

# Satellite data helping estimation and evaluation of regional CO<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>4</sub> fluxes



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# Evaluation of earth system model and atmospheric inversion using total column CO<sub>2</sub> observations from GOSAT and OCO-2

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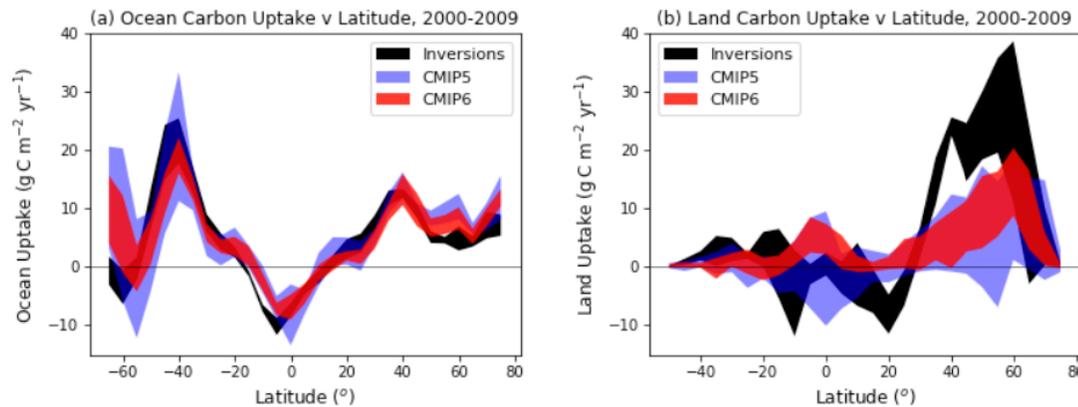
SBSTA51, at COP25 : Recommendation #9.  
The SBSTA highlighted the importance of enhanced systematic observation and integrating data in both Earth system models and other climate models for further developing global and regional climate models (and reducing the associated uncertainty) and for improving historical reanalysis, emission estimates and future projections, including in support of the implementation of the Convention and the Paris Agreement.  
(<https://unfccc.int/documents/202496#eq-1>)



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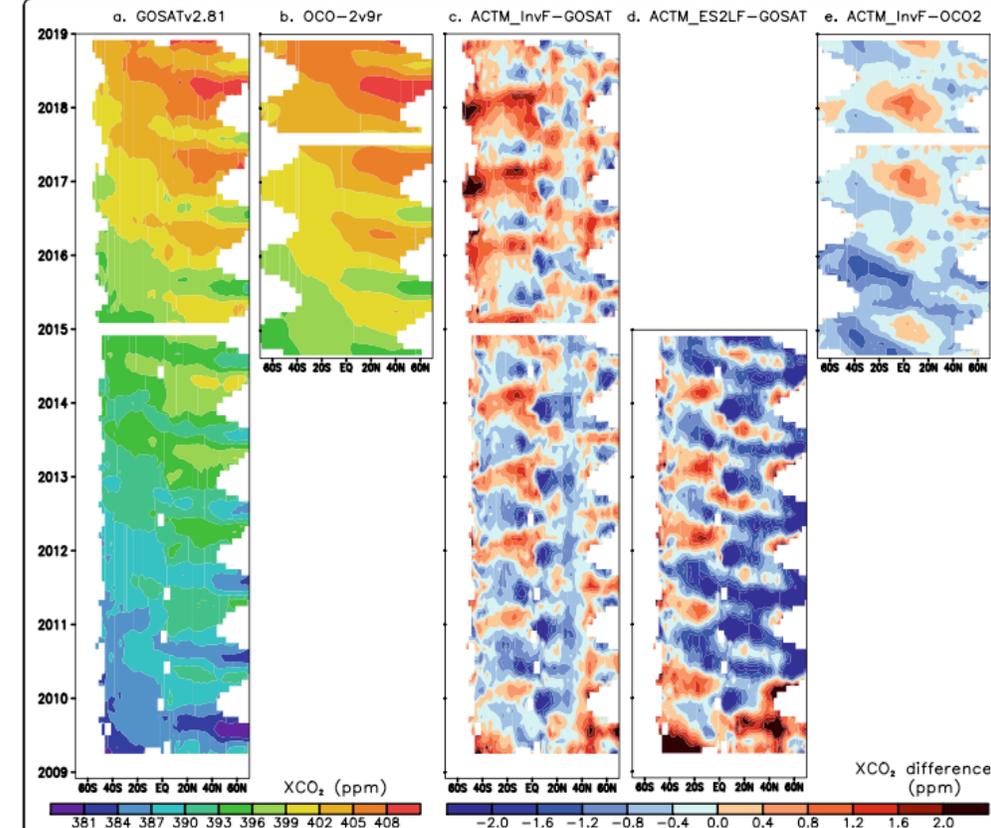
Chapter 5

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**Figure 5.24:** Comparison of modelled zonal distribution of contemporary carbon sinks against atmospheric inversion estimates for 2000–2009, (a) ocean carbon uptake; (b) net land uptake. Latitude runs from

