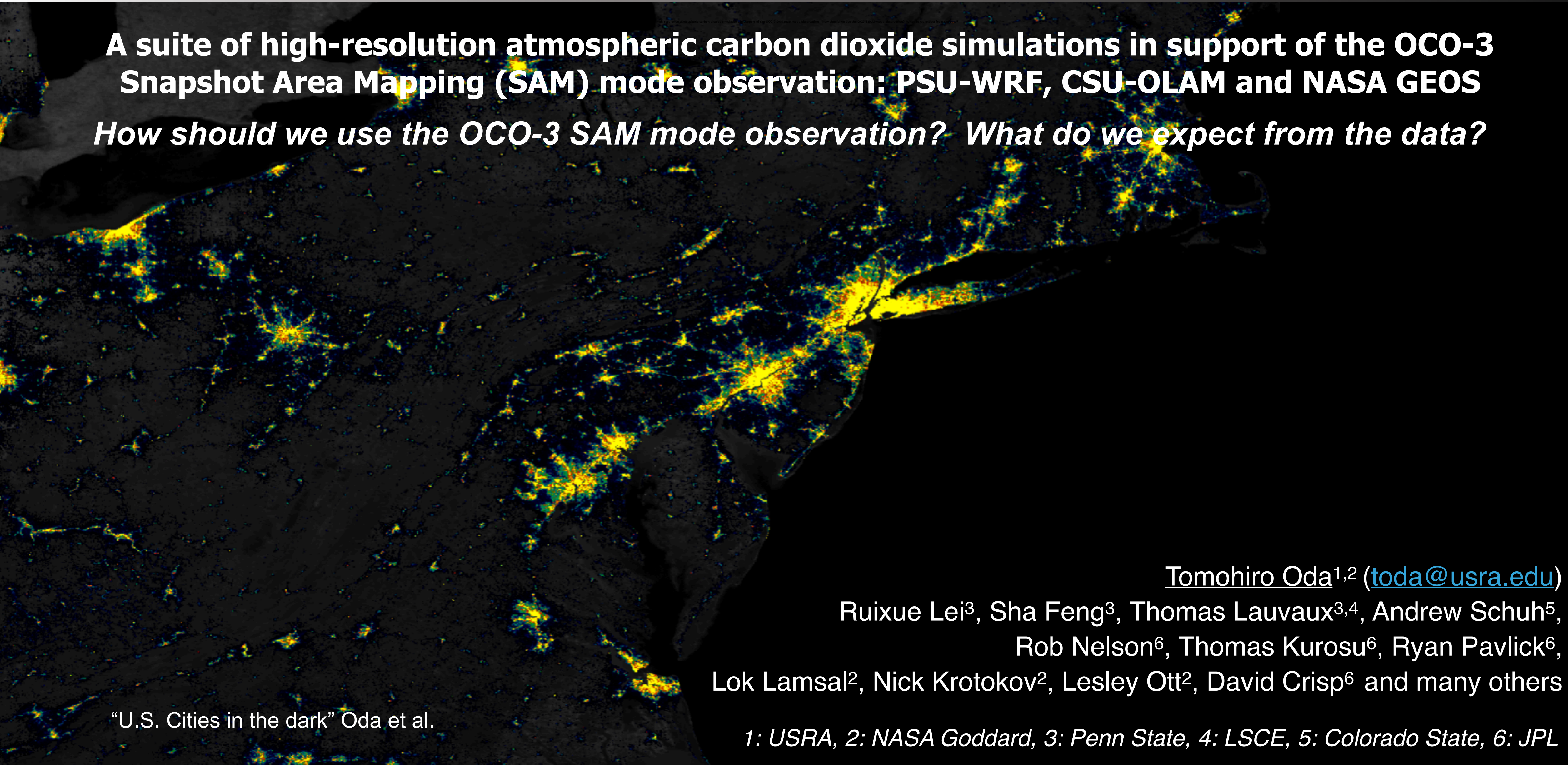


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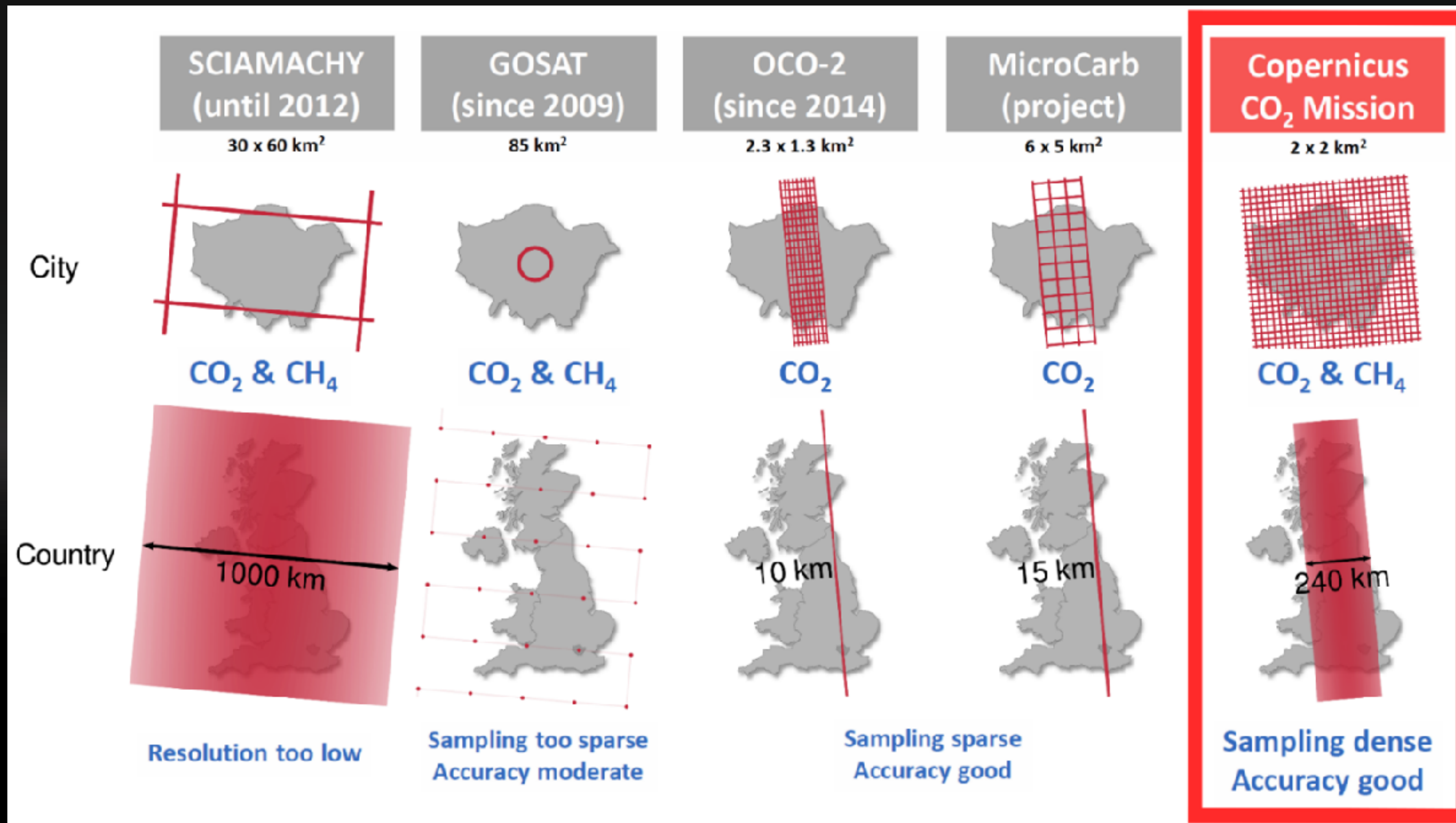
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“U.S. Cities in the dark” Oda et al.

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# Evolution of carbon observing satellite emissions



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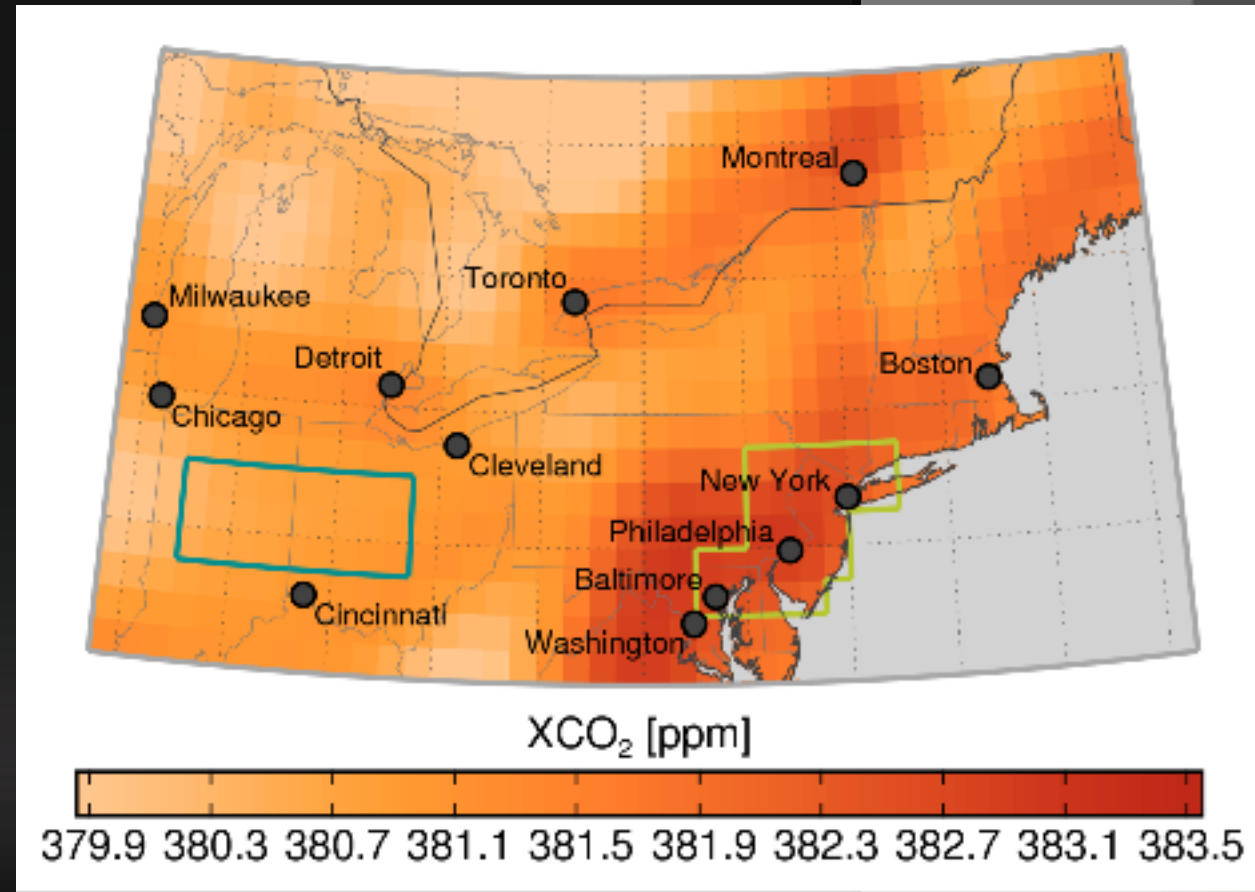
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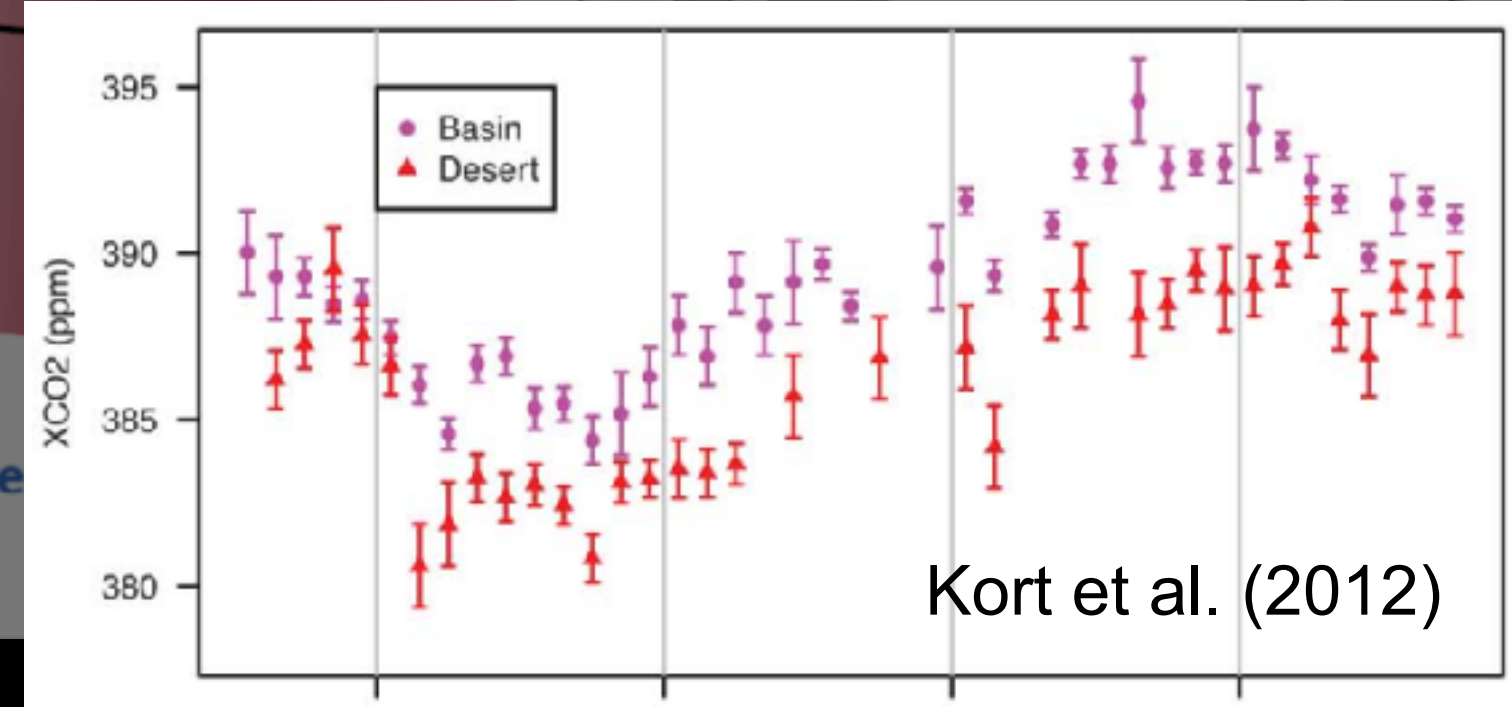
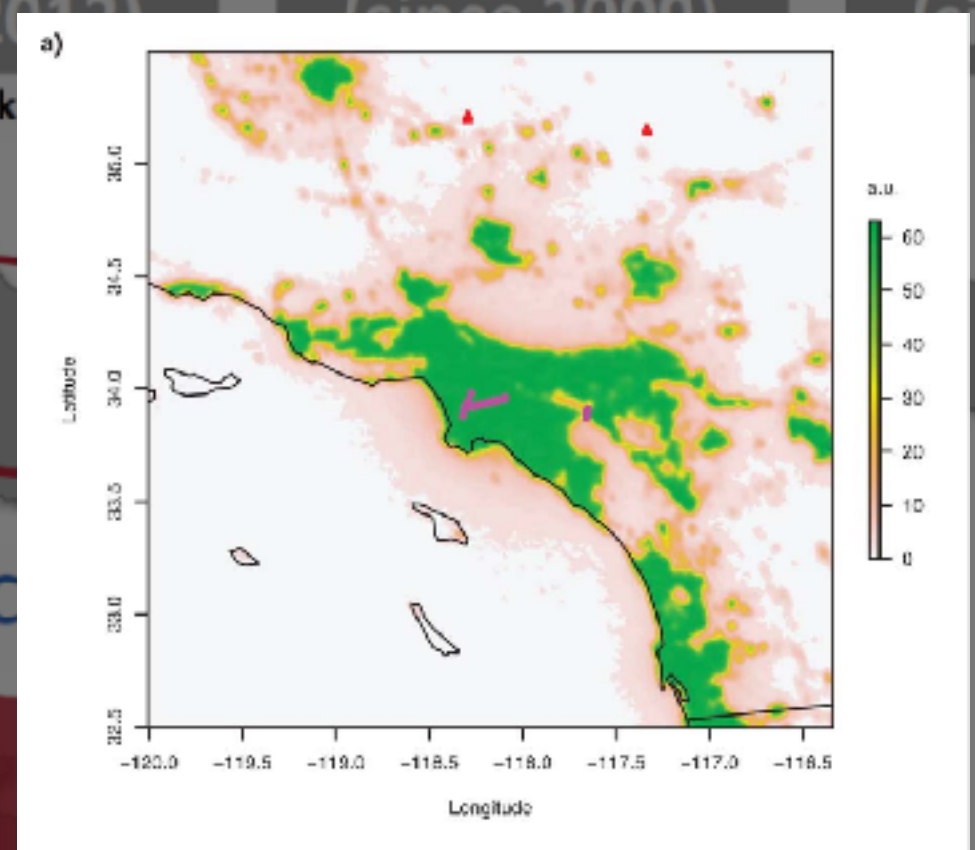
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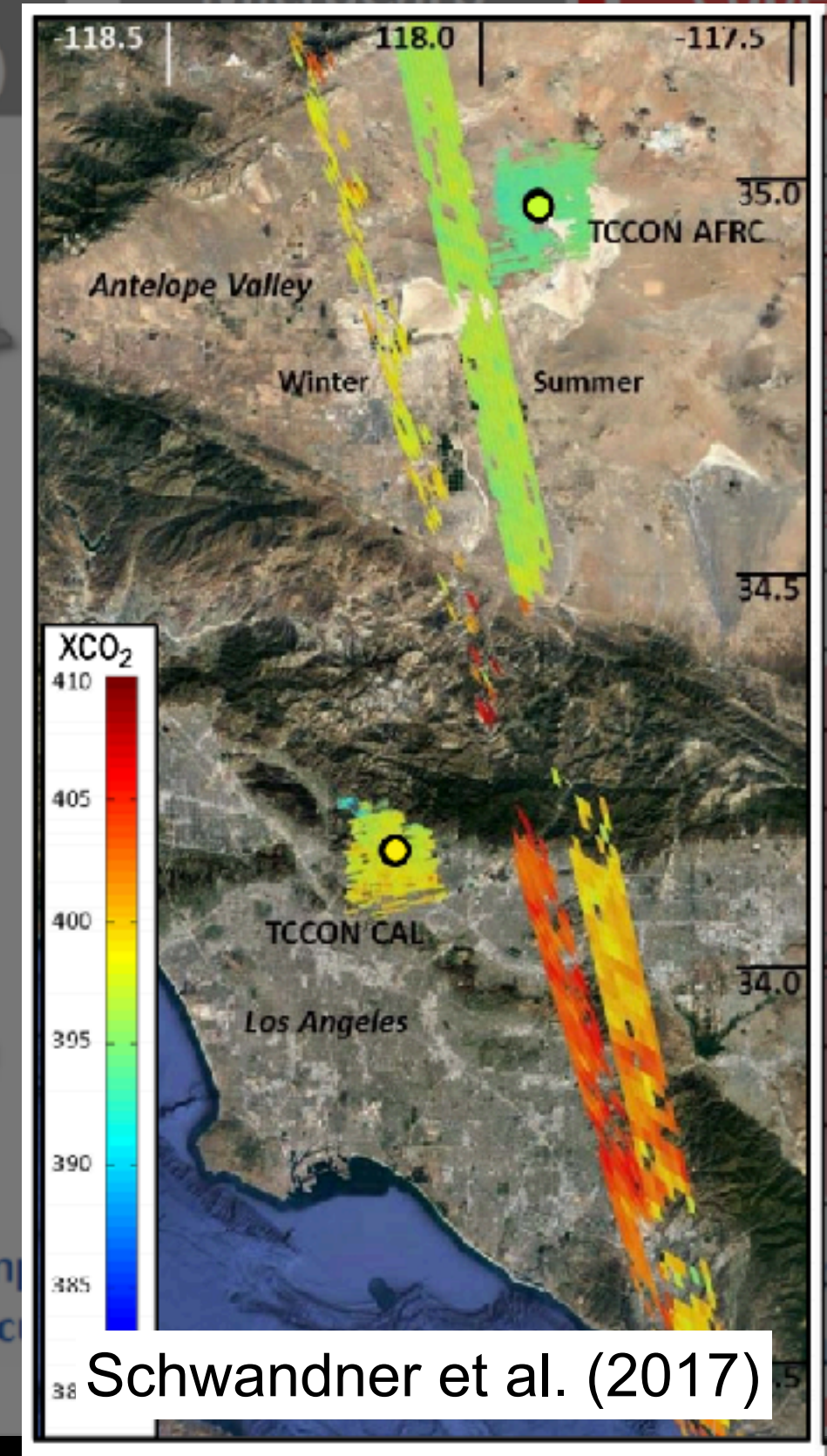
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**GOSAT**



