Summer 2023 offers the first opportunity for measurements over the North American component of the Geostationary Air Quality (GEO-AQ) Constellation.

TEMPO

Sentinel-4

GEMS

Update on TEMPO from Xiong Liu later this morning!

Synergistic EMPO Air Quality Science

os Angeles

STAQS Primary Sampling Domains

Annual average of TROPOMI NO₂ overlaid with the currently planned primary sampling domains during STAQS within the TEMPO field of regard (black outline).

ew York City

In June-August 2023, STAQS seeks to integrate TEMPO observations with traditional and enhanced air quality monitoring to improve the understanding of air quality science for increased societal benefit.

Under TEMPO, we will:

- → Build an integrated observing system consisting of ground-, airborne-, and satellite-based platforms and air quality models.
- → Prioritize repeated systematic sampling in predefined domains during morning, midday, and afternoon over at least 4 days in each primary target areas (LA, NYC, Chicago).
- → Collaborate with research teams engaged with multiple activities (AGES+) occurring in summer 2023 with federal and academic partners.

Includes deployment of airborne and ground-based remote sensing observations







STAQS Science Objectives

Using the integrated multi-perspective point of view from satellite-, airborne-, and ground-based instruments under TEMPO:

- 1) Evaluating TEMPO level 2 products geo-physically, spatially, and temporally
- 2) Interpreting the temporal and spatial evolution of air quality events tracked by TEMPO
- 3) Improving temporal estimates of anthropogenic and biogenic trace gas and GHG emissions
- 4) Assessing the benefit of assimilating TEMPO data into chemical transport models
- 5) Linking air quality patterns to socio-demographic data

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*yellow=in person

STAQS Airborne Perspective: G-V



Visualizing chemical weather: example from TRACER-AQ with GCAS + HSRL2



----> Spatial scales of these measurements reveal information about these pollution that cannot be captured by a satellites.

The temporal sampling strategies give us a glimpse of the future with hourly view expected from TEMPO.

STAQS Airborne Perspective: G-III



Adding synergistic perspectives between air quality and greenhouse gases with HALO and AVIRIS-NG



XCH4 enhancement (ppm-m) 1000 2000 3000 4000 Methane emissions for sources > 10s kg/hour

CO₂: very large point sources (e.g., power plants, refinery)





STAQS Ground Perspective

Ground Support Platforms for STAQS include TOLNet, Pandora and Ozonesondes (similar to TRACER-AQ-examples below).

Enhanced ground-based monitoring on September 9th revealed information about the vertical profiles of pollution that cannot be captured by a satellites.

----> Synchronous sonde, Pandora and lidar sampling strategies reveal the multi-species complexity of vertical chemical transport



TRACER-AQ is a NASA-led air quality mission, leveraging DOE's TRACER study, with main partners in air quality management from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) observing pollution from aircraft, boats, mobile labs, and ground sites.

Where will STAQS be?

Boxes represent initial areas that could be sampled in each region every 2.5 hours by the Gulfstreams. Aim for the final area would be to optimize emission sources and ground-site mapping.

Priority is systematic sampling of the same area with the GV 3x per day (morning-midday-afternoon) and GIII 2x per day (morning-afternoon)

Opportunity targets will be considered secondarily and include extended legs to hit additional ground sites or source regions, cross sectioning the raster between rasters aiming for hitting ground sites at a new viewing/solar geometry,. More detailed flight planning details on Thursday

Box: 2.5 hour raster White open circles: Pandora White closed circles: Ozone monitors Dark dots: NO₂ monitors Yellow arrow: TOLNet



STAQS Schedule

Gulfstreams:

Aircraft Integration: ~June 1 Los Angeles Flight Window: June 19-July 7 (10-day window/4 flight days) Dayton, Ohio for East coast cities: July 30-August 29th (one month window/8+ flight days)

> G-V: 120 Science Hours (~ 13 flight days/one 9 hours flight per day) G-III: 104 Science Hours (~ 13 flight days/two 4-hour flights per day) Aiming for at least 4 days in each primary target city.

TOLNet:

NYC systems Aiming for a 5 week window from mid-July through end of August. Timing TBD based on TEMPO's launch and consideration for other missions. Sonde efforts align with this timeline. UAH system schedule is still TBD but will at the very least align with the NYC window.

Pandora:

Leveraging existing Pandoras in PGN including the potential for new one in Los Angeles through Increasing Participation of Minority Serving Institutions in Earth Science Division Surface-Based Measurement Networks selections

Looking forward to working together next summer!

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