



# CO2M status and results from developments

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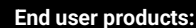
- ✓ Providing greenhouse-gas data for the Copernicus GHG Monitoring and Verification Support capacity

### Three instruments per platform:

- CO<sub>2</sub>/NO<sub>2</sub> push-broom grating spectrometer (CO<sub>2</sub>I/NO<sub>2</sub>I)
- Multi-Angle Polarimeter (MAP)
- Cloud Imager (CLIM)

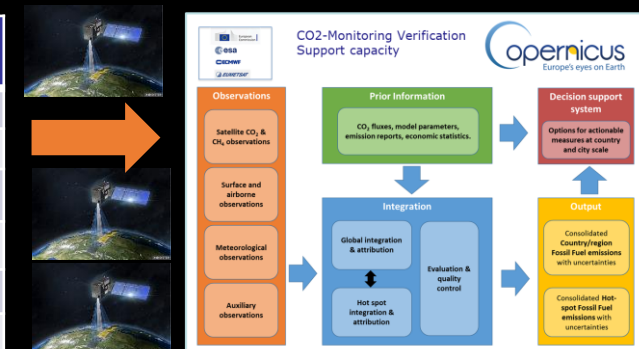
### Orbit:

- Sun-synchronous orbit 14 5/11
- 159 orbits repeat cycle (~11 days)
- 735 km altitude
- 11:30 LT
- Platforms in same orbital plane



Product	Spatial resolution	Precision	Bias
CO <sub>2</sub>	4 km <sup>2</sup>	0.7 ppm	<0.5 ppm
CH <sub>4</sub>	4 km <sup>2</sup>	10 ppb	<5 ppb
NO <sub>2</sub>	4 km <sup>2</sup>	1.5x10 <sup>15</sup> molec/cm <sup>2</sup>	<3.5x10 <sup>15</sup> molec/cm <sup>2</sup>
SIF*	4 km <sup>2</sup>	0.7 mW m <sup>-2</sup> sr <sup>-1</sup> nm <sup>-1</sup>	<0.2 mW m <sup>-2</sup> sr <sup>-1</sup> nm <sup>-1</sup>
Aerosols	16 km <sup>2</sup>	0.05 AOD, 500 m LH	<0.05 AOD, 500 m LH
Clouds	4 km <sup>2</sup>	<1% of FOV	

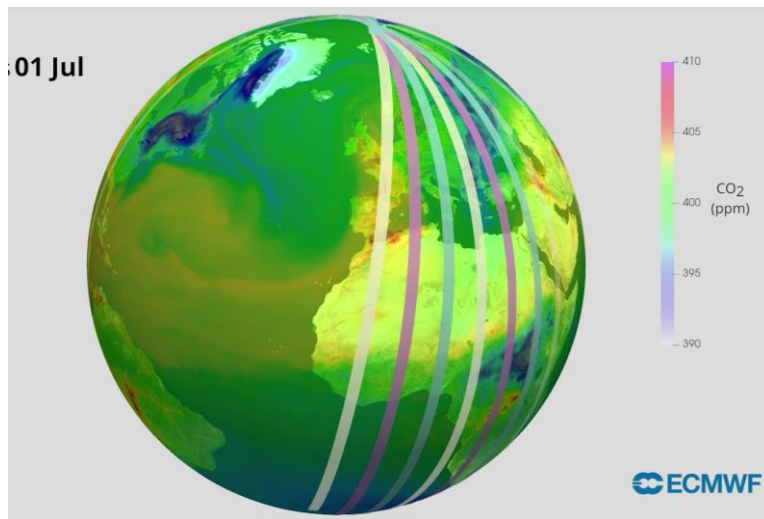
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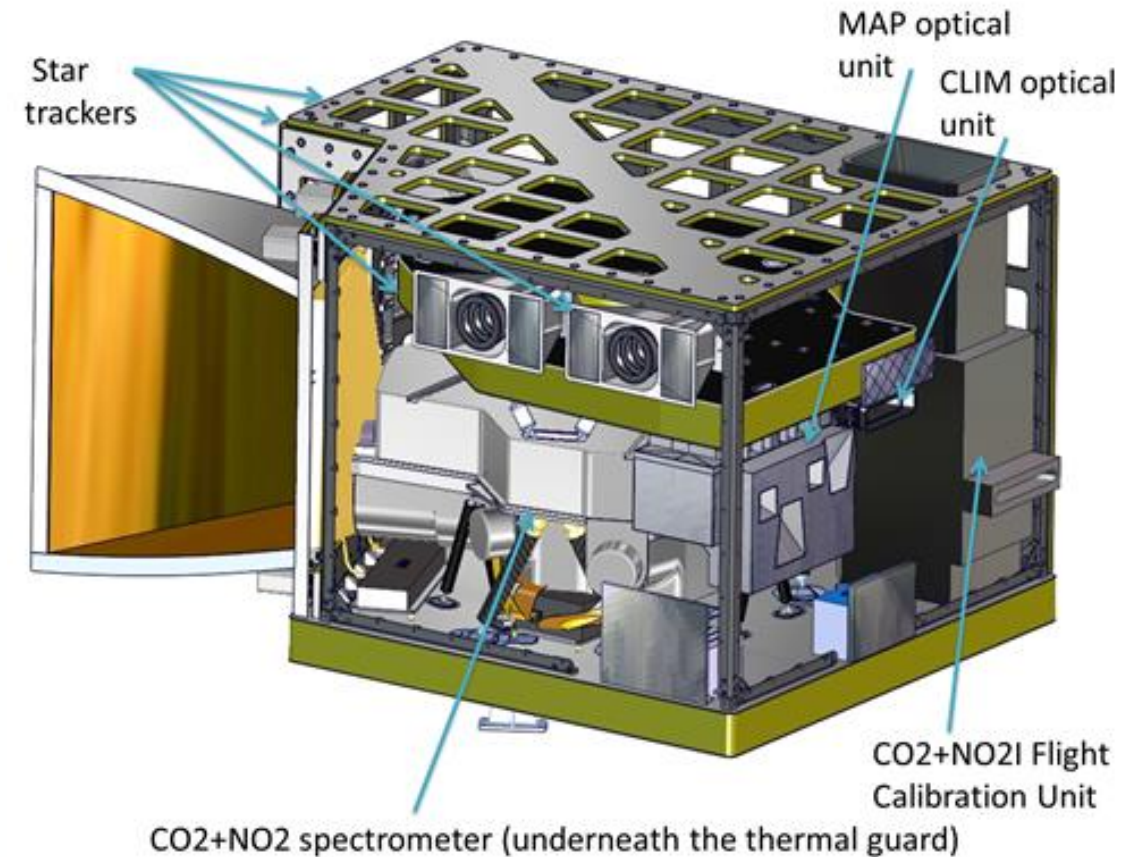


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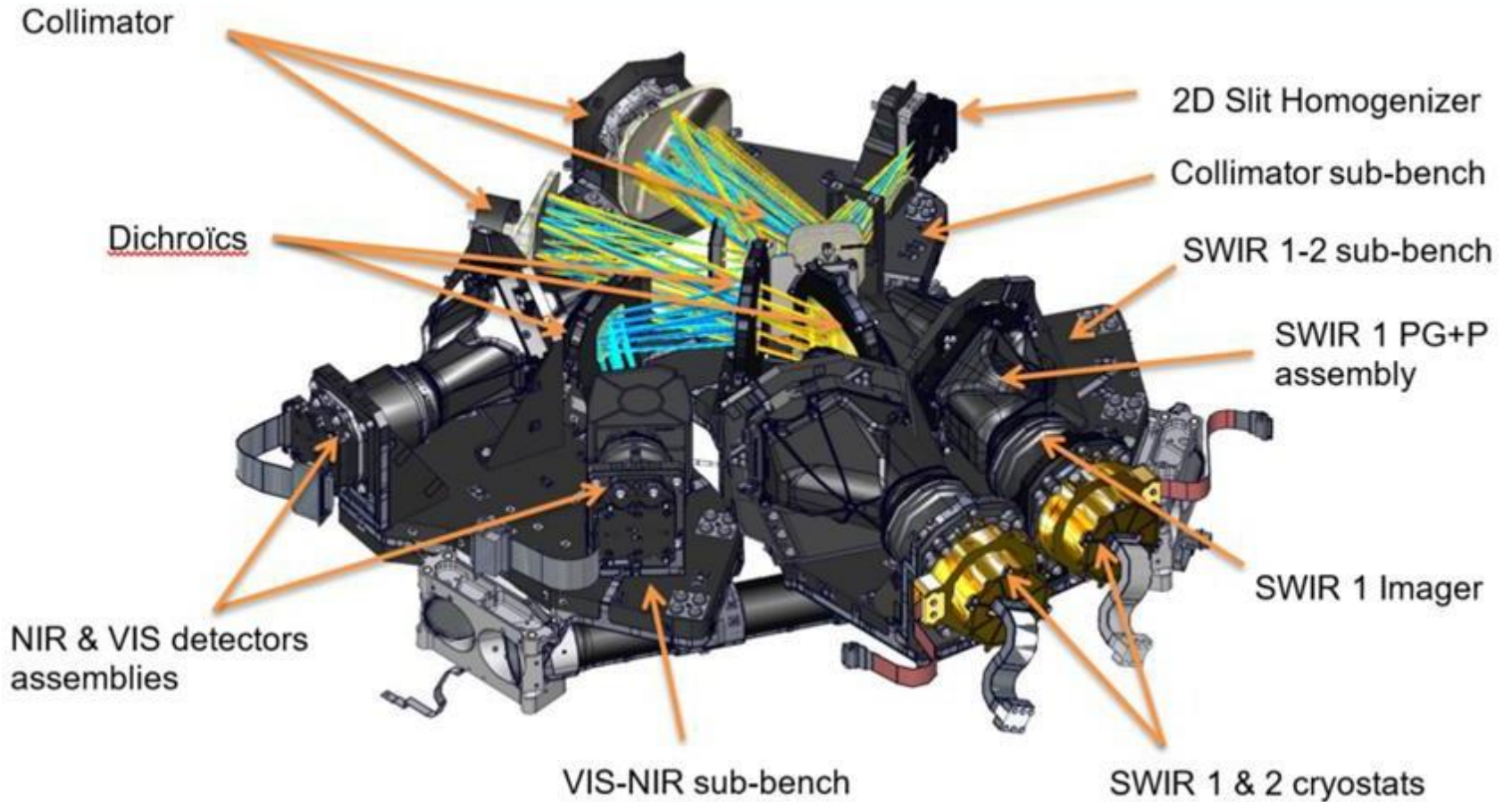
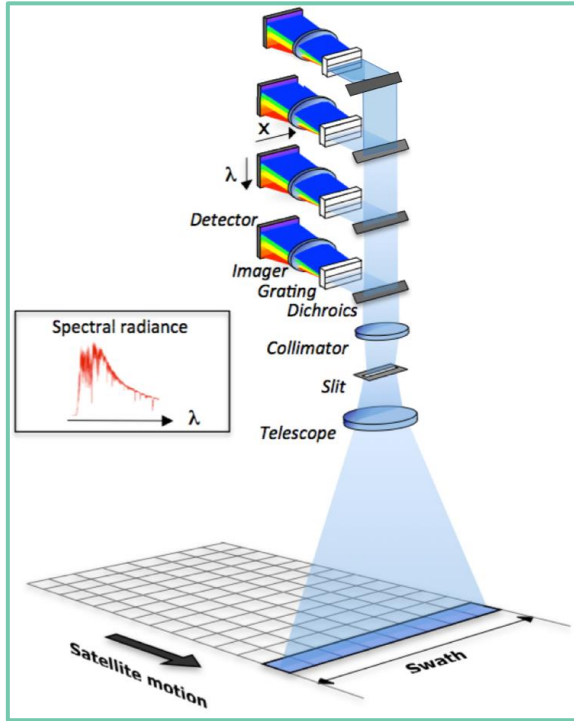
- **CO<sub>2</sub> Imager (CO<sub>2</sub>I)**: 3 band (1 NIR, 2 SWIR) push-broom imaging spectrometer
- **NO<sub>2</sub> Imager (NO<sub>2</sub>I)**: extra band (VIS) in CO<sub>2</sub>I
- **Multi-Angle Polarimeter (MAP)** for aerosol
- **Cloud Imager (CLIM)** for low cloud & cirrus



