

# Advancing our understanding of global tropospheric ozone changes – The Tropospheric Ozone Assessment Report

with focus on TOAR-II

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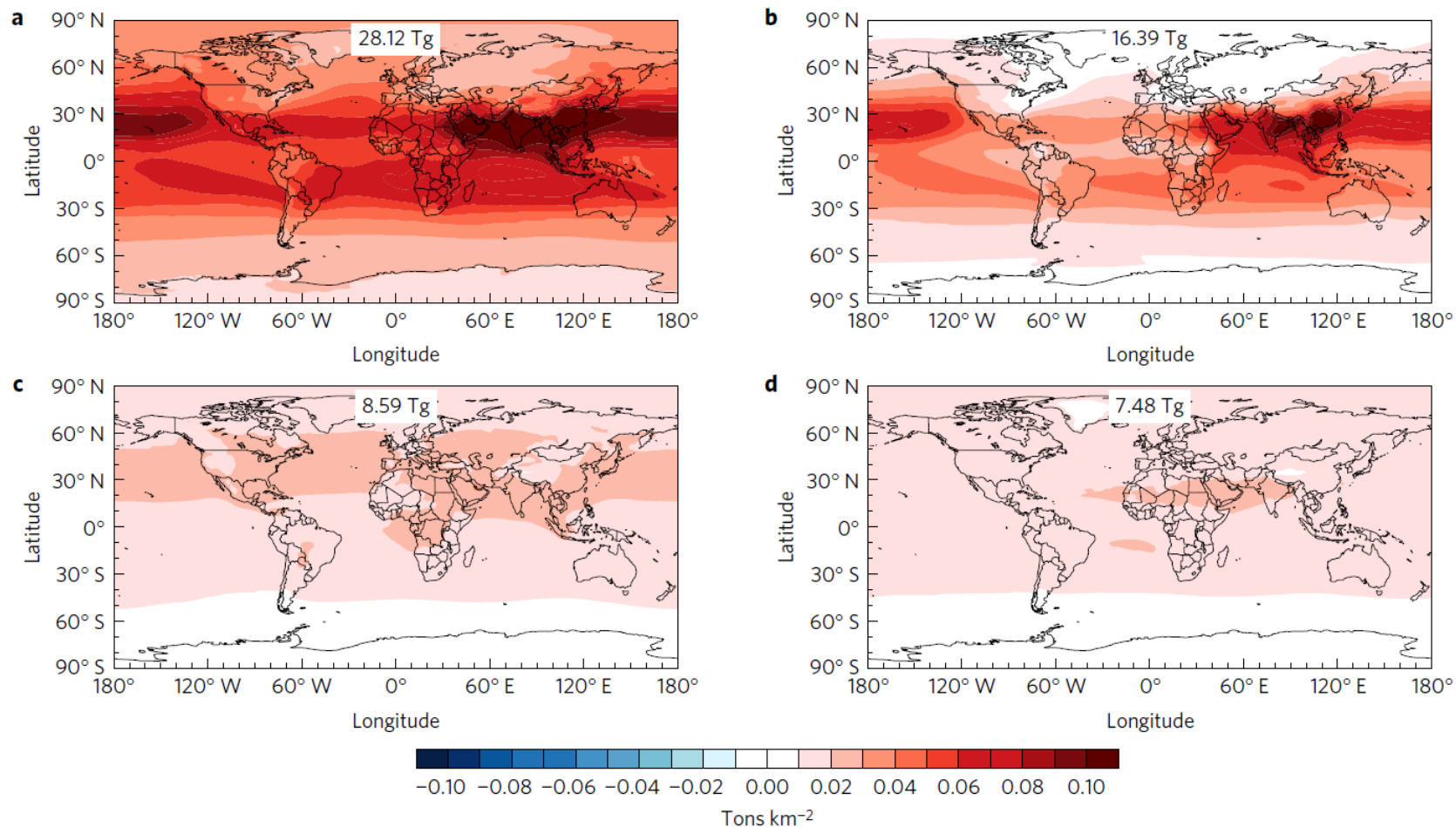
# Tropospheric ozone change from 1980 to 2010 dominated by equatorward redistribution of emissions

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**The global tropospheric ozone burden increased by 9% from 1980 to 2010.**

Half of the increase was due to the increase of emissions.

The other half was caused by the equatorward shift of emissions.



**Figure 2 | Spatial distributions for  $\Delta B_{O_3}$  ( $\text{tons km}^{-2}$ ) from 1980 to 2010. a, Total changes from 1980 to 2010. b-d, Influences of changes in the global emissions spatial distribution (b), the global emissions magnitude (c), and global  $\text{CH}_4$  mixing ratio (d).**

# What is TOAR?

The „Tropospheric Ozone Assessment Report“ has been created by more than 230 scientists from 36 countries to:

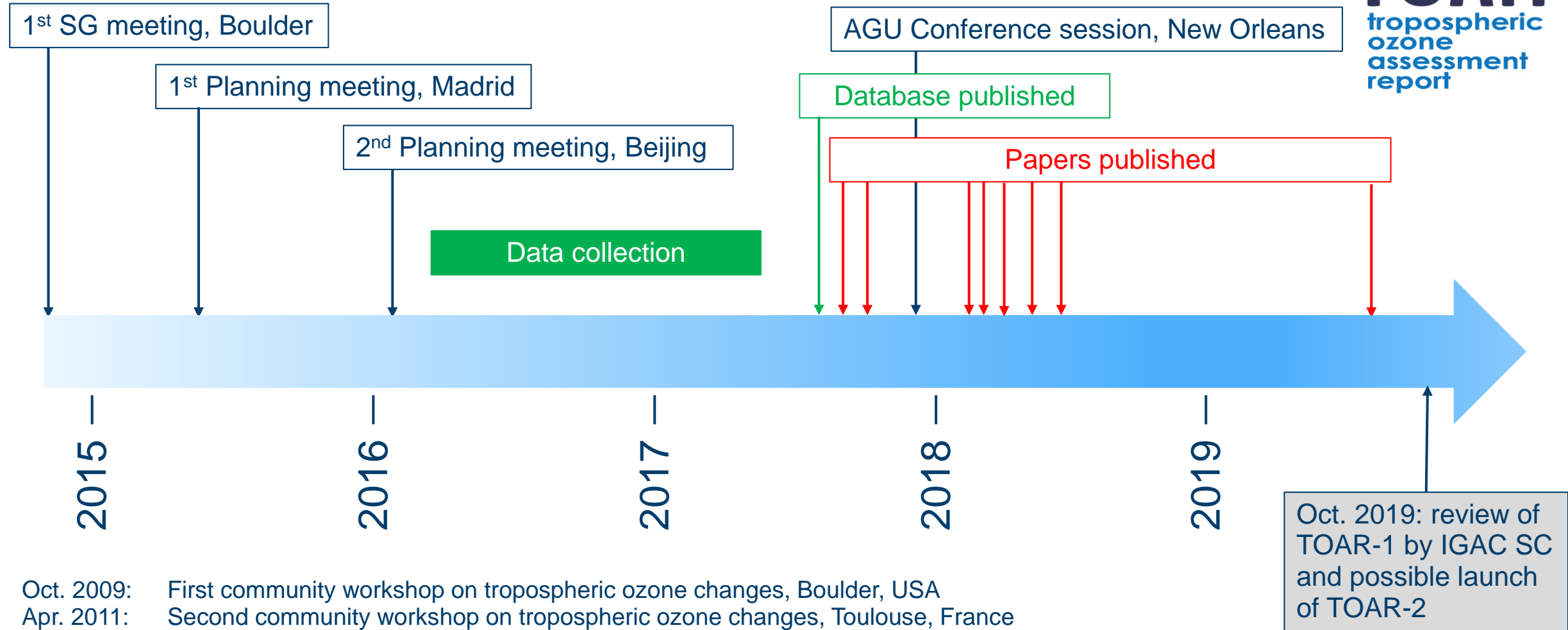
1. Produce the first tropospheric ozone assessment report based on the peer-reviewed literature and new analyses.
2. Generate easily accessible, documented data on ozone exposure and dose metrics at thousands of measurement sites around the world (urban and non-urban), freely accessible for research on the global-scale impact of ozone on climate, human health and crop/ecosystem productivity.

