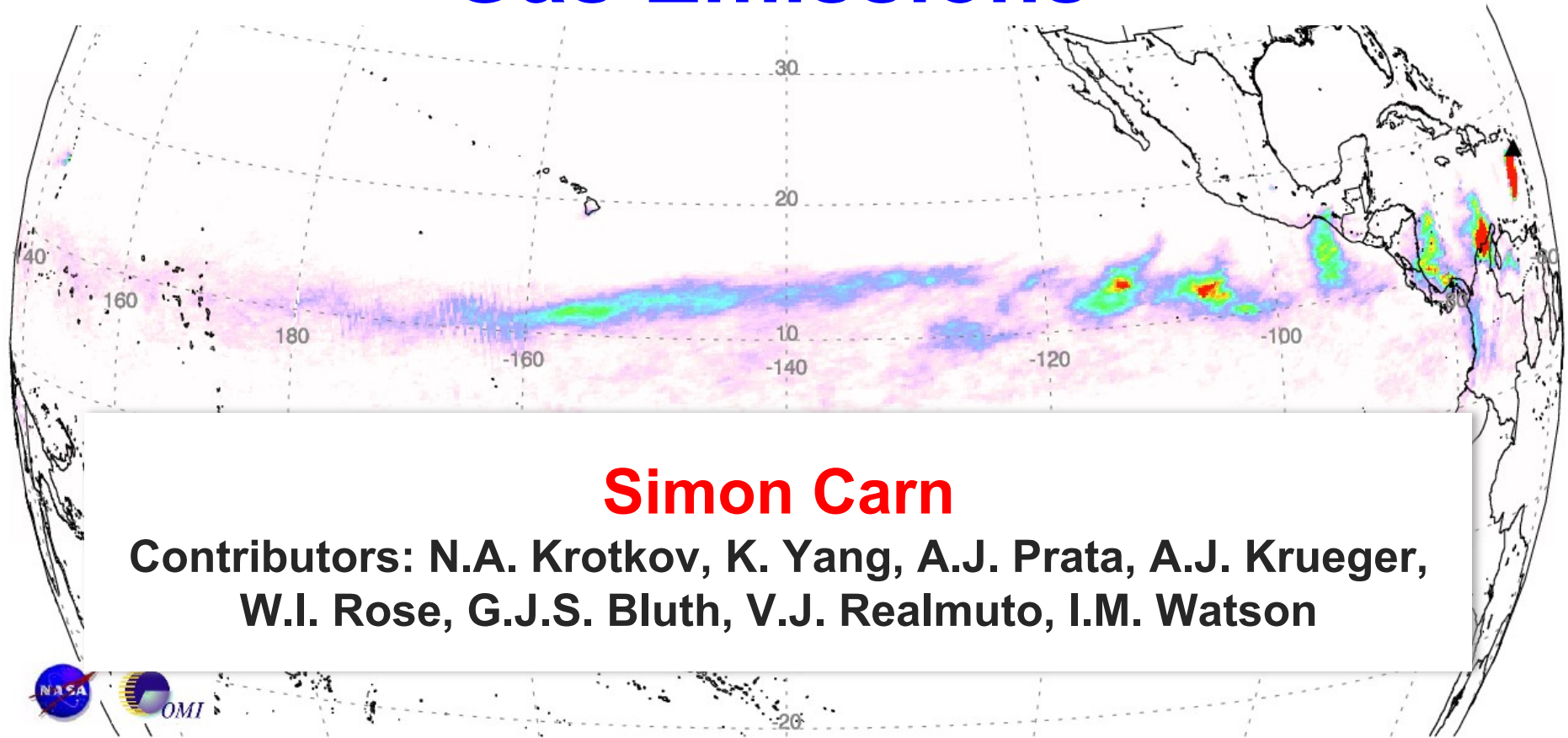


Remote Sensing of Volcanic Gas Emissions



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Overview

- Motivation for volcanic gas measurements
- Development of satellite remote sensing of SO₂
- Remote sensing theory (focus on SO₂ measurements)
- Survey of space-based SO₂ sensors
 - UV sensors: OMI, TOMS, GOME-2
 - IR sensors: MODIS, ASTER, TOVS, AIRS, IASI
- Application of Aura/OMI SO₂ data to volcano monitoring
 - SO₂ burden calculations
 - Burdens vs. emission rates
- Satellite sensor synergy: NASA's A-Train
- Ground-based FTIR multi-gas measurements

Volcanic gas compositions

mol%	Nyiragongo (DR Congo) RIFT	Kilauea* (Hawaii) HOTSPOT	Merapi* (Indonesia) SUBDUCTION	Etna* (Sicily) SUBDUCTION
H ₂ O	70	37	91	48
CO ₂	24	49	5	20
SO ₂	5	12	1	31
CO	1	2	0.1	0.4
HCl	0.3	0.08	0.6	-
HF	0.1	-	0.04	-

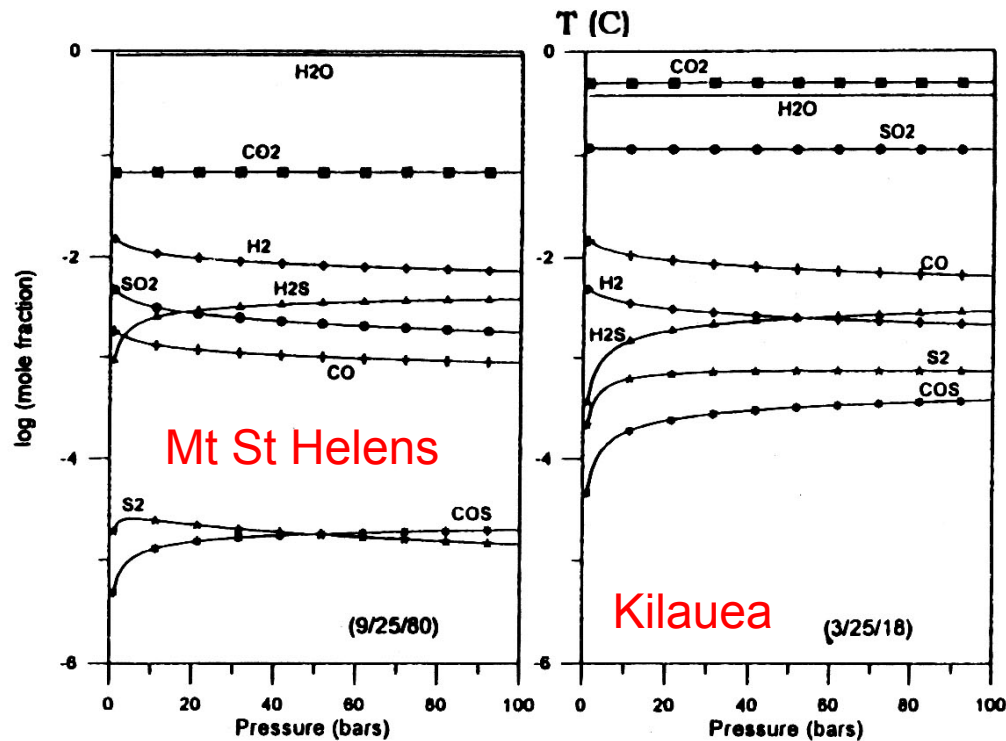
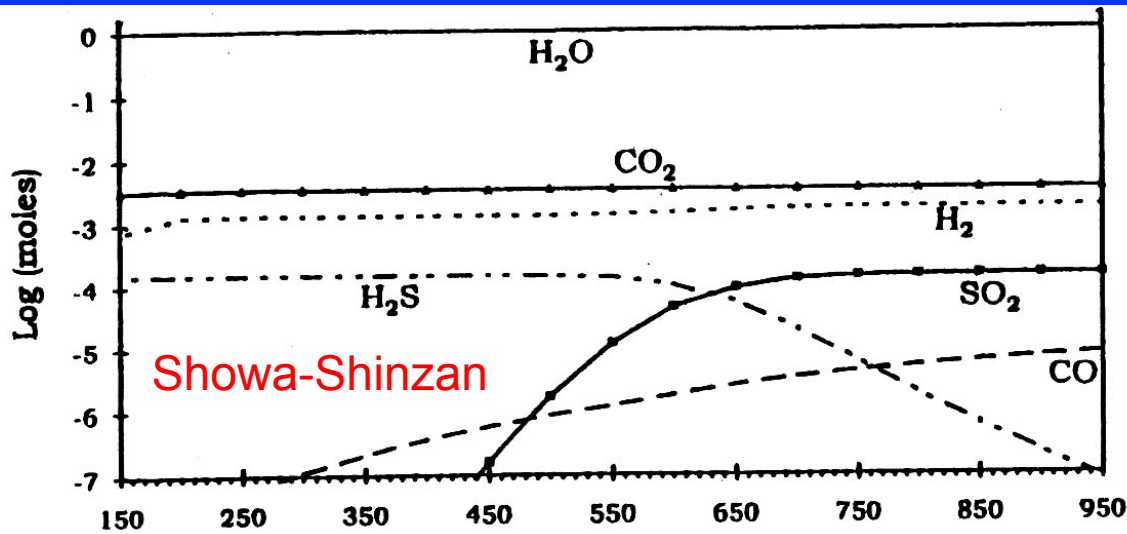
Trace constituents: CH₄, N₂, BrO, Zn, Cu, Hg, Au, As, Re, He, Ne, Ar.....

*Symonds *et al.* [1994]

Motivation for volcanic SO₂ measurements

- SO₂ is the most abundant gas in volcanic emissions that can be easily measured by remote sensing techniques
 - Low background concentrations (cf. H₂O, CO₂)
 - No other major sources above the planetary boundary layer (PBL)
 - Well-characterized spectral absorption bands (UV, IR, microwave)
- Released from magma at high temperature and low pressure
 - Can indicate fresh magma rising within a volcanic system
 - Signature of magmatic eruptions with potential for high altitude eruption columns
 - H₂S (hydrogen sulfide) is the more stable sulfur species at high pressures and low temperatures (e.g., fumarole fields)
- Environmental, health and climate impacts (sulfate aerosol)

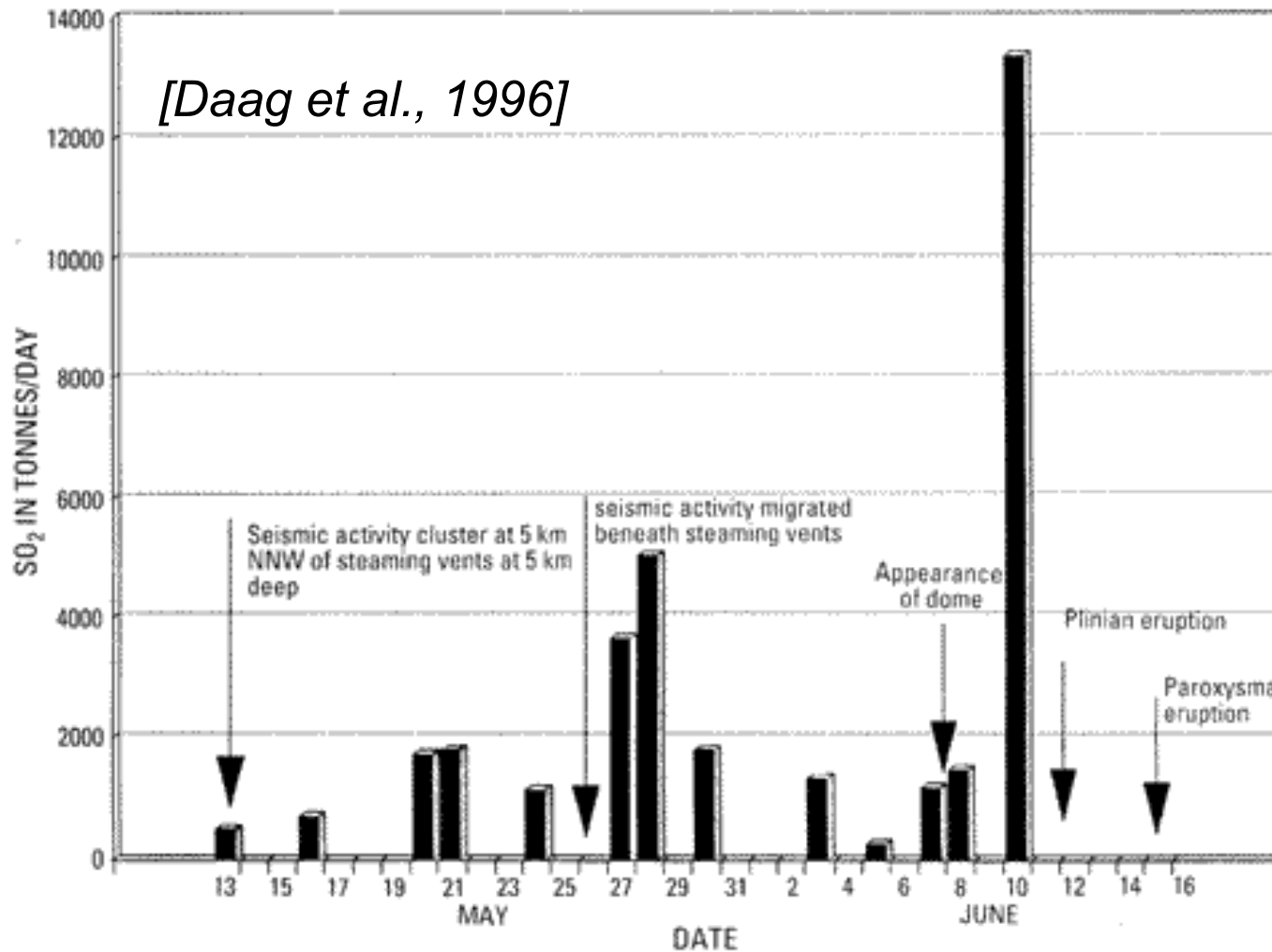
Temperature and pressure effects on volcanic gas species



$$\log \left(\frac{\text{SO}_2}{\text{H}_2\text{S}} \right) = \log K_T - 3 \log \left(\frac{\text{H}_2}{\text{H}_2\text{O}} \right) - \log P \cdot X_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$$

[Symonds et al., Rev. Mineral., 1994;
Aiuppa et al., 2004]

Pre-eruptive volcanic degassing



- Increase in SO₂ emissions prior to a major eruption

SO₂ flux and LP seismicity at Galeras (Colombia)

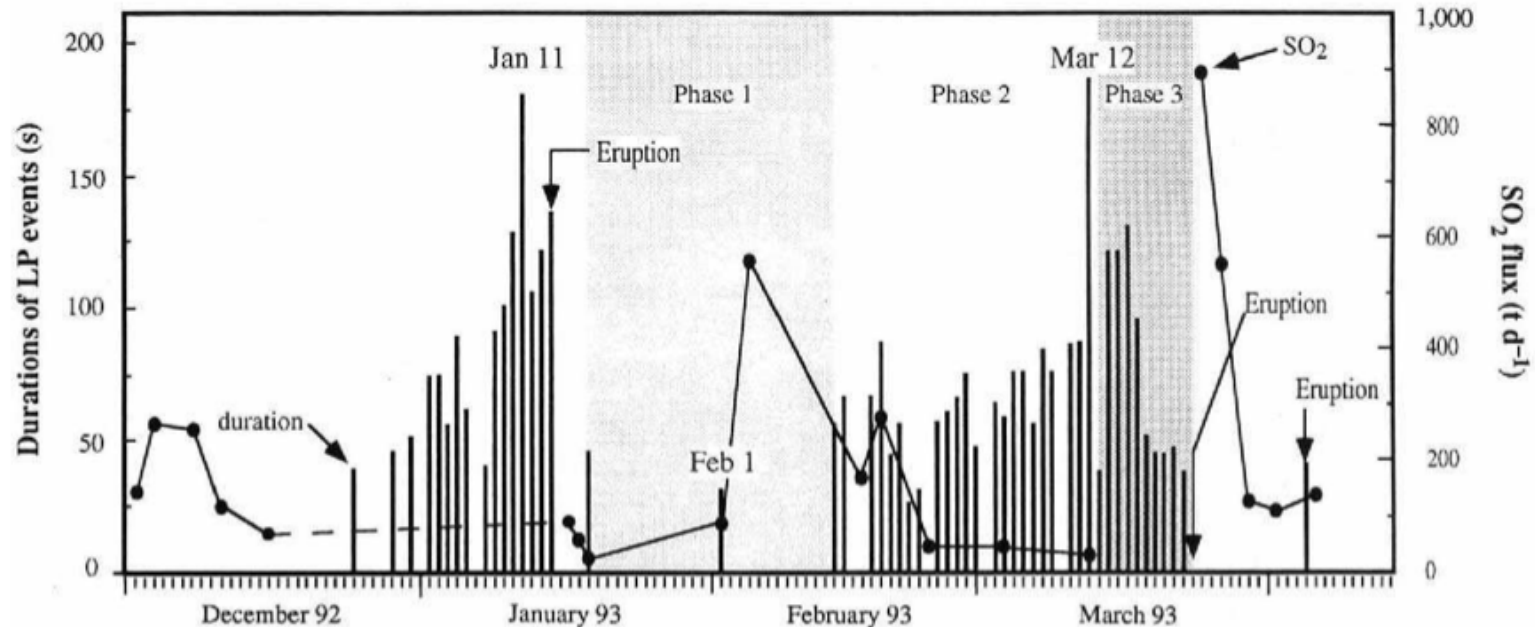
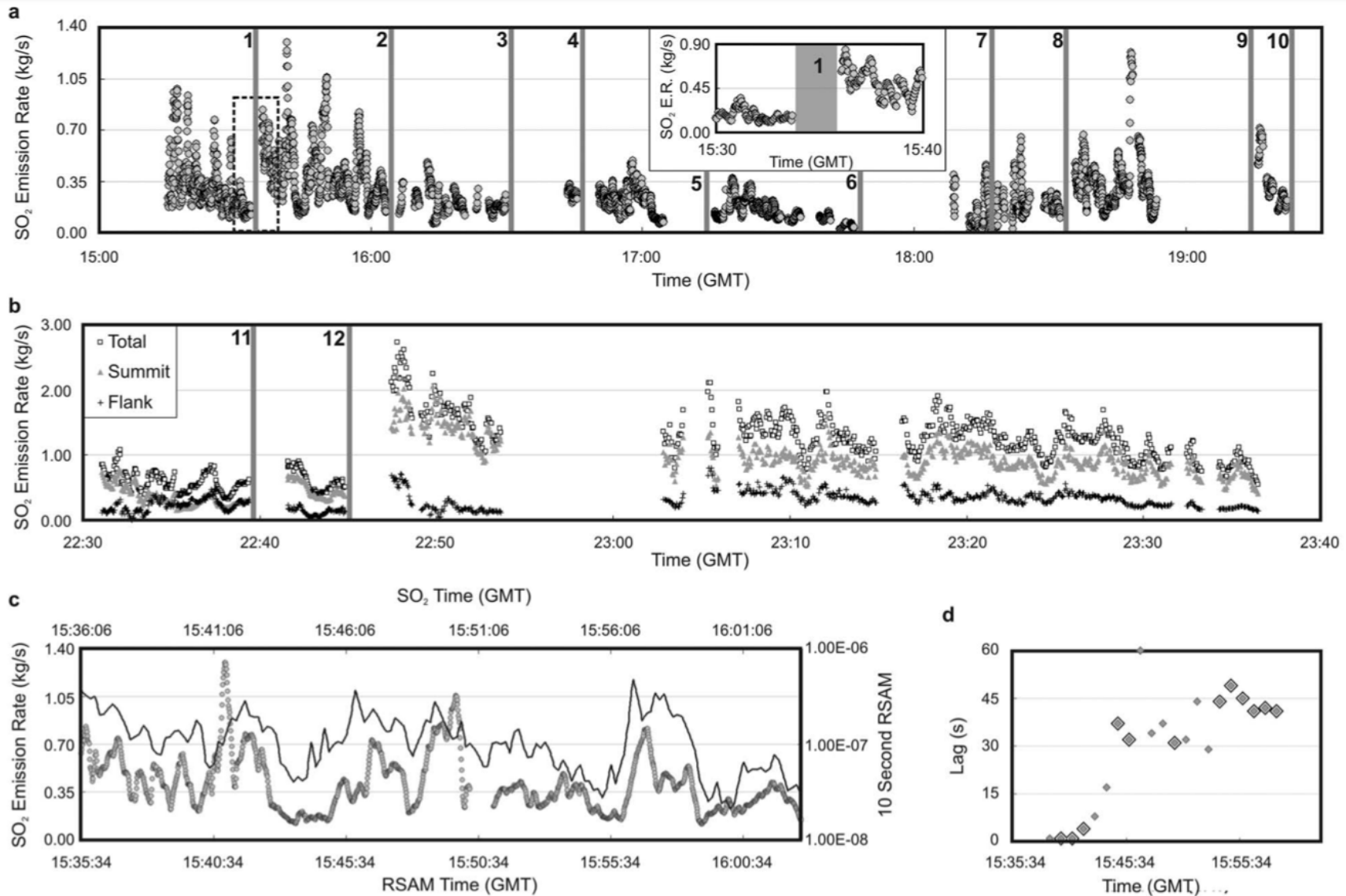


FIG. 2 SO₂ flux in metric tons per day (●) and durations of recorded long-period (≥ 22 s) events (vertical bars) plotted against time, also showing the eruptions during the same time period. The SO₂ flux is measured using correlation spectrometer (COSPEC) methodology¹⁵. Uncertainty depends mostly on recorded wind speeds. The error at

Galeras is assumed to be $\pm 20\%$, in general, and $\pm 40\%$, in the worst case. True SO₂ flux is likely to be higher than the calculated value. The three phases reflect changes in fluid dynamics along pathways through which gases flow, as interpreted from seismic and gas flux data.

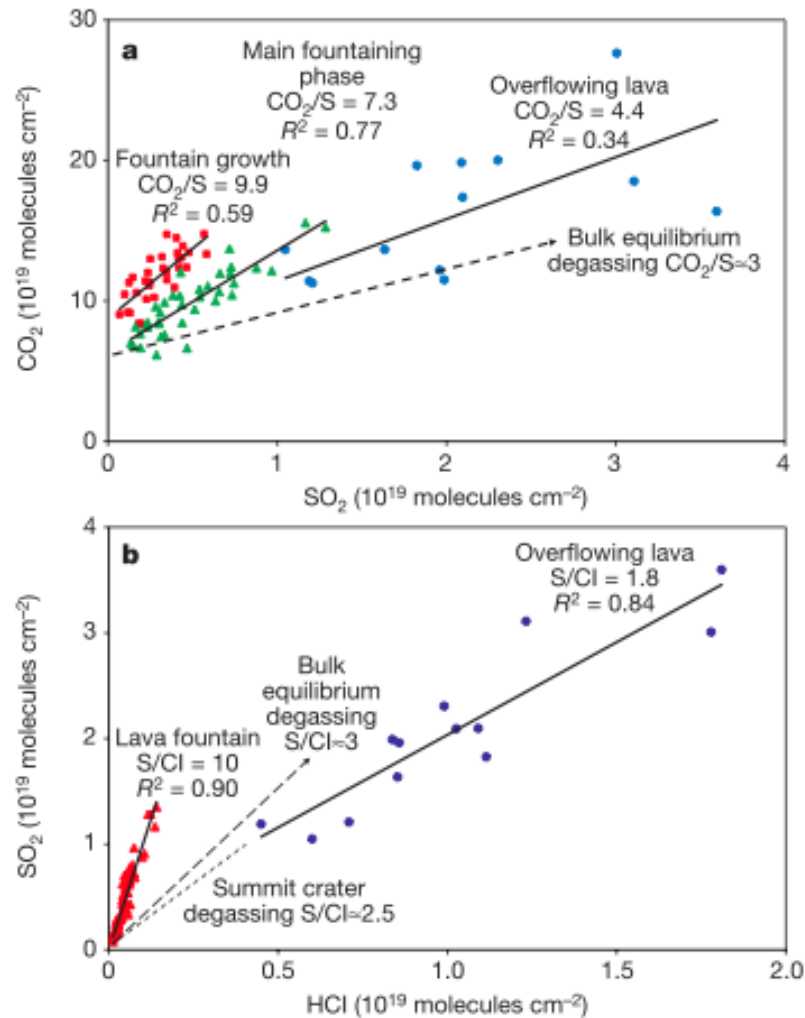
[Fischer et al., Nature, 1994]

SO₂ emissions and RSAM at Fuego (Guatemala)



[Nadeau et al., GRL, 2011]

FTIR gas ratios at Etna



- Volatile solubility: $\text{F}/\text{Cl} \geq \text{H}_2\text{O} > \text{SO}_2 > \text{CO}_2$
- Petrological data needed to interpret gas data

[Allard et al., 2005]

Volcanic gas monitoring techniques

Chemical sensors



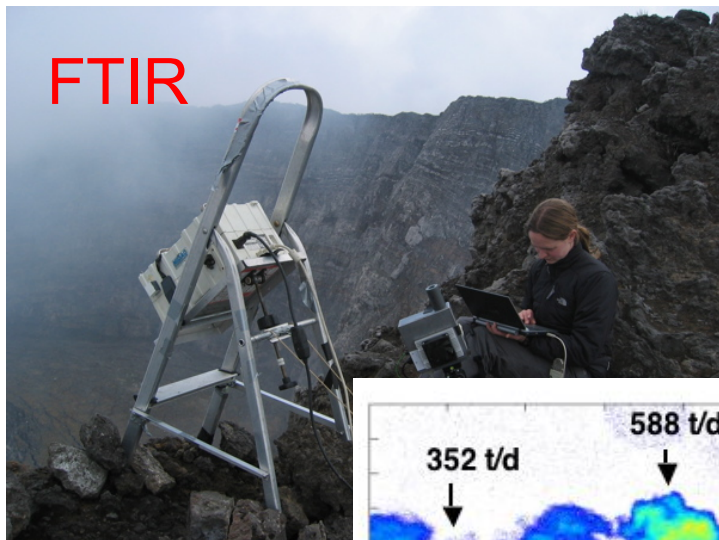
Mini UV spec



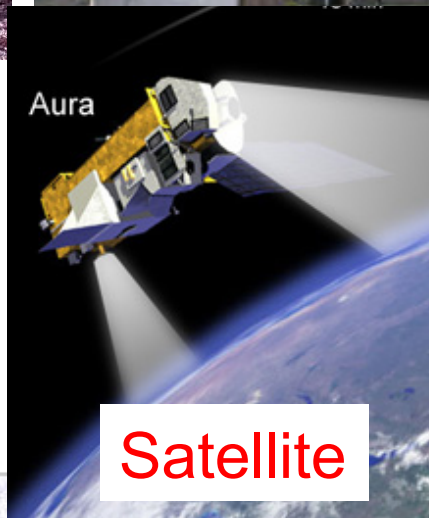
COSPEC



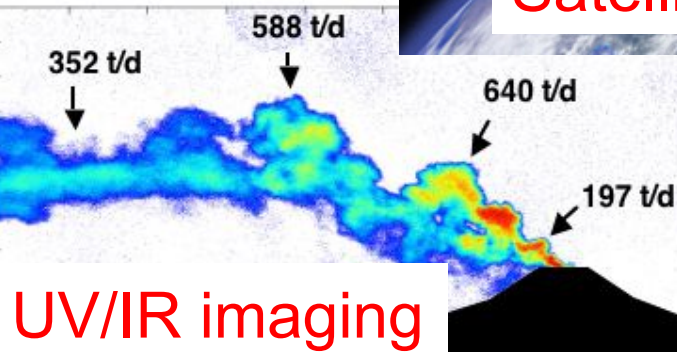
FTIR



Aura



Satellite



UV/IR imaging



Direct sampling

Volcanic gas monitoring techniques

Technique	Gases	Hazard	Cost	Frequency
Direct sampling	Total gas composition	High	Low	Low
In-situ sensors	SO ₂ , H ₂ S, CO ₂	High	Low	High
COSPEC	SO ₂	Moderate	\$10k	≥ Minutes
Mini-DOAS	SO ₂ , BrO, NO ₂ , ClO	Moderate	\$10k	1 Hz
FTIR	SO ₂ , CO ₂ , H ₂ O, HCl, HF	Moderate	\$40k	1 Hz
UV camera	SO ₂	Low-Mod	\$20k	>1 Hz
IR camera	SO ₂	Low-Mod	\$20k	Seconds
Satellites	SO ₂ , HCl (strat.), CO ₂ ?	None	Free	≥15 minutes

- In addition, variation in spatial coverage and atmospheric interference

Electromagnetic spectrum – SO₂ absorption

Daytime only

Daytime or nighttime

UV

Vis

Near-Infrared (NIR)

Thermal Infrared (TIR)