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**OCO-2**



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**OCO-3 SAM**

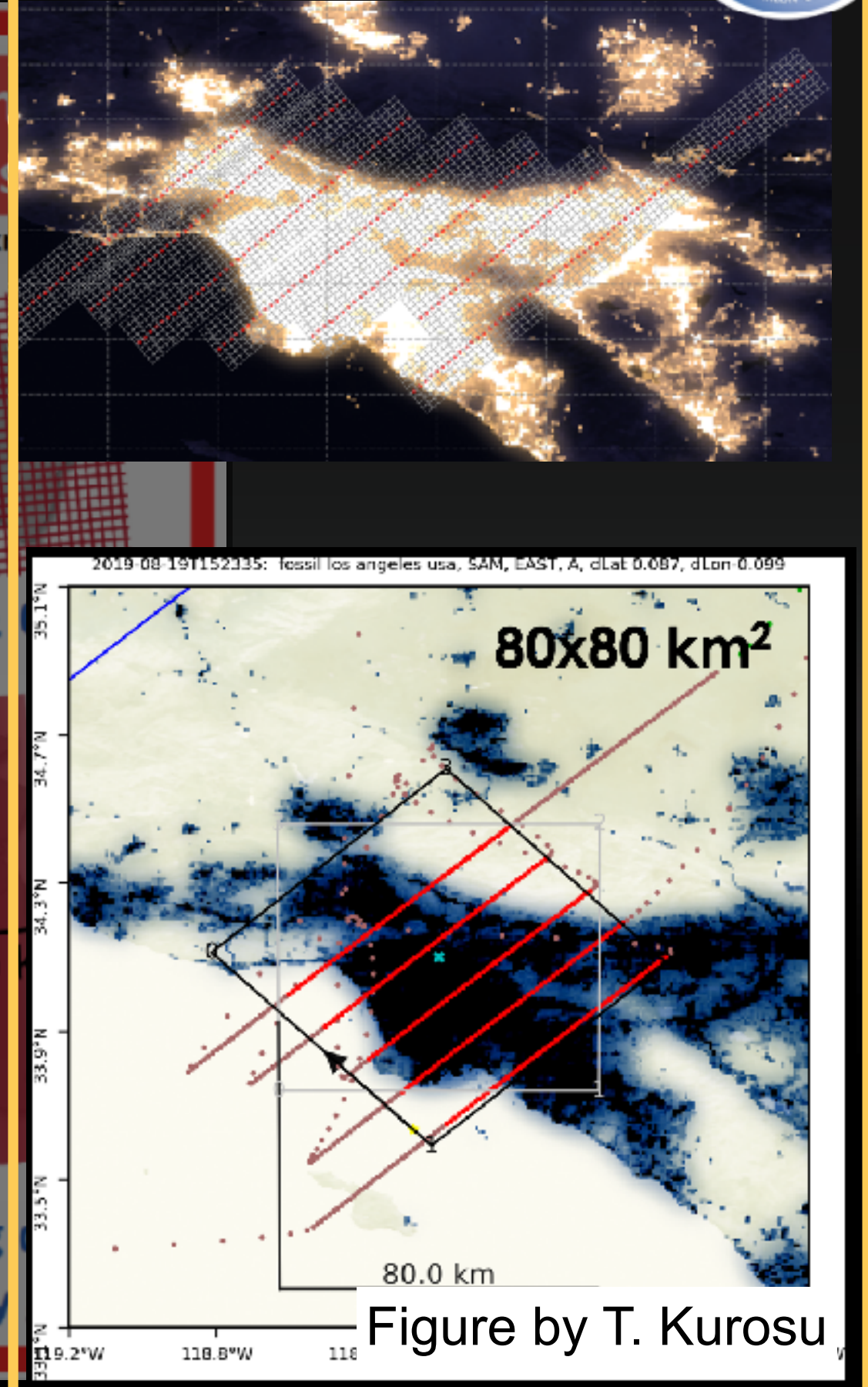


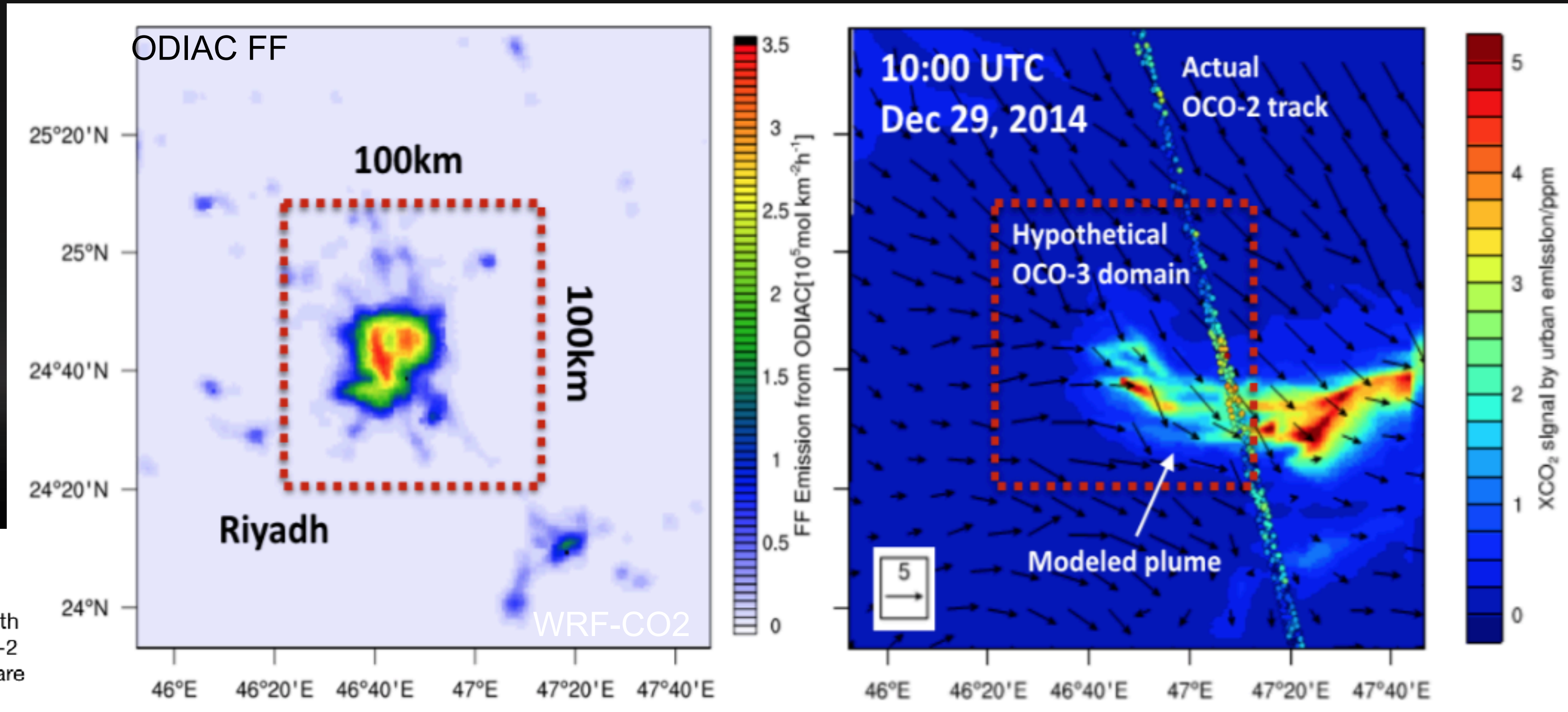
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# Urban carbon problems with OCO-2 data



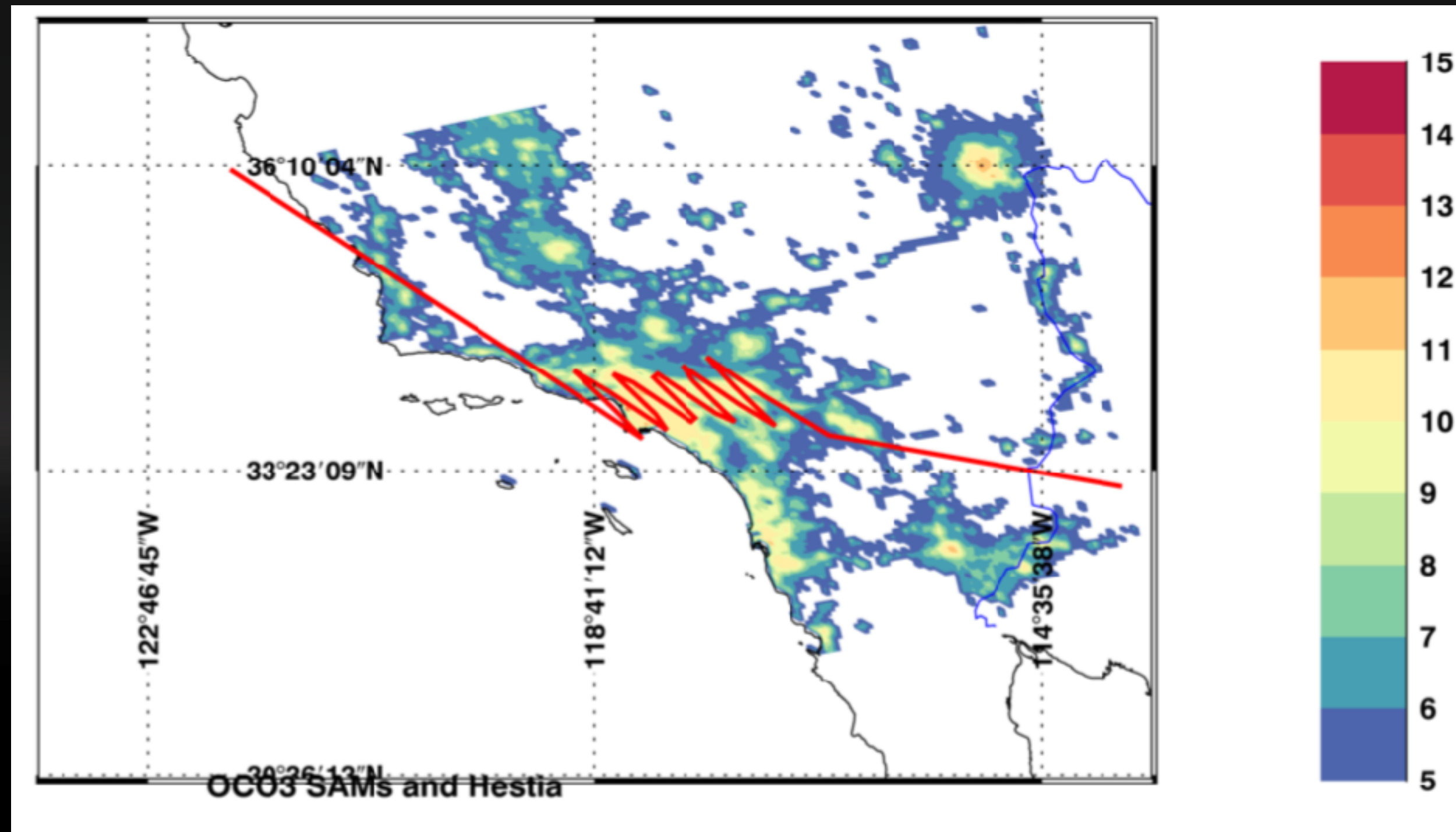
**Figure 2.** ODIAC CO<sub>2</sub> emissions over Riyadh (right) and X<sub>CO2</sub> plume simulated using WRF with 10-m wind and an OCO-2 track (right). Both plots are on 1x1 km domain. The red box indicates a hypothetical OCO-3 observation domain (Ye, Lauvaux et al., in prep modified).

Modified from Ye, Lauvaux et al. in review



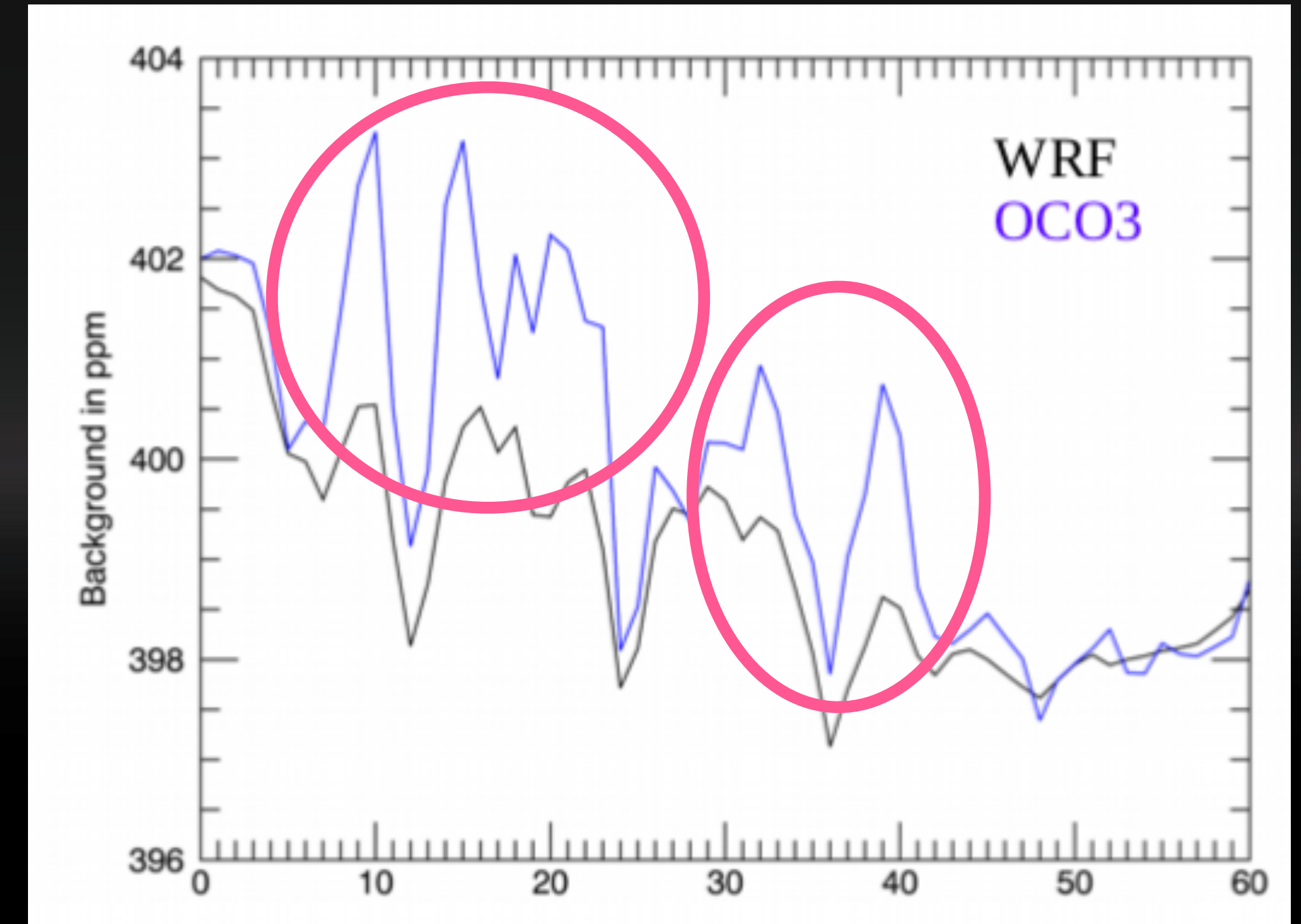
# High-resolution CO<sub>2</sub> simulations in support of OCO-3

A simple observing simulation experiment (OSSE)



Simplified SAM over Los Angeles used to extract WRF-CO<sub>2</sub> simulations of XCO<sub>2</sub> (coupled to Hestia)

Potential overestimation of the background CO<sub>2</sub>

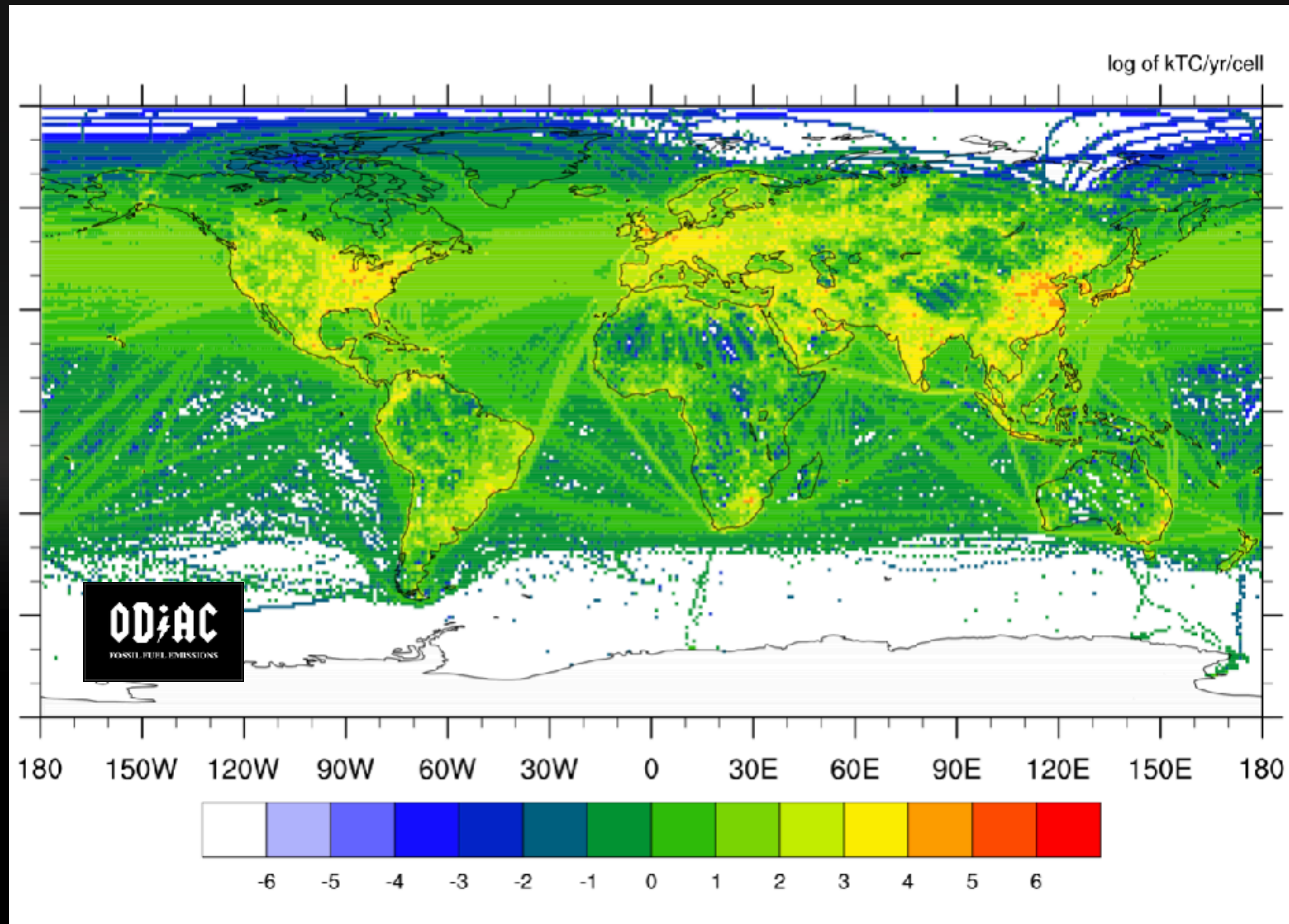


Background XCO<sub>2</sub> values from the entire domain (WRF) and from the OCO-3 SAM for 60 different days

Thomas Lauvaux



## An up-to-date, global high-resolution picture of fossil fuel emissions



- ODIAC is a global high-resolution (1x1km) monthly FFCO<sub>2</sub> data product
- Based on spatial disaggregation of the latest CDIAC fuel-based emission estimates
- Used to prescribe CO<sub>2</sub> transport models from global to urban scales.
- Used for the satellite fossil target selection (e.g. GOSAT, OCO-2, and...).
- Updating/improving the power plant emission information.
- Improving the emission modeling approach using NASA's Black Marble nightlight data.

