**Explorer for Africa, Europe** 

and the Middle-East

(ARRHENIUS = AbsoRption spectRometric

patHfindEr for carboN regional flUx dynamics)

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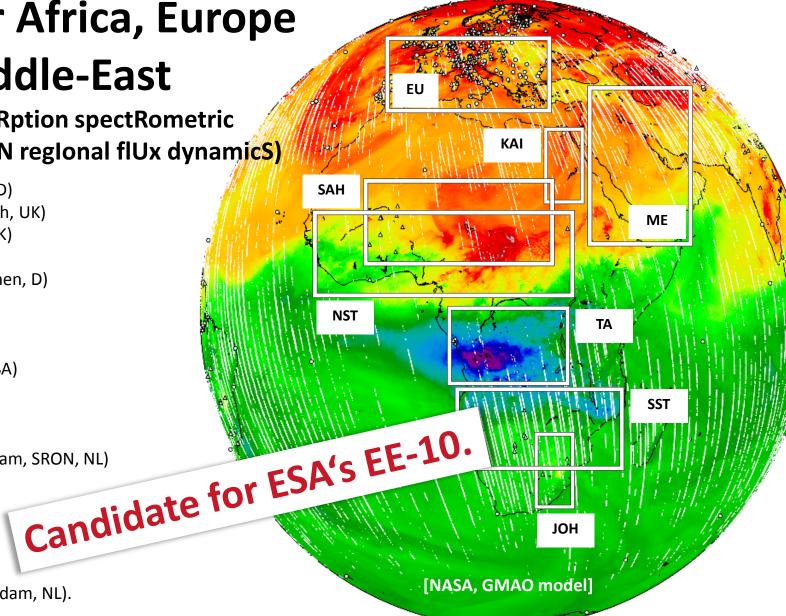
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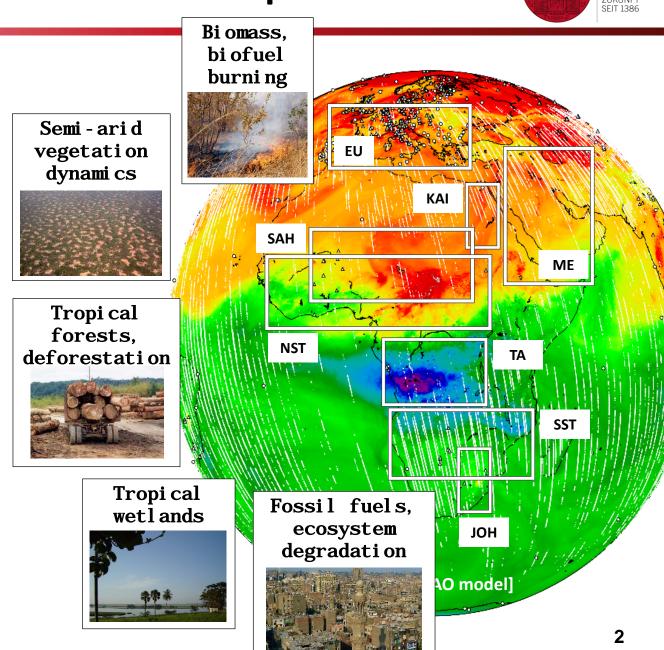