**Web link:** <http://www.igacproject.org/activities/TOAR>



# TOAR Timeline

**TOAR**  
tropospheric  
ozone  
assessment  
report



Oct. 2009: First community workshop on tropospheric ozone changes, Boulder, USA  
Apr. 2011: Second community workshop on tropospheric ozone changes, Toulouse, France



# TOAR Publications



Schultz, MG, et al 2017 Tropospheric Ozone Assessment Report: Data and metrics data of global surface ozone observations. *Elem Sci Anth* 5: 58. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1525/elementa.244>

## RESEARCH ARTICLE

### Tropospheric Ozone Assessment Report: Database and metrics data of global surface ozone observations

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Young, PJ, et al. 2018 Tropospheric Ozone Assessment Report: Assessment of global-scale model performance for global and regional ozone distributions, variability, and trends. *Elem Sci Anth*, 6: 10. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1525/elementa.265>

## REVIEW

### Tropospheric Ozone Assessment Report: Assessment of global-scale model performance for global and regional ozone distributions, variability, and trends

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The goal of the Tropospheric Ozone Assessment Report (TOAR) is to provide the research community with an up-to-date scientific assessment of tropospheric ozone, from the surface to the tropopause. While a suite of observations provides significant information on the spatial and temporal distribution of tropospheric ozone, observational gaps make it necessary to use global atmospheric chemistry models to synthesize our understanding of the processes and variables that control tropospheric ozone abundance and its variability. Models facilitate the interpretation of the observations and allow us to make projections of future tropospheric ozone and trace gas distributions for different anthropogenic or natural perturbations. This paper assesses the skill of current-generation global atmospheric chemistry models in simulating the observed present-day tropospheric ozone distribution, variability, and trends. Drawing upon the results of recent international multi-model intercomparisons and using a range of model evaluation techniques, we demonstrate that global chemistry models are broadly skillful in capturing the spatio-temporal variations of tropospheric ozone over the seasonal cycle, for extreme pollution episodes, and changes over interannual to decadal periods. However, models are consistently biased high in the northern hemisphere and biased low in the southern hemisphere, throughout the depth of the troposphere, and are unable to replicate particular metrics that define the longer term trends in tropospheric ozone as derived from some background sites. When the models compare unfavorably against observations, we discuss the potential causes of model biases and propose directions for future developments, including improved evaluations that may be able to better diagnose the root cause of the model-observation

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critically, including determining whether the model used, whether biases can be tolerated or corrected, whether there is a way to satisfactorily quantify



Chang, K-L, et al 2017 Regional trend analysis of surface ozone monitoring networks in eastern North America, Europe and East Asia. *Elem Sci Anth*, 5: 50. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1525/elementa.243>

## RESEARCH ARTICLE

### Regional trend analysis of surface ozone observations from monitoring networks in eastern North America, Europe and East Asia

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Surface ozone is a greenhouse gas and pollutant detrimental to human health and crop productivity. The Tropospheric Ozone Assessment Report (TOAR) is designed to provide the research community with an up-to-date observation-based overview of tropospheric ozone's global distribution and trends. The TOAR Surface Ozone Database contains ozone metrics at thousands of monitoring sites around the world, densely clustered across mid-latitude North America, western Europe,



Gaudel, A, et al. 2018. Tropospheric Ozone Assessment Report: Present-day tropospheric ozone distribution and trends relevant to human health. *Elem Sci Anth*, 6: 39. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1525/elementa.273>

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The Tropospheric Ozone Assessment Report (TOAR) is an activity of the International Global Tropospheric Ozone Assessment Project. This paper is a component of the report, focusing on the present-day tropospheric ozone distribution and trends of tropospheric ozone relevant to climate and global atmospheric chemistry model evaluation. Utilizing the TOAR surface ozone database, several figures present the global distribution of tropospheric ozone at 2702 non-urban monitoring sites, highlighting the regions and sites with the greatest ozone levels. Similarly, ozonesonde and commercial aircraft observations provide a detailed view of ozone's distribution throughout the depth of the free troposphere. Long-term surface observations from a limited number of sites indicate that ozone trends in the lower troposphere are generally greater than during the 1970s and 1980s. While some remote sites and many heavily polluted regions of East Asia show ozone increases since 2000, many others show decreases. There is no clear global pattern for surface ozone changes since 2000. Two new satellite products provide detailed views of ozone in the lower troposphere across East Asia and Europe, revealing that



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## RESEARCH ARTICLE

### Tropospheric ozone assessment report: Global ozone metrics for climate change, human health, and crop/ecosystem research

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## RESEARCH ARTICLE

### Tropospheric Ozone Assessment Report: Present-day tropospheric ozone distribution and trends relevant to vegetation

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This Tropospheric Ozone Assessment Report (TOAR) on the current state of knowledge of ozone metrics of relevance to vegetation (*TOAR-Vegetation*) reports on present-day global distribution of ozone at over 3300 vegetated sites and the long-term trends at nearly 1200 sites. *TOAR-Vegetation* focusses on three metrics over vegetation-relevant time-periods across major world climatic zones: M12, the mean ozone during 08:00-19:59; AOT40, the accumulation of hourly mean ozone values over 40 ppb during daylight hours, and W126 with stronger weighting to higher hourly mean values, accumulated during 08:00-19:59. Although the density of measurement stations is highly variable across regions, in general, the highest ozone values (mean, 2010-14) are in mid-latitudes of the northern hemisphere, including southern USA, the Mediterranean basin, northern India, north, north-west and east China, the Republic of Korea and

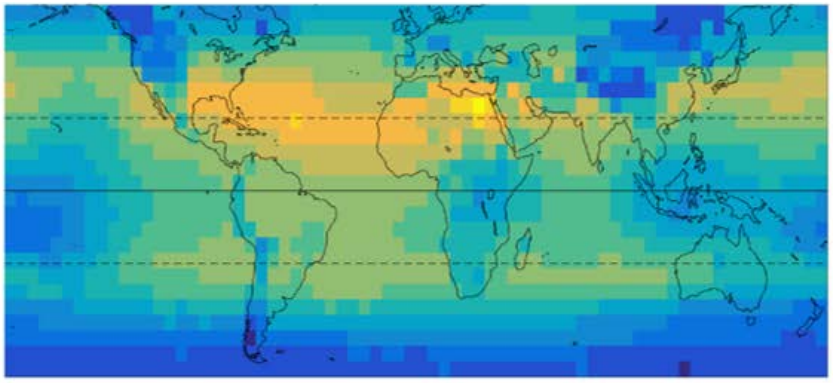
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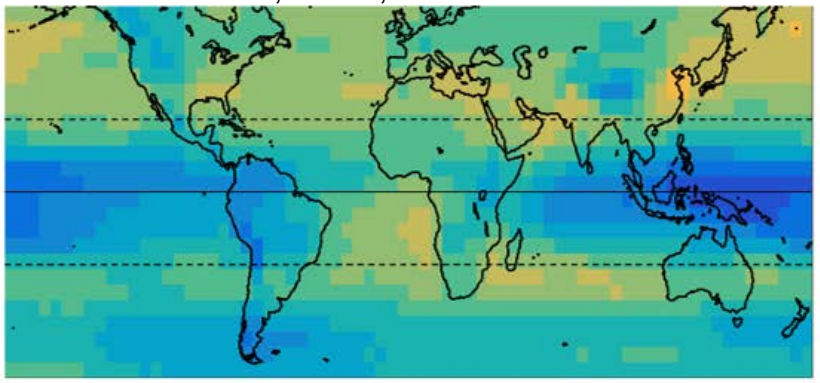
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# First intercomparison of satellite-detected tropospheric column ozone