**ODIAC2019 (2000-2018) is now available for download**

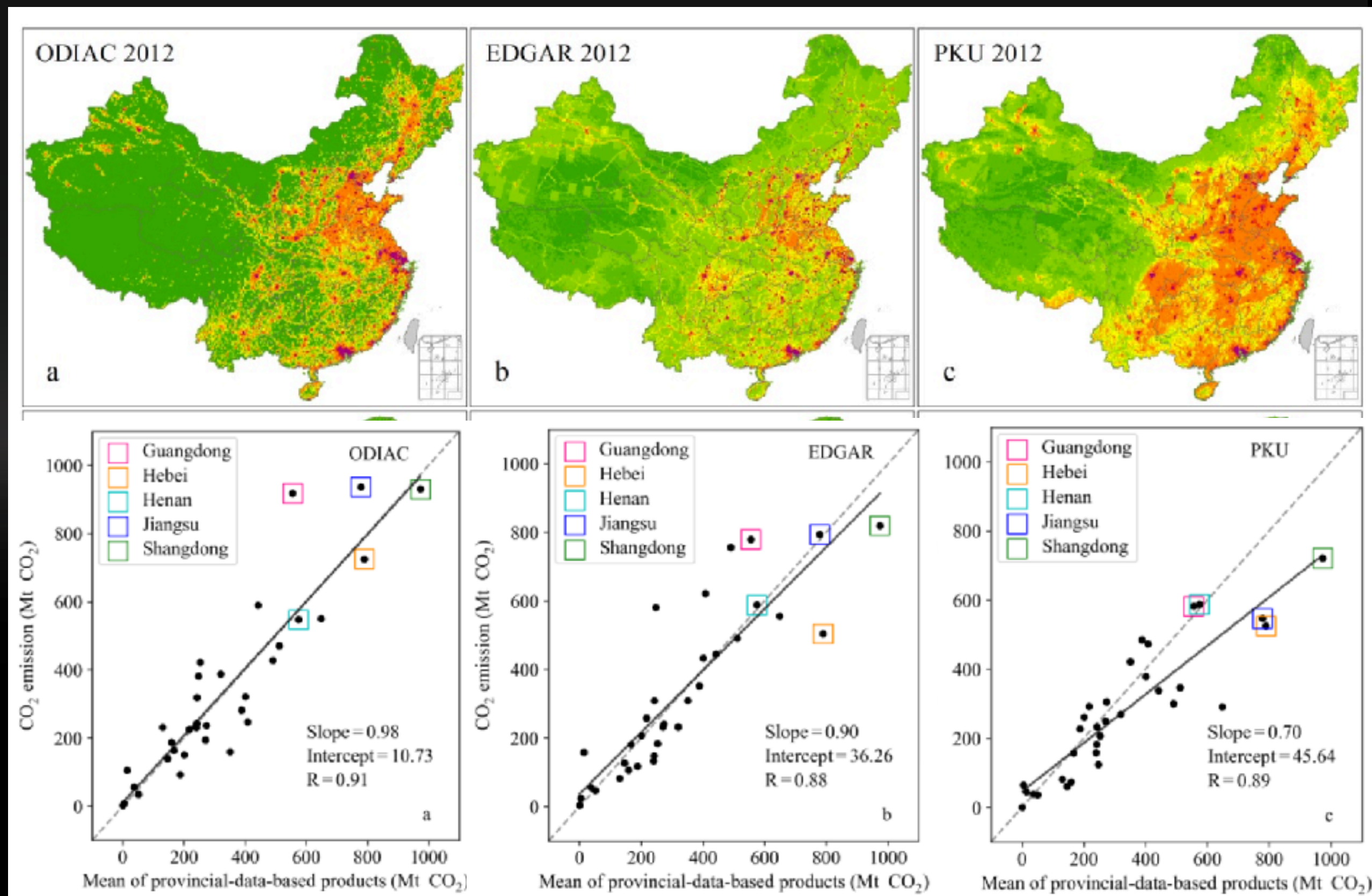
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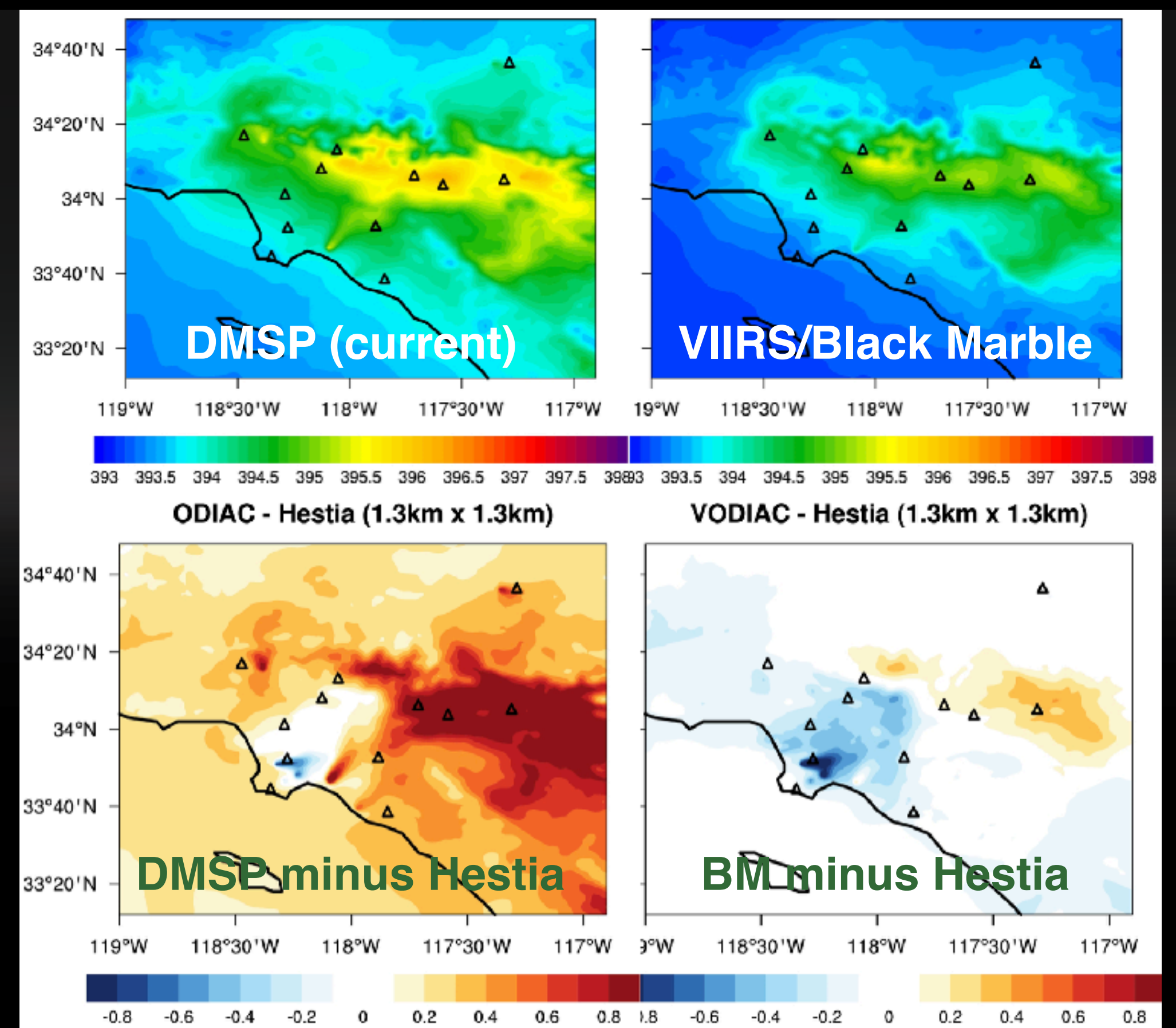
# Mapping urban CO<sub>2</sub> emissions using observations from space

Emission downscaling error < 30-40%

Emission representation error in XCO<sub>2</sub>



Han, Zeng, Oda et al submitted.

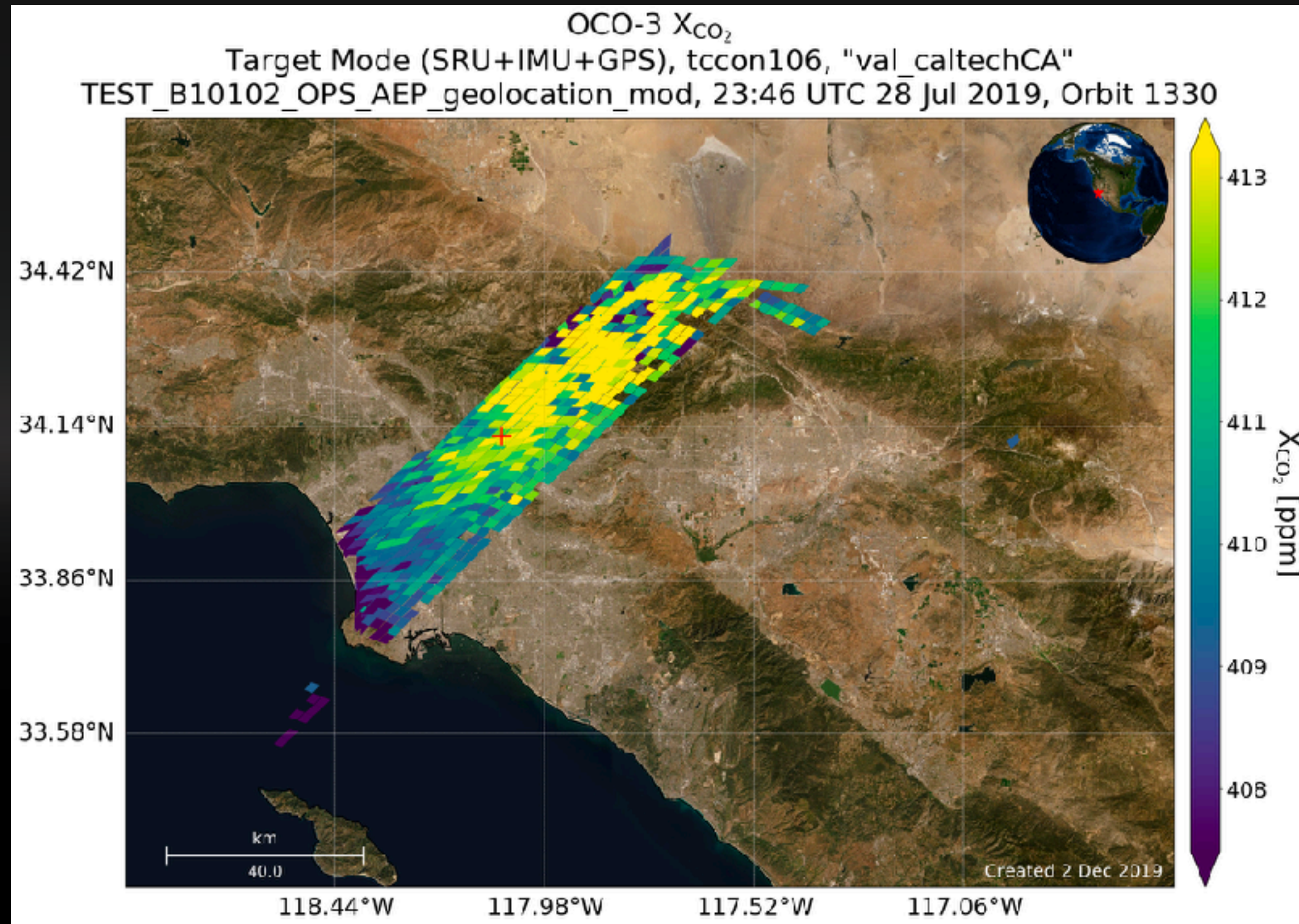


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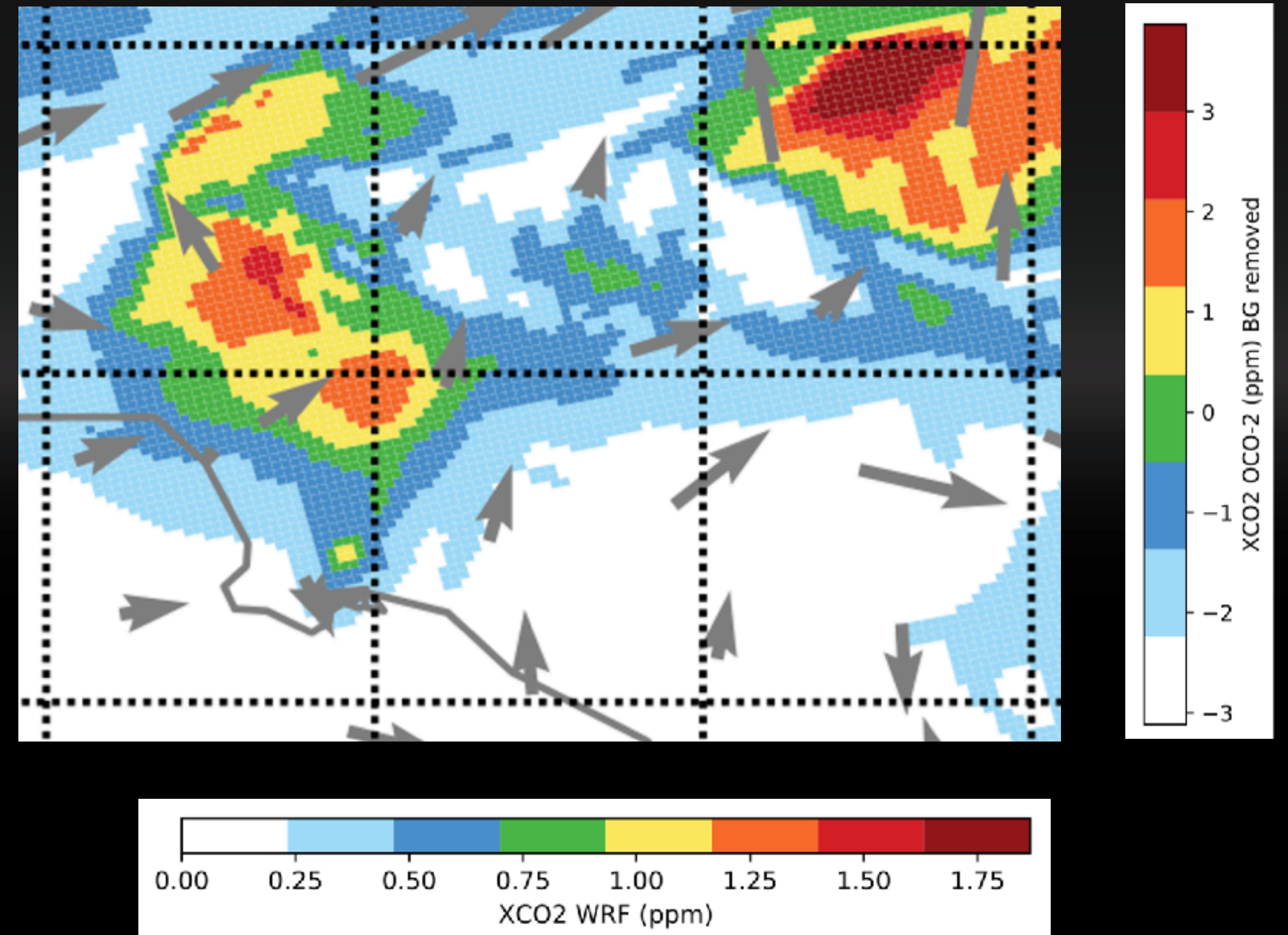


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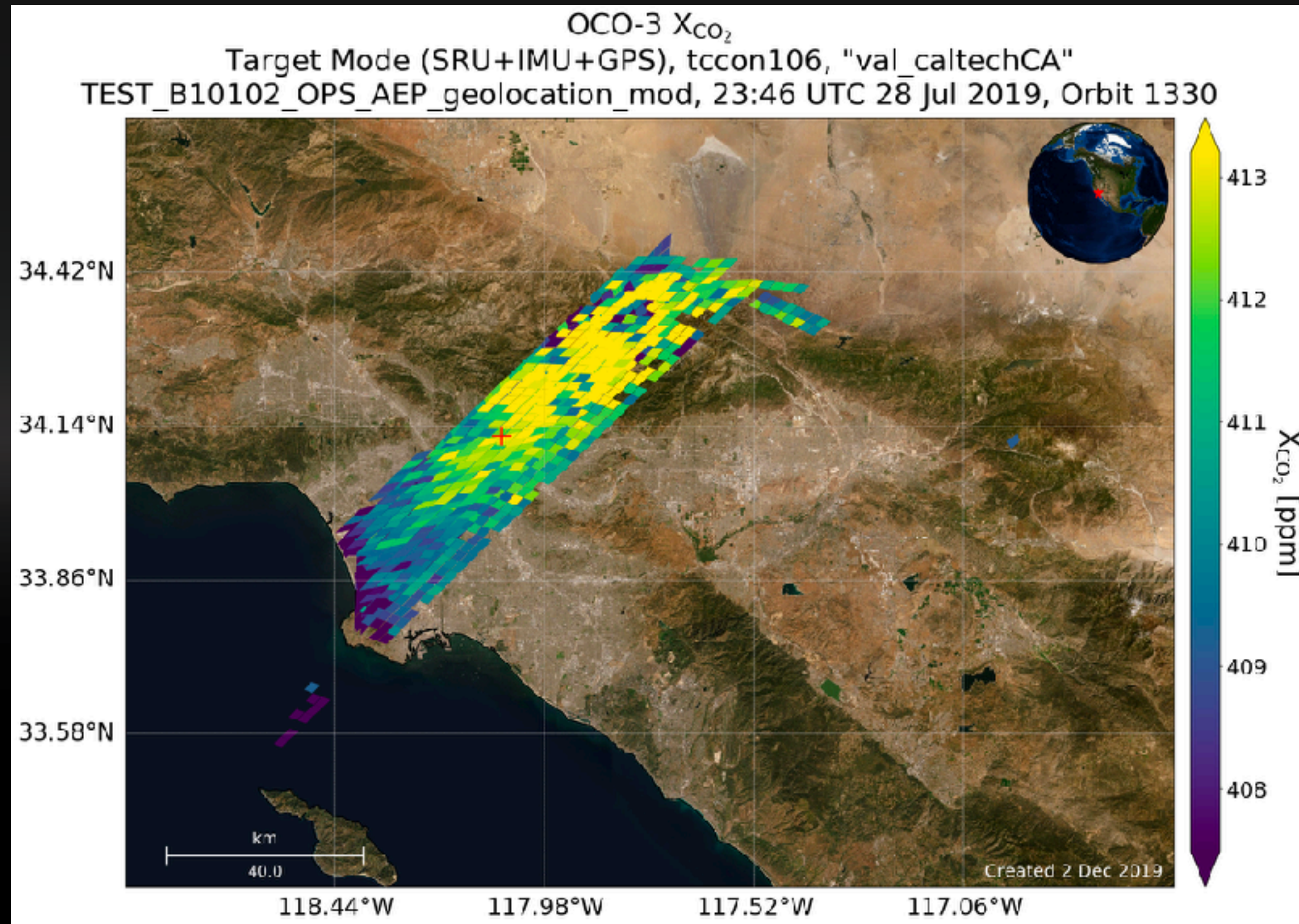


