

# Potential Contribution of the Satellite Observations for Improving Atmospheric Deposition and Emission Estimates

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# Satellite Observations of Near Surface Ammonia

Two most commonly used satellite instruments providing daily global coverage of ammonia are:



## Infrared Atmospheric Sounding Interferometer (IASI)

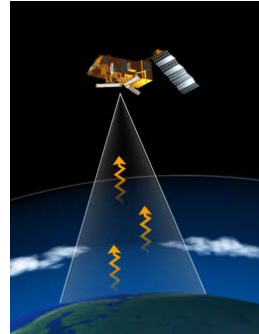


## Cross-track Infrared Sounder (CrIS)

These sensors measure upwelling **infrared** radiation emitted by the surface and atmosphere.

For CrIS, the primary focus here:

- **Twice a day** temporal sampling: **~1:30 (night) and 13:30 (day)**
- **14-km (diameter)** spatial resolution (footprint on ground)
- Minimum detection of **~0.5 ppbv** (volume mixing ratio).
- **CrIS NH<sub>3</sub> algorithm** developed in collaboration between **Canada (ECCC)** and **USA (AER, Inc)**.



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Cross-track Infrared Sounder (CrIS) satellite observations of tropospheric ammonia

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### Advantages

- **Global coverage** using consistent measurement methodology
- Ideal for detecting & tracking pollution and **hotspots**
- Re-flights of sensor enables **multi-decadal time series**  
IASI: 2006-2021; CrIS: 2012-2038; IASI-NG:2021-2042

### Disadvantages

- Coverage is **not continuous**:
  - 2 measurements per day and not under clouds
- **Limited resolution** spatially (~10 km) and vertically (surface & boundary layer values are correlated)



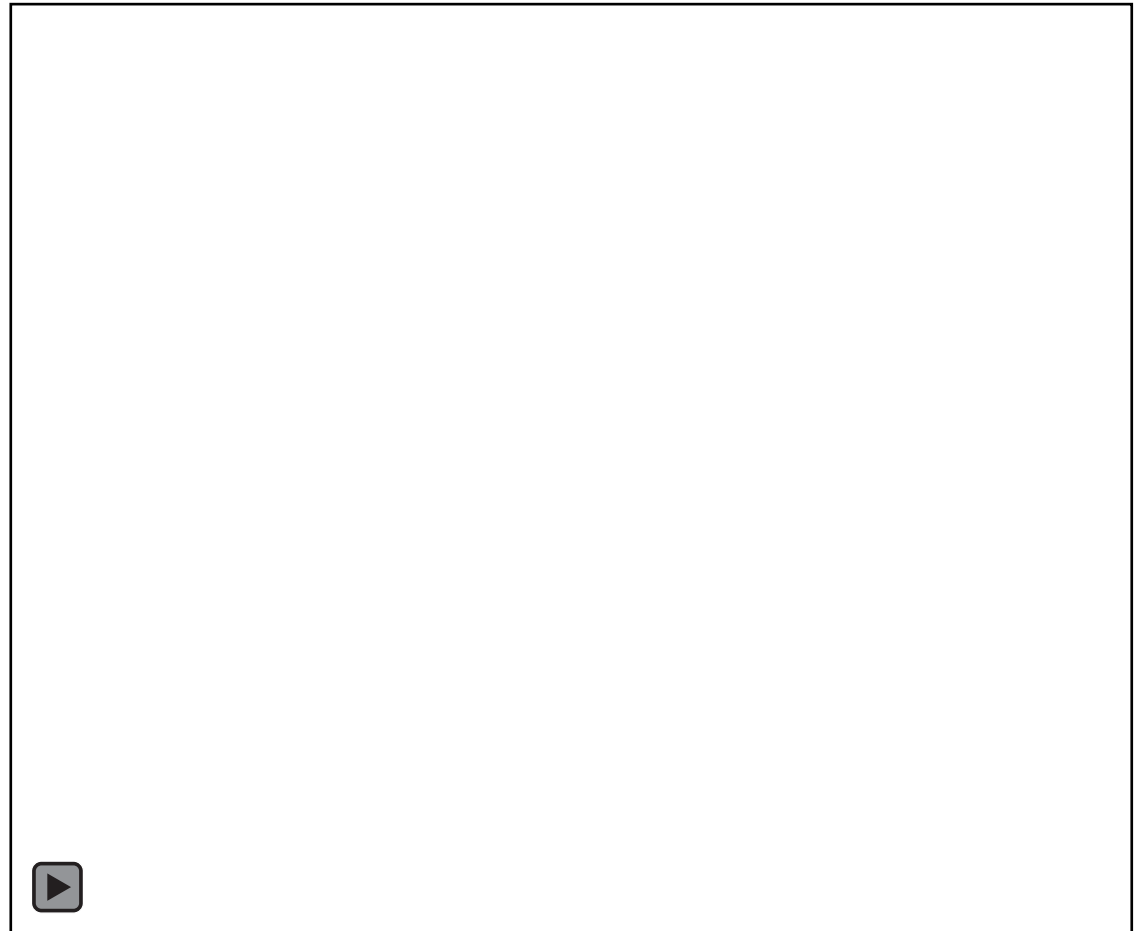
# Daily Spatiotemporal Variability of Surface NH<sub>3</sub> over North America in August 2013

## Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer (MODIS)

- Infrared:
  - Fire Detection (red)
- Visible:
  - Cloud (White)
  - Smoke (blue/gray)

## Cross-Track Infrared Sounder (CrIS)

- Infrared:
  - Ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>)



*(Click here to view movie)*

## Captures daily spatial distributions of ammonia

- For example: episodic events (e.g. forest fires)
- Impact of the meteorology, cannot “see” through thick clouds



# Monthly Spatiotemporal Variability of Surface NH<sub>3</sub> over North America in 2013



*(Click here to view movie)*

## **Captures expected temporal and spatial distributions of ammonia**

- Spring fertilizer applications (May over Canada)
- Episodic events (e.g. Northern forest fires in middle of summer)



# Annual Spatiotemporal Variability of Surface NH<sub>3</sub> over North America (2013-2017)



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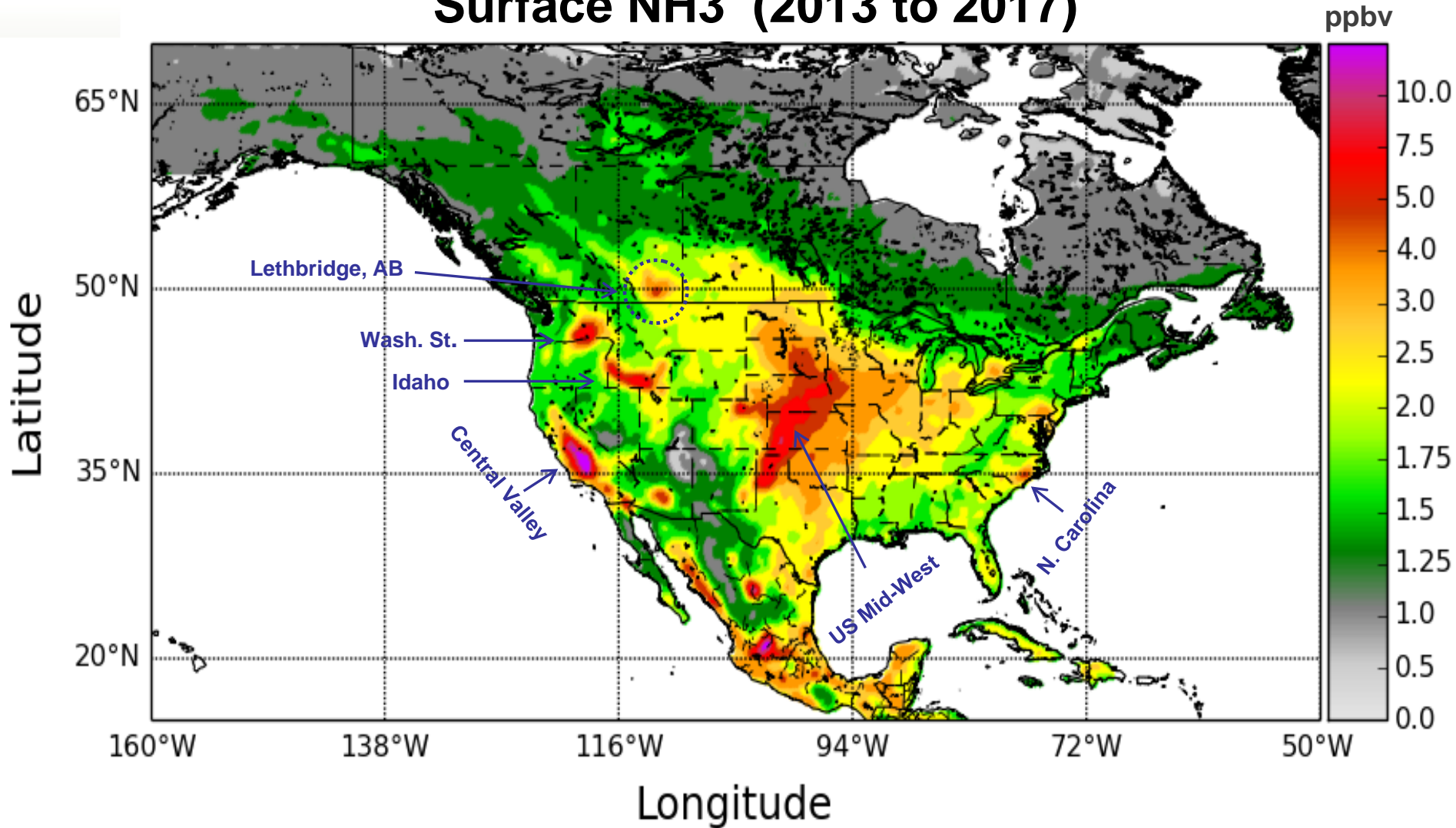
## **Interannual variability of ammonia over a 5-year period**

- Can be used to evaluate the air quality model interannual variability, etc.



