

SUPPLEMENT OF THE ARTICLE

Natural emissions of VOC and NO_x over Africa constrained by TROPOMI HCHO and NO₂ data using the MAGRITTEv1.1 model

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1. Regional and temporal variability of a priori and optimised NO_x and VOC sources

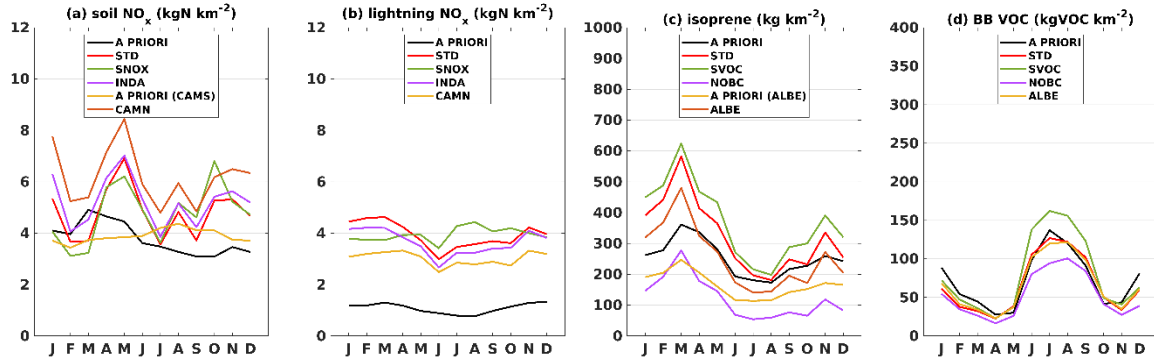
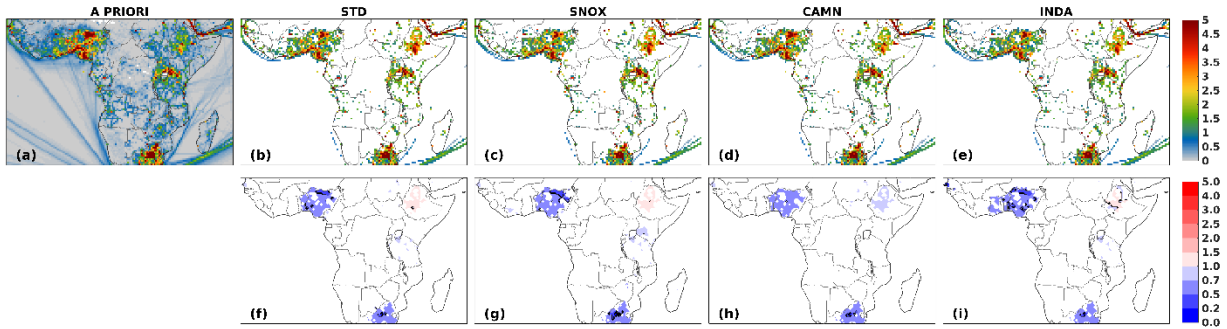


Figure S1: Seasonal variability of (a) soil NO_x (in kgN per km²), (b) lightning NO_x (in kgN per km²), (c) isoprene (in kg of isoprene per km²), and (d) biomass burning VOC (in kg VOC per km²) emissions for different inversions averaged over the entire continental domain.

2. Top-down anthropogenic NO_x and VOC

(a) Anthropogenic NO_x



(b) Anthropogenic VOC

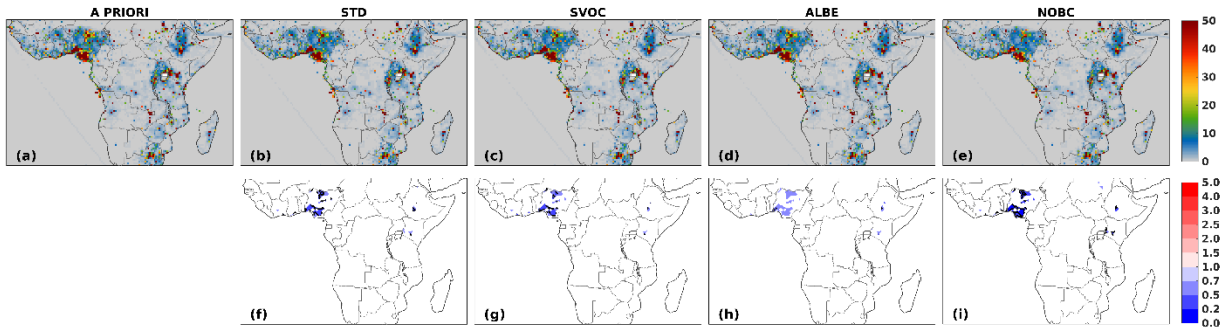


Figure S2: As in Fig. 11 and 13, but for anthropogenic (a) NO_x and (b) VOC emissions, respectively. The fluxes are expressed in in 10¹⁰ molec.cm⁻² s⁻¹ and the emissions increments are unitless.

