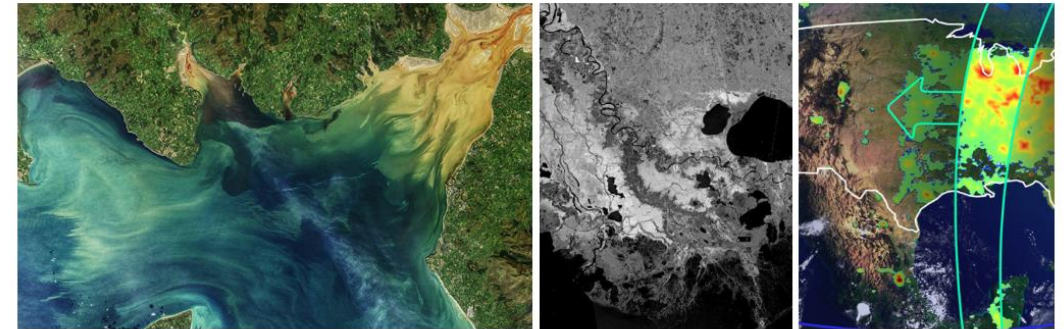


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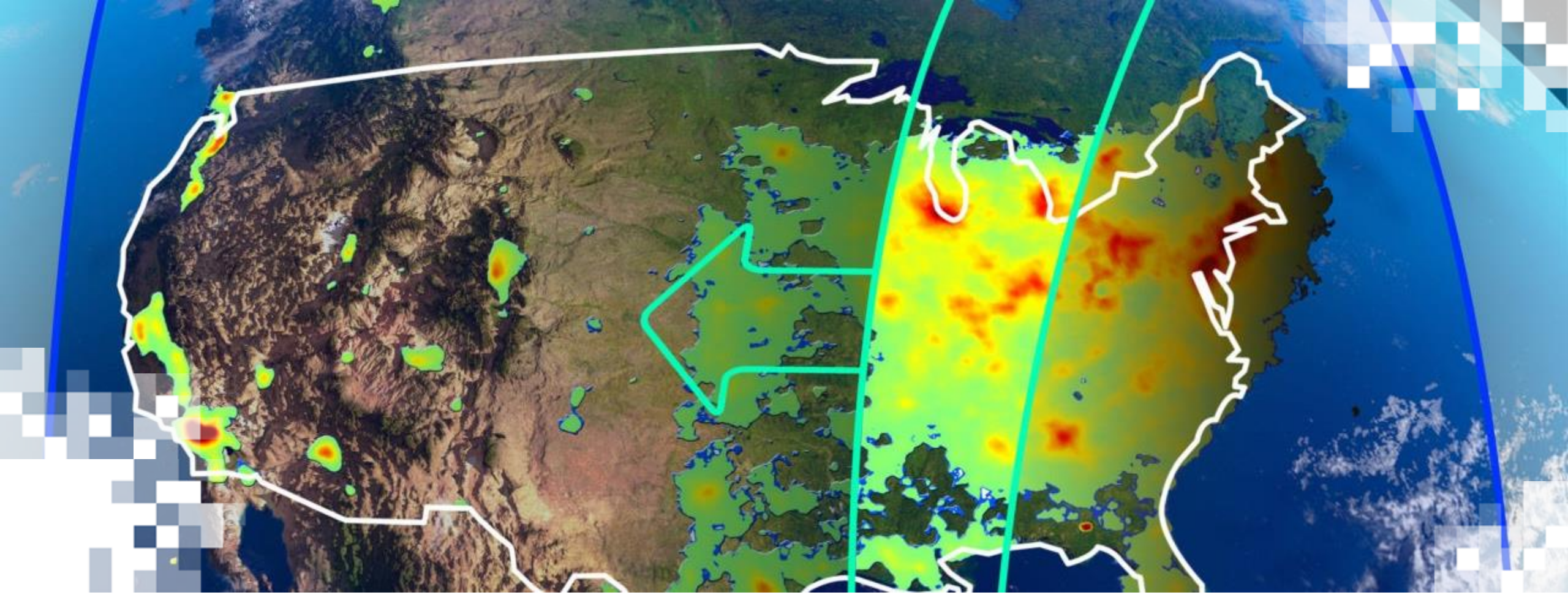
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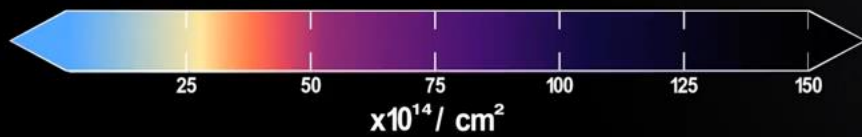


Geostationary Remote Sensing of Trace Gases for
Air Quality Applications in North America
Overview



02 Aug 2023 11:11 EDT

Nitrogen Dioxide Tropospheric Column Density



Source: NASA GSFC Scientific
Visualization Studio
<https://svs.gsfc.nasa.gov/5142/>

Training Learning Objectives

By the end of this training, attendees will be able to:

- Describe the basic characteristics of TEMPO and its benefits and limitations compared to other air-quality-relevant missions and instruments
- Identify available trace gas data products from TEMPO and their associated characteristics
- Visualize hourly TEMPO trace gas data products using [NASA Worldview](#) for current and historical events
- Evaluate TEMPO trace gas products in Worldview to anticipate short-term air quality risks, such as high concentrations of ozone precursors
- Distinguish uses for TEMPO trace gas data products given cloud and solar zenith angle thresholds
- Determine the spatial patterns, temporal trends, and likely sources of trace gases related to wildfire smoke and urban area air pollution events using TEMPO data via Worldview



Prerequisites

- [Fundamentals of Remote Sensing](#)



Training Outline

Part 1

North American Geostationary Trace Gas Data Products for Air Quality

January 20, 2026

11:00 - 12:30 EDT

15:00 – 16:30 EDT

Part 2

Case Studies in Trace Gas Monitoring with North American Geostationary Sensors

January 22, 2026

11:00 - 12:30 EDT

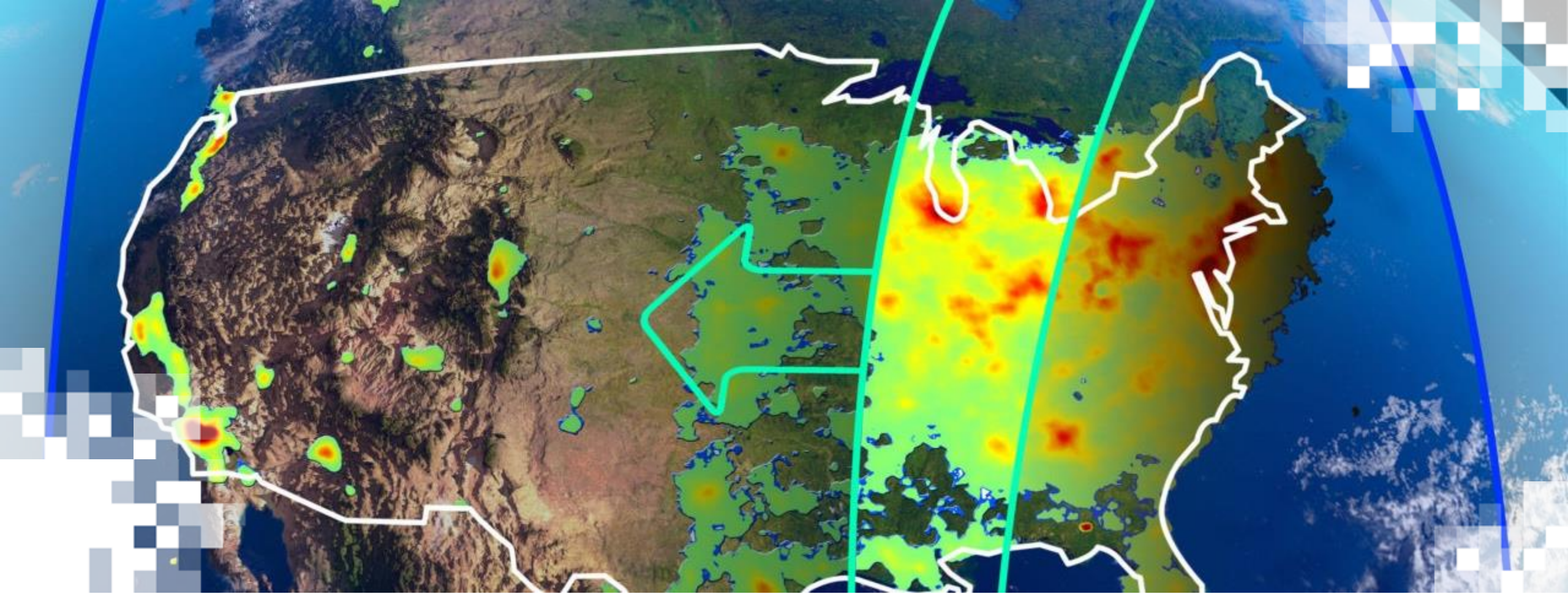
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Homework

Opens January 22 – Due February 5– Posted on Training Webpage

A certificate of completion will be awarded to those who attend all live sessions and complete the homework assignment(s) before the given due date.





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**Part 1: North American Geostationary Trace Gas Data Products
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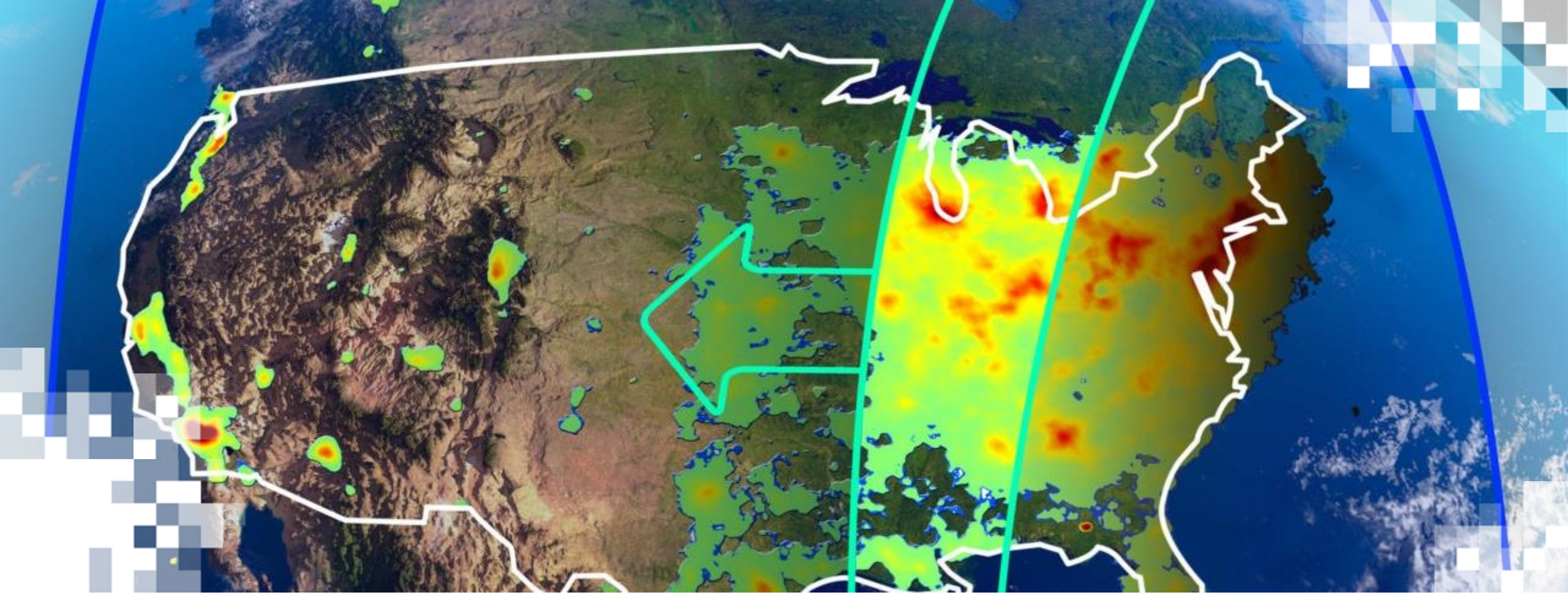
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How to Ask Questions

- Please put your questions in the Questions box and we will address them at the end of the webinar.
- Feel free to enter your questions as we go. We will try to get to all of the questions during the Q&A session after the webinar.
- The remainder of the questions will be answered in the Q&A document, which will be posted to the training website about a week after the training.

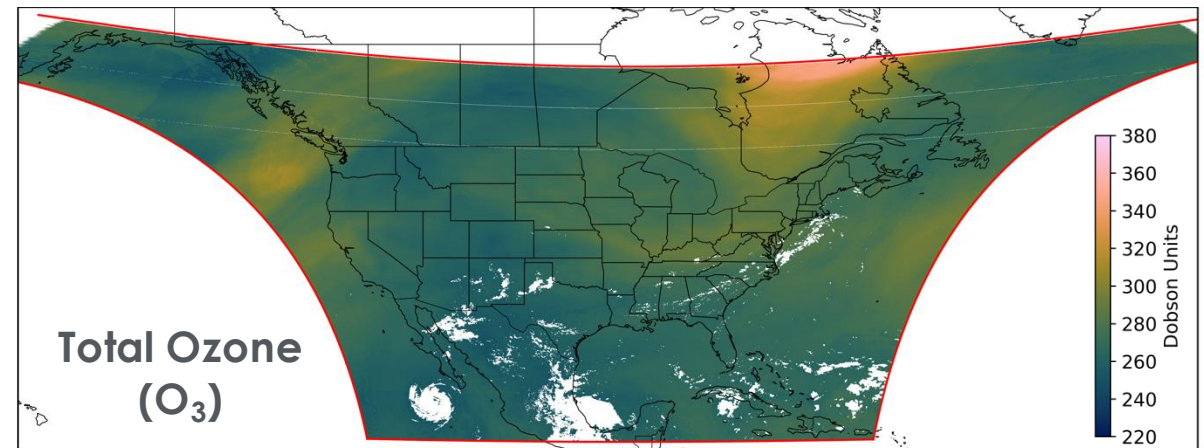
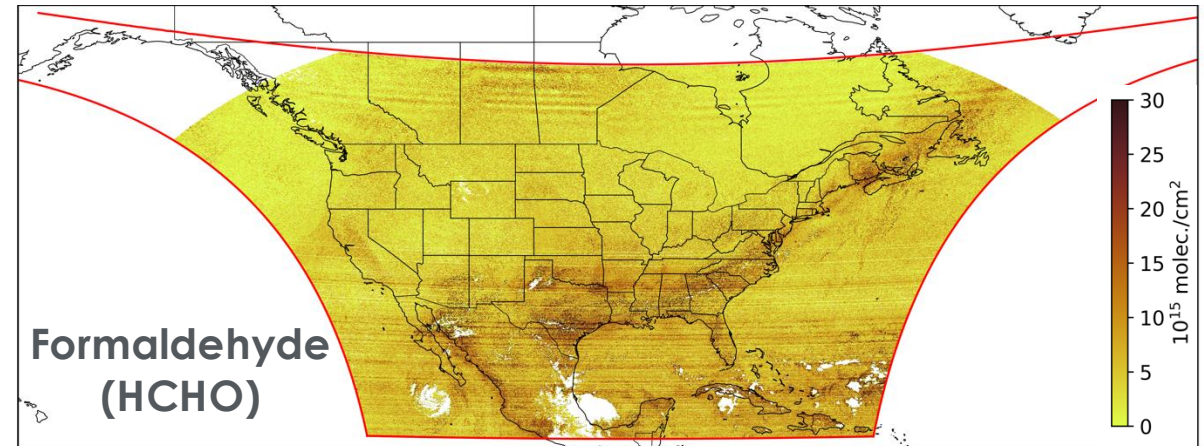
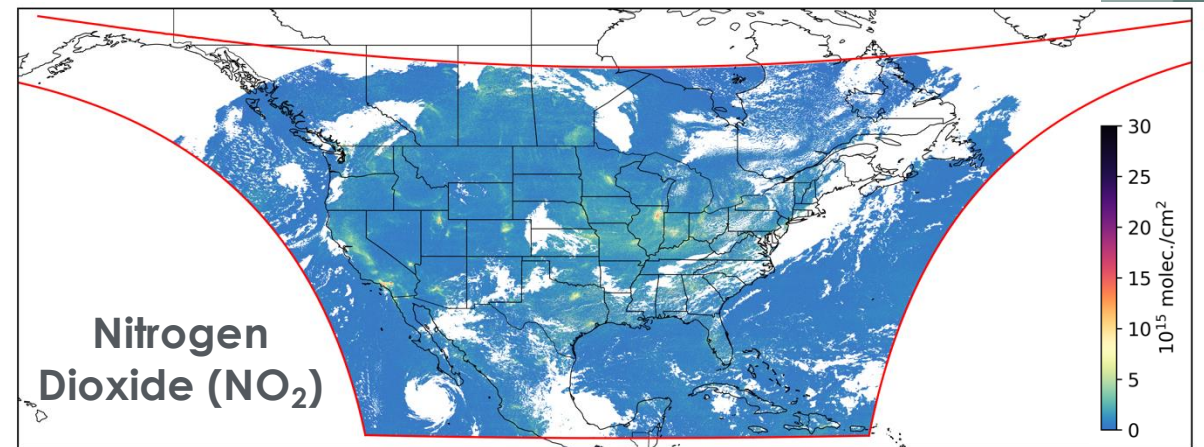
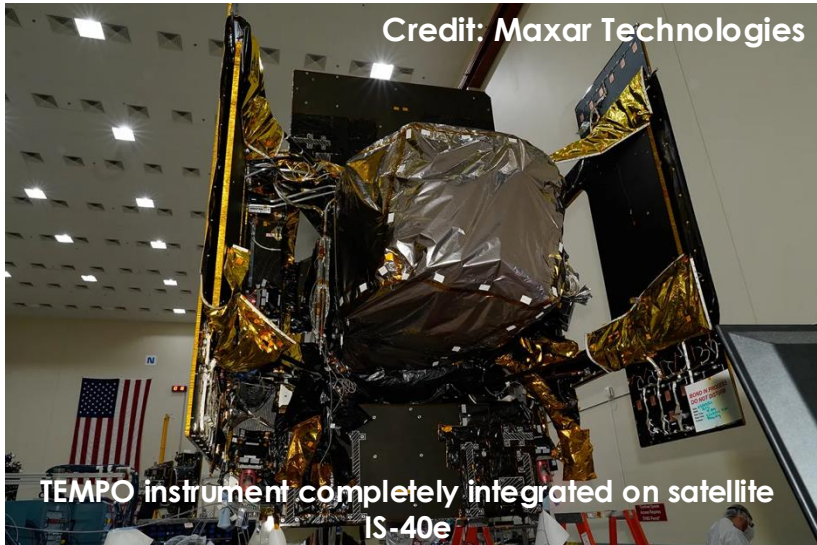




Overview of the TEMPO Instrument and Its Capabilities

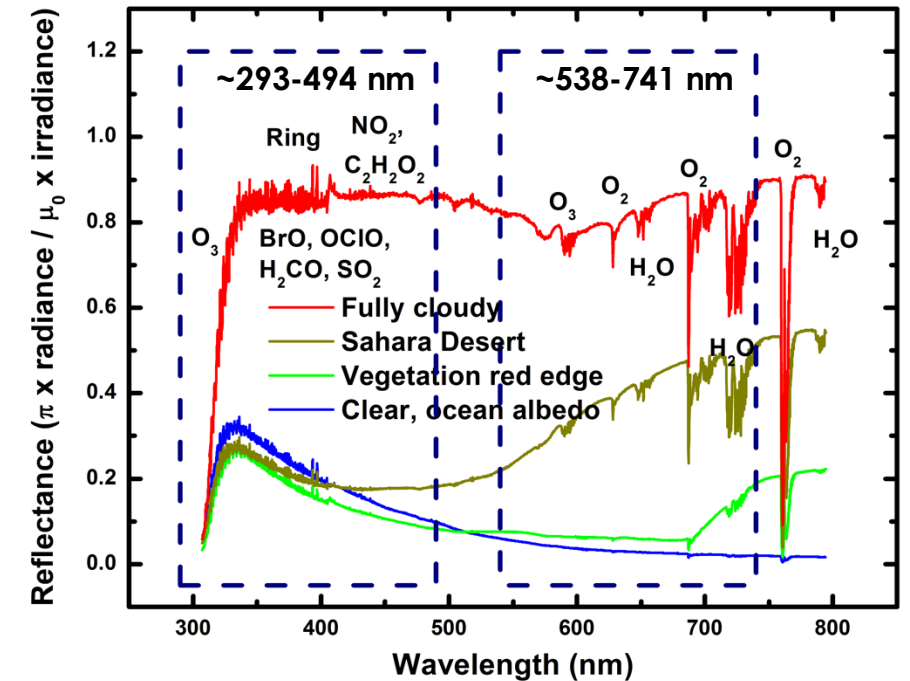
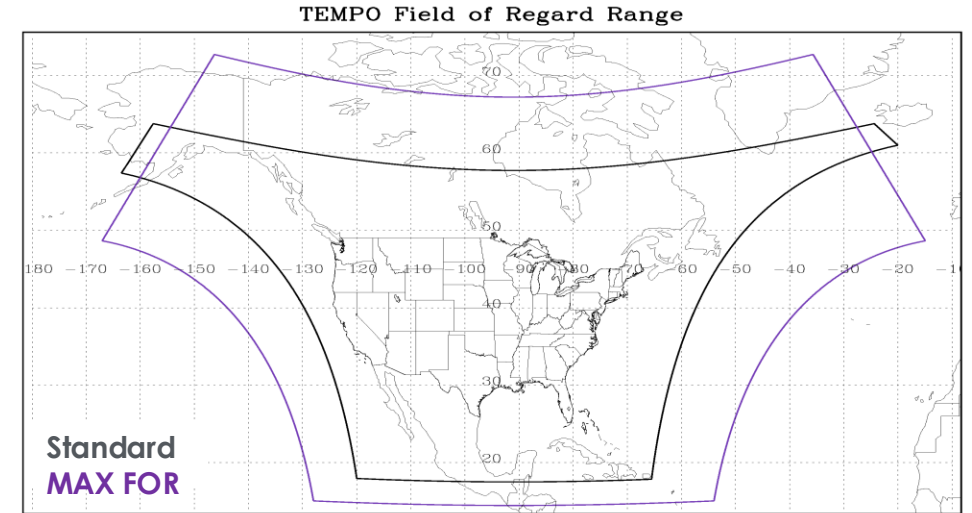
TEMPO Mission

- To provide high-resolution measurements on air pollutants across North America every hour during daytime to:
 - Deliver revolutionary air quality data
 - Improve air quality forecasts and alerts
 - Better understand pollution sources
 - Inform policy and regulation
 - Enhance health studies from pollution exposures



TEMPO Quick Facts

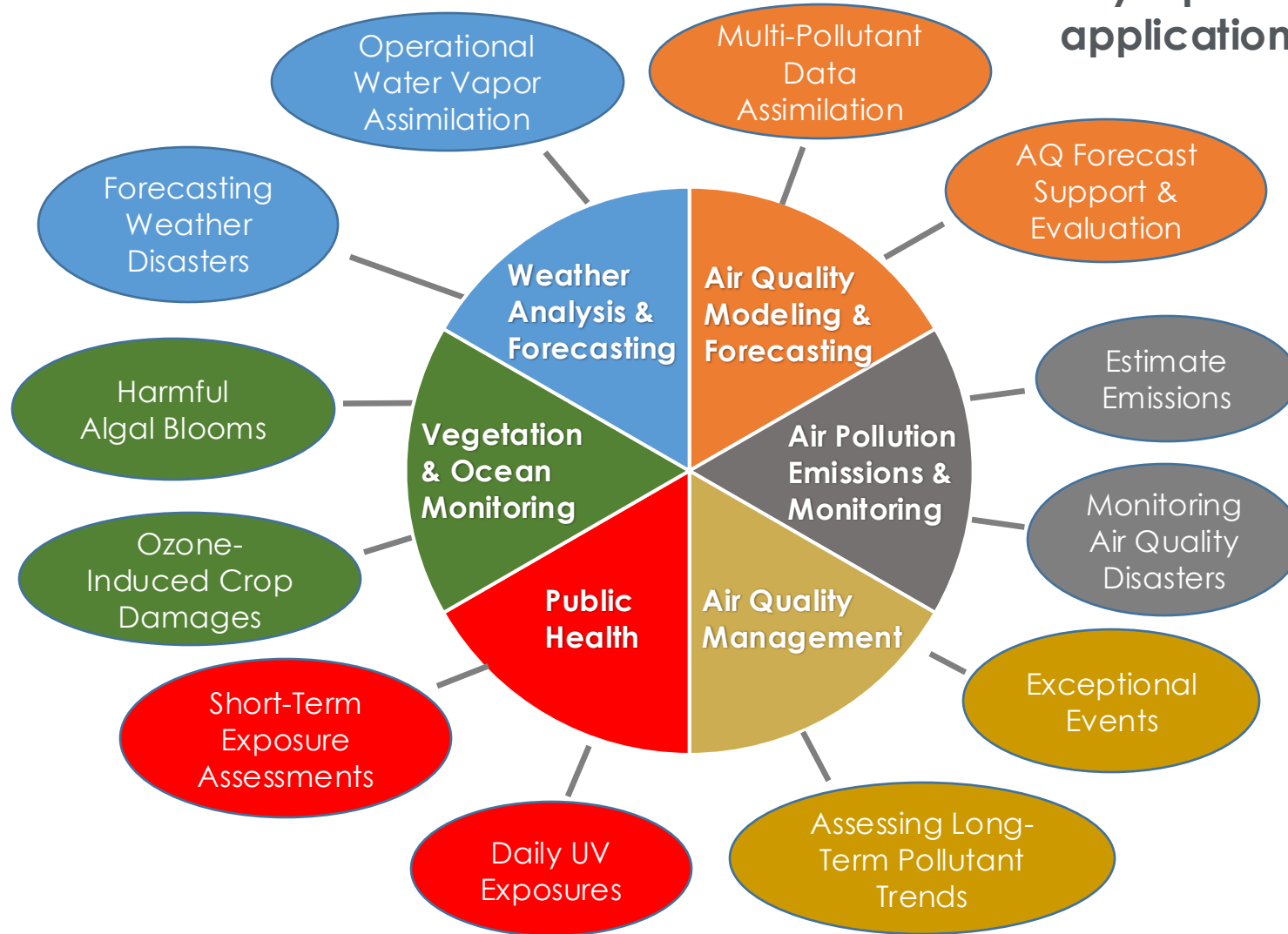
- NASA's first EVI selected in 2012 and joint project with Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory
- Hyperspectral UV/Visible spectrometer sensitive to policy-relevant trace gases (NO_2 , SO_2 , O_3) and aerosols
- TEMPO Field of Regard (FoR) covers greater North America
- April 7, 2023: Launched into GEO orbit on SpaceX rocket
- August 2, 2023: First Light operations
- October 19, 2023: Nominal operations commence
- June 19, 2025: Base mission ended, but extended through September 2026



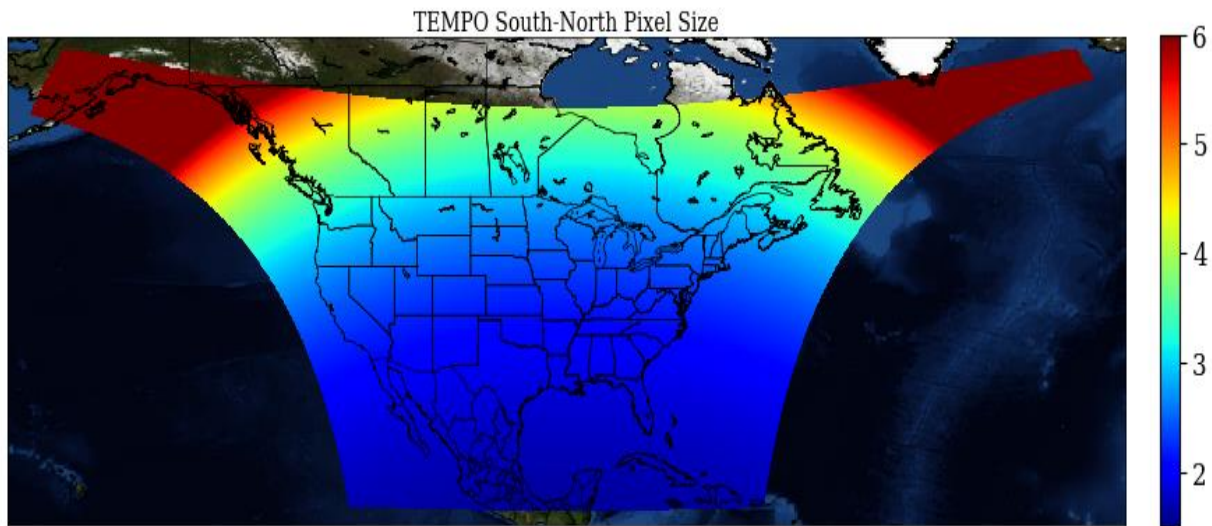
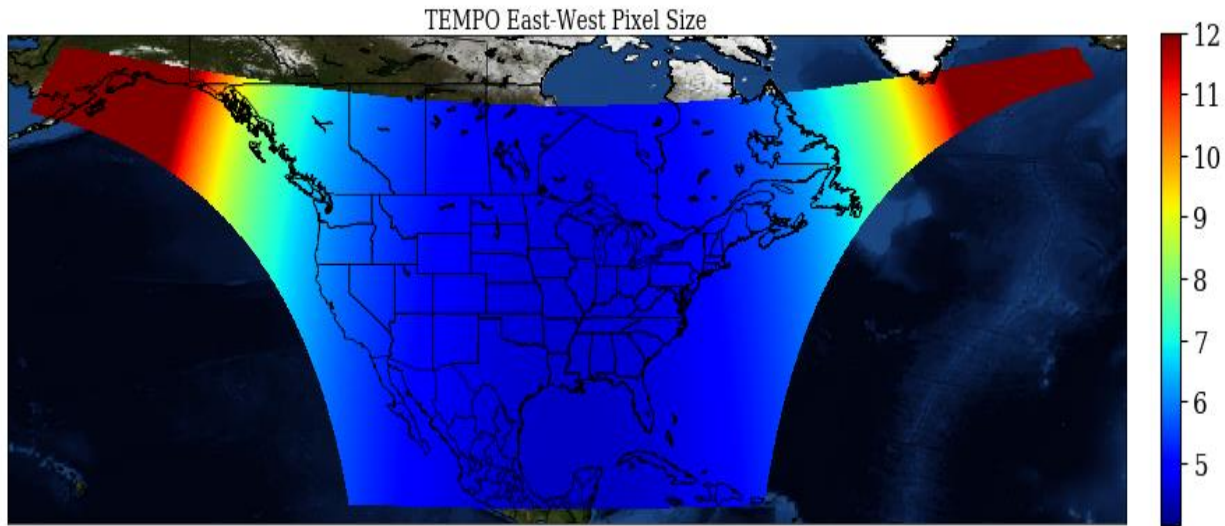
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Core Applications of TEMPO

Early adopters provided key input on TEMPO core applications.



