



HAQAST Tiger Team Report



Improved National Emissions Inventory NO_x emissions using OMI tropospheric NO₂ retrievals and potential impacts on air quality strategy development

Co-PIs:

Brad Pierce (NOAA/NESDIS) and Daniel Tong (George Mason University/ARL)

HAQAST Participants:

Ted Russell (Georgia Tech), Tracey Holloway (UW-Madison), Susan O'Neill (USDA Forest Service), Daven Henze (University of Colorado)

Communication and Outreach Participants:

Margaret Mooney (CIMSS), Jean Phillips (SSEC)

Senior Research Staff:

Monica Harkey (UW-Madison)



Stakeholder Partners



National Weather Service (NWS)

☐ National Air Quality Forecasting Capability (NAQFC)

➤ *Ivanka Stajner*

➤ *Pius Lee*



Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

☐ Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (OAQPS)

➤ *Kirk Baker*

➤ *Barron Henderson*



Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

☐ National Environmental Public Health Tracking

➤ *Ambarish Vaidyanathan*



Lake Michigan Air Directors Consortium (LADCO)

☐ State Implementation Plan (SIP) Modeling

➤ *Zac Adelman*

➤ *Donna Kenski*

NASA/NOAA/EPA Outreach

☐ Technical discussions on Emissions and Atmospheric Modeling (TEAM)

➤ *Greg Frost*

Objective: Support the NWS/EPA/CDC and the Lake Michigan Air Directors Consortium (LADCO) with improved estimates of NEI anthropogenic area and non-EGU point source NO_x emissions using NO₂ retrievals from the NASA Ozone Monitoring Instrument (OMI) and the NASA Geostationary Trace gas and Aerosol Sensor Optimization (GeoTASO)

Demonstration Periods:

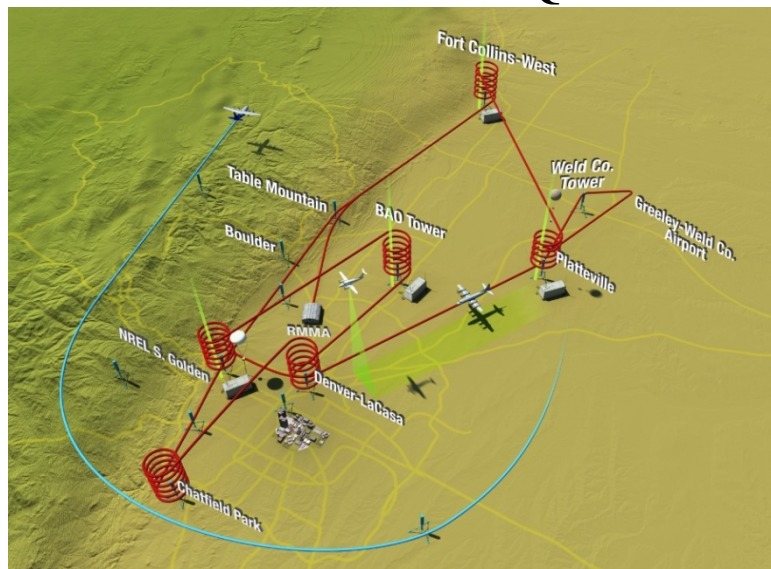
July-August 2014 DISCOVER-AQ field campaign (Denver, CO)

<https://www-air.larc.nasa.gov/missions/discover-aq/discover-aq.html>

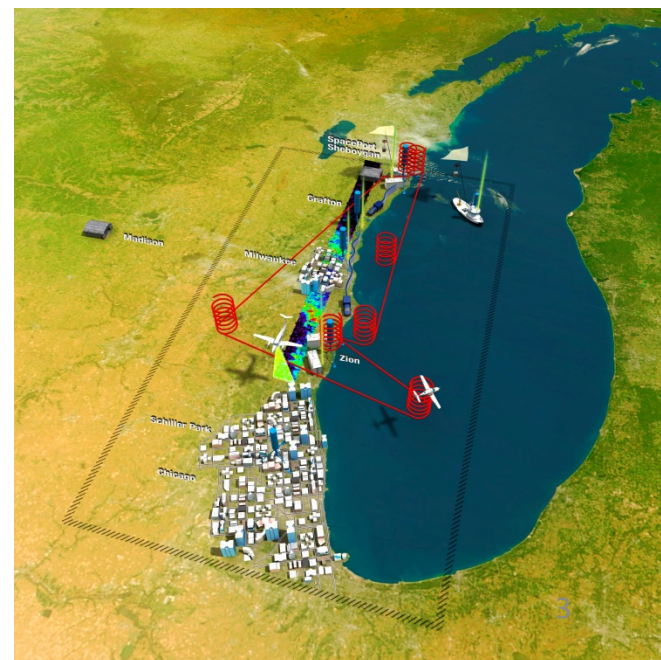
May-June 2017 Lake Michigan Ozone Study (LMOS 2017)

<https://www-air.larc.nasa.gov/missions/lmos/>

DISCOVER-AQ 2014



LMOS 2017



Approach:

- Assimilate OMI/GeoTASO tropospheric NO₂ columns using 3D-variational (GSI) analysis within the Community Multi-scale Air Quality (CMAQ) modeling system
- Use resulting analysis increments and NO₂ column/NO_x emissions sensitivities to perform offline adjustments to NO_x emissions
- Compare CMAQ/GSI based OMI NO₂ emission constraints to hybrid mass-balance / 4-Dimensional Variational approaches using GEOS-Chem

Schedule:

First 6 months: Demonstrate the impact of the satellite based emission constraints on the NWS NAM-CMAQ during the 2017 Lake Michigan Ozone Study

Second 6 months: Demonstrate the impact of satellite and aircraft based emission constraints on the NEI 2014 NO_x emissions for EPA Bayesian (DISCOVER-AQ) and LADCO State Implementation Plan (SIP) modeling efforts (LMOS 2017)

Approach:

- Assimilate OMI/GeoTASO tropospheric NO₂ columns using 3D-variational (GSI) analysis within the Community Multi-scale Air Quality (CMAQ) modeling system
- Use resulting analysis increments and NO₂ column/NO_x emissions sensitivities to perform offline adjustments to NO_x emissions
- Compare CMAQ/GSI based OMI NO₂ emission constraints to hybrid mass-balance / 4-Dimensional Variational approaches using GEOS-Chem

Schedule:

First 6 months: Demonstrate the impact of the satellite based emission constraints on the NWS NAM-CMAQ during the 2017 Lake Michigan Ozone Study

Second 6 months: Demonstrate the impact of satellite and aircraft based emission constraints on the NEI 2014 NO_x emissions for EPA Bayesian (DISCOVER-AQ) and LADCO State Implementation Plan (SIP) modeling efforts (LMOS 2017)

2017 NAM-CMAQ Configuration

2017

➤ Meteorology

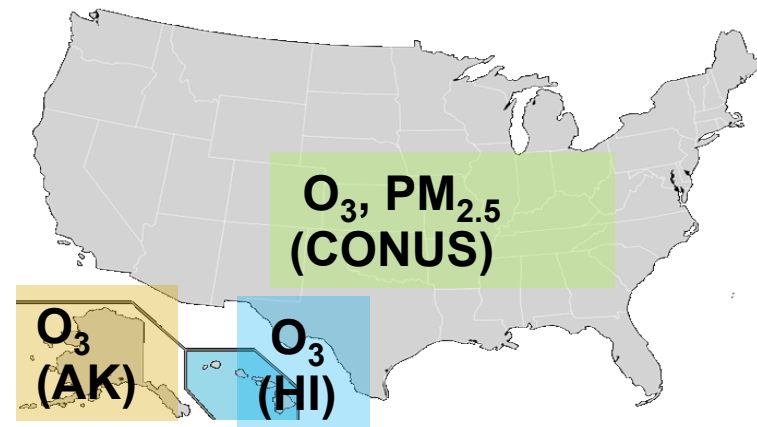
- NWS North American Model (NAM)

➤ CMAQ5.0.2

- CB05 gas chemistry 157 species
- Aero6 aerosol chemistry

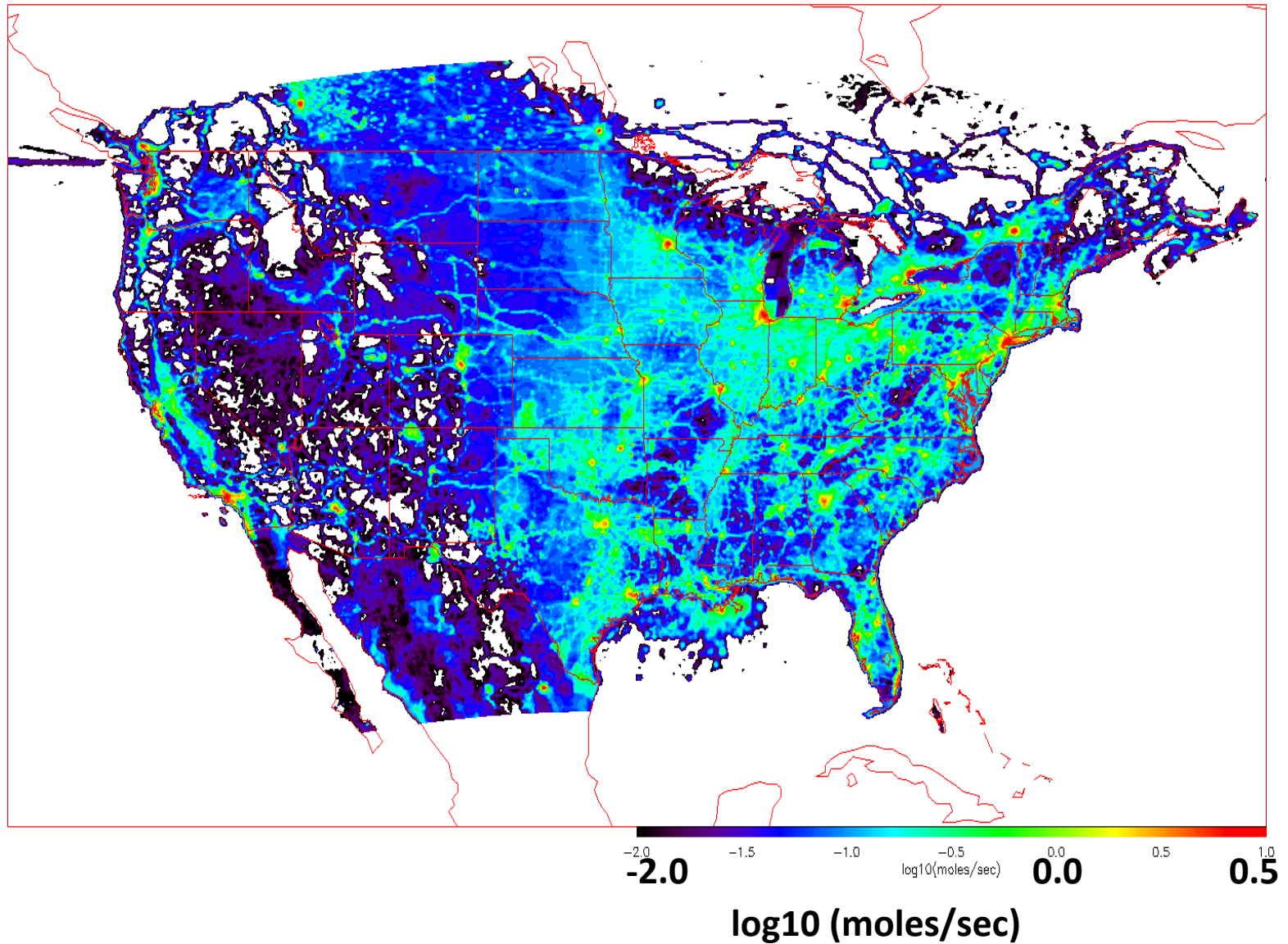
➤ Emissions

- **Point source:** 2015 Continuous Emissions Monitoring System (CEM) and 2017 DoE Energy Outlook, Canada 2011 Environment Canada Emission Inventory (ECEI), Mexico inventory (MI) 2012 version2.2
- **Area source:** NEI2011, ECEI 2006 for Canada; MI 2012 for Mexico
- **Mobile source:** Cross State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR) 2011 Emission Data
- **Wild fires:** NESDIS Hazard Mapping System (HMS) & fuel from New USFS BlueSky v3.5.1
- **Natural source:** Biogenic with BEIS3 Version 3.14; Sea-salt based on 10m wind



