



# Efficient computation of global high-resolution Jacobian matrices for analytical inversions of satellite observations of greenhouse gases

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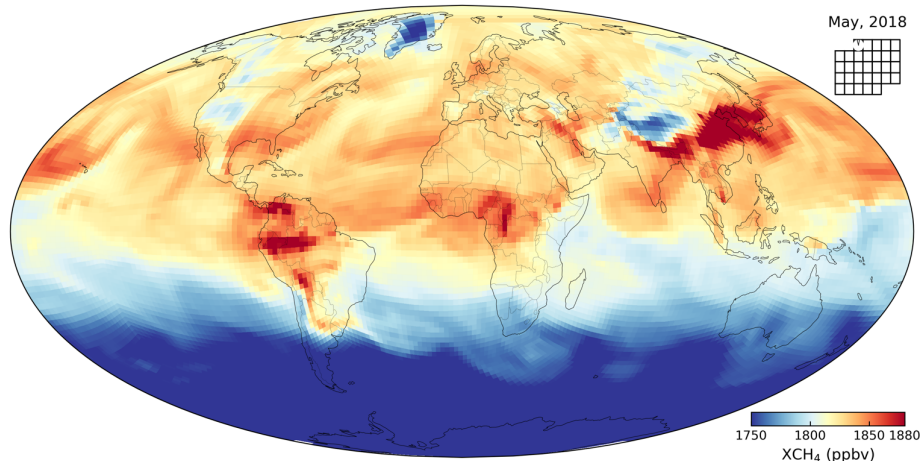
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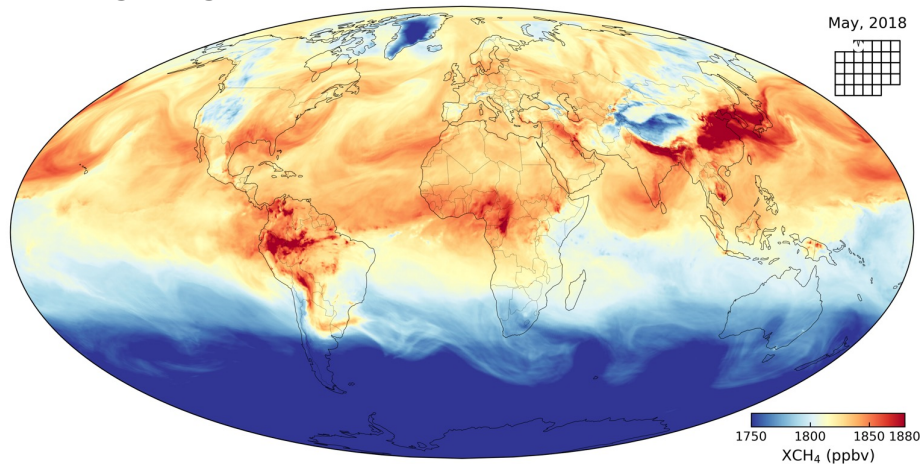
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# Low-resolution forward model limits the capability to exploit growing high-resolution satellite observations in inverse analyses

