

G3E – Geostationary Emission Explorer for Europe

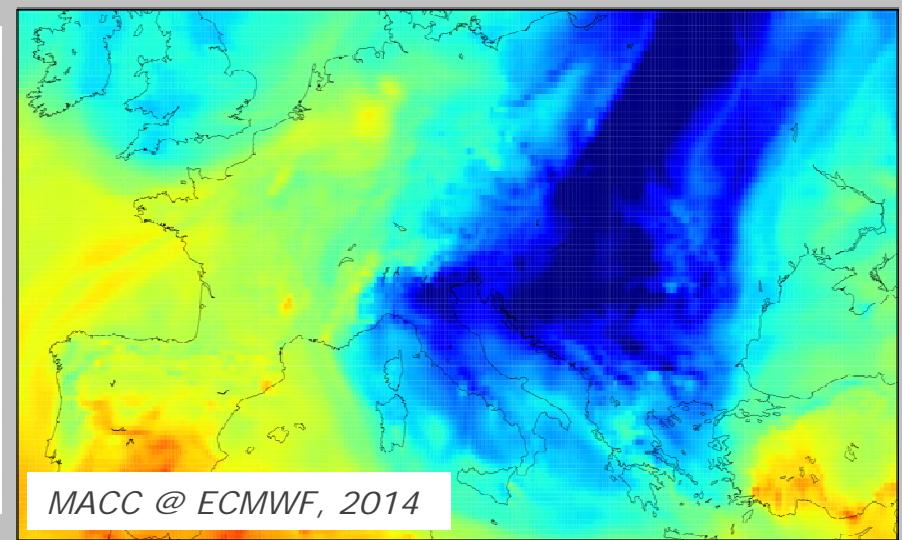
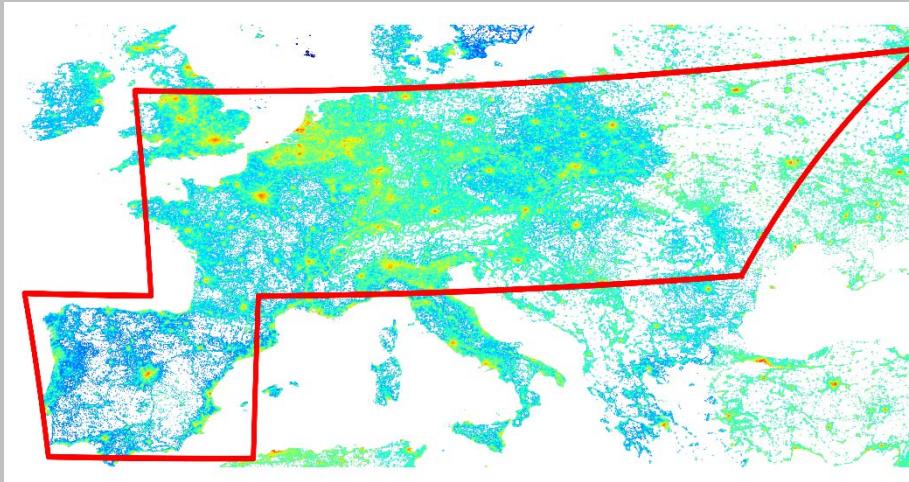
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Performance of a geostationary mission, geoCARB, to measure CO₂, CH₄ and CO column-averaged concentrations

[Polonsky et al., AMT, 2013]

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Constraining regional greenhouse gas emissions using geostationary concentration measurements: a theoretical study

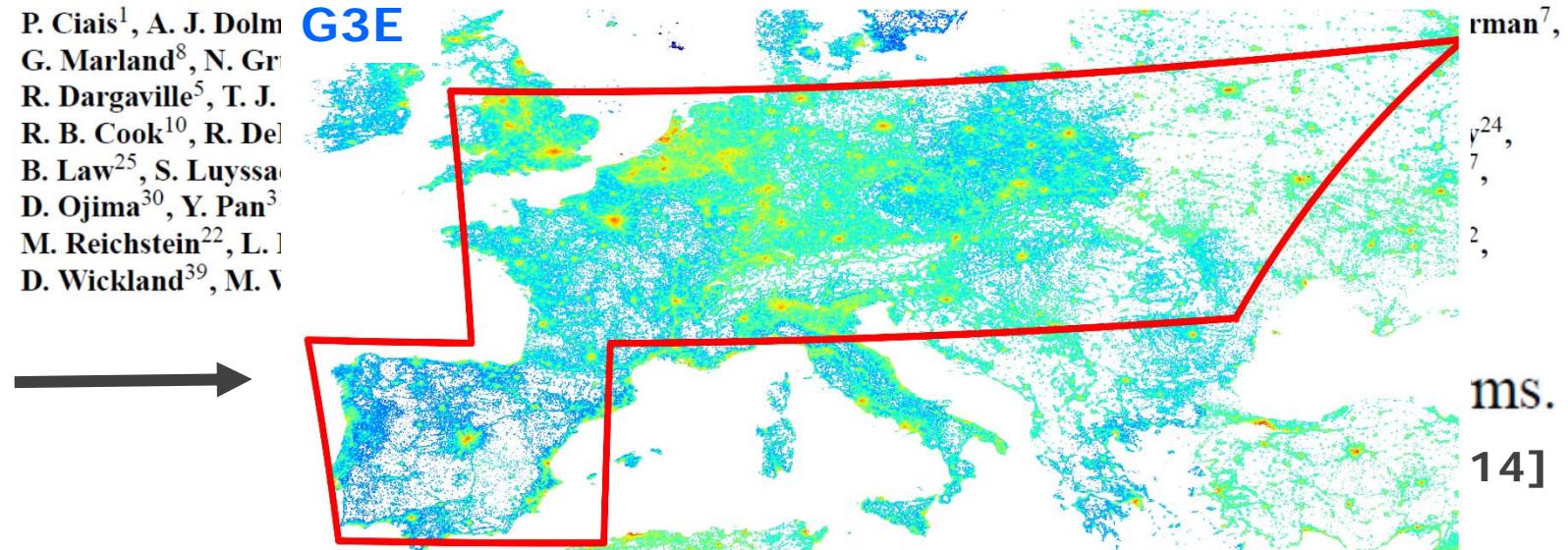
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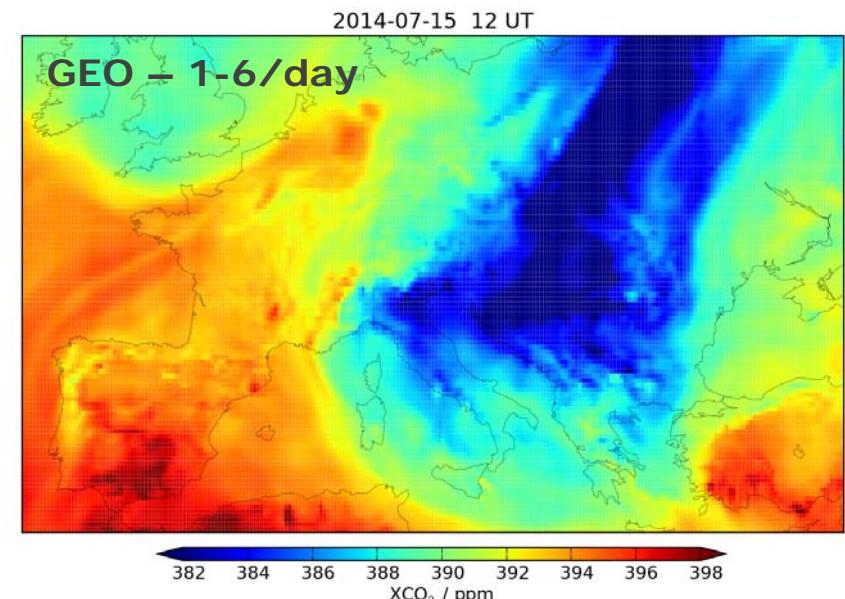
Basic G3E specs:

- Geostationary orbit
- 2h per scan over Europe
- 2 x 3 km² ground pixels (at ~50° N/10°E, 1.7 x 1.7 km² at sub-satellite)
- XCO₂, XCH₄: anthropogenic (precision <0.5%) + biogenic (accuracy <0.x%)
- XCO: source/transport attribution (precision/accuracy < 10%)
- Support: aerosols, fluorescence

G3E: benefit of a geostationary observer

Contiguous spatial and temporal imaging

- **Spatiotemporal context:** disentangle transport, boundary conditions and sources/sinks
- **Local horizontal contrast:** emissions of localized sources
- **Local temporal contrast:** diurnal cycle, source specification
- **Sampling density:** less sampling bias (Don't miss events).



