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# The Copernicus Sentinel-5 Precursor Mission Status

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# Conference Purpose



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## **Sentinel-5P Anniversary Celebration with the Community/Exchange on latest results on using Sentinel-5P Data**

### **Key People:**

- All of you being present and using Sentinel-5P measurements

### **Conference Outline:**

- 83 orals (12 minutes talk and 3 minutes for questions), after each half day there is the possibility for further questions (Discussions)
- 67 posters (please mount asap) on display all week, Coffee served at the posters
- Lunch is not provided (as mentioned on the Conference Webpage)
- Taxi needed (e.g. to go back to Catania Airport) – please contact Chiara/Lorenza/Rachele
- Photo after each session (chairs & speakers) in front of the Satellite Model

### **Social Events:**

- Icebreaker in Poster room on Monday (drinks and finger food)
- Poster session on Tuesday evening (drinks only)
- Etna Excursion on Wednesday (full day and sponsored by ESA)
- Hosted Dinner in Forza D' Agro (seafood) on Thursday – please inform Chiara/Lorenza/Rachele on any dietary constraints asap

# Sentinel-5 Precursor: first atmospheric Sentinel Mission



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- **Launched:** 13 October 2017, Plesetks
- **Launcher:** Rockot
- **Main Payload:** TROPOMI (co-funded by The Netherlands and ESA) - Hyper-spectral push-broom imaging spectrometer, 4 spectrometers with 2D detectors with 4000 spectral channels
- **Orbit:** Altitude of 820 km, 227 orbit repeat cycle
- **Daily Global Coverage:** 13:30 ascending node crossing time
- **Spatial Sampling:** 5.5 x 3.5 km (mission requirement: 7 x 7 km)
- **Mission Control:** ESOC
- **TROPOMI Mission Planning:** KNMI
- **Ground Stations:** Svalbard (NOR) and Inuvik (Canada)
- **Operational Data Processing:** DLR (on behalf of ESA)
- **Mission Design Life Time:** ~7 years
- **National co-funding during Routine Operations** (e.g. on Algorithm Development/QA Monitoring): Belgium, Germany, and The Netherlands
- **Operations Funding:** end 2027
- **Key User:** Copernicus Atmospheric Monitoring Service (ECMWF)



# Sentinel-5 Precursor

## Mission Objectives

1. Ozone, Air Quality, and Climate Monitoring and Forecasting
2. Extending the time series of GOME, SCIAMACHY, OMI, GOME2 measurements
3. Precursor of the Copernicus Sentinel-4 and Sentinel-5 missions



# Sentinel-5P Products



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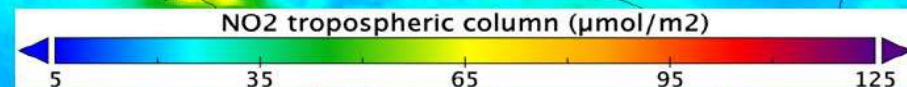
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**Sentinel-5 Precursor mission operations → in operations since April 2018 and in routine operations since March 2019**

- Ozone Profile (O<sub>3</sub> Profile) – November 2021**
- Aerosol Layer Height (ALH) - September 2019**
- Methane (CH<sub>4</sub>)**
- Tropospheric Ozone Column (trop. O<sub>3</sub>) - March 2019**
- Sulfur Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>)**
- Formaldehyde (OCHO) - October 2018**
- Total Columns of Ozone (O<sub>3</sub>)**
- Nitrogen Dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>)**
- Carbon Monoxide (CO)**
- Cloud information**
- Aerosol information**
- Radiances/Irradiances – July 2018**

**Sentinel-5P TROPOMI  
NO<sub>2</sub> tropospheric column  
April 2018 - March 2019**



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# Sentinel-5P Ozone Monitoring

## Ozone Hole Opening during 2022



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[https://www.esa.int/Applications/Observing\\_the\\_Earth/Copernicus/Sentinel-5P/How\\_do\\_satellites\\_monitor\\_the\\_ozone\\_layer](https://www.esa.int/Applications/Observing_the_Earth/Copernicus/Sentinel-5P/How_do_satellites_monitor_the_ozone_layer)