$\approx 200 \times 200 \text{ km}^2$



$\approx 25 \times 25 \text{ km}^2$



Global  $\approx 200 \times 200 \text{ km}^2$

Resolution degradation

Global  $5.5 \times 7 \text{ km}^2$

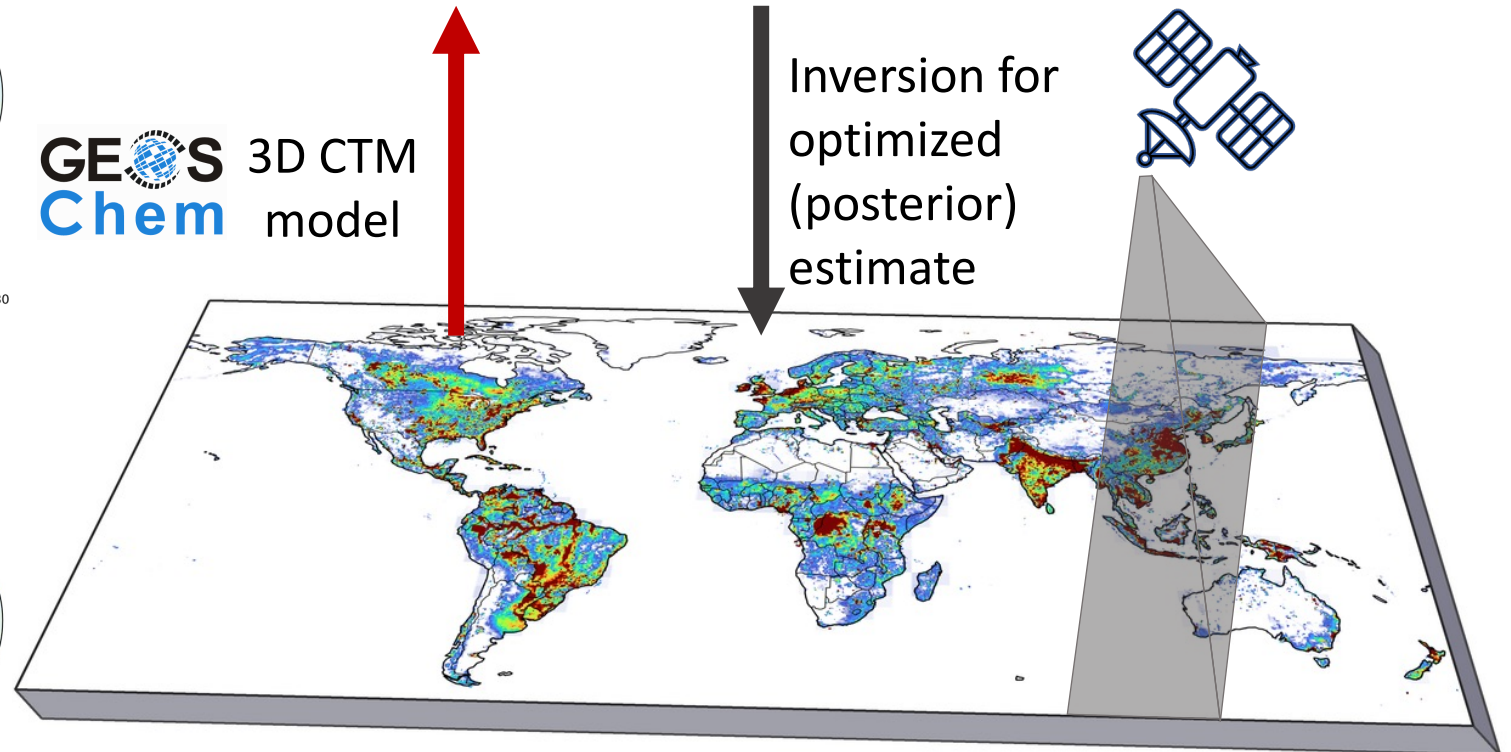
Simulated concentrations

compare

Satellite observations

GEOS Chem 3D CTM model

Inversion for optimized (posterior) estimate



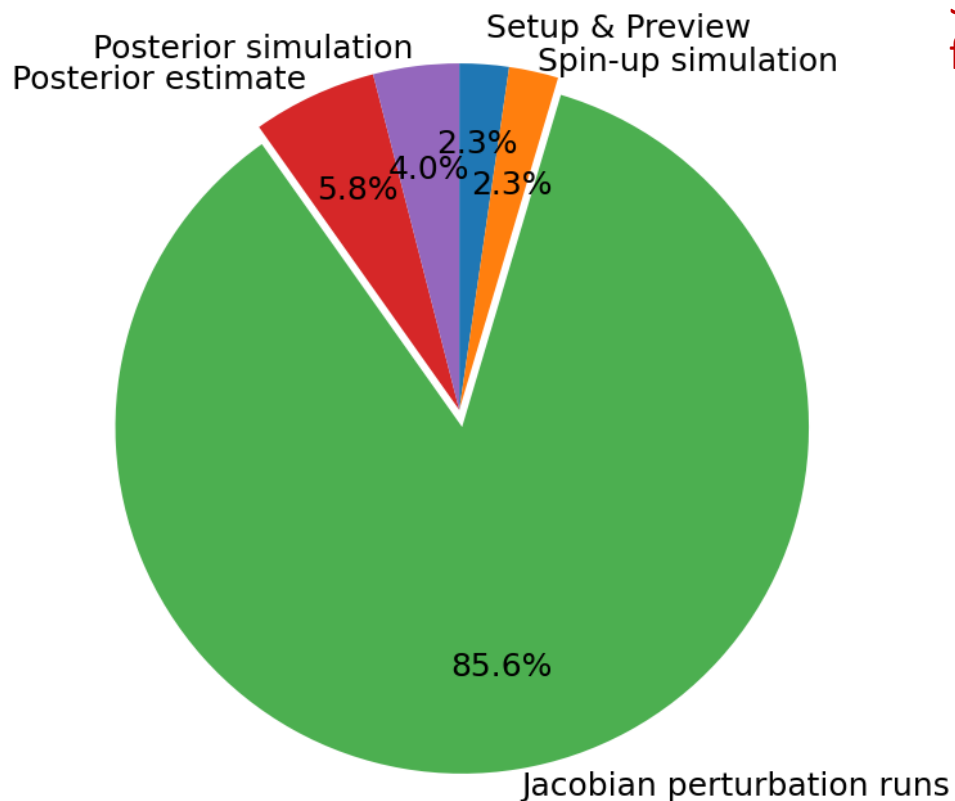
Prior estimate from bottom-up emission inventories