# 5-Year Mean of Surface $\text{NH}_3$

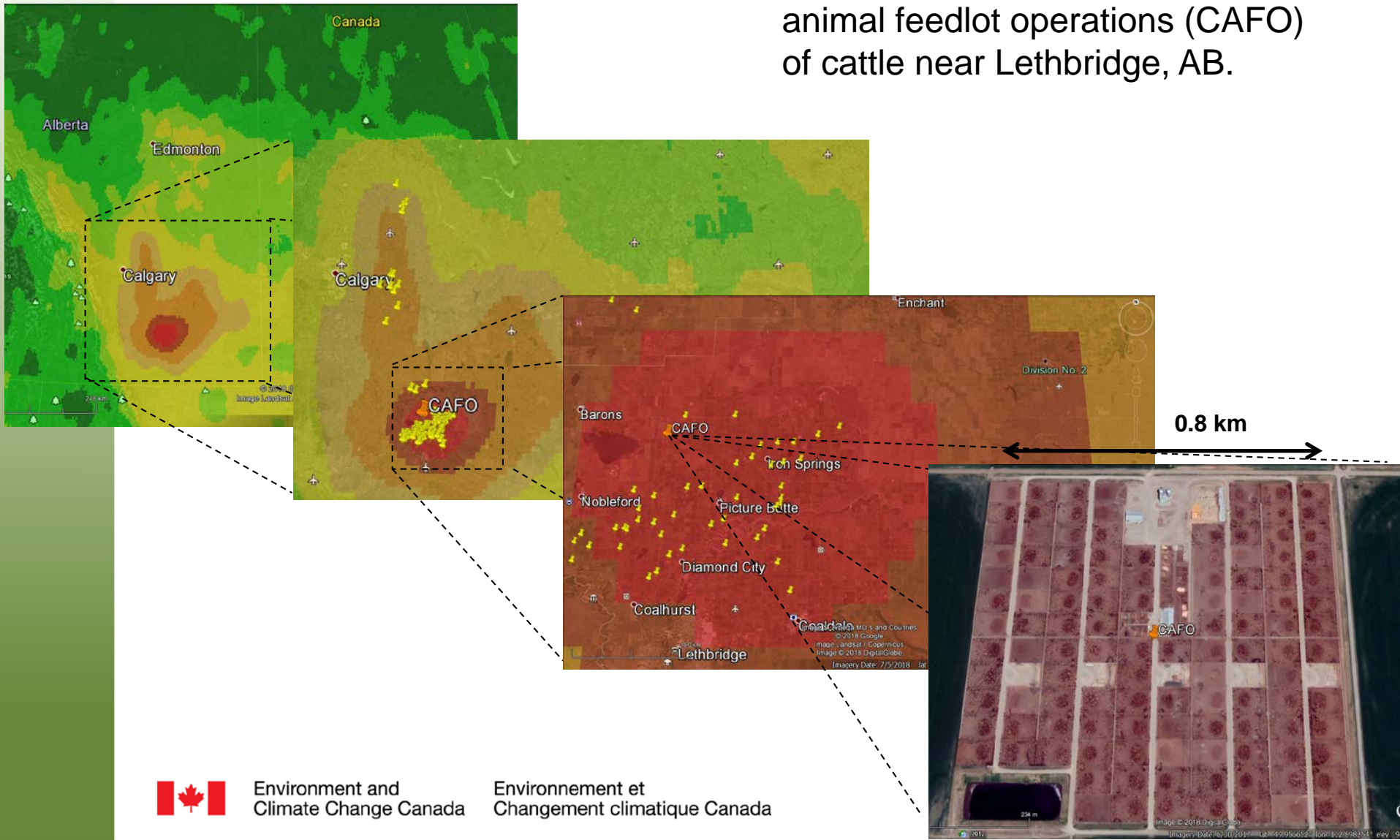
## Surface $\text{NH}_3$ (2013 to 2017)



Captures spatial distributions of ammonia over expected “hot-spot” agriculture regions

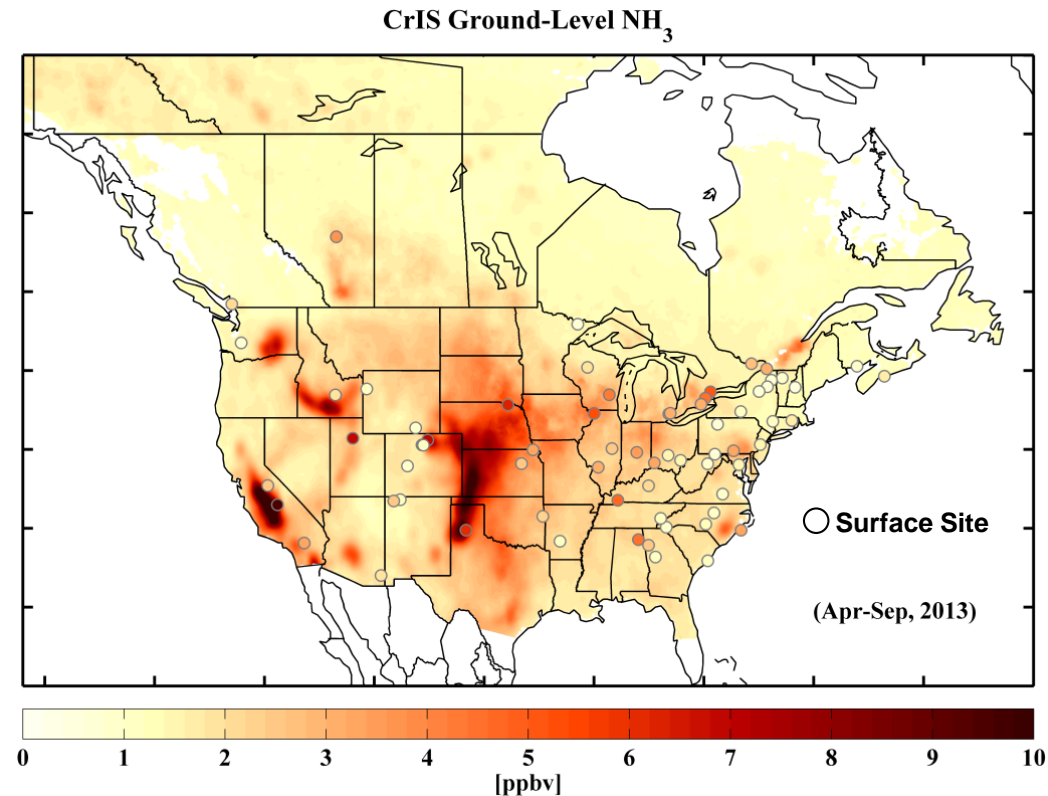
# CrIS NH<sub>3</sub> observations can be overlaid on Google Earth to help identify potential emission sources

Large number of concentrated animal feedlot operations (CAFO) of cattle near Lethbridge, AB.



# Satellite Ammonia Evaluation

- Remotely sensed **satellite measurements require validation**
- Satellite provides global coverage, but at a lower spatial resolution than point source in-situ (e.g. ground- and aircraft-based) observations
  - **58** Ammonia Monitoring Network (AMoN) sites (**USA**) : **bi-weekly**
  - **10** National Air Pollution Surveillance Program (NAPS) sites (**Canada**) : **3-day**



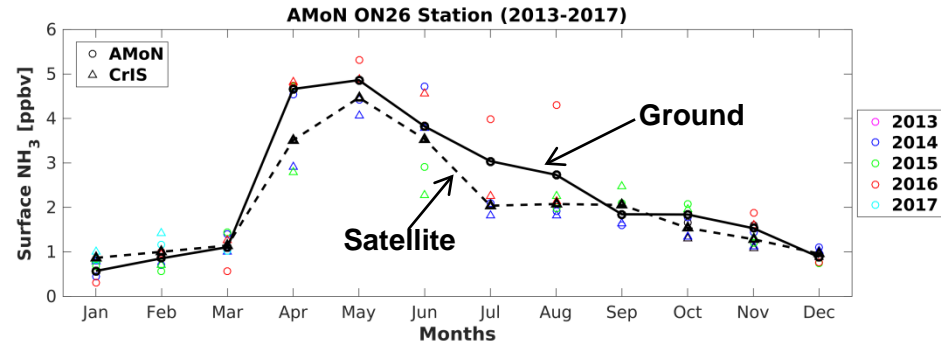
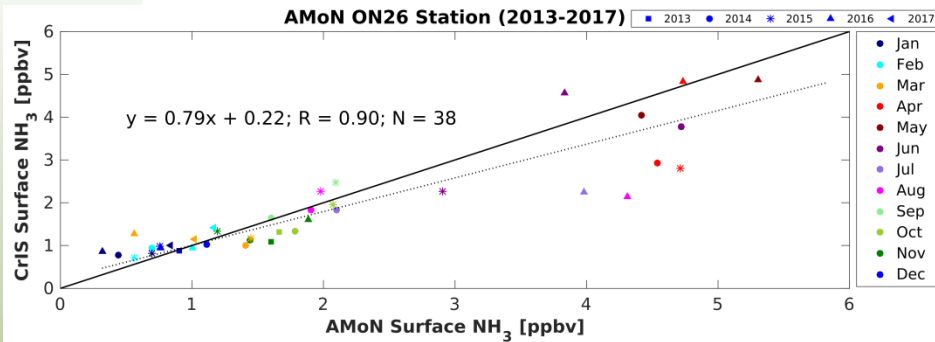
Demonstrates how satellite can potentially be used to help fill in network gaps

- Correlation of 0.76; Mean difference of +0.4 ppbv (~+15%)
- Next step is to updating with full timeseries

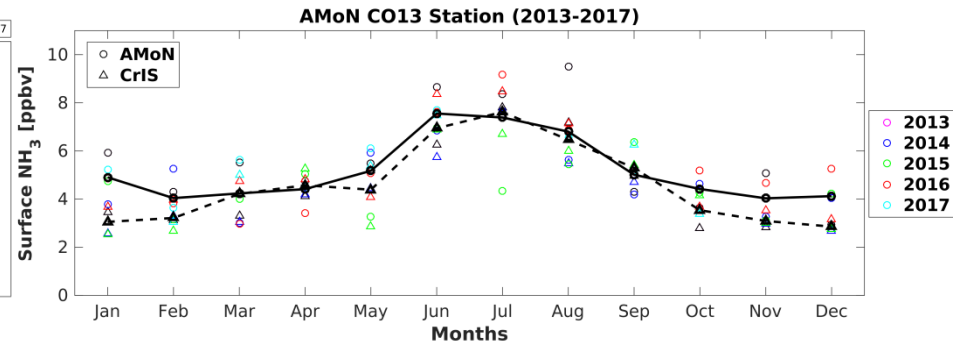
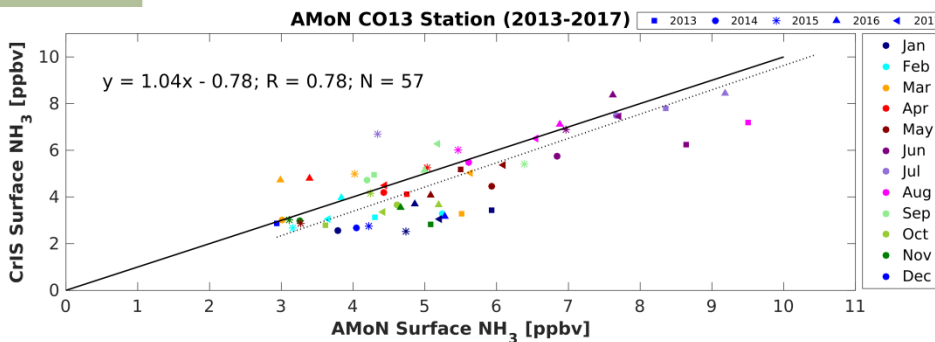


# Satellite Ammonia Evaluation

## Longwoods, Southern Ontario, Canada



## Fort Collins, Colorado



Examples of satellite and surface observations (AMoN) that **agree well despite potential sampling differences**