OMI, GOME-2,
SCIAMACHY

IASI, SEVIRI, MODIS
AIRS, HIRS, ASTER

0.3-0.35 μm

4 μm

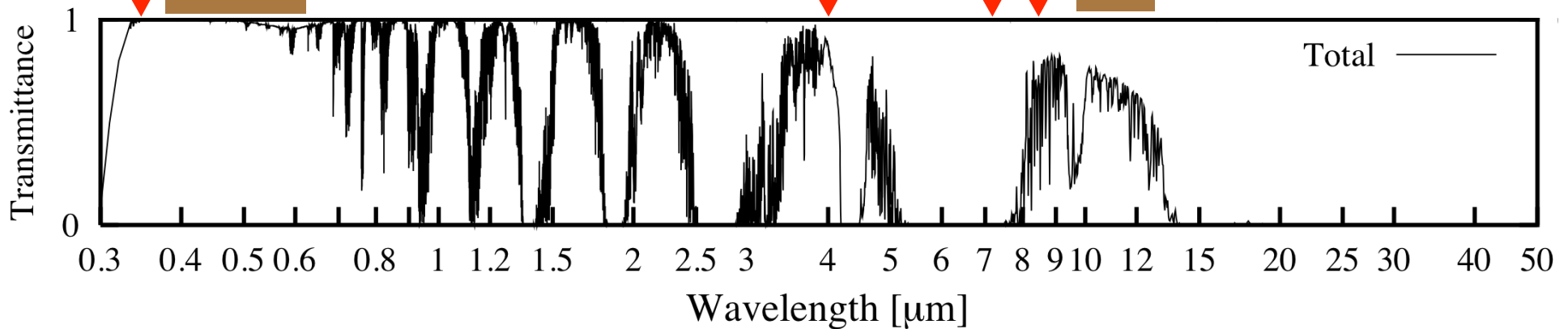
7.3 8.6 μm

MLS

Microwave
~1 mm

Ash

Ash



UV and IR remote sensing



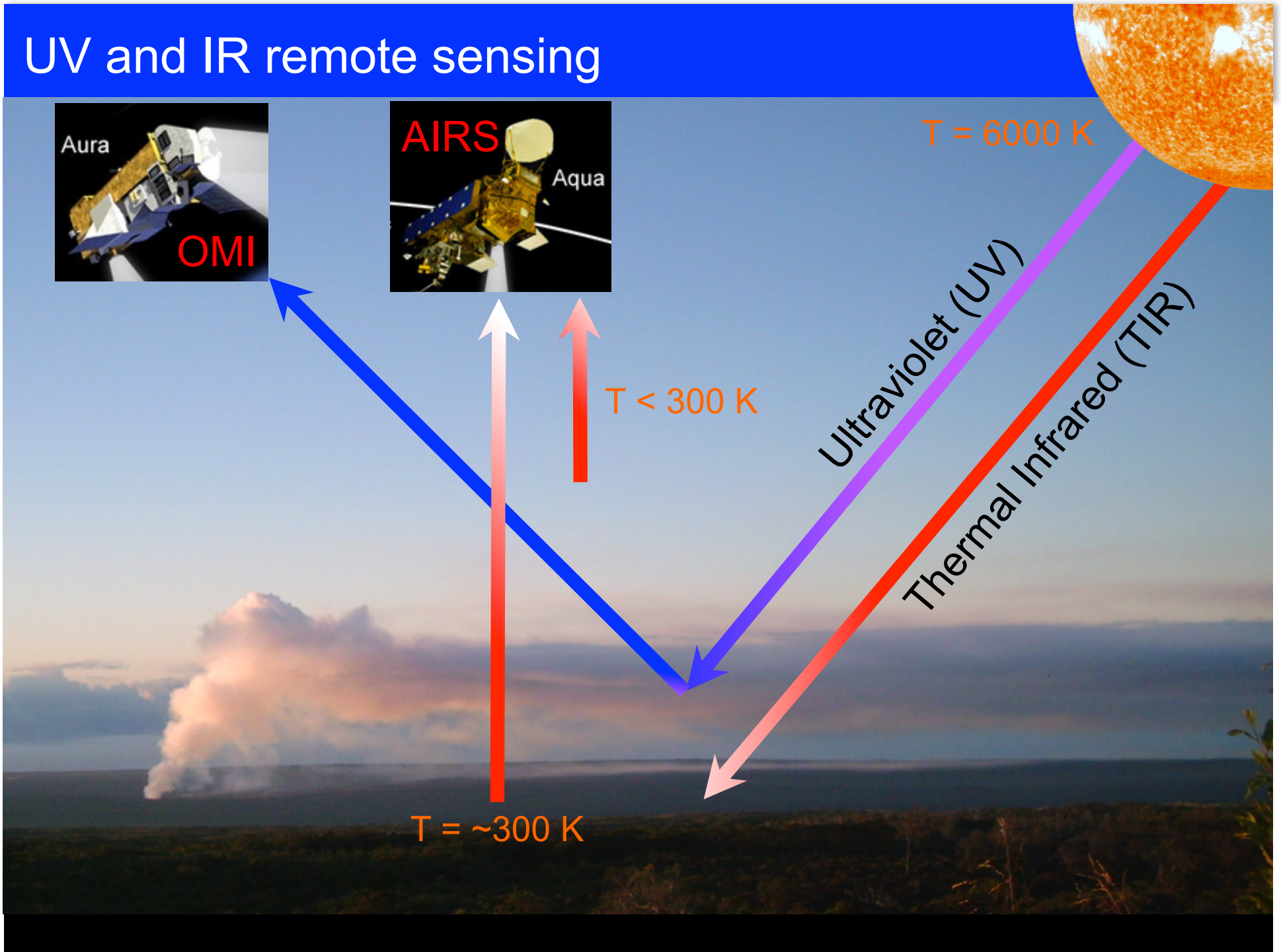
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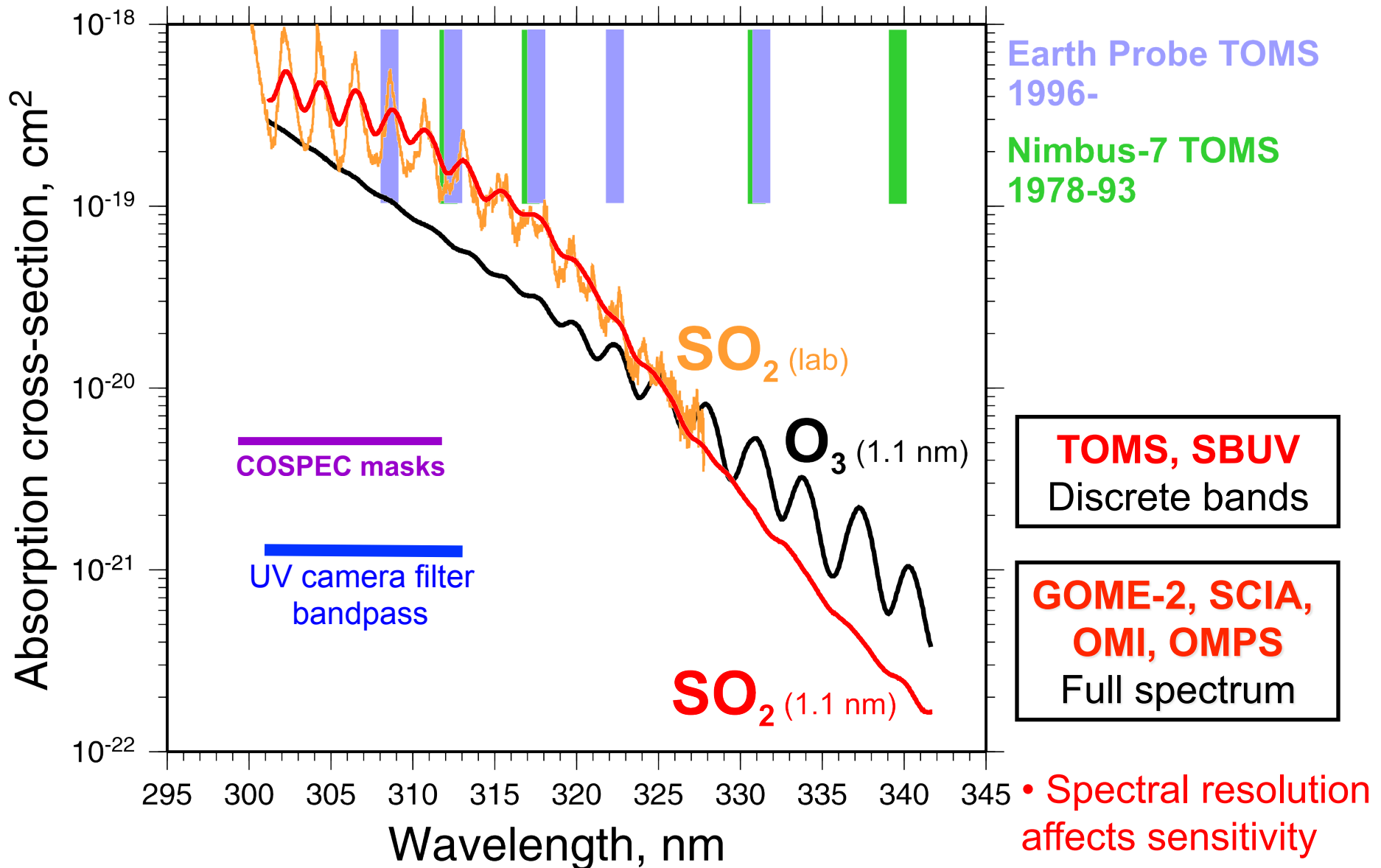
Ultraviolet (UV)

Thermal Infrared (TIR)

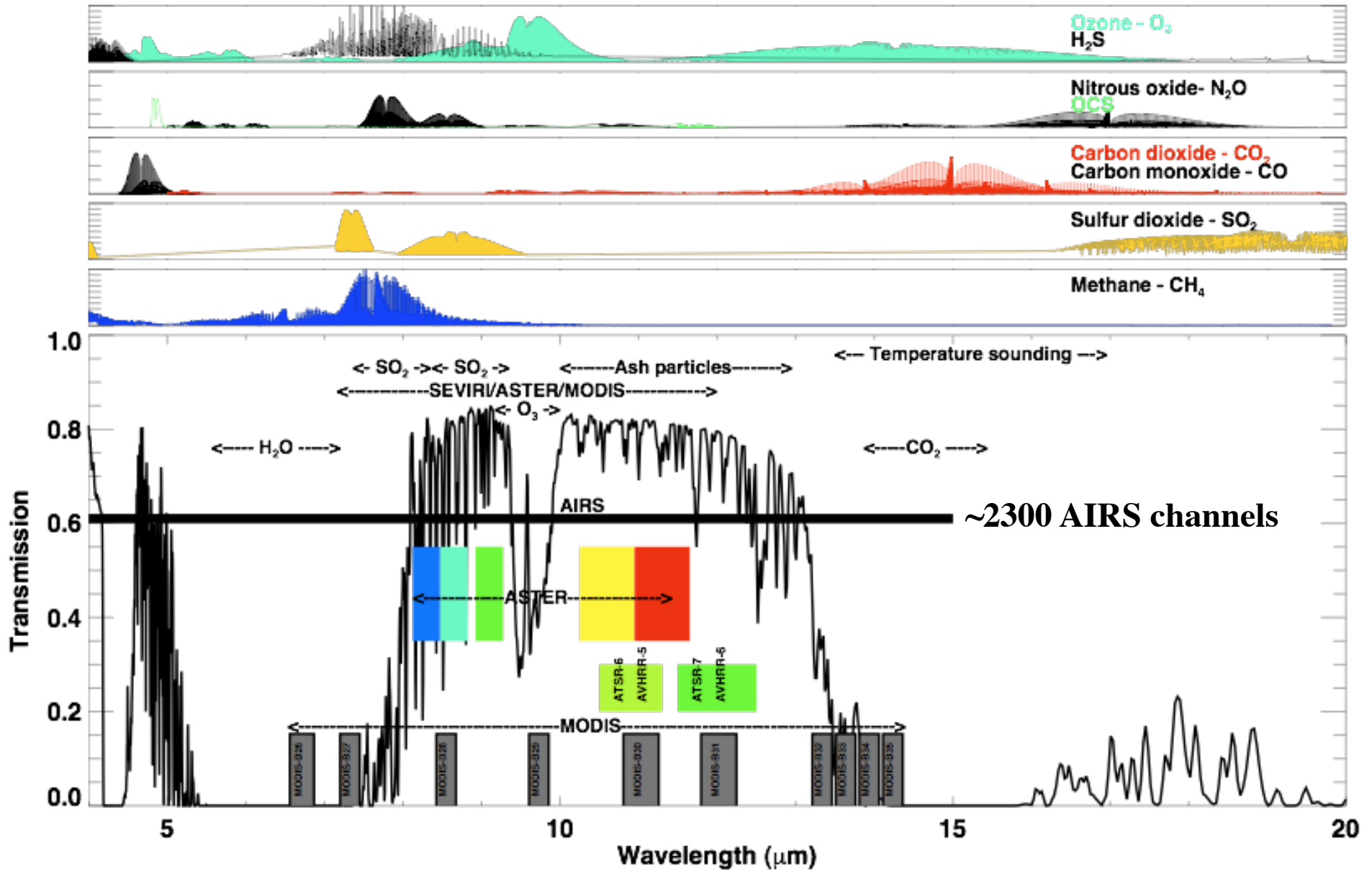
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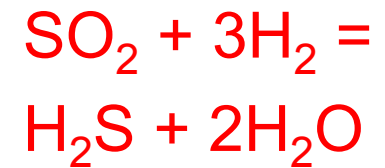
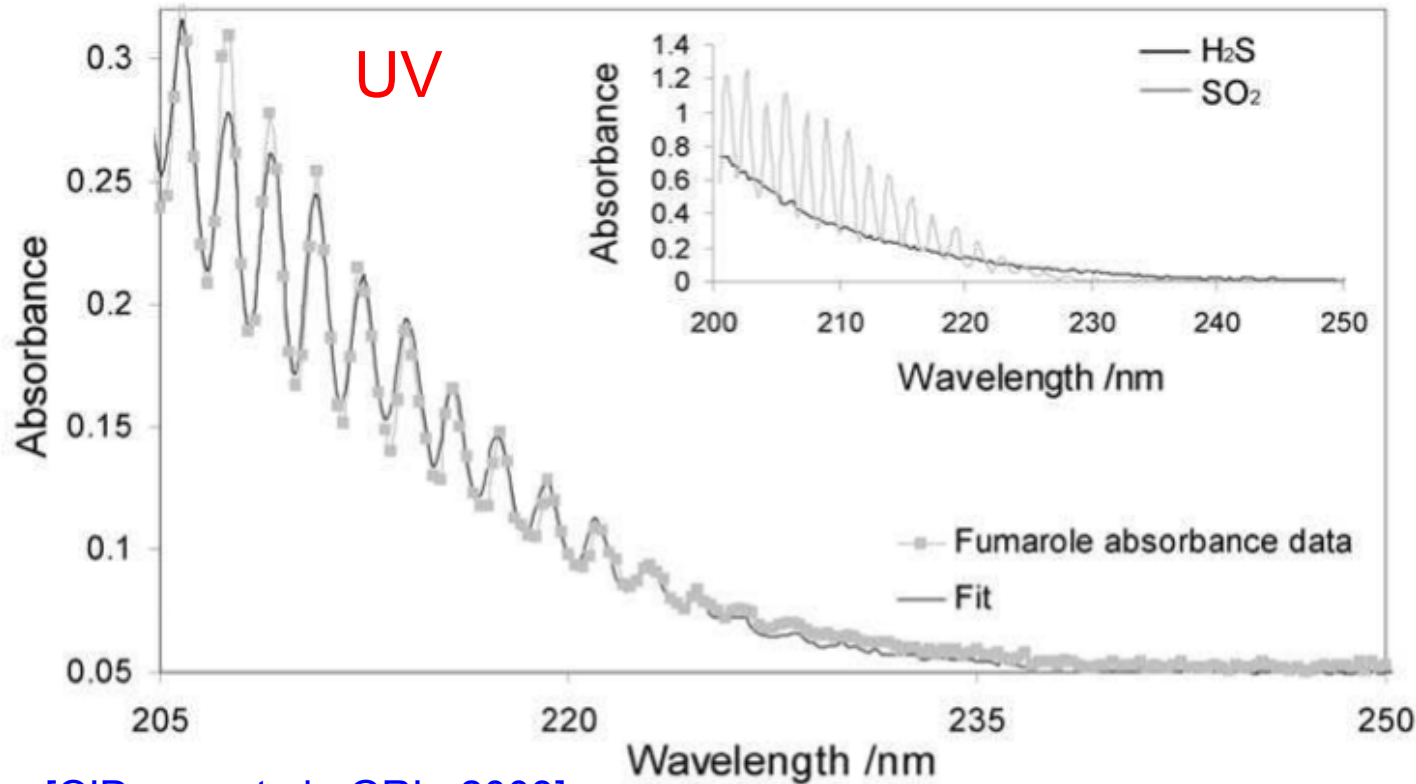
UV SO₂ and O₃ absorption spectra and instrument bands



IR-active trace gases and instrument channels

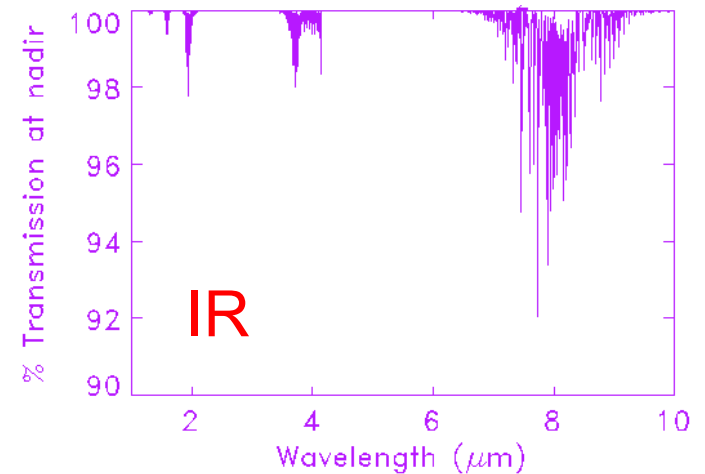


What about H₂S?

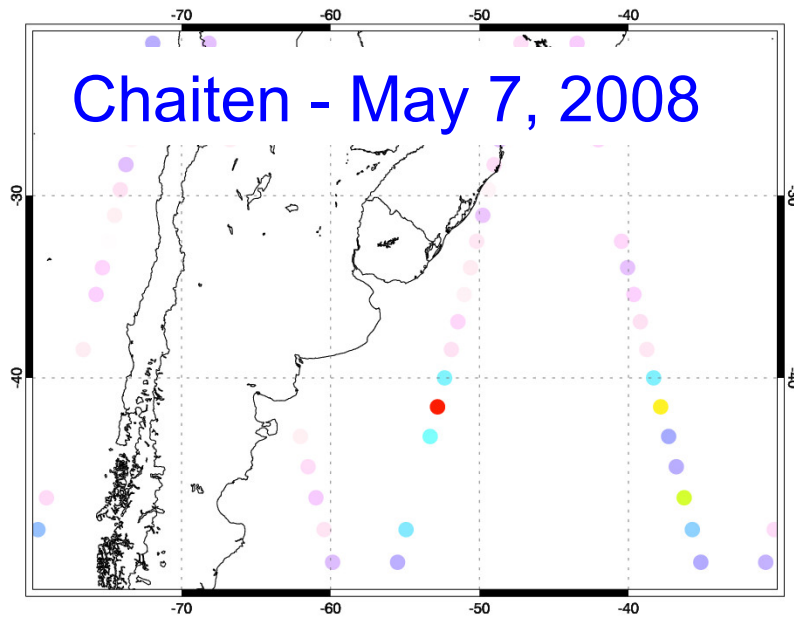


[O'Dwyer et al., GRL, 2003]

- May be a significant component of total S budget at some volcanoes
- Mid-UV absorption bands require active source
- IR absorption bands are very weak

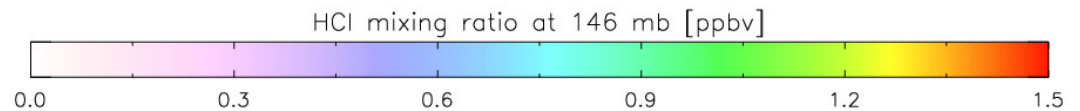


Detection of HCl in volcanic clouds from space



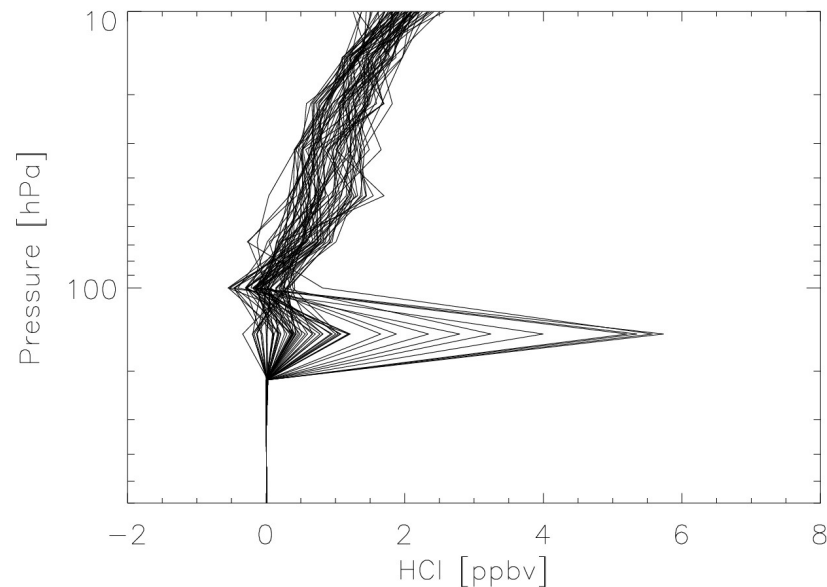
Microwave Limb Sounder (MLS)

- HCl only detected in May 6 eruption cloud
- Maximum HCl vmr of ~2 ppbv at 146 hPa
- SO_2/HCl (mass) = ~30
- HCl mass loading = ~100 tons



MLS volcanic HCl (ppbv)

Manam 2005:	4-6
Anatahan 2005:	8
Okmok 2008:	5
Kasatochi 2008:	5
Redoubt 2009:	4-5
Sarychev 2009:	7
Merapi 2010:	6

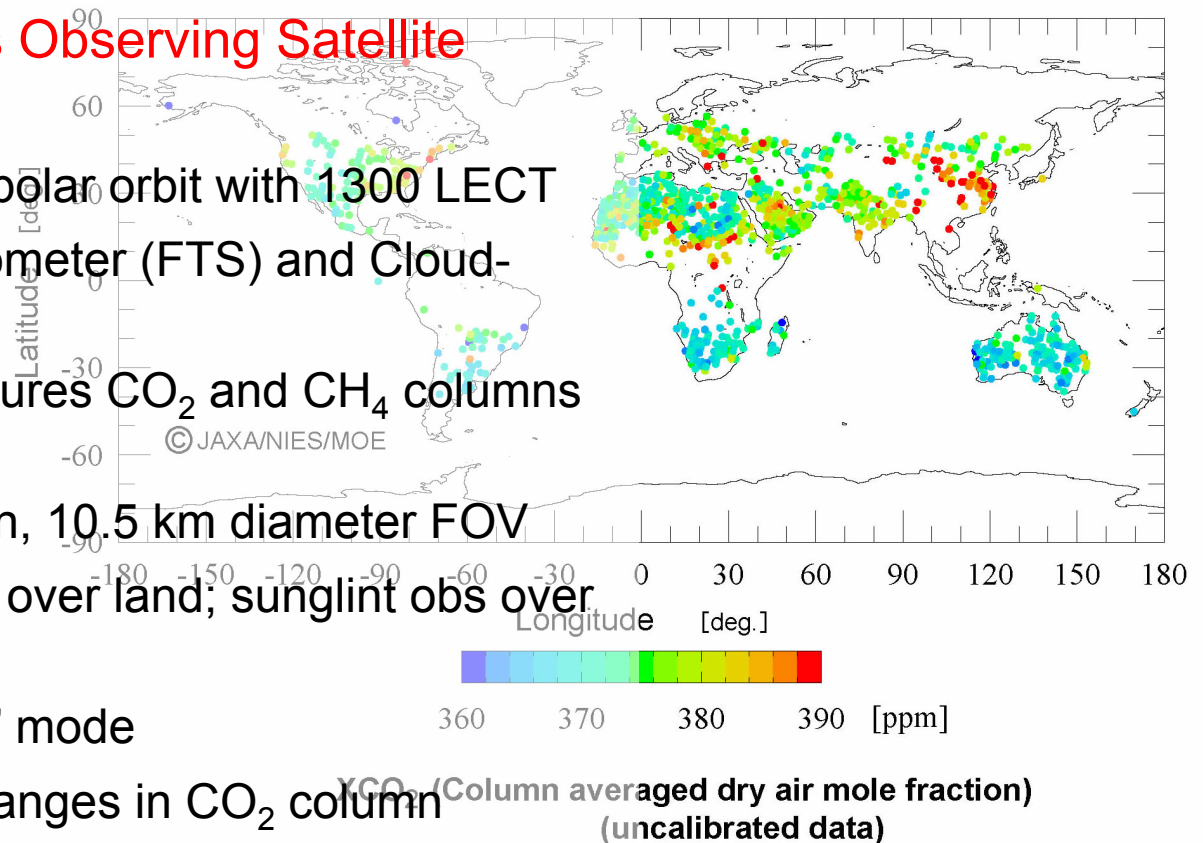


GOSAT: Measuring CO₂ from space

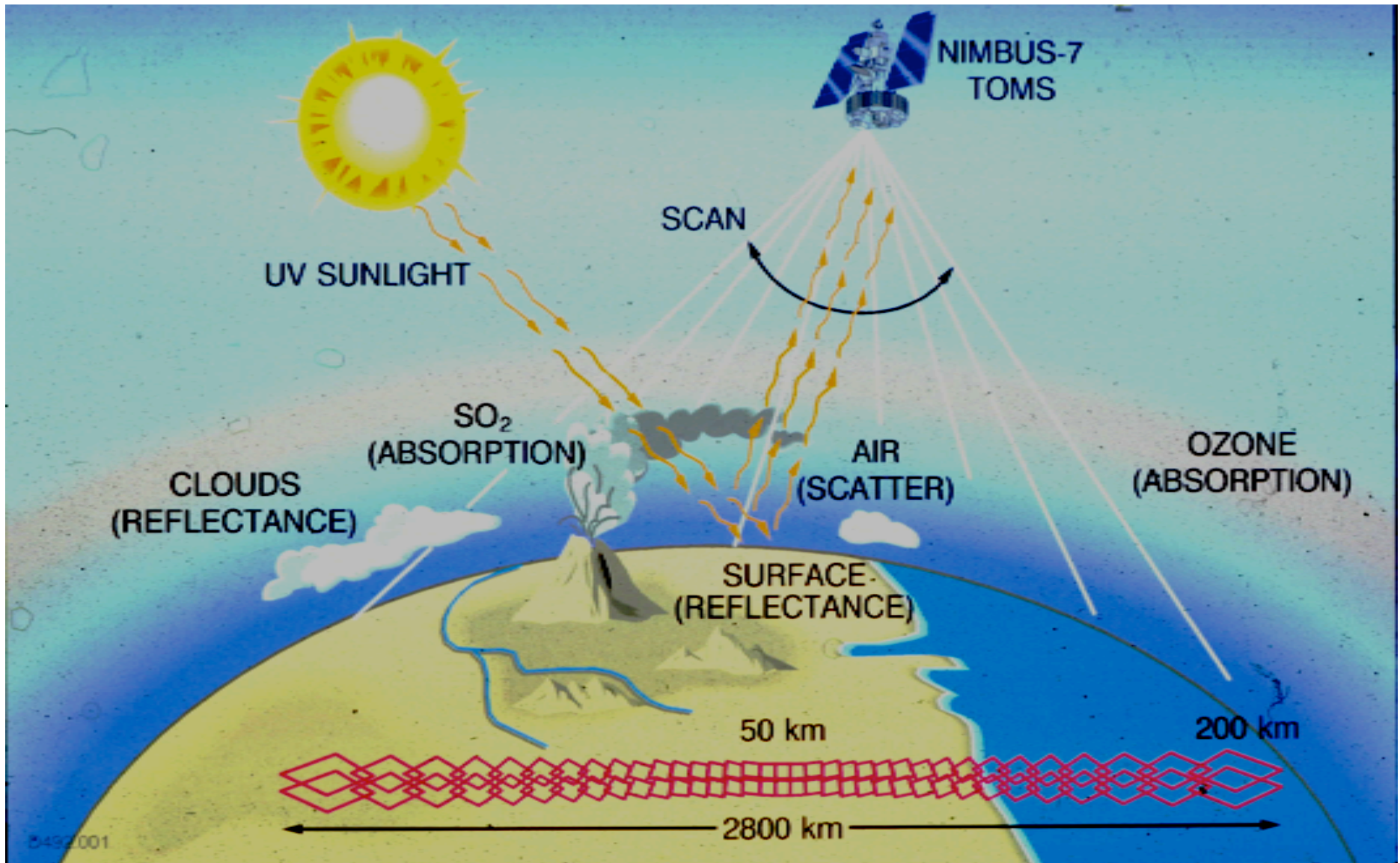
- NASA Orbiting Carbon Observatory (OCO) – failed at launch

- Japanese Greenhouse Gas Observing Satellite (GOSAT)

- Launched January 2009; polar orbit with 1300 LECT
- Fourier Transform Spectrometer (FTS) and Cloud-Aerosol Imager (CAI)
- TANSO-FTS sensor measures CO₂ and CH₄ columns and profiles in SWIR/TIR
- 0.2 cm⁻¹ spectral resolution, 10.5 km diameter FOV
- 56,000 observation points over land; sunglint obs over oceans
- Special observation 'stare' mode
- ppm-level sensitivity to changes in CO₂ column
- Evaluation of GOSAT data for volcanic CO₂ detection underway