# Analytical inversion with explicit Jacobians is computationally demanding

Constructing Jacobian sensitivity dominates IMI computational cost

Jacobian sensitivity matrix ( $J$ ):  $[j_1, \dots, j_i, \dots, j_n]$   
 Concentration difference upon emission perturbation

IMI Computational Cost Breakdown for a 1-Month Permian Inversion

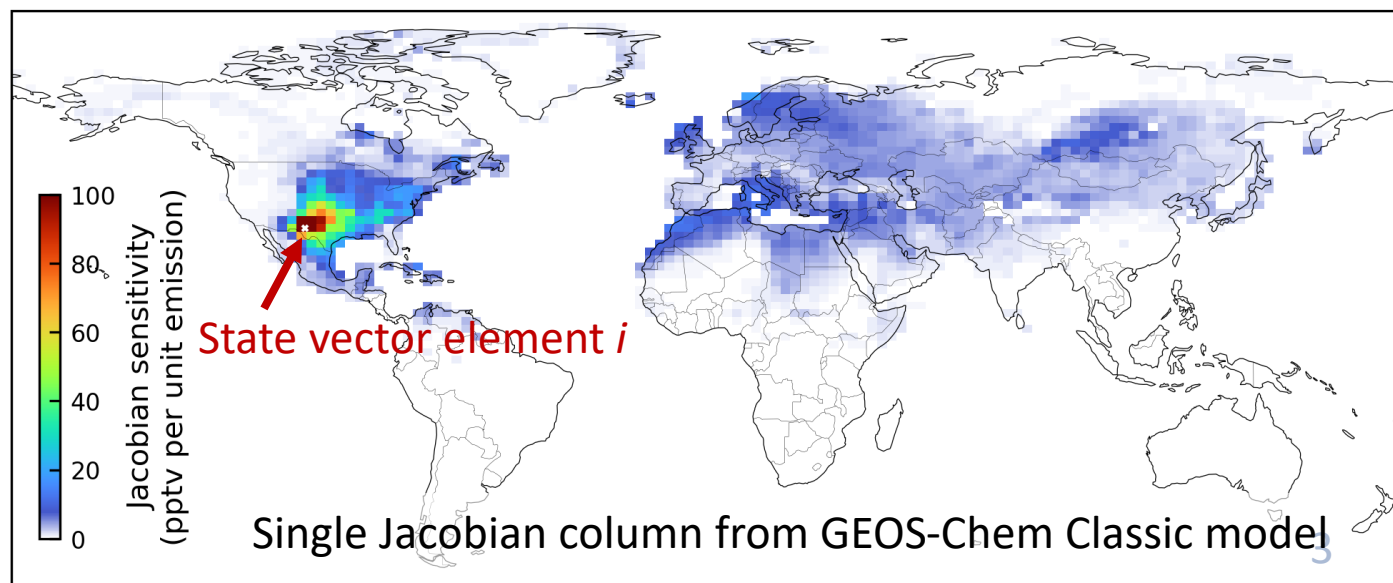


Single Jacobian column for state vector element  $i$   $\rightarrow j_i = \frac{dy}{dx_i}$

- ← Concentration difference for all domain pixels (global/regional)
- ← Emission perturbation for single state vector element  $i$  (one pixel)

$n$ : # of state vector elements

Global concentration response from single emission plume sampled at TROPOMI observations