Credits: EMPA

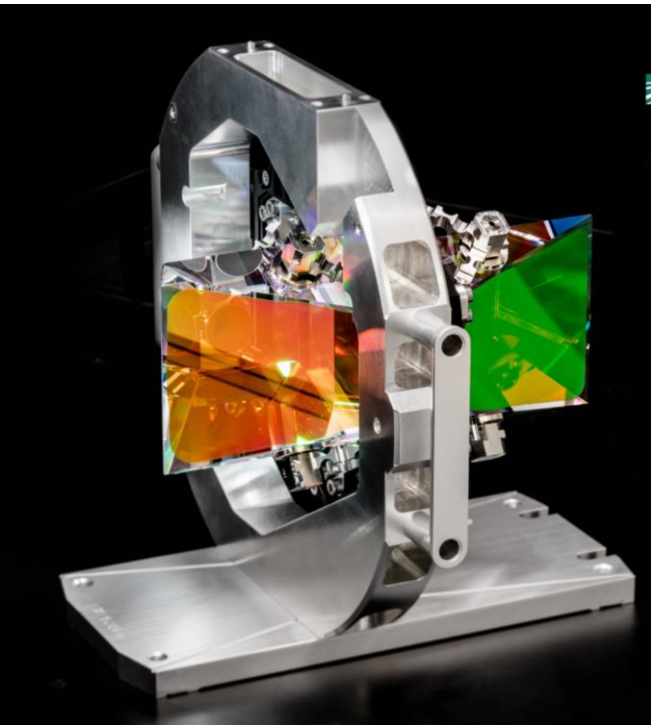


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## Prism + Grating + Prism



Entrance  
slit with  
110 fibers



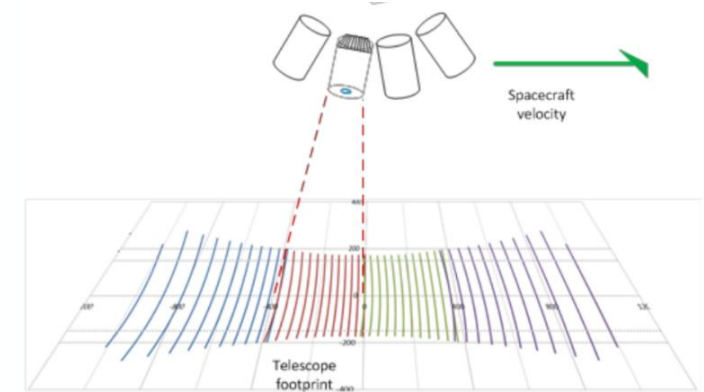
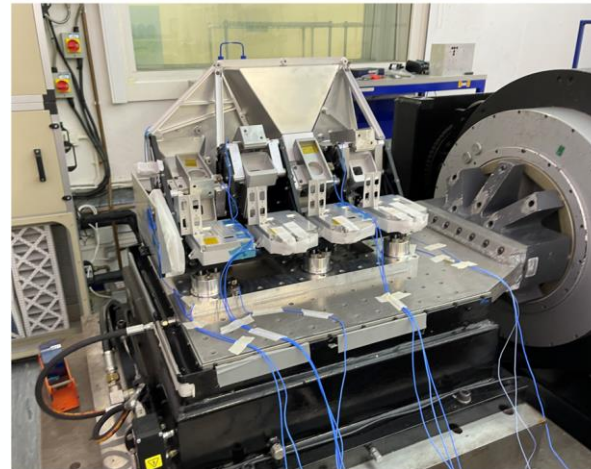
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## Multi-angle polarimeter (MAP):

- 40 viewing angles (+/- 60°), plus 8 more @larger angles
- Spatial resolution: 4x4 km<sup>2</sup> while sampling < 1x1 km<sup>2</sup>

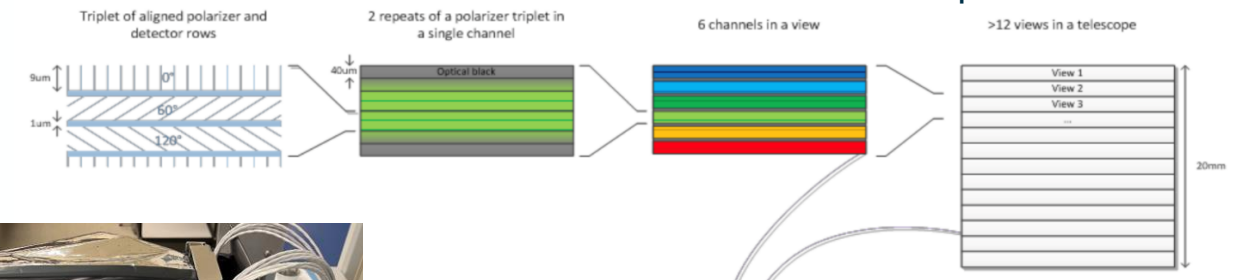
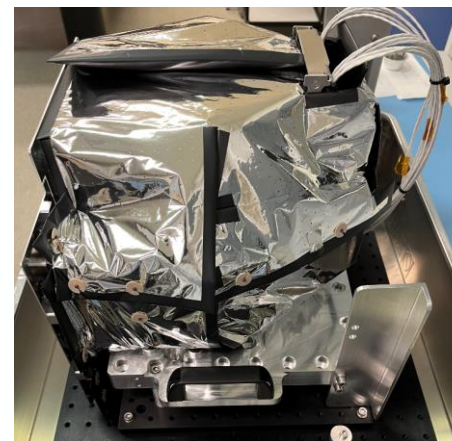


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## Cloud Imager

Binning on-ground, specs @400m

Band	Band center	Band width	Native sampling (ALTxACT)
CLIM-1	670 nm	20 nm	94m x 87m
CLIM-2	753 nm	9 nm	94m x 87m
CLIM-3	1378 nm	15 nm	376m x 163m

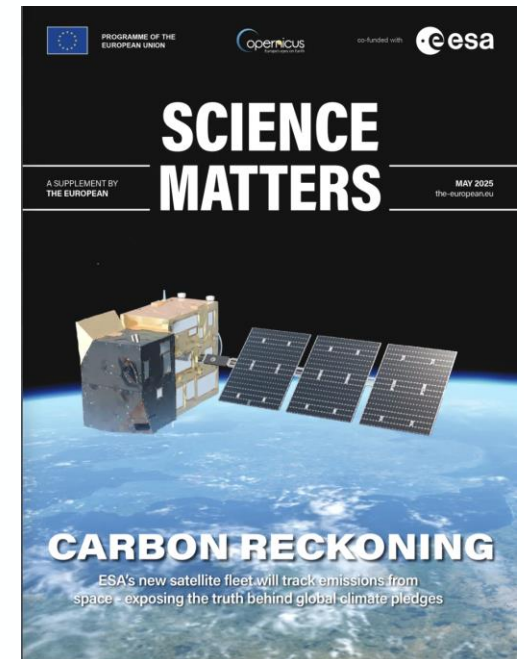
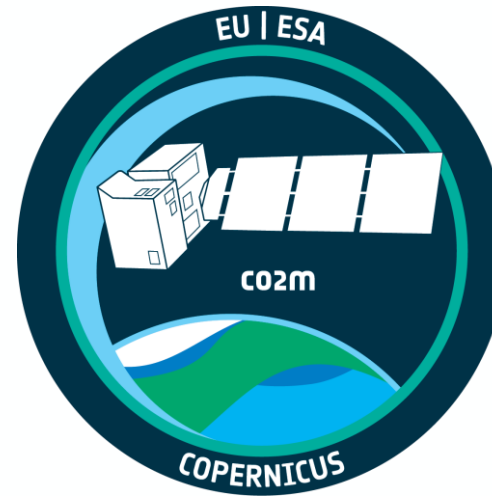
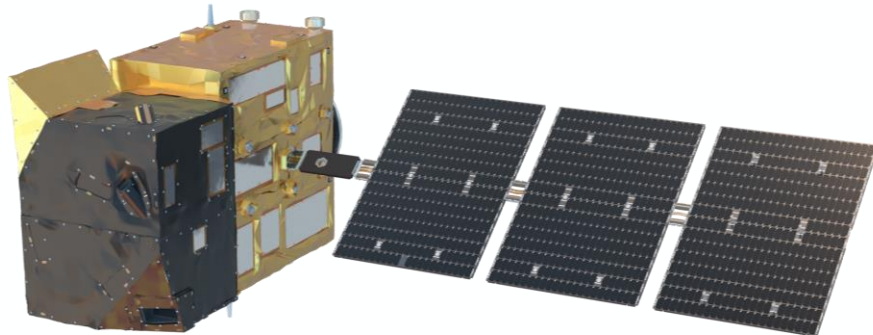


