



# **Atmospheric Chemistry and the Remote Sensing of the Global atmosphere**

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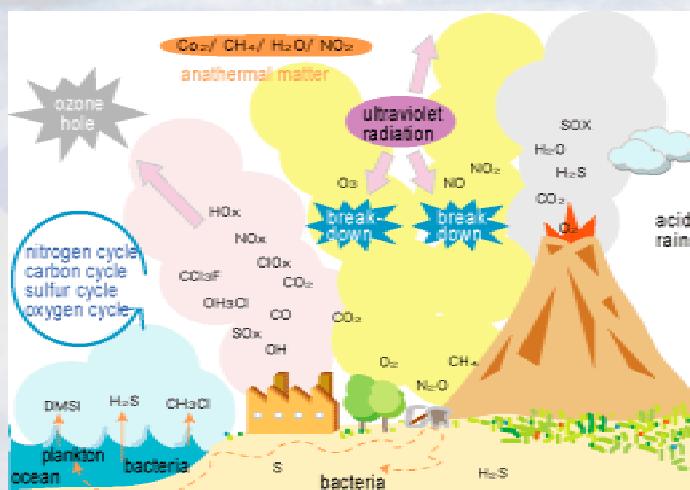
# Lecture 4: Results from Nadir Remote Sensing and the Potential Measurement of Atmospheric Composition from Geostationary Orbit – GeoTROPE/GeoSCIA

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## Atmospheric Composition



## SCIAMACHY: Nadir Viewing Geometry Examples

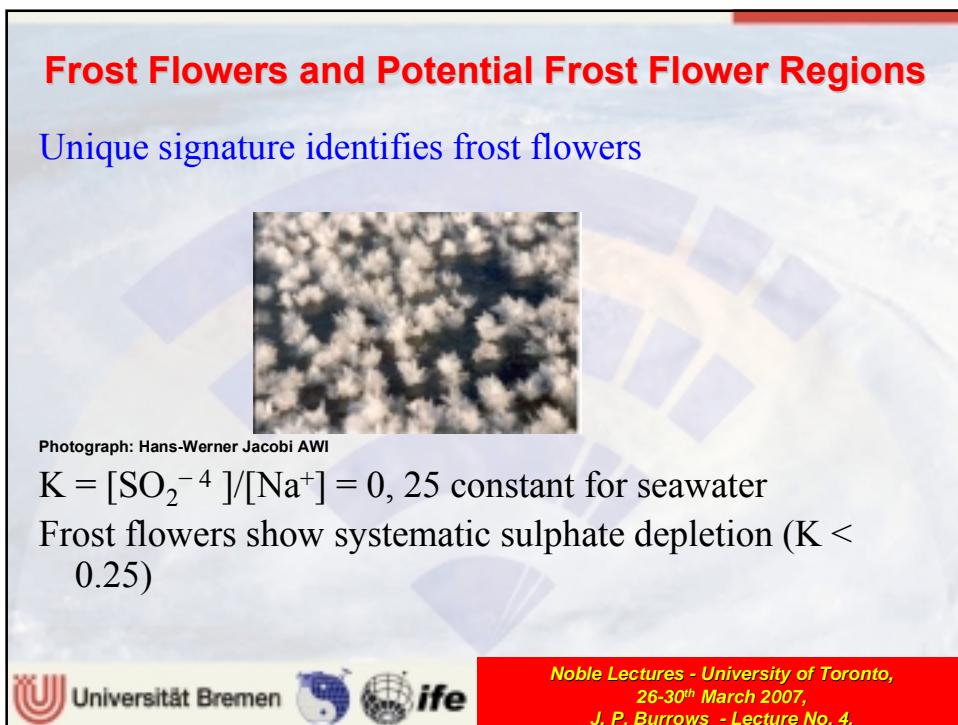
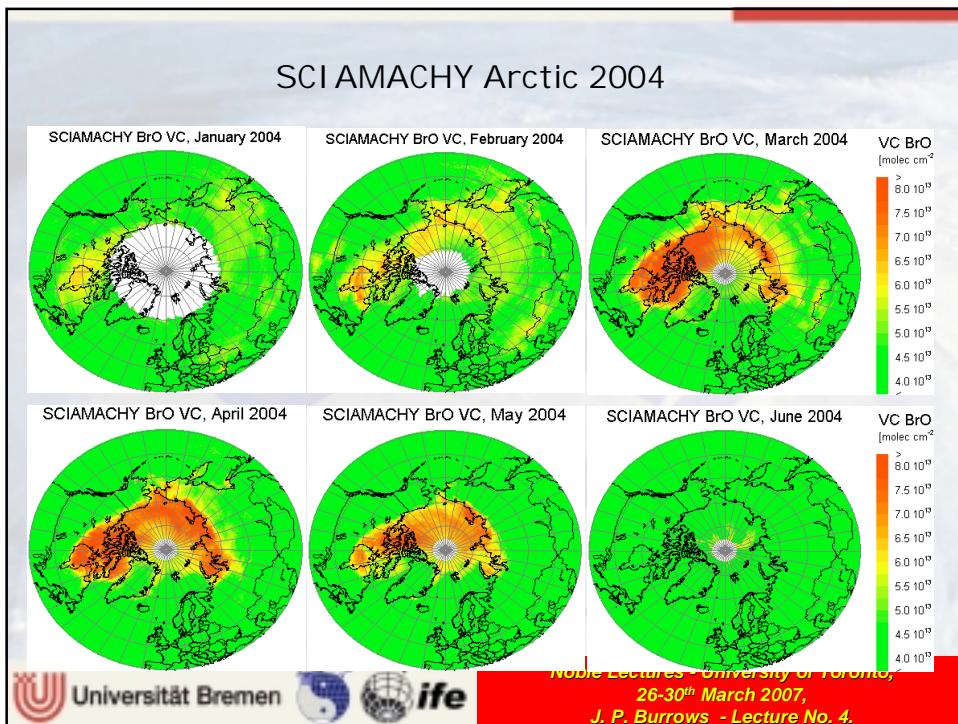
- horizontal resolution in across track:
  - GOME-1 80 and 320 km global 1995-2003 partial 2003- present
  - SCIAMACHY 30-240 km global 2002- present
  - GOME-2 40-80 km
  - 960 km swath
- horizontal resolution in along track:
  - GOME 40 km
- Global coverage:
  - GOME-1 3 days at the equator
  - SCIAMACHY 6 days at the equator
  - GOME-2 ~1 day at the equator

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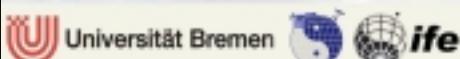
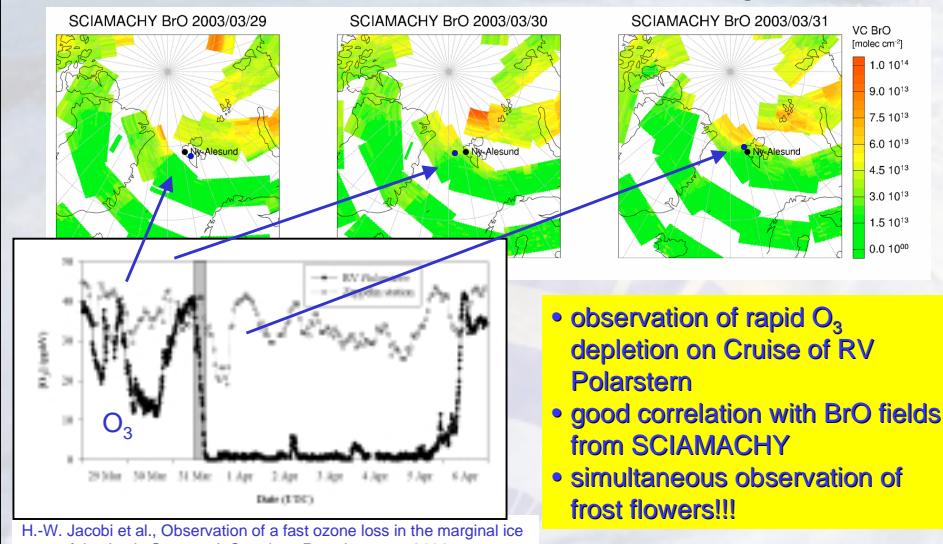
## Stratospheric OCIO measurements

- continuation of GOME time series of stratospheric chlorine monitoring
- good consistency between GOME and SCIAMACHY data
- good agreement with ground-based measurements
- large variability in chlorine activation in the Northern hemisphere depending on vortex stability

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## BrO and Tropospheric Ozone and Mercury Depletion



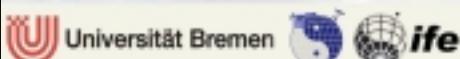
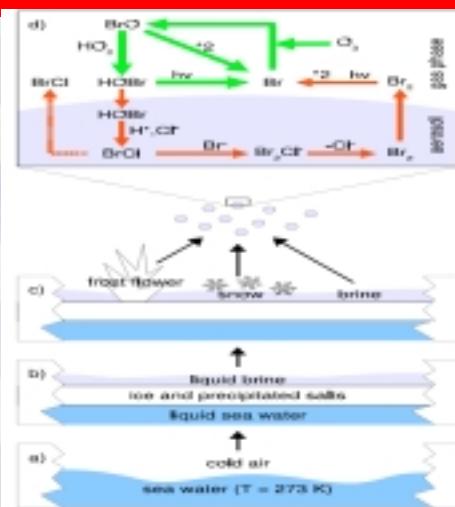
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## Chemistry of Potential Frost Flower Regions

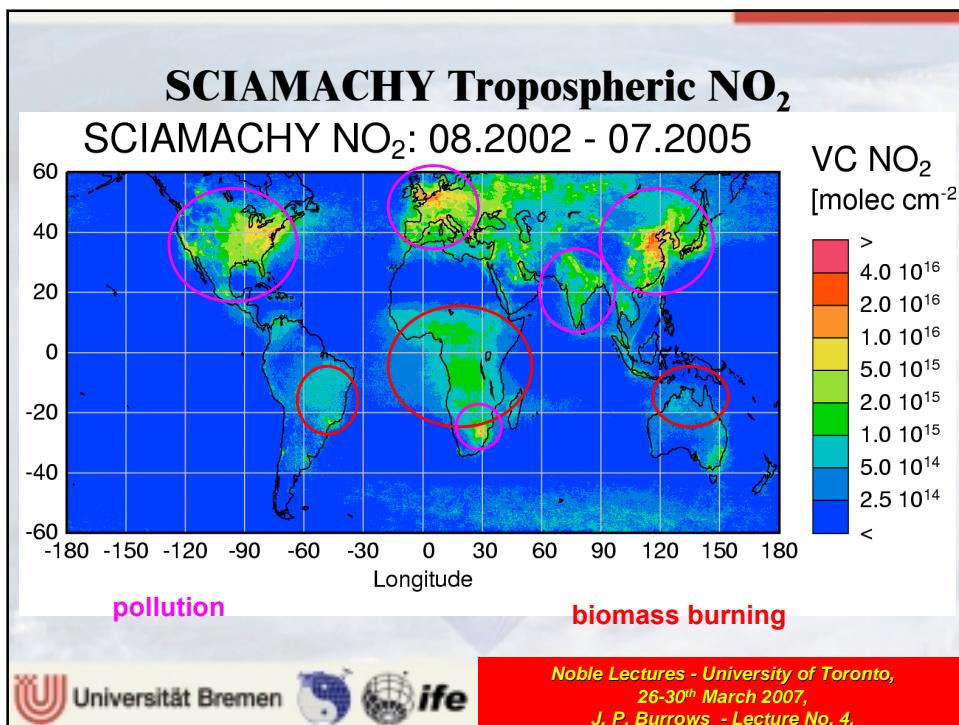
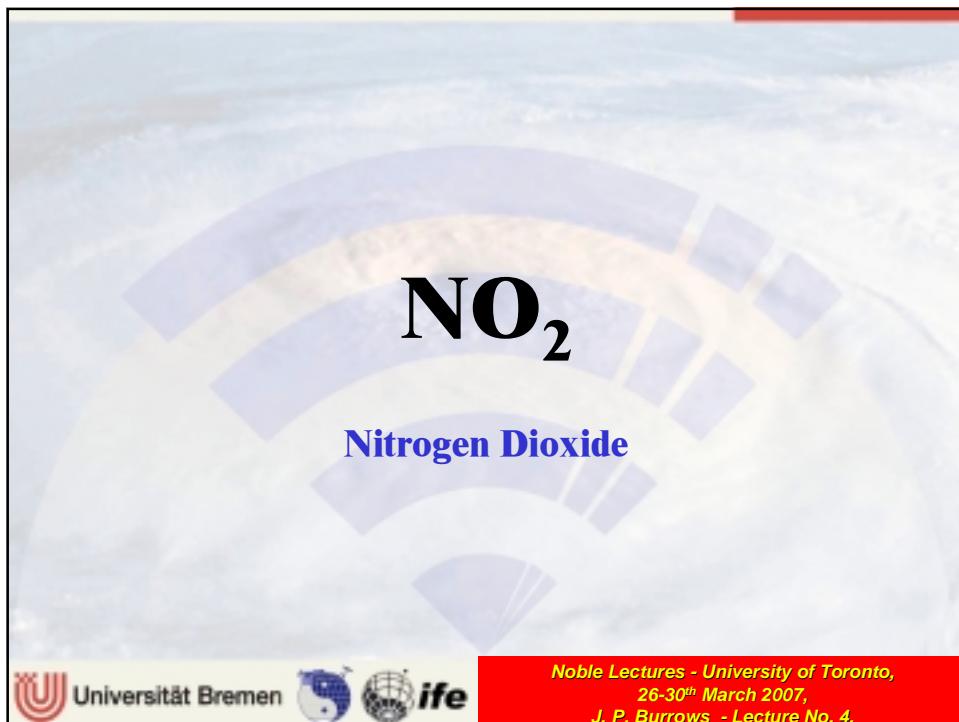


*The upper panel shows how the multiphase chemistry in the gas phase and in the aerosol starts the bromine explosion (red arrows) and ozone depletion (green arrows).*

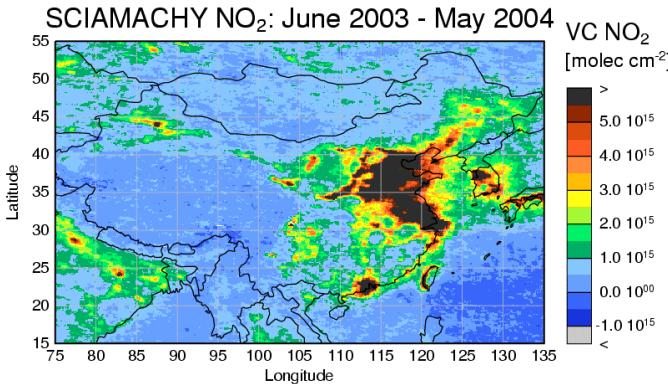
R. Sander<sup>1</sup>, J. Burrows<sup>2</sup>, and L. Kaleschke ACPd/ACP 2006



