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Changes in Asian emission estimates over time

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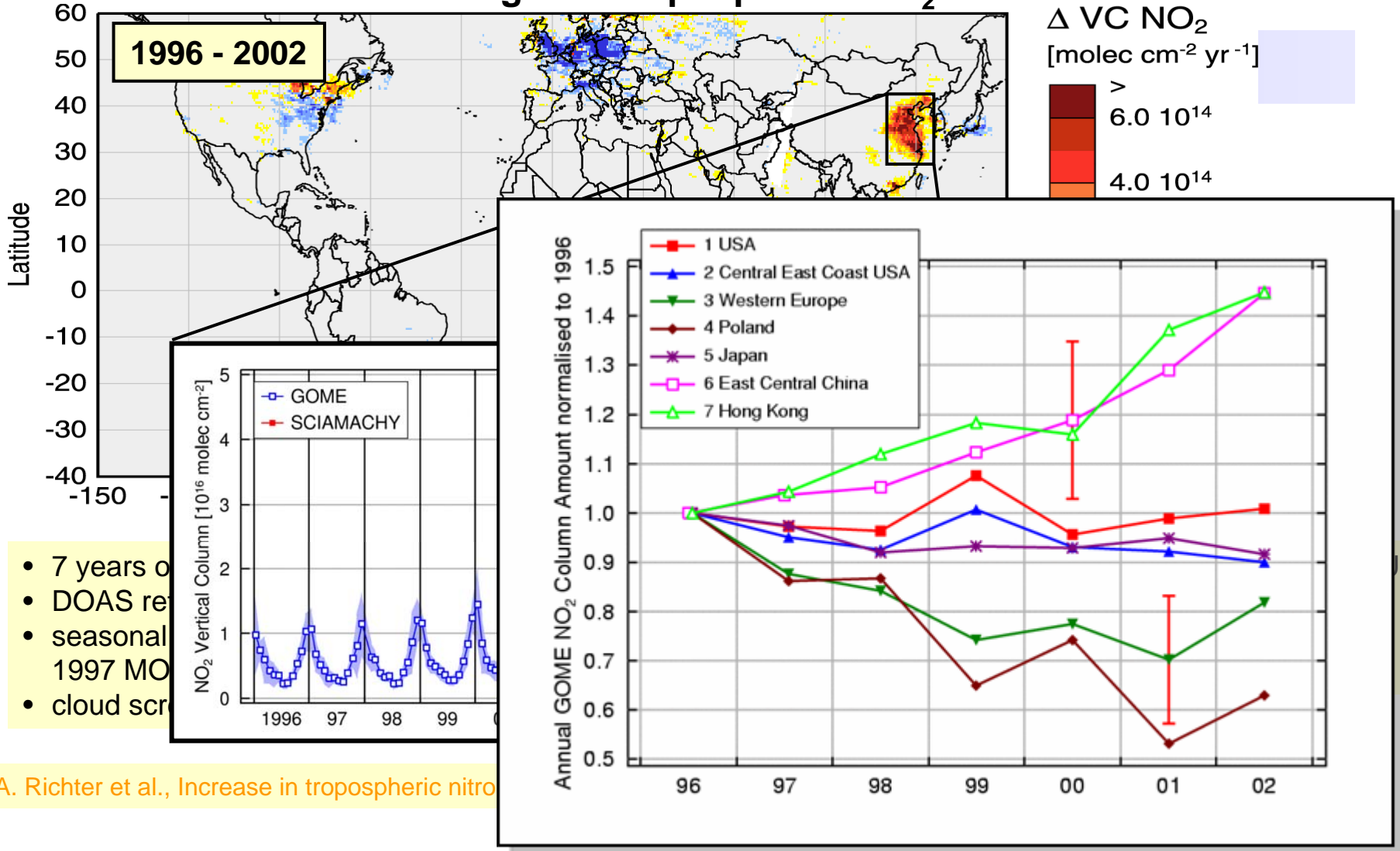


- Presentations available from the meeting website:
www.iiasa.ac.at/rains/meetings/ACCENT_satellite/accent_satellite.html
The report is being written and will be available soon.

- ***Latest GAINS-Asia scenarios for China and India (February 2008)***

Example: Detection of NO₂ changes I (Richter et al., 2007)

GOME annual changes in tropospheric NO₂

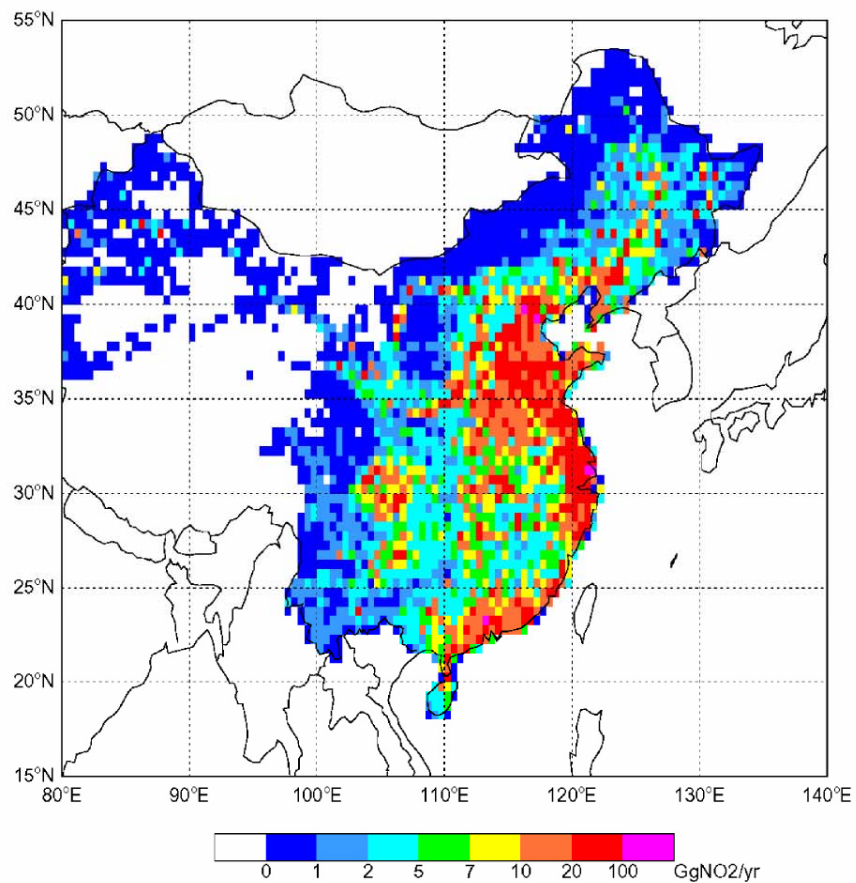


- 7 years of GOME observations
- DOAS retrieval
- seasonal cycle
- 1997 MO
- cloud screening