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# CAMS Ozone Monitoring

## Ozone Hole during 2022



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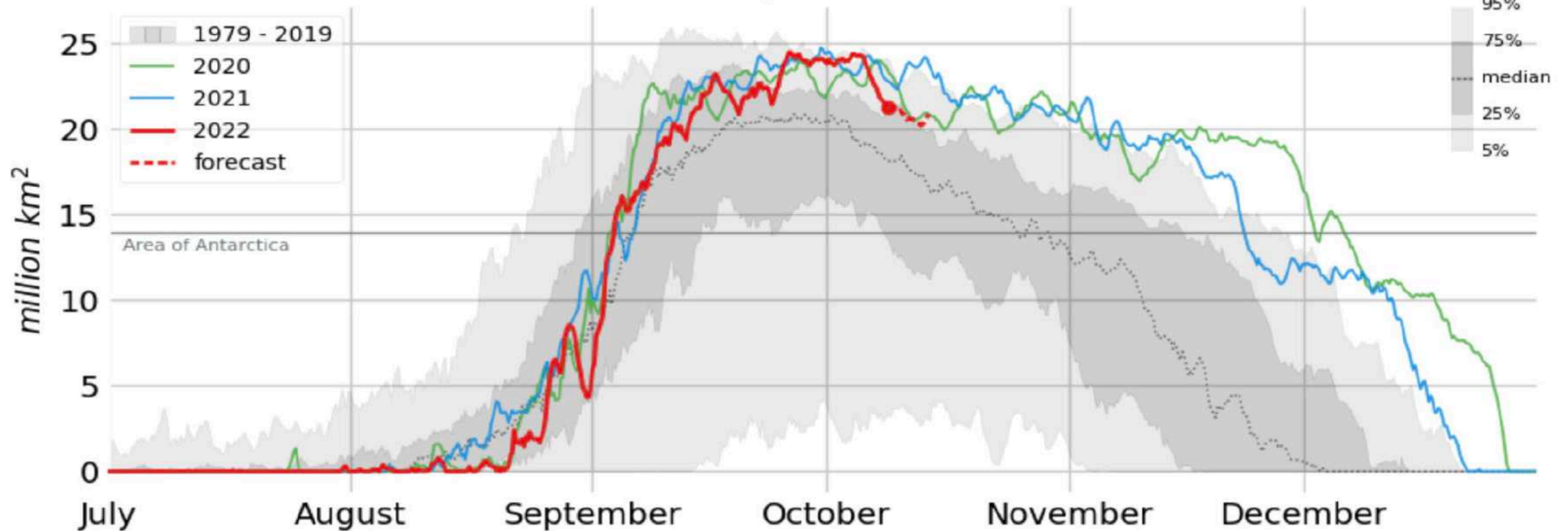


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Ozone hole area

### Southern Hemisphere ozone hole area



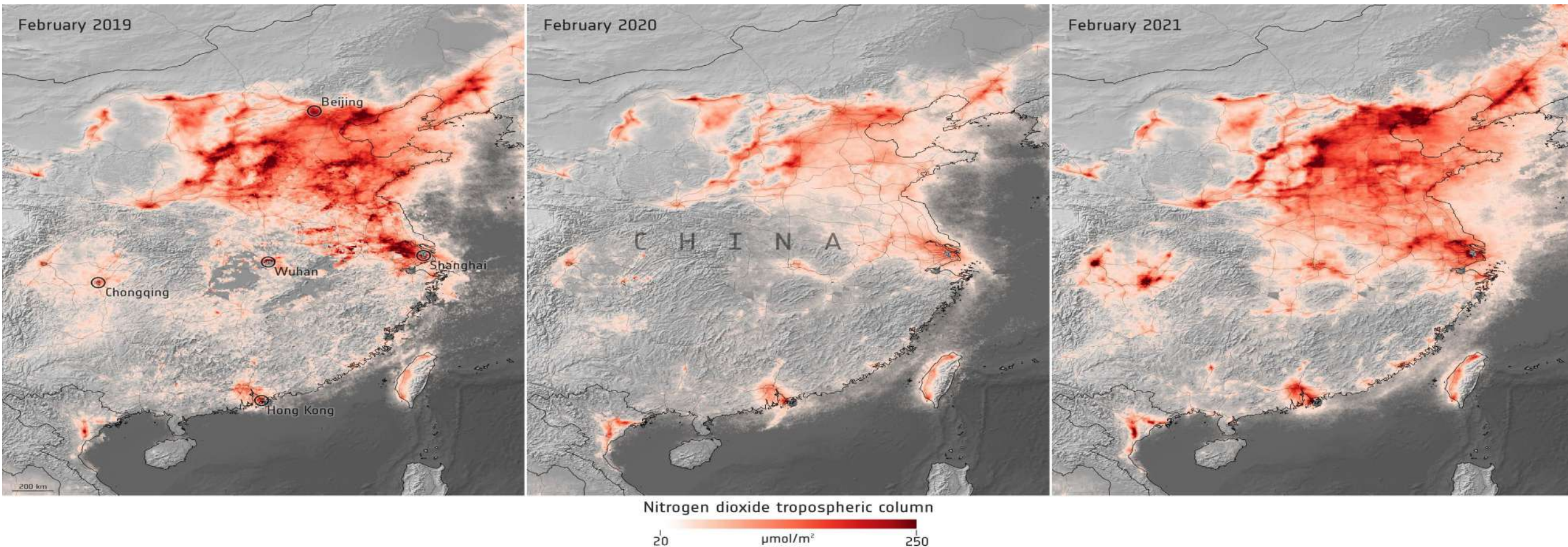
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## COVID-19 Impact on Air Quality