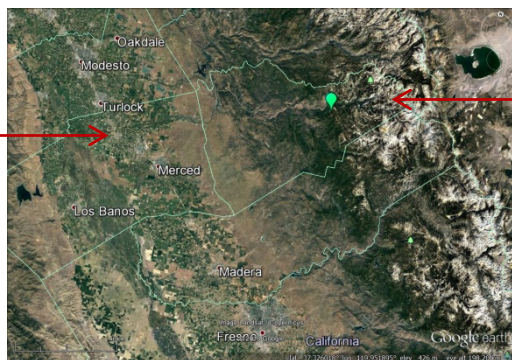


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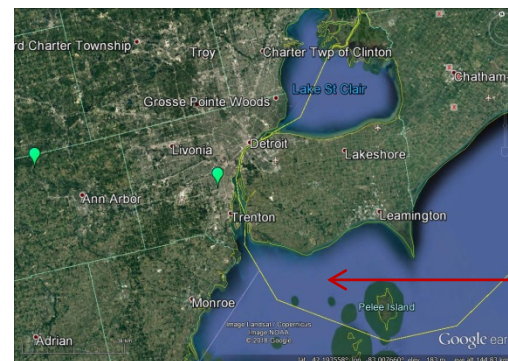
Yosemite NP - Turtleback Dome, California (CA44) (elevation at ~1.5 km)

Detroit (MI96)

Central Valley  
Agriculture



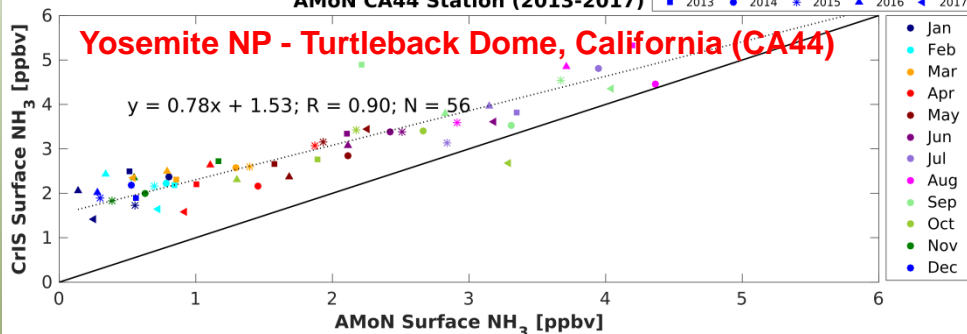
Sierra Nevada  
Mountains



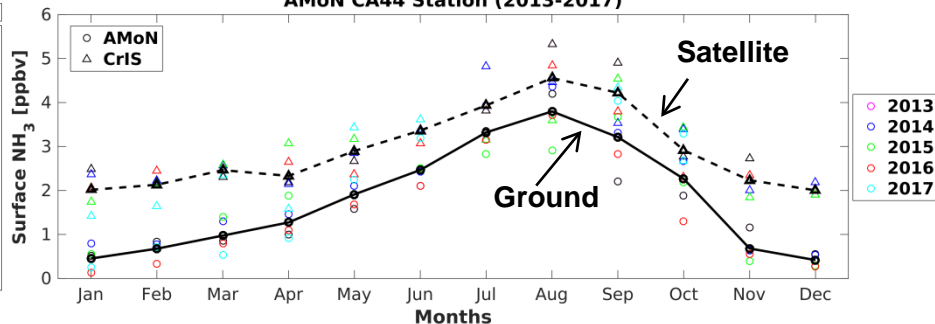
Lake Erie

AMoN CA44 Station (2013-2017)

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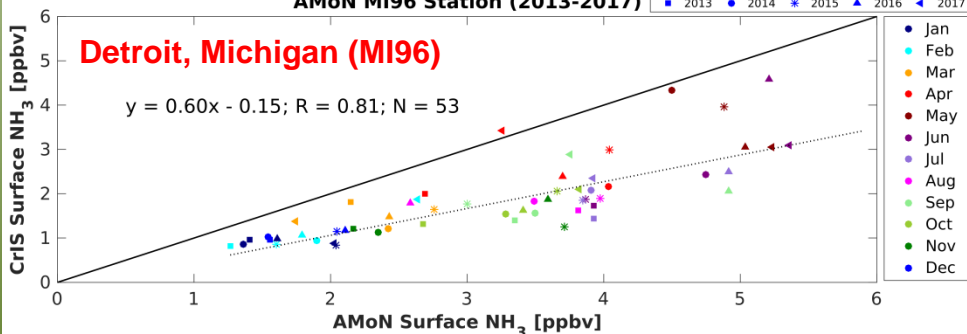


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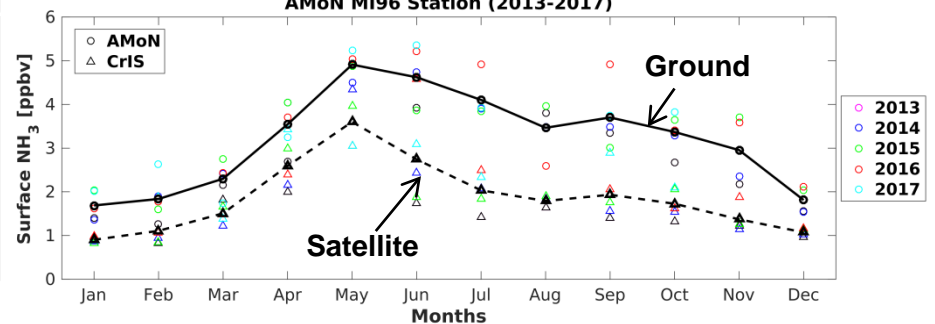


AMoN MI96 Station (2013-2017)

Detroit, Michigan (MI96)



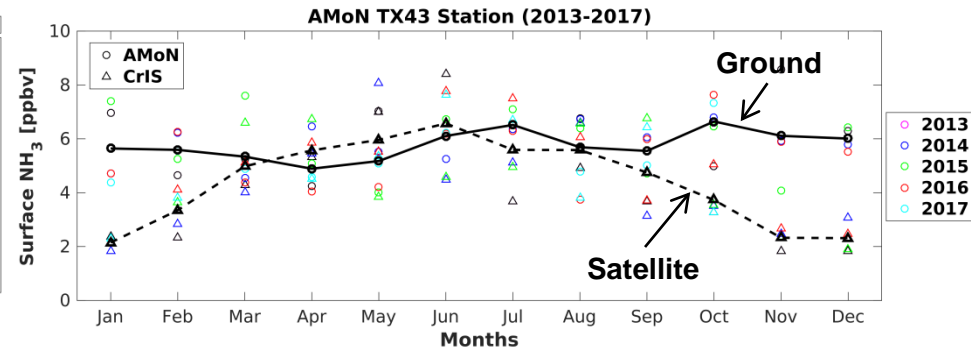
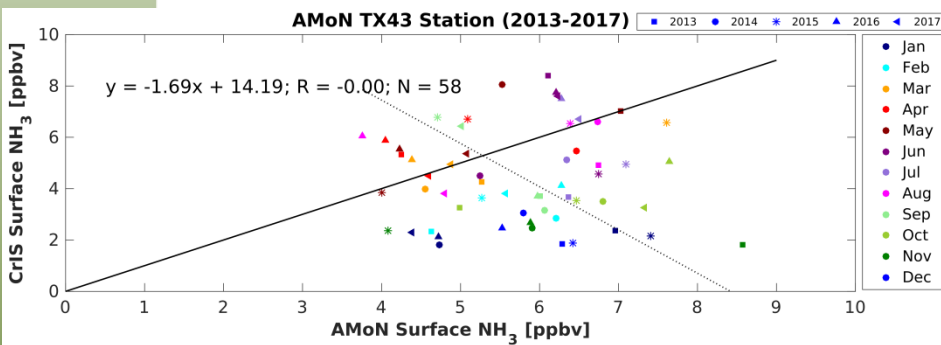
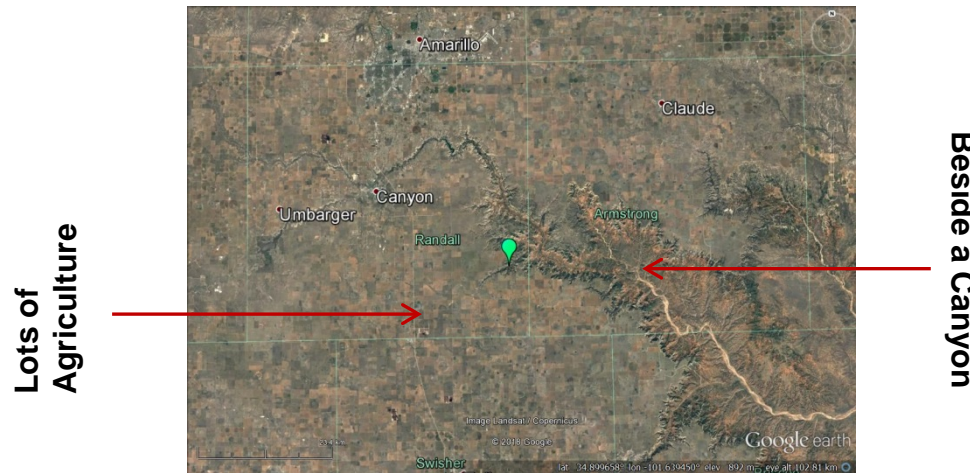
AMoN MI96 Station (2013-2017)



- Examples with similar seasonal patterns (correlated), but less agreement in magnitude
  - Potential sampling differences in less homogeneous conditions
  - Investigating making the satellite and ground-based comparisons more representative

# Satellite Ammonia Evaluation

Cañonceta, Texas (TX43)



- Example with no correlation
  - No seasonality in the AMoN observations
  - Magnitude of the summertime values are similar



# Applications



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# Satellite derived Dry Deposition Flux of $\text{NH}_3$ & $\text{NO}_2$

Meteorological Data  
(GEM NWP Model)

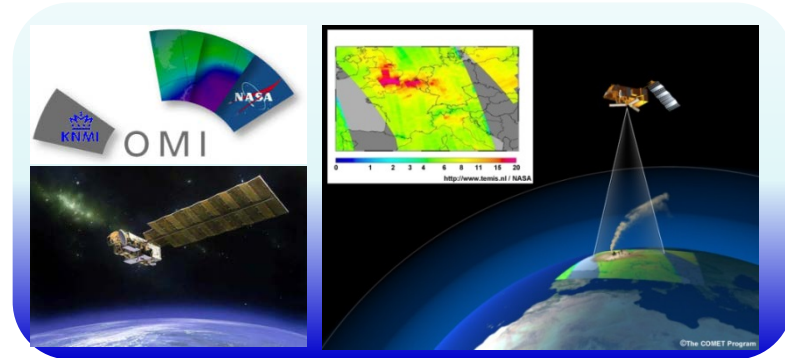
Deposition Velocity (from Big-Leaf model  
(BLM); Zhang et al., 2003 (ACP))

$$F = -V_d \times C$$

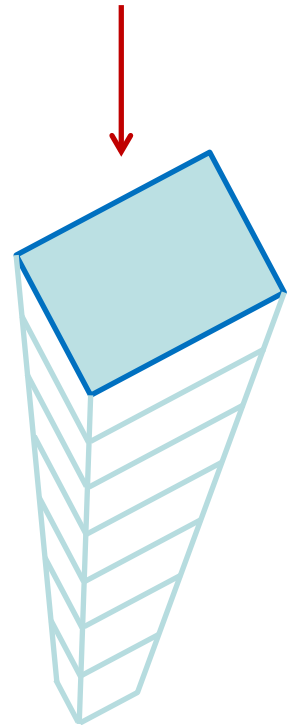
$\text{NO}_2$  &  $\text{NH}_3$  Dry Deposition  
Flux at Surface



