

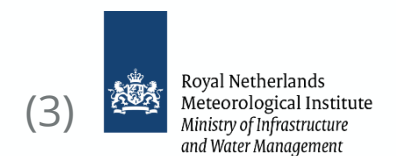
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## Integrating the Sentinels for novel fuel, fire and fire emission products

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# Estimating fire emissions



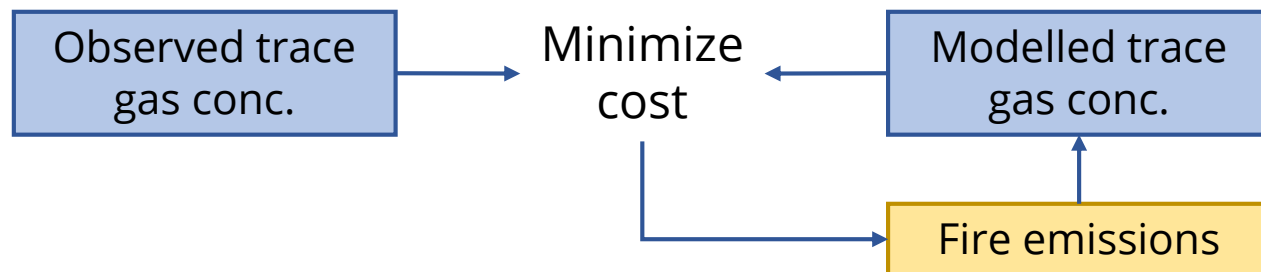
## Burned area-based approach (e.g. Seiler and Crutzen 1980, van der Werf et al. 2006)

$$\text{Fire emissions} = \text{Burned area} \times \text{Fuel consumption} \times \text{Emission factors}$$

## Fire radiative energy (FRE)-based approach (e.g. Kaiser et al. 2012)

$$\text{Fire emissions} = \text{Fire radiative energy} \times \text{Conversion factor}$$

## Top-down/inverse approach (e.g. Hooghiemstra et al. 2011)



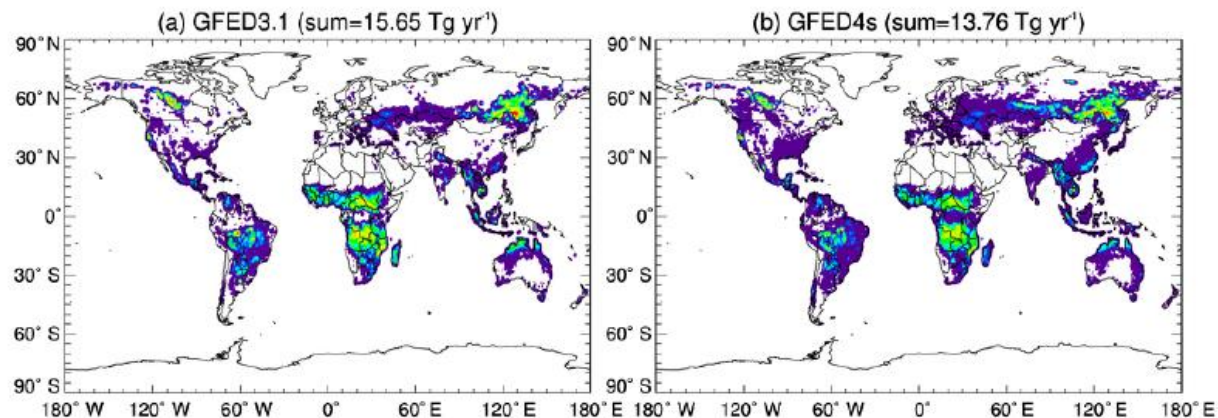
# Global fire emissions

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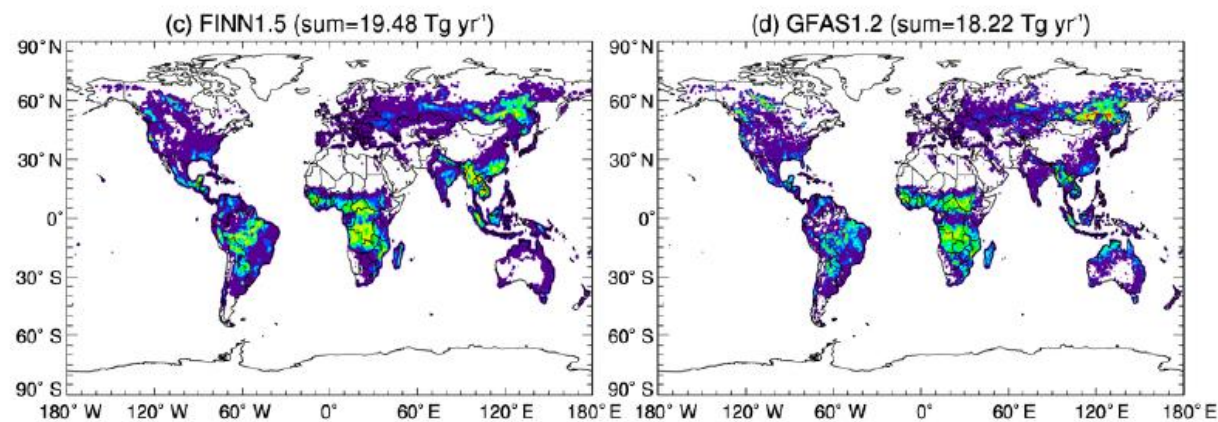
## Six global biomass burning emission datasets: intercomparison and application in one global aerosol model

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GFED3.1: MODIS burned area + CASA model

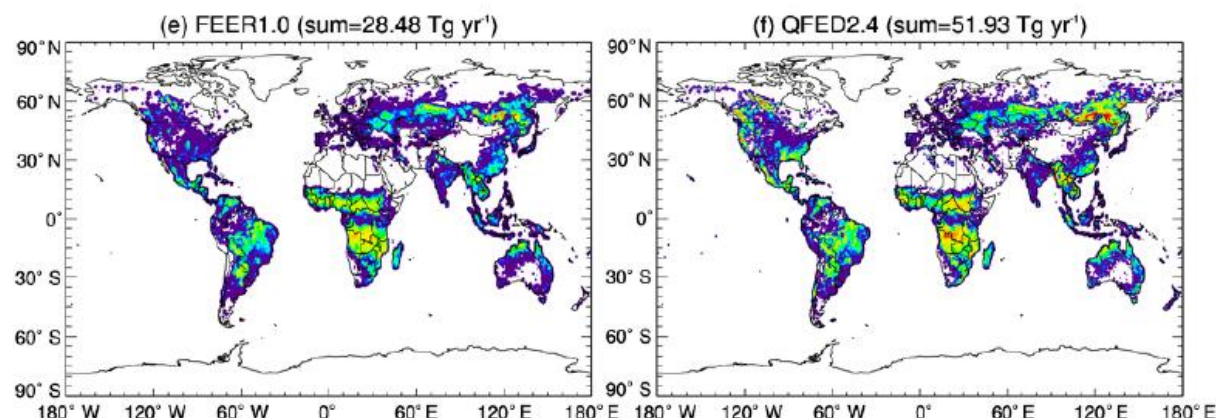
GFED4s: MODIS burned area + small fires + CASA model



FINN1.5: MODIS active fires + fire emission model

GFAS1.2: MODIS FRP + calibration against GFED3.1

Total organic carbon emissions (2008) ( $\text{g m}^{-2} \text{a}^{-1}$ )



