

**NOVAC**

# A Global Network for Observation of Volcanic Gas Emissions and studies of Atmospheric Change

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Based on results  
from EU-project  
DORSIVA



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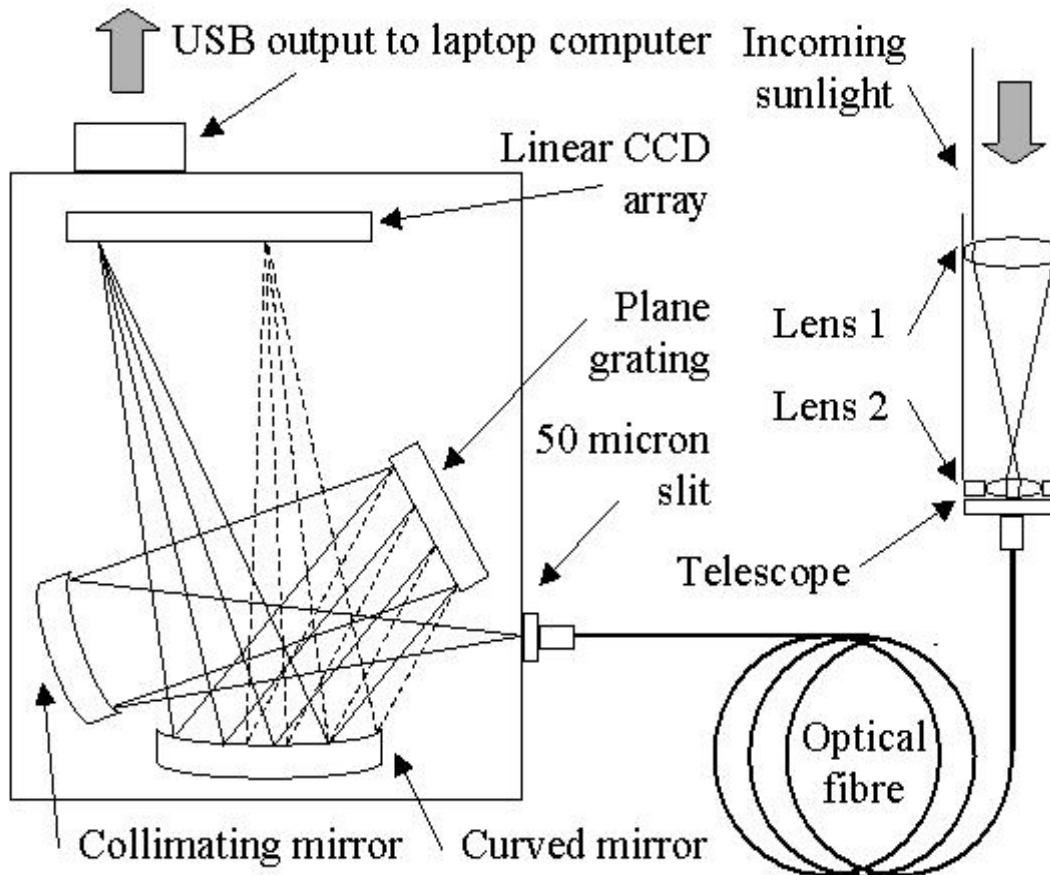
Development of Optical Remote Sensing  
Instruments for Volcanic Applications