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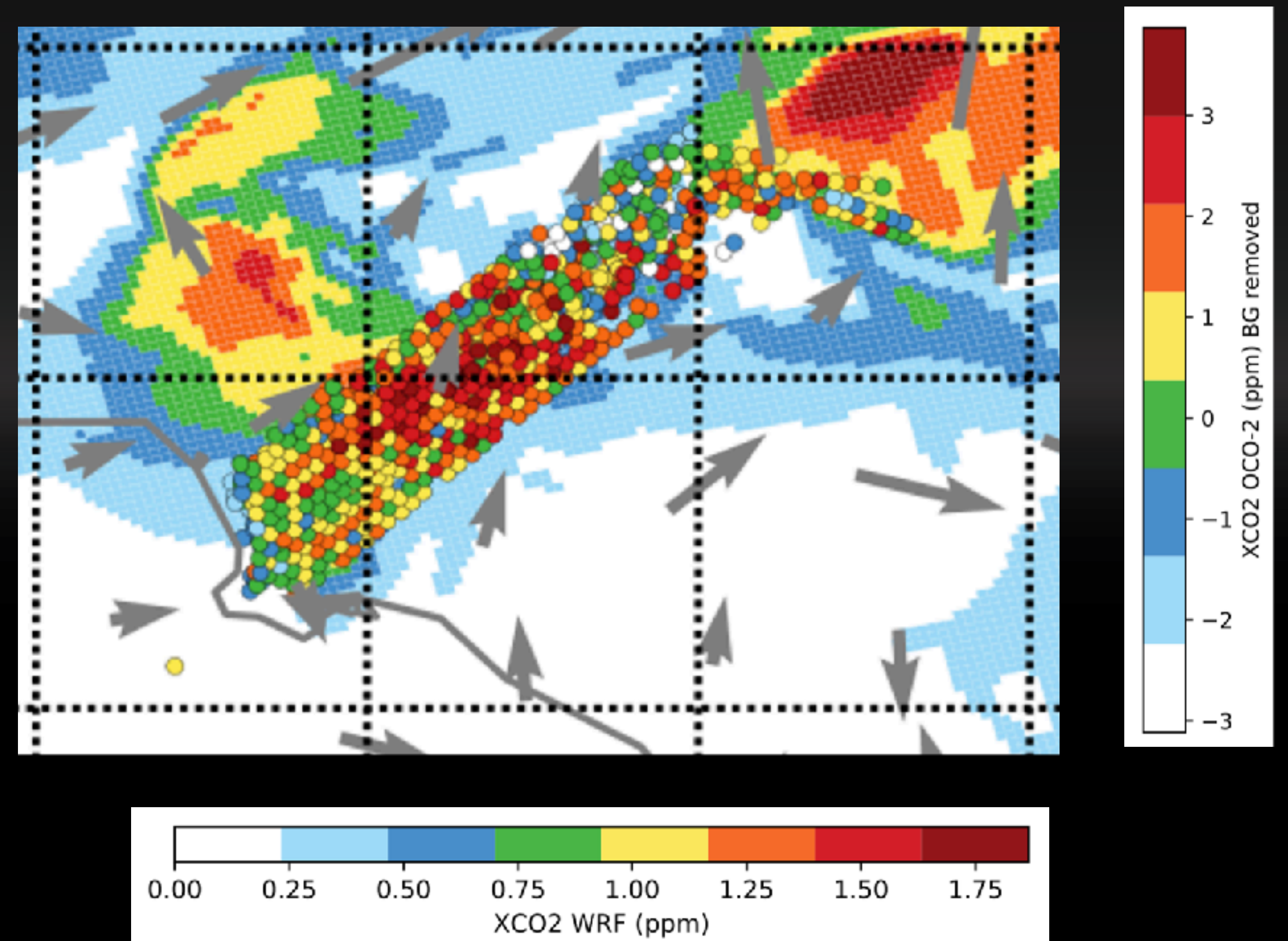


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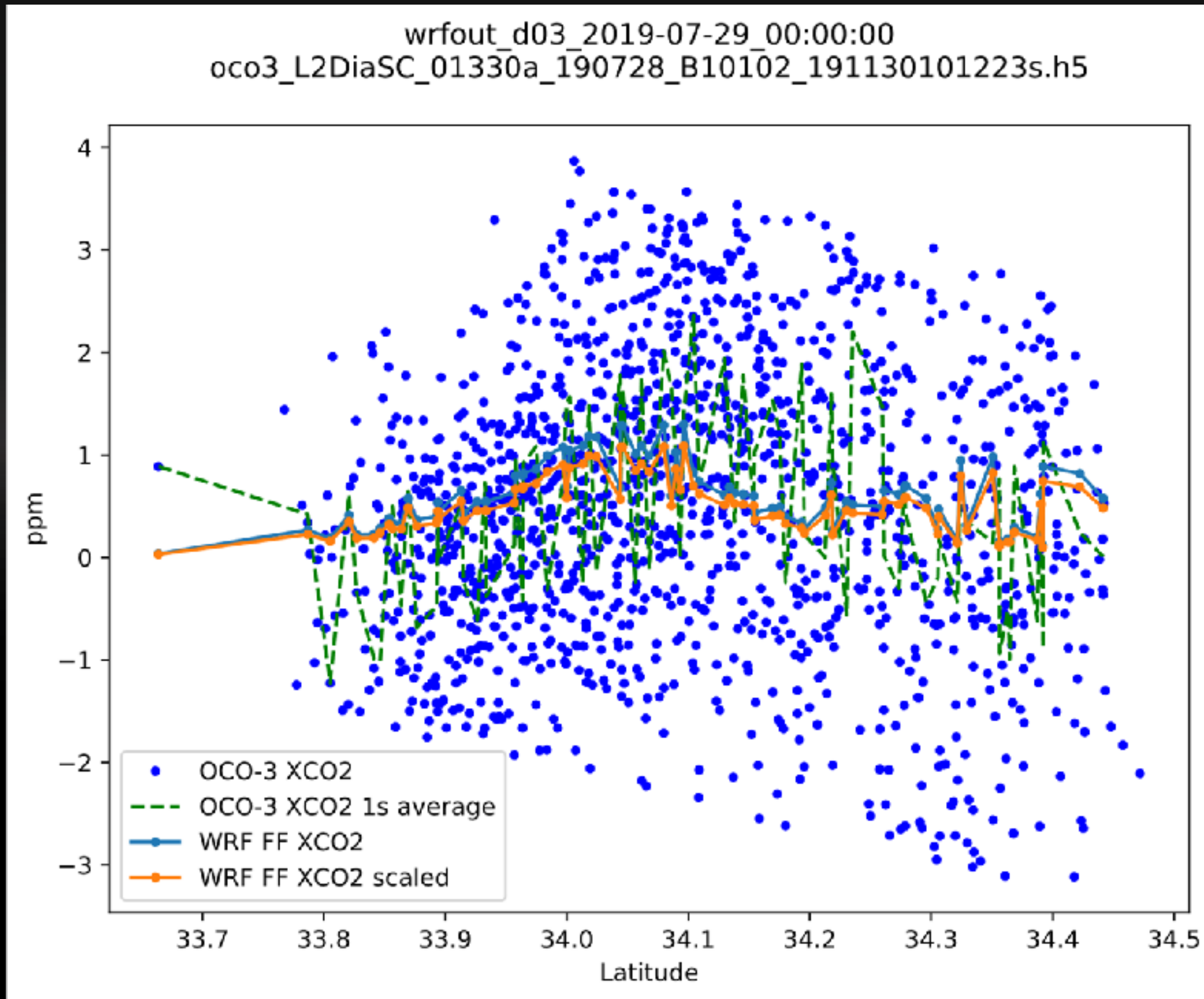


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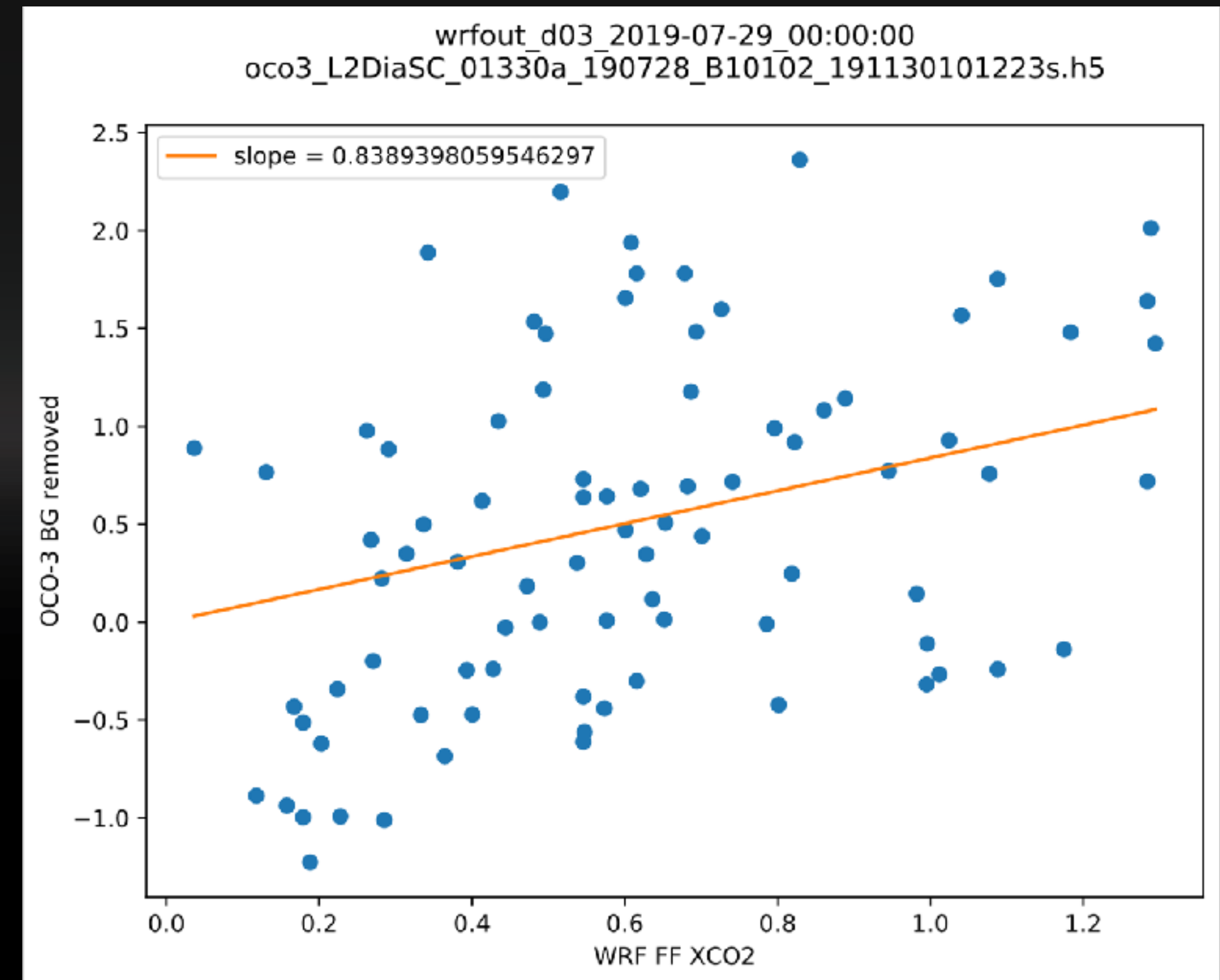


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WRF-ODIAC (only FF) vs. OCO-3 SAM (1 sec avg)

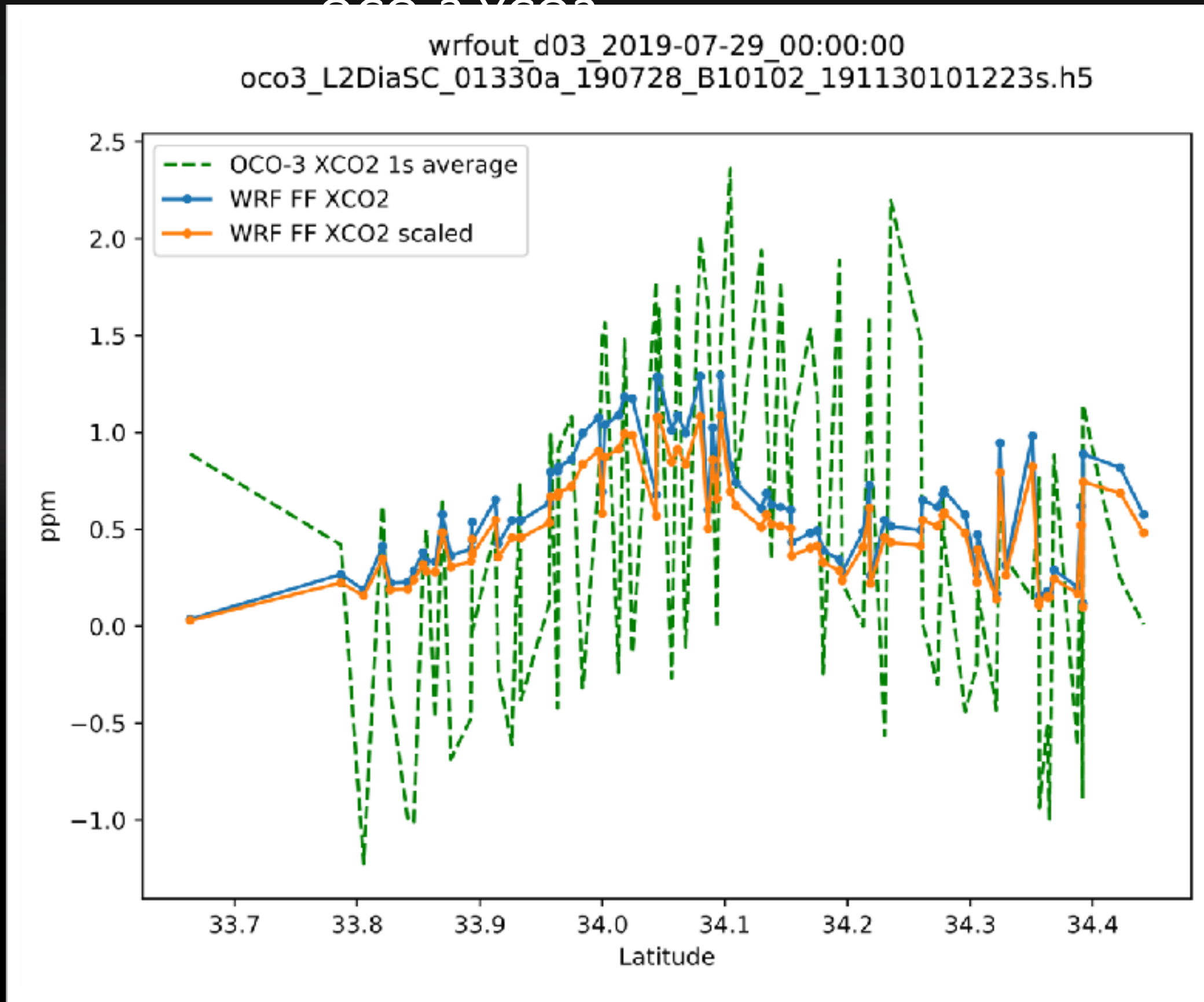


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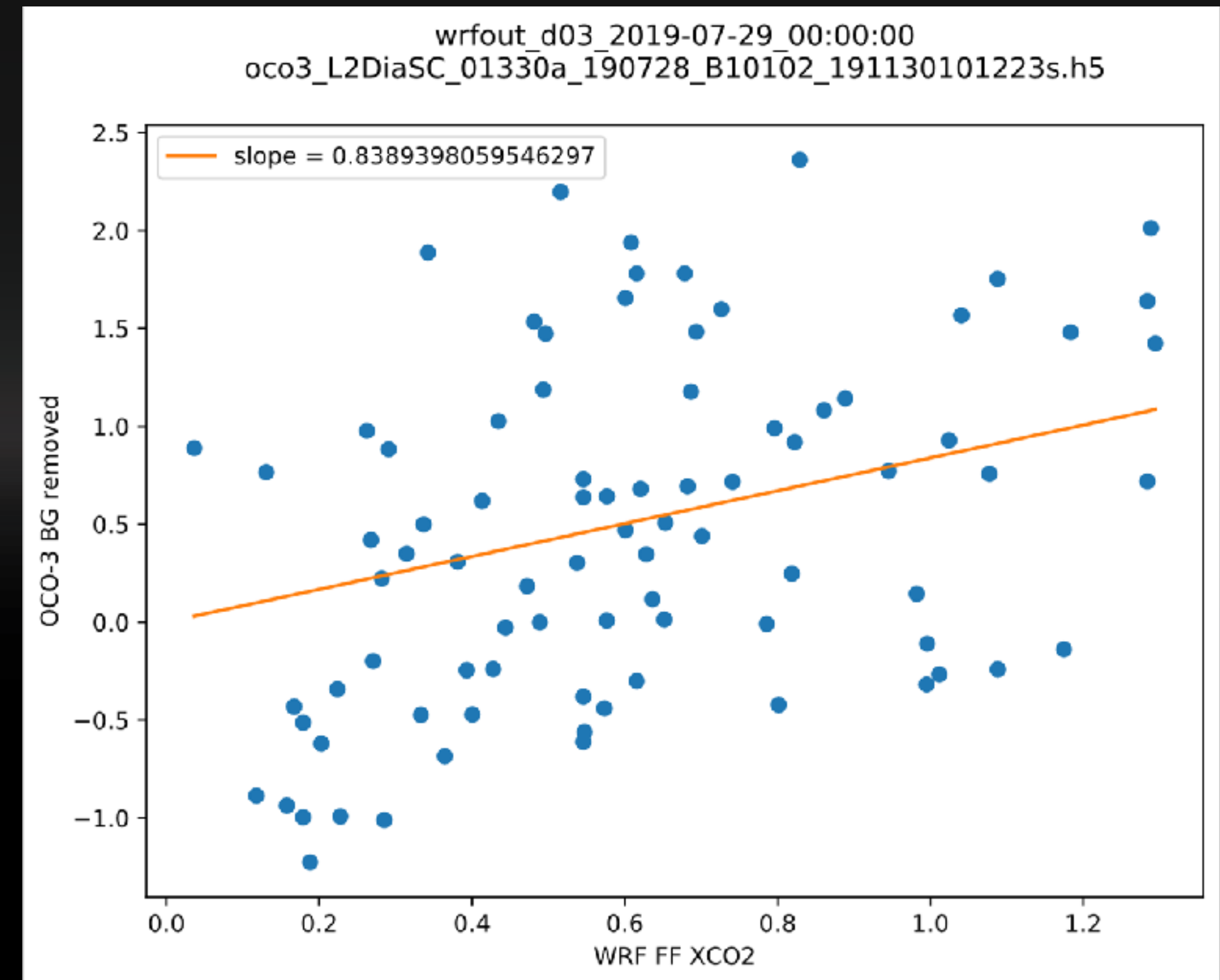