TEMPO's Footprint Size Across the Field of Regard



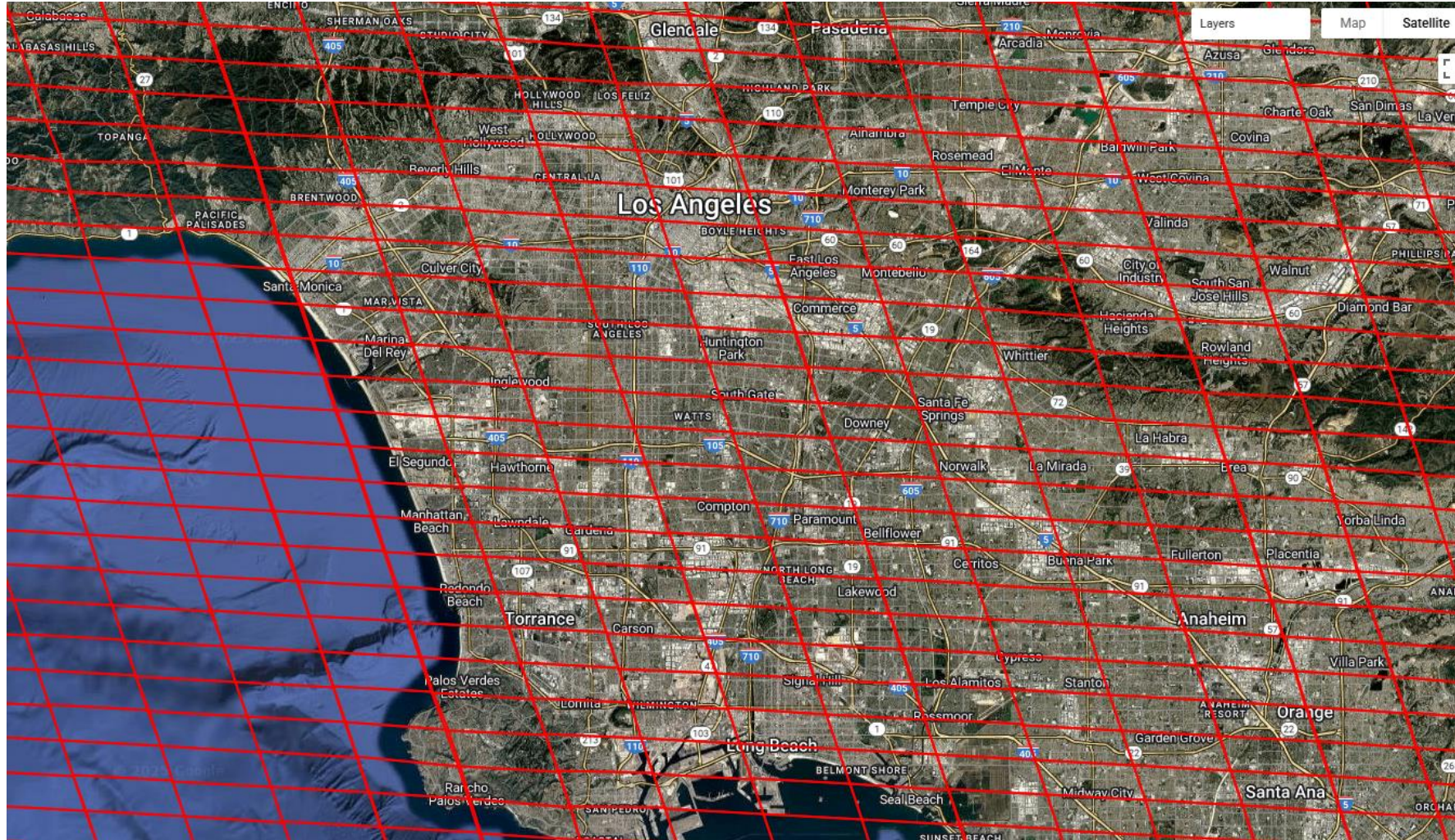
@Center of Field of Regard
33.7°N, 91.7°W

Location	N/S (km)	E/W (km)	VZA (°)
33.7°N, 91.7°W	2.0	4.8	39.1
Washington, DC	2.3	5.1	47.3
Seattle	3.3	6.5	62.5
Los Angeles	2.2	5.8	49.0
Boston	2.5	5.4	52.9
Miami	1.8	4.8	32.4
San Juan	1.7	5.4	35.8
Mexico City	1.6	4.7	24.6
Can. Oil Sands	4.2	5.7	67.4
Juneau	5.9	9.1	75.9



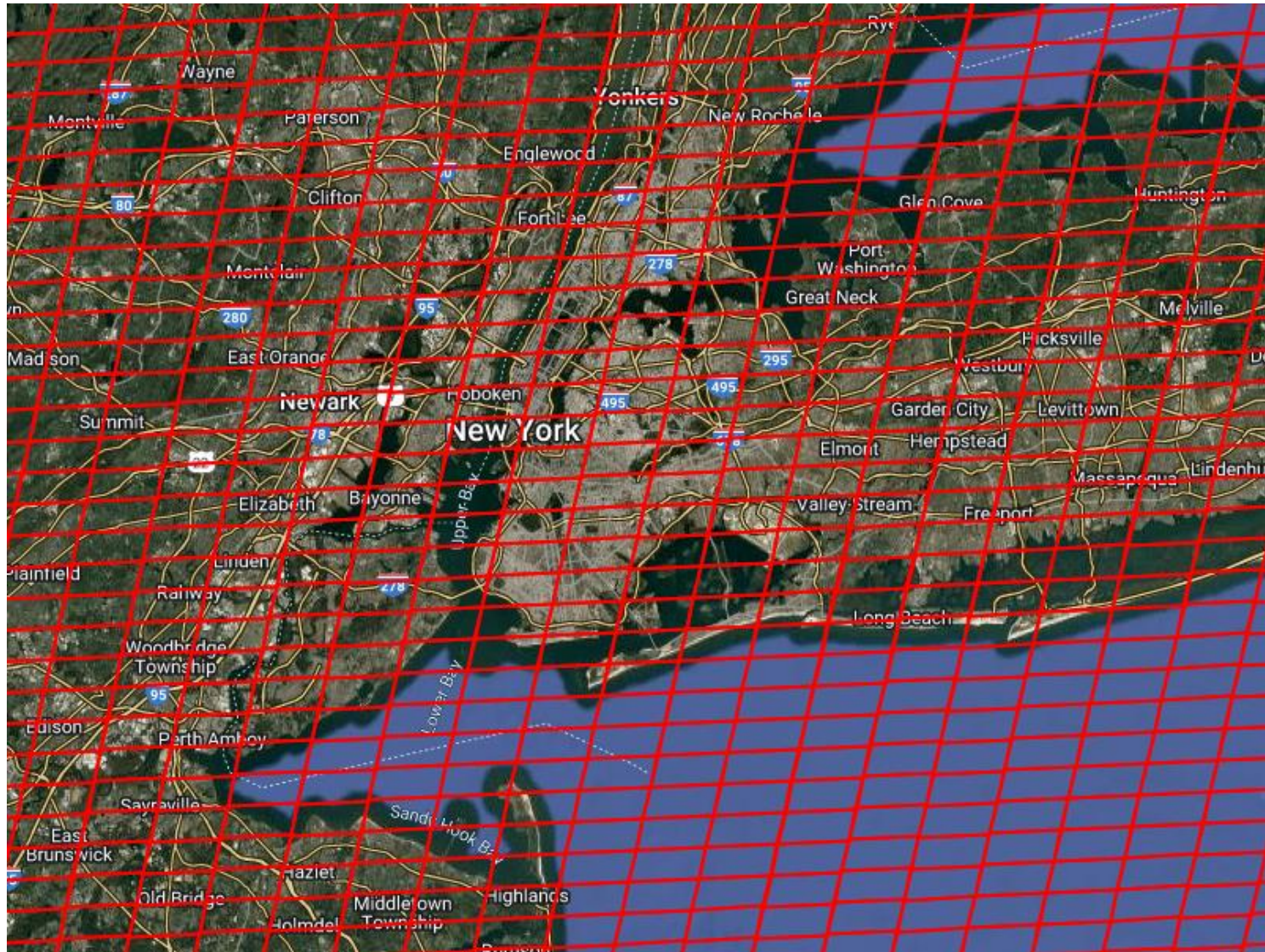
TEMPO's Footprints Across Los Angeles

~ 2.2 km x 5.8 km



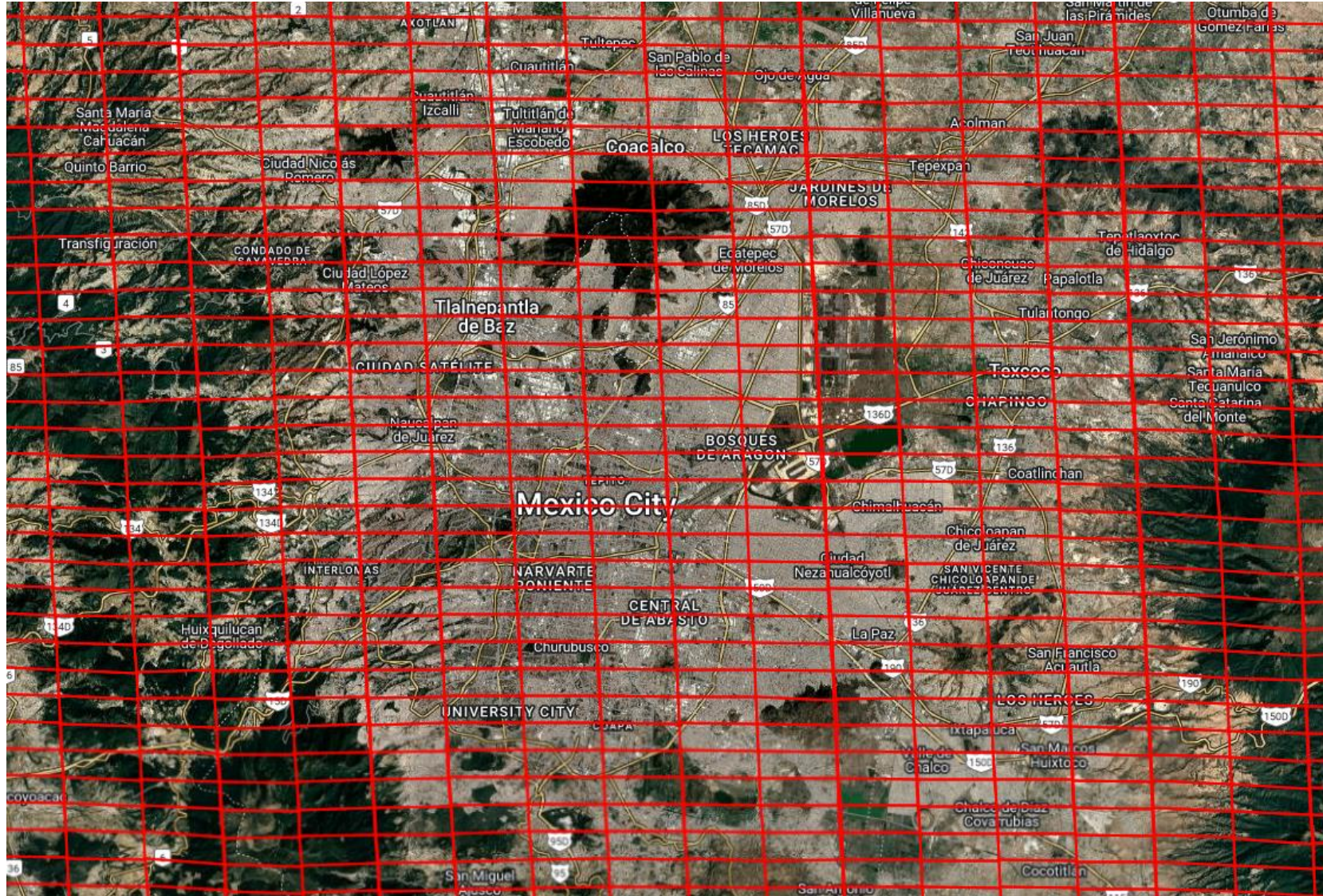
TEMPO's Footprints Across New York City

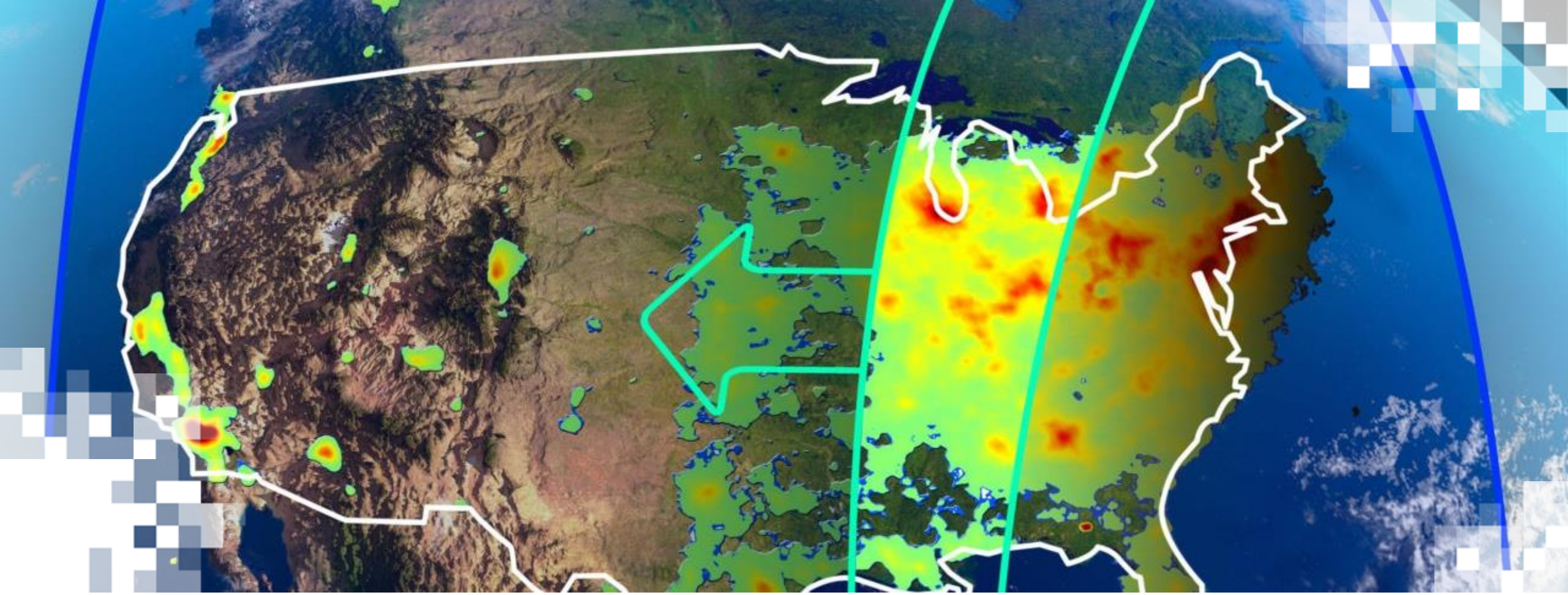
~ 2.4 km x 5.2 km



TEMPO's Footprints Across Mexico City

~ 1.6 km x 4.7 km

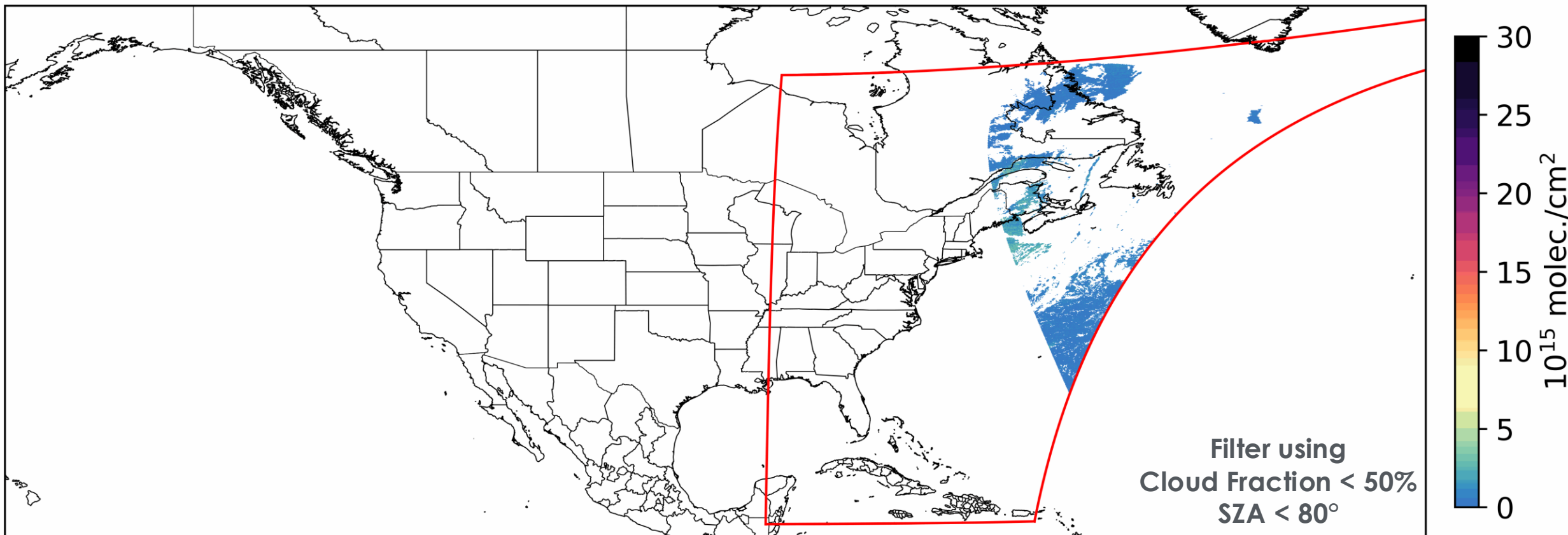




TEMPO Operational Scan Modes

Nominal Operational Scans – Example for July 26, 2024

TEMPO Tropospheric NO₂ 20240726 1031 - 1057 UTC



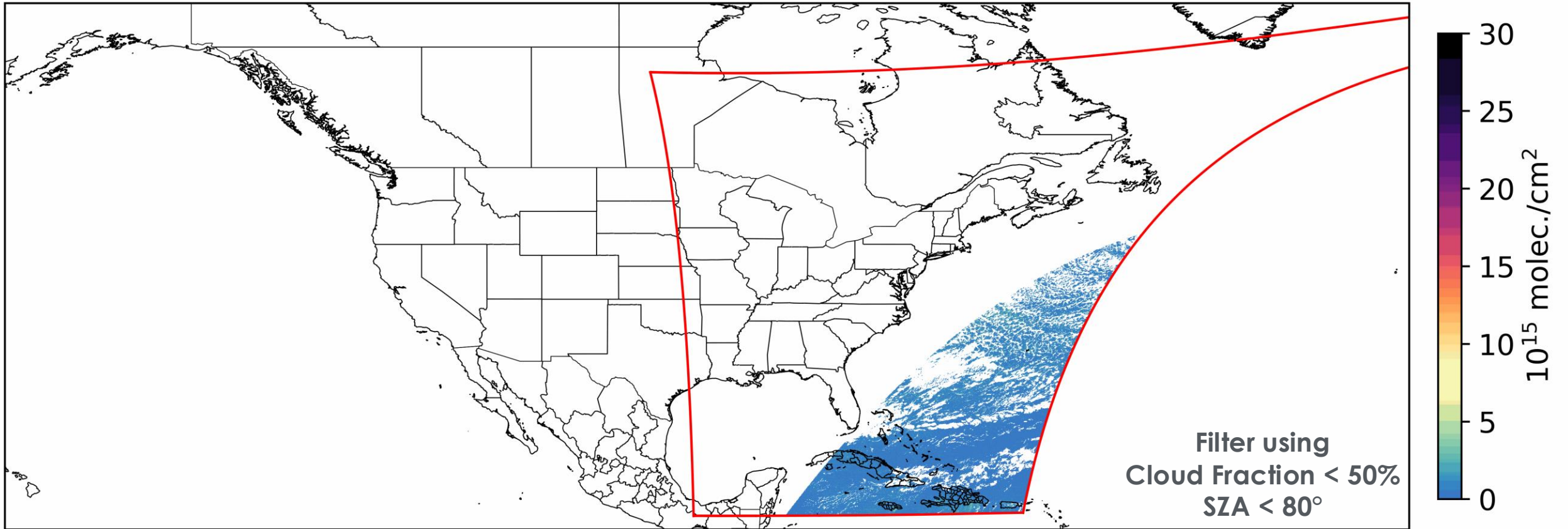
Nominal operations consist of both:

- Standard (hourly) daytime scans over full FoR and
- “Optimized”, shorter (30-40 minute) morning and afternoon scans over daylight portions of FoR



Special Operation Scans – Example for January 16, 2025

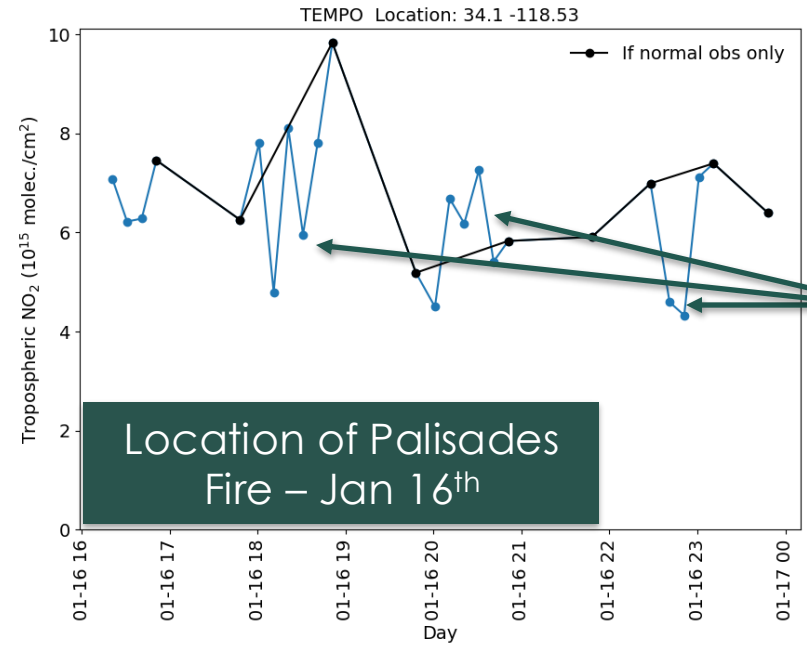
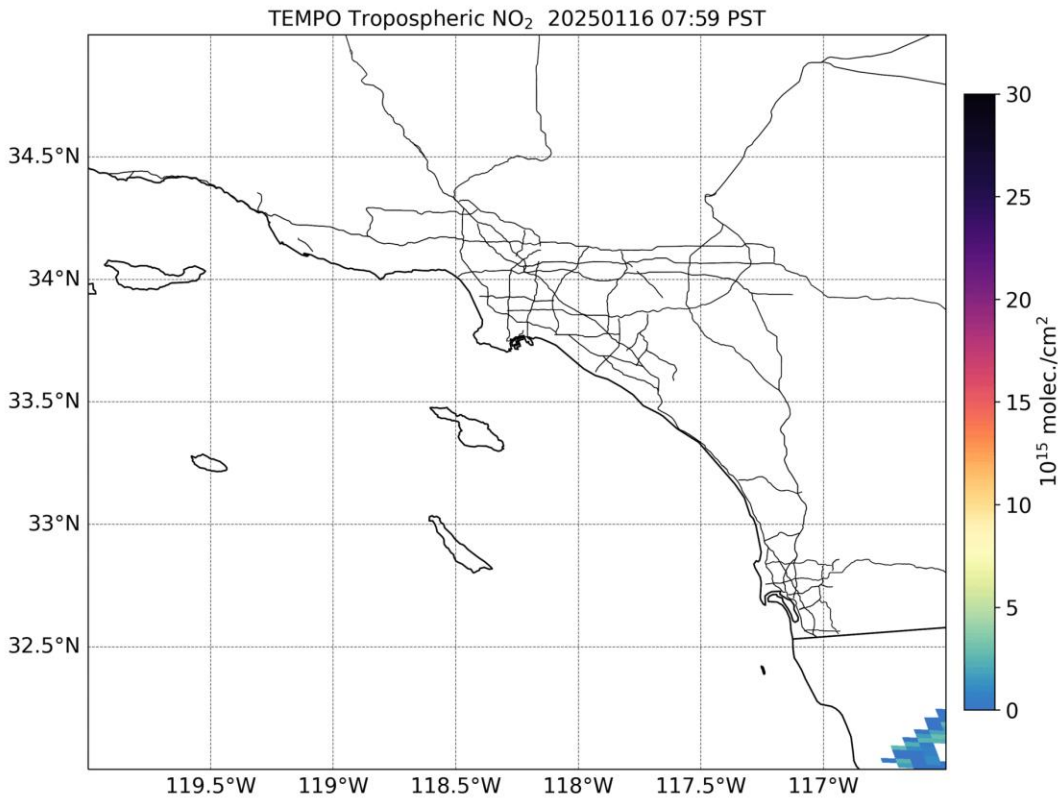
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- Special operations scans (~10 minutes) were conducted for a 4-day period starting Jan. 16-19, 2025, over the West Coast every other hour throughout the daytime.



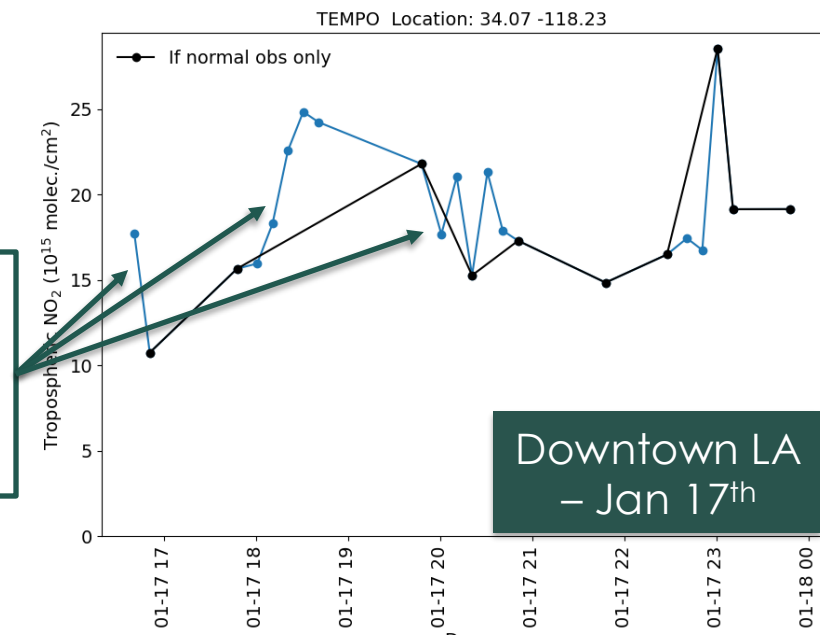
Special Operation Scans – Example for January 16-17, 2025



Smoldering from the Palisades wildfire likely contributing to the NO₂ fluctuations observed by the special operations

- Special scans observed variability in NO₂ columns which were not captured by standard scans.

Special scans observed strong NO₂ variability in downtown Los Angeles the morning of Jan. 17th, which was not captured by standard scans



TEMPO Operations Log

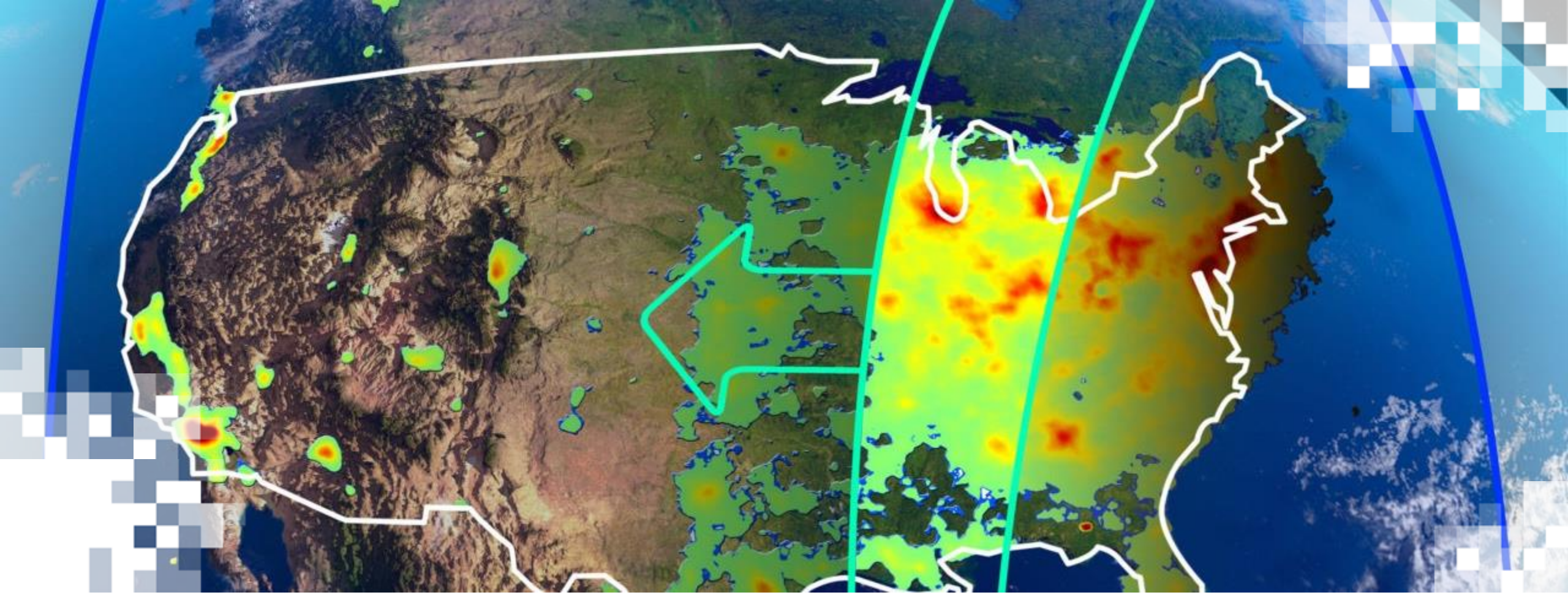
- Days when special operations were conducted can be found in the [TEMPO Operations Log](#)

Screen capture of section of operations log denoting a special operation:

01/16/2025	Solar Cal WD Citilights measurements, east-coast twilight scans are 6.27 sec exposures and will cover only the region from just eastward of Cape Cod to just westward of Chicago, yielding 4 scans per session. The west-coast twilight scans are ~12.6 sec (2 coadds), 01/16-01/22.
01/16-01/19/2025	Special obs: 10-min scans of the LA region on 16-19 Jan (Thu-Sun). alternating hourly with FoR scans.
01/23/2025	Solar Cal WD Citilights measurements, area scans (~12 sec, 2 coadds), 01/23-01/29.