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## Project status:

- **Constellation** of 3 satellites
- Each satellite **>270 km swath**
- First satellite Acceptance Review **08-2027**
- Second satellite Acceptance Review **02-2028**
- Third satellite is scheduled in **2029**





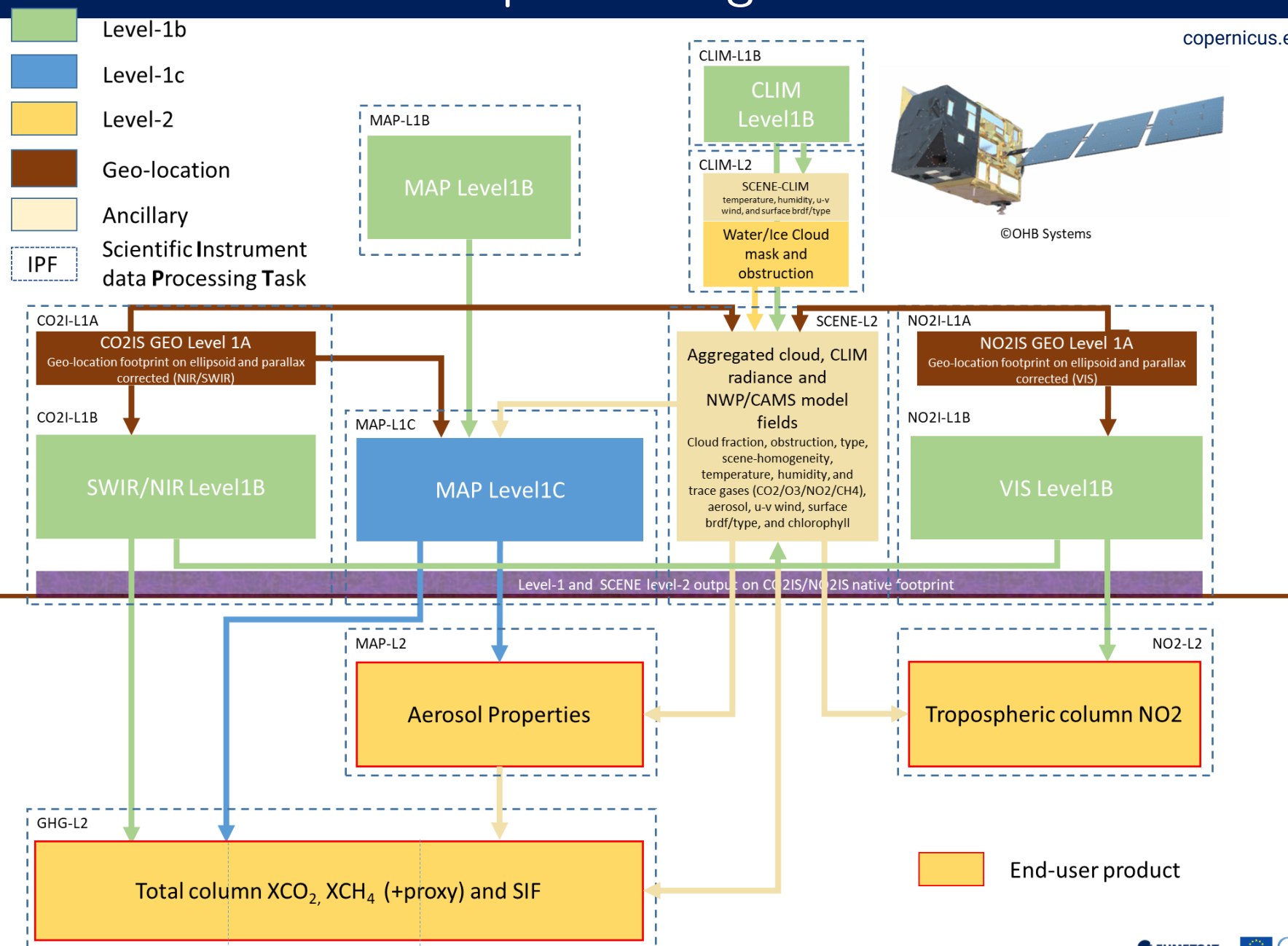
# EUMETSAT CO2M MDPS scientific processing tasks

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## CO2M Mission Data Processing System

Make one  
“hyper-GHG/NO2-  
instrument”  
out of three!

Below this level: everything is  
co-registered or provided at the  
CO2I/NO2I spectrometer  
footprint







CO2M  
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## ***Status of CO2M operational processor developments:***

- CDR successfully passed in Q1 2025
- First fully functional processor versions handed over for implementation in EUMETSAT CO2M processing sub-segment
- Scientific developments and improvements ongoing
- Next major versions expected after ground-calibration campaigns in 2026

GHG-L2

Total column XCO<sub>2</sub>, XCH<sub>4</sub> (+proxy) and SIF

End-user product



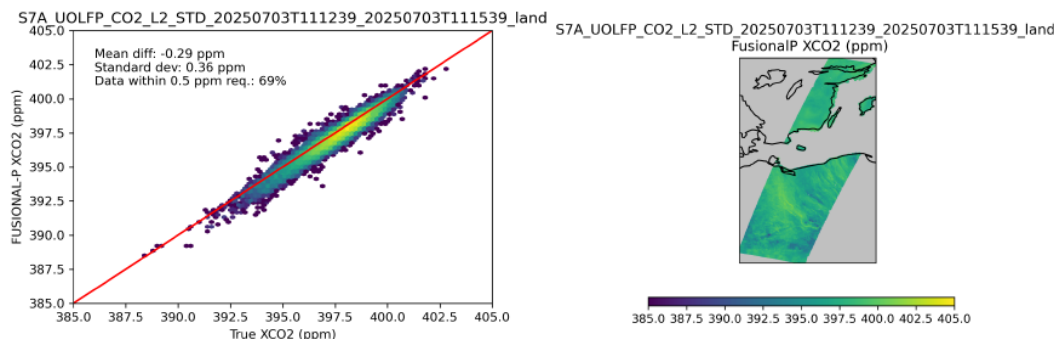
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## Three GHG algorithms for CO2M

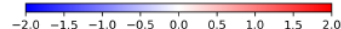
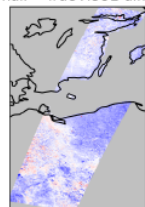
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Processing step	GHG L2 Input		
	RemoTAP	UoL-FP-FUSIONAL-P	FOCAL
Pre	SCENE-L2	SCENE-L2	SCENE-L2
Main	CO2I L1B+MAP-L1C	CO2I L1B+MAP-L2	CO2I L1B
Post			MAP-L1C/L2+CLIM L2



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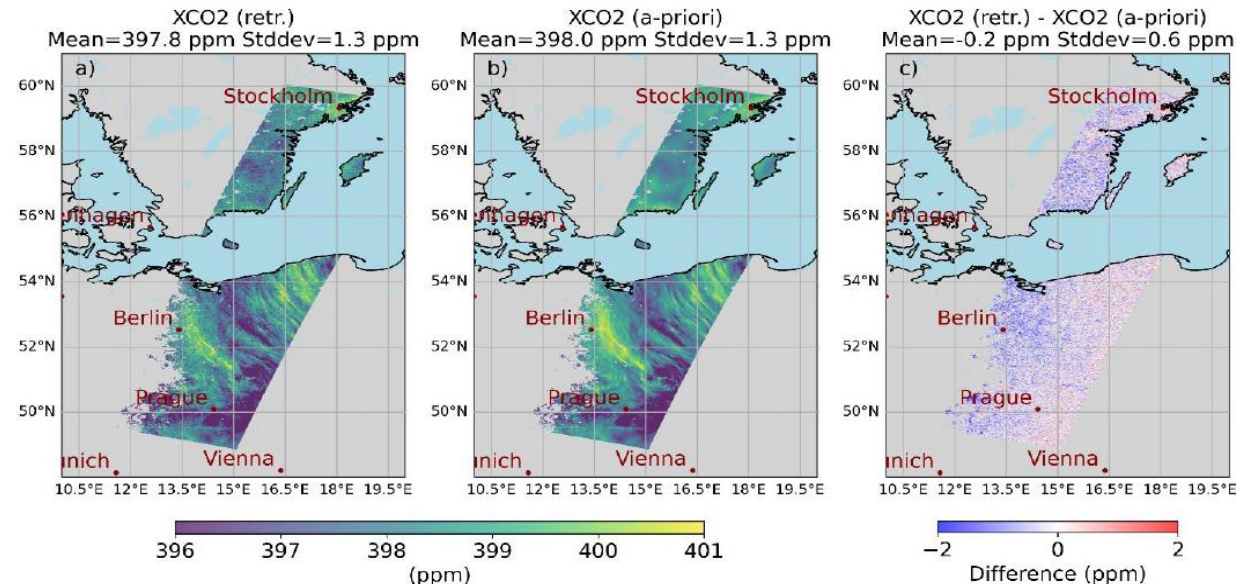


UoLFP



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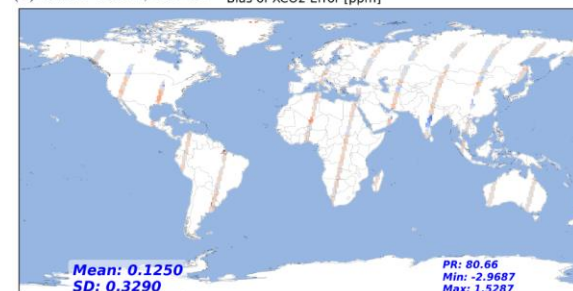
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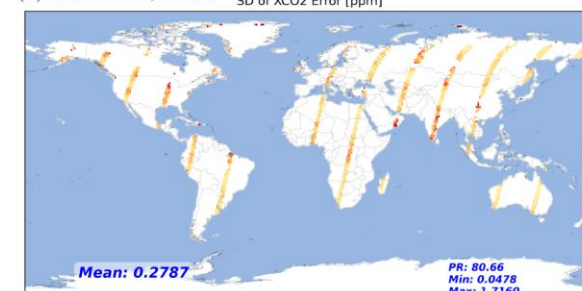
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RemoTAP SRON

(a) MAP-CO2I, Jul 03 Bias of XCO2 Error [ppm]



(b) MAP-CO2I, Jul 03 SD of XCO2 Error [ppm]







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Three GHG processors for CO2M

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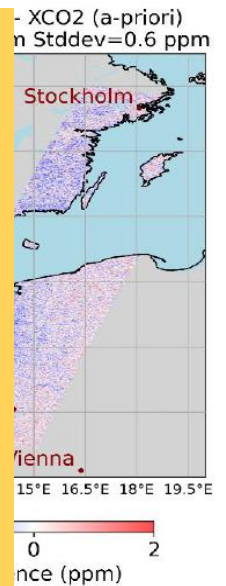
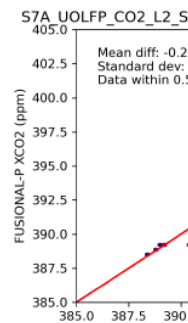
- All three GHG processors delivered as fully functional operational software for integration in the operational CO2M MDPS.
- All GHG processors demonstrate compliance to requirements for a platform configuration in nadir over land, either on a sub-set or on a full set of representative test-data.
- GHG product performances over water and for a platform in “sun-glint mode”, both land and ocean are currently evaluated.