UV Backscatter instrument - basic operation

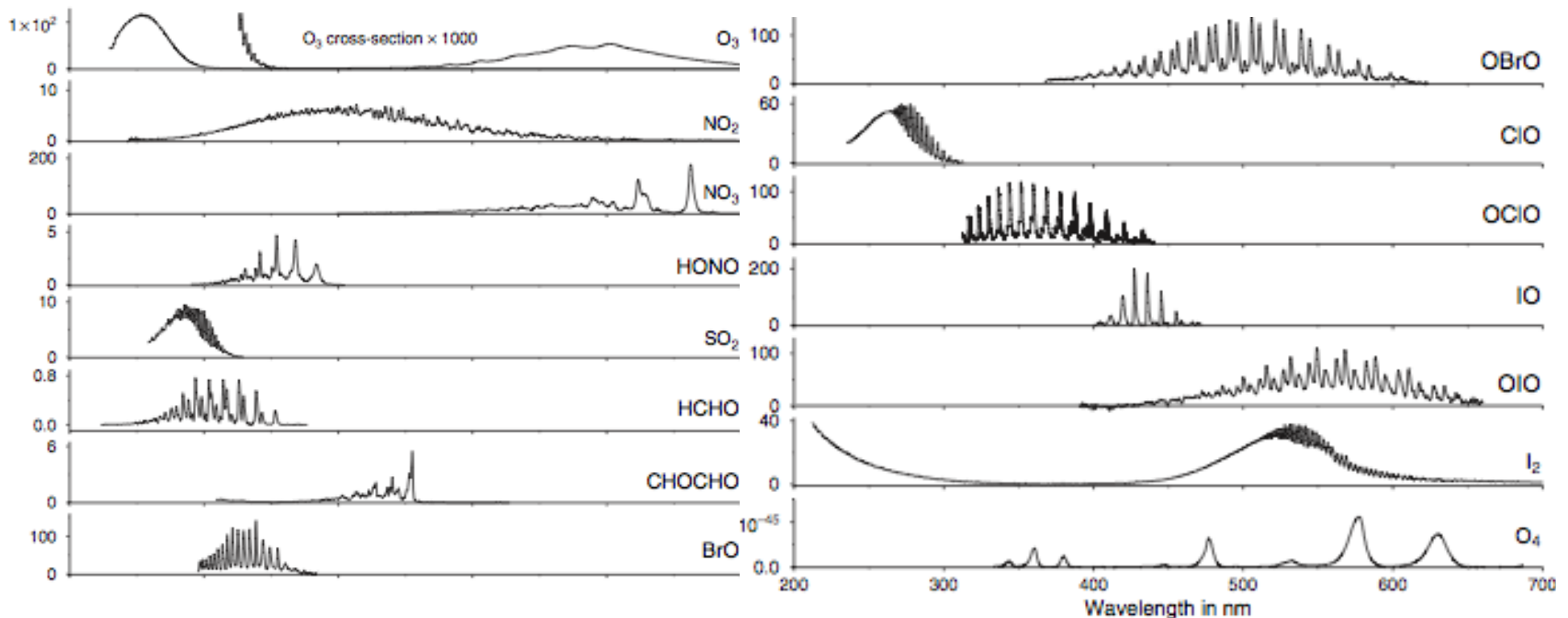


Forward-model SO₂ retrieval (e.g., TOMS, OMI)

- Simulate at-satellite UV radiances as a function of viewing geometry, latitude, column O₃ and SO₂ amounts, surface pressure and reflecting surface conditions, using a radiative transfer model
- Compare measured normalized radiances with theoretical radiances calculated for the conditions of the measurement
- Derive column O₃ and SO₂ amounts in the scene by finding the values that give a computed radiance equal to the measured radiance
- Errors: highest in the presence of significant ash or sulfate aerosol, and at scan edges

Differential Optical Absorption Spectroscopy (DOAS)

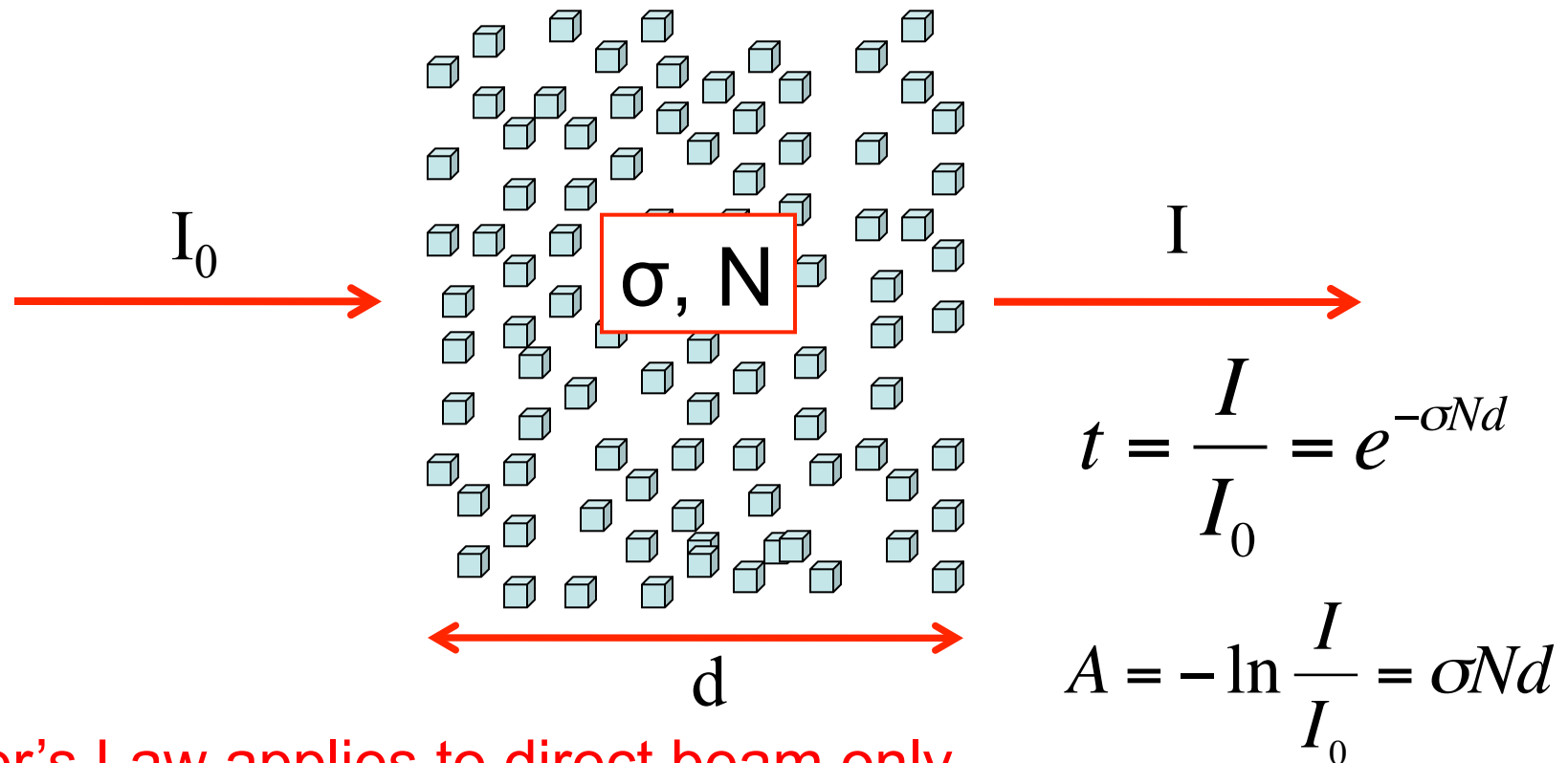
Measured UV-visible spectra contain overlapping structures due to the solar spectrum (Fraunhofer lines), elastic scattering, trace gas absorption, aerosol absorption and the Ring effect (inelastic Raman scattering)



Absorption cross-sections of trace gases in the 200-700 nm wavelength range

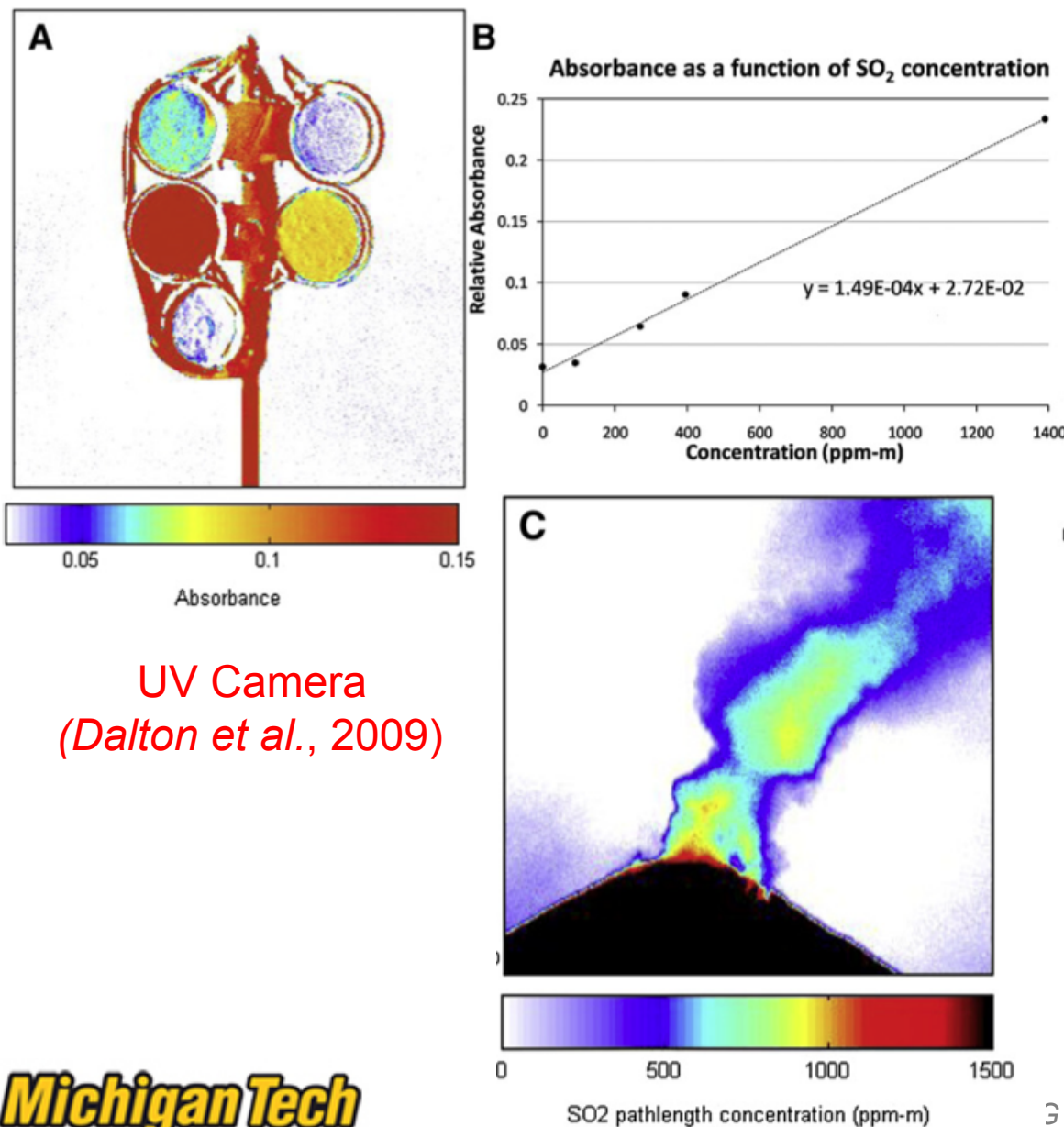
Beer-Bouguer-Lambert (Beer's) Law

For a gaseous absorber, the absorption coefficient (β) is written as the product of an **absorption cross-section** (σ , cm^2) and the **number density of absorbers** (N , molecules cm^{-3}):



- Beer's Law applies to direct beam only
- Deviations from Beer's Law occur at high concentrations

Use of SO₂ calibration cells



UV Camera
(Dalton et al., 2009)

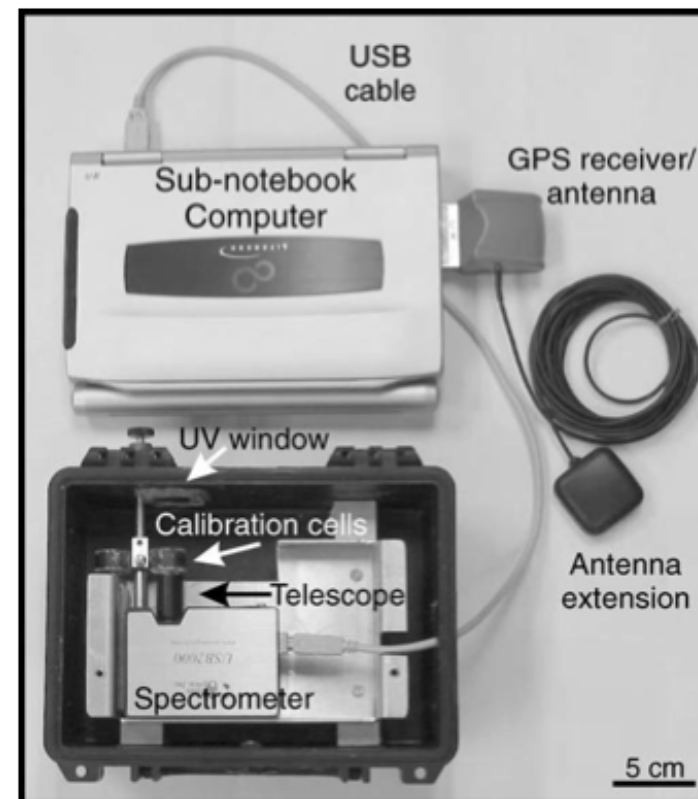


Fig. 1 FLYSPEC components consisting of a miniature spectrometer, sub-notebook computer, and GPS. High and low calibration SO₂ gas cells are shown mounted above the spectrometer and telescope. The "telescope" is a fiber-optic collimating lens mounted directly to the spectrometer input aperture. The lens, in combination with the UV band-pass filter window mounted on the case, provides a field of view of approximately 2.5°. Power for the spectrometer and GPS is supplied by the computer

FLYSPEC (Horton et al., 2005)

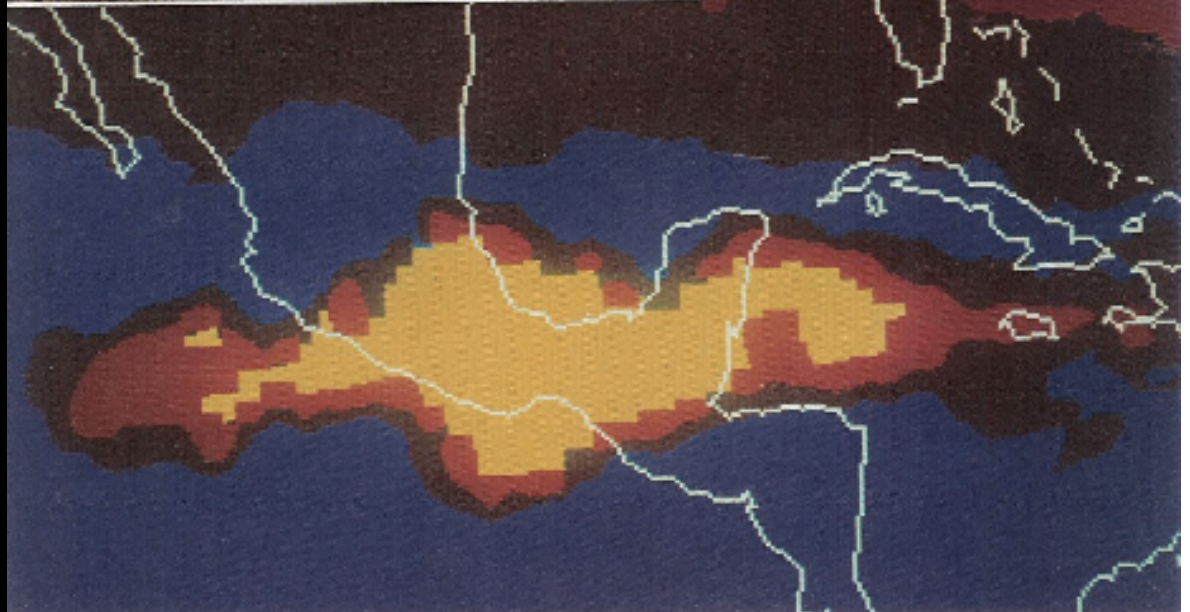
Detection of April 1982
El Chichon SO_2 cloud
with the Total Ozone
Mapping Spectrometer
(TOMS)

24 JUNE 1983 · VOL. 220 · NO. 4604

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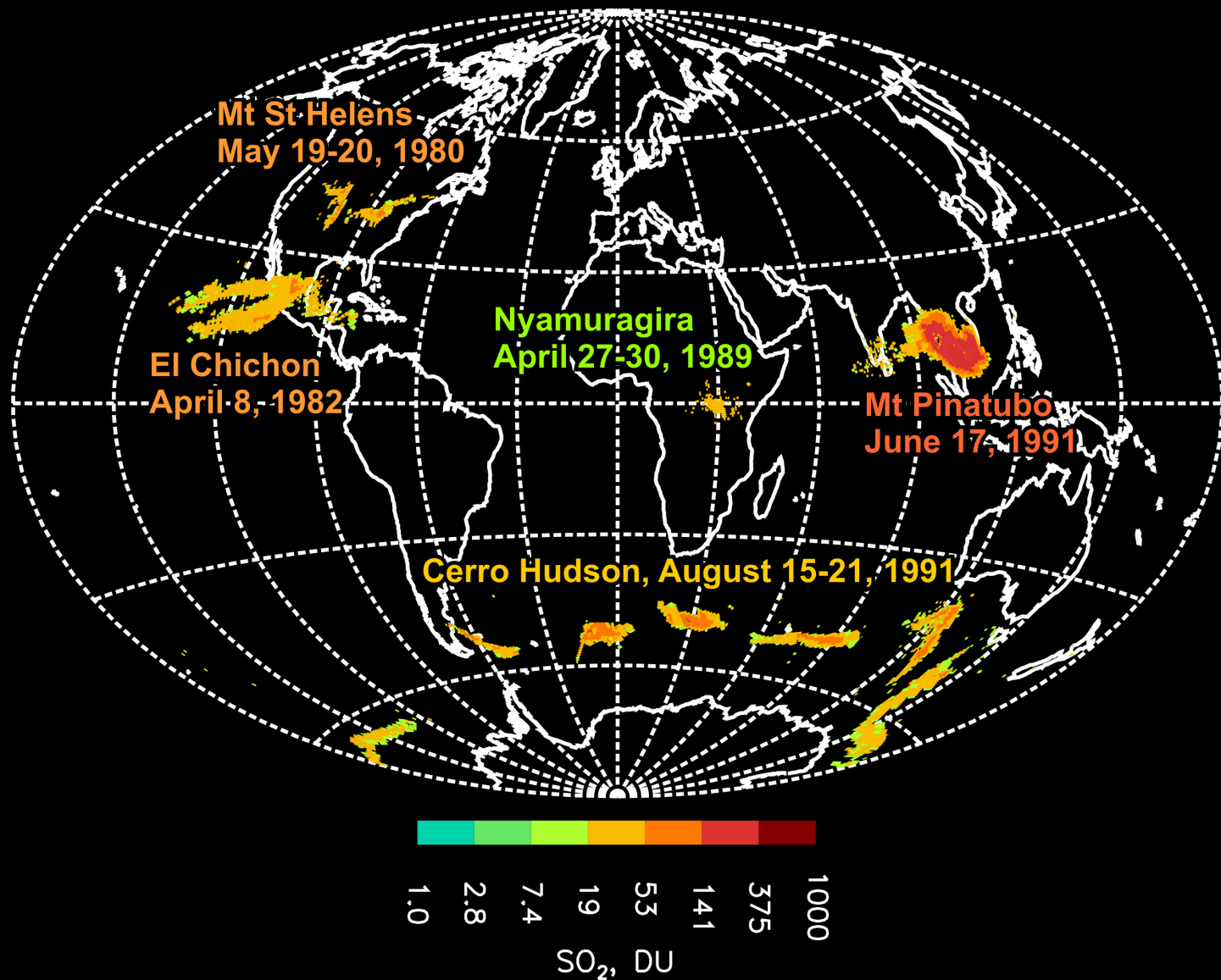
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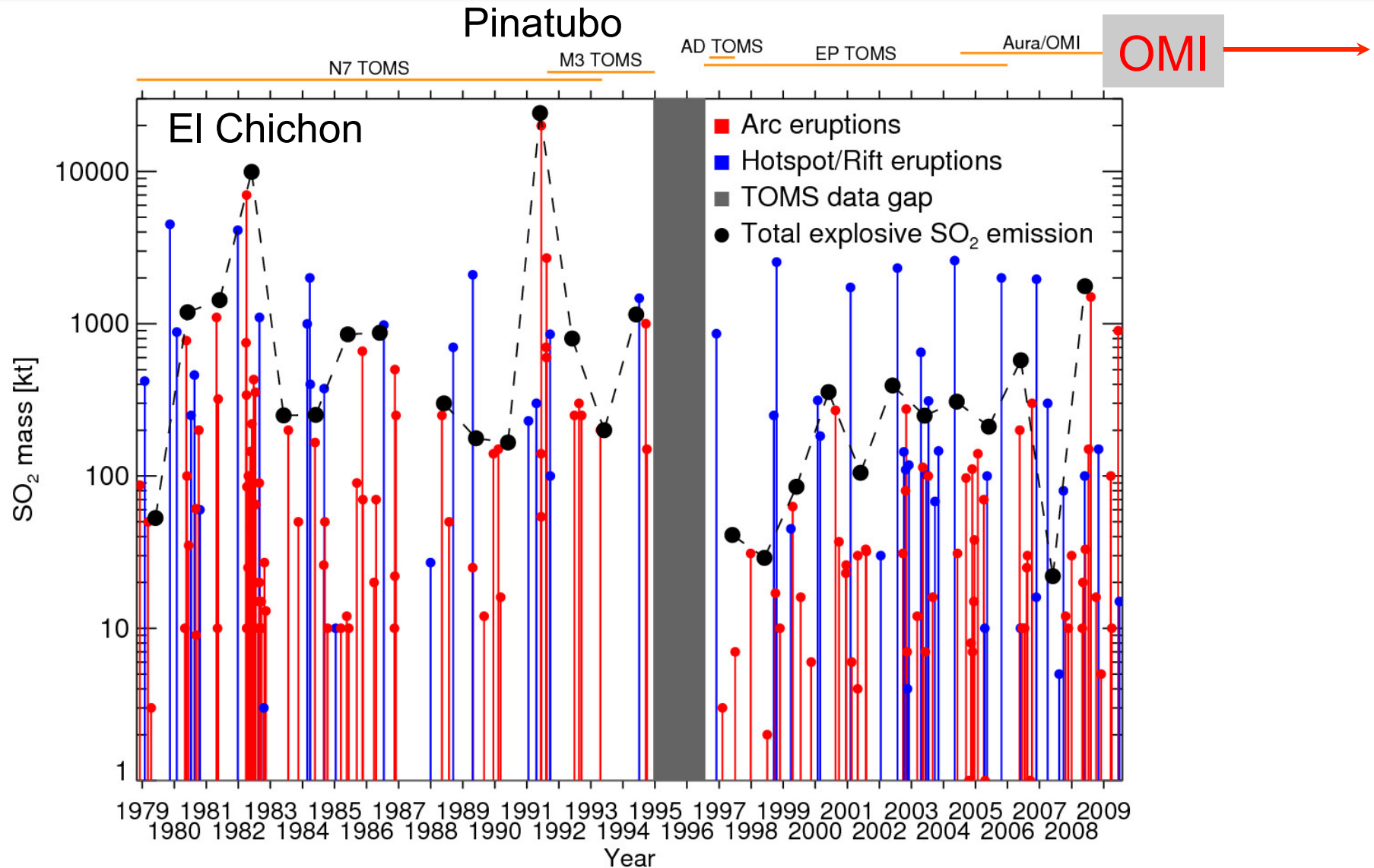


[Krueger, Science, 1983]

Volcanic SO₂ clouds measured by TOMS



Volcanic SO₂ Emissions Inventory



Exploiting A-Train synergy for volcanic cloud studies

Aura

OMI - SO₂, O₃, NO₂, BrO

TES - SO₂

MLS - strat. SO₂, HCl, O₃

Aqua

MODIS - SO₂, ash, sulfate

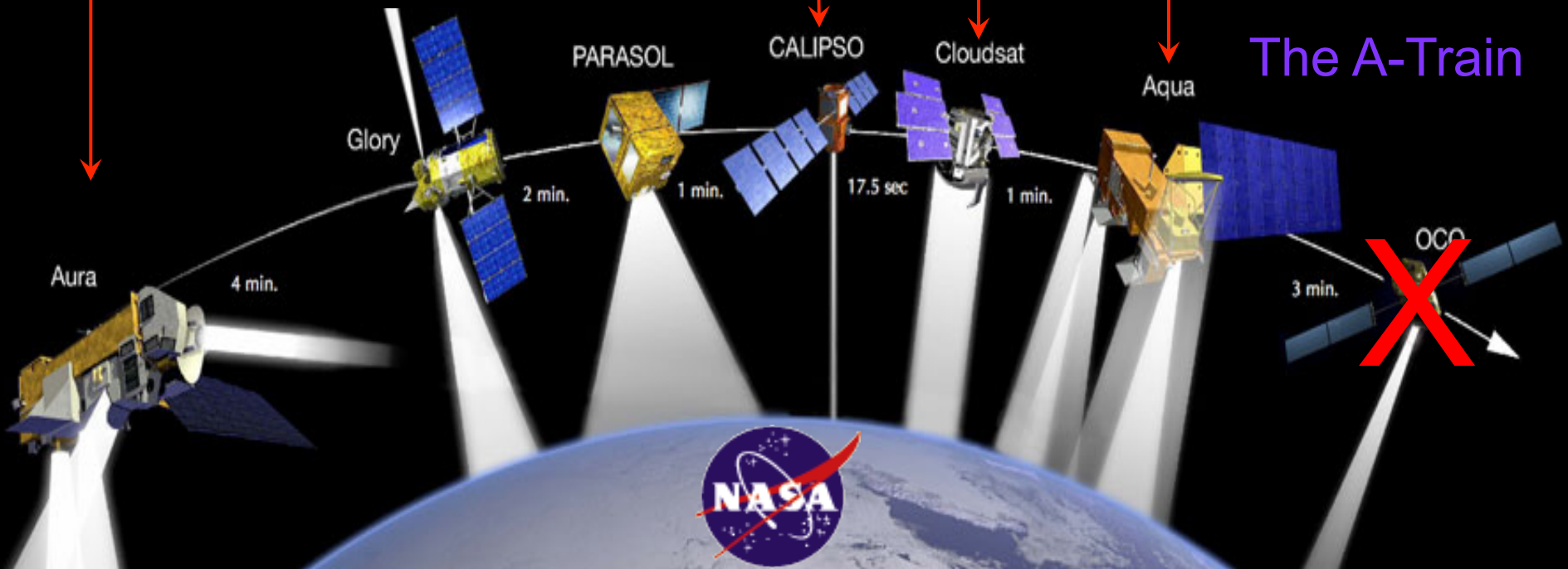
AIRS - UTLS SO₂, aerosols, SO₂ profile?