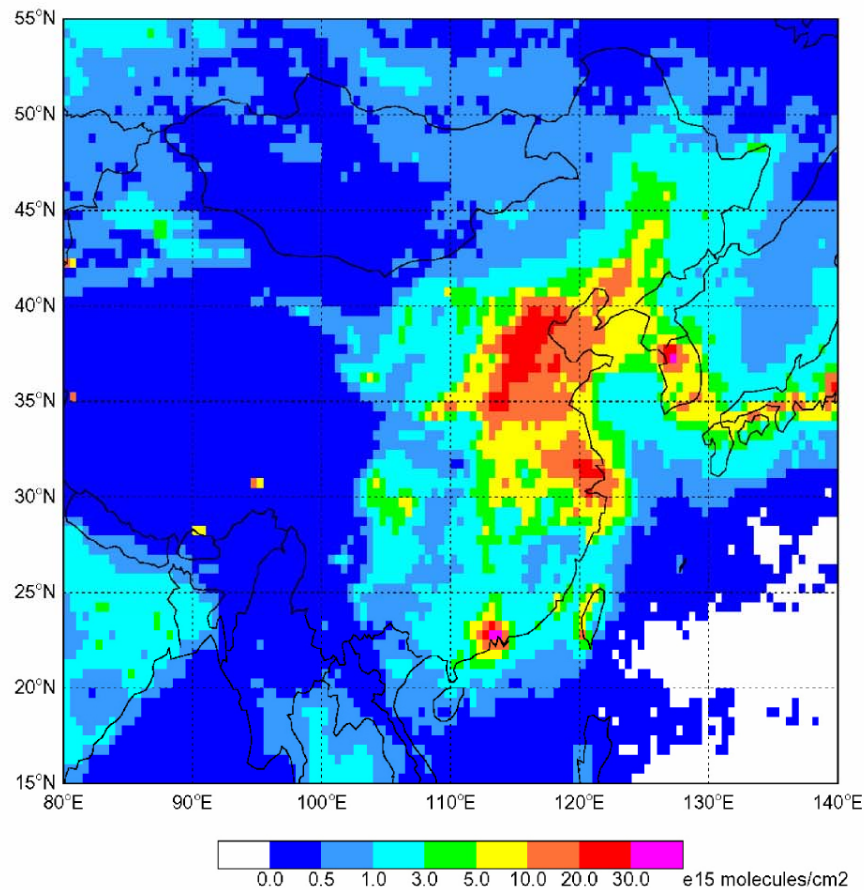
A. Richter et al., Increase in tropospheric nitro

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The general spatial distributions of NO_x emissions obtained by inventory methods (left) and satellite retrievals (right) are similar (Zhang et al., 2007)

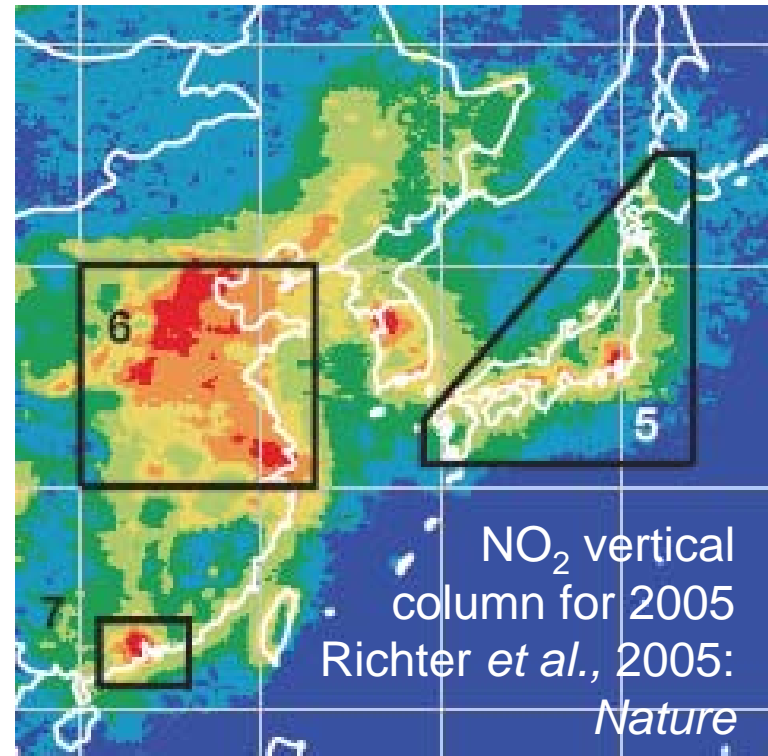
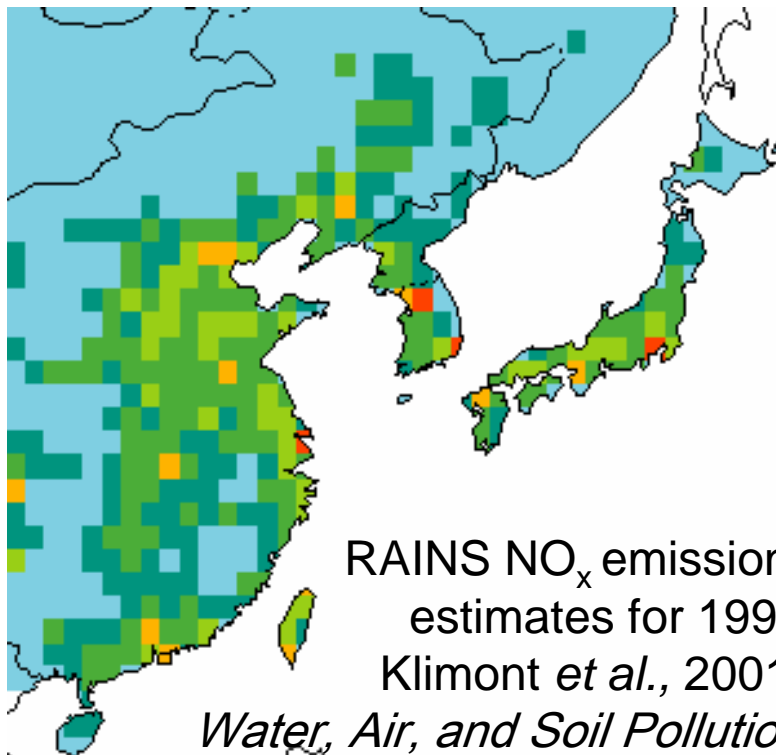