Processing steps

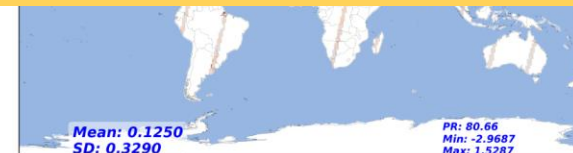
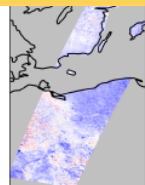
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Main

Post



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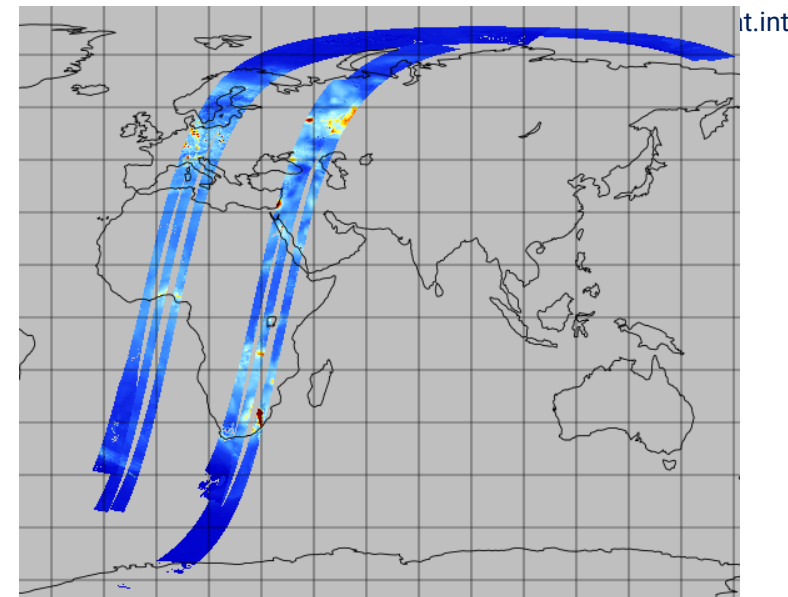
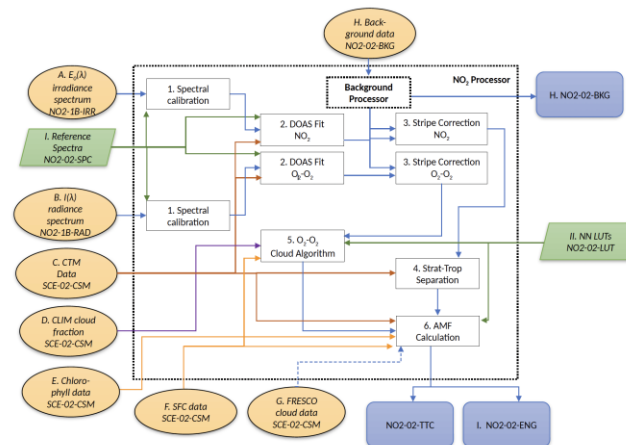




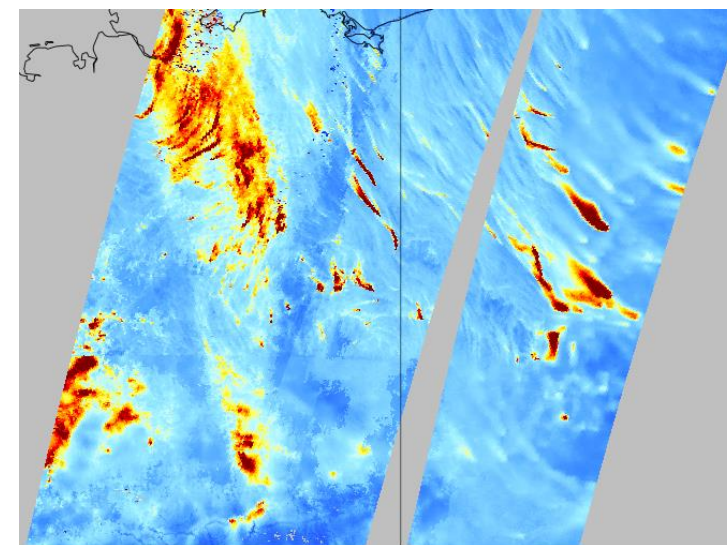
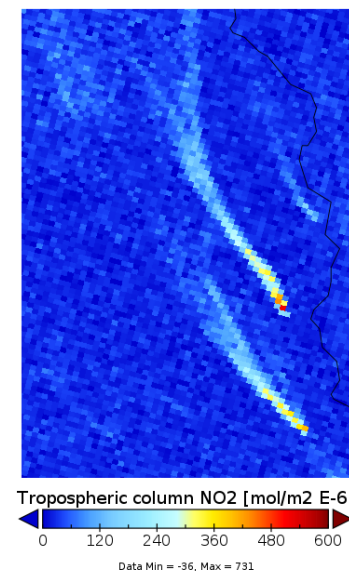
# The CO2M NO2 level-2 product

Based on heritage from OMI/TROPOMI NO2 algorithms

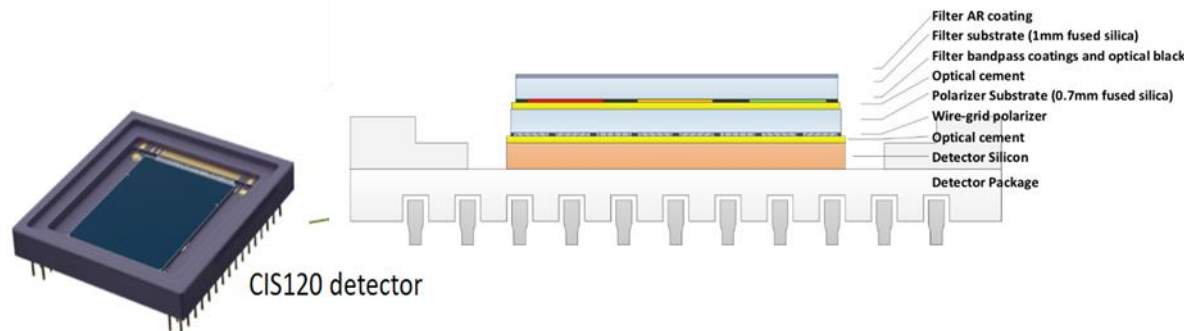
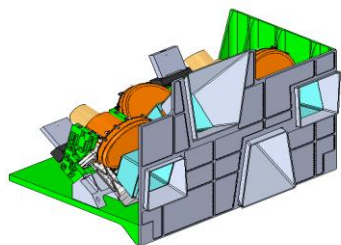
- **DOAS fit left unchanged**
  - CO2M: solar irradiance measurements
- **Troposphere-stratosphere separation:**
  - No assimilation CTM system as in TROPOMI
  - Use of CAMS global model data
  - As of CAMS IFS cycle 48R1: full stratospheric chemistry
- **Cloud correction:**
  - O2-O2 DOAS (VIS) with scattering cloud model
  - O2-A (NIR) as fallback
  - CLIM cloud information
- **Air-mass factors (AMF):**
  - Hi-res surface BRDF/DLER information
  - Scattering cloud model
  - CAMS NO2 a-priori profile shape (~40 x 40 km<sup>2</sup>)



