



TOAR-II Progress Report

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TOAR-II Database Status

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Spring 2022 Meetings of the Task Force on Hemispheric Transport of Air Pollution

TOAR-II Primary Goal and Scientific Scope



Organization: an official Activity of the International Global Atmospheric Chemistry Project (IGAC)

Final Product: An observation-based, up-to-date assessment of tropospheric ozone's distribution and trends on regional, hemispheric and global scales.

TOAR-II will assess the physical science basis for tropospheric ozone's global distribution and trends (*similar to IPCC Working Group I*)

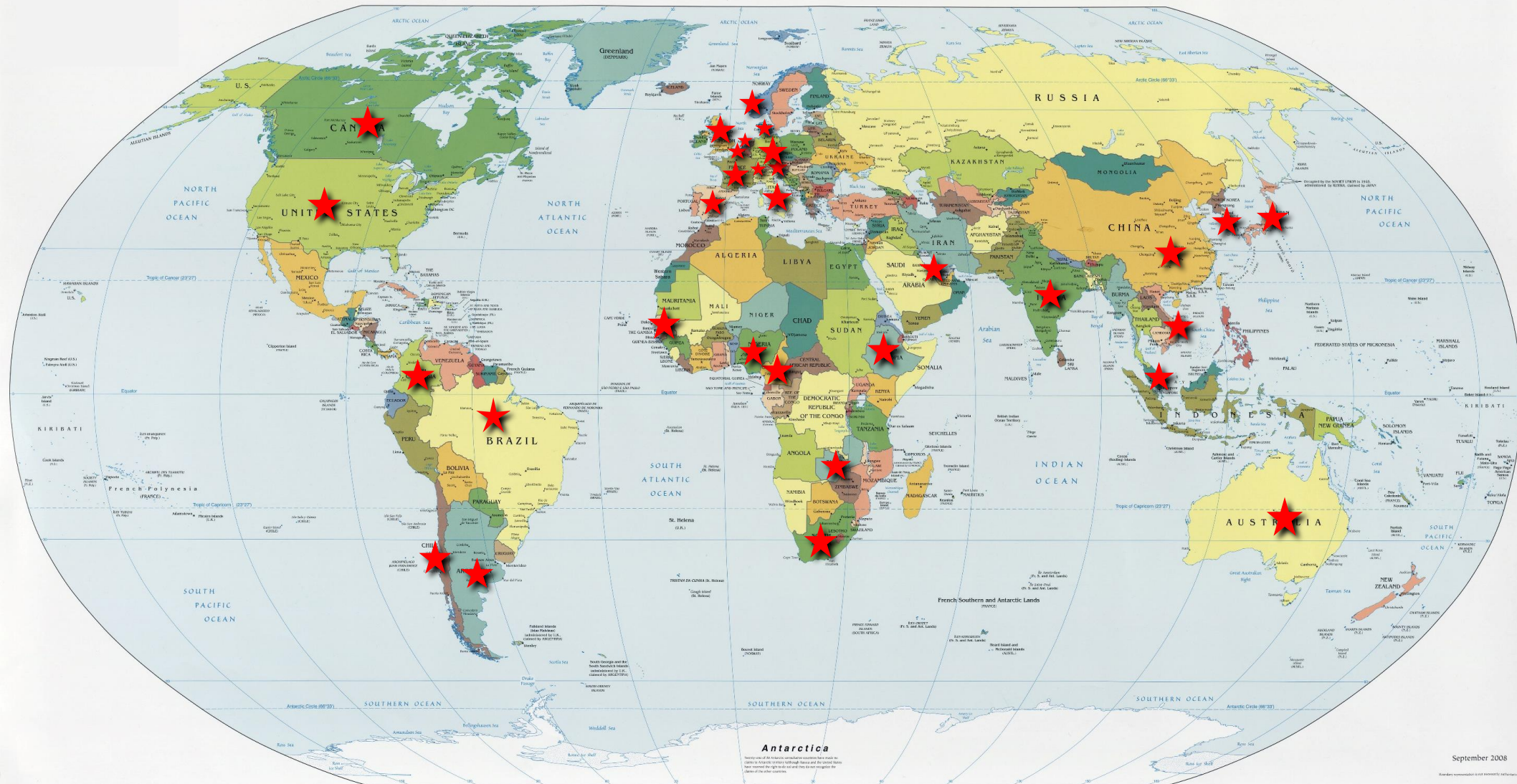
TOAR-II will also explore and quantify the **impacts** of tropospheric ozone on human health, crop and ecosystem productivity and climate change (*similar to IPCC Working Group II*)



