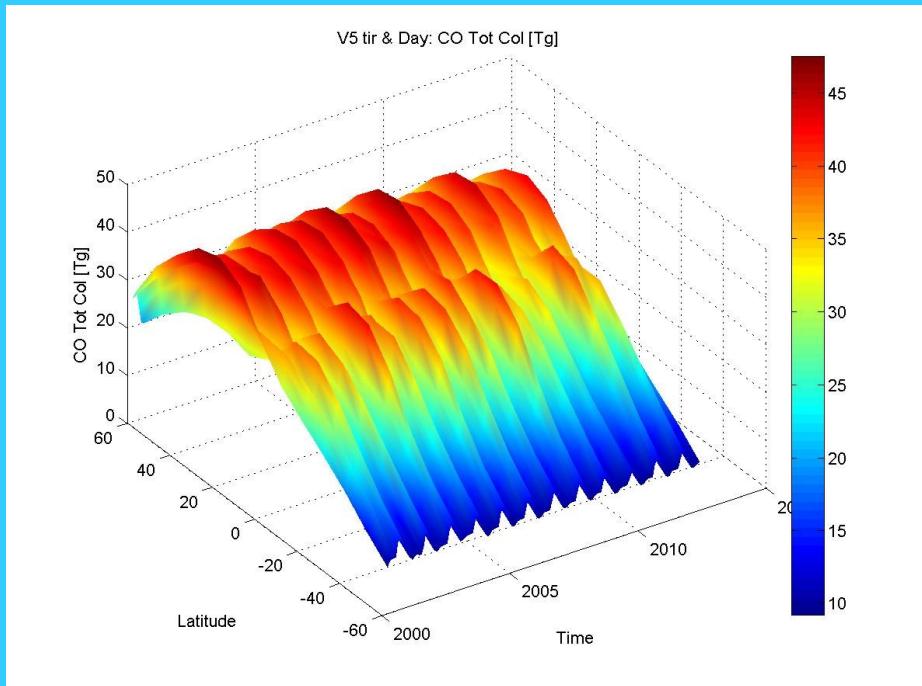


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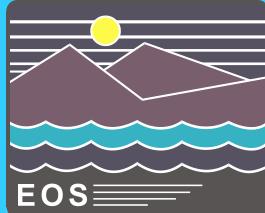


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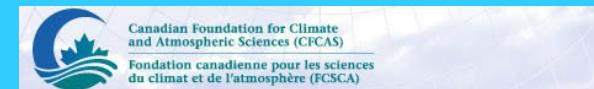
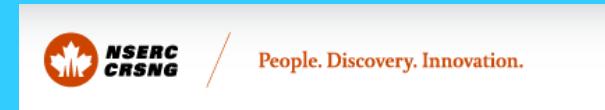




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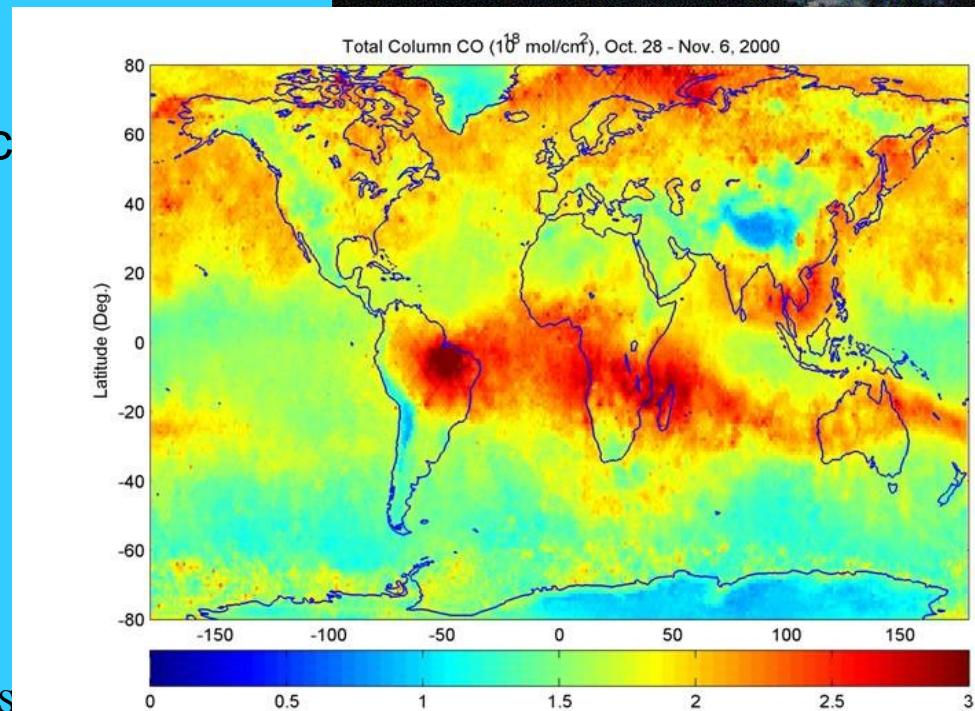


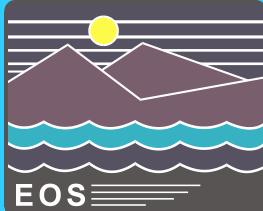
# Instant Major CO facts...

- Mixing ratio about 60-200 ppbv
  - Higher in major pollution zones
- Produced by incomplete combustion
  - Forest fires, grass fires
  - Industrial activity
- Removed by OH
- Measuring CO gives us a “window” into the tropospheric chemistry and transport



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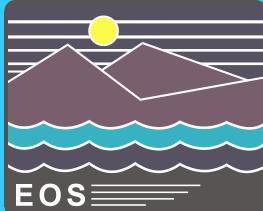




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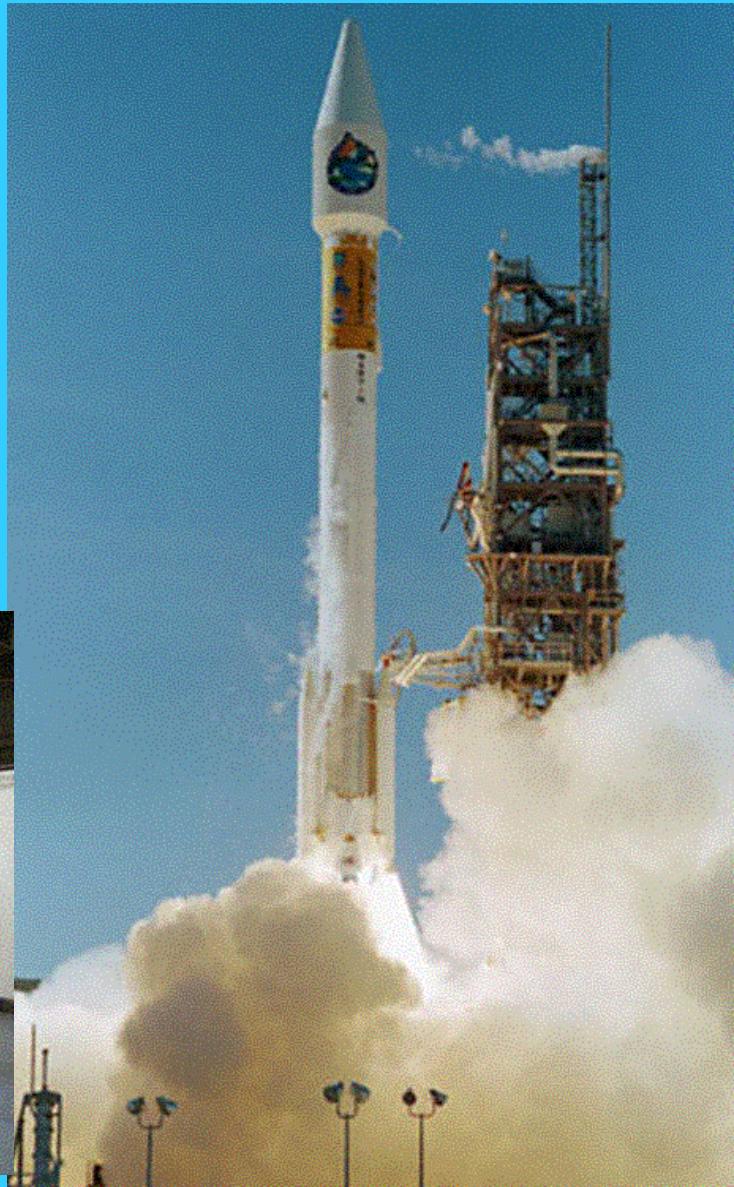


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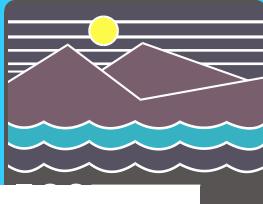


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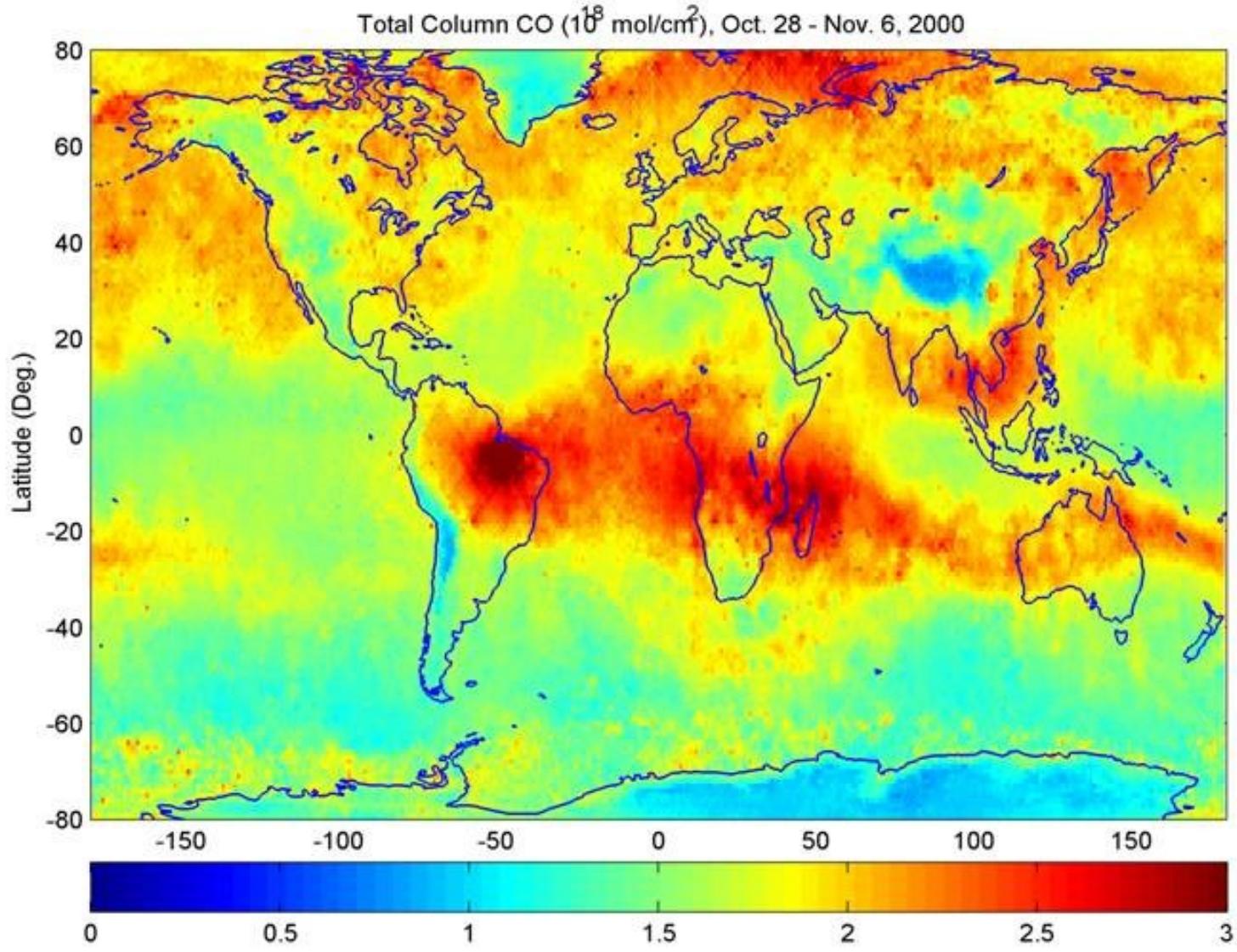
- Successful launch
  - Terra satellite
  - Dec 18, 1999, 18:57GMT
  - 9 seconds before end of the millenium!
- Orbit:
  - polar, sun synchronous,
  - Altitude, 705km, inclination 98.4
  - 10:30am descending node