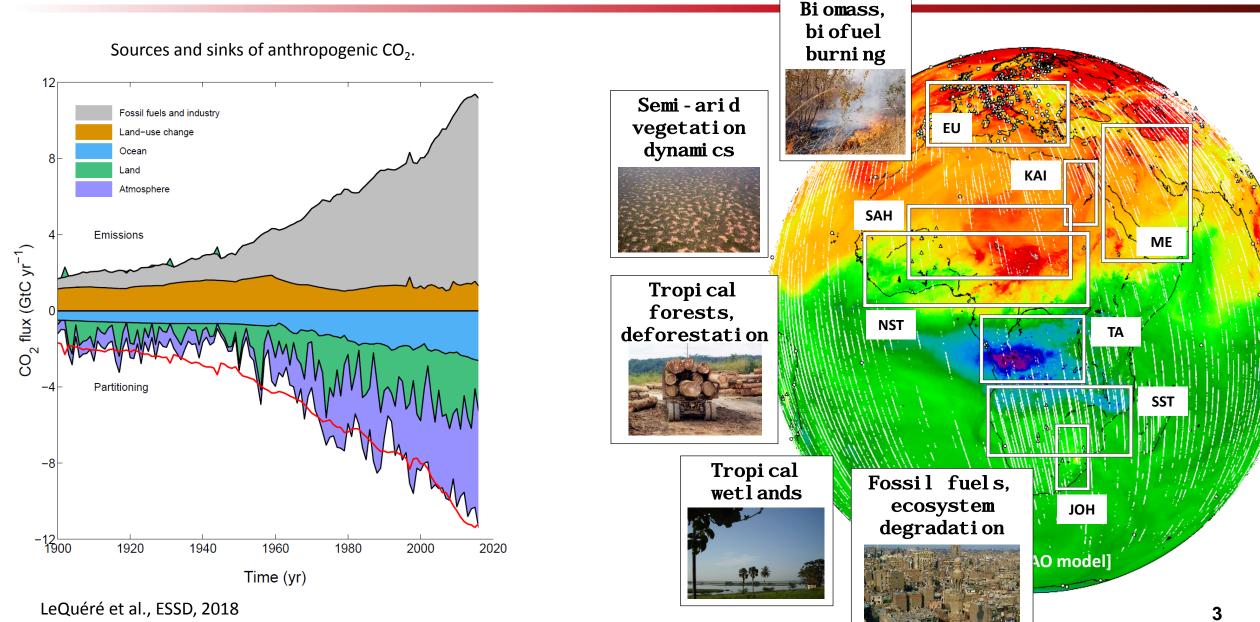


### **WHAT FOR?**

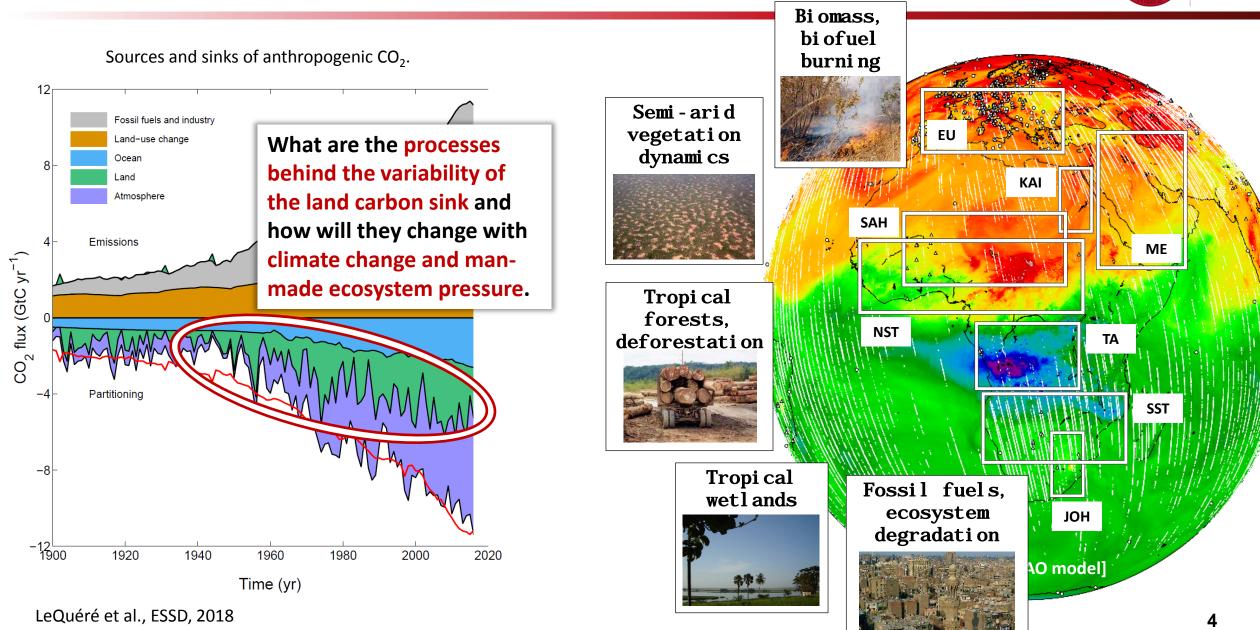
- Understand terrestrial carbon cycle processes that determine the global carbon sink.
- Quantify carbon-feedbacks in response to climatic, meteorological, and human forcing.
- Ultimately, improve the carbon cycle representation in Earth System Models to estimate climate sensitivity.