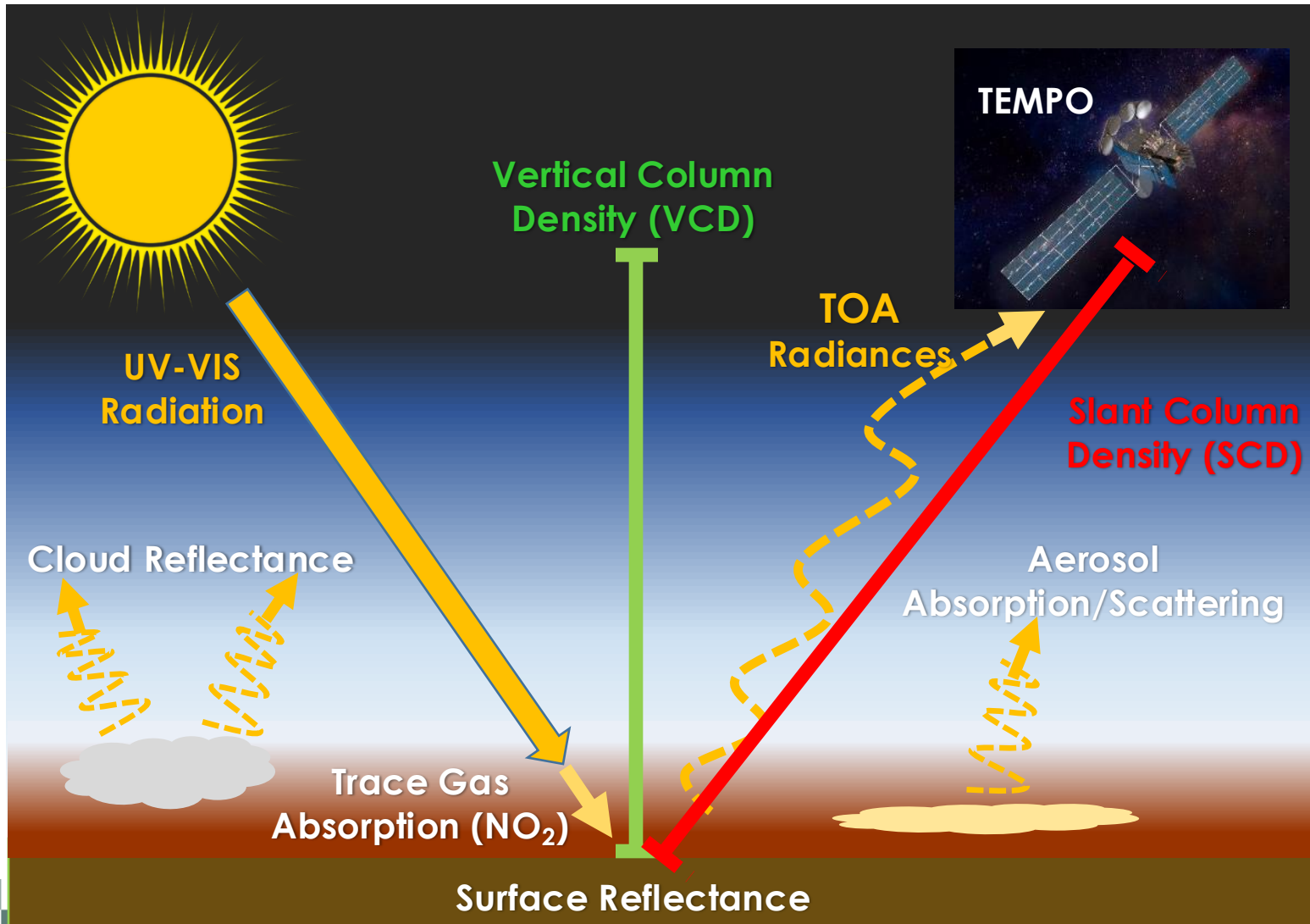
QR Code for TEMPO Operations Log





TEMPO Trace Gas Products

How does TEMPO observe trace gas pollutants?



TOA = Top-Of-Atmosphere

- TEMPO's trace gas products are reported as **Vertical Column Densities (VCDs)** derived from satellite-measured **TOA Radiances**, **Slant Column Densities (SCDs)**, and sun and satellite viewing conditions
- **VCDs** provide information on the target trace gas within a standardized atmospheric column.



Deriving Slant to Vertical Column Data in TEMPO Retrievals

$$VCD = \frac{SCD}{AMF}$$

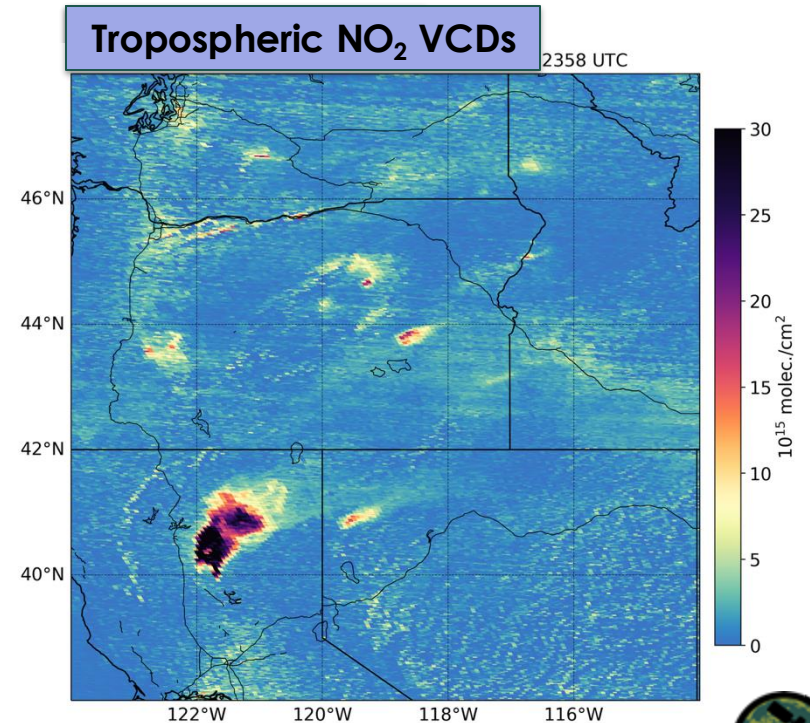
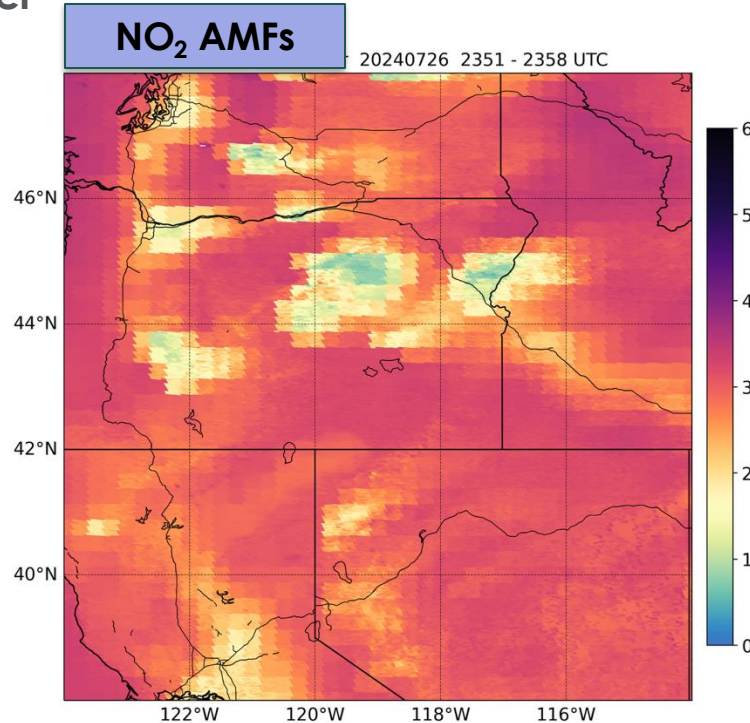
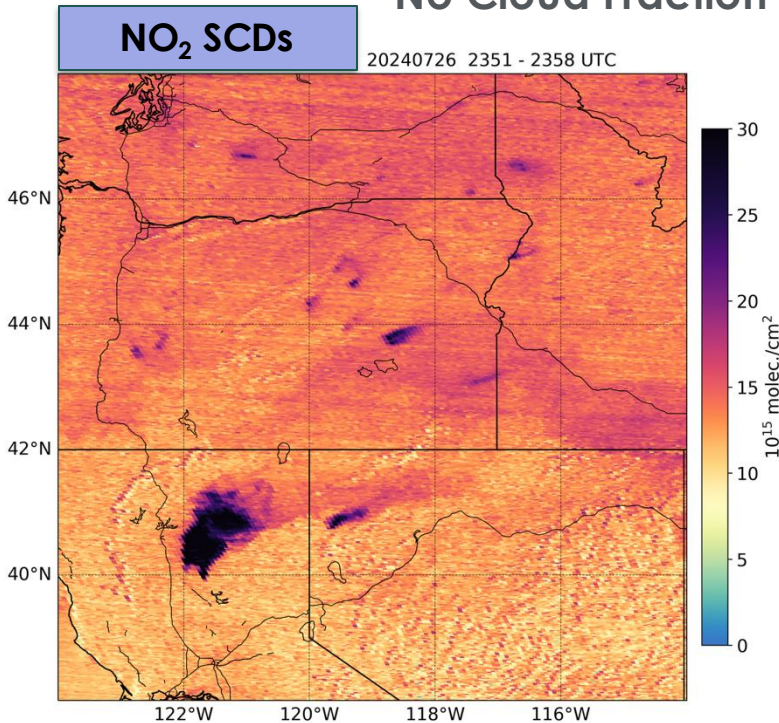
SCD – Slant Column Density

AMF – Air Mass Factor

VCD – Vertical Column Density

- TEMPO's trace gas retrievals are retrieved through the following process:
 - Derive **Slant Column Densities (SCDs)** from measured TOA radiances
 - **Vertical Column Densities (VCDs)** calculated using **Air Mass Factors (AMFs)**
 - **AMFs** calculated offline using radiative transfer model and input from a global 3-D atmospheric composition model [i.e., Goddard Earth Observing System Composition Forecasting (GEOS-CF) System]

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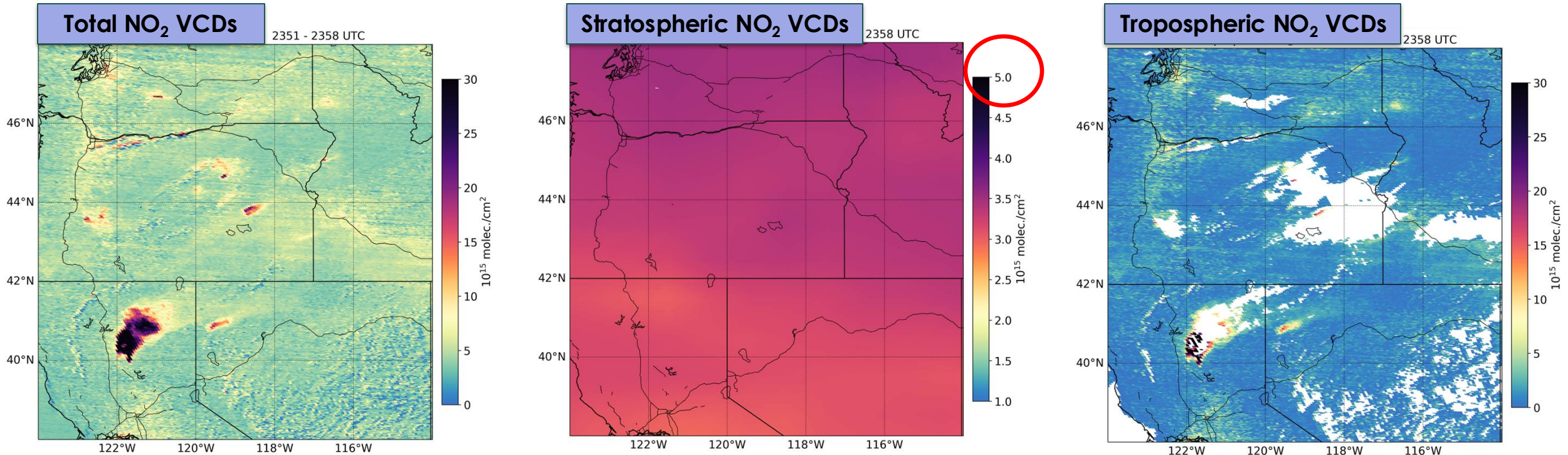


Stratosphere-Troposphere Separation in TEMPO Retrievals

- The stratosphere-troposphere separation method estimates the stratospheric NO₂ VCDs based on the SCDs, AMFs, and NO₂ columns from the GEOS-CF forecast (a priori).
- The stratospheric NO₂ VCDs are then subtracted from the total NO₂ VCDs to arrive at the tropospheric NO₂ VCDs. (note different scale, middle figure).
- Quality assurance variables can be used to filter lower quality (i.e., larger uncertainty) data.

No Cloud Fraction Filter

Filter using
Cloud Fraction < 50%
SZA < 80°



TEMPO Data Products: Baseline + SNWG NRT + NOAA Aerosol

Level	Product	Filename	Source	Notable File Variables	Resolution (km ²) *
L1	Radiance	RAD	Baseline + SNWG	Calibrated, Geolocated Radiances	2.0 x 4.75
L2	Cloud	CLDO4	Baseline + SNWG	Cloud Fraction, Cloud Pressure	2.0 x 4.75
	Ozone Total Column	O3TOT	Baseline	Total Column O ₃ , UV Aerosol Index, Quality Flag	2.0 x 4.75
	Nitrogen Dioxide	NO ₂	Baseline + SNWG	Tropospheric VCD, Total VCD, Cloud Fraction, Main Data Quality Flag	2.0 x 4.75
	Formaldehyde	HCHO	Baseline + SNWG	Total VCD, Cloud Fraction, Main Data Quality Flag	2.0 x 4.75
	Ozone Profile	O3PROF	Baseline	O ₃ Profile, Tropospheric O ₃ column, Cloud Fraction	8.0 x 4.75
	AOD & ALH	AODALH	NOAA	AOD, ALH, Data Quality Flag	2.0 x 4.75
	Aerosol Detection Product (ADP)	ADP	NOAA	Dust/Smoke Discrimination, UV Absorbing Aerosol Index	2.0 x 4.75
L3	Same as L2	Same as L2	Baseline +SNWG	Same Variables as L2	0.02°x 0.02°*
L4	Surface PM _{2.5}	PM25	NOAA	Hourly PM _{2.5} Estimation	2 km x 2 km

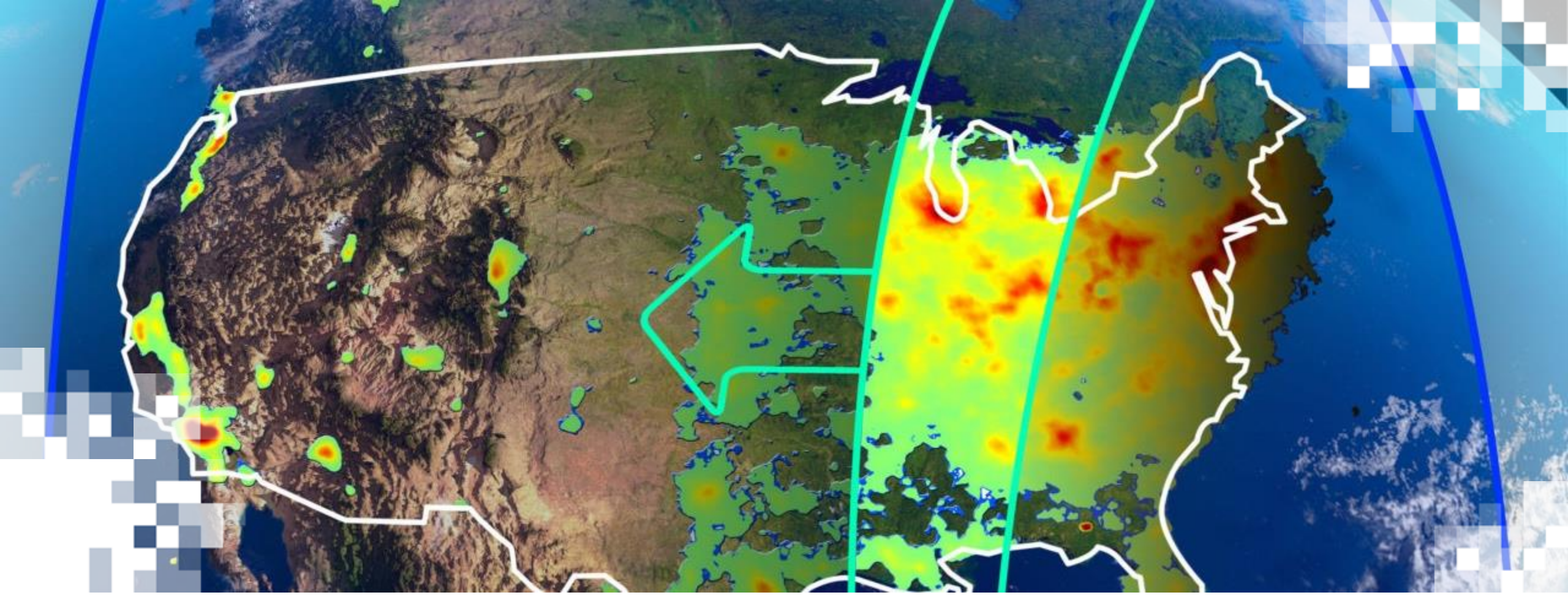
AOD: Aerosol Optical Depth

ALH: Aerosol Layer Height

SNWG: Satellite Needs Working Group (low latency version) * @Center of Field of Regard 33.7°N, 91.7°W

NOAA: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration * O3PROF L3 Product → 0.04 x 0.04° Resolution





TEMPO Level 2 vs. Level 3 Products

TEMPO Level 3 Product Methodology

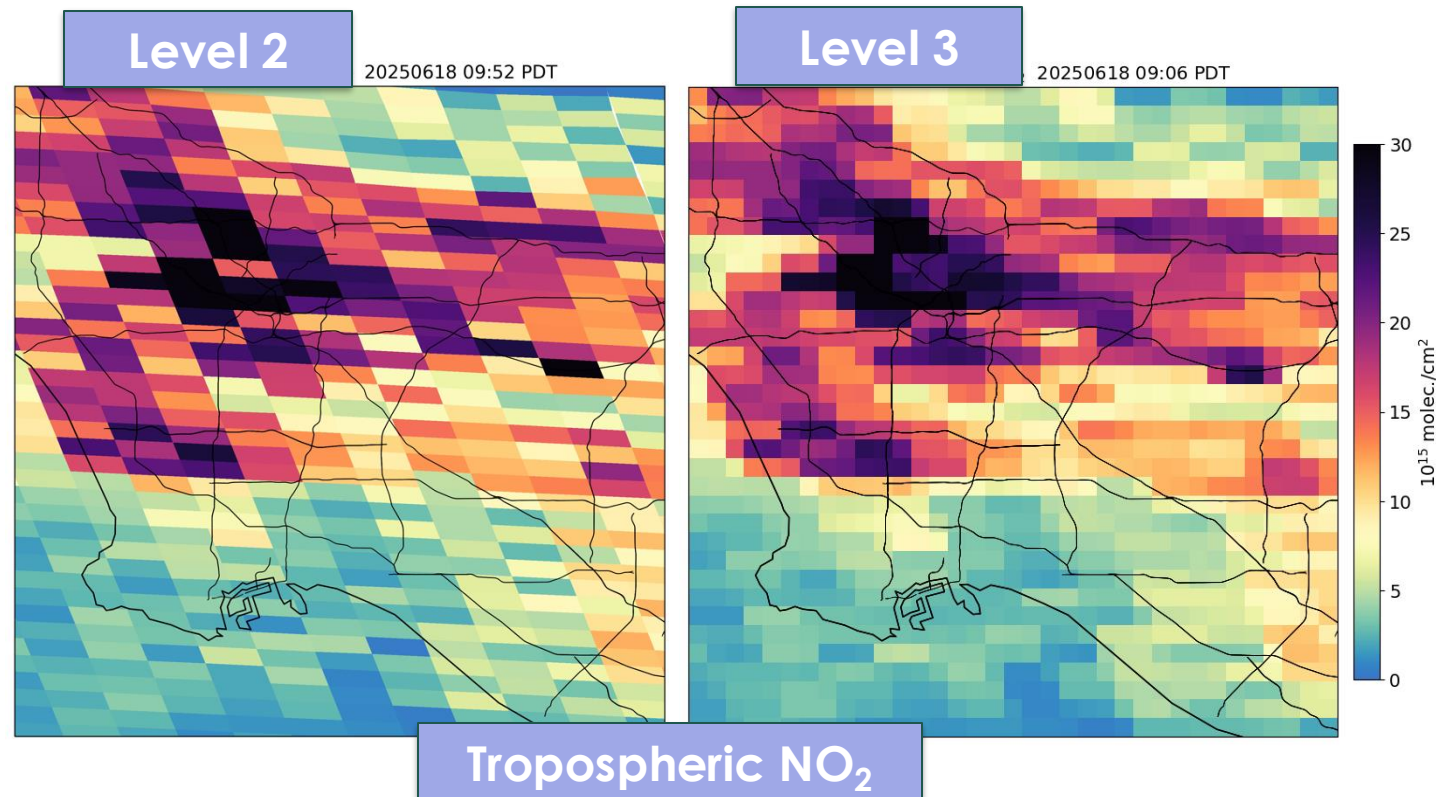
- Level 3 data products are created from regridded Level 2 data
 - area-weighted approach to a 0.02° grid for NO₂, HCHO, and total O₃, and 0.04° grid for O₃ profile product
- The method (see equation below) is purely geometric regridding where the contributions to a grid point are weighted by the geometric area of overlap of each level 2 pixel (footprint).

$$V(j) = \frac{\sum(a(j,i) * v(i))}{\sum a(j,i)}$$

a(j,i) = Polygonal area where Level 2 pixel, i, overlaps Level 3 grid point, j

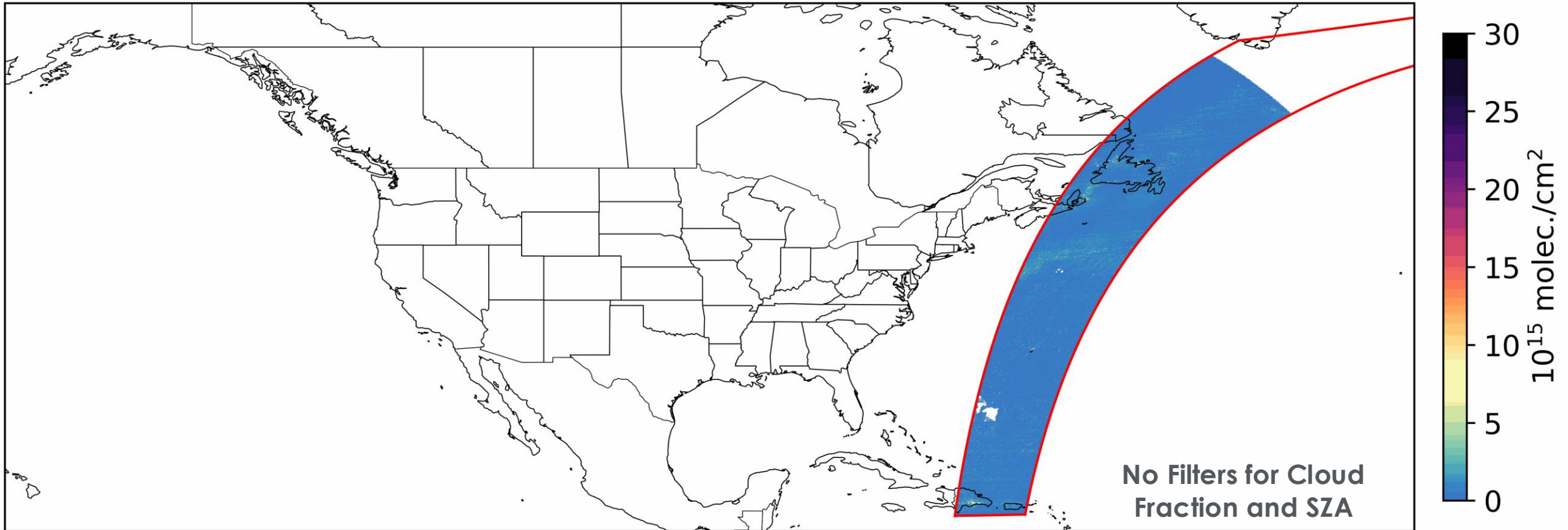
v(i) = Value of Level 2 pixel, i

V(j) = Computed area-weighted mean value for Level 3 grid point, j



Level 2 Granule Data Across TEMPO FoR – July 26, 2024

TEMPO Tropospheric NO₂ 20240726 1851 - 1858 UTC

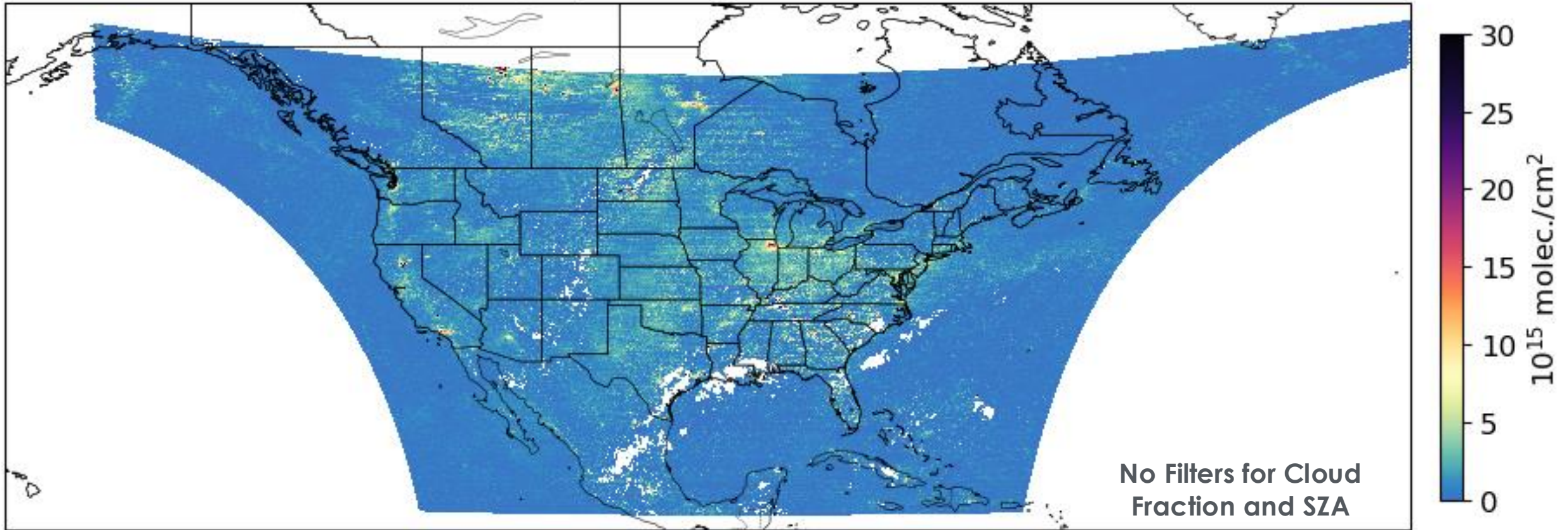


- 9 different level 2 data granules compose the full TEMPO FoR during the hourly, standard operations.
- **Note: This changed from 10 different data granules starting September 29, 2023.**



Level 3 Scan Data Across TEMPO FoR – July 26, 2024

TEMPO Tropospheric NO₂ 20240726 1851 - 1951 UTC



- Level 2 granules are regridded using an area-weighted approach onto a regular 0.02° grid across the TEMPO FoR to produce the level 3 scan files.

