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Estimating CO₂ emissions from fossil fuel combustion using an atmospheric sampling network of multiple tracers

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Aims of this study

- Central questions: Can additional measurements of $^{14}\text{CO}_2$, CO or APO complement an imaging spaceborne sensor to distinguish anthropogenic vs natural sources?
- Optimization of the spatiotemporal sampling of $^{14}\text{CO}_2$, CO or APO
 - Network design
- Development of a consistent emission inventory at high spatial and temporal resolution
- Development of high-resolution regional modeling frameworks
- Improve annual national inventories to a few %
 - Scales
 - Country
 - Country sub-regions (states, statistical regions)
 - Cities and emission hotspots
- Quantify emission trends over a few years

Representation of fluxes

- Linear flux model

$$\mathbf{f} = \sum_{i=1}^{N_{comp}} \mathbf{f}_{fix,i} + \mathbf{F}_i \mathbf{p}_i$$

Annotations:

- A red arrow points to $\mathbf{f}_{fix,i}$ with the text "f_{fix.} *a priori* flux".
- A red arrow points to \mathbf{F}_i with the text " \mathbf{F}_i : uncertainty structure".
- A red arrow points to \mathbf{p}_i with the text " \mathbf{p}_i : adjustable parameter".

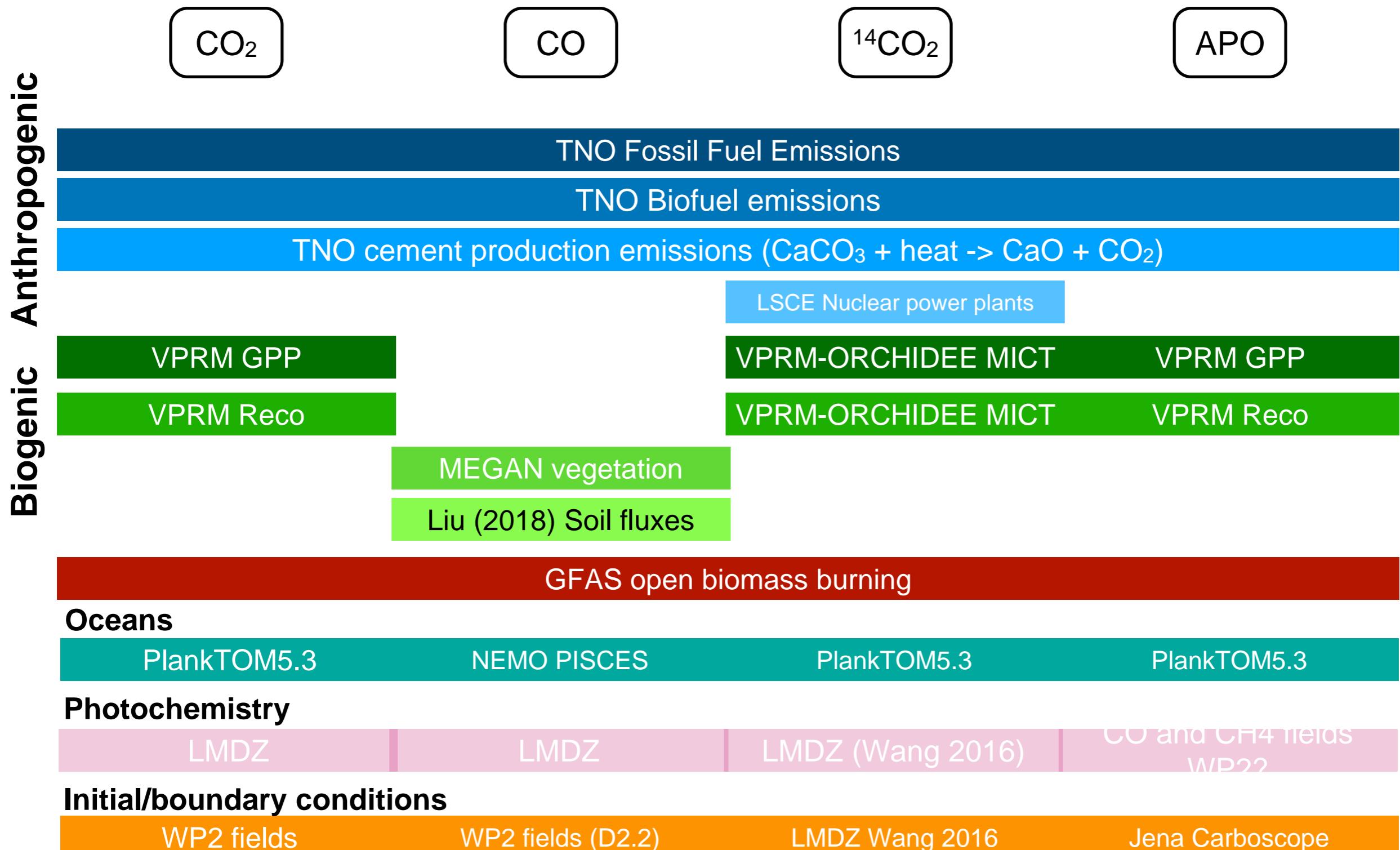
- Derived component

$$\mathbf{f}_j = \mathbf{f}_{fix,j} + \mathbf{f}_{sh,j} \mathbf{F}_i \mathbf{p}_i$$

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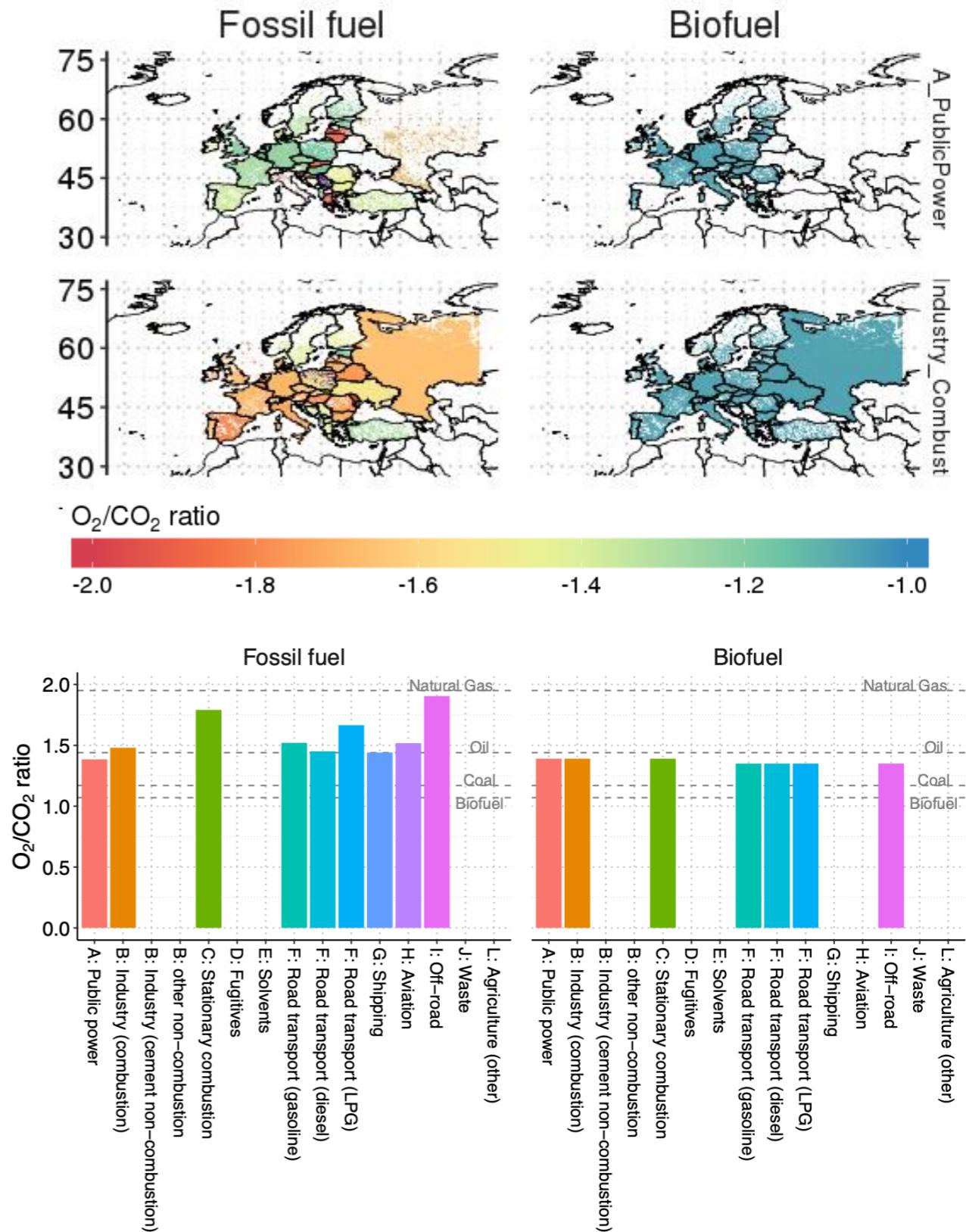
- A red arrow points to $\mathbf{f}_{sh,j}$ with the text " $\mathbf{f}_{sh,j}$: $^{14}\text{CO}_2/\text{CO}_2$, CO/CO_2 or O_2/CO_2 ratios".