FEER1.0: FRP from GFAS + MODIS AOD

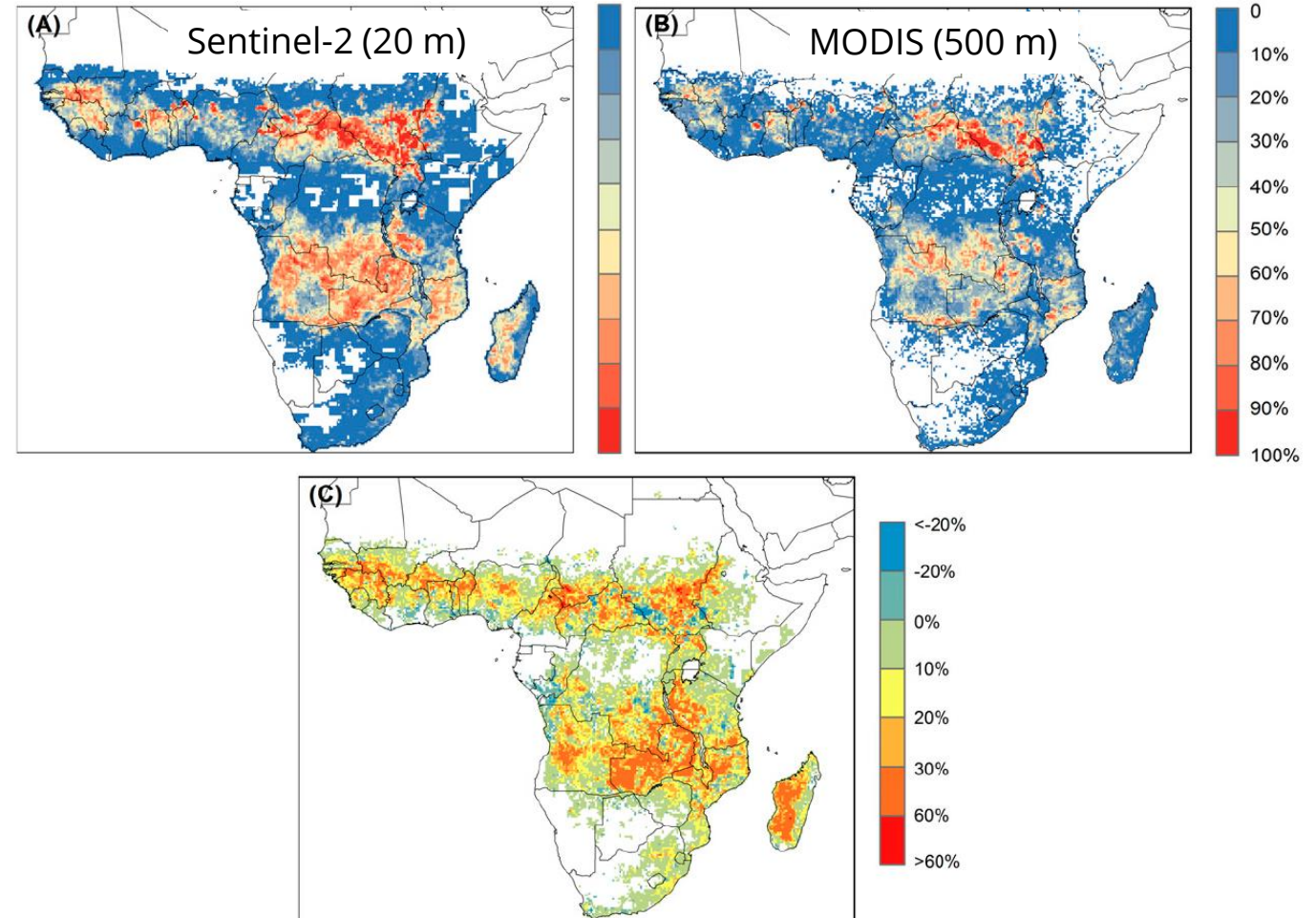
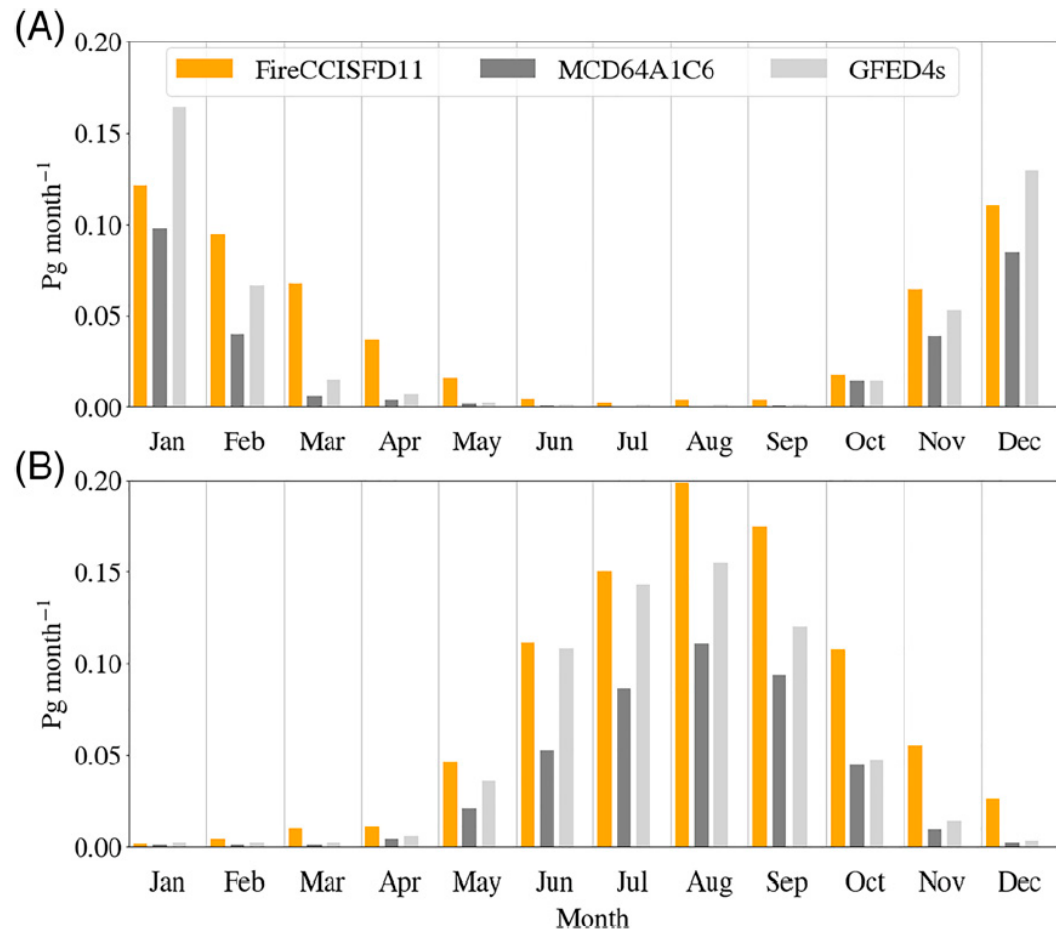
QFED2.4: MODIS+GOES active fires + AOD



# Contribution of small fires to fire emissions

African burned area and fire carbon emissions are strongly impacted by small fires undetected by coarse resolution satellite data

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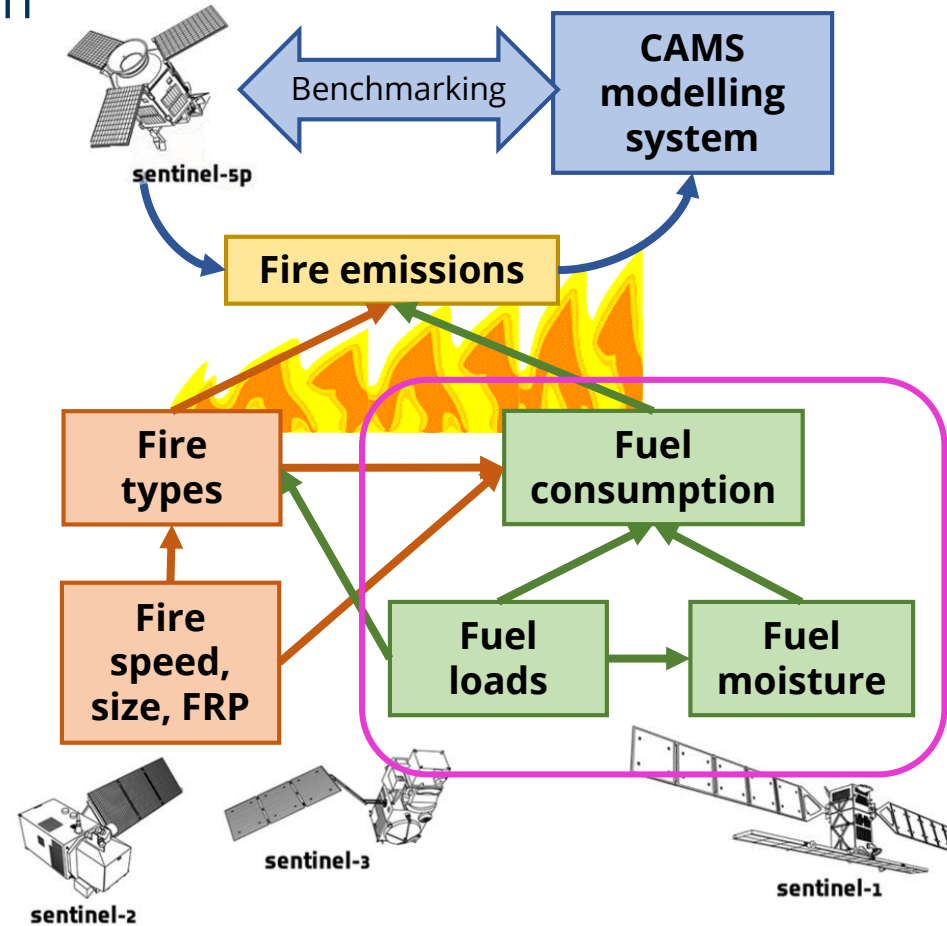


**Fig. 1.** Area burned in 2016, expressed as the fraction of each 0.25° grid cell according to FireCCISFD11 (A), GFED4s (B), and the difference of fractions between them (FireCCISFD11-GFED4s) (C). The rectangular blank grids in A correspond to S2 scenes where no active fires were detected by MODIS sensors in 2016. Therefore, no BA was mapped in those tiles.