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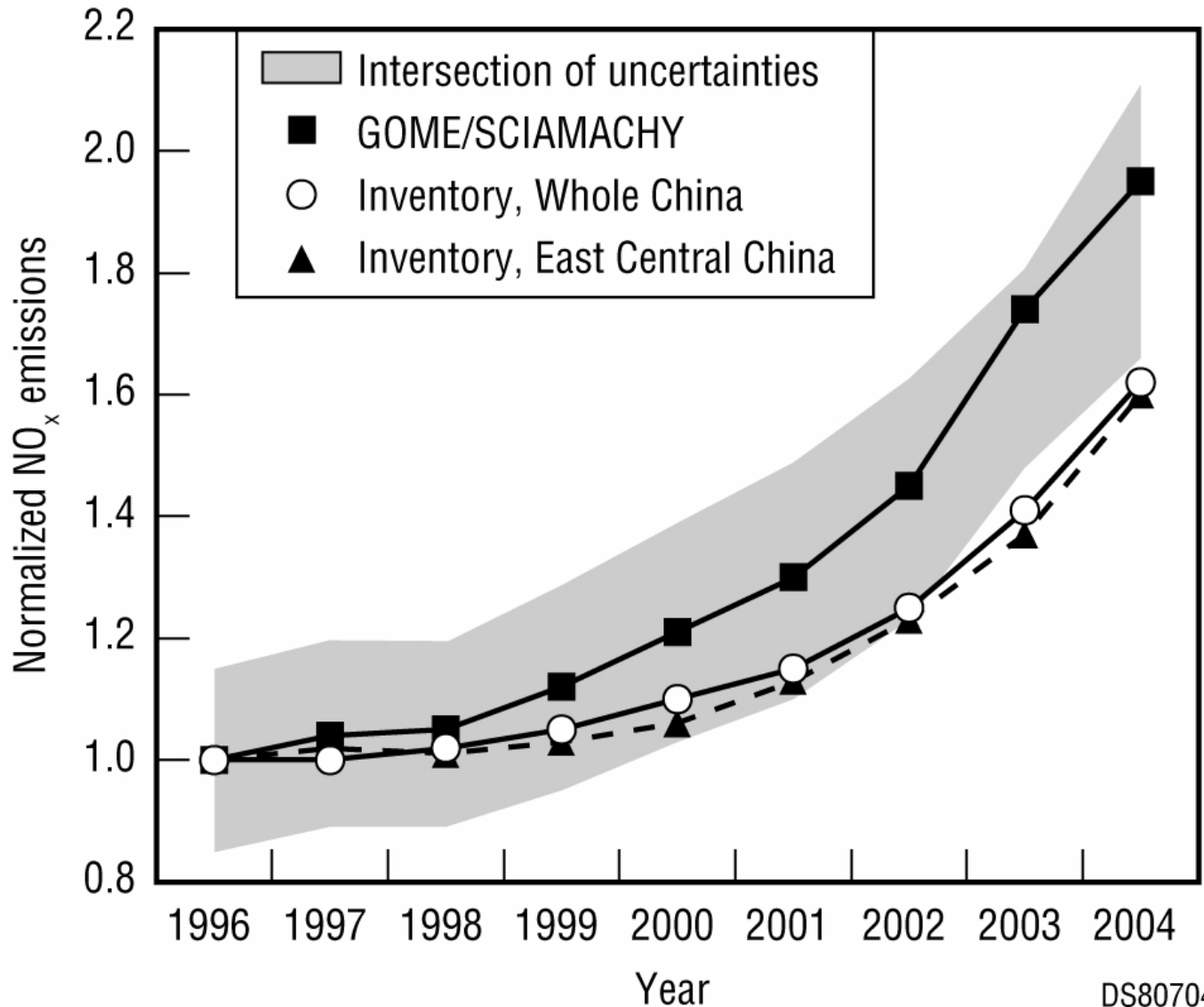


(b)

Comparison of emission inventories with satellite information

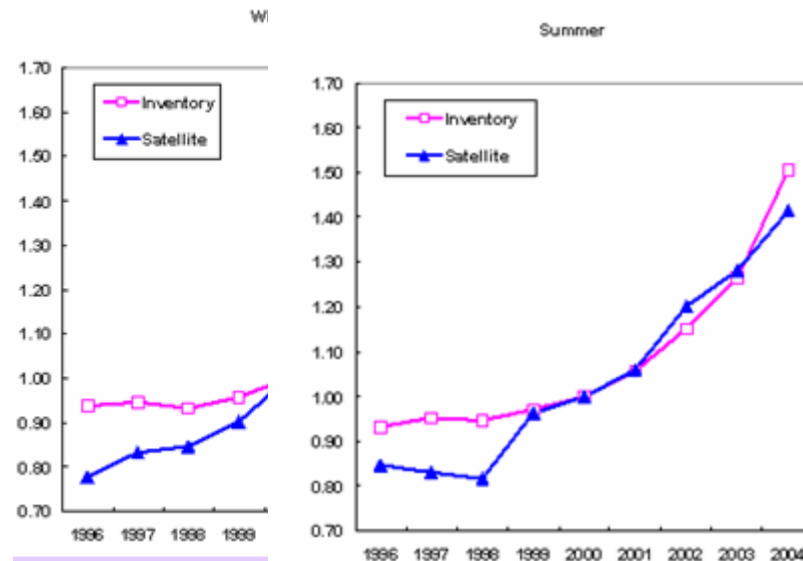
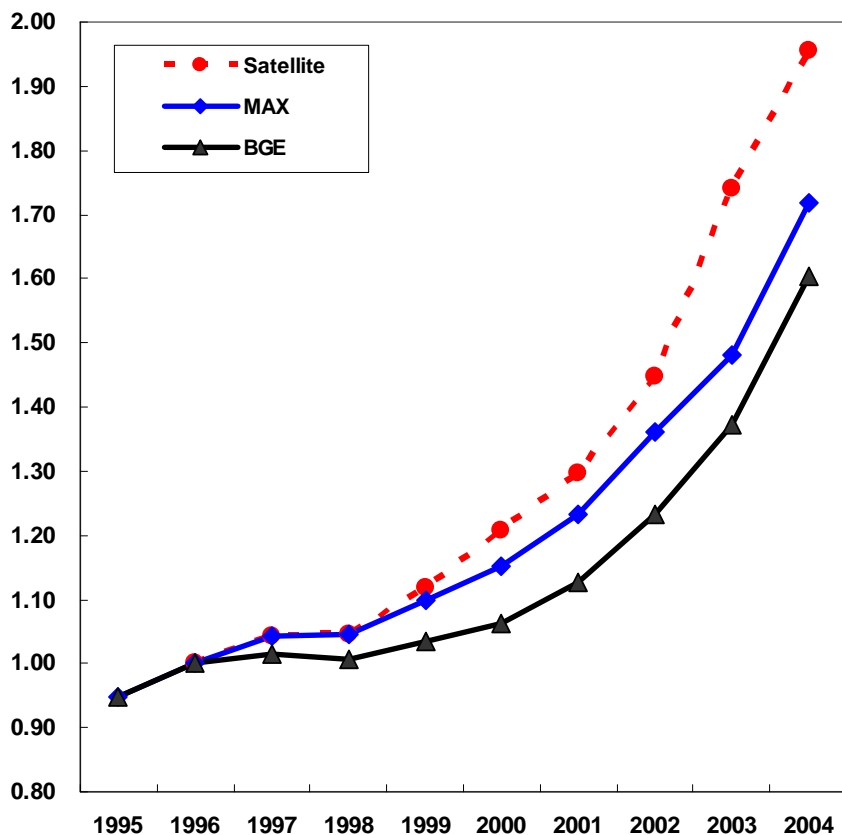