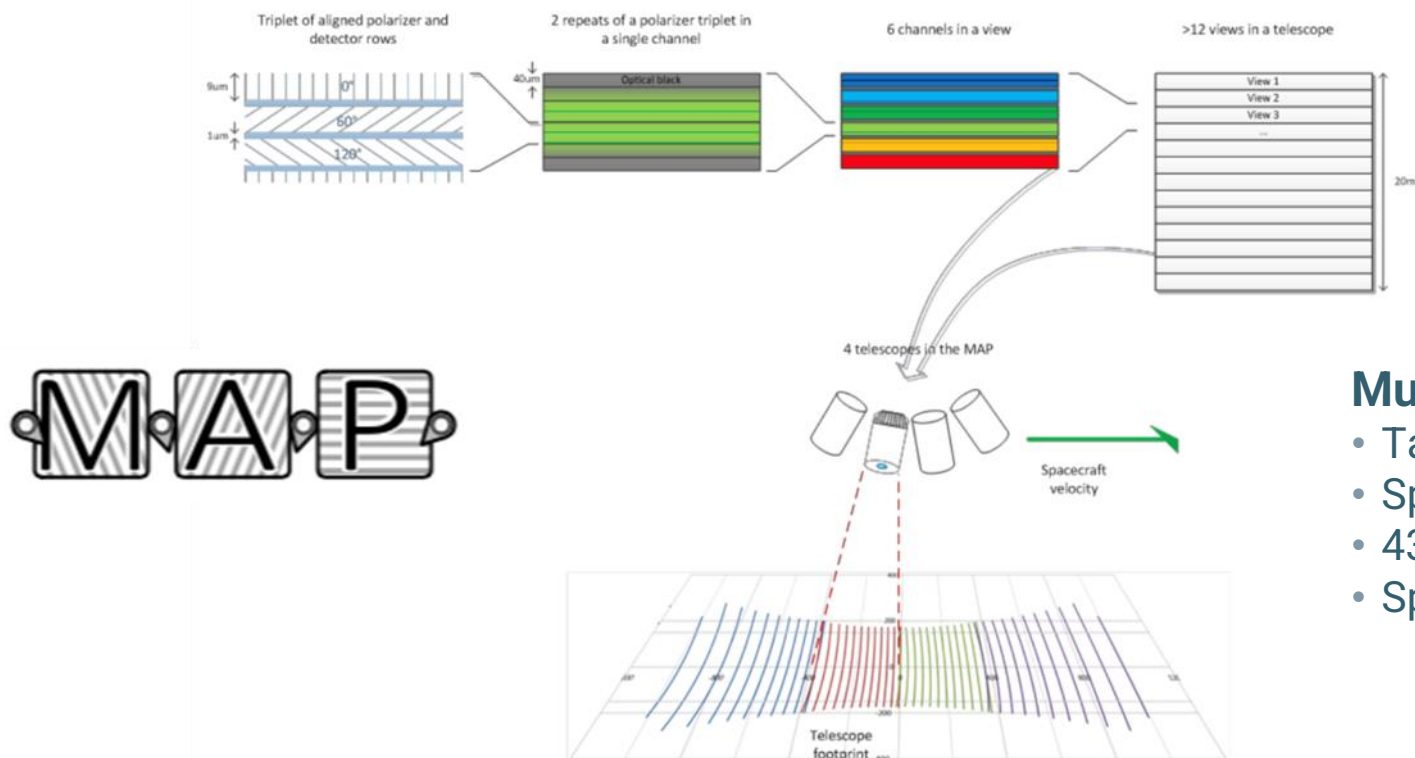
L2 using RAL SCENE







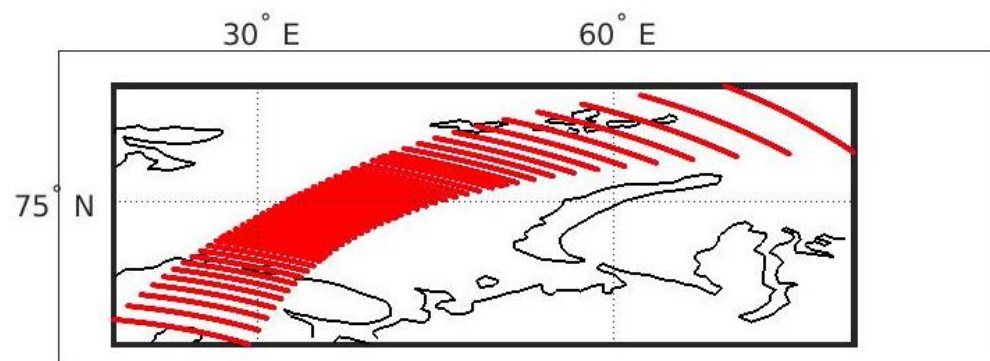
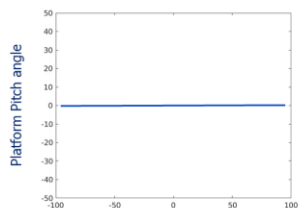
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## Multi-angle polarimeter

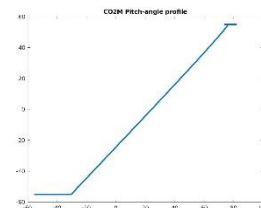
- Target species: **Aerosol**
- Spatial resolution (native): **1 km<sup>2</sup>**
- 43 views ( $0 > \text{OZA} < 60^\circ$ ) (out of 48 native)
- Spatial resolution (aerosol product): **4 km<sup>2</sup>**

## Nominal Orbit



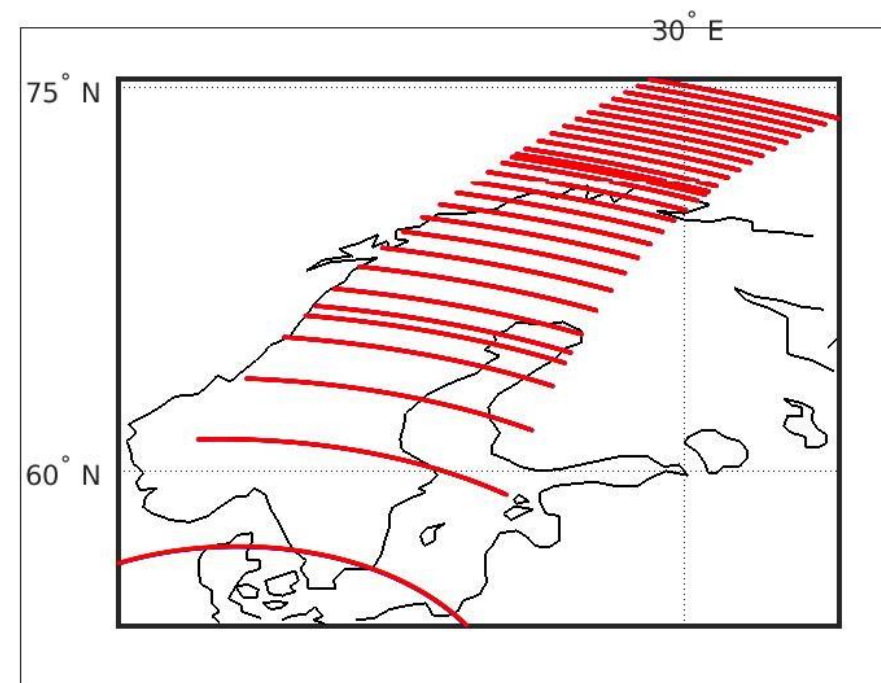
Platform pitch angle at 0 deg  
(all 41 views  $\pm 60$  degrees)

\*)



## Pitched Platform Orbit

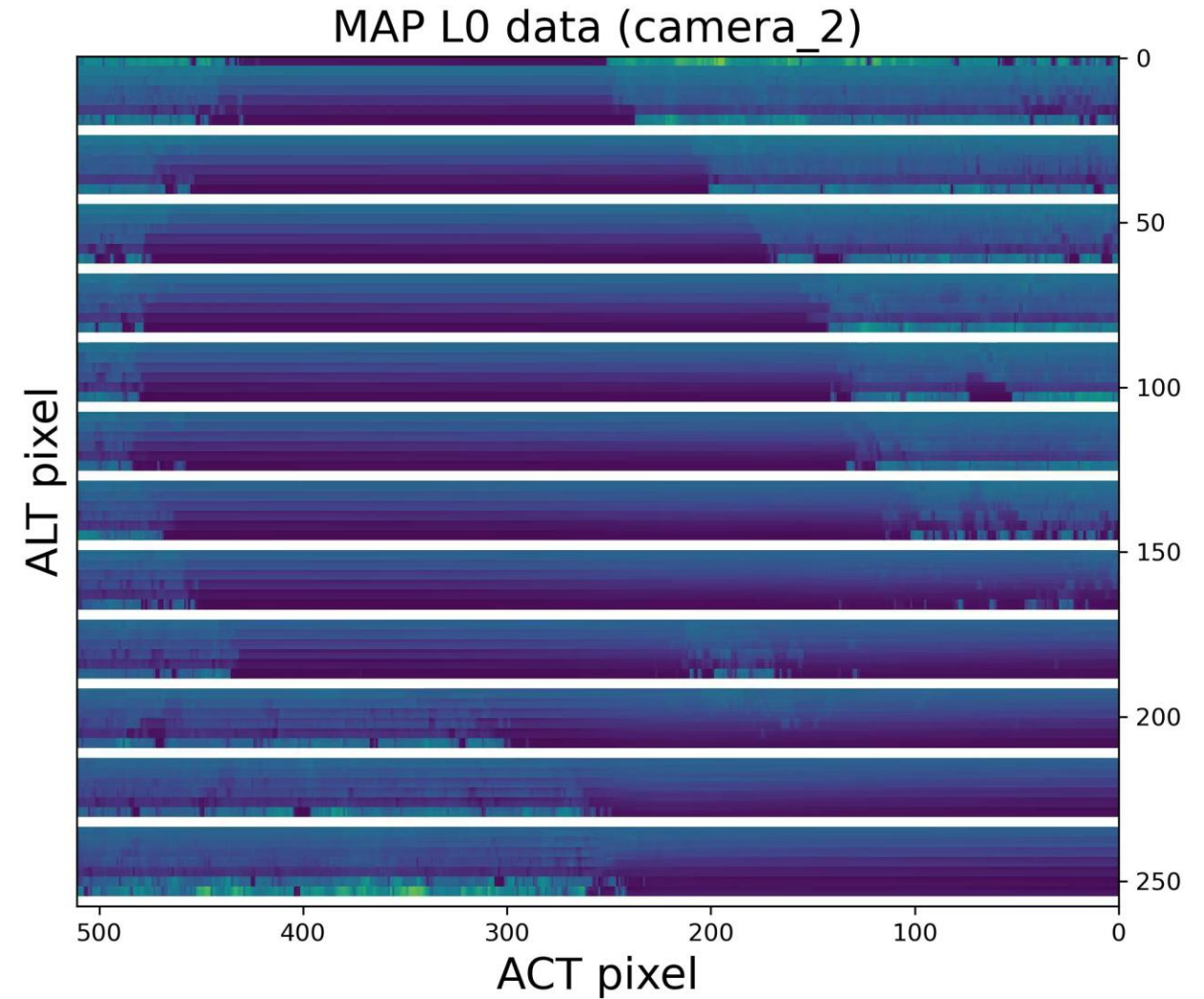
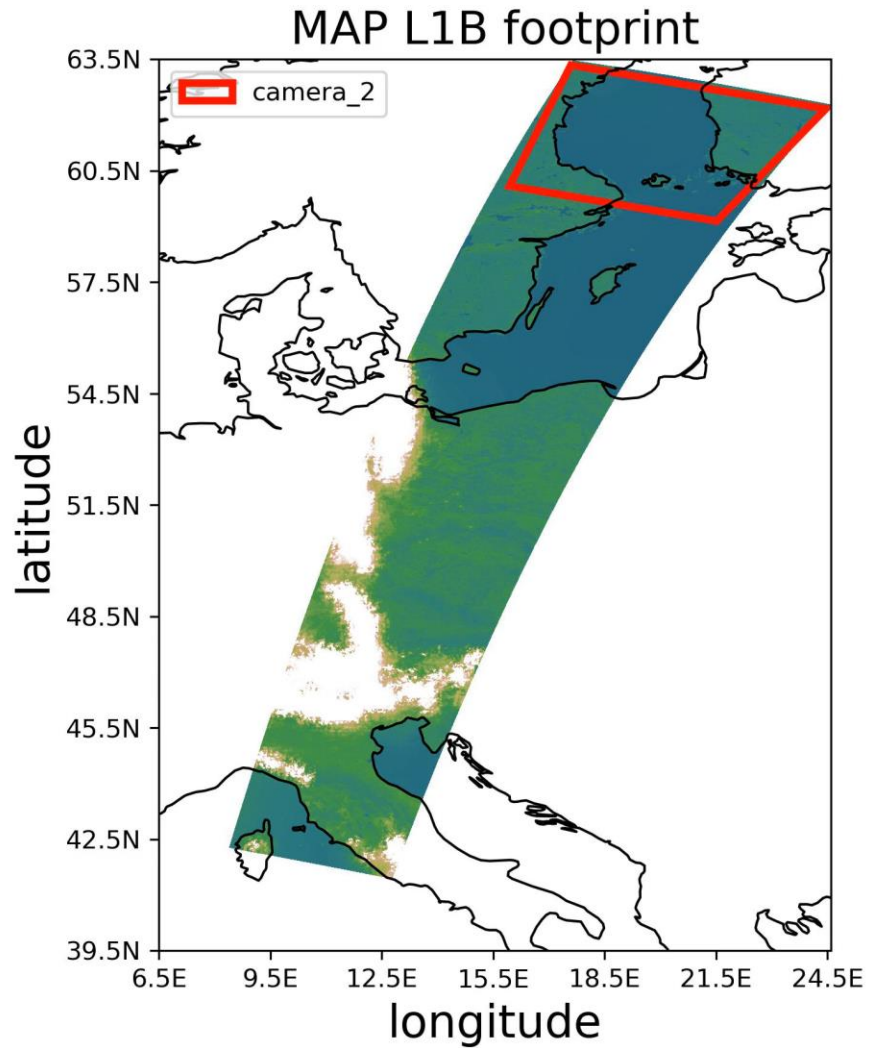
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Platform pitch angle at 50 deg forward looking  
(all 29 valid views  $\pm 60$  degrees)