Components in the state vector



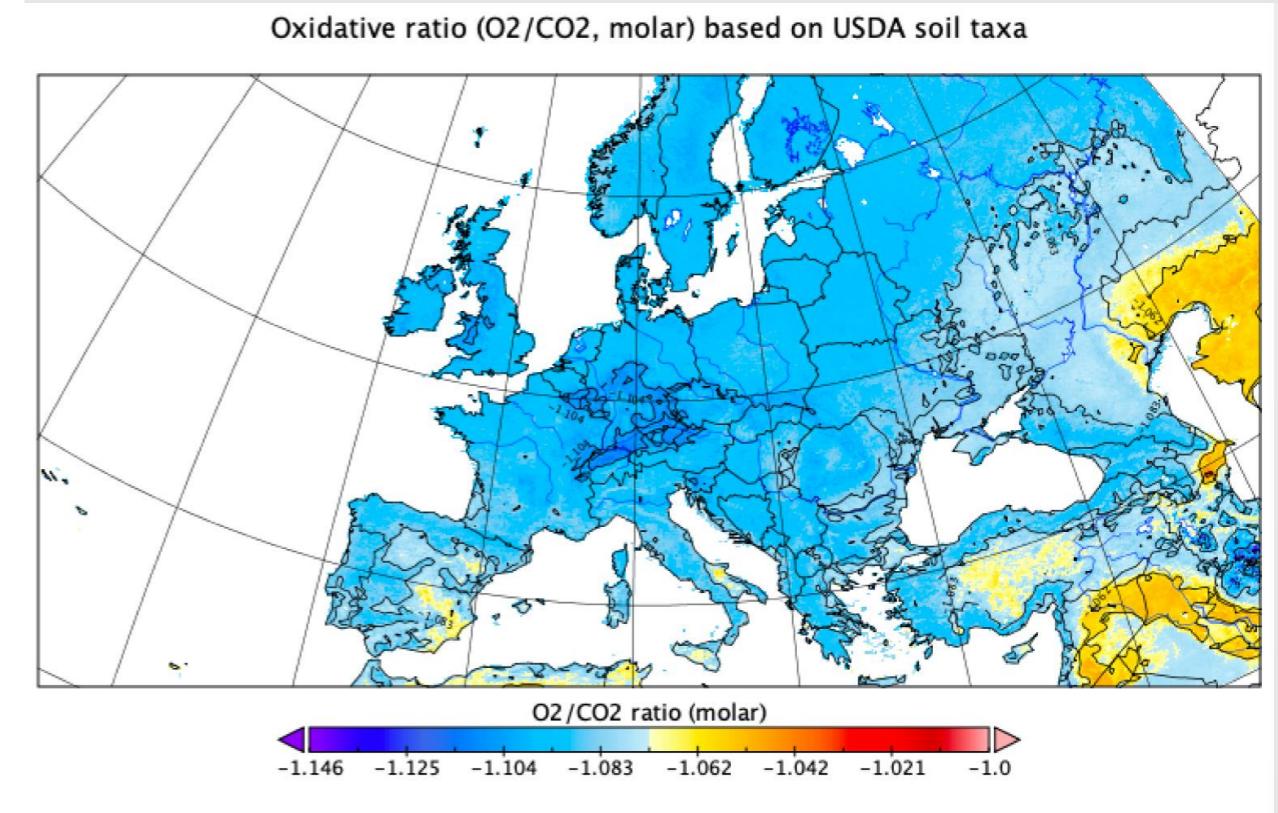
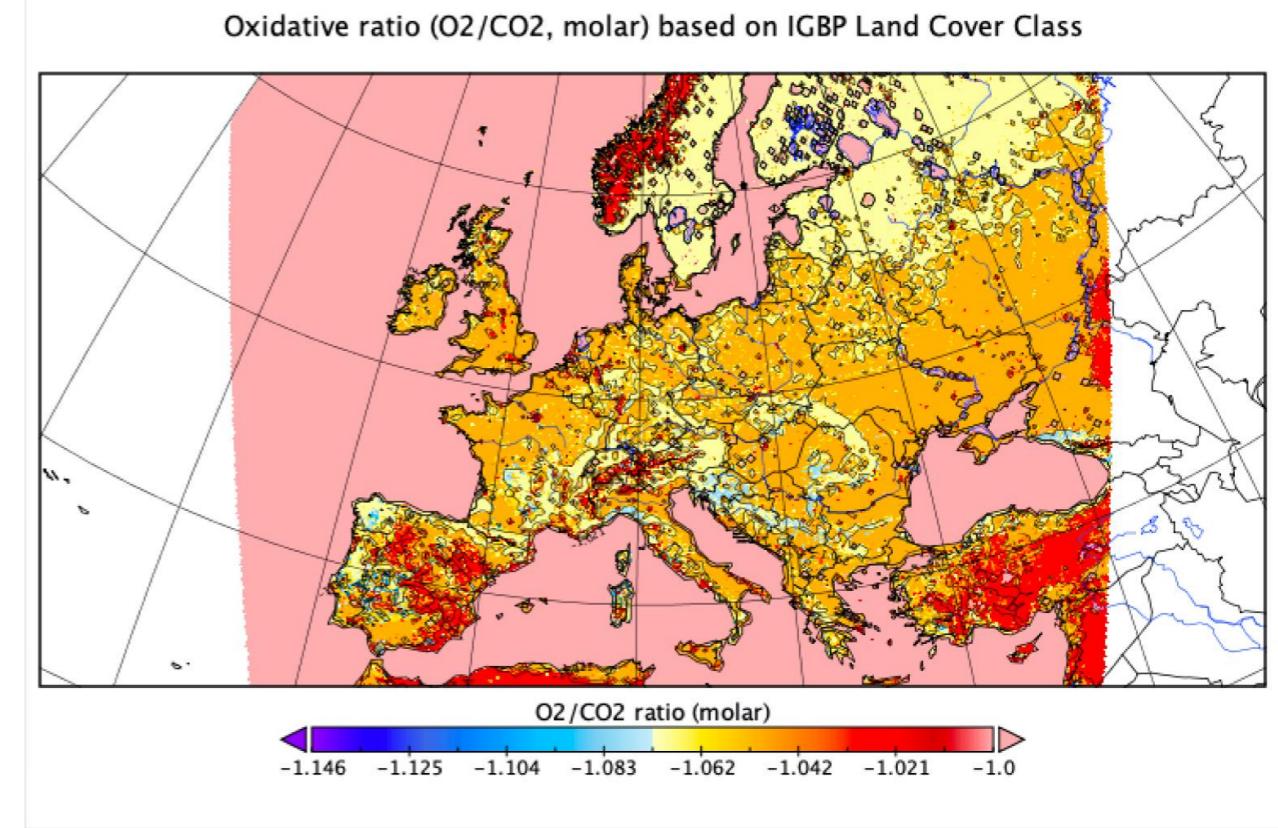
Anthropogenic emissions

- TNO inventory
 - Derived directly from CO₂ emission inventory activity data
 - O₂/CO₂ ratio derived
 - COFFEE (Steinbach 2011)
 - H:C fuel ratio
 - UNFCCC fraction of gaseous, liquid, solid, biomass or other (waste)
 - Assumptions:
 - S and N have negligible impact
 - Fuels burn completely (no CO, CH₄)
 - Energy production proportional to O₂ consumption
 - Includes non-combustion emissions
 - Cement production reaction
 - Lime production and iron and steel furnaces
 - Agricultural processes



