



# HAQAST Tiger Team: Satellite data in State Implementation Plans (SIPs)

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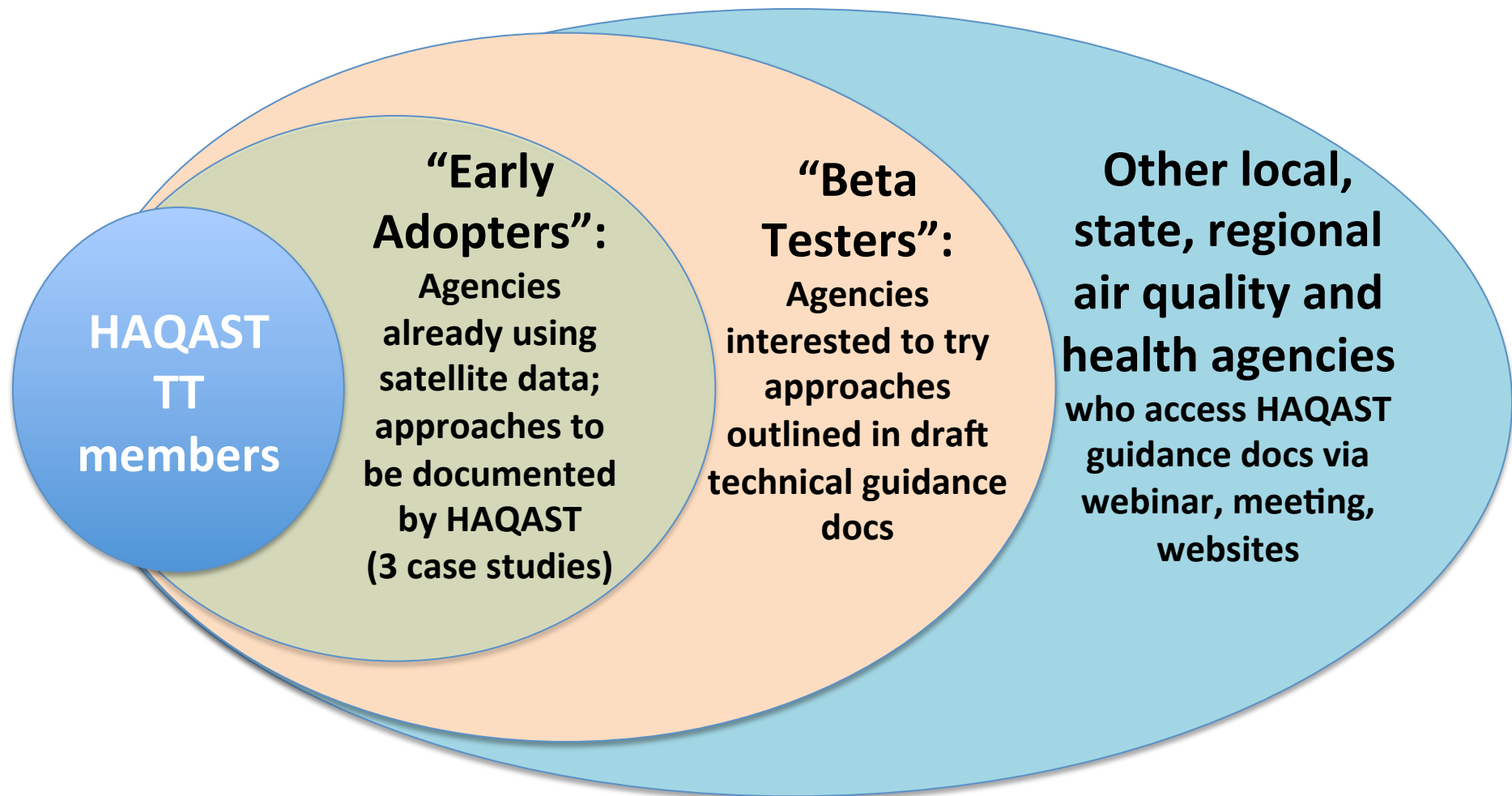
# How can satellite data be included in State Implementation Plans (SIPs)?