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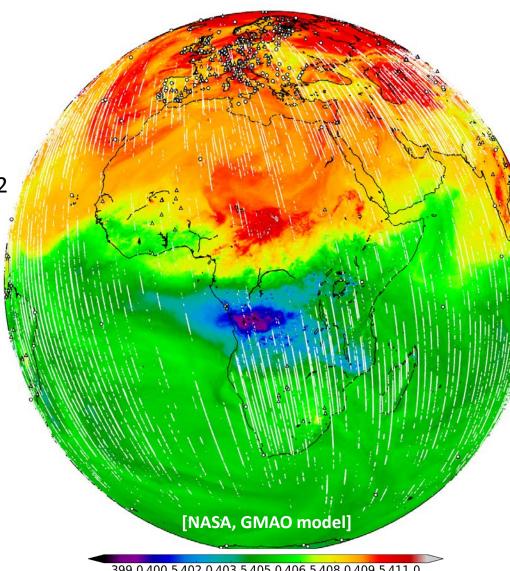


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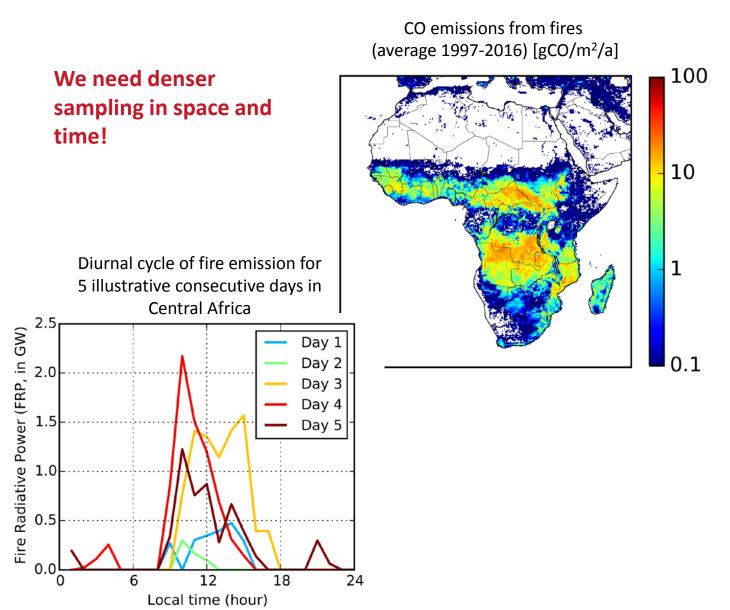
White stripes: 1 month of decent quality OCO-2 soundings; white dots and triangles: in-situ GAW stations and FLUXNET stations.





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### Countries accounting for 75% of the worlds population change [UN-WPP, 2017]

Country or area	Annual population increase 2010-2015 (millions)	Cumulated percentage	Rank	Country or area	Annual population increase 2045-2050 (millions)	Cumulated percentage
India	15.615	18.4	1.	Nigeria	7.904	14.8
China	7.455	27.2	2.	India	4.496	23.2
Nigeria	4.521	32.5	3.	Dem. Republic of the Congo	4.089	30.8
Pakistan	3.764	36.9	4.	United Republic of Tanzania	2.982	36.4
Indonesia	3.128	40.6	5.	Pakistan	2.787	41.6
Ethiopia	2.434	43.4	6.	Ethiopia	2.410	46.1
Dem. Republic of the Congo	2.335	46.2	7.	Uganda	2.258	50.3
United States of America	2.258	48.9	8.	Niger	1.965	54.0
Egypt	1.934	51.1	9.	Angola	1.729	57.2
Brazil	1.833	53.3	10.	Egypt	1.572	60.1
Bangladesh	1.810	55.4	11.	United States of America	1.507	63.0
Mexico	1.714	57.4	12.	Iraq	1.497	65.8
Philippines	1.598	59.3	13.	Kenya	1.407	68.4
United Republic of Tanzania	1.556	61.1	14.	Mozambique	1.360	70.9
Uganda	1.246	62.6	15	Sudan	1.310	73.4
Turkey	1.189	64.0	16.	Philippines	1.126	75.5
Kenva	1.177	65.4				
Iraq	1.071	66.7				
Viet Nam	1.020	67.9				
Afghanistan	0.987	69.0				
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	0.959	70.1				
Angola	0.898	71.2				
Sudan	0.852	72.2				
Saudi Arabia	0.826	73.2				
Mozambique	0.758	74.1				
Algeria	0.751	75.0				
South Africa	0.741	75.8				
WORLD	84.968	100.0		WORLD	53.523	100.0