Observations Inverse / Earth System Models



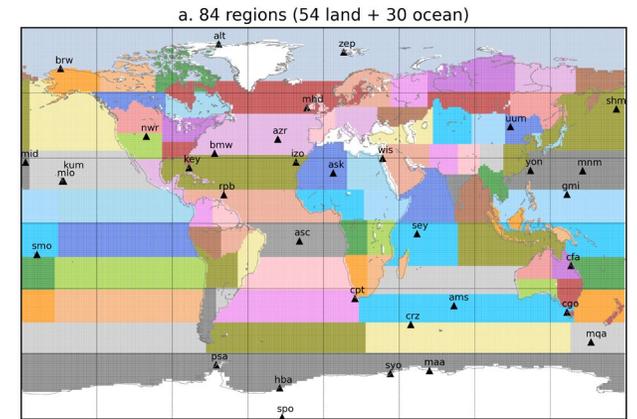
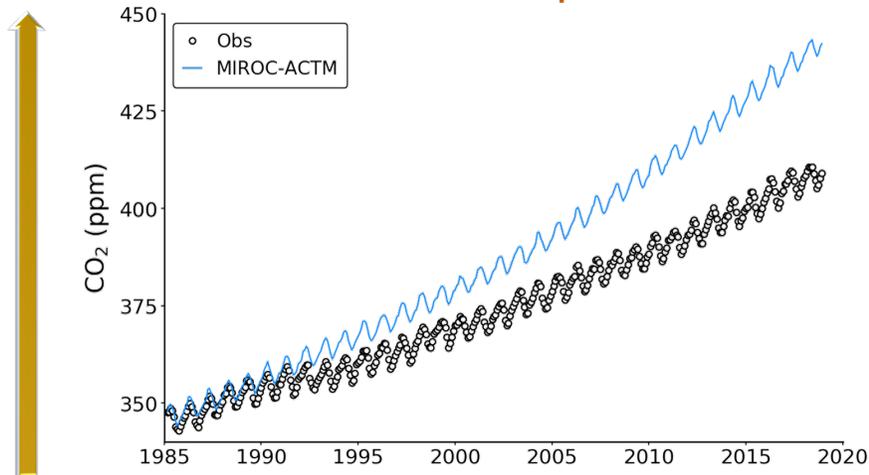
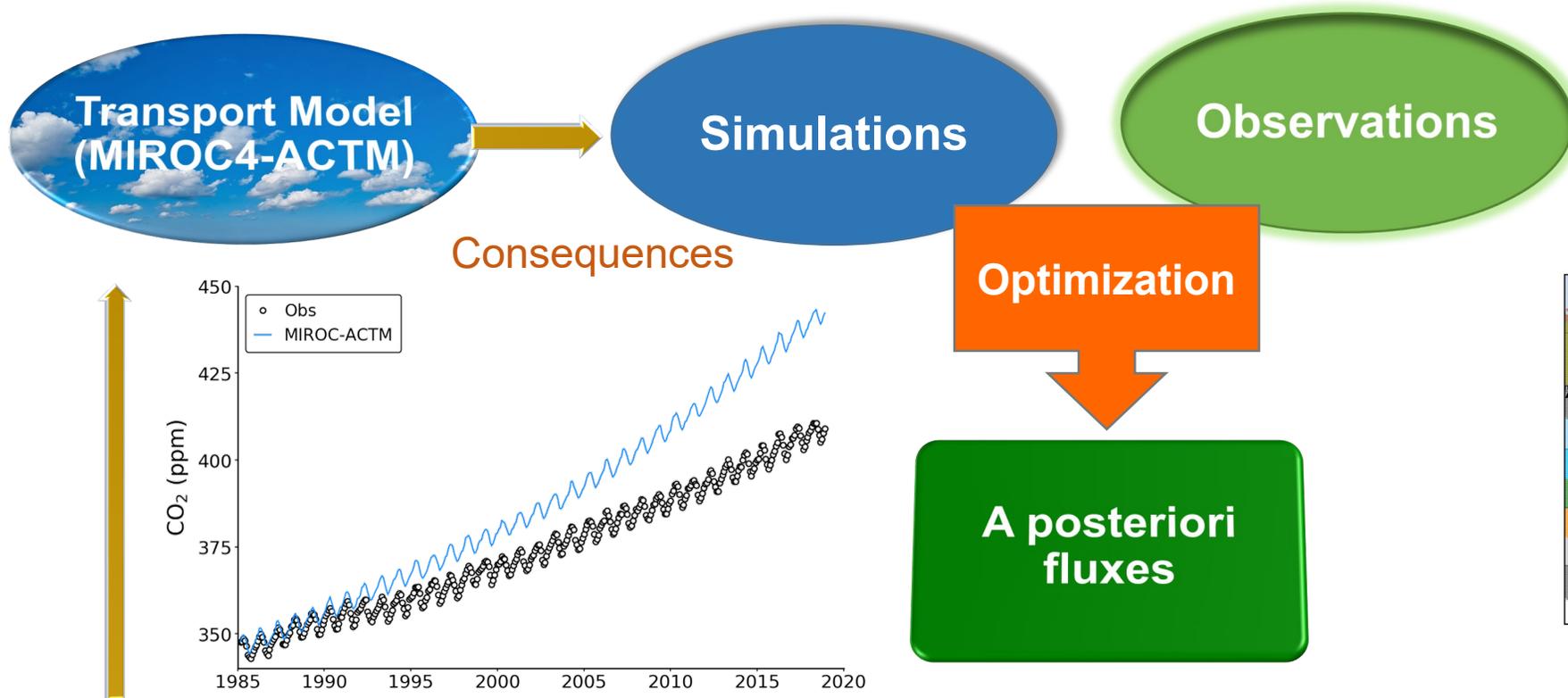
**Fig. 5** Time evolution of zonal mean meridional gradients of XCO<sub>2</sub> as measured by GOSAT, OCO-2 in comparison with two ACTM\_InvF and ACTM\_ES2LF simulations. The plots by using data over land only and water only are shown in Fig. S1 and Fig. S2, respectively

# Work in progress at JAMSTEC

toward delivering regional and country scale emissions and removals of CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O, along with estimated uncertainties

# Inverse modelling system at JAMSTEC

a tool to estimate **causes (emissions)** based on **consequences (concentration in the atmosphere)**