- (1) Weight-of-evidence that a particular strategy is anticipated to succeed in attainment, or to show that transported pollution is confounding attainment efforts
- (2) Constraints on air pollution modeling included in SIPs
- (3) Evidence supporting “exceptional events” demonstrations

# HAQAST “Satellite-data-in-SIPs” Tiger Team Objectives

- (1) Identify at least three different applications of satellite data to showcase in a user-friendly, technical guidance document.
- (2) Share widely so interested agencies can benefit from lessons learned by other agencies facing similar challenges.
- (3) Provide a forum for regular communication, enabling HAQAST PIs to address (some) emerging questions as they arise.

# Who is involved, and in what capacity?



# HAQAST “SIP” TT Participants

**HAQAST (10 institutions):** Arlene Fiore (LDEO/Columbia), Bryan Duncan (NASA GSFC), Jessica Neu (NASA JPL), Daven Henze (University of Colorado – Boulder), Talat Odman and Ted Russell (Georgia Institute of Technology), Patrick Kinney (Boston University), Daniel Tong (George Mason University), Mark Zondlo (Princeton University), Jonathan Patz and Tracey Holloway (University of Wisconsin – Madison), Jeremy Hess (University of Washington).

**Stakeholder partners (9+ groups):** *South Coast Air Quality Management District* (California) [Sang-Mi Lee], *Connecticut* [Kurt Kebschull, Michael Geigert, Kiernan Wholean], *Mid-Atlantic Regional Air Management Association (MARAMA)* [Susan Wierman], *Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management (NESCAUM)* [Paul Miller]; *Georgia Environmental Protection Division (GA EPD)* [Jim Boylan, Tao Zeng]; *Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)* [Mark Estes]; *Bay Area Air Quality Management District* [Steve Soong; Saffet Tanrikulu]; *U.S. EPA* [Barron Henderson, Gail Tonneson, Pat Dolwick]; *OTC* [Joseph Jakuta]. **Other agencies welcome!**

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# CASE STUDY #1: How can I use satellite-based indicators for ozone sensitivity to NO<sub>x</sub> vs. VOC emissions in a SIP?