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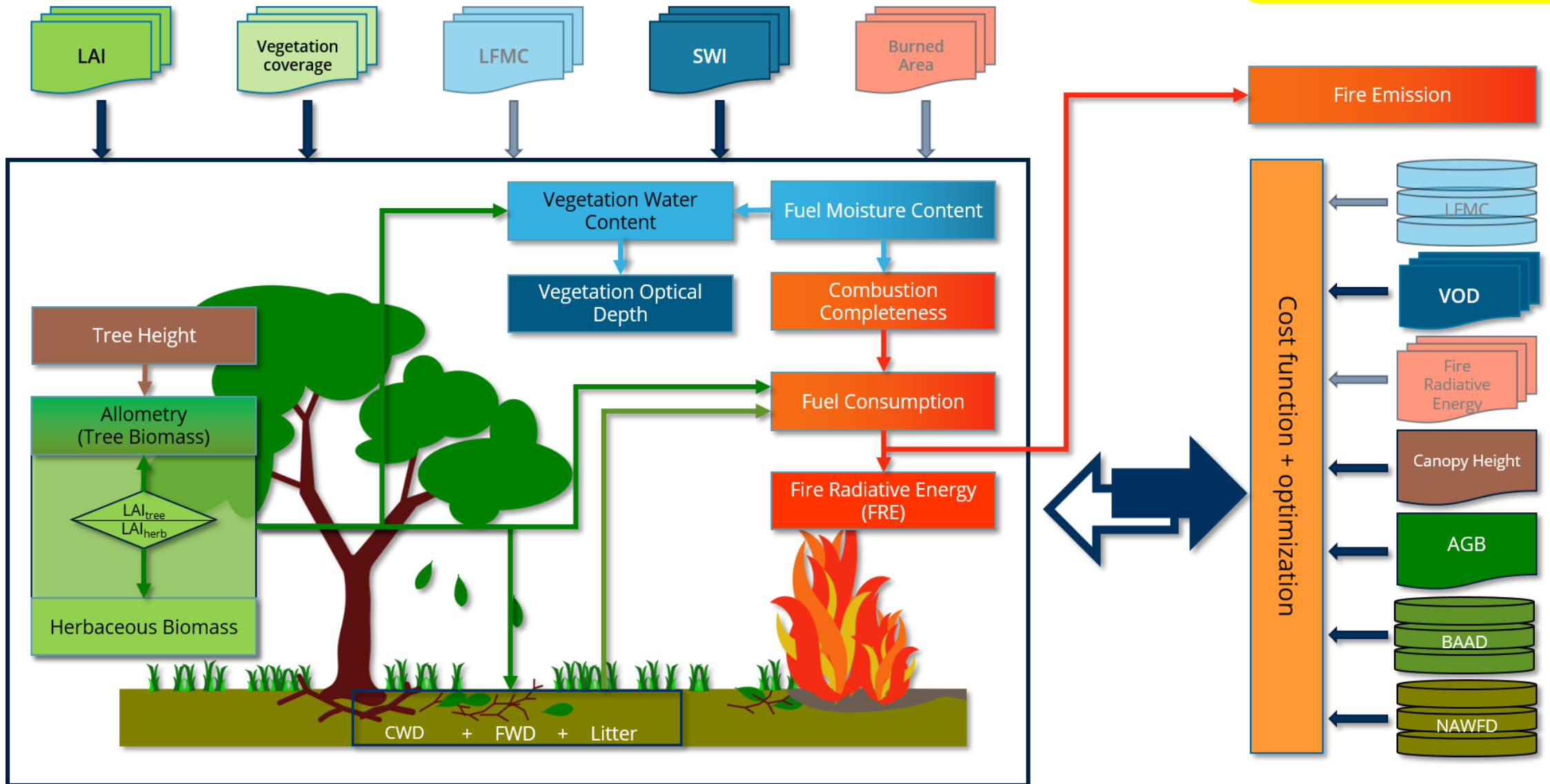


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# Fuel model driven by satellite data

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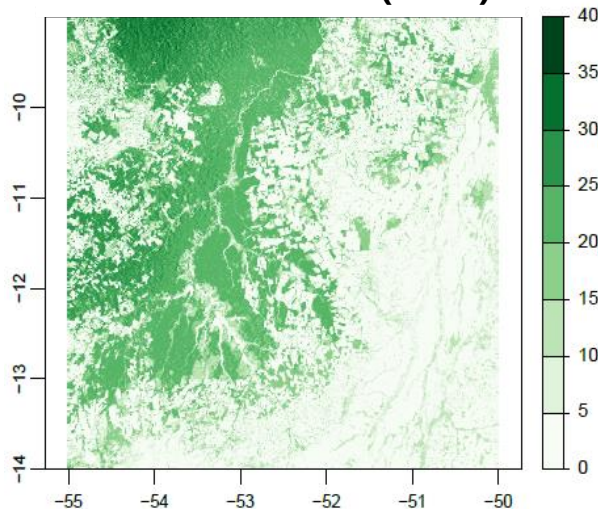


# Comparison of biomass

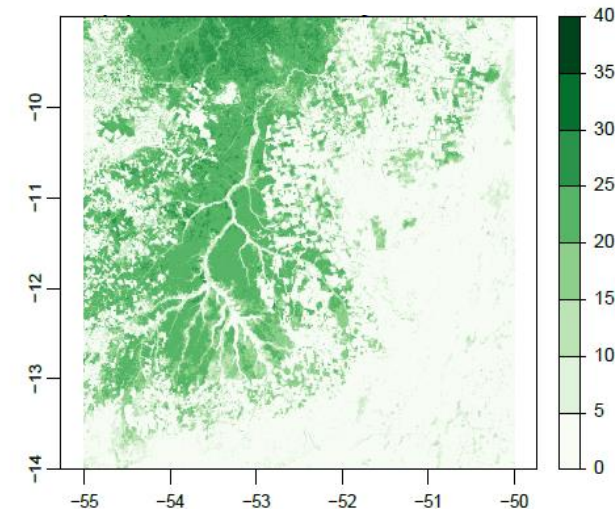
## Estimated AGB vs. ESA CCI AGB

Difference between estimated and ESA CCI woody biomass ranges between -8.5 and 3.7 kg m<sup>-2</sup> in 90% of all grid cells.

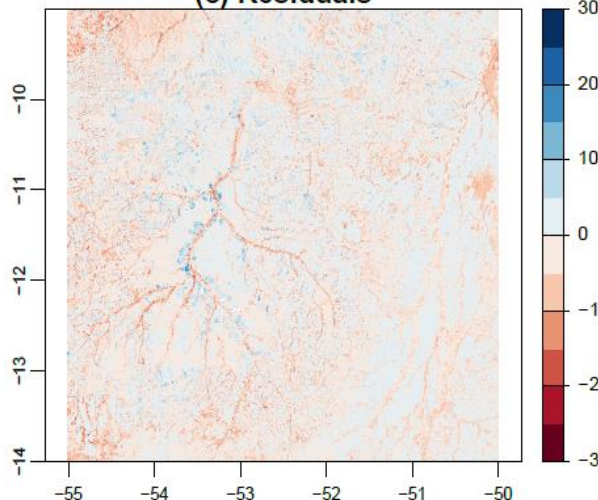
ESA CCI biomass (2017)



