



Lessons Learned from the 2017 Lake Michigan Ozone Study (LMOS 2017)

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- One major goal: improve air quality modeling of ozone along the complex lakeshore
- Included observations from aircraft, vehicles, ground super-sites, ships, and ground-based remote sensing
- Overview in Stanier et al. (2021) “Overview of the Lake Michigan Ozone Study 2017”, BAMS, <https://doi.org/10.1175/BAMS-D-20-0061.1>

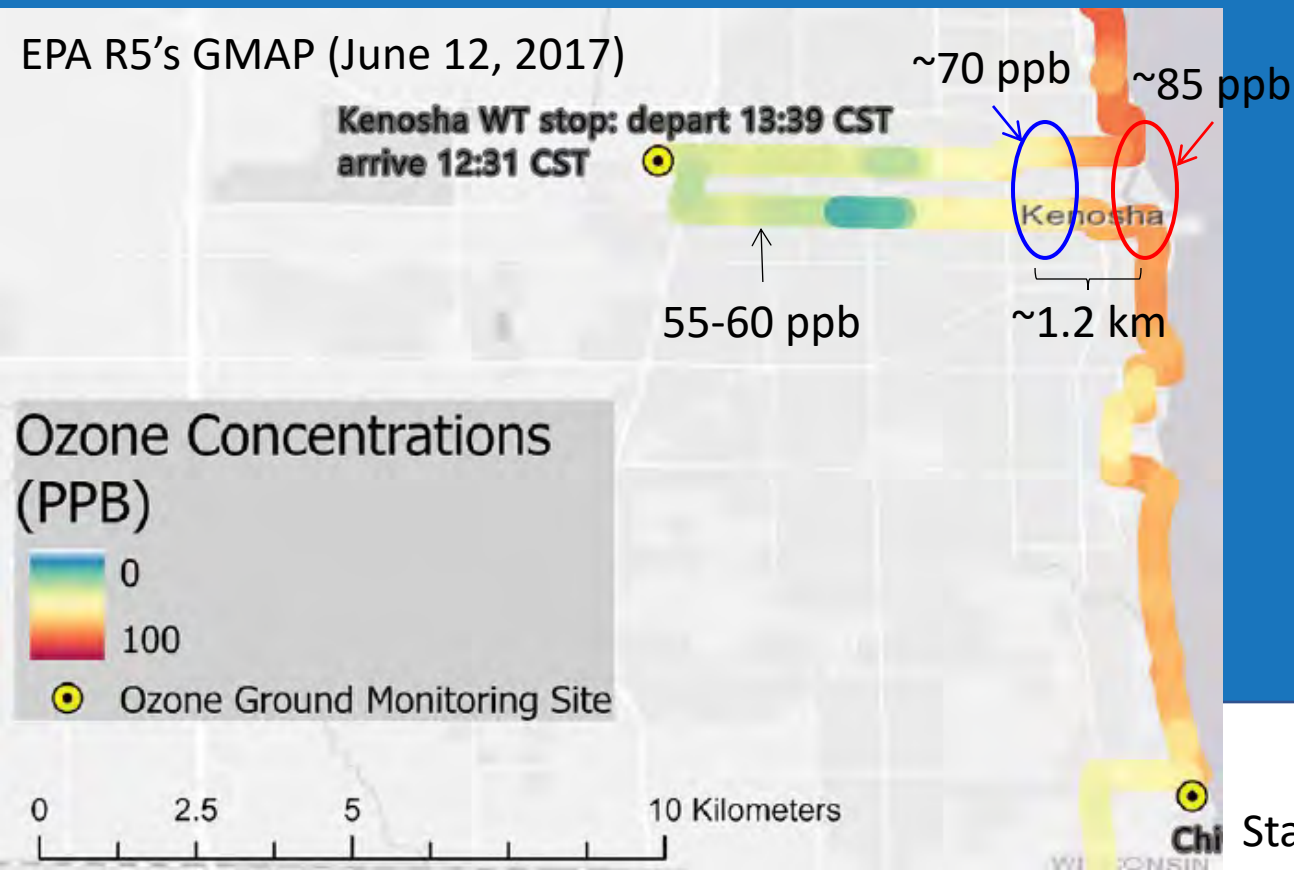


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- 1) The power of collaborations between air quality managers and researchers
- 2) The importance of VOC-sensitive chemistry in the Chicago area
 - Evolution of chemistry during transport
 - Variability from day to day
- 3) The fine scale and sharp gradients in many lake breeze-related features

