

# TOAR-II Satellite O<sub>3</sub> Working Group (SOWG)

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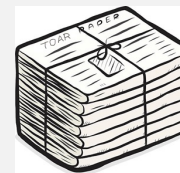


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# TOAR-I accomplishments

Nine highly-cited journal publications in Elementa



A database with easily accessible ozone metrics at 1000s of stations worldwide

A highly motivated community of > 240 scientists from over 35 countries



Uptake of TOAR results in impact communities (e.g. GBD)

# TOAR-II in a nutshell

TOAR-II continues the successful work of TOAR-I and lasts until 2024

TOAR-II will provide updated and extended metrics on tropospheric ozone.

TOAR-II will provide an updated state of the science estimate of ozone's global distribution and trends relevant to climate, human health and vegetation

TOAR-II will further enhance the TOAR data portal and web services

TOAR-II will extend the statistical toolbox and trend analyses

TOAR-II will maximize exploitation of the TOAR Surface Ozone Database

TOAR-II reaches out to the international scientific community

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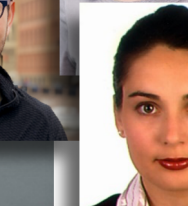
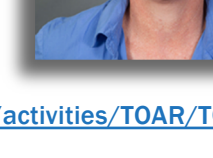
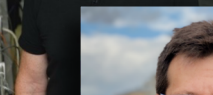
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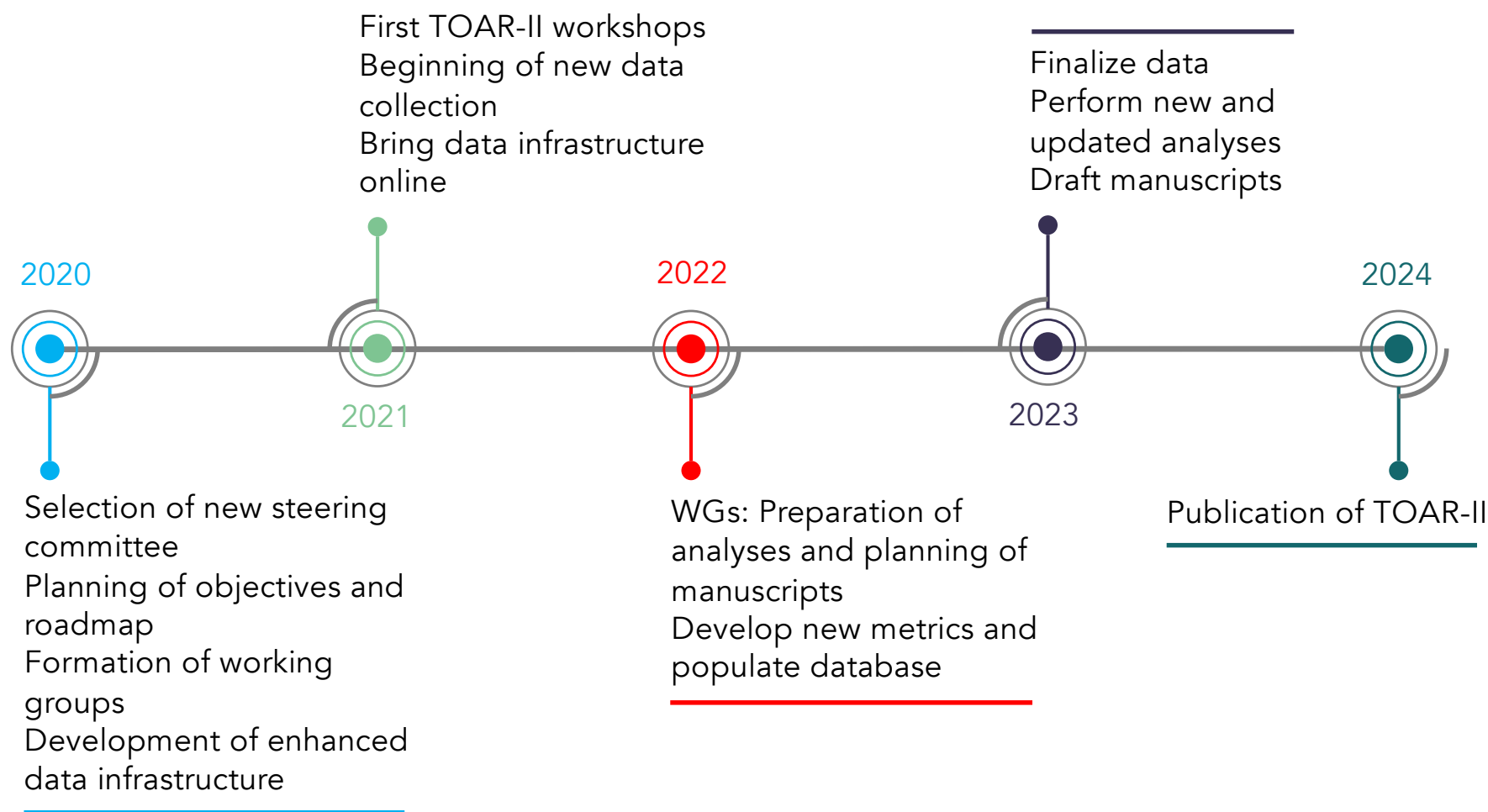
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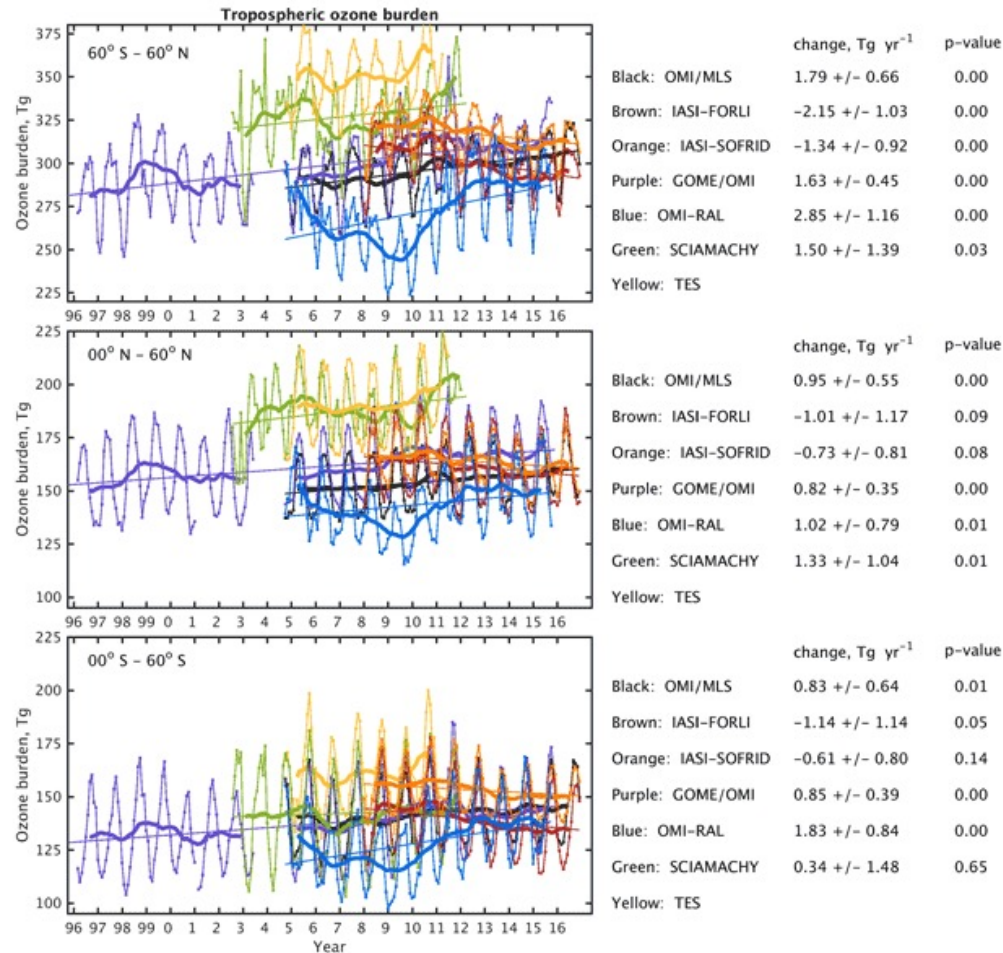
# TOAR-II Status and roadmap



