# THE IMPACT OF SPACE 4.0 ON CLIMATE & AIR POLLUTION

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#### **MISSION: WHY TNO SPACE & SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTATION?**



**Preventing Climate Change & Air Pollution** 



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Understanding the Universe



### Stimulating Economic Growth in NL and EU innovation for life

#### **Enabling Secure Broadband Connectivity**



#### **OUR PORTFOLIO**

**Instruments for Earth Observation** 



**Satellite Communication: Laser & RF** 





#### **Space Data Utilization: Air Quality Modelling**



### **Scientific** Instrumentation



#### **High End Optics** Manufacturing





#### **CLIMATE & AIR POLLUTION**



Koninklijk Nederlands Meteorologisch Instituut Ministerie van Verkeer en Waterstaat



Netherlands Institute for Space Research







**GOME / GOME-2** ERS-2 1995 2006-2020+ METOP1, 2, 3





**SCIAMACHY** 2002



OMI 2004





**TROPOMI** 2017

**Satellite instruments to monitor our atmosphere** 











#### **THE PROBLEM**

#### Green house gas emissions

- Global temperature rise
- Results in shifting weather patterns, threatens food production, rising sea levels and increases the risk of catastrophic flooding
- > CO2, CH4, N2)

#### Air pollution emissions

- > Health risk due to toxic chemicals or compounds in the air
- 7 million premature deaths in 2017 according to WHO
- > 91% world population lives in areas above WHO limits
- Pollution levels globally are growing
- Nitrogen dioxide (NO2), Ozon (O3), Aerosols (particles), ammonia (NH3), SO2 and CO







Air pollution is the 'new tobacco', warns WHO head



### IMPORTANCE OF ATMOSPHERIC MONITORING

Satellite instruments have unique capabilities to monitoring green house gas emissions and air pollution

#### Provide independent measurement

- Currently there is a lack of reliable figures (provided by) individual countries, organization and industry)
- Most emission numbers not based on measurements

#### > At a global scale

- > Atmospheric measurement sites are few (dozens in NL)
- Many countries hardly have them at all

#### Frequent reporting & action

> Currently emission are reported annually, not when issues occur or action is needed

#### Polluters exposed by new eye in the sky satellite

By Jonathan Amos BBC Science Correspondent

③ 5 July 2018



International attention for the Dutch instrument TROPOMI

Science & Environment







#### MONITORING



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#### VERIFICATION





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### **CHALLENGES: CAN SPACE 4.0 HELP?**

#### Challenges

- > Green house gas emissions and air pollution are on a fast rise
- > Atmospheric concentrations can be monitored, emission sources often not yet
- Monitoring technologies become more complex
- Technology & mission development takes long
- Budgets needed are large (billions)

#### How could Space 4.0 contribute?

- New players like e.g. private enterprise
- End-to-end solutions
- > New technologies like small sats



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### **SMALL SATELLITE**

#### **Current satellites:**

- Measuring global levels of pollutions
- > Can measure only very large source, few in EU and US
- Single overpass/ day
- Price ~100's millions

#### Small satellite/ Nano sat

Measure in smaller areas at higher resolution (e.g. < 1km)</p>

- Increase revisit frequency by flying multiple satellites
- Price ~1-10's millions

#### **Good position Netherlands**

- > TNO small instruments based on TROPOMI heritage
- Industrial cooperation ISIS Space Solutions, Airbus DS Netherlands, S&T









### **INFORMATION PRODUCTS**

**TNO's innovative TOPAS** system: identification location and origin of pollution.



https://topas.tno.nl/









NL annual average treshold 20 ug/ m3

#### **Country Contribution to Air Quality The Hague**









The new MethaneSAT methane-detecting satellite



GHGSat-D CH<sub>4</sub> column measurement in Permian TX, USA, on 17 August 2018 (image credit: GHGSat

#### BILL& MELINDA GATES foundation



#### **ARE WE THERE?**

Some early success!

But, a faster uptake is needed to realize a significant new monitoring capability for independent verification of emissions

Multi-trace gas measurement: primary species + atmospheric correction needed

> Important species overlooked: NH3, aerosols, NO2, N2O

> Quality data still an issue

> Some in the US, but non in Europe





#### BOTTLENECKS

This is largely a non-commercial market: lack legislation & treaties on some species prevent solid business cases for private sector

Funding in valley of death

Most know-how is with scientists and engineers who worked in Space 2.0 or 3.0 mindset

No EU alternatives: missed opportunity for global level playing field and world class EU know-how



### WHAT CAN WE DO AS EU SECTOR?

- Prioritize Space 4.0 missions for climate:
  - Modest budget
  - > Truly accept the idea of "Try fast fail fast"
- Public-Private cooperation
- New ways of working needed for traditional institutional players that have top know-how
- > Keep pushing the boundaries of technology
- New talent: young people, outsiders

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