NAM-CMAQ Mean NO_x Emissions LMOS 2017

NAM-CMAQ Baseline NO_x Emissions LMOS 2017



NAM-CMAQ/GSI NO_x emission adjustment experiments

- 1) Calculate monthly mean NO₂ Jacobian (β) from a 15% NO_x emission reduction perturbation experiment following *Lamsal et al.* 2011

$$\frac{\Delta E}{E} = \boxed{\beta} \times \frac{\Delta \Omega}{\Omega}.$$

- 2) Calculate monthly mean NO₂ analysis increment using NAM-CMAQ/GSI OMI NO₂ assimilation

- a. Lightning NO_x sensitive background errors (to correct LNO_x bias)
- b. NEI 2011 NO_x sensitive background errors (to correct NEI emissions)

$$\frac{\Delta E}{E} = \beta \times \boxed{\frac{\Delta \Omega}{\Omega}}.$$

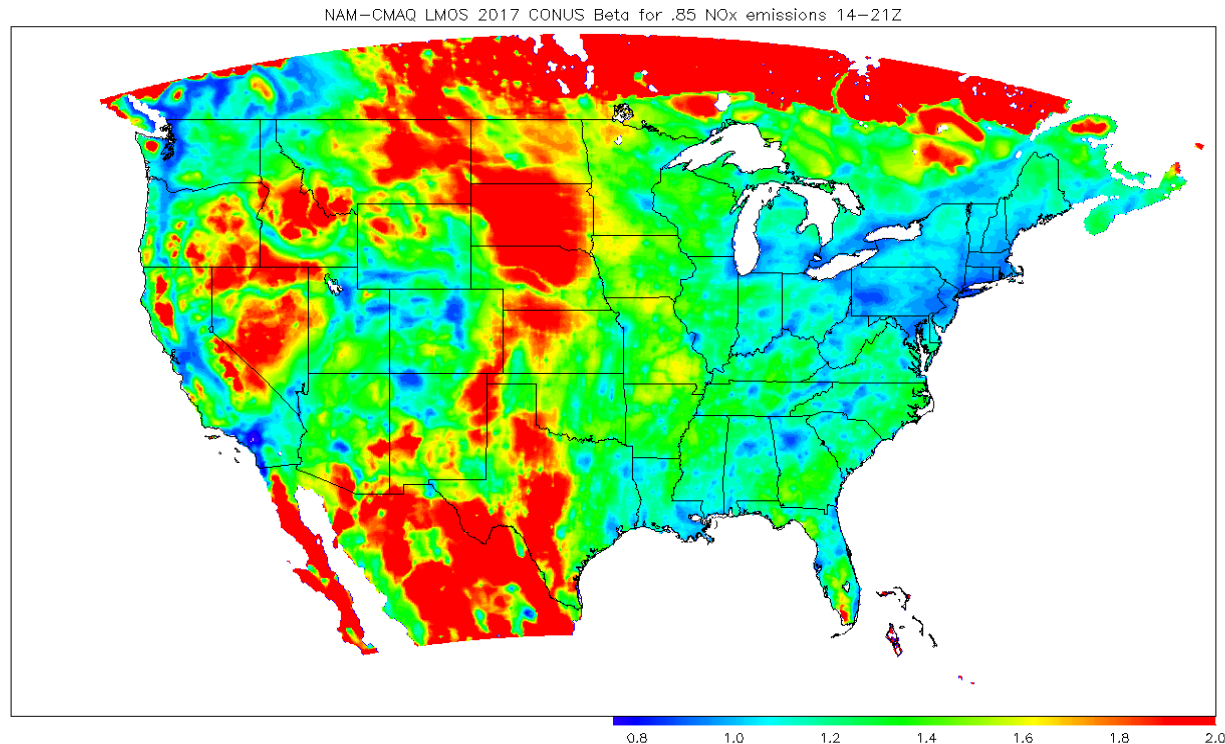
- 3) Adjust 2011 NEI NO_x emissions using Jacobian and analysis increment

$$\boxed{\frac{\Delta E}{E}} = \beta \times \frac{\Delta \Omega}{\Omega}.$$

NAM-CMAQ Beta Calculations for LMOS 2017

Calculate monthly mean NO₂ Jacobian (β) from a 15% NO_x emission reduction perturbation experiment (conducted by Pius Lee, NOAA/ARL)

$$\frac{\Delta E}{E} = \beta \times \frac{\Delta \Omega}{\Omega}.$$



Urban areas and transport corridors ($\beta < 1$), rural areas ($\beta > 1$)

Testing feasibility of off-line (single cycle) GSI NO₂ analysis increments for emission adjustment

Motivation:

- Since NO₂ lifetime is short the “memory” of the GSI analysis increment is lost, we may be able to obtain similar monthly mean analysis increments through offline (single-cycle) GSI NO₂ DA.
- This would remove the issue with online DA associated with large restart files and also reduce the number of times CMAQ needs to be run to compute the offline emission adjustments

Results (based on CMAQ 2011 testing, see extra slides):

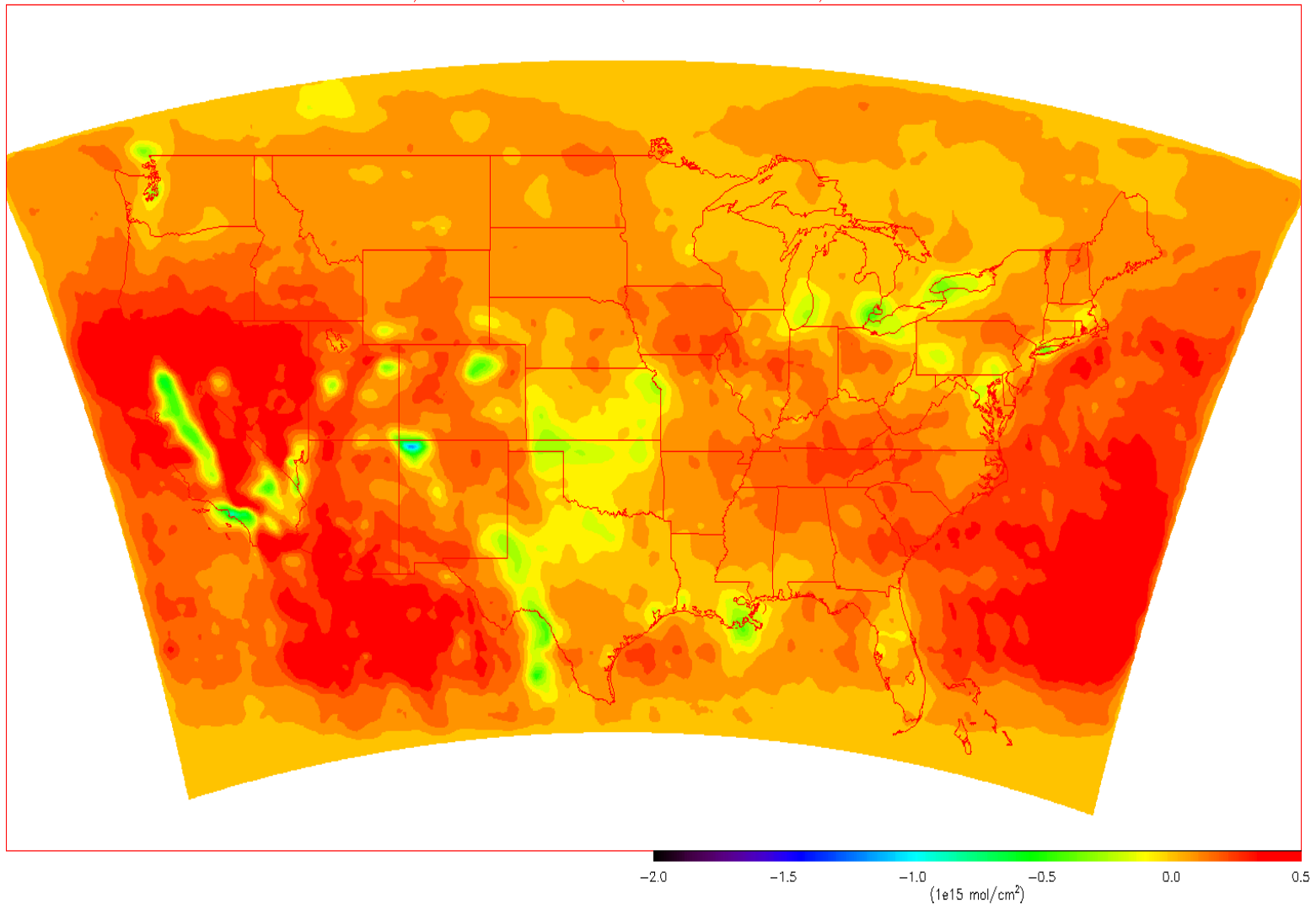
- Online/Offline differences are <5% for most urban and transport routes but reach 10% just outside of the major urban areas.

Conclusion:

- Can use the Offline OMI/GSI for guidance (for example to see that we need to adjust the LNOX emissions) but shouldn't use the Offline OMI/GSI DA for actual emissions adjustments.