EU-project 2002 - 2005

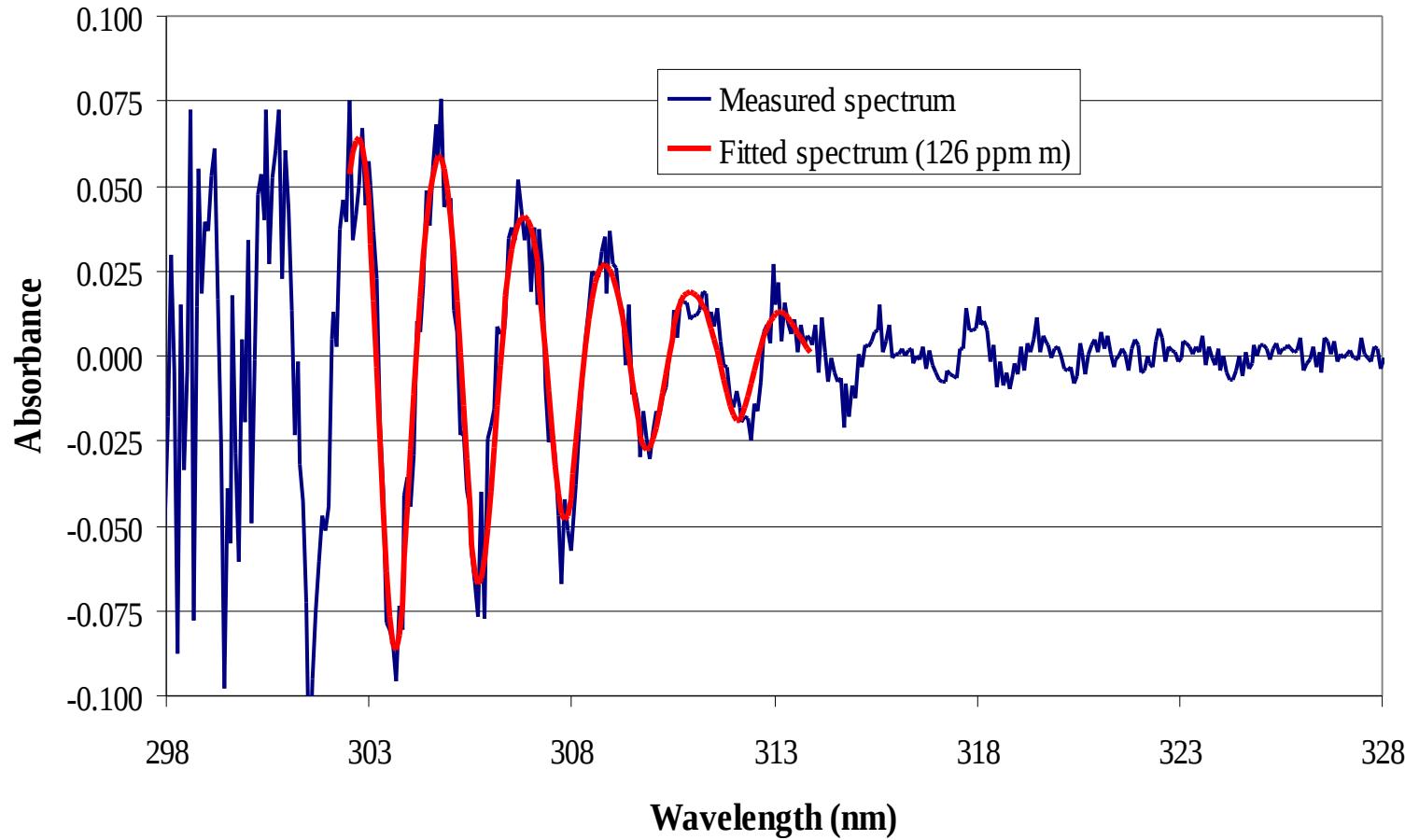
Aim:

To develop robust and reliable  
optical remote sensing instruments  
and measurement strategies for  
surveillance of volcanic gas  
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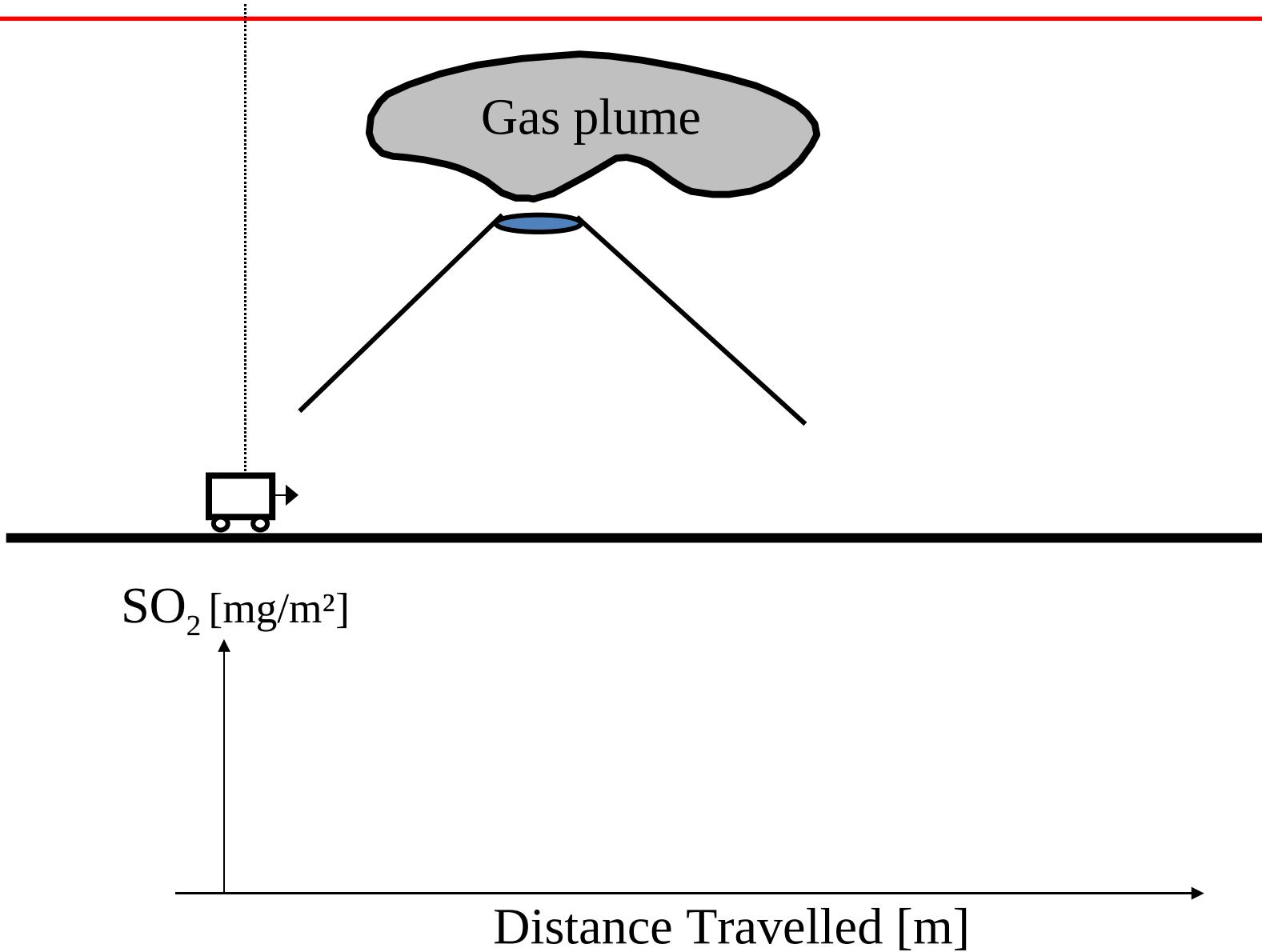
# The Mini-DOAS instrument