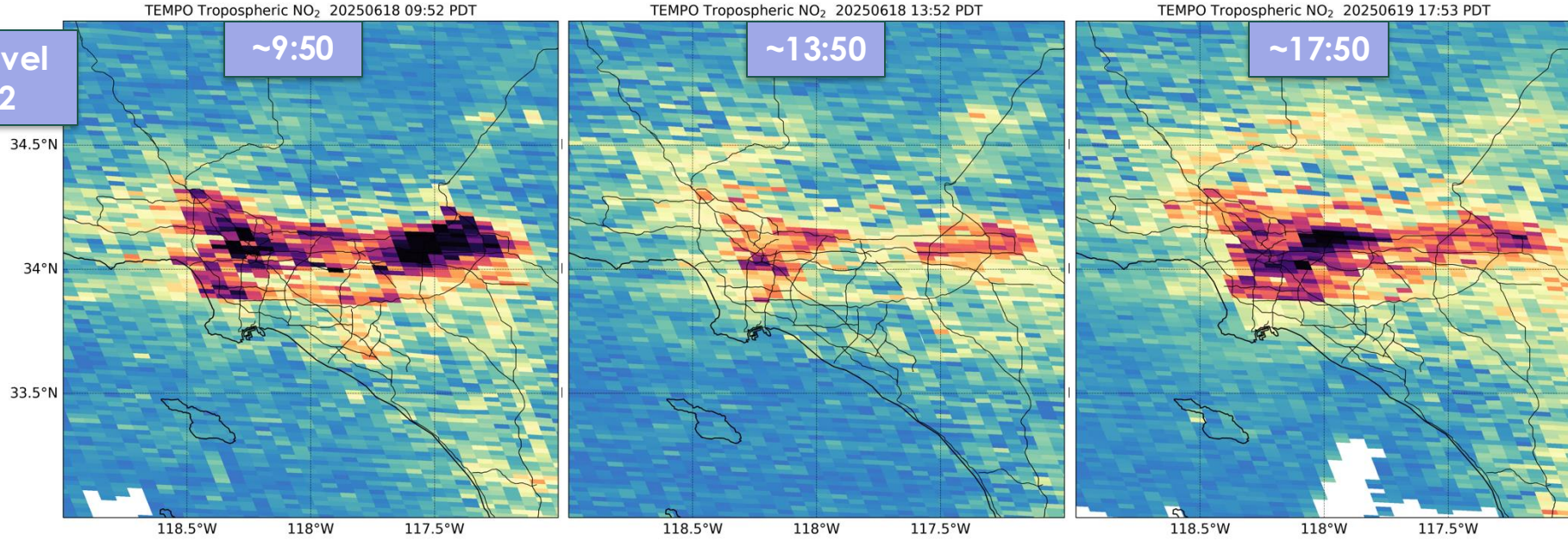


TEMPO Level 2 vs. Level 3 NO₂ Comparison

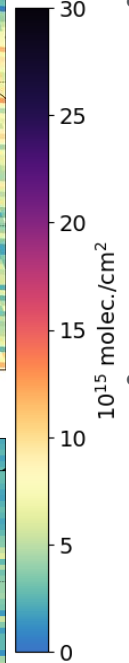
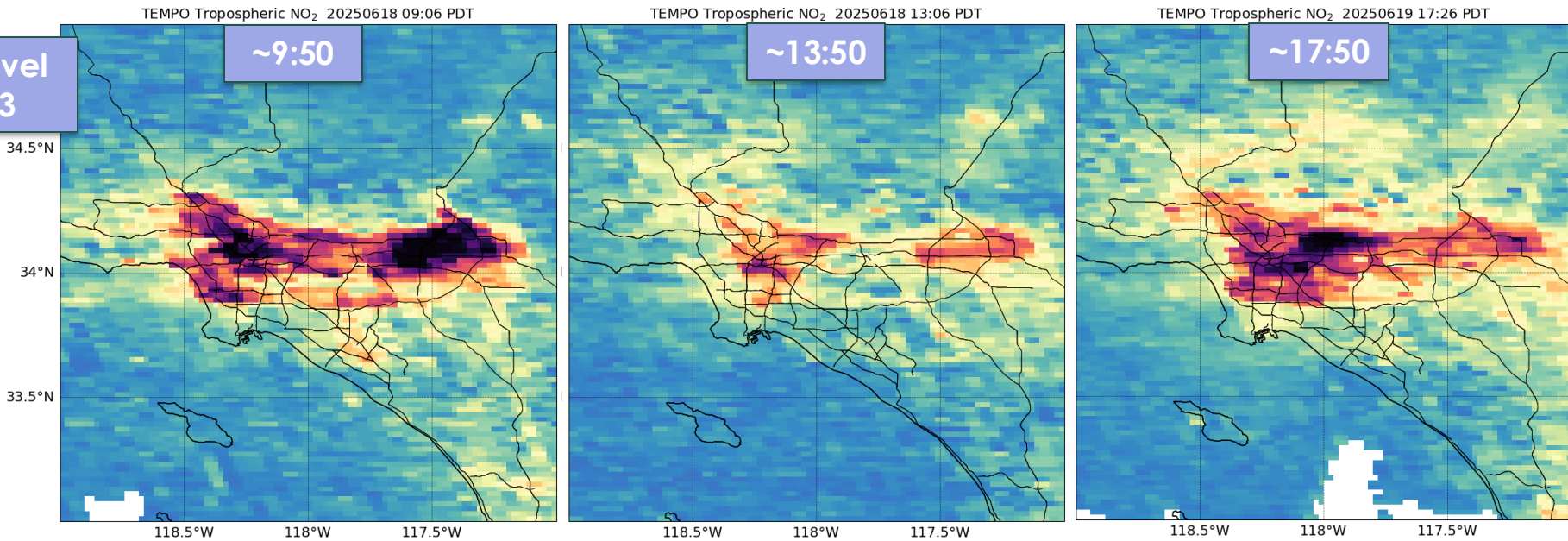
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SZA < 80°



Level 2



Level 3



- Level 3 NO₂ maps have a smoother appearance compared to the level 2 NO₂ maps.
- Areas of large NO₂ gradients and fine-scale hot spots can appear noticeably different between the level 2 and level 3 maps.

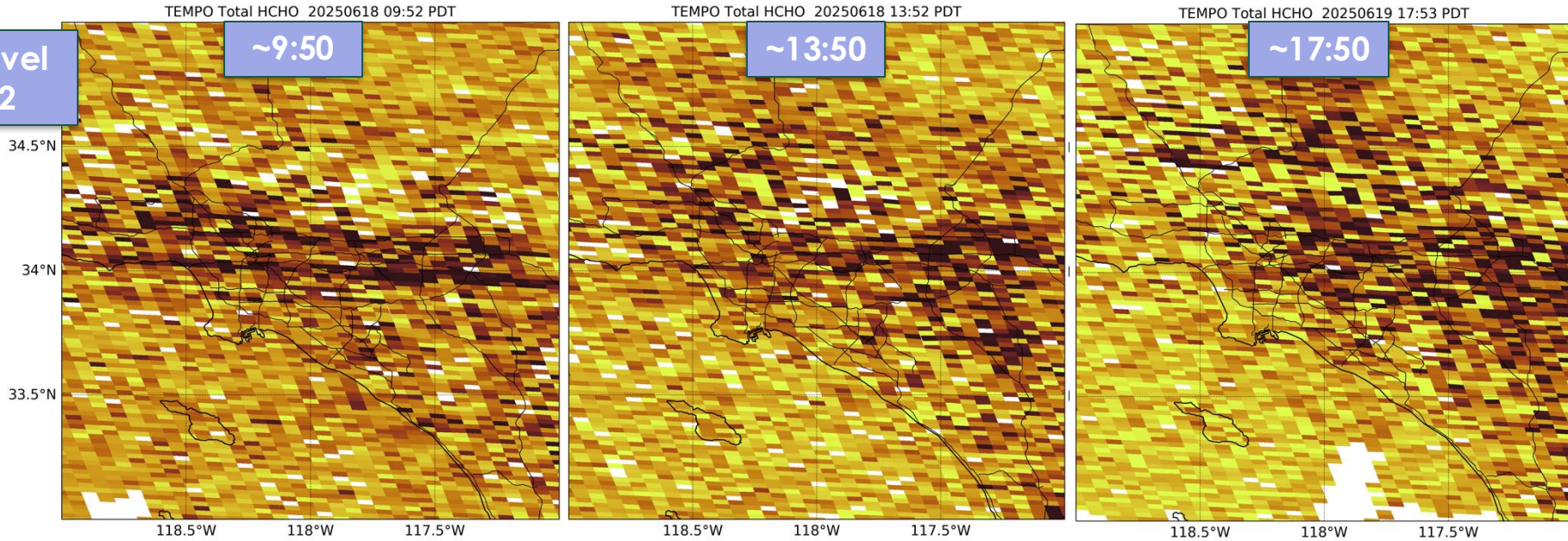


TEMPO Level 2 vs. Level 3 HCHO Comparison

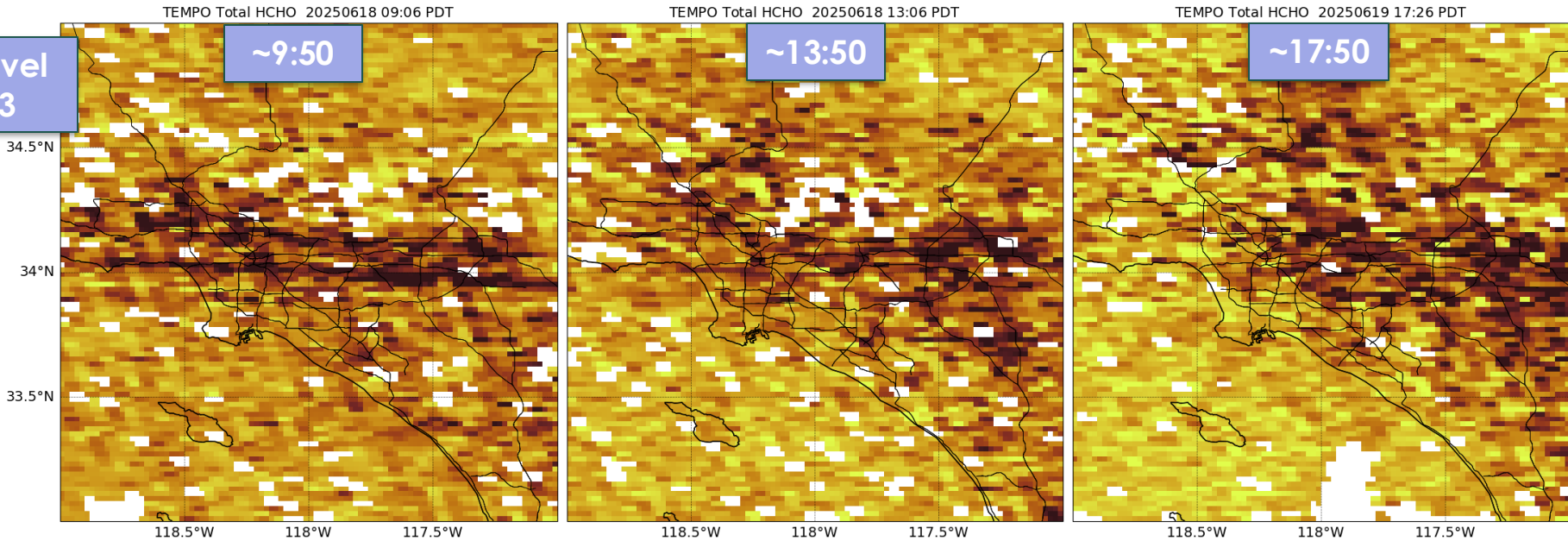
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Level
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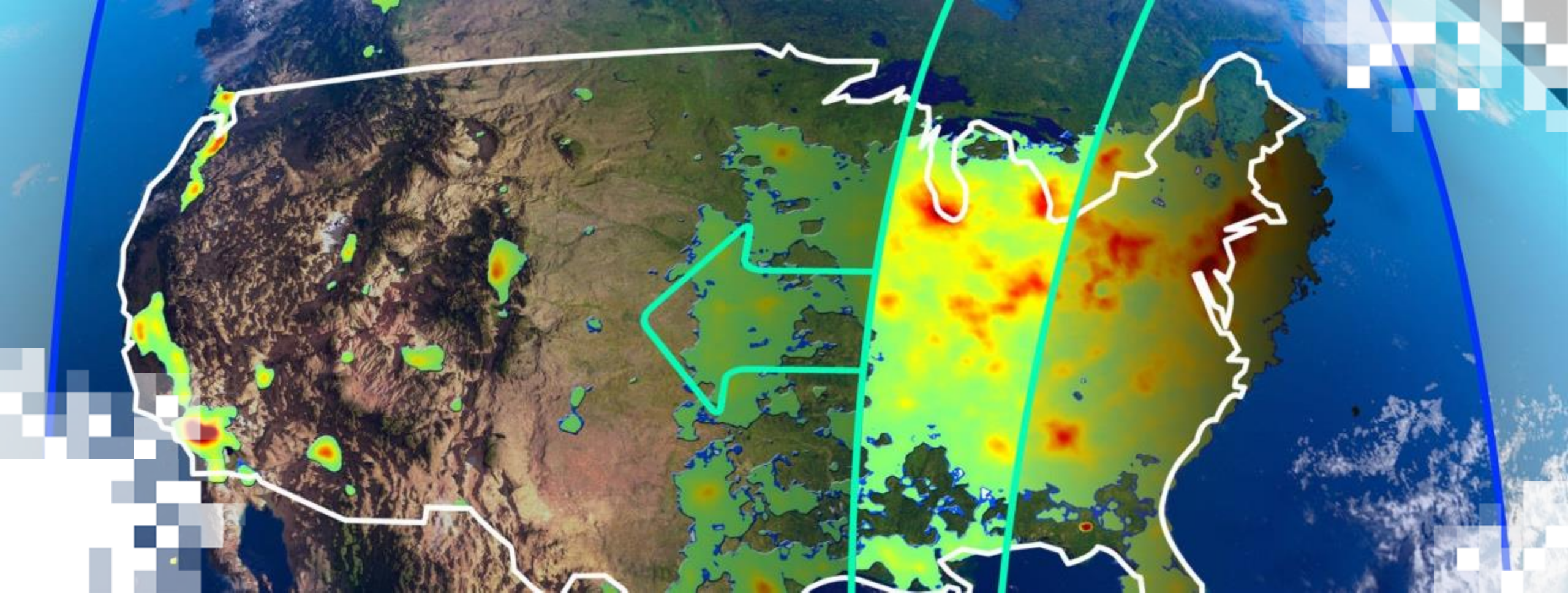


Level
3



- The level 3 HCHO maps are smoother, similar to the NO₂ comparison.
- HCHO retrieval is noisier than NO₂, leading to larger HCHO gradients and differences between the level 2 and level 3 data.





Quality Assurance & Data Filtering

* Latest Recommendations for Version 4 Product Release *

Quality Assurance Recommendations – TEMPO NO₂ & HCHO

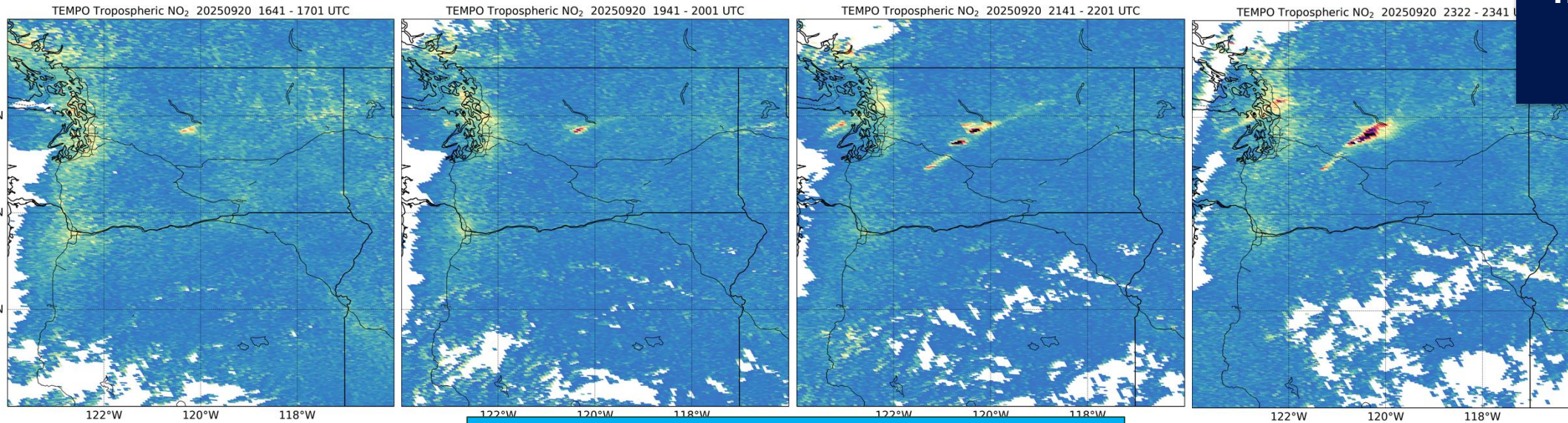
QA Parameter	Variable (group)	Range	Qualitative Use (Worldview)	Quantitative Use
Effective Cloud Fraction (ECF)	eff_cloud_fraction (support_data)	0 – 1.0	< 0.5	< 0.1
Solar Zenith Angle (SZA)	solar_zenith_angle (geolocation)	0 – 90°	< 80°	< 70°
Main Data Quality Flag	main_data_quality_flag (product) “0” = High-quality “1” = Suspect due to AMF & viewing geometry “2” = Outlier retrievals or no successful AMF calculation	0 to 2	< 2	= 0



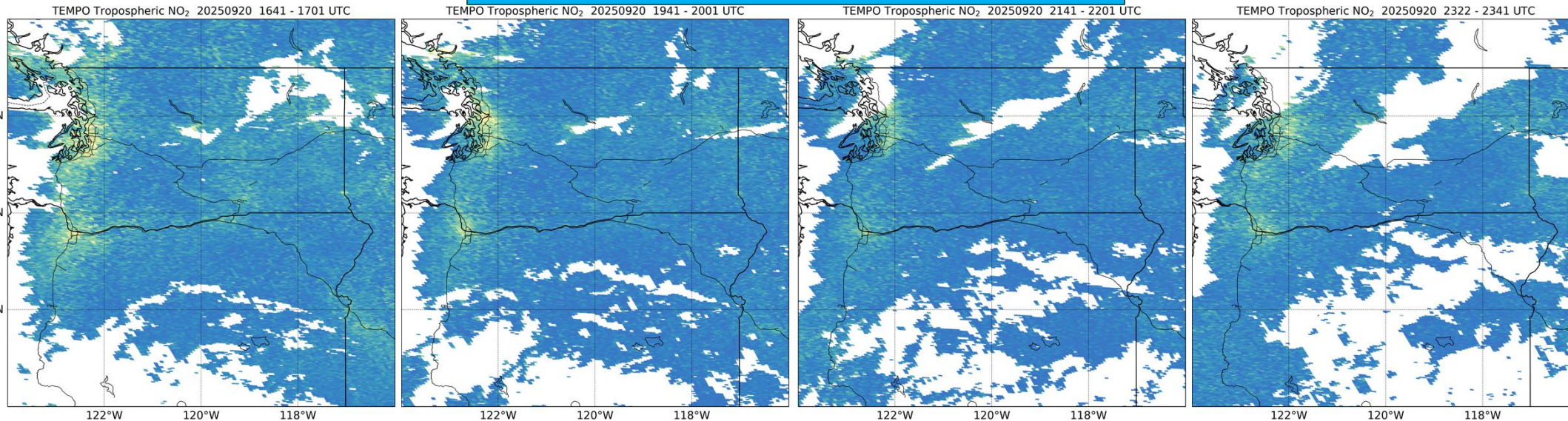
Comparing Quality Assurance Thresholds – TEMPO Tropospheric NO₂

Cloud Fraction < 50%, SZA < 80°, Flag < 2

Thresholds used for Worldview visualizations



Cloud Fraction < 10%, SZA < 80°, Flag = 0

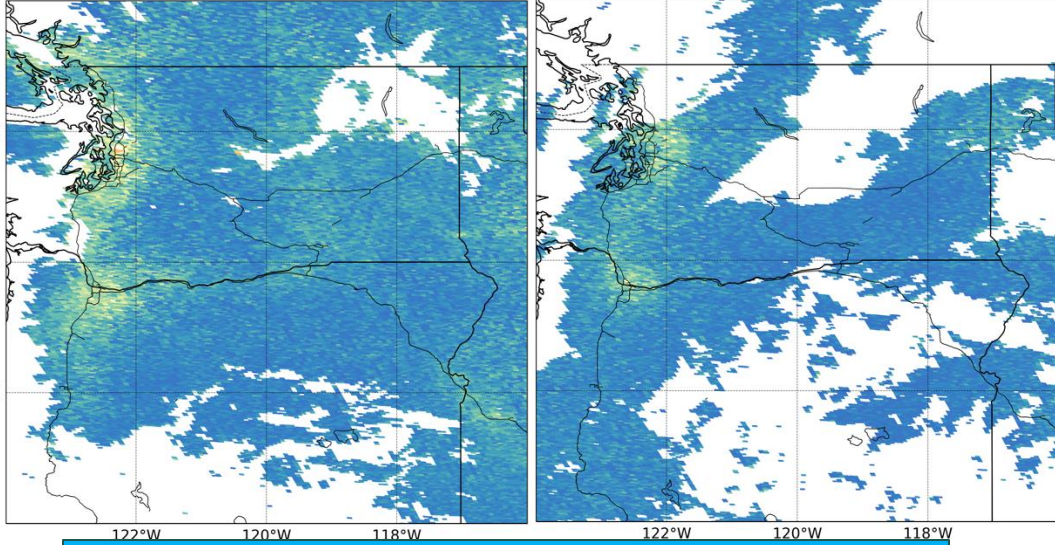


Comparing Quality Assurance Thresholds – TEMPO Tropospheric NO₂

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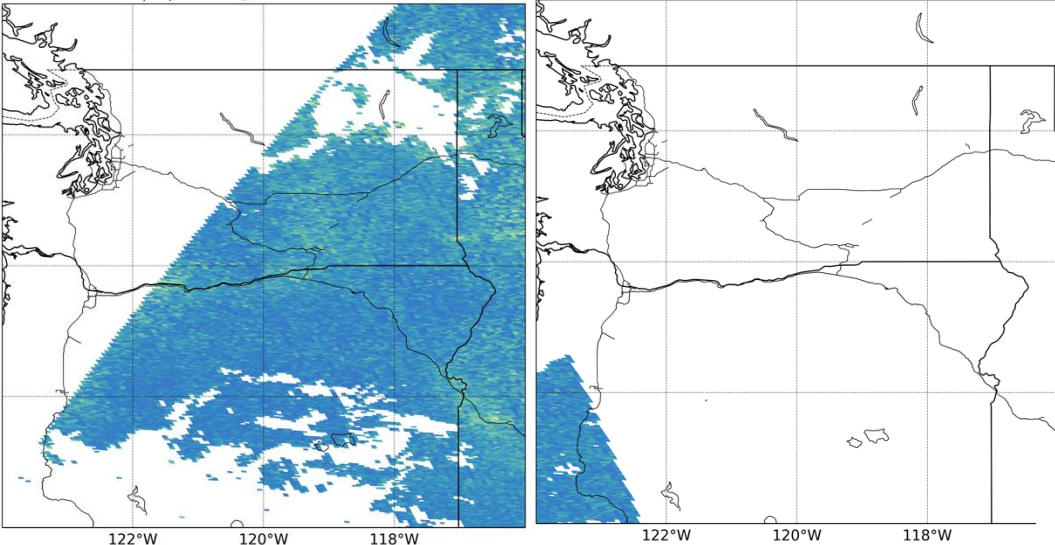
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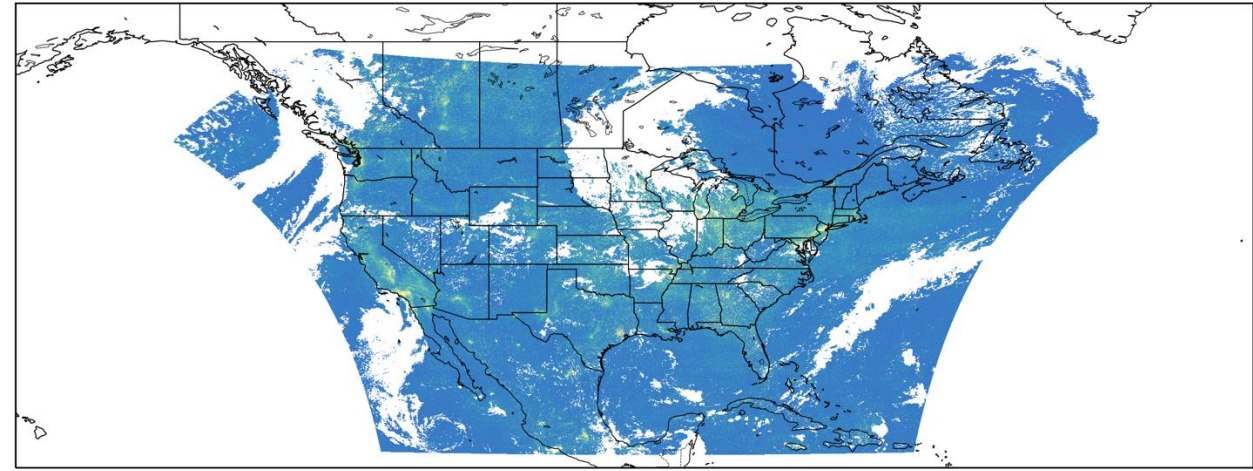
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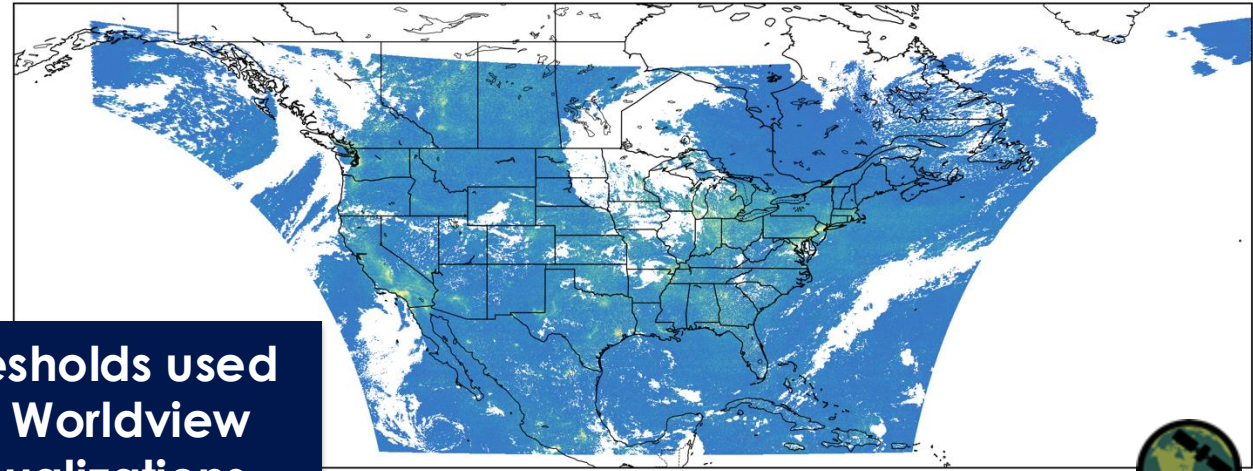
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Cloud Fraction < 50%, SZA < 80°, Flag < 2

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Thresholds used for Worldview visualizations



Quality Assurance Recommendations – TEMPO Total Column O₃

QA Parameter	Variable (group)	Range	Qualitative Use	Quantitative Use
Quality Flag	<p>quality_flag (product)</p> <p>0 = highest-quality 1 = Glint contamination 2 = SZA > 84° 5 = SO2 present <1024 = ONLY disregard radiance/irradiance data which are missing or contain errors</p>	0 to 32768	< 1024	<p>= 0 (best)</p> <p>= [1, 2, 5] (adequate)</p>
Effective Cloud Fraction (ECF)	<p>fc (product)</p>	0 – 1.0	No Filter	< 0.5
Solar Zenith Angle (SZA)	<p>solar_zenith_angle (geolocation)</p>	0 – 90°	< 80°	< 80°
Viewing Zenith Angle (VZA)	<p>viewing_zenith_angle (geolocation)</p>	0 – 90°	< 80°	< 80°

