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Detecting and monitoring unexpected emissions of controlled substances

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There are two essential components for detecting unexpected emissions of controlled substances:

1) *Well-quantified emissions* derived from atmospheric measurements

- * global totals
- * regional totals

2) *Well-defined expectations*

- * activity-based inventories
(from active use, production, banks, feedstocks, etc.)

Other examples:

CCl₄

HFC-23

Other possibilities (?):

CFCs:

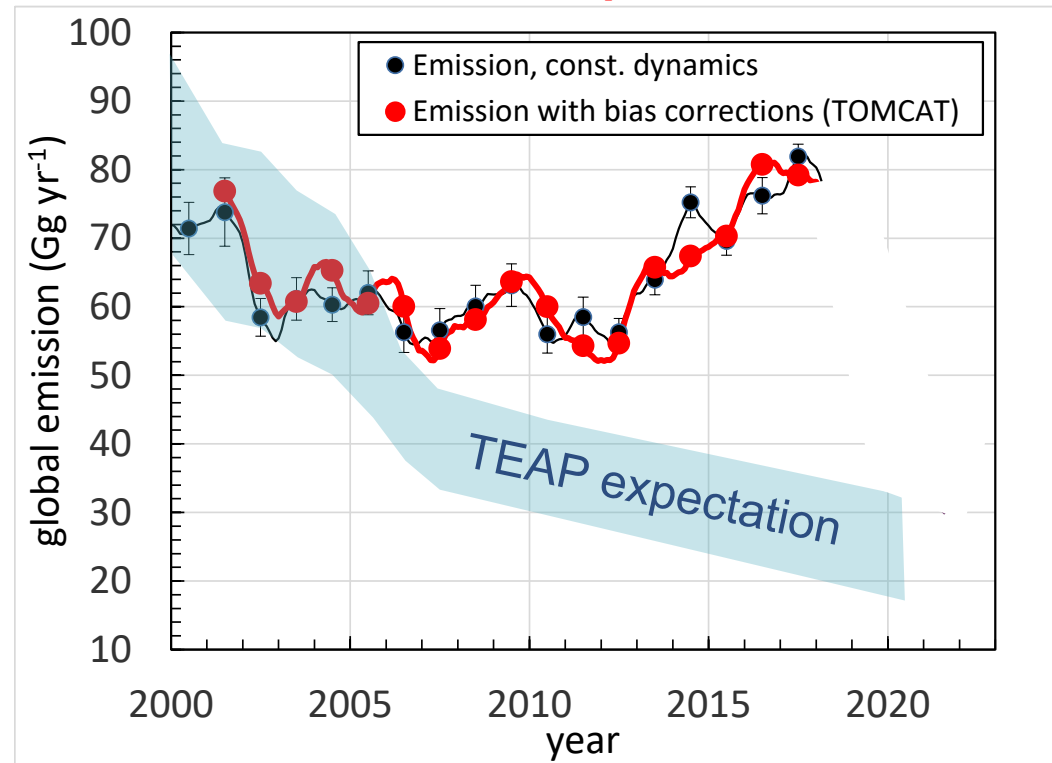
-12, -13, -113/a, -114/a, -115

HCFCs:

-141b, -133a, -132b, -31

Unexpected emissions are indicated when atmosphere-derived \neq expectation

Prominent example: CFC-11



For long-lived ODSs and their substitutes (e.g., not HFOs),

Global-scale atmospheric measurement networks

provide a measure of global emissions and changes over time

→ from all emissive processes

→ with some information about emission distributions

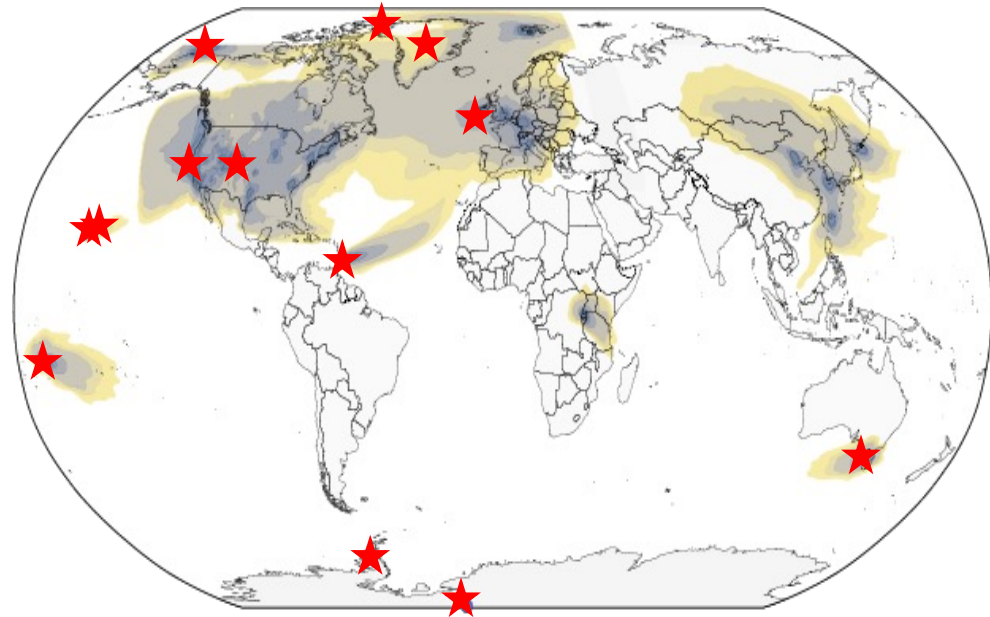
→ with low- or high-intensity operations

Atmosphere-derived global emissions are:

Key to identifying unexpected emission trends overall

But have limitations arising from

- * poor regional attribution*
- * uncertainties in loss (lifetimes) and its variability*
- * uncertainties in transport*



Red stars indicate sites typically used to derive global mean ODS and HFC abundance

For long AND short-lived ODSs and their substitutes (e.g., also HFOs),

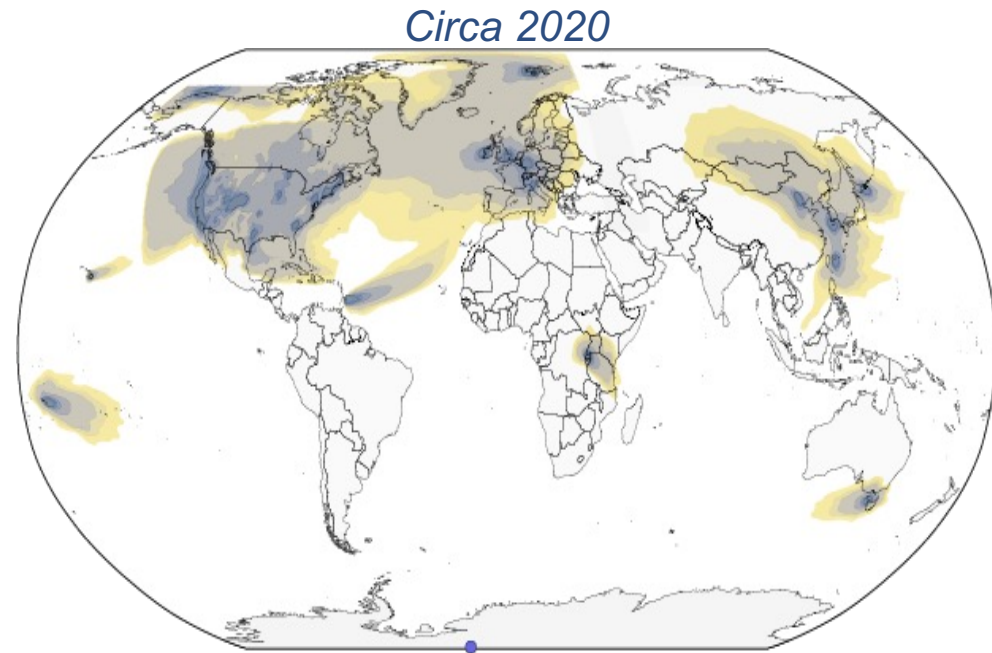
Regional-scale atmospheric measurement networks

provide a measure of regional emissions and changes over time

→ *from regions upwind (within 1000-2000 km)*

→ *are key for attributing global changes to specific regions*

- **Gaps in the network** limit our ability to account for global totals and attribute global changes to specific regions
- **A range of methodologies** provide the existing global coverage e.g., on-site vs. flask sampling



Shading indicate areas where emissions can be quantified on regional scales

Looking forward:

For atmosphere-based estimates

Improvements are slowly being realized

- * to enhance accuracy, regional specificity, and timeliness

Current limitations are mostly related to capacity vs. capability

- * *i.e.*, network gaps
- * multiple technical approaches can fill those gaps, depending on resource availability and on-the-ground expertise (flasks, on-site instruments, periodic surveys)