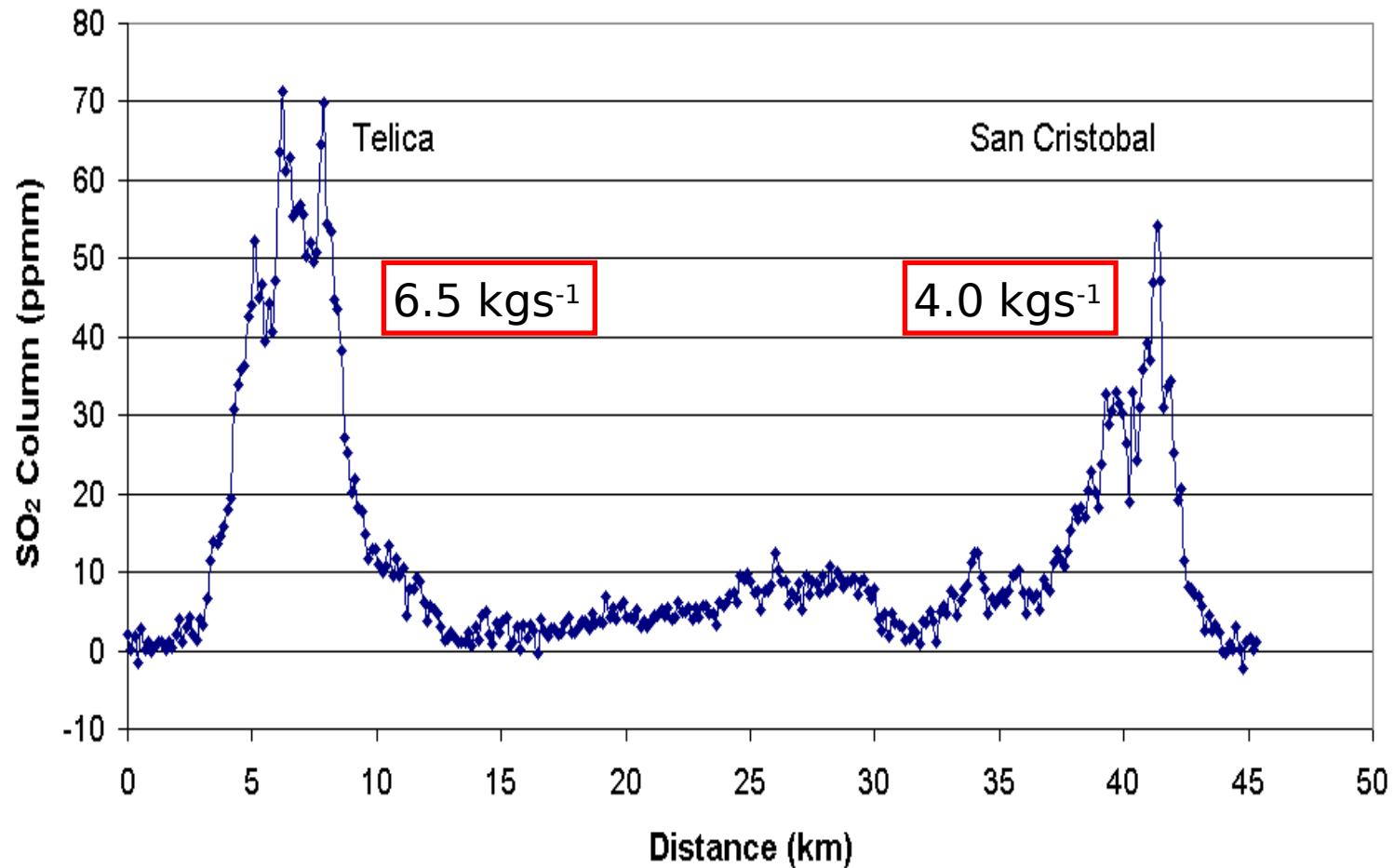
# Typical mini-DOAS SO<sub>2</sub> spectrum