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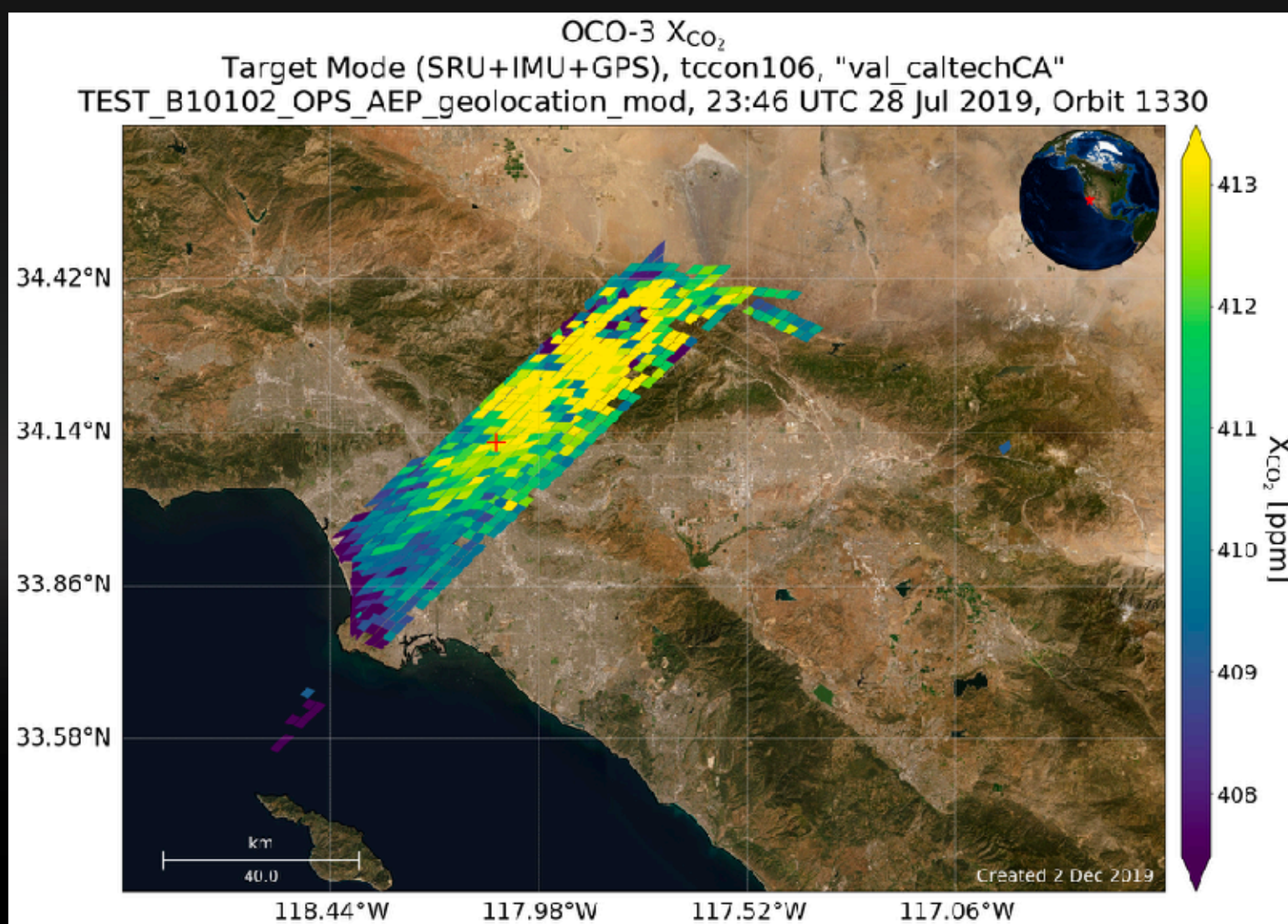


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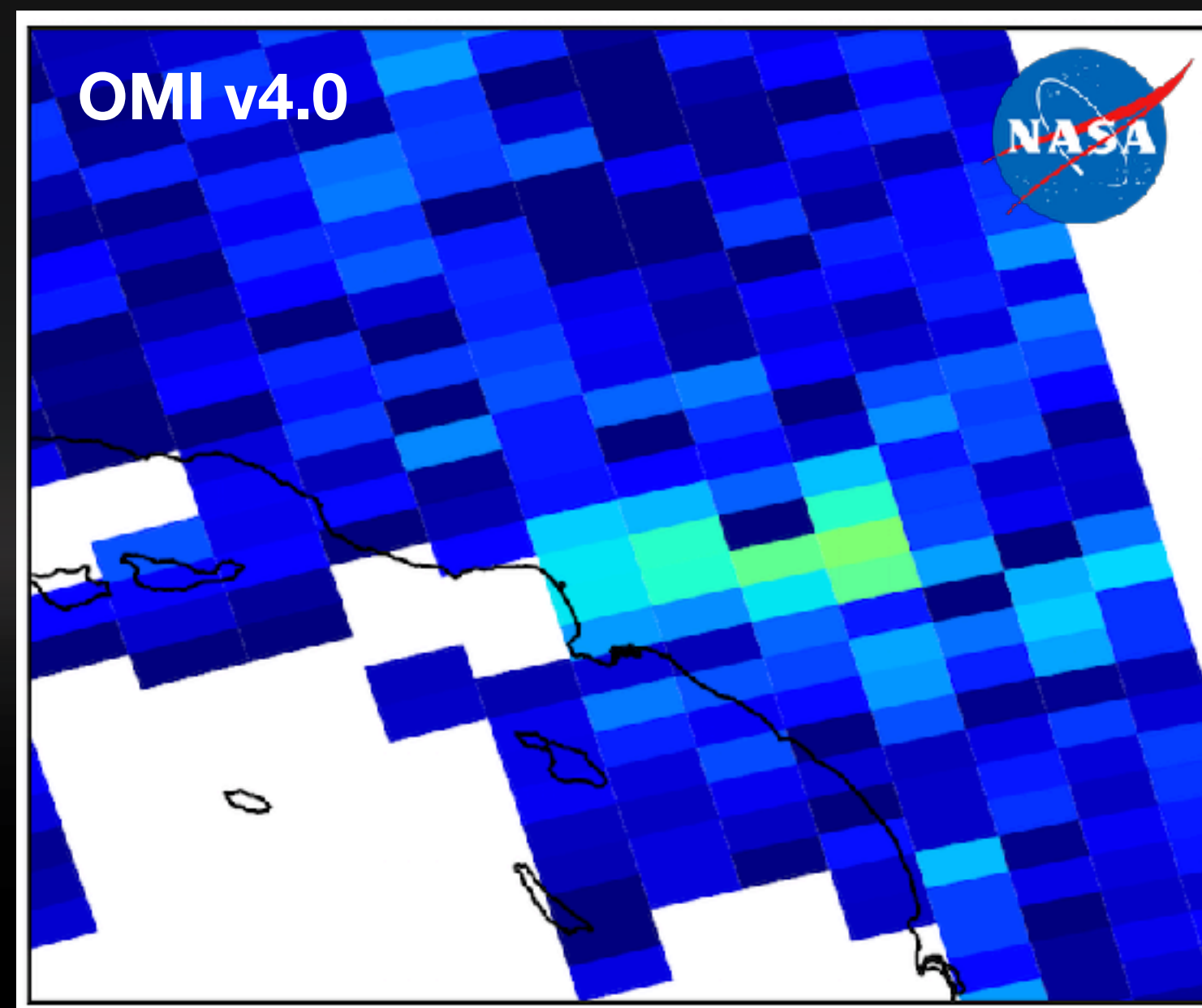
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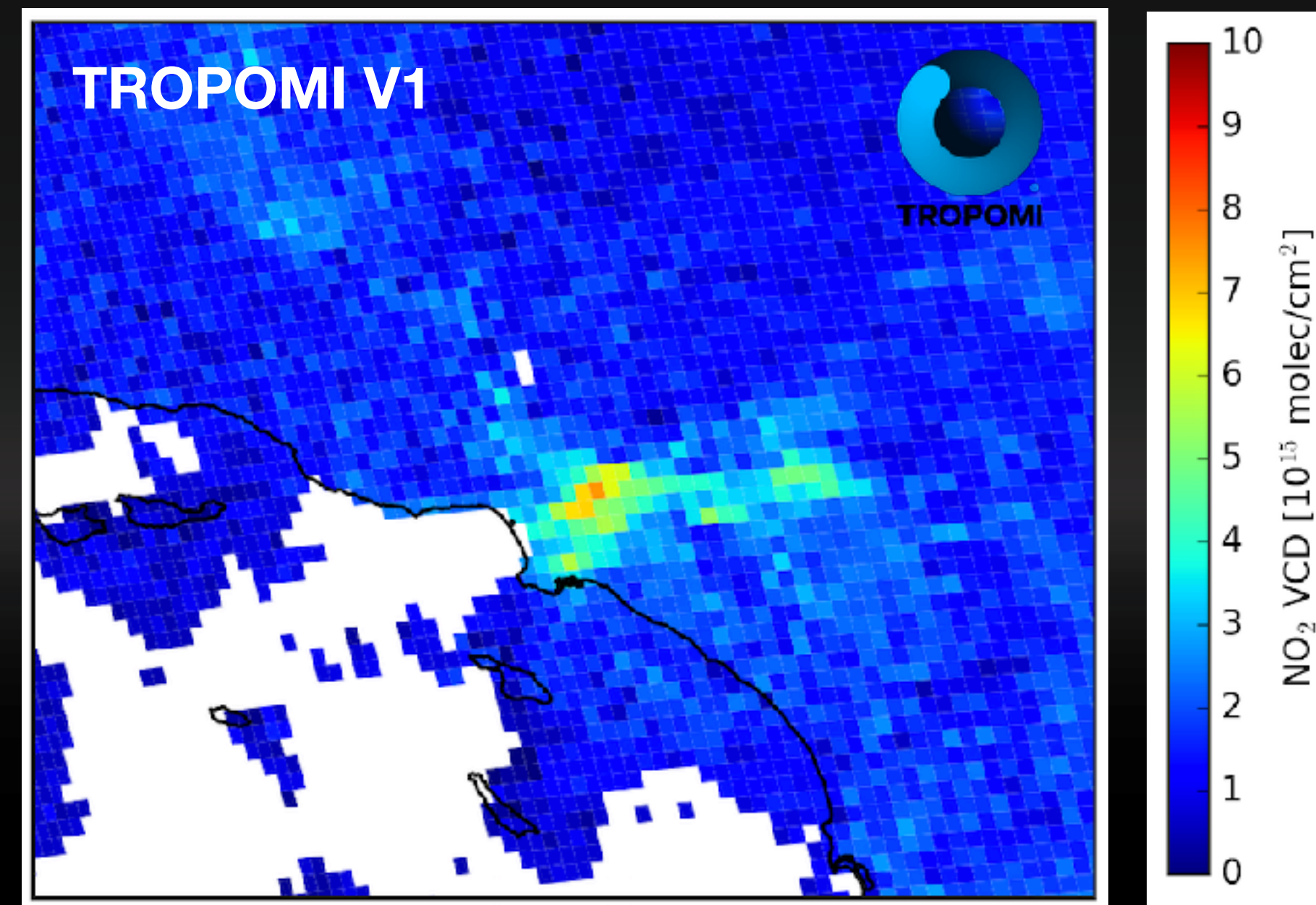


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## NO2 - indicator for FF CO2



1:30pm or so Local time

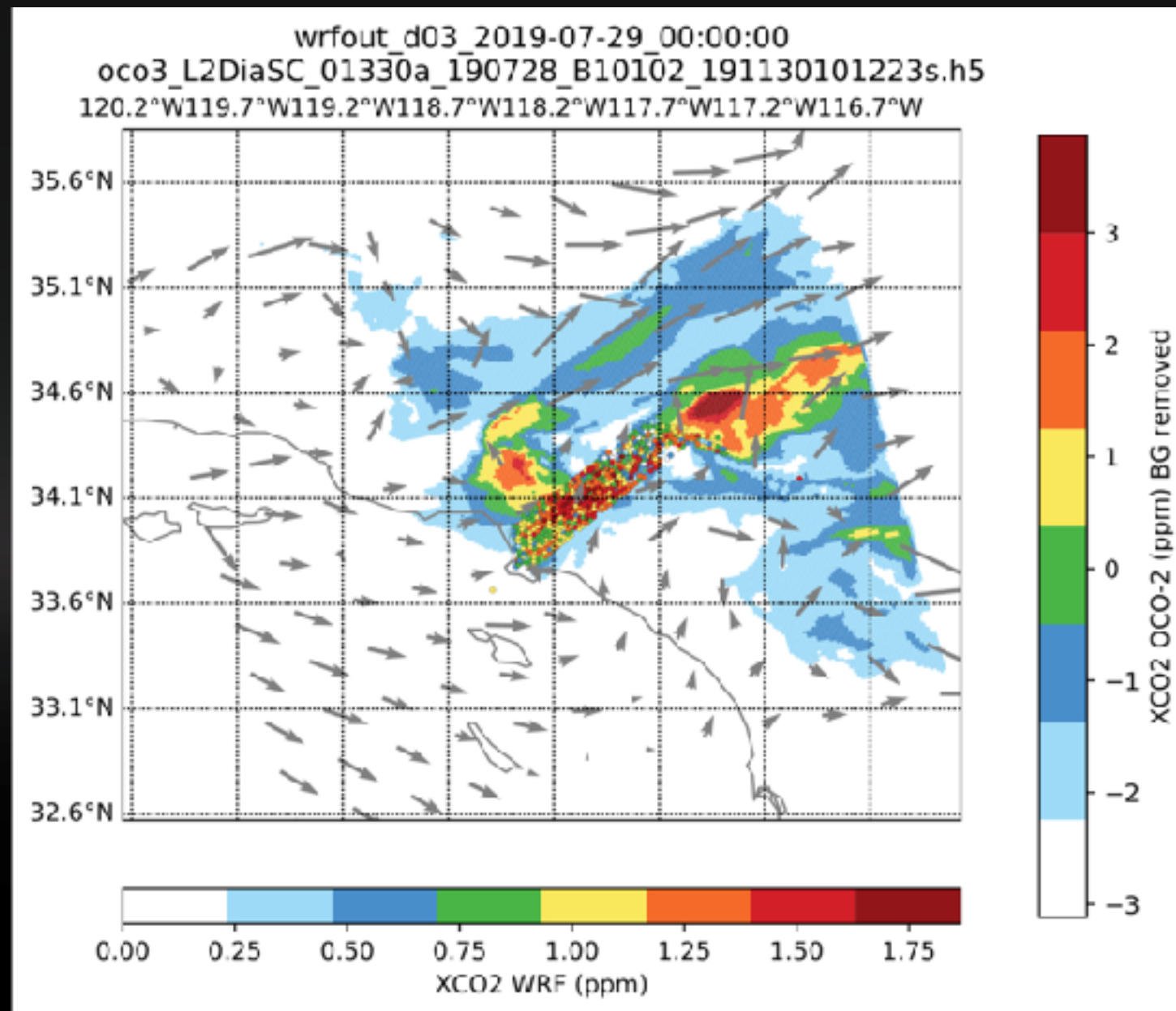


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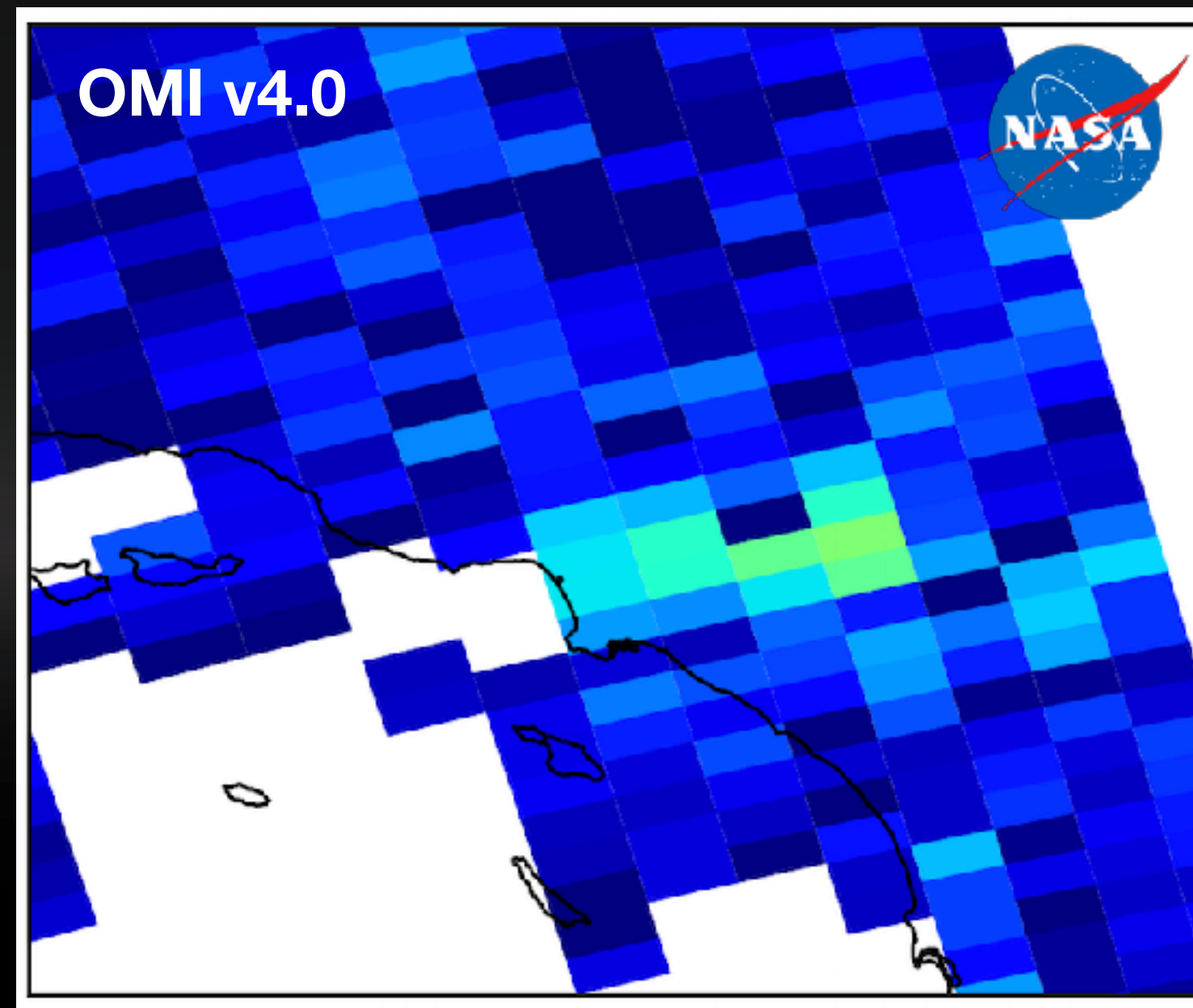
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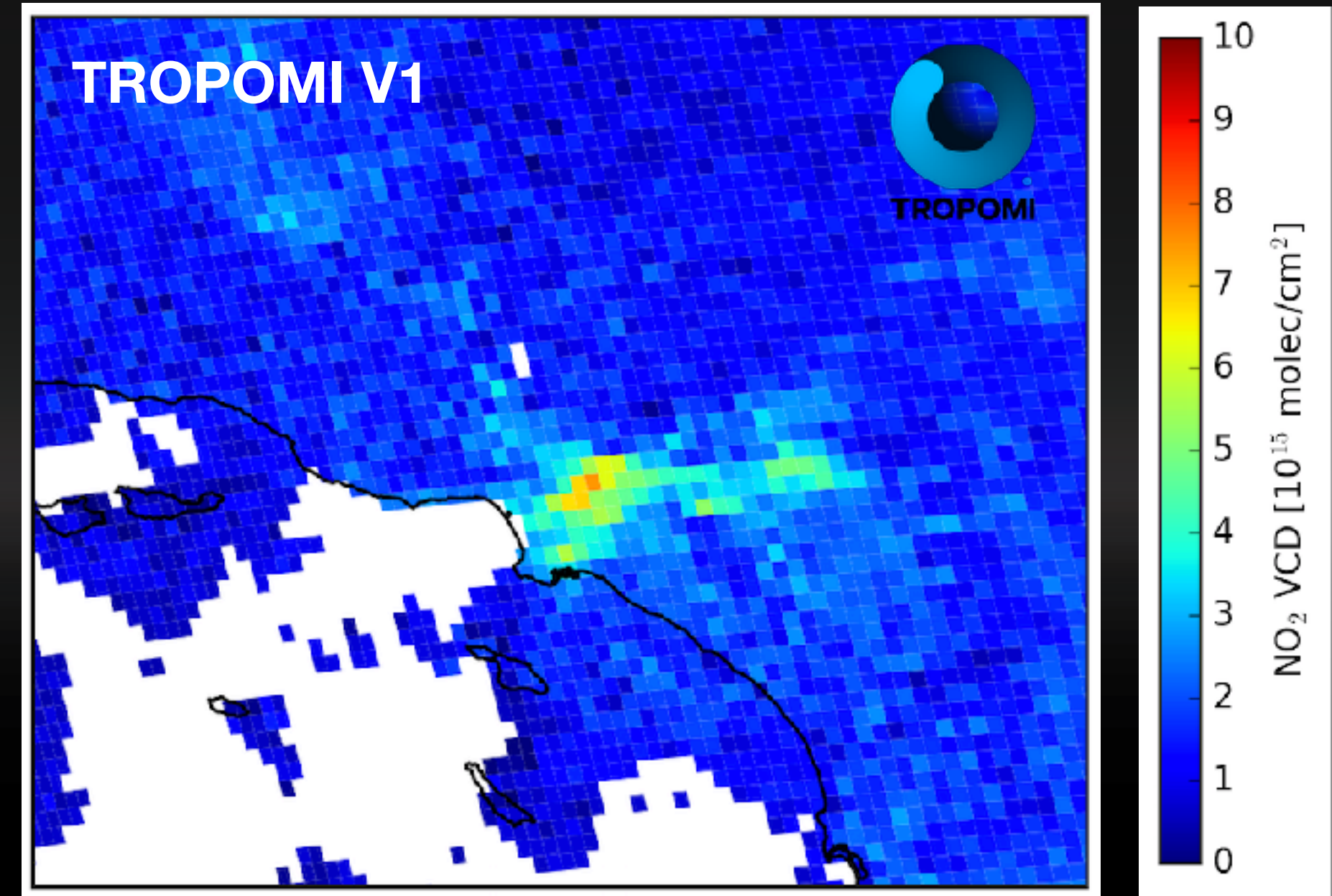