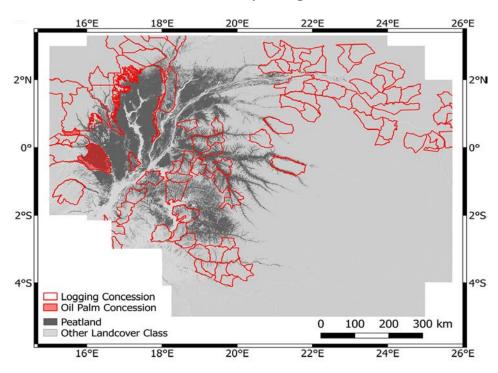
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Presumably world's largest tropical peatland area in Congo (Cuvette depression) – only discovered recently [Dargie et al., 2017]



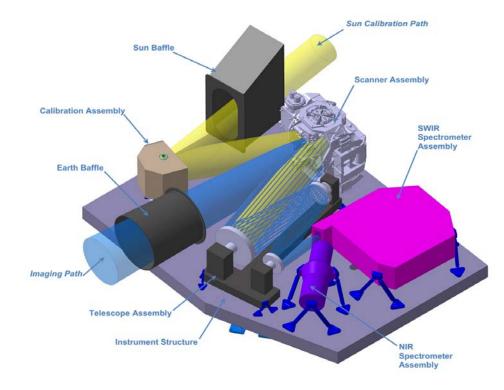
Peatland within the Cuvette central depression threatened by logging and oil palm concessions [Figure 2a of Dargie et al., 2018, distributed under Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International License.



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State-of-the-art imaging spectroscopy in solar backscatter configuration (heritage: GOSAT, OCO-2, Sentinel-5, Sentinel-7) Sketch of ARRHENIUS spectrometer assembly (aperture 12-15 cm)

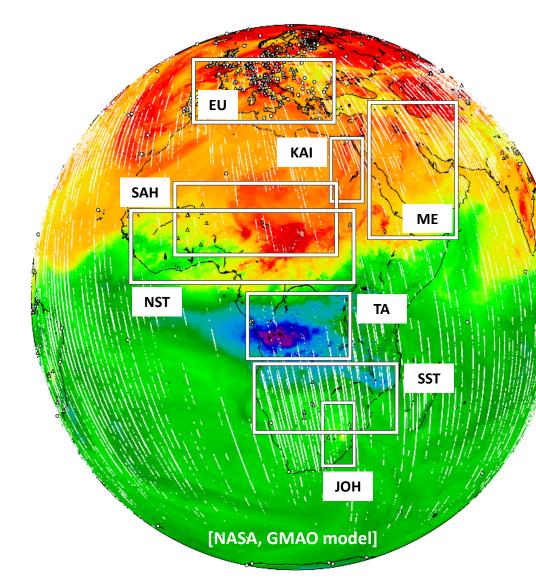


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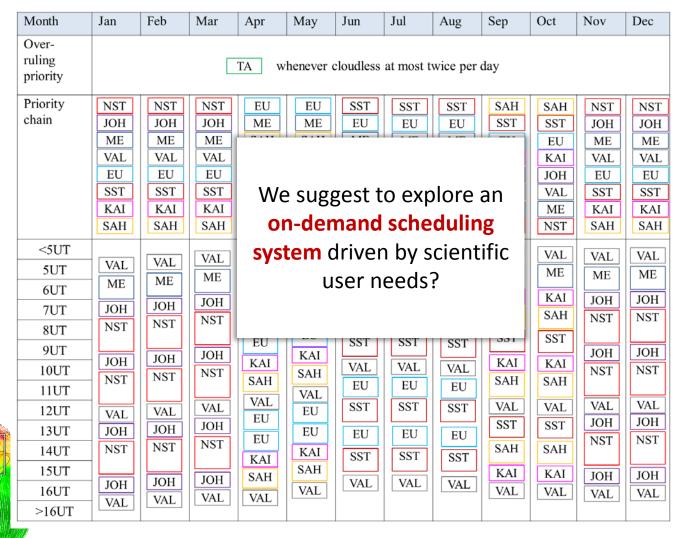




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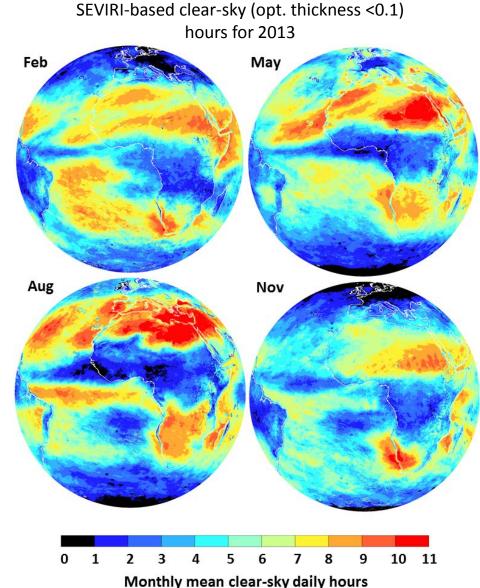