Cross-Track Infrared Sounder (CrIS)  
(Shephard & Cady-Pereira, 2015 (AMT))



Ozone Monitoring Instrument (OMI)



Air Quality Model  
(i.e. GEM-MACH)

Profile Shape



**C**

Surface Concentration  
Of  $\text{NO}_2$  &  $\text{NH}_3$

Column Amount of trace  
gases (i.e.  $\text{NO}_2$ )

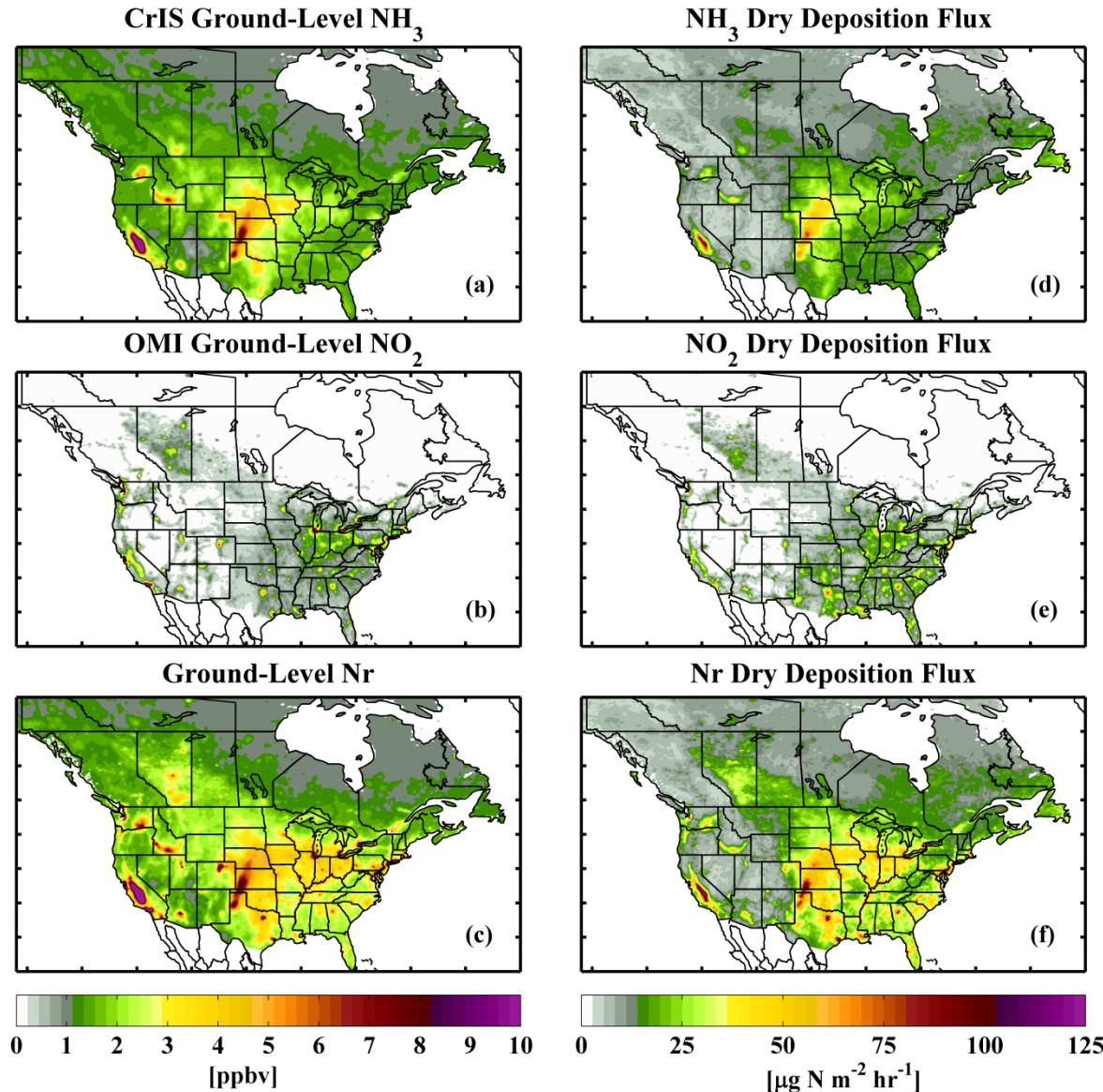
# Satellite-derived reactive nitrogen (Nr) dry deposition over North America for 2013

Focused on the short-lived nitrogen species  $\text{NH}_3$  &  $\text{NO}_2$

$\text{NH}_3$  hot-spots are mainly located over agriculture regions

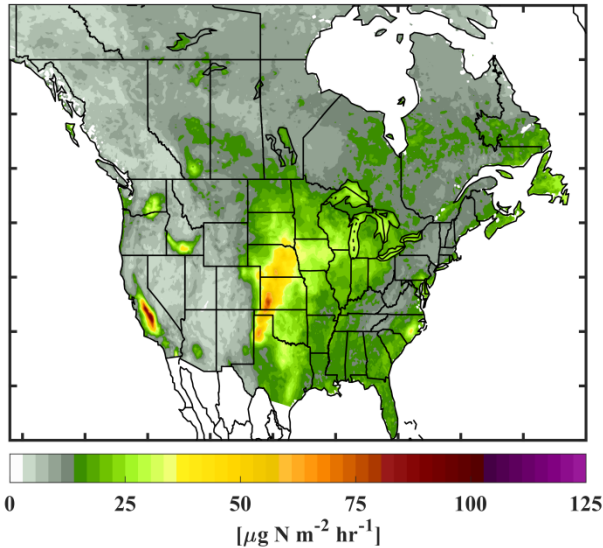
$\text{NO}_2$  hot-spots are mainly located over densely populated cities and power plants