[https://www.esa.int/Applications/Observing\\_the\\_Earth/Copernicus/Sentinel-5P/Air\\_pollution\\_returning\\_to\\_pre-COVID\\_levels](https://www.esa.int/Applications/Observing_the_Earth/Copernicus/Sentinel-5P/Air_pollution_returning_to_pre-COVID_levels)



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# Sentinel-5P Air Pollution Monitoring Bush-Fire Emissions in Australia



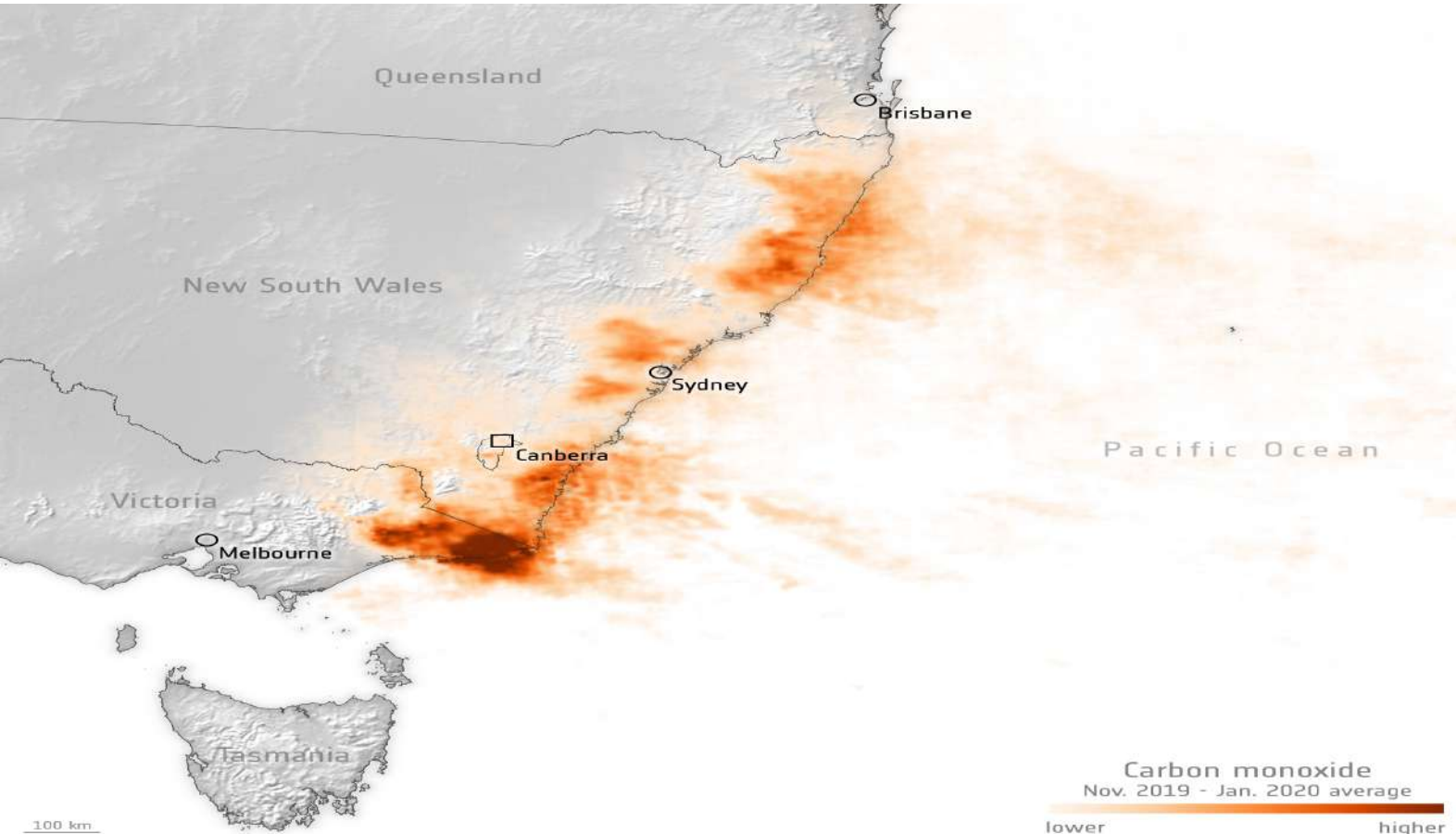
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[https://www.esa.int/Applications/Observing\\_the\\_Earth/Aerosols\\_released\\_from\\_Australian\\_bushfires\\_triggers\\_algal\\_blooms](https://www.esa.int/Applications/Observing_the_Earth/Aerosols_released_from_Australian_bushfires_triggers_algal_blooms)