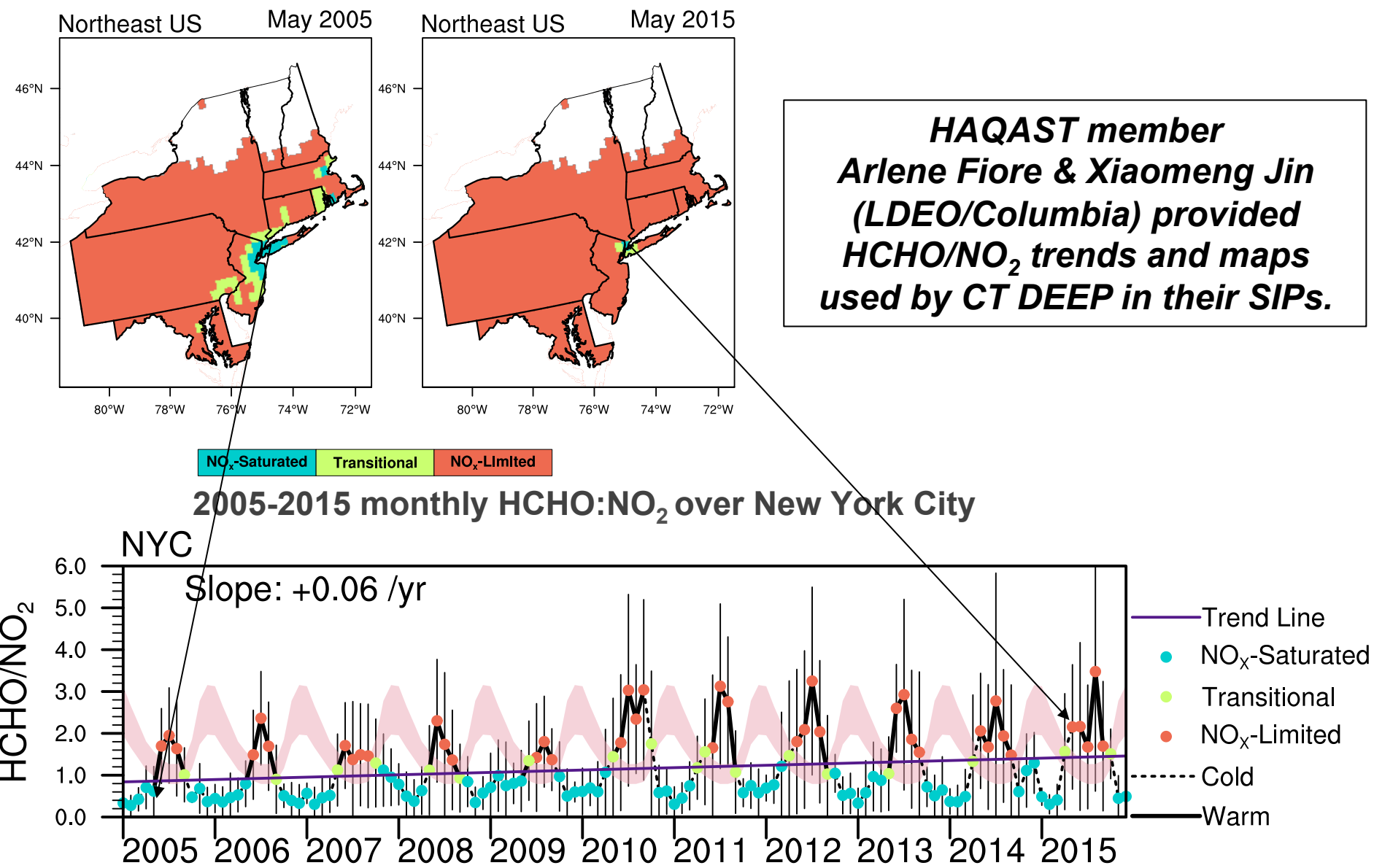


Figure 8 from Jin et al., JGR, 2017

# ***CASE STUDY #1: Using satellite observed formaldehyde (HCHO) and nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) as an indicator of ozone sensitivity in a SIP***

**Lead authors: Arlene Fiore, Xiaomeng Jin (Columbia/LDEO), Michael Geigert (CT DEEP)**

## **Content:**

- 1) Example of use in CT SIPs (including the figures)**
- 2) Background on use of satellite formaldehyde-to-nitrogen dioxide (HCHO:NO<sub>2</sub>) columns as an indicator for ozone sensitivity to NO<sub>x</sub> vs. VOC emissions**
- 3) Approach for connecting satellite-derived HCHO:NO<sub>2</sub> to specific ozone formation regimes (NO<sub>x</sub>-limited, NO<sub>x</sub>-saturated, or transition)**
- 4) “How-to” conduct your own analysis**
- 5) Limitations, and where to go with questions**

**Status: Draft completed**; two rounds of comments from stakeholders (more detail to lower bar for first-time users); Georgia EPD beta-tested → more revisions before **wider dissemination (and continued revisions; possibly add a user Q&A section)**.

- Include supporting information on web (HCHO:NO<sub>2</sub> values for regimes)?**
- Generating new research questions (in-person meeting)**