\*) Cox-Munk model for water (glint) reflectance at 7 m/s averaged wind-speed.







# Simulation of CO2M MAP L1 data – L1B to L1C co-registration to CO2I grid

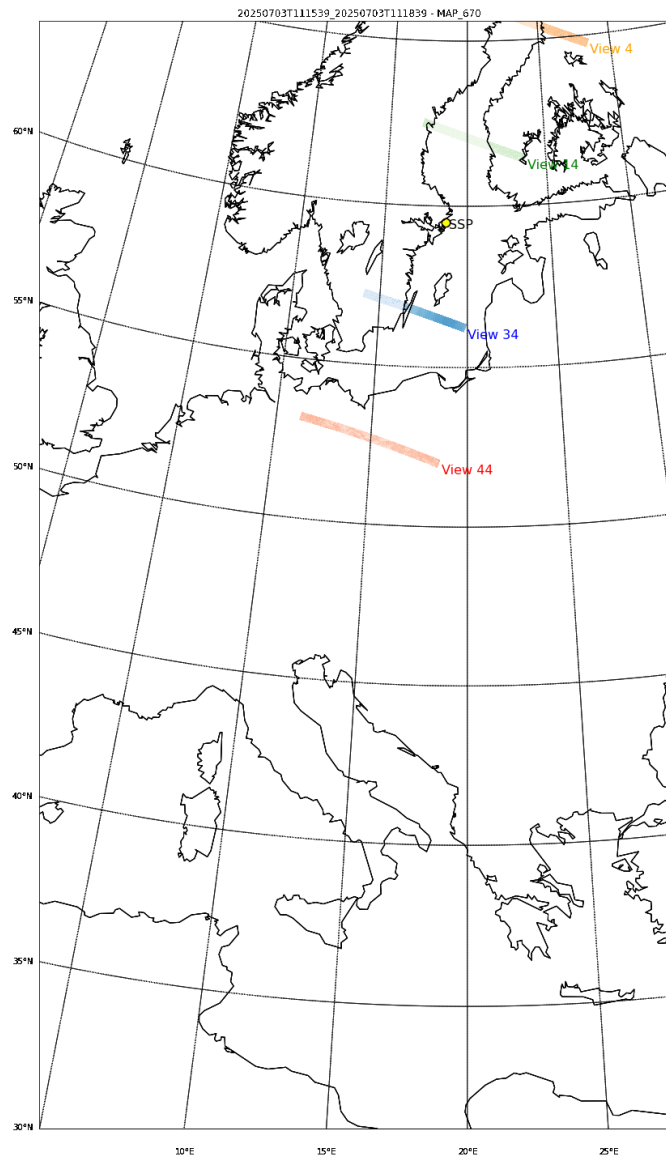
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## The CO2M MAP L1B

2 granules  
(total 6 minutes)