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## GOME and SCIAMACHY Tropospheric NO<sub>2</sub> - China



- Not the same time period (NO<sub>2</sub> above China is rapidly increasing)

### GOME:

- large values
- clear signature of swath pattern

### SCIAMACHY:

- even larger columns
- much more detail

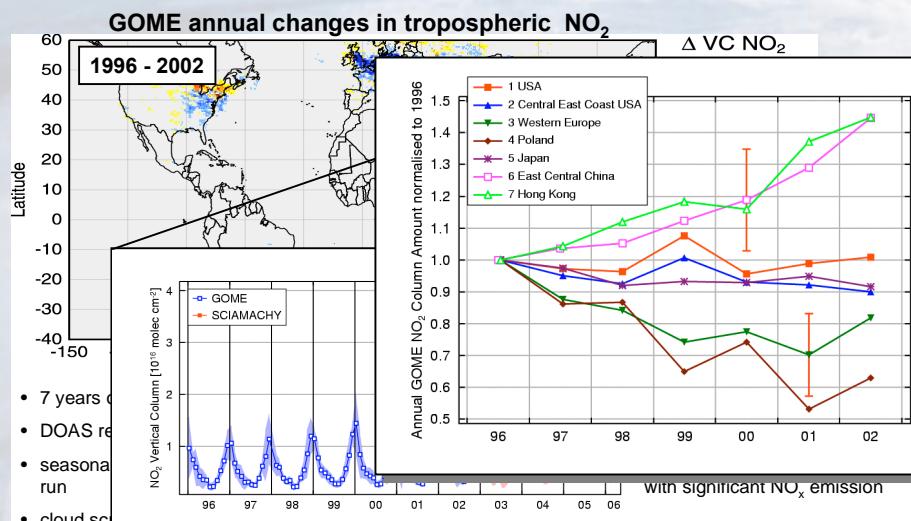


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## Trop. NO<sub>2</sub>: Trends Richter et al Nature 2005



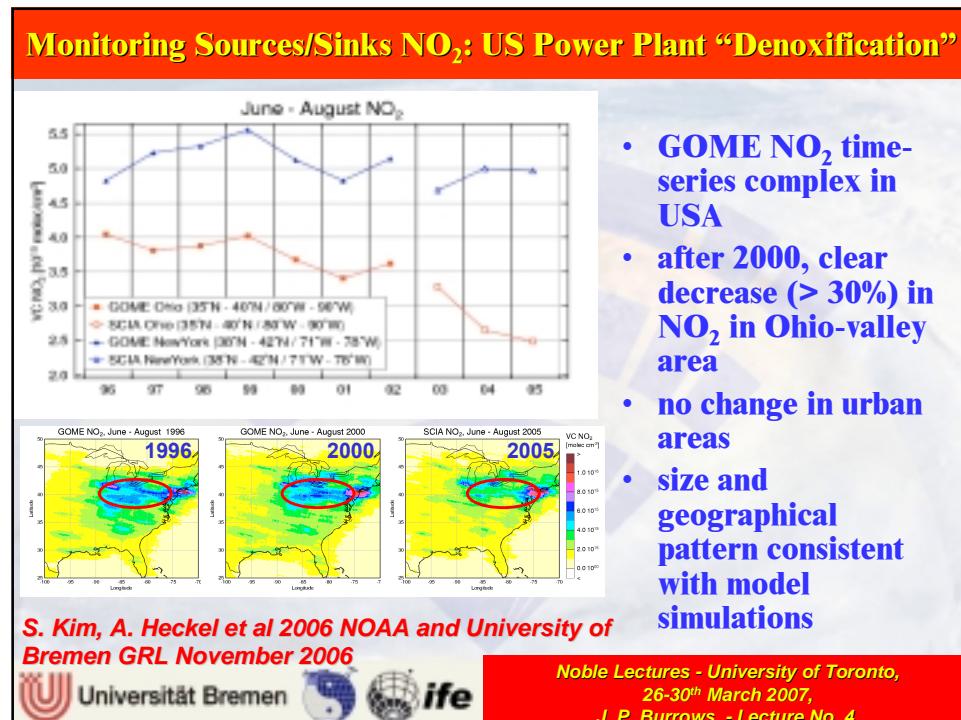
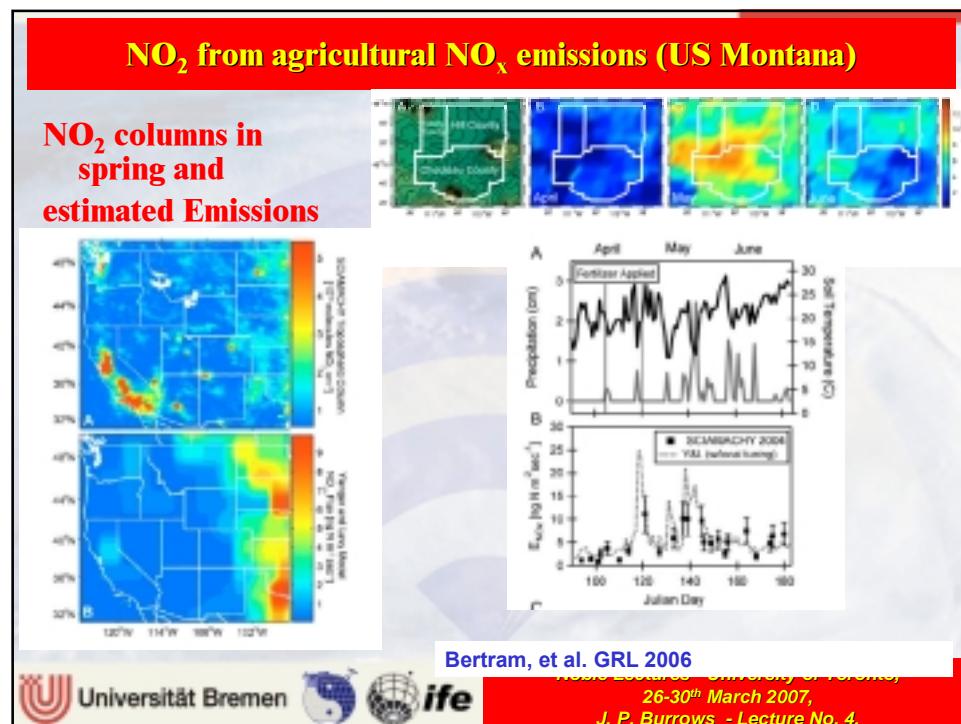
A. Richter et al., Increase in tropospheric nitrogen dioxide over China observed from space, *Nature*, 437 2005



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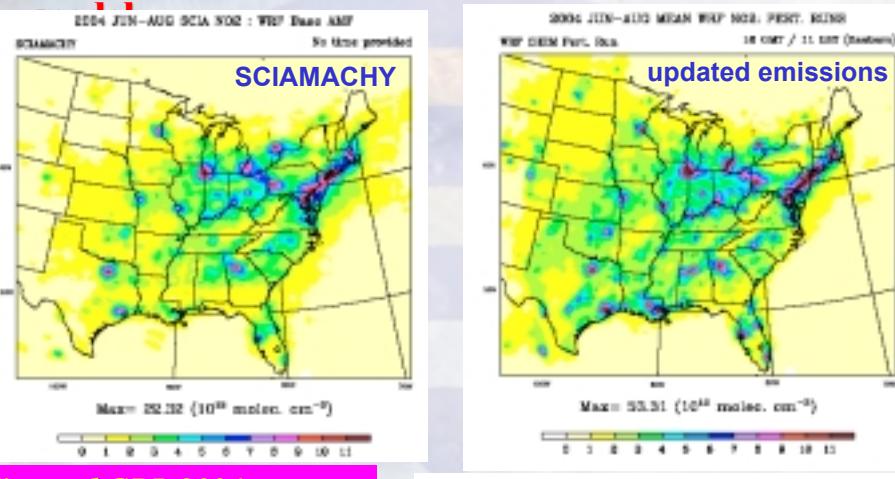


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## GOME & SCIA NO<sub>2</sub>: US Power Plant Denoxification

### NO<sub>2</sub> columns June-August 2004 – NO<sub>2</sub> and WRF



Kim et al GRL 2006

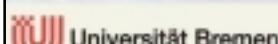
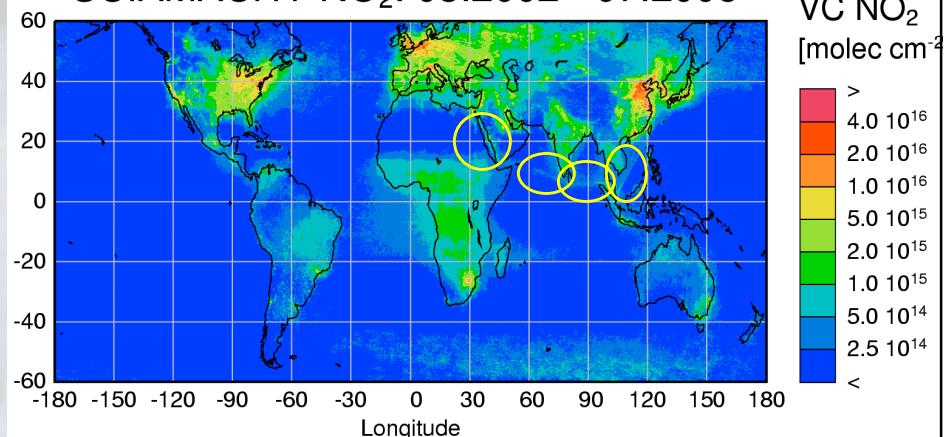
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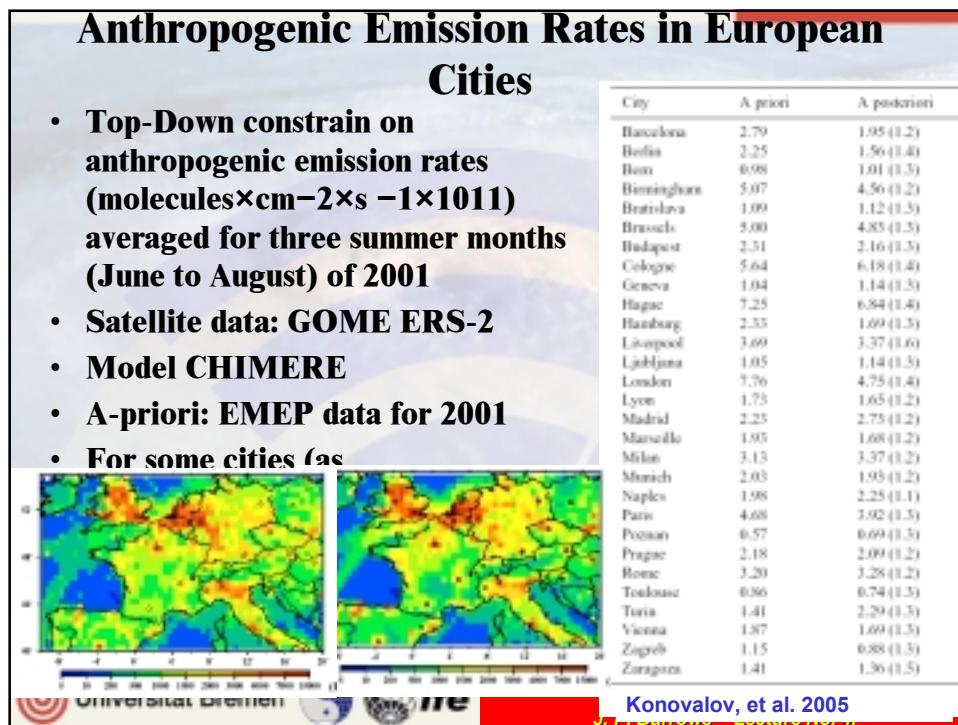
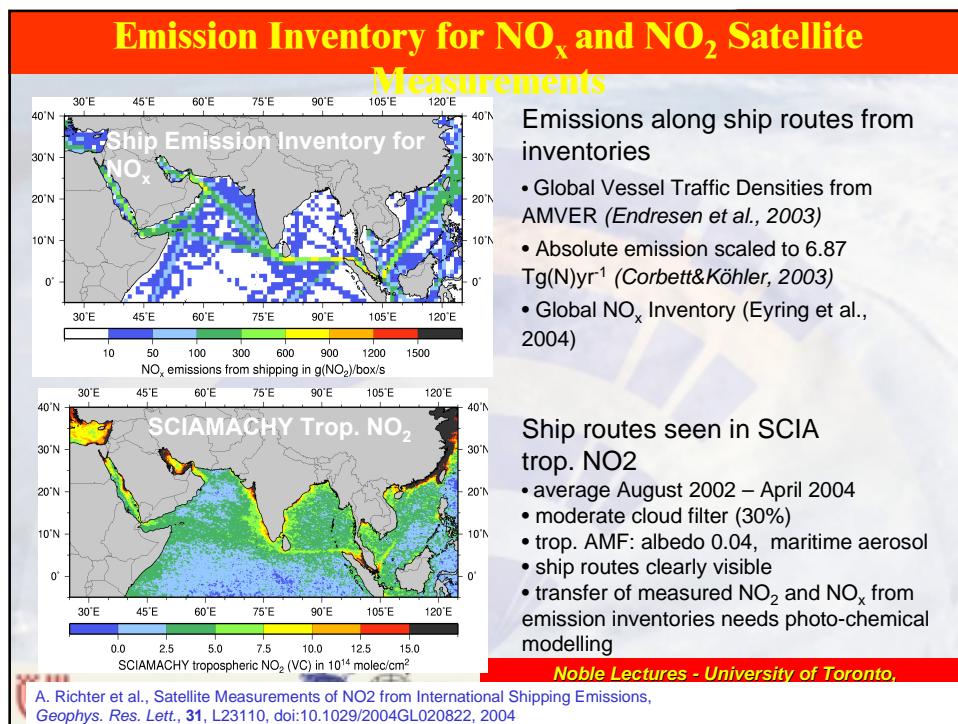
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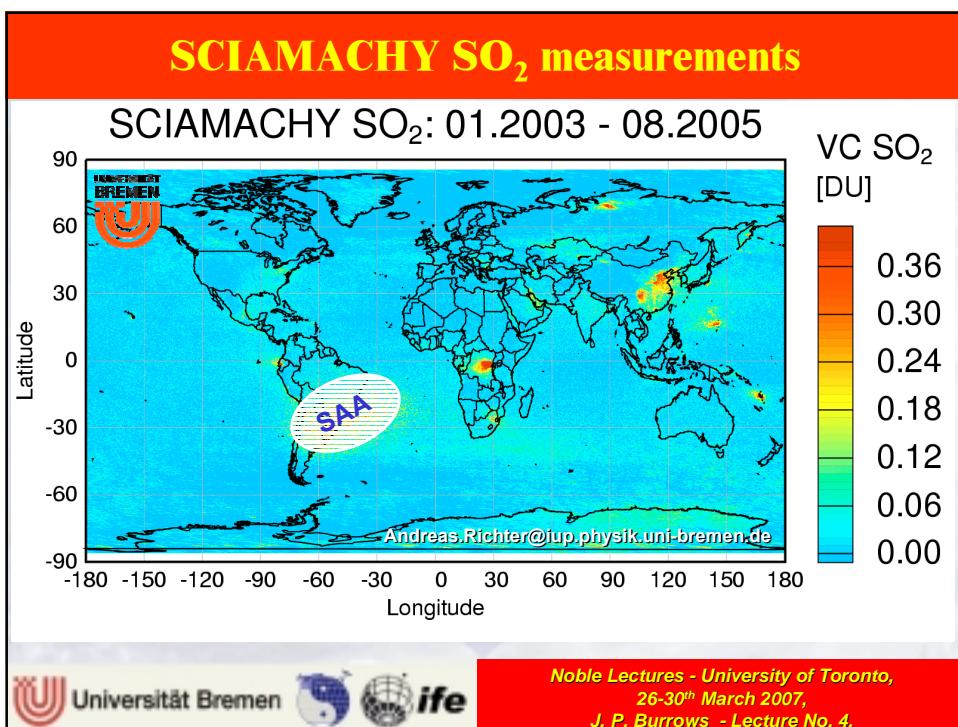
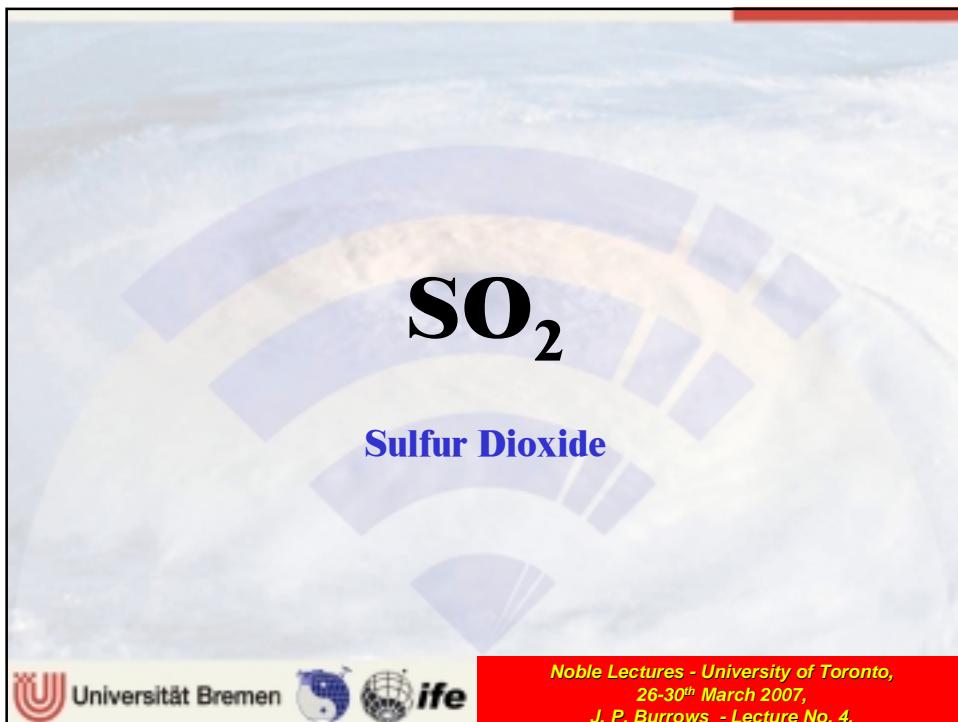
## Can one see the ships tracks?