# Mobile mini-DOAS



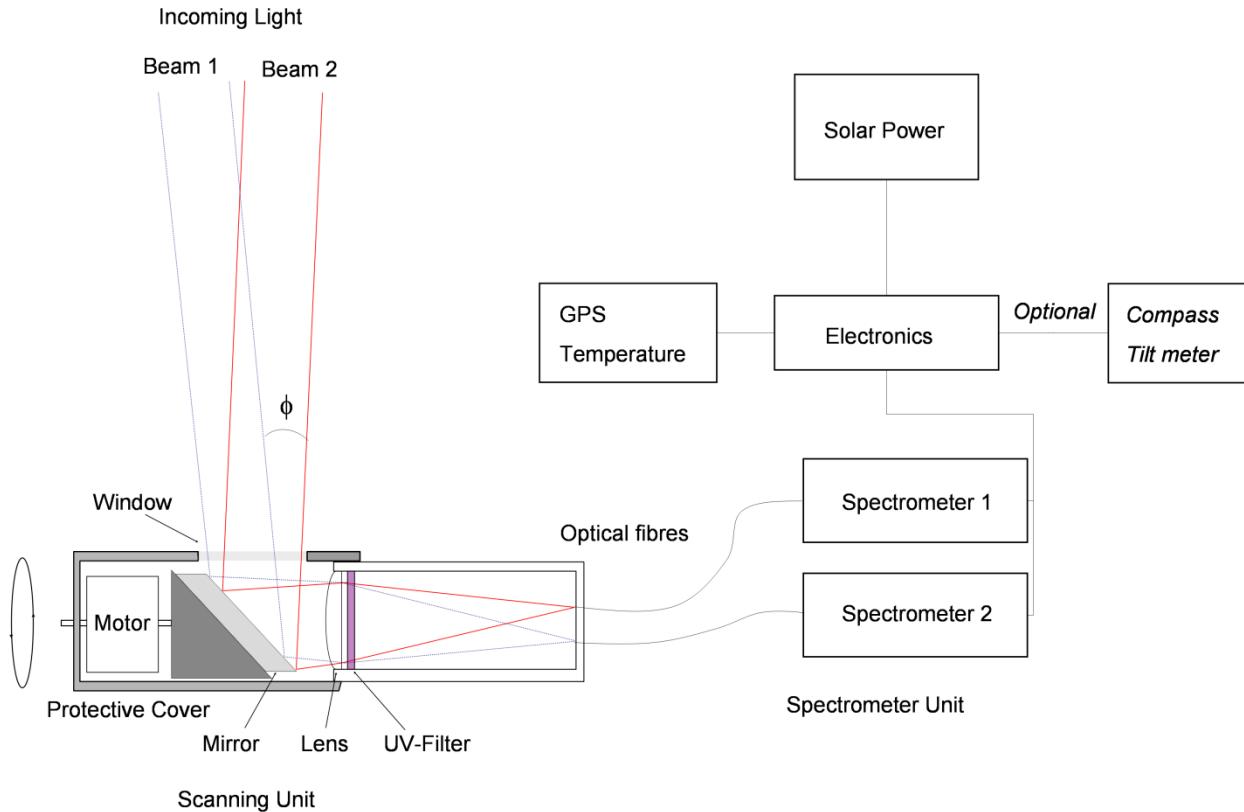
# Mobile flux measurements



Poas Volcano, Costa Rica 2002