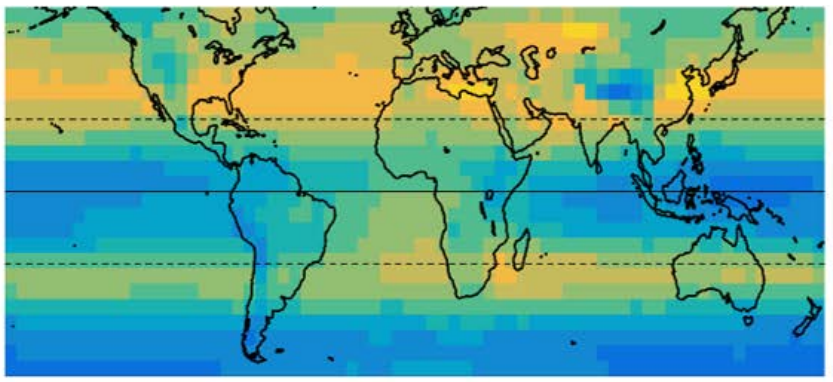
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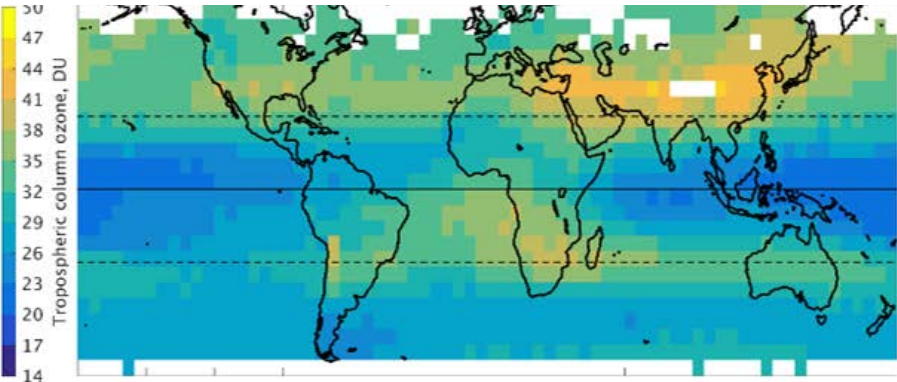
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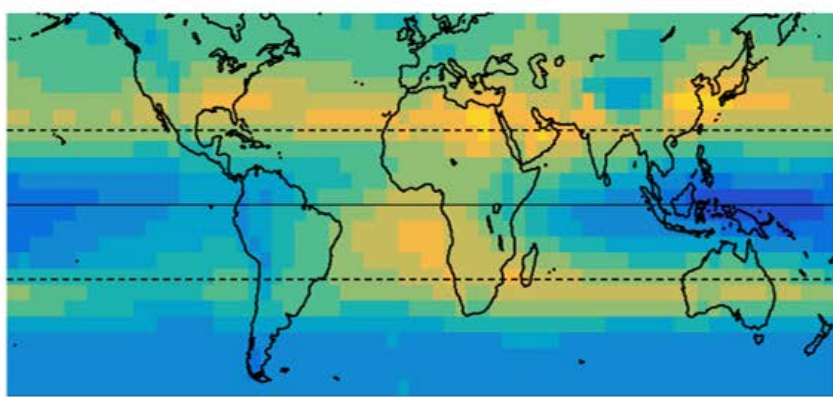
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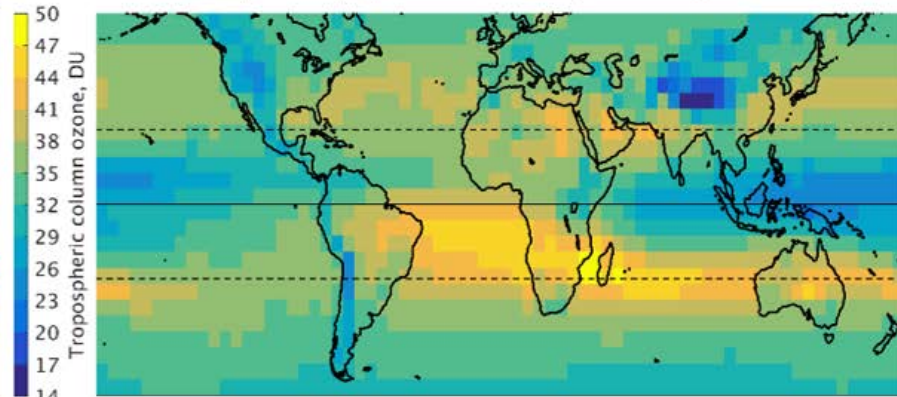
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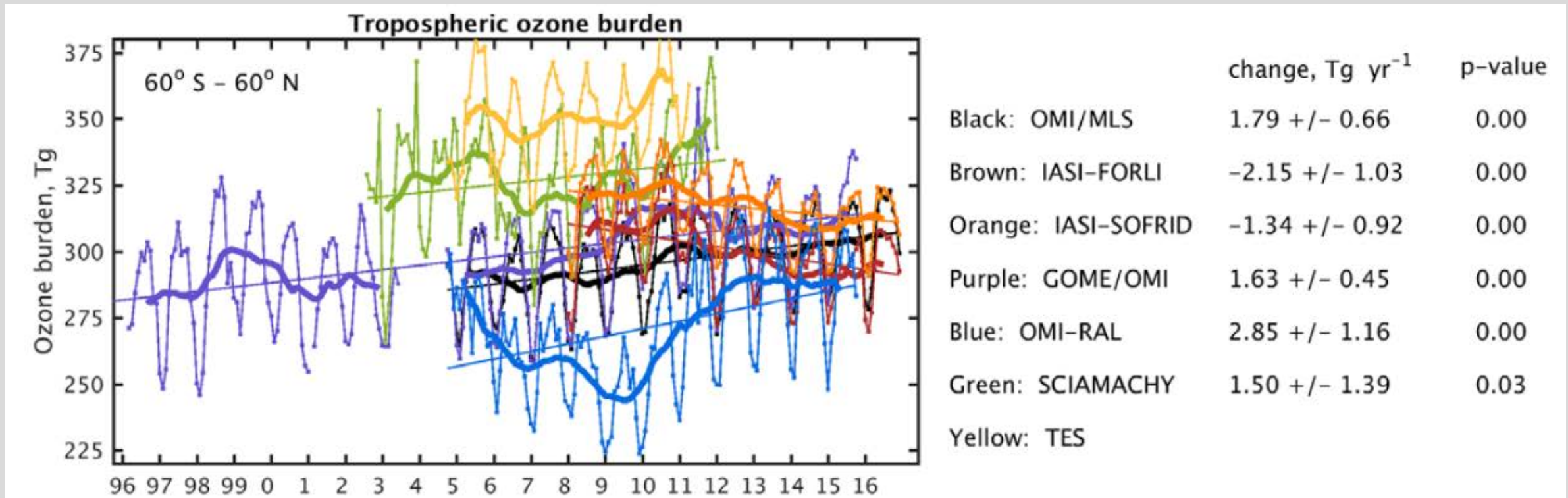


All annual products show similar features, but with varying intensity.