# CASE STUDY #2: How can I find info on satellite NO<sub>2</sub> trends for use in a SIP? Over my region? City?



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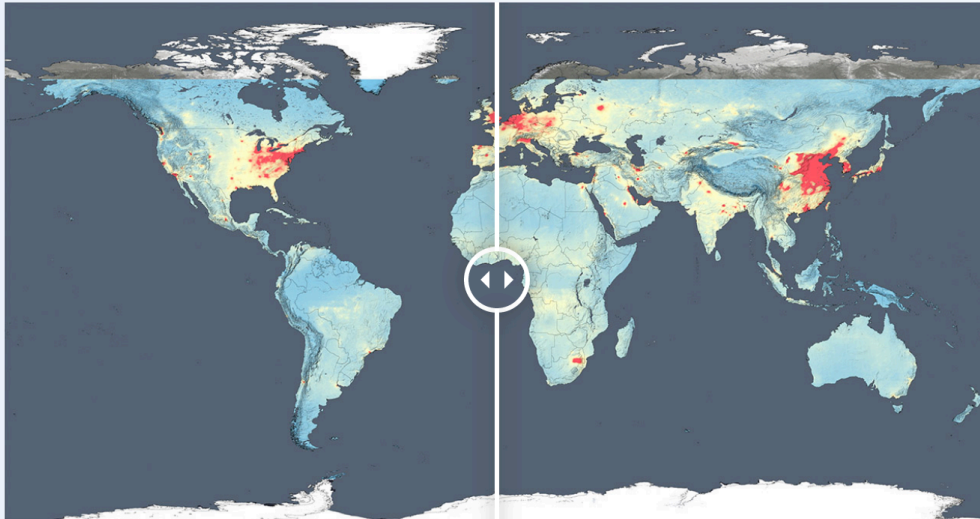
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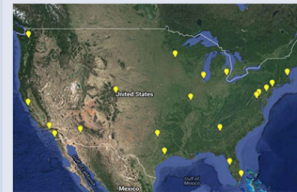
Welcome to the website! Currently, the website is devoted to one air pollutant, nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>), which is unhealthy to breathe and a necessary ingredient for the formation of unhealthy levels of surface ozone, another important pollutant. Our intended audience is health and air quality managers, but there is a lot of content that will be of interest to many people, including plots of data for almost 200 world cities!

**What is the air quality like in your city and country?** Just click on the "Data" tab above and then "World Regions" to see.

## Before and After: World Nitrogen Dioxide Levels, 2005-2014



### Air Quality Data on the Top 20 US Cities



Click above to quickly find recent data products and imagery for the Top 20 US Cities.

### Air Quality for 195 World Cities

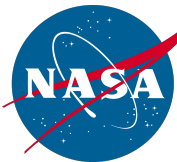


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***HAQAST member Bryan Duncan & Lok Lamsal (NASA GSFC) provided NO<sub>2</sub> trends that TCEQ used in a TX SIP.***

**\*Our technical guidance docs will be posted under a "SIPs" tab on this site.**

Air quality from space website: [airquality.gsfc.nasa.gov](http://airquality.gsfc.nasa.gov)





# **CASE STUDY #2: A Brief Tutorial On Using The Ozone Monitoring Instrument (OMI) Satellite Nitrogen Dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) Data Product**

**Lead authors: Bryan Duncan and Lok Lamsal (NASA GSFC)**

## **Content:**

### **1) General background on the use of satellite data for health and air quality applications**

- *Converting column density or AOD to surface concentration or emission flux*
- *Inferring surface trends*
- *Estimating emission and surface deposition fluxes*
- *Looking Forward*

### **2) OMI NO<sub>2</sub>**

- *Accessing the data*
- *Other satellite products available for NO<sub>2</sub>*

### **3) End-User Resources**

**Status:** Draft completed; Comments received from stakeholders;

**Revisions in Progress**

# CASE STUDY #3: How can I incorporate satellite data into boundary conditions used by my regional model?



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Artist's concept of the Aura spacecraft

Credits: NASA

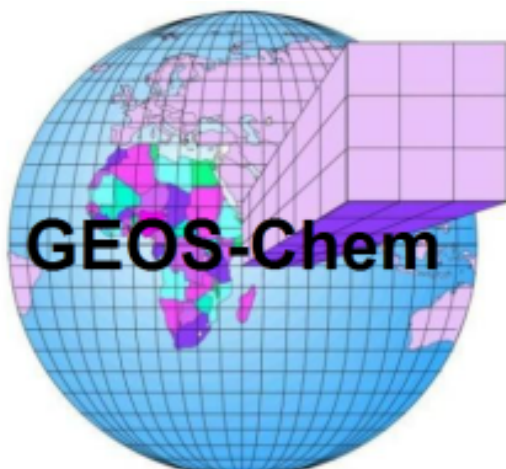


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*HAQAST member Jessica Neu (NASA JPL) is generating boundary conditions for use by SCAQMD in their SIP modeling. BAAQMD also interested.*