# The Scanning Mini-DOAS instrument

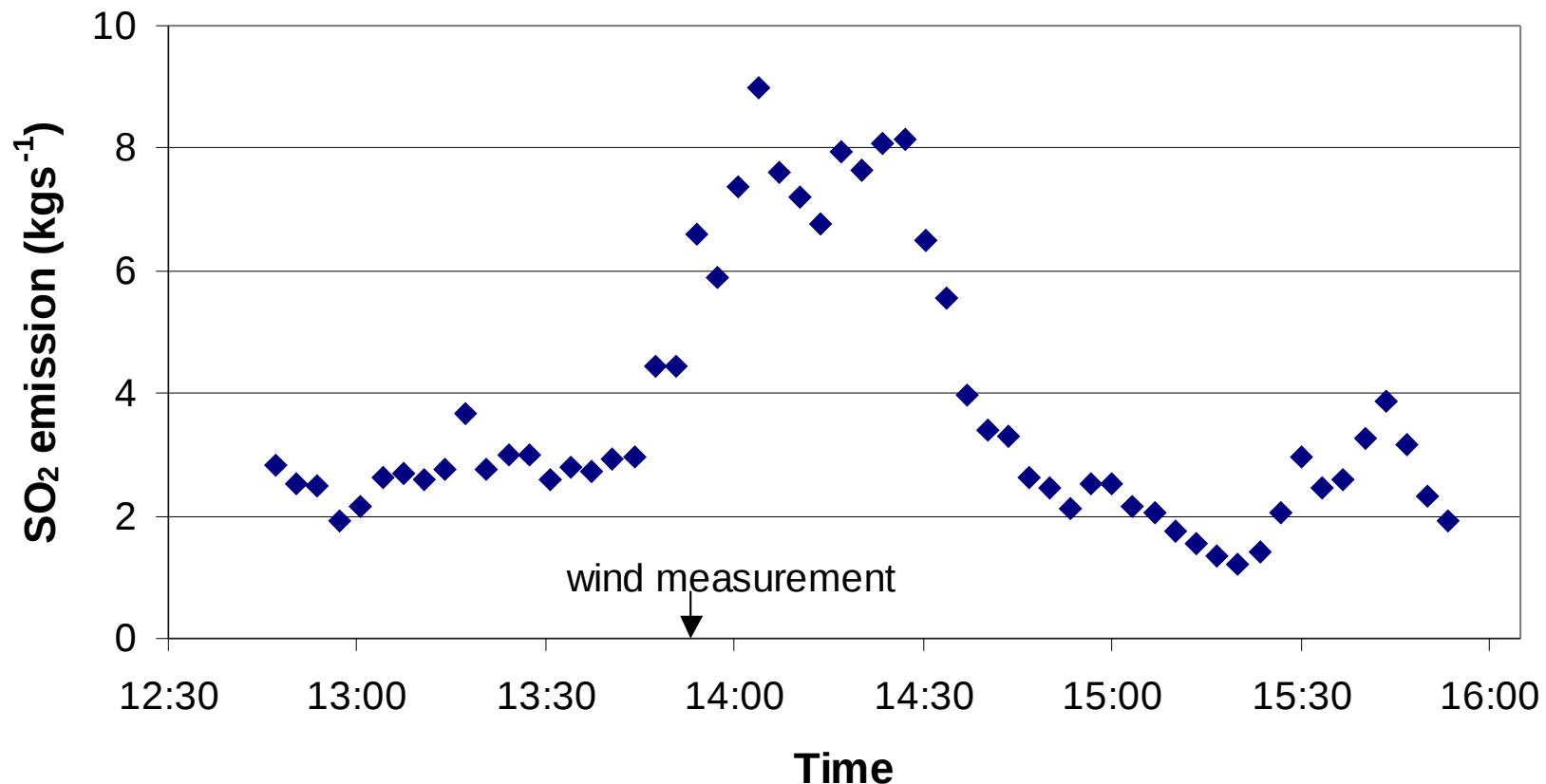


San Cristobal, Nicaragua, Nov. 2006