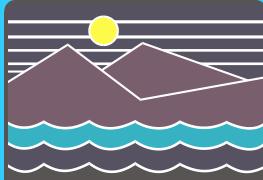


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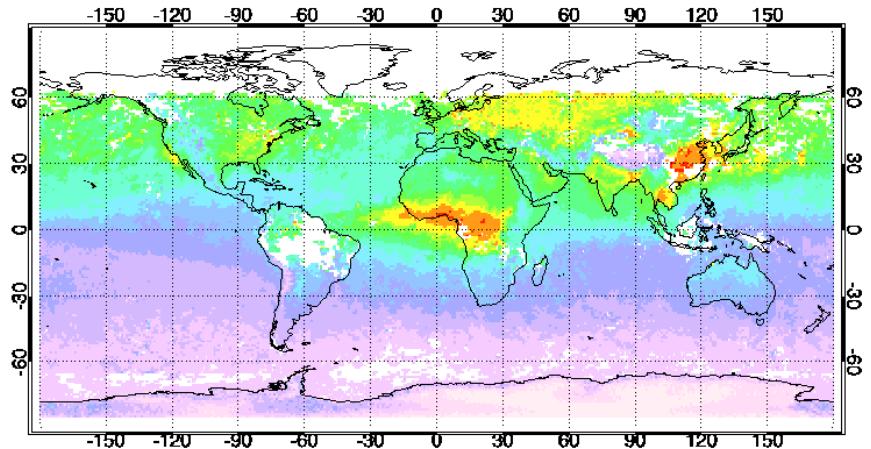
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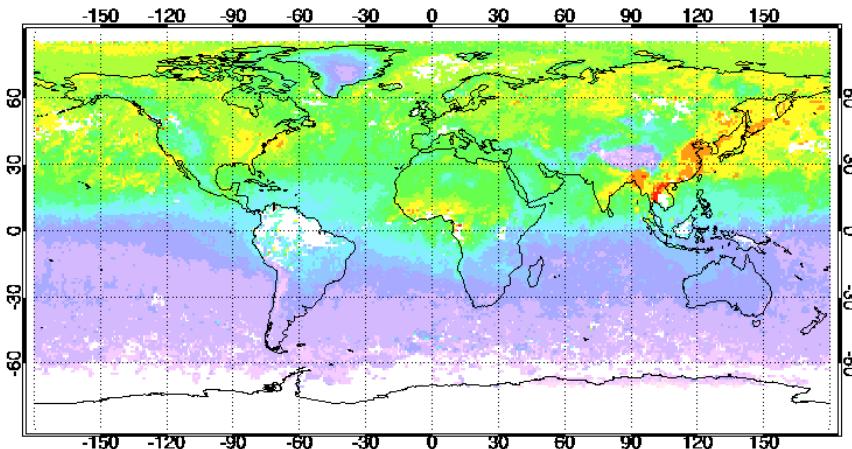


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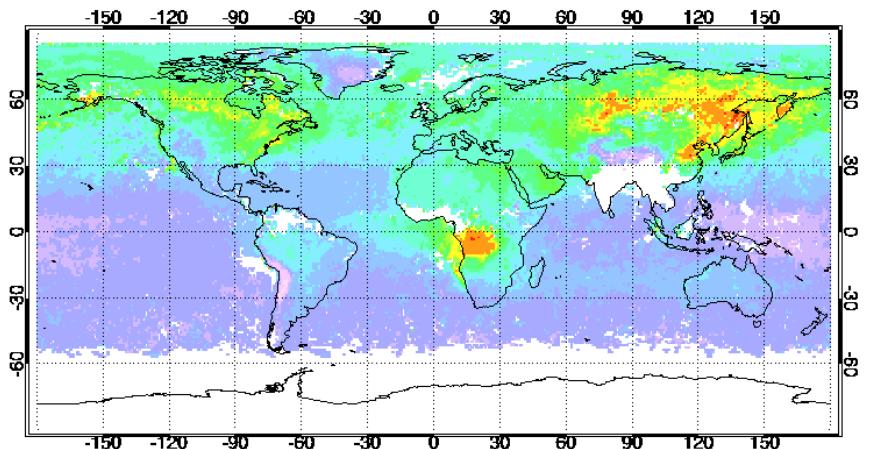
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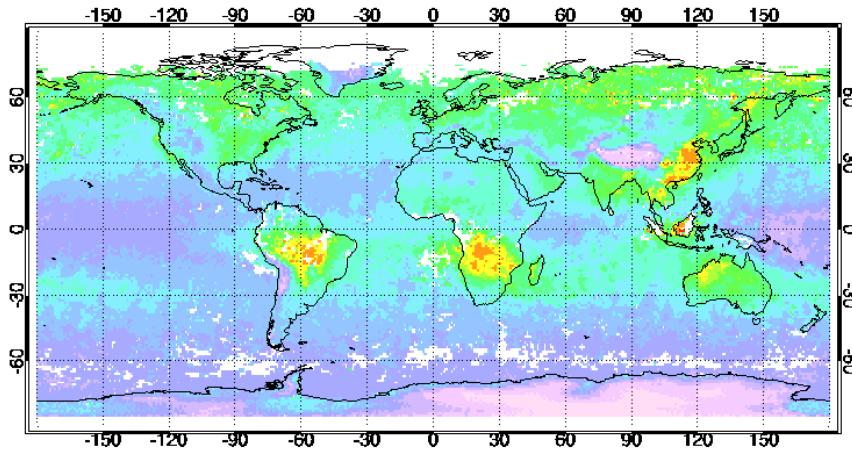
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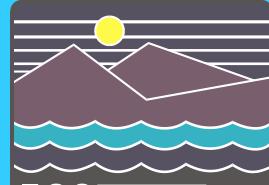


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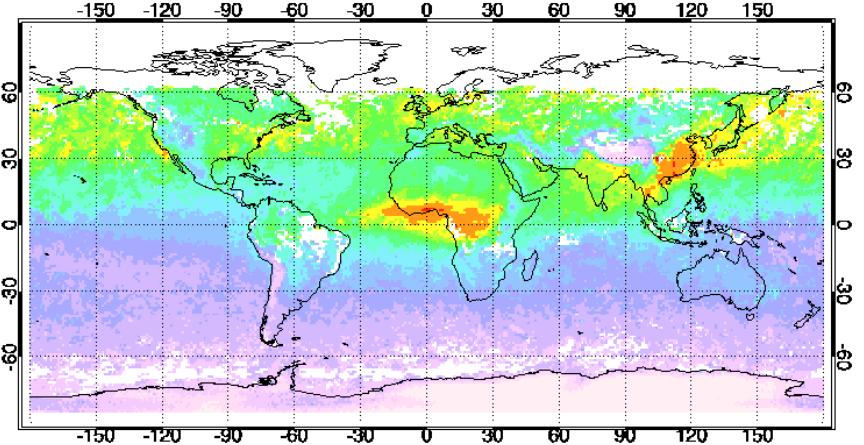




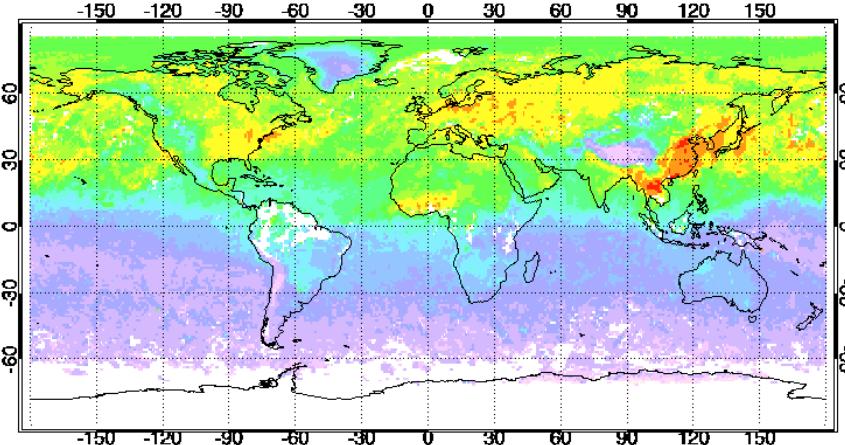
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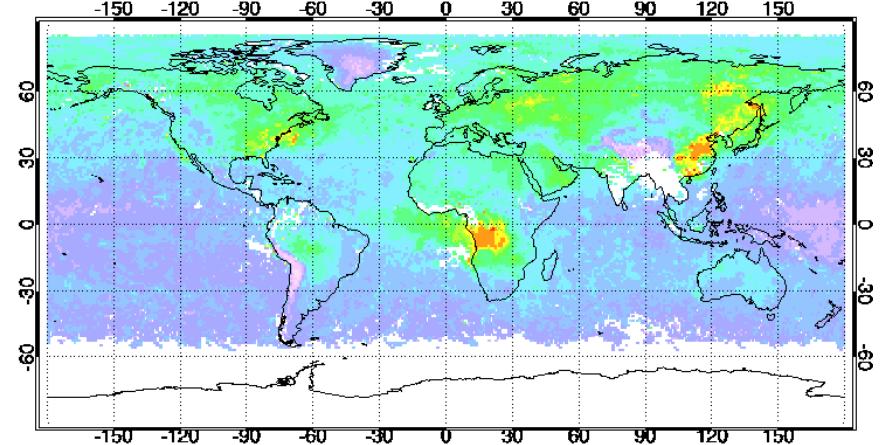
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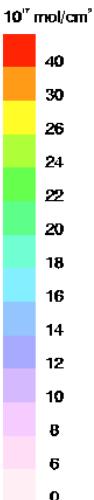
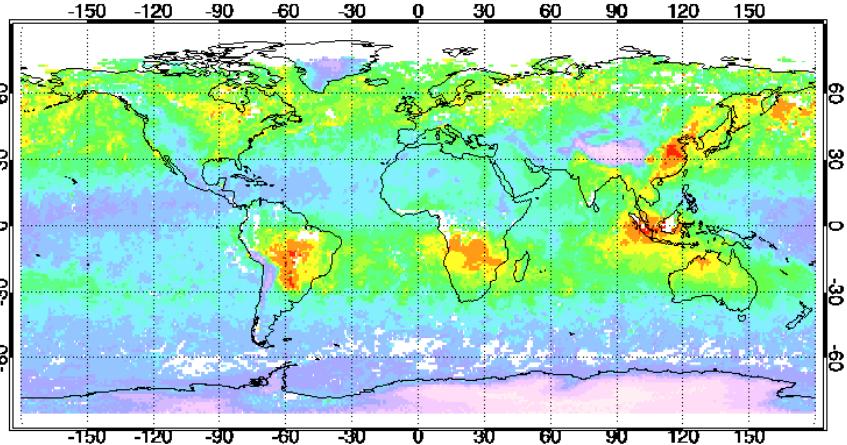
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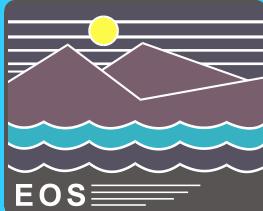