CloudSat

CPR - precipitation, hydrometeors

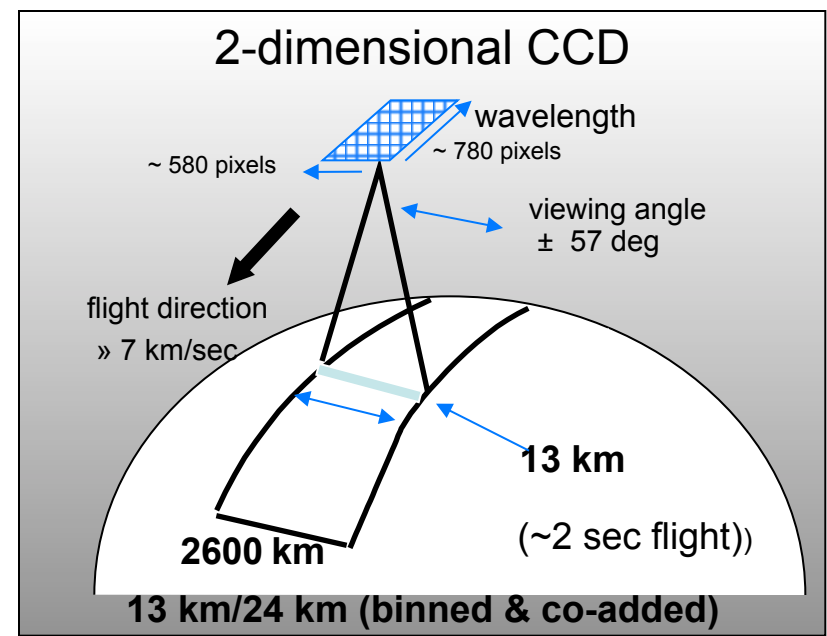
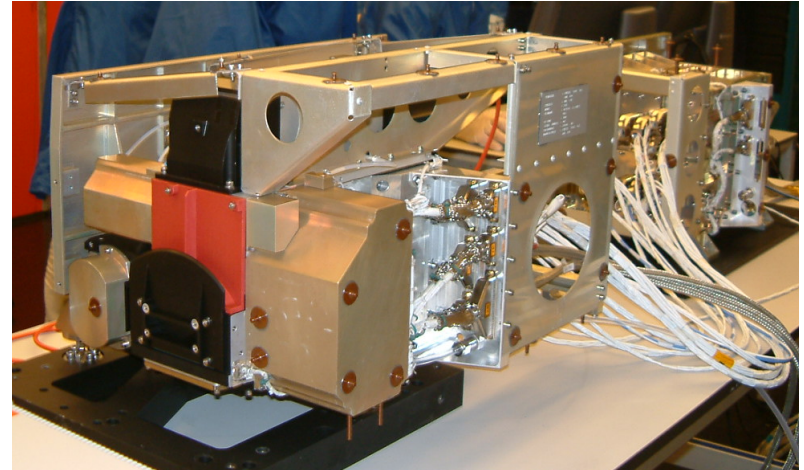
CALIPSO

CALIOP - cloud altitude, aerosol phase/type



Aura - Ozone Monitoring Instrument (OMI)

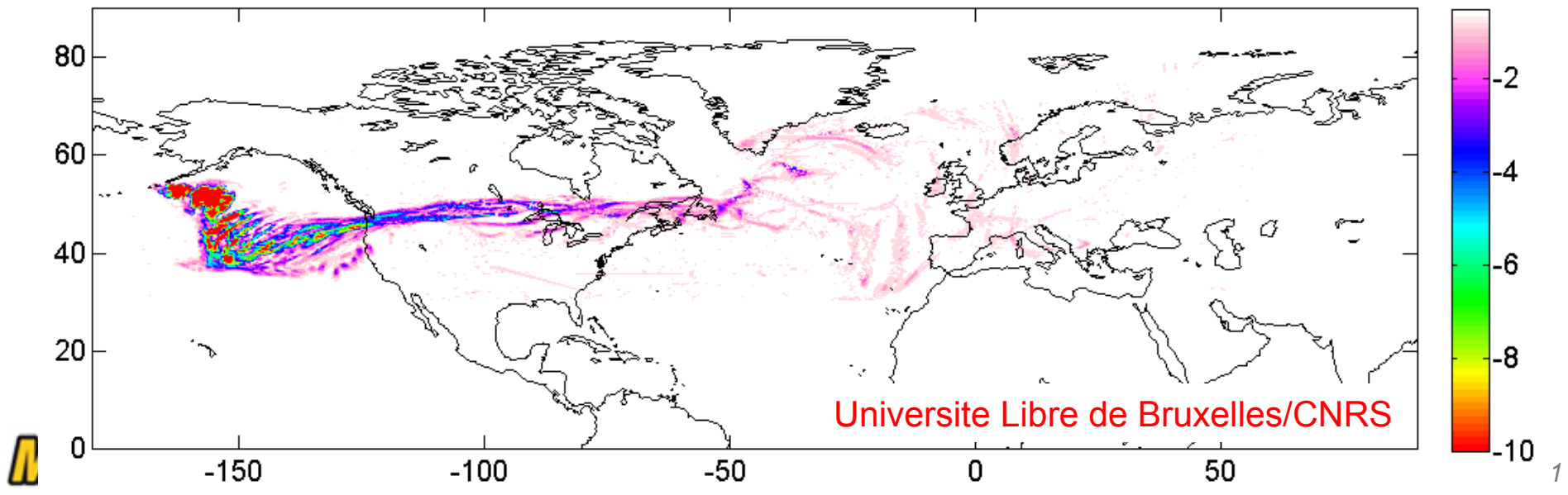
- UV/VIS sensor that succeeded TOMS
- Dutch/Finnish contribution to NASA's EOS/Aura mission (launched July 2004)
- Daily contiguous global coverage
- 13 x 24 km nadir footprint - best ever for UV measurements from space
- Overpass at 1:30-2:00 pm local time
- Data publically available and *free*
- *Row anomaly since August 2008 – some data gaps*
- **The first space-borne sensor to provide daily, global SO₂ measurements with sensitivity to the lower troposphere (i.e., passive degassing)**



Infrared Atmospheric Sounding Interferometer (IASI)

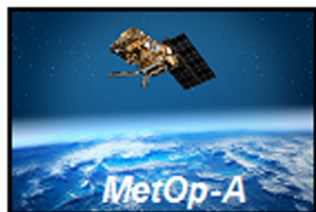
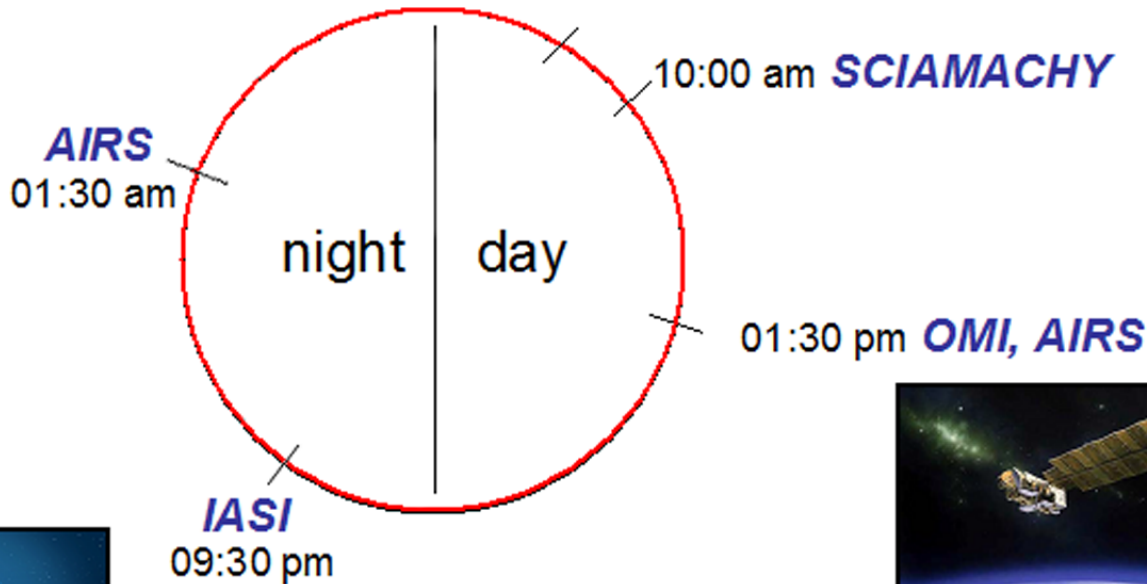
- 3.4 – 15 μm (infrared) wavelengths
- High spectral resolution, Fourier transform interferometer
- Mapping and vertical profiling of SO_2 possible
- 25 km horizontal resolution, 1 km vertical resolution
- Covers 3 SO_2 absorption bands in the IR
- Measurements at 9:30 am and 9:30 pm local time (IR)
- High sensitivity to eruptions; degassing may be detectable

ULB-SA/CNRS - IASI - BTDSO2(K) - Overview from 20080712 to 20080723



Up to 7 daily SO₂ measurements from UV/IR sensors

Satellites equatorial overpass solar local time



<http://sacs.aeronomie.be/nrt/>

Satellite instruments - UV

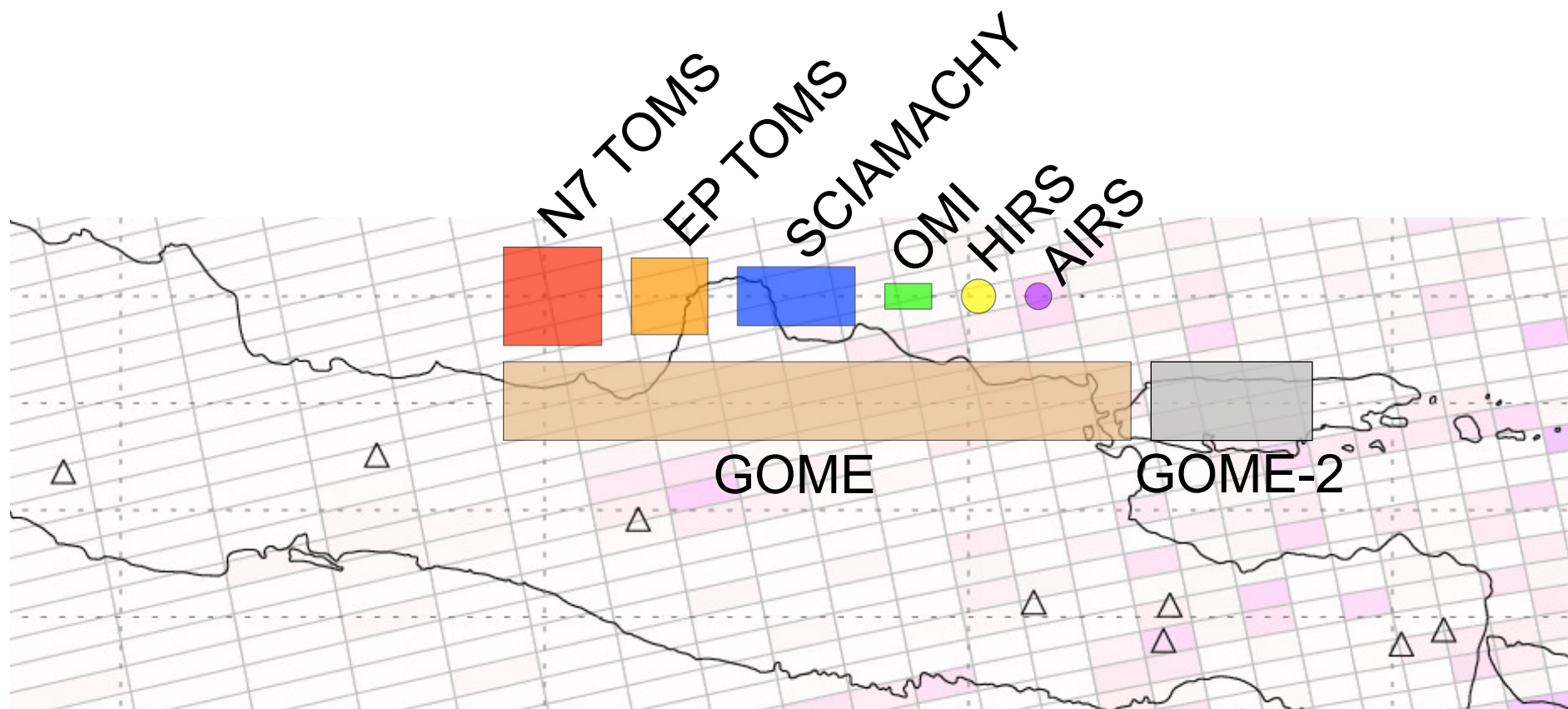
Instrument	Satellite(s)	Data coverage dates	Daily global coverage?
Total Ozone Mapping Spectrometer (TOMS)	Nimbus-7, Meteor-3, ADEOS, Earth Probe	Nov 78 – Dec 94 Jul 96 – Dec 2005	Yes
Global Ozone Monitoring Experiment (GOME)	European Remote Sensing Satellite (ERS-2)	July 95 – present	No
Scanning Imaging Absorption Spectrometer for Atmospheric Cartography (SCIAMACHY)	European Environmental Satellite (Envisat-1)	Sept 03 – present	No
Ozone Monitoring Instrument (OMI)	NASA EOS Aura	Sept 2004 – present	Yes (until late 2008)
Global Ozone Monitoring Experiment-2 (GOME-2)	MetOp A, B, C	Oct 2006 - present	No
Ozone Mapping and Profiler Suite (OMPS)	National Polar-orbiting Operational Environmental Satellite System (NPOESS) Preparatory Project (NPP)	2011?	Yes

Operational SO₂ data products

Satellite instruments – Microwave & IR

Instrument	Satellite(s)	Data coverage dates	Daily global coverage?
Microwave Limb Sounder (MLS)	Upper Atmosphere Research Satellite (UARS), EOS Aura	1991 – 1994 (UARS) 2004 – (EOS Aura)	No
High Resolution Infrared Radiation Sounder (HIRS, HIRS/2)	TIROS-N, NOAA-6-14	Oct 78 – present	Yes (day/night)
Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer (MODIS)	EOS Terra, Aqua	Feb 2000 –	Yes (day/night)
Advanced Spaceborne Thermal Emission & Reflection Radiometer (ASTER)	EOS Terra	Feb 2000 – (request only)	No
Atmospheric Infrared Sounder (AIRS)	EOS Aqua	Sept 2002 –	No
Spinning Enhanced Visible and Infrared Imager (SEVIRI)	Meteosat Second Generation (MSG)	2004 –	No
Infrared Atmospheric Sounding Interferometer (IASI)	MetOp A, B, C	Oct 2006 -	No

Satellite instrument footprints (nadir)



UV instrument SO₂ sensitivity

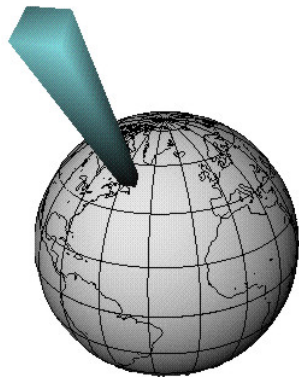
Instrument	Footprint area (km ²)	Sensitivity (DU) 1 σ		Smallest cloud detection limit (tons) 5 pixels at 5 σ	
		Stratosphere 20 km	Troposphere <5 km	Stratosphere 20 km	Troposphere <5 km
EP TOMS	1521 (39×39)	3.5	7	3900	7800
GOME	12800 (40×320)	0.2	0.4	3600	7100
SCIAMACHY	1800 (30×60)	0.2	0.4	125	251
GOME-2	3200 (40×80)	0.2	0.4	460	914
OMI	312 (13×24)	0.2	0.4	43	87
OMPS	2500 (50×50)	0.2	0.4	350	700

IR instrument SO₂ sensitivity

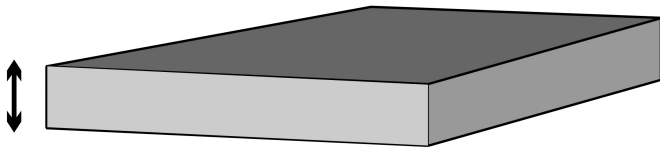
Instrument	Footprint area (km ²)	Sensitivity (DU)* 1 σ		Smallest cloud detection limit (tons) 5 pixels at 5 σ	
		Stratosphere 20 km	Troposphere <5 km	Stratosphere 20 km	Troposphere <5 km
MODIS	1 (1×1)	9	250	6	174
ASTER	0.008 (0.09×0.09)	9	250	0.05	1.4
AIRS	143 (d = 13.5 km)	1	30	100	2986
SEVIRI	23 (4.8×4.8)	9	250	144	4009

*Based on *Realmuto* [1999], AGU Geophysical Monograph 116, p101-115 (except AIRS)

Units for SO₂ column amount measurements



STP = 0°C, 1 atm pressure



1 Dobson Unit (DU) = 1 Milli Atm cm
1 DU = 0.01 mm thickness at STP
e.g. 800 DU = 8 mm thick layer
1 DU = 10 ppmm at STP

- **Satellites provide measurements of 'column amount' or 'total column' SO₂**
 - US units: Dobson Unit (DU)
 - 1 DU = 2.69×10^{16} molecules cm⁻² = 0.0285 g m⁻² SO₂
 - European units: molecules cm⁻²
 - *Milli atm cm* also used (same as DU)
- **Typical values in volcanic clouds**
 - Fresh eruption cloud: 100s – 1000+ DU
 - Non-eruptive degassing: <20 DU
 - Measured column amount depends on spatial resolution of sensor
 - Can be converted to mass or concentration (if cloud thickness is known)
- **Emission rate not directly measured**

UV radiation penetrates clouds

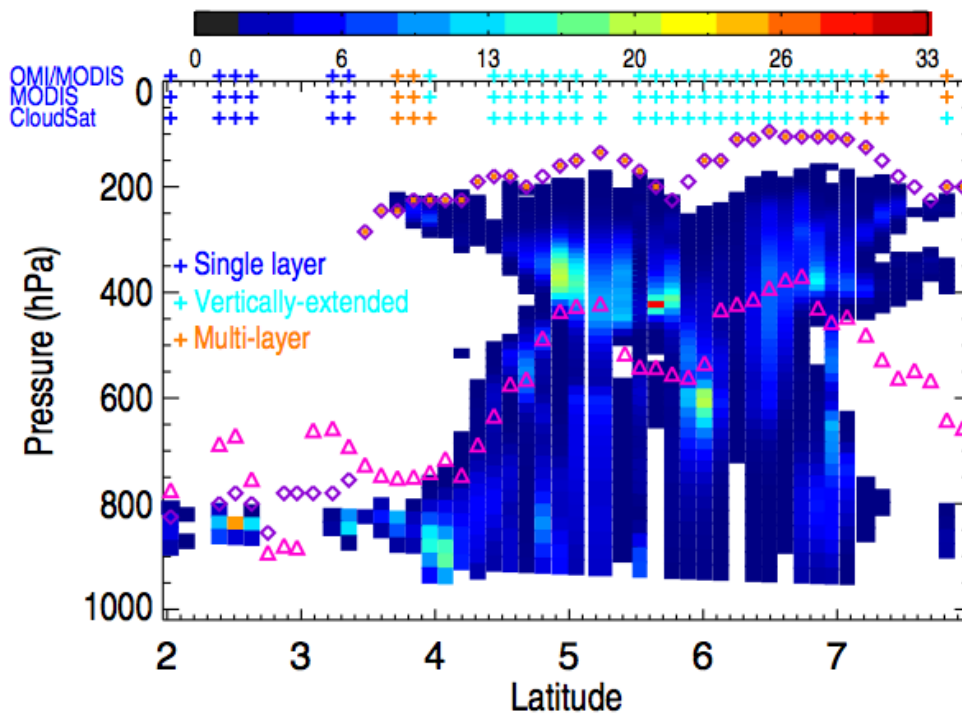


Fig. 7. CloudSat 2B-Tau cross section of cloud extinction (km^{-1}) along OMI orbit 12 402 (western track in tropical Pacific highlighted in Fig. 6); Averaged along-track over OMI pixel (~ 13 km); Pink triangles: OMI optical centroid cloud pressure; Purple diamonds: MODIS minimum cloud-top pressure within closest passive sensor footprint, orange-filled where MODIS maximum multi-layer flag > 2 .

(Joiner et al., ATMD, 2009)

- IR cloud top \neq UV cloud pressure

CLOUD SLICING MEASUREMENTS OF OZONE INSIDE THICK CLOUDS

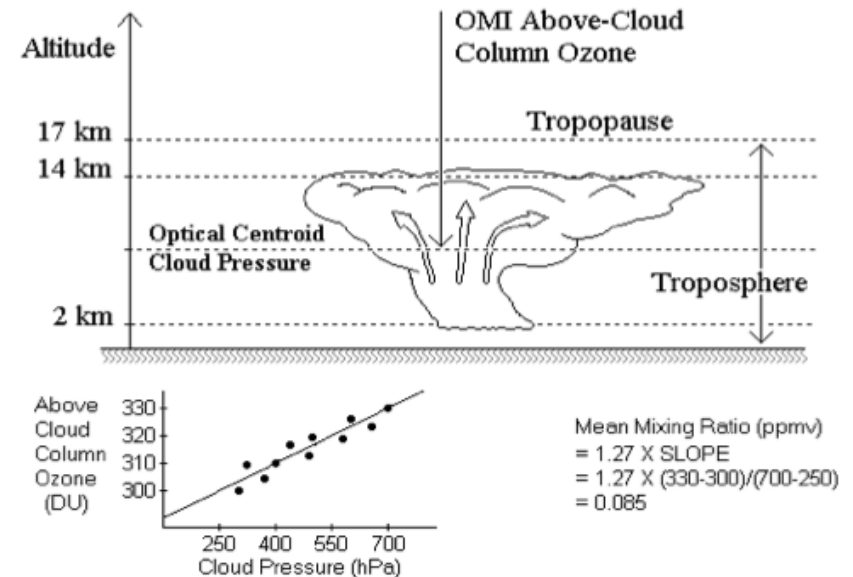


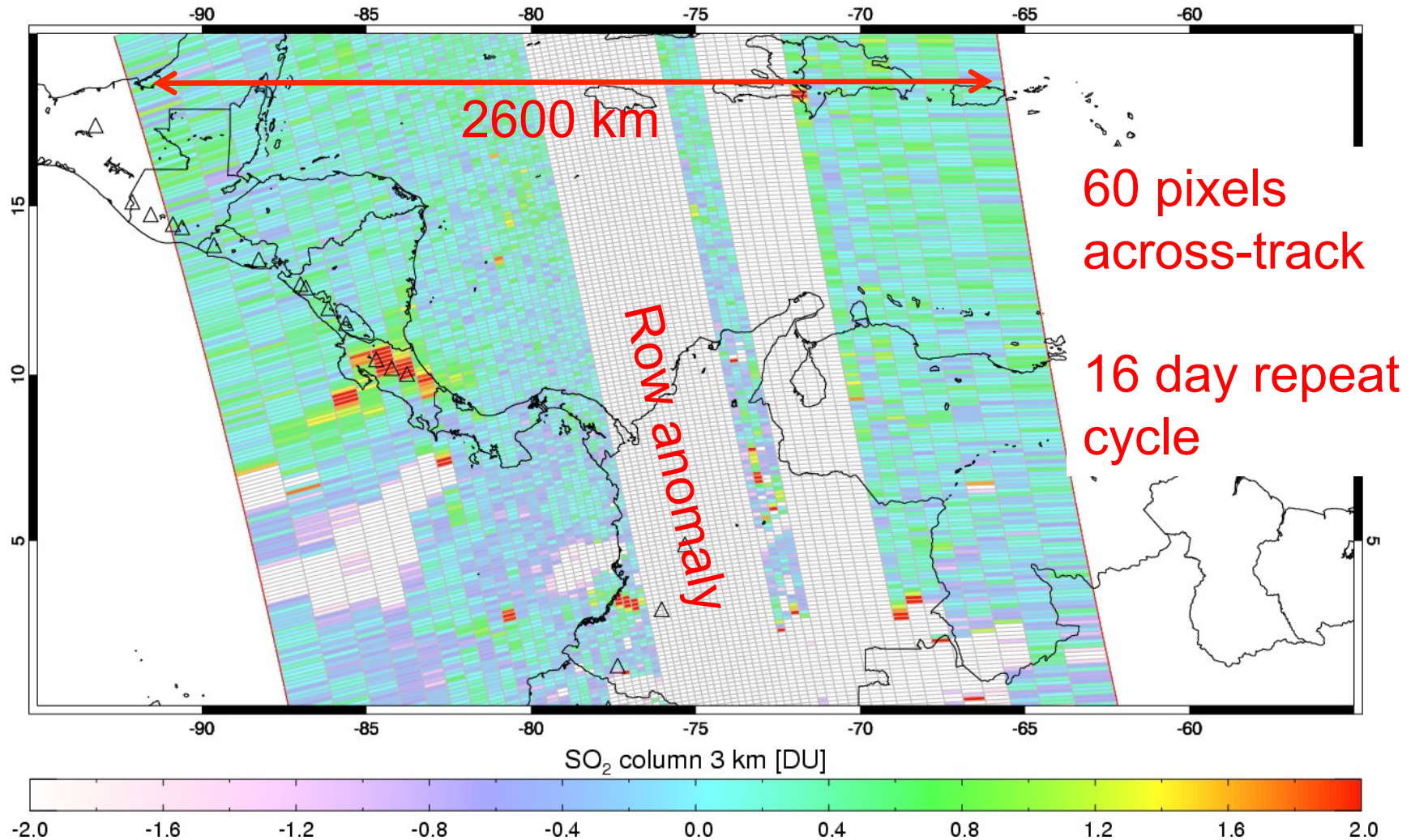
Fig. 4. Schematic diagram illustrating the ensemble cloud-slicing method. The figure shows that a satellite UV instrument is sensitive to the O_3 column from the top of the atmosphere down to the OCCP altitude which may lie several hundred hPa below geometrical cloud top. The lower half of the figure illustrates that using an ensemble of such measurements over a fixed region, mean volume mixing ratio can be determined from the slope of column O_3 plotted versus OCCP.

(Ziemke et al., ACP, 2009)

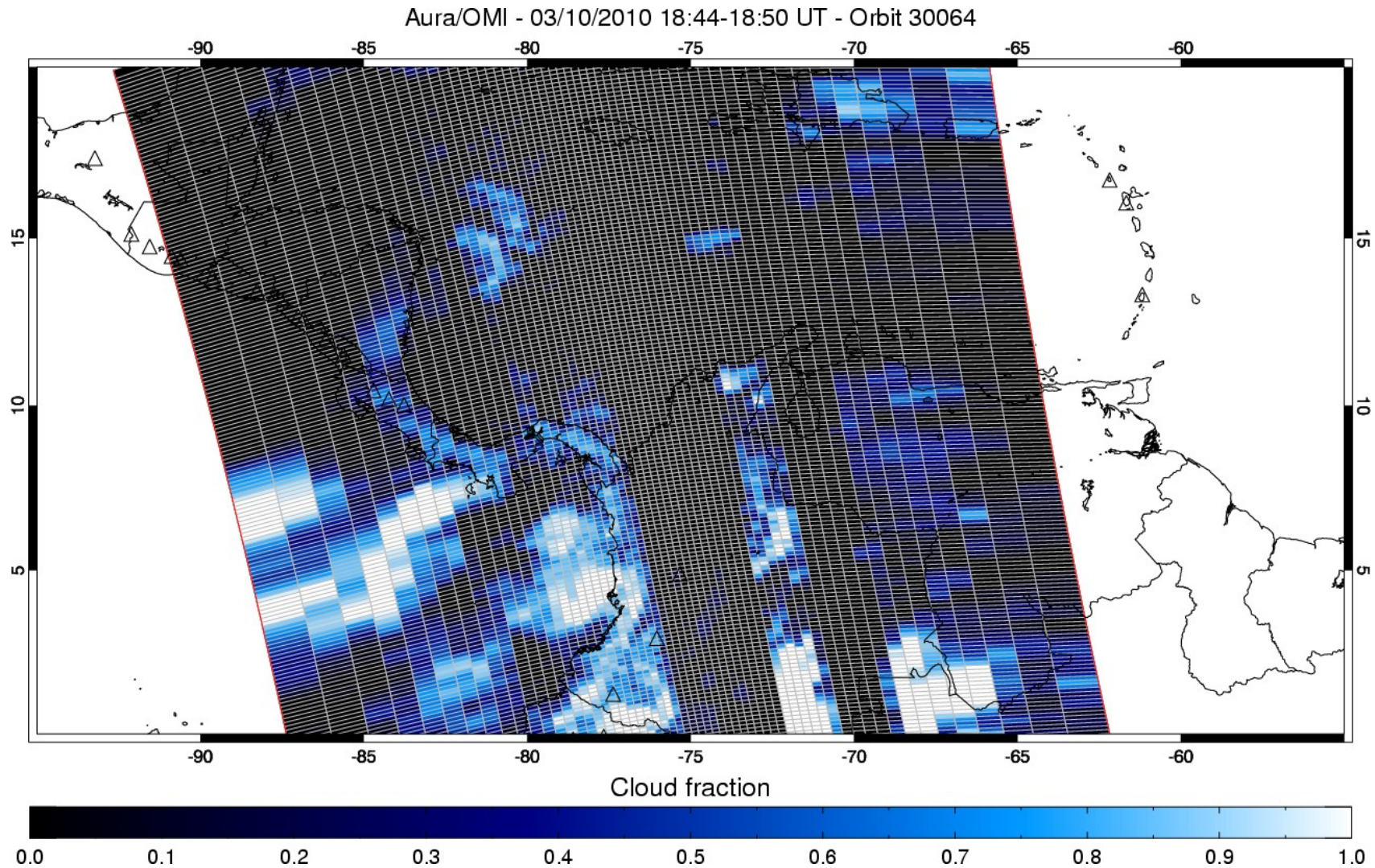
OMI data products – SO₂

Aura/OMI - 03/10/2010 18:44-18:50 UT - Orbit 30064

SO₂ mass: 5.46 kt; Area: 589606 km²; SO₂ max: 7.91 DU at lon: -84.49 lat: 10.55 ; 18:47UTC