**these bushfires (Nov. 2019 – Jan. 2020) released CO equivalent to 715 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> in just three months**

van der Velde, I.R., van der Werf, G.R., Houweling, S. *et al.* Vast CO<sub>2</sub> release from Australian fires in 2019–2020 constrained by satellite. *Nature* **597**, 366–369 (2021).  
<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41586-021-03712-y>

*CO measurements - Credits: contains modified Copernicus data (2019/20) processed by SRON*

# Sentinel-5P GHG Methane Monitoring Coal Mines over Poland



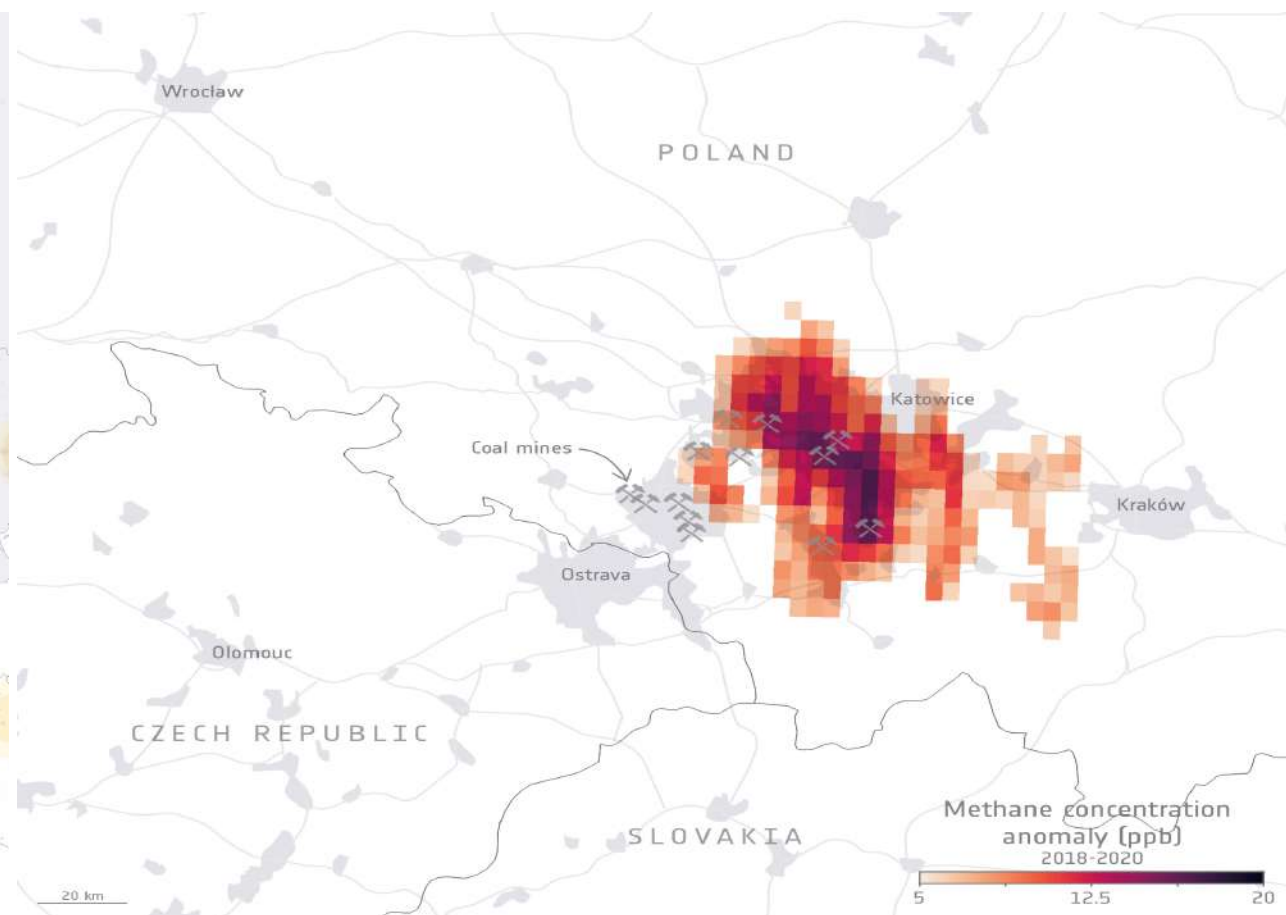
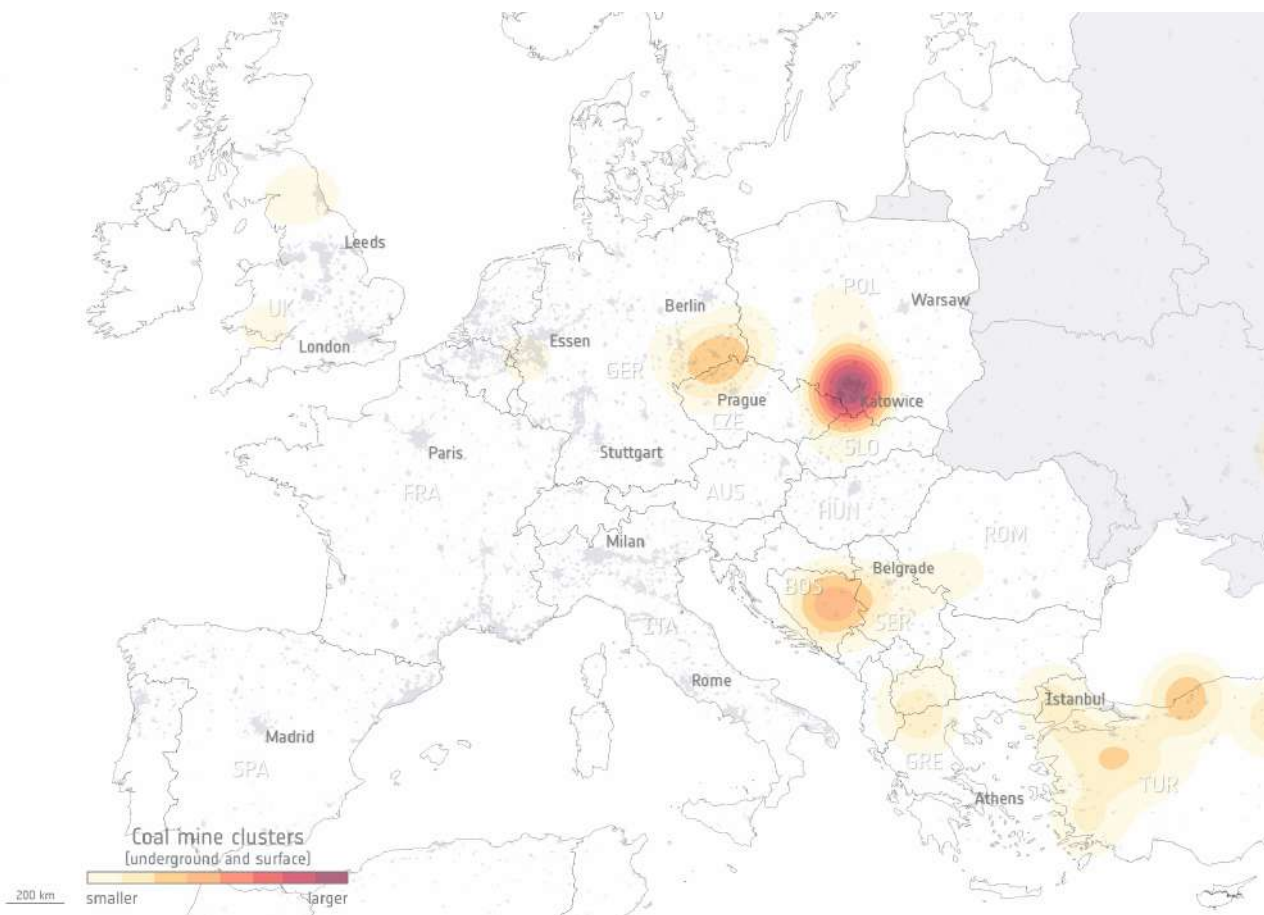
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# GHG Methane Monitoring Synergy with GHGSat (ESA TPM Mission)