Causes

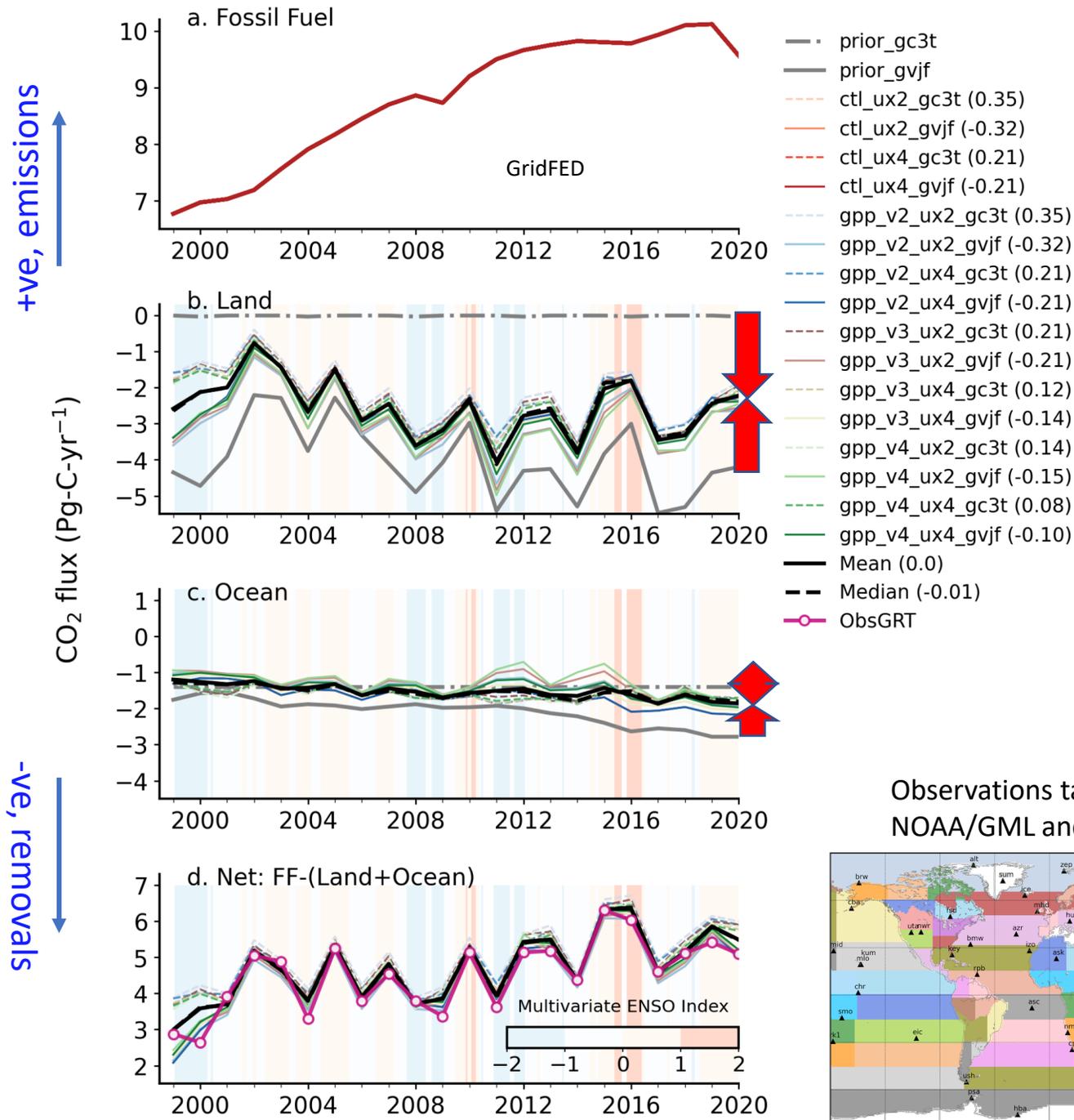
Time-dependent Bayesian inverse model

$$S = S_0 + (G^T C_D^{-1} G + C_{S_0}^{-1})^{-1} G^T C_D^{-1} (D - D_{ACTM})$$

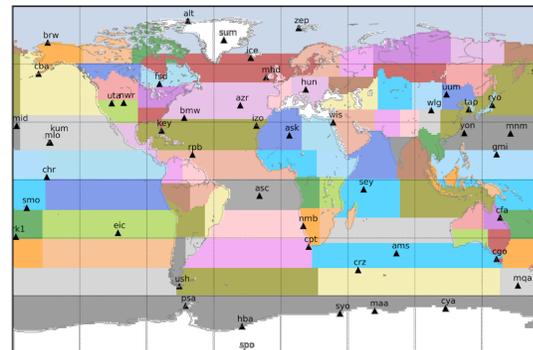
$$C_S = (G^T C_D^{-1} G + C_{S_0}^{-1})^{-1}$$

# Summary of inversion ensemble

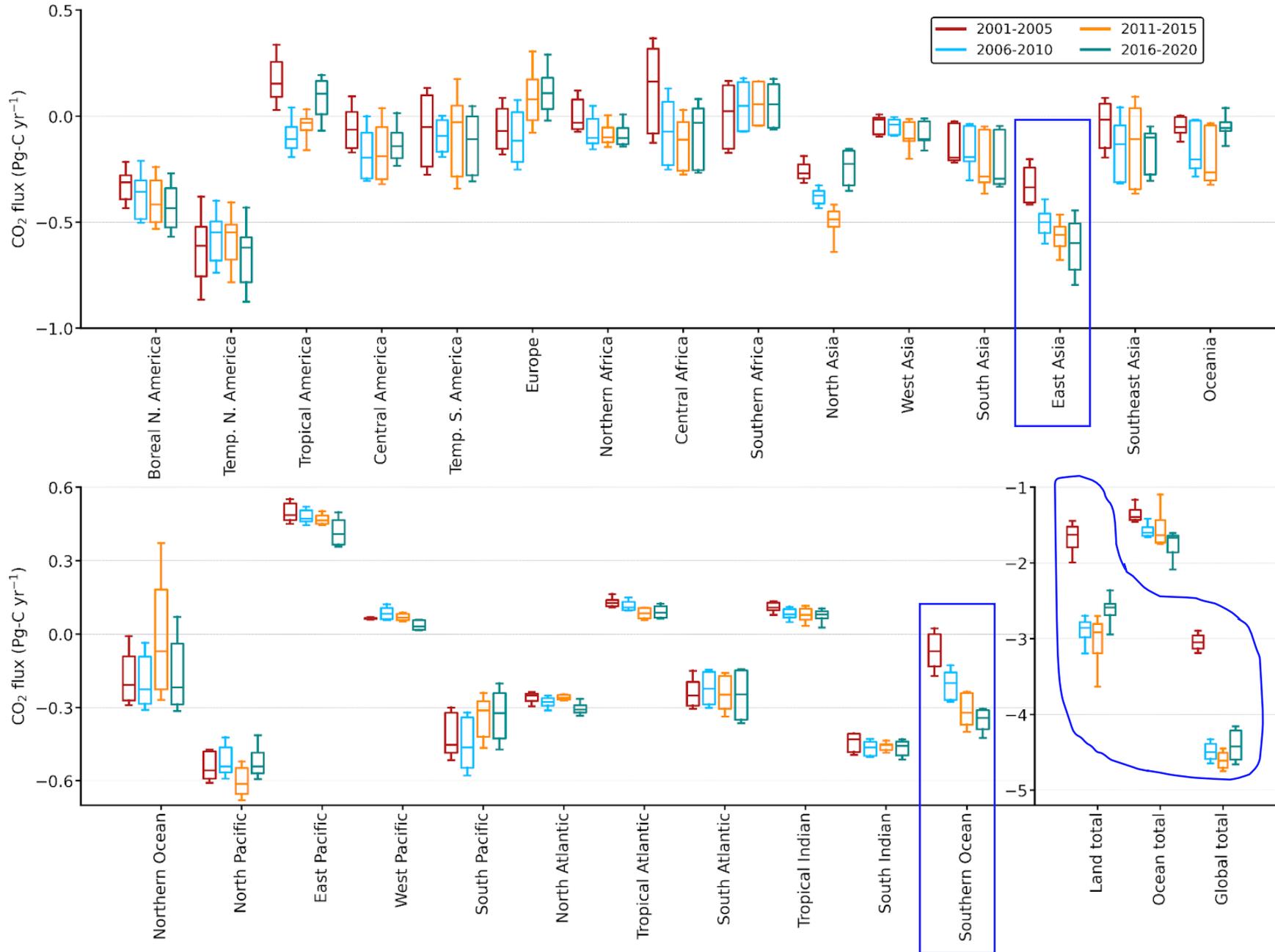
(in order to provide Mean/median emissions and removals  $\pm$  Uncertainty)