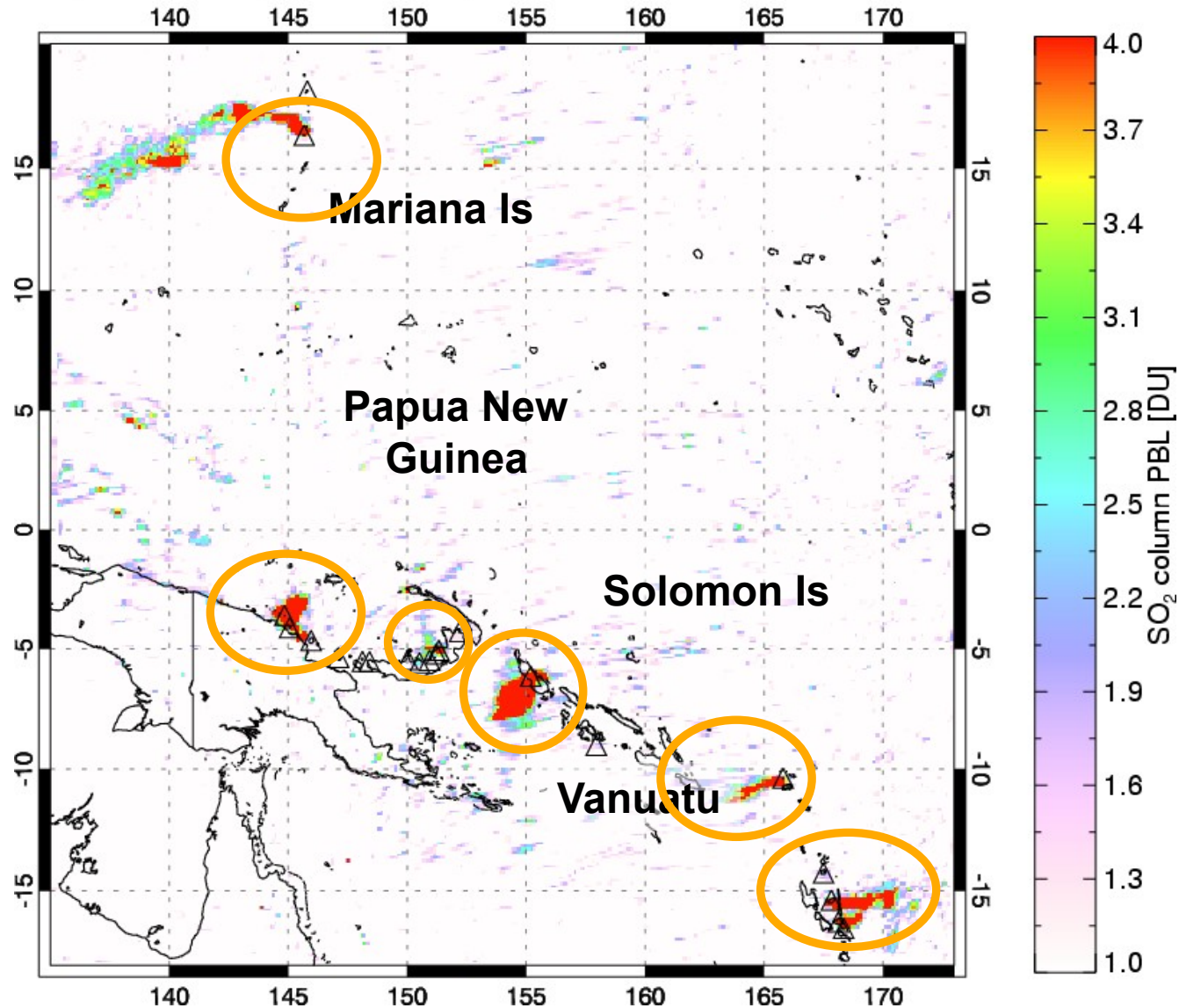
OMI data products – Cloud fraction



Detection of passive SO₂ degassing with OMI

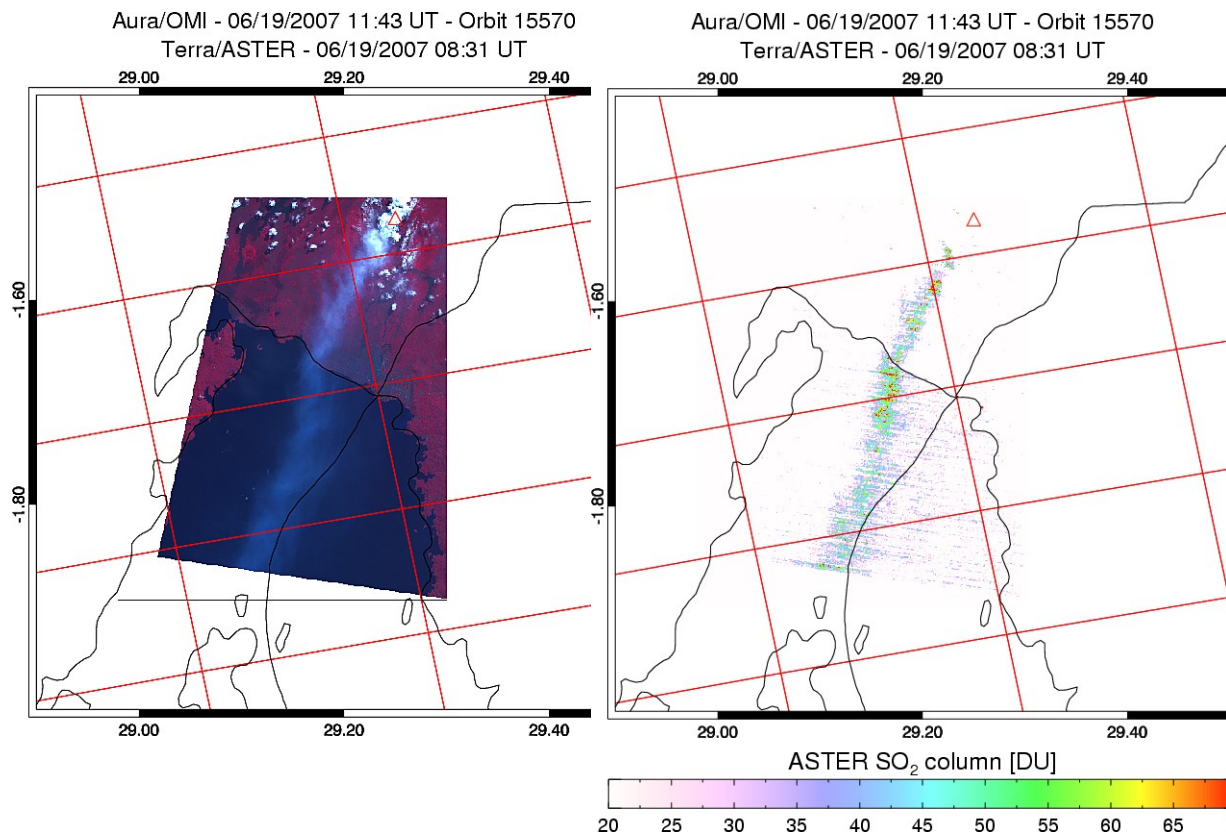
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SO₂ mass: 19.481 kt; Area: 104445 km²; SO₂ max: 17.41 DU at lon: 154.72 lat: -7.10

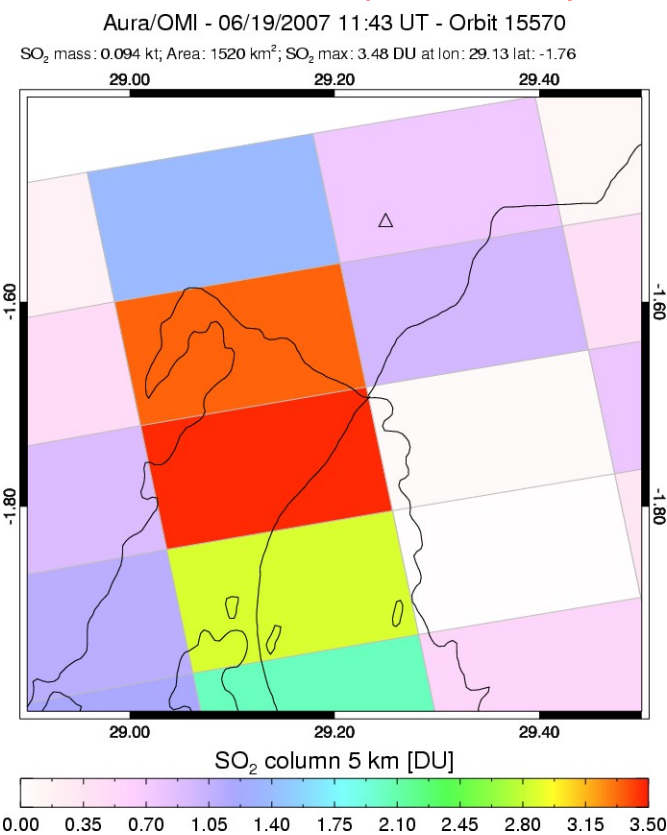


OMI and ASTER: Nyiragongo (DR Congo), Jun 19, 2007

Terra ASTER (10:30 am)



Aura OMI (1:45 pm)

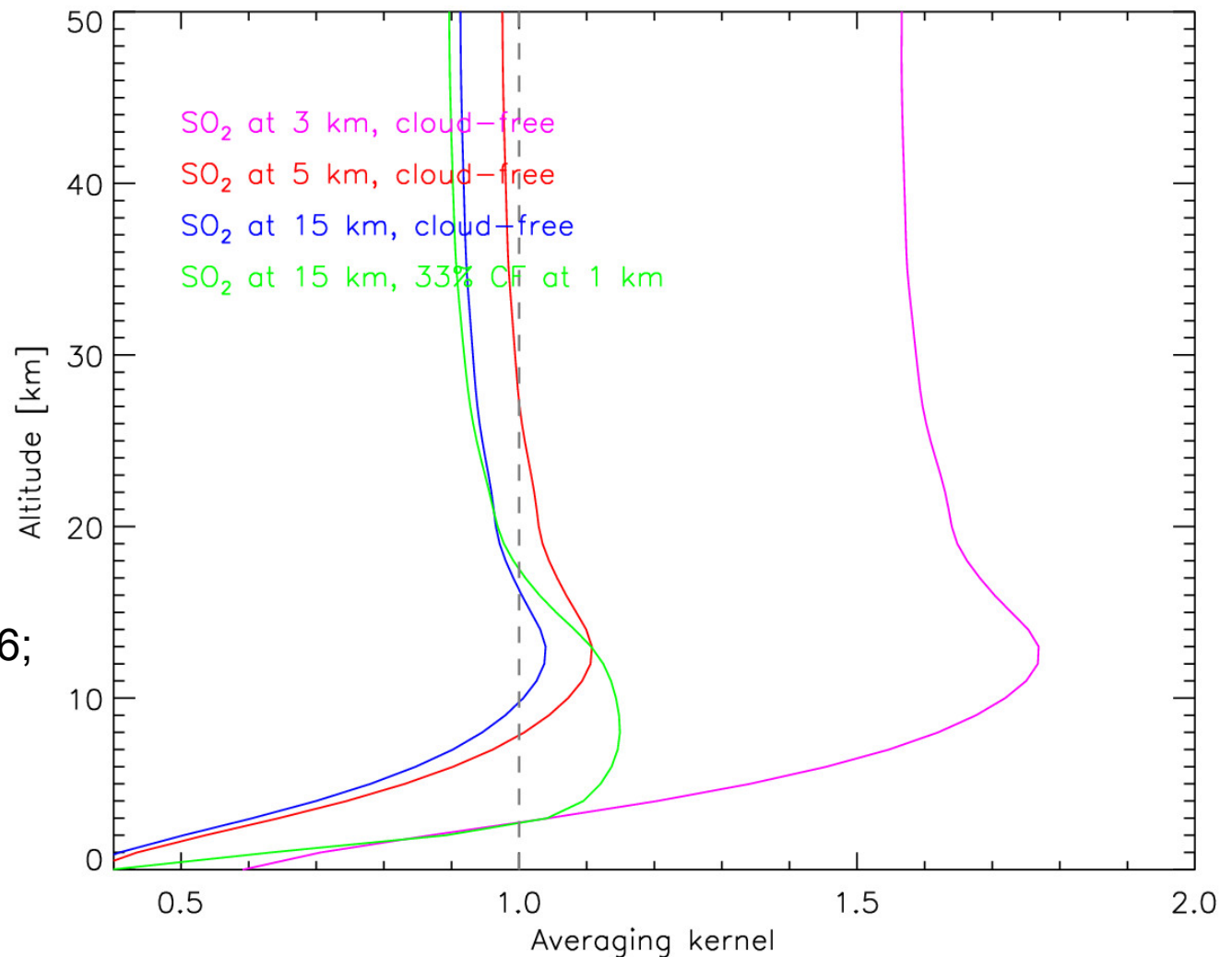


(ASTER 8.6 μm SO₂ retrieval; F. Prata, NILU)

- Plume extent relative to size of satellite FOV constrains detection of degassing plumes from space

Effect of volcanic plume altitude on SO₂ retrievals

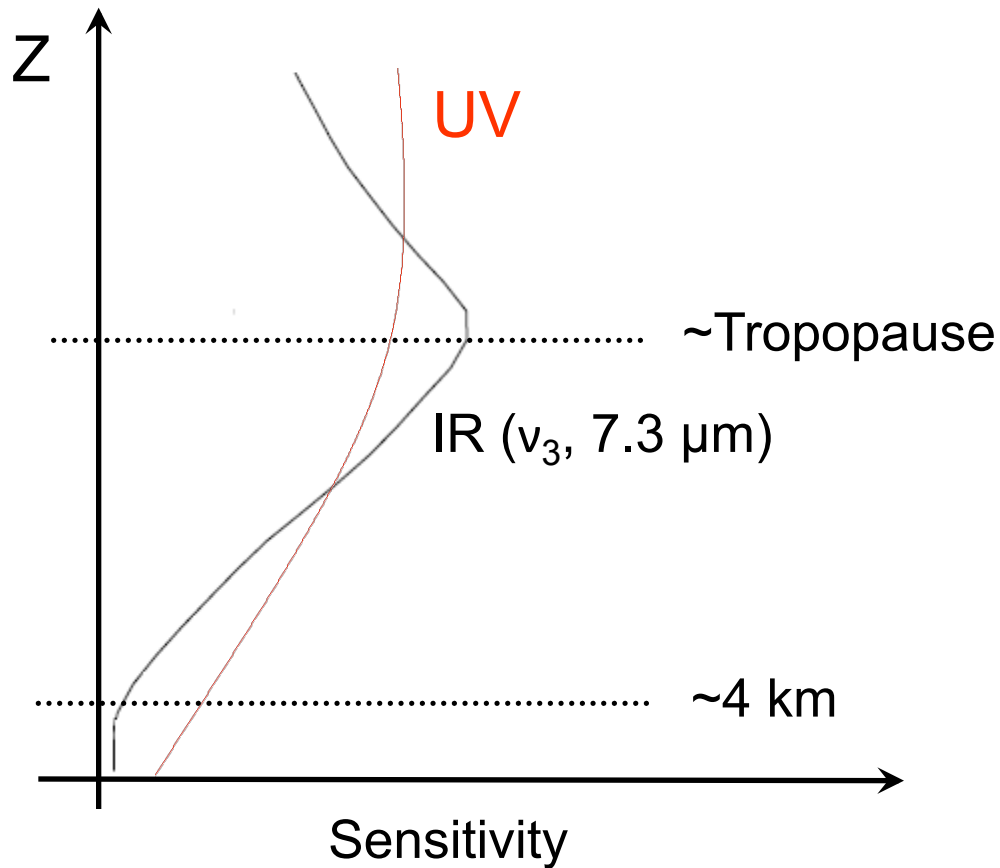
- OMI SO₂ product
- 4 *prescribed* SO₂ profiles:
 - PBL (<3 km)
 - TRL (0-5 km)
 - TRM (5-10 km)
 - STL (15-20 km)
 - 2 SO₂ algorithms [Krotkov *et al.*, 2006; Yang *et al.*, 2007]



- Knowledge of SO₂ cloud altitude is critical for accurate SO₂ retrieval
- Satellite sensitivity increases with altitude in the troposphere

[Krotkov *et al.*, IEEE TGRS, 2006; Yang *et al.*, JGR, 2007]

Relative sensitivity of UV and IR measurements



Courtesy of L. Clarisse, ULB

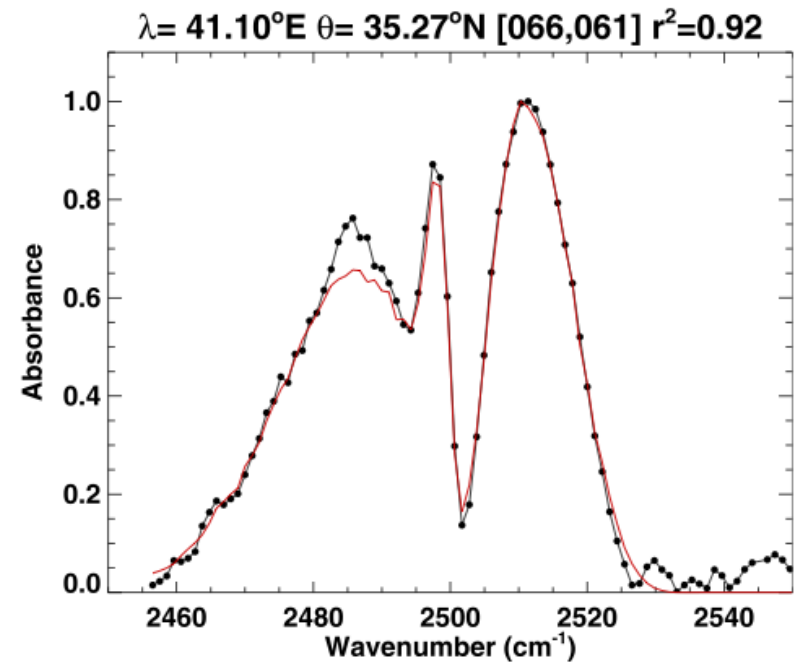


Figure 15. Spectral matching plot for the 4 μm band of SO_2 . The red line shows a synthetic absorbance spectrum and the black line shows AIRS measurements. The data are for an AIRS image of the Al-Mishraq (Iraq) SO_2 plume on 25 June 2003.

Prata and Bernardo, 2007

- IR channels at $\sim 4 \mu\text{m}$ and $\sim 8.6 \mu\text{m}$ can detect lower tropospheric SO_2

Direct retrieval of SO₂ altitude from UV radiances

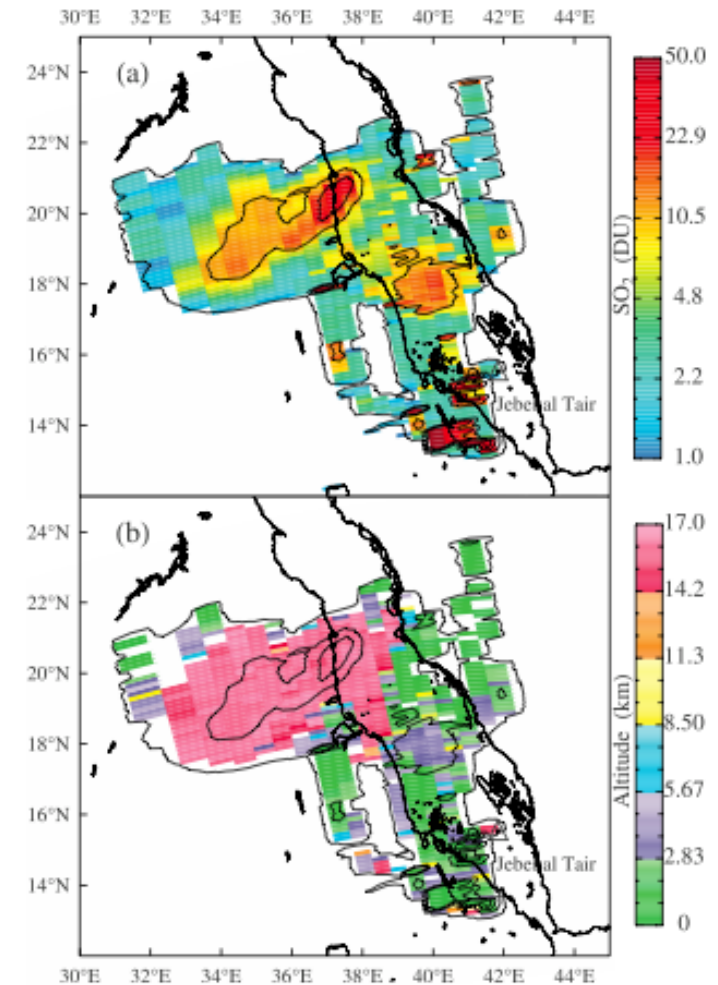
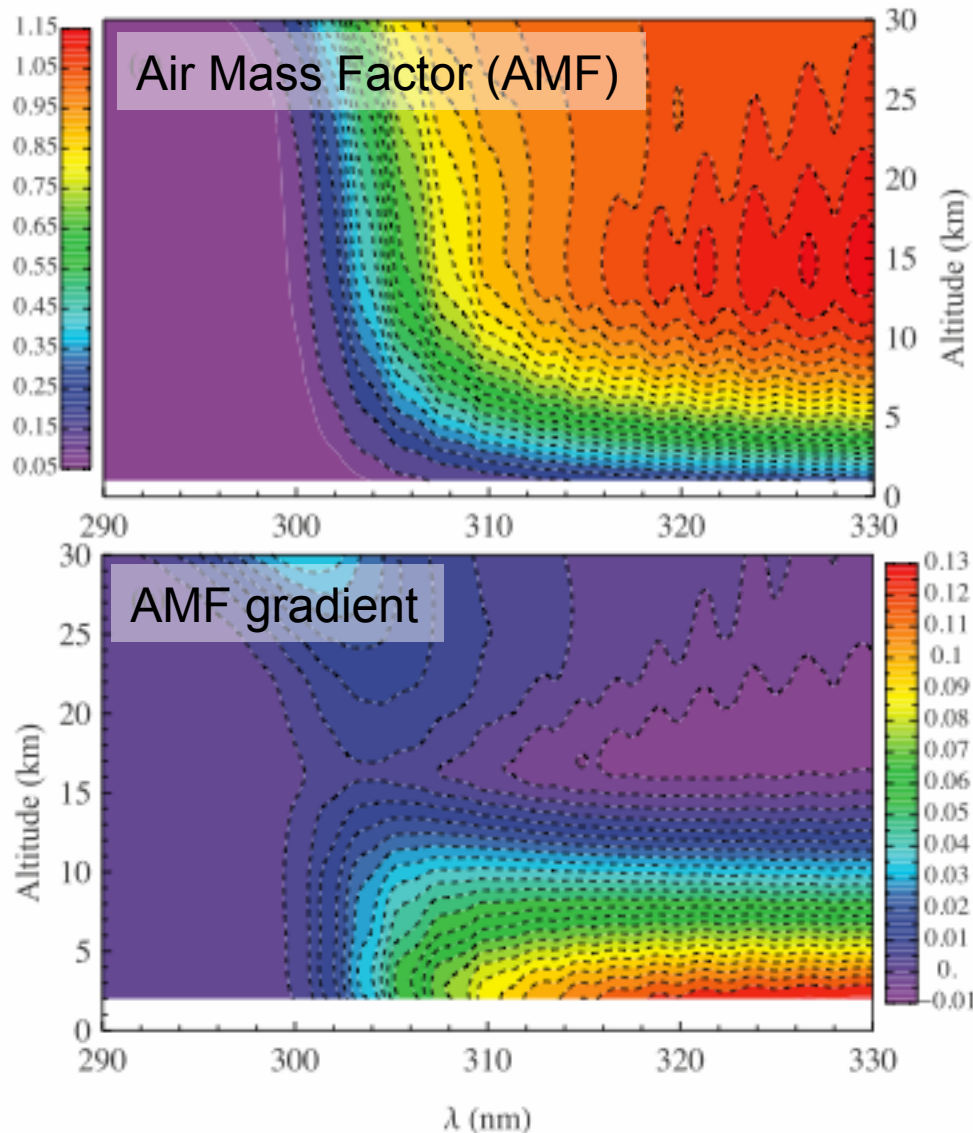


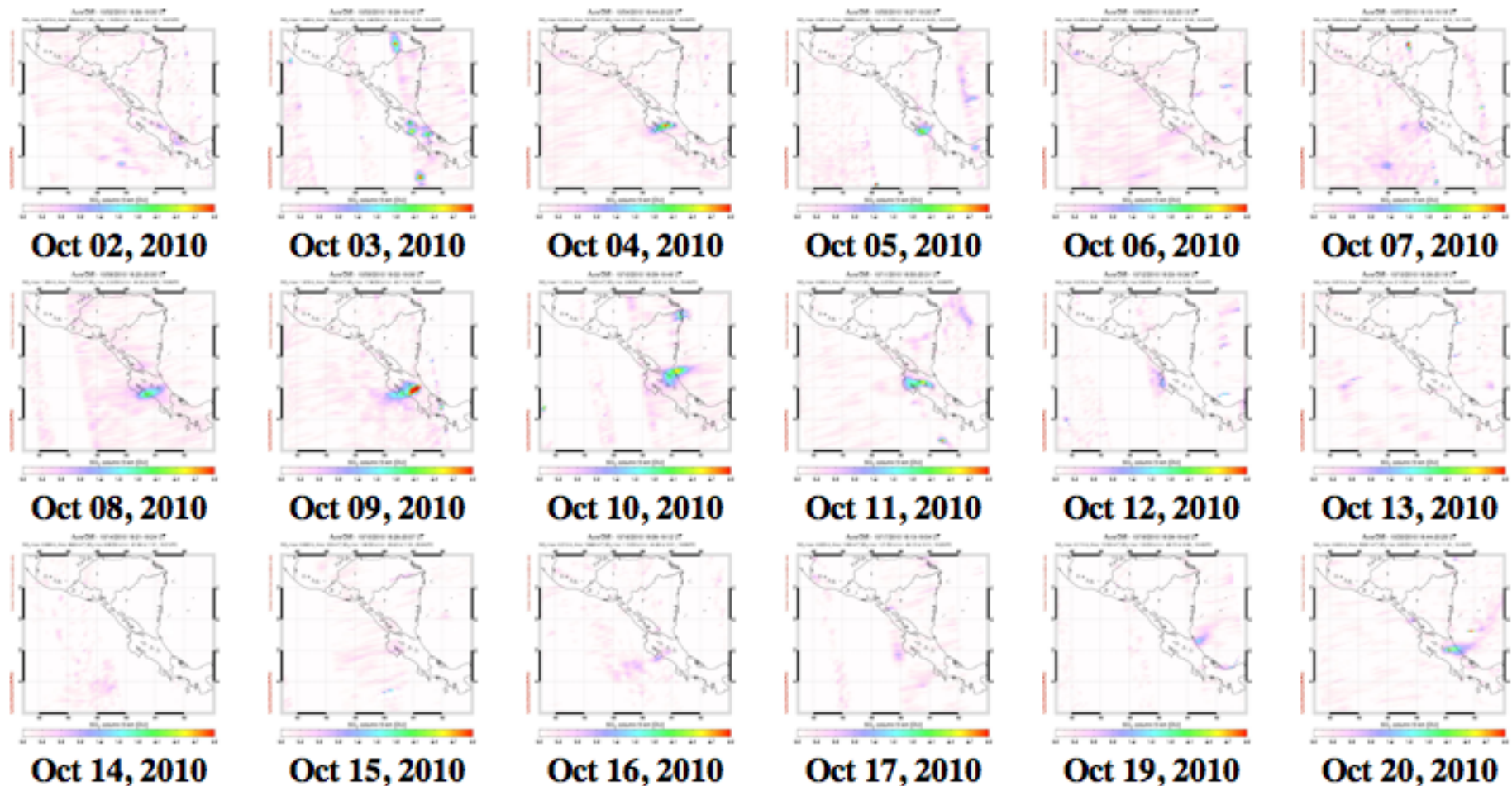
Figure 3. (a) SO₂ vertical column and (b) effective altitude maps derived from OMI UV (both UV-1 and UV-2) radiances for the Jebel al Tair volcanic plume at 10:59 UT on October 1, 2007, using the extended ISF algorithm.