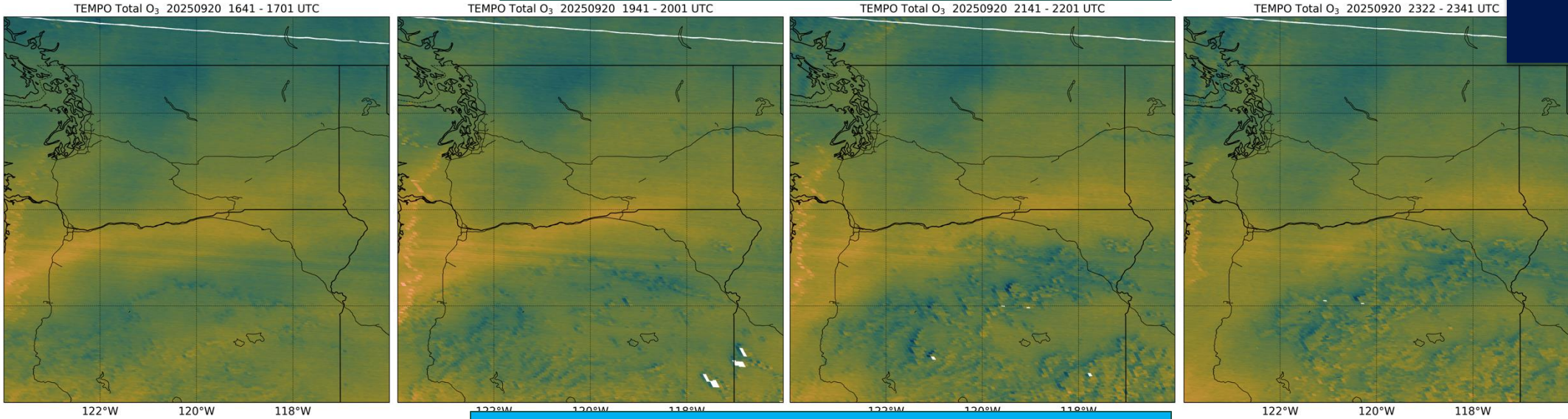


Comparing Quality Assurance Thresholds – TEMPO Total Column O₃

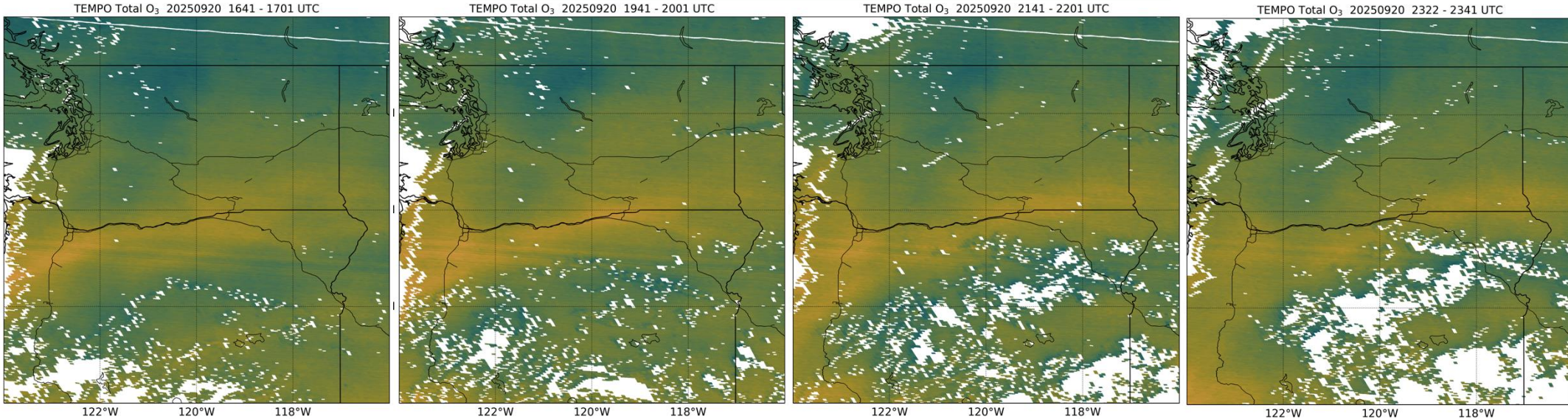


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Qualitative thresholds

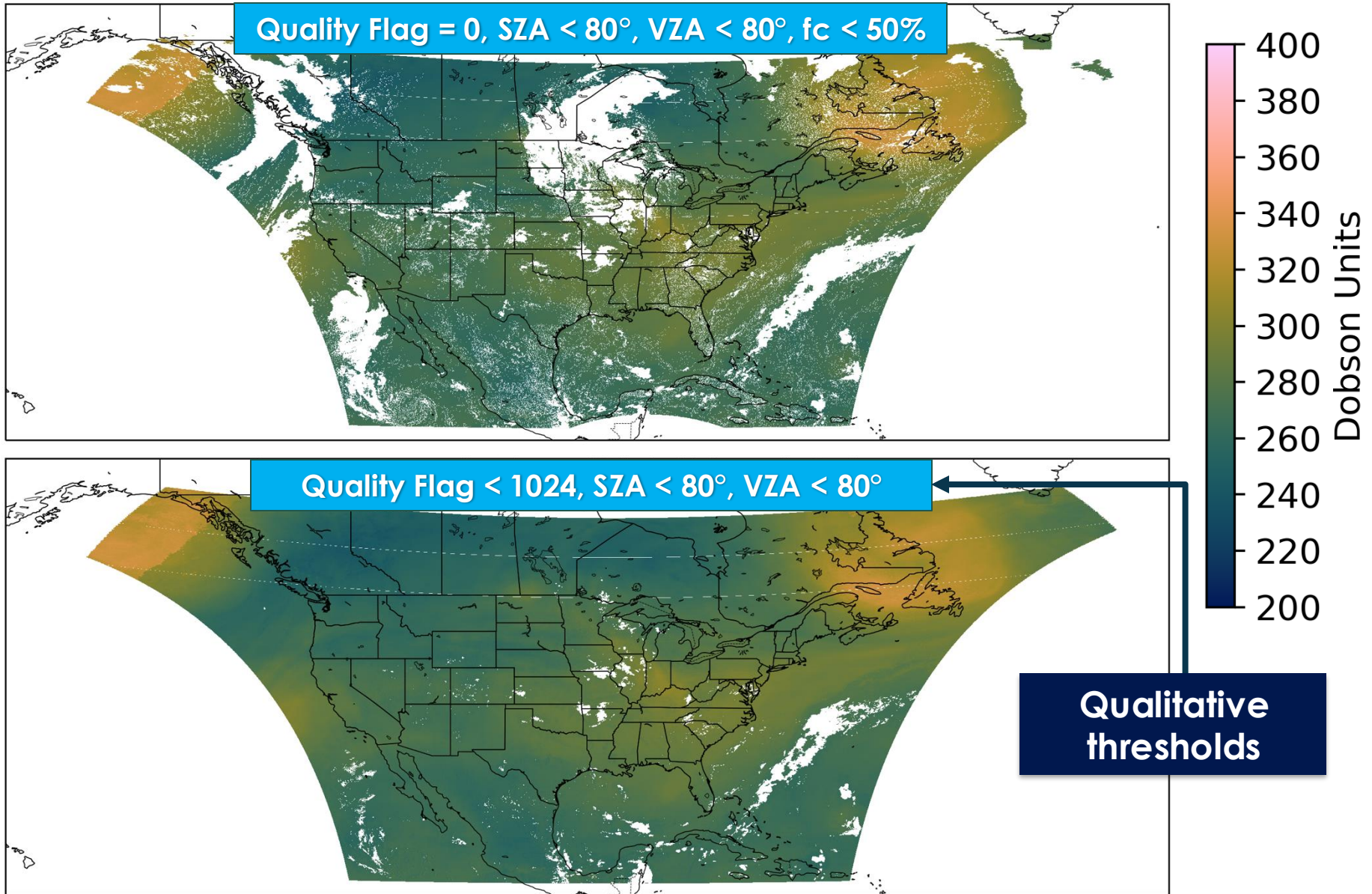


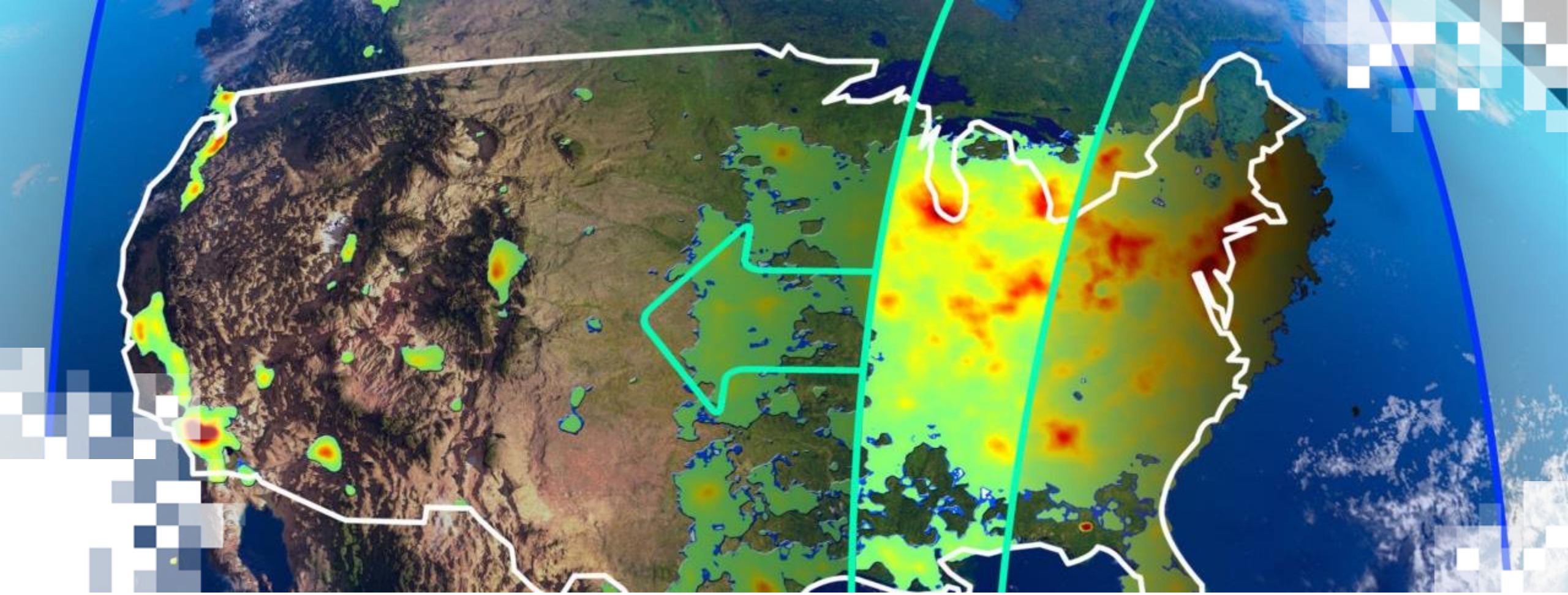
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Comparing Quality Assurance Thresholds – TEMPO Total Column O₃

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TEMPO Level 2 Trace Gas Examples

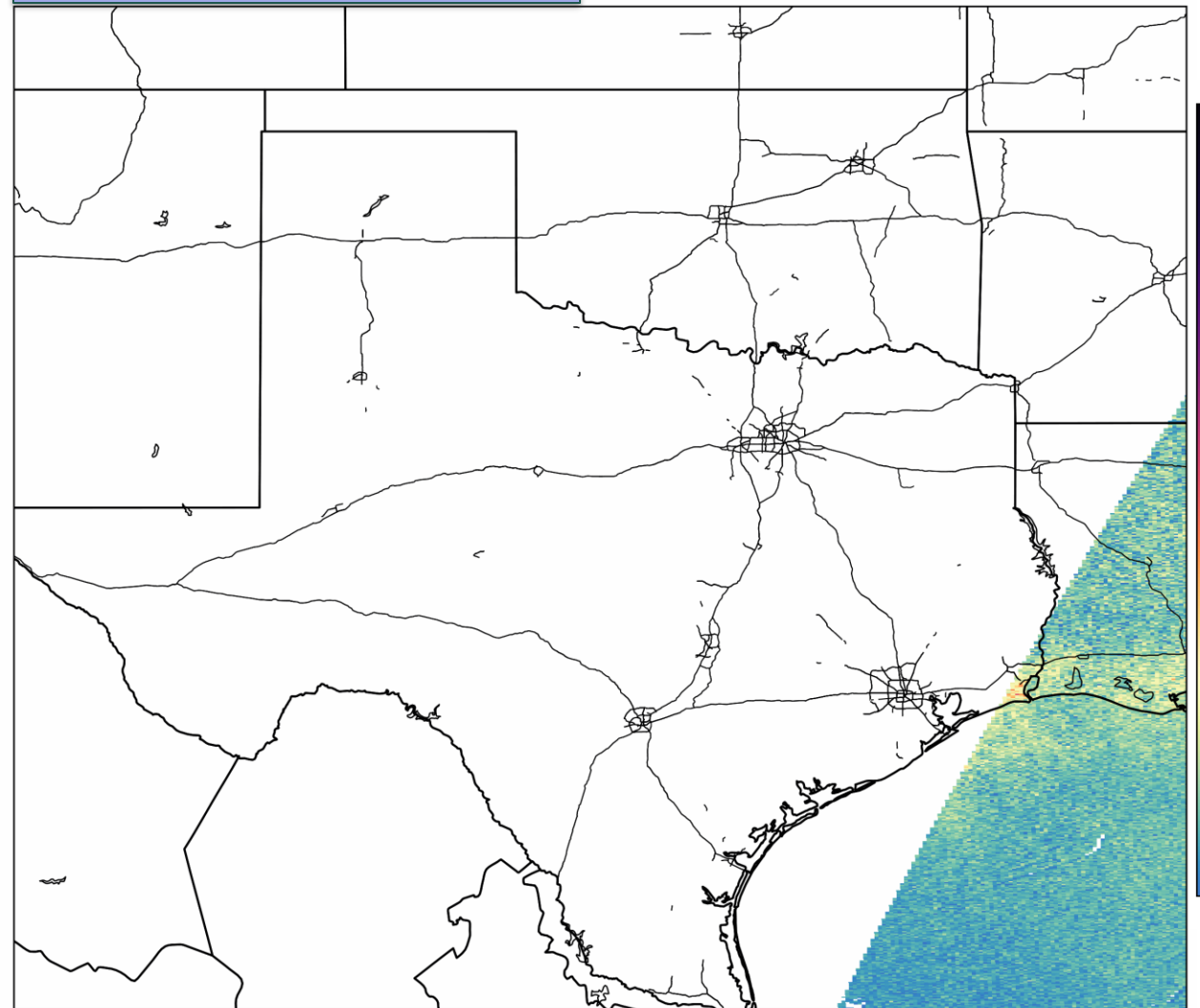
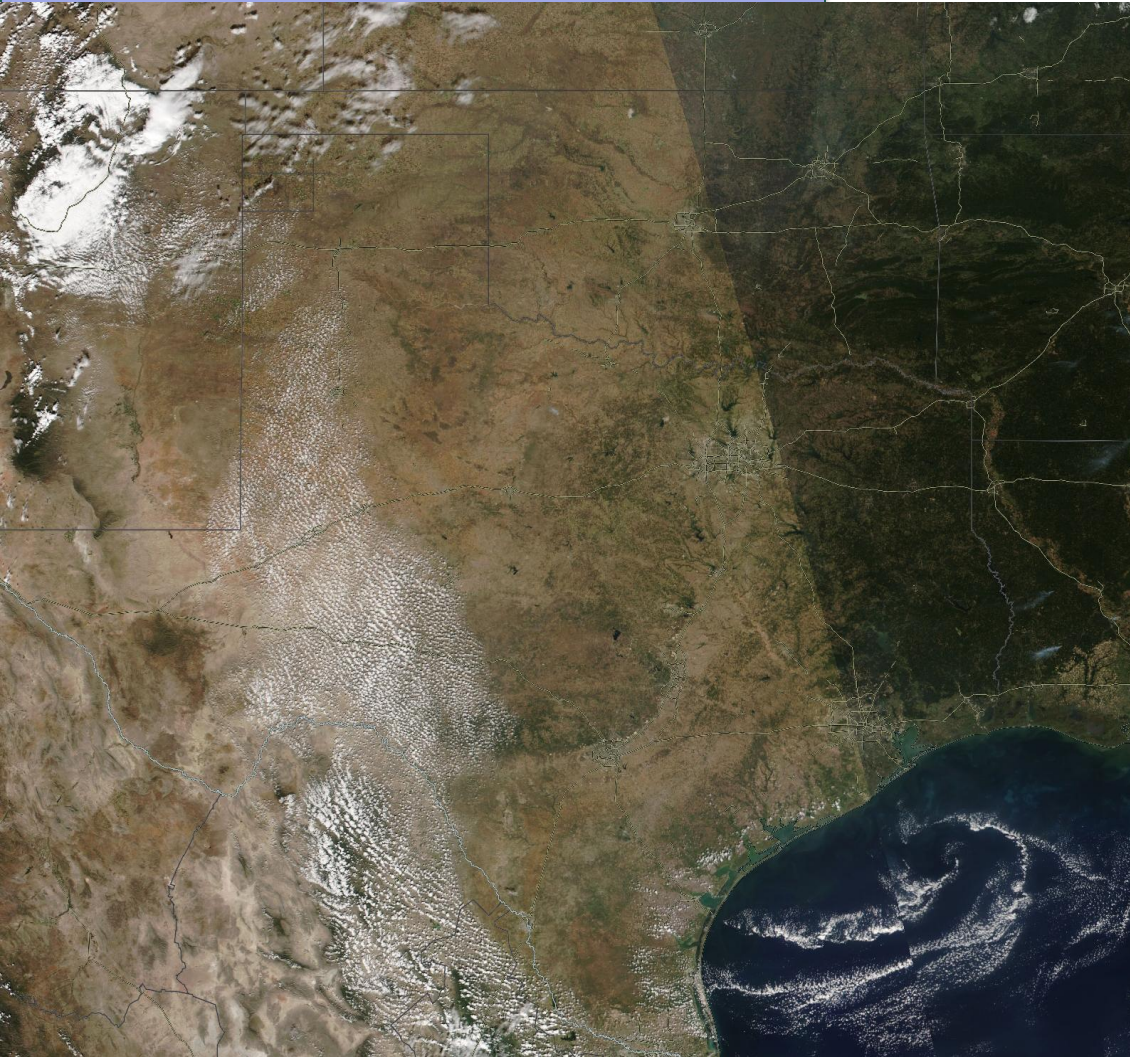
South U.S. Zoom NO₂ – October 15, 2025

Filter using
Cloud Fraction < 50%
SZA < 80°

NOAA-20 VIIRS True Color ~20:10 UTC

TEMPO Tropospheric NO₂

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1-Day Animation of Tropospheric NO₂ VCDs from TEMPO



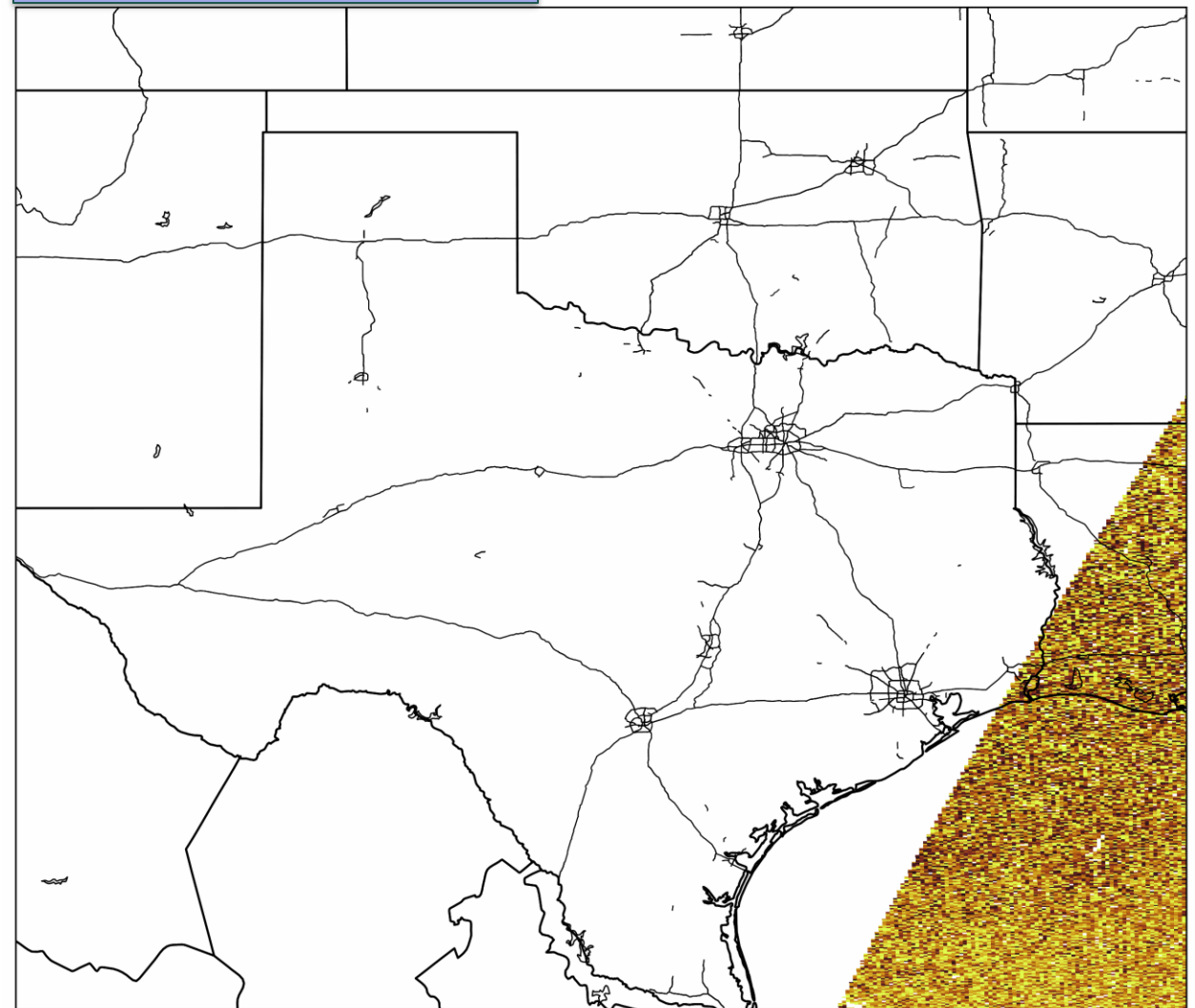
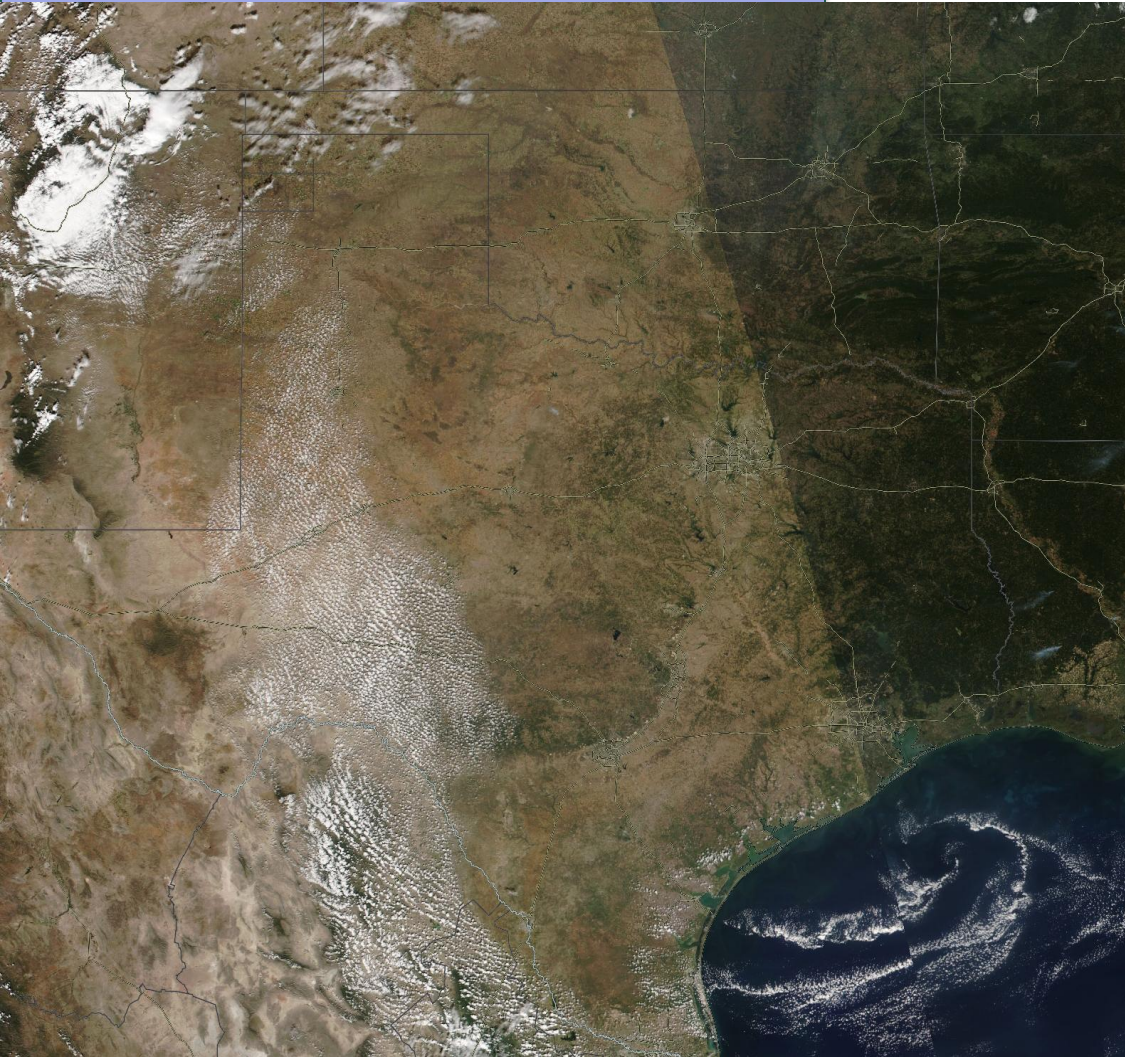
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TEMPO Total Column HCHO

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1-Day Animation of Total HCHO VCDs from TEMPO



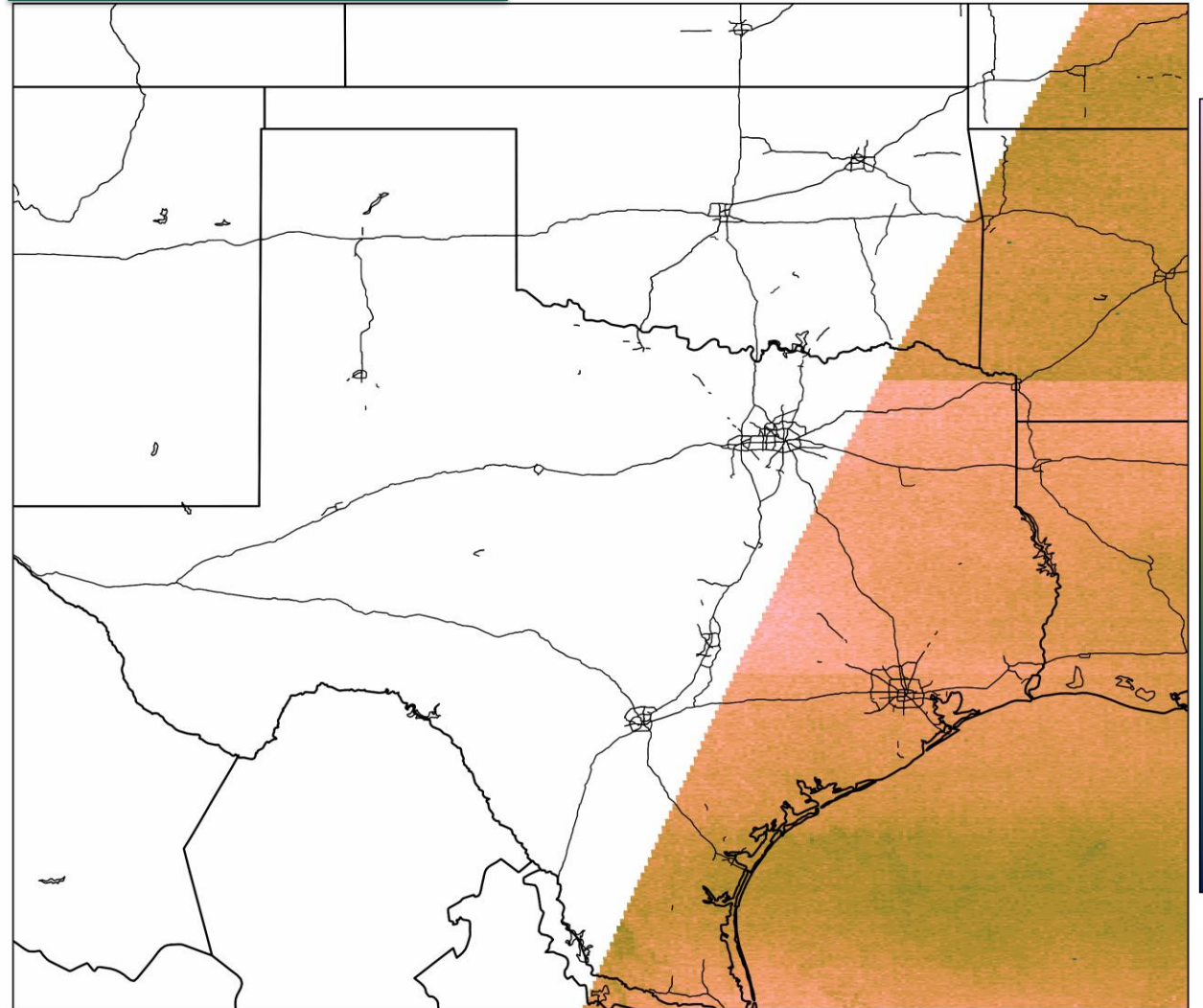
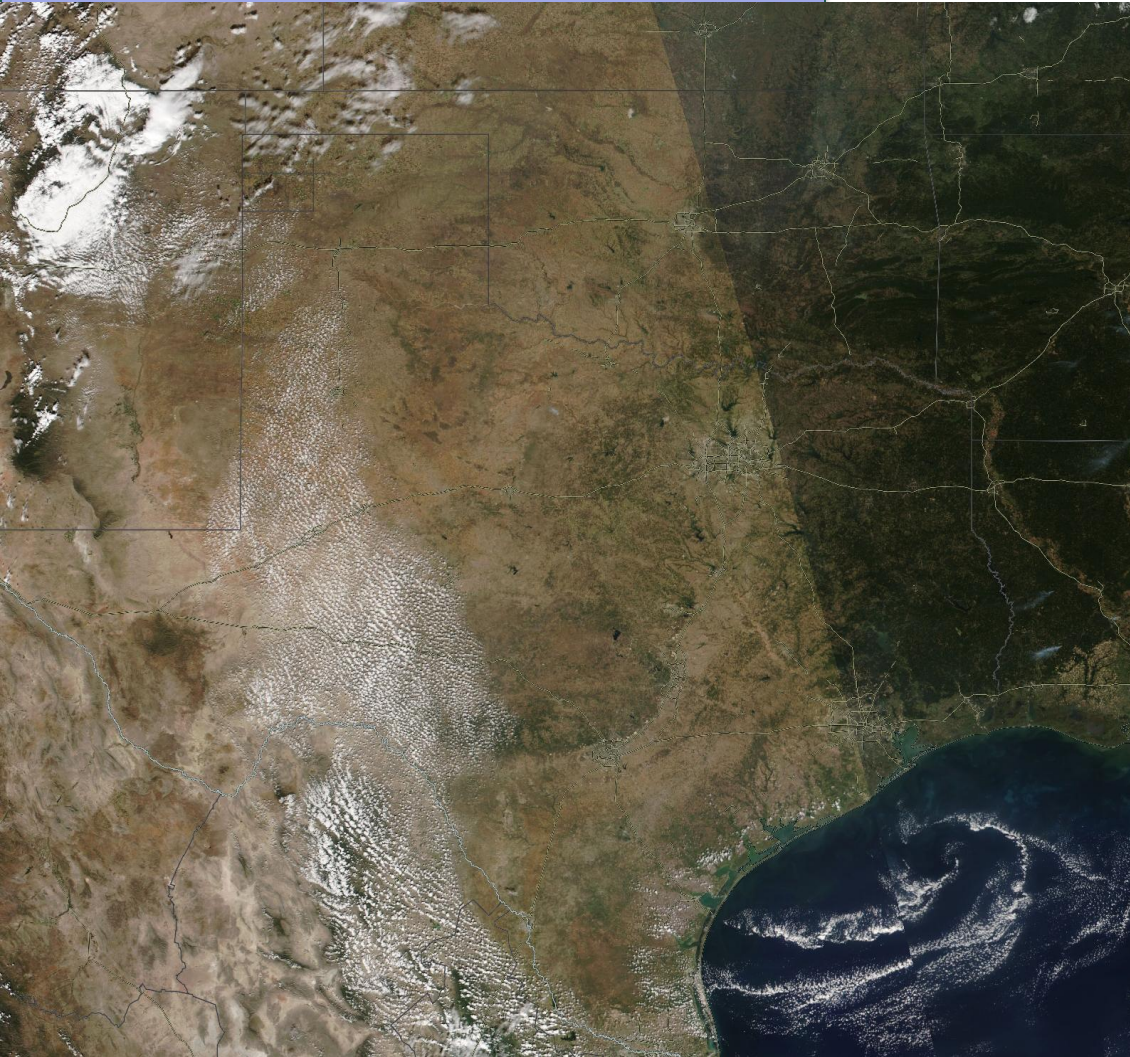
South U.S. Zoom O₃ – October 15, 2025