Observations taken from NOAA/GML and JMA



Prior Flux Unc (PgC/yr)	Obs. Data Unc (ppm)	Inversion case (16 in total)
ctl land = 2 ocean = 1	ux2 = $0.1 + 2 \times \sqrt{\text{RSD}}$	1. ctl_ux2_gc3t 2. ctl_ux4_gc3t
		3. <b>ctl_ux2_gvjf</b> 4. <b>ctl_ux4_gvjf</b>
gpp_v2 land=0.2-2.0 ocean=0.50		5. gpp_v2_ux2_gc3t 6. gpp_v2_ux4_gc3t
		7. <b>gpp_v2_ux2_gvjf</b> 8. <b>gpp_v2_ux4_gvjf</b>
gpp_v3 land=0.4-3.0 ocean=0.75	ux4 = $0.1 + 4 \times \sqrt{\text{RSD}}$	9. gpp_v3_ux2_gc3t 10. gpp_v3_ux4_gc3t
		11. <b>gpp_v3_ux2_gvjf</b> 12. <b>gpp_v3_ux4_gvjf</b>
gpp_v4 land=0.6-4.0 ocean=1.0		13. gpp_v4_ux2_gc3t 14. gpp_v4_ux4_gc3t
		15. <b>gpp_v4_ux2_gvjf</b> 16. <b>gpp_v4_ux4_gvj</b>
RSD: Residual standard deviation		

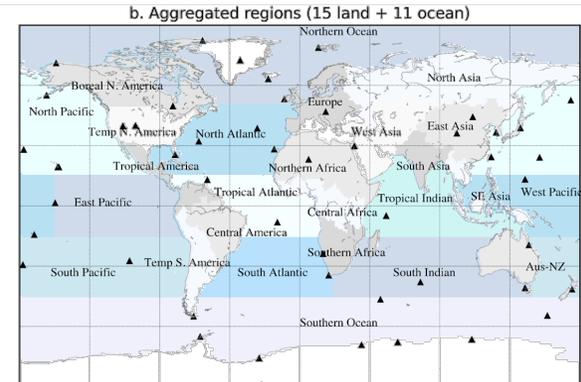


## Regional fluxes at 5 yr interval - Global Stocktake?

East Asian sink increase aliasing with biased fossil-fuel emissions.

Also spill overs to other regions, e.g., North Asia is possible.

(Saeki and Patra, 2017)



# Changes in Methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) emissions and concentrations

A joint work with inventory emission group and satellite observations

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## Emissions from the Oil and Gas Sectors, Coal Mining and Ruminant Farming Drive Methane Growth over the Past Three Decades

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Methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) is an important greenhouse gas and plays a significant role in tropospheric and stratospheric chemistry. Despite the relevance of methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) in human-induced climate change and air pollution chemistry, there is no scientific consensus on the causes of changes in its growth rates and variability over the past three decades. We use a well-validated chemistry–transport