<https://igacproject.org/activities/TOAR/TOAR-II>



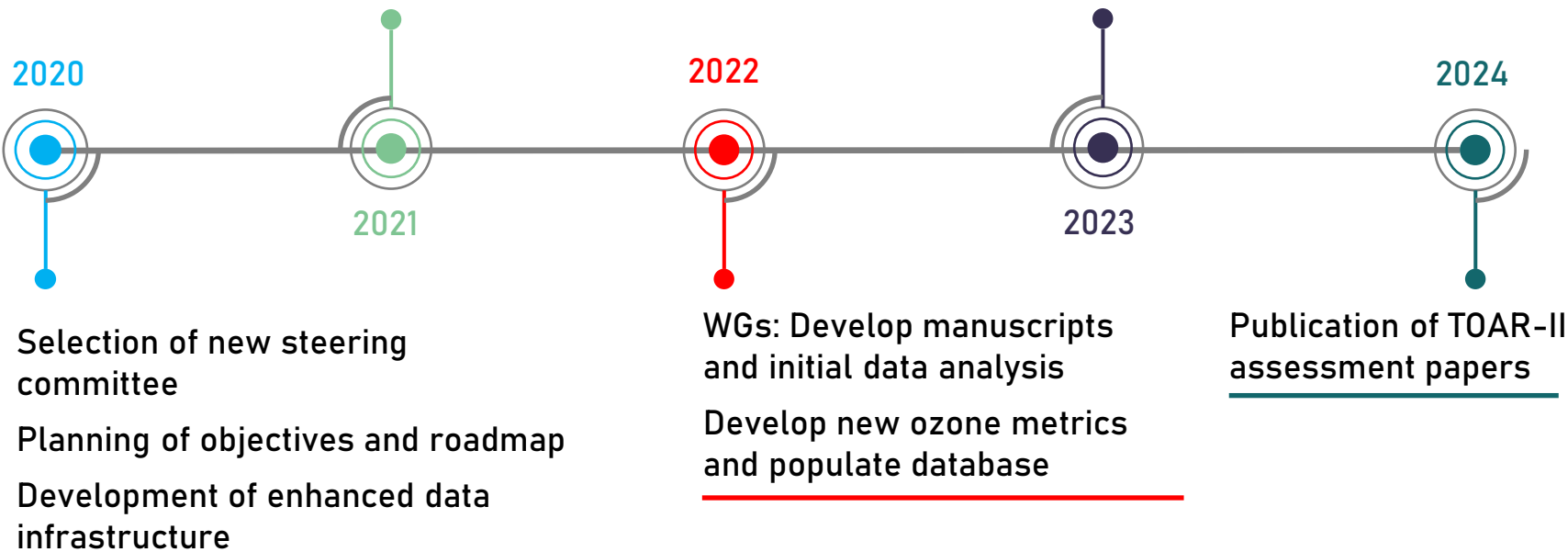
Manuscript Scoping Event (Nov. 2021) participants: 150 scientists from 31 nations



TOAR-II Status and roadmap

First TOAR-II workshops
Formation of working groups (WGs)
Beginning of new data collection

Finalize database
Complete data analyses
Paper submissions to the
Community Special Issue



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tropospheric
ozone
assessment
report
Phase II



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TOAR-II Focus Working Groups

New research is being led by 14 independent Focus Working Groups:

Chemical Reanalysis Focus Working Group

East Asia Focus Working Group

Global and Regional Models Focus Working Group

HEGIFTOM Focus Working Group

Machine Learning for Tropospheric Ozone Focus Working Group

Ozone over the Oceans Focus Working Group

Ozone and Precursors in the Tropics (OPT) Focus Working Group

Radiative Forcing Focus Working Group

ROSTEES Focus Working Group

Satellite Ozone Focus Working Group

South Asia Focus Working Group

Statistics Focus Working Group

Tropospheric Ozone Precursors (TOP) Focus Working Group

Urban Ozone Focus Working Group



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TOAR-II Community Special Issue

Focus Working Group findings submitted to the Community special issue in 2023

An inter-journal special issue hosted by Copernicus (*under development*):

Atmospheric
Chemistry and Physics

Geoscientific
Model Development

Atmospheric
Measurement
Techniques

Earth System Science
Data
The Data Publishing Journal

Advances in Statistical Climatology,
Meteorology and Oceanography

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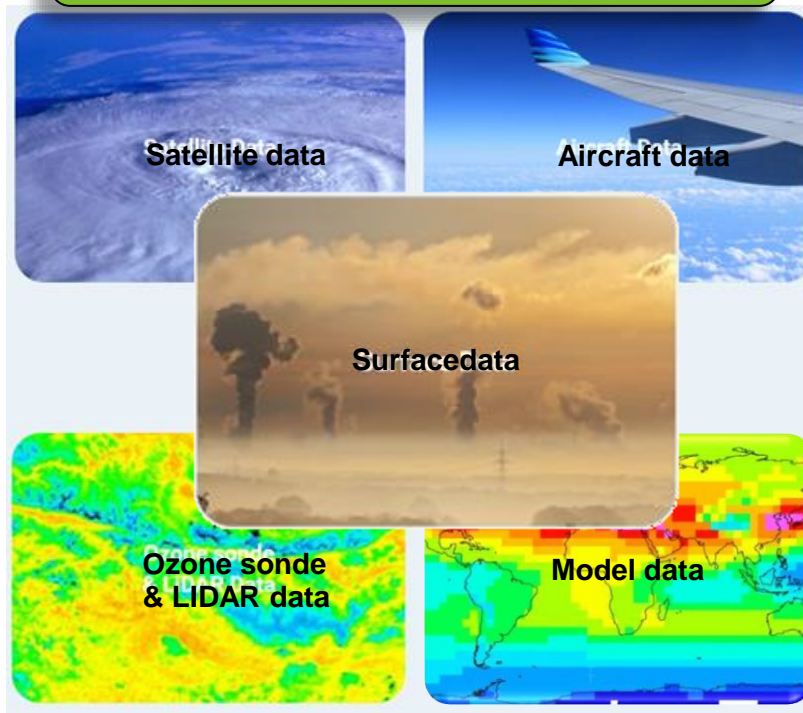
TOAR-II Data

toar-data.fz-juelich.de



TOAR database


toar-data.org




TOAR data portal

The TOAR Database in a nutshell

Contents:





 Harmonized and quality-controlled surface ozone measurements and related data from all over the world (one of the largest collections of global air quality data)

 Globally consistent metadata to describe station characteristics and aid the interpretation of ozone data

Purpose:

 To provide globally consistent metrics for analyses of health, vegetation, and climate impacts from ozone air pollution