- Midlatitude O₃ profile, 325 DU, nadir, clear sky, SZA=45°

[Yang *et al.*, GRL, 2009]

Daily OMI SO₂ measurements

<http://so2.gsfc.nasa.gov>



- Satellites measure column amounts of gases, NOT emission rates

Daily OMI SO₂ measurements for Kilauea

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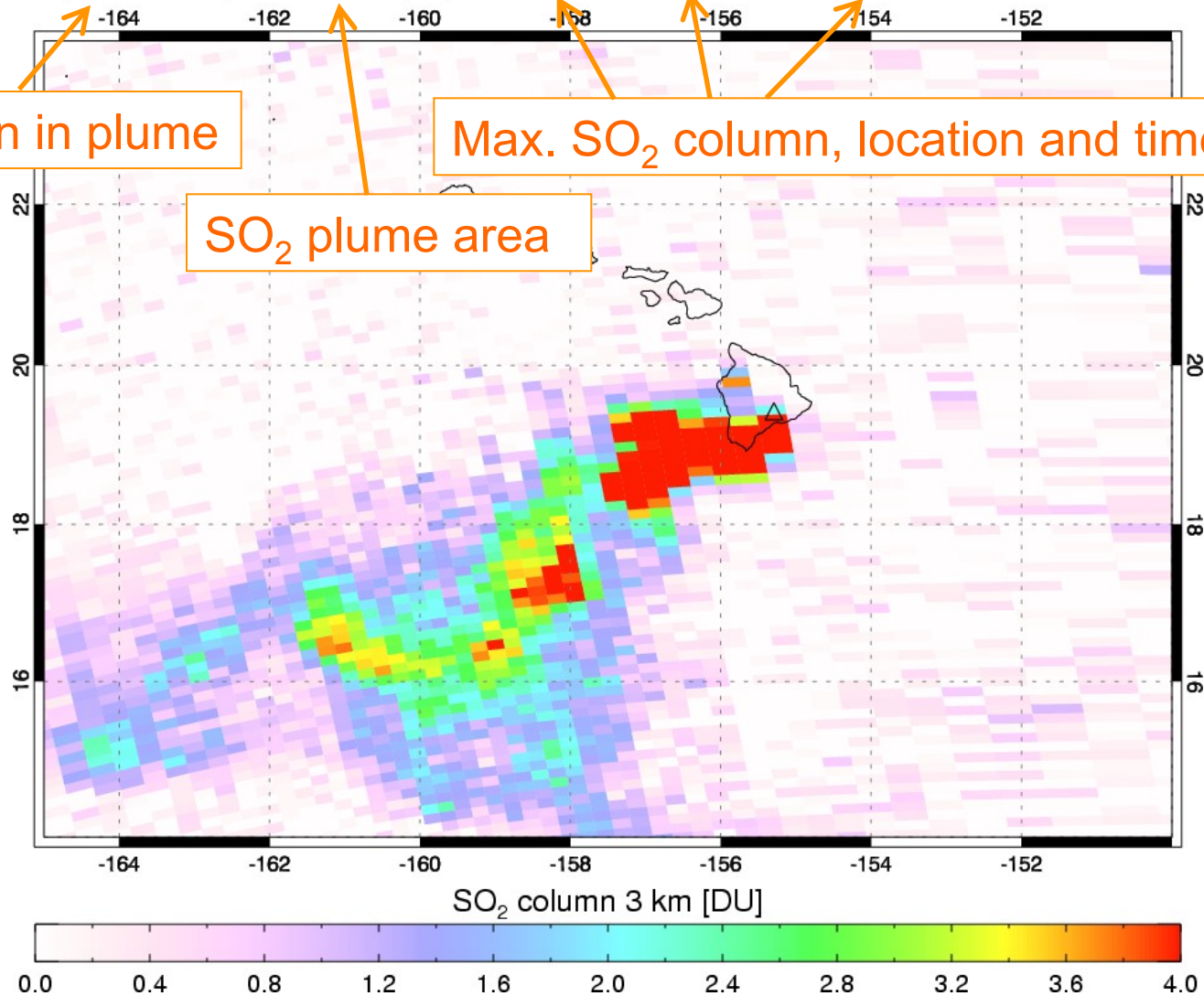
Aura/OMI - 07/13/2008 00:14-00:17 UT - Orbit 21257

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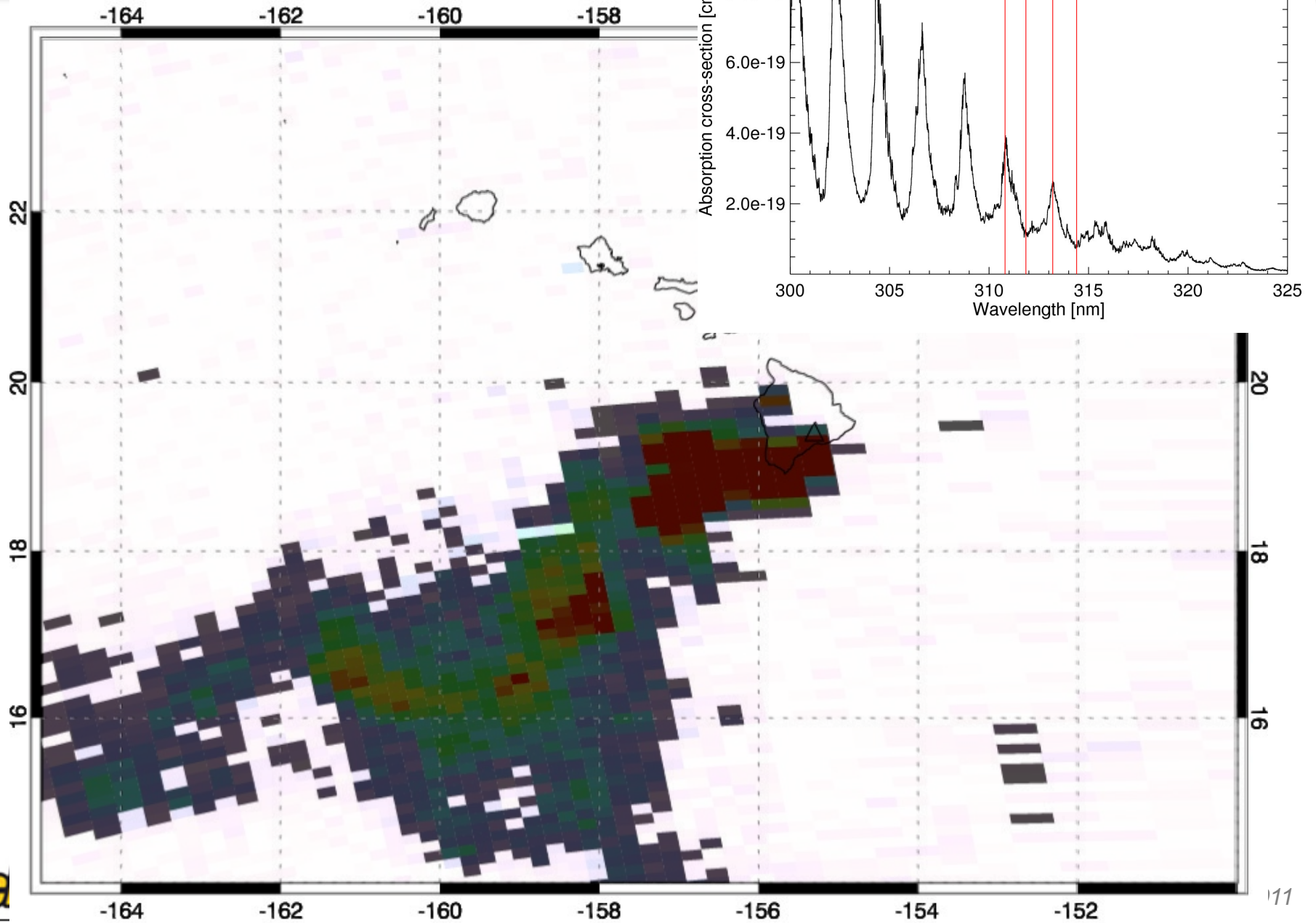
SO₂ burden in plume

Max. SO₂ column, location and time (UT)

SO₂ plume area

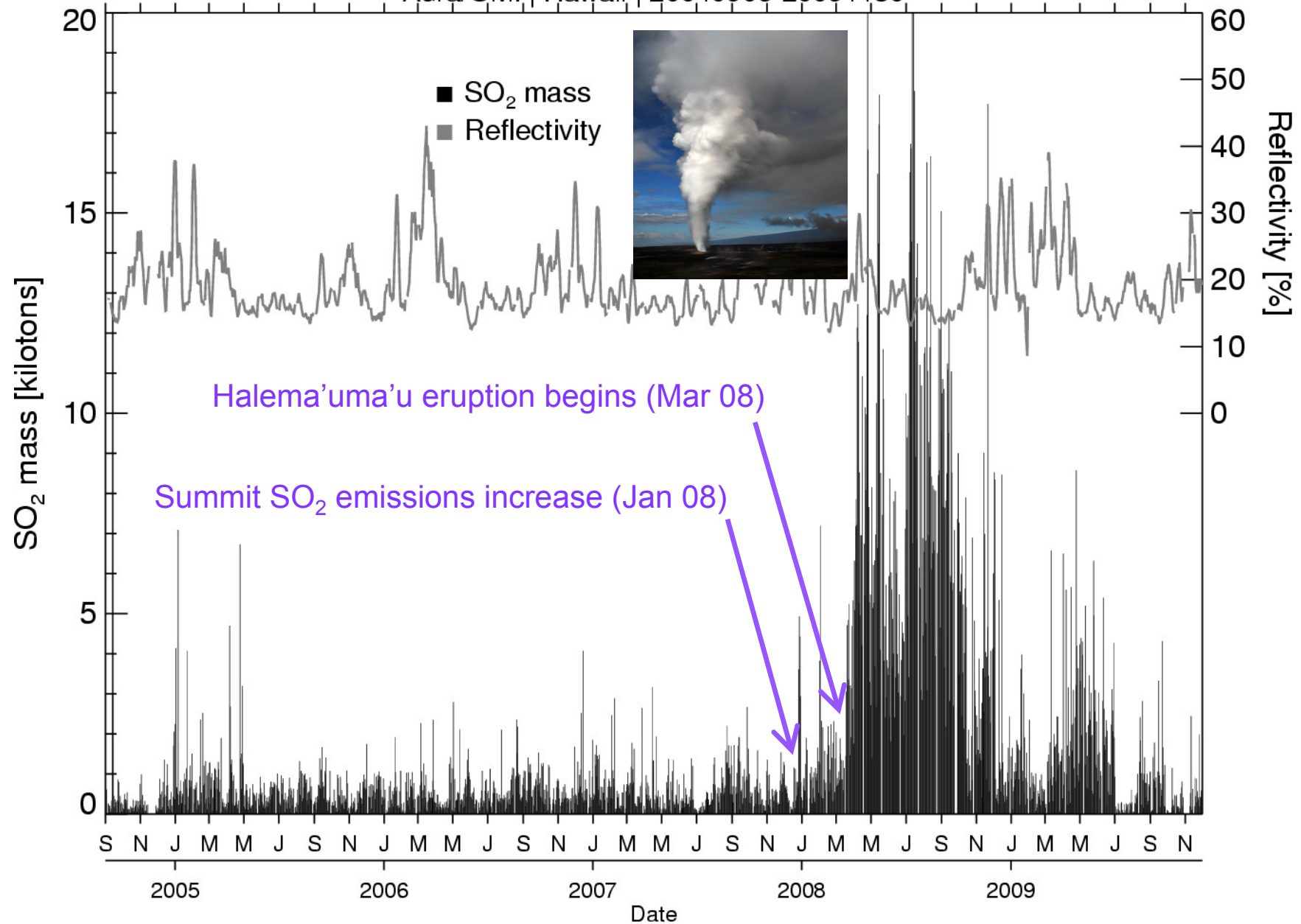


Hawaii measurement domain



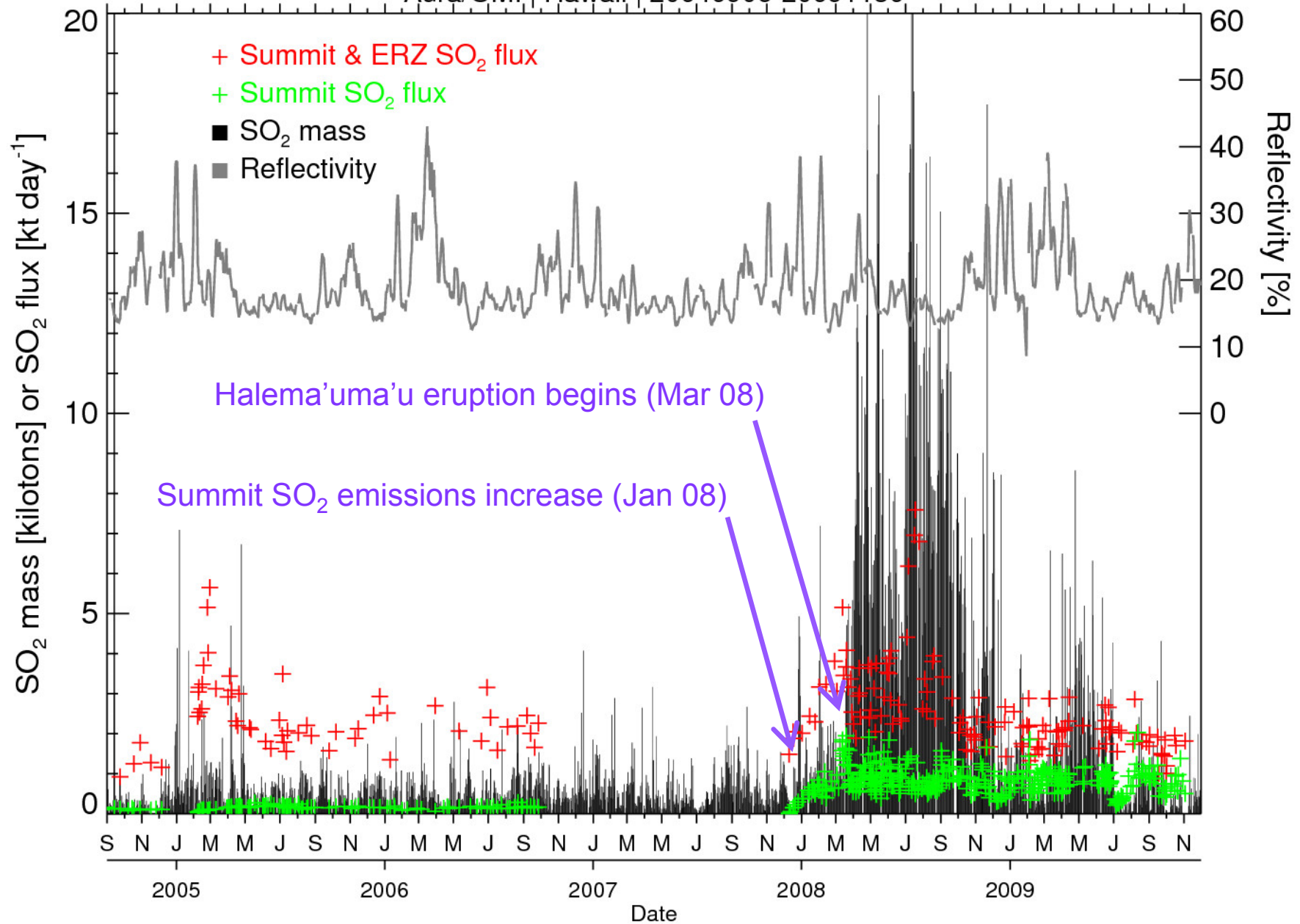
Kilauea plume SO₂ burdens: 2004-2009

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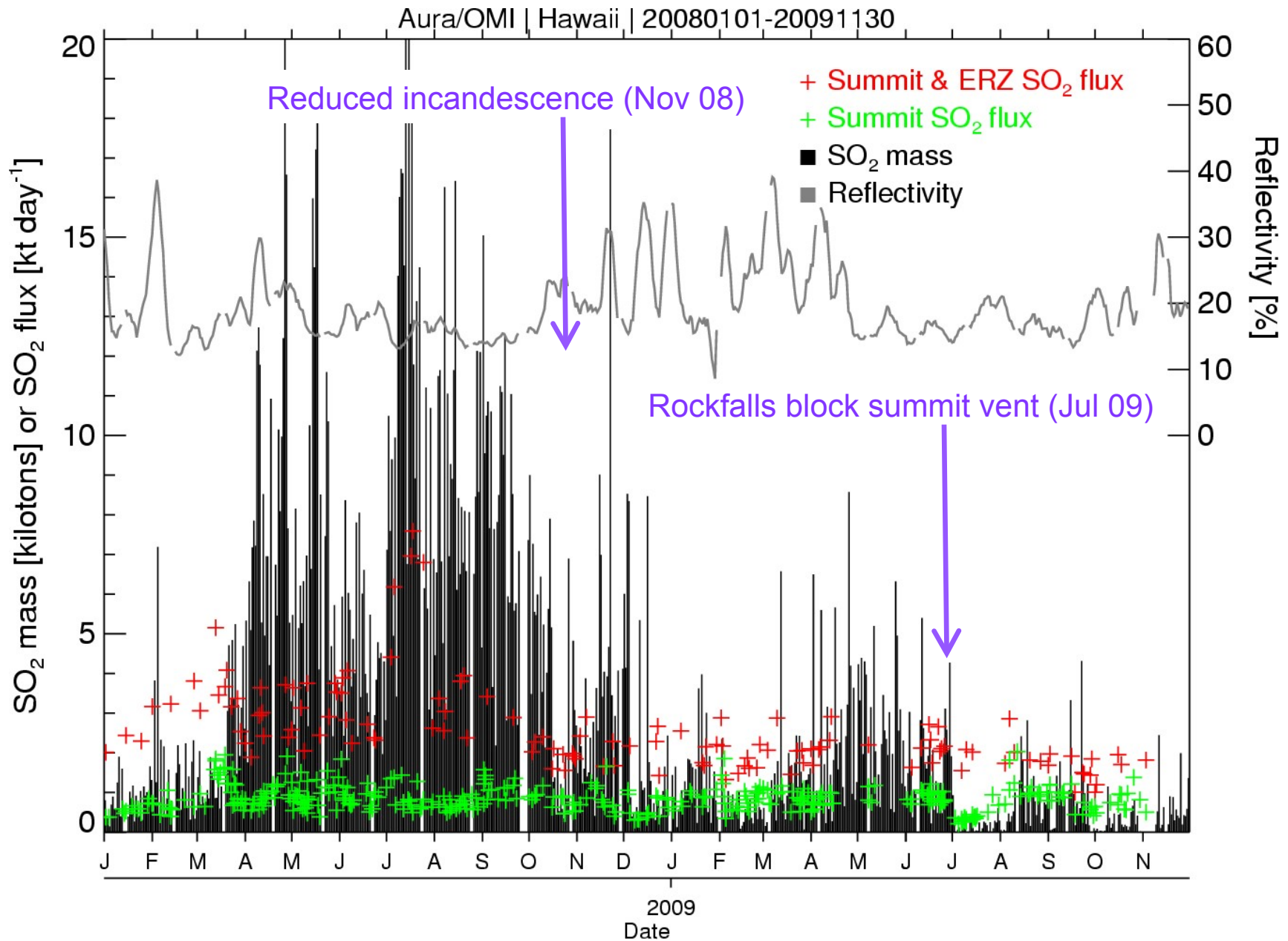


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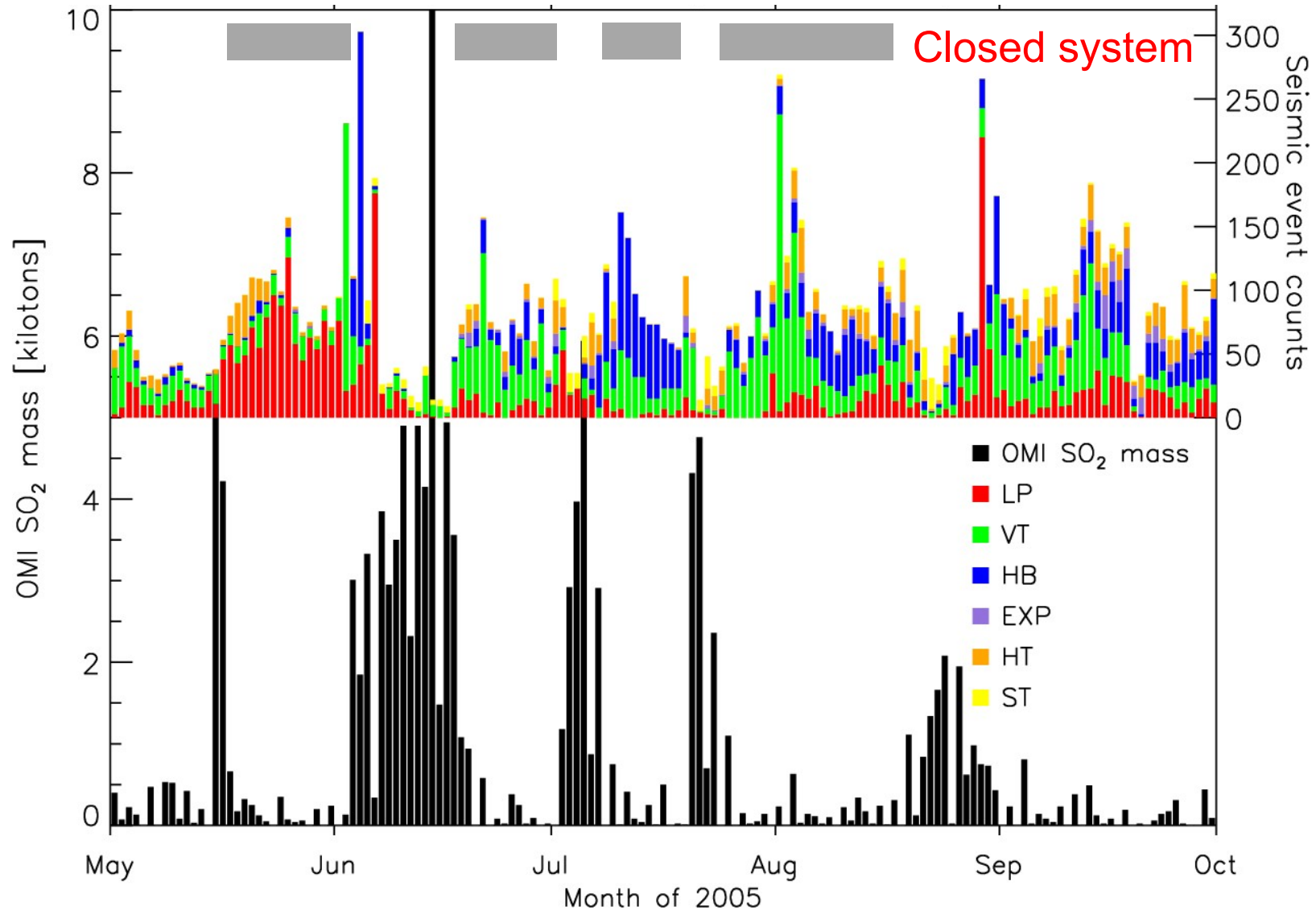
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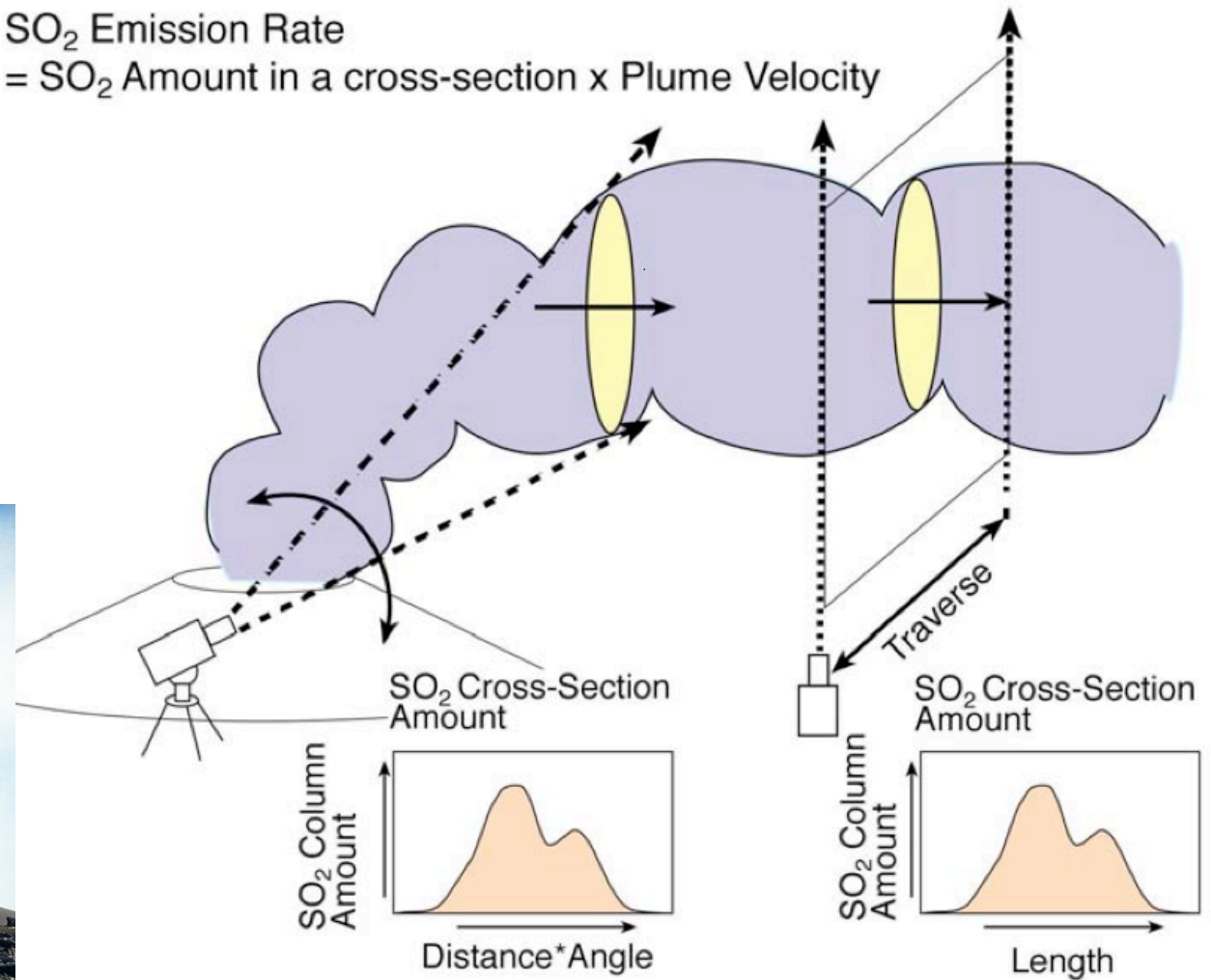
Reventador (Ecuador) seismicity and OMI SO₂ data



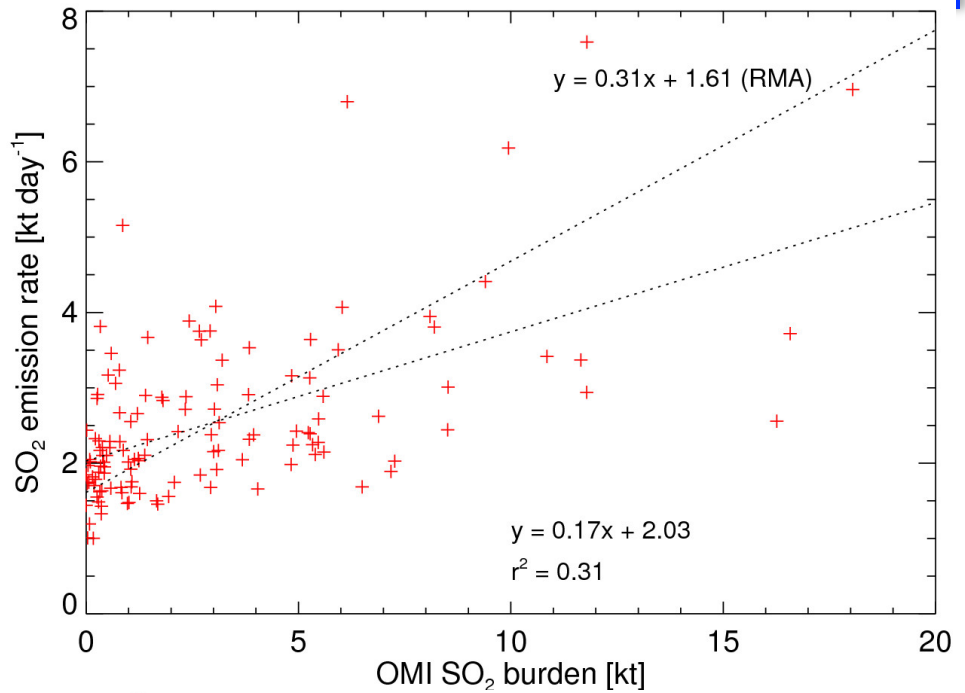
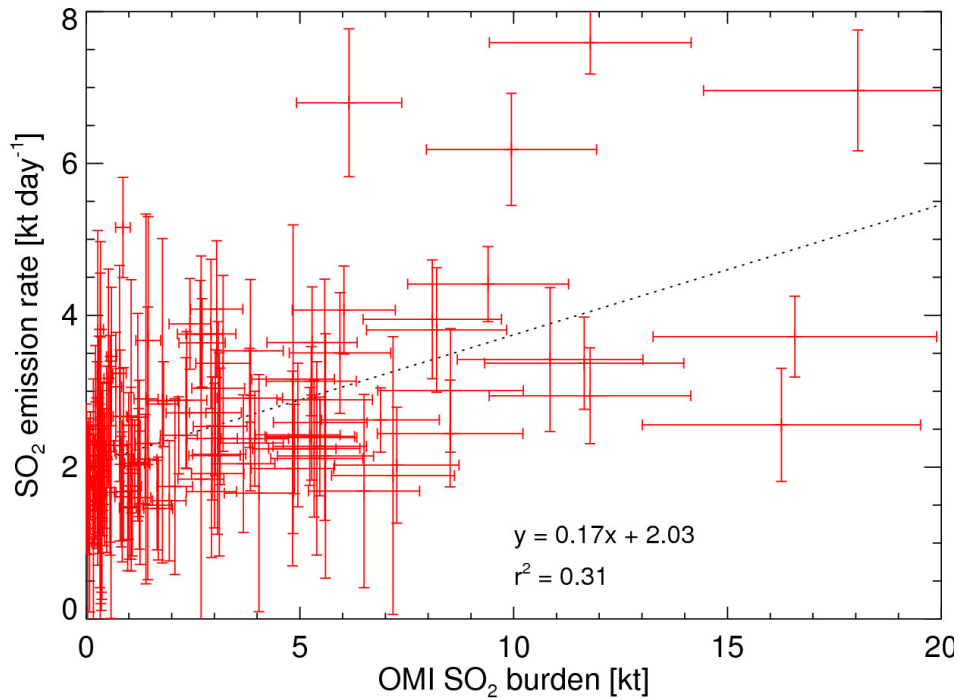
Volcanic SO₂ flux measurements