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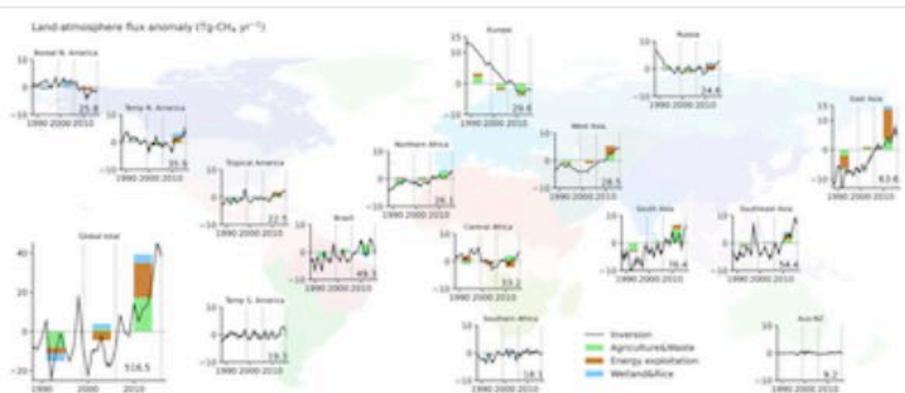
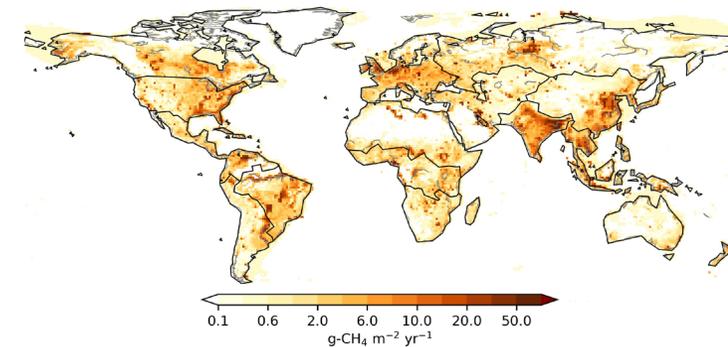
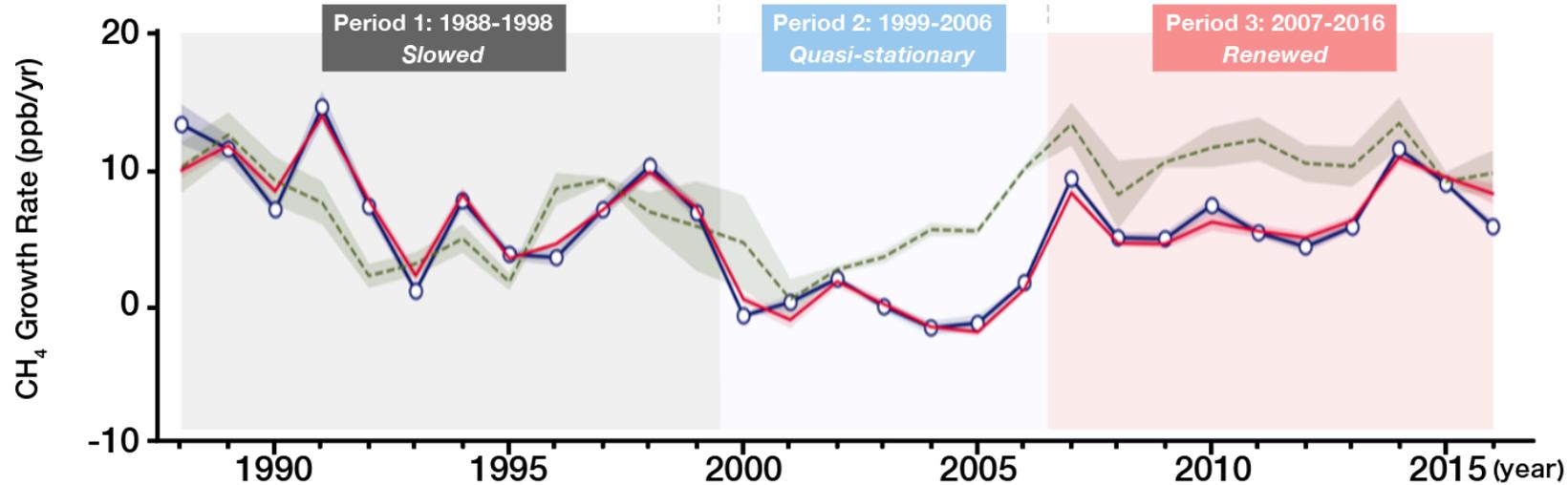
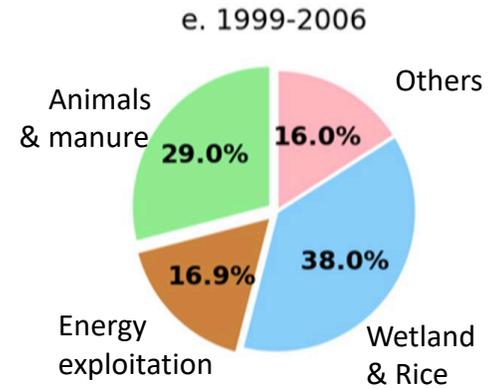
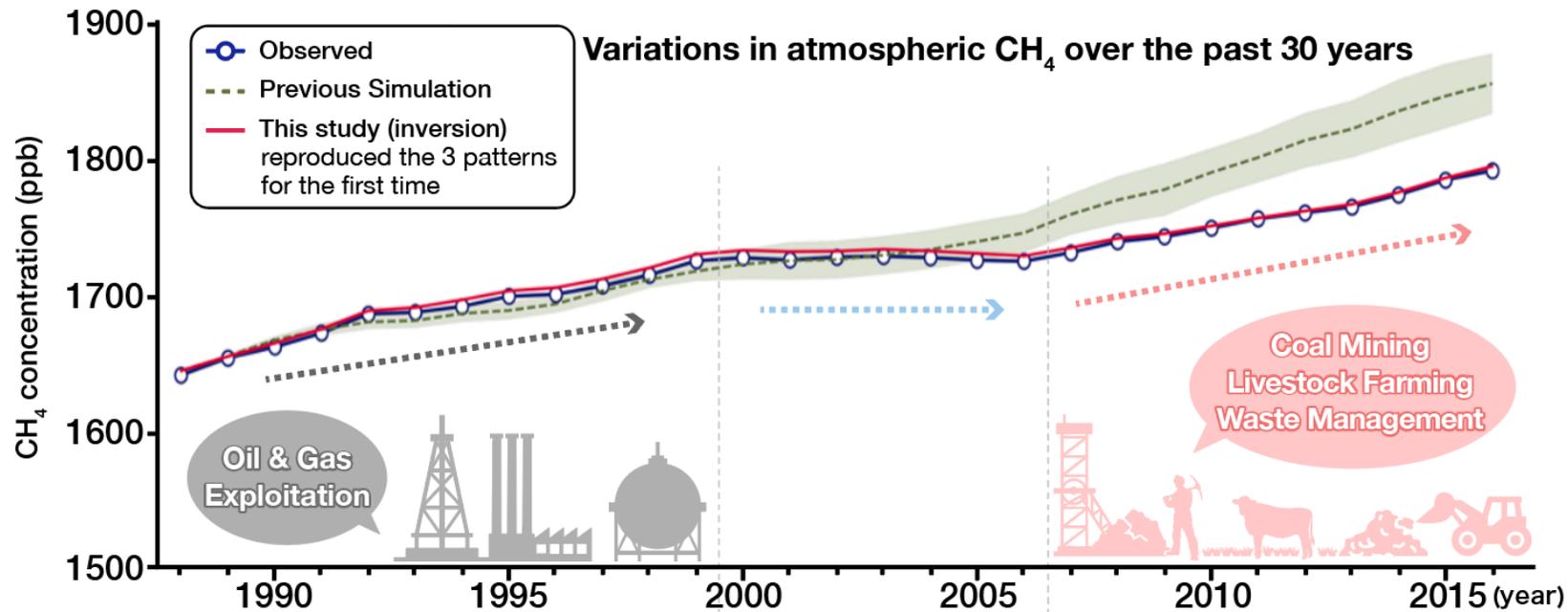