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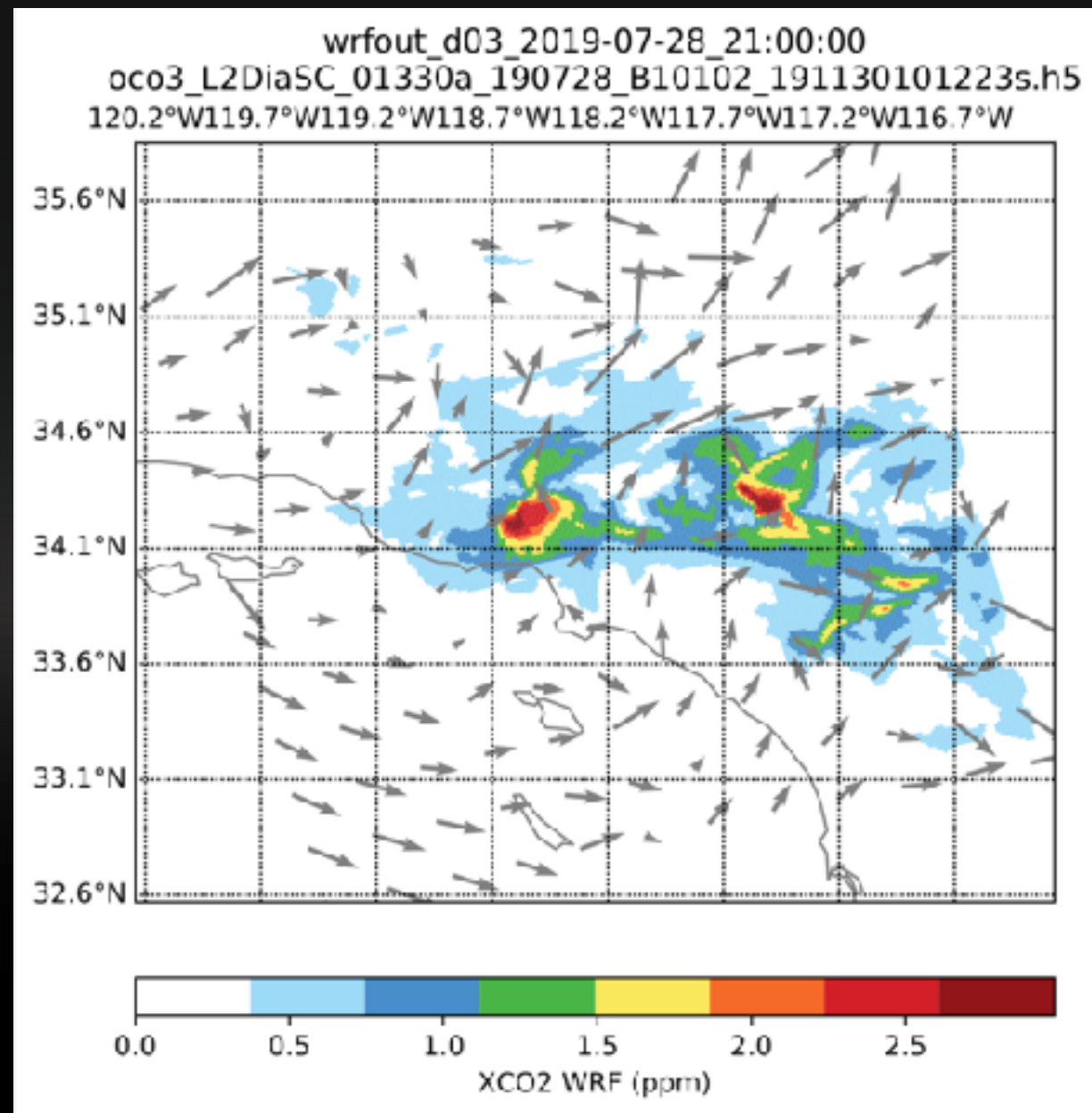


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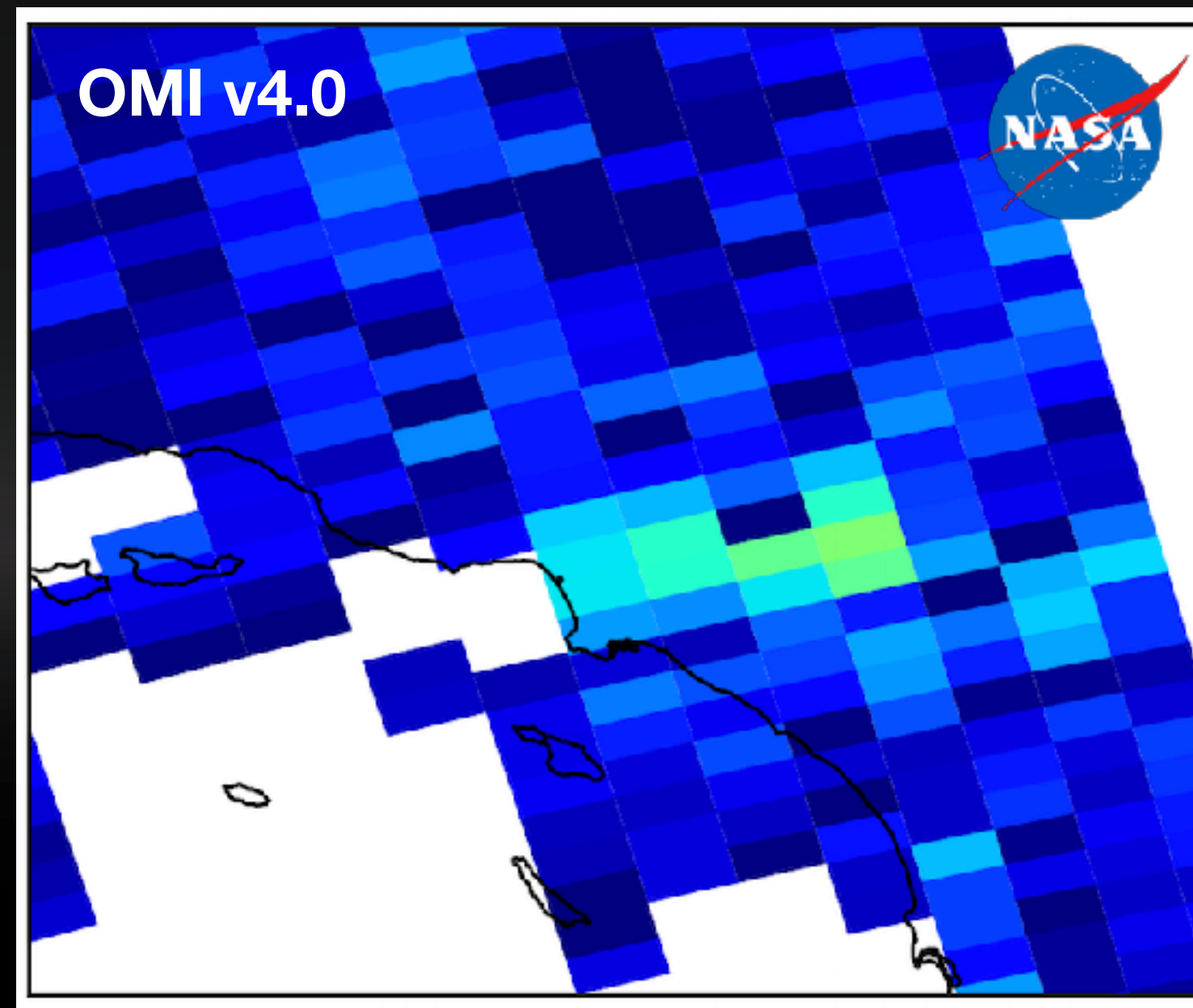
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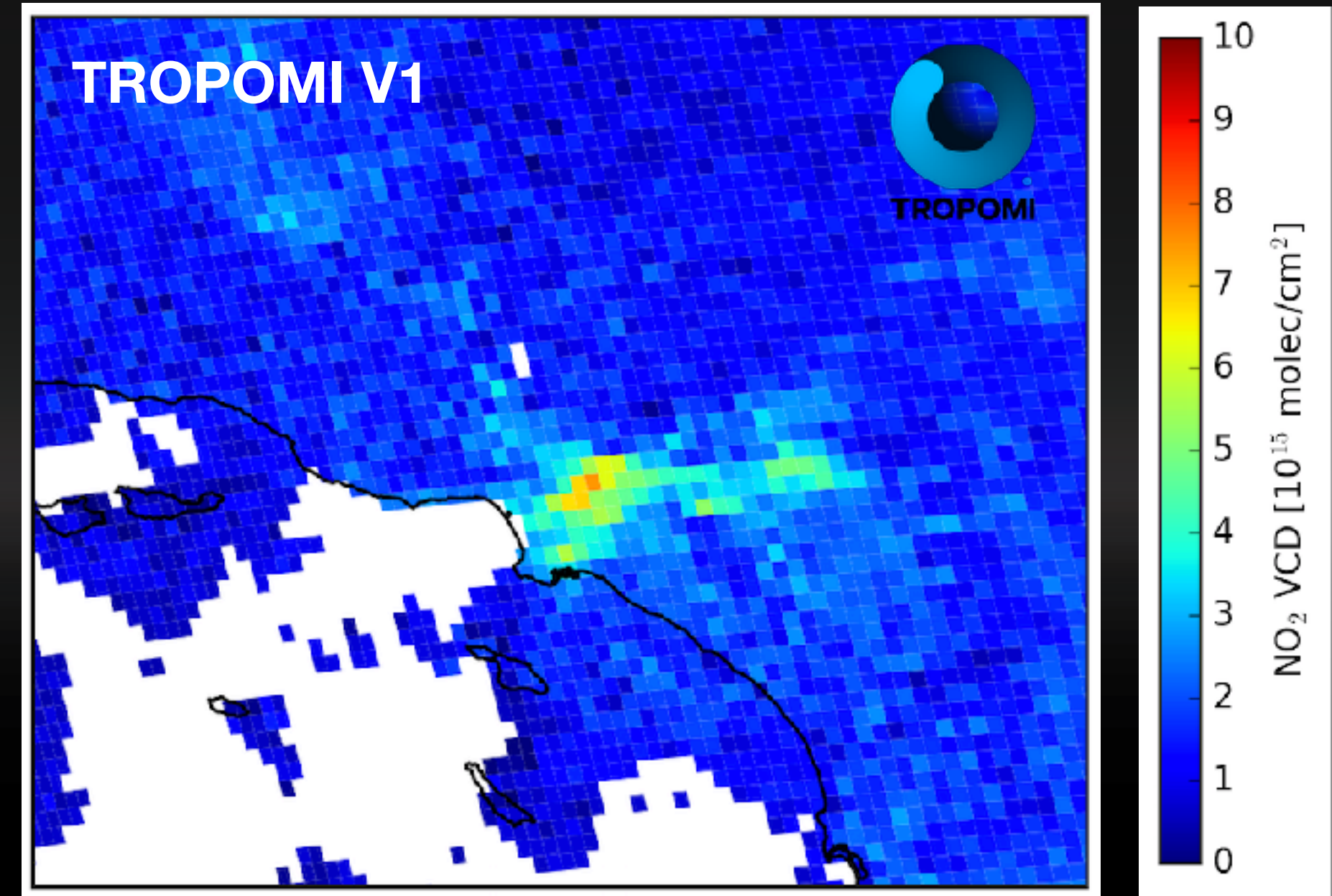


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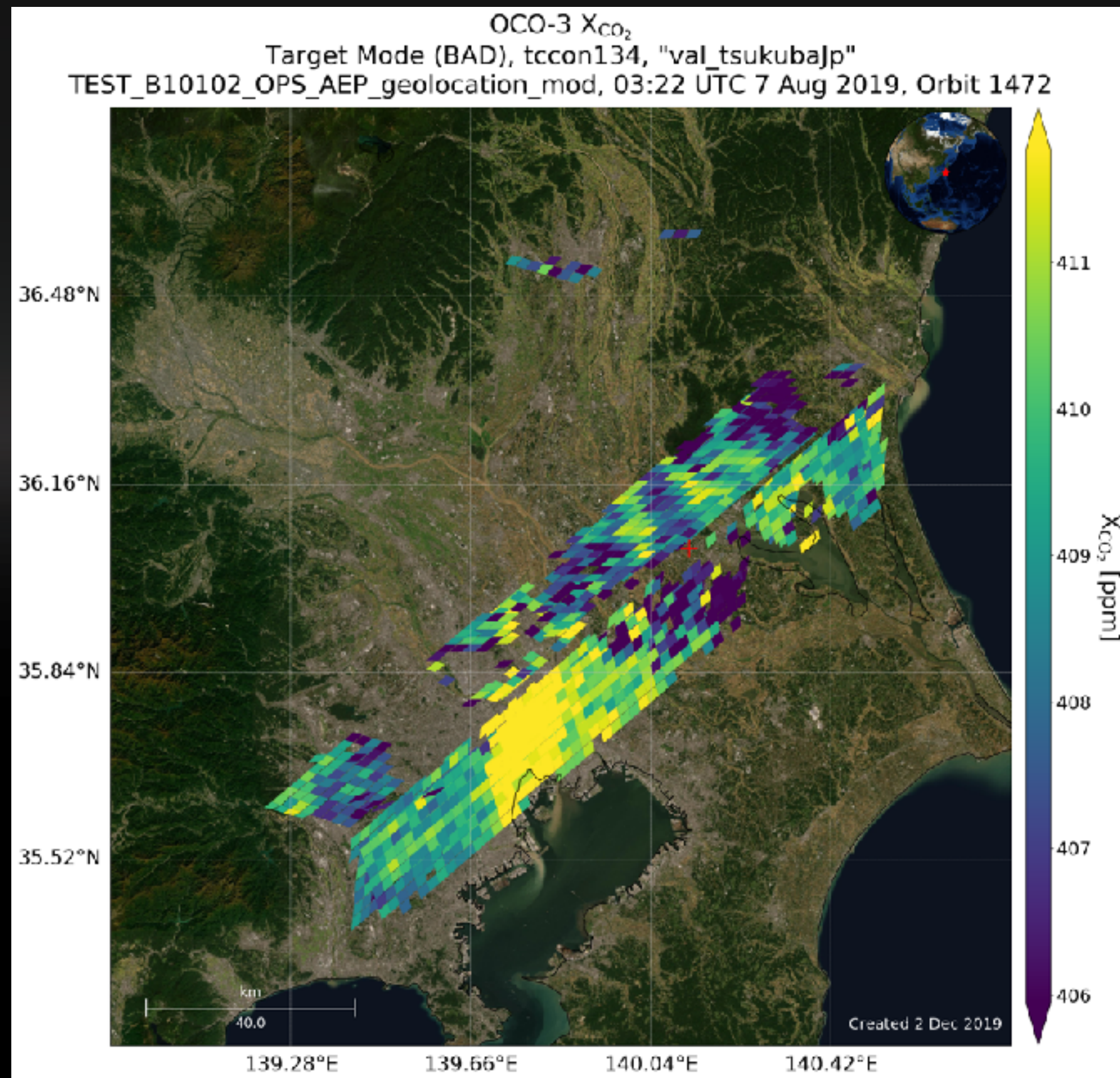