XCO₂ fields from MACC @ ECMWF,
0.2°x0.2°, 3h

Courtesy by V.-H. Peuch, M.
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G3E: instrument design

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 (lots of design choices borrowed from S5, S4, CarbonSat ...)

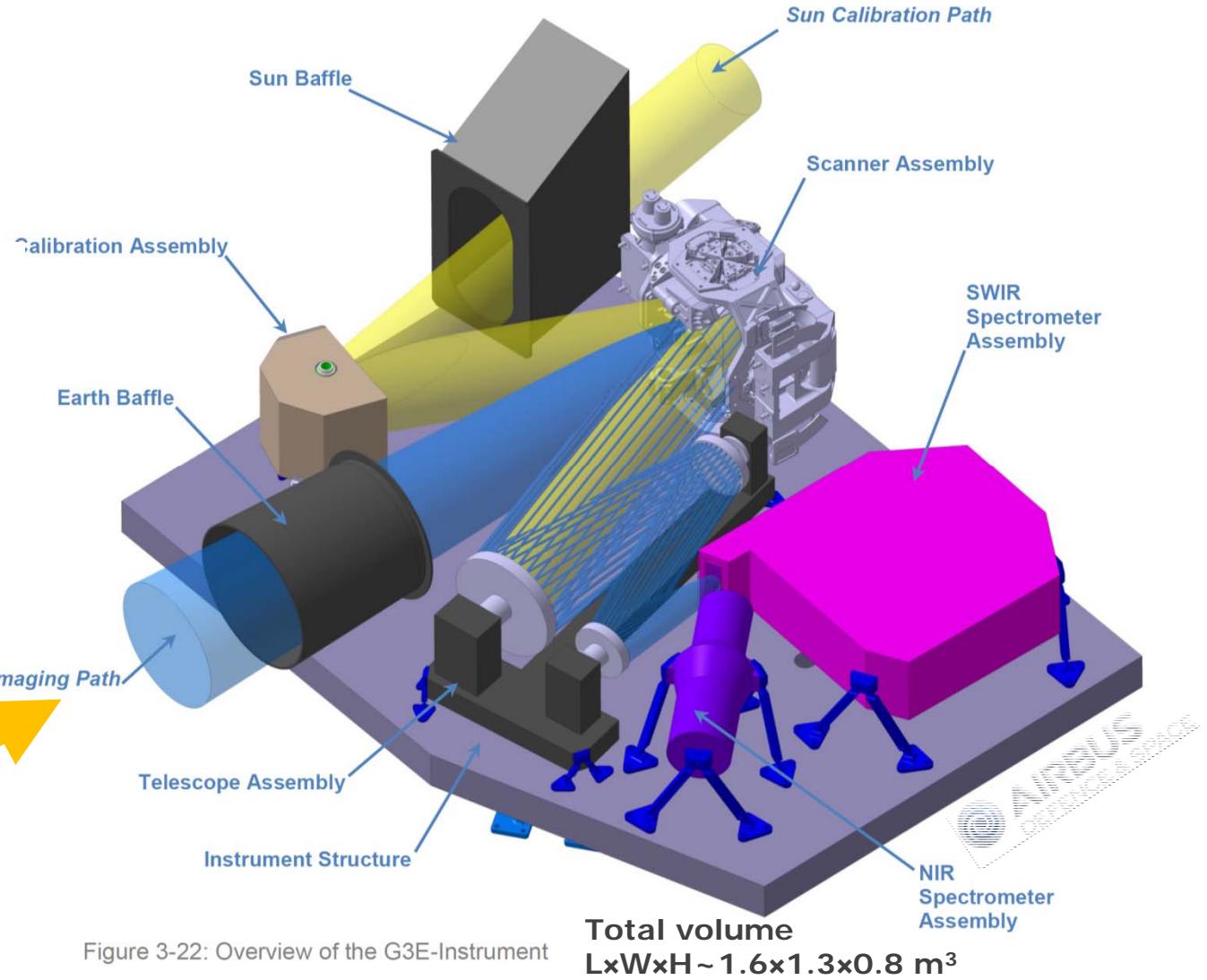
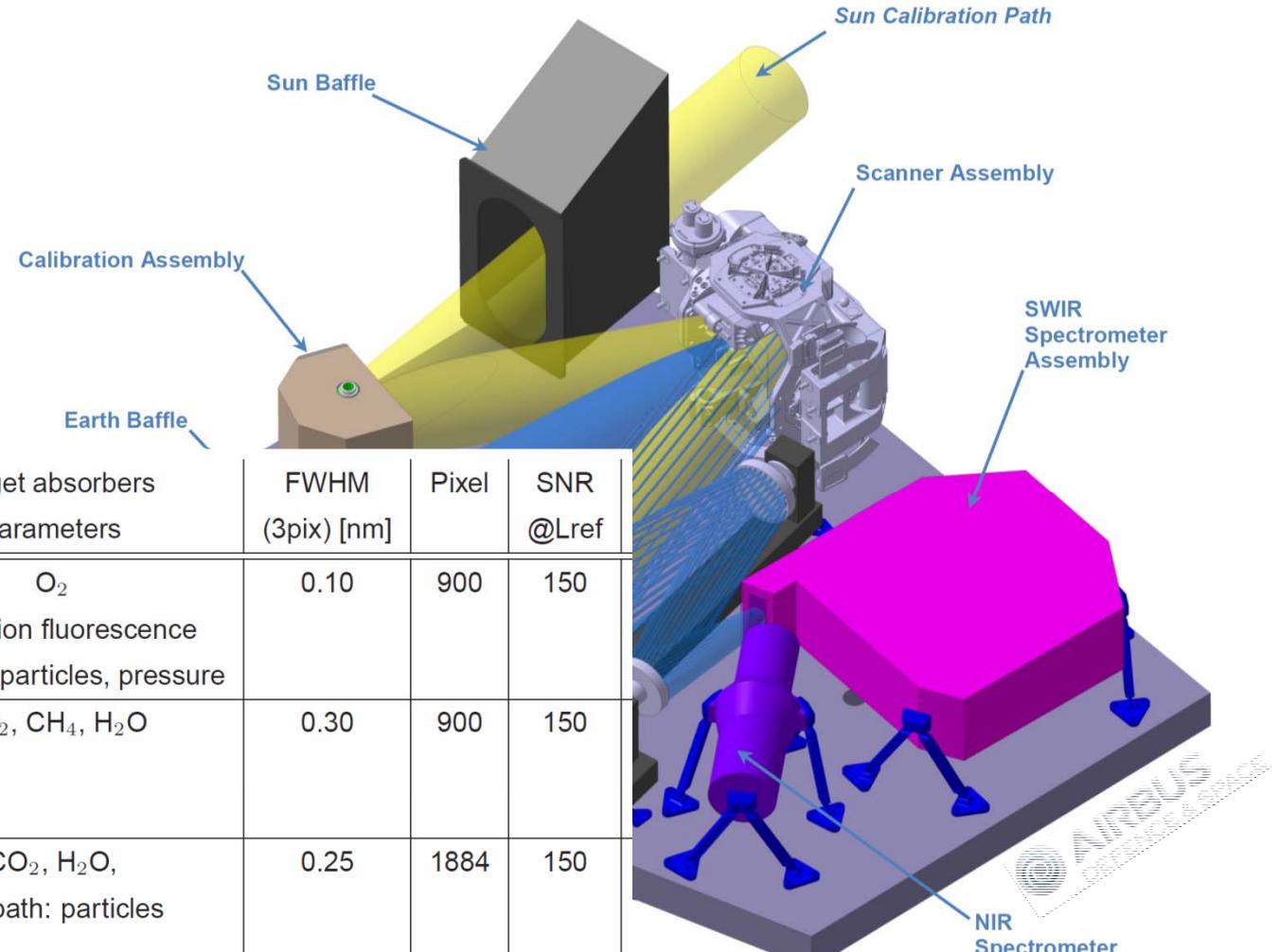