Figure 1. Timeseries (1988-2016) of global and regional CH<sub>4</sub> emission anomalies for 2 inversion ensembles, and the emission changes from 3 aggregated sectors during the three growth rate phases (bar plots). A long-term (2000-2016) mean for each region, given at the bottom-right of each panel (in Tg yr<sup>-1</sup>), is subtracted to calculate the emission anomalies. The average emissions and range (shaded) for the two inversion cases are shown.

# Methane concentrations and emissions over the past three decades:

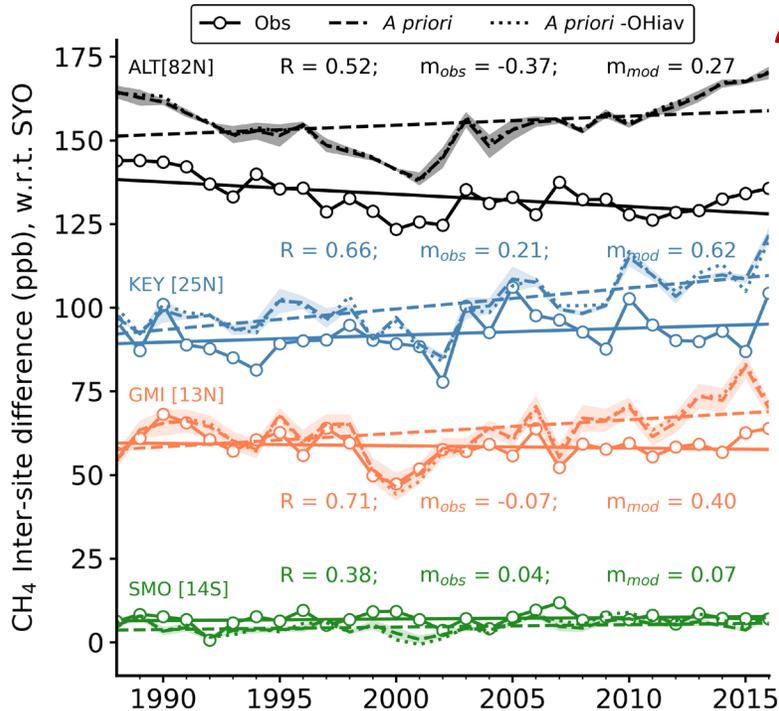
Human activity in oil, gas and coal exploitation, livestock farming and waste management



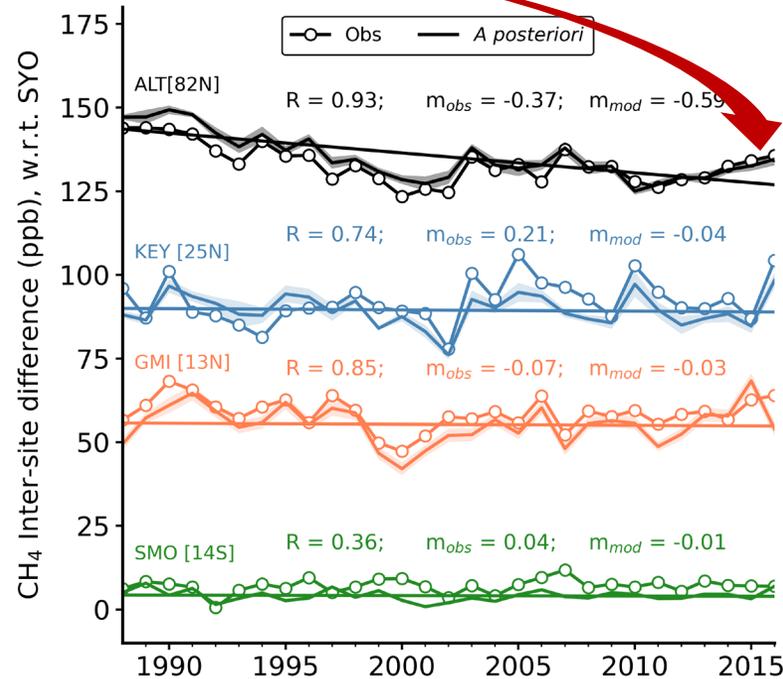
# CH<sub>4</sub> emissions estimated to be lower lower in the high latitudes, relative to prior model