Reactive Nitrogen  
 $\text{Nr} = \text{NO}_2 + \text{NH}_3$

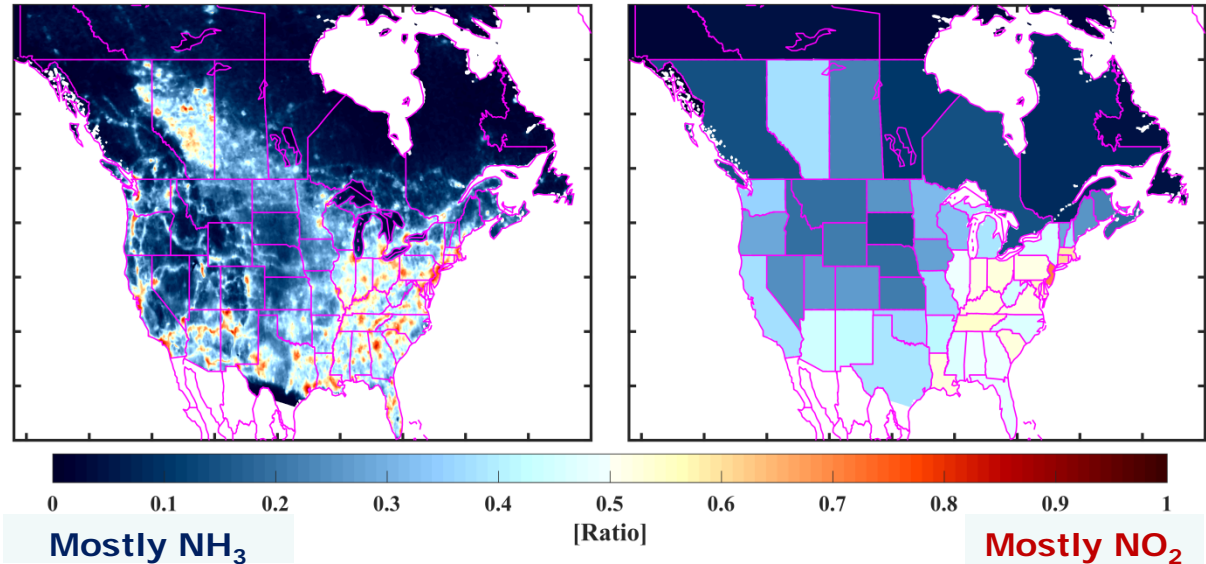


# Dry deposition flux over North America 2013

## NH<sub>3</sub> Dry Deposition Flux

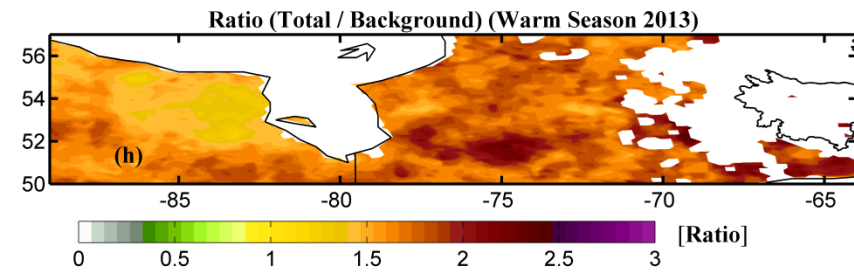
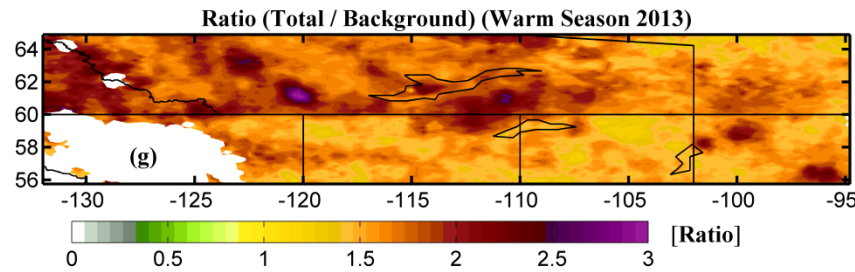
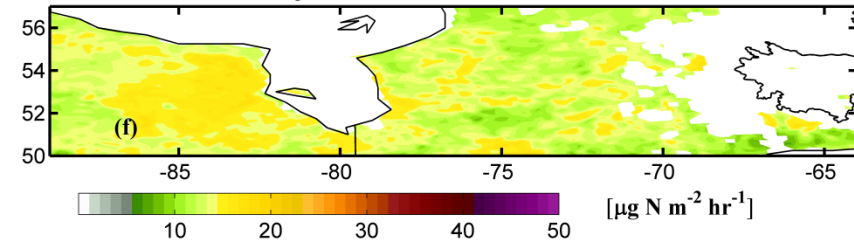
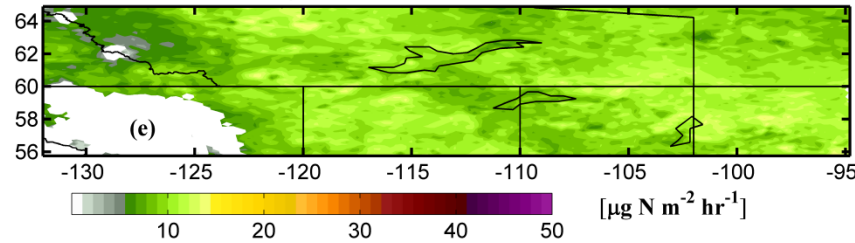
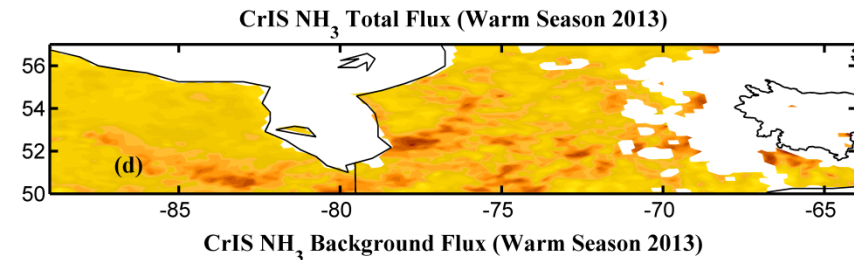
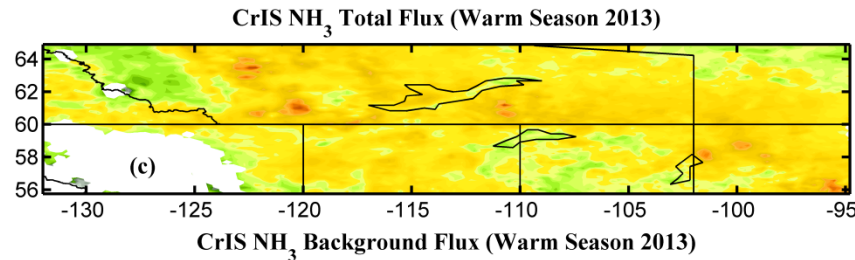
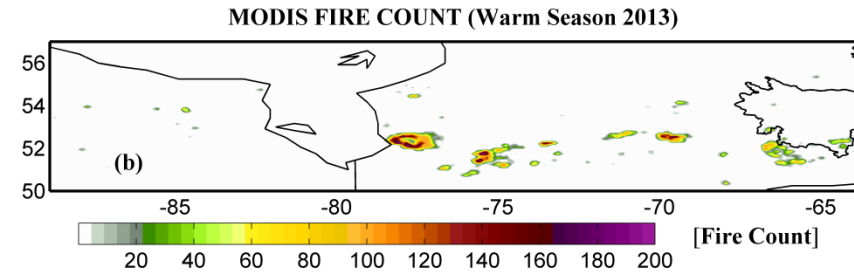
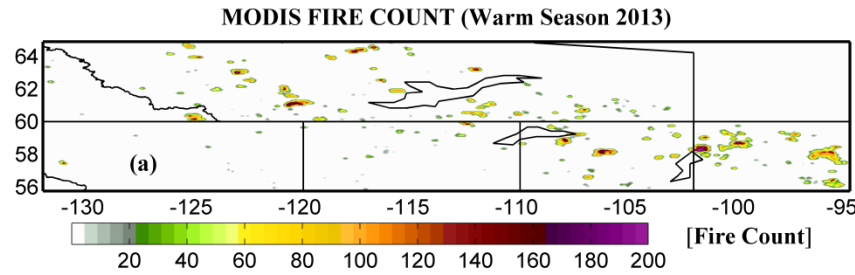
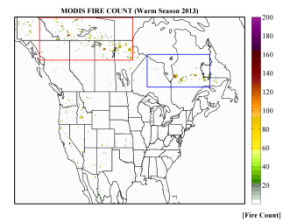


## Ratio, NO<sub>2</sub> / (NH<sub>3</sub> + NO<sub>2</sub>) Dry Deposition Flux



- NH<sub>3</sub> dry deposition flux peaks in **agricultural** and remote regions
  - e.g. Mid-West
- NO<sub>2</sub> dry deposition flux dominates in **urban** regions / power plants
  - e.g. North-East
- Repeat for multiple years (2013 to 2017) to look at **interannual variability**
- Need ground-based deposition measurements over a variety of conditions in North America for satellite validation!

# Forest fires contribution to the dry deposition of $\text{NH}_3$ in Northern Canada (Warm Season: Apr-Sept)



Locations at northern latitudes affected by forest fires tend to have 2–3 times more dry deposition of ammonia relative to the local background





# Satellite Derived Emissions: Fire Source

Emissions: mass / time

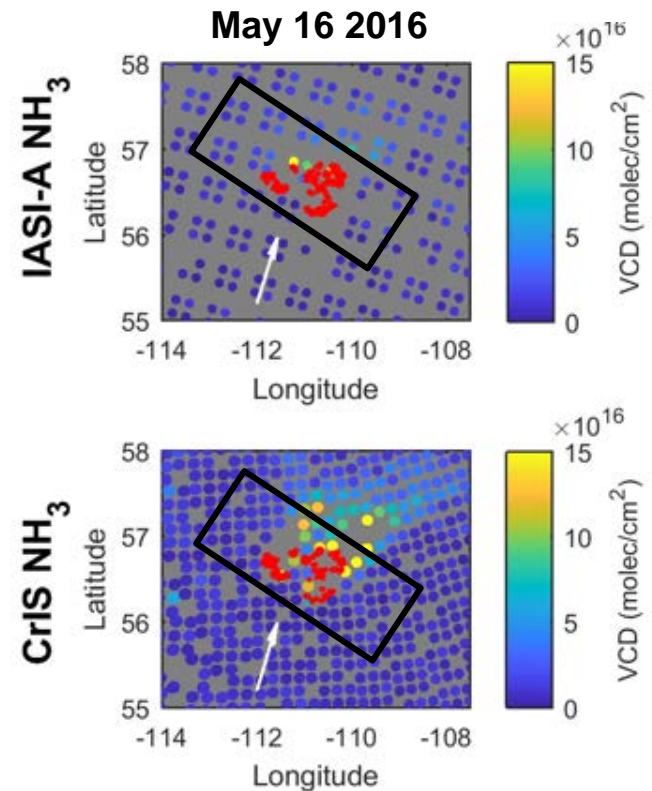
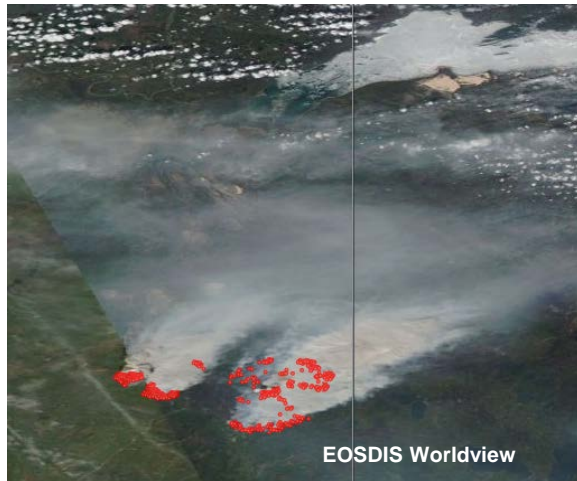
Mass in the box

*Satellite Column Density x Area x MolecMass*

Rate mass leaves box

*Winds from Weather Prediction Model*

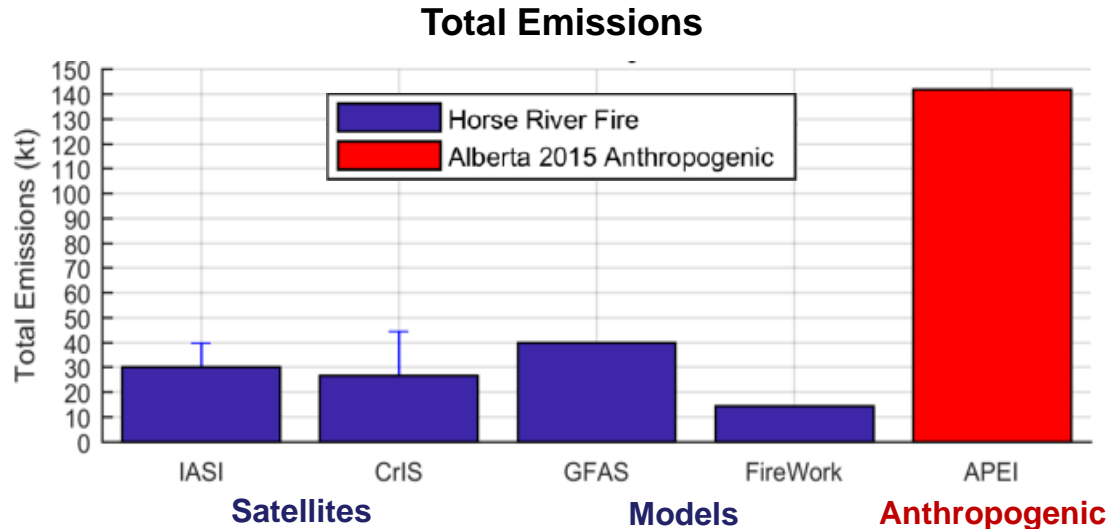
Satellite (MODIS) image of smoke and hotspots from Canadian Fort McMurray fires  
May 16 2016



- Combine satellite observations with model winds to derive fire emissions



# Satellite Derived Emissions: Fire Source



## Fire Emission Models:

- ECMWF Global Fire Assimilation System (GFAS)
- Fireworks: ECCC Fireworks model

## Emission Inventory:

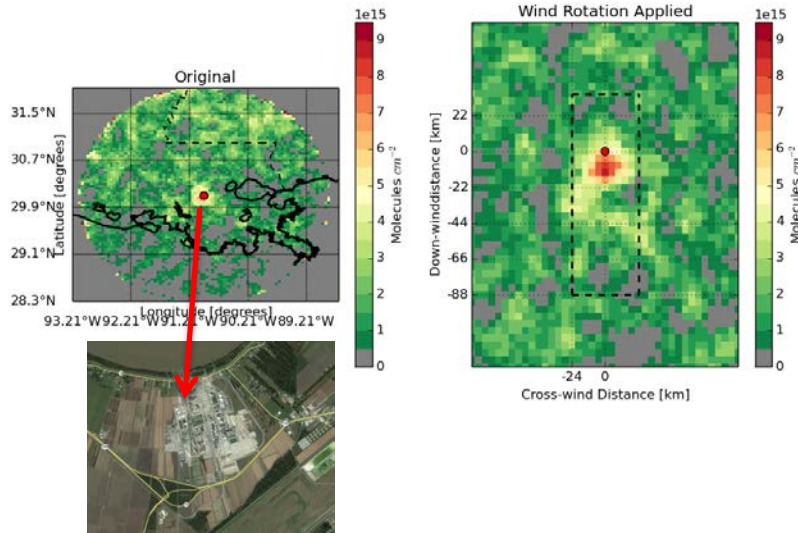
- ECCC Air Pollutant Emissions Inventory (APEI)