Nadir pointing

4 views out of 48  
are shown

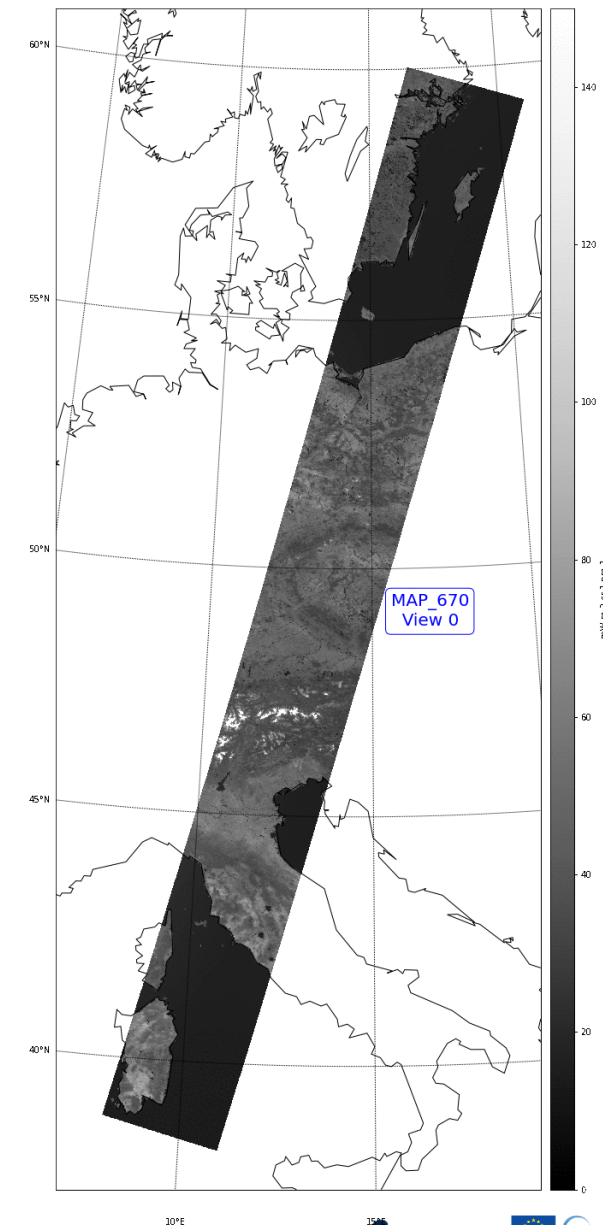


## The CO2M MAP L1C

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Nadir pointing

45 Co-registered  
views



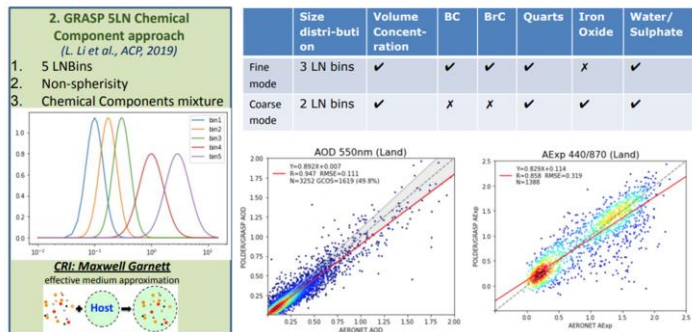




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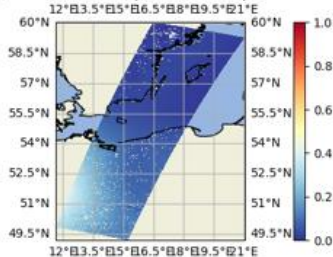
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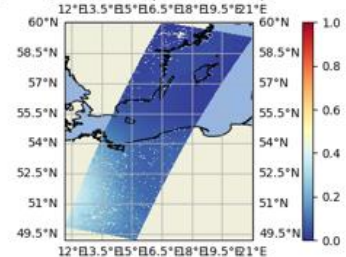
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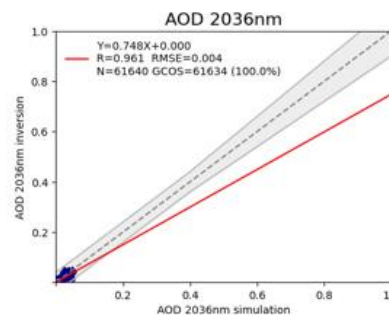
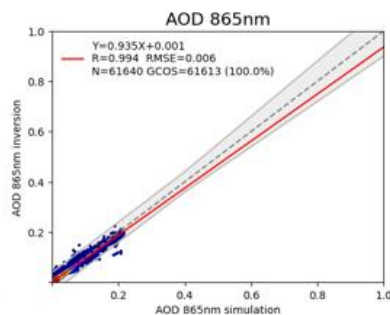
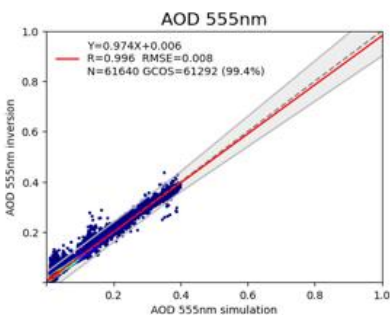
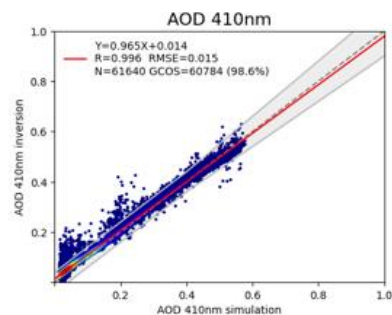
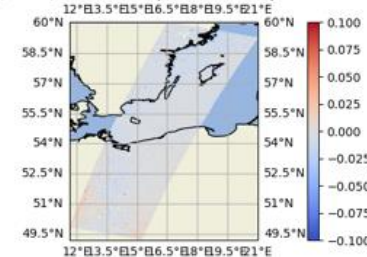
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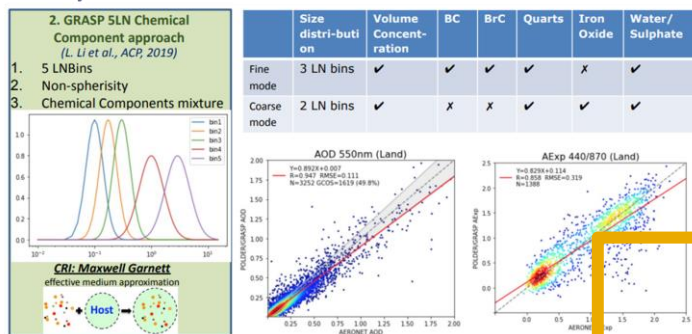




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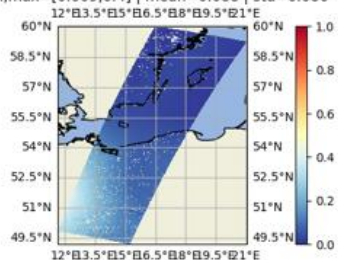


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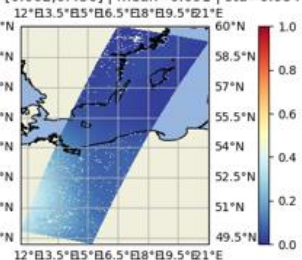
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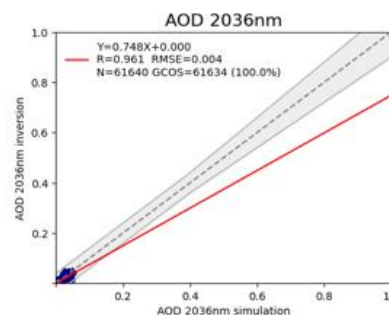
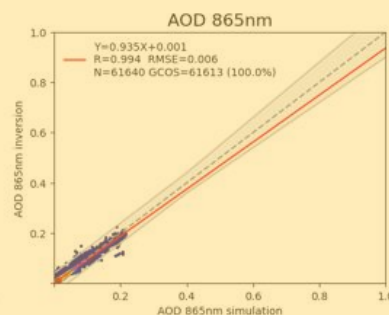
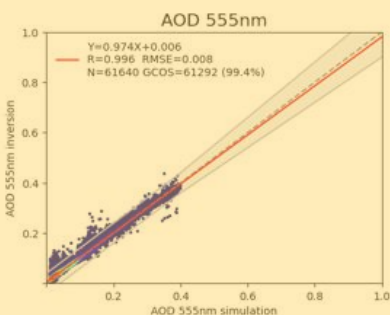
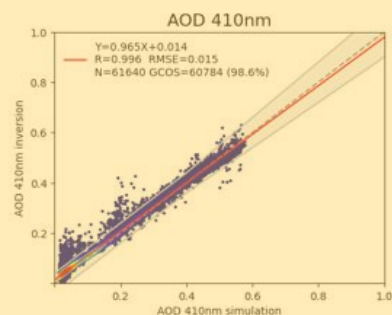
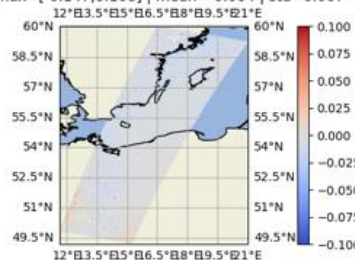
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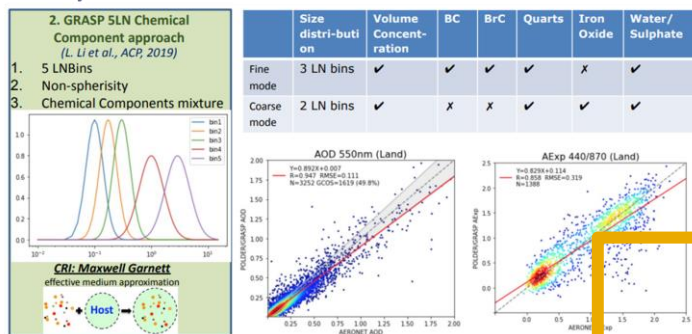




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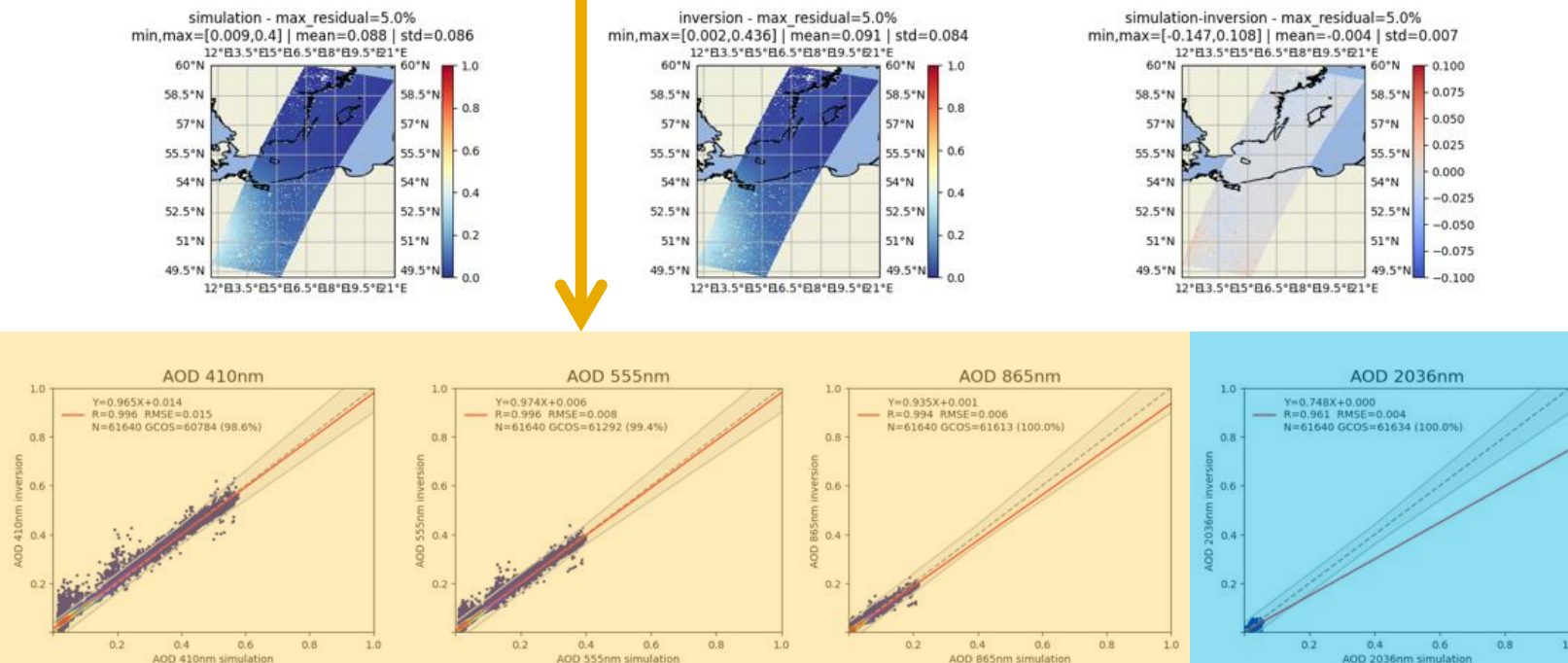
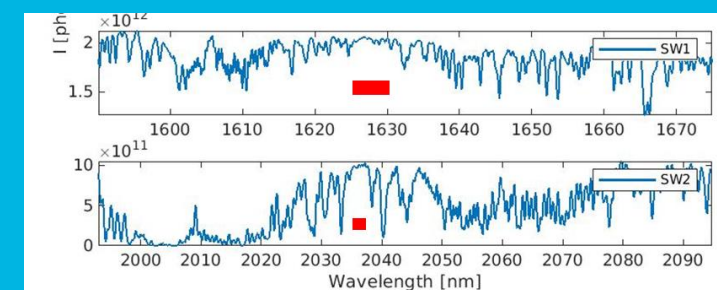
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## CO2I SWIR1/2 background reflectance

- SWIR 1: 1620-1627.5 nm
- SWIR 2: 2034.9-2037.5 nm







# CO2M cloud information from CLIM data for GHG/NO2/AOD

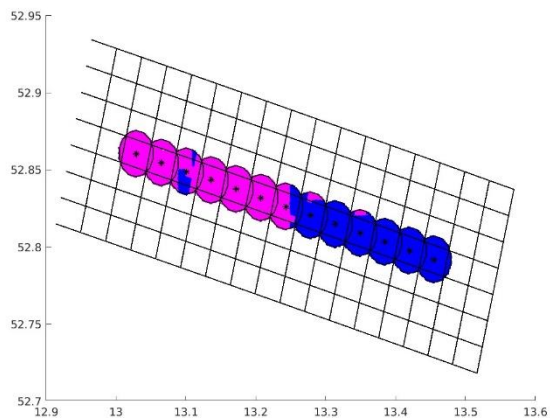
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**Cloud\_shadow\_mask** [scanline×ground\_pixel]