NAM-CMAQ Offline (single-cycle) GSI NO2 DA LMOS 2017 Mean Analysis Increment

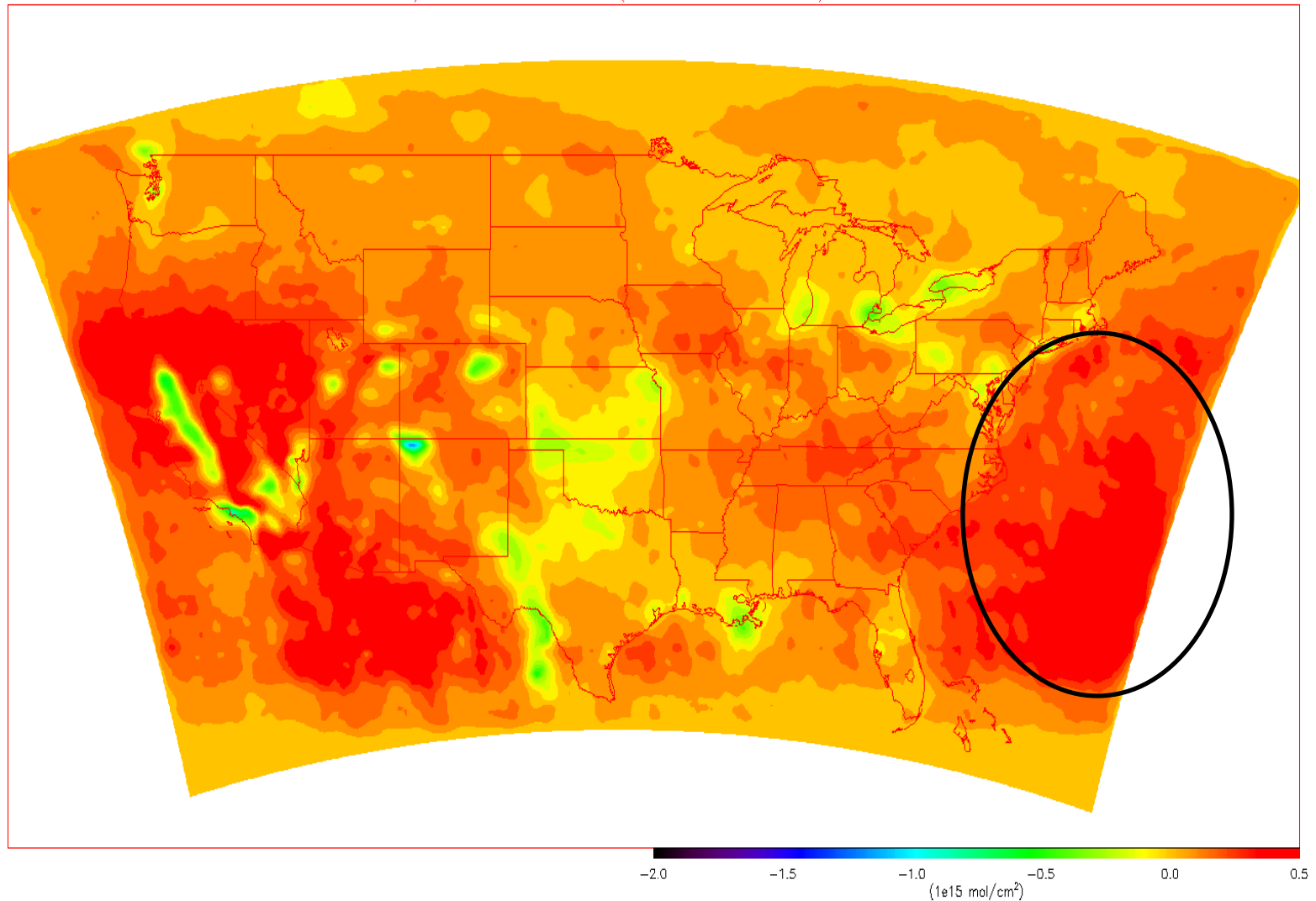
NAM-CMAQ/Offline GSI NO2 Increment (NEI Emissions Perturbation) Column LMOS 2017



Negative adjustments in urban NO2 columns point to the need for reducing NOx emissions used in NAM-CMAQ

NAM-CMAQ Offline (single-cycle) GSI NO2 DA LMOS 2017 Mean Analysis Increment

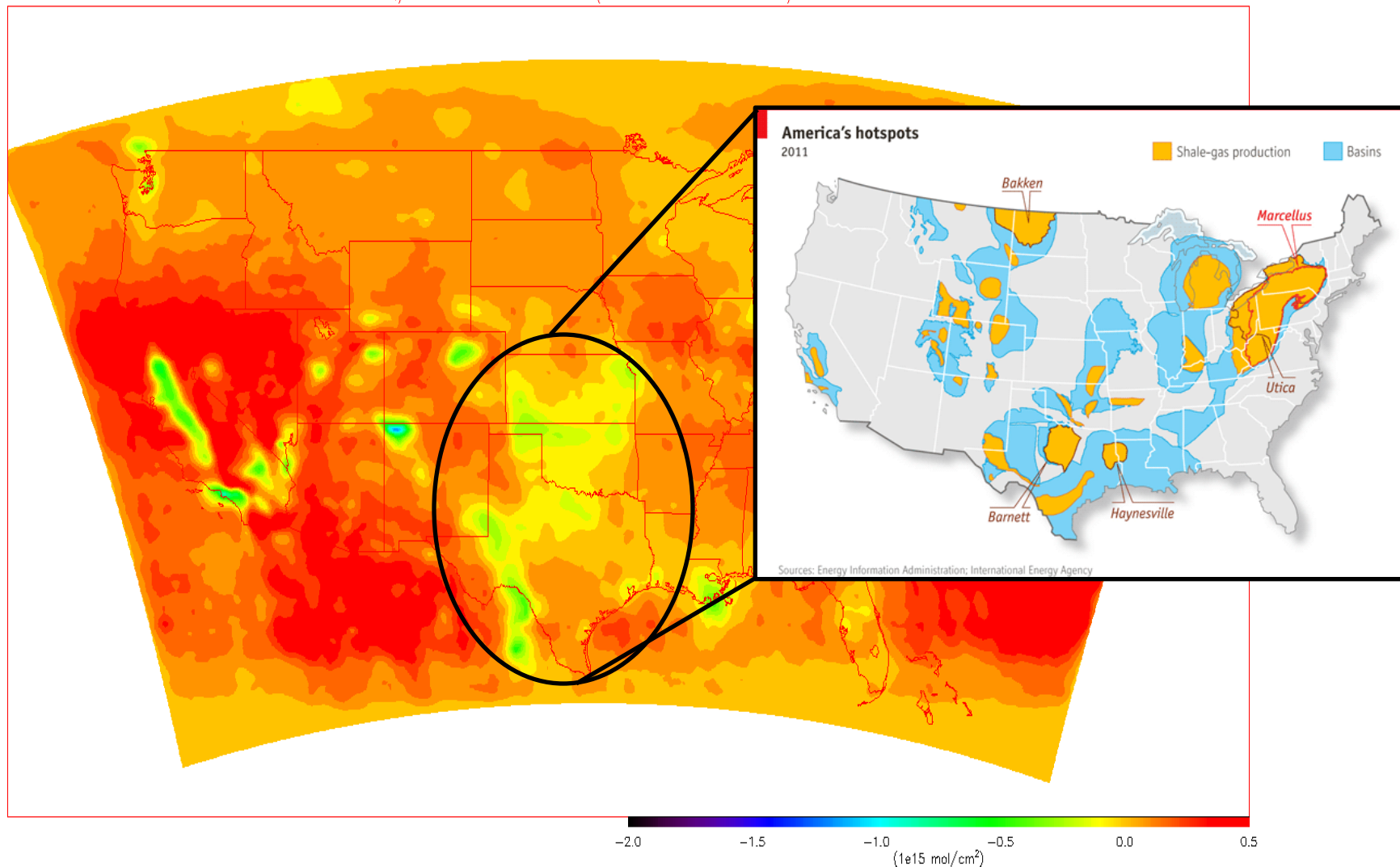
NAM-CMAQ/Offline GSI NO2 Increment (NEI Emissions Perturbation) Column LMOS 2017



Large positive adjustments in background NO2 point to the need for adding (and adjusting) lightning NOx emissions prior to NEI adjustment

NAM-CMAQ Offline (single-cycle) GSI NO₂ DA LMOS 2017 Mean Analysis Increment

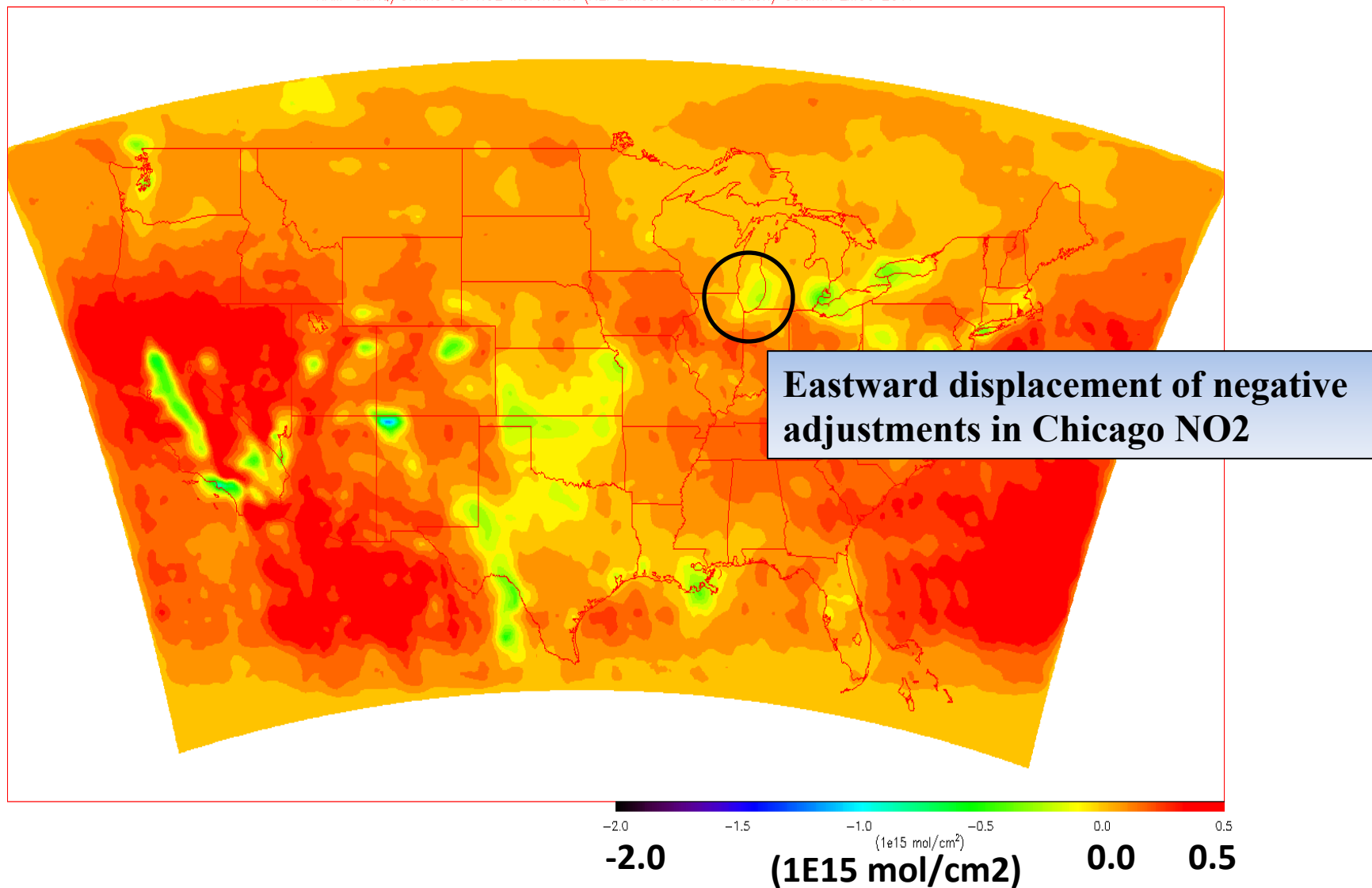
NAM-CMAQ/Offline GSI NO₂ Increment (NEI Emissions Perturbation) Column LMOS 2017