Figure 3-22: Overview of the G3E-Instrument

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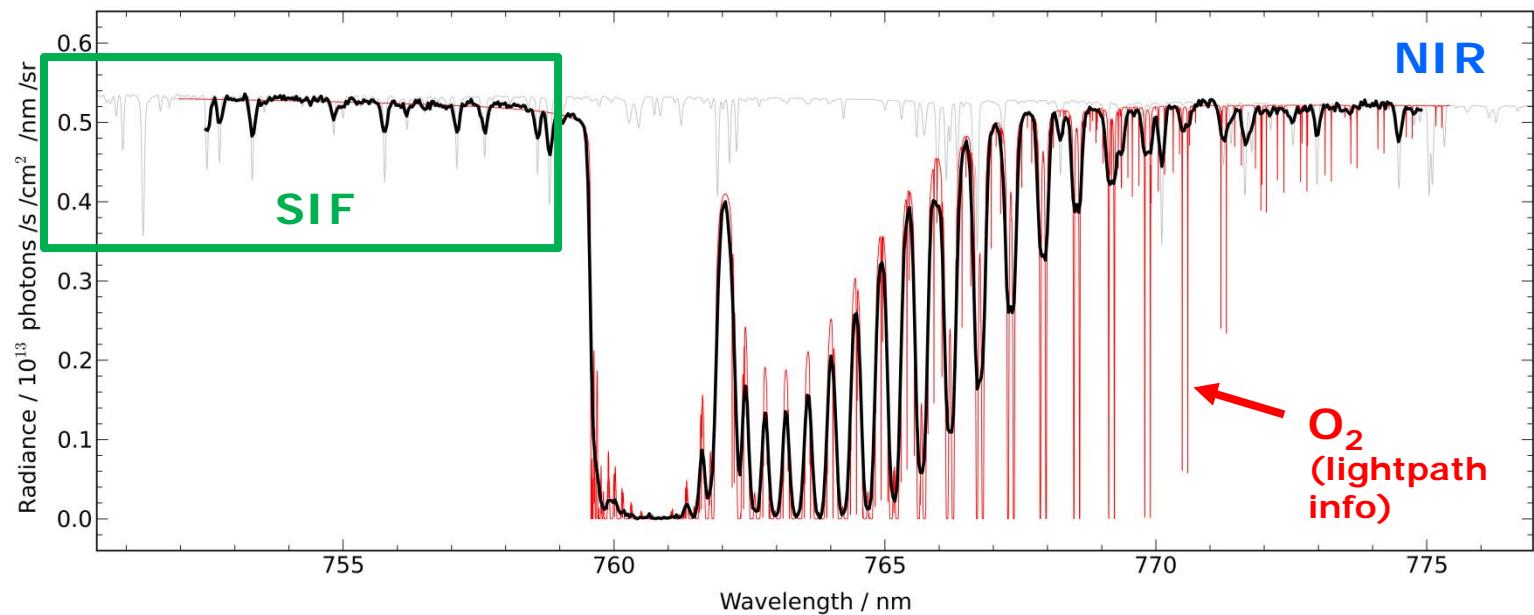
G3E: 4-channel grating spectrometer

Band ID	Spectral range [nm]	Target absorbers parameters	FWHM (3pix) [nm]	Pixel	SNR @Lref
NIR	745 - 775	O ₂ vegetation fluorescence lightpath: particles, pressure	0.10	900	150
SWIR-1	1585 - 1675	CO ₂ , CH ₄ , H ₂ O	0.30	900	150
SWIR-2	1925 - 2082	CO ₂ , H ₂ O, lightpath: particles	0.25	1884	150
SWIR-3	2305 - 2385	CH ₄ , CO, H ₂ O lightpath: particles	0.25	960	150

