



Supplementary material to “Long-term changes of tropospheric NO₂ over megacities derived from multiple satellite instruments”

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Abstract. This document contains supplementary material to the manuscript *Long-term changes of tropospheric NO₂ over megacities derived from multiple satellite instruments* (Hilboll et al., 2013).

1 The Bremen 3d CTM

The Bremen 3d CTM is a combination of the “Bremen transport model” (Sinnhuber et al., 2003a) with the chemistry code of the “Bremen two-dimensional model of the stratosphere and mesosphere” (Sinnhuber et al., 2003b; Winkler et al., 2008), which evolved from SCLIMACT (Chipperfield, 1999). The model is driven by ECMWF ERA-Interim meteorological reanalysis fields (Dee et al., 2011) and runs on a combined 30 min/15 min time-scale for transport and chemistry, respectively. Vertical transport is included in the dynamics using the advection scheme developed by Prather (1986). While the horizontal resolution is constant at 2.5° × 3.75°, the vertical resolution varies from ~1 km in the lower stratosphere to ~4 km at ~60 km altitude. The model runs on 28 isentropic surfaces from 330 K to 3402 K (about 10–65 km). Stratospheric profiles for each satellite measurement are interpolated in space and time using smoothing spline and linear interpolation, respectively, to yield stratospheric vertical columns VCD_{strat} and air mass factors AMF_{strat}.

2 Additional trend results

The tables shown here include results of the following trend calculations:

- Levelshift trend calculation (Eq. 3 in Hilboll et al., 2013), applied to original GOME data, for the 1996–2006 time period.
- Levelshift trend calculation (Eq. 3 in Hilboll et al., 2013), applied to resolution-corrected GOME data, for both the 1996–2011 and the 1996–2006 time period.
- Multi-instrument trend calculation with variable seasonality component (Eq. 9 in Hilboll et al., 2013), for the 1996–2011 time period.

Regarding the uncertainties of the estimator for the trend in the amplitude of the seasonality in the multi-instrument fit, $\hat{\xi}$, it must be noted that in some cases, the bootstrap leads to unreasonably large absolute replication values $\hat{\xi}^*$. This in turn leads to a very high estimated standard error. However, it is still possible that all replications are either larger or smaller than zero, leading to 95% confidence intervals which do not include zero, which in turn indicates a significant trend. Thus trends in the seasonality component might be significant in spite of extremely large standard errors.

Table 1. Annual growth rate $\Delta VCD_{\text{trop}} \text{NO}_2$ from the levelshift model (Eq. 3 in Hilboll et al., 2013) and the multi-instrument fit (Eq. 9 in Hilboll et al., 2013) for the regions shown in Fig. 2 in Hilboll et al. (2013). The relative trends have been computed relative to the 1996 annual mean. Non-significant trends are shown in *italics*.

Region	Levelshift-model (orig. GOME data)			Levelshift-model (rescorr. GOME data)			Multi-instrument fit (var. seasonality)		
	1996–2006 [10 ¹⁴ molec cm ⁻² yr ⁻¹]	% yr ⁻¹	[10 ¹⁴ molec cm ⁻² yr ⁻¹]	1996–2011 [10 ¹⁴ molec cm ⁻² yr ⁻¹]	% yr ⁻¹	[10 ¹⁴ molec cm ⁻² yr ⁻¹]	@ (1996–2011) [10 ¹⁴ molec cm ⁻² yr ⁻¹]	% yr ⁻¹	$\hat{\xi}$ (1996–2011) [10 ¹⁴ molec cm ⁻² yr ⁻¹]
Continental U.S.	+0.01 ± 0.17	+0.02 ± 0.38	-0.81 ± 0.15	-1.62 ± 0.30	+0.03 ± 0.18	-0.8 ± 0.19	-1.64 ± 0.40	-2.27 ± 0.97	
Central/Eastern U.S.	-1.54 ± 0.47	-1.63 ± 0.50	-2.94 ± 0.39	-2.92 ± 0.39	-1.54 ± 0.48	-2.62 ± 0.44	-2.67 ± 0.44	-3.29 ± 0.66	
Western Europe	-3.6 ± 1.1	-3.11 ± 0.98	-2.96 ± 0.65	-2.56 ± 0.56	-3.6 ± 1.2	-2.61 ± 0.84	-2.34 ± 0.75	-2.8 ± 1.2	
Japan	-0.17 ± 0.23	-0.45 ± 0.59	-0.49 ± 0.14	-1.17 ± 0.33	-0.16 ± 0.24	-0.49 ± 0.17	-1.23 ± 0.42	-1.3 ± 1.1	
Middle East	+0.59 ± 0.11	+2.94 ± 0.54	+0.785 ± 0.081	+4.0 ± 0.42	+0.62 ± 0.11	+0.725 ± 0.087	+3.69 ± 0.44	+7 ± 65	
East Central China	+5.85 ± 0.85	+9.2 ± 1.3	+10.1 ± 1.1	+20.3 ± 2.2	+5.86 ± 0.85	+8.6 ± 1.1	+16.1 ± 2.0	+23 ± 14	
North Central India	+1.18 ± 0.43	+3.7 ± 1.3	1.08 ± 0.27	+4.6 ± 1.1	+0.64 ± 0.36	+1.01 ± 0.31	+3.08 ± 0.95	+9.0 ± 7.0	

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Table 2. Annual growth rate $\Delta\text{VCD}_{\text{tropNO}_2}$ from the levelshift model (Eq. 3 in Hilboll et al., 2013) and the multi-instrument fit (Eq. 9 in Hilboll et al., 2013) for a list of megacities. The relative trends have been computed relative to the 1996 annual mean. Non-significant trends are shown *in italics*.