Ref: Varon et al., 2022, *Geosci. Model Dev.*



# Solution: Global adaptive fine resolution enabled by stretched GCHP

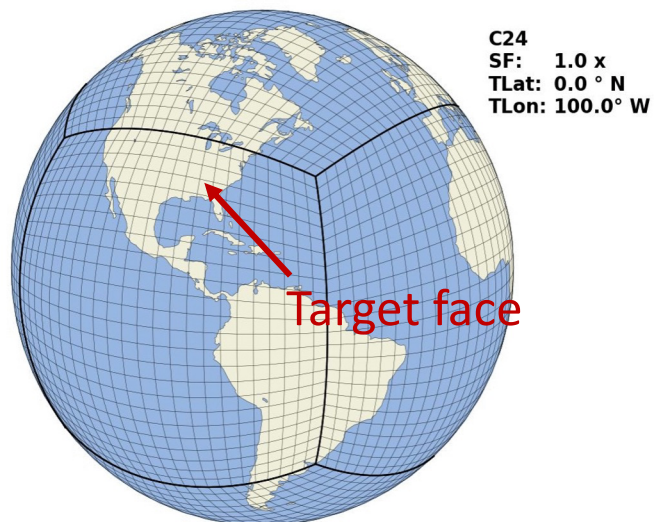
Reduce computational cost for each state vector element by 100 times



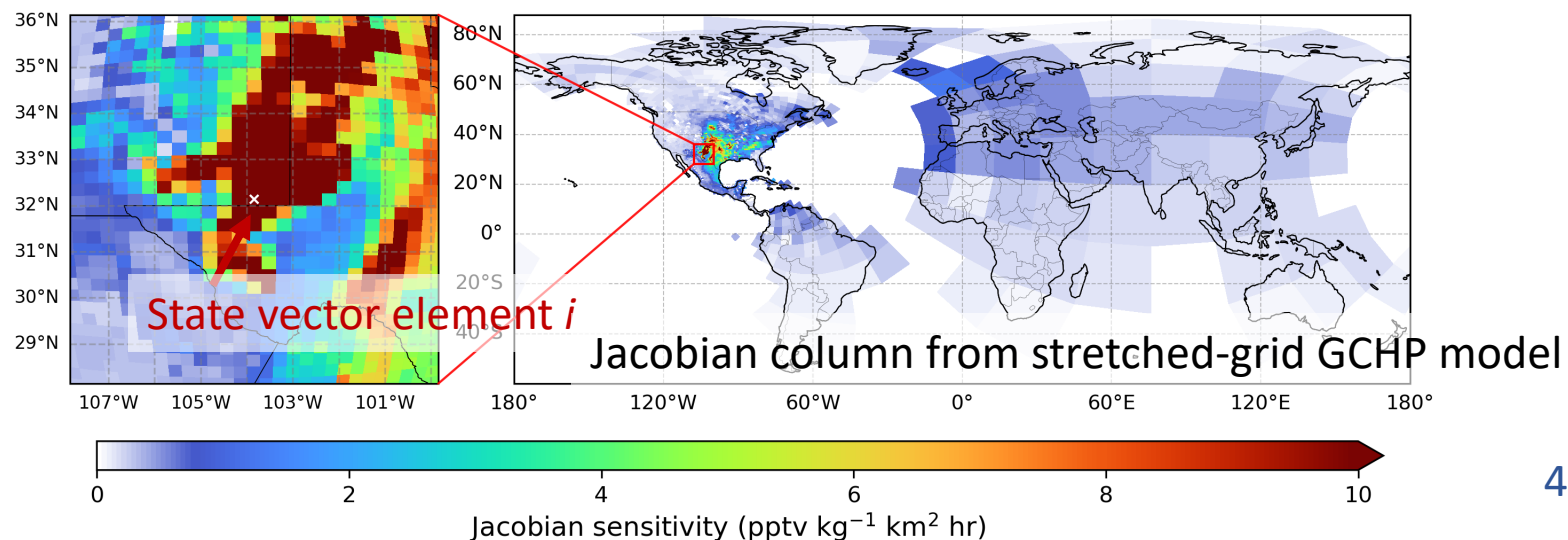
GCHP: multi-node parallelization  
Global fine-resolution capability  
but computationally demanding

Stretched-grid GCHP simulation

- Computational cost of a coarse simulation
- Near-field finer resolution
- Global mass conservation & OH sink optimization