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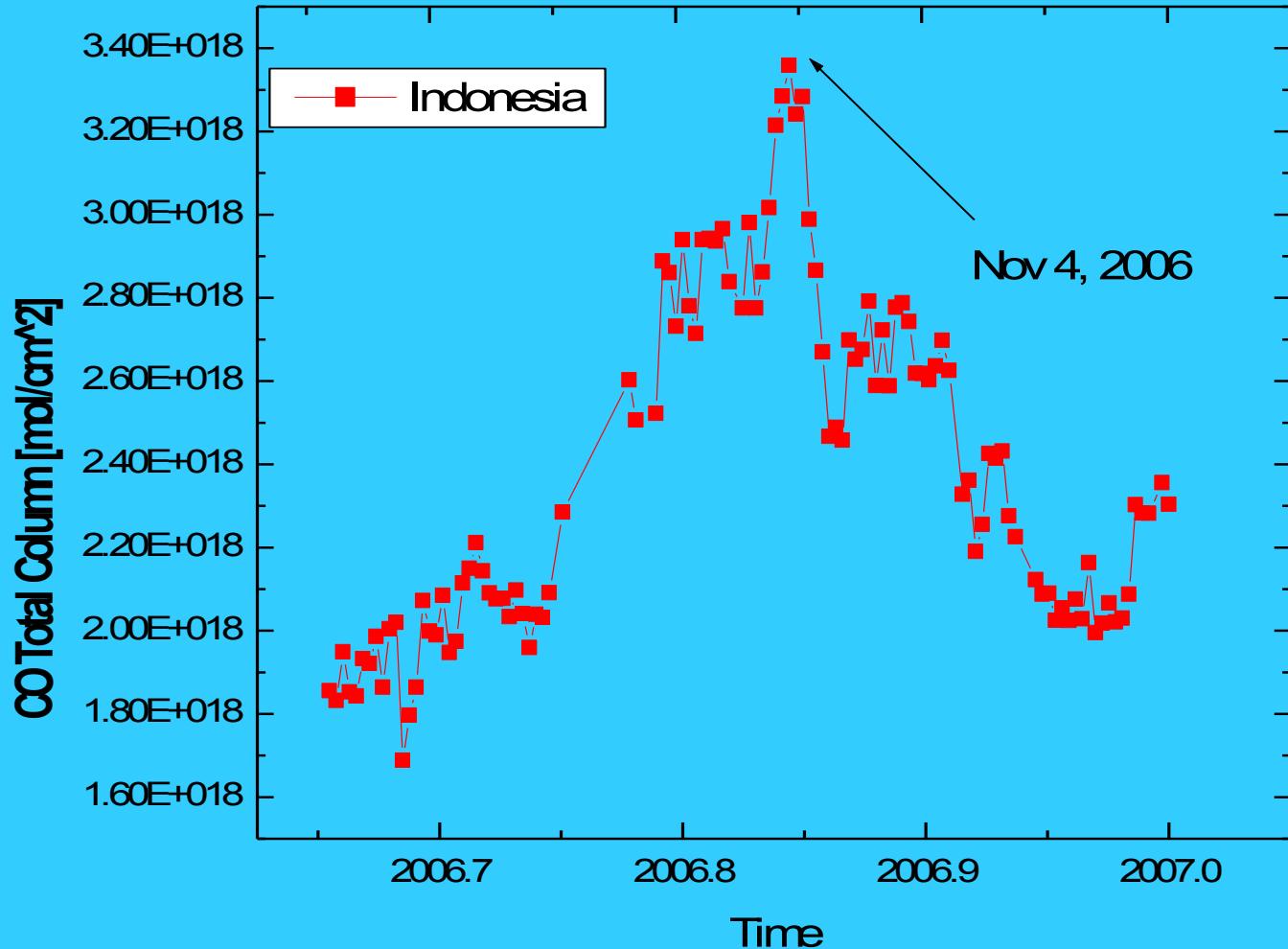


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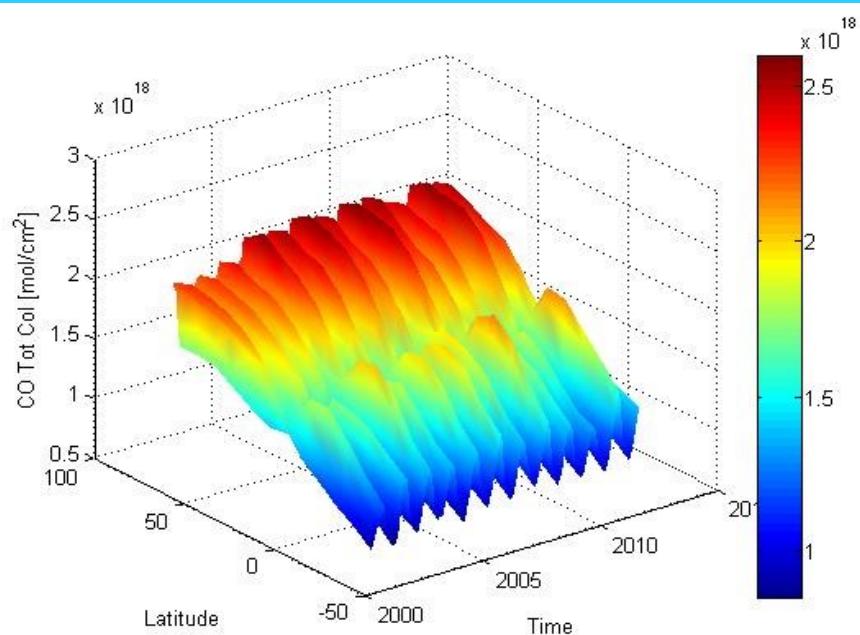
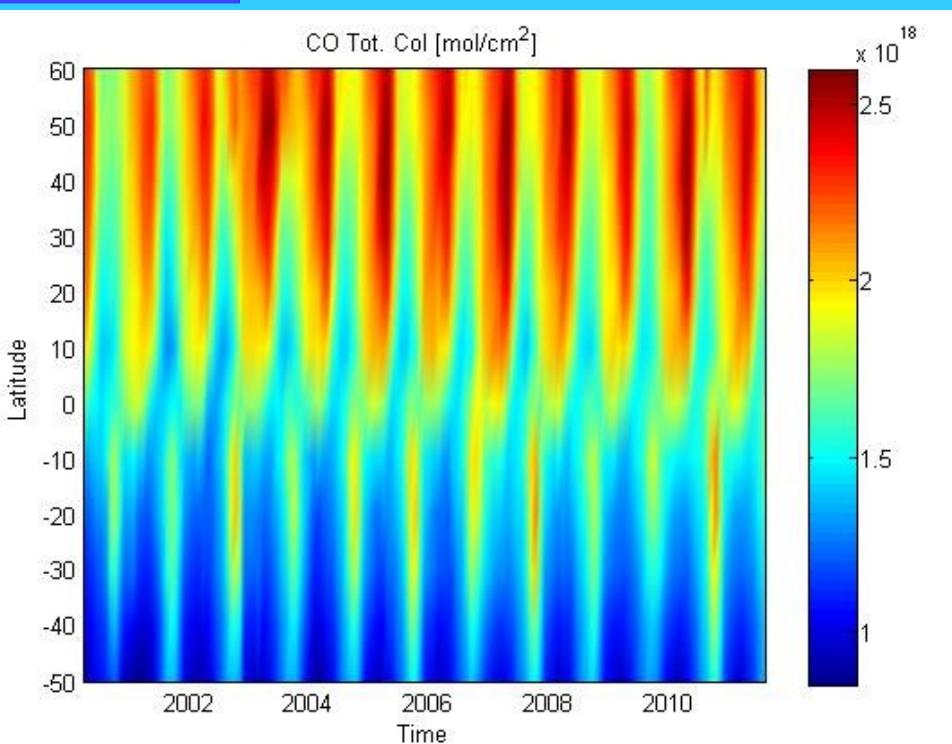


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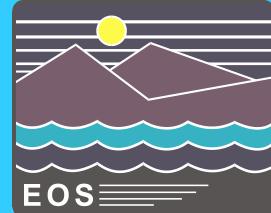


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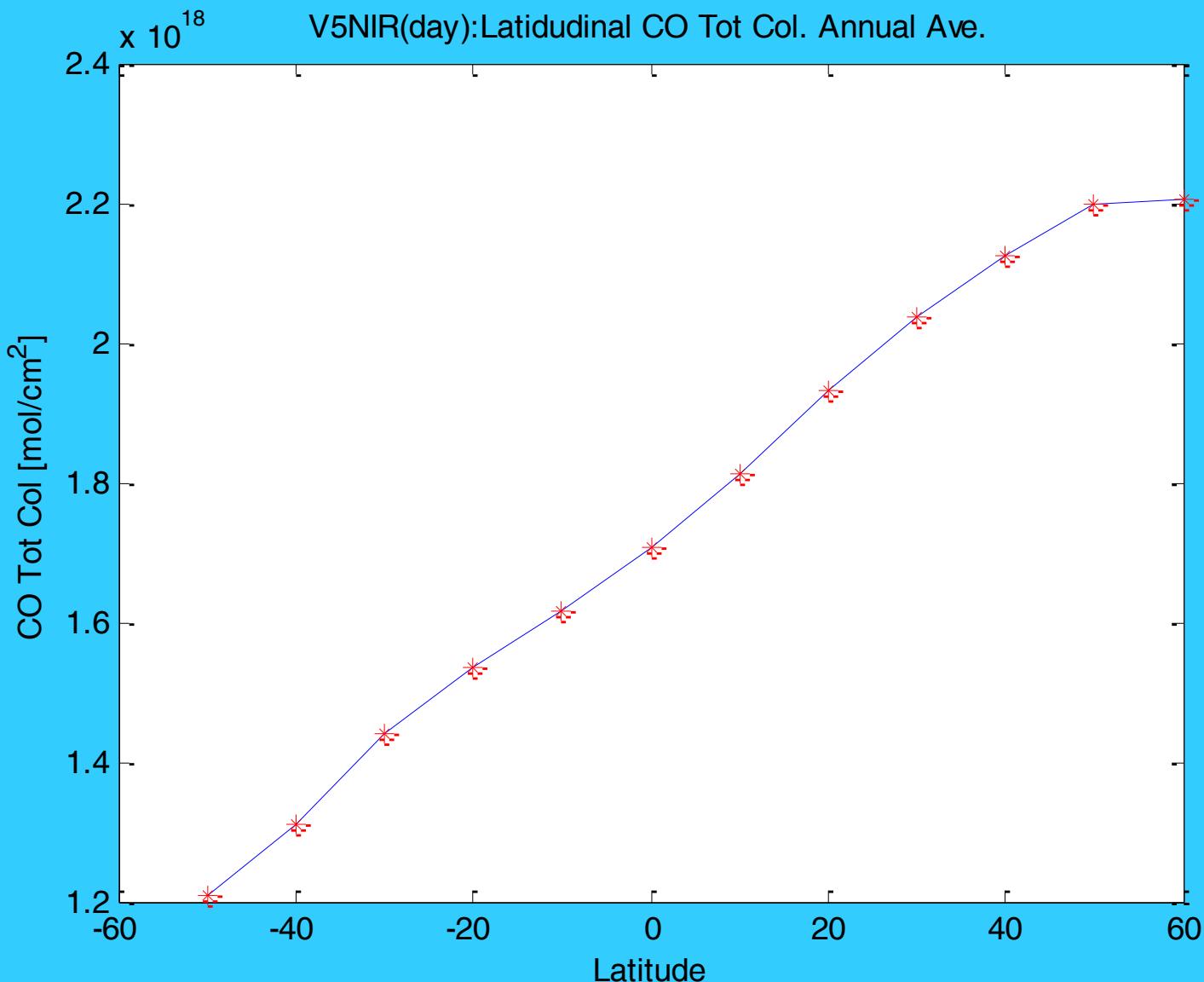


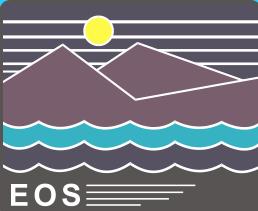
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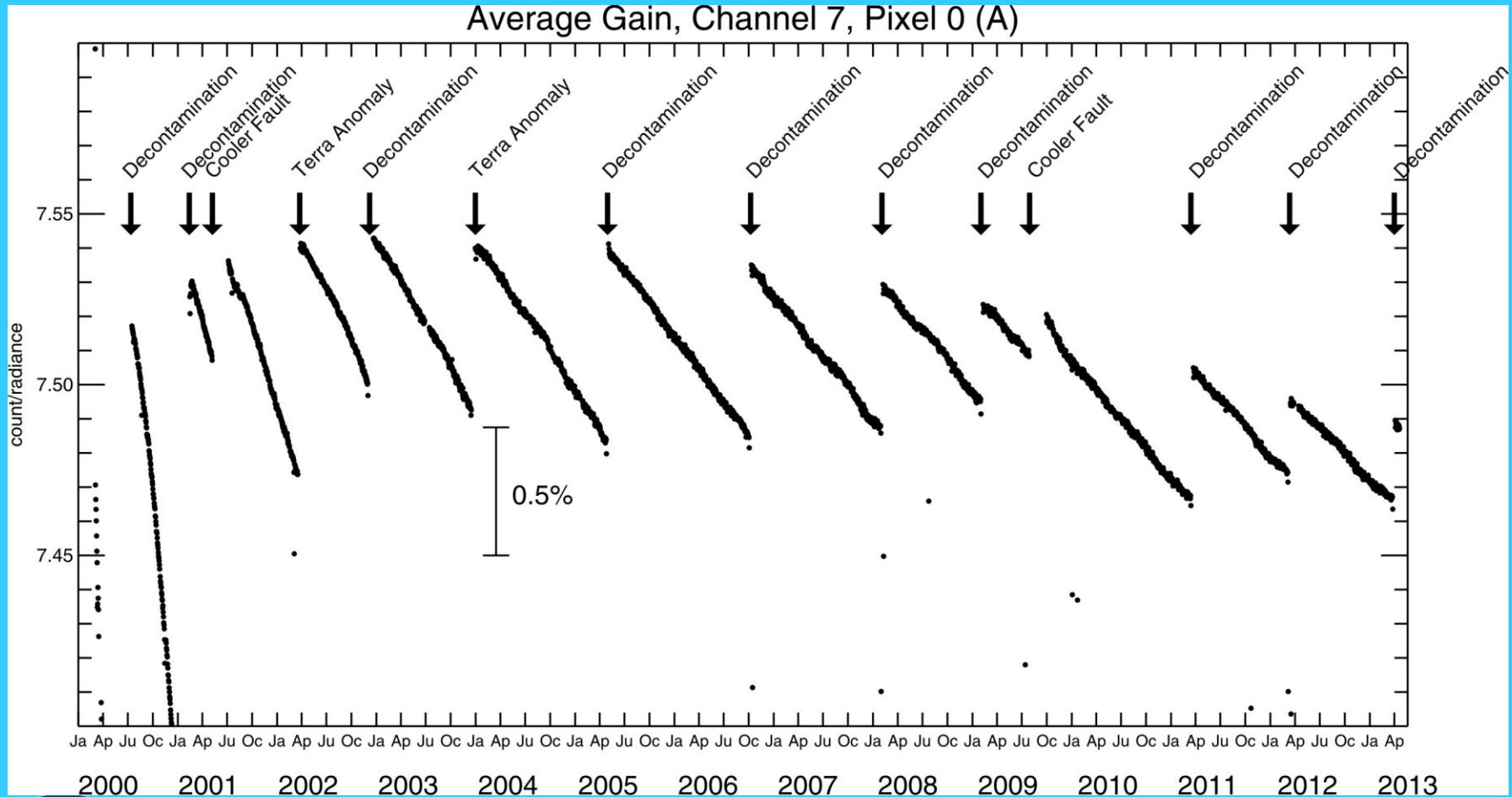