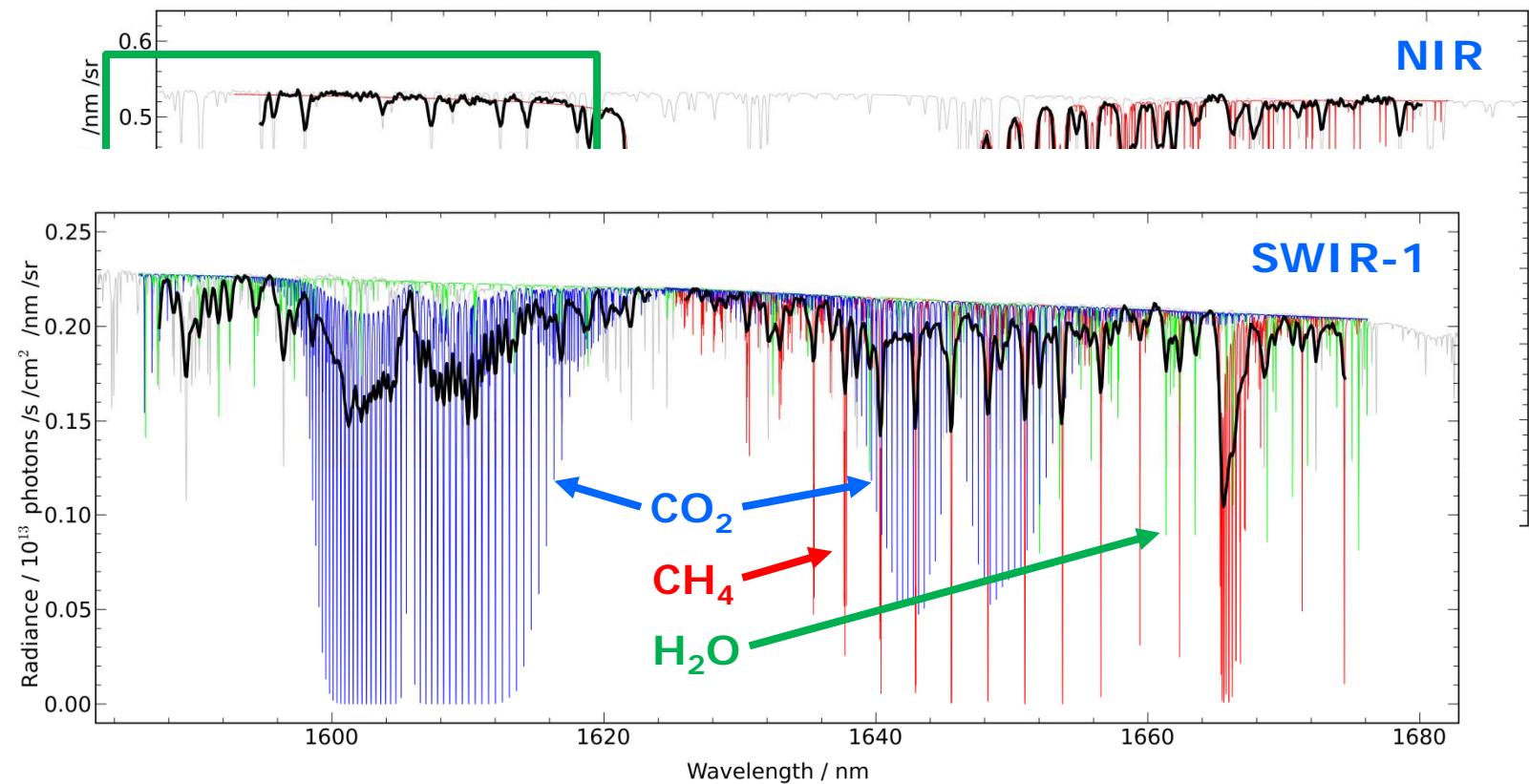


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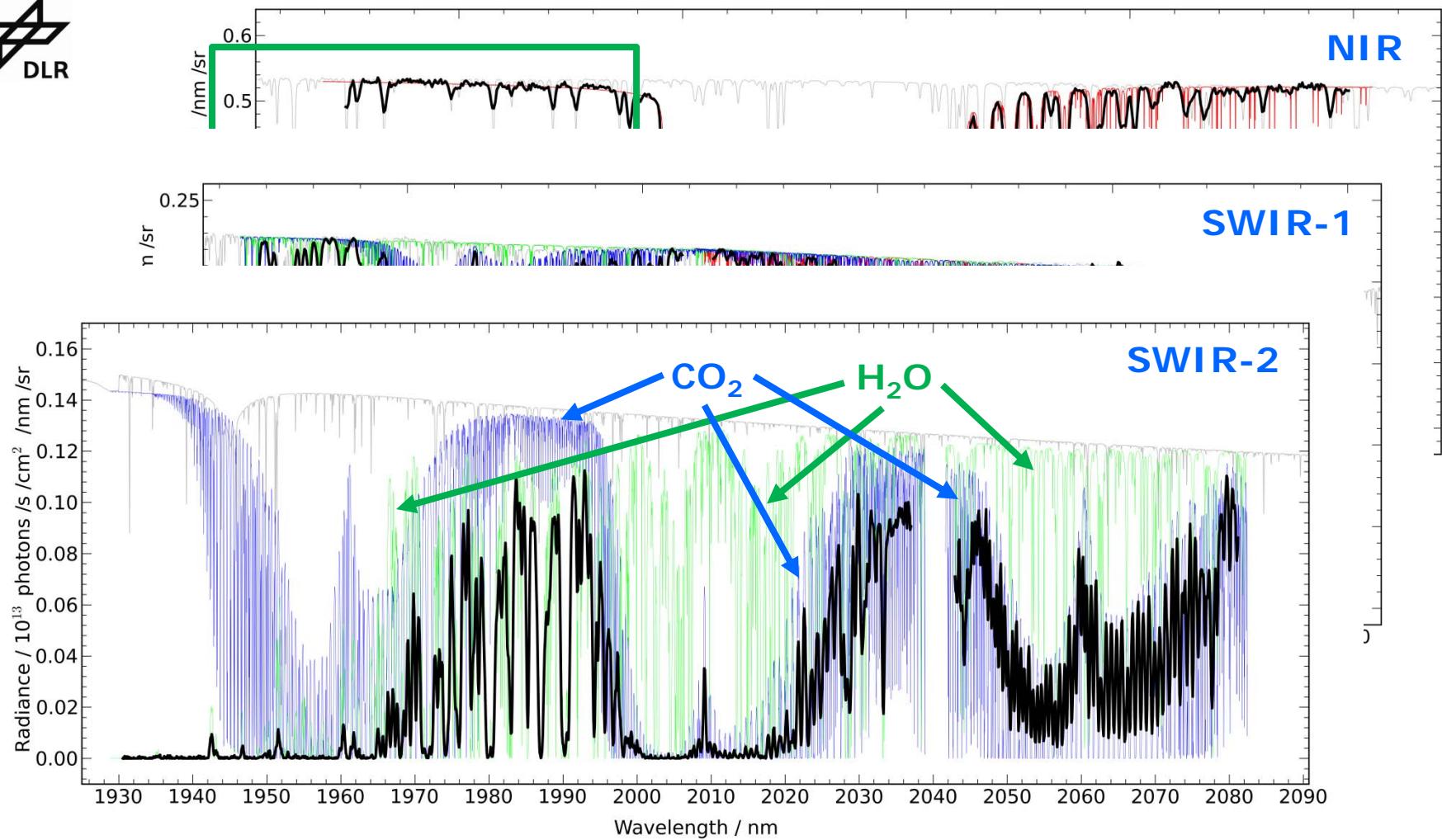
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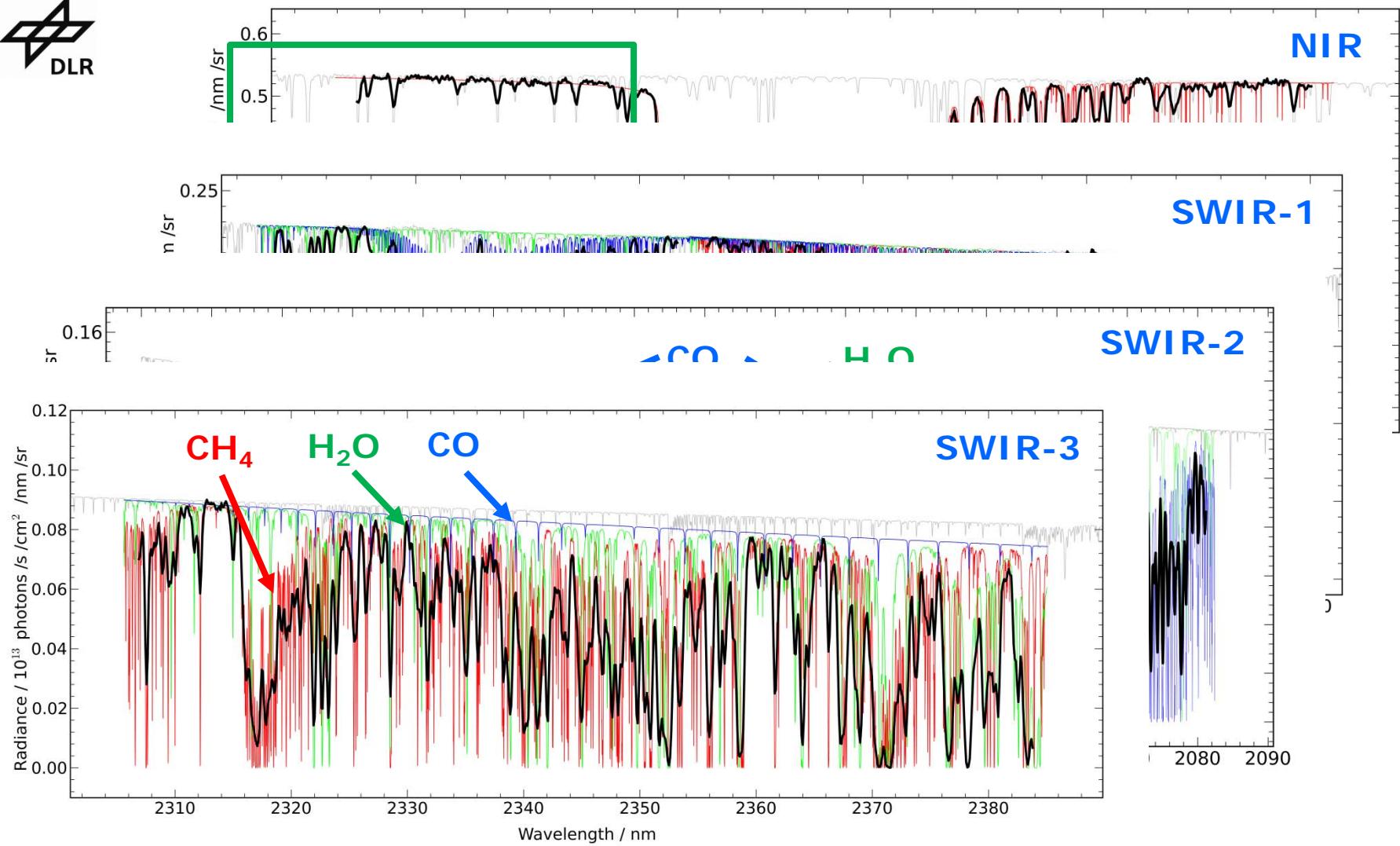
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G3E: synergies in geostationary orbit

Meteosat Third Generation (MTG)

- Flexible Combined Imager (FCI, solar + thermal imager): **spatiotemporally high-resolution (0.5-2 km, ~10 min) cloud and aerosol information**
- Infrared Sounder (IRS, thermal infrared sounder, ~4 km, ~30 min): **mid-tropospheric CO, O₃, H₂O, clouds, cirrus**
- Sentinel-4/UVN (S4, UV/vis/NIR solar backscatter, ~8km, ~1 h): **total column O₃, NO₂, SO₂, H₂CO,, aerosols**