Large negative adjustments in NO₂ in Barnett shale-gas production

NAM-CMAQ Offline (single-cycle) GSI NO2 DA LMOS 2017 Mean Analysis Increment

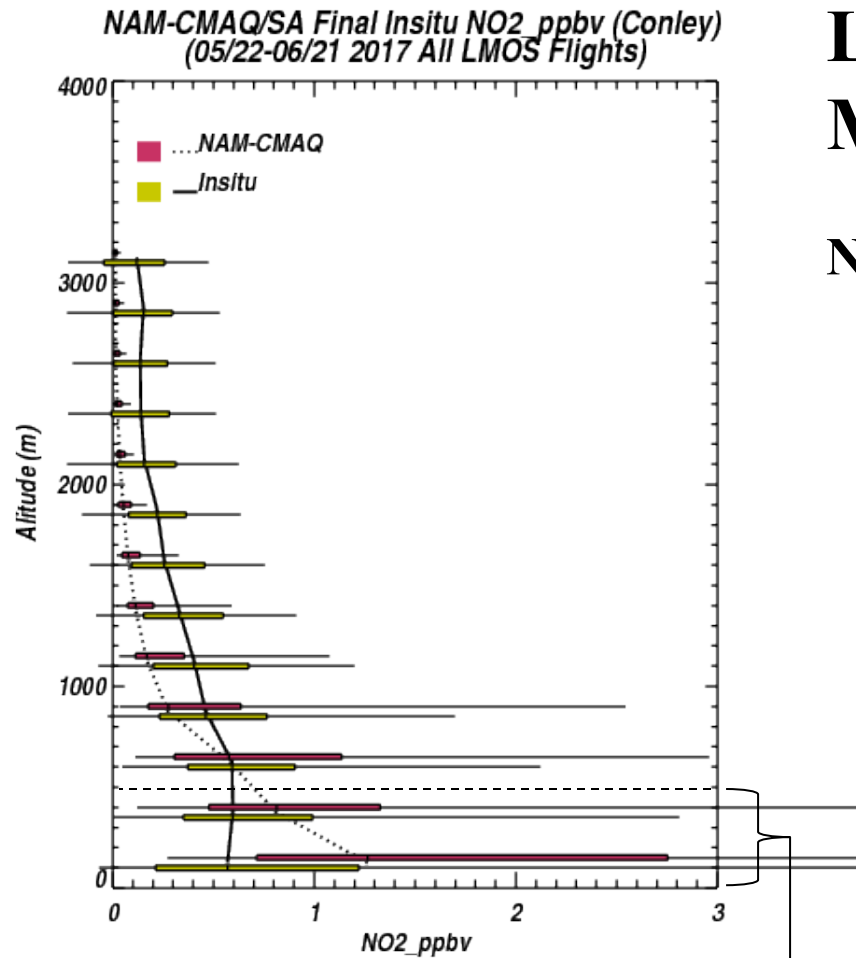
NAM-CMAQ/Offline GSI NO2 Increment (NEI Emissions Perturbation) Column LMOS 2017



