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EXPLORE EARTH

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Utilizing Earth Observations for
Improved Air Quality and Health
Decisions

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NASA EARTH FLEET

CURRENT OPERATING MISSIONS

NISTAR, EPIC (DISCOVER) 

GRACE-FO (2) 

SUOMI NPP  

LANDSAT 8 

ICESAT-2

OCO-2

CALIPSO 

SMAP

CYGNSS (8)

CLOUDSAT 

LANDSAT 7 

GPM 

TERRA  

AURA   

AQUA  

INVEST/CUBESATS

RainCube
TEMPEST-D
CubeRRR
CSIM-FD

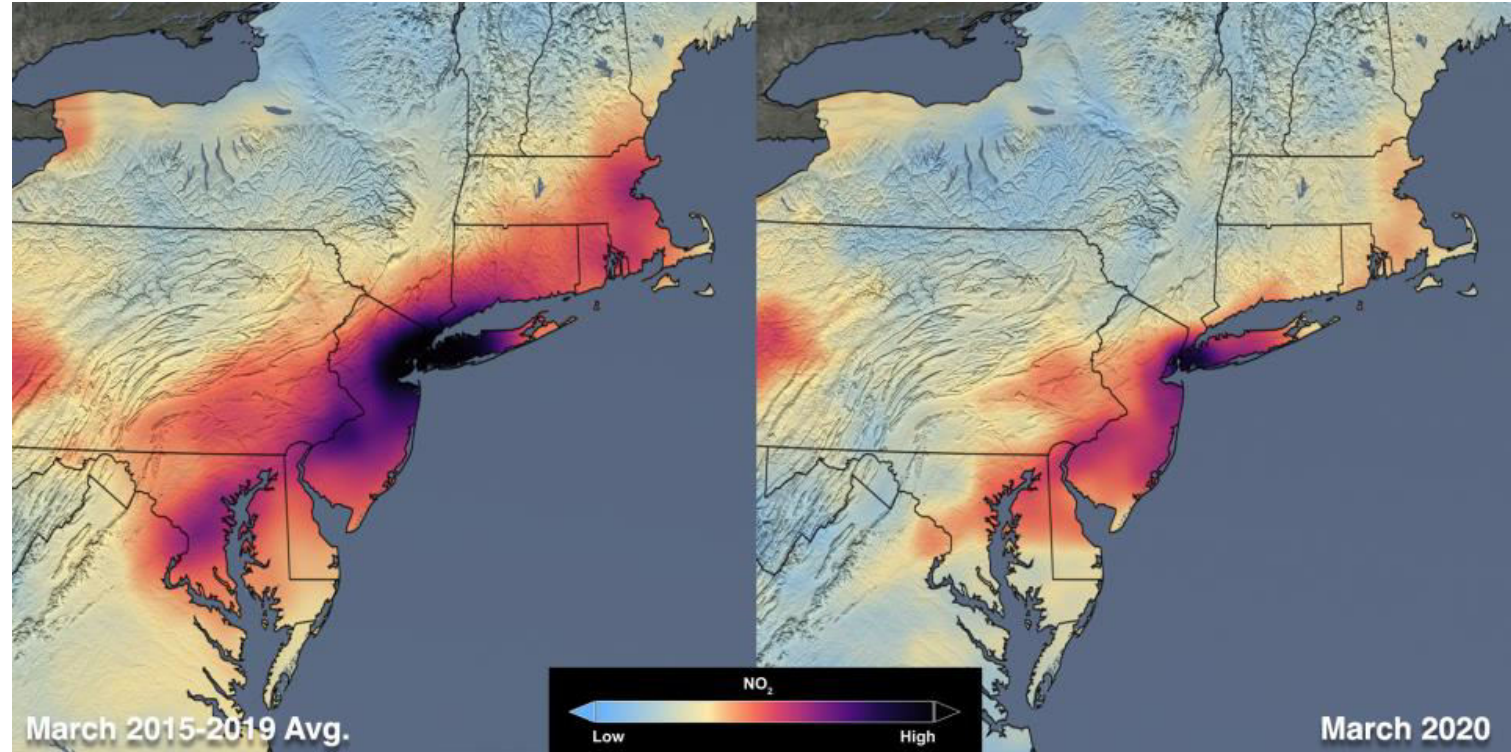
ISS INSTRUMENTS

SAGE III
TSIS-1
OCO-3
GEDI
LIS
ECOSTRESS

Air Quality Changes in Response to COVID-19 Mitigation Efforts

- Nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) is a pollutant that is unhealthy to breathe and contributes to the formation of unhealthy levels of surface ozone pollution. It is primarily emitted from tailpipes and smokestacks.
- Aura Ozone Monitoring Instrument (OMI) and ESA TROPOMI data show large decreases of NO₂ in areas where COVID-19 mitigation measures have been introduced. Ongoing observations of air quality have helped provide immediate examples of how Earth's systems are responding to these changes in human behavior.