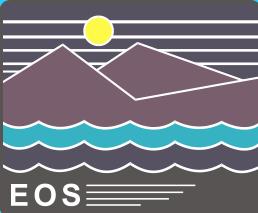
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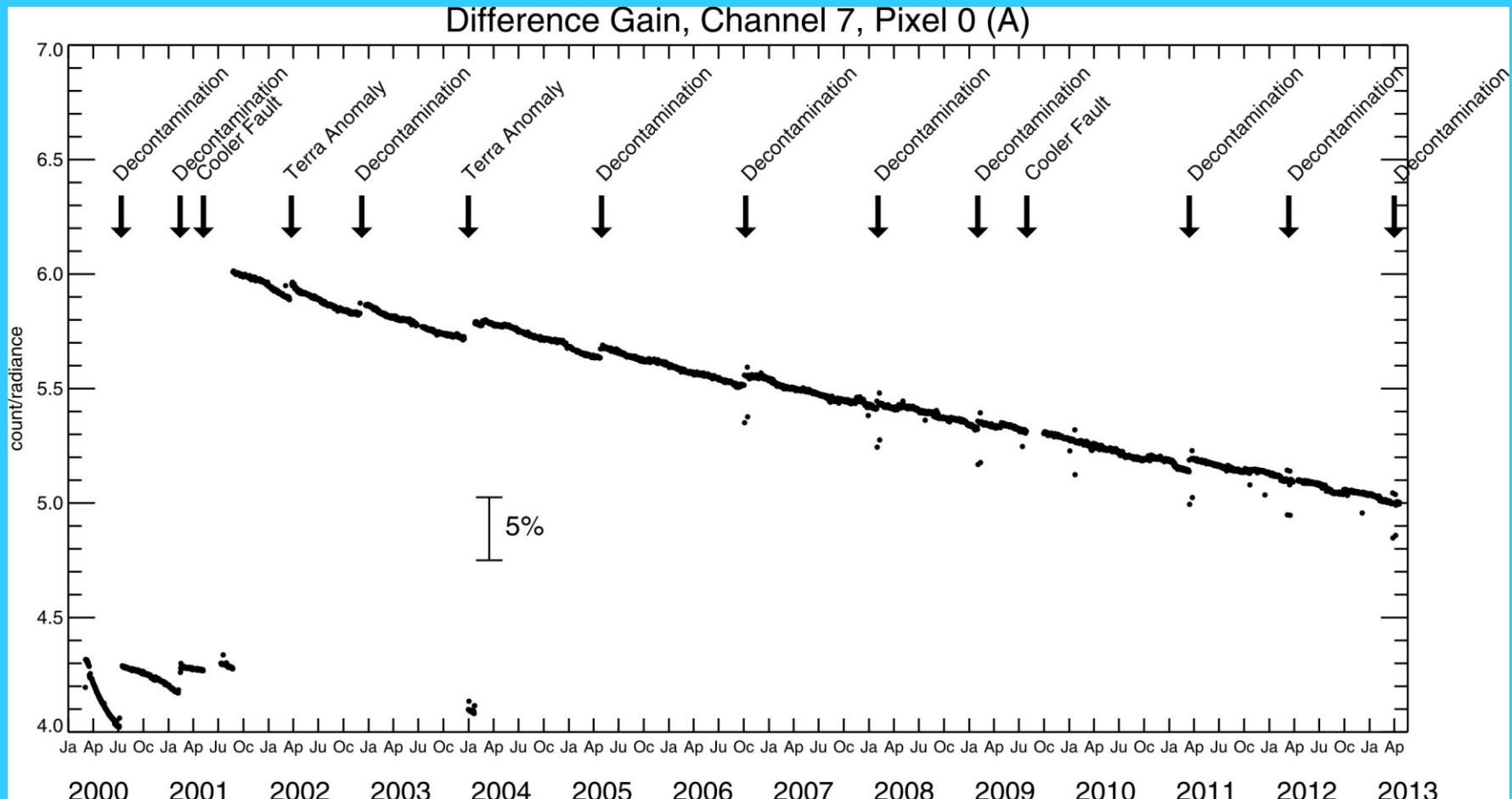


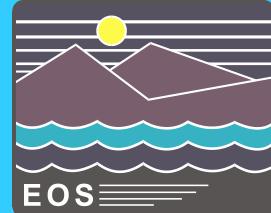
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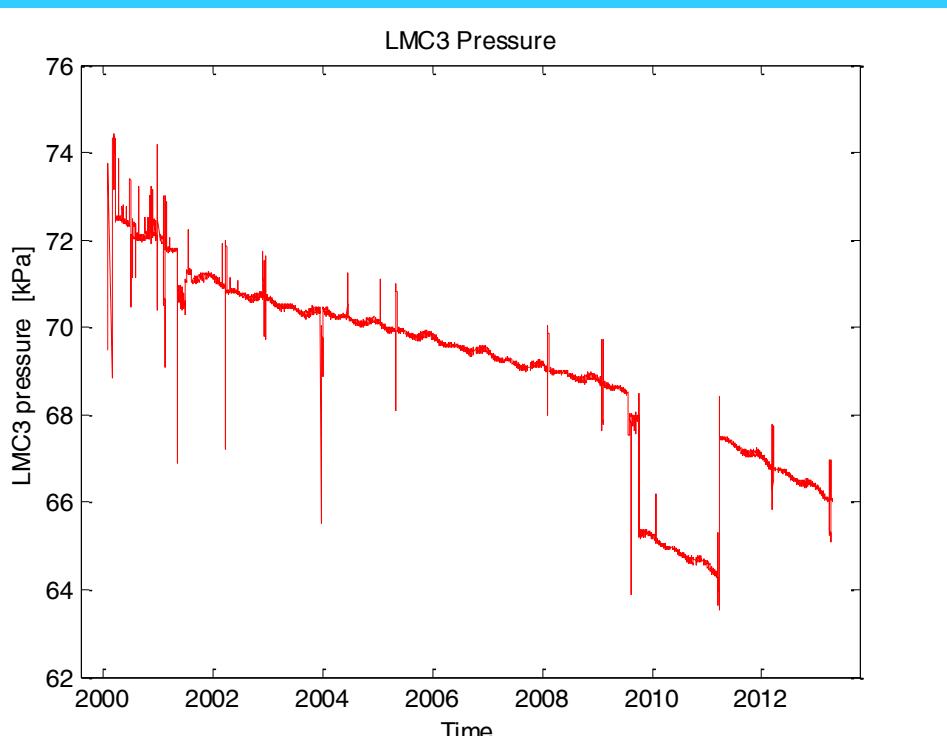
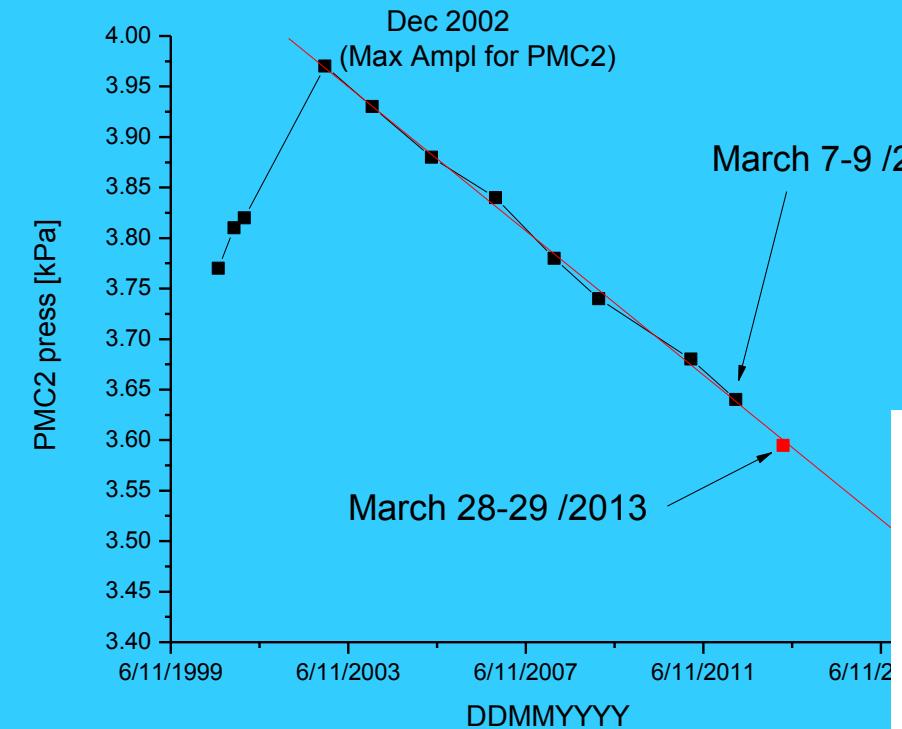


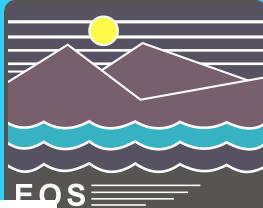
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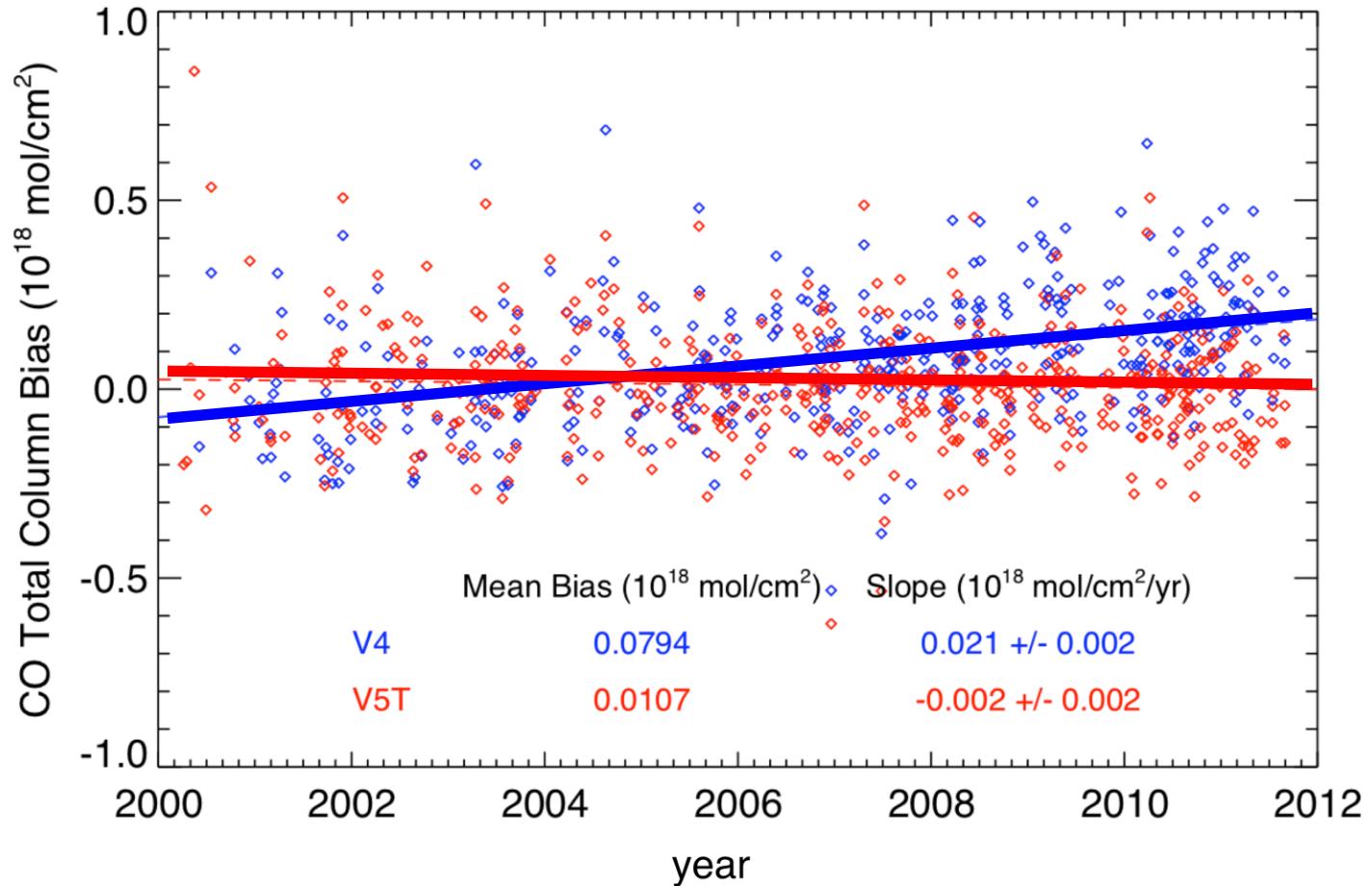