3. Comparison between in situ flux measurements and modelled fluxes

Table S1: As Table 3, with additional model estimates at each site and corresponding months. Averages over all data, as well as data in dry and wet season are provided in the table.

	Location	Month	Season	OBS	A priori	STD	INDA	CAMN (a priori)	CAMN
1	Mayombe, Congo	6	W	1.74	1.62	2.32	2.40	1.57	1.78
		7	D	0.78	2.28	3.73	3.48	1.52	3.03
		2	W	0.50	0.51	0.74	1.15	0.87	1.61
2	Teke Plateau, Congo	4	W	0.03	0.77	0.95	1.30	1.15	1.31
3	Lamto, Ivory Coast	1	D	1.02	2.22	1.31	6.55	2.80	1.55
		5	W	0.74	1.24	0.64	1.57	1.60	0.81
4	Nylsvley, South Africa	3	W	2.98	0.67	0.61	0.60	1.30	1.96
5	KNP, South Africa	10	W	0.97	0.85	0.46	0.46	0.20	0.19
		11	W	2.13	0.92	0.66	0.65	0.26	0.35
		12	W	1.01	0.97	1.05	1.03	0.27	0.48
		8	D	3.17	0.34	0.40	0.39	0.17	0.33
6	Transvaal, South Africa	9	D	1.99	0.50	0.27	0.27	0.19	0.17
7	Marondera, Zimbabwe	10-12	W	4.85	2.58	4.10	4.04	1.61	3.90
8	Savè, Benin	6-7	W	2.06	0.74	0.29	0.55	1.81	0.58
9	Banizoumbou, Niger	8	W	2.62	0.66	0.49	2.29	2.34	1.85
10	Agoufou, Mali	7	W	2.88	3.51	3.54	4.16	1.43	2.91
		8	W	0.98	0.66	0.94	1.19	2.05	4.33
11	Dahra, Senegal	7	W	2.45	6.05	5.58	6.12	1.42	5.13
		11	D	1.72	4.57	2.58	4.26	1.39	1.43
Average				1.82	1.67	1.61	2.23	1.26	1.77
Dry season average				1.74	1.98	1.66	2.99	1.21	1.30
Wet season average				1.85	1.55	1.60	1.97	1.28	1.94

4. Uncertainties in TROPOMI-derived UT NO₂

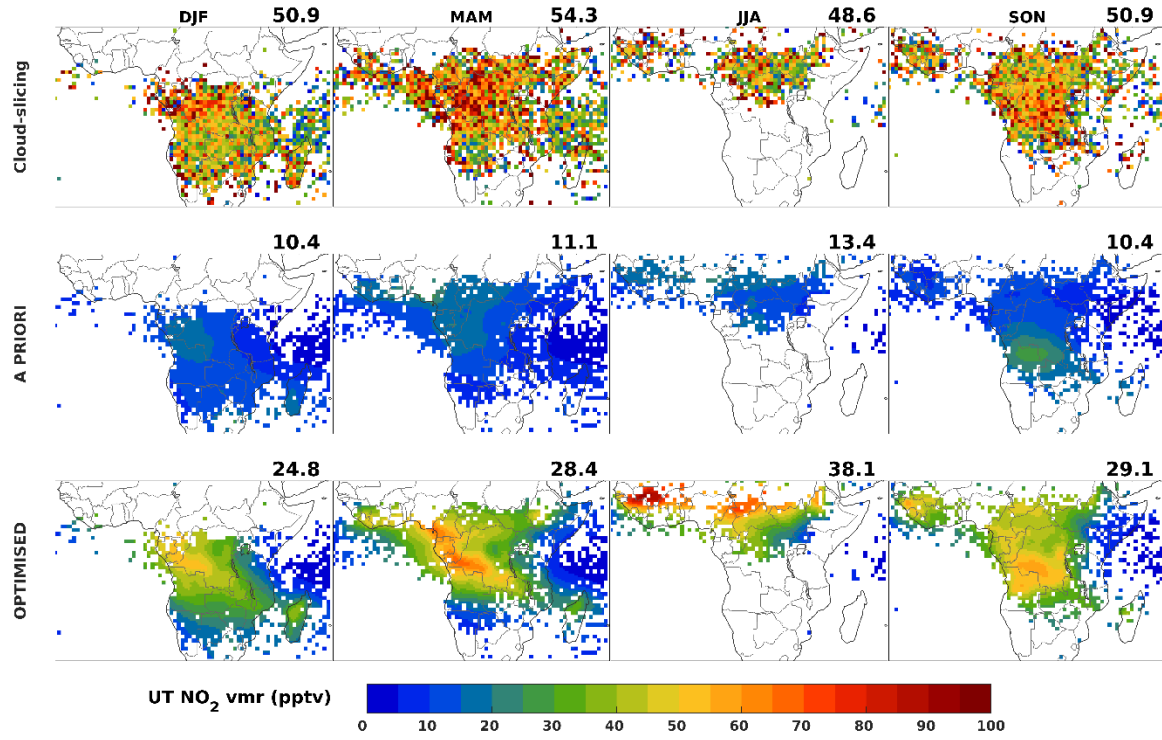


Figure S3: Seasonal distributions of upper-tropospheric NO₂ volume mixing ratios (in pptv) in December-January-February (DJF), March-April-May (MAM), June-July-August (JJA) and September-October-November (SON) from the cloud-sliced TROPOMI NO₂ over layer 320-180hPa of Horner et al. (2024) (top row), the *a priori* run (middle row) and the STD inversion (bottom row).