- The NASA OMI team created a portal to provide scientists an easy way to see how satellite NO₂ has changed in 2020 compared to the 2015-2019 average for the same 14-day period:

https://so2.gsfc.nasa.gov/no2/no2_index.html



Decreases in air pollution, specifically tropospheric nitrogen dioxide (NO₂), over the Northeast United States due to COVID-19 response.

Credits: NASA/Science Visualization Studio

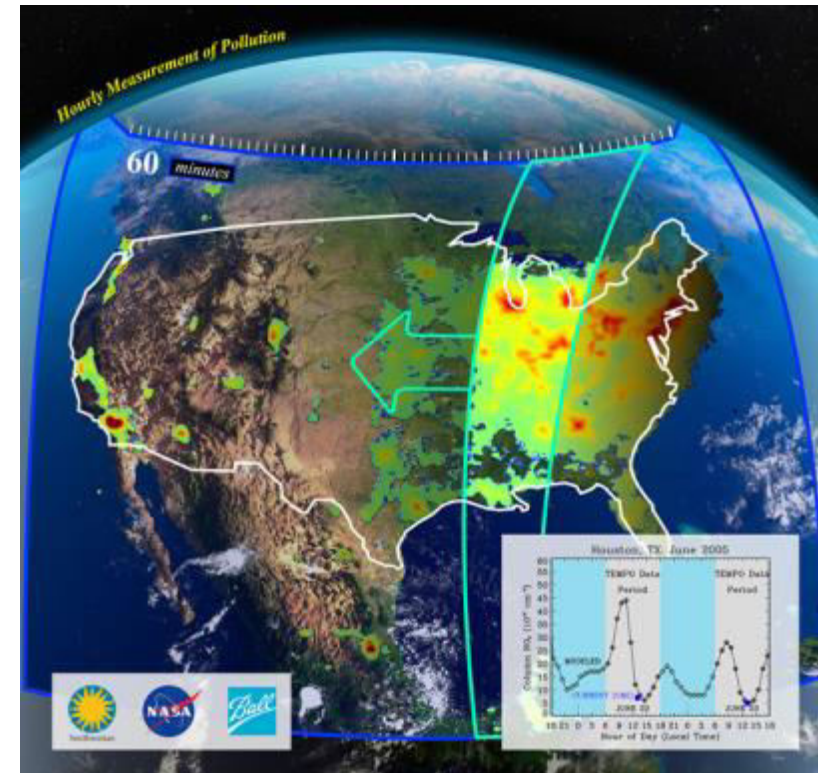
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Earth Venture Instrument-1:

Tropospheric Emissions: Monitoring of Pollution (TEMPO)

“Monitoring the air we breathe, hour by hour”

- **TEMPO is a pathfinder to using hosted commercial payloads from GEO**
- Tropospheric pollution observations from Geostationary Orbit
 - Ozone, NO₂, and CH₂O.
- Forms a global Air Quality constellation in GEO with Copernicus Sentinel 4 and Korean GEMS.
- The US EPA and NOAA are part of the science team.
- Instrument delivered in 2018; Launch 2022





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