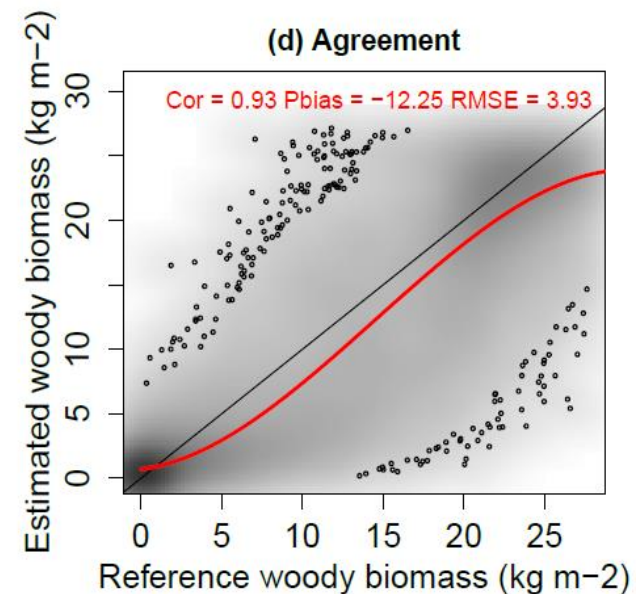
Biomass from fuel model



(c) Residuals

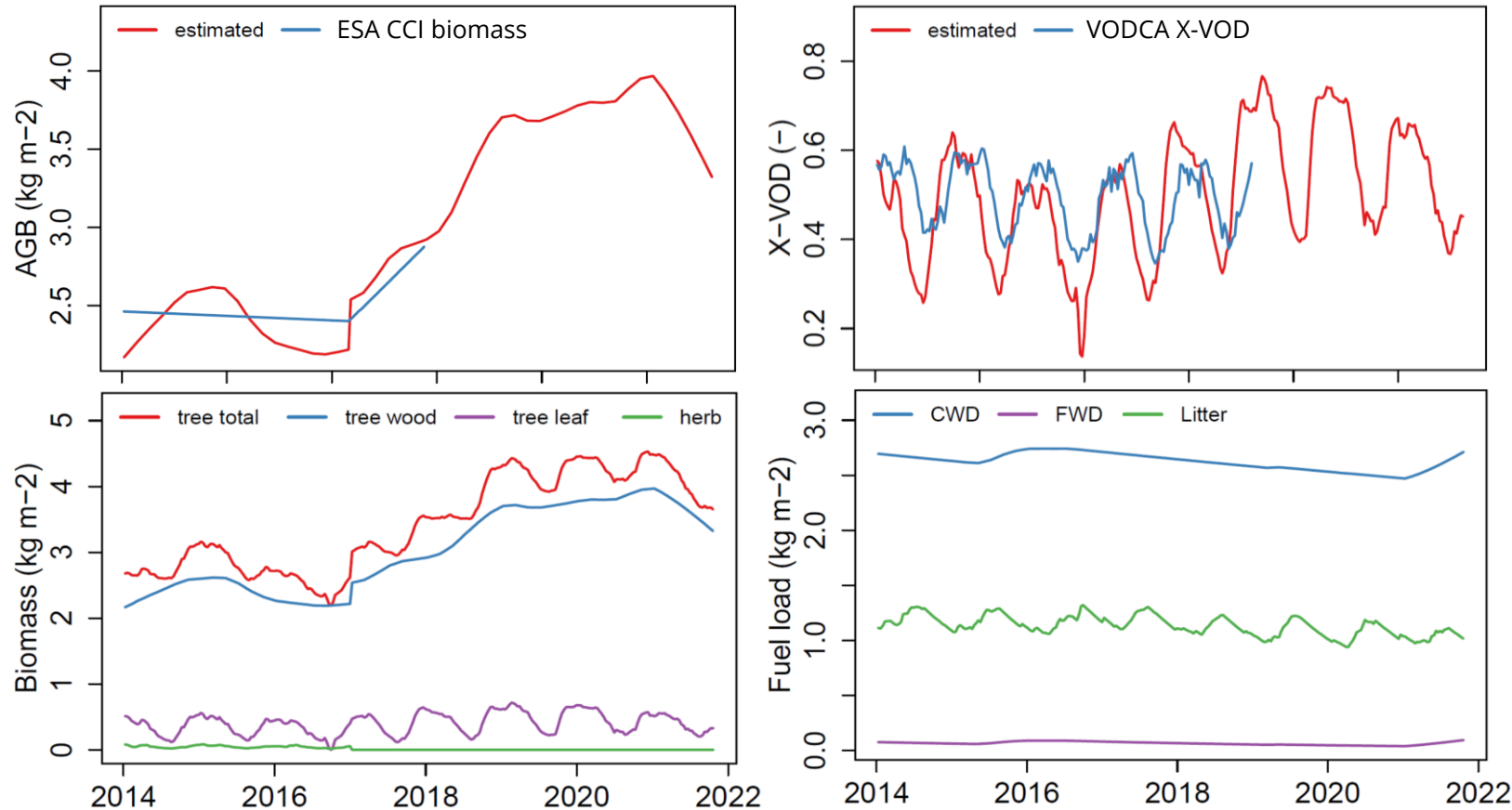


(d) Agreement





# Calibrating the fuel model



Model cal/val against:

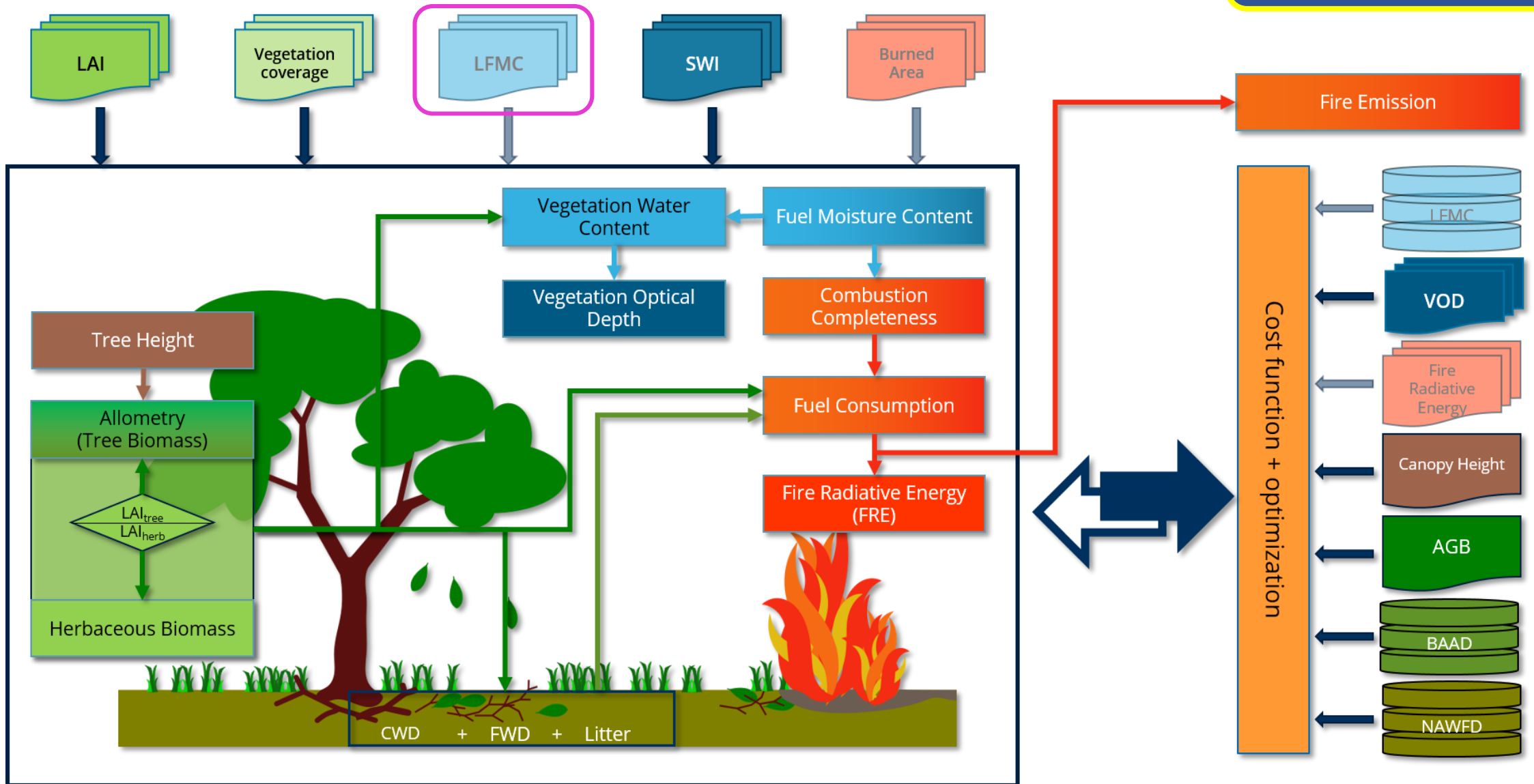
- GEDI canopy height
- ESA CCI biomass
- VODCA, SMOS/SMAP VOD
- Globe-LFMC DB
- NAWFD
- DB of litter loads and fall masses

Example of the fuel model for a grid cell in the Amazon (51.64286°W, 12.071429°S)