Inversion model suggested a decrease in CH<sub>4</sub> emissions in 30-60°N

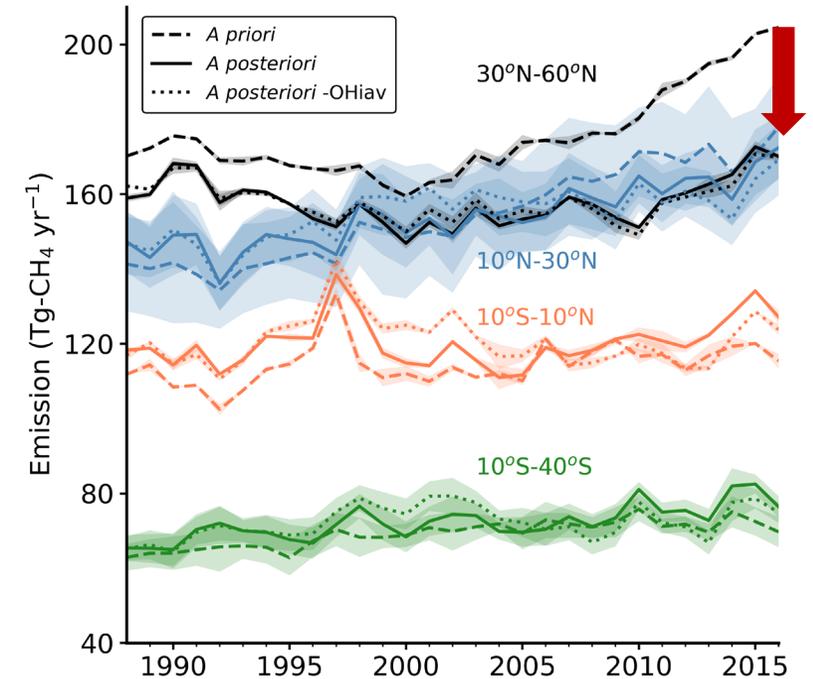
a. Observed and *A priori* model



b. Observed and *A posteriori* model

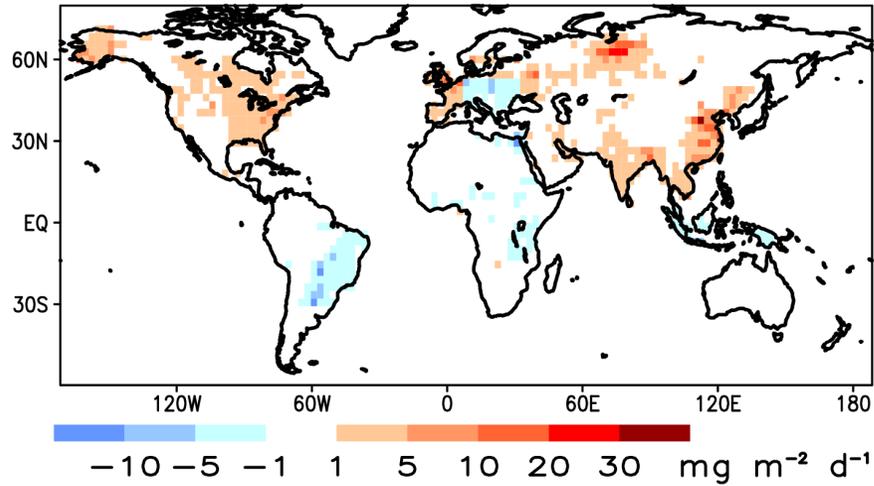


d. Aggregated over latitude-band

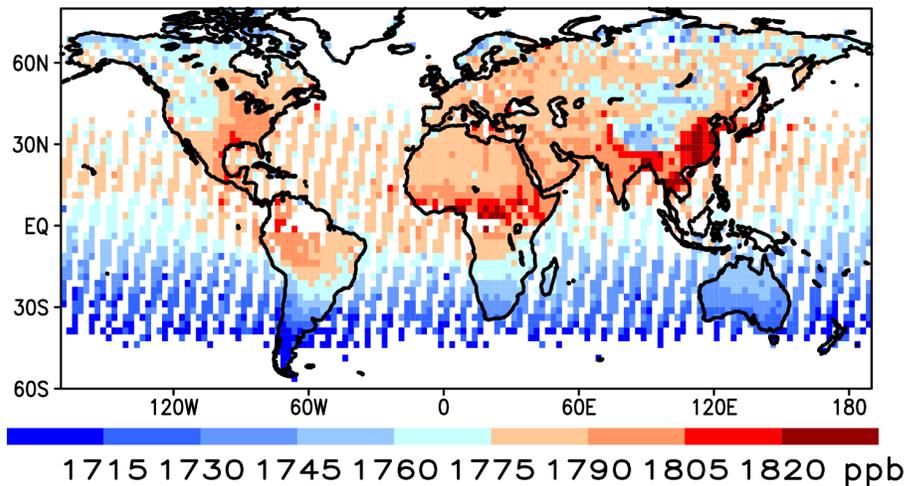


# Confirmation of the emission decrease by inversion using GOSAT total column ( $XCH_4$ )

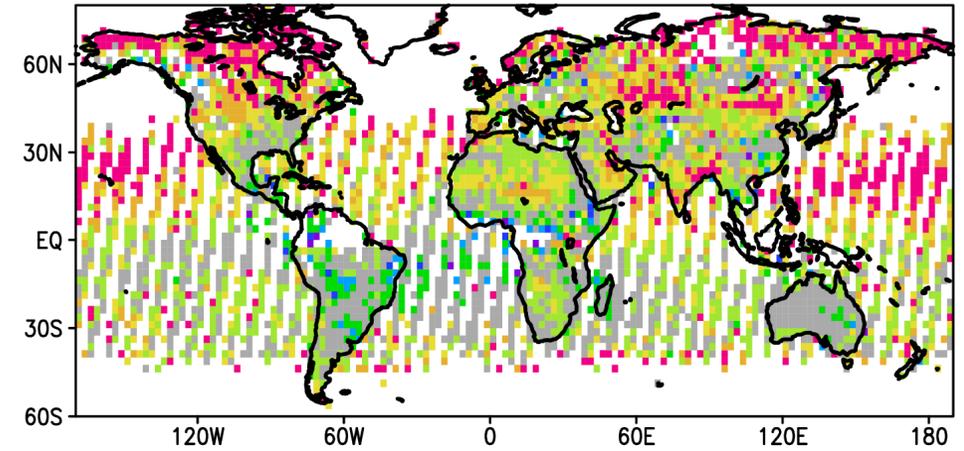
a.  $CH_4$  emission diff.: a priori - a posteriori (2010)