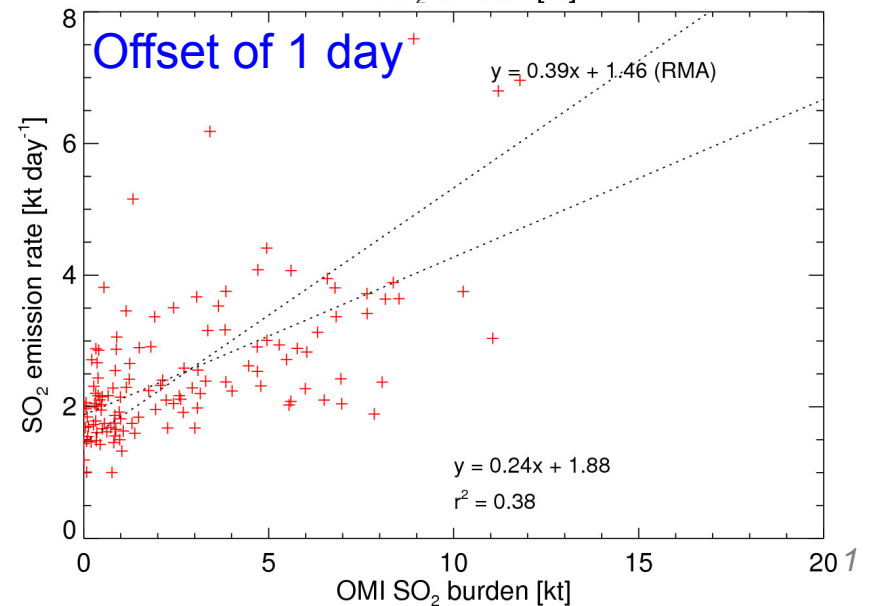
SO₂ Emission Rate
= SO₂ Amount in a cross-section x Plume Velocity



Comparing OMI SO₂ burdens with SO₂ emission rates (Kilauea)



- Direct comparison of SO₂ emission rates (summit + ERZ) and OMI SO₂ burdens complicated by variability, meteorology and errors
- Broad positive correlation



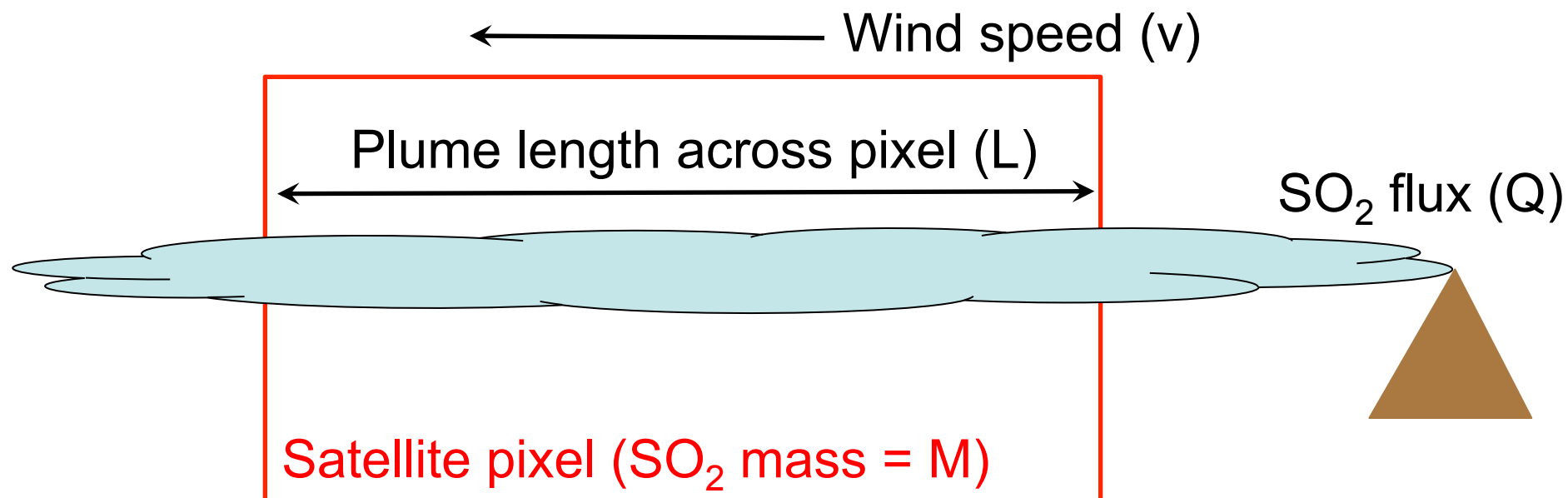
SO₂ flux estimation from satellite data

- Satellite 'snapshots' measure SO₂ burden, not flux
- To first order, SO₂ emission rates can be inferred using the SO₂ burden and an estimate of the SO₂ lifetime
 - SO₂ lifetime short (hours) at low altitudes and in humid environments
 - May be a few hours in tropical boundary layers

$$Q = \frac{M}{\tau}$$

- Q = SO₂ emission rate (tons/day), M = SO₂ burden (tons), τ = SO₂ lifetime (days)

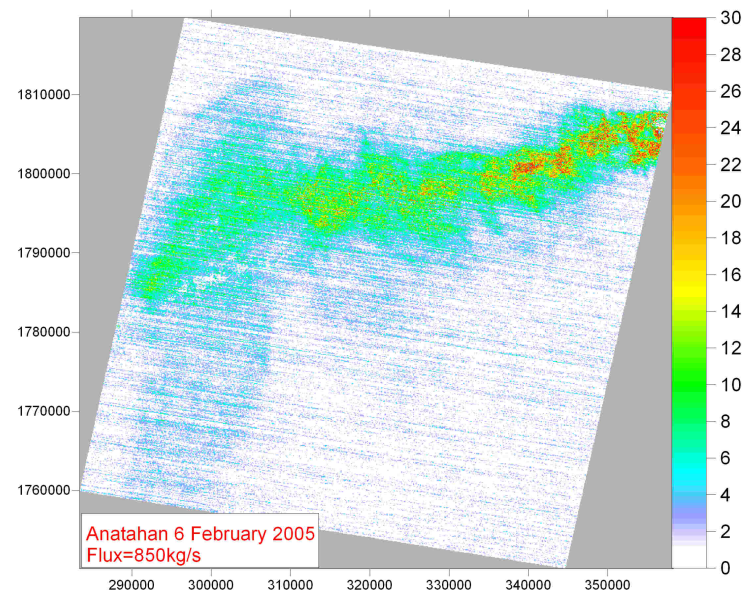
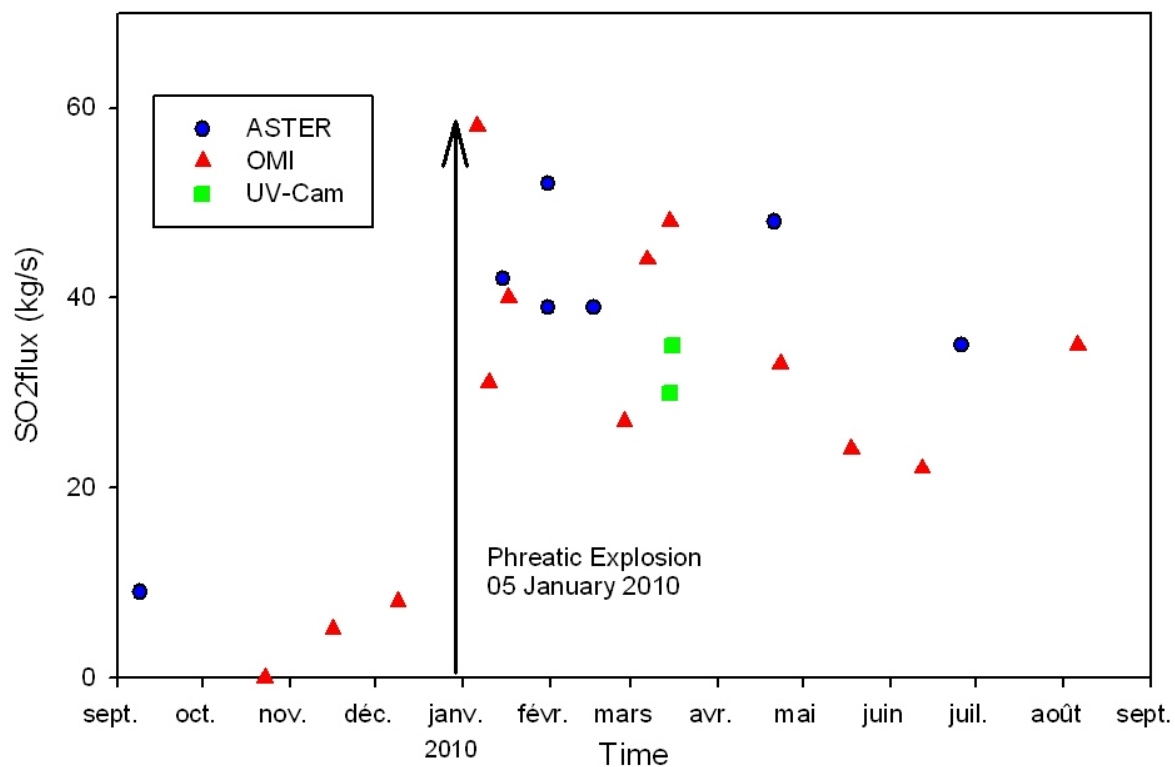
SO₂ flux estimation from satellite data



$$Q = \left[\frac{vM}{L} \right]$$

- Similar approach used to estimate smoke emissions from fires [*Ichoku and Kaufman, 2005*]
- Note that asymmetry of OMI pixel affects plume detection

SO₂ flux estimation from satellite data (Turrialba)



- Comparison between Turrialba SO₂ emission rates derived from ASTER, OMI and UV camera [Campion et al., in prep.]

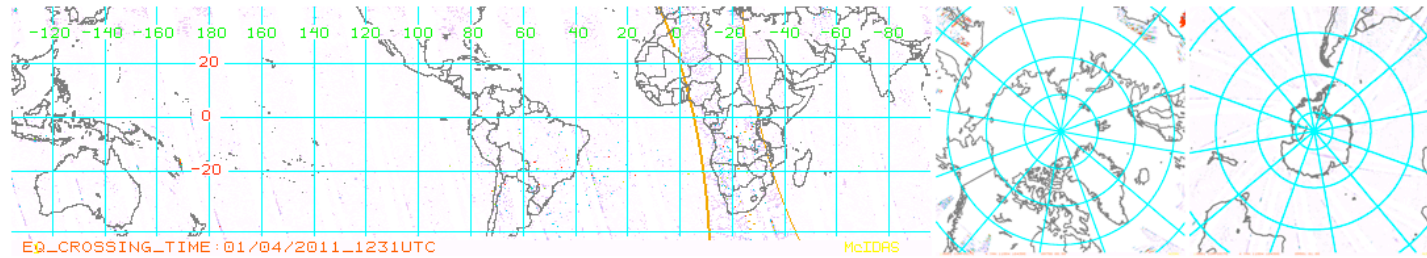
OMI SO₂ websites - NRT



[>>GOME SO2 Data](#)

Latest OMI SO₂ Column 5Km - 24-Hour Composite Images

[Important Information for OMI Data Users](#)



Current OMI SO ₂ Composites	Tropics	Northern Hemisphere	Southern Hemisphere
Current & Previous Digital Images GeoTiff, NetCDF, McIDAS, GIF	Tropics	Northern Hemisphere	Southern Hemisphere

Latest OMI_SO₂ Column 5Km by Volcano

Alaska, USA	Aleutian Islands, Alaska, USA	Anatahan, Mariana Islands	Cascade
Central America	Comoro Islands	Eastern China	Ecuador
Etna, Sicily, Italy	Galapagos Islands, Ecuador	Hawaii, USA	Iceland
Japan	Java, Indonesia	Kamchatka, Russia	Mexico
Montserrat, West Indies	New Zealand	North Western Europe	Northern Atlantic
Northern Chile	Nyiragongo, DR Congo	Peru	Philippines
Papua New Guinea	Red Sea	Reunion Island	Southern Chile
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For AIRS SO₂ products check the [AIRS SO₂ Alert Site](#)

Near real-time: <http://satepsanone.nesdis.noaa.gov/pub/OMI/OMISO2/index.html>

Operational OMI SO₂ data from NASA Mirador

disc.sci.gsfc.nasa.gov/Aura/data-holdings/OMI/omso2_v003.shtml

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Aura OMI Sulphur Dioxide Data Product-OMS02

NEWS: Please read the important information related to OMI Anomaly
(See current OMI Anomaly Exclusion Rules for OMS02 Product)

Data Access

• **Mirador - fast search & download**

SO₂ Plume from Niyamuragira Volcano
(OMI SO₂ Amount avg Nov 28- Dec 4, 2006)

Platform: EOS-Aura
Instrument: OMI

Product: Level-2 OMI Sulphur Dioxide (SO₂) Data Product

Data Set Short Name: OMS02

Data Set Long Name: OMI/Aura Sulphur Dioxide Total Column 1-orbit L2 Swath 13x24 km

OMI Data Documents

- Short Data Guide from GES DISC
- ReadMe, Data Quality Information and Known Issues (from Algorithm Lead) [↗](#)
- File Format Specification [↗](#)
- Data Read Software & Tools
- Giovanni: Data Exploration Interface
- OMI Data User's Guide

OMI Algorithm Documents

- OMI Algorithm Theoretical Basis Documents

Other Related Documents:

- OMS02 Document for Global Change Master Directory
- HDF-EOS Aura File Format Guidelines

Other Links :

- EOS-Aura OMI Page
- OMI Home Page (KNMI-Netherlands) [↗](#)
- OMI/TOMS Home Page (GSFC-NASA)

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Data Version and Data Holdings

Processing	Version	Begin Date	End Date
Forward	003	Oct 1, 2004	Current

Production Frequency: 14 files/day
Granule (File) Coverage: one orbit
File Size(Approx): 21 MB

P.I: Nikolay Krotkov and Arlin Krueger
(NASA GSFC / UMBC)

http://disc.sci.gsfc.nasa.gov/Aura/data-holdings/OMI/omso2_v003.shtml

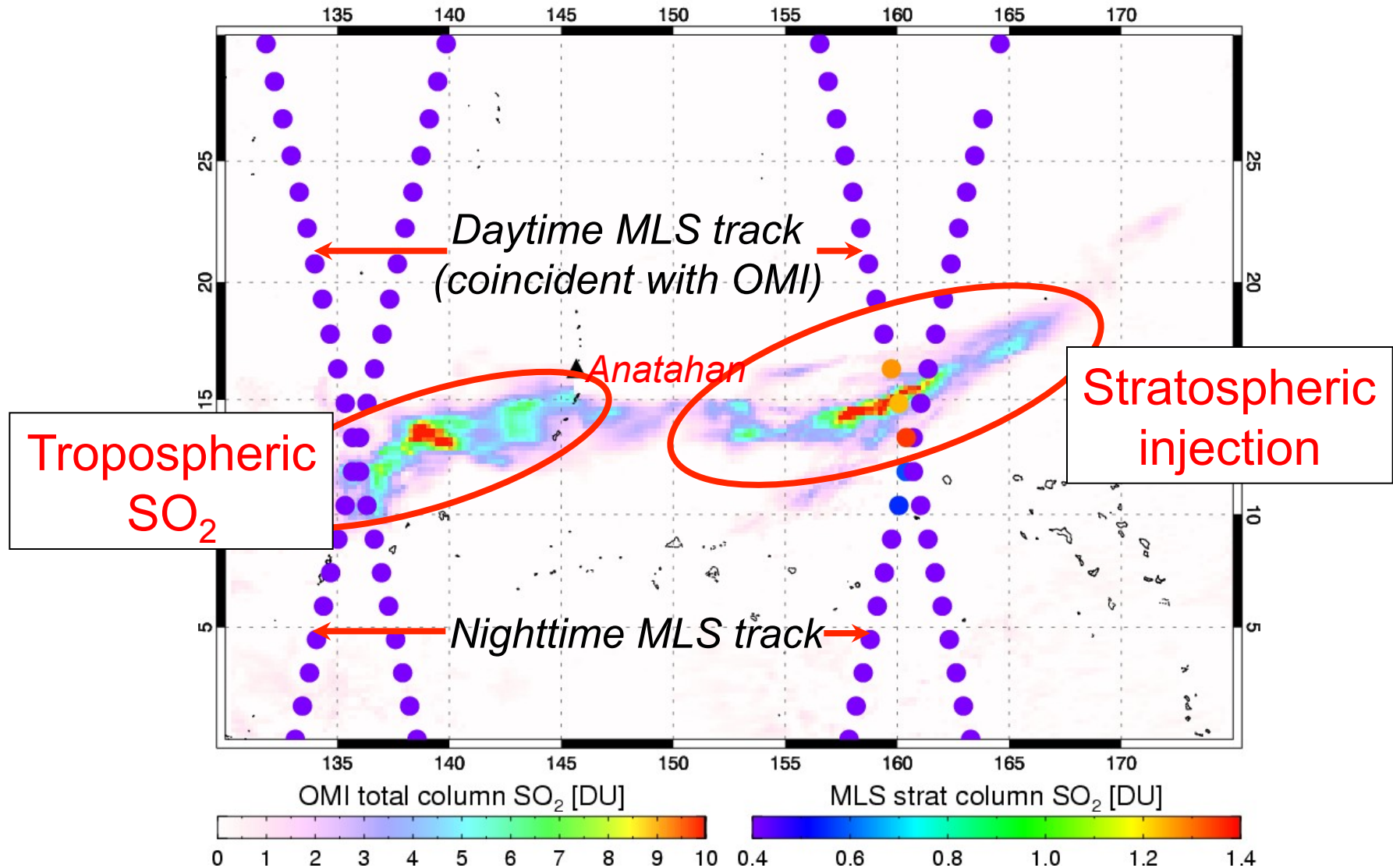
Near real-time OMI SO₂ data from NASA LANCE

The screenshot shows the NASA LANCE website interface. The browser address bar displays lance.nasa.gov/data-producers/omi-sips/omi-sips-products/. The page header includes the NASA logo and the text "National Aeronautics and Space Administration LANCE". A navigation menu contains links for Home, Data Producers, NRT Data Products, Help, and News. Below this, a secondary menu lists data products: AMSR-E SIPS, GES DISC, MODAPS, and OMI SIPS. The main content area is titled "OMI SIPS Products" and includes a "Quick Links" sidebar with buttons for MODAPS, GES DISC, and AMSR-E products. A table lists the following OMI SIPS products:

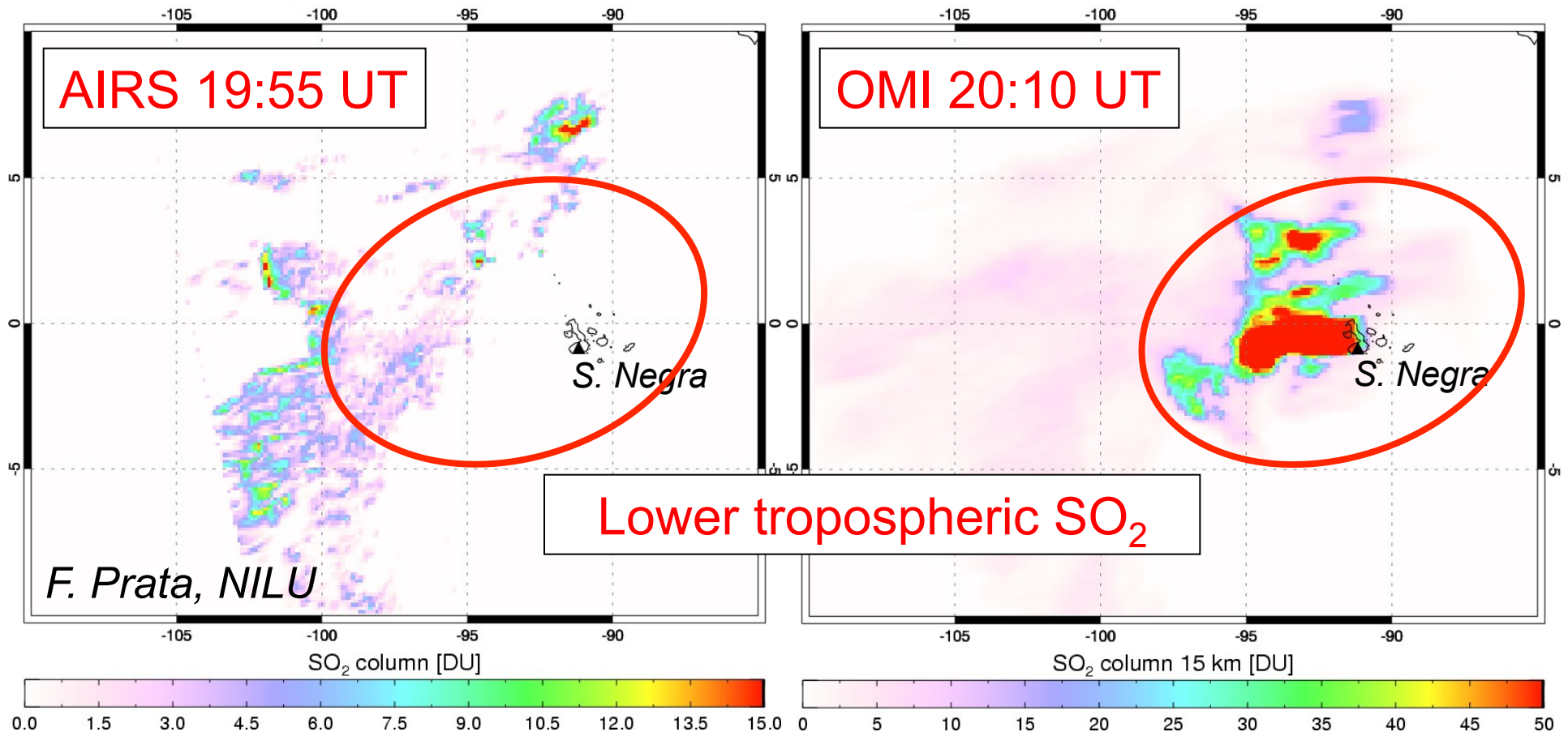
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Orbital	OMTO3	N/A	OMTO3	Browse	N/A
Orbital	OMAERUV	N/A	OMAERUV	N/A	N/A
Orbital	OMS02NRTb	N/A	OMS02NRTb	N/A	N/A

<http://lance.nasa.gov/data-producers/omi-sips/omi-sips-products/>
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Aura/OMI - Aura/MLS: Anatahan (CNMI), April 7, 2005

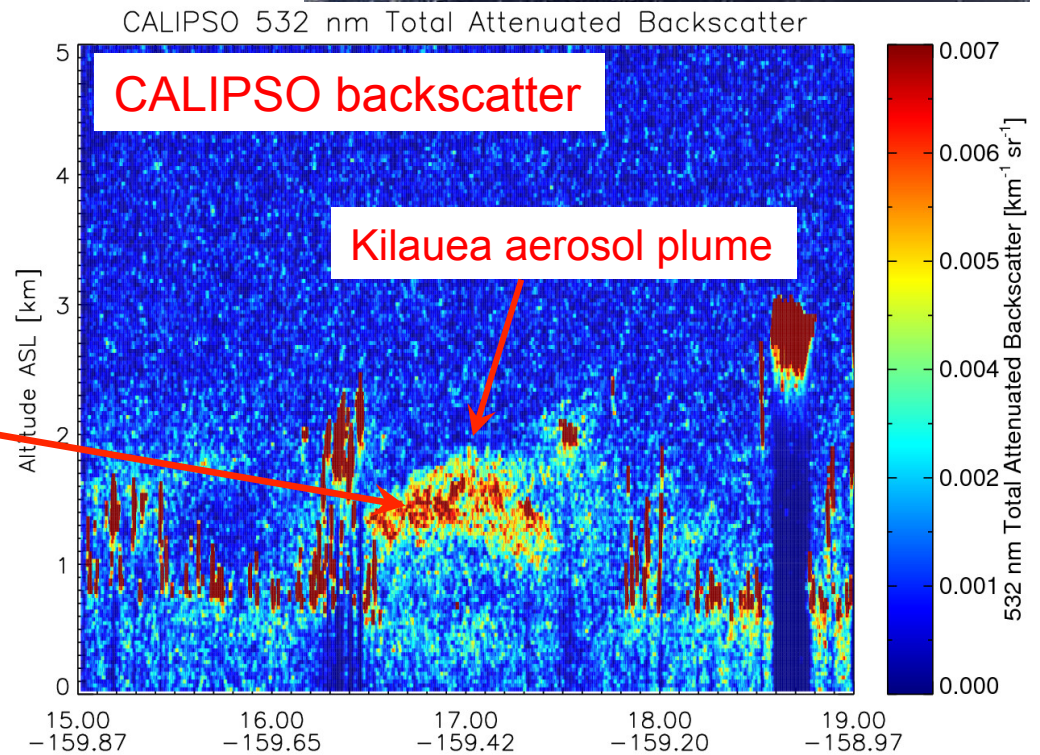
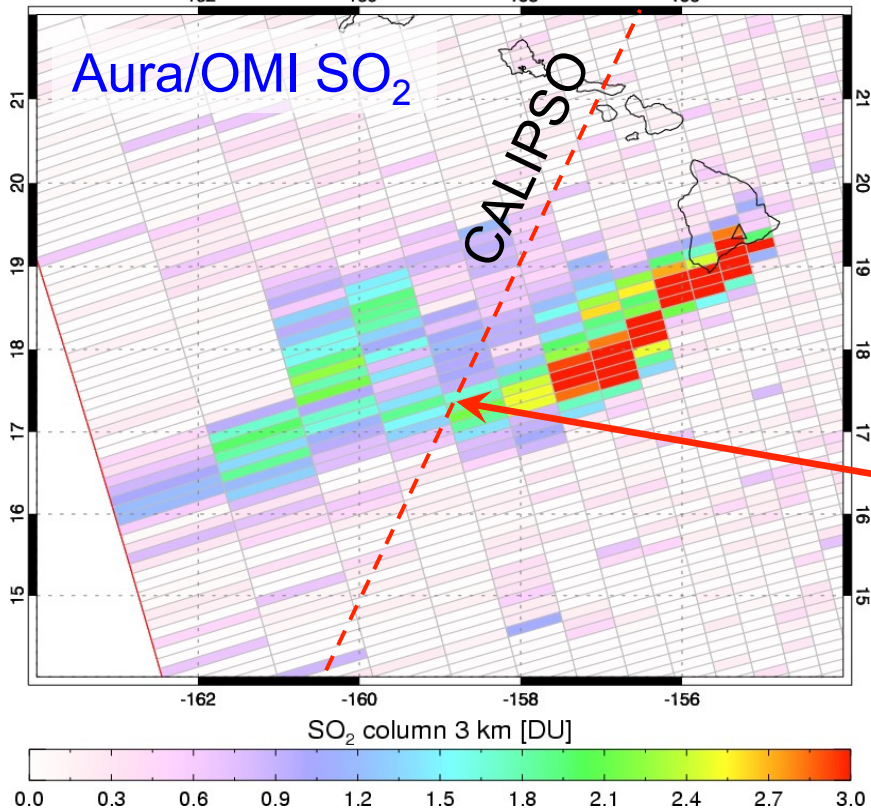
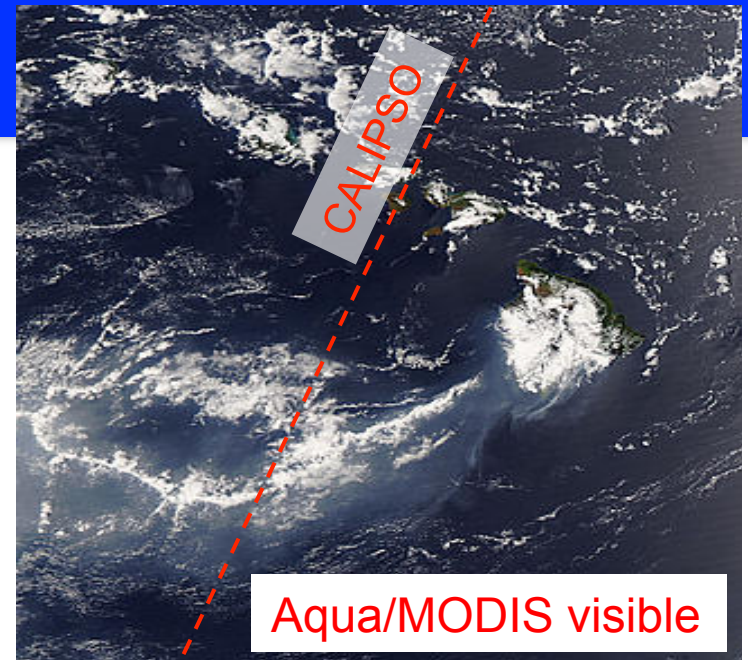
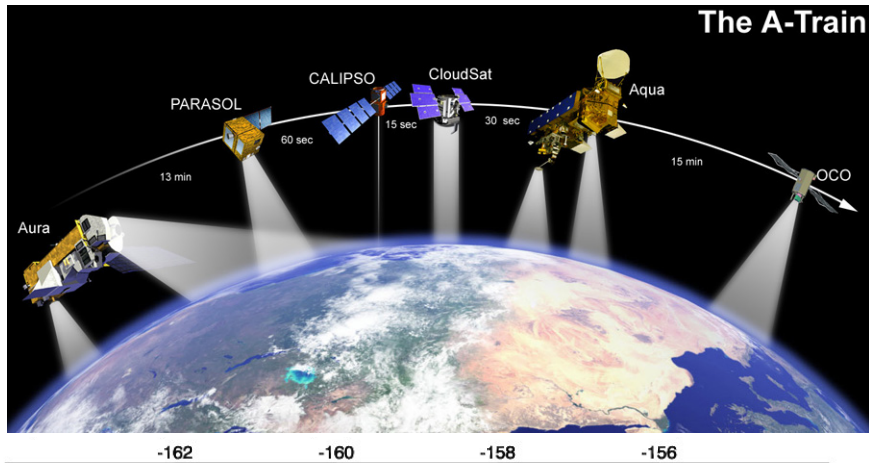