Figure from Gaudel et al. (2018), <https://doi.org/10.1525/elementa.291>



# Tropospheric column ozone trends

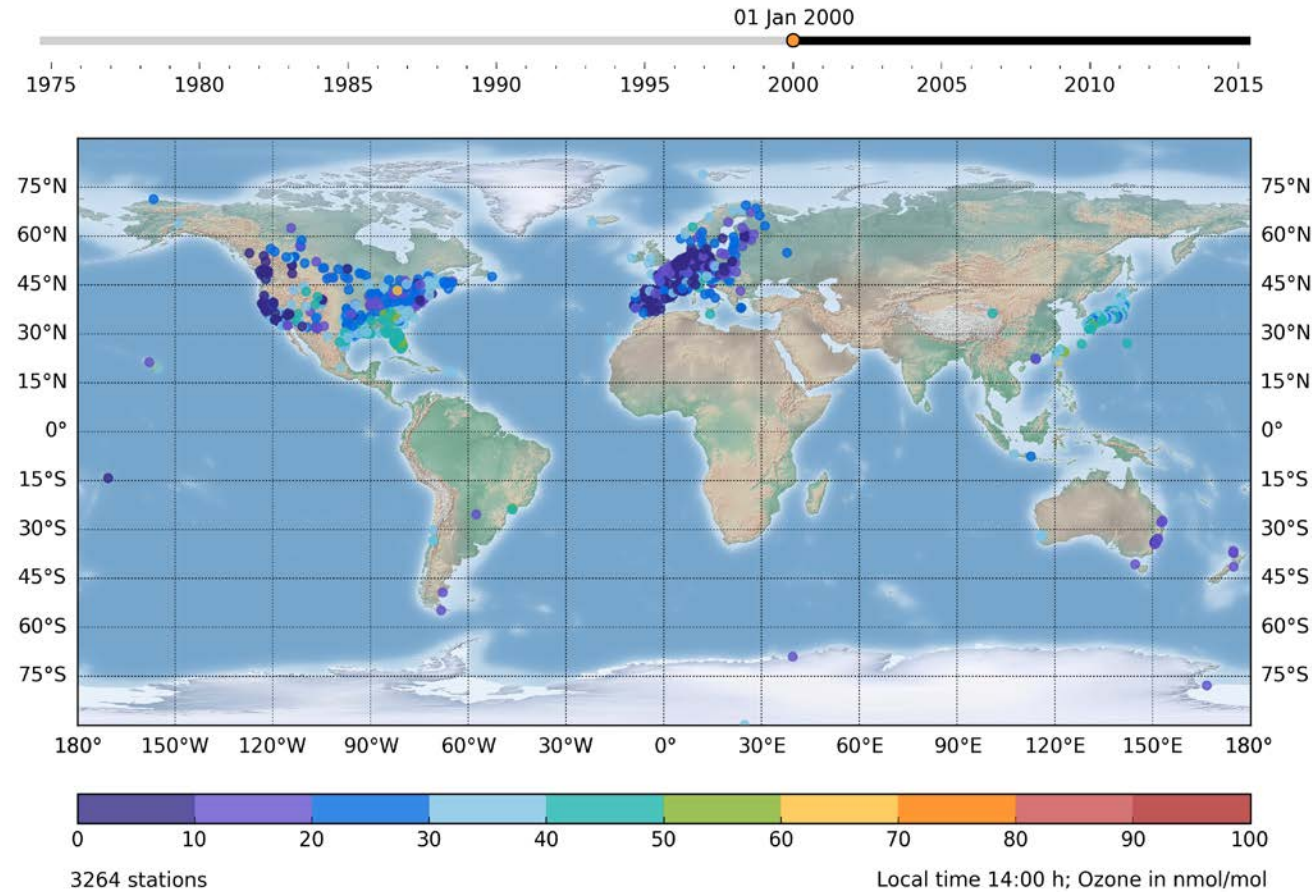


Satellite estimated ozone burden, 60° S – 60° N: **300 ± 12 Tg**

ACCMIP model ensemble estimate, 60° S – 60° N: **299 ± 21 Tg**



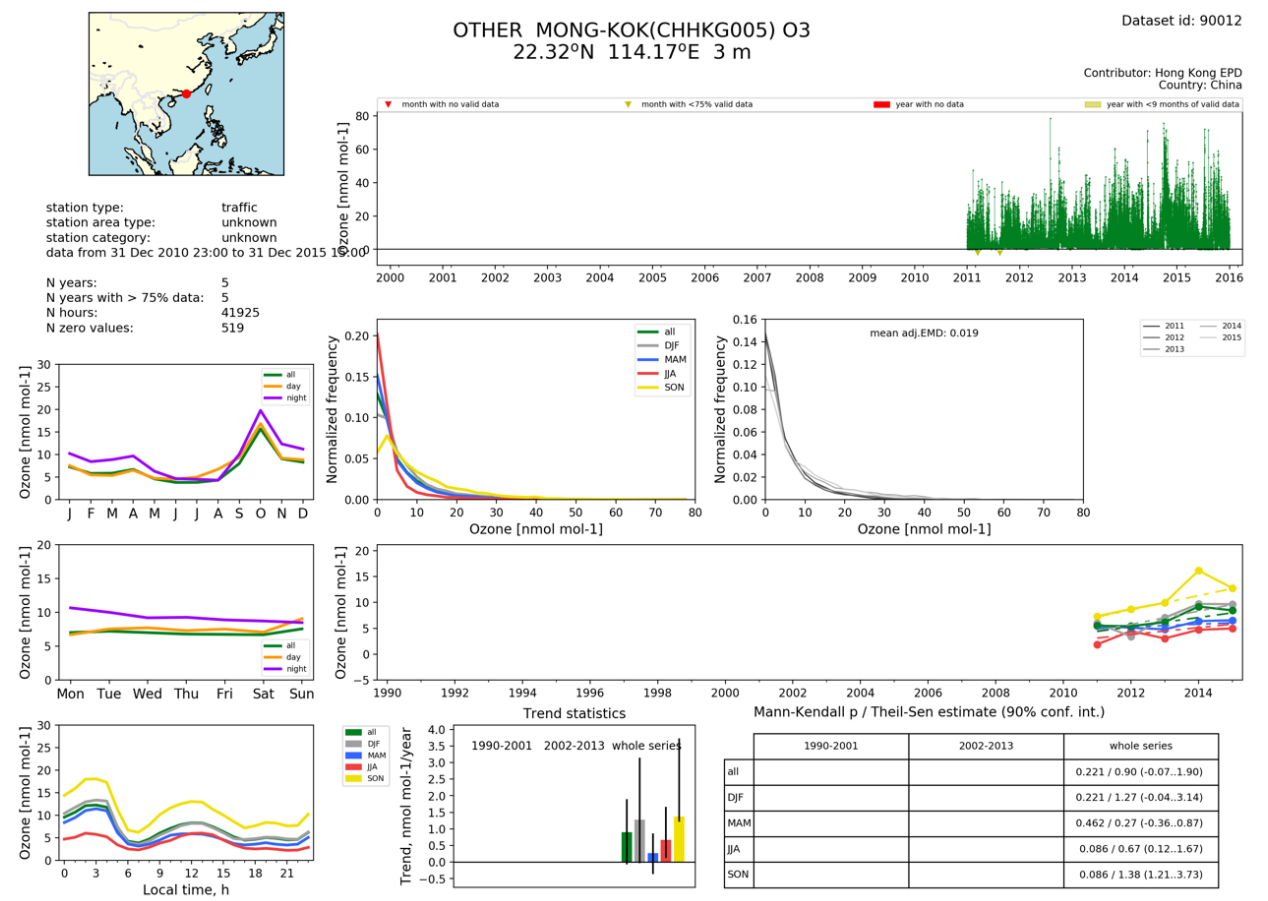
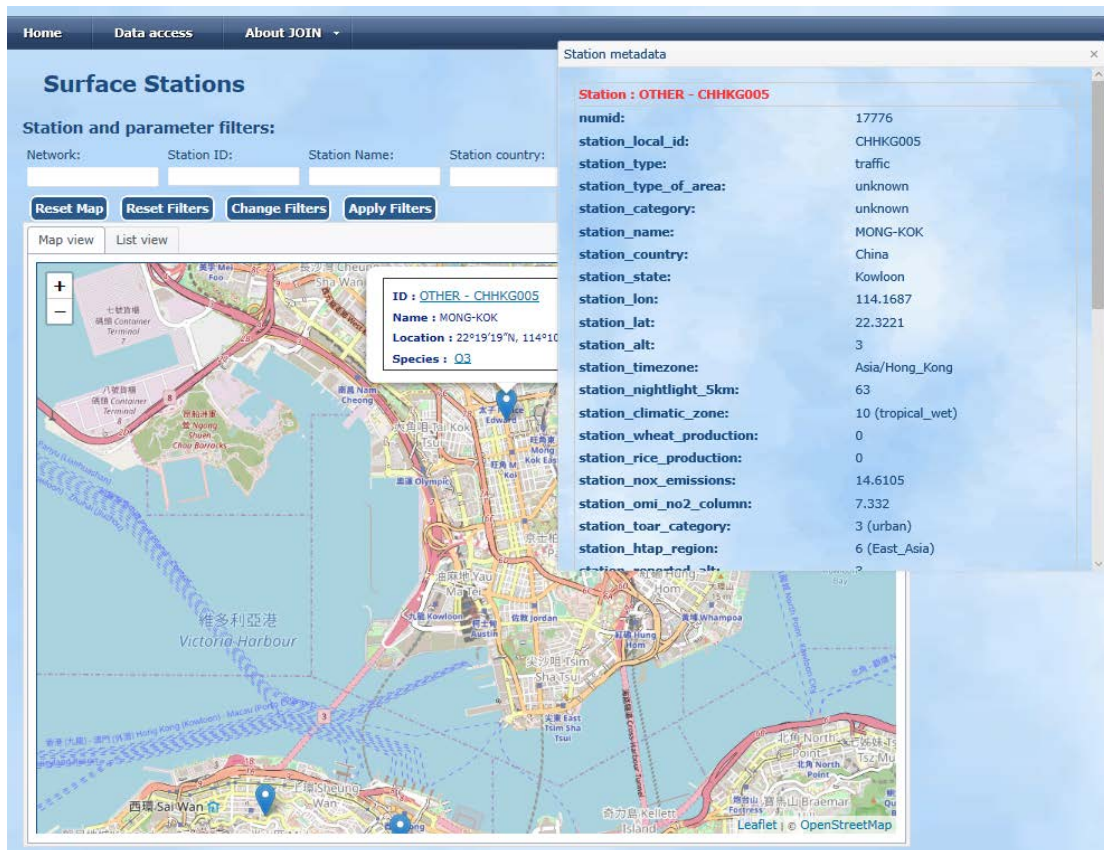
# The TOAR database