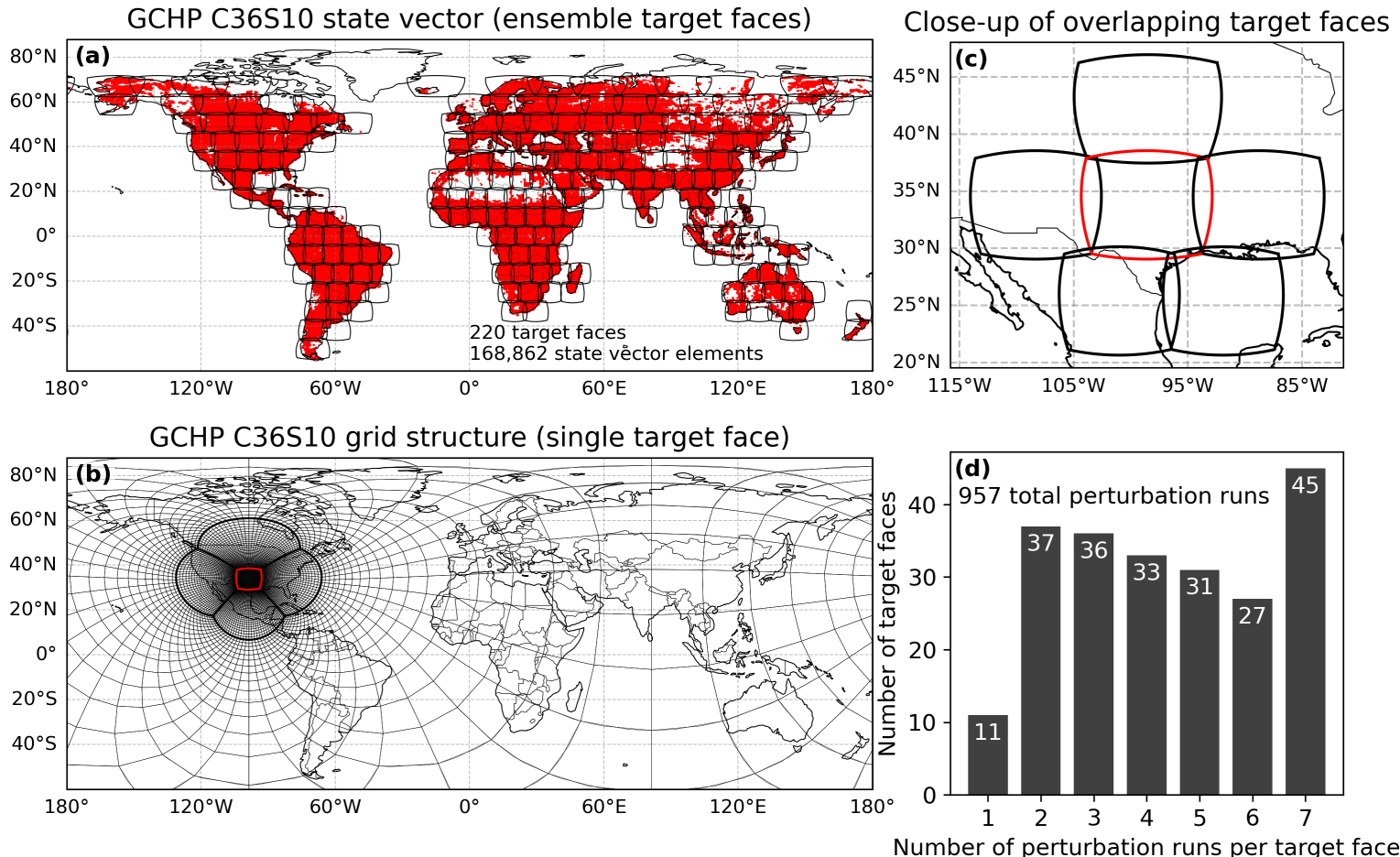


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# Stretched-grid GCHP for global fine-resolution Jacobian sensitivity matrix