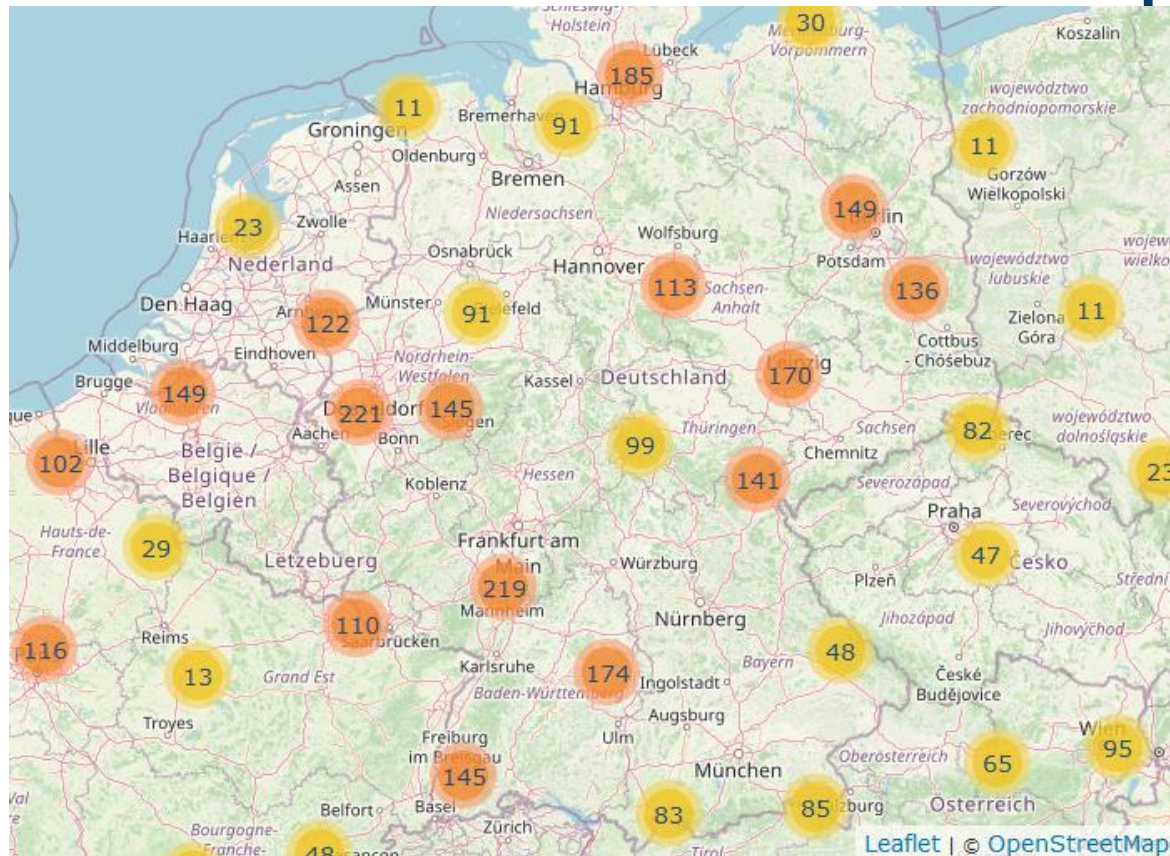
Data sources:

-  Various environmental agencies and programs
-  Universities and individual researchers
-  OpenAQ (in version 2)
-  COSMO (version 1) and ERA-5 (version 2) reanalysis data



The TOAR Database

a harmonized and documented collection of global surface measurements of ozone and its precursors



TOAR-I

13,257 stations

103,735 time series

~12,000,000,000 data points

Ozone, NO, NO₂, CO, PM_{2.5},
PM₁₀, ethane, propane,
benzene, toluene, irradiance,
cloud cover, T, RH, q, u, v,
wdir, wspeed, Rn

~40 contributing networks
and research groups

harmonized data and metadata
enhanced station metadata

1970 – 2013
some datasets extended to
2017

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REST API

https://toar-data.fz-juelich.de/api/v2/stationmeta/?bounding_box=49,7,50,8

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GUI / Dashboard under construction



TOAR-II

19,444 stations

72,804 time series

2,645,933,824 data points

Ozone, NO, NO₂, CO, PM_{2.5}, PM₁₀, PM₁, ethane, propane, benzene, toluene, mpxylene, oxylene, SO₂, Ox, NO_x, CH₄, bc, irradiance, cloud cover, T, RH, q, u, v, aswdir, wdir, wspeed, press, pblheight, totprecip, albedo, aswdifu, humidity