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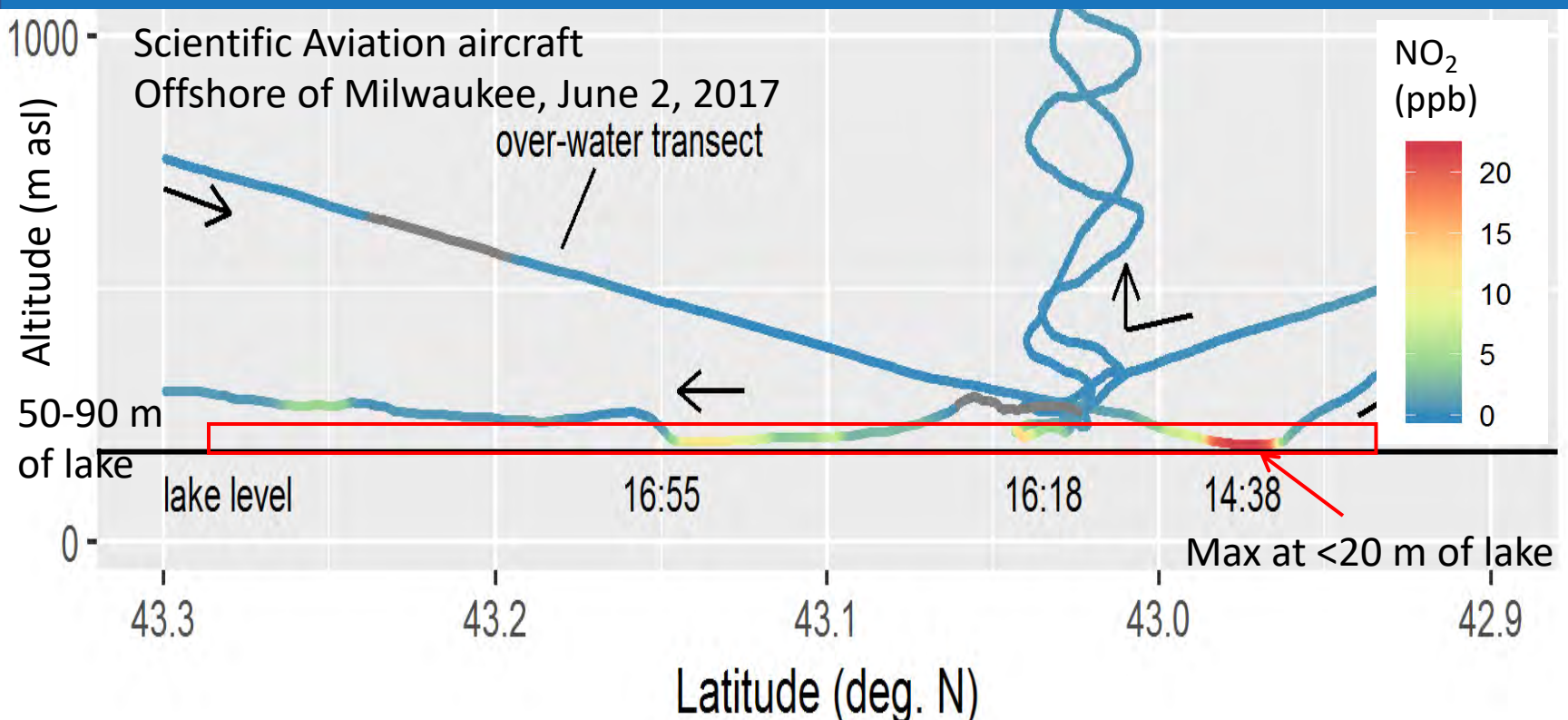
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Horizontal/inland gradients in ozone

