





## Remote sensing of NO<sub>2</sub>: Integrating slant column measurements into operational air quality management systems.

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# What's coming up

- Stretching the envelope of ground-based remote sensing
- A role for airborne NO<sub>2</sub> mappers?
  - Reducing "spectral complexity" and instrumental payload constraints.
- Assimilation of spaceborne, ground-based and airborne remotely-sensed NO<sub>2</sub> into models and applications







## Urban-scale air quality from orbit



## **Design of the CompAQS imaging Spectrometer**

Signal-to-N

60

265

1450

700

2600

1400

45

190

1050

470

1850

1000

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Global View

O3 profile

O3 column

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NO2

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Spatial Zoom

O3 profile

O3 column

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OCIO

NO2

04

270-310

310-335

335-365

365-420

420-450

450-500

270-310

310-335

335-365

365-420

420-450

450-500

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#### Whyte et al. 2009, AMT

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Assessment of the performance of a compact concentric spectrometer system for Atmospheric Differential Optical Absorption Spectroscopy

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Proposed to S5P by SSTL

Vavelength (n

CAPACITY

MTG

290

300

305

312

320

350

450

550

elength (nm

295-302

302-310

310-325

325-335

335-360

420-450

Target Species

Stratospheric O3 Col

Total & Trop O3,

SO2, HCHO, O4,

AAI, SSA, AOT

NO2, O3, CTH

Target Specie

O3 profile

SO2

Tropospheric 03

03

нсно

100

300

500

1000

1500

1800

2500

2500

ignal-to-N

150

150

850

1060

2000

2500











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#### 3D Environment for NO<sub>2</sub> data assimilation











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# The Airborne AQ Mapper



# Nitrogen Dioxide Concentrations as imaged on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2013 (around 1pm)

Parkland/woodland













#### The Ultra-Compact Air quality Mapper (UCAM)

A CEOI seedcorn study between the University of Leicester and SSTL



#### Shoe-boxed size CompAQS imaging spectrometer

UCAM pushbroom or full imaging NO<sub>2</sub> mapper

- Filter (discrete wavelength) retrieval using a neural network
- Real-time retrieval
- 10% of the volume
  - 10% of the mass
  - <10% of the data volume







# Preliminary findings..









#### Earthshine DOAS – Principles and application

- Earthshine reference spectra have previously been used to determine IO concentrations over Antarctica (Schönhardt et al, 2008).
  - Ring effect present in reference spectrum reduced impact in final retrieval
  - Instrument noise accounted for in reference spectrum
  - Less interference when retrieving trace absorbers
- Could this be applied to directly retrieve tropospheric NO<sub>2</sub>?
  - Primarily stratospheric NO<sub>2</sub> exists over the Pacific compared with urban areas
  - VCDs retrieved over the Pacific have previously been used as an estimate of stratospheric NO<sub>2</sub> in order to determine tropospheric contribution.
- Stratospheric NO<sub>2</sub> shows strong latitudinal dependence. Latitudinal path length enhancement due to changing SZA also an issue.
  - Solution: bin daily spectra measured over reference region to 1° latitude bands
  - Only use cloud-free scenes to prevent signal enhancement & wavelength shifts due to clouds.



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- Test case: Tropospheric NO2 retrieved by OMI during June 2006
- Average tropospheric NO<sub>2</sub> SCDs retrieved over transect using Pacific reference spectra comparable with OMNO2 & DOMINO results
- Method assumes longitudinally invariant stratospheric NO<sub>2</sub>, as in reference region retrieved VCDs may need to be spatially filtered to remove residual features caused by local stratospheric NO<sub>2</sub> features.

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# The CompAQS mission concept









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## **Applications** iTRAQ – An integrated traffic and air quality

### management tool.

http://iap.esa.int/projects/transport/itraq

#### Earth Observation Data



#### AQ measurement and modelling

















### **Concluding remarks**

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- There are advances to be made by taking satellite technology for NO<sub>2</sub> mapping into the urban environment.
- Clear capability to explore emissions and urban dynamics.
- Role for airborne mapping?
- There is a need to explore techniques for minimising complexity in NO<sub>2</sub> systems.
- MACC is a key enabler for assimilation of spaceborne NO<sub>2</sub> measurements into operational AQ management systems.
- 2015 iTRAQ, HSI-DOAS + AAQM + MACC?

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