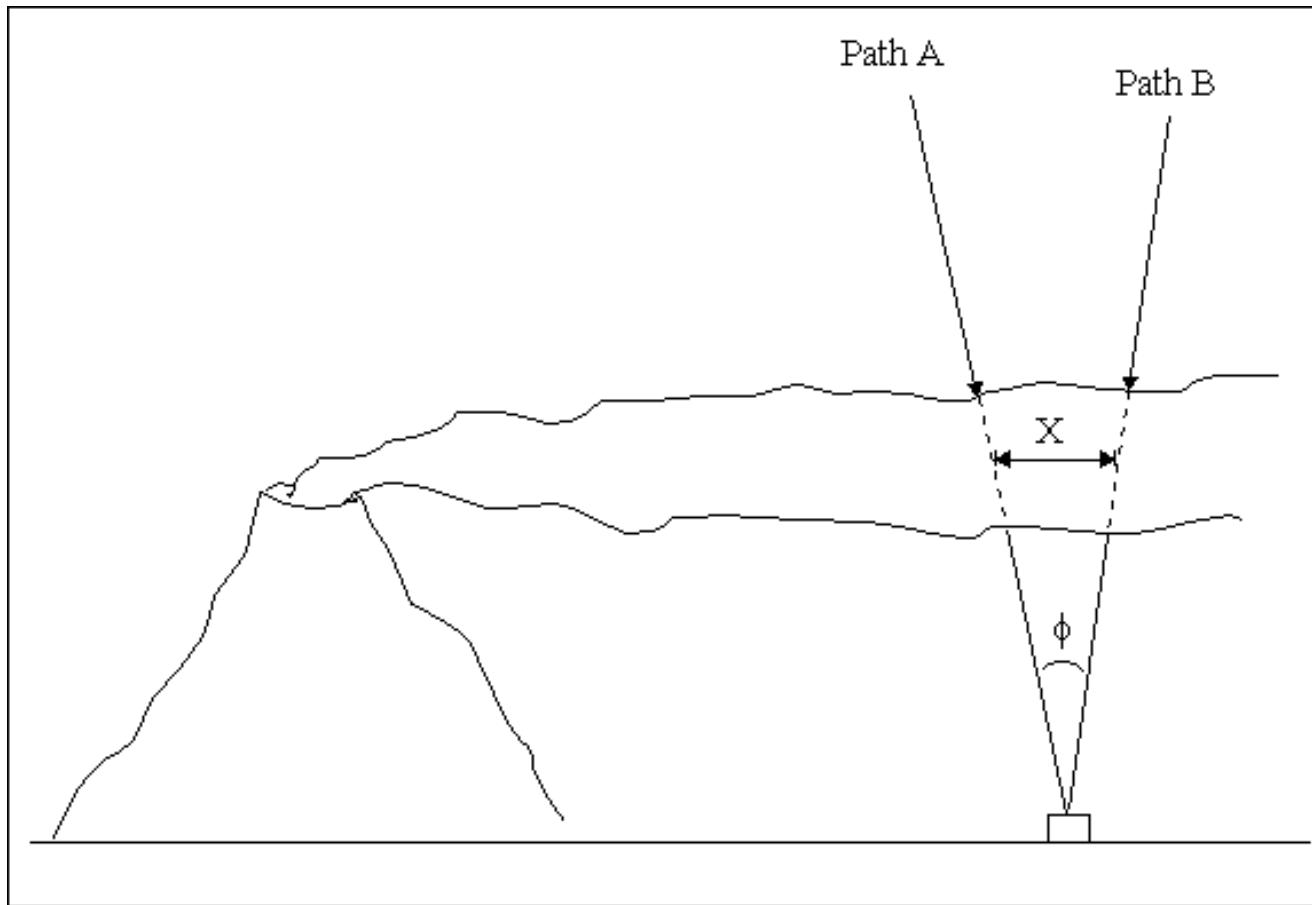


# Scanning mini-DOAS measurement

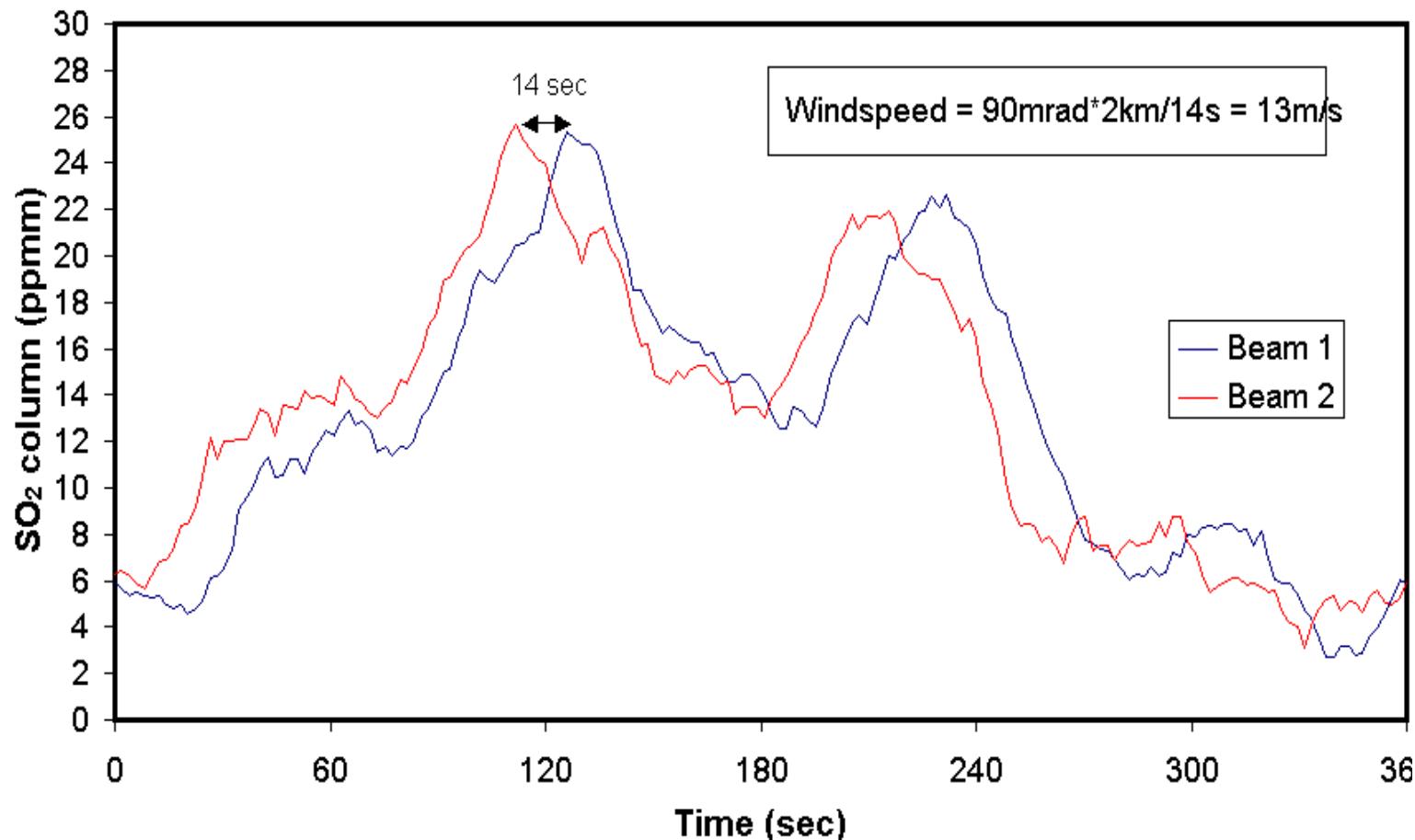