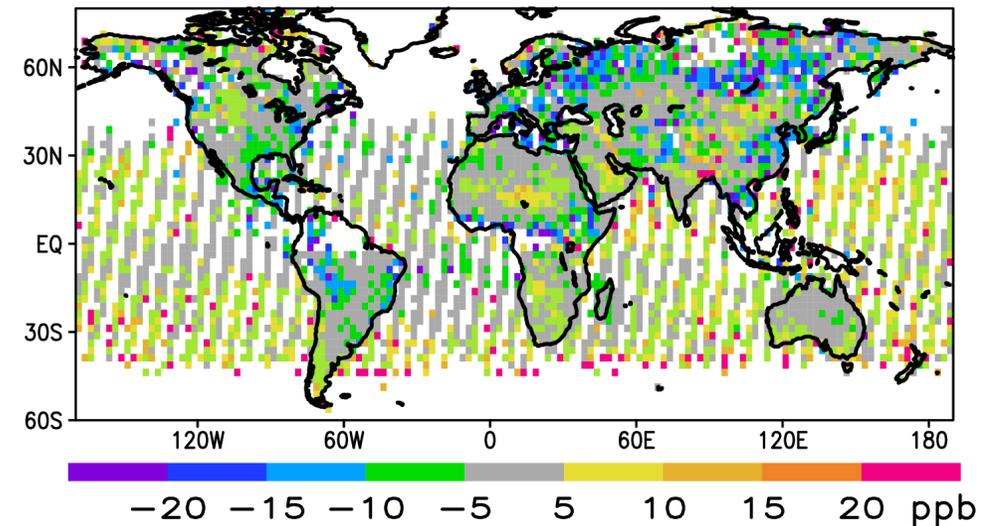
b.  $XCH_4$ : GOSAT, NIESv272, 2010



c.  $XCH_4$  diff.: a priori (-40ppb) - GOSAT



d.  $XCH_4$  diff.: a posteriori - GOSAT



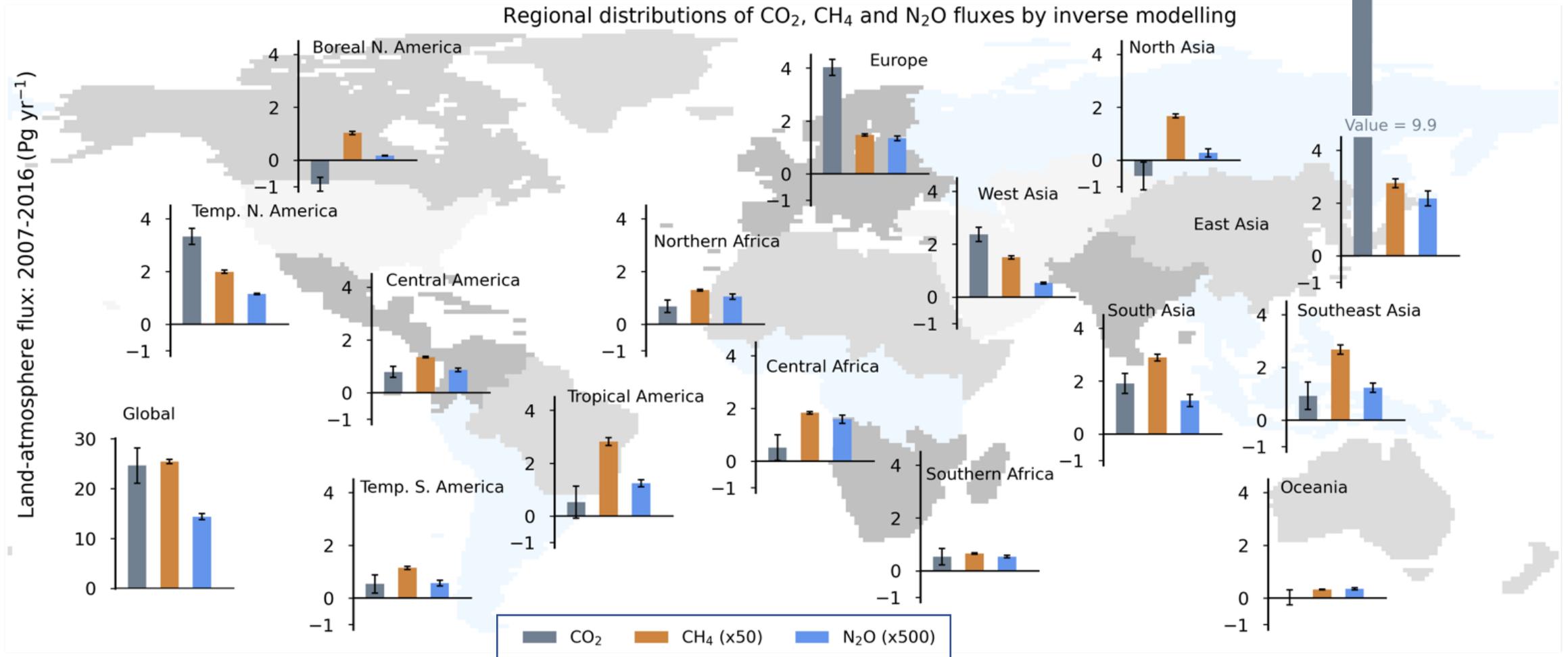
# Conclusions

- Our GHG inverse modelling results (CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O) have been made available to various domestic and International projects
- Our study of changes in emission and removals highlights:
  - use of “high resolution” and “sectoral emission” information from inventories
  - refinement of regional scale changes by using atmospheric observations and models
  - validation against large amount of independent observations, in situ and satellites
- Regional and large country-scale changes and their uncertainty in emissions and removals are traceable on decadal timescales in support of the GS2023

Thank you

Global warming by emissions of CH<sub>4</sub> are as significant as that of CO<sub>2</sub> over 20-yr time horizon, but overwhelming dominance of CO<sub>2</sub> over 100-yr horizon

IPCC WG1 contribution towards Stocktake (Canadell et al., 2021), WG3 to support more directly



AR6 metric (Table 7.15): GWP-20: CH<sub>4</sub> = 82, N<sub>2</sub>O = 273; GWP-100: CH<sub>4</sub> = 29, N<sub>2</sub>O = 273 | GTP-50: CH<sub>4</sub> = 12, N<sub>2</sub>O = 290; GTP-100: CH<sub>4</sub> = 6, N<sub>2</sub>O = 233