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Example: Detection of NO₂ changes II (Richter et al, 2007)

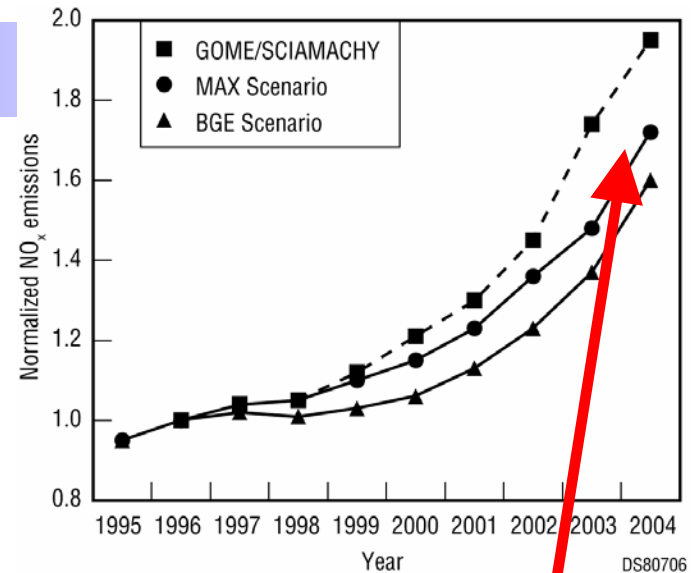


Q. Zhang et al., NO_x emission trends for China, 1995–2004: The view from the ground and the view from space, *J. Geophys. Res.*, 112, D22306, doi:10.1029/2007JD008684., 2007

- the latest bottom-up inventories agree qualitatively with satellite data
- summer values agree even quantitatively
- satellite problems in winter?
- strong seasonality in emissions?

Some possible reasons for differences between satellite retrievals and emission inventories in wintertime (Streets et al., 2007)

- Due to the lack of coal in recent years, power plants sometimes could not get enough high-quality coal in winter
- Vehicles emit more NO_x in winter from cold starts
- Energy use in winter may be underestimated, especially for residential and central heating
- Changing NO_x emissions injection height (getting higher)
- Sulfate concentration in winter has also increased over the years, which may increase the satellite-retrieved NO_2 columns
- Satellites fly over China in the morning; captured trend exaggerated due to dominance of traffic emissions?
- Can NO_x atmospheric lifetime contribute to 'double counting' of some emissions in retrievals?
- Underestimated NO_x emissions from N mineral fertilizers? Their use grew in this period by nearly 70%

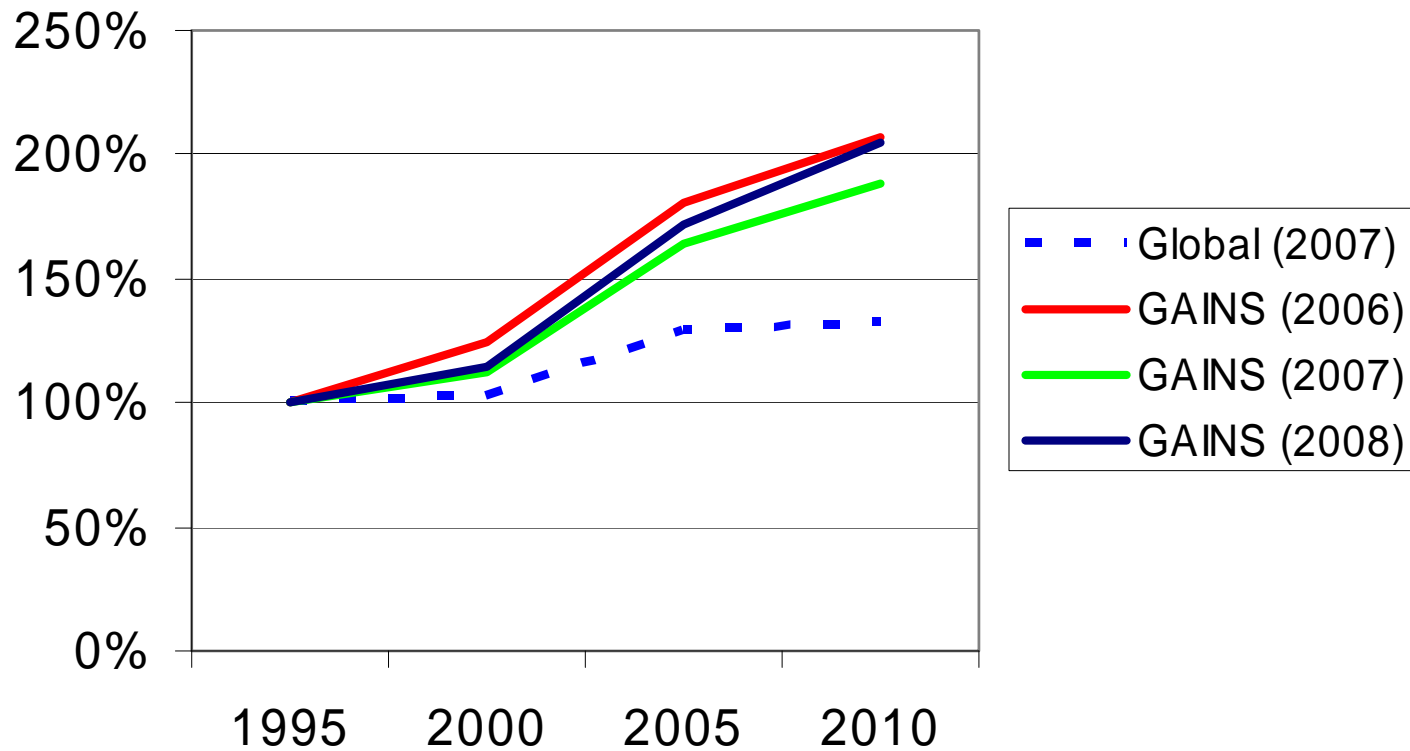


But, even with our highest inventory estimate, which maximizes parameter values, we cannot reproduce the satellite trend.