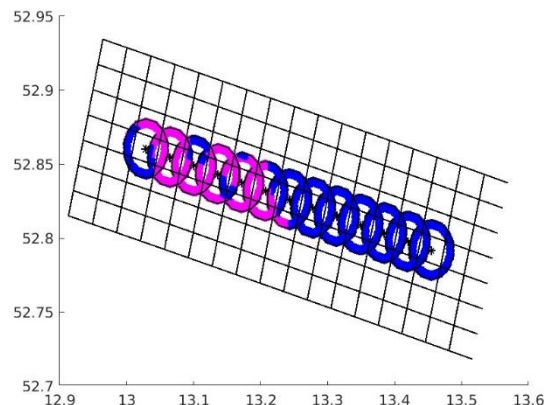
\*) clim\_ch=CLIM1/2

Sub-set of CO2I swath:

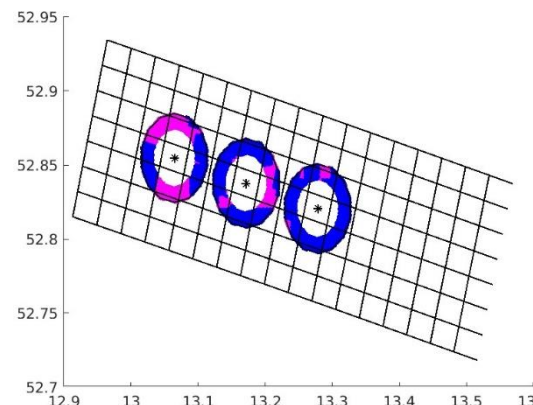
Aggregation area / CLIM cloud mask:



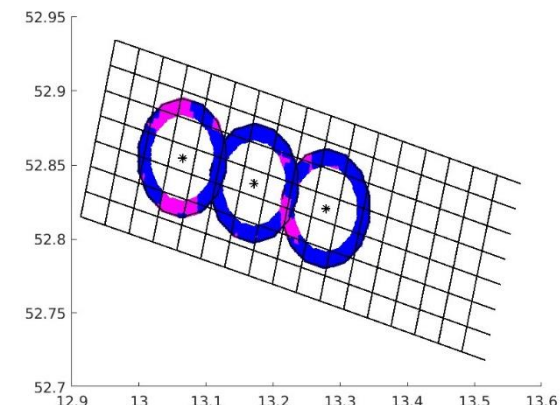
circle 1



circle 2



circle 3  
(only every 3<sup>rd</sup> plotted)



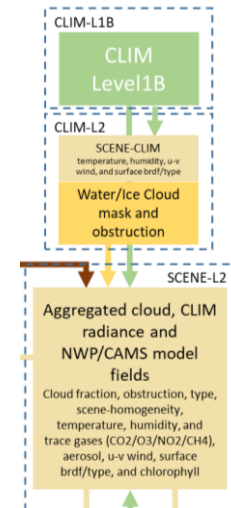
circle 4  
(only every 3<sup>rd</sup> plotted)

## cloud\_area / cirrus-area

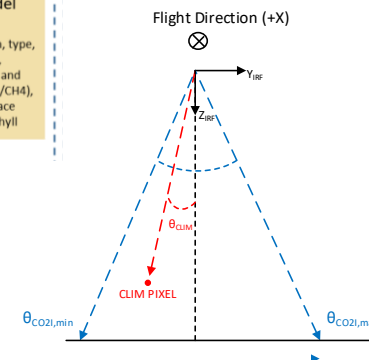
4 areas covered

Area around CO2I/NO2I centre pixel lat/lon:

semimajor = [0.02 0.04 0.06 0.08]  
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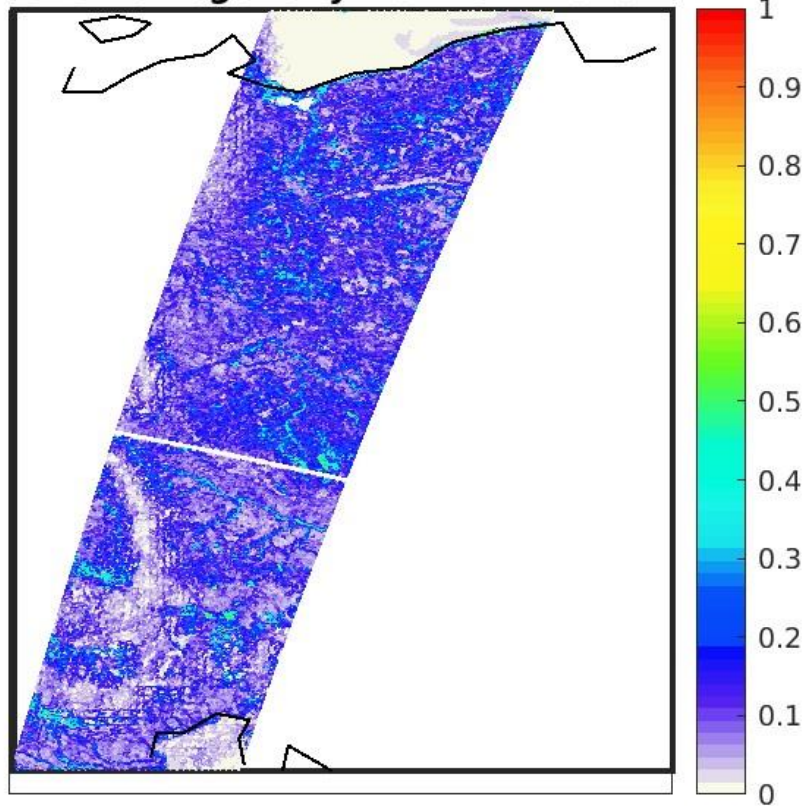


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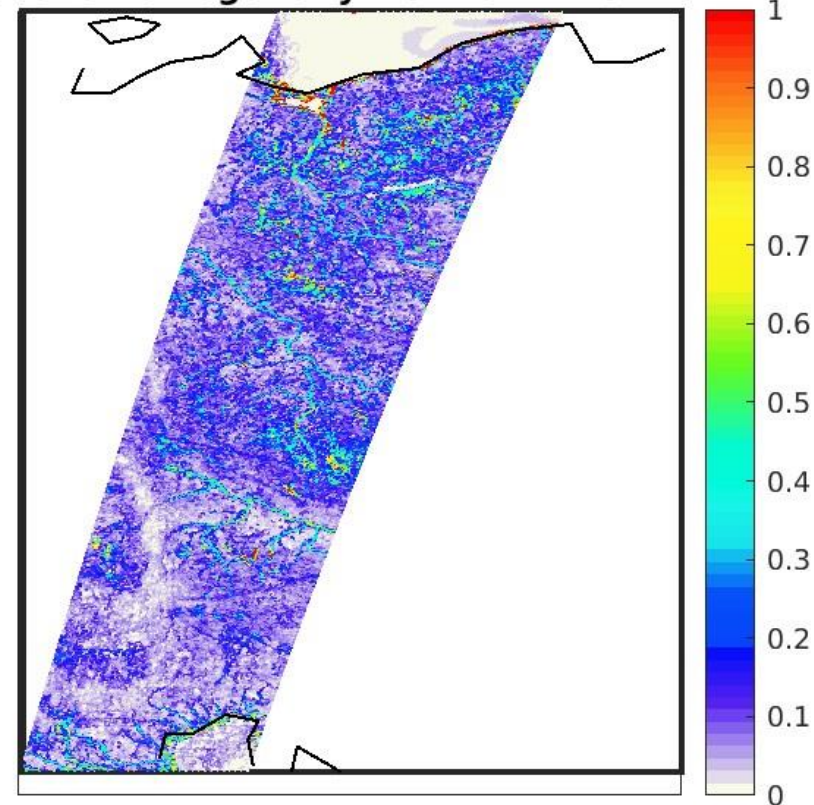
**Scene-inhomogeneity:**  $\text{std}(I_{\text{vis/nir}})/\text{mean}(I_{\text{vis/nir}})$

Scene-homogeneity from CLIM 670 nm



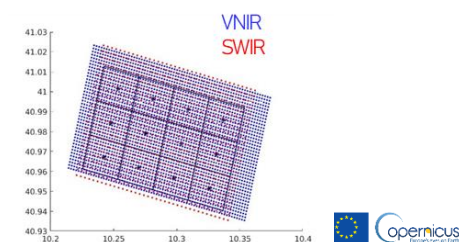
At 670 nm

Scene-homogeneity from CLIM 752 nm



At 752 nm

~200 CLIM measurements aggregated to CO2I/NO2I footprint:





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WLS	X			weekly
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Dark	X	X	X	orbit

Vicarious Cal  
“as needed”



CO2M  
0.3 nm (@1.6  $\mu$ m)

- SNOs
- Ref. Targets
- etc.

Cross-Cal



MicroCarb, OCO-x, GOSAT-x, S5, etc.

~0.05 nm (@1.6  $\mu$ m)

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Product VAL

Product Cal/Val

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Cross-Cal

Cross-Cal

Spectrally oversampled  
reference

Similar spectral resolution



PaNIR  
2.5 nm (@1.6  $\mu$ m)



COCOON  
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See presentation by Cat Hayer

Tuesday: 16:00 JST

4.07: The Copernicus anthropogenic CO2 Monitoring (CO2M) mission – operational product validation and monitoring

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- The CO2M processing system is designed to provide level-1b/c radiance and auxiliary information from three instruments and from all auxiliary data providers as consistent as possible - co-registered and collocated at a common reference grid ("hyper-instrument") and as common input to all CO2M level-2 processors.
- Since different GHG algorithms react differently to the propagation of (complex) information content and deficiencies in instrument performance, robust and reliable results can only be expected from multiple algorithms with significant differences in their exploitation of the overall information content of the overall system (also true for ground-based data retrievals!).
- For CO2M product Cal/Val the accumulation of significant and representative statistics during the course of product commissioning (and to be continued thereafter) is of highest priority in order to discriminate the different bias contributors and to make bias emerge from noise.
- Priority on continuous collection of reference data with high automation, low human resource need and low carbon cost
- Significant use of in-flight accumulated reference data (vicarious statistical and/or from stable well-known targets) for product Cal/Val
- The aim is to re-use existing operational validation and monitoring environments (S4/S5/3MI) in EUMETSAT