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harmonized data and metadata
enhanced station metadata
trustworthy repository

1970 – 2021



The TOAR II Database and FAIR data

- Improved metadata schema:
 - Data versioning & documented QC
 - Better attribution to PIs, providers, etc (roles)
 - Use of controlled vocabulary and ontology
 - More flexibility to handle provider-specific metadata
 - Automated workflows including statistical QC
 - Station characterisation from higher resolution geospatial data
- Clear data license and data use policy (CC-BY 4)
- PostGIS database (standardized geographic representations)

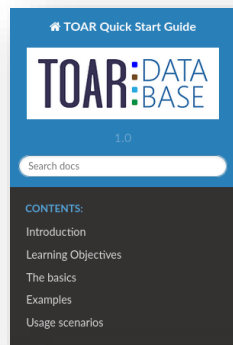


CoreTrustSeal application pending
first positive feedback from reviewers
(answers submitted for review)



The TOAR Database documentation

<https://toar-data.fz-juelich.de>



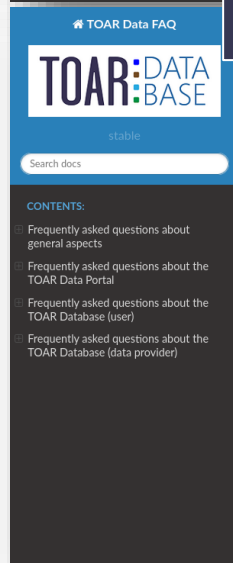
TOAR Data Quick Start Guide

TOAR Data Quick Start Guide

Contents:

- Introduction
- Learning Objectives
- The basics
- Examples
 - 1. find a station
 - 2. find all variables
 - 3. download data
- Usage scenarios

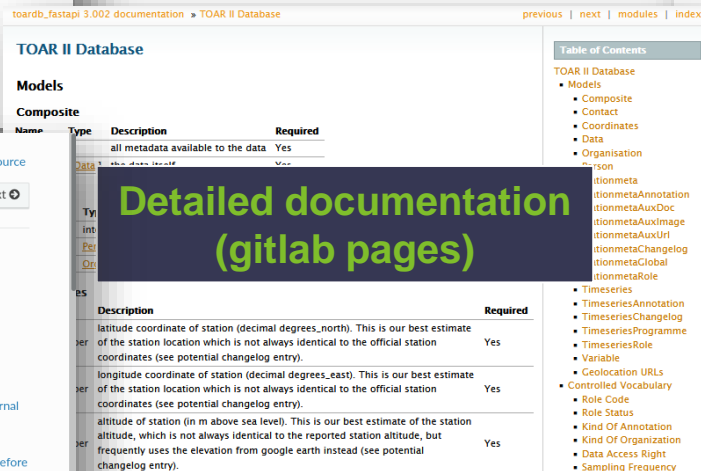
getting started



TOAR Data FAQ

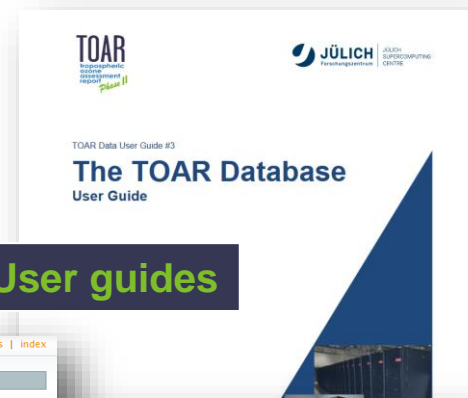
Contents:

- Frequently asked questions about general aspects
 - What is the difference between the TOAR data portal and the TOAR database?
 - How can I publish the data I have used for a journal publication?
 - Under which licence will the data be published?
 - Can I make sure that the data is not published before the journal paper has been published?
 - What is the scope of the data collection in TOAR-II, both with respect to the portal and the database?
 - What are the design principles for a good REST API? Can you support us in developing a REST API?
- Frequently asked questions about the TOAR Data Portal
 - What functions does the TOAR Data Portal offer?
 - What is the link to the registration of datasets for including them in the TOAR data portal?
 - Which data sources are linked from the TOAR Data Portal?