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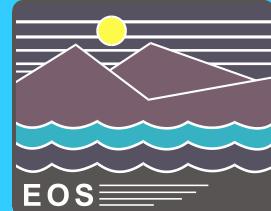


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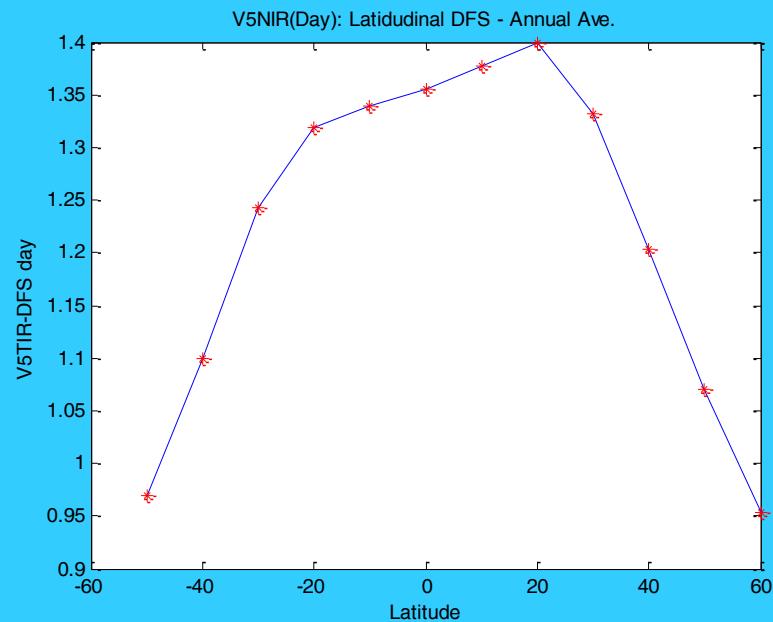
Ref: Deeter et al., JGR 2013 (in press)



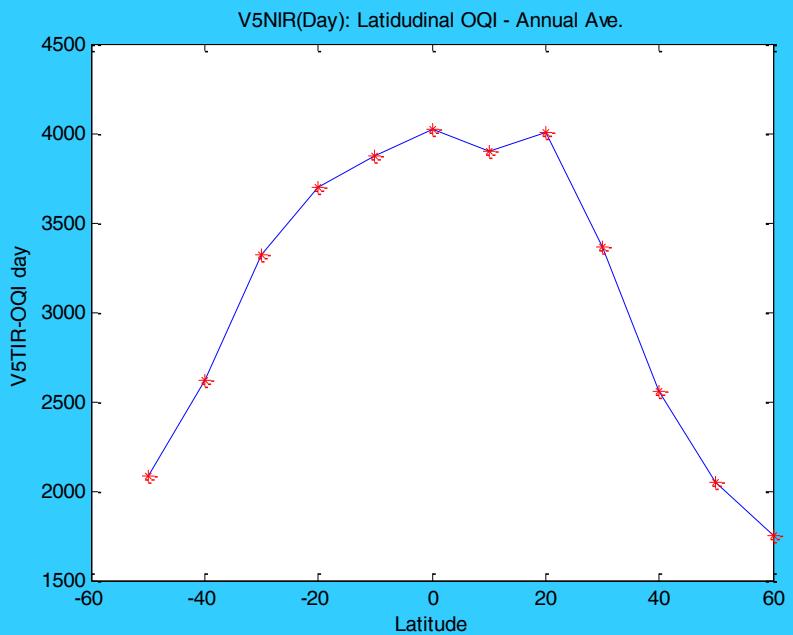


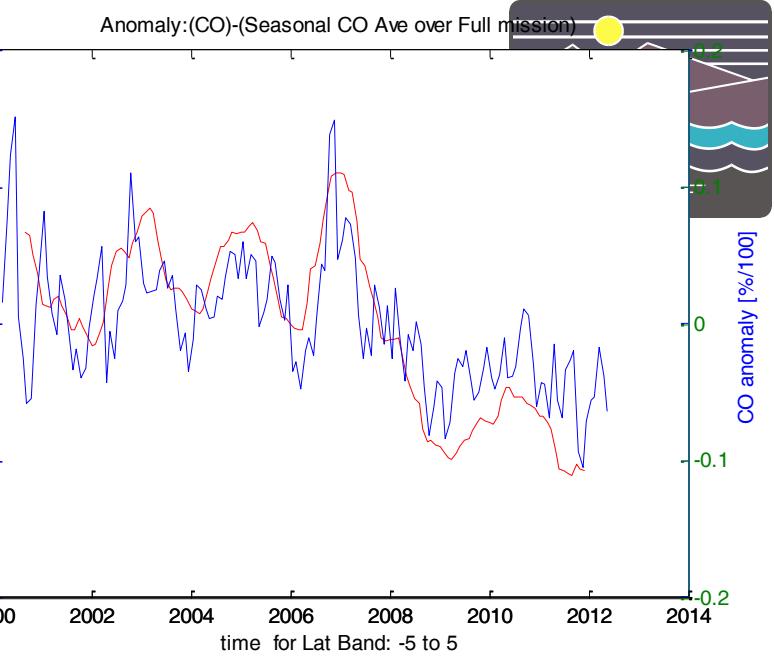
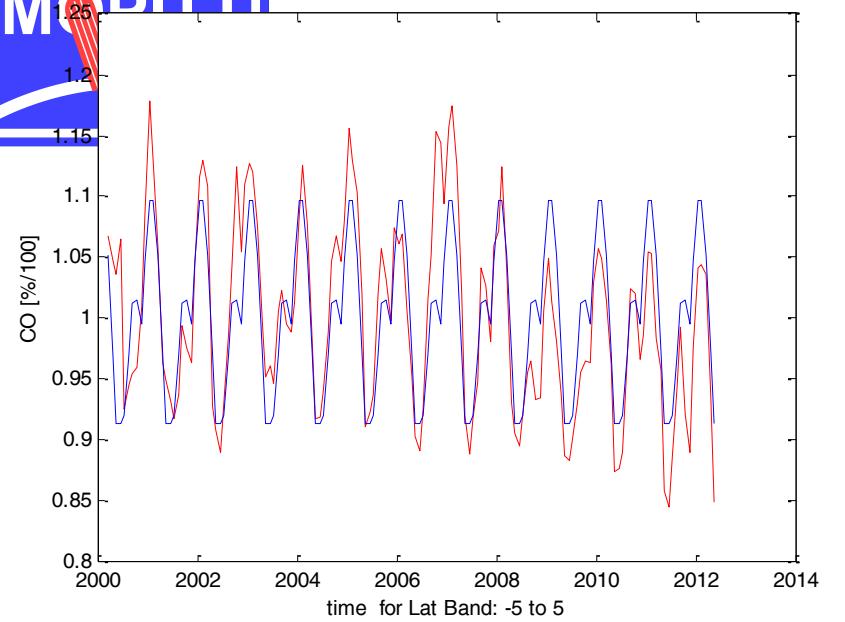
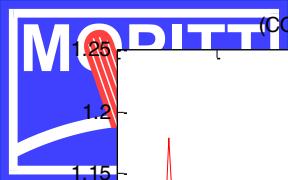
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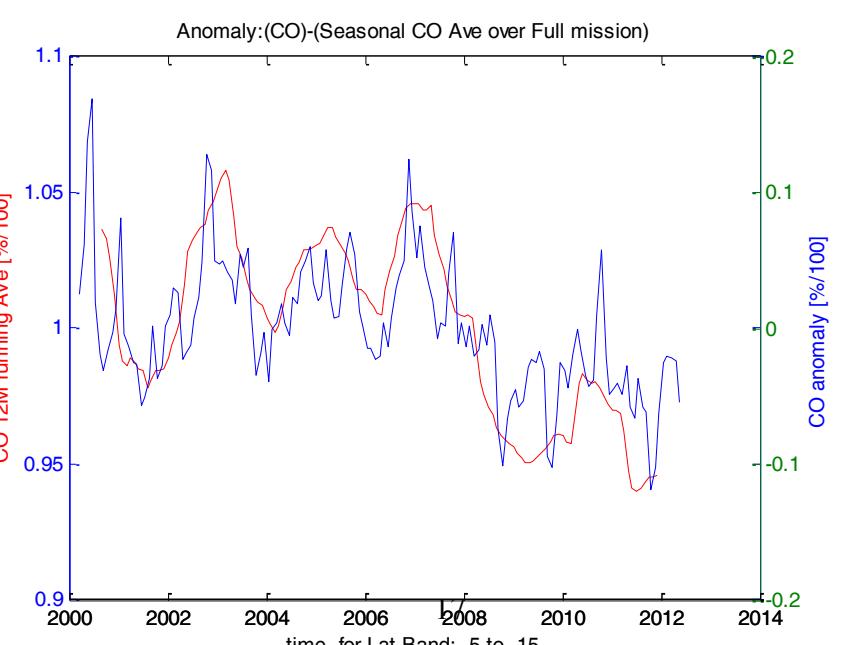
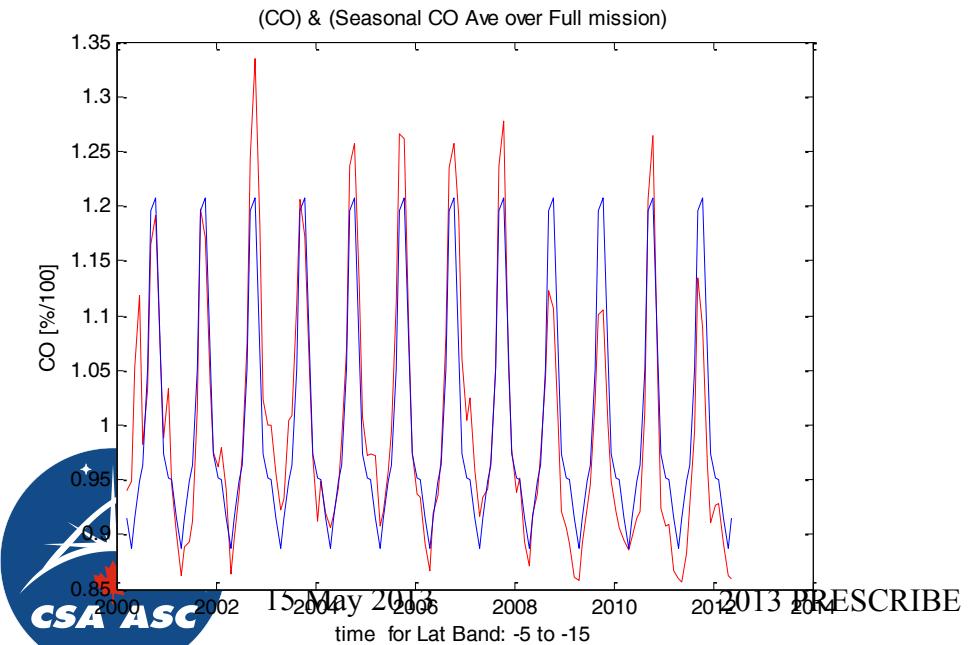