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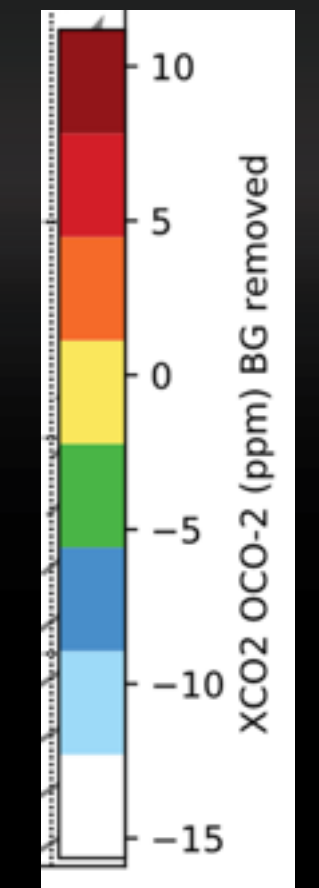
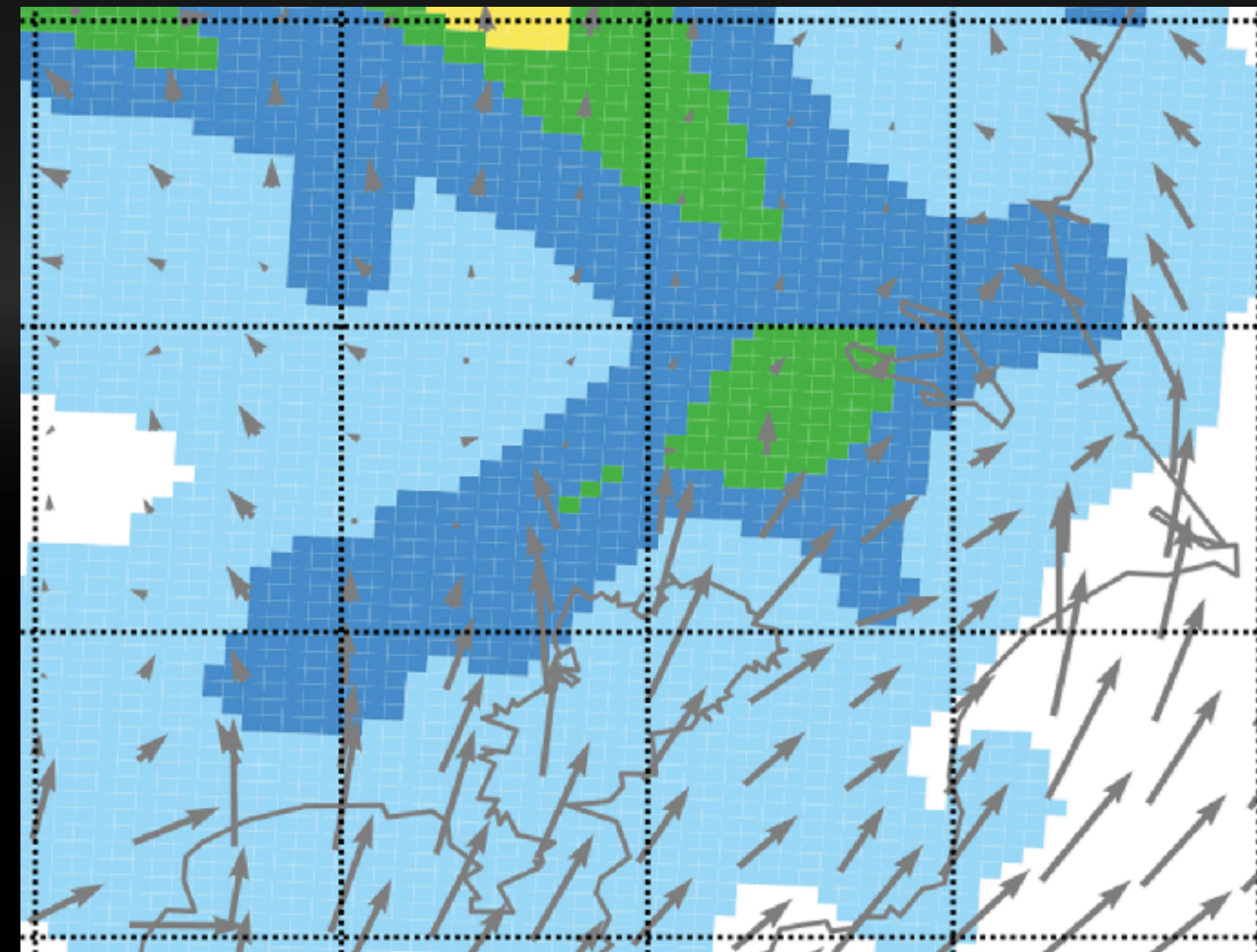
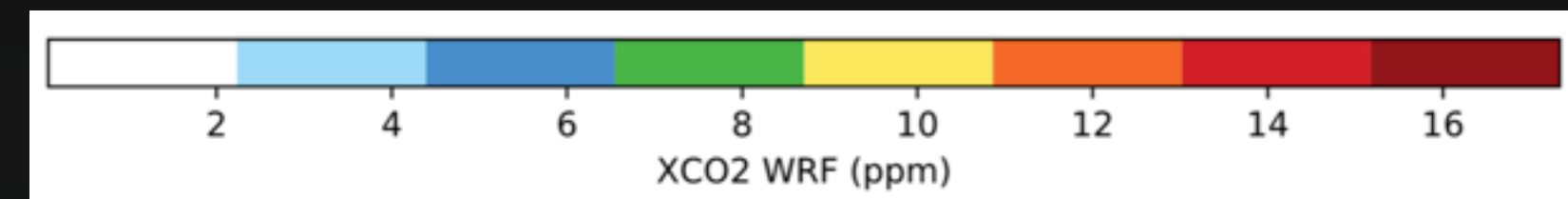


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## OCO-3 XCO<sub>2</sub> (Preliminary) @12pm local time



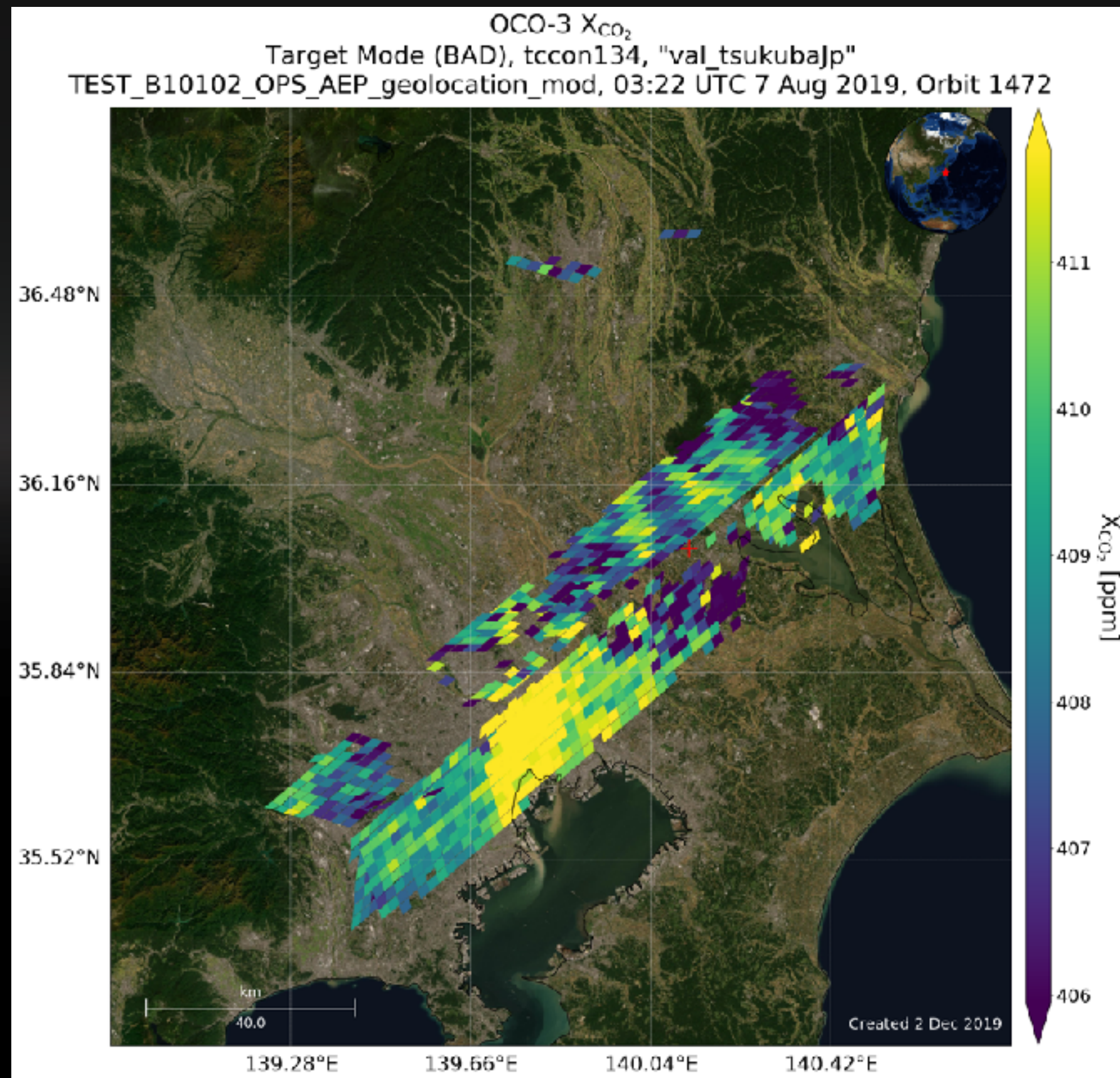
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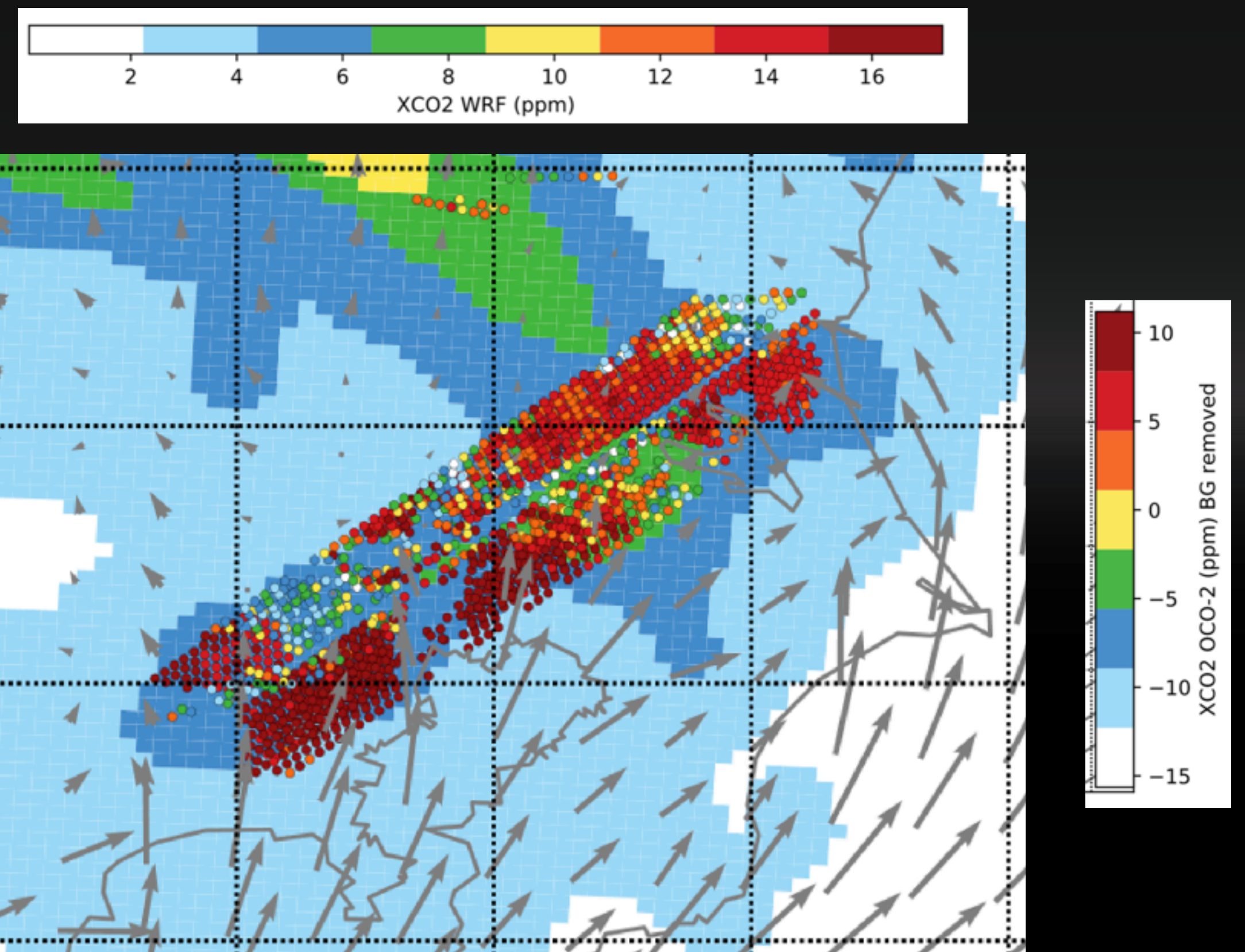


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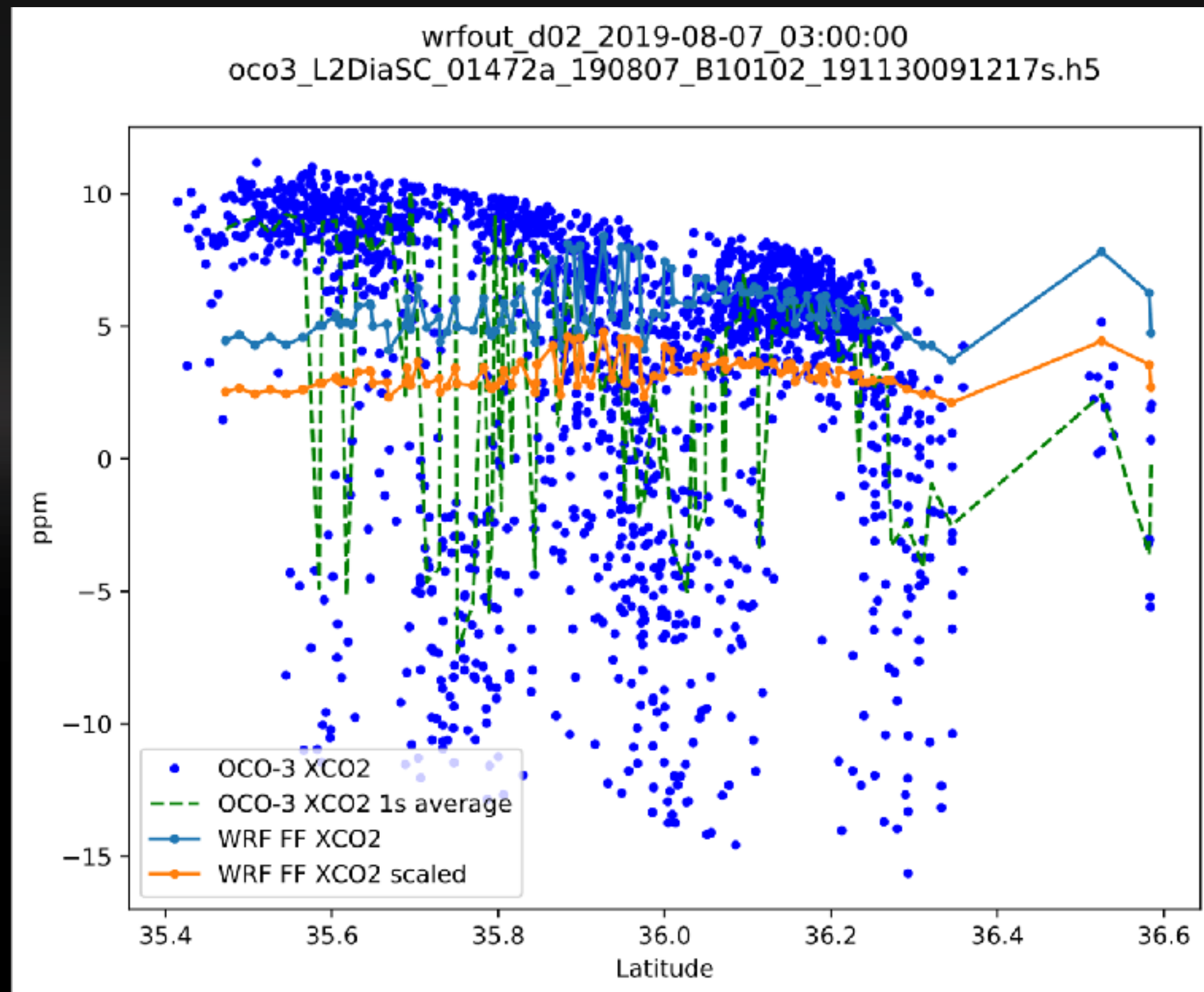
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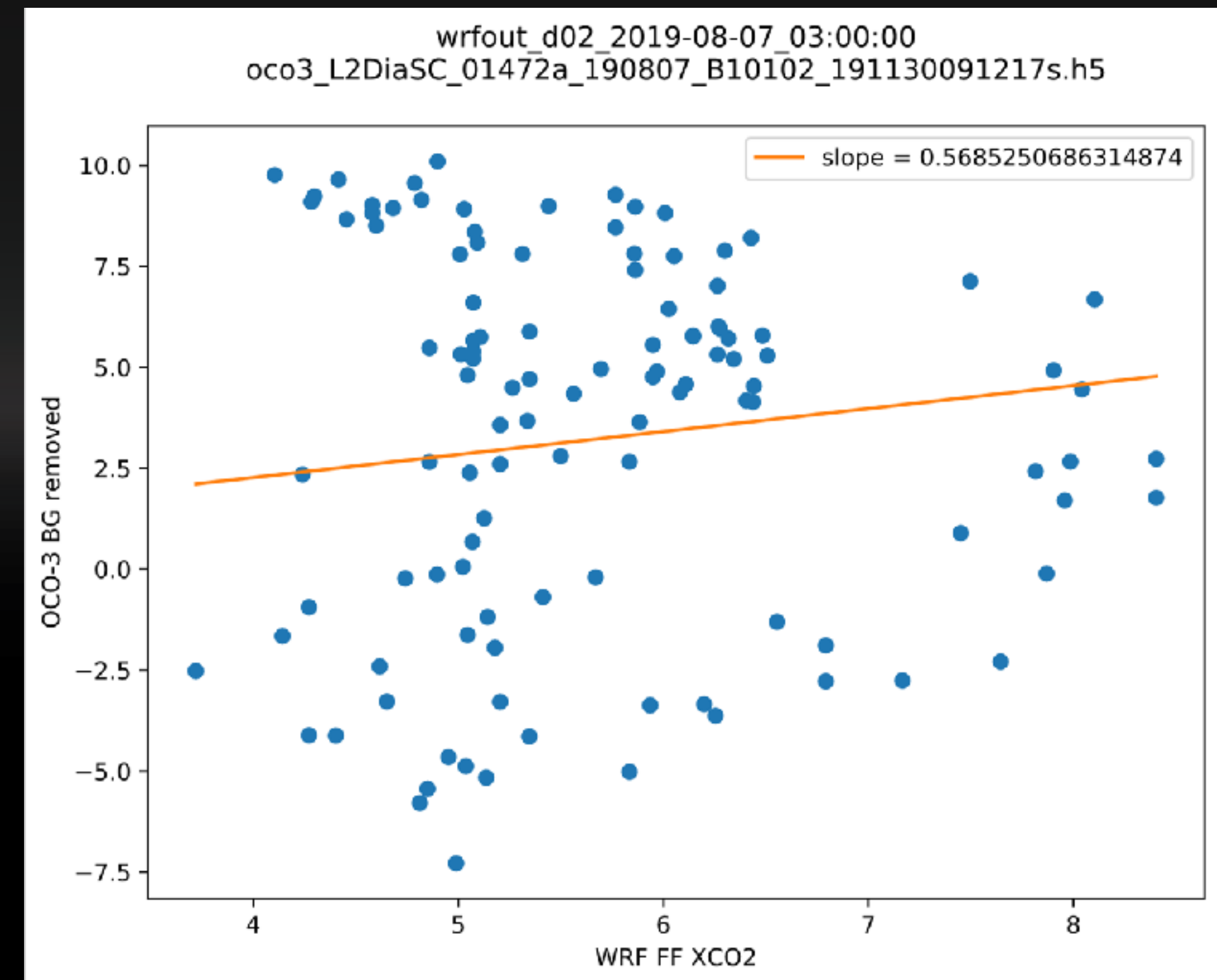