SCIAMACHY NO<sub>2</sub>: 08.2002 - 07.2005



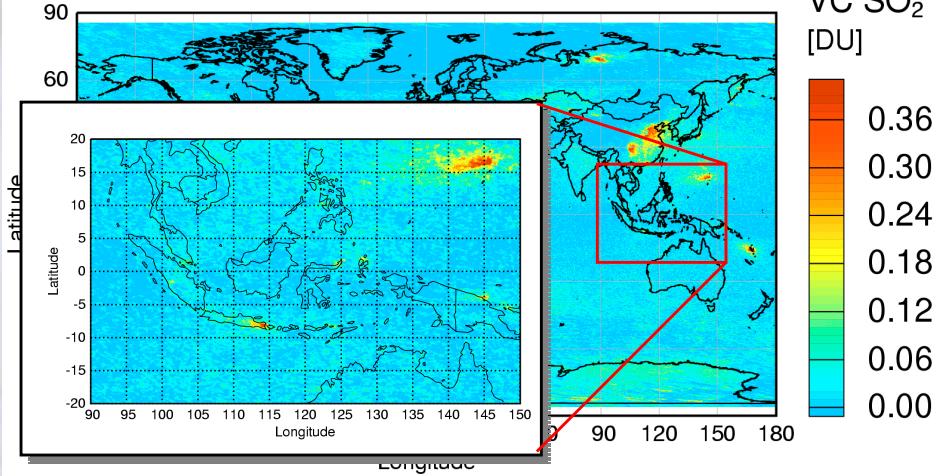
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## SCIAMACHY SO<sub>2</sub>: Volcanic Emissions

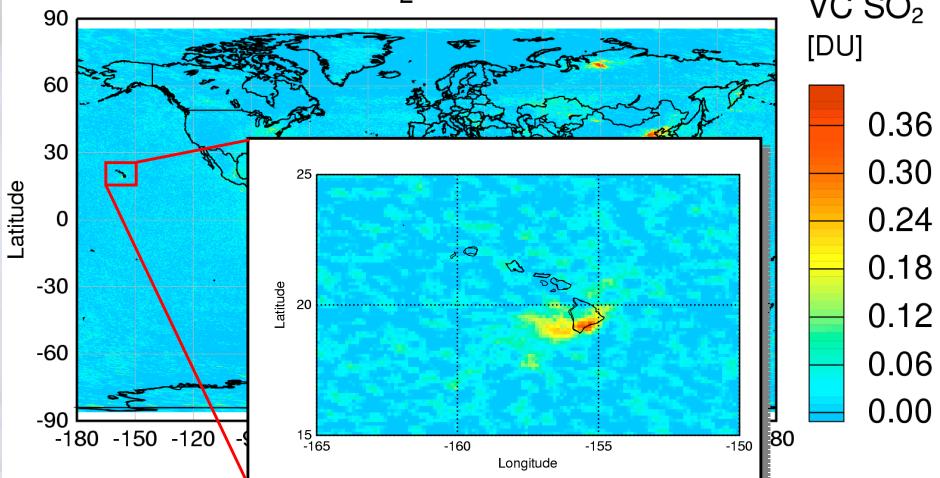
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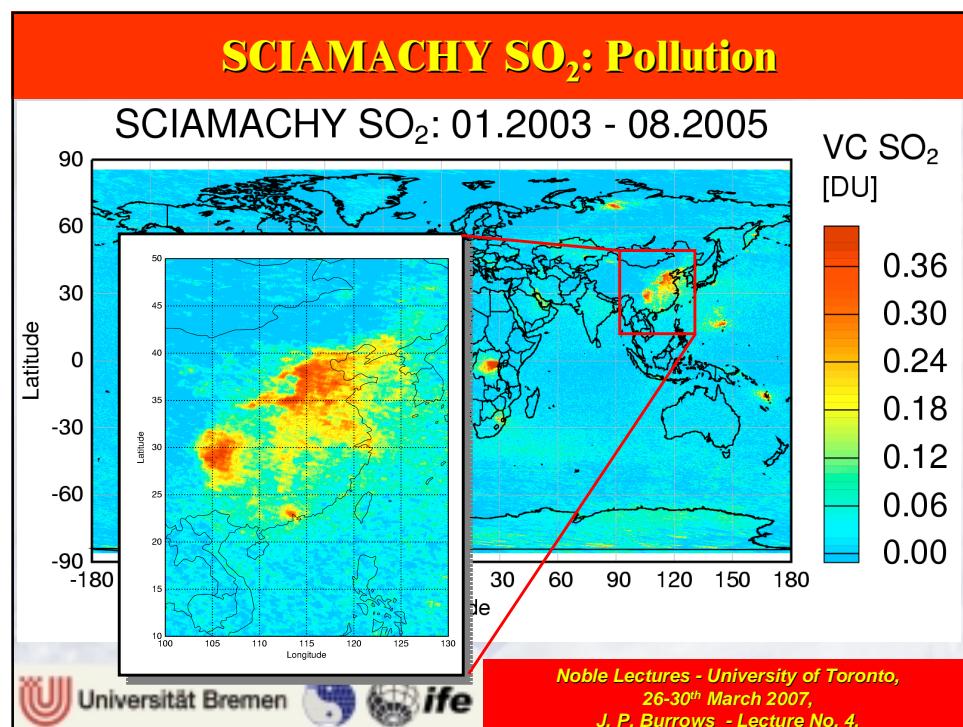
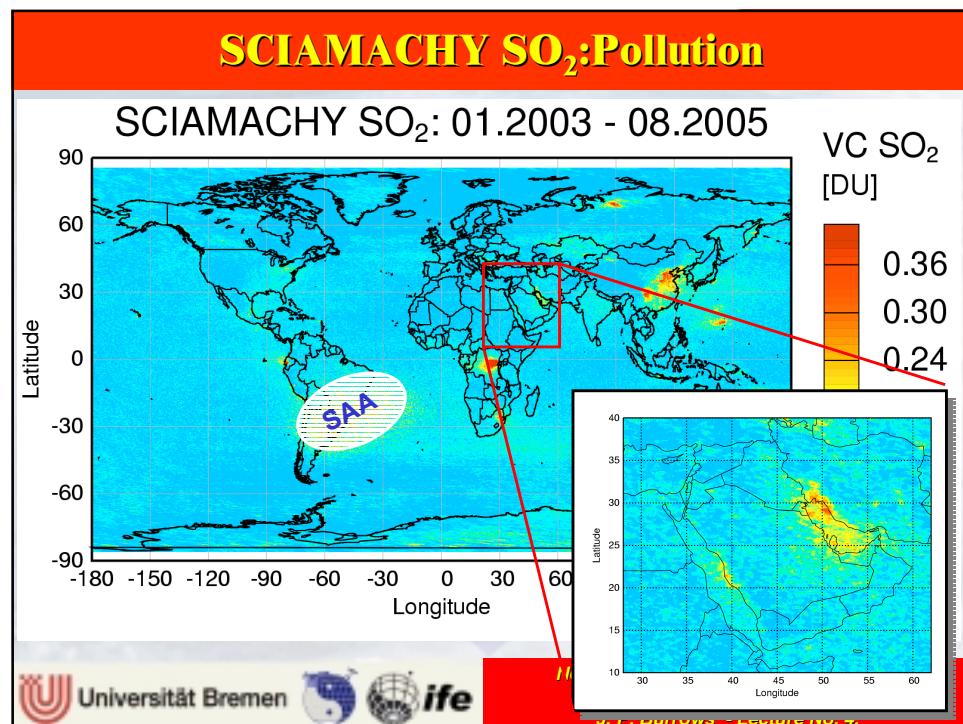
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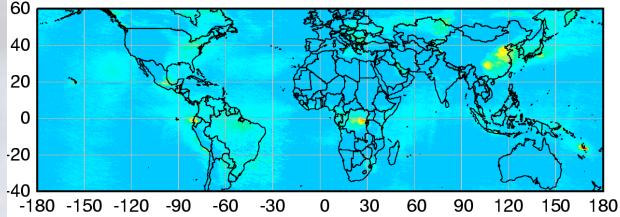


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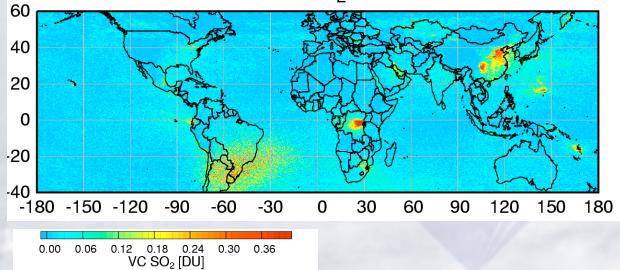


## Comparison of GOME and SCIAMACHY SO<sub>2</sub>

GOME SO<sub>2</sub> 1996 - 2002



SCIAMACHY SO<sub>2</sub> 2003 - 2005



**SCIAMACHY SO<sub>2</sub> has**

- overall similar values
- much more detail
- higher values over China
- slightly reduced columns over Europe and the US?



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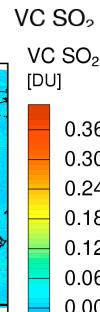
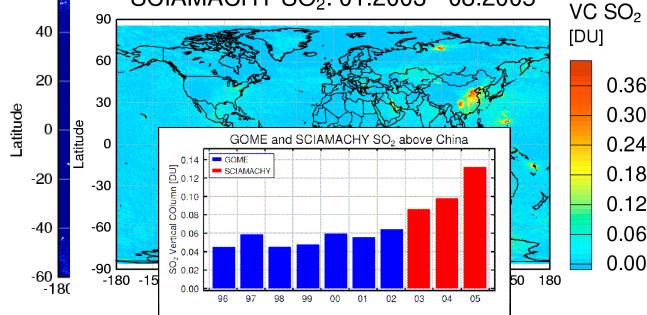


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## Tropospheric SO<sub>2</sub>: The global View

GOME tropospheric SO<sub>2</sub> 1996 - 2002

SCIAMACHY SO<sub>2</sub>: 01.2003 - 08.2005



### SO<sub>2</sub> sources:

- volcanic eruptions
- coal fired power plants
- coal mine fires
- DMS (small)

Compared to NO<sub>2</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub> columns have larger uncertainties:

- low signal (UV)
- small sensitivity to boundary layer
- strong interference by O<sub>3</sub> absorptions

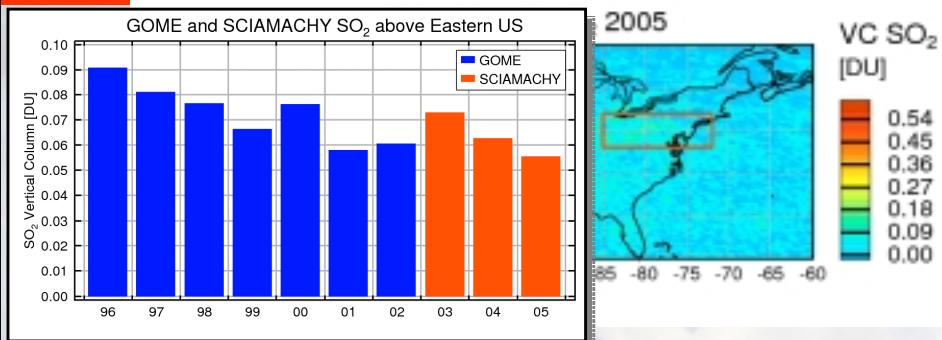


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## Changes of SO<sub>2</sub> above Eastern US



- indication for a decrease in SO<sub>2</sub> above Eastern US
- high bias in SCIAMACHY measurements?
- this is not yet a quantitative result!

all values still based  
on "volcanic profile"!