## San Cristobal Volcano, Nicaragua



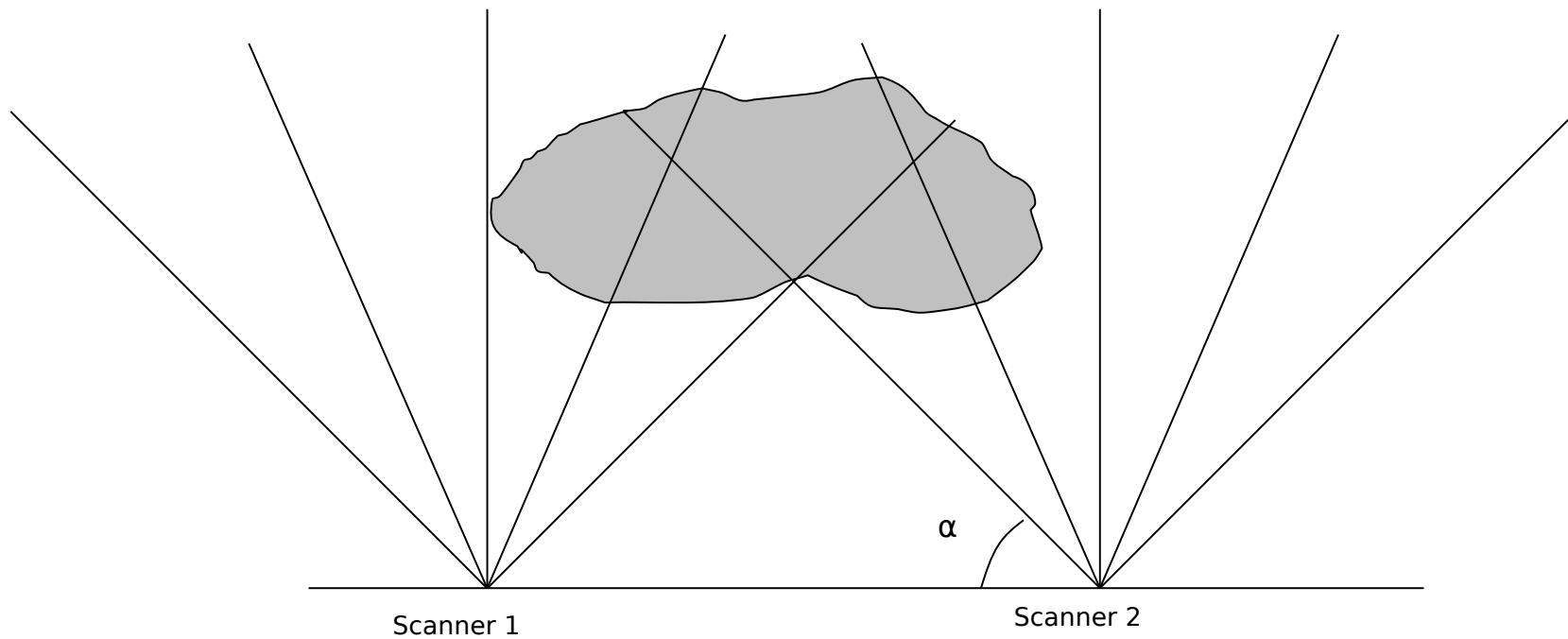
# Measurement of plume speed using Dual-beam mini-DOAS



