Time Series Analysis of NO₂ Emission in a Global and Local Scale using OMI NO₂ Product

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- Nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) - a key component of urban air pollution.
- NO₂ degrades local air quality
- Emitted into troposphere by both anthropogenic and natural sources
- Effects in human health and environment





Ozone Monitoring Instrument – onboard the Aura satellite, a wide-field imaging grating spectrometer, providing daily global coverage at a nadir point horizontal resolution of 13×24 km² since October 2004.



Introduction

- Long-term and seasonal trend analysis of NO2 on a global scale to see the pattern of NO2 emission over the years from 2004 to 2013 using monthly data.
- Comparison of NO2 concentration in two mega cities Beijing and New York, to understand NO2 trend in the local scale over the period of time.

Objectives



The tropospheric NO2 information has been retrieved from the OMI sensor. The OMI (DOMINO v2.0) monthly data will be used in the study. Due to the limitation of the OMI sensor, the dataset only covers the 60° N to 80° S area.

Study area

New York

Beijing



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Linear Trend (OLS) result: shows the rate of change per month.





Linear Correlation result: linear correlation between the values of each pixel over time and a perfectly linear series.





Linearity (R^2) result: shows the degree to which a linear trend is present.





Median Trend result: also shows the rate of change per month. The result is very identical to OLS result.





Monotonic trend result: shows how consistently is the trend increasing or decreasing. The higher positive value indicates a trend that continuously increases and never decreases.

Result

New York





- US Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) nitrogen oxides (NO_x) Budget Trading Program (NBP) in and PlaNYC (GreeNYC) in 2007
- During 2005-2011 period, study has shown that NO2 emission has been highly increased (even doubled) in Beijing, and a significant decrease in the New York City (Hilboll et al. 2012).

Results Temporal Profile

New York



Beijing



Results Seasonal Trend



2008-2012



- Globally, greatest NO₂ emissions are from industrial and urban centers, with forest burning contributing a small amount in some seasons
- The strong seasonal pattern in NO₂ corresponds to greater heating and longer pollutant lifetime in winter
- Long-term trends: Emissions controls have successfully decreased NO₂ in some areas, while strong economic activity corresponds to increasing NO₂ in developing regions.
- The behavior of the government and public can effectively reduce the NO₂ emission.

Conclusion

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