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## HCHO & CHOCHO

Formaldehyde  
and  
Glyoxal



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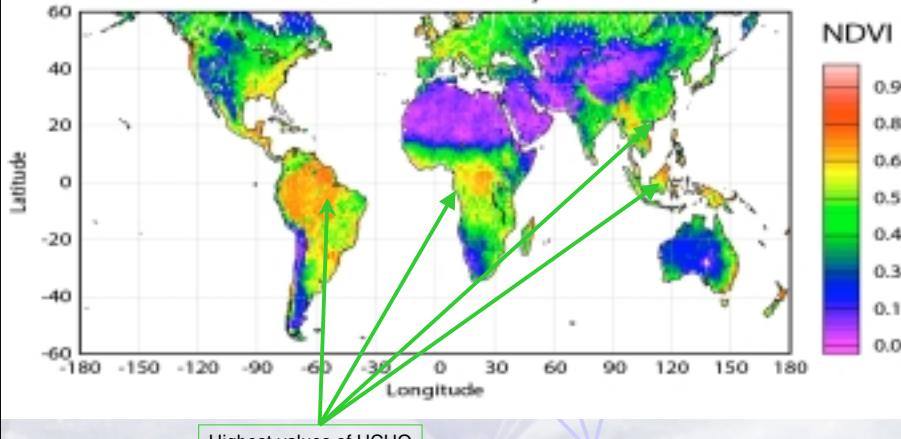


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## What are the sources of HCHO?

NDVI from AVHRR, 1997



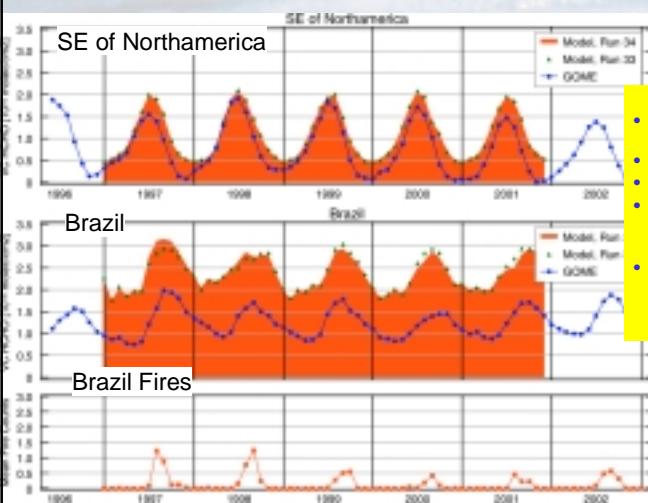
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## Evolution of HCHO column amount from GOME



- BIRA Model – EU RETRO Project
- Fire count from ATSR-2 Data
- Good seasonal agreement
- Modelled South America HCHO is too small
- Production of Organic Aerosols from NMHC ↔ Oxidation in the liquid phase ??, Carlton et al., GRL, 2006



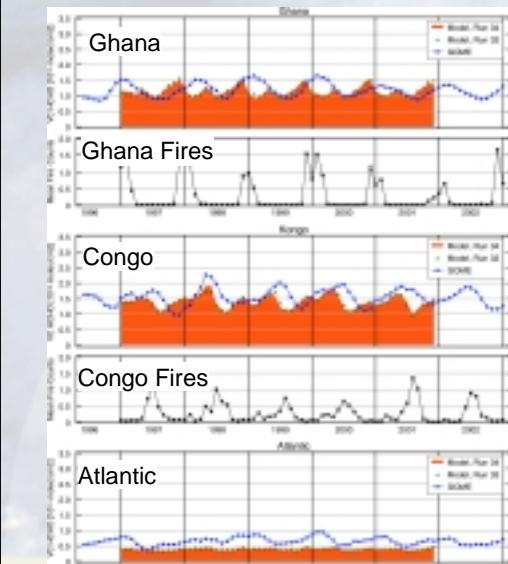
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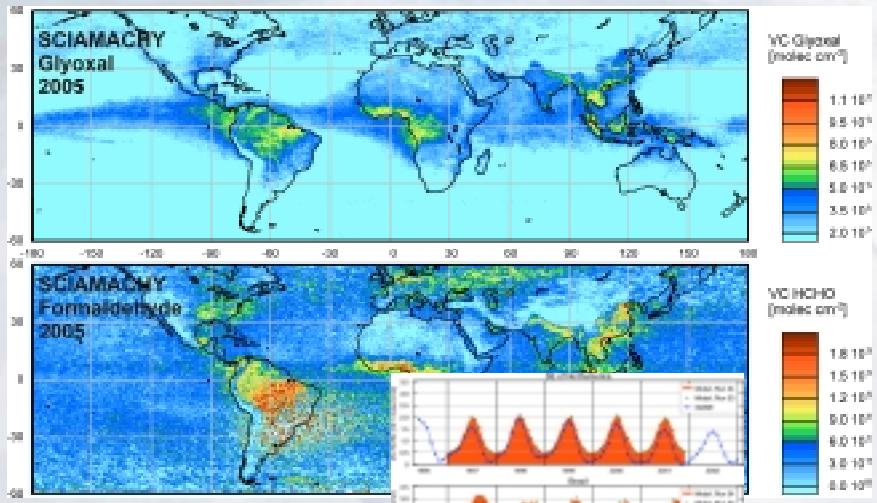
## Evolution of HCHO column amount from GOME period



- Poor seasonal response—Problems in the Parameterisation e.g. Biomass Burning?
- Underestimate of model values over water?
- Transport from Biomass Burning less likely  
see fires in Congo

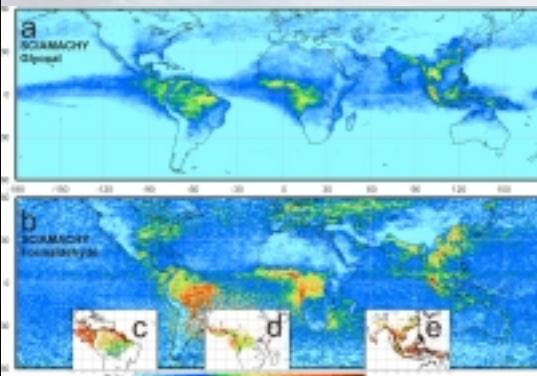
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## VOC Oxidation Products: Formaldehyde and Glyoxal



Witrock et al. 2006, submitted

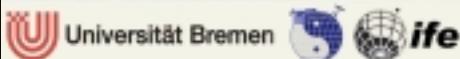
## SCIAMACHY: Glyoxal (CHO,CHO) and HCHO in 2005



- biogenic emissions dominate similar to HCHO
- anthropogenic sources and biomass burning can also be identified
- interesting features over water
- broad agreement with model predictions over land

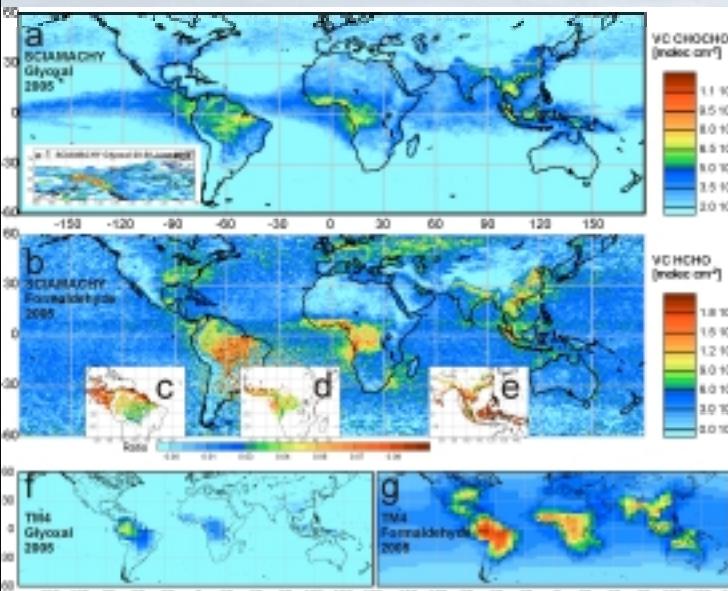
=> CHOCHO / HCHO ratio varies and provides valuable information on VOC chemistry

R. Volkamer, P. Spietz, U. Platt and J. P. Burrows, High Resolution Absorption Spectra of CHO,CHO. *J. Photochemistry and Photobiology: Chemistry* 2005  
F. Wittrock et al., Simultaneous Global observations of Glyoxal and Formaldehyde from space, *Geophys. Res. Lett.*, 2006



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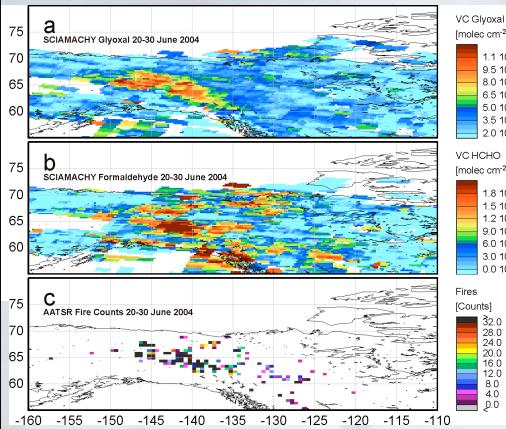


**U. Crete TM4 + Chemistry**  
Additional sources of HCHO and CHO,CHO required over the ocean:  
Transport of longer lived VOC, release from SOA,  
Local Source?



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## SCIAMACHY: CHOCHO and HCHO Asia and from a Fire



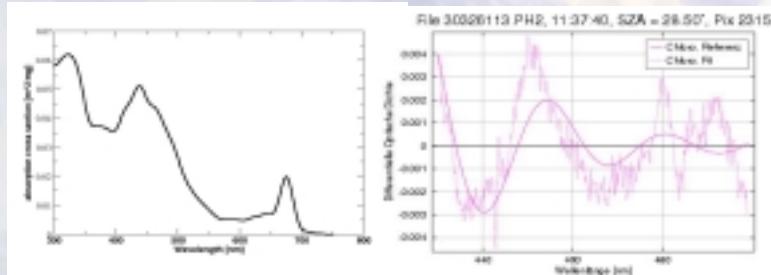
- biogenic emissions result in large CHO, CHO and HCHO
- anthropogenic sources and biomass burning can also be identified
- CHOCHO / HCHO ratios coupled NO<sub>2</sub> and O<sub>3</sub> yields valuable information on the oxidation of VOC and O<sub>3</sub> production
- overall broad agreement with model predictions

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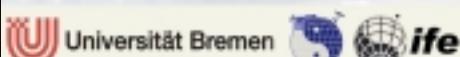
## DOAS fitting of chlorophyll

- DOAS fit from 430 to 500 nm
- included in analysis: O<sub>3</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O (both vapor and liquid), Ring
- shows clear differential signal from photosynthetic pigments
- Poor fit quality using standard chlorophyll-a cross sections



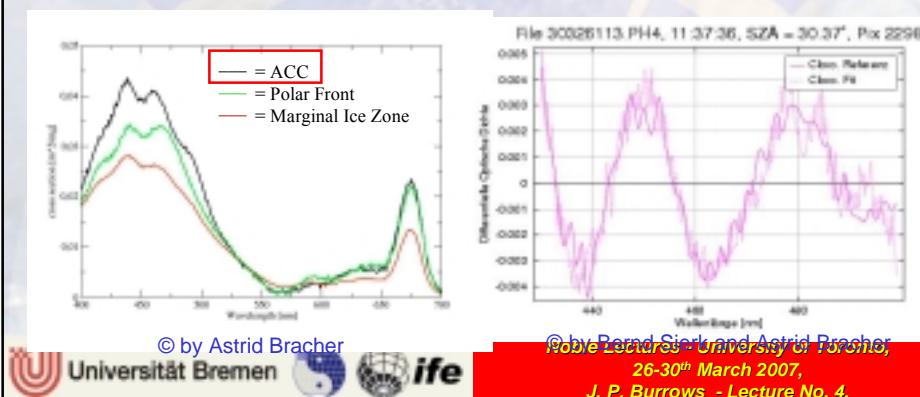
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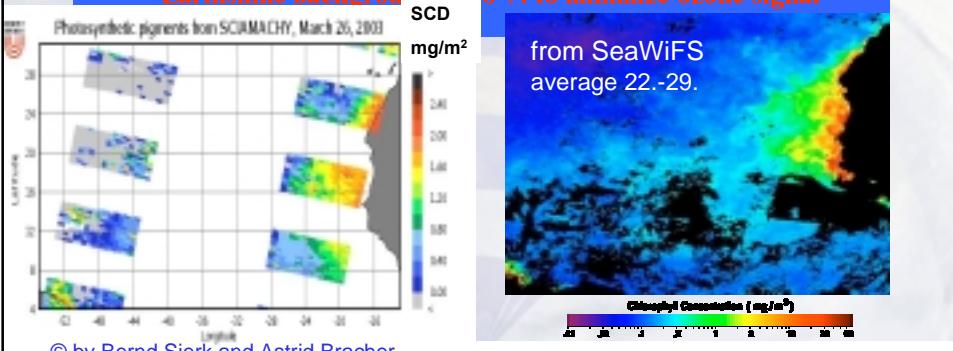
## Phytoplankton Absorption from SCIAMACHY