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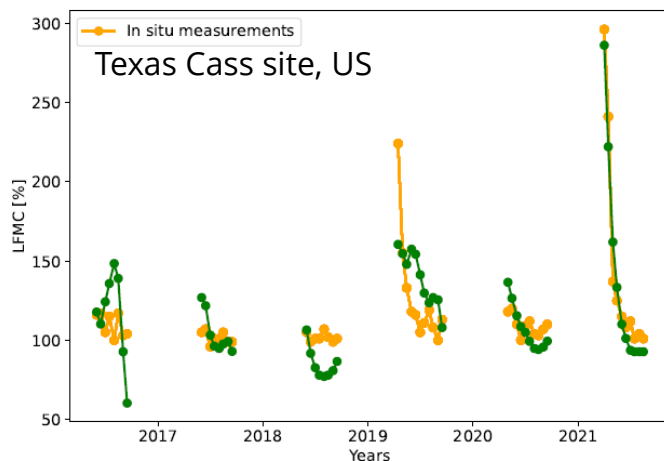
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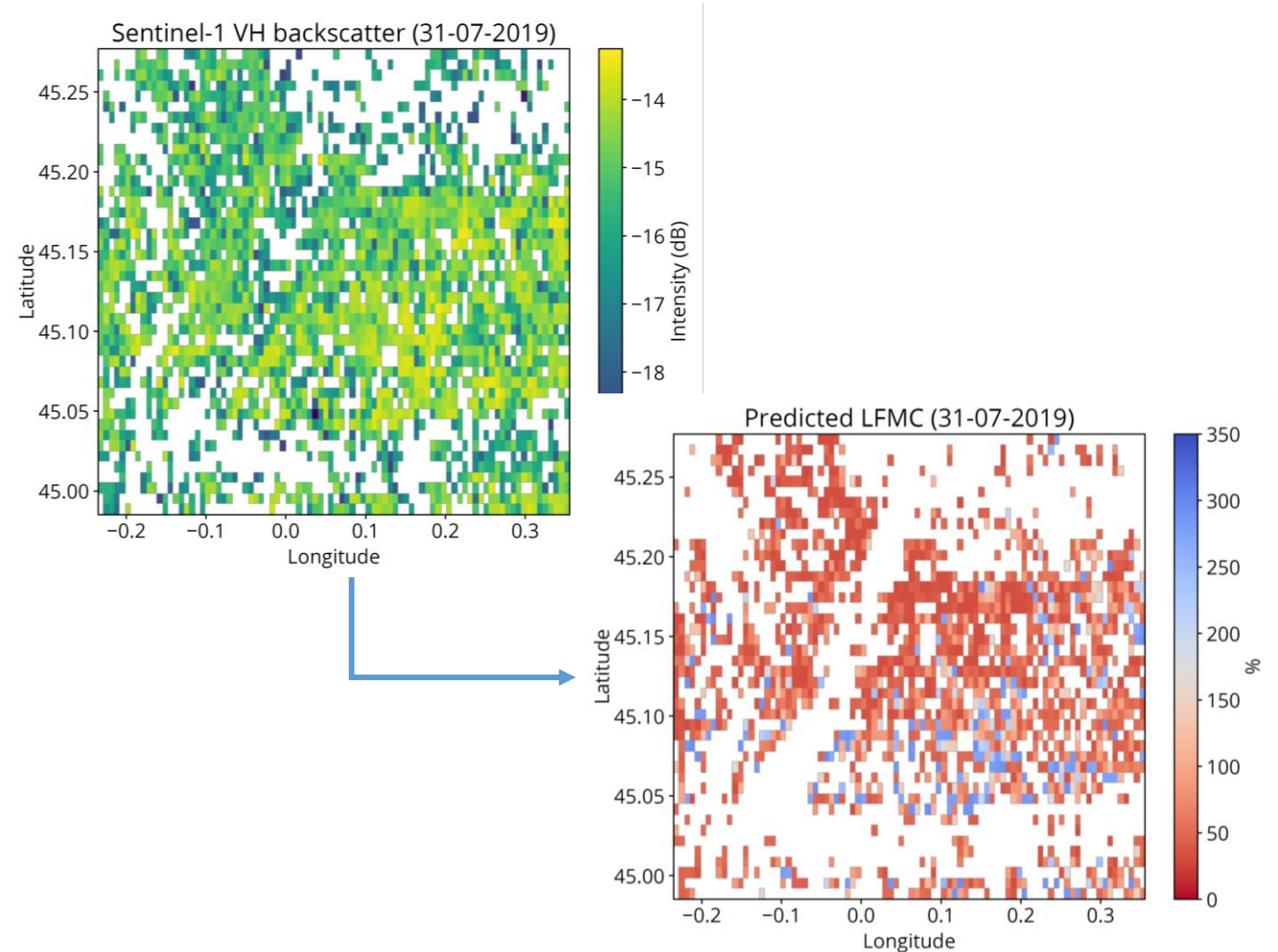
# Estimating fuel moisture: a) Sentinel-1



- Extending the Water Cloud Model to simulate Sentinel-1 backscatter from live-fuel moisture (LFMC), LAI and soil moisture
- Retrieval of LFMC from Sentinel-1 and LAI observations



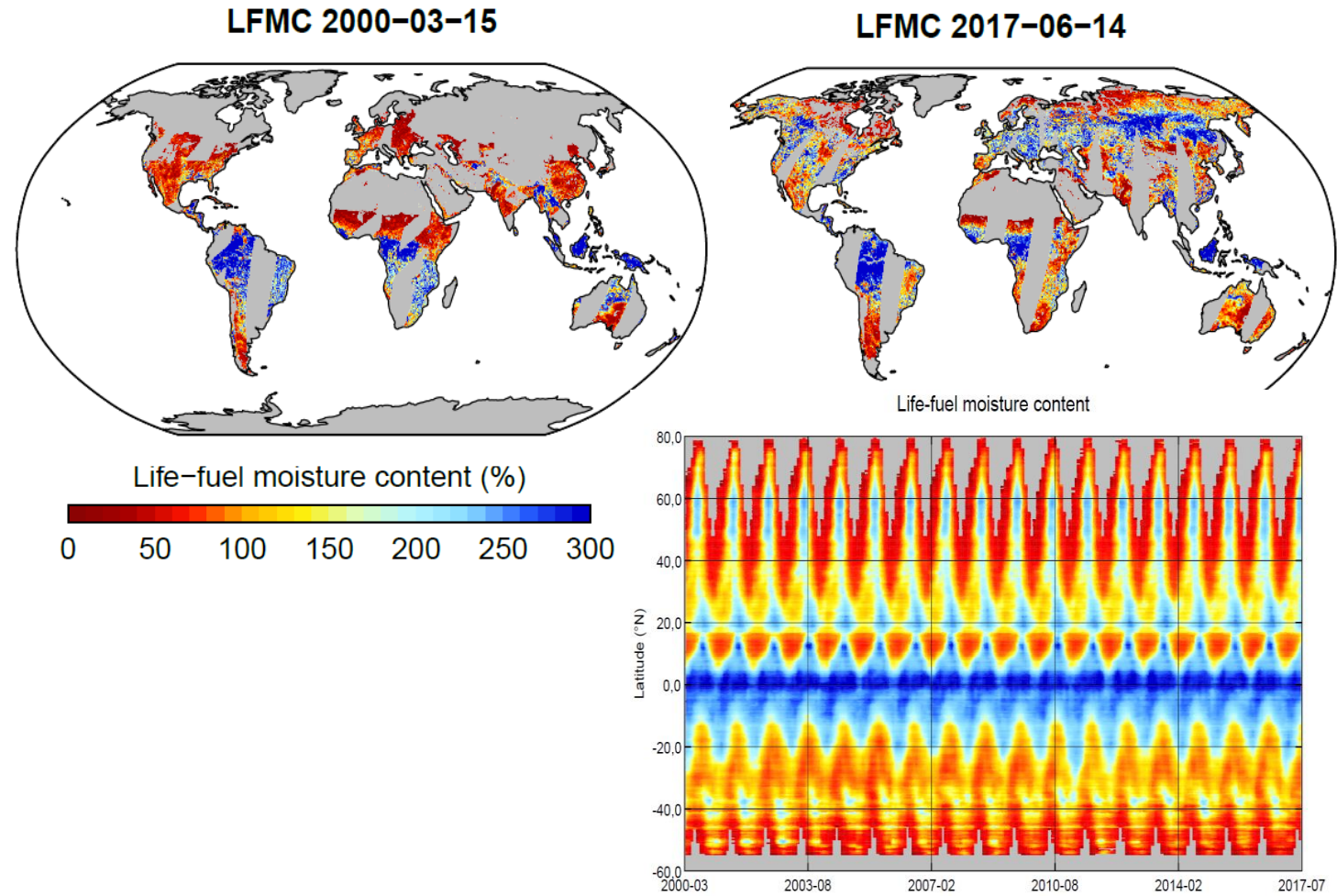
(Johanna Kranz et al., in prep.)