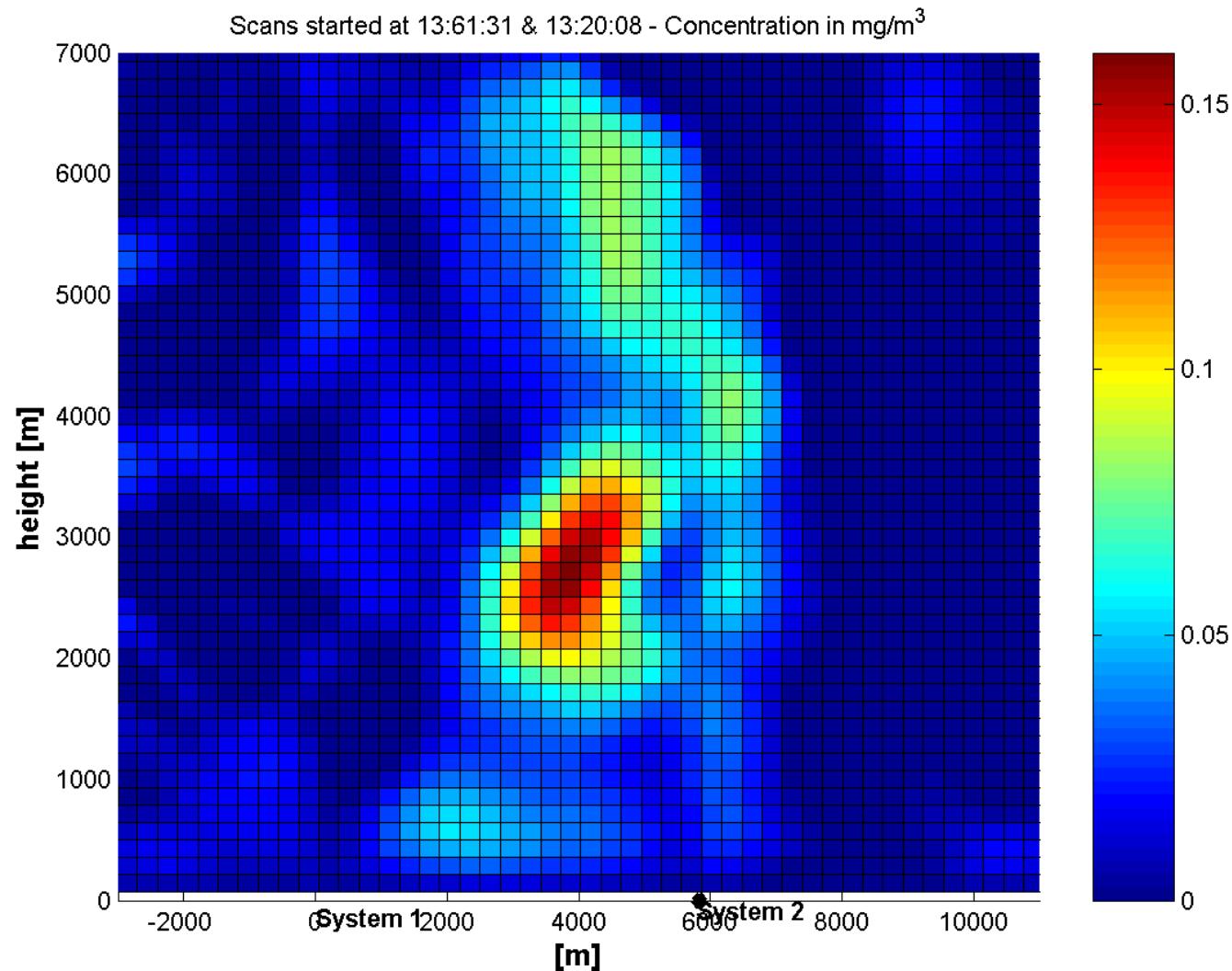
# Wind speed measurement using Dual-beam mini-DOAS