Region	Levelshift-model (orig. GOME data)		Levelshift-model (rescorr. GOME data)		1996–2006		Multi-instrument fit (var. seasonality)	
	1996–2006 [10 ¹⁴ molec cm ⁻² yr ⁻¹]	[% yr ⁻¹]	1996–2011 [10 ¹⁴ molec cm ⁻² yr ⁻¹]	[% yr ⁻¹]	1996–2006 [10 ¹⁴ molec cm ⁻² yr ⁻¹]	[% yr ⁻¹]	$\hat{\omega}$ (1996–2011) [10 ¹⁴ molec cm ⁻² yr ⁻¹]	$\hat{\xi}$ (1996–2011) [% yr ⁻¹]
Algiers	+0.64 ± 0.17	+3.10 ± 0.81	+0.83 ± 0.17	+2.60 ± 0.53	+0.87 ± 0.23	+2.75 ± 0.74	+0.60 ± 0.18	+2.89 ± 0.87
Athens	+1.15 ± 0.84	+2.6 ± 1.9	-2.10 ± 0.87	-1.72 ± 0.71	+2.0 ± 1.2	+1.9 ± 1.1	-2.08 ± 0.82	-3.7 ± 1.5
Bahgdad	+1.81 ± 0.35	+7.9 ± 1.5	+3.91 ± 0.34	+10.12 ± 0.87	+2.83 ± 0.45	+6.7 ± 1.1	+3.23 ± 0.38	+17.9 ± 2.1
Beijing	+8.8 ± 3.6	+6.7 ± 2.8	+9.4 ± 2.7	+4.8 ± 1.4	+10.2 ± 4.0	+5.3 ± 2.1	+9.4 ± 2.7	+7.2 ± 2.1
Buenos Aires	+0.06 ± 0.73	+0.2 ± 2.2	+0.85 ± 0.73	+1.1 ± 0.94	-0.7 ± 1.3	-0.8 ± 1.5	+0.55 ± 0.51	+1.7 ± 1.6
Chiro	+1.46 ± 0.41	+5.2 ± 1.5	+2.12 ± 0.27	+4.35 ± 0.55	+2.00 ± 0.46	+4.08 ± 0.93	+1.72 ± 0.28	+6.4 ± 1.0
Chicago	-3.8 ± 3.0	-2.5 ± 2.0	-7.0 ± 2.0	-2.46 ± 0.68	-5.0 ± 3.4	-1.8 ± 1.2	-6.3 ± 2.2	-3.9 ± 1.4
Dhaka	+1.39 ± 0.48	+6.5 ± 2.2	+3.94 ± 0.50	+12.7 ± 1.6	+2.01 ± 0.55	+5.3 ± 1.6	+3.35 ± 0.53	+23.0 ± 3.6
Damascus	+2.93 ± 0.63	+8.3 ± 1.8	+3.90 ± 0.60	+6.08 ± 0.92	+4.12 ± 0.78	+6.4 ± 1.2	+2.60 ± 0.51	+13.8 ± 7.8
Guangzhou	+7.8 ± 2.7	+10.6 ± 3.6	+3.0 ± 2.6	+1.6 ± 1.4	+13.6 ± 3.8	+9.2 ± 2.6	+0.3 ± 2.6	+0.3 ± 2.6
Hong Kong	+7.0 ± 2.2	+8.7 ± 2.7	-0.8 ± 2.2	-0.4 ± 1.2	+12.4 ± 3.0	+8.5 ± 2.0	-1.0 ± 2.2	-0.9 ± 2.0
Isanbul	+1.6 ± 1.6	+2.5 ± 2.5	-0.5 ± 1.3	-0.4 ± 1.0	+1.5 ± 2.1	+1.3 ± 1.7	-0.4 ± 1.1	-0.5 ± 1.5
Jakarta	-0.23 ± 0.63	-0.7 ± 1.9	-1.57 ± 0.55	-2.58 ± 0.91	-0.61 ± 0.93	-1.1 ± 1.6	-1.20 ± 0.41	-3.3 ± 1.1
Jeddah	+0.83 ± 0.38	+2.5 ± 1.1	+1.64 ± 0.38	+2.31 ± 0.53	+1.71 ± 0.58	+2.42 ± 0.81	+1.41 ± 0.35	+4.5 ± 1.1
Karachi	+0.21 ± 0.29	+1.3 ± 1.7	+1.07 ± 0.29	+3.8 ± 1.0	+0.56 ± 0.47	+1.9 ± 1.6	+0.84 ± 0.25	+5.9 ± 1.8
Kolkata	+0.35 ± 0.34	+1.3 ± 1.3	+0.76 ± 0.23	+2.03 ± 0.61	+0.39 ± 0.37	+1.00 ± 0.94	+0.80 ± 0.25	+3.19 ± 0.99