# Estimating fuel moisture: b) VOD

Presentation  
**Luisa Schmidt et al.**  
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- Estimating LFMC from Ku-band Vegetation Optical Depth (VOD)
  - Calibration against Globe-LFMC database
  - Daily, global 2000-2017
- (Forkel et al. 2022, HESSD)



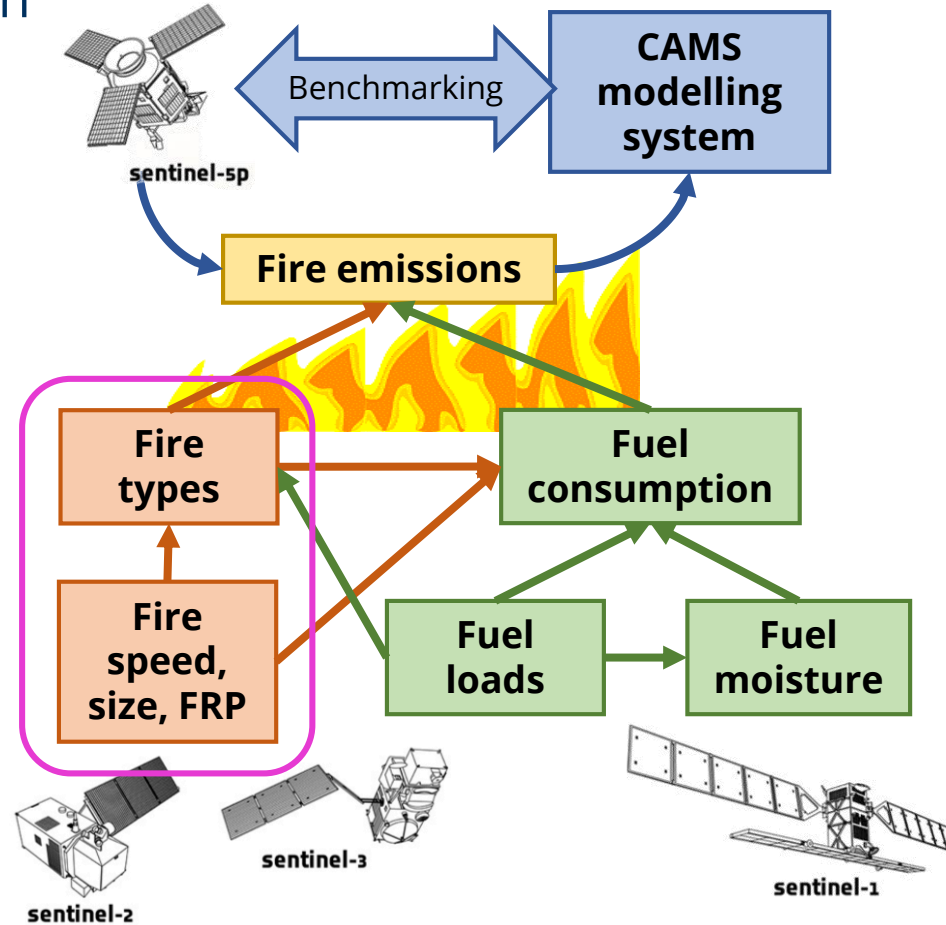
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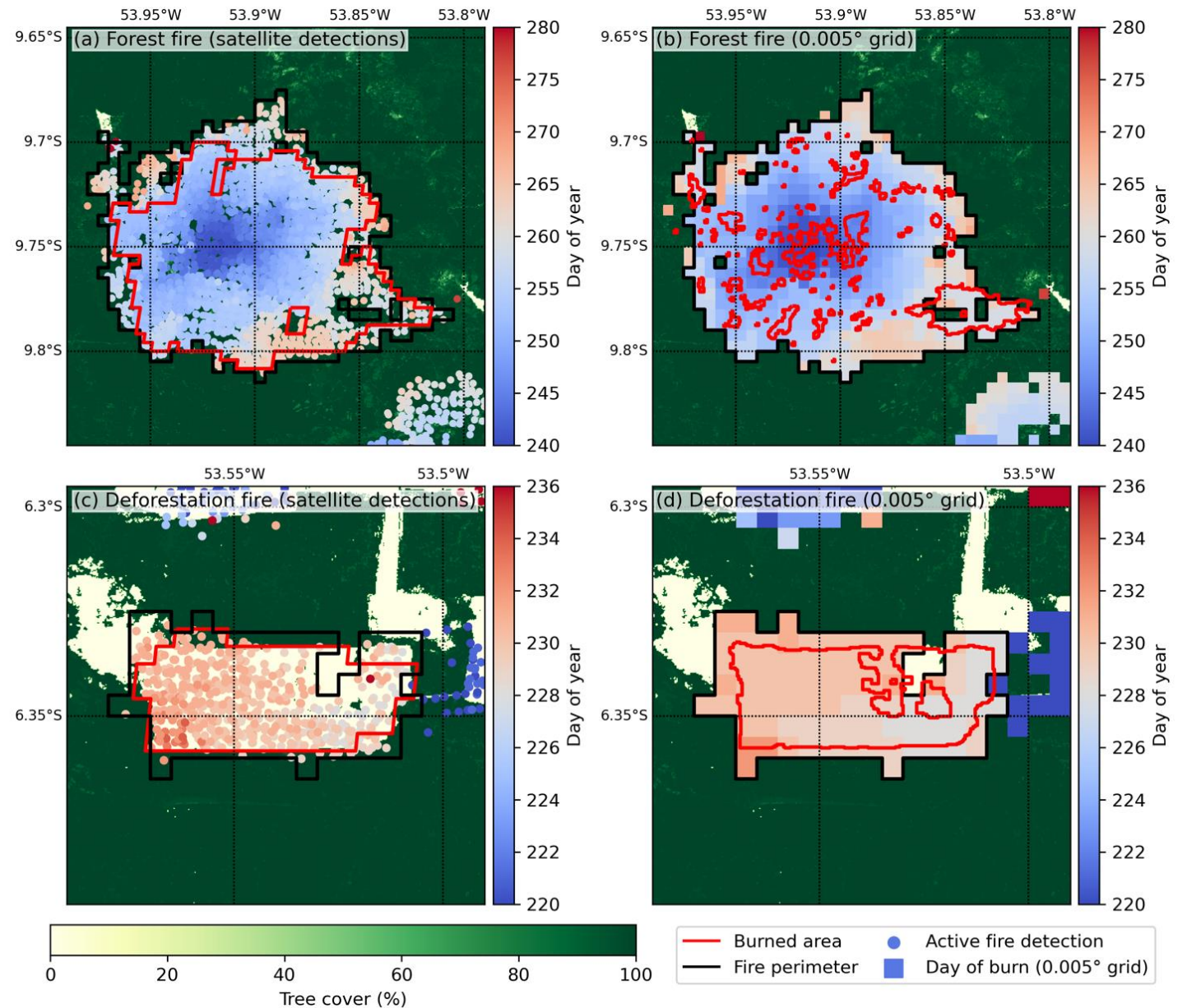