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1-Day Animation of Total Column O₃ from TEMPO



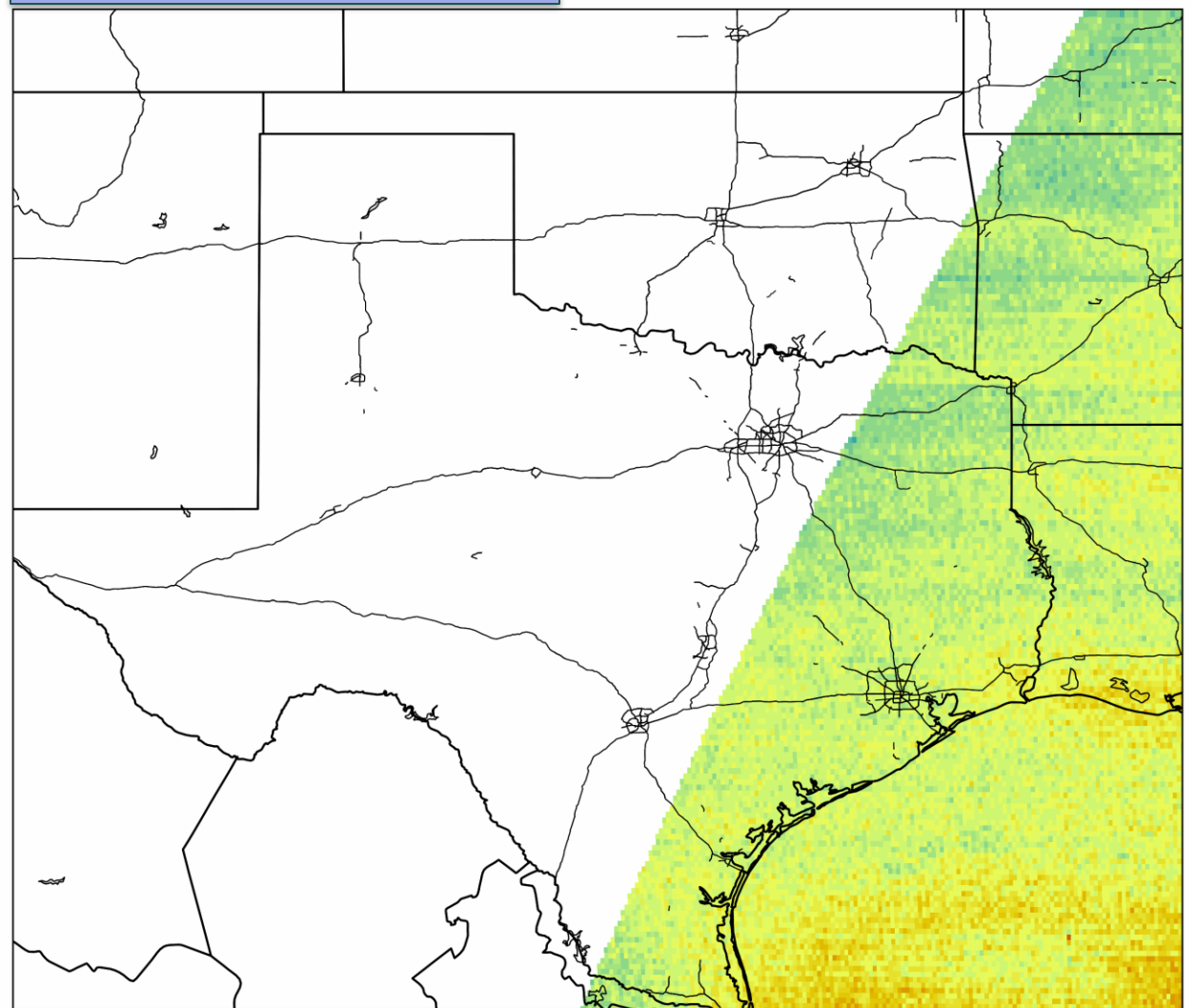
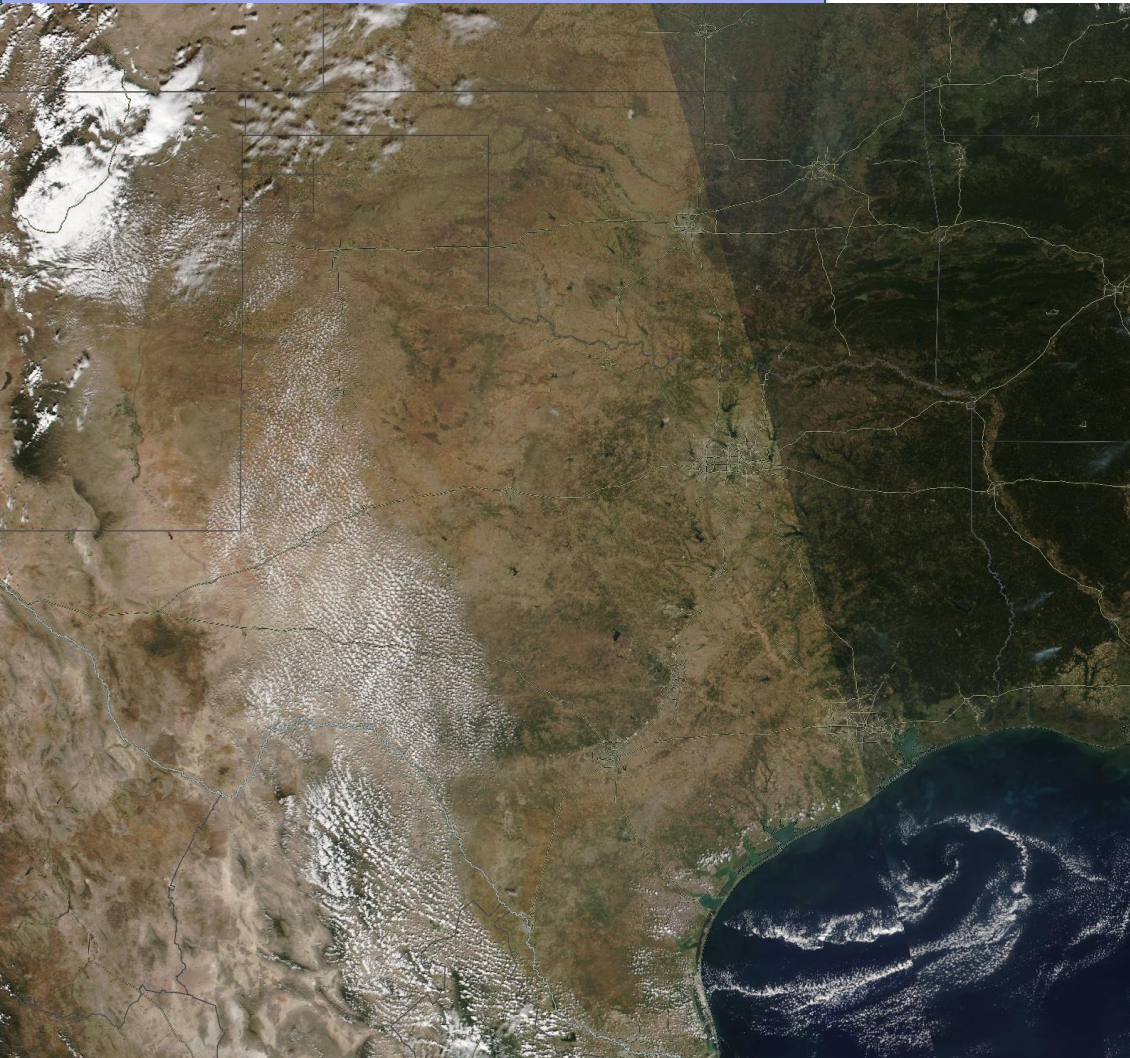
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1-Day Animation of Tropospheric O₃ Columns



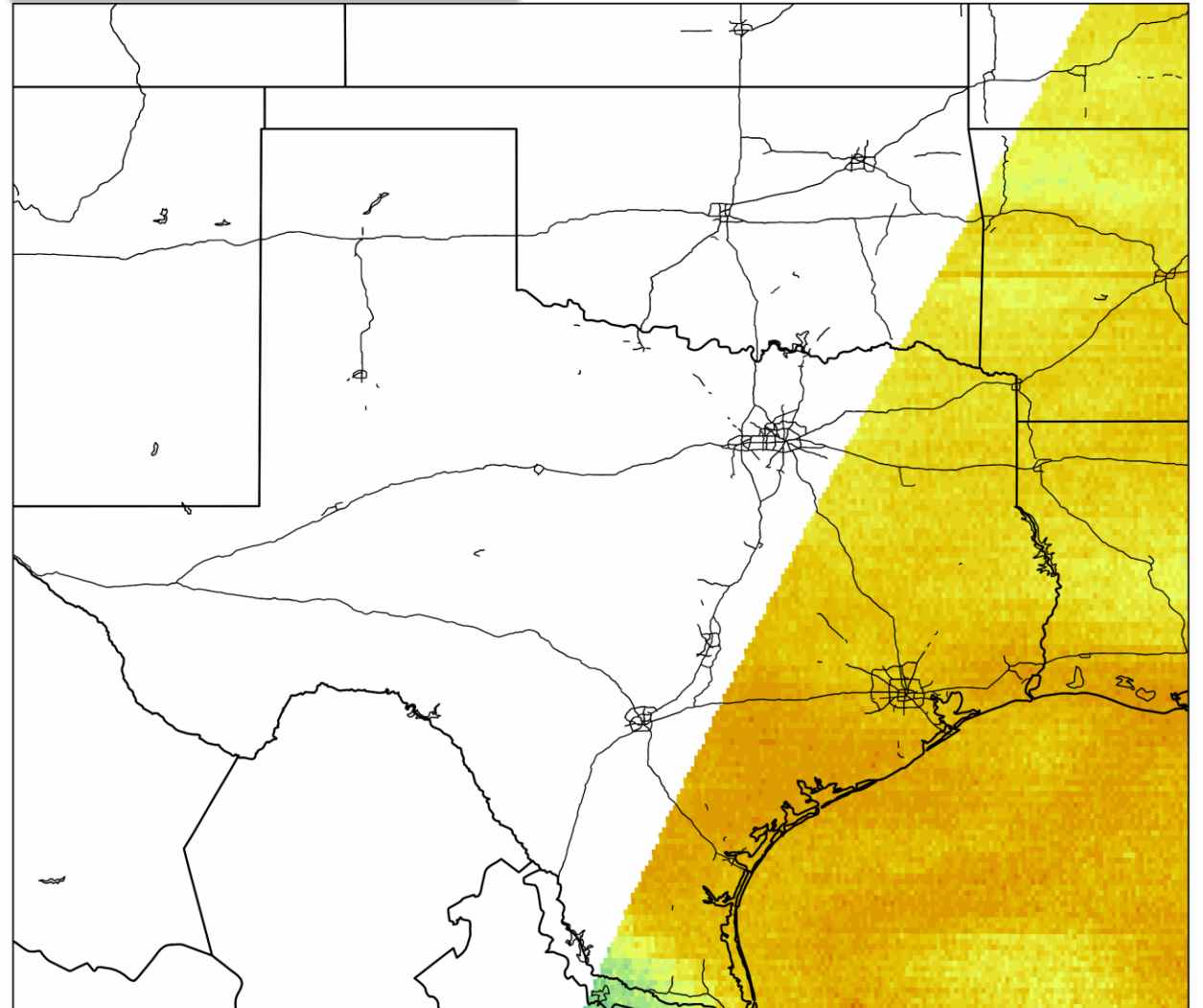
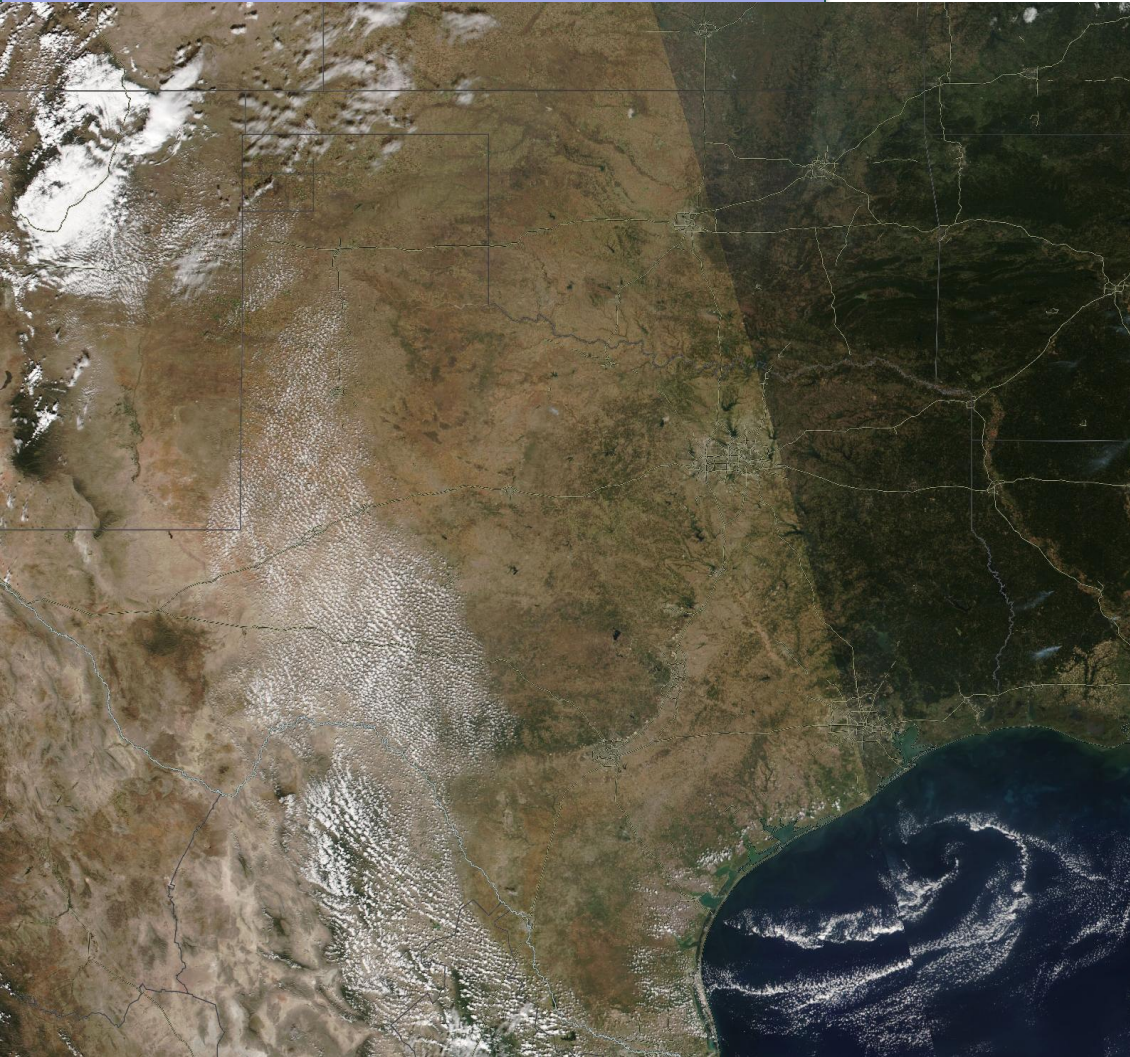
South U.S. Zoom 0-2 km O₃ – October 15, 2025

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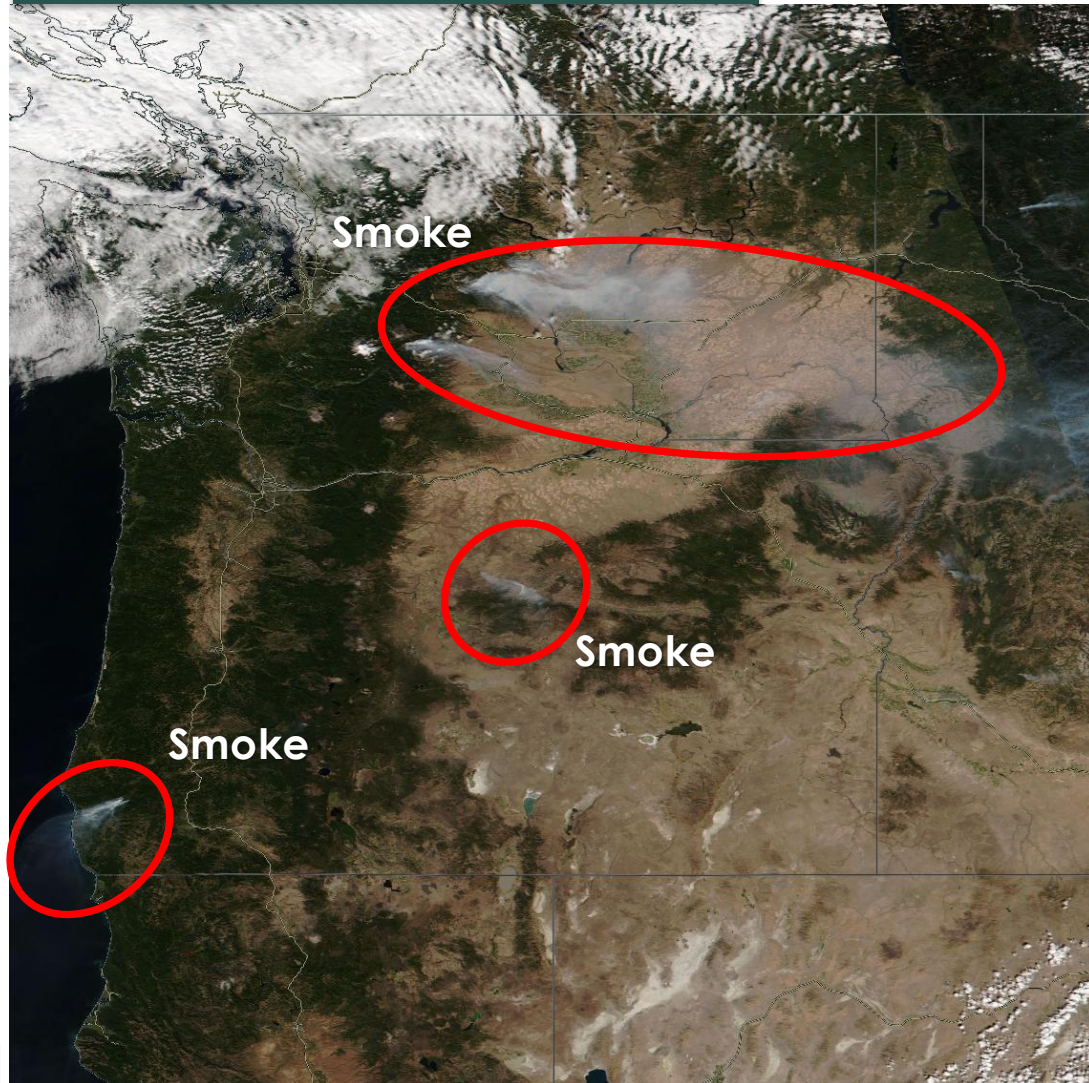


1-Day Animation of 0-2 km O₃ Columns



West U.S. Zoom – September 26, 2025

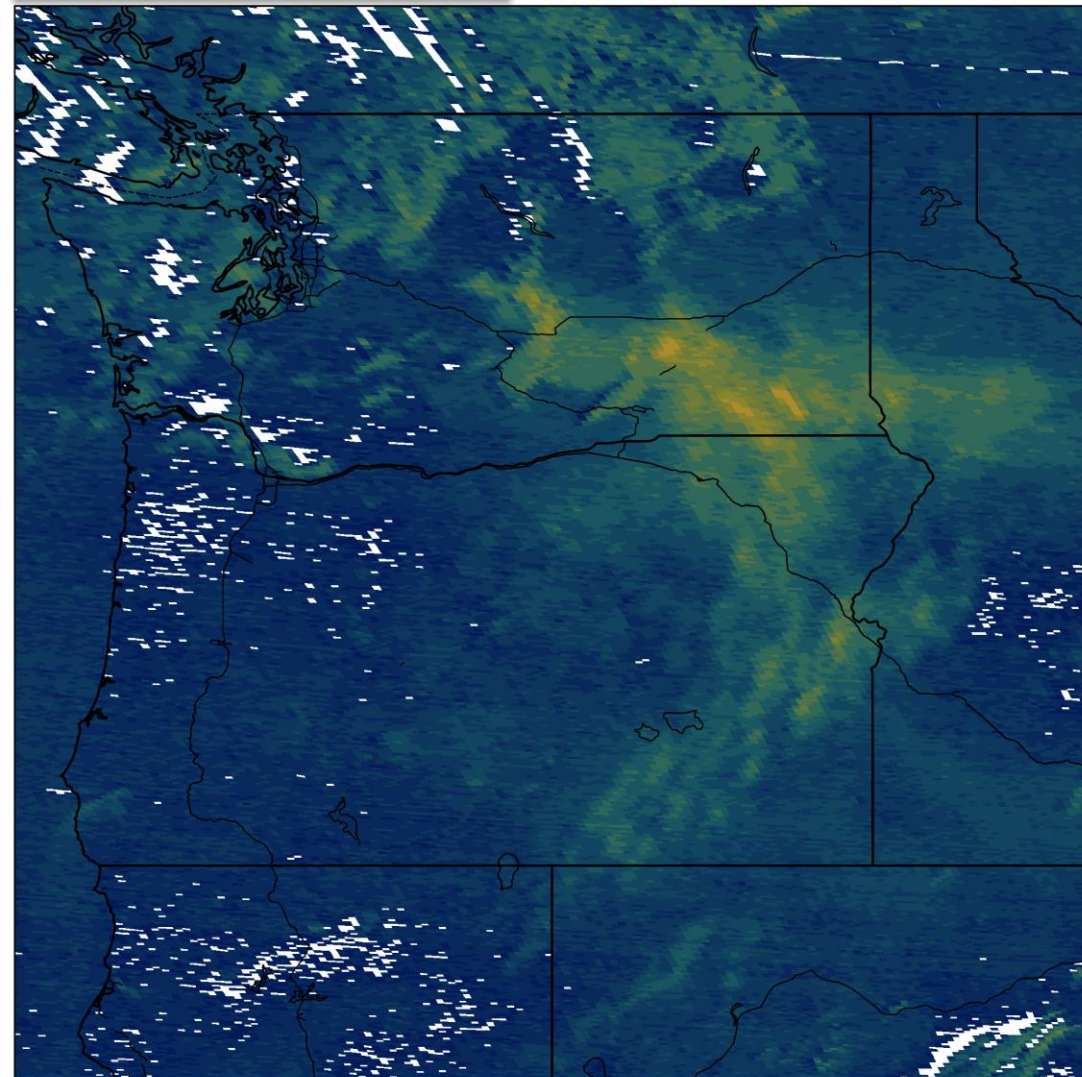
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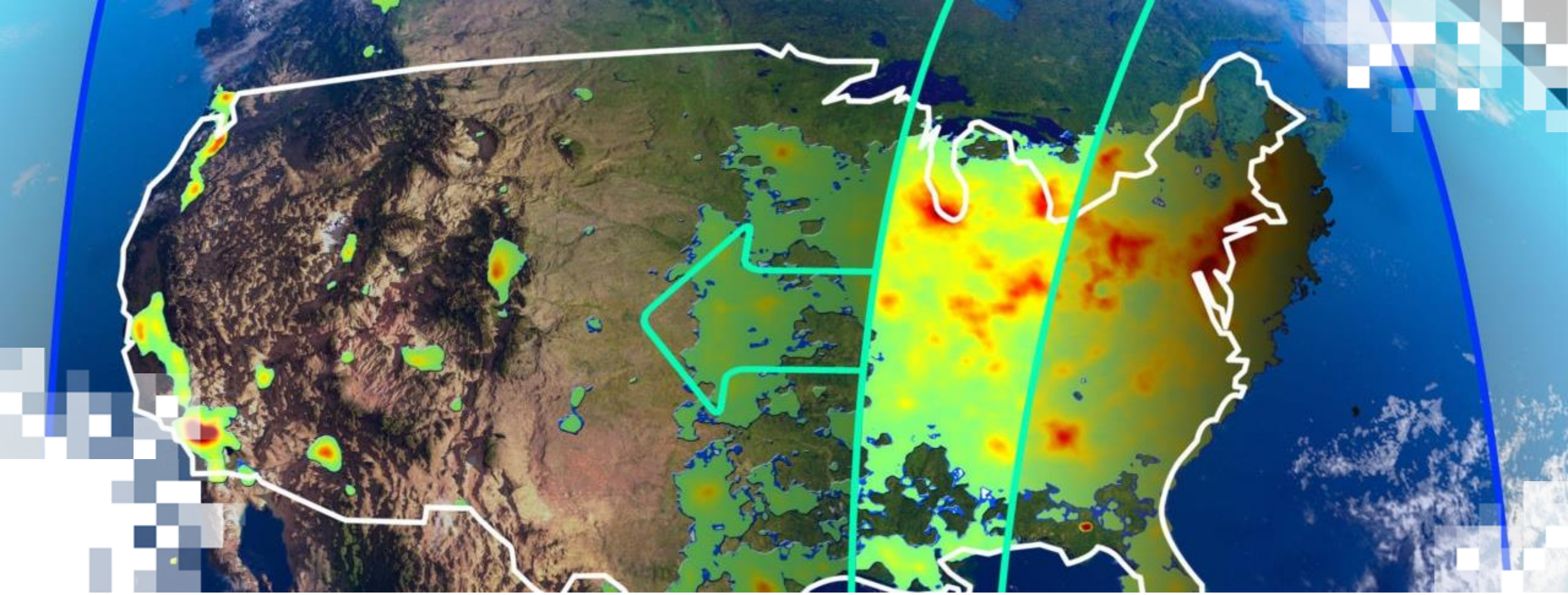
TEMPO UV Aerosol Index

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1-Day Animation of UV Aerosol Index