- **Satellite and model emissions agree pretty well** for the Fort McMurray fires
- **Total Fort McMurray fire emissions are significant compared with anthropogenic**
  - ~20% of the Alberta Anthropogenic emissions
- Next steps include:
  - Apply method on more fires
  - Ultimate goal is to estimate national/global emissions from fires

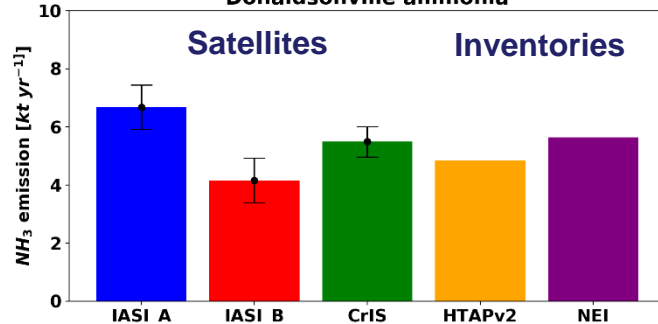


# Satellite Derived Emissions: Point Source Examples

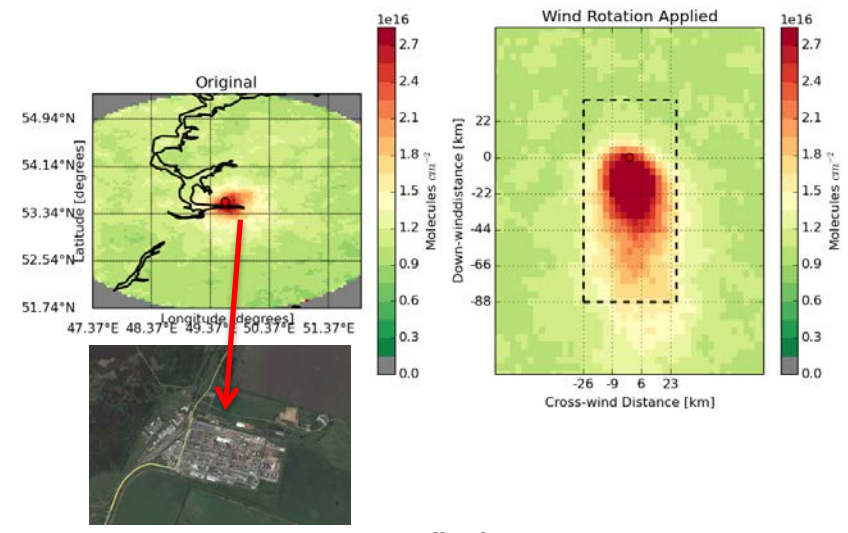
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[IASI-A, 2013-2018]



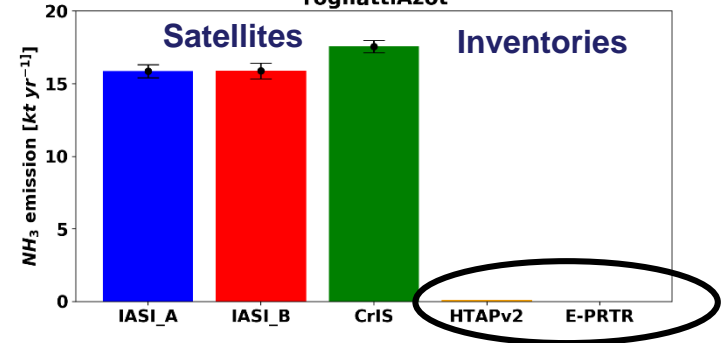
Donaldsonville ammonia



TogliattiAzot, Russia  
[CrIS, 2013-2018]



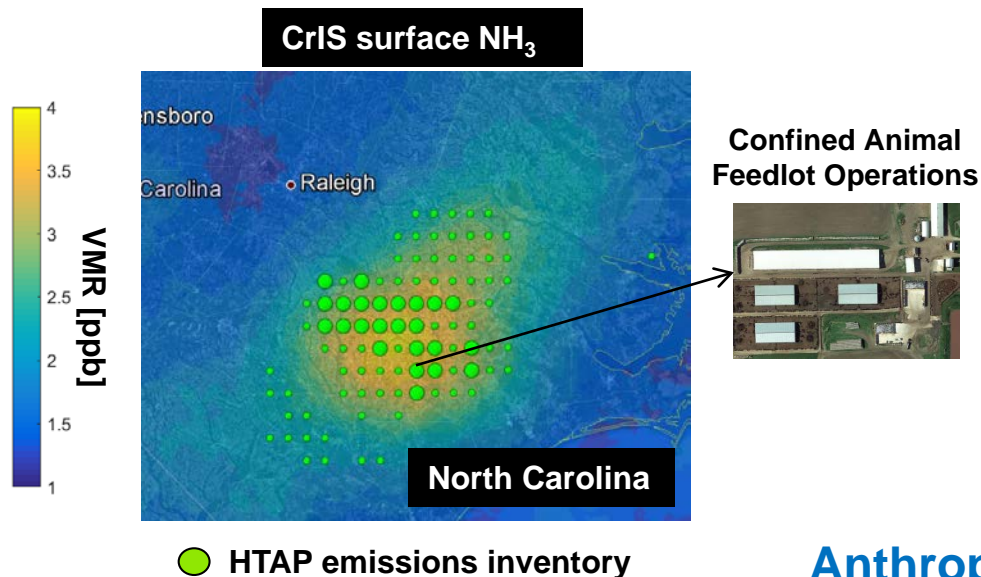
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- Satellite derived emissions agree well with inventories for some locations where others are completely missing in the current inventories
- Next step satellite derived emission estimates for all major point sources



# Satellite Derived Emissions: Agriculture Sources



## Anthropogenic Emissions

### Six months (Apr-Sep) $\text{NH}_3$ emissions total

HTAP (annual /2) = 42 kilotonnes

GEM-MACH = 55 kilotonnes

**CrIS \*** = **58±21 kilotonnes**

\* Adjusted for assumed diurnal emissions profile

- Preliminary example
- CrIS derived emission estimates and emission inventory are similar in this agriculture region of North Carolina



# Remarks

- Satellite measurements of ammonia in the lower troposphere are relatively new...just in the past **10-years!**
- Early stages of development and exploration of potential applications
  - Satellite NH<sub>3</sub> retrievals and applications look promising
    - Good initial comparisons of satellite with ground-based observations
      - AMoN, NAPS, FTIR
    - Presented initial satellite derived dry deposition and emission estimates
  - Requires more **validation**: concentrations and dry deposition
- Satellite remote sensing should be viewed as **complimentary to conventional surface and aircraft monitoring**
  - Has advantages (i.e. fill in gaps in surface networks) and disadvantages (i.e. more regional observations (~10km))
- An important applications we did not show here is the **use of satellite observations for air quality model evaluation** and data assimilation

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**First satellite observations of lower tropospheric ammonia and methanol**

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# BACKGROUND SLIDES

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# Satellite derived Dry Deposition Flux of NH<sub>3</sub> & NO<sub>2</sub>

To convert the dry deposition flux to daily average, we followed the method developed by Nowlan et al. (2014) and calculated the 24 hr daily flux as follows:

$$F^{sat} = -\frac{C^{sat}}{24} \sum_{h=1}^{24} V_{d,h} \times \gamma_h$$

$F^{sat}$  represents 24 h daily average flux

$C^{sat}$  represents the satellite-derived ground-level concentration

$V_{d,h}$  represents hourly dry deposition velocity

$\gamma_h$  is a concentration diurnal scaling factor.

**For NO<sub>2</sub>:**

$$\gamma_h = C_h^{GM} / C_{sat\ overpass}^{GM}$$

$C_h^{GM}$  and  $C_{sat\ overpass}^{GM}$  represent hourly and satellite overpass time mean ground-level concentration from the GEM-MACH air quality model

**For NH<sub>3</sub>:**

$$\gamma_h = 1$$

As there is relatively limited information on the NH<sub>3</sub> diurnal profile, which can vary significantly by region and season over North America, we presently assume that the mid-day NH<sub>3</sub> deposition flux can be representative of diurnal average (i.e.,  $\gamma_h = 1$ )

- New continuous measurements over Netherlands we are using to investigate this further

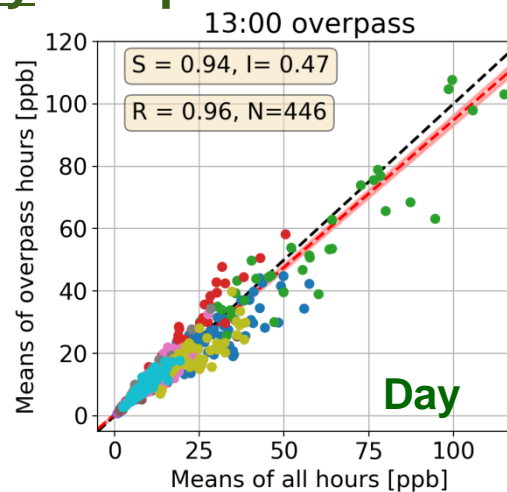


# Continuous vs Satellite Overpass Sampling

- Determine how well the satellite overpass sampling represent continuous sampling over a time period
- Approach is to use continuous ground-based surface observations
  - Subset the data to only include surface observations the would correspond to satellite overpass times
  - Compare this subset to the whole continuous observations over various time periods (e.g. daily, 3-day, weekly, monthly, etc.)
- Dataset
  - Landelijk Meetnetwerk Luchtkwaliteit LML (National Measurement Network Air Quality) in the Netherlands
    - Hourly  $\text{NH}_3$  observations using the AMOR instrument
    - Recently switched to mini-DOAS instruments in 2015.
  - 10 sites with  $\text{NH}_3$  measurements (presently 6 are operating)



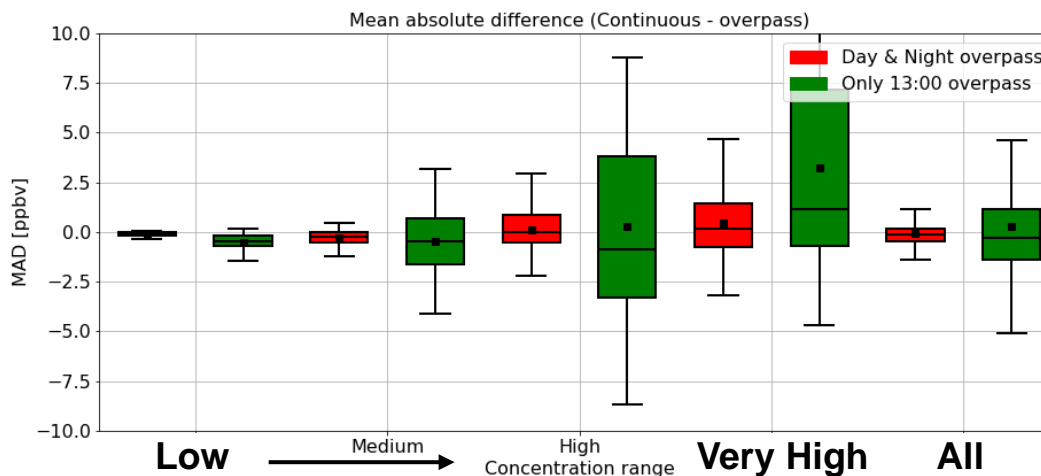
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Day + Night