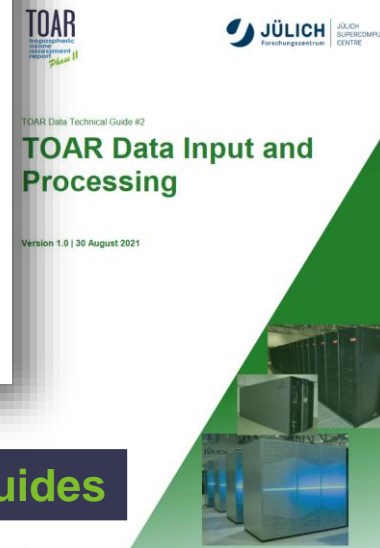


Detailed documentation (gitlab pages)

Technical guides



User guides



TOAR-II Database – user workshop 2022



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<https://toar-data.org/toar-user-workshop-2022/>

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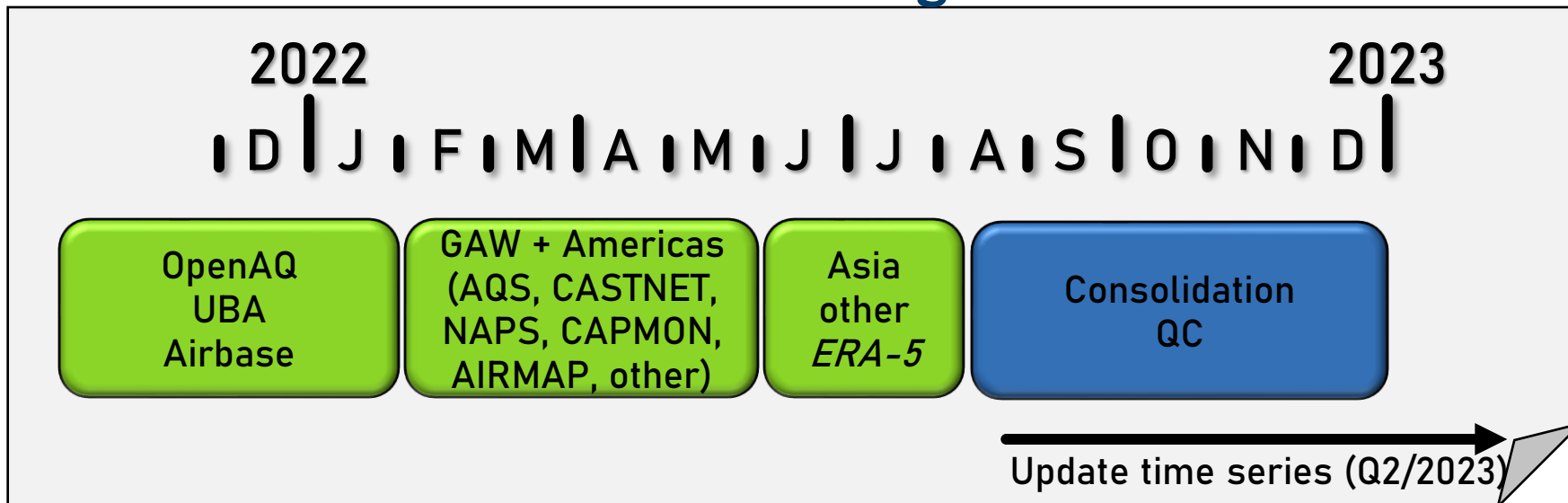
**23 June 2022, 12:00 CEST
to 24 June 2022 15:00
CEST**

online

**12 July 2022 05:00 – 10:00 UTC
13 July 2022 13:00 – 18:00 UTC**



TOAR-II Database – data ingestion timeline



Status: 2022-01-21

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TOAR database

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your attention