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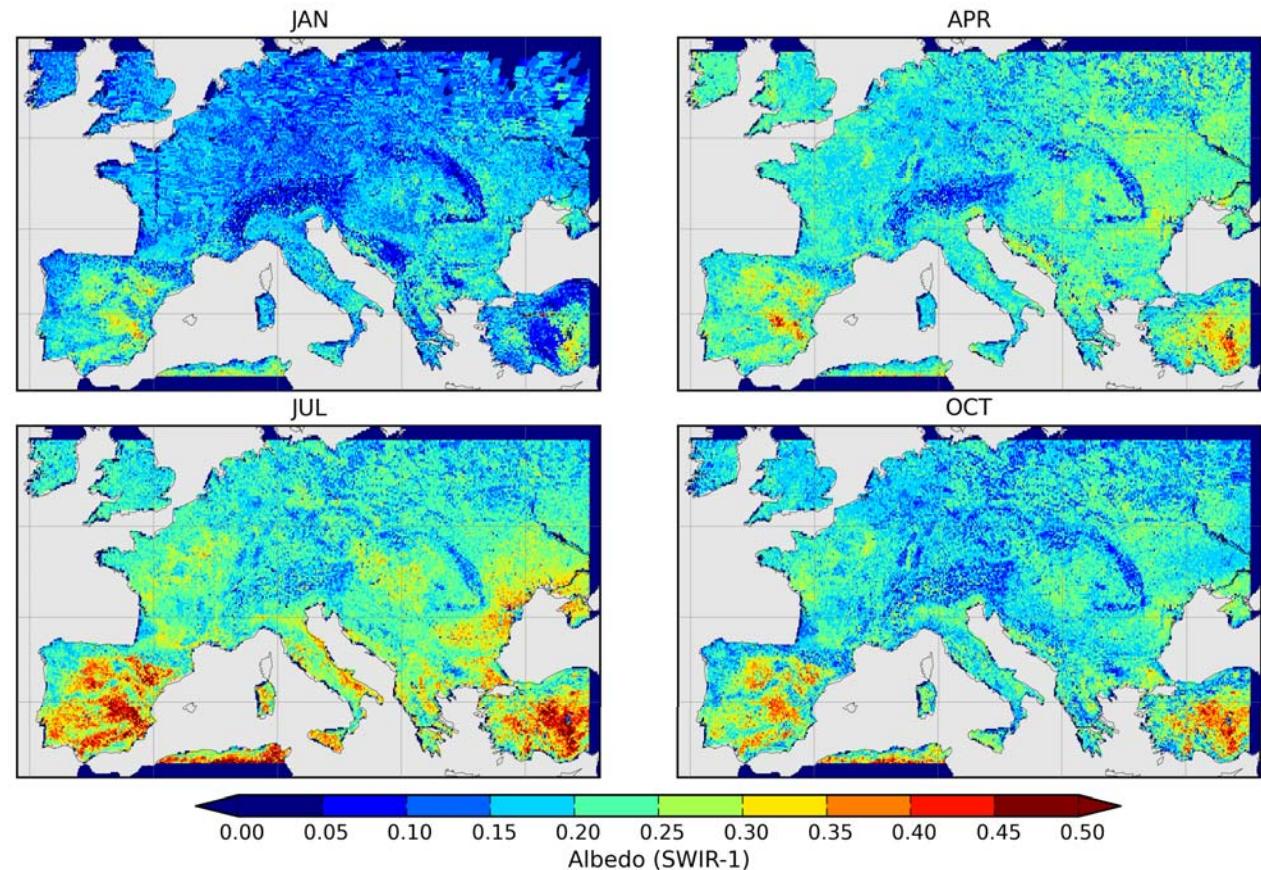
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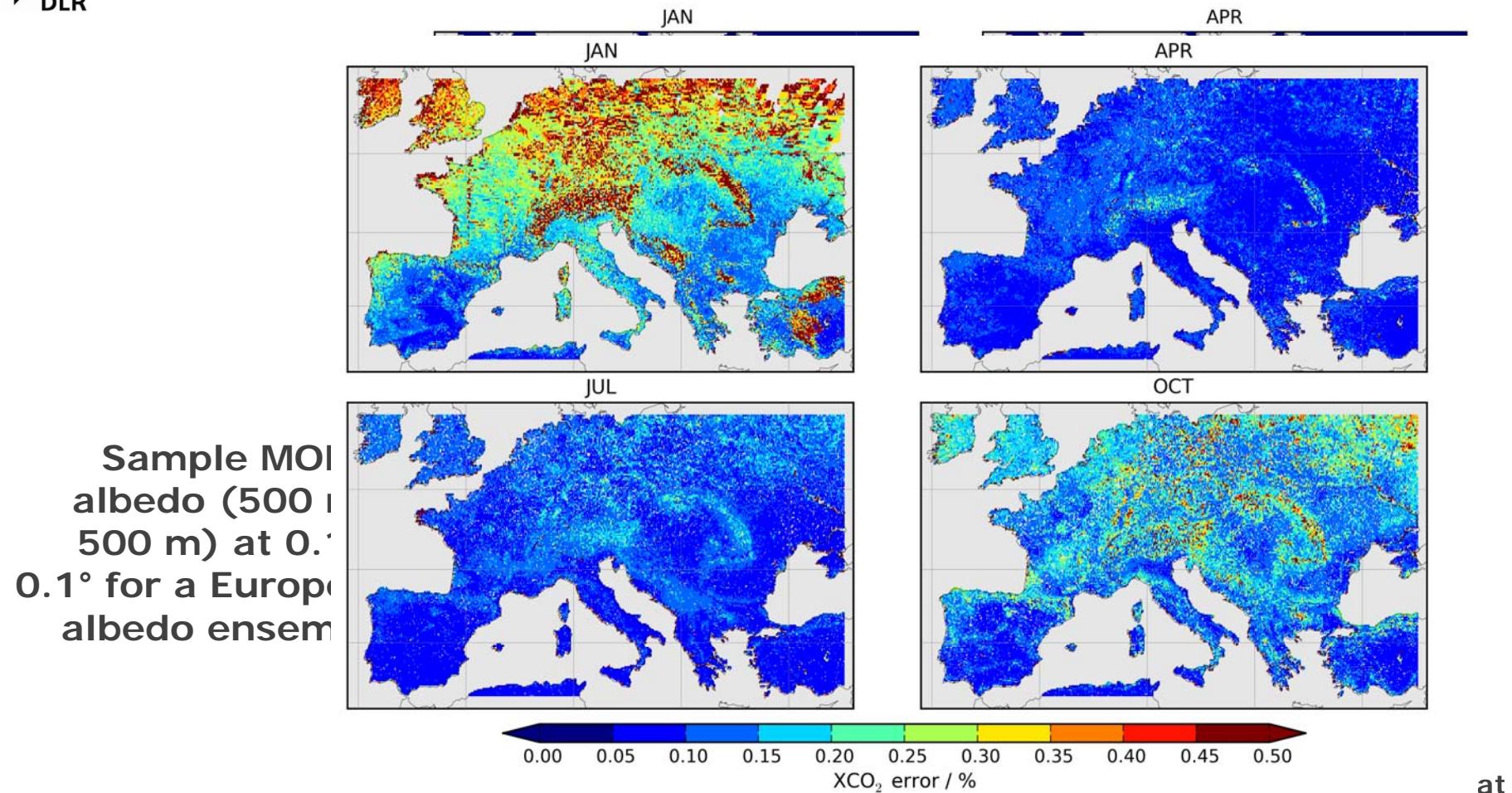
**Sample MODIS
albedo (500 m x
500 m) at 0.1° x
0.1° for a European
albedo ensemble**



Acknowledgement: MODIS land albedo product at
<http://modis-atmos.gsfc.nasa.gov/index.html>