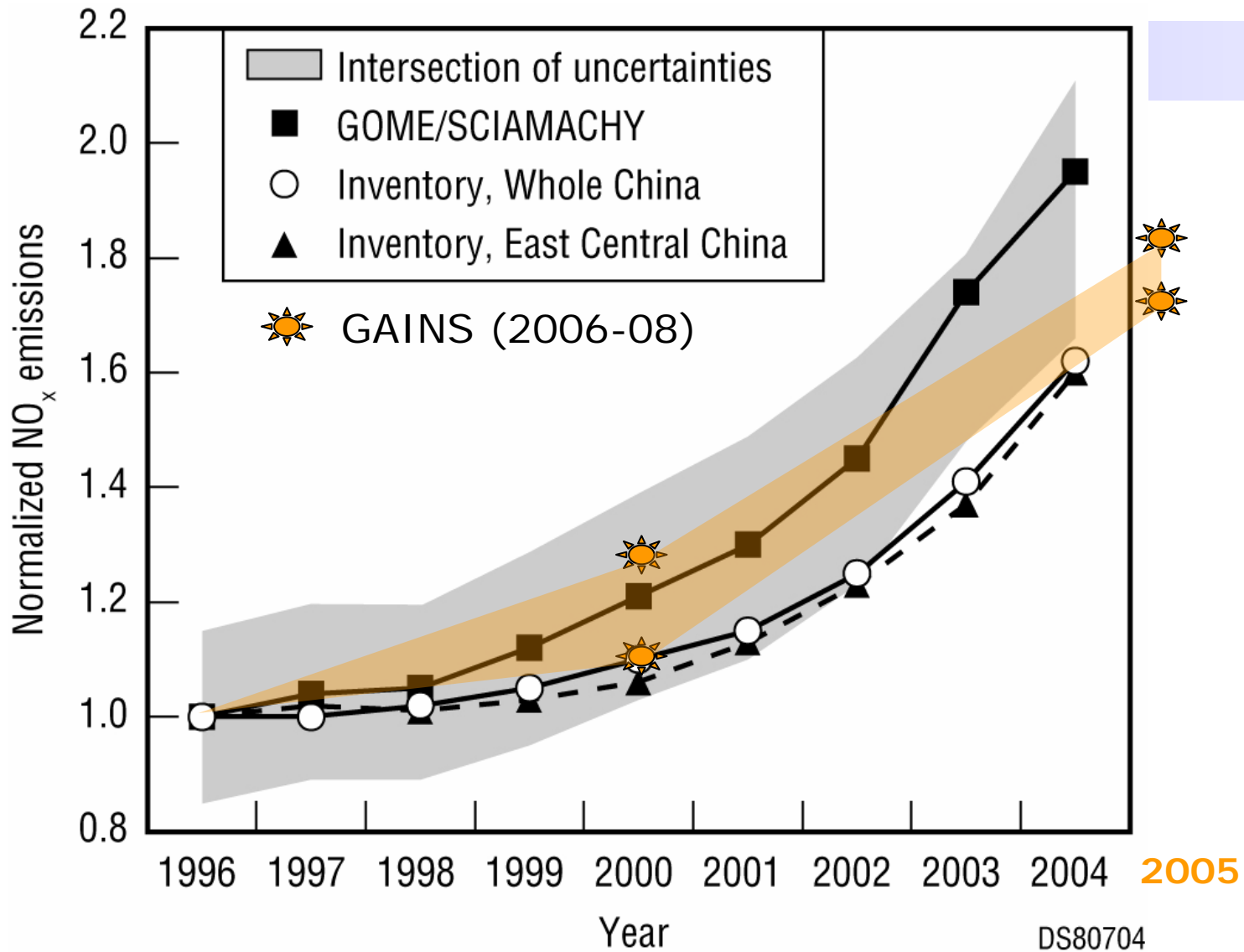
NOx emission estimates for China in GAINS



China



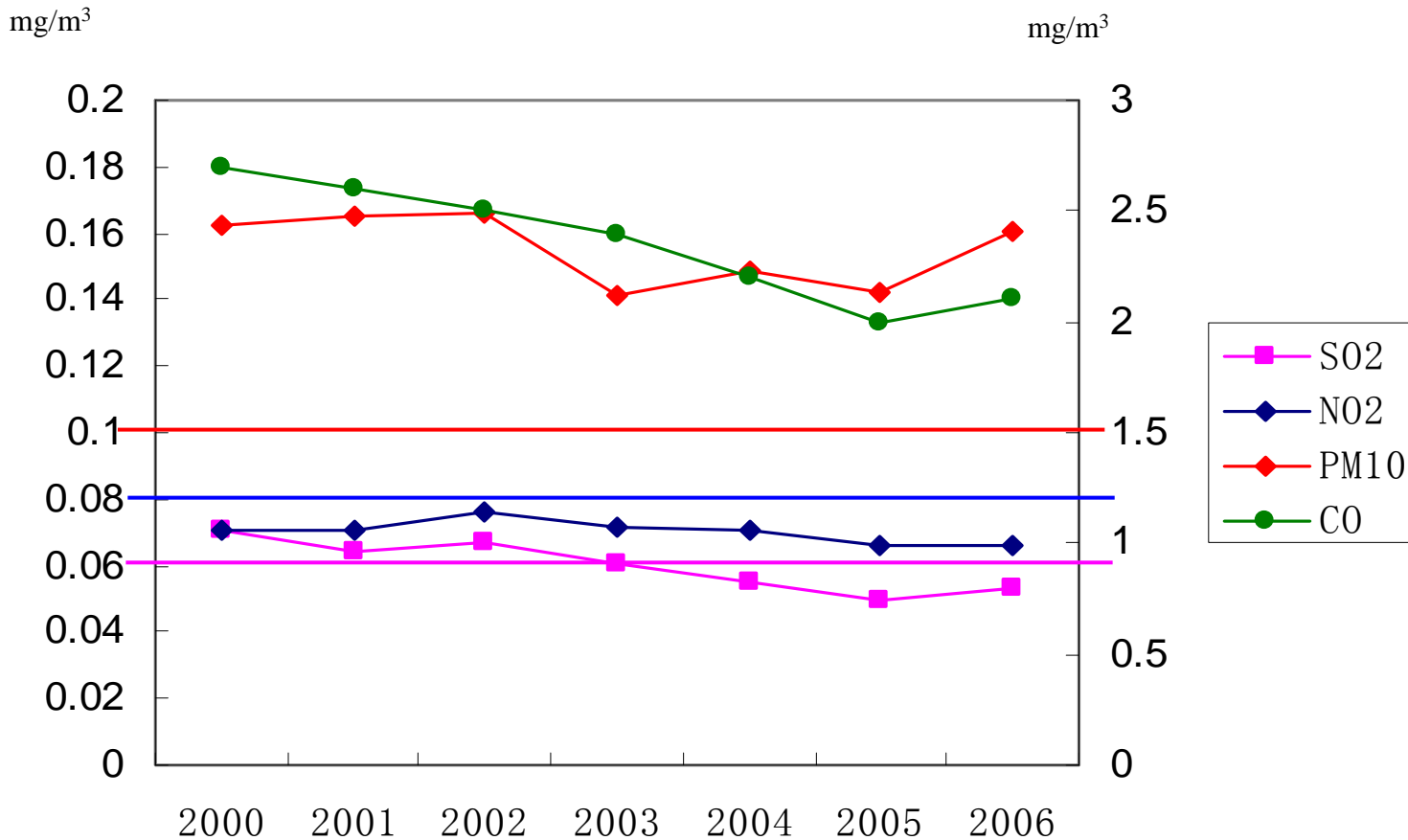
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Ambient Air Quality in Beijing