Lake Michigan Ozone Study

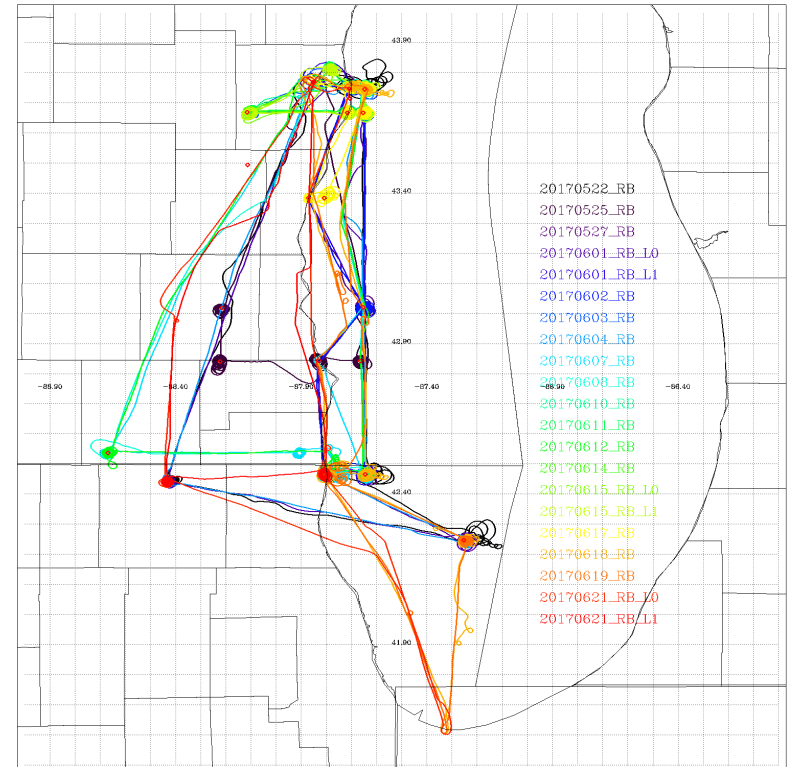
May 22 through June 22, 2017

NAM-CMAQ NO2 vs Airborne In-situ

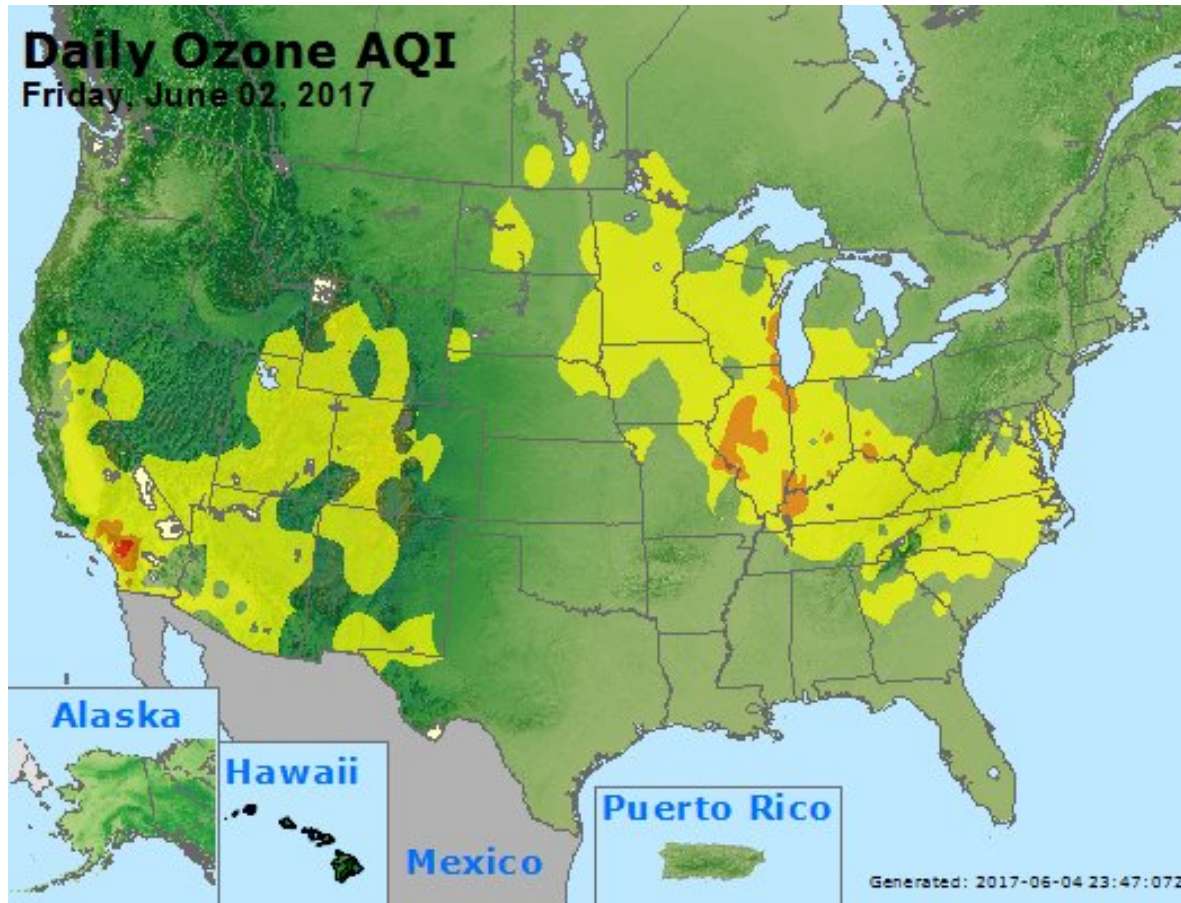


2x median high bias in lowest 500m

All Scientific Aviation Flights



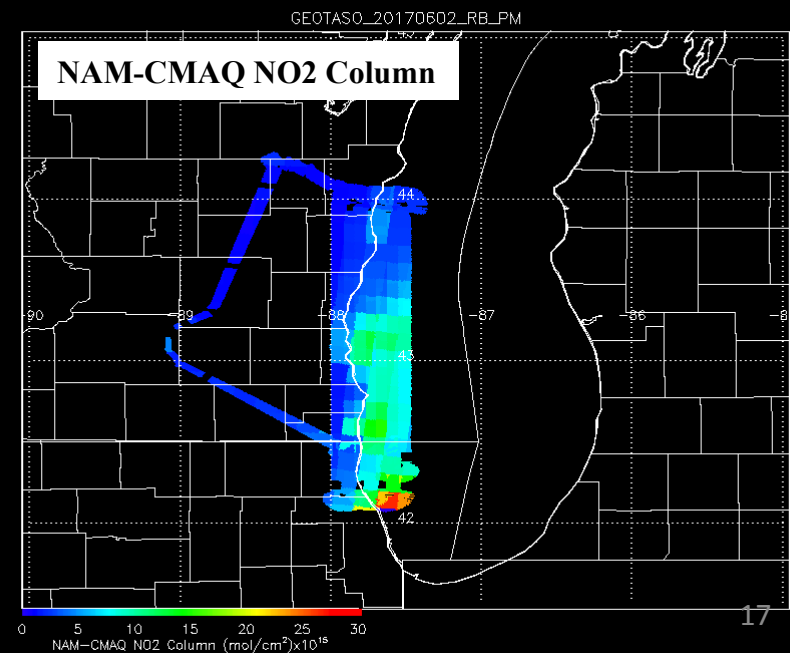
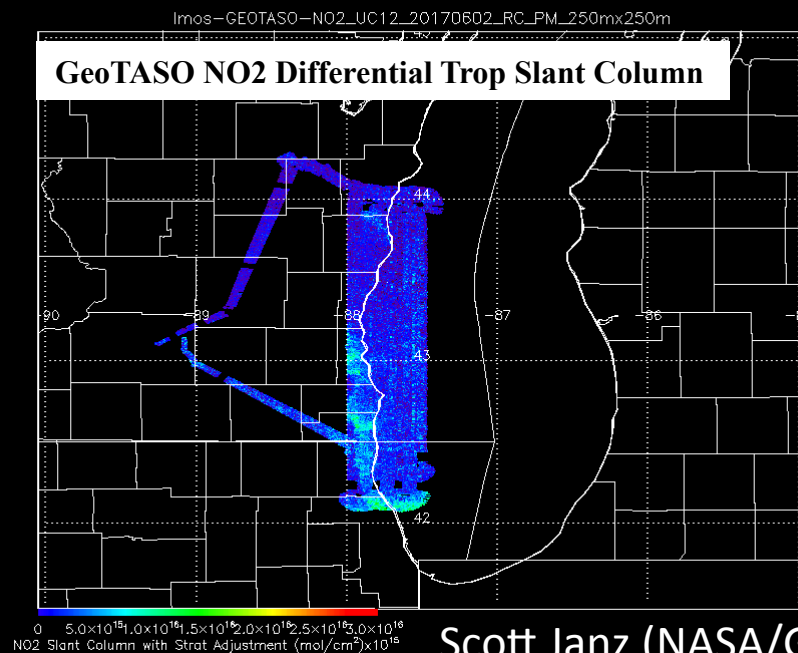
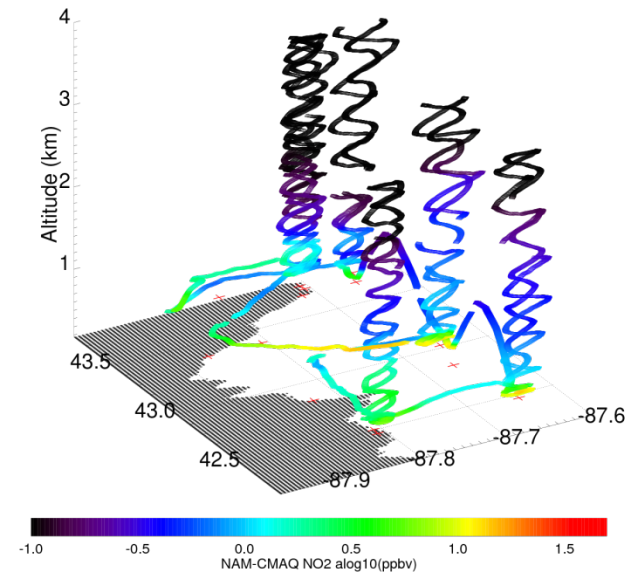
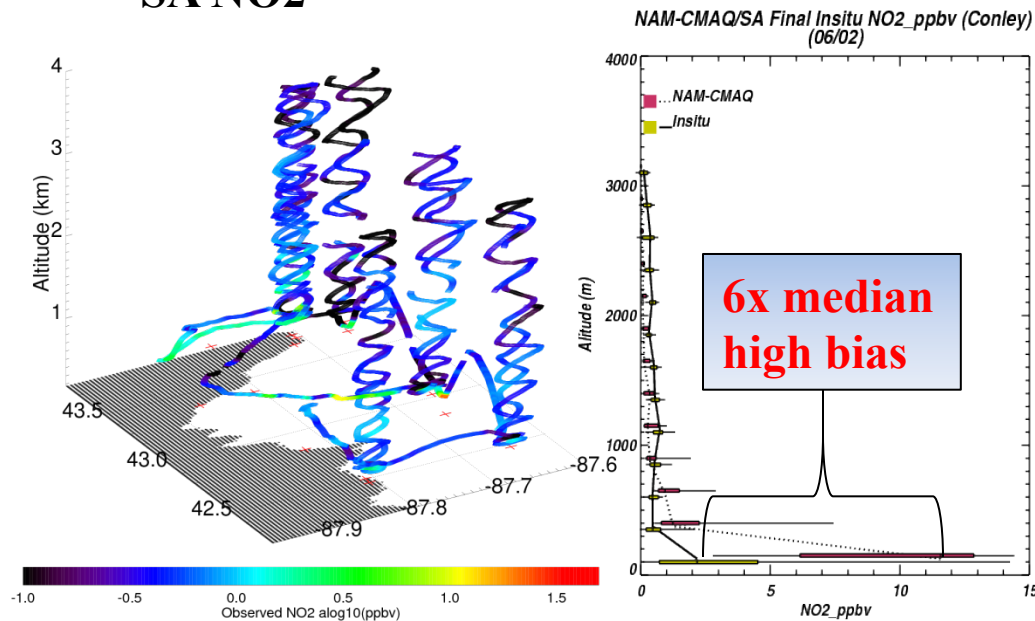
Coastal Ozone Exceedance: June 02, 2017



SA NO2

LMOS June 02, 2017

NAM-CMAQ NO2



Scott Janz (NASA/GSFC, PI)

Summary:

- Approach for NWS NAM-CMAQ/GSI OMI data assimilation (DA) demonstration during the 2017 Lake Michigan Ozone Study has been established
 - 15% emission reduction experiment completed and used to compute β and GSI background error covariances for NEI emissions adjustment
- Offline (single-cycle) experiments have been conducted to provide guidance on how to proceed with full online NAM-CMAQ GSI/OMI DA experiments
 - Need to add (and adjust) NAM-CMAQ lightning NO_x (LNO_x) emissions
 - LNO_x experiments to generate background error covariances for LNO_x adjustment are underway

Conclusion: Offline NAM-CMAQ GSI/OMI DA leads to reduction in NO₂ column over Lake Michigan which is consistent with NAM-CMAQ high biases vs insitu profiles (Scientific Aviation) and tropospheric slant columns (GeoTASO) during LMOS 2017

Next Steps:

- Complete NAM-CMAQ LNO_x adjustment experiments
- Conduct Online (full cycling) NAM-CMAQ GSI/OMI DA emission adjustment experiments
- Compare NAM-CMAQ 3D-Var emission adjustments with hybrid mass-balance / 4-Dimensional Variational approaches using GEOS-Chem
- Begin EPA/CDC CMAQ/GSI OMI DA experiments during 2014 DISCOVER-AQ

Extra Slides

Testing feasibility of off-line (single cycle) GSI NO₂ analysis increments for emission adjustment

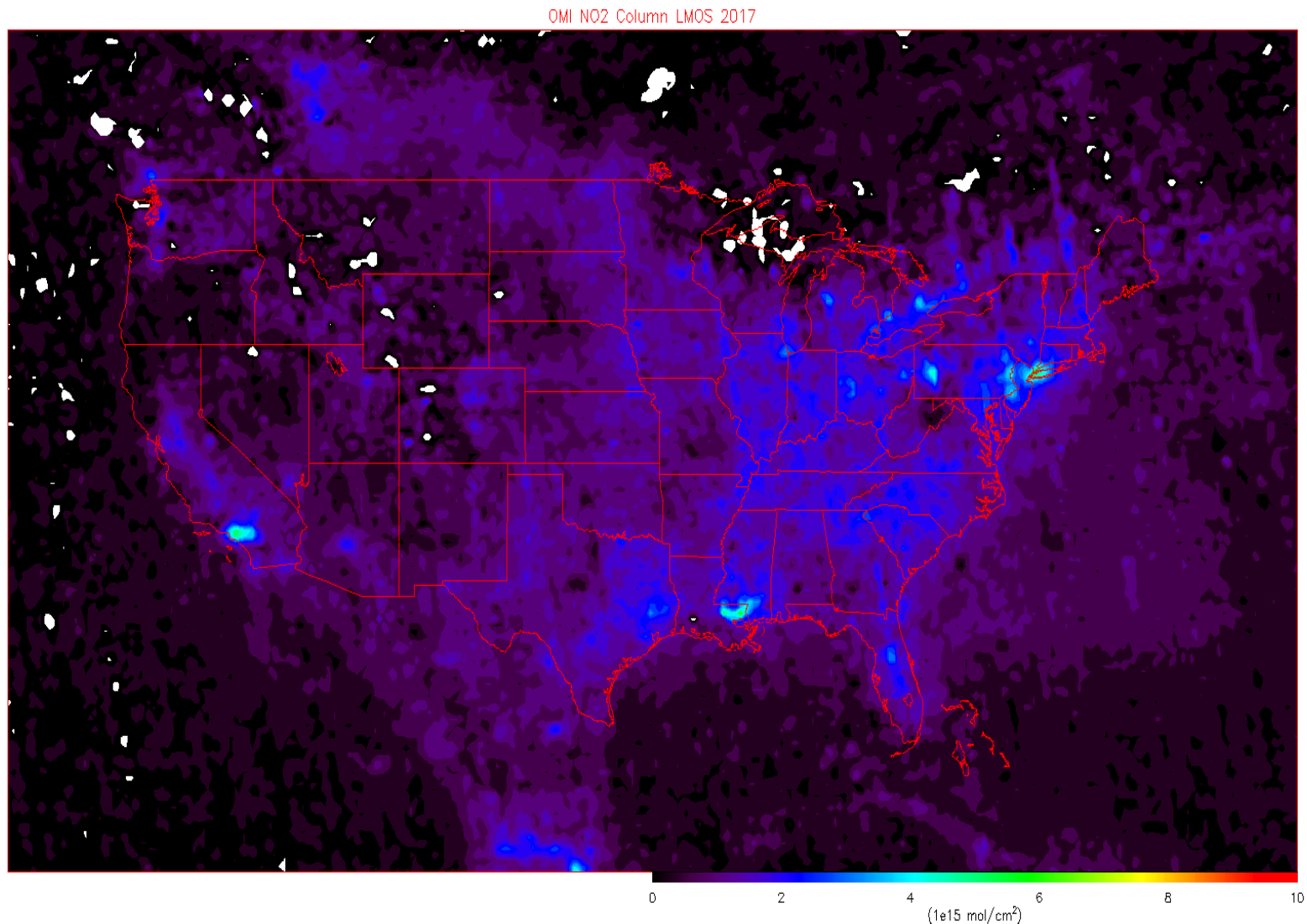
Motivation:

- Since NO₂ lifetime is short the “memory” of the GSI analysis increment is lost, we may be able to obtain similar monthly mean analysis increments through offline (single-cycle) GSI NO₂ DA.
- This would remove the issue with online DA associated with large restart files and also reduce the number of times CMAQ needs to be run to compute the offline emission adjustments

Feasibility testing:

- Compare the monthly mean analysis increments obtained with offline (single-cycle) and online (full cycling) using the July 2011 CMAQ/GSI NO₂ DA experiment

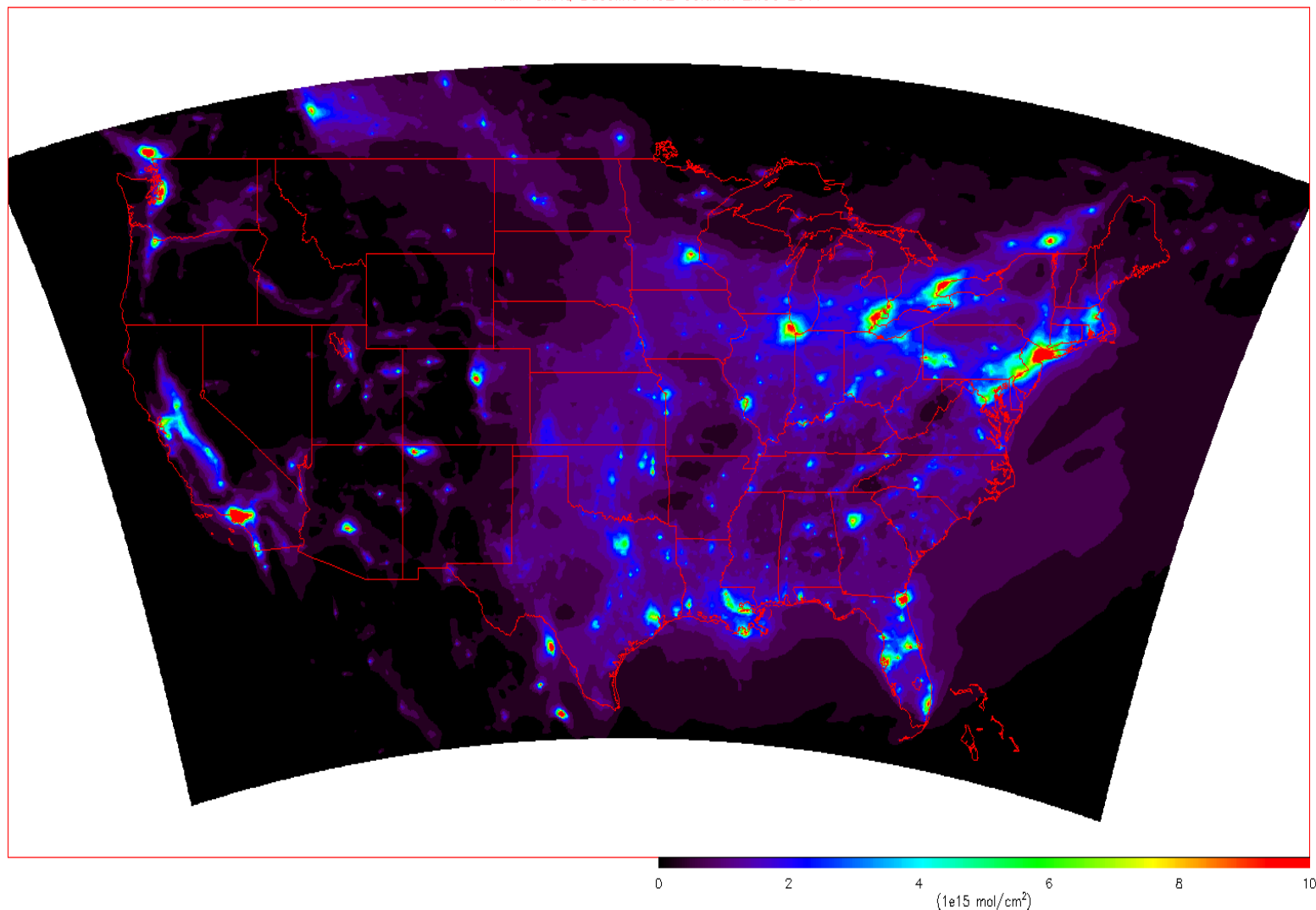
OMI Tropospheric NO₂ Column LMOS 2017 Mean



LMOS 2017 OMI NO₂ Column was produced with the Giovanni online data system,
developed and maintained by the NASA GES DISC

NAM-CMAQ Control Tropospheric NO₂ Column LMOS 2017 Mean

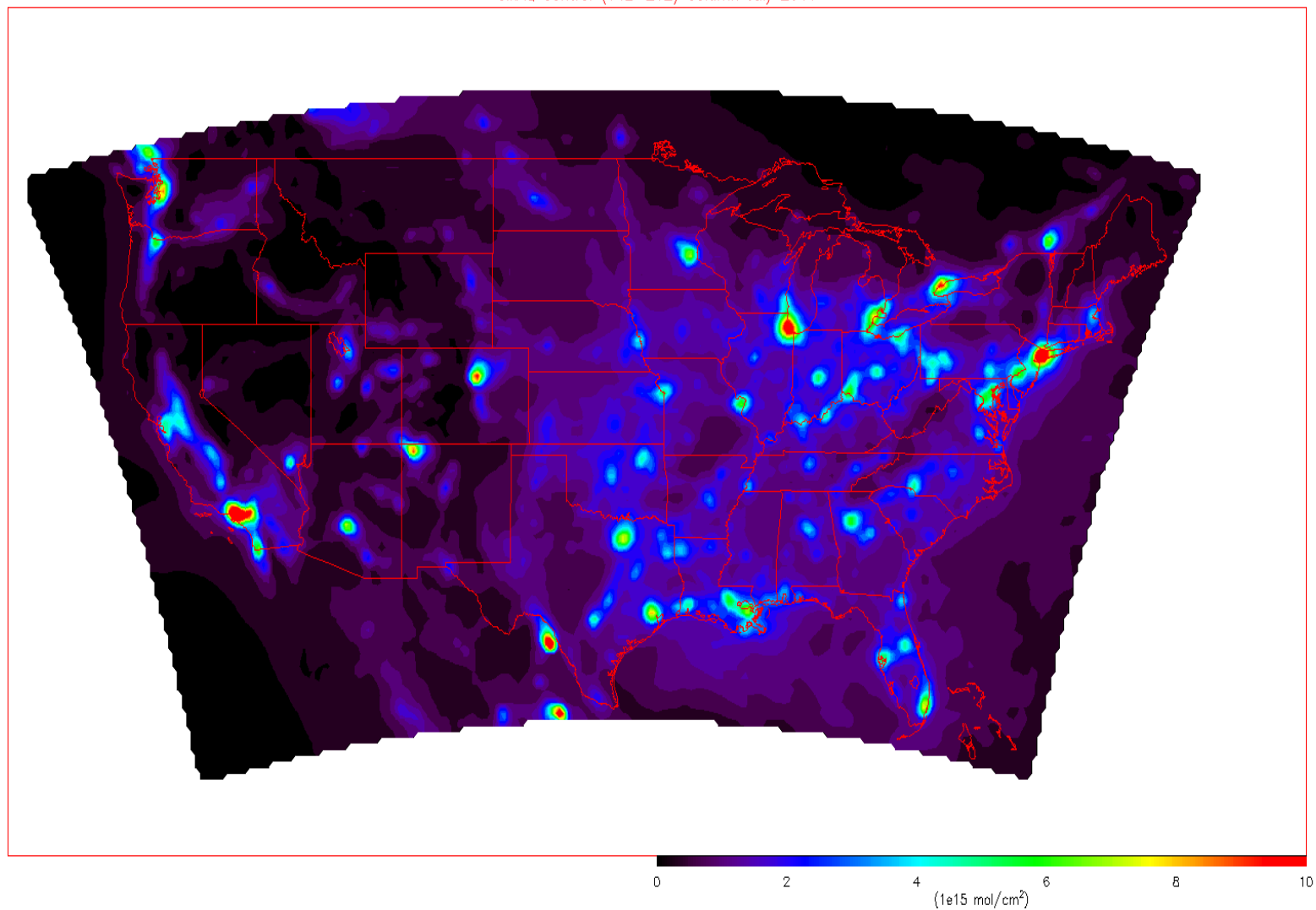
NAM-CMAQ Baseline NO₂ Column LMOS 2017



**NAM-CMAQ is significantly higher than OMI in urban areas and point sources
and lower than OMI in rural areas**

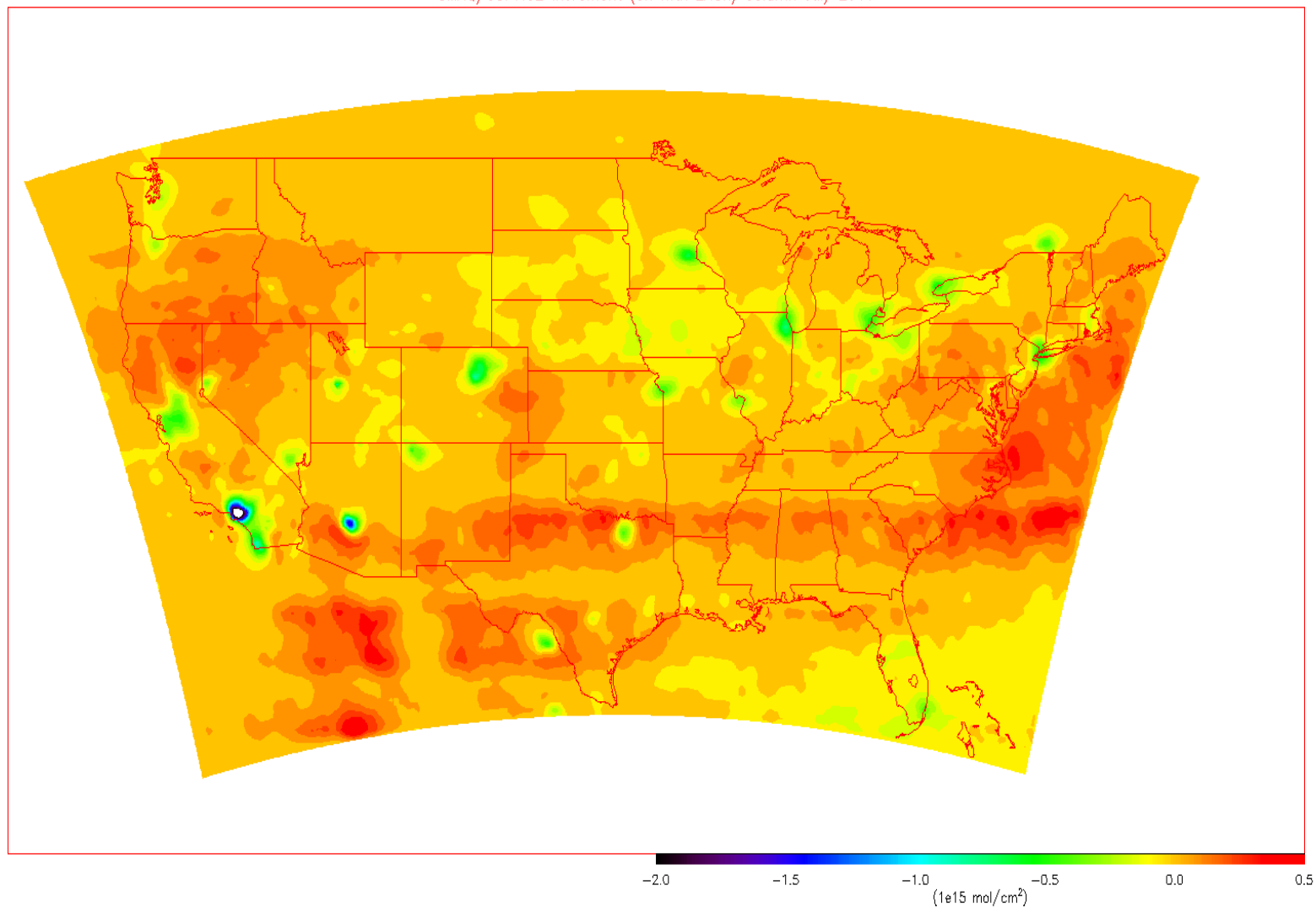
CMAQ Control Tropospheric NO₂ Column July 2011 Monthly Mean