Lagos	+0.03 ± 0.15	+0.2 ± 1.1	+0.40 ± 0.11	+2.6 ± 0.73	-0.03 ± 0.18	-0.2 ± 1.1	+0.33 ± 0.12	+2.67 ± 0.96
Lima	+0.63 ± 0.55	+4.2 ± 3.7	+1.22 ± 0.48	+3.0 ± 1.2	+1.27 ± 0.74	+3.1 ± 1.8	+1.06 ± 0.36	+7.9 ± 2.7
London	-2.9 ± 2.1	-1.6 ± 1.2	-4.5 ± 1.4	-2.24 ± 0.68	-3.2 ± 2.3	-1.6 ± 1.2	-3.0 ± 1.6	-1.68 ± 0.89
Los Angeles	-3.9 ± 2.4	-2.0 ± 1.2	-1.4 ± 1.9	-3.14 ± 0.43	-4.7 ± 3.1	-1.3 ± 0.76	-1.31 ± 2.6	-5.8 ± 1.1
Manila	-0.99 ± 0.30	-4.8 ± 1.5	-1.43 ± 0.31	-3.56 ± 0.76	-1.74 ± 0.57	-4.2 ± 1.4	-1.04 ± 0.21	-5.0 ± 1.0
Mexico City	+0.8 ± 1.2	+1.6 ± 2.4	-0.30 ± 0.98	-0.22 ± 0.72	+1.7 ± 1.6	+1.3 ± 1.2	+0.51 ± 0.82	+1.0 ± 1.6
Moscow	+2.1 ± 2.2	+3.1 ± 3.2	+0.3 ± 1.7	+0.2 ± 1.2	+3.8 ± 2.5	+3.4 ± 2.2	-1.4 ± 1.6	-1.7 ± 1.9
Mumbai	+0.48 ± 0.23	+2.4 ± 1.1	+0.91 ± 0.20	+2.46 ± 0.53	+0.69 ± 0.30	+1.84 ± 0.81	+0.68 ± 0.21	+3.5 ± 1.0
New Delhi	+2.67 ± 0.76	+7.9 ± 2.2	+3.07 ± 0.56	+5.5 ± 1.0	+2.80 ± 0.87	+5.0 ± 1.6	+2.47 ± 0.55	+6.9 ± 1.6
New York	+2.0 ± 2.2	+1.0 ± 1.1	-5.2 ± 2.3	-1.45 ± 0.64	+2.3 ± 3.5	+0.7 ± 1.1	-5.7 ± 2.3	-2.6 ± 1.0
Osaka	+0.1 ± 1.3	+0.1 ± 1.2	-2.1 ± 1.1	-1.23 ± 0.61	-0.2 ± 1.5	-0.13 ± 0.90	-2.52 ± 0.98	-2.21 ± 0.86
Paris	-4.3 ± 3.5	-2.8 ± 2.2	-5.8 ± 2.6	-2.3 ± 1.0	-7.7 ± 4.6	-3.0 ± 1.8	-5.1 ± 2.4	-3.3 ± 1.6
Riyadh	+1.29 ± 0.45	4.0 ± 1.4	+2.51 ± 0.49	+3.49 ± 0.68	+2.60 ± 0.75	+3.6 ± 1.0	+2.06 ± 0.39	+7.0 ± 1.9
Sao Paulo	+0.08 ± 0.65	+0.2 ± 1.6	+0.53 ± 0.58	+0.6 ± 0.69	+0.16 ± 0.93	+0.2 ± 1.1	+0.36 ± 0.51	-3.54 ± 0.92
Seoul	-1.3 ± 2.6	-0.8 ± 1.6	+0.6 ± 2.1	+0.2 ± 0.72	-1.4 ± 3.5	-0.5 ± 1.2	+1.0 ± 1.8	+0.7 ± 1.2
Shanghai	+10.0 ± 3.9	+9.9 ± 3.8	+12.8 ± 3.2	+9.5 ± 2.4	+12.1 ± 4.0	+8.8 ± 2.9	+9.3 ± 2.9	+12 ± 2.8
Shenzhen	+3.2 ± 2.0	+3.0 ± 1.9	-1.8 ± 1.7	-1.2 ± 1.1	+4.9 ± 2.2	+3.6 ± 1.7	-2.2 ± 1.7	-1.7 ± 1.3
Tehran	+1.94 ± 0.82	+5.2 ± 2.2	+2.49 ± 0.74	+2.84 ± 0.84	+3.05 ± 0.95	+3.6 ± 1.1	+2.66 ± 0.92	+7.7 ± 2.7
Tokyo	-0.9 ± 1.7	-0.7 ± 1.3	-5.5 ± 1.4	-2.21 ± 0.54	-1.9 ± 2.3	-0.78 ± 0.96	-5.3 ± 1.3	-3.72 ± 0.93