Trends of Air Quality in Beijing (Wang et al., 2007)



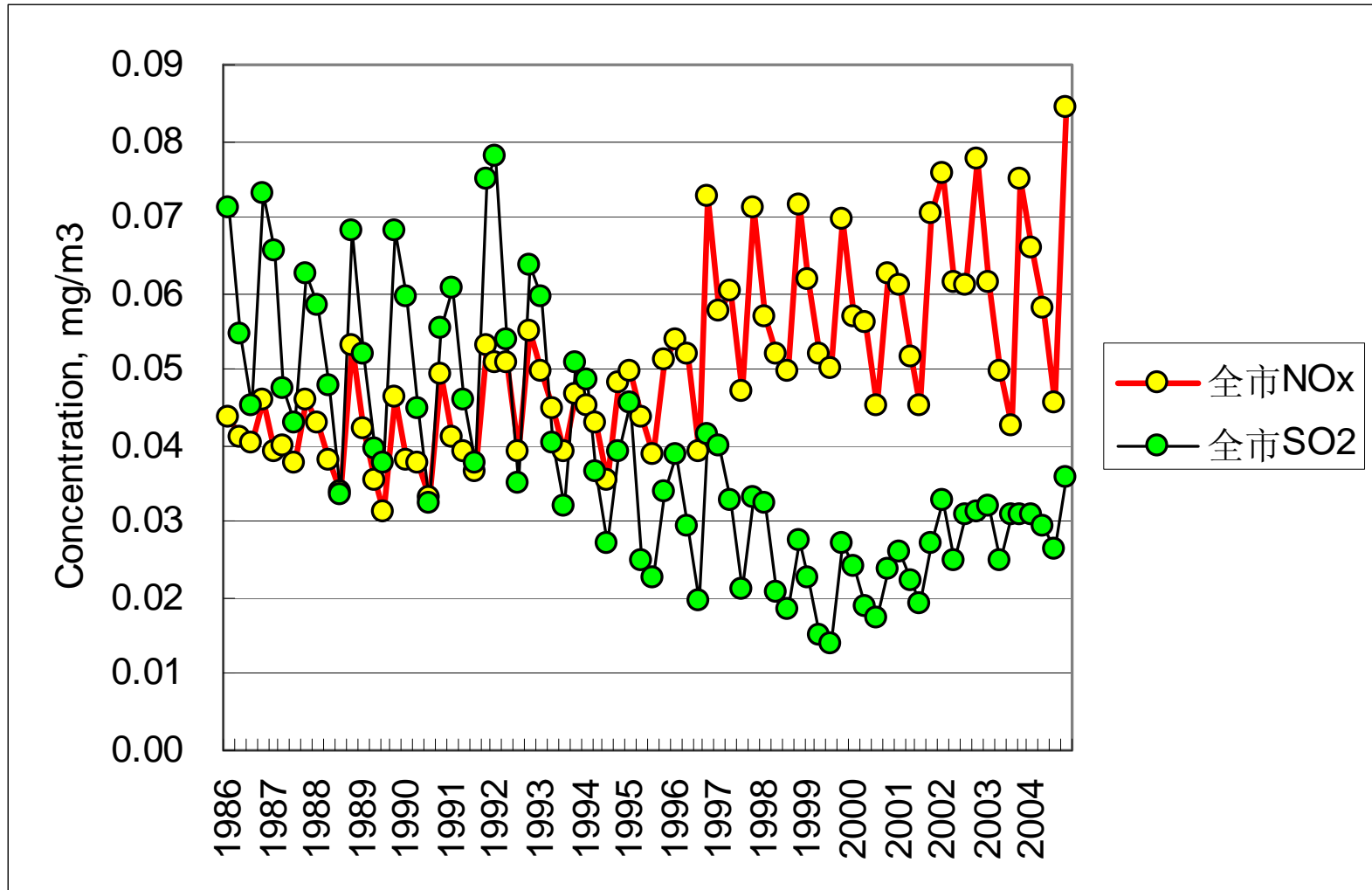
SO₂ : 25%↓

CO : 22%↓

NO₂ : 7%↓

PM₁₀ : 0.6%↓

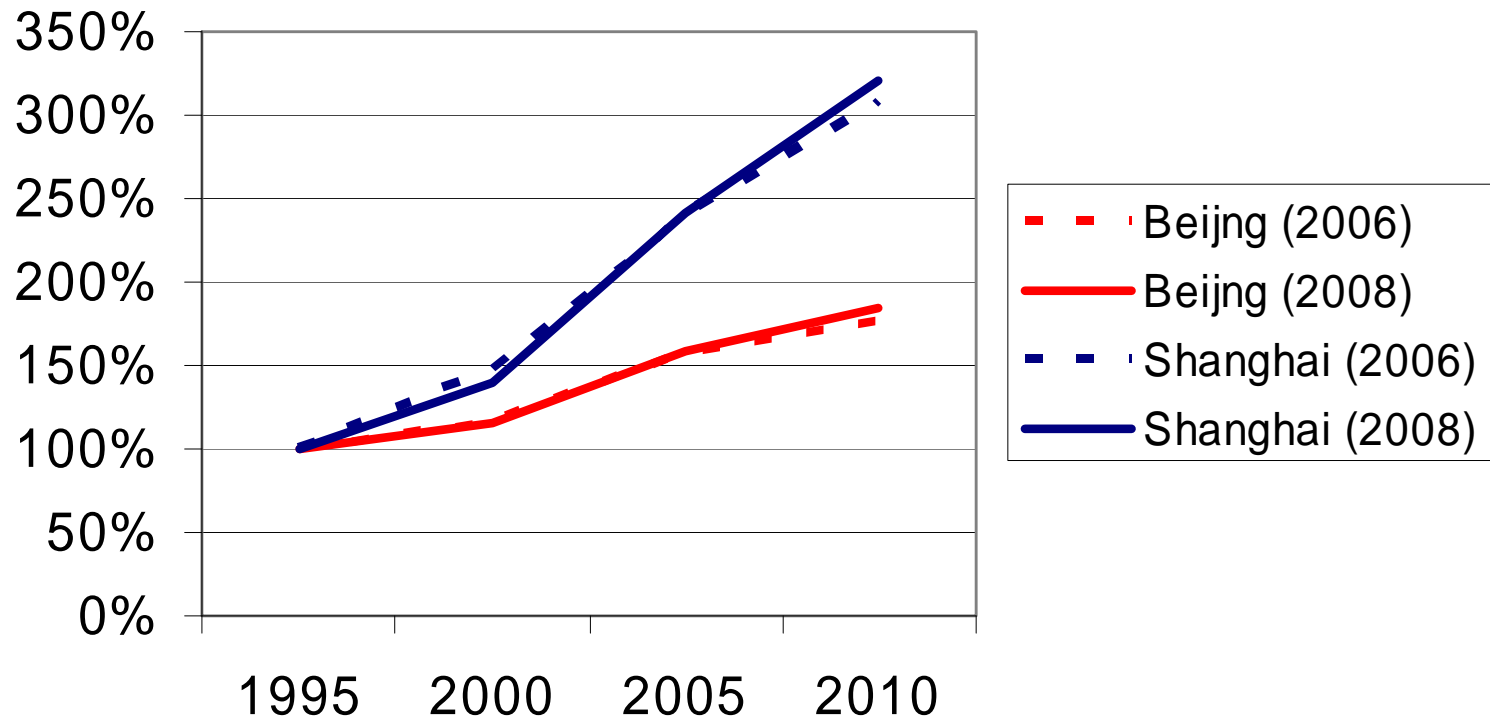
Trends of Air Quality in Shanghai (Wang et al., 2007)