Aura/OMI - Aqua/AIRS: Sierra Negra (Galapagos) 2005



- Sierra Negra (Galapagos) eruption, October 24, 2005
- OMI-AIRS synergy indicates SO₂ concentrated in the lower troposphere

Kilauea degassing – April 7, 2008



Summary

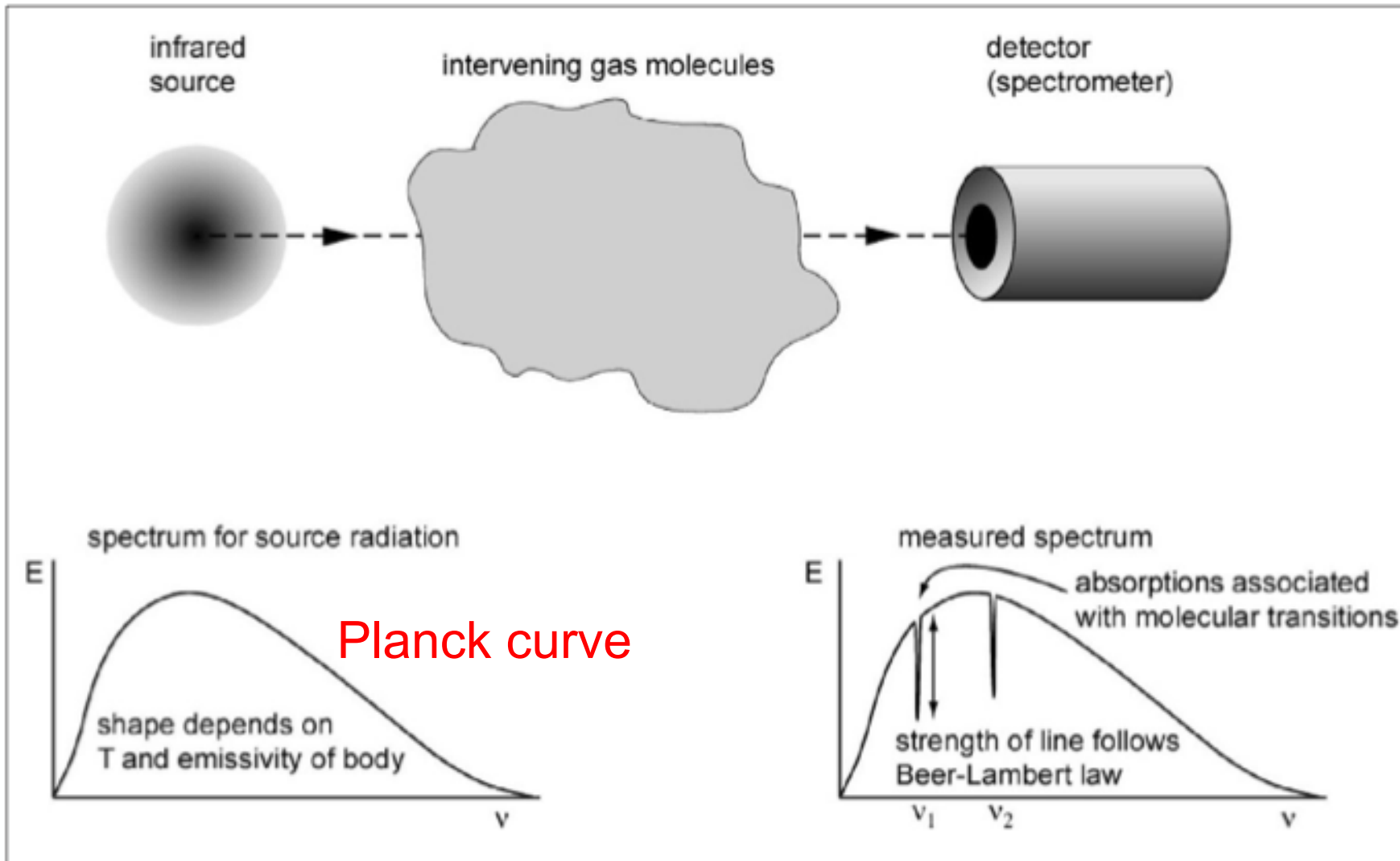
- Numerous satellite sensors now provide SO₂ measurements
- Some have standard SO₂ products, others require application of retrieval algorithms to yield quantitative SO₂ data
- Aura/OMI is an economical and effective tool for monitoring volcanic SO₂ degassing on a regional or local (single volcano) scale
- OMI's high SO₂ sensitivity and global coverage allows detection of nearly all significant volcanic eruption clouds, assisting aviation hazard mitigation and improving our understanding of the atmospheric impacts of volcanism
- Detection of tropospheric SO₂ plumes by OMI depends on several factors, hence the lower detection limit in terms of SO₂ flux is variable (with latitude, vent altitude etc.)
- Altitude sensitivity must be considered when evaluation satellite SO₂ data
- New satellite constellations (A-Train) provide opportunities for sensor synergy and '3D' analysis of volcanic clouds
- Many datasets are now available online in near-real time

Fourier Transform Infrared (FTIR) Spectroscopy

- Basis of many IR satellite remote sensing instruments
- Ground-based FTIR spectrometers also used for various applications



Absorption spectroscopy



FTIR deployment modes (absorption)

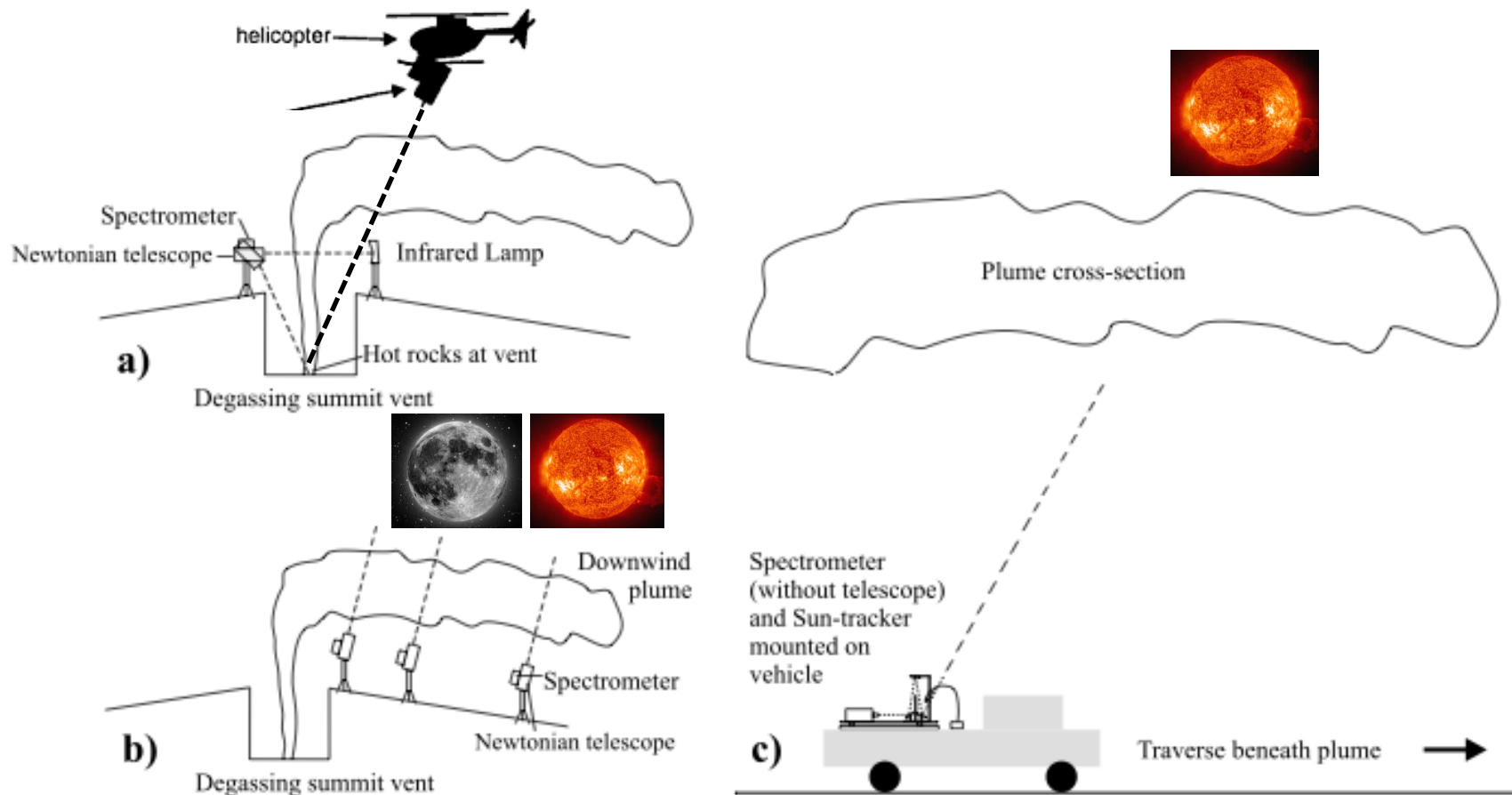


Fig. 2. Diagrams showing modes of FTS deployment. (a) and (b) are from [Oppenheimer et al. \(1998\)](#). (a) Infrared lamp or hot rocks used as source over a specified pathlength. (b) Sun used as infrared source. Both the lamp and Sun can be used as IR sources at the summit or at different distances downwind from the volcano. A Newtonian telescope is used to collimate the light into the spectrometer. (c) Sun used as infrared source and a Sun-tracker allows cross-sectional traverses beneath the plume. This can also be used in a fixed position instead of using the Newtonian telescope.

Nyiragongo, DR Congo

FTIR





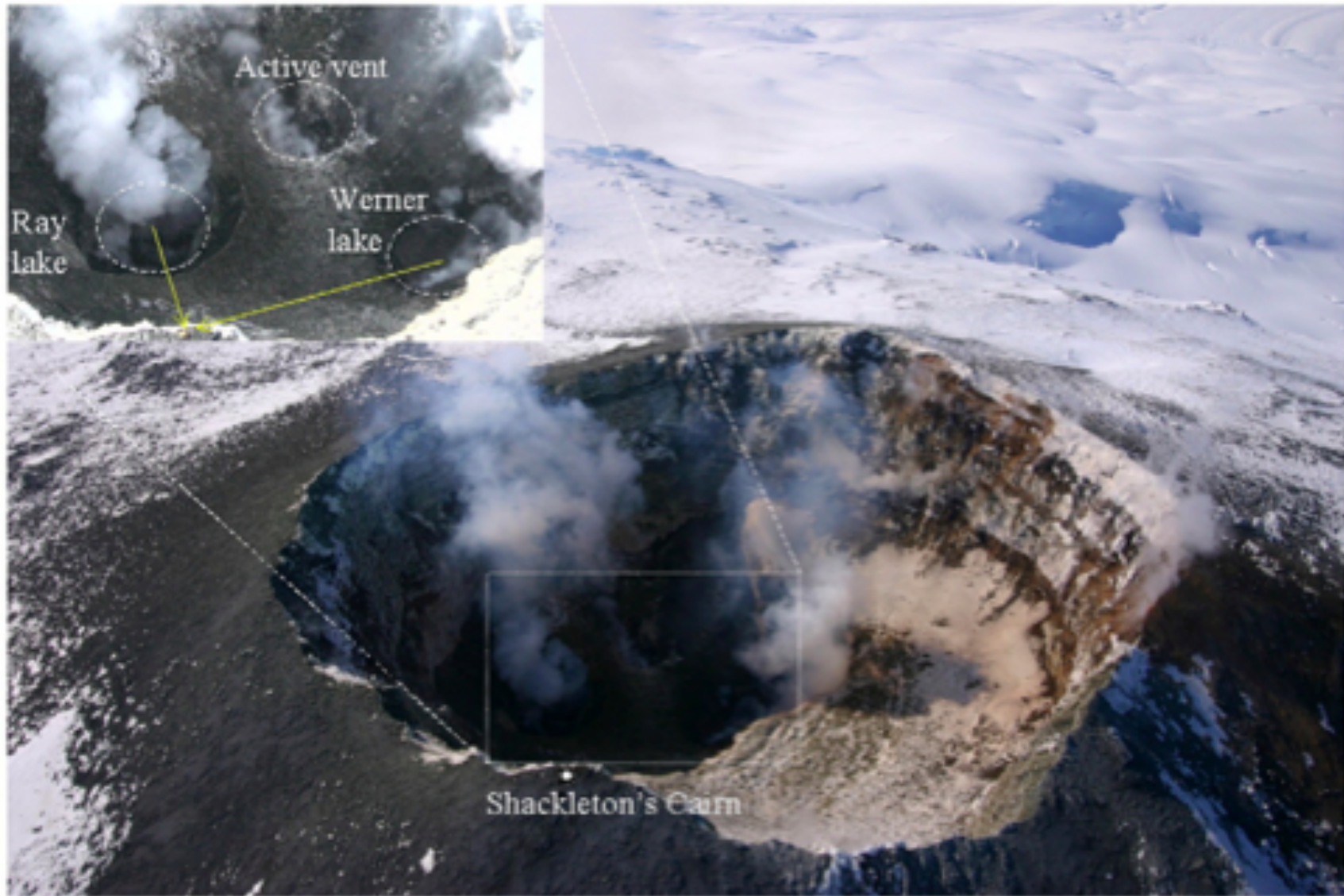
FTIR at Erta 'Ale (Ethiopia)



Fig. 2. Photograph of Erta 'Ale lava lake from the observation site on the north eastern rim of the central pit. The black circle approximates the 1.5 m 'footprint' of the FTIR spectrometer.

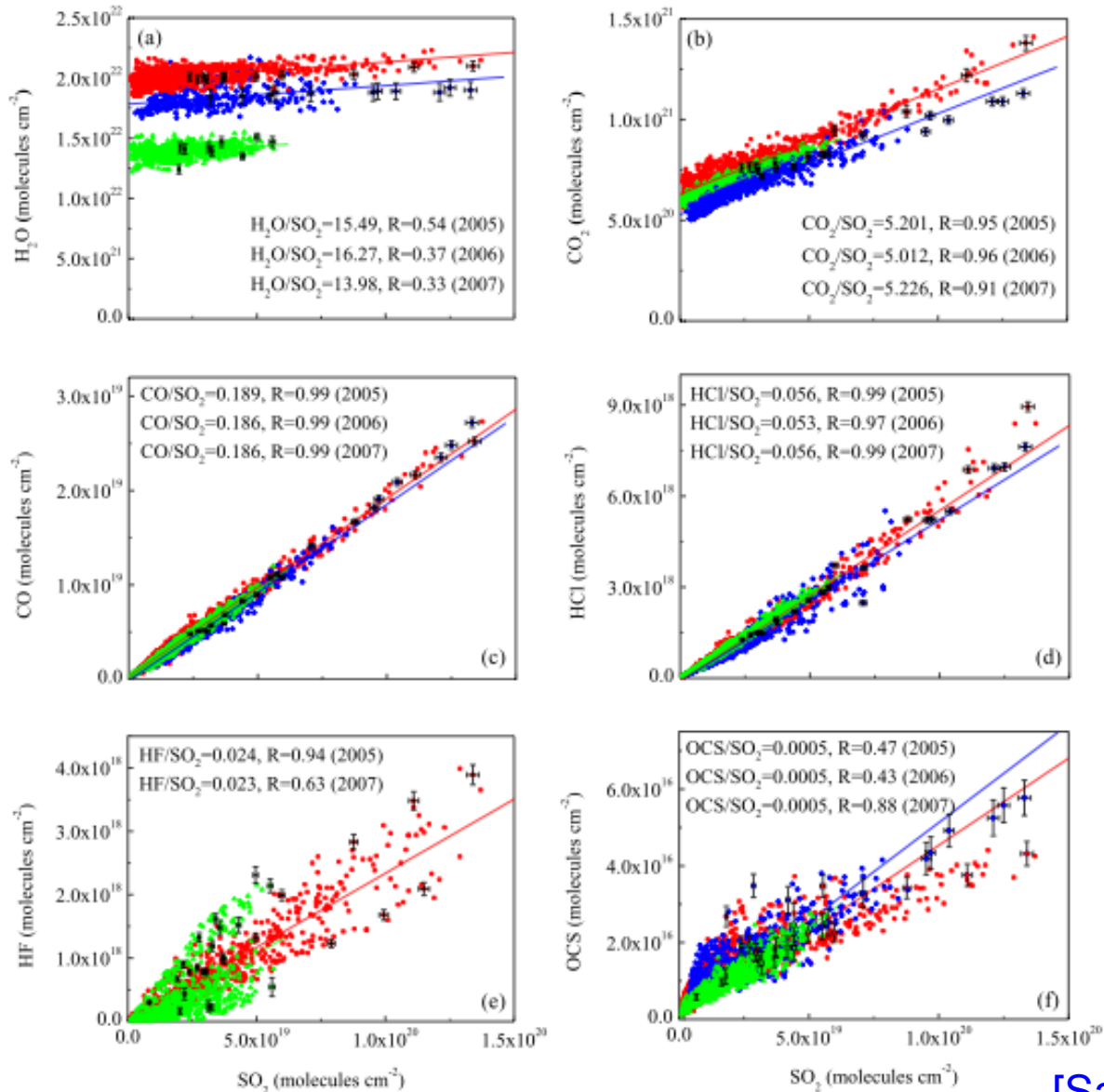
[Sawyer et al., 2008]

FTIR at Erebus (Antarctica)



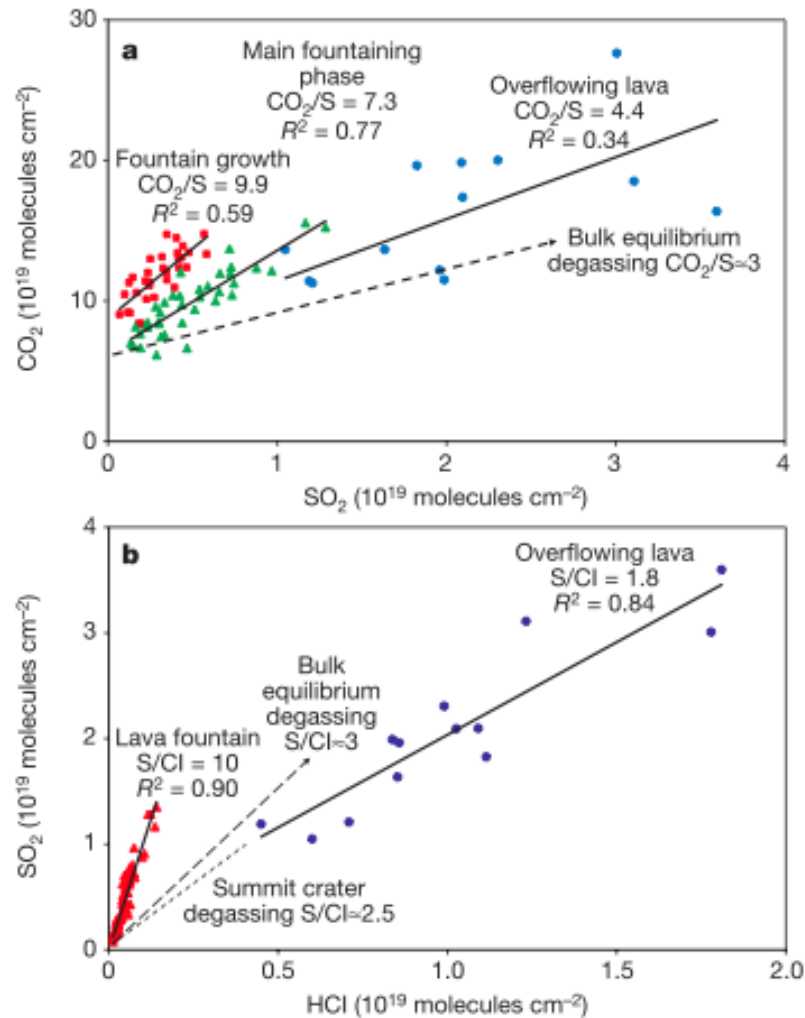
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Gas ratios at Nyiragongo, 2005-2007



[Sawyer et al., 2008]

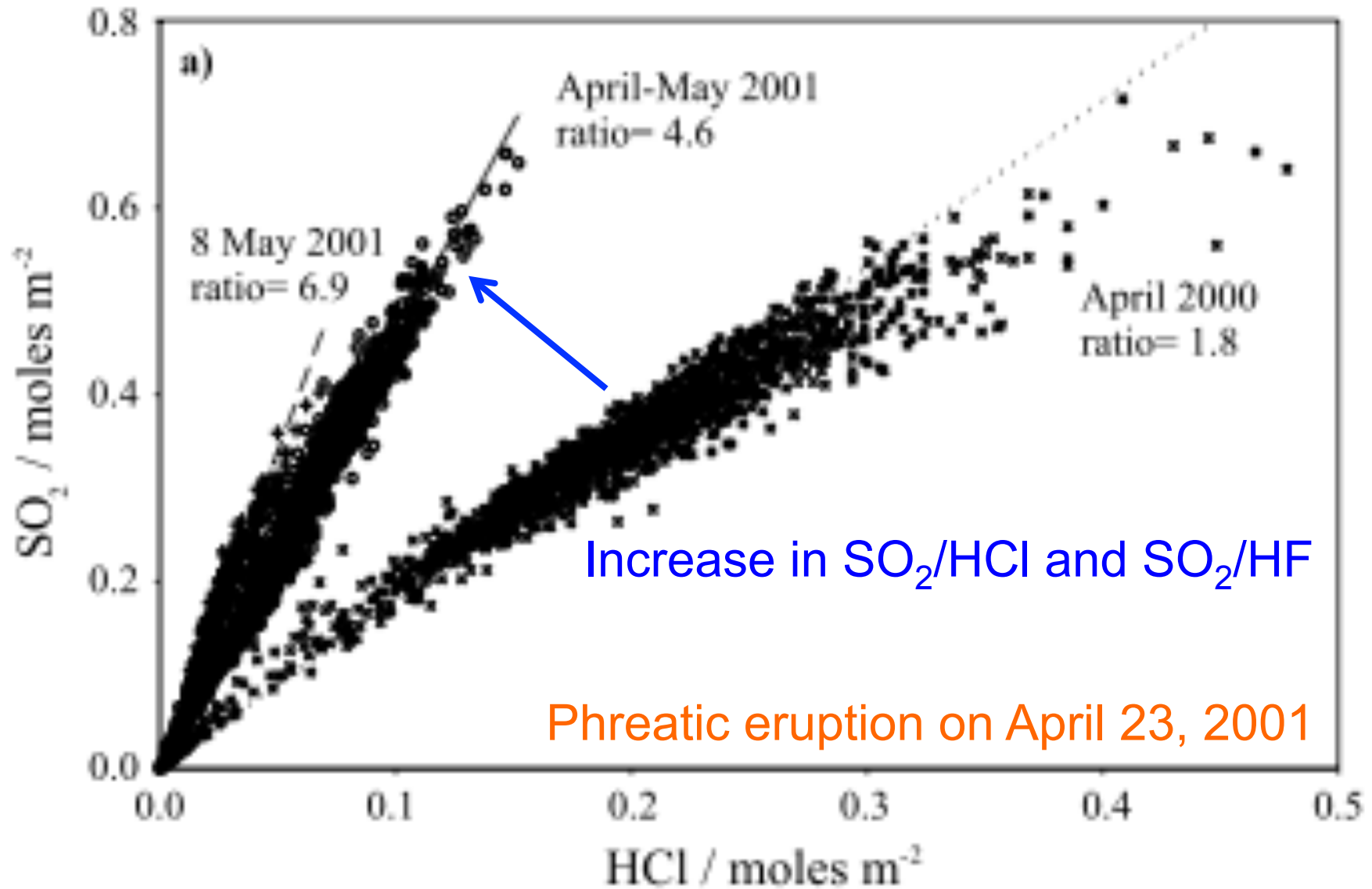
FTIR gas ratios at Etna



- Volatile solubility: $\text{F}/\text{Cl} > \text{H}_2\text{O} > \text{SO}_2 > \text{CO}_2$
- Petrological data needed to interpret gas data

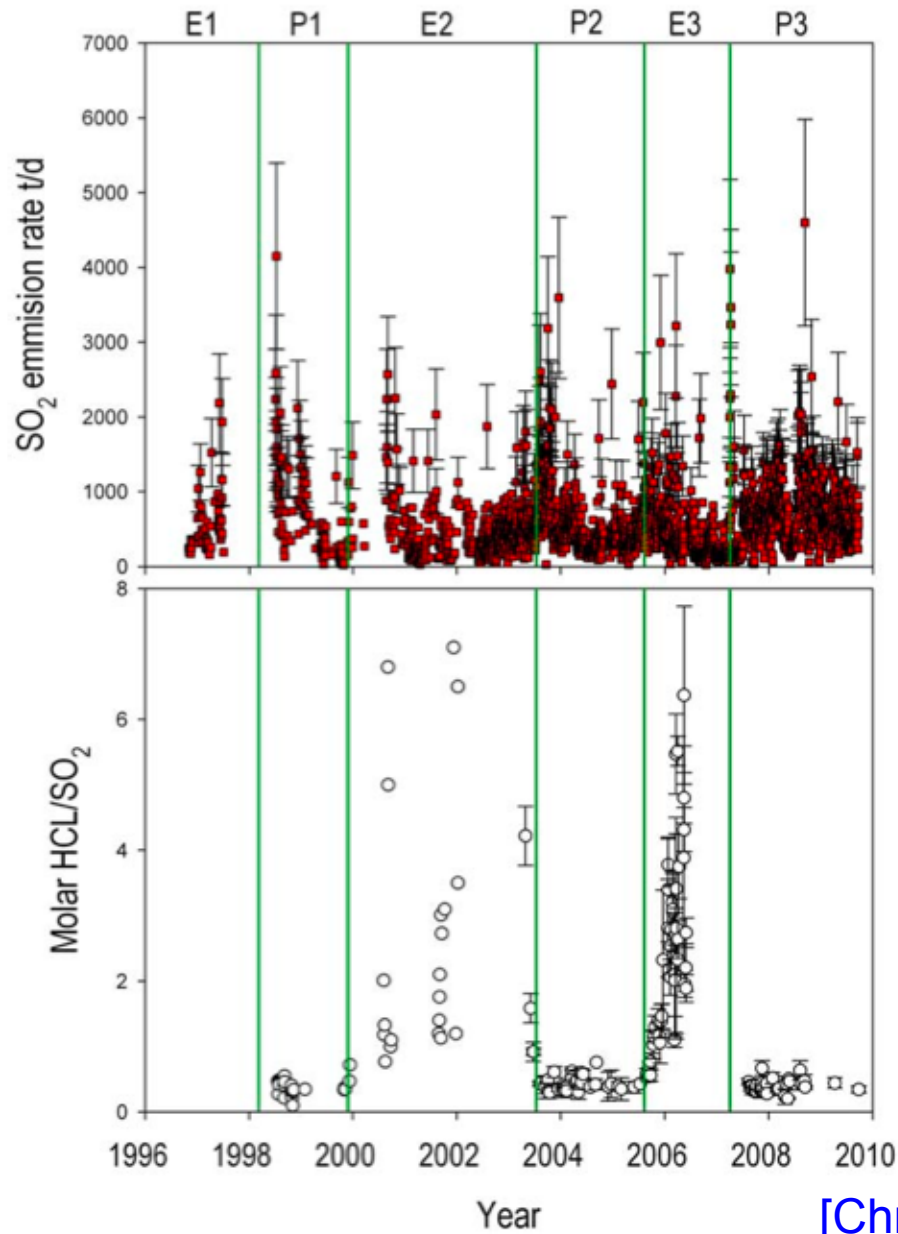
[Allard et al., 2005]

Change in gas ratios prior to eruption at Masaya



[Duffell et al., 2003]

Dome growth and HCl/SO₂ at Soufrière Hills volcano



E = lava effusion
P = pause

Nocturnal volcanic plume studies



SO_2/HCl (night) = 2.2 ± 0.28 ($\pm 1\sigma$).

SO_2/HCl (day) = 1.6 ± 0.02 ($\pm 1\sigma$).

[Burton et al., 2001]