as of 06 August 2019:  
**12,795 Ozone data series**  
**at 10,002 stations**

*Precursors and meteorology:*  
9278 data series NO<sub>2</sub>  
6253 data series NO  
396 data series PM10  
2744 data series CO  
7560 data series temperature

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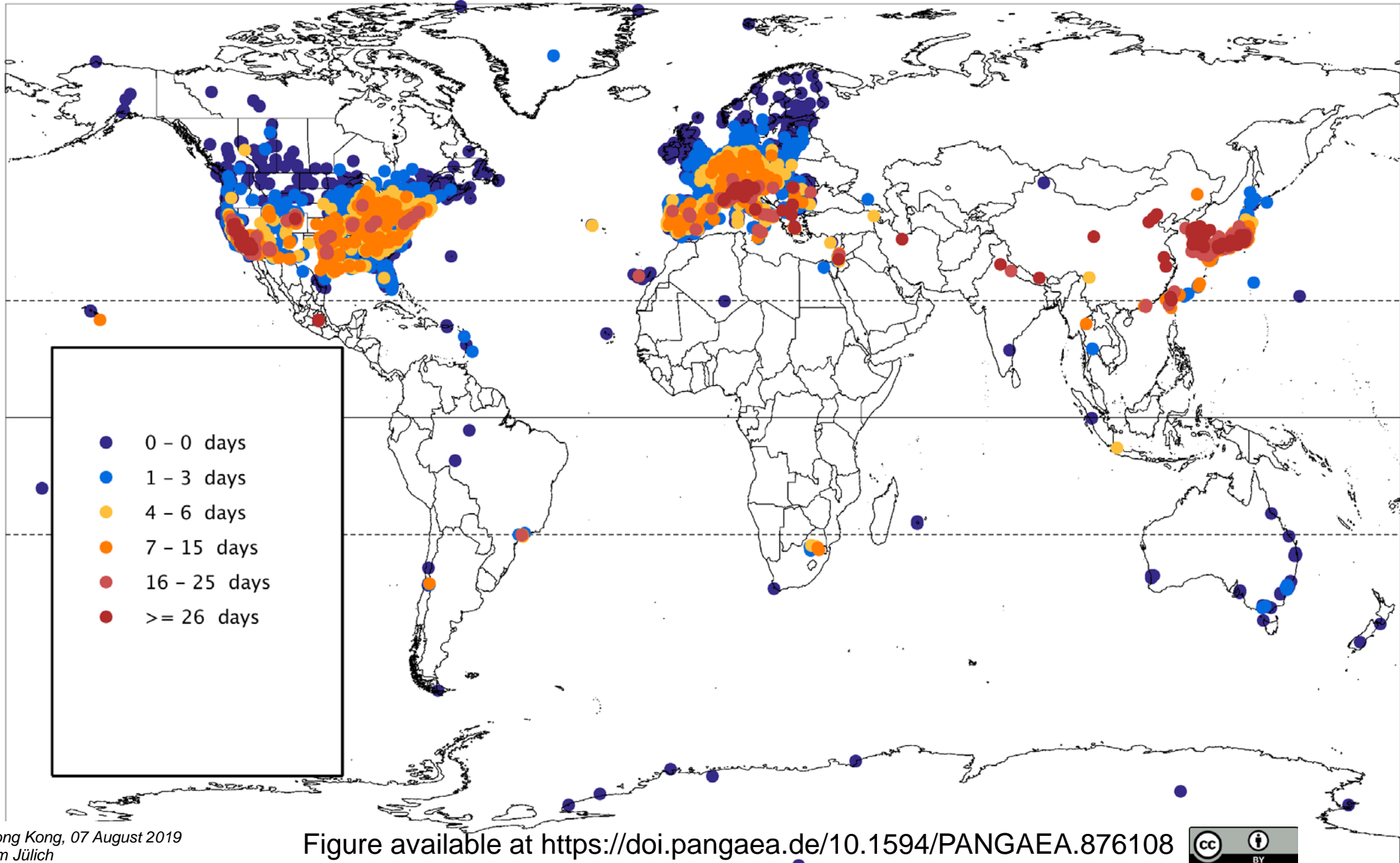
Figure: M.G. Schultz





**One example of a TOAR surface ozone metric**

Days per year that dma8 ozone exceeds 70 ppb, summer  
nvgt070 ozone, 2010-2014 (minimum 3 years): 4801 all sites  
Data extracted on: 2016-10-24