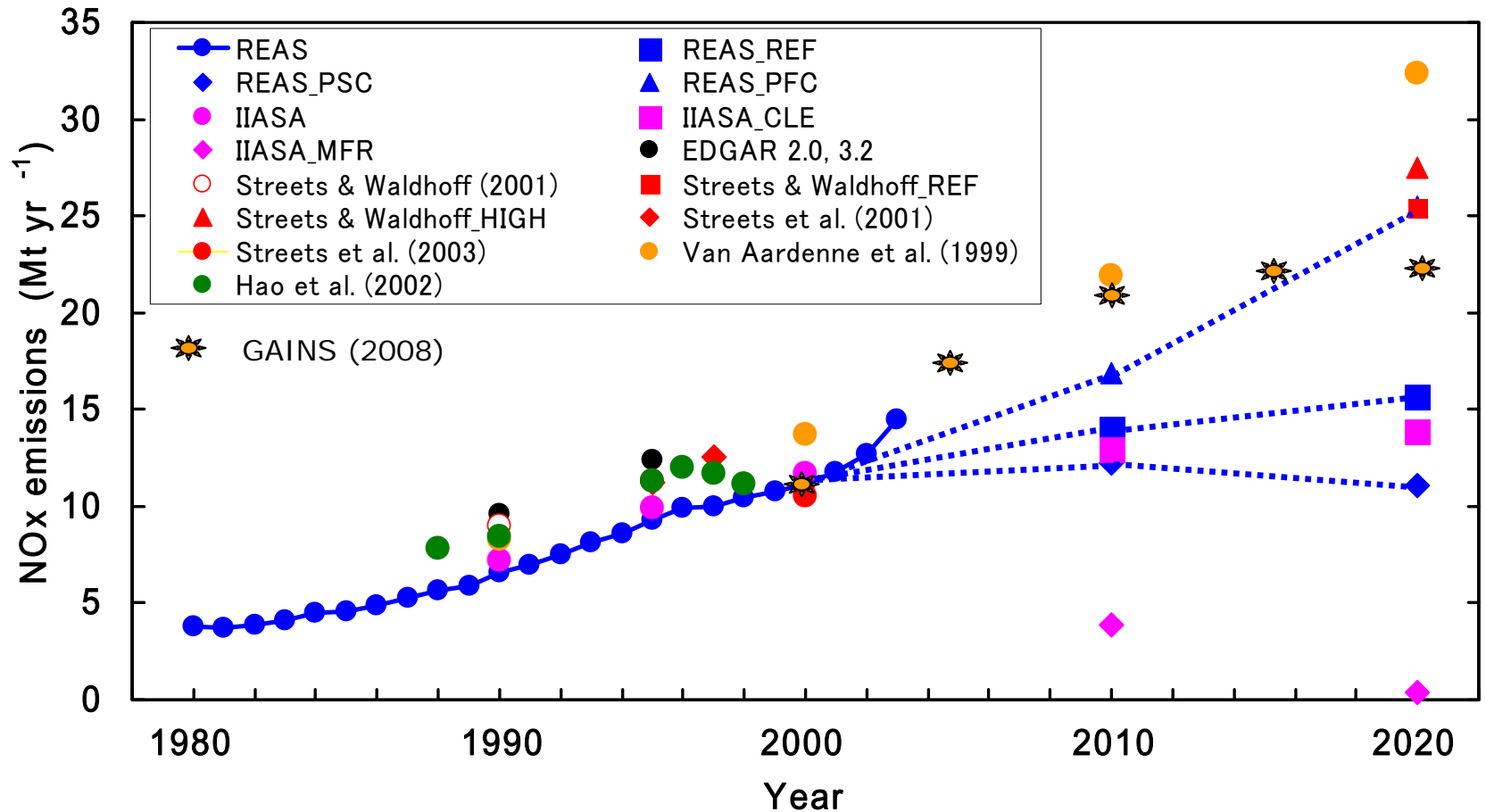
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Beijing and Shanghai