# Primary goal of the SOWG

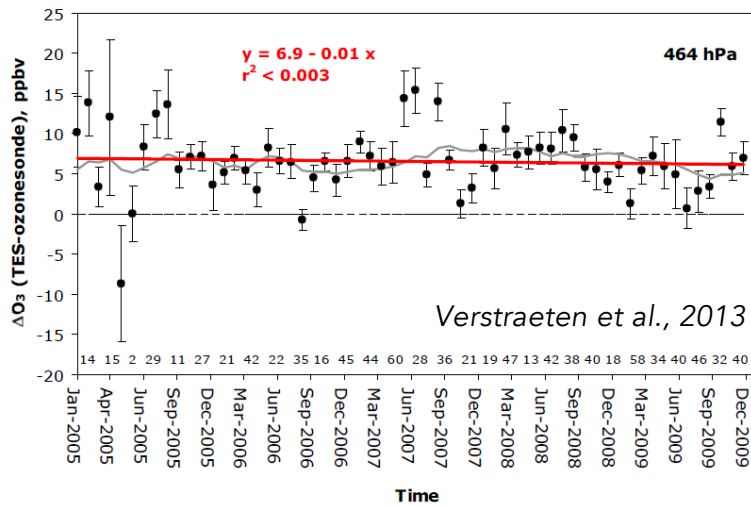
Understand wide variety of trends and variations in tropospheric O<sub>3</sub> (TrO<sub>3</sub>) reported by TOAR-I