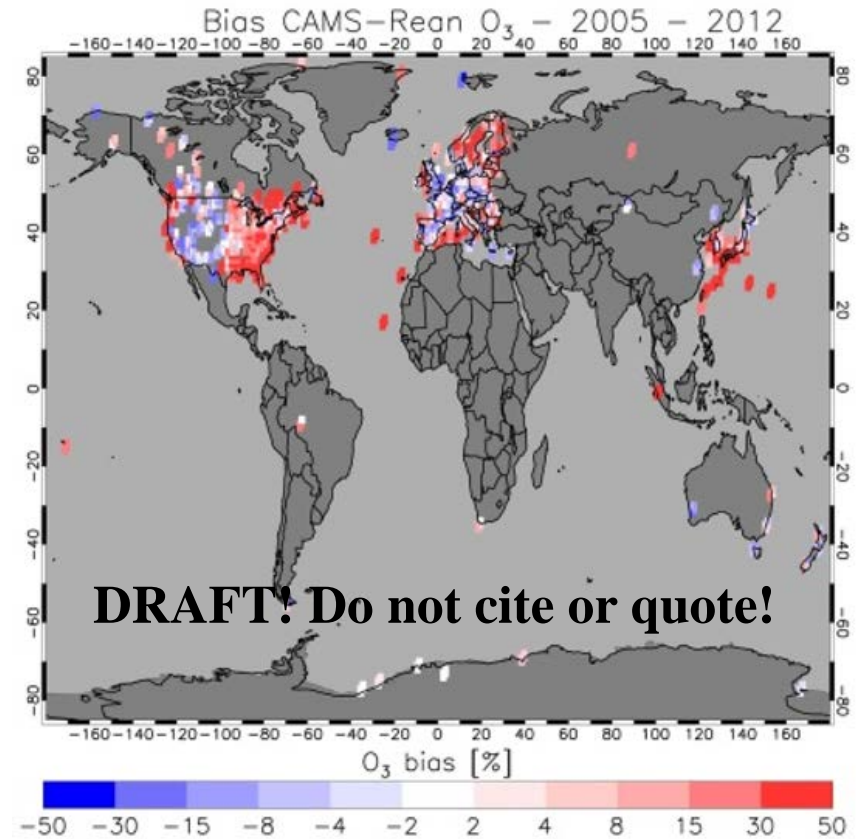
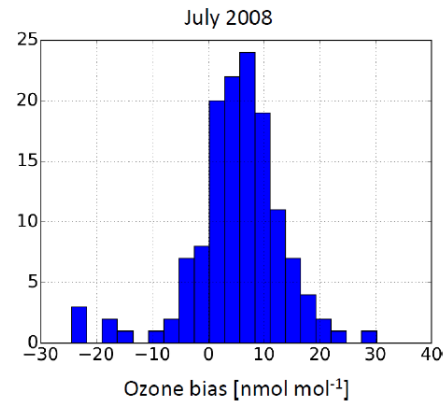
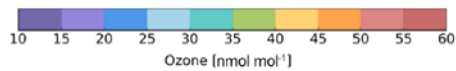
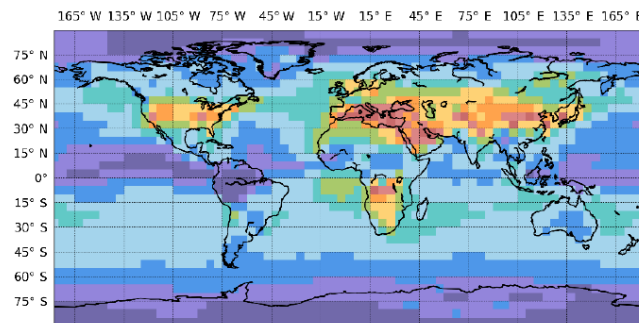
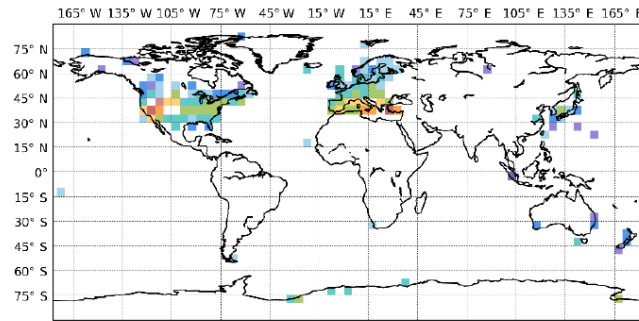


# Applications and ongoing developments

# Use of TOAR data in model evaluation

## ECHAM-HAMMOZ

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# Regional analyses – especially China



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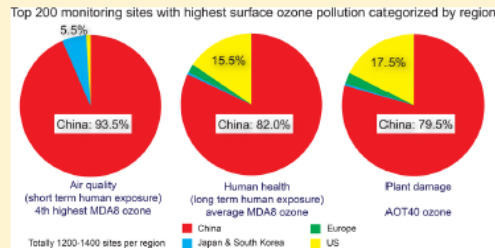
## Severe Surface Ozone Pollution in China: A Global Perspective

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### Supporting Information

**ABSTRACT:** The nationwide extent of surface ozone pollution in China and its comparison to the global ozone distribution have not been recognized because of the scarcity of Chinese monitoring sites before 2012. Here we address this issue by using the latest 5 year (2013–2017) surface ozone measurements from the Chinese monitoring network, combined with the recent Tropospheric Ozone Assessment Report (TOAR) database for other industrialized regions such as Japan, South Korea, Europe, and the United States (JKEU). We use various human health and vegetation exposure metrics. We find that although the median ozone values are comparable between Chinese and JKEU cities, the magnitude and frequency of high-ozone events are much larger in China. The national warm-season (April–September) fourth highest daily maximum 8 h average (4MDA8) ozone level (86.0 ppb) and the number of days with MDA8 values of >70 ppb (NDGT70, 29.7 days) in China are 6.3–30% (range of regional mean differences) and 93–575% higher, respectively, than the JKEU regional averages. Health exposure metrics such as warm-season mean MDA8 and annual SOMO35 (sum of ozone means over 35 ppb) are 6.3–16 and 25–95% higher in China, respectively. We also find an increase in the surface ozone level over China in 2016 and 2017 relative to 2013 and 2014. Our results show that on the regional scale the exposure of humans and vegetation to ozone is greater in China than in other developed regions of the world with comprehensive ozone monitoring.



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## Ozone pollution in China: A review of concentrations, meteorological influences, chemical precursors, and effects



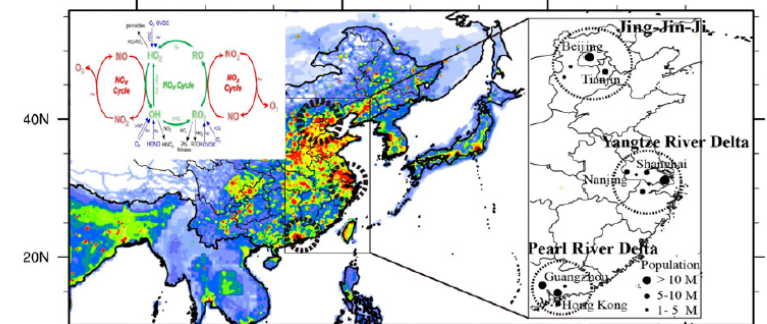
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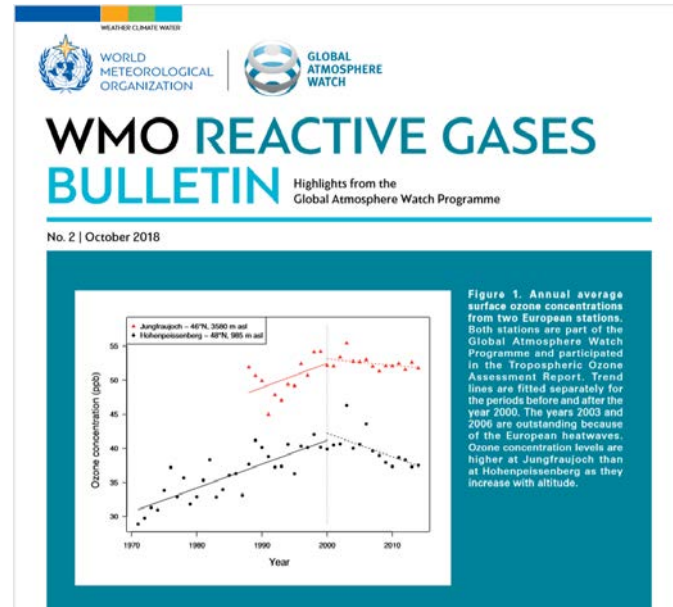
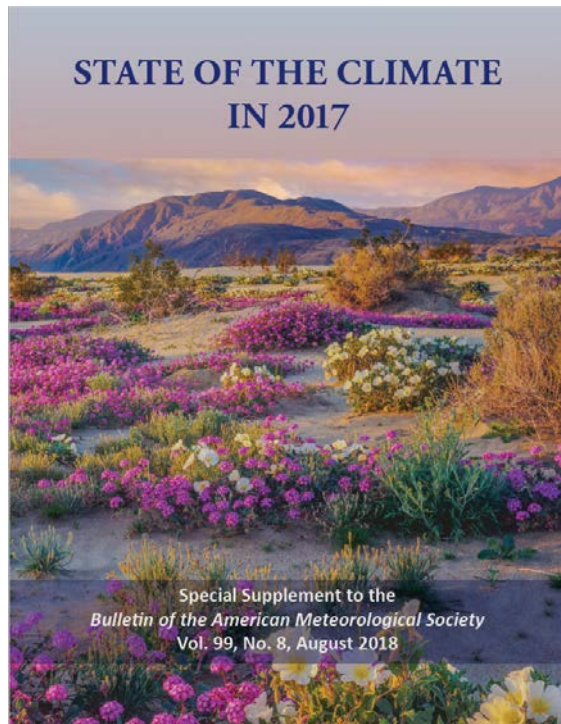
### HIGHLIGHTS

- Studies of atmospheric ozone in urban and rural areas of China are reviewed.
- Topics include abundance, chemical and meteorological processes, and effects.
- Available data reveals serious and worsening ozone pollution in major areas of China.
- Data from national network are needed to get a full picture of ozone pollution and to evaluate its impact.
- Strategies for control ozone precursors need to be developed.