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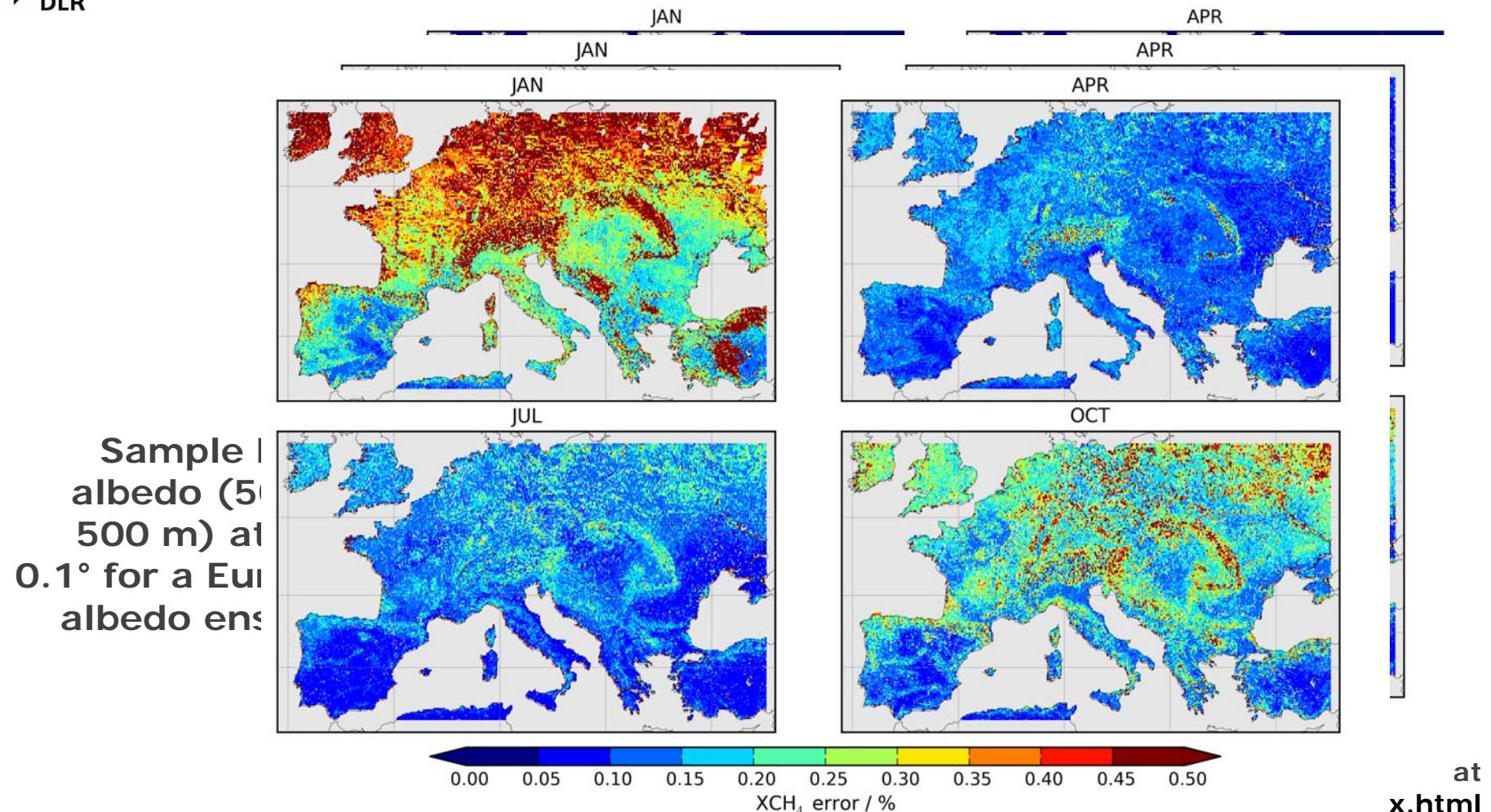
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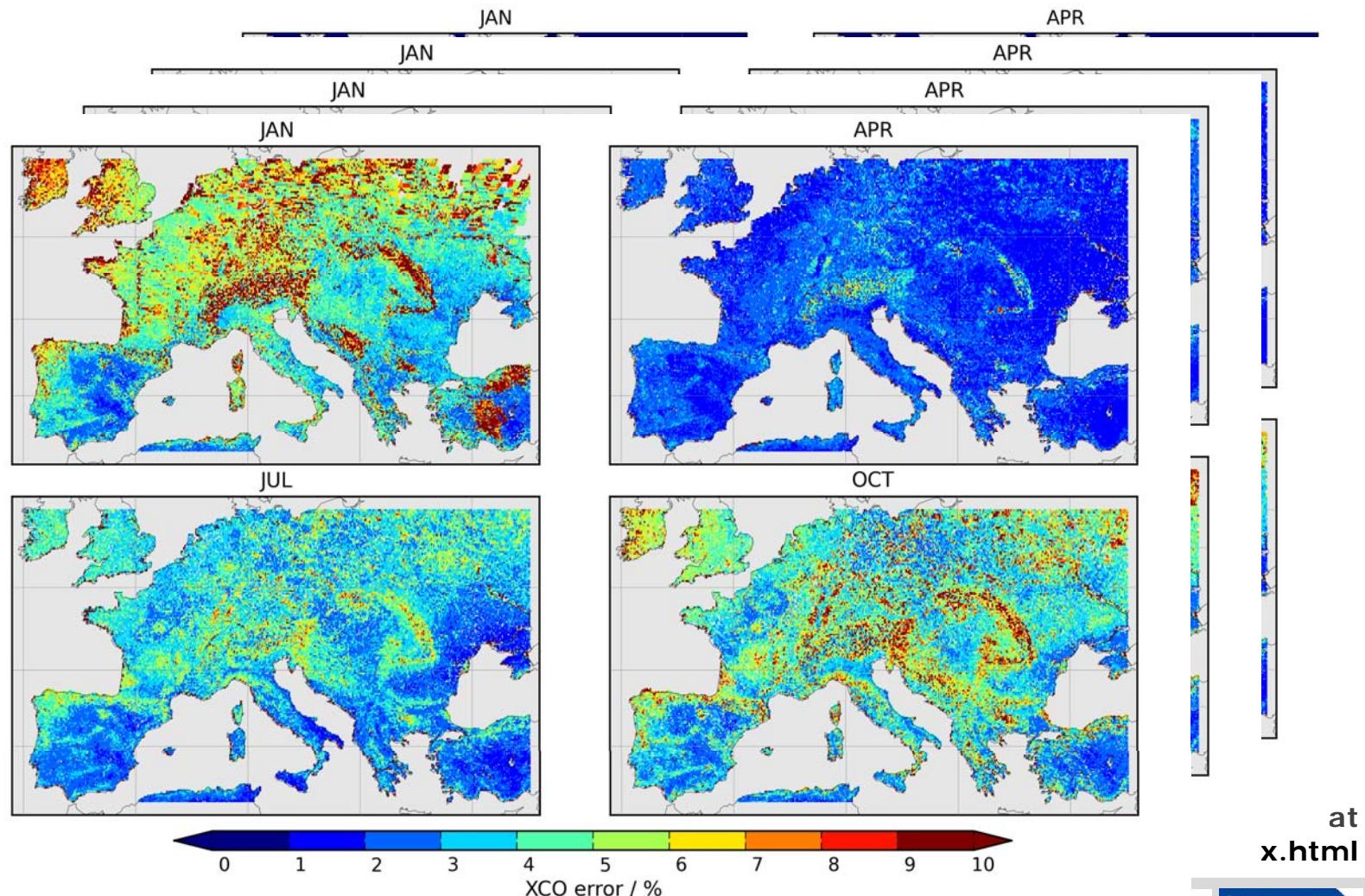
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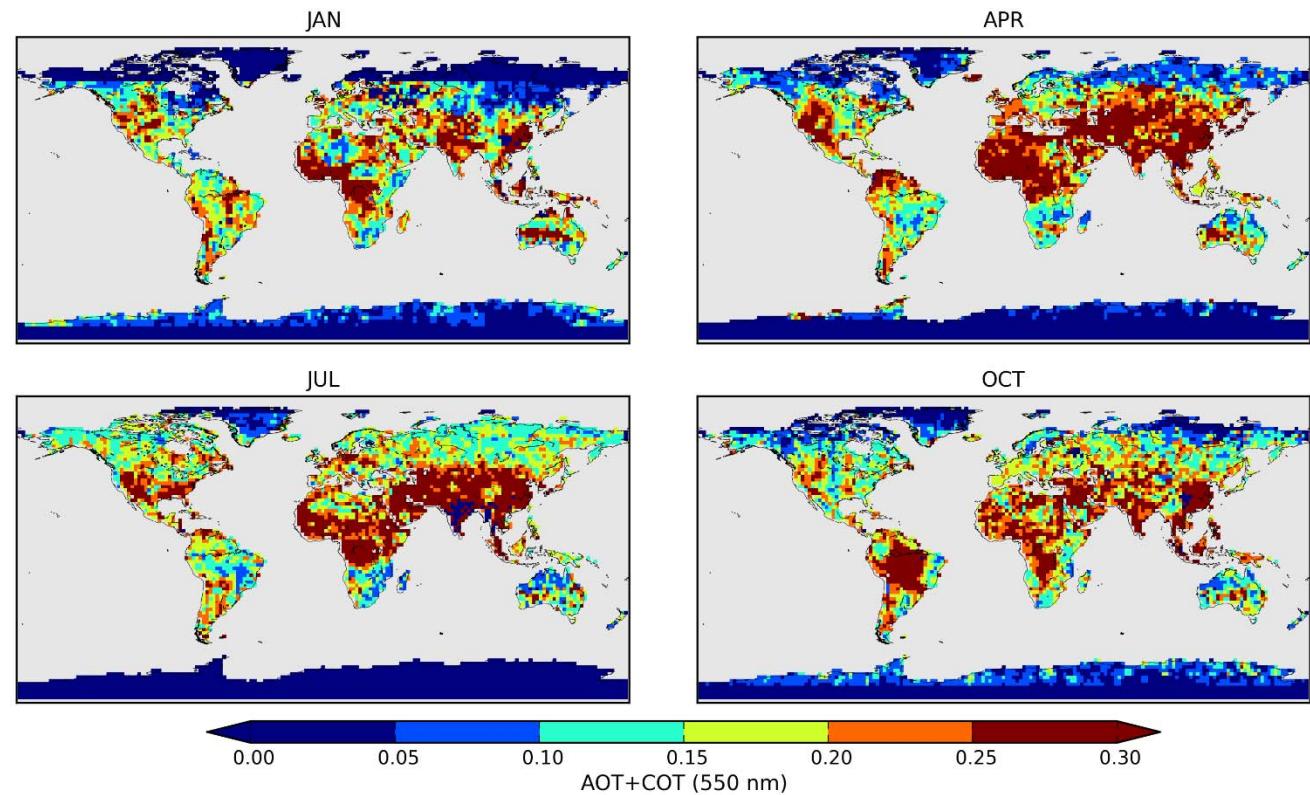