# Fire behaviour

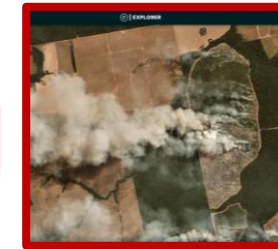
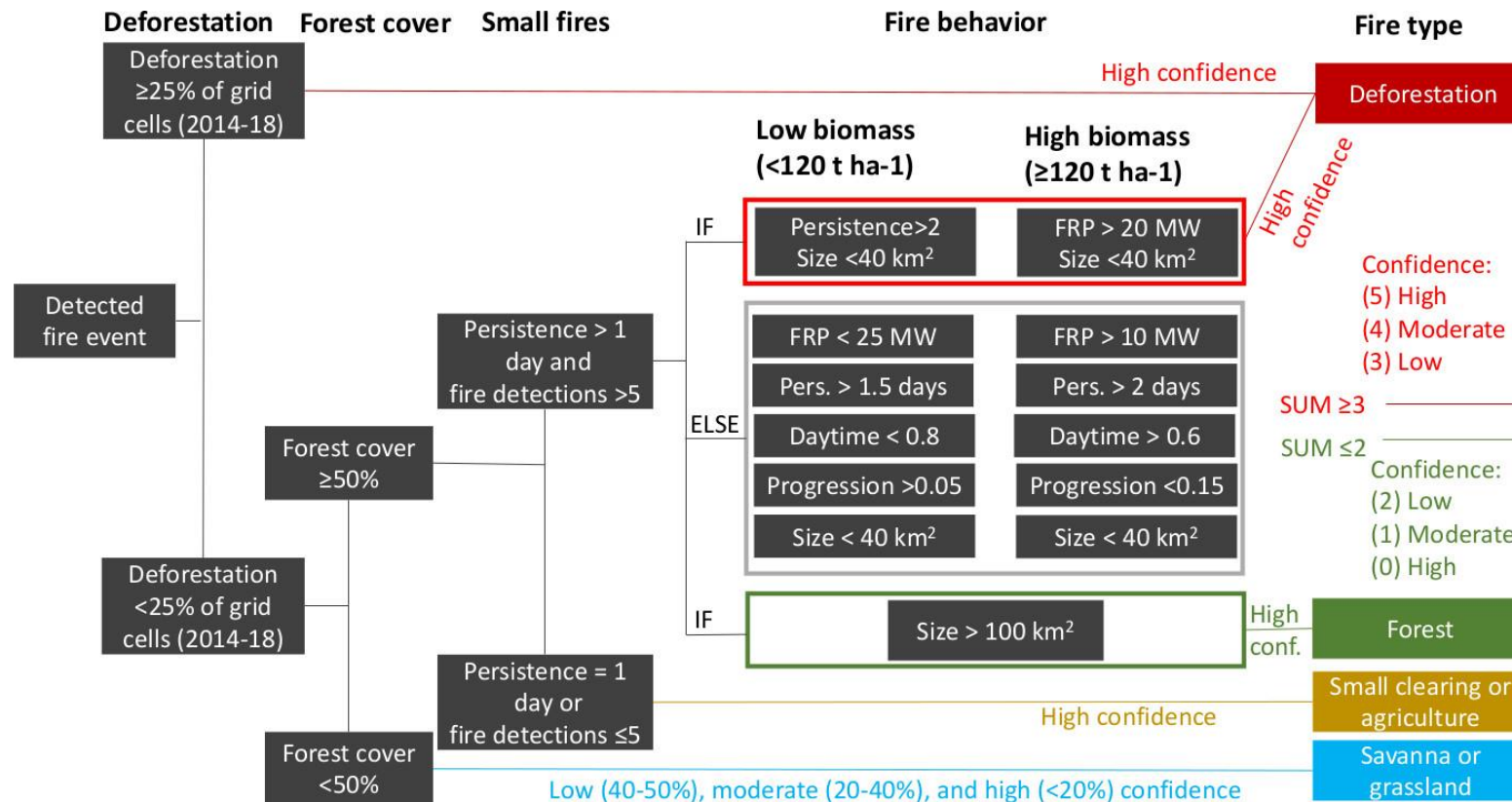
- Sentinel-3 SLSTR and Suomi-NPP VIIRS: temporal development of individual fires
- Sentinel-2: mapping burned area using FireCCI BAMT tool
- Quantification of fire persistence, progression, size, and fire radiative power

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# Mapping fire types

Mapping different fire types (for Brazil):



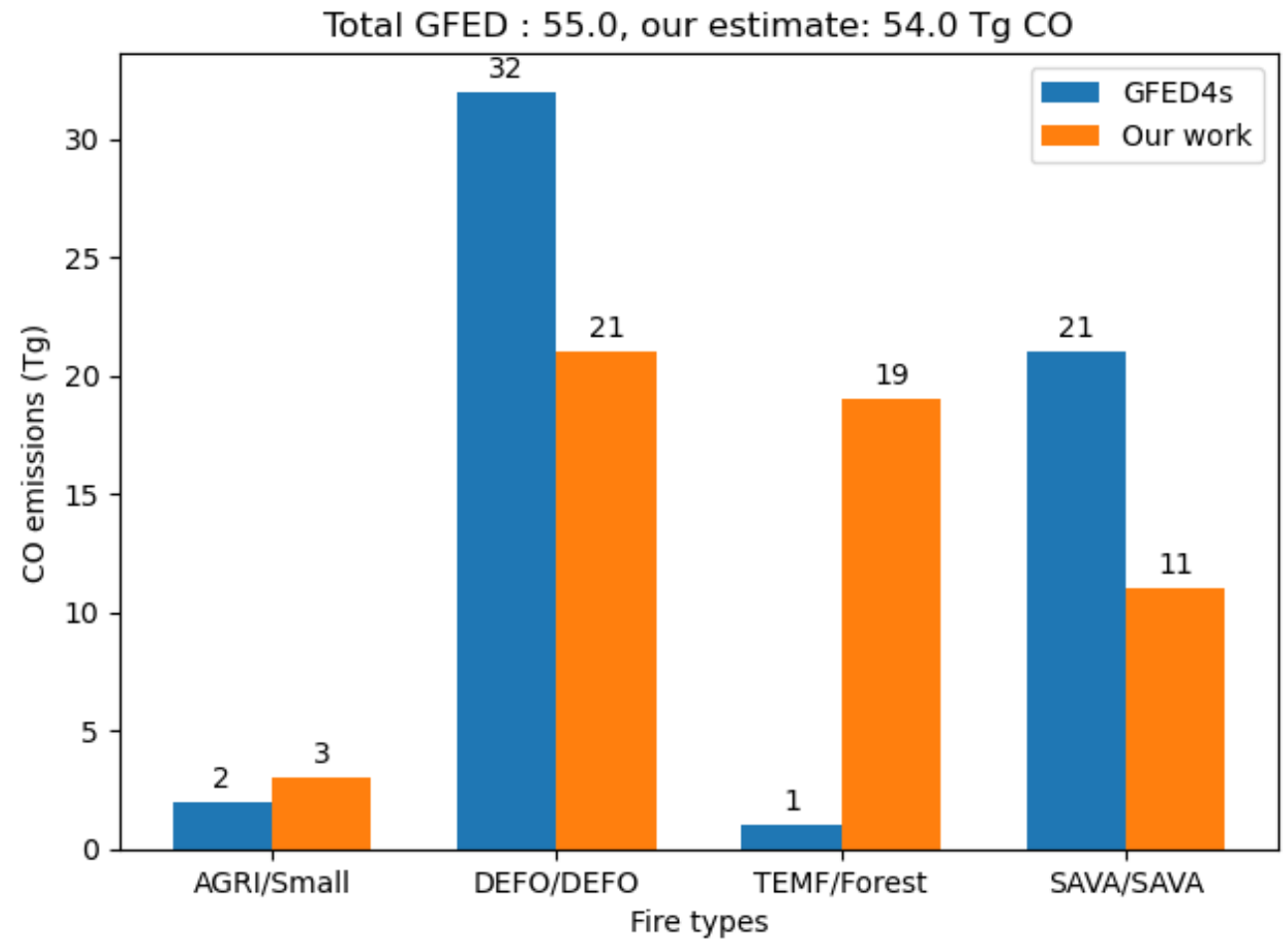
Further fire types will be defined for Africa, temperate steppes and boreal forests