## New practical capability of the methane inversion at global 25-km resolution



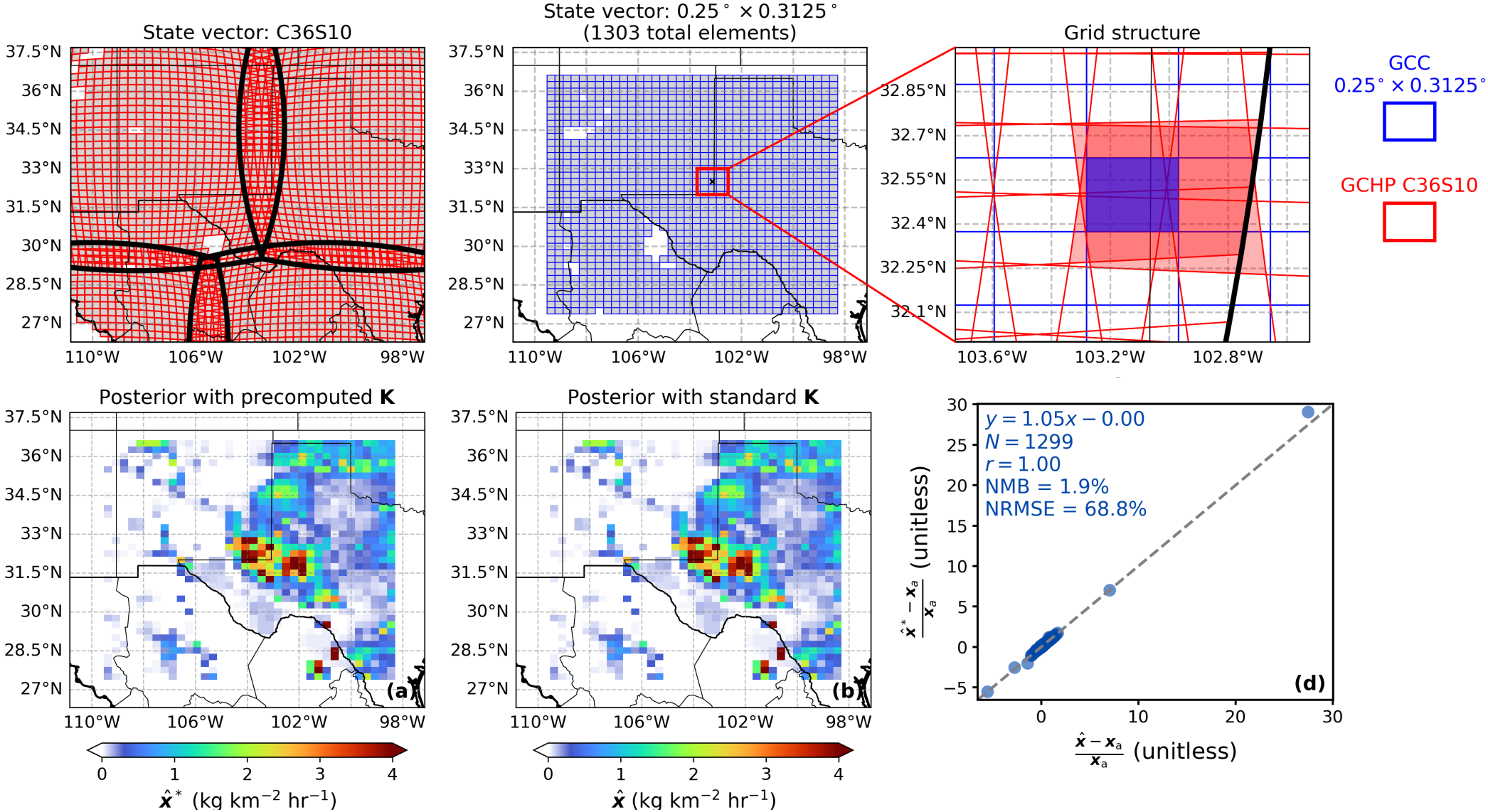
Ensemble stretched-grid GCHP

- 220 target faces
- 168,862 state vector elements
- 957 total perturbation runs

BUT

- x100 less computational cost
  - x100 less storage requirement (0.5 TB at C36S10 vs. 50 TB at C360)
- for full-year Jacobian archive than regular uniform C360.

# Conservative remapping of C36S10 Jacobian archive enables $0.25^\circ \times 0.3125^\circ$ regional IMI inversions anywhere at 10x less compute time



# Take-aways

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- Stretched-grid GCHP enables the construction of Jacobian at global 25-km resolution with x100 less computational cost and x100 reduced storage requirement
- Using archived global 25-km precomputed Jacobian from stretched GCHP reproduces the posterior estimate using standard IMI with computational cost reduced by ~90% => Low-cost regional inversion over any region and any period within the archiving year.
- Next step:
  - Constructing and archiving global 25-km Jacobians from stretched GCHP on AWS
  - A global full-year 25-km inversion of TROPOMI methane observations in 2024
  - Application of ML to extend global 25-km Jacobians to other years