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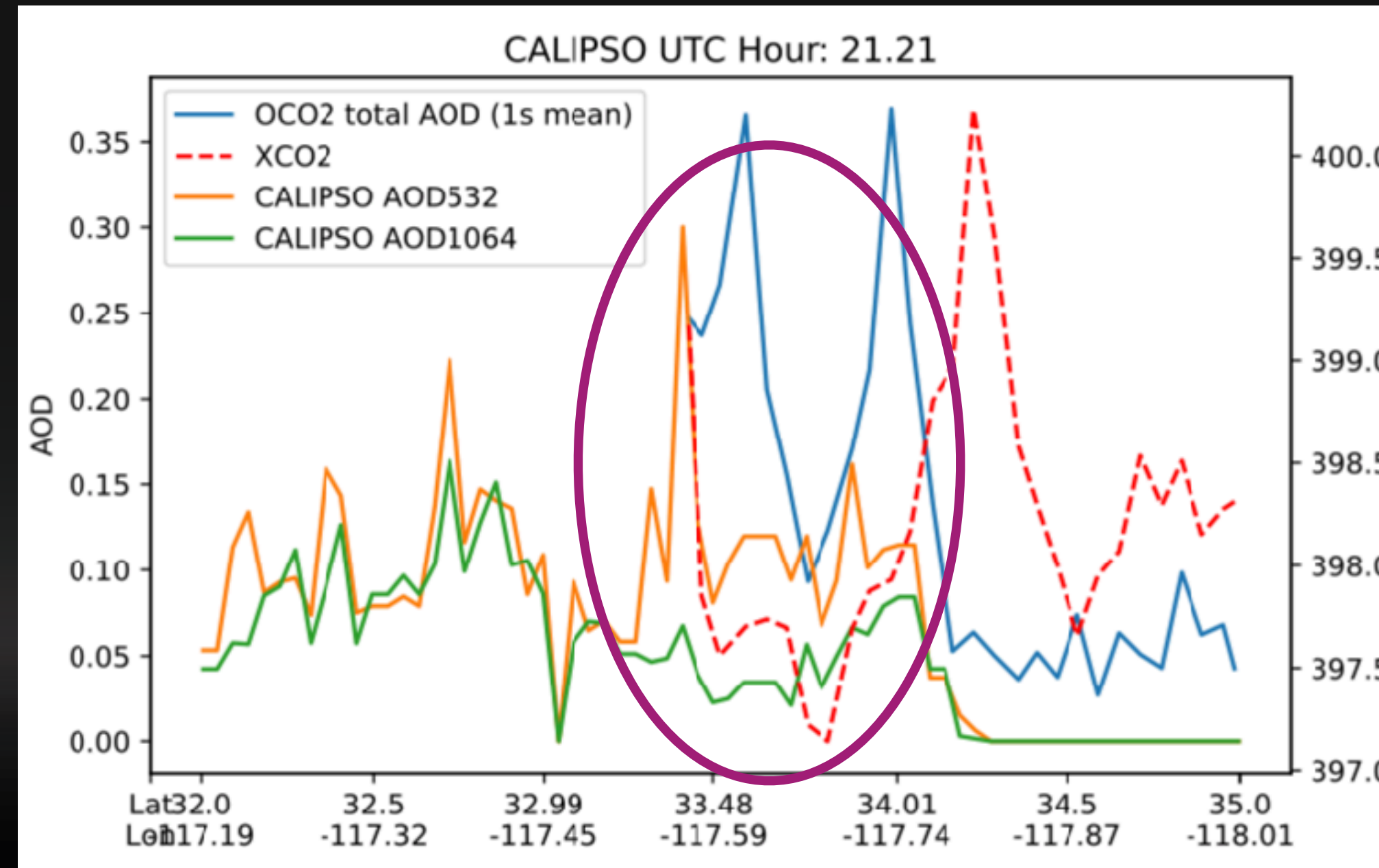
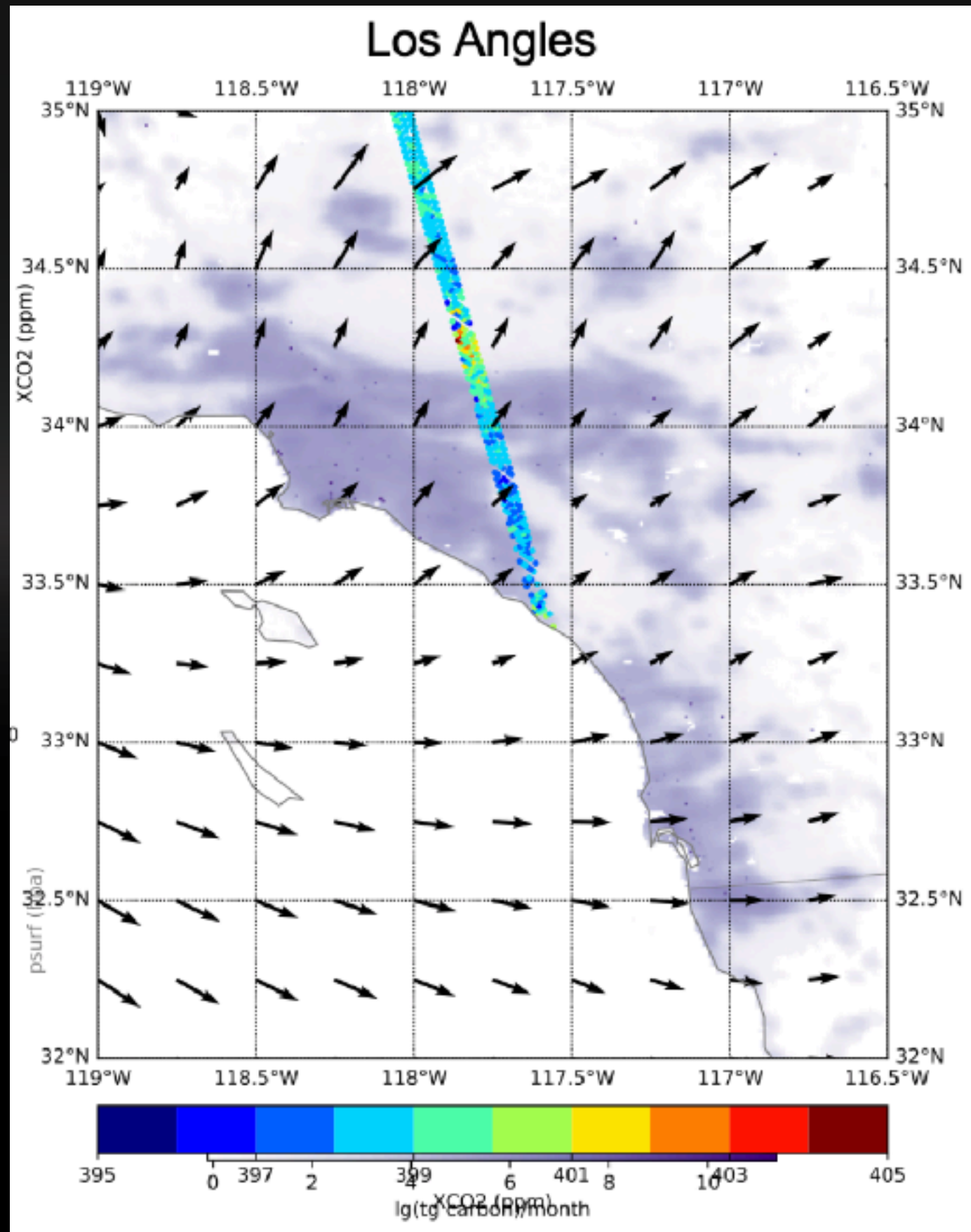
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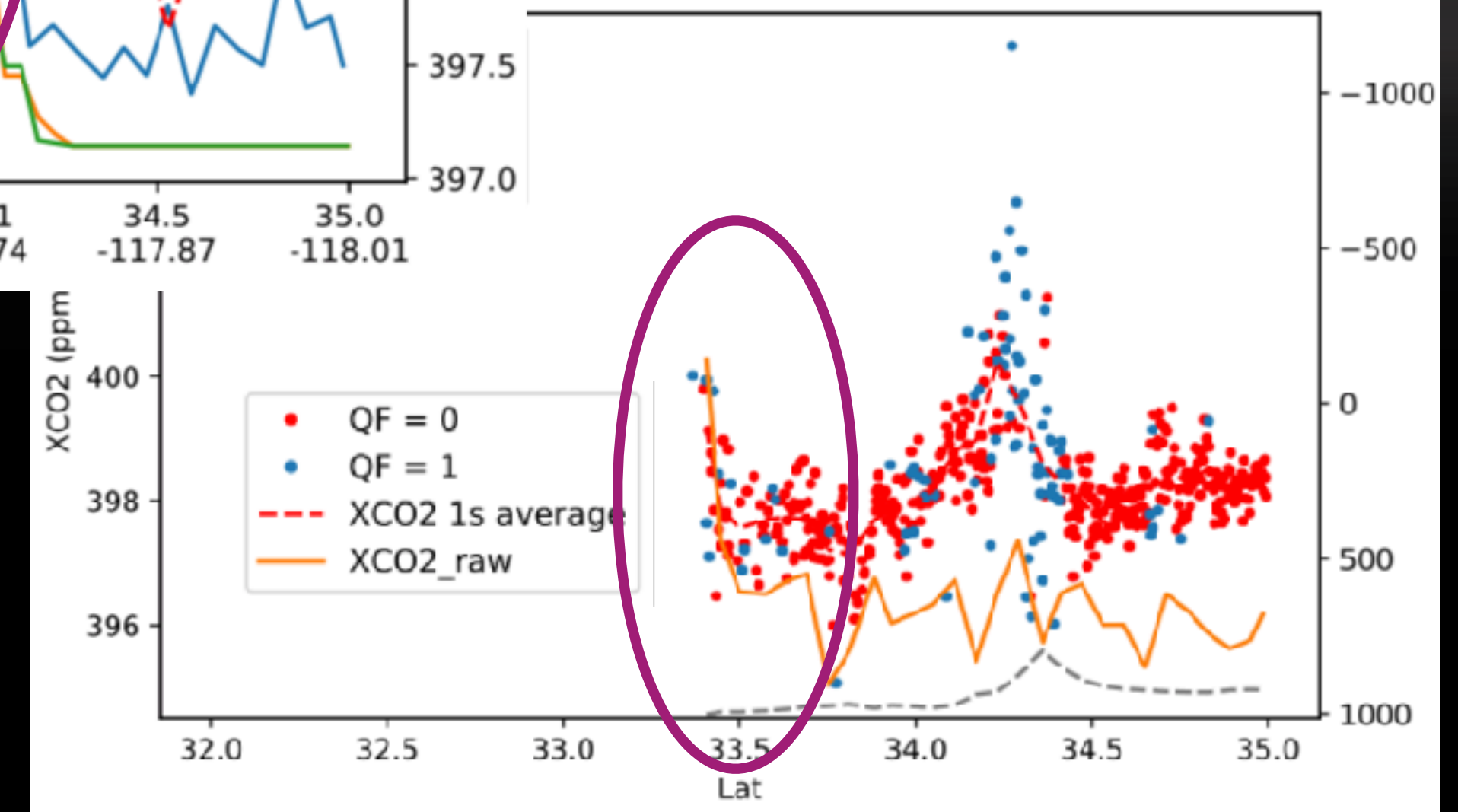


# Characterizing possible errors in urban soundings

OCO-2 Aug 7, 2015



Some High AOD and XCO2 match well...



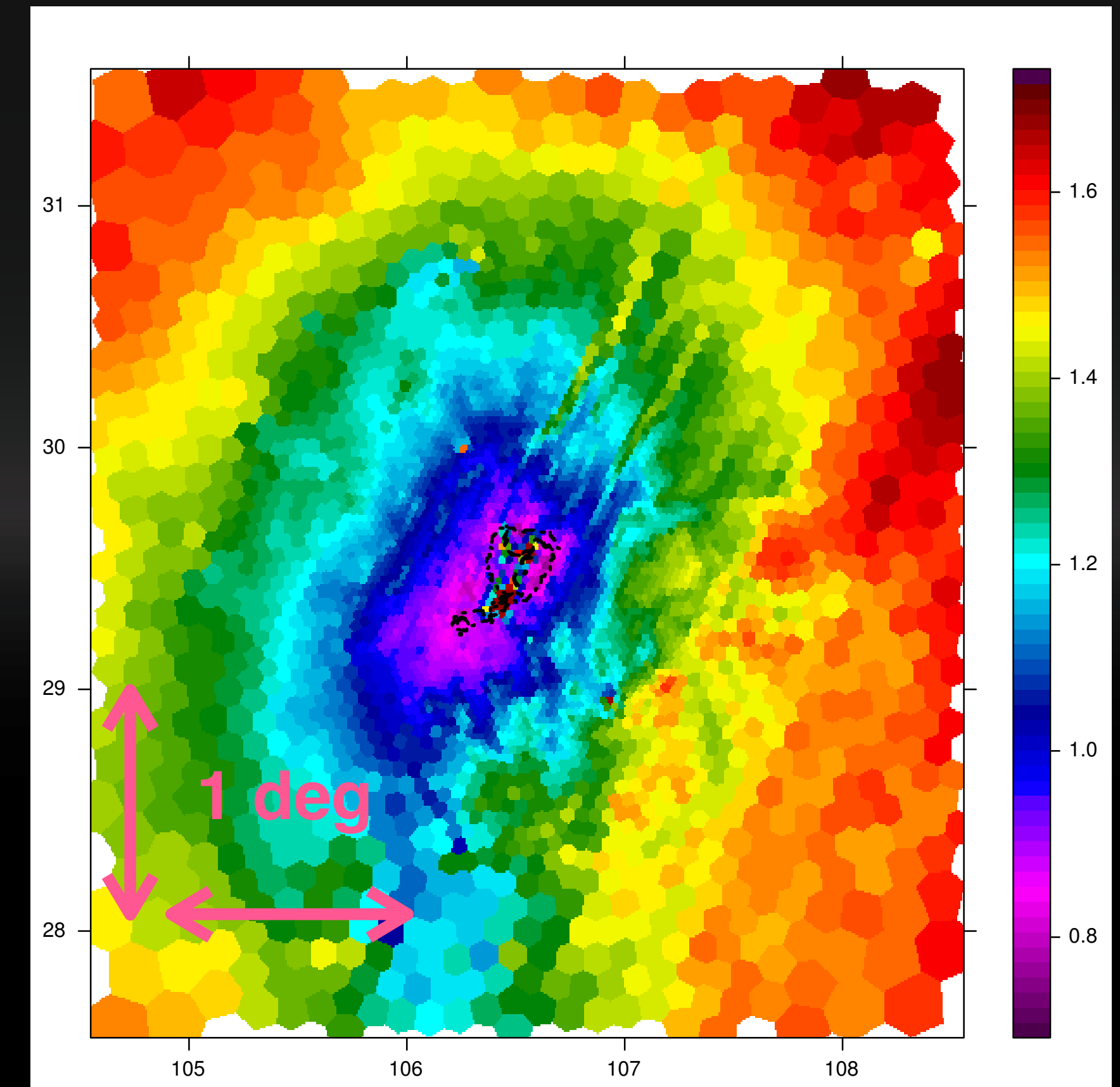
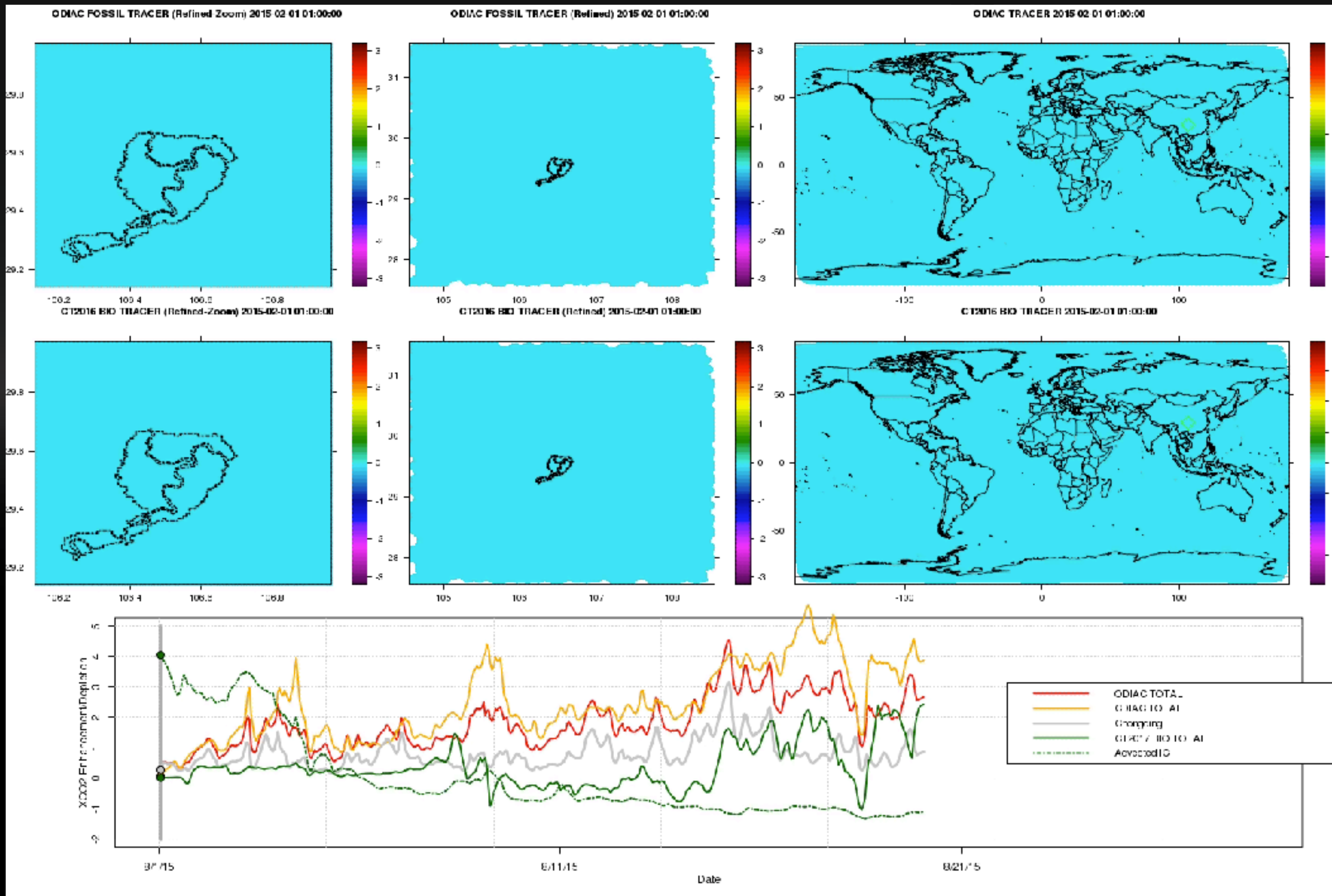
Lei, Feng, Lauvaux working progress



# Simulating CO<sub>2</sub> from global cities with a single model (CSU-OLAM)

Chongqing, China

“Halo city” RMSE analysis



Andrew Schuh working progress



## Summary (knowing the SAM data are preliminary) and future plans

- **Models in support of OCO-3:** *We are developing a suite of high-resolution atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> models that allows us to examine the potential observation strategies for collecting useful urban soundings and then evaluate the CO<sub>2</sub> retrievals.*
- **First look at SAM:** *Compared to our model simulations, the major spatial feature recoded in the preliminary SAM data look plausible. We expect do more comparison exercise as data become available.*
- **NO<sub>2</sub> data look promising:** *Two NO<sub>2</sub> data are consistent despite of the different spatial resolutions. The reasonable spatial correspondence between the WRF model and NO<sub>2</sub> data is encouraging from both modeling and observation perspectives.*
- **Upcoming challenges:** *We will attempt to characterize potential errors and biases in urban soundings using model simulations and independent observations (e.g. aerosols). The impact of the biospheric contributions (local and lateral inflow) needs to be examined, and then the optimal observation strategy need to be studied.*
- **Synthetic OCO-3 data development:** *A Synthetic OCO-3 data product (including aerosol and cloud information!) baed on NASA's GEOS-5 is being developed (Ott et al. working progress). The product includes all types of observation modes, not just for SAMs.*

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