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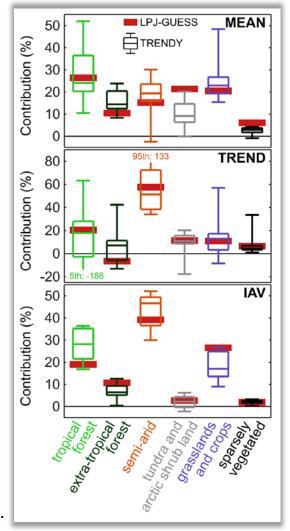
#### **HOW DOES IT FIT INTO GLOBAL GHG OBSERVATIONS?**

- ARRHENIUS will be the process-oriented complement to the surveillance missions Sentinel-5 and Sentinel-7.
- In fact, ARRHENIUS needs LEO missions to provide the global carbon context and boundary conditions for its focus region approach.
- Meteosat Third Generation Flexible Combined Imager will be ARRHENIUS' companion instrument providing cloud-cover information that will guide pointing to cloudless regions with short lead times.
- Other synergies open with MTG-S4 (e.g. NO<sub>2</sub>, HCHO), MTG-IRS (CO, aerosols), land surface carbon missions (e.g. BIOMASS, FLEX).
- ARRHENIUS could be the European contribution to a GEO-Greenhouse Gas constellation together with a GeoCarb(-follow-on) and an Asian contribution.





Semi-arid regions (vegetation dynamics, biomass burning, ...) and tropical forests control the trend and the interannual variation (IAV) of the land carbon sink. Fractional contribution to the land carbon sink (mean, trend, IAV)



Semi-arid vegetati on dynami cs Tropi cal forests, deforestation Tropi cal wetl ands

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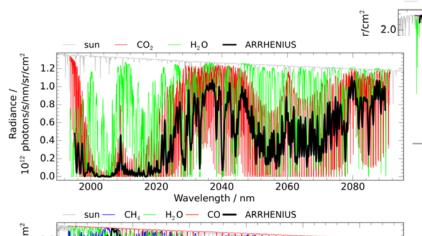
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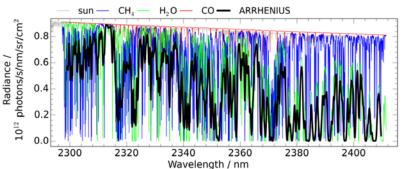


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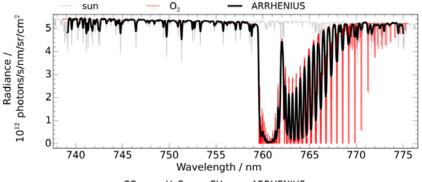
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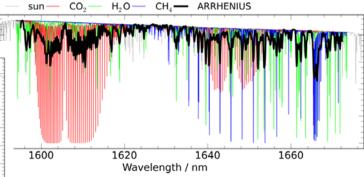
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# Typical ARRHENIUS measurements (above dark surface)





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[NASA, GMAO model] **Daytime** differences in **XCO<sub>2</sub>: gain insight** into process dynamics 10h minus 6h through sub-daily temporal resolution. ... and through process marker (CO, SIF, NO<sub>2</sub>, 14h minus 6h HCHO) fingerprinting 18h minus 6h

-3.0 -2.4 -1.8 -1.2 -0.6 0.0

0.6

 $\Delta XCO_2/ppm$ 

1.2

1.8



### ... in a nutshell ...

- Understand terrestrial carbon cycle processes and climate-carbon feedbacks in regions that are currently severely undersampled.
- African carbon cycle highly variable and uncertain; African will lead population dynamics by 2030.
- Quasi-contiguous mapping of atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>4</sub> together with process markers (CO, SIF).
- Scientific focus regions sampled several times per day to avoid missing events, sampling biases.
- Active cloud-avoidance through cloud-informed pointing (via MTG-FCI).
- ARRHENIUS needs LEO (S5, S7, ...) carbon context; ARRHENIUS needs meteorological sounders (MTG, ...).
- ARRHENIUS will be the explorative process-oriented asset of a global atmospheric composition constellation (e.g. together with other GEO missions, HEO missions, land surface carbon missions ...)