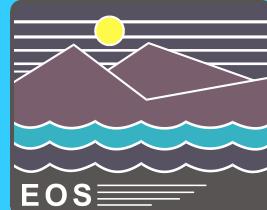
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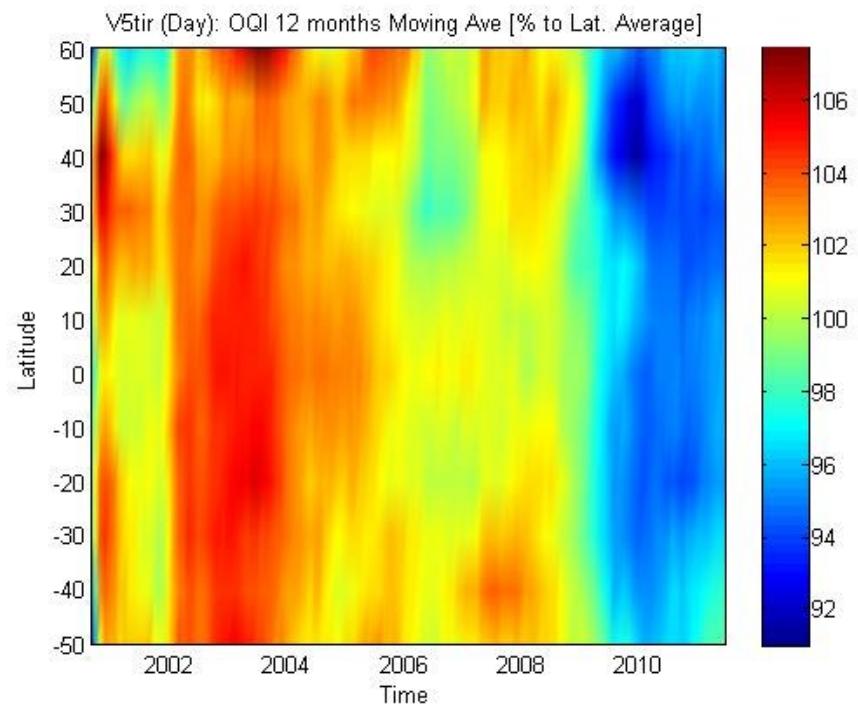
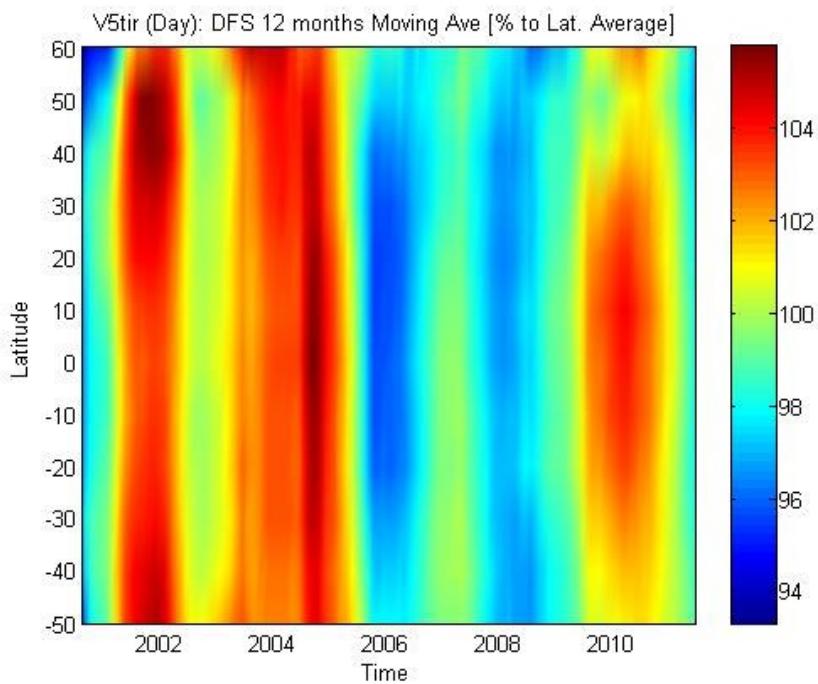


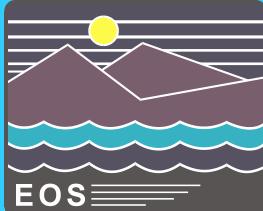
**Subtract the “average year” to get the anomaly....**



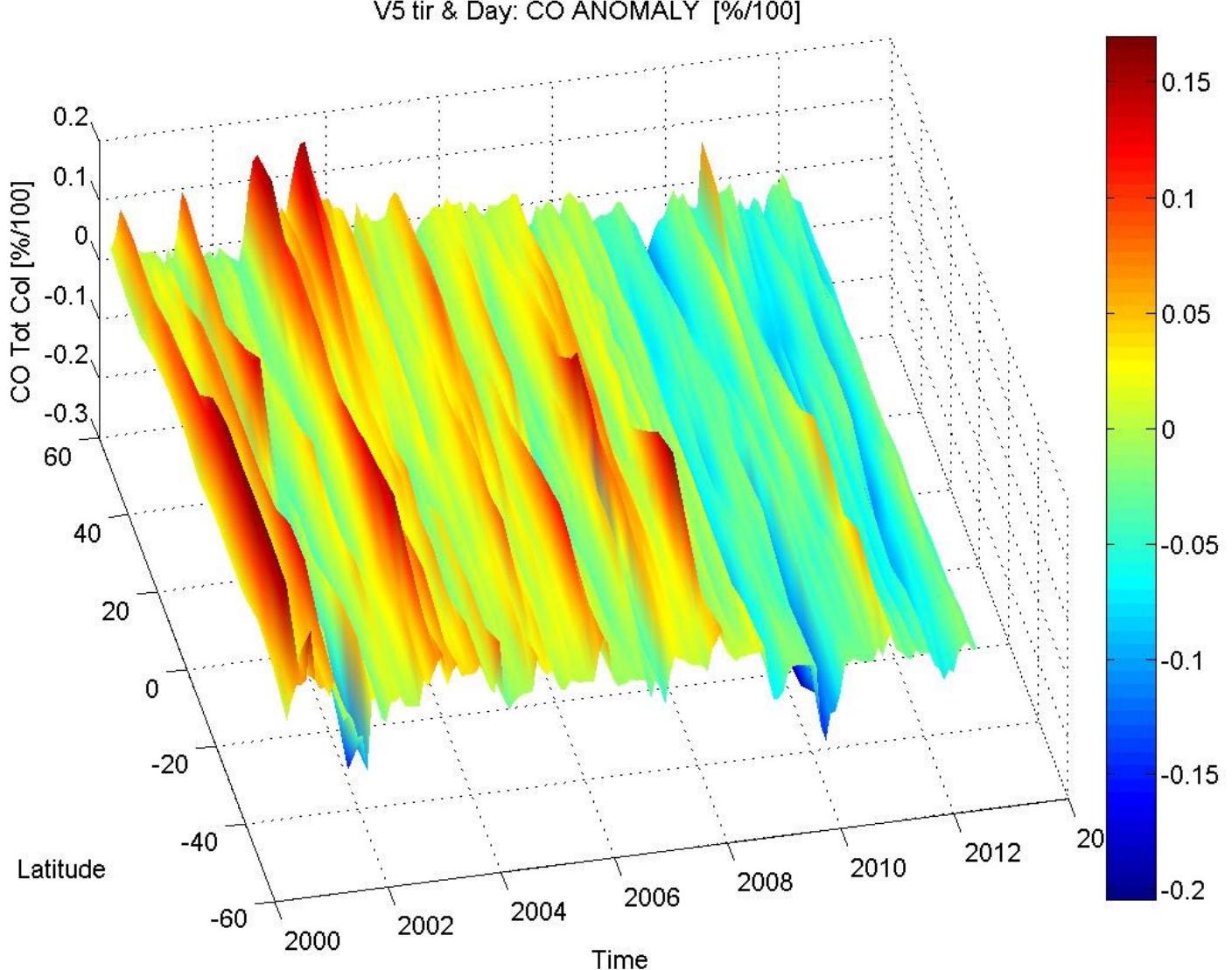


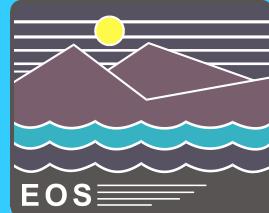
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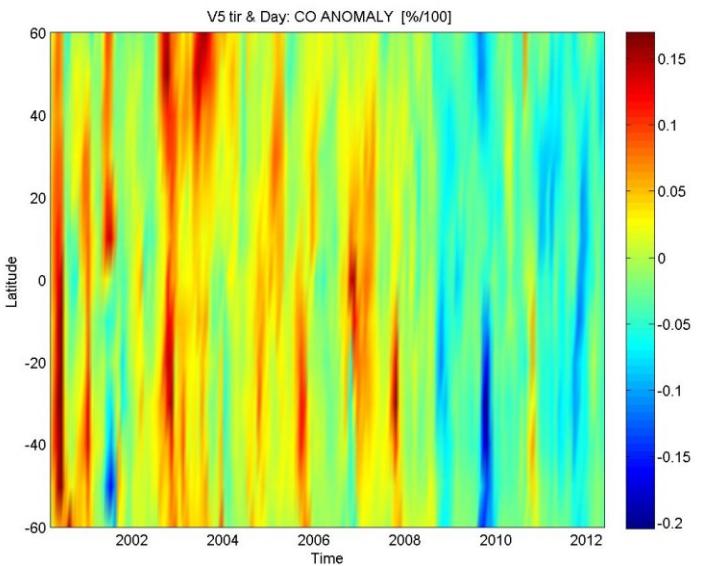


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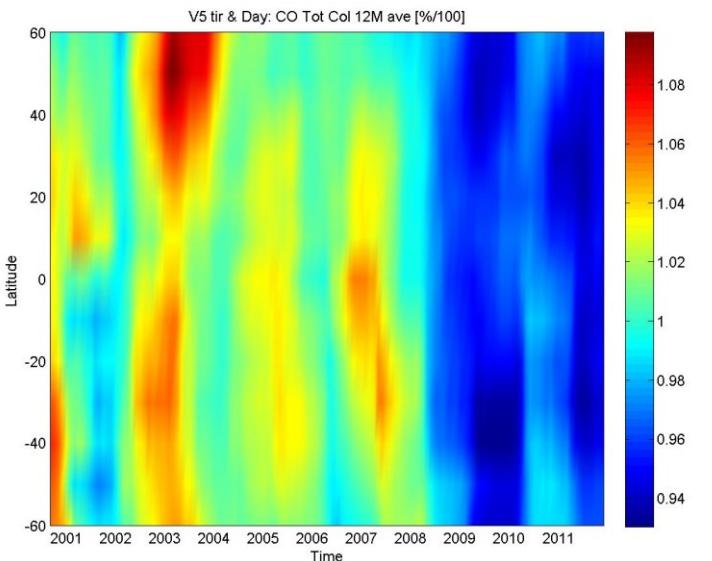




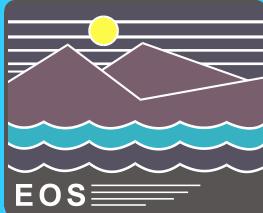
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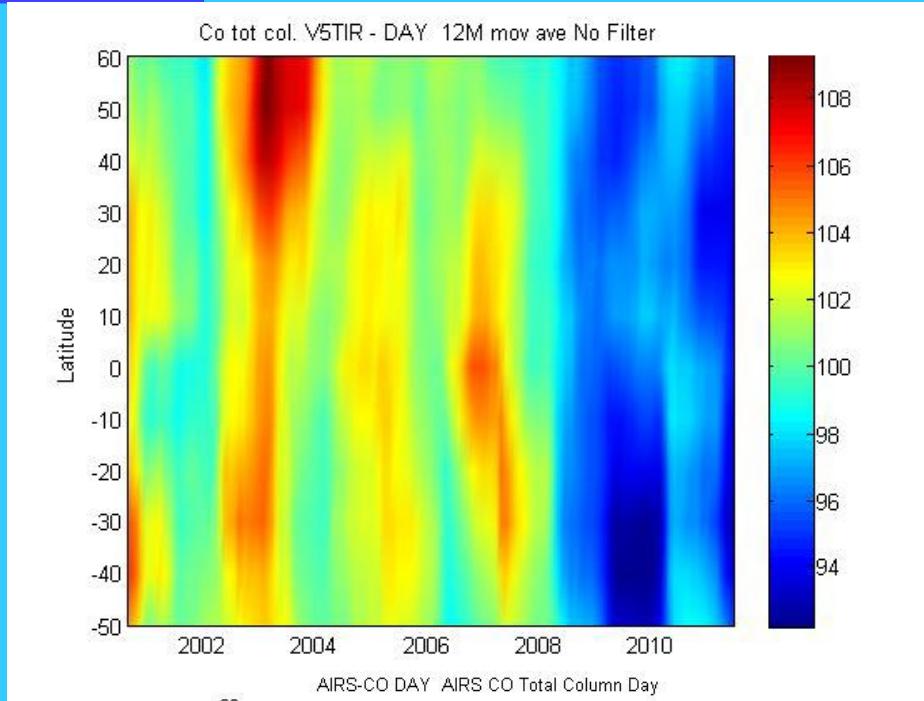
**CO anomaly** normalized to latitudinal band CO average over the full mission.