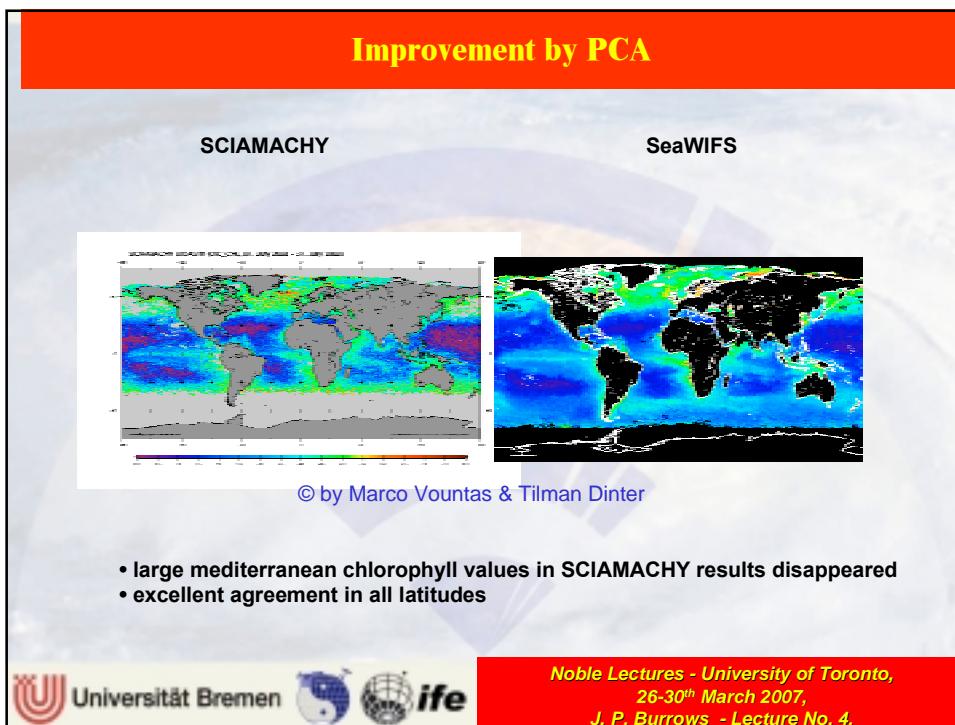
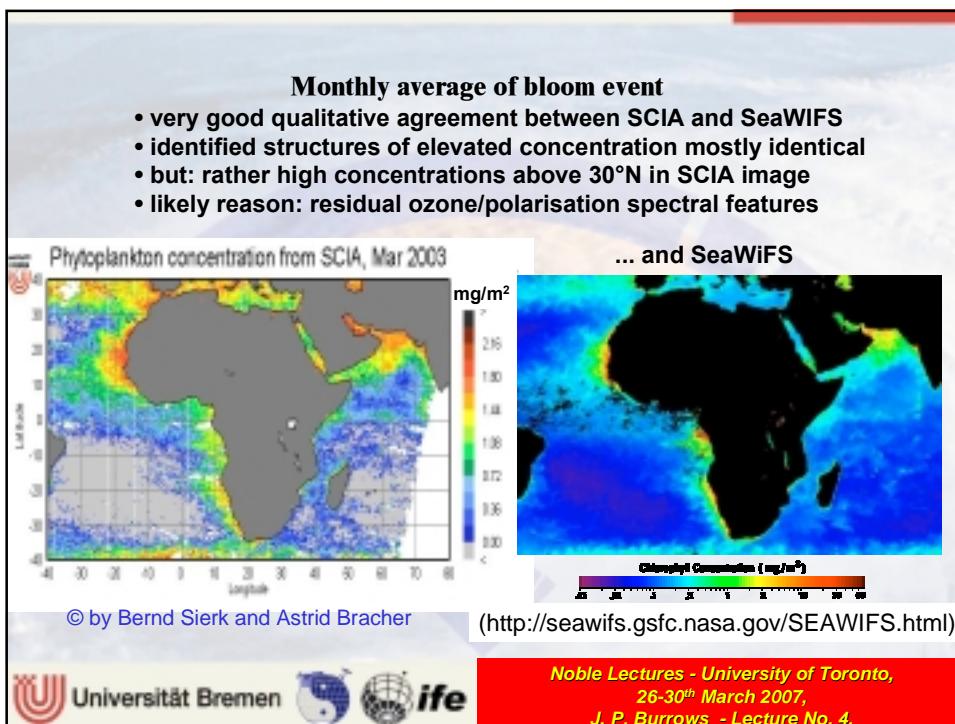
- DOAS fit at 430 to 500 nm, *in vivo* measured absorption spectrum as reference (A. Bracher, Antarctic Circumpolar Current (ACC) in Southern Ocean)
  - Specific absorption varies significantly for biogeochemical provinces (due to different photosynthetic pigment composition)
  - In vivo* reference spectra yield much better fits than chlorophyll-a



## Marine photosynthetic pigment concentration

- In the tropical Atlantic on March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2003
  - Explosive phytoplankton bloom during up-welling event
  - Phytoplankton dominated by dinoflagellates and size class < 20 µm
  - Earthshine background at 18°N to minimize ozone signal





# Retrieval of CO, CO<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>4</sub>

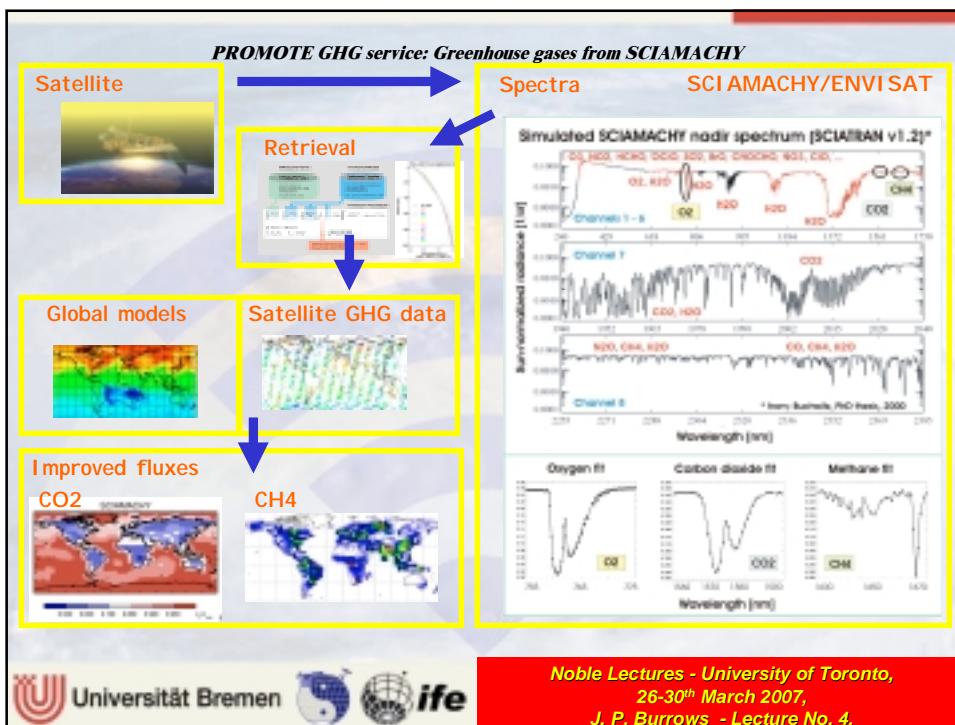
Note the concept of dry column

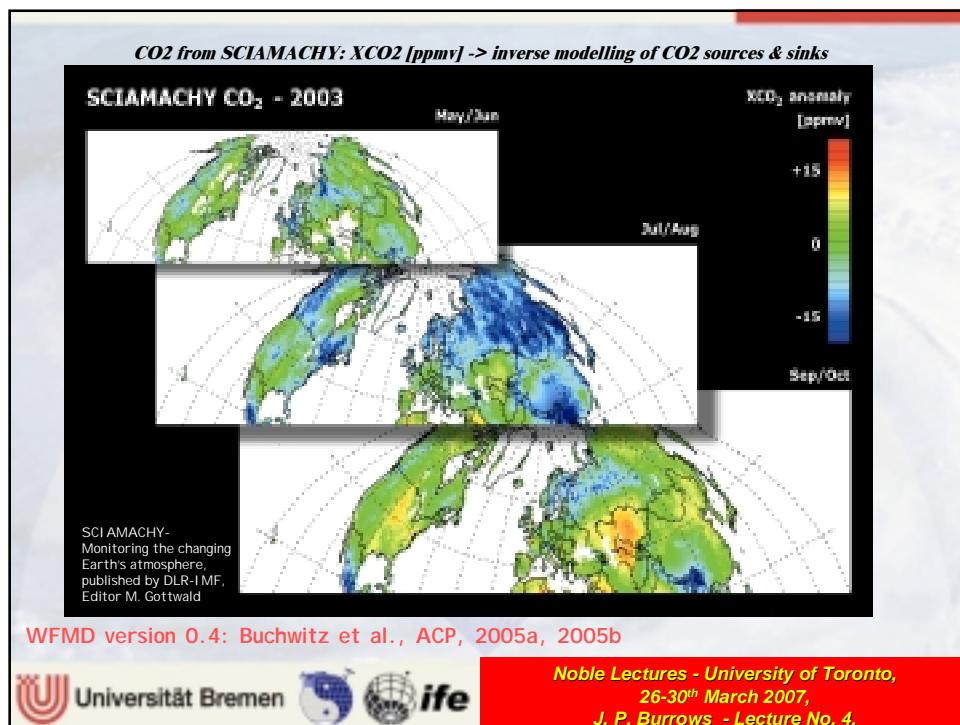
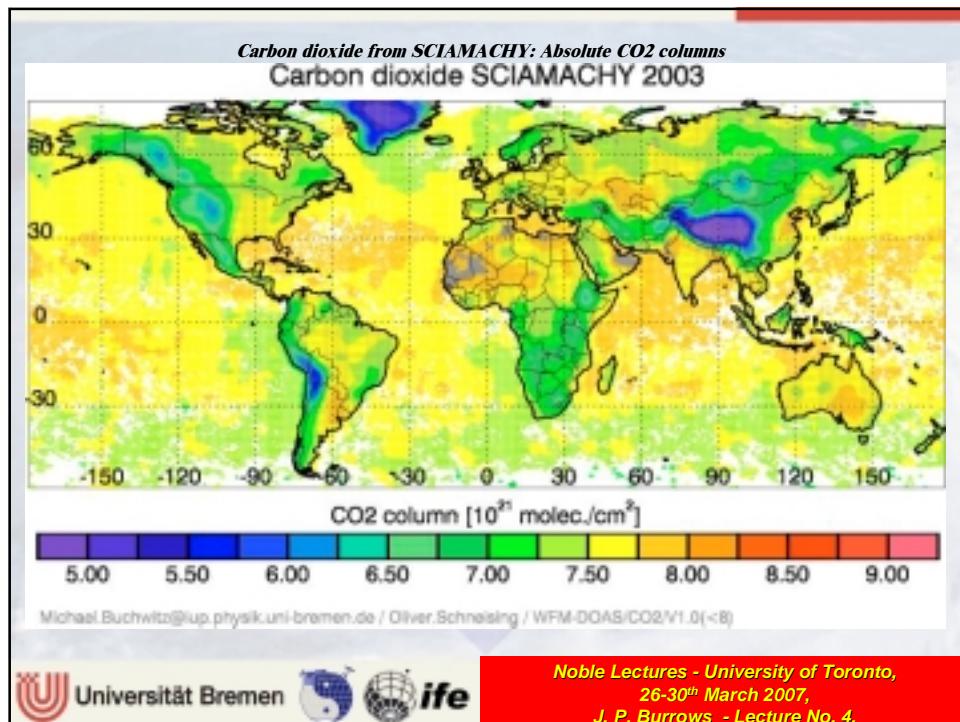
$$XCO_2 = CO_2/O_2$$

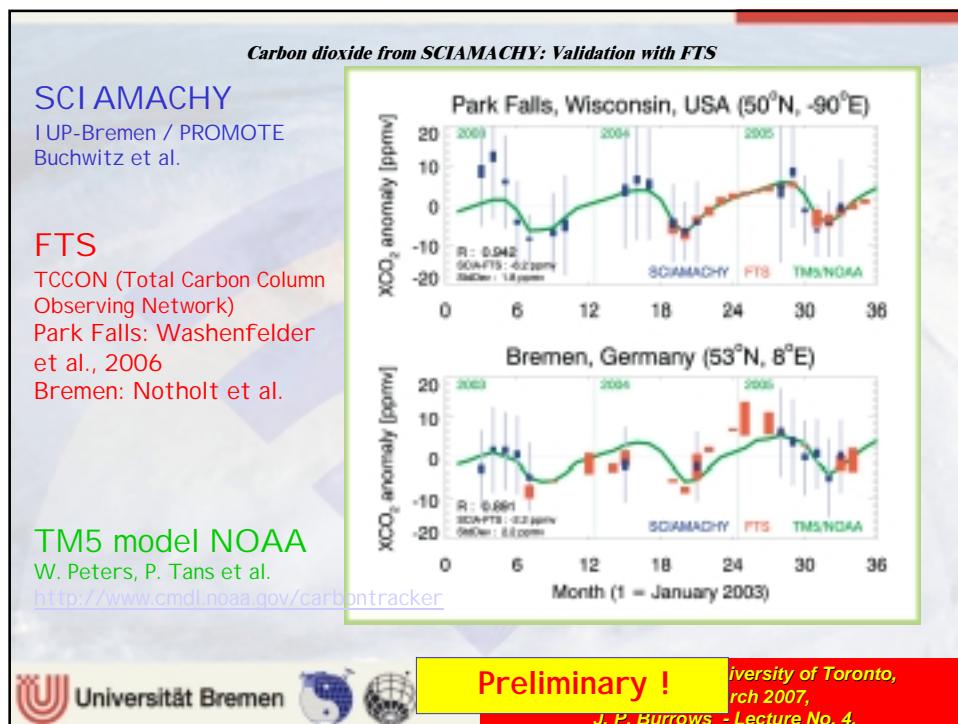
$$XCH_4 = CH_2/CO_2 \text{ or } CH_4/O_2$$