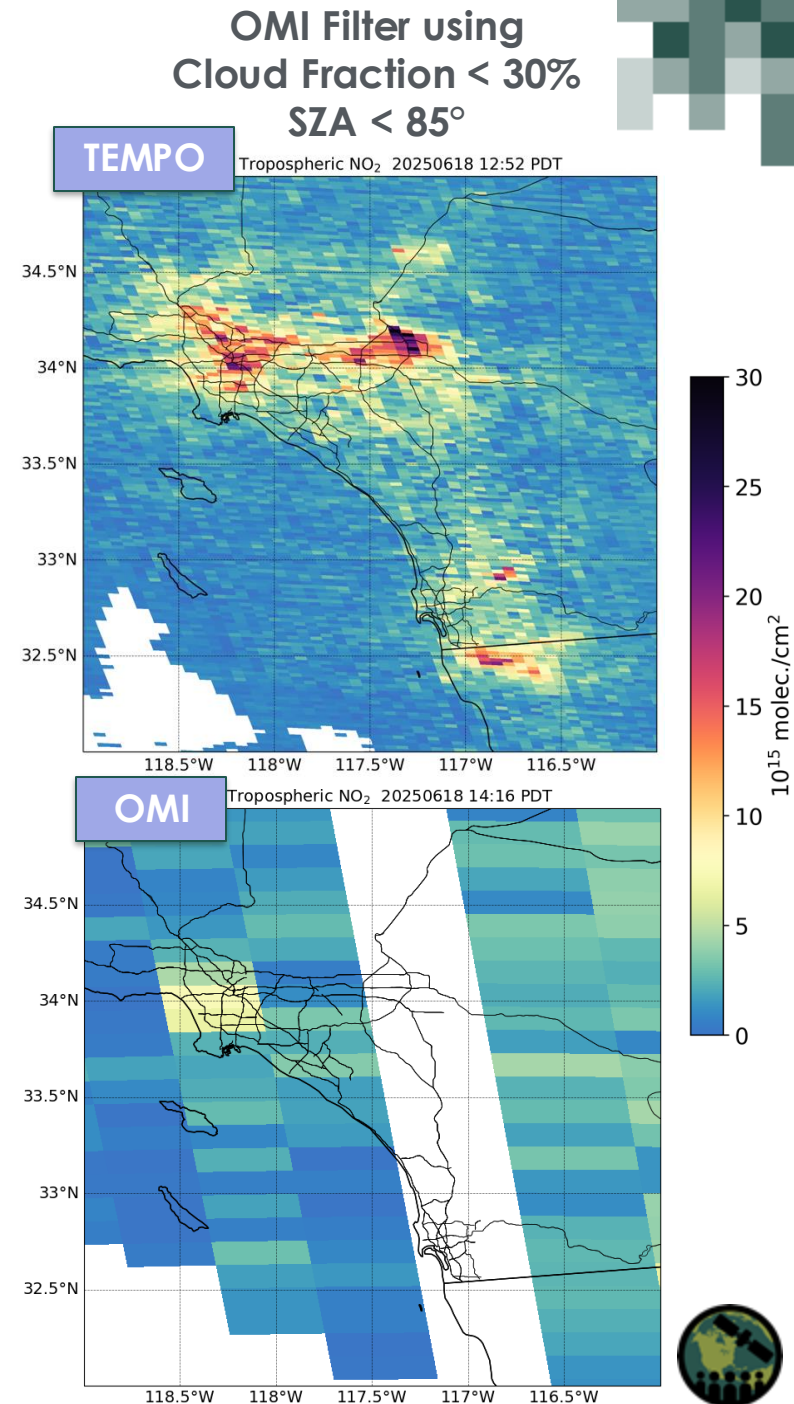
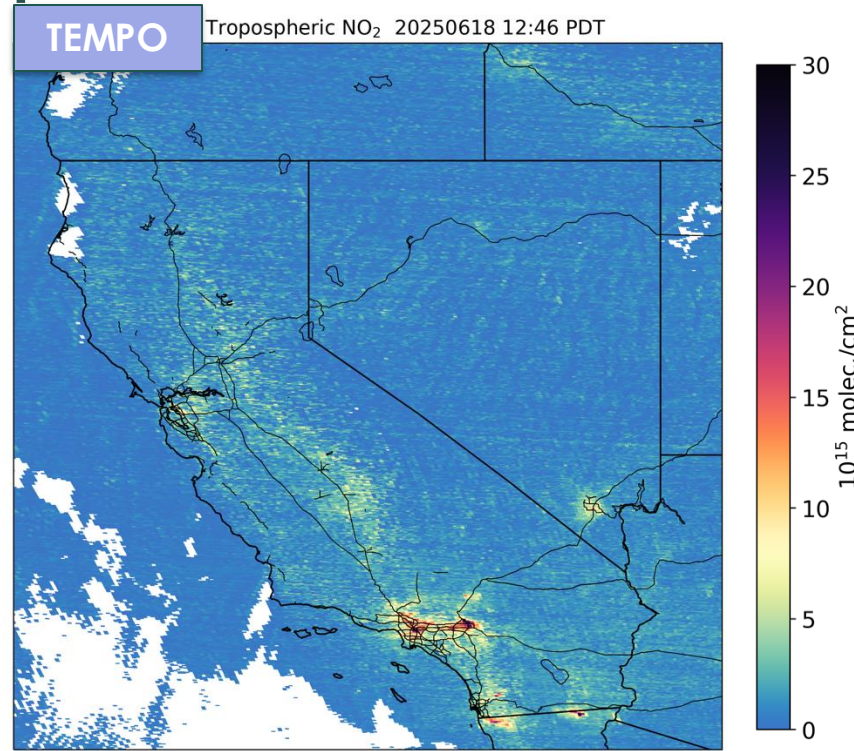
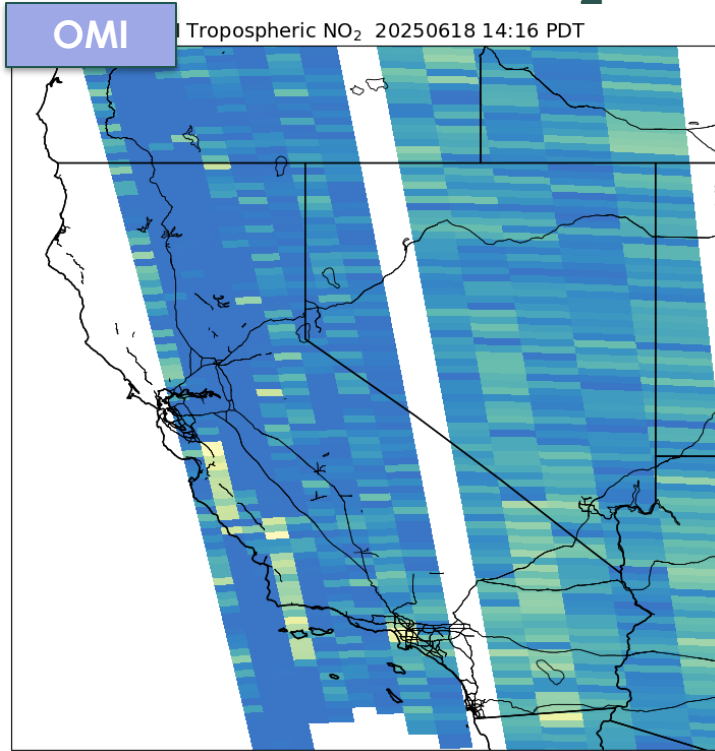




TEMPO vs. OMI and TROPOMI

* Results based on Version 3 TEMPO Products *

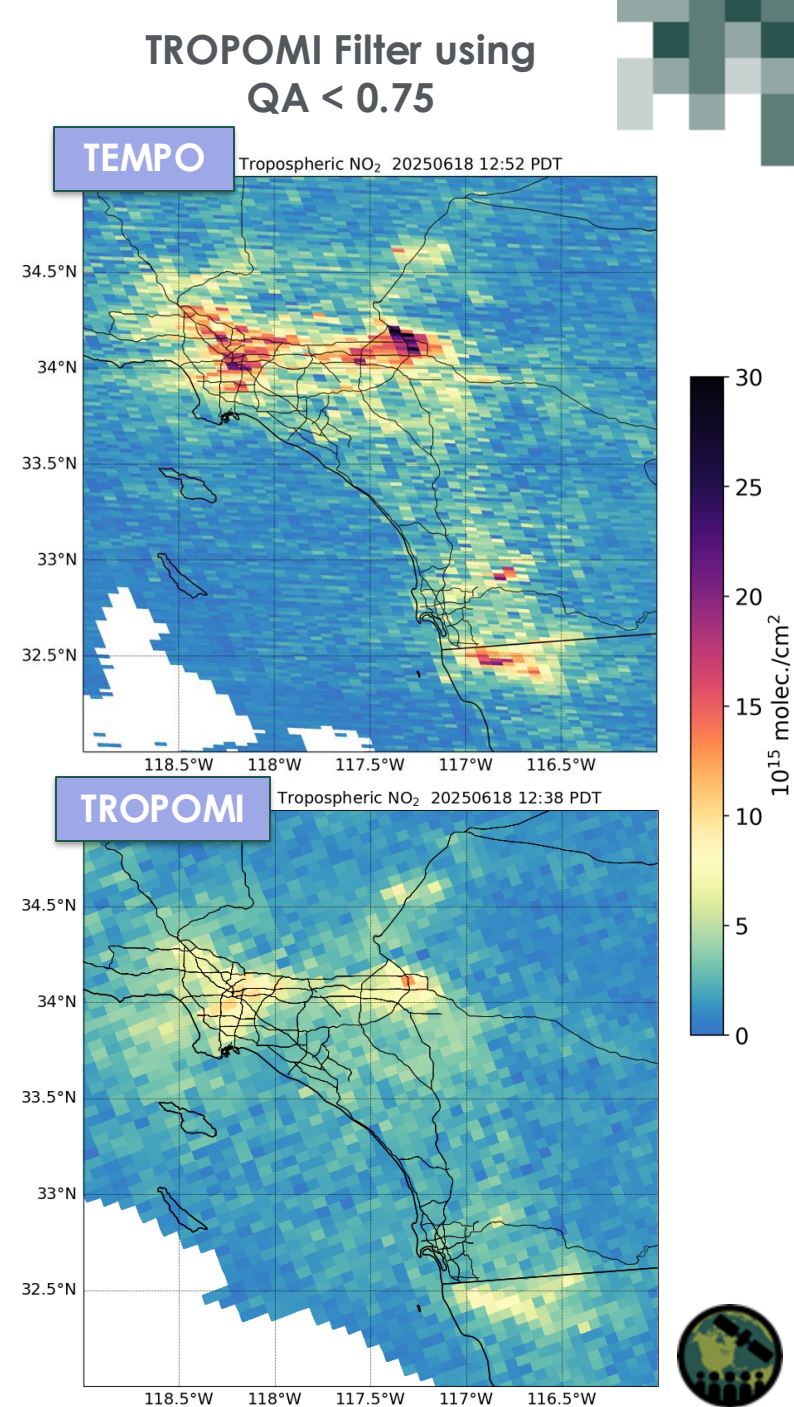
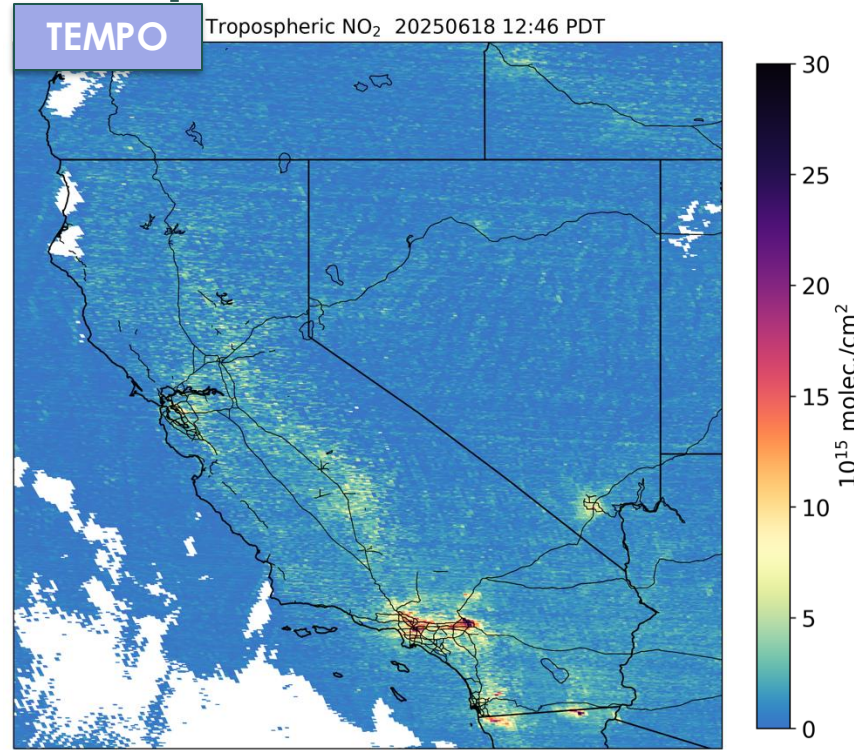
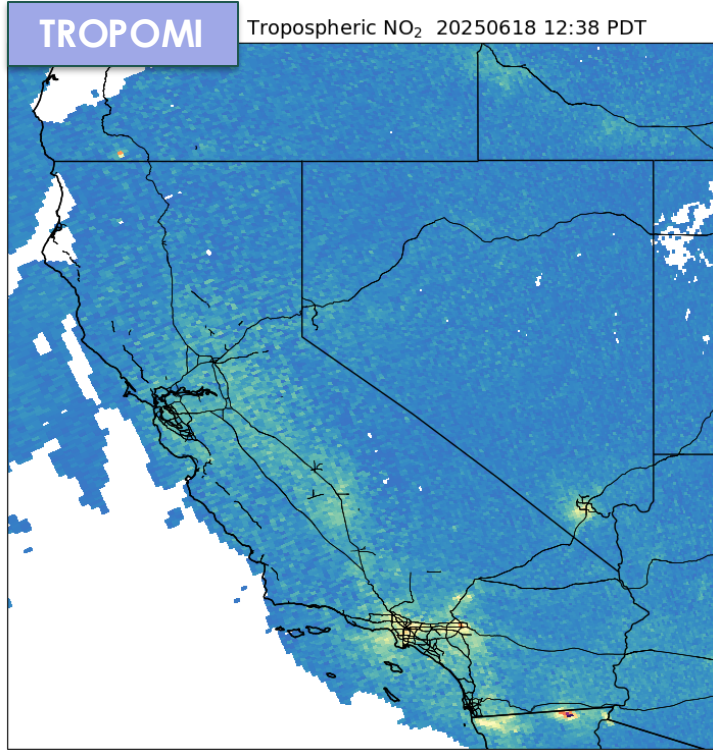
TEMPO vs. OMI NO₂ Comparison



- NASA's Low-Earth orbiting OMI (Ozone Monitoring Instrument), launched in 2004, provides midday observations of air pollutants across the globe at a spatial resolution of 13 km x 24 km (at nadir).
- TEMPO NO₂ tropospheric VCDs are larger than OMI in urban areas including Los Angeles, Las Vegas, and Mexicali.
- TEMPO's much higher spatial resolution of ~ 2.1 km x 5.6 km compared to OMI's is contributing to the NO₂ differences between the two sensors.



TEMPO vs. TROPOMI NO₂ Comparison



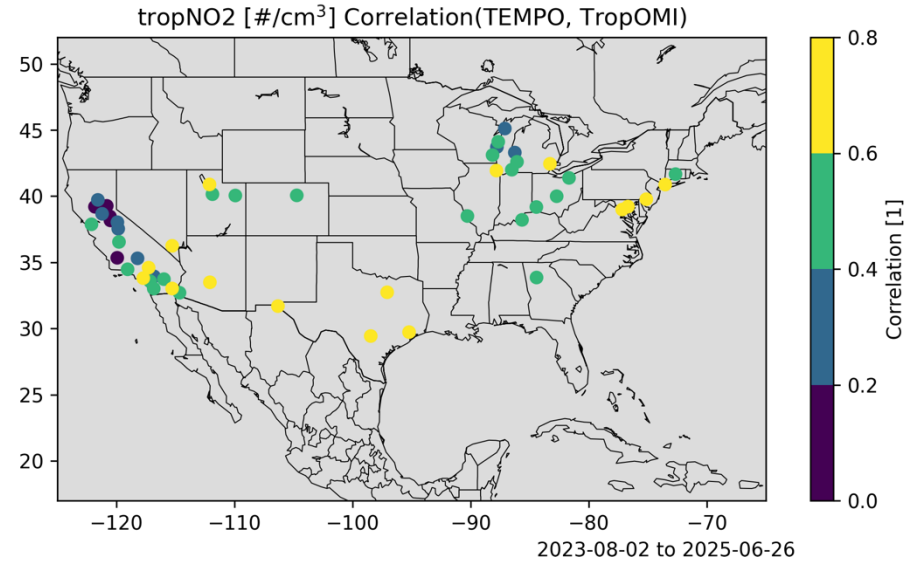
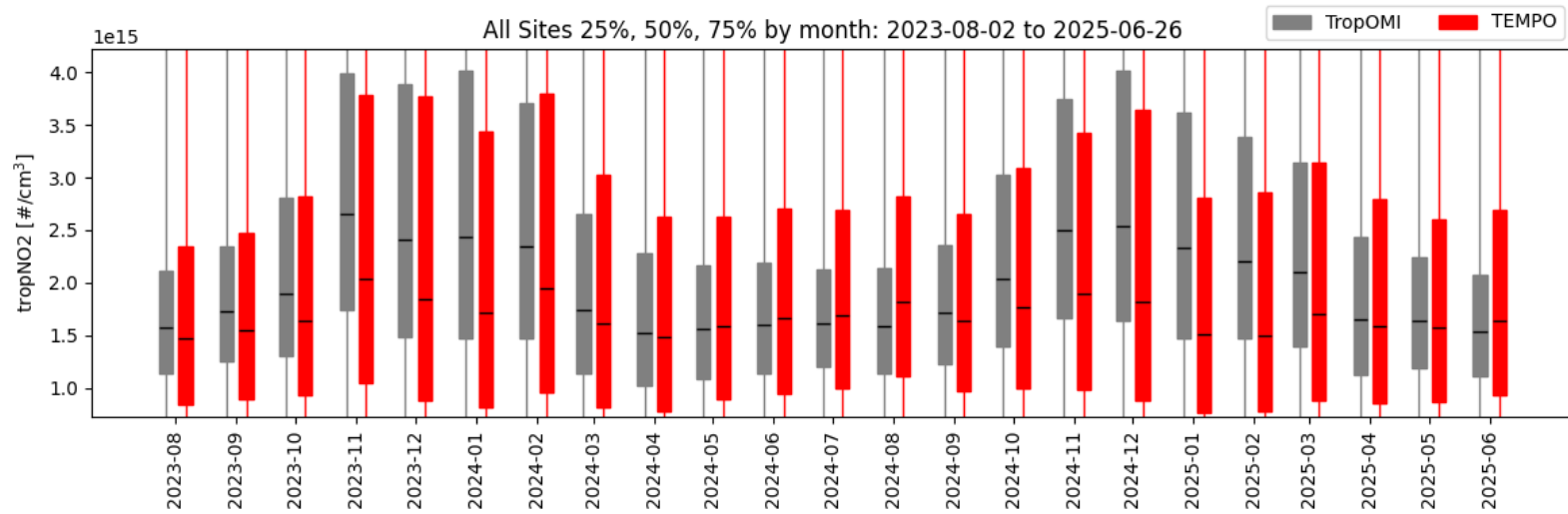
- Low-Earth orbiting TROPOMI (Tropospheric Monitoring Instrument), launched in 2017, provides midday observations of air pollutants across the globe at a spatial resolution of 5.5 km x 3.5 km (at nadir).
- TEMPO NO₂ tropospheric VCDs are larger than TROPOMI in urban areas including Los Angeles, San Diego, and Tijuana.
- TEMPO's higher resolution is likely contributing to slight NO₂ differences.



TEMPO vs. TROPOMI NO₂ Comparison

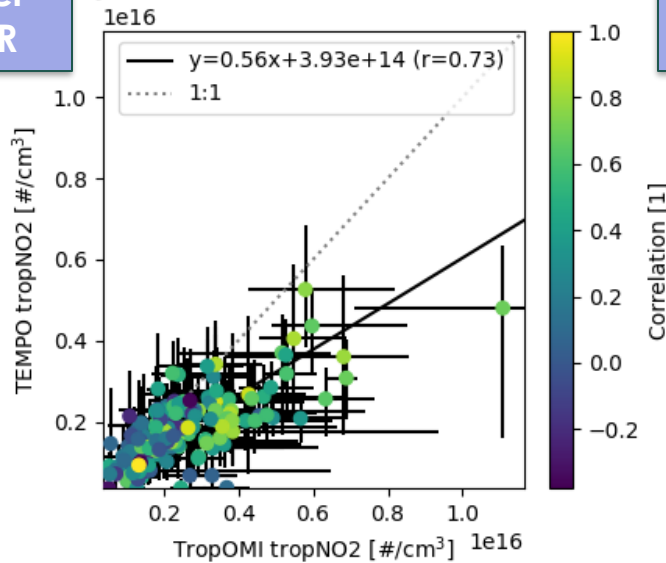
TEMPO Filter using
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SZA < 70°

TROPOMI Filter using
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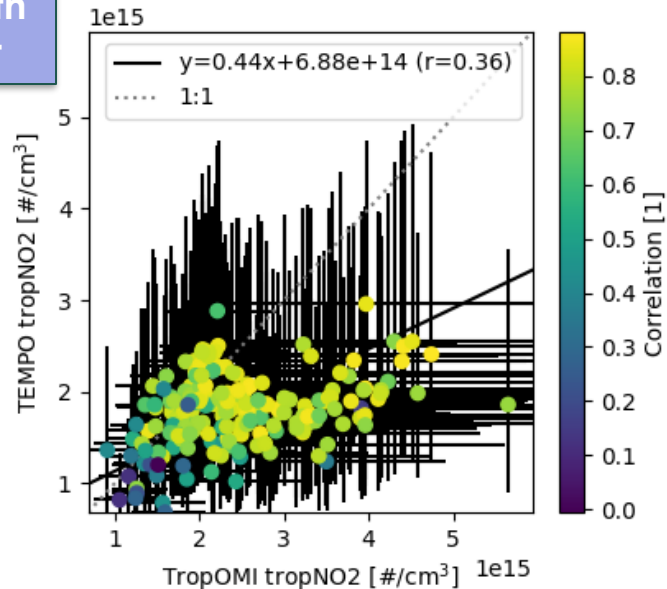
Boulder-NCAR

By Week: 2023-08-02 to 2025-06-26

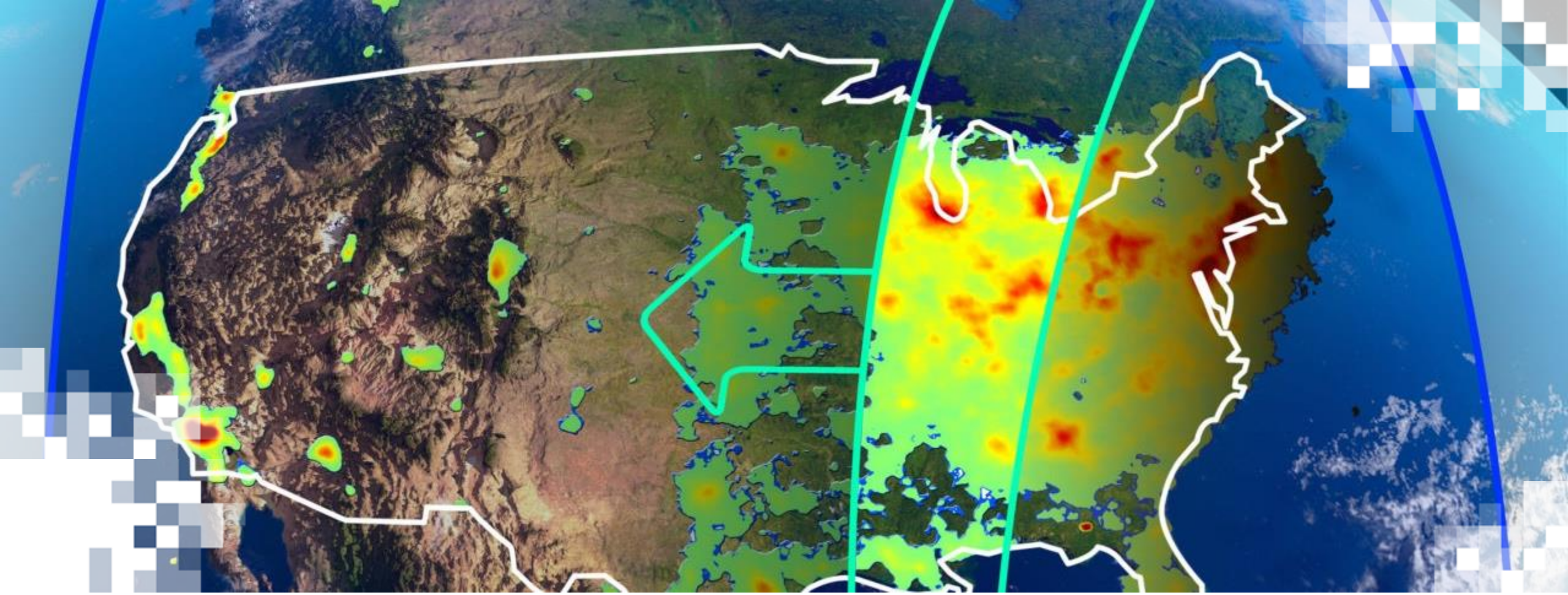


LA South Coast

By Week: 2023-08-02 to 2025-06-26



- TEMPO is higher than TROPOMI at locations of interest, with NMB (normalized mean bias) of 19%.
- However, TEMPO is lower than TROPOMI in Nonattainment Areas (NAA) with NMB of -11%.
- TROPOMI may have high bias in low NO₂ conditions.
- Better correlations between TEMPO and TROPOMI in Boulder compared to Los Angeles.



Validation of TEMPO Products

* Results based on Version 3 TEMPO Products *

TEMPO Validation at Pandora Network Sites

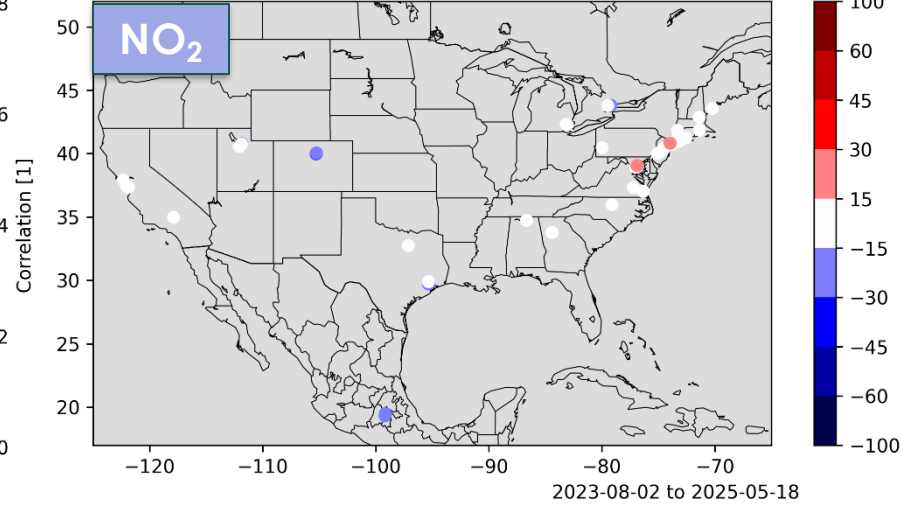
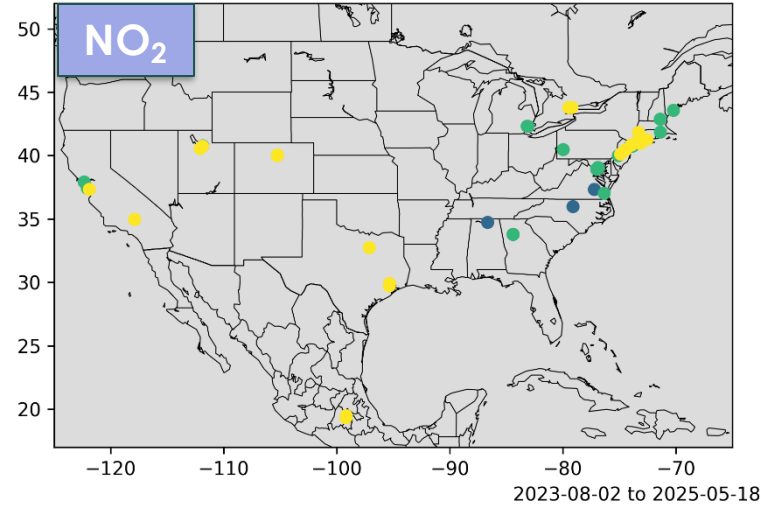
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Correlation

Mean Biases

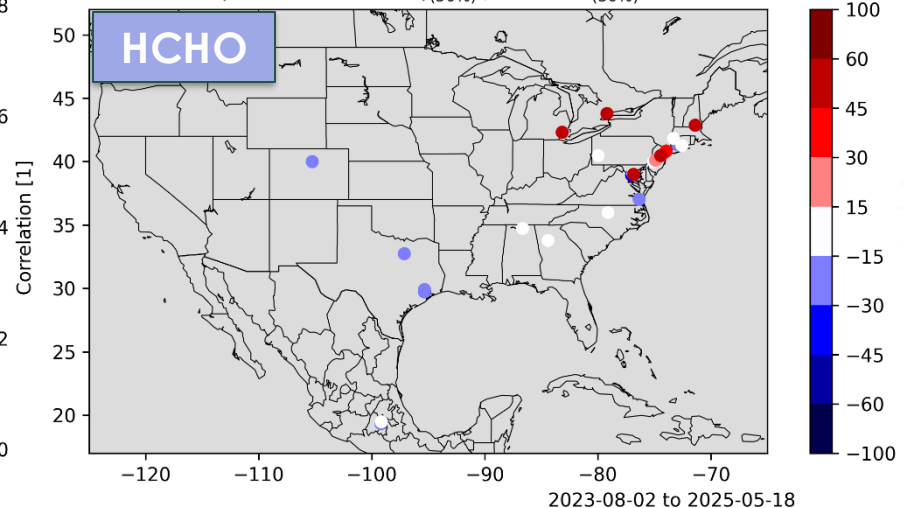
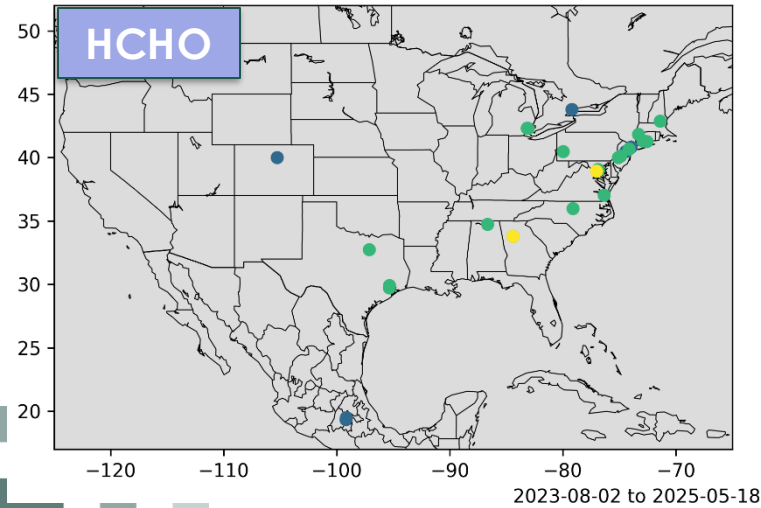
totNO₂ [# / cm³] Correlation(TEMPO, Pandora)

(TEMPO - Pandora)_(50%) / Pandora_(50%)



totHCHO [# / cm³] Correlation(TEMPO, Pandora)

(TEMPO - Pandora)_(50%) / Pandora_(50%)



TEMPO NO₂ –

- Reproduces spatial variability
- Low fractional biases by locations
- Correlates well at most sites
- Even reproduces relatively small intra-regional urban/rural gradients quite well

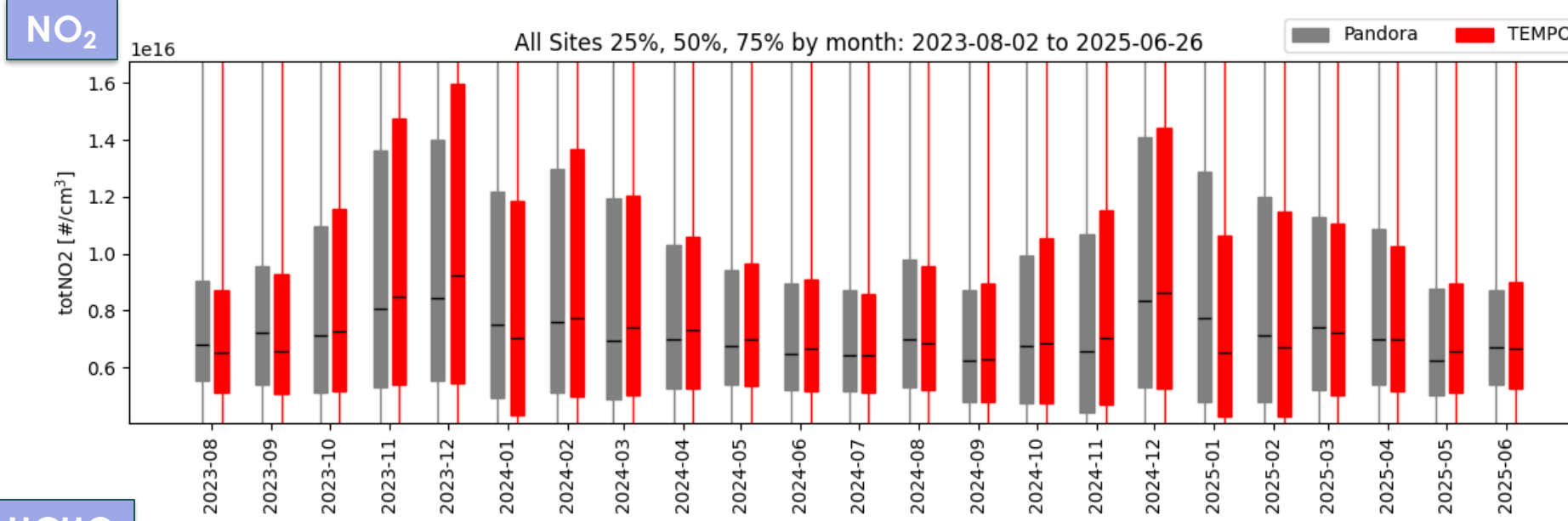
TEMPO HCHO –

- Correlates at the site-level
- Has reasonable bias with some individual sites needing investigation
- Site-specific time correlation
- Intra-regional site-level gradients are challenging, perhaps due to pixel averaging