Day

Continuous - Overpass Sampling



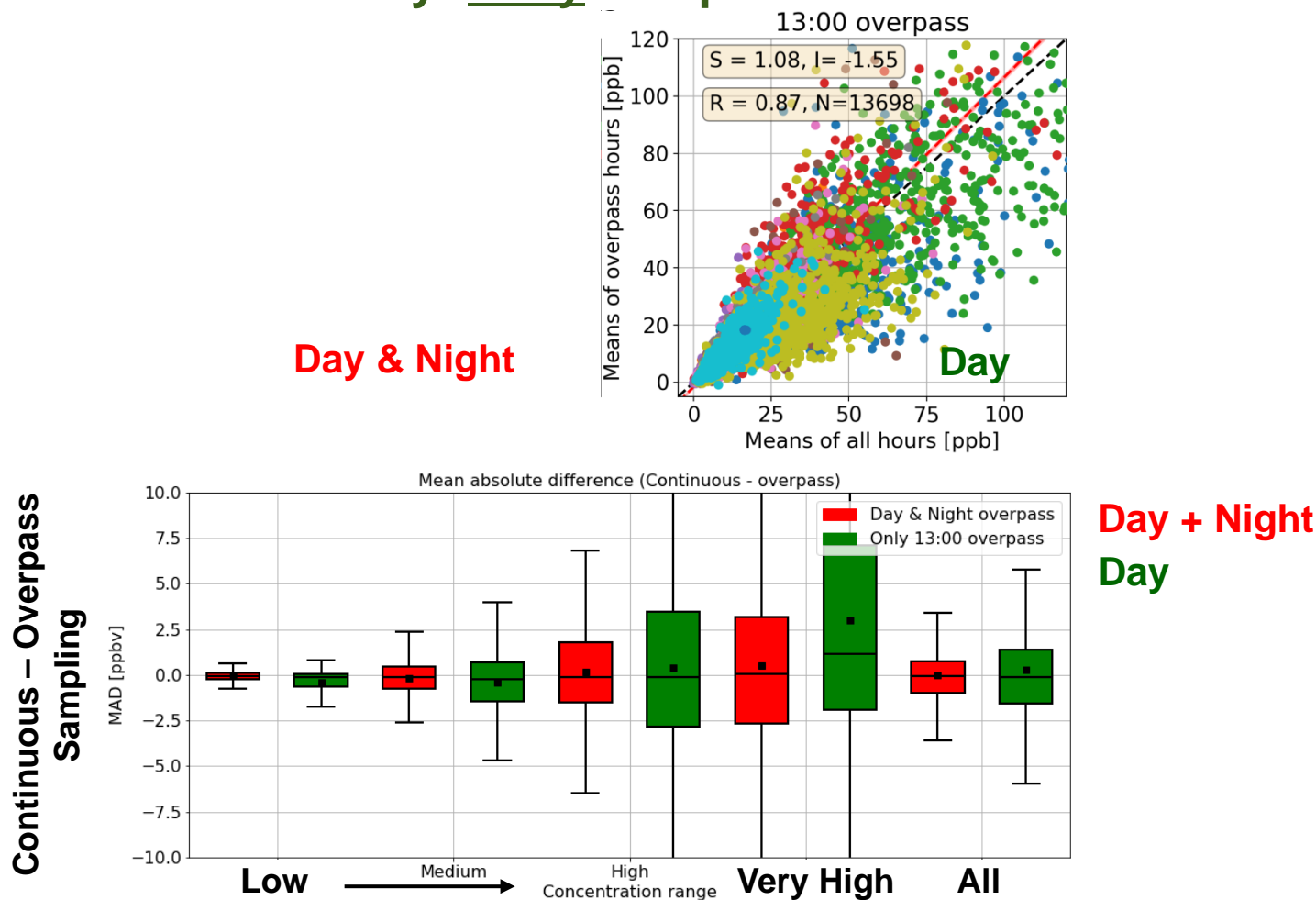
Day + Night

Day

Sampling at overpass times (@~1:30 and 13:30) is a **good representation of monthly averaging of continuous** observations

- Overall **not a significant mean difference** (<-0.1 ppbv) with overpass sampling
- Some **dependency on amounts**: Low values : overpass sampling is overestimate  
Higher values: overpass sampling is underestimate
- Using both **day + night** overpasses shows less difference then **day** only (~0.3 ppbv)

# Continuous vs satellite overpass sampling from LML ground network only: Daily comparison

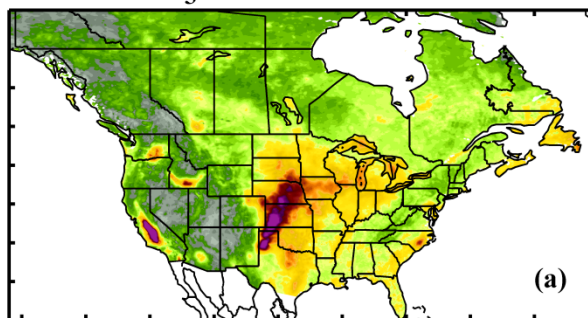


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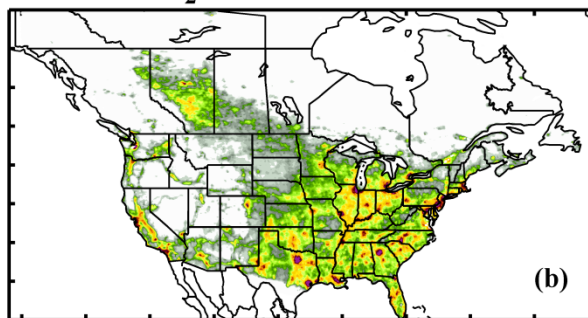
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# Satellite-derived reactive nitrogen (Nr) dry deposition over North America in 2013 (Total Amount)

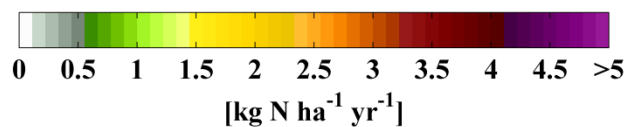
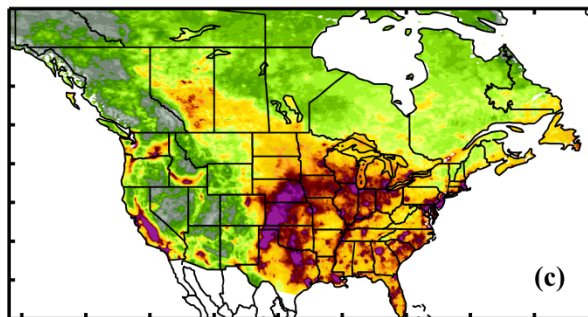
$\text{NH}_3$  Dry Deposition Flux



$\text{NO}_2$  Dry Deposition Flux

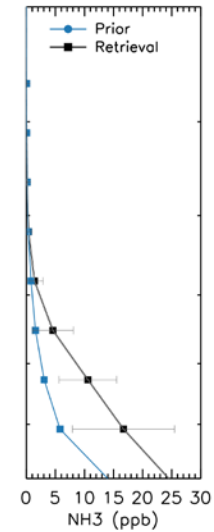


Nr Dry Deposition Flux

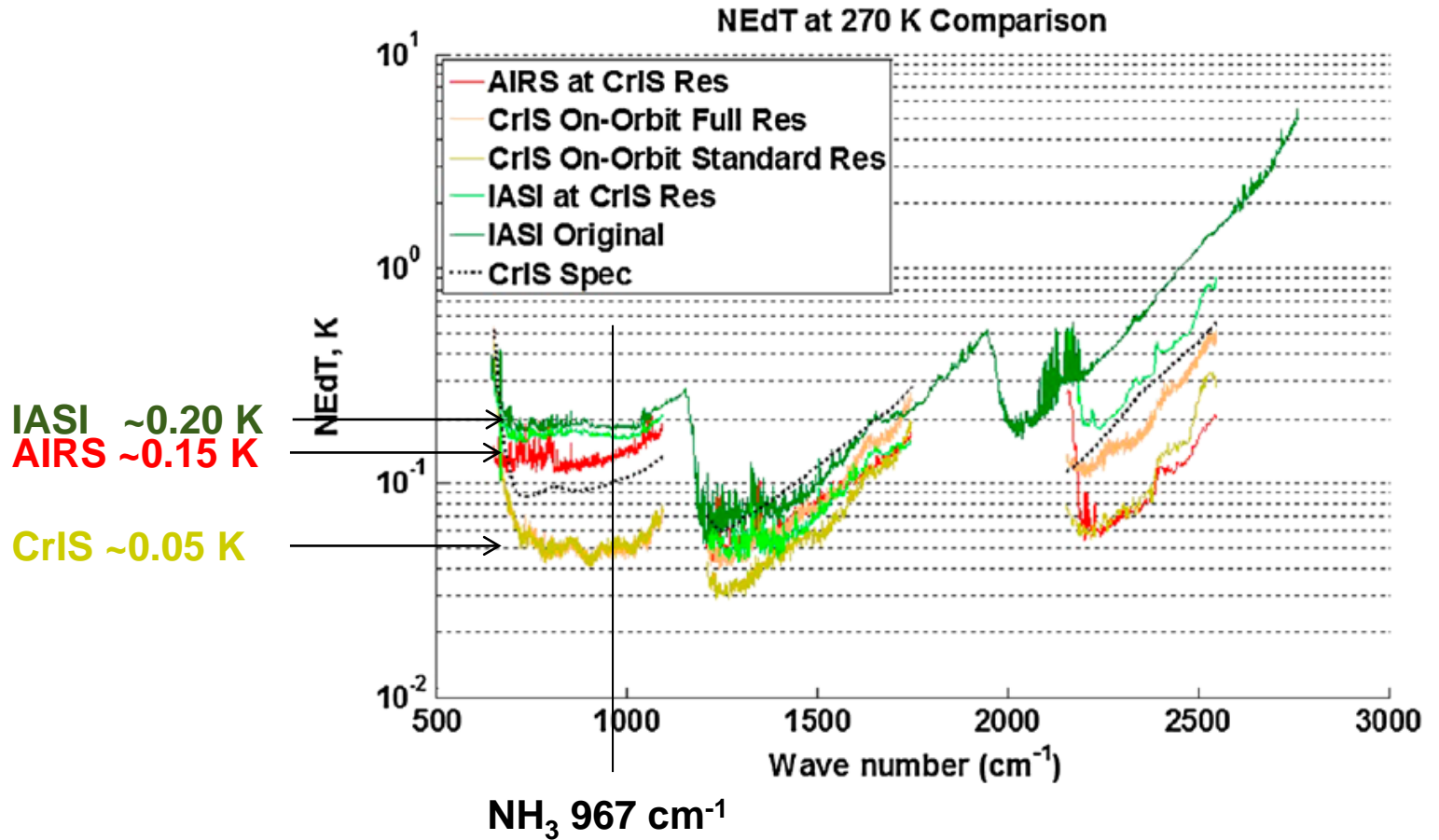


# Cross-track Infrared Sounder (CrIS) Satellite

- Profiles: Concentrations at different levels
  - Reported as volume mixing ratio in ppbv
  - Errors and sensitivity (information content)
- Most sensitive to  $\text{NH}_3$  in **boundary layer**
  - Not equally sensitive in the vertical and varies from profile-to-profile
    - Typically between **~0.5 to 3 km**(950 to 700 mb)
  - Surface retrieved values are driven by sensitivity in boundary layer
    - ~1 piece of independent information
- Detectability of  $\text{NH}_3$  **~0.5 ppbv** (volume mixing ratio)