CMAQ Control (14Z–21Z) Column July 2011



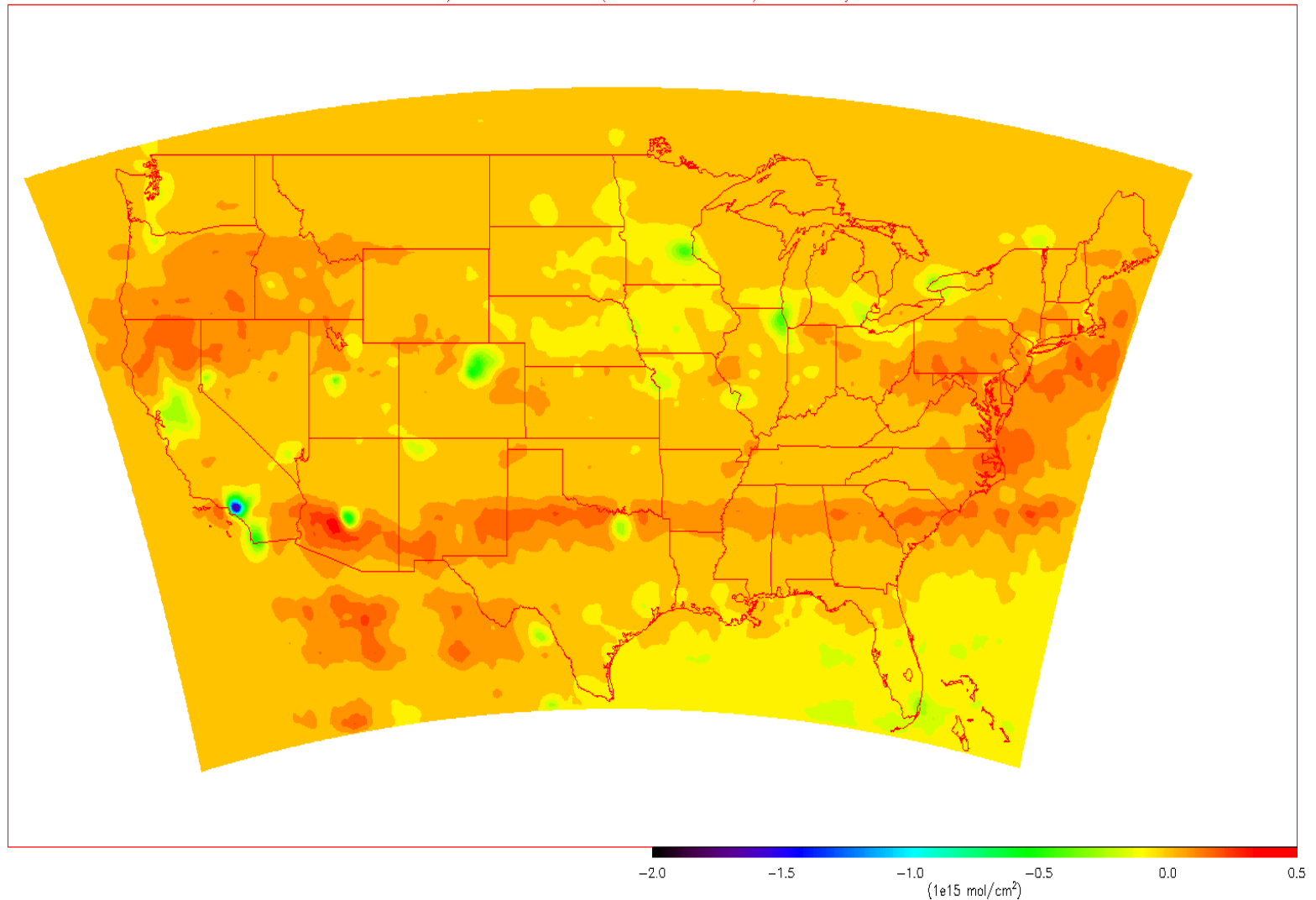
CMAQ Inline (full cycling) GSI NO₂ DA July 2011 Monthly Mean Analysis Increment

CMAQ/GSI NO₂ Increment (5x With LNOx) Column July 2011



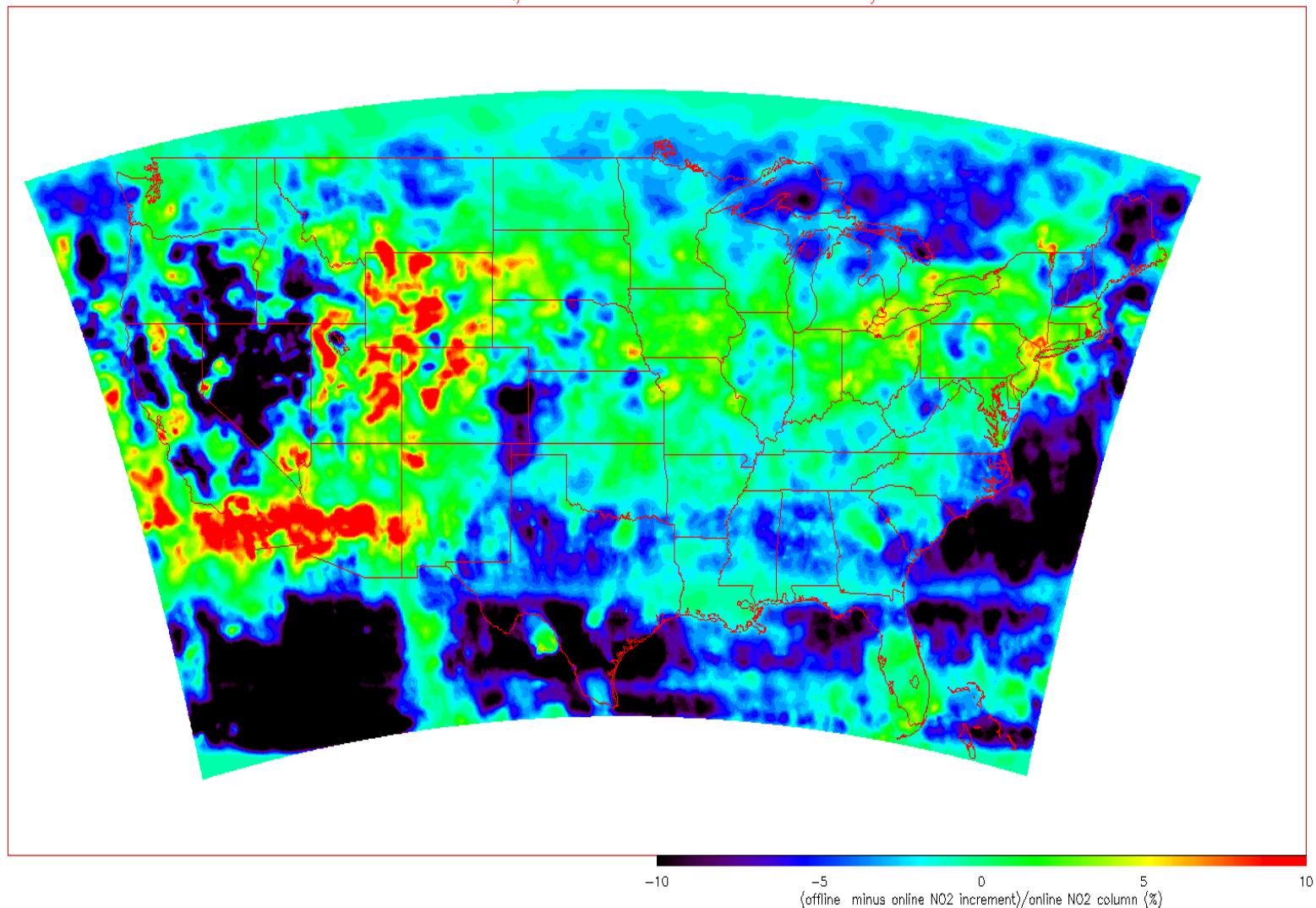
CMAQ Offline (single-cycle) GSI NO₂ DA July 2011 Monthly Mean Analysis Increment