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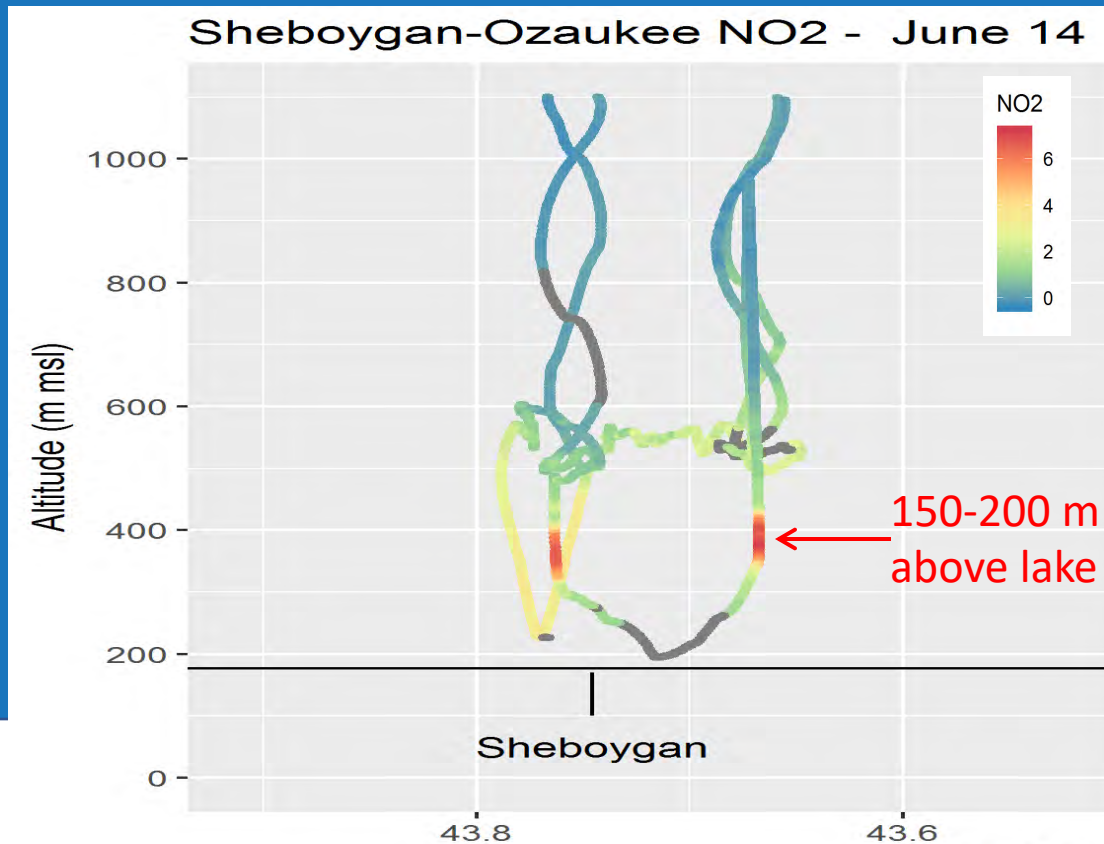
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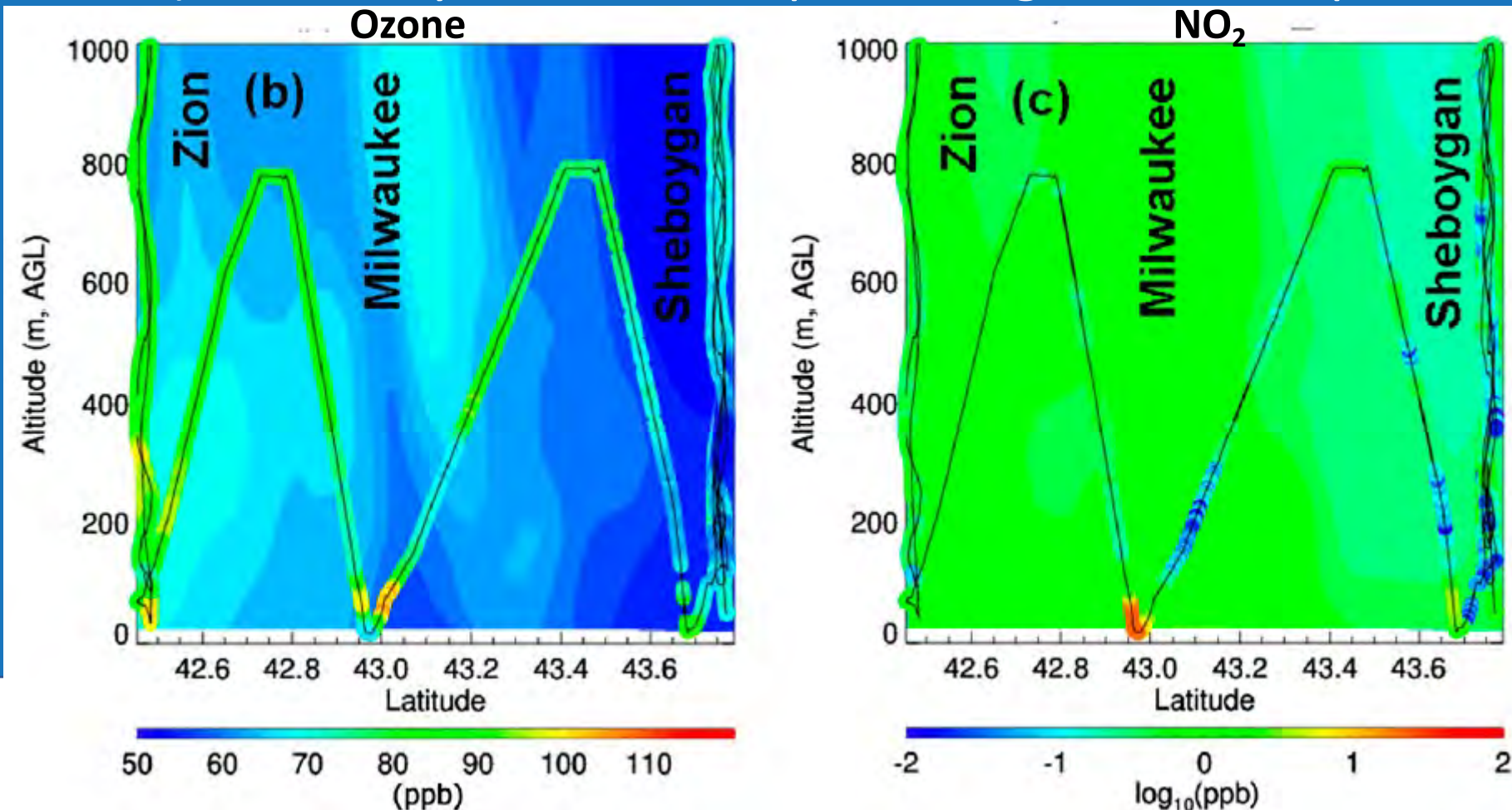
NO₂ plumes sometimes
elevated above the lake