### GRAPHICAL ABSTRACT



... and more ...



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The composition of the air we breathe is determined by emissions, weather, and photochemical transformations induced by solar UV radiation. Photochemical reactions of many emitted chemical compounds can generate important (secondary) pollutants including ground-level ozone (O<sub>3</sub>) and some particulate matter, known to be detrimental to human health and ecosystems. Poor air quality is the major environmental cause of premature deaths globally, and even a small decrease

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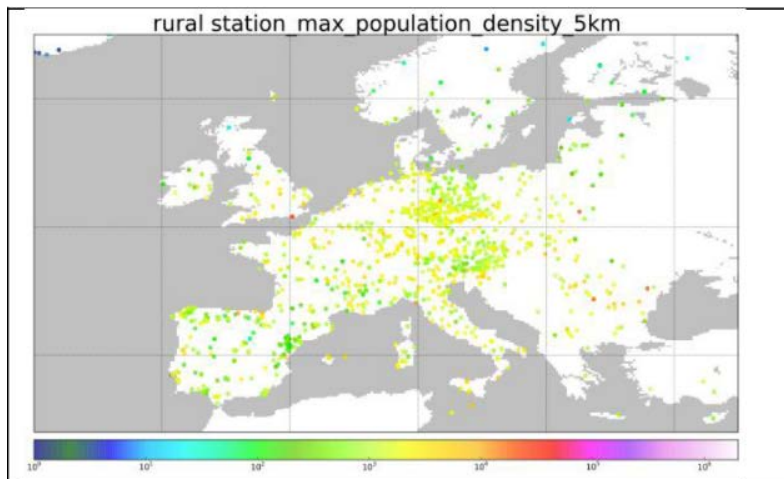
### PRIMARY RESEARCH ARTICLE

## Ozone pollution will compromise efforts to increase global wheat production

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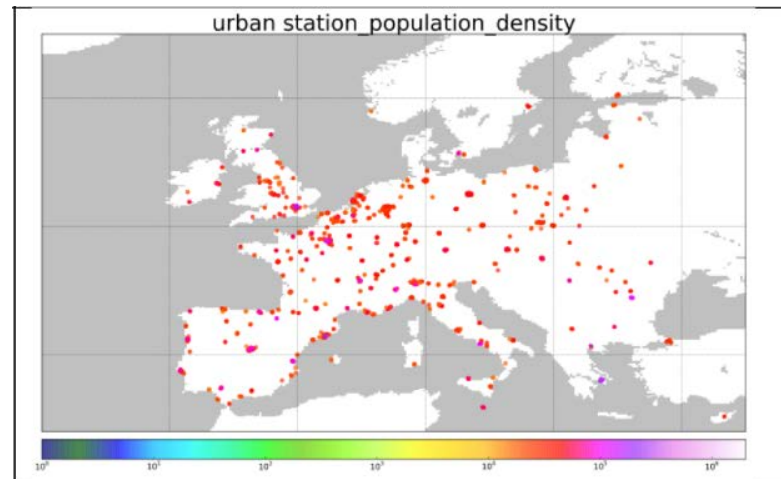
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# @Jülich: Improve globally consistent site classification based on EO data



Sites in Europe classified as „rural“

*omi\_no2\_column* <= 8  
*AND* *nightlight\_5km* <= 25  
*AND* *population\_density* <= 3000  
*AND* *max\_population\_density\_5km* <= 30000  
*AND* *google\_alt* <= 1500  
*AND* *etopo\_relative\_alt* <= 500



Sites in Europe classified as „urban“

*population\_density* > 1500  
*AND* *nightlight\_1km* >= 60  
*AND* *max\_nightlight\_25km* = 63

Use clustering to obtain  
objective grouping of  
stations ...  
(PhD thesis Lukas Leufen)

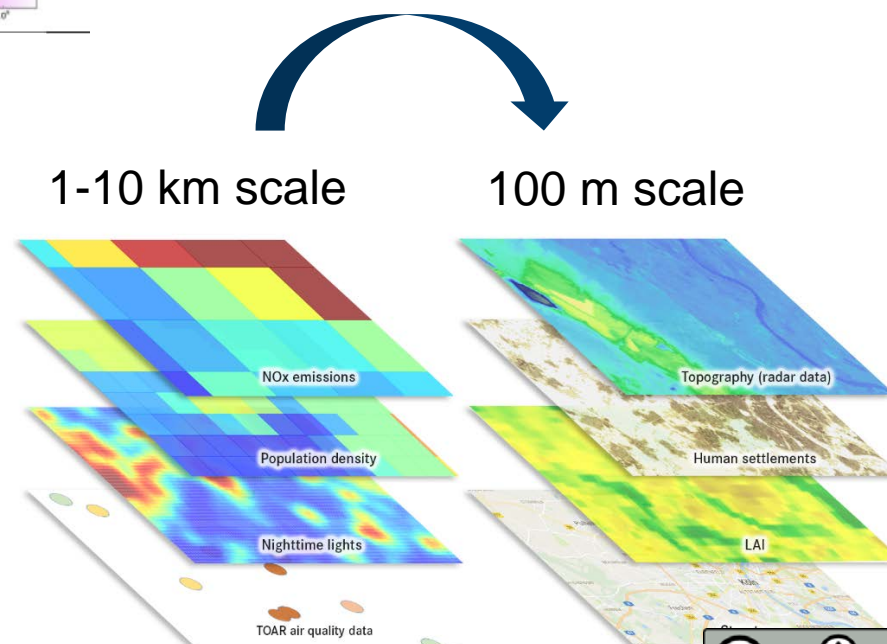
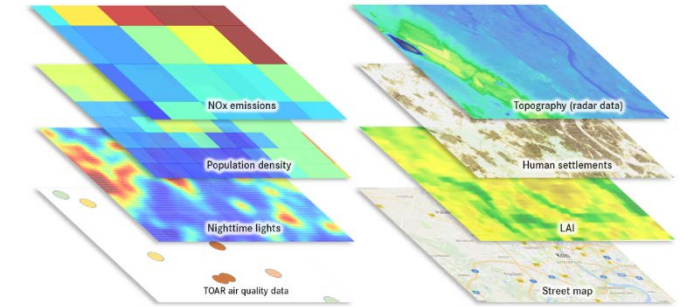


Figure: M.G. Schultz

# @Jülich: Extend geographic information use

Provide location-specific geodata as a REST service

Example: /location/population\_density/



?lon=6.5&lat=50.3  
→ value at location

?lon=6.5&lat=50.3&stats=max&radius=25  
→ maximum value within 25 km radius

?lon=6.5&lat=50.3&stats=mean&radius=25&direction=WNW  
→ mean value in WNW sector within 25 km radius

?lon=6.5&lat=50.3&stats=mean&radius=40&by\_sector=True  
→ mean value in all 16 wind sectors within 40 km radius

*Status: in preparation – code available for climatic zones, HTAP regions, major roads, NOx emissions, NO2 columns, population density, rice roduction, wheat production, stable nighttime lights, tandem-x topography*