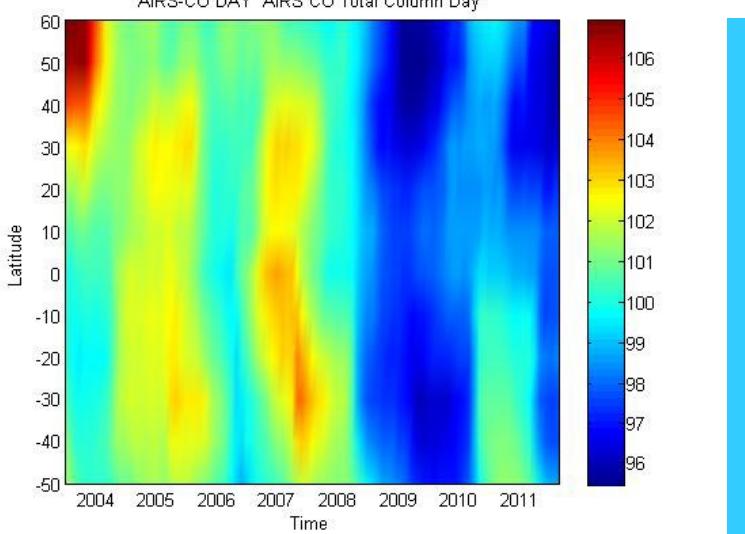
**CO 12 months running average** normalized to latitudinal band CO average over the full mission.



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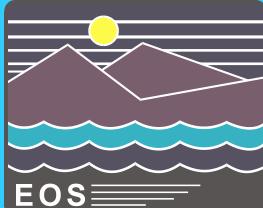


MOPITT CO Column

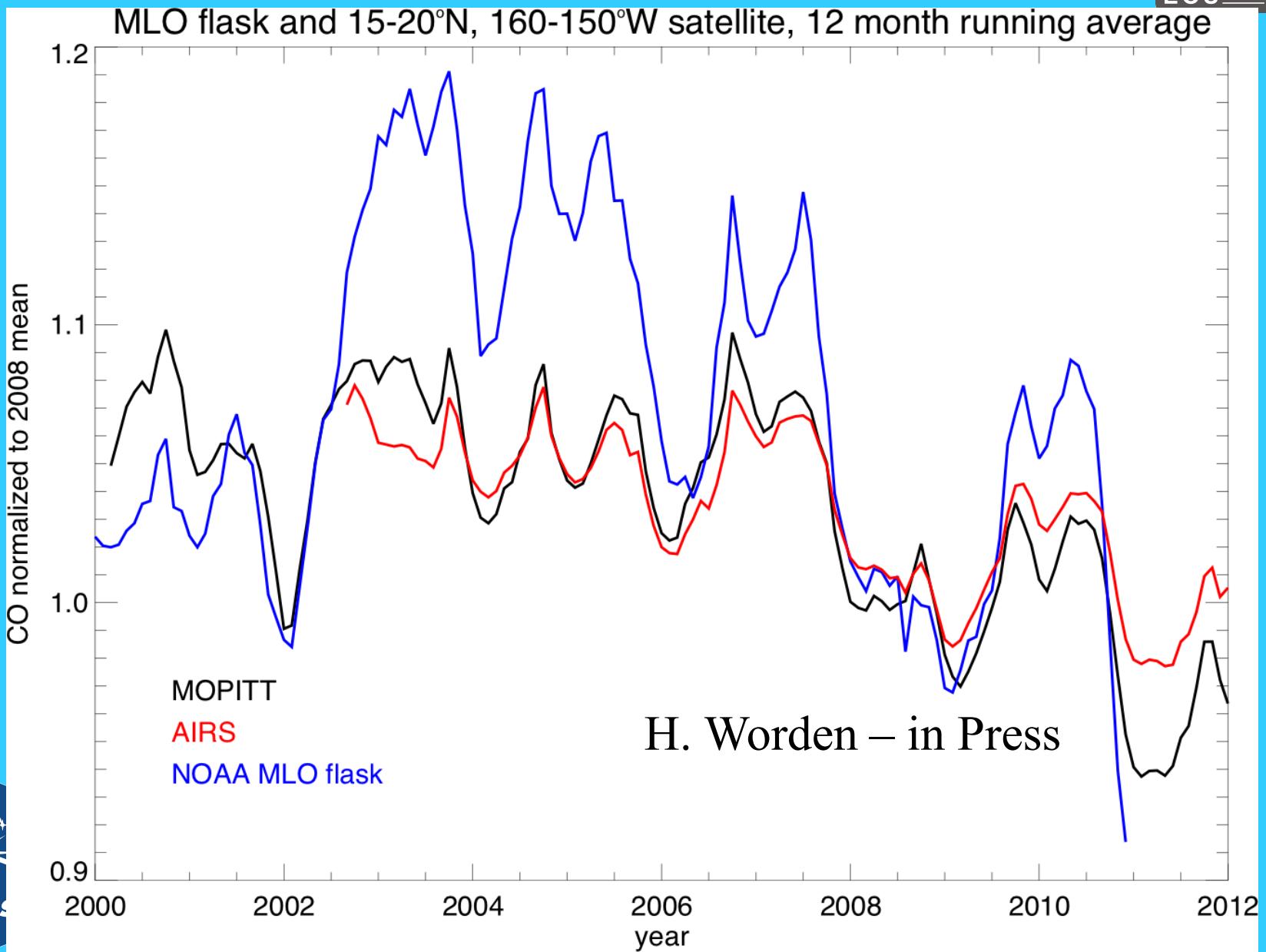


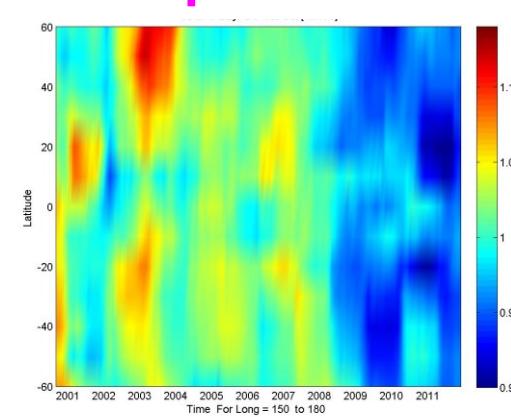
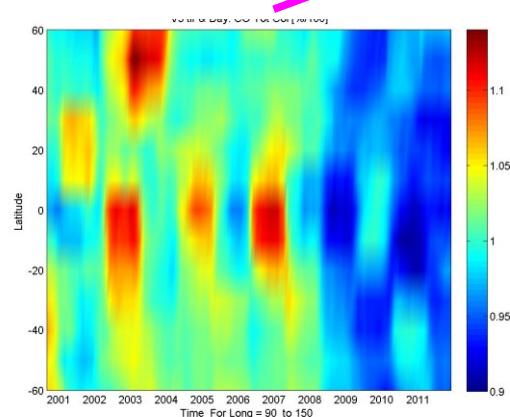
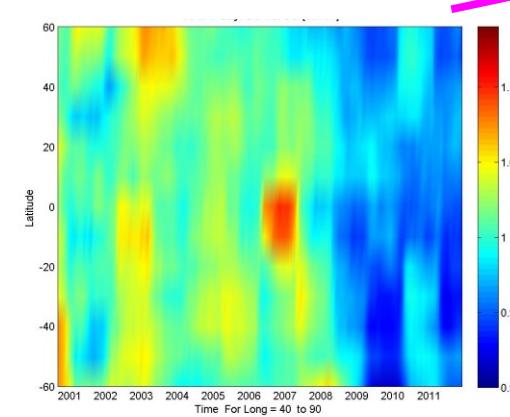
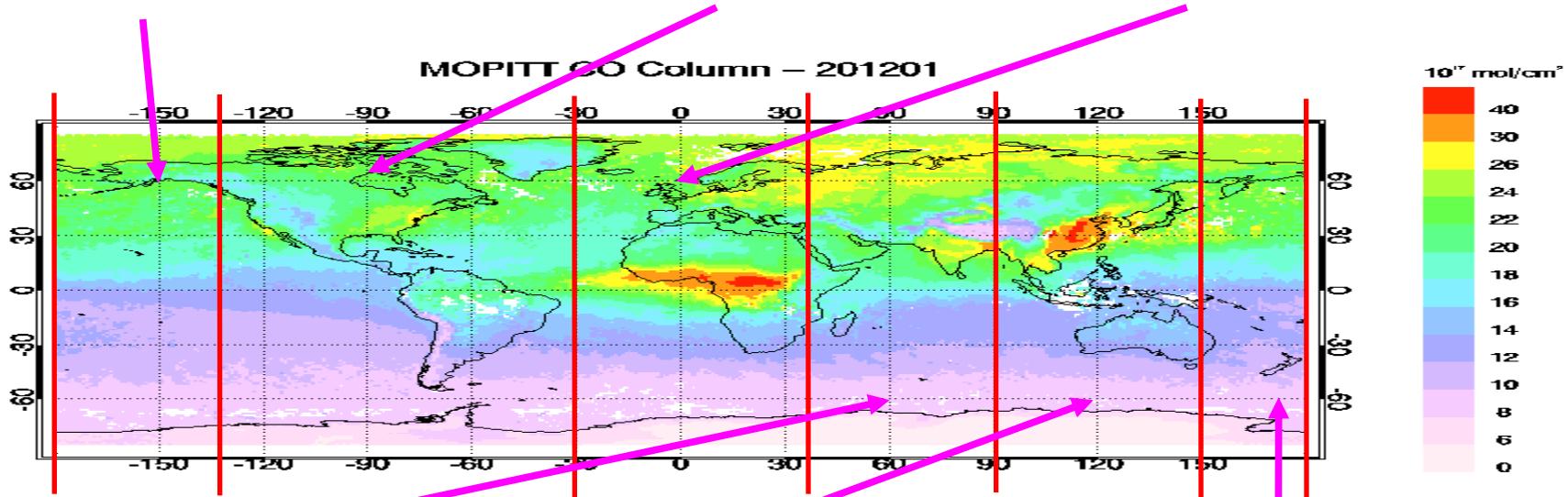
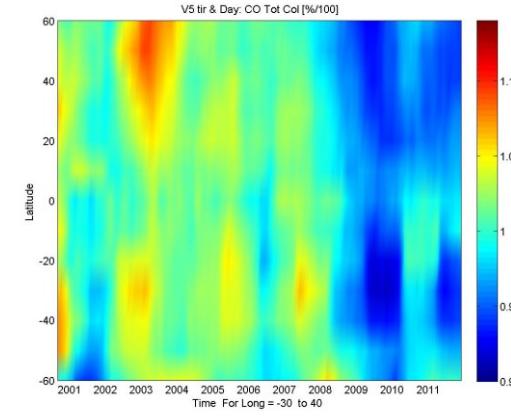
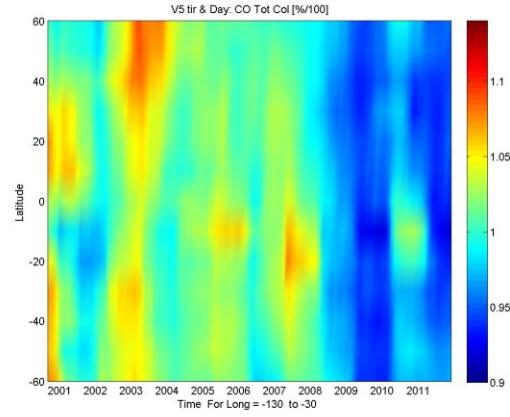
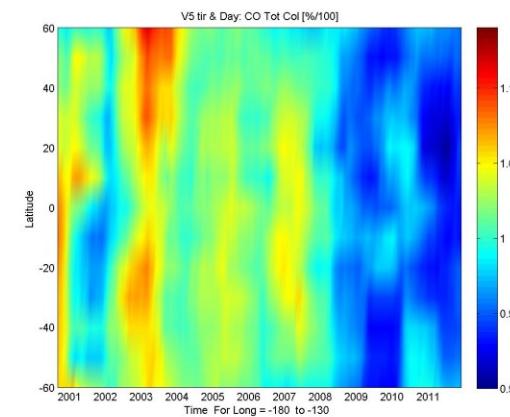
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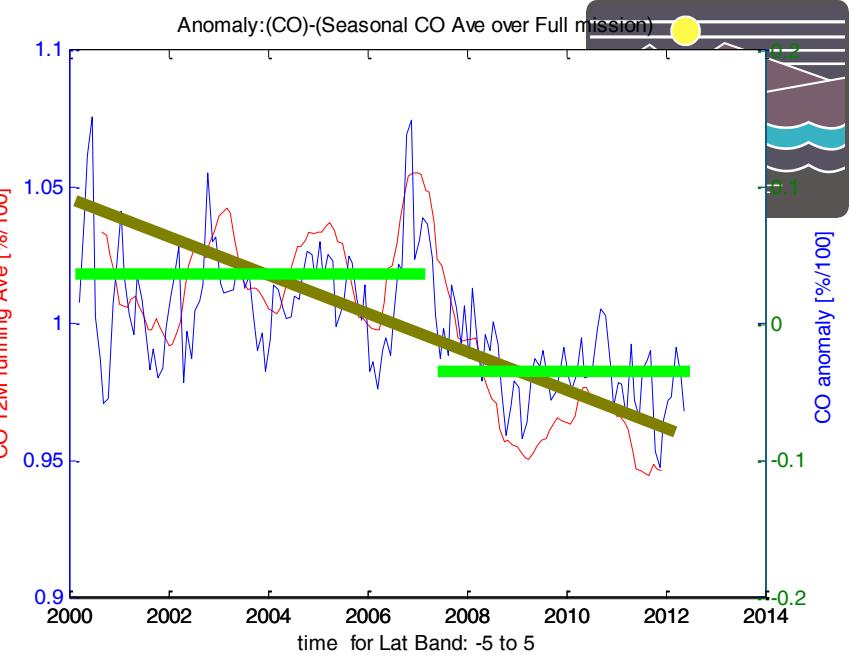
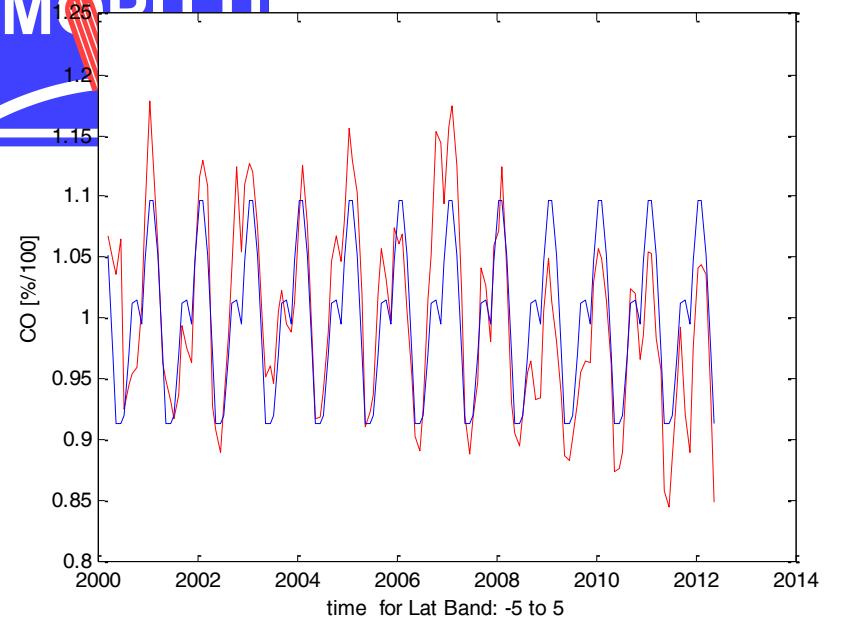
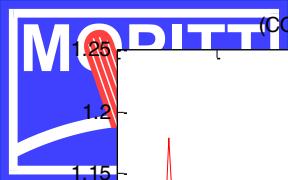