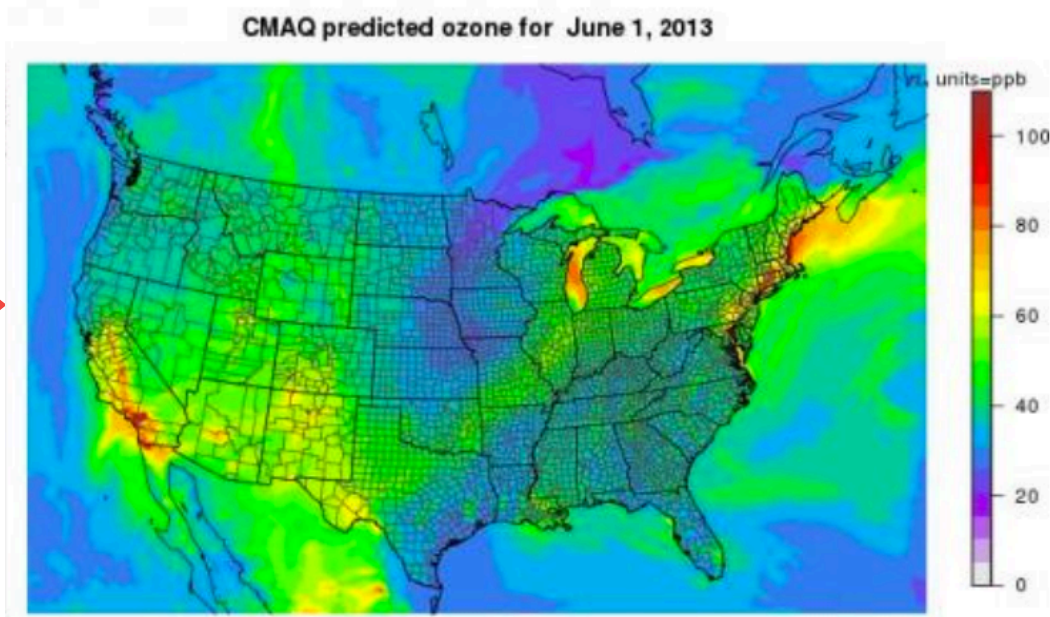
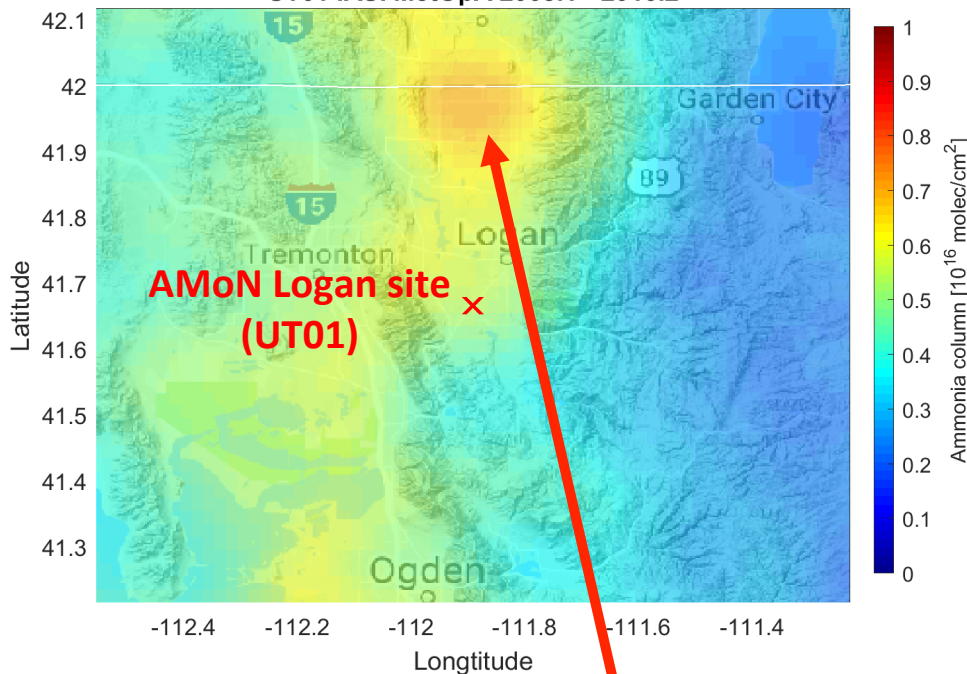


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# Emerging Question: What are the spatiotemporal trends of $\text{NH}_3$ in Cache Valley, Utah?