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WRF-Chem model compared with aircraft measurements, June 2, 2017

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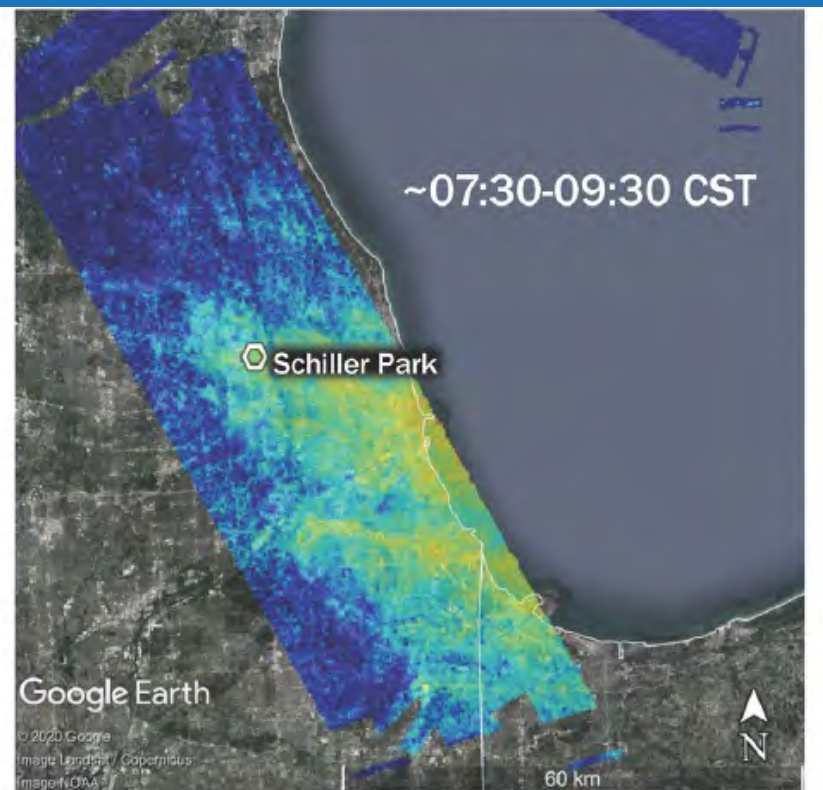
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5) Hints that inventories under-estimate heavy-duty diesel vehicle emissions (HDDV)

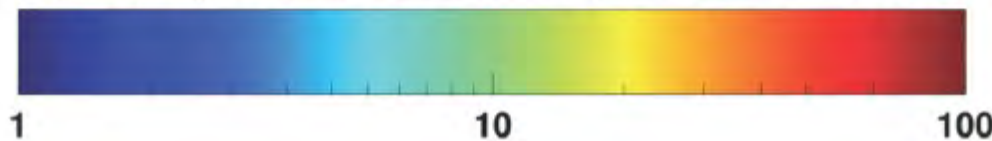
GeoTASO, June 19, 2017



Likely two components:

- Use of defeat devices lead to underestimates of all HDDV emissions
- Underestimating diesel idling emissions
 - Biggest impacts at warehouses & intermodal facilities with long wait times

NO₂ Tropospheric Vertical Column ($\times 10^{15}$ molecules cm⁻²)



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Thank you!

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