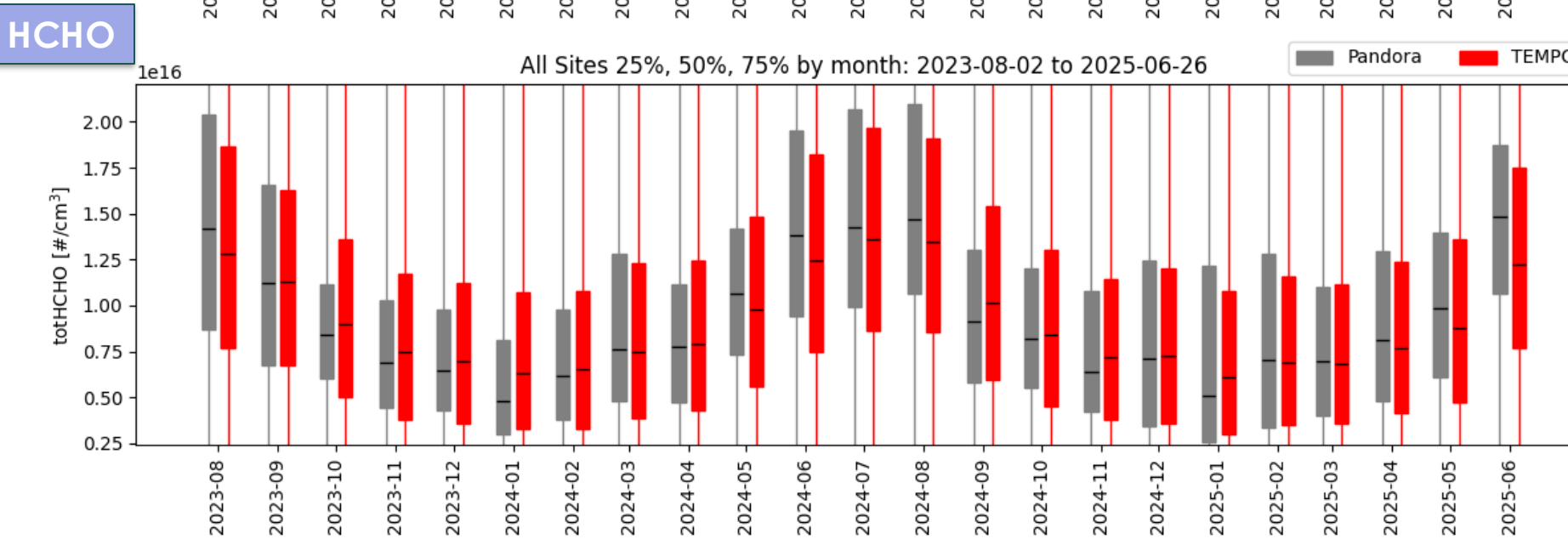


TEMPO vs. Pandora Across All Sites Per Month

Filter using
Cloud fraction < 15%
SZA < 70°



TEMPO **NO₂** captures Pandora seasonal pattern ($r=0.82$) with good bias (NMB=3%)



TEMPO **HCHO** captures seasonal pattern ($r=0.98$) with good bias (NMB=-3%)

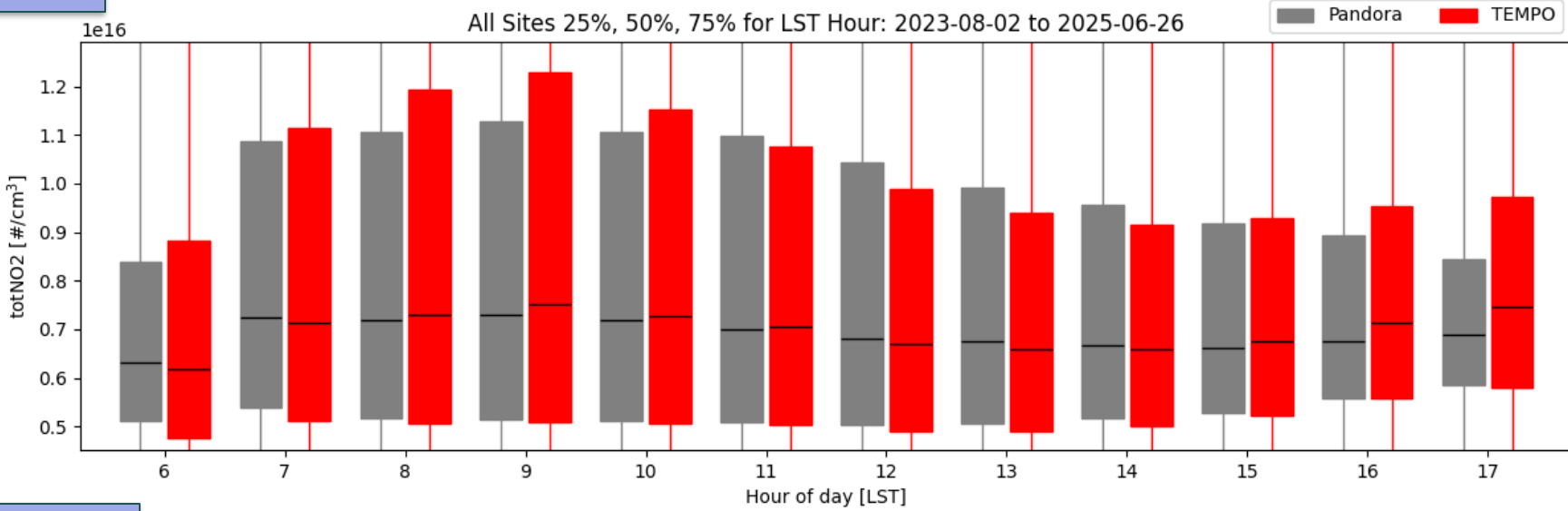


TEMPO vs. Pandora Across All Sites Per Hour of Day

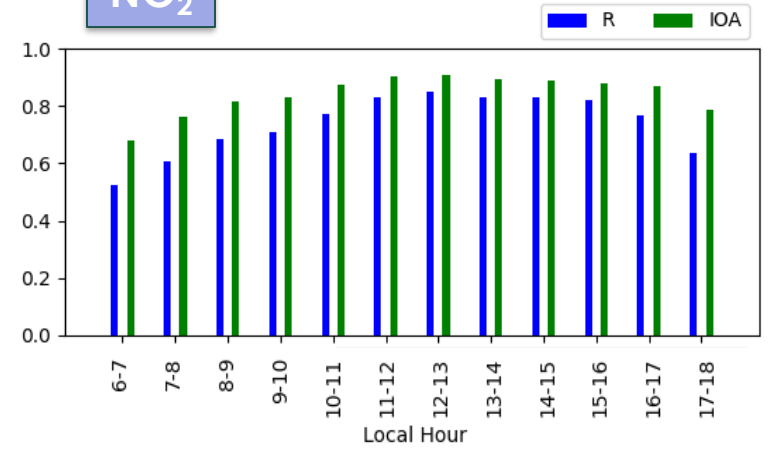
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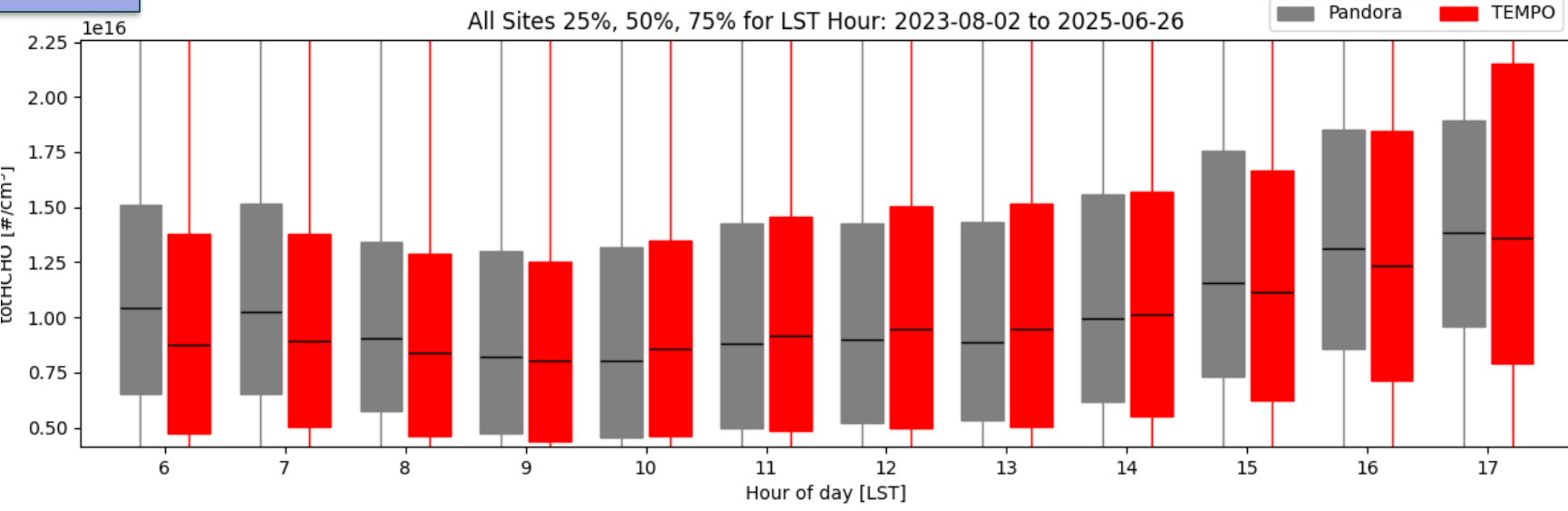
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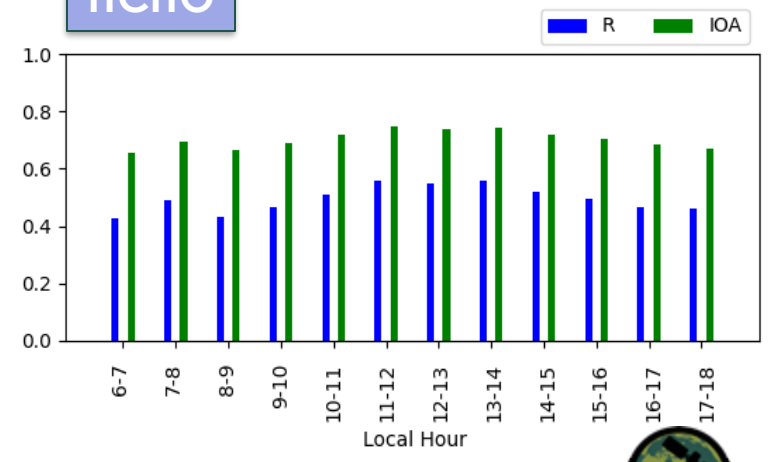
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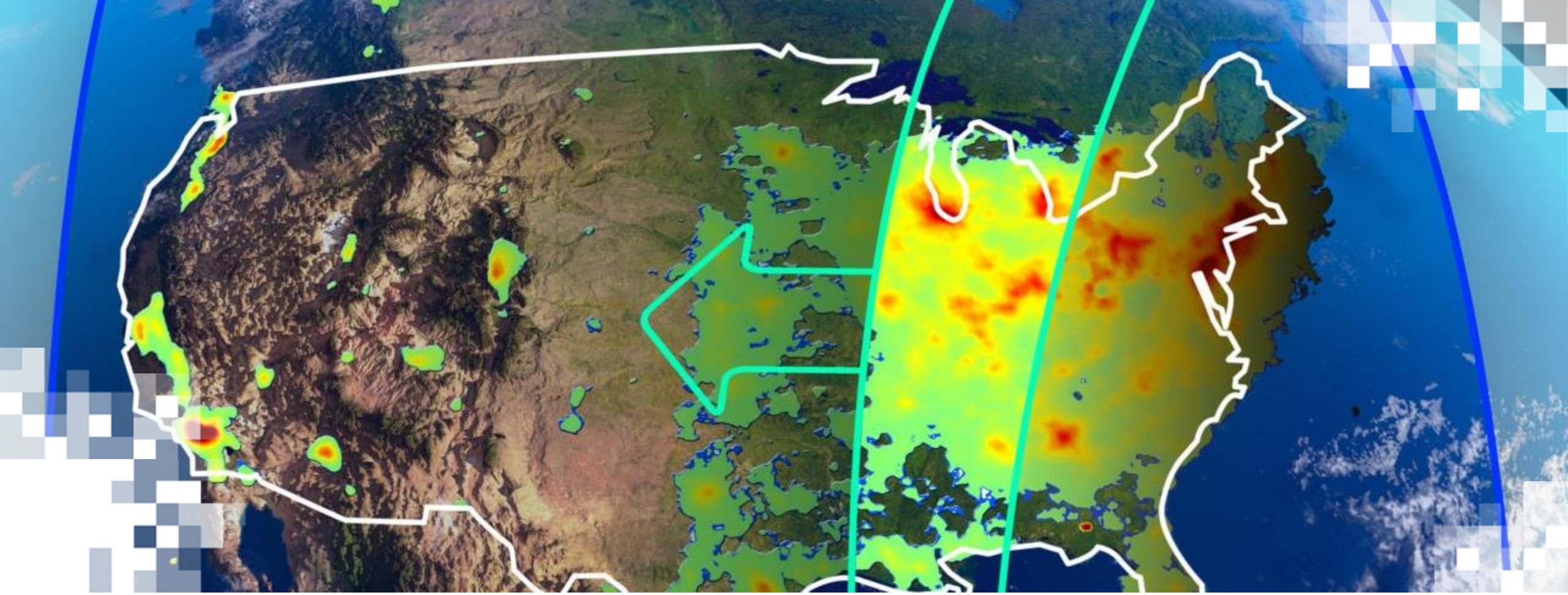


HCHO



HCHO





TEMPO Data Visualization in Worldview

Practice Visualizing TEMPO data in Worldview

- Open [NASA Worldview](#)
- Navigate to Los Angeles, California, USA on January 9, 2025
- Add Layers
 - Search for “TEMPO”
 - Add trace gas level 2 and 3 product layers
- [Direct Link to TEMPO trace gas data in Worldview](#)



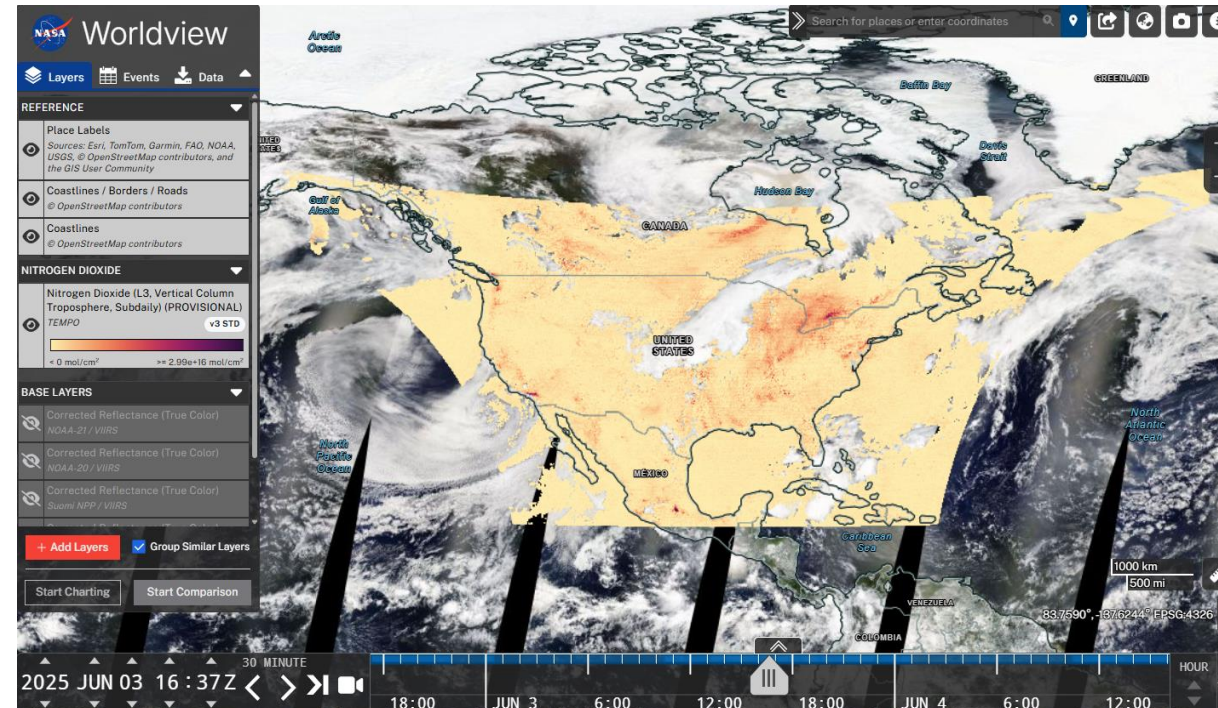
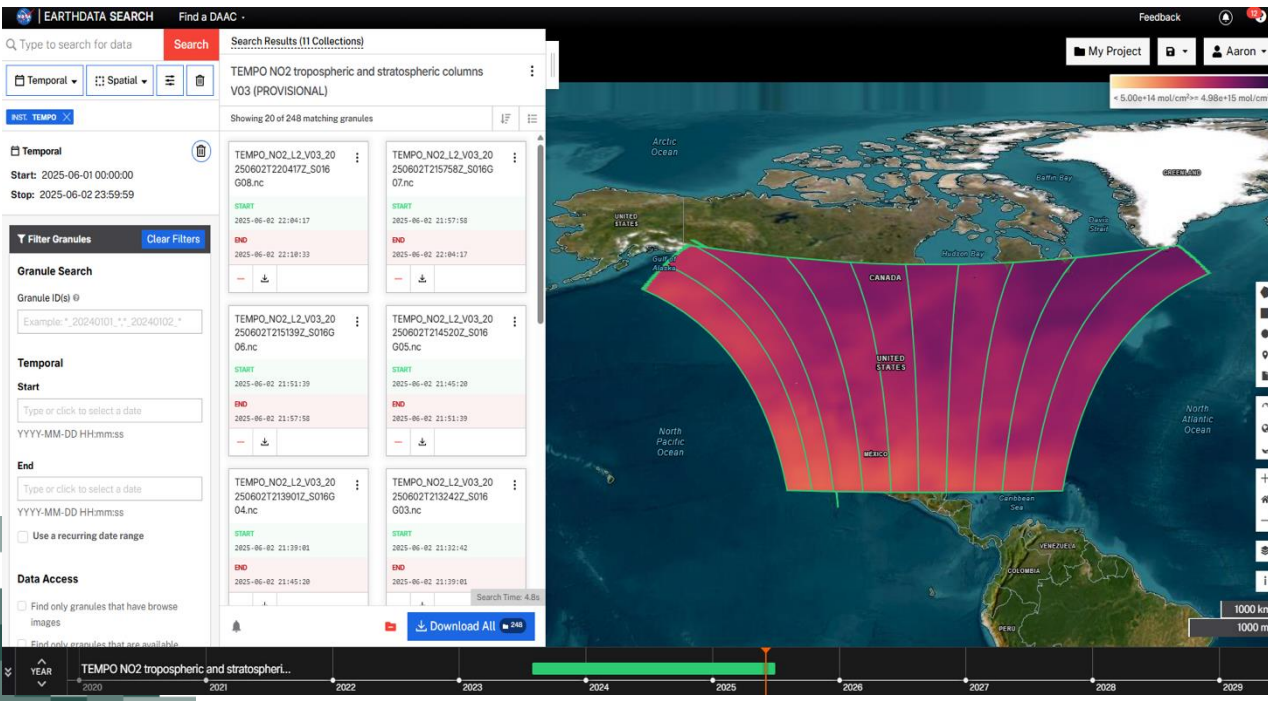
Data Access & Visualization Tools (1)

- List of data access, visualization tools, and user guides can be found at:
 - <https://asdc.larc.nasa.gov/project/TEMPO>
- NASA SPoRT Viewer provides TEMPO visualizations:
 - <https://weather.ndc.nasa.gov/sport/viewer>



Earthdata Search for Downloading TEMPO Data

Worldview for Visualizing TEMPO Data



Data Access & Visualization Tools (2)

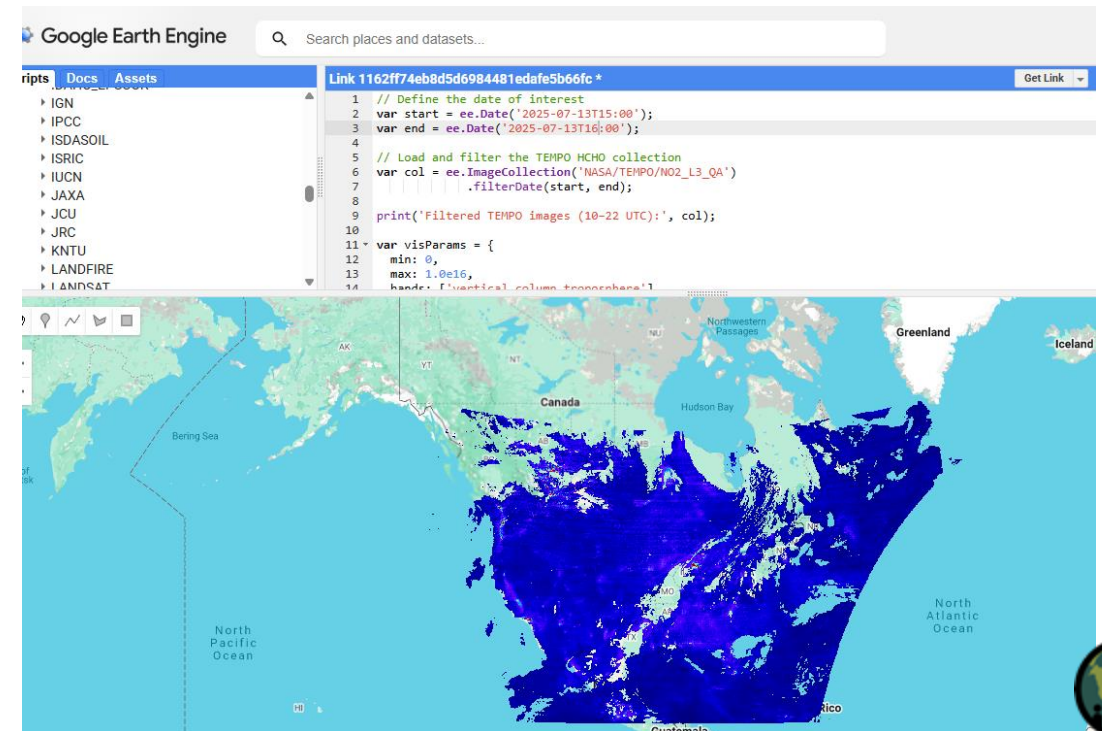
- NASA Living Atlas provides TEMPO visualizations:
 - <https://nasa.maps.arcgis.com/home/>
- Google Earth Engine provides TEMPO visualizations:
 - <https://developers.google.com/earth-engine/datasets/catalog/>

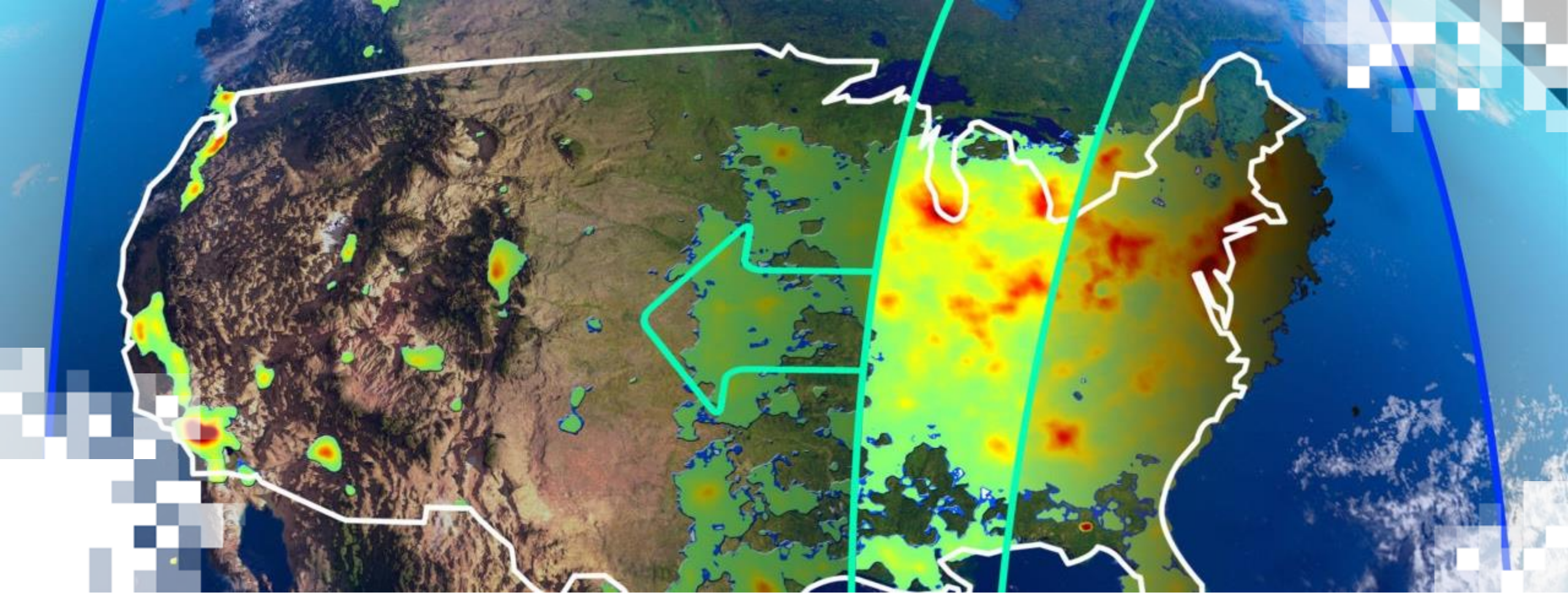


Living Atlas



Google Earth Engine





**Part 1:
Summary**

Summary of TEMPO Geostationary Trace Gas Products for Air Quality

- TEMPO's hyperspectral capability across ultraviolet to visible wavelengths enables retrieval of criteria trace gas pollutants in the troposphere at unprecedented spatial and temporal resolution across greater North America.
- TEMPO observes small-scale emission sources and fine-scale pollutant gradients that have not been adequately resolved by prior satellite missions.
- Its geostationary hourly daylight observations and special observation modes allow for monitoring rapidly evolving pollutants, supporting air quality analysis & forecasting.
- TEMPO's provisional NO₂ and HCHO products show overall good agreement to the Pandora validation network and TROPOMI data.
- O₃ profile product (currently in beta version) offers enhanced capabilities to monitor and characterize ozone concentrations in the tropospheric layer.
- NASA Worldview applies TEMPO quality assurance suitable for qualitative visualization.
- For quantitative analysis, users need to apply quality assurance variables to level 2 and 3 products, removing TEMPO data with larger errors or uncertainties from their analysis.
 - Using strict quality assurance tends to remove large NO₂ columns from wildland fire smoke.



Looking Ahead to Part 2

- Evaluate TEMPO trace gas products in Worldview to anticipate short-term air quality risks, such as high concentrations of ozone pre-cursors.
- Determine the spatial patterns, temporal trends, and likely sources of trace gases related to wildfire smoke and urban area air pollution events, using TEMPO data via Worldview.
 - Case 1: Colorado Front Range Fires and Ozone Exceedance Event
 - Case 2: Urban Air Quality Conditions and Major Pollution Sources in Eastern Texas



Homework and Certificates

- **Homework:**
 - One homework assignment
 - Opens on 01/22/2026
 - Access from the [training webpage](#)
 - Answers must be submitted via Google Forms
 - **Due by 02/05/2026**
- **Certificate of Completion:**
 - Attend both live instructor-led sessions (attendance is recorded automatically)
 - Complete the homework assignment by the deadline
 - You will receive a certificate via email approximately two months after completion of the course.



Contact Information

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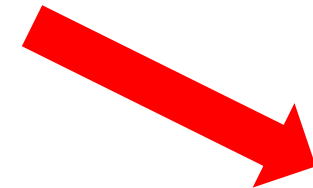
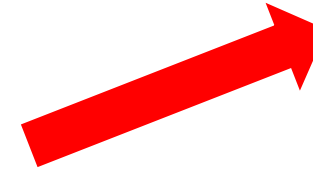
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- [ARSET Website](#)
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Resources

- NASA Worldview for Visualizations of TEMPO and OMI:
 - <https://worldview.earthdata.nasa.gov/>
- Google Earth Engine for Visualizations of TEMPO and TROPOMI:
 - <https://developers.google.com/earth-engine/datasets/catalog/>
- Copernicus Data Space Ecosystem for Visualizations of TROPOMI:
 - <https://dataspace.copernicus.eu/explore-data/data-collections/sentinel-data/sentinel-5p>
- TEMPO Validation Results:
 - <https://gaftp.epa.gov/Air/aqmg/bhenders/share/TEMPO/>
- TEMPO Green Paper (Living document of proposed TEMPO experiments):
 - <https://weather.ndc.nasa.gov/tempo/publications/TEMPO-Green-Paper.pdf>





Thank You!