# CrIS noise comparison with IASI and AIRS



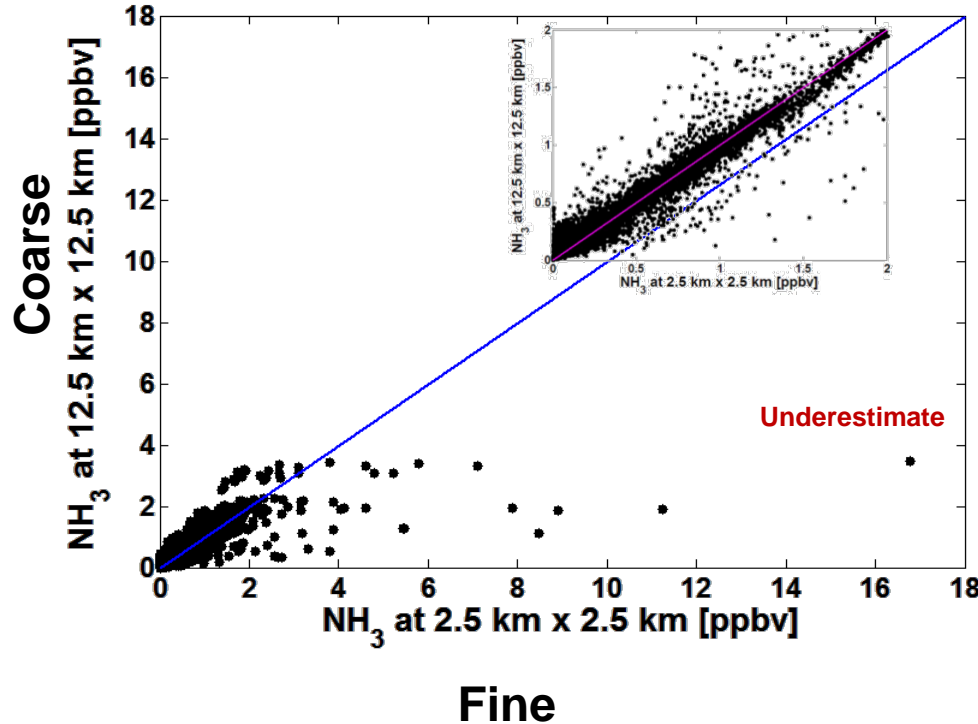
Reference: Zavyalov, V., et al. (2013), Noise performance of the CrIS instrument, *J. Geophys. Res. Atmos.*, 118, 13, 108–13, 120, doi:10.1002/2013JD020457.

# Validation: Point vs Regional Spatial Sampling



Should we expect a 1:1 comparison of in-situ point sources and satellite footprint surface obs. of  $\text{NH}_3$ ?

- Use high-resolution GEM-MACH model simulations to investigate the impact of sampling  $\text{NH}_3$  surface fields over AB and SK with different spatial sampling resolutions.

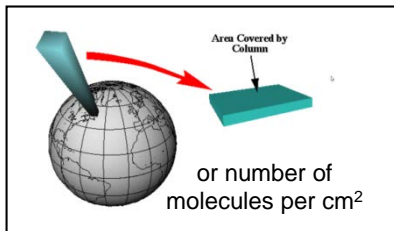


**Larger spatial sampling @12kmx12km** (similar to satellite) compared with **smaller 2.5km x 2.5km** (closer to smaller point source type observations) measurements will tend to **overestimate small values** and **underestimate larger values** under inhomogenous conditions even if both measurements were perfect.



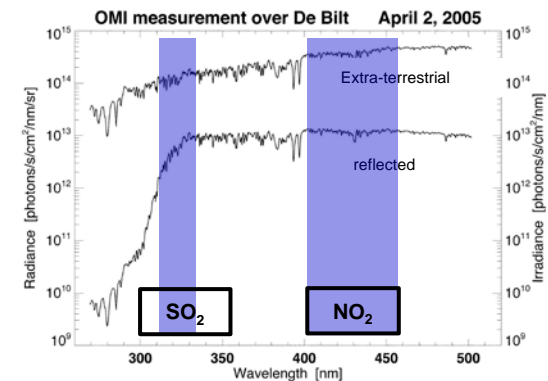
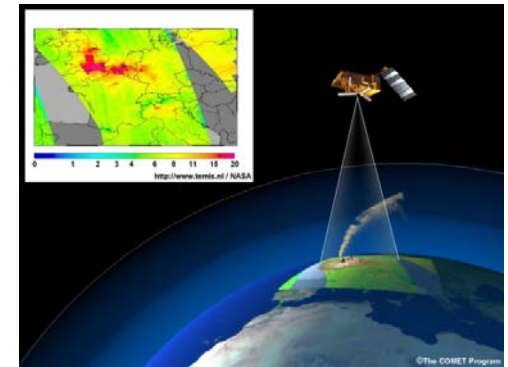
# Ozone Monitoring Instrument (OMI)

- The **Ozone Monitoring Instrument (OMI)** is a Dutch/Finnish instrument on the NASA Aura satellite, launched in 2004
- OMI measures nadir (upwelling) **UV/visible** radiances (surface reflected + scattered light)
- Complex algorithms are required to convert the measured spectra into tropospheric **NO<sub>2</sub>** and **SO<sub>2</sub>**



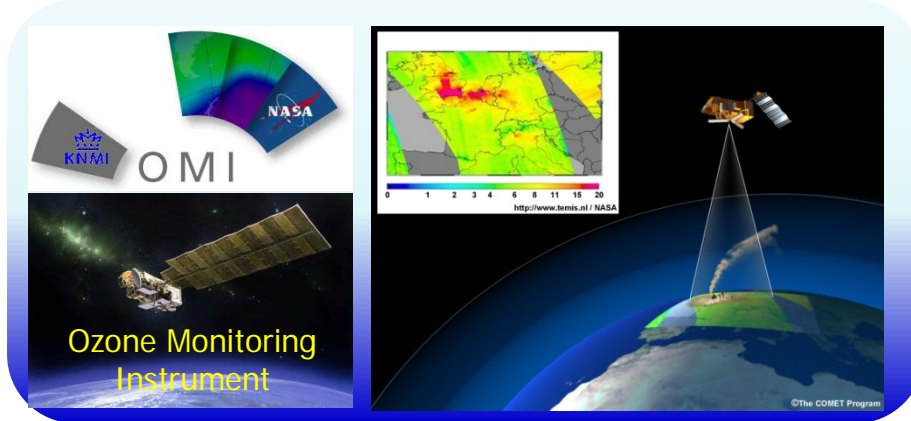
## Vertical Column Densities

- OMI spatial resolution is about 15 x 30 km<sup>2</sup>
- To correct systematic low biases in NASA and European products over the North America, Environment and Climate Change Canada has reprocessed data over North America



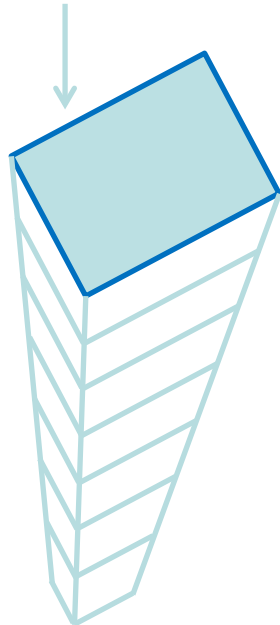


# OMI Satellite derived Ground-level NO<sub>2</sub> & SO<sub>2</sub>



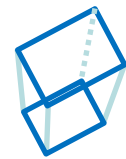
$$S_{OMI} = \Omega_{OMI} \times \frac{S_{Model}}{\Omega_{Model}}$$

Lamsal et al., 2008; 2010  
McLinden et al., 2014

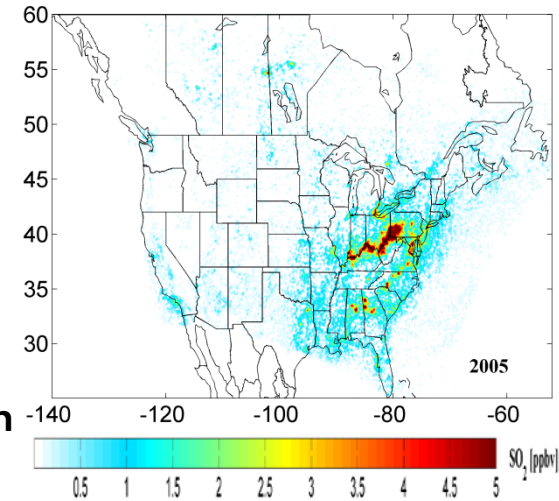


Air Quality Model  
(i.e. GEM-MACH)

Profile Shape



Surface Concentration  
Of NO<sub>2</sub> & SO<sub>2</sub>



Column Amount of trace  
gases (i.e. NO<sub>2</sub> & SO<sub>2</sub>)



# Application to emissions

- Emissions are derived by **combining vertically-integrated profiles (columns) with winds** from a meteorological reanalysis (here ECMWF)

- Combining **concentrations** and **wind speed** allows one to derive **mass flux**

$$\vec{F} = c(s, z)\vec{u}(s, z)$$

$c$  = Concentration (molec/cm<sup>3</sup>)  
 $u$  = wind speed (cm/s)  
 $F$  = flux density (molec/cm<sup>2</sup>/s)

$$E = \iint_C (\vec{F} \cdot \hat{n}) ds dz$$

- We consider two approaches:
  - **Single** overpass for **larger sources** → **wild fires**  
(similar to Mebust et al., ACP, 2011)
  - **Multiple** overpasses for **smaller, more constant sources**  
→ **agricultural** sources (Fioletov et al., GRL, 2015)
    - requires the use of a rotation scheme in order to align the wind direction of all observations (Pommier et al., GRL, 2012)