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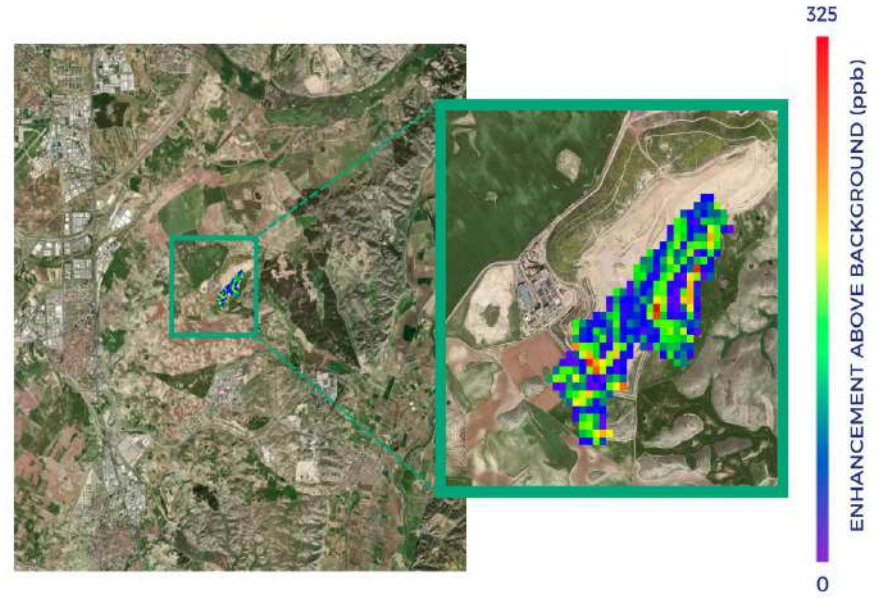
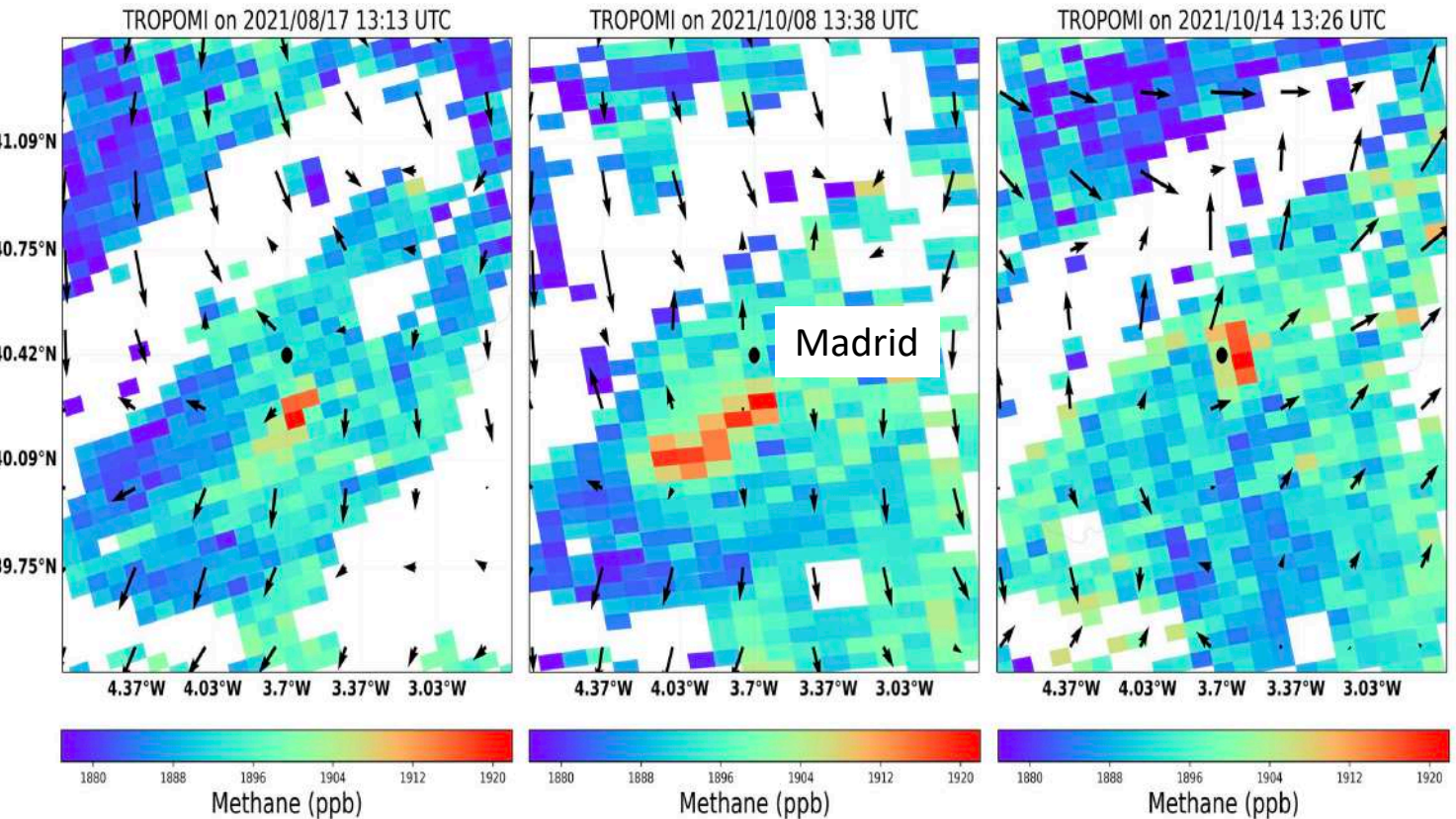