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Performance for aerosol/cirrus-loaded scenes

Use previously assembled global ensemble on $2^\circ \times 2^\circ$:

- MODIS: AOT
- ECHAM5-HAM: aerosol type
- CALIOP: cirrus
- MODIS: albedo
- CarbonTracker: CO_2
- TM4: CH_4 , CO
- ECHAM5-HAM: H_2O



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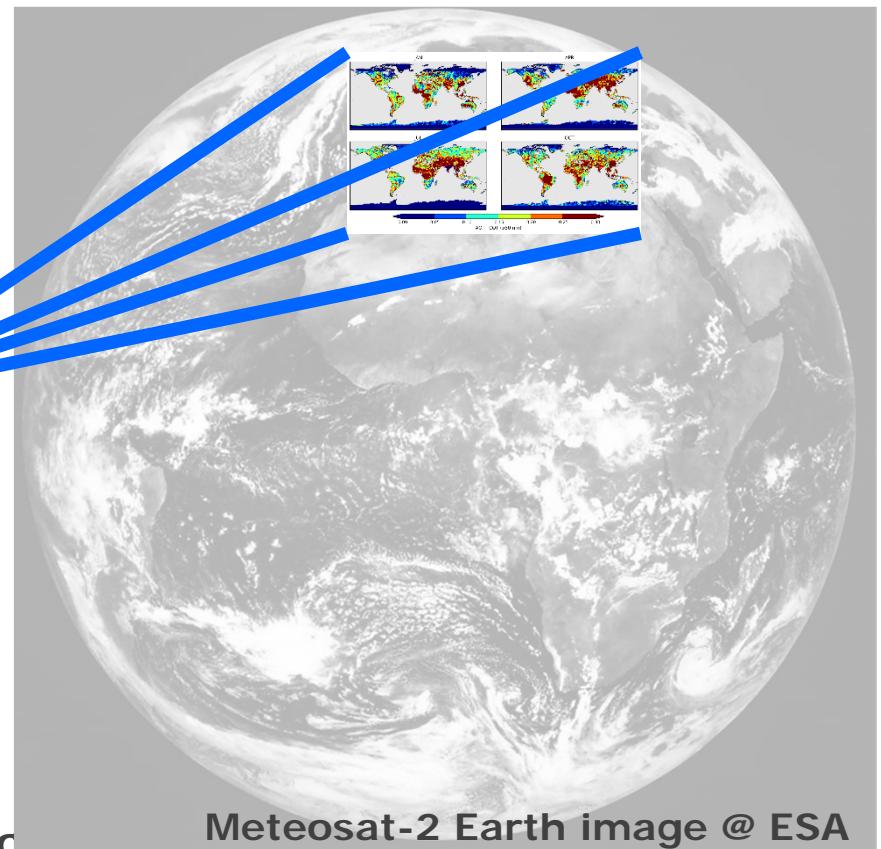
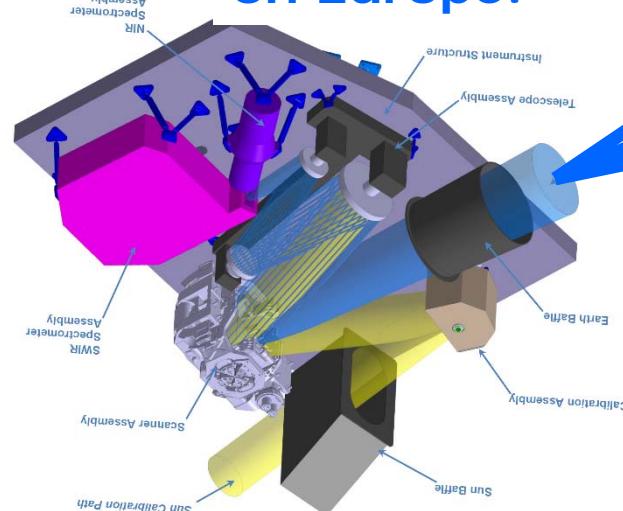
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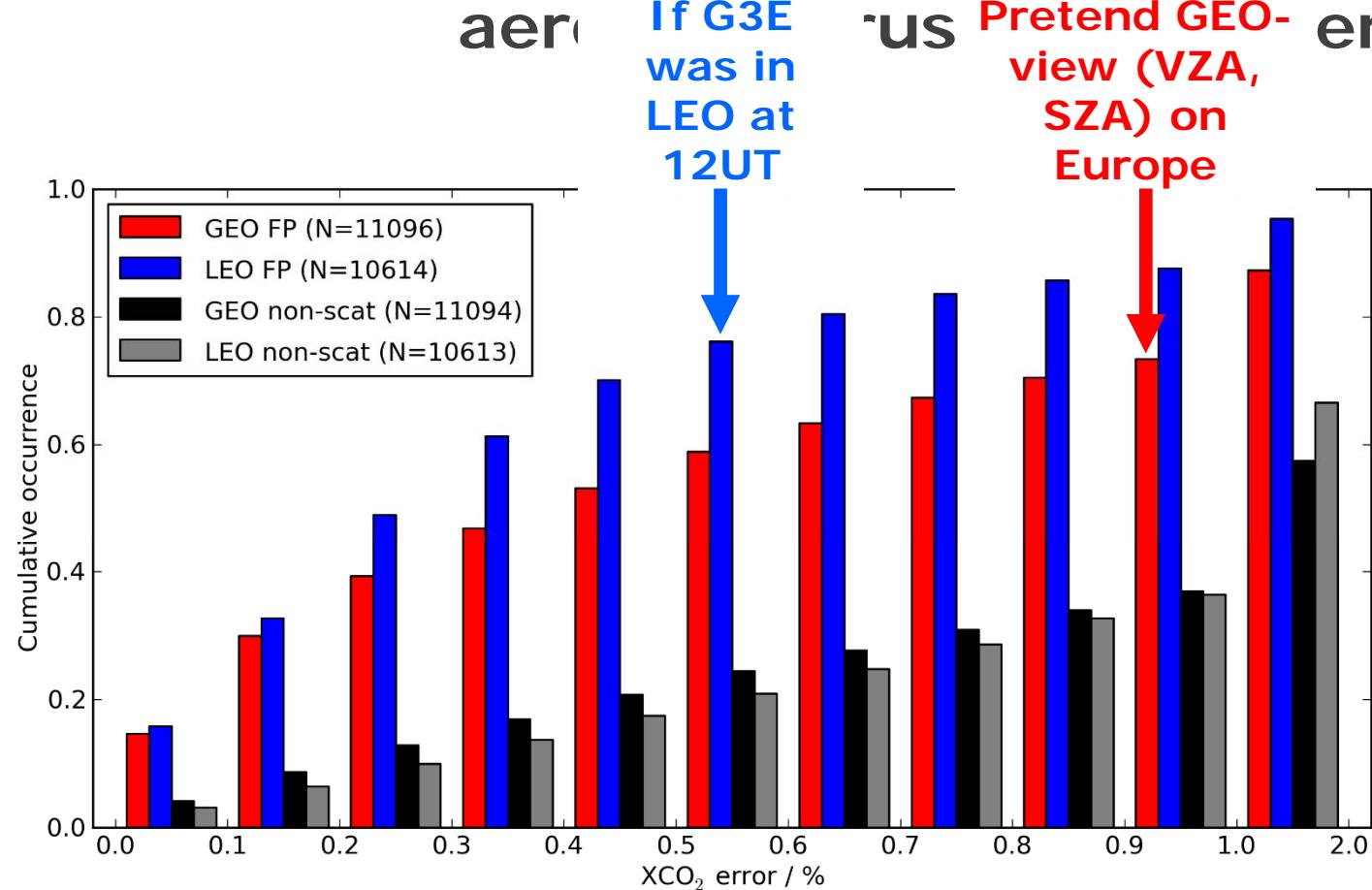
Pretend GEO-view (VZA, SZA) on Europe:

- MODIS
- ECHAM aeroso
- CALIO
- MODIS
- Carbo
- TM4: C
- ECHAI

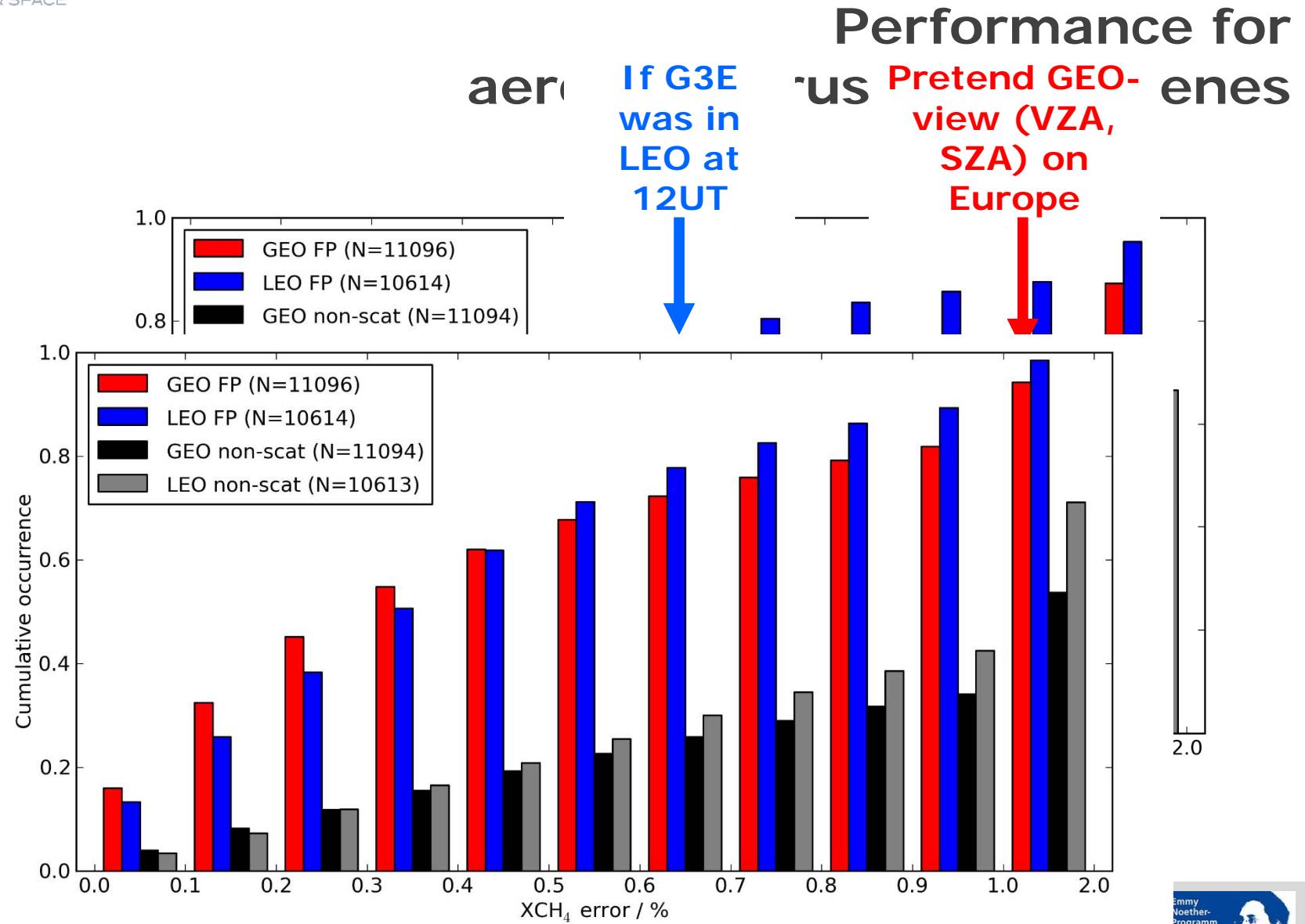


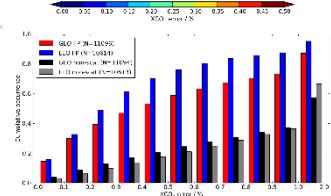
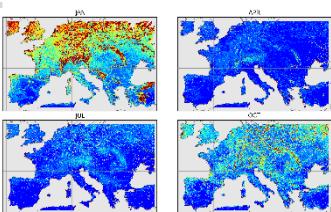
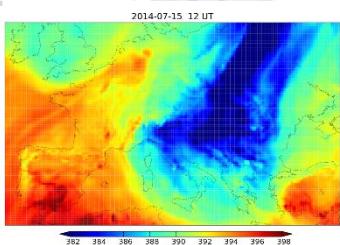
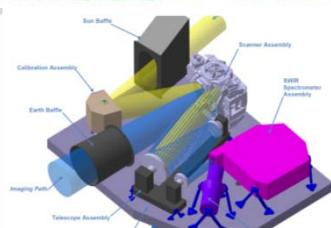
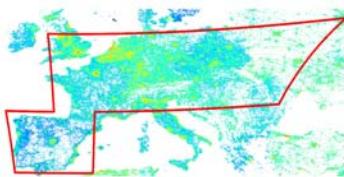
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- Mission concept: **4-channel grating spectrometer in GEO** (extensive **LEO/GEO heritage**: S5, S4, CarbonSat, ...; data reduction)
- Goal: **contiguous imaging of GHG** (+support: XCO₂, aerosols, fluorescence) to **disentangle and quantify anthropogenic and biogenic sources and sinks**
- Synergies: **MTG-FCI/IRS/S4** – clouds, aerosols, SWIR-TIR CO₂, process markers (NO₂, SO₂, ...)
- Strategic:
 - Complement **meteorological and air quality sounders** (MTG, TEMPO, ...) by **a/several GEO greenhouse gas mission(s)**
 - Complement **global view from LEO** with **regional spatiotemporally dense zoom from GEO**
 - Constellation with other agencies: **US – GEO-CARB, GCPI,**

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