## Spatial map of IASI $\text{NH}_3$ for 2008-2016:

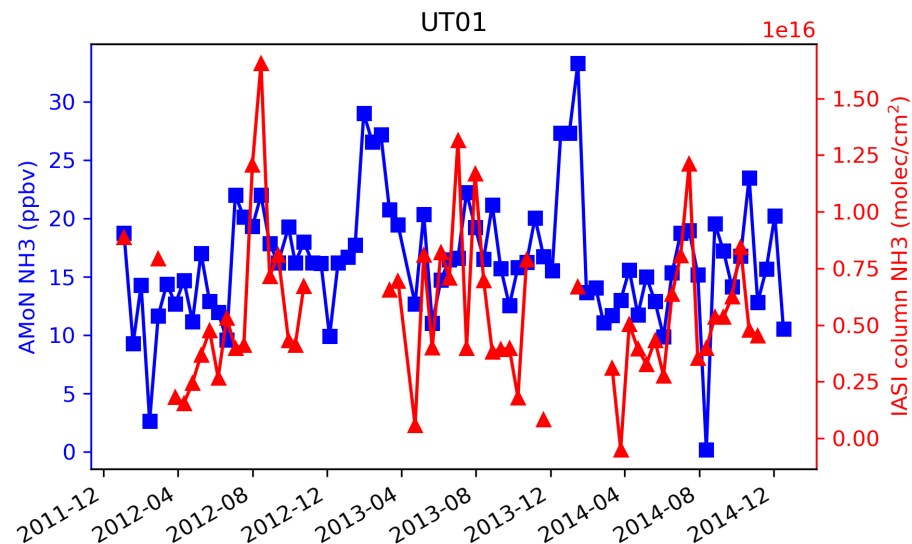
UT01 IASI MetOpA 2008.1 - 2016.2



**$\text{NH}_3$  maximized in northern portion of Valley**

- Cache Valley among the worst  $\text{PM}_{2.5}$  in nation due to large agricultural activities
- Highest annual  $\text{NH}_3$  in AMoN network but limited spatiotemporal information

## IASI satellite $\text{NH}_3$ within $\pm 30$ km co-averaged over same time as AMoN site:



- Weak correlation likely due to high spatiotemporal variability, extreme values (among poorest correlation of all AMoN sites)

**HAQAST members**  
**Mark Zondlo, Xuehui Guo, and Da Pan**  
**(Princeton) for EPA Region 8**

# Deliverables for HAQAST “Satellite Data in SIPs” TT

1. Initial Phone meetings between HAQAST participants and ‘early-adopters’
  - **Completed (3)**. Some overlap emerged (exceptional events; ammonia; NO<sub>2</sub> trends, changes in ozone sensitivity to precursor emissions)
2. Address emerging questions
  - **Ongoing throughout project period**
3. Technical guidance documents
  - **Ozone sensitivity & NO<sub>2</sub> trends drafted, circulating for editing and testing**
4. Present at least one case study at HAQAST3 NOV 28-29
5. Monthly team-wide phone calls (all welcome!)
  - **some dedicated to discussion of a single case study or emerging need (e.g., September call on fire influence → add as a 4<sup>th</sup> technical guidance doc)**
6. Web documentation to be housed @ [airquality.gsfc.nasa.gov](http://airquality.gsfc.nasa.gov)
7. Disseminate case studies via HAQAST and/or NASA websites and partner with regional air quality management groups (NESCAUM, MARAMA) and health agencies to share case studies via regional teleconferences and/or in-person meetings.

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