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## Methane Concentration/Emissions from land fills close to Madrid:

[https://www.esa.int/Applications/Observing\\_the\\_Earth/Satellites\\_detect\\_large\\_methane\\_emissions\\_from\\_Madrid\\_landfills](https://www.esa.int/Applications/Observing_the_Earth/Satellites_detect_large_methane_emissions_from_Madrid_landfills)



GHGSat Methane Measurements (Oct. 13 2021)  
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**GHGSat AO** <https://earth.esa.int/eogateway/news/announcement-of-opportunity-for-ghgsat>

# GHG Methane Monitoring with GHGSat



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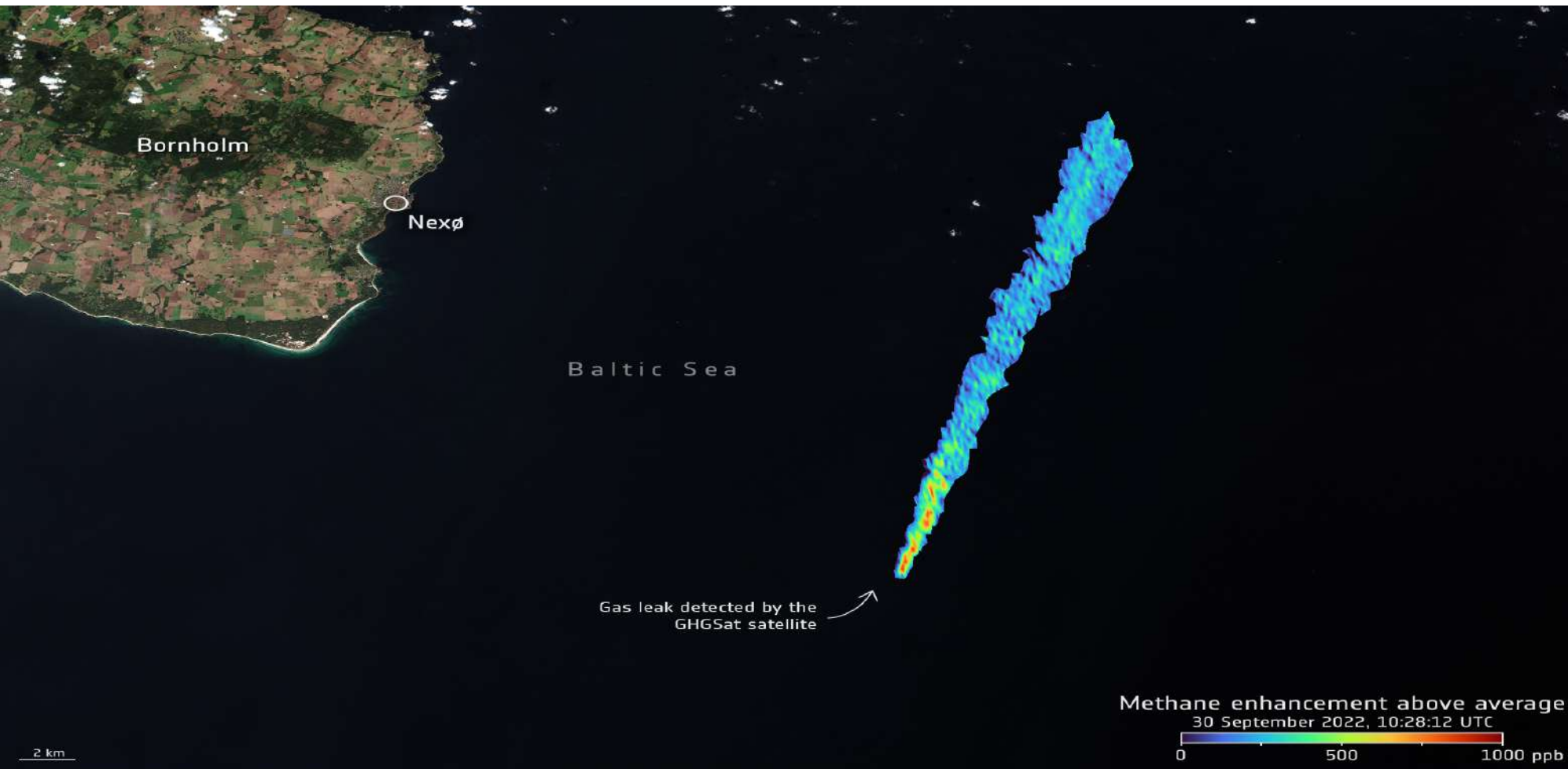


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## Methane Concentration/Emissions from NordStream Pipeline:

[https://www.esa.int/Applications/Observing\\_the\\_Earth/Satellites\\_detect\\_methane\\_plume\\_in\\_Nord\\_Stream\\_leak](https://www.esa.int/Applications/Observing_the_Earth/Satellites_detect_methane_plume_in_Nord_Stream_leak)



On 30 September, the estimated emission rate derived from its first methane concentration measurement was 79 000 kg per hour – making it the largest methane leak ever detected by GHGSat from a single point-source.

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# Short Term Outlook



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## **Reprocessing of all operational Sentinel-5P Products by the end of this year -**

<https://s5phub.copernicus.eu>

- Priorities on Level 2 products as defined by the key user CAMS
- Level 1, Cloud products, Carbon Monoxide done
- Total Ozone started

## **Pre-operational Products being provided to the user community via the Sentinel-5P Algorithm Laboratory (PAL) -** <https://data-portal.s5p-pal.com>

- Consistent NO<sub>2</sub> product (processed with the official processor Version 2.3.1)
- Water Vapour, Bromine Monoxide, and Aerosol Optical Thickness pre-operational products
- Higher level products based on user requests - <https://maps.s5p-pal.com/> - Nitrogen Dioxide, Carbon Monoxide, Methane, Sulphur Dioxide

**Solve the problem that the current operational Methane product is useless in case of missing S-NPP cloud information (S-NPP problem during this summer!)**