# Comparing fire emissions



Initial fire emission estimates for southern-hemisphere South America

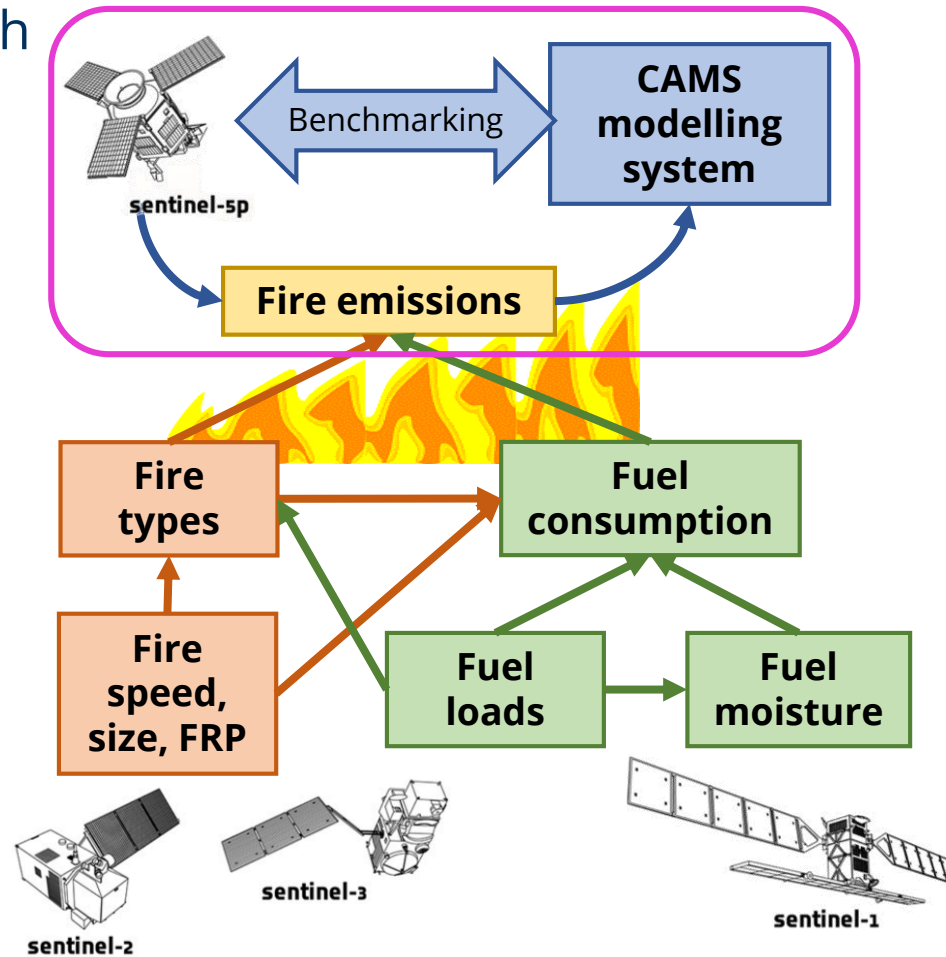
Emission factors vary with fire types



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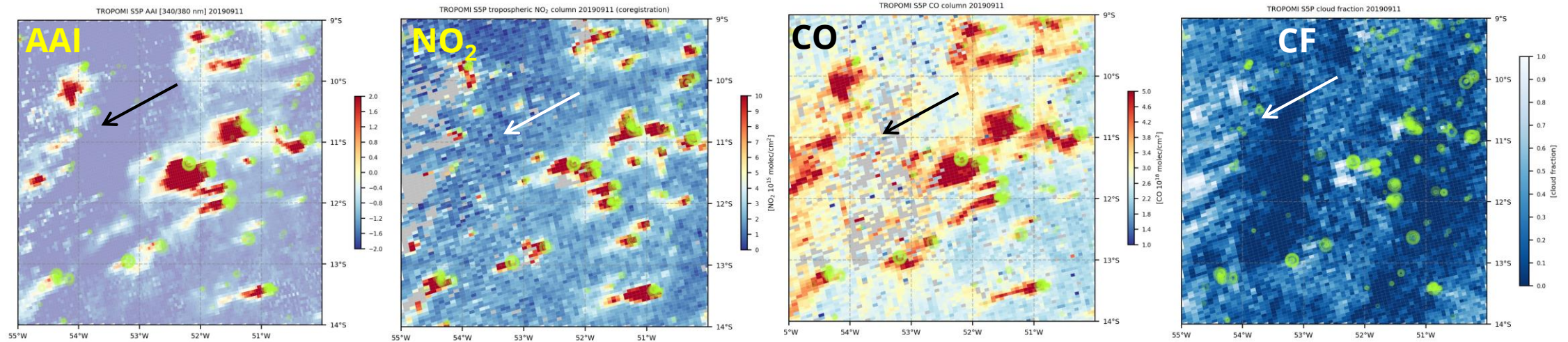


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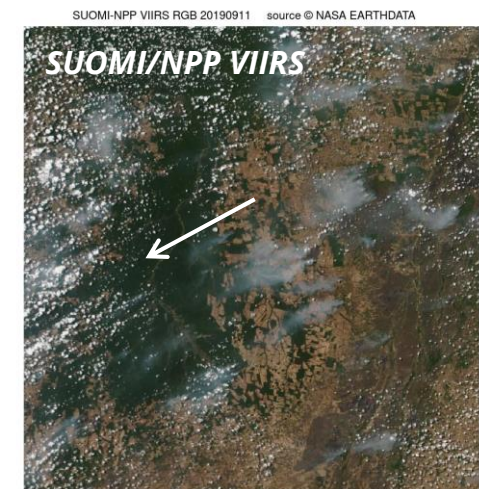


# Sentinel-5p observations of fire plumes



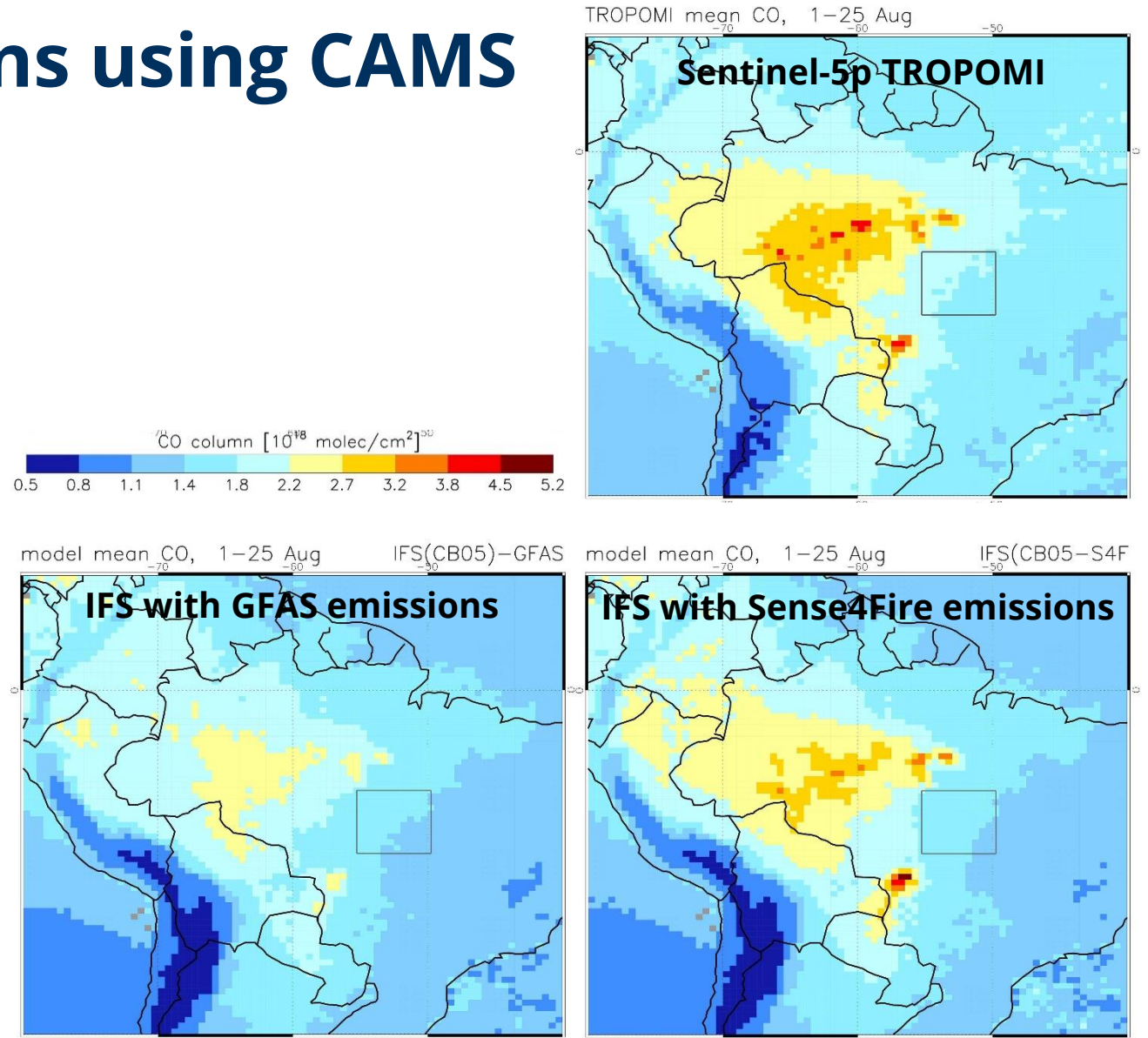
## AMAZON 11 September 2019

- enhanced AAI, NO<sub>2</sub>, CO, cloud fraction
- differences: NO<sub>2</sub> more localized than CO, AAI
- CO, AAI lifetime (days-weeks) time longer than NO<sub>2</sub> (hours)



# Benchmarking emissions using CAMS

- Prescribing fire emissions to the CAMS Integrated Forecasting System (IFS)
- Comparison of IFS with Sentinel-5p TROPOMI
- Identification of model biases and constraint on fire emissions and emission factors





# Sense4Fire

## Developments

New datasets of fuel loads, fuel moisture, fire behaviour, fire types and fire emissions based on Sentinels and other European Earth observation data

- Oct 2022: Completion of methods and validation and first initial datasets on request
- Mar 2023: Release of datasets

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