# @Jülich: Develop and apply deep learning to fused ESS data



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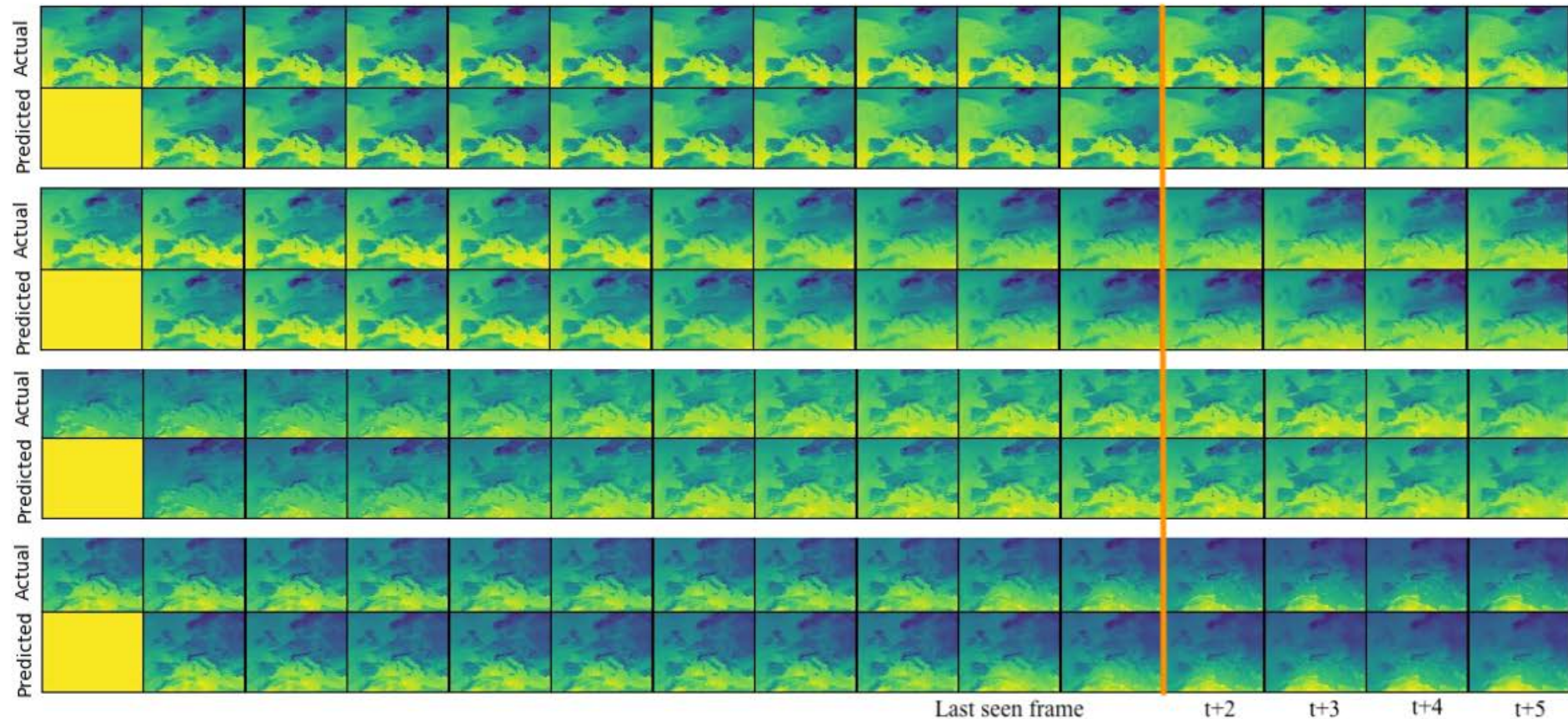
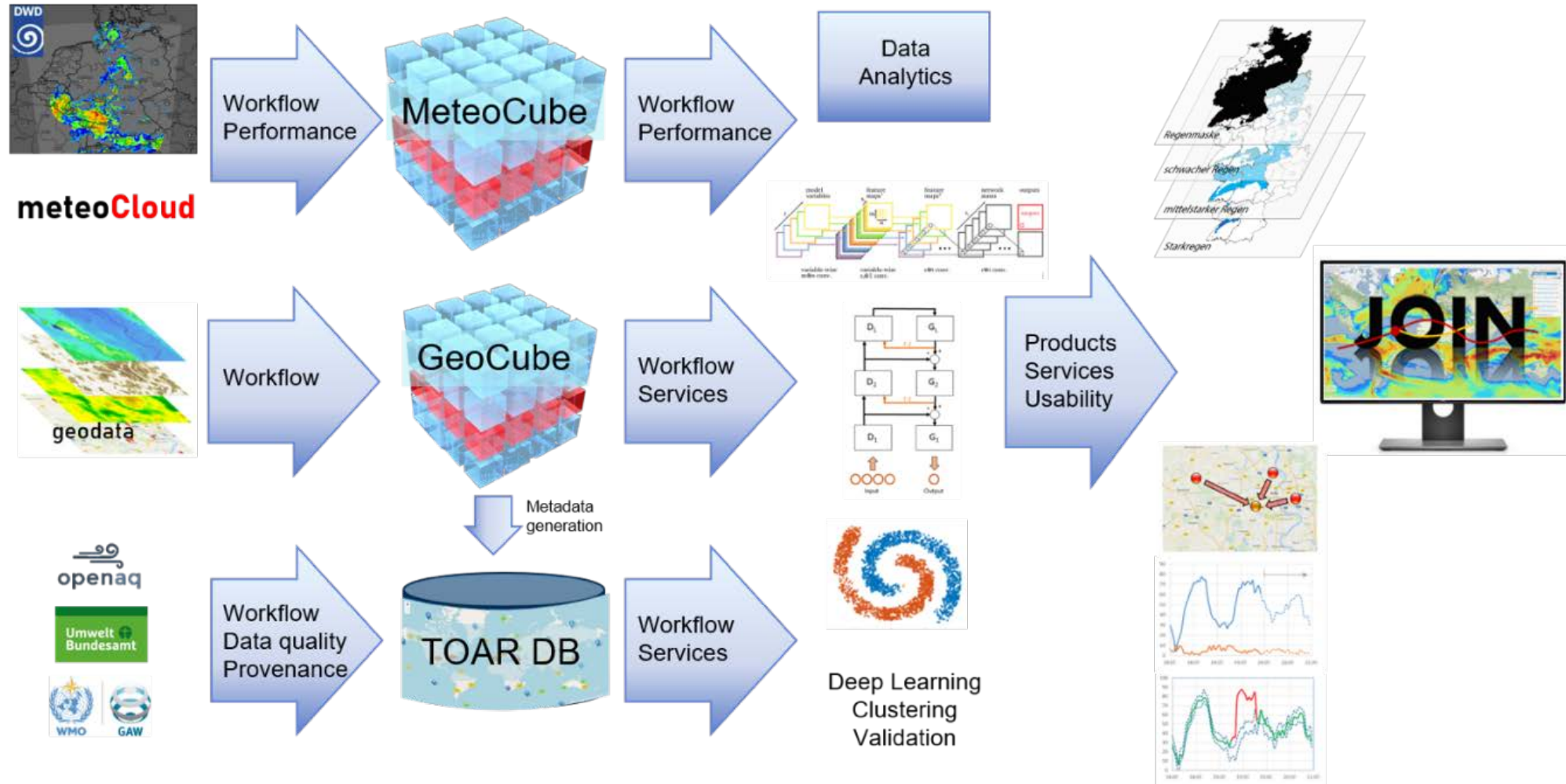


Figure 4: Sample results from a video frame prediction of the weather maps using machine learning

2m temperature predictions using a  
PredNet (Lotter et al., 2016)

Figure: Severin Hußmann, JSC and HU Berlin

# Vision for the data and service architecture in TOAR-II



## New science questions and necessary updates

- What is the role of meteorology and precursor changes for tropospheric ozone changes? (attribution)
- Improve vegetation impact estimates by using stomatal fluxes
- etc.

For example:

- Update trend estimates
- Complement burden analysis with careful model evaluation
- Can we obtain a robust interpolation of surface ozone/tropospheric ozone maps to obtain full global coverage?

TOAR-II to be launched after decision of IGAC Steering Group in October 2019

TOAR-II Steering Group to be assembled and to decide on science issues and roadmap.

**We need community buy-in and an active and engaged community to make TOAR-II happen!**

# Conclusions

- TOAR has produced the first comprehensive global assessment of tropospheric ozone. It is being picked up by the international community.
- The TOAR surface air quality database has pioneered open access to global ozone data and is being expanded to include precursors and meteorological data.
- The future of TOAR will be decided in October 2019 (but we believe it will happen and are ready to support it)
- Through ERC grant IntelliAQ Jülich continues the development of the TOAR database and analysis methods, especially machine learning.
- Science questions and roadmap for TOAR-II shall be defined by the community (there is strong interest to link much better to modelling)

# Thank you!



The Earth System Data Exploration research group at JSC