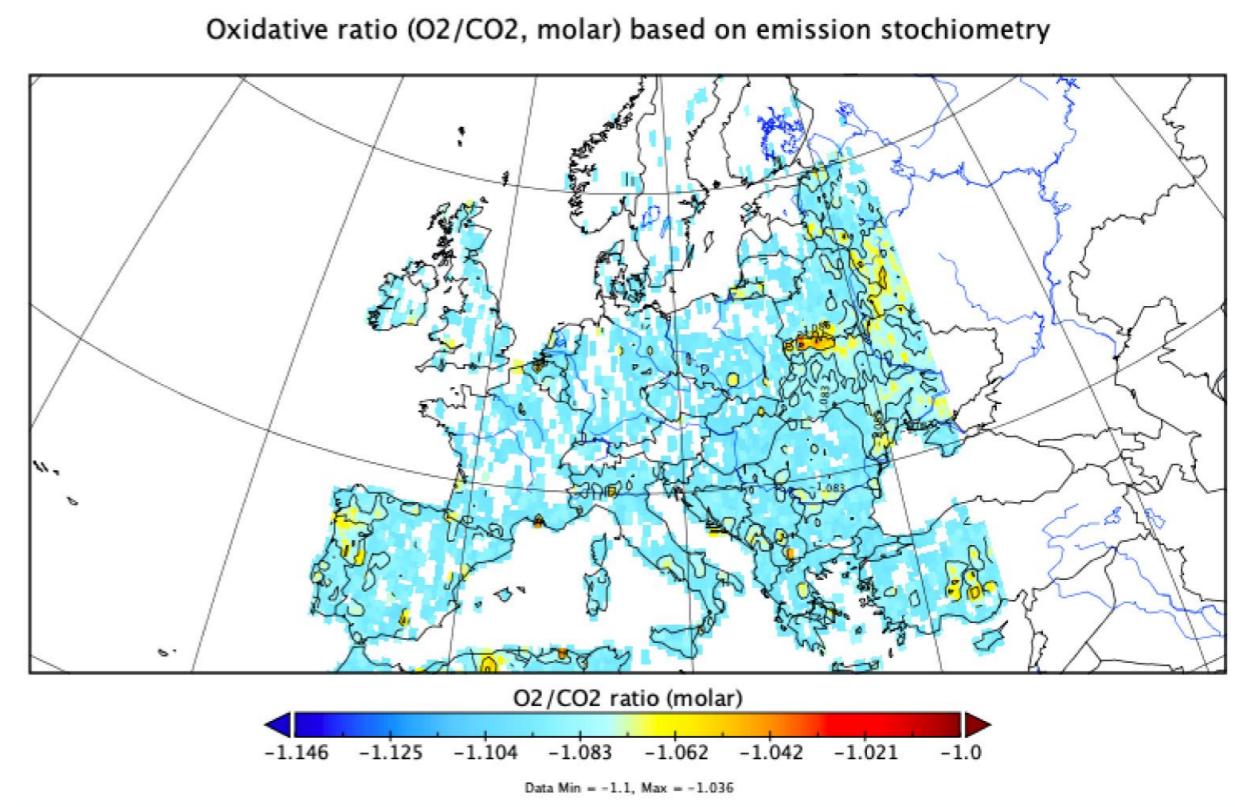
Biosphere

- Biosphere fluxes from VPRM
- Fraction of $R_{\text{Heterotroph}}$ from ORCHIDEE
- Normally assumed a -1.1 ratio
- O_2/CO_2 ratio according to Clay and Worral (2015)
 - For NPP and $R_{\text{Autotroph}}$ by vegetation type (IGBP land cover types)
 - For $R_{\text{Heterotroph}}$ by soil type (USDA global soil database)