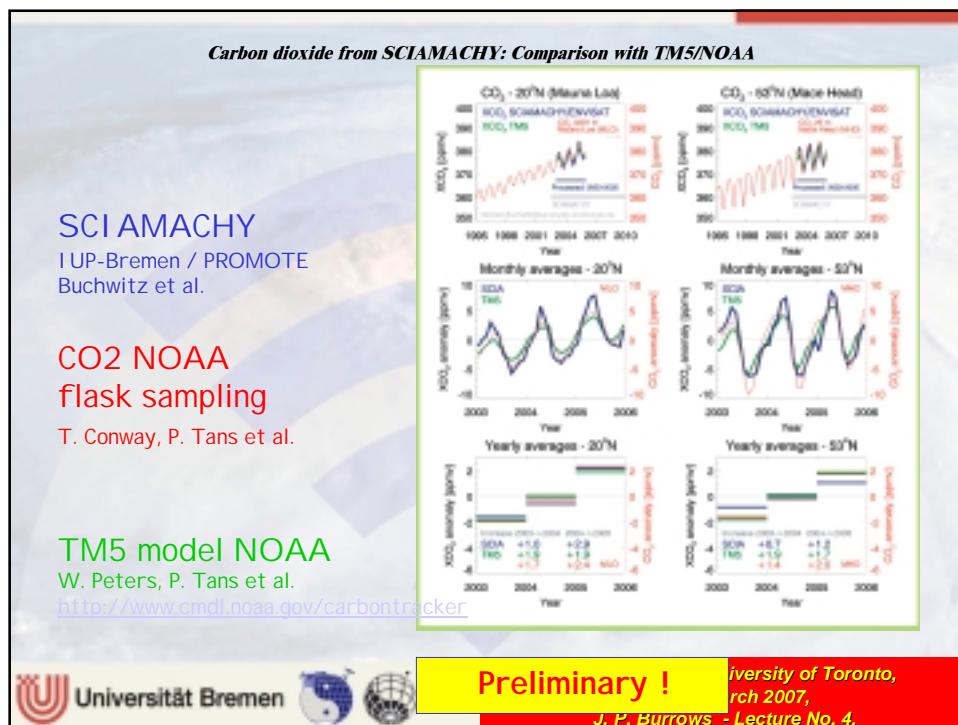
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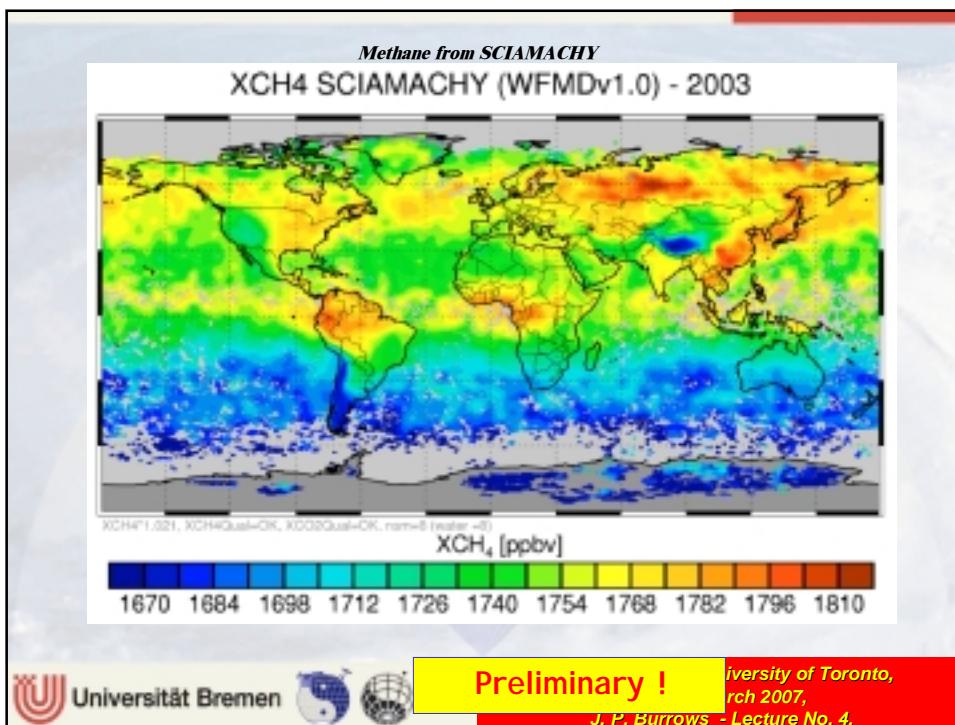
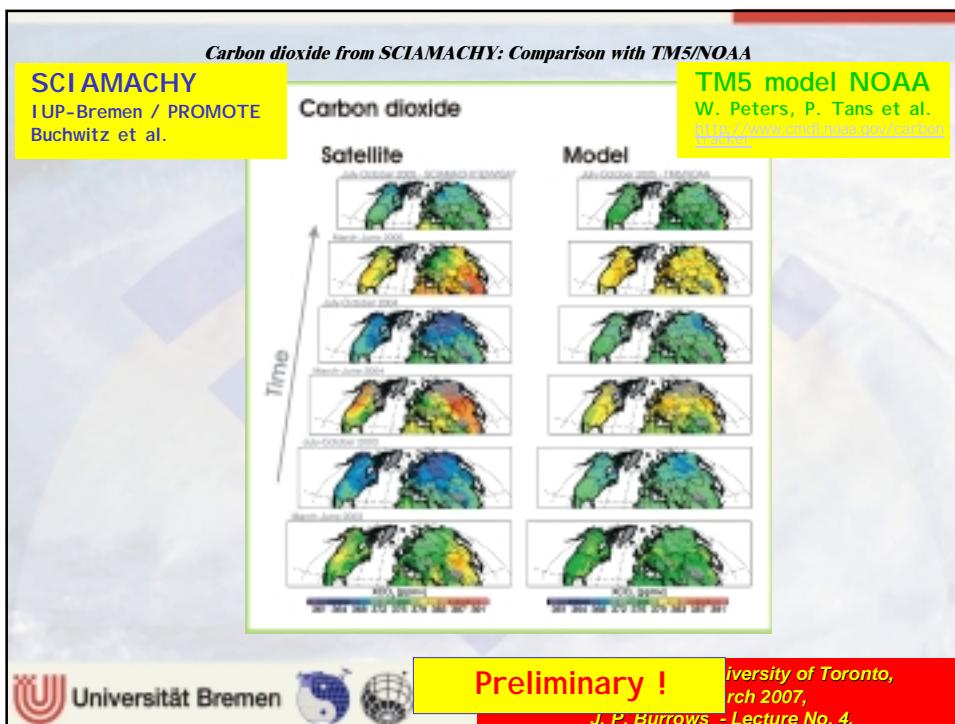


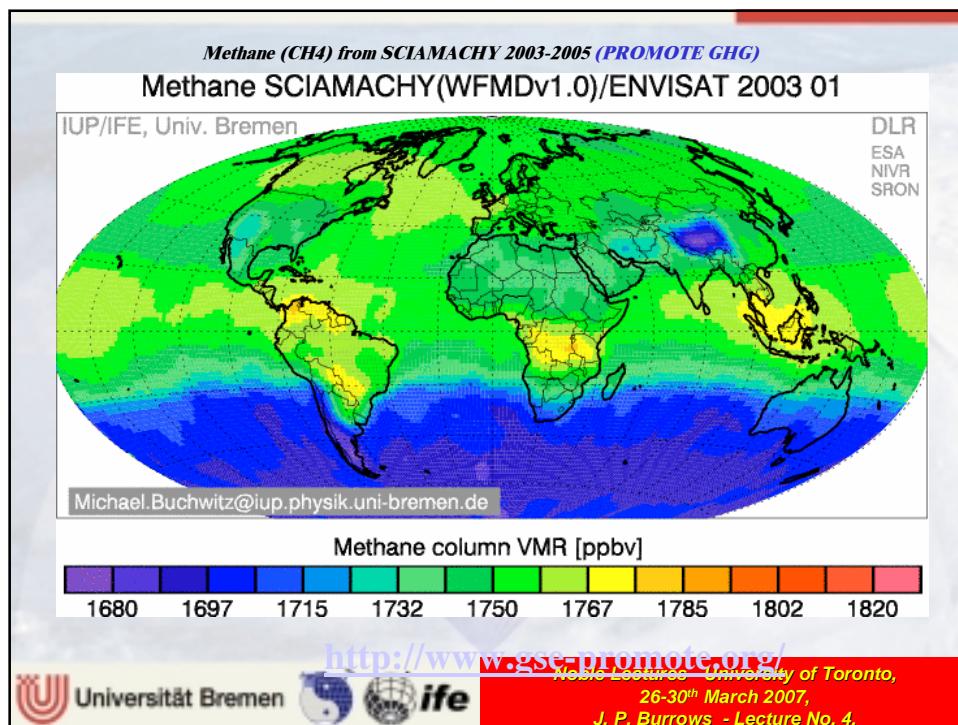
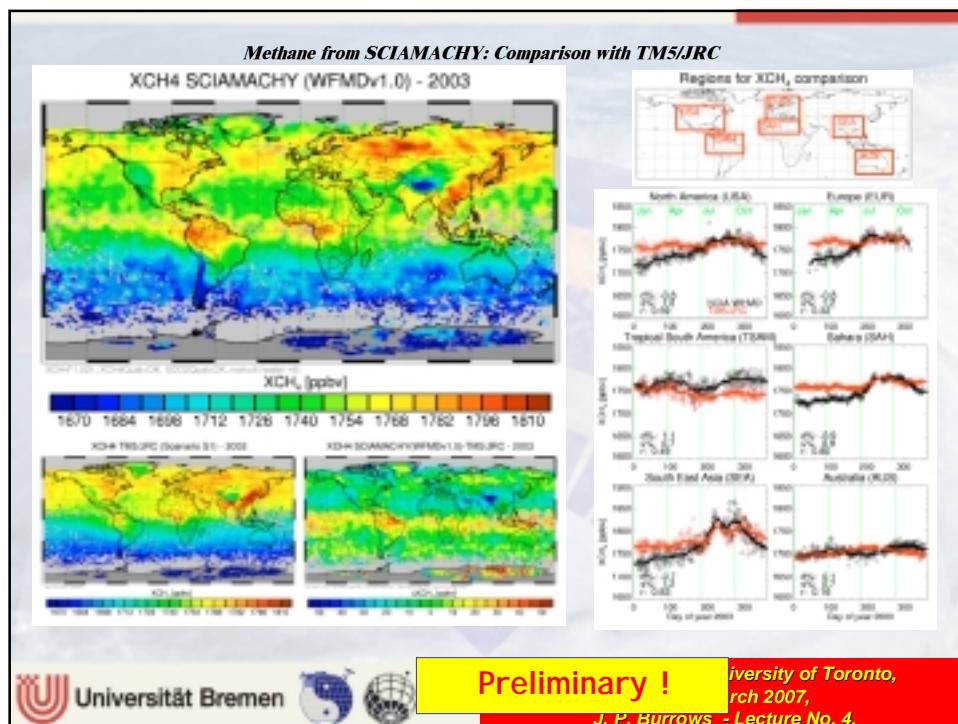


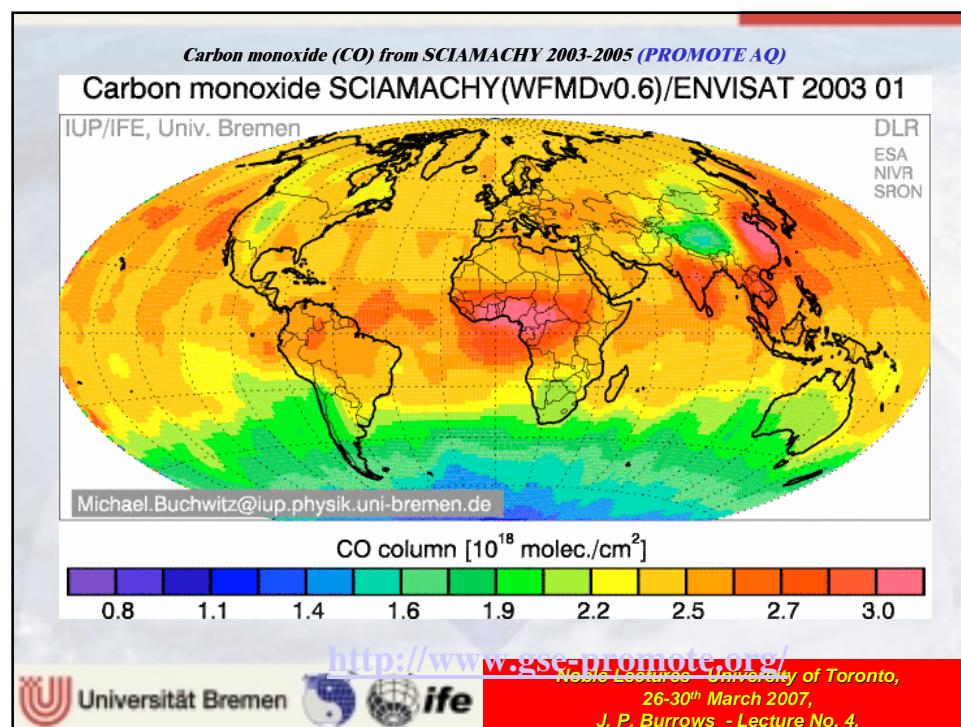
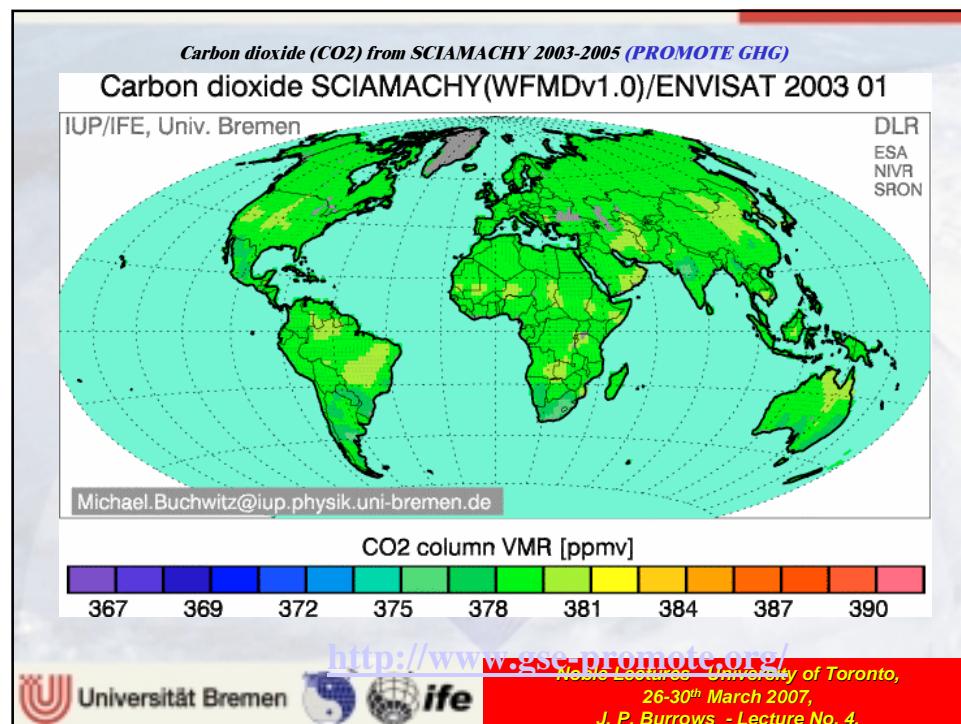
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## SCIAMACHY SWIR WFDOAS ASIAN CO, CO2 and CH4 in 2003

Four **data products**: Vertical columns of CH<sub>4</sub>, CO, CO<sub>2</sub>, and O<sub>2</sub> from SCIAMACHY nadir observations using appropriate spectral windows in the near-infrared

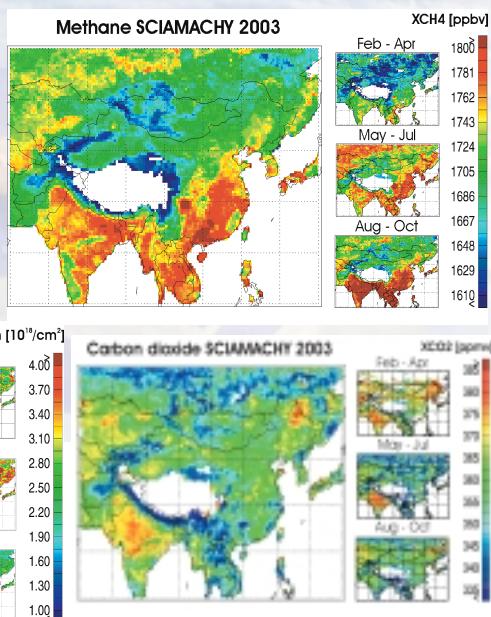
### Data products:

**Methane VMR** ( $X\text{CH}_4 = \text{CH}_4\text{-column}/\text{aircolumn}$ )

**Carbon monoxide column** (molecules/cm<sup>2</sup>)

**Carbon dioxide VMR** ( $X\text{CO}_2 = \text{CO}_2\text{-column}/\text{aircolumn}$ )

Details latest versions: de Beek et al., ACPD, 2006



## Geostationary Observations



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## Tropospheric Composition, Dynamics and Air Quality from Space

**The final frontier for the Remote Sensing Community  
(Holy Grail?)**

**In the 25 years – demonstrated potential**

**From LEO and some Aerosol products from GEO**

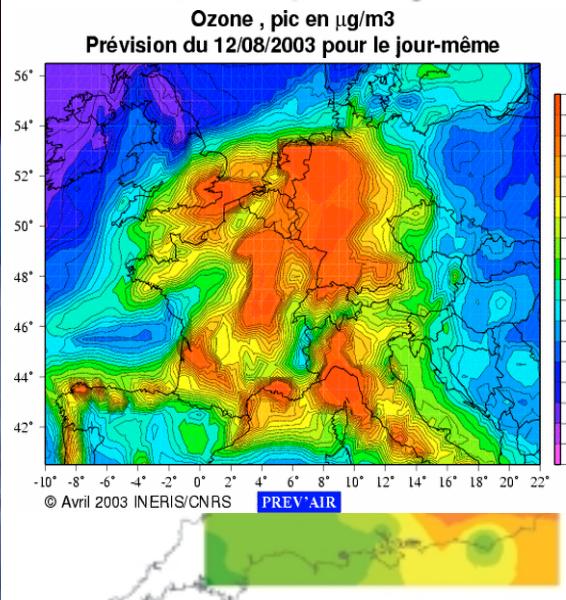
**Evolving Instrument Technologies and User Needs!**

**The Troposphere and PBL is complex and sits under the stratosphere and mesosphere!**

**Recognition of the need for Synergetic Use of Platforms/Instrument/Retrieval Techniques**

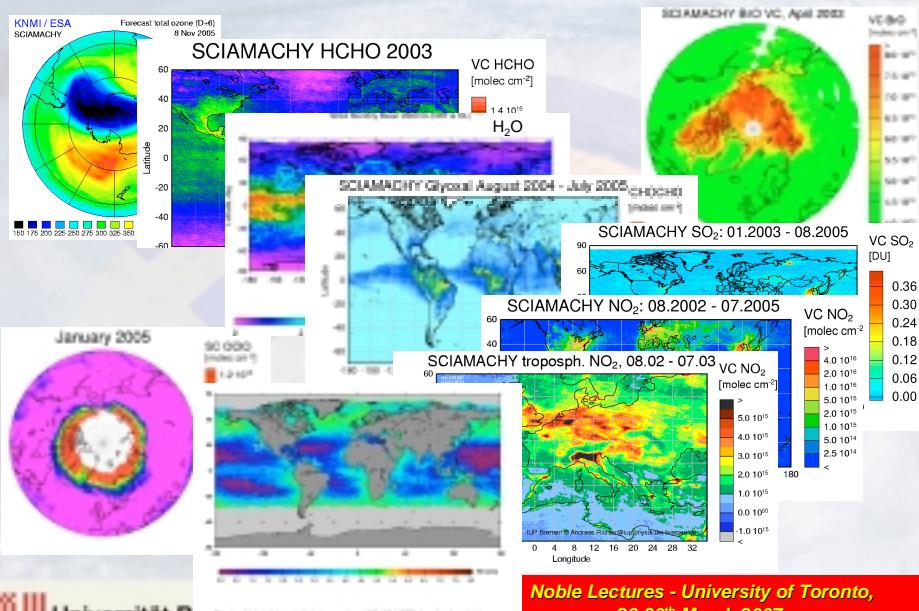
- **2003 summer heatwave**
- *In the UK, 2000 excess deaths during heatwave*
- *700 may have been attributable to high levels of ozone and PM10*
- *20-40% of all U.K. deaths*
- *Over Europe estimates are between 22,000-44,000 excess deaths*
- **Exceedance of the 180 mg/m<sup>3</sup> level**
- **Ozone Information threshold April to August 2003**  
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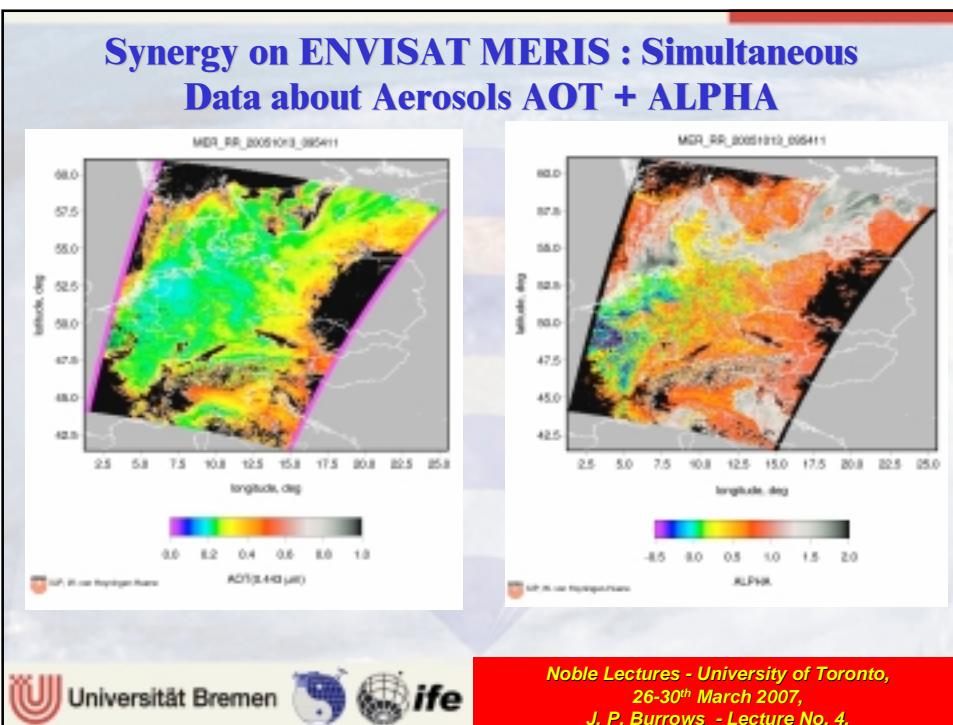
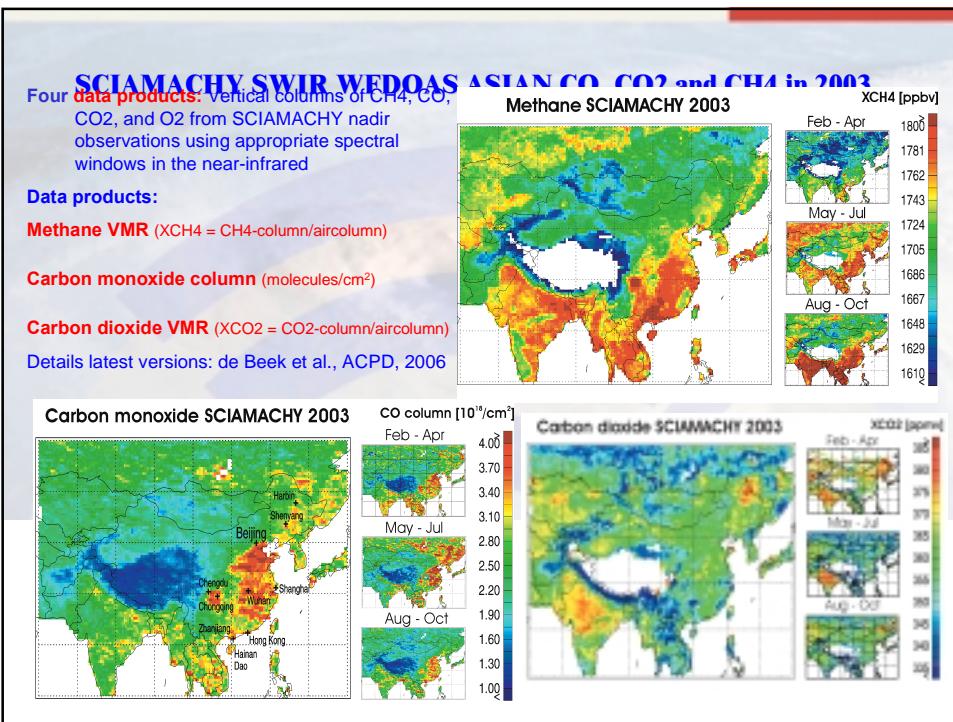
UK Ozone Bubble - 2pm 6th August 2003

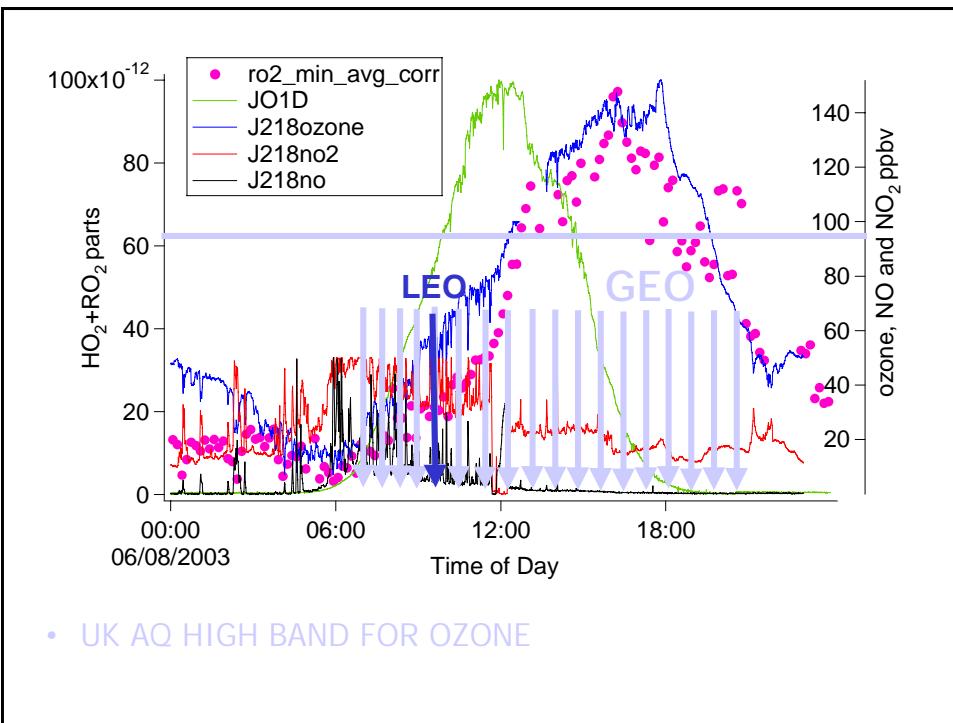
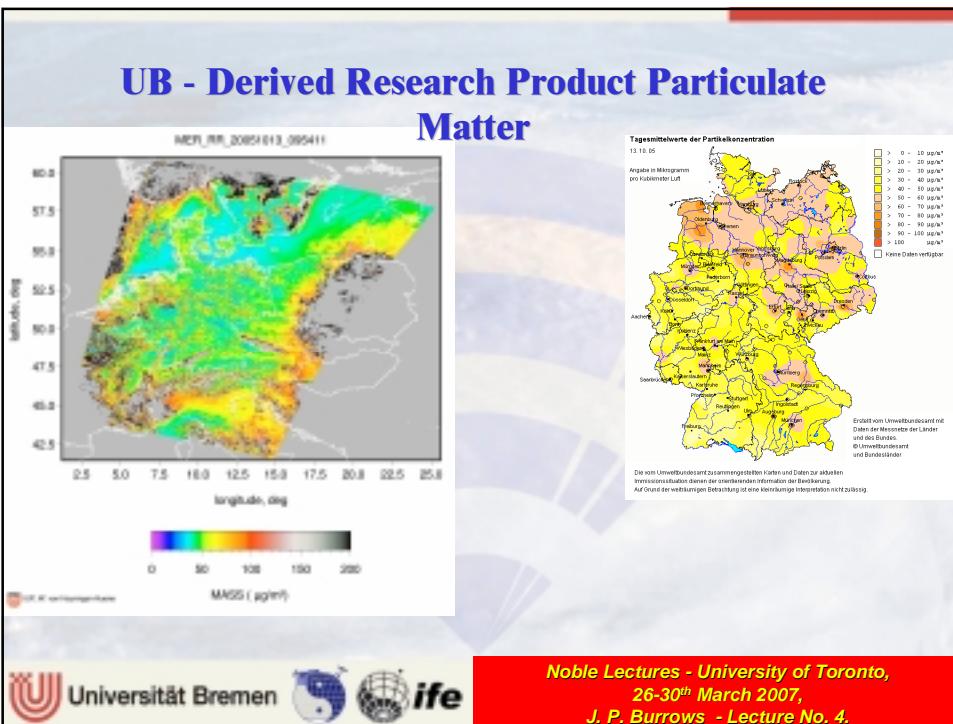