Gaudel et al, 2018  
<http://doi.org/10.1525/elementa.291>

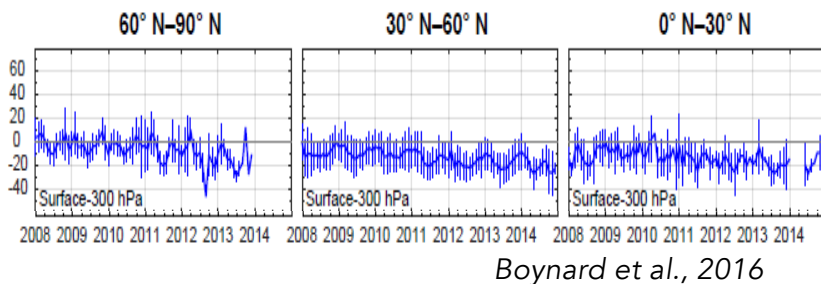


# Approach 1: Time series of ozone sonde biases

TES vs Ozonesondes, 464 hPa, Northern Midlatitudes



IASI-FORLI vs Ozonesondes, Sfc-300 hPa, NH

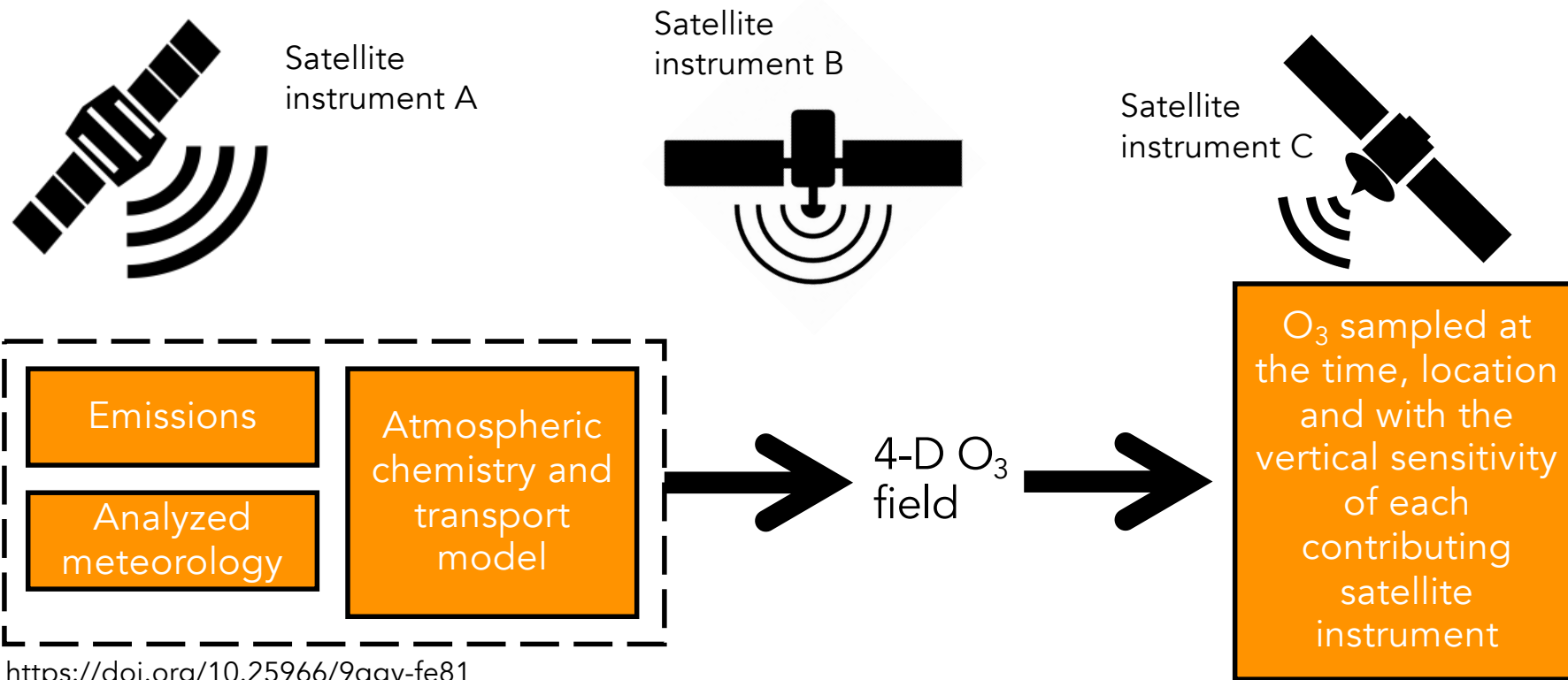


We will assess the stability of the satellite ozone measurements as a function of time.

We will calculate monthly mean biases of partial column ozone from each instrument relative to ozone sonde data (using the weighting function for each profile) for 5-6 latitude bands for the entire length of each satellite record.

We will specify a format for the satellite ozone records. If the instrument groups are able to provide data to the SOWG in this format, we will assess the bias against sondes. If not, we will provide the methodology to the instrument group and ask them to do the sonde comparison.

## Approach 2: Sampling patterns and vertical sensitivity



<https://doi.org/10.25966/9qgv-fe81>

The model acts as an intermediary to help reconcile trends reported by satellites A, B, C... and help us relate and link satellite-observed trends with other TrO<sub>3</sub> data.

[See Kazuyuki Miyazaki's presentation for more information]

HEGIFTOM, 25 March, 2021

<https://igacproject.org/activities/TOAR/TOAR-II>

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tropospheric  
ozone  
assessment  
report  
*Phase II*



# Statistical methods

We will use a range of methods to determine corresponding model and observed:

- Non-linear trends
- Atmospheric growth rates
- Step-wise changes, e.g., Covid-19

All taking into consideration data uncertainties so we can investigate robustness of our findings.

# Study period: 2004-Spring 2021

- The broader community is central to the success of the SOWG.
- Our growing list of data groups represent all the major TrO<sub>3</sub> instruments that cover our study period.
- Instruments that provide TrO<sub>3</sub> data for the last few years, e.g., TROPOMI (as a follow-on to OMI) and GEMS (to provide TrO<sub>3</sub> diurnal cycle) will also be considered.
- We have our KO on 31<sup>st</sup> March (1300 UT) where we will discuss (at least):
  - Definition of common tropopause height and prior.
  - Common file contents.
  - File format.
  - Confirmation of duration of data availability.
- We will coordinate TOAR-related studies of satellite retrievals of TrO<sub>3</sub>.
- Data and model output will be made available for further scientific exploitation.

# Indicative timelines

## Spring 2021:

- Solicit participation in working group and set up virtual meetings  
Generate methodology for direct satellite-sonde comparisons to be distributed to the various groups
- Establish common definition for the vertical extent of the measurements (e.g., tropospheric ozone column, partial column, individual pressure levels, etc).

**Summer 2021:** Start collating data from groups (inc. updates from TOAR-I contributors).

**Summer-Winter 2021:** Begin analysis using the model output to reconcile difference among the satellite trends up to 2020, and eventually up to Spring 2021.

**Spring 2022:** Complete analysis using the model and assess the consistency of the satellite trends with one another and with in situ data

**Fall 2022-Winter 2023:** Write up results of our analysis for publication

**Spring 2024:** submit for publication in TOAR II.