Biomass burning

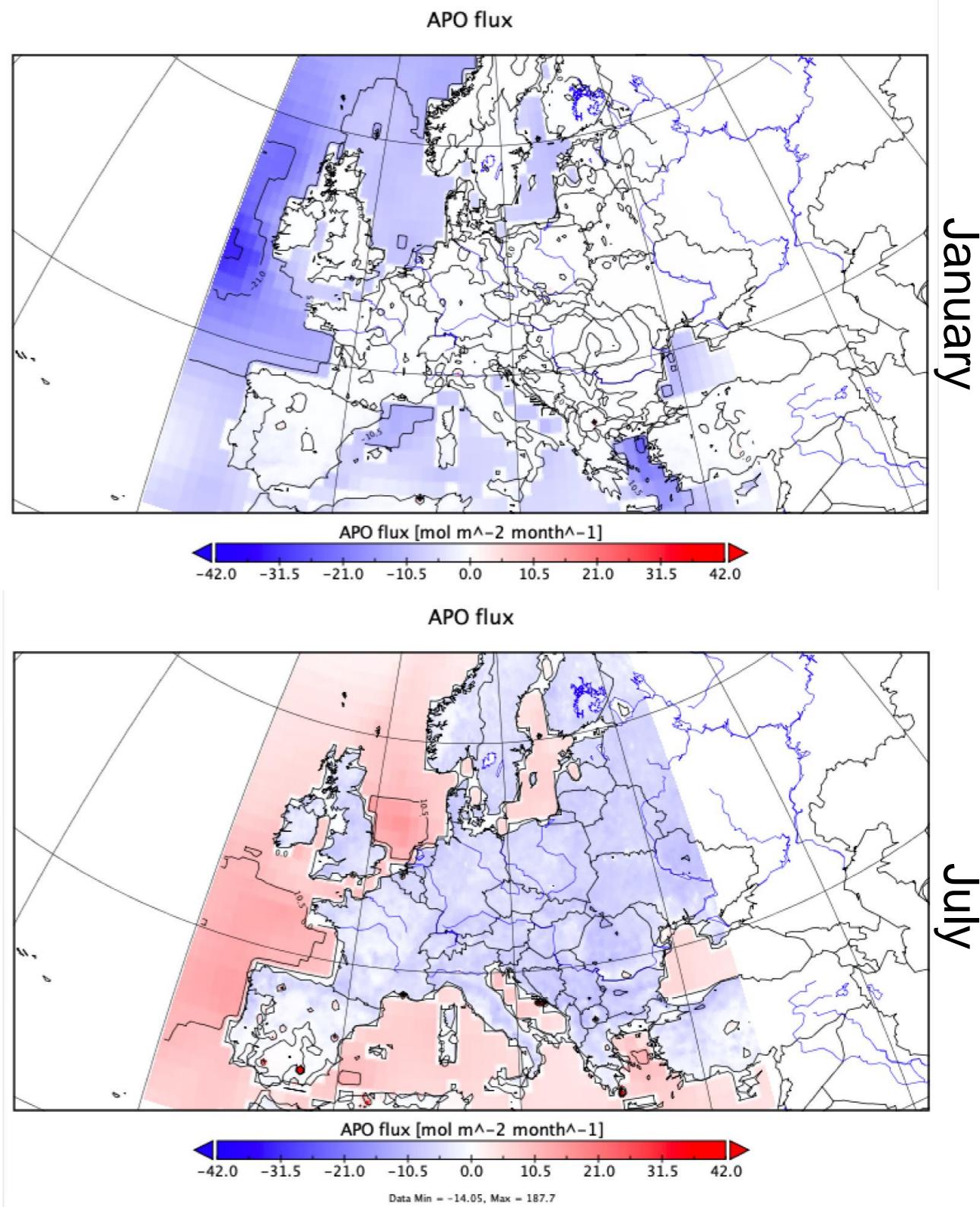
- Biomass burning emissions for CO₂, CO and NO_x obtained from CAMS GFASv1.2
- O₂/CO₂ from stoichiometry with CO₂, CO and NOx emissions
- Caveat: CAMS GFASv1.2 uses old Andrea and Merlet 2001 EFs



Ocean

- Gridded CO₂, O₂, and heat fluxes were obtained from NEMO-PlankTOM5 model (Buitenhuis et al., 2010)
- N₂ fluxes obtained from NEMO-PlankTOM5 heat fluxes and the Keeling et al. (1993) formula.

$$f_{APO} = f_{O_2} + 1.1 f_{CO_2} - \frac{X_0^{O_2}}{X_0^{N_2}} f_{N_2}$$



Preliminary results