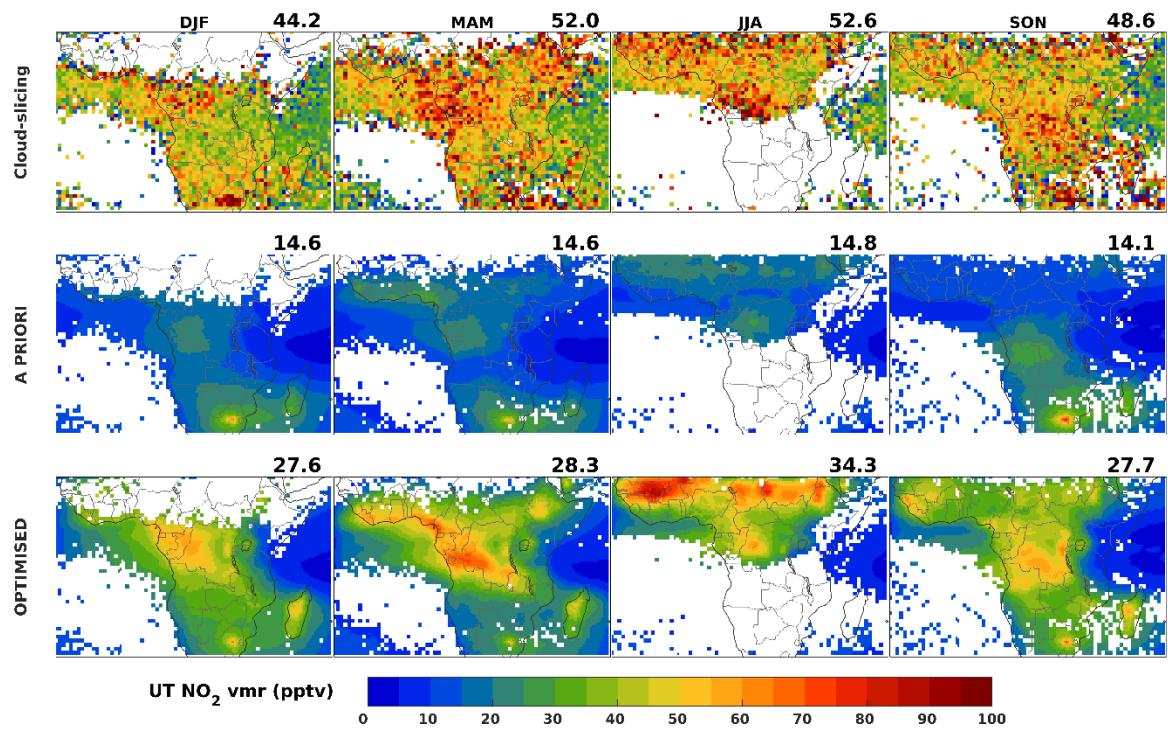


Figure S4: Same as in Fig. S3, but for layer 450-320hPa.

5. Optimised isoprene emissions

In order to compare our STD top-down isoprene fluxes based on TROPOMI HCHO and NO₂ with the CrIS-derived isoprene fluxes from Figure S13 of Wells et al. (2020), the following figure shows the *a priori* and top-down STD emissions for January and April 2019.

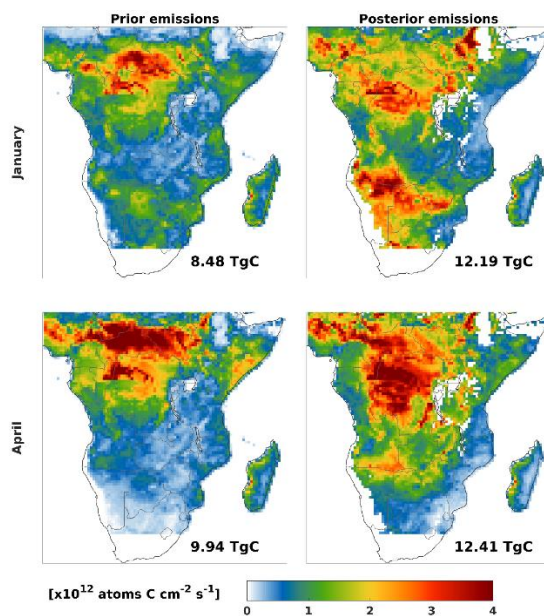


Figure S5: Spatial distribution of isoprene emissions (in 10^{12} atoms C cm^{-2} s^{-1}) from the *a priori* (left column) and TROPOMI-based optimisation of isoprene emissions over the same region as in Wells et al. (2020) in January (top row) and April (bottom row). Total monthly emissions are provided inset (in TgC).