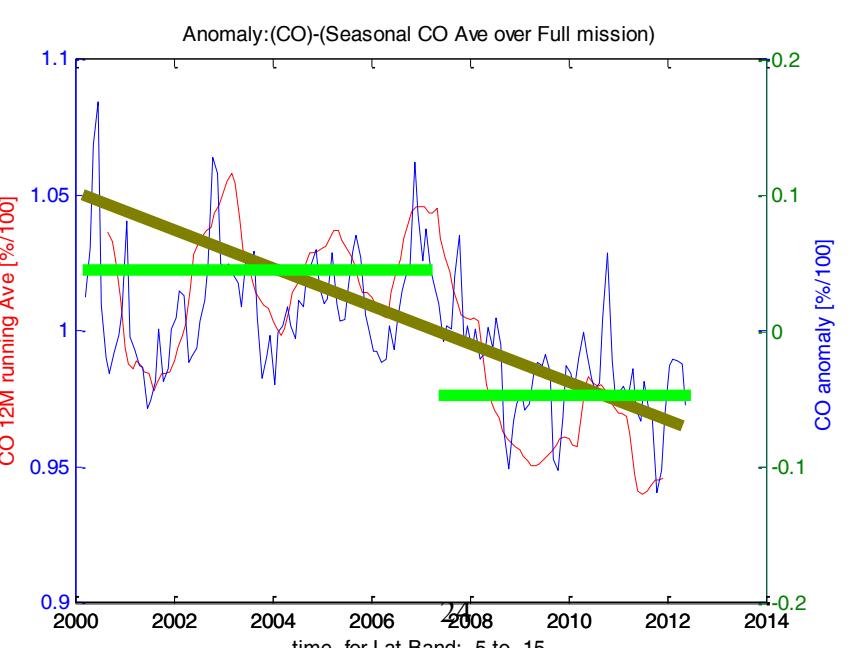
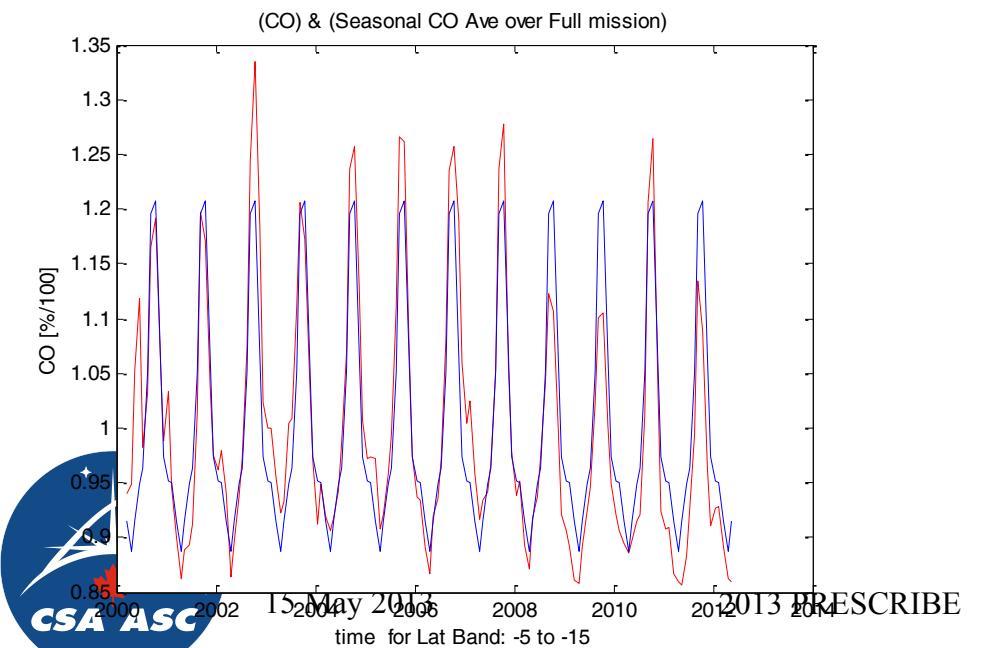
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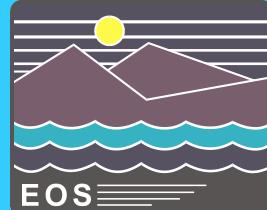






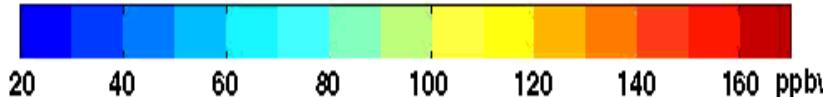
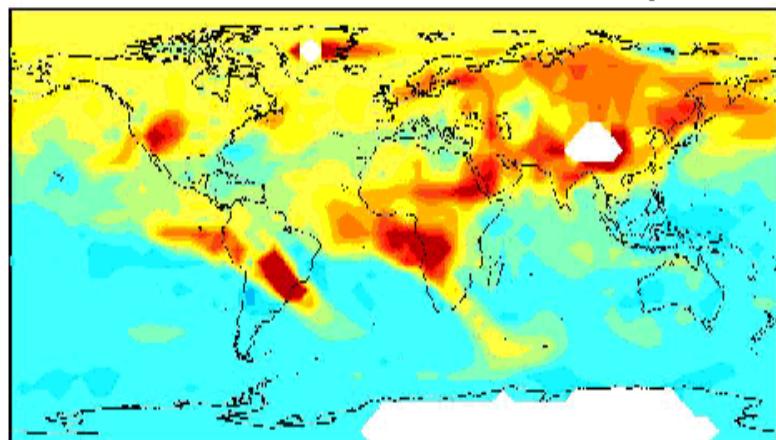
# A Trend? or a SHIFT?





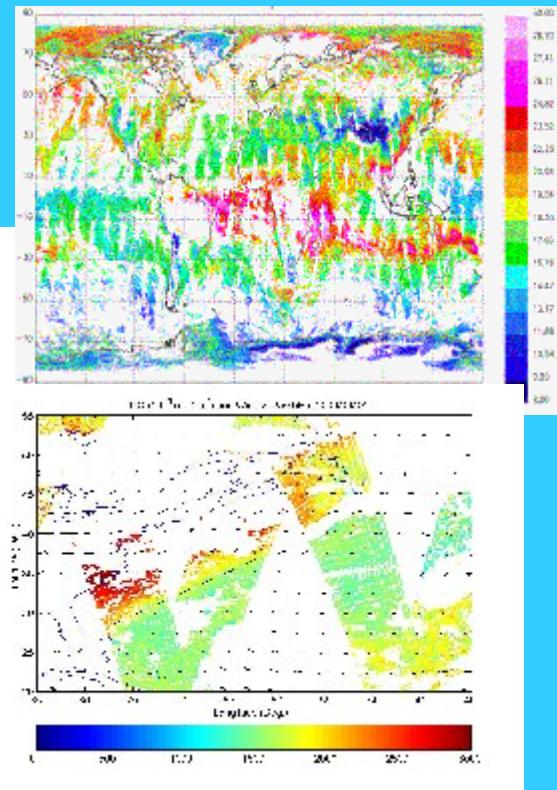
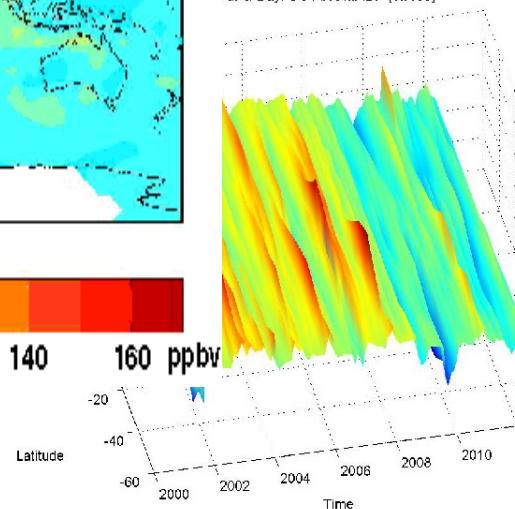
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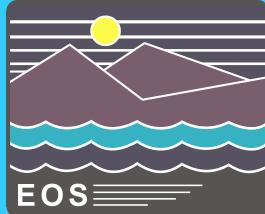
- MOPITT has acquired over 12 years of data on CO
- The instrument continues to perform well



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# Since Launch

Launch was 4721 days ago

That's about 407,894,400 seconds

MOPIIT measures a pixel every 0.113 seconds

Total potential number of measurements = 3.61 billion

Less

Commissioning

Calibrations

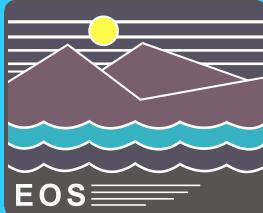
Decontaminations

Anomalies

3 billion is safe number

$\$30,000,000/3,000,000,000 = 1\text{¢}/\text{measurement}$





# Useful URLs

Address  <http://www.atmosph.physics.utoronto.ca/MOPITT/home.html>

- Main data archive:

Address  [http://eosweb.larc.nasa.gov/PRODOCS/mopitt/table\\_mopitt.html](http://eosweb.larc.nasa.gov/PRODOCS/mopitt/table_mopitt.html)

- Monthly “quick-look” data

Address  [http://www.eos.ucar.edu/mopitt/data/plots/maps\\_v3\\_mon.html](http://www.eos.ucar.edu/mopitt/data/plots/maps_v3_mon.html)

- Terra home page

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Data are public!