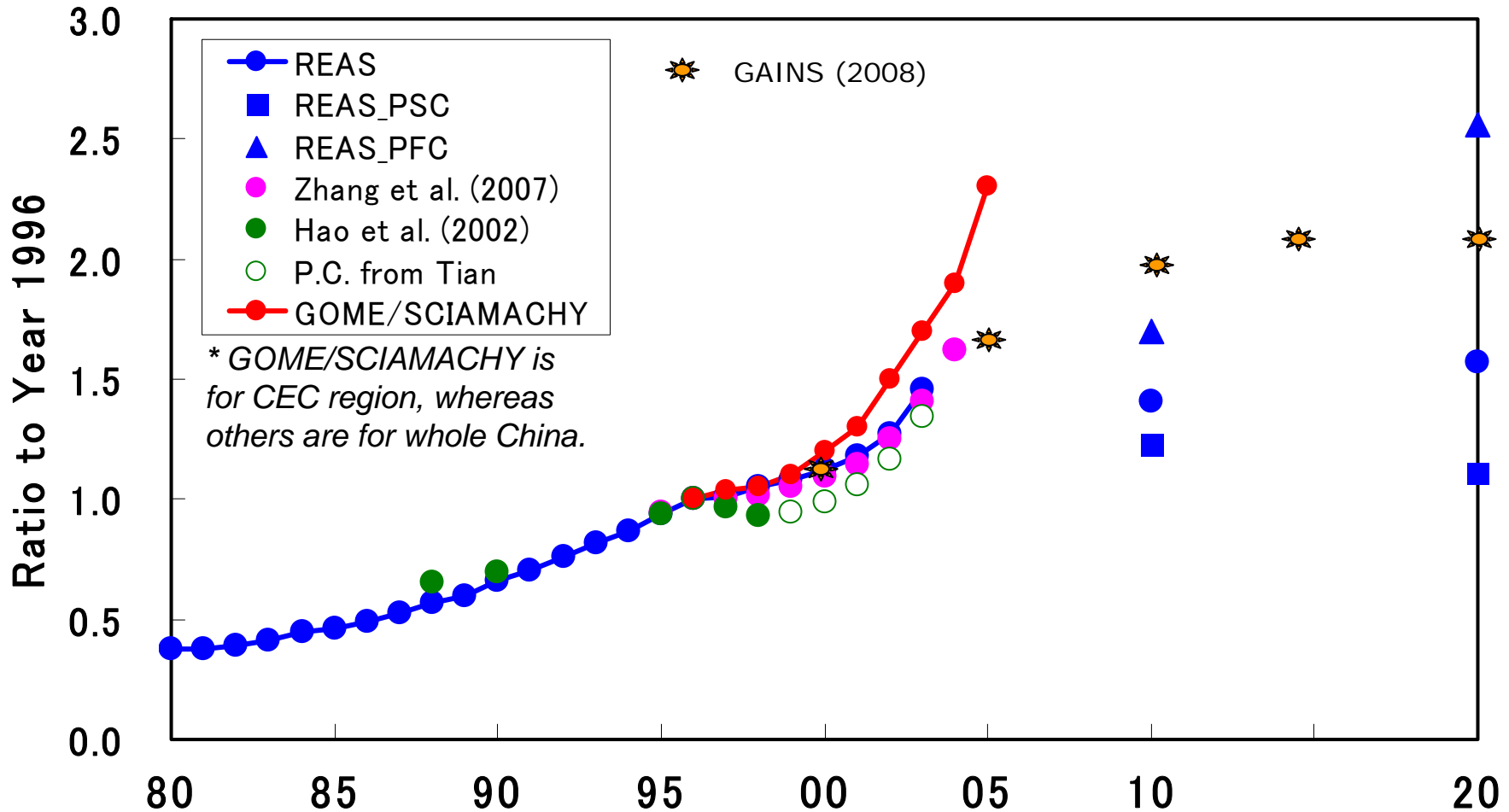
Comparison of time series of NO_x emissions in China (1) (Ohara et al., 2007)



Before 2000, the difference of NO_x emissions from each inventory is within 30 %. REAS is slightly lower.

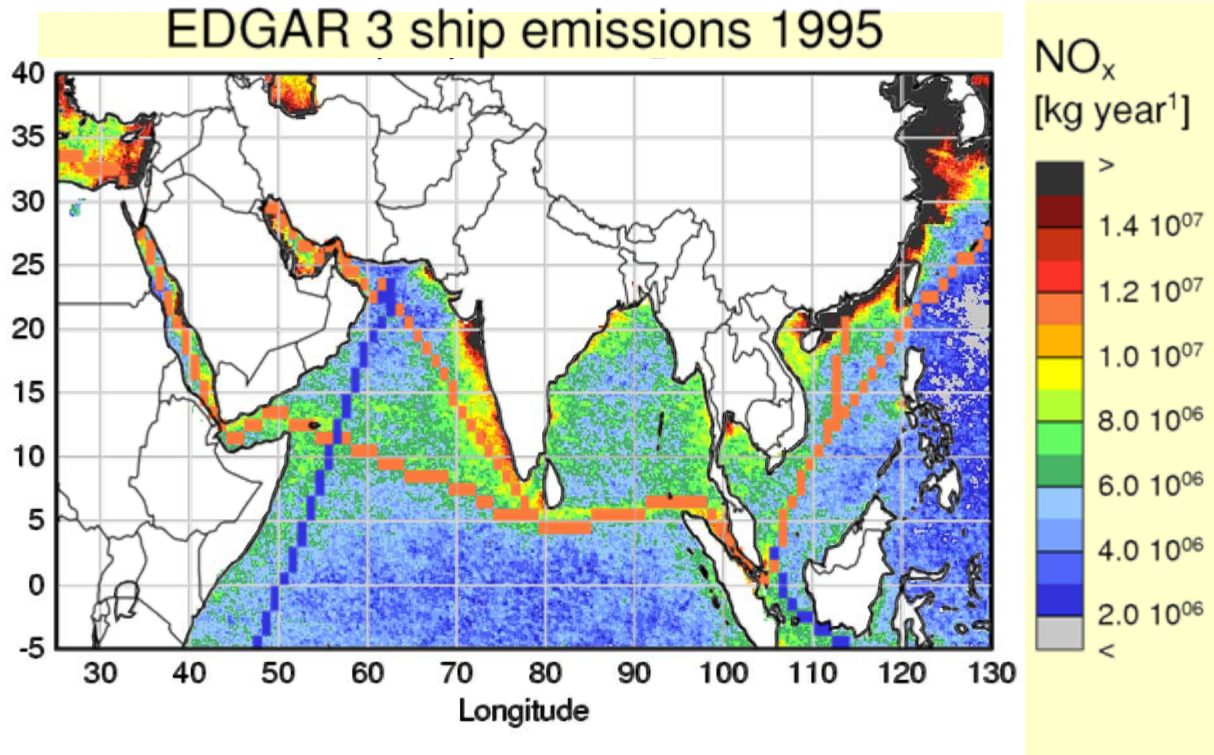
The results of future projection strongly depend on the scenario.

Comparison of time series of NO_x emissions in China (2) (Ohara et al., 2007)



Growths between 1996-2003 in three inventories is quite similar, although their methodology and input data are different each other. However, they are lower than that of GOME/SCIAMACHY NO₂ VCDs.

Example: Detection of Shipping Emissions (Richter et al., 2007)



Ship emissions:

- large source of NO_x, SO_x and aerosols
- relevant input into marine boundary layer
- well defined NO₂ patterns in Red Sea and Indian Ocean in SCIAMACHY data
- consistent with pattern of shipping emissions

With estimate of NO₂ lifetime, NO_x emissions can be estimated => agreement within error bars.

But: error bars still large (mainly from lifetime)

A. Richter et al., Satellite Measurements of NO₂ from International Shipping Emissions, *Geophys. Res. Lett.*, **31**, L23110, doi:10.1029/2004GL020822, 2004