CMAQ/GSI NO₂ Increment (5x With LNOx Offline) Column July 2011



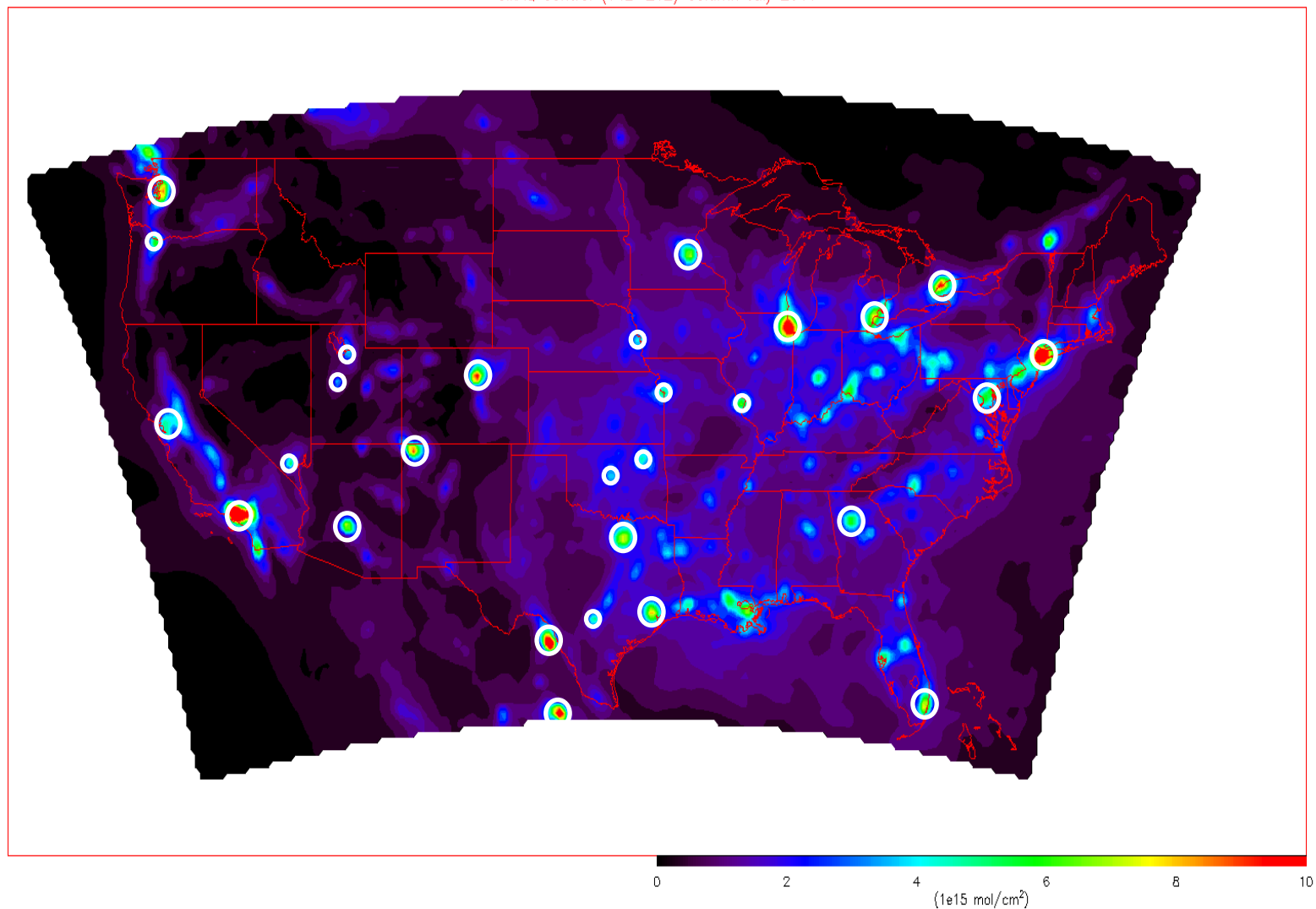
CMAQ Offline minus Online GSI NO2 DA July 2011 Normalized Monthly Mean Analysis Increment Difference

Normalized CMAQ/GSI offline vs online NO2 Increment Column July 2011



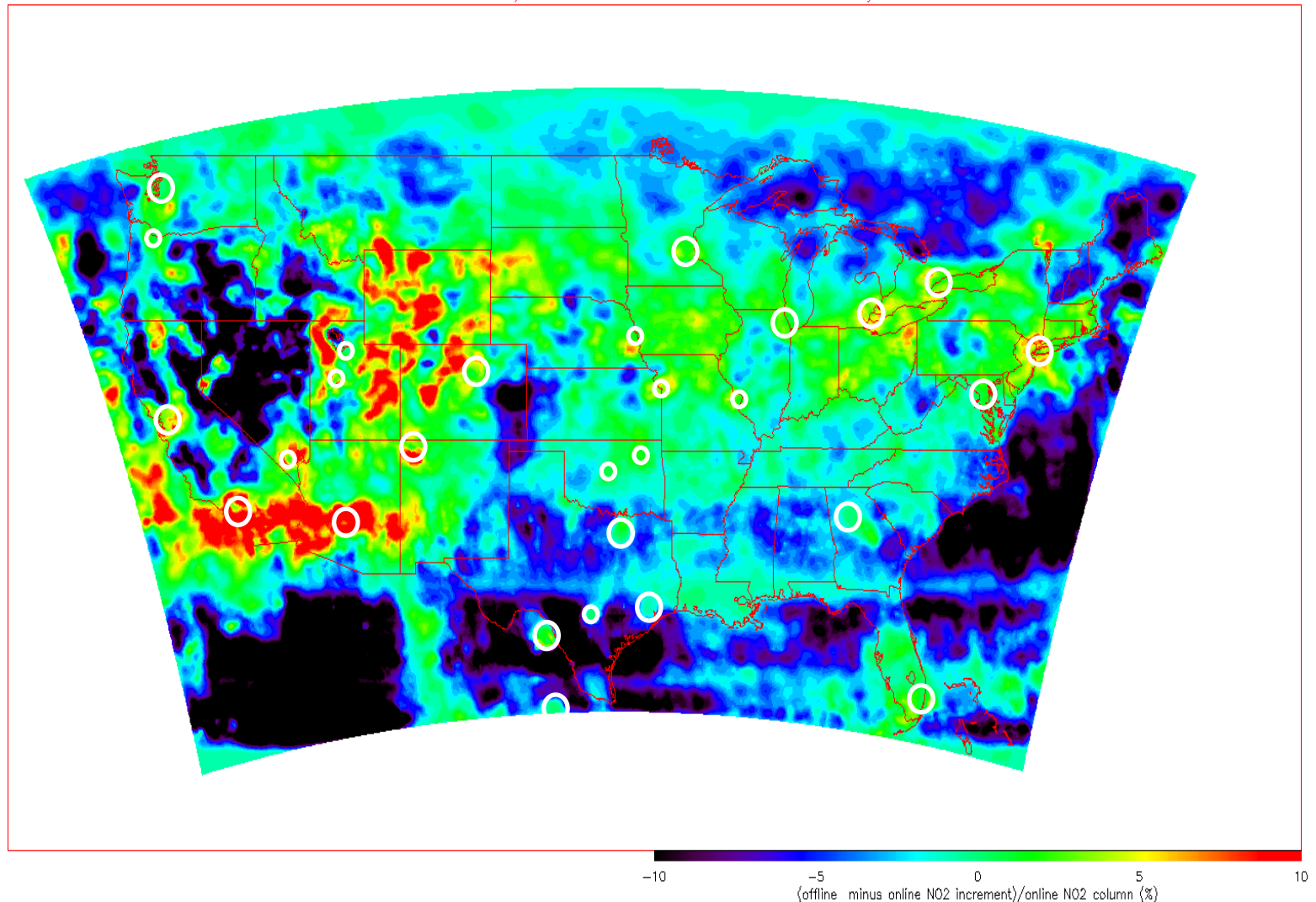
CMAQ Control Tropospheric NO₂ Column July 2011 Monthly Mean

CMAQ Control (14Z–21Z) Column July 2011



CMAQ Offline minus Online GSI NO2 DA July 2011 Normalized Monthly Mean Analysis Increment Difference

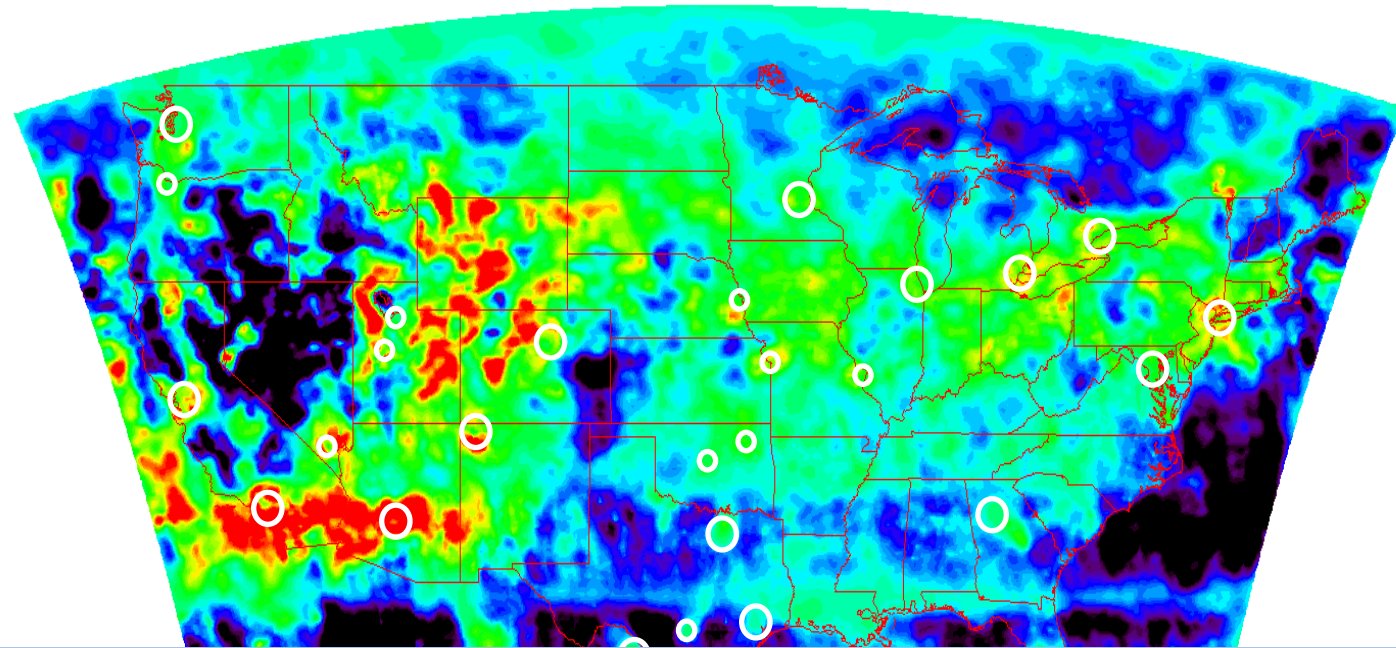
Normalized CMAQ/GSI offline vs online NO2 Increment Column July 2011



Normalized differences are less than 5% in most urban areas but can reach up to 10% just outside the urban core

CMAQ Offline minus Online GSI NO2 DA July 2011 Normalized Monthly Mean Analysis Increment Difference

Normalized CMAQ/GSI offline vs online NO2 Increment Column July 2011



Conclusion: Can use the Offline OMI/GSI for guidance (for example to see that we need to adjust the LNOX emissions) but shouldn't use the Offline OMI/GSI DA for actual emissions adjustments.

-10 -5 0 5 10
{offline minus online NO2 increment}/online NO2 column (%)

Normalized differences are less than 5% in most urban areas but can reach up to 10% just outside the urban core