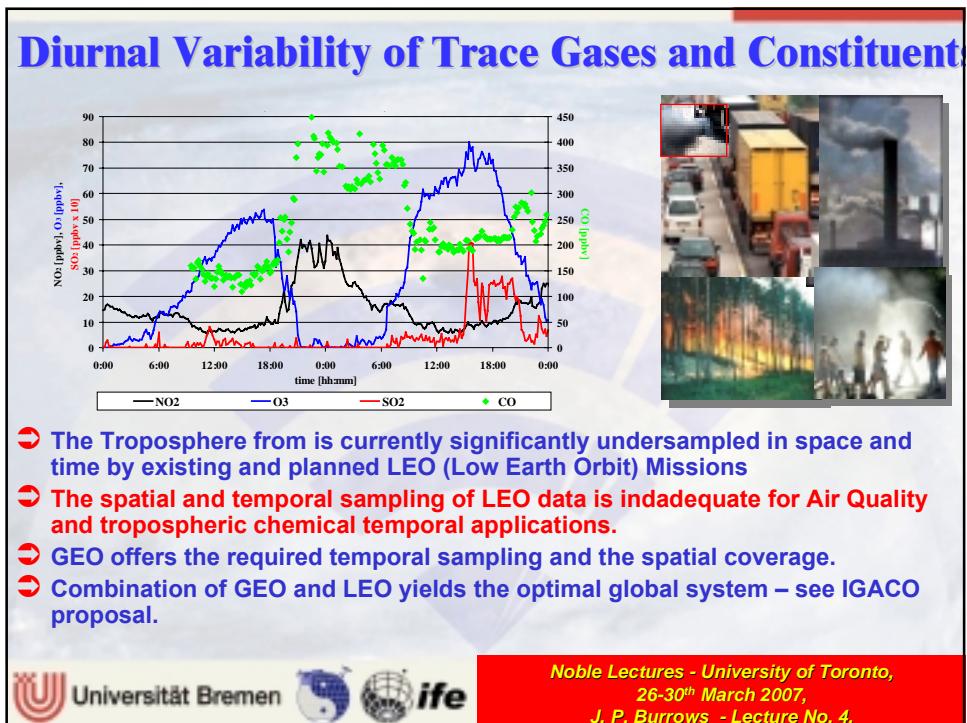
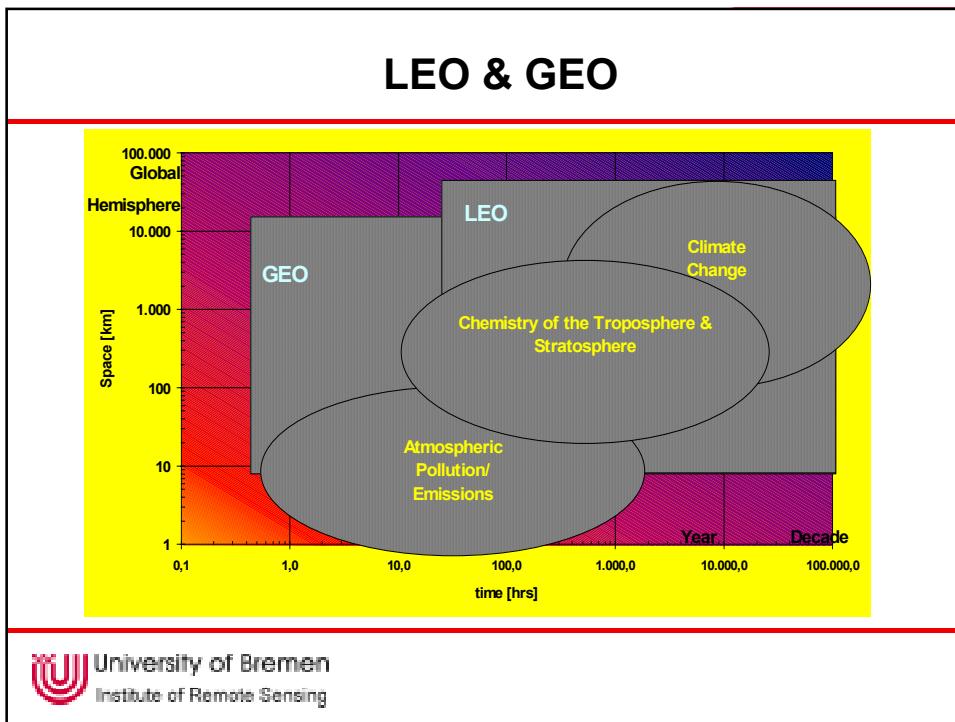
Compiled from UK ozone network data

## SCIAMACHY - Nadir - UV/Vis/NIR DOAS Data Products

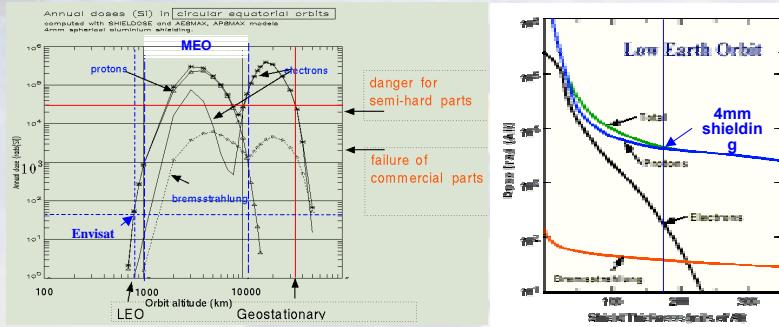




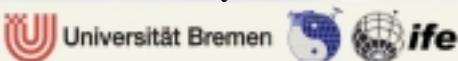




## Mission Relevant Aspects: Radiation Environment

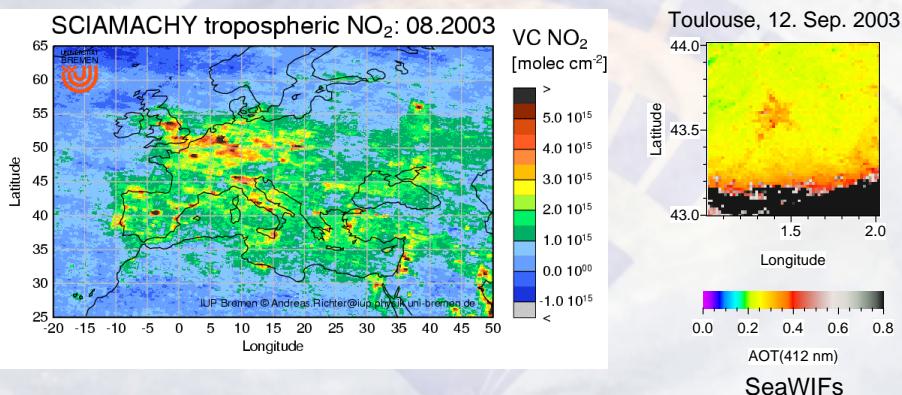


- Most Critical for long lifetime are the high energy photons
- MEO critical w.r.t. high proton radiation dose – electronic problems.
- GEO is a very favourable orbit

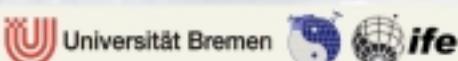


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## Solar Backscatter Sounding from Geostationary Orbit



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## European Air Quality Management and Forecast: Concept

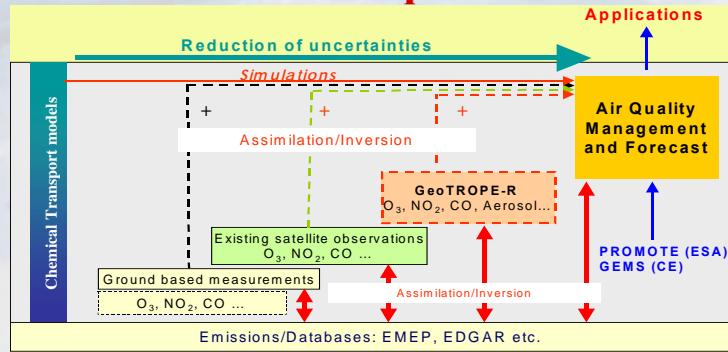
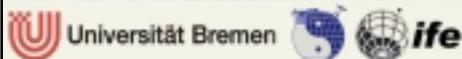


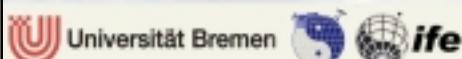
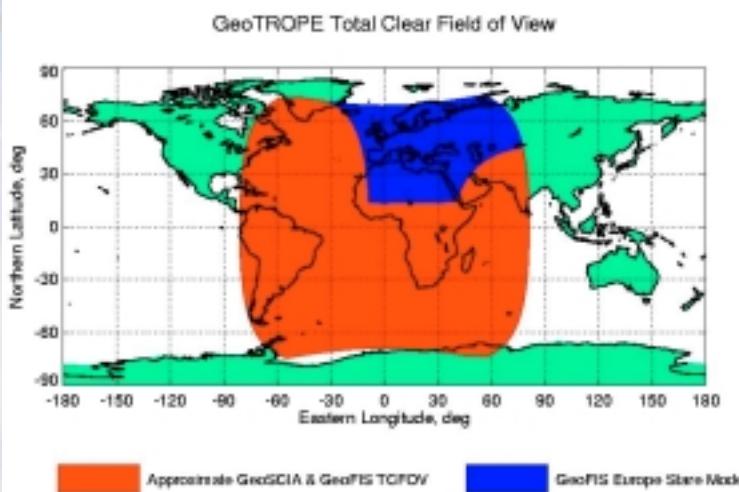
Figure: G. Bergametti, modified by H. Bovensmann).

**GeoTROPE-R is complementary to MetOp and MSG/MTG.  
It meets the requirement for AQ by providing day-by-day, near real-time,  
hourly and contiguous city scale resolution data of aerosol and relevant  
trace gases over Europe.**



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## GeoTROPE FOVs



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## GeoSCIA @ GeoTROPE

- Imaging spectrometer using 2D CCDs, (GSD: 11.4 x 23 km<sup>2</sup> – 23 x 23 km<sup>2</sup>) provided by DLR
- GOME, SCIAMACHY, OMI heritage
- UV-Vis spectral window: 270 nm - 560 nm (O<sub>3</sub>(h), NO<sub>2</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>, BrO, HCHO, O<sub>4</sub>, Aerosol),
- NIR spectral window: 755 nm - 780 nm (mean photon path, cloud cover, cloud top height, cloud optical thickness, aerosol layer scattering height)
- SWIR spectral windows: optimised around 2 μm (CO<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O) and around 2.35 μm (CO, CH<sub>4</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O, Aerosol)
- Polarisation Measurement System PMS to measure polarised and unpolarised radiance (300 – 850 nm) primarily for polarisation correction of the measured upwelling radiance and enhanced Aerosol products
- Tropospheric column information will be derived by residual methods and multi-spectral retrieval



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## GeoFIS @ GeoTROPE

- Fourier transform infrared spectrometer (GSD: 15 x 15 km<sup>2</sup>) provided by CNES
- IASI/METOP heritage
- spectral range from 4.4 μm to 5.6 μm and from 7.1 μm to 15 μm with approx. 0.25 cm<sup>-1</sup> spectral resolution.
- HgCdTe large focal plane array (LFPA) detectors
- GeoFIS adds during both day and night:
  - Improved tropospheric vertical distributions for O<sub>3</sub>, CO, CH<sub>4</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O
  - Tropospheric columns of C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub> and C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>
  - Vertical Profiles of H<sub>2</sub>O and temperature



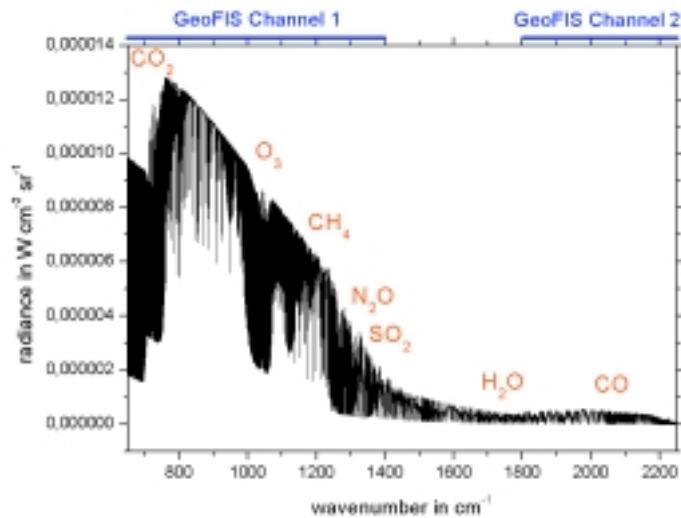
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## GeoFIS Spectral Coverage



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## First Sensitivity Studies

- **Goal:** Estimate - based on given instrument performance (SNR, spectral parameters etc.) - the mean noise-induced error on geophysical parameters
- **Method:** Radiative transfer simulation, instrument model and retrieval algorithm („Optimal Estimation“) used to calculate the error on the geophysical parameters
- Method already applied in various sensitivity studies in the MIPAS, GOME, GOME-2 and SCIAMACHY projects
- **UV-VIS-NIR:** O<sub>3</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>, HCHO (V. Rozanov, K.U. Eichmann, R. deBeek)
- **SWIR:** CO, CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O (M. Buchwitz, V. Rozanov, K.U. Eichmann)
- **Combined GeoFIS - GeoSCIA:** O<sub>3</sub>, CO, CH<sub>4</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O (IFE, IMK)



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## GeoSCIA Precisions: Trace Gases

Parameter	Precision Single Measurement	
	Goal	GeoSCIA Estimate
O <sub>3</sub>	2 - 10 %	2 TC 5-10 TrC
CO	10 %	10 %
CH <sub>4</sub>	1 - 5 %	1 %
NO <sub>2</sub>	20 %	5 - 15 %
SO <sub>2</sub>	10 <sup>(1)</sup> %	10 - 20%
HCHO	20 <sup>(1,2)</sup> %	10-20 %
BrO	20 %	20 - 30 %
H <sub>2</sub> O	2 %	2 %
CO <sub>2</sub>	1 %	1 %
Strat. O <sub>3</sub> profile	10%	5-10%



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## GeoSCIA Precisions Cloud/Aerosol

Parameter	Precision Single Measurement	
	Goal	GeoSCIA Estimate
Cloud Top Height	200 -500 m	300 m
Fractional Cloud Cover	0.02 - 0.05	0.05
Aerosol Layer Height	500 m	500 m
Aerosol Optical Depth	0.05 - 0.2	0.1



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## GeoSCIA/GeoFIS combined retrieval

Species	Vertical layers boundaries		
	0–2 km	2–7 km	7–15 km
O <sub>3</sub> TIR+SB	5–10 %	5 %	5 %
CO TIR+SB	TIR 28 %	13 %	6.6 %
CH <sub>4</sub> TIR+SB	TIR 10 %	< 10 %	< 10 %
CH <sub>4</sub> TIR+SB	TIR 24 %	10%	6.6 %
H <sub>2</sub> O TIR+SB	TIR 2 %	1 %	1 %
H <sub>2</sub> O TIR+SB	TIR 7.1 %	3 %	2.6 %
H <sub>2</sub> O TIR+SB	TIR < 1%	< 1%	< 1%
H <sub>2</sub> O TIR+SB	TIR 1.2 %	1.1 %	2.8 %



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## Other GEO Concepts

- **GOMAS: Geostationary Observatory for Microwave Atmospheric Sounding (Bizarri et al.):** temperature, humidity, ice clouds etc.
- **GIFTS: Geostationary Imaging FTS:** temperature, humidity, O<sub>3</sub>, CO
- **Geostationary Global Pollution Mapper (Fishman et al.)/GeoTRACE:** similar to GeoTROPE concept, but no IR FTS



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## Summary

- **synoptic data is required for monitoring and forecasts of short-term variations of atmospheric composition:**
  - Air Pollution, quantification and monitoring of emissions to the troposphere,
  - biomass burning,
  - stratospheric ozone variability (application UV fields),
  - volcanic eruptions.
- **Synoptic data sets can be delivered from geostationary observation**
- **Instrument concepts, based on the heritage from LEO instrumentation are feasible and will yield measurements with the required precisions.**
- **The combination of solar backscatter with IR emission measurements enhances significantly the precisions in the lower troposphere (0-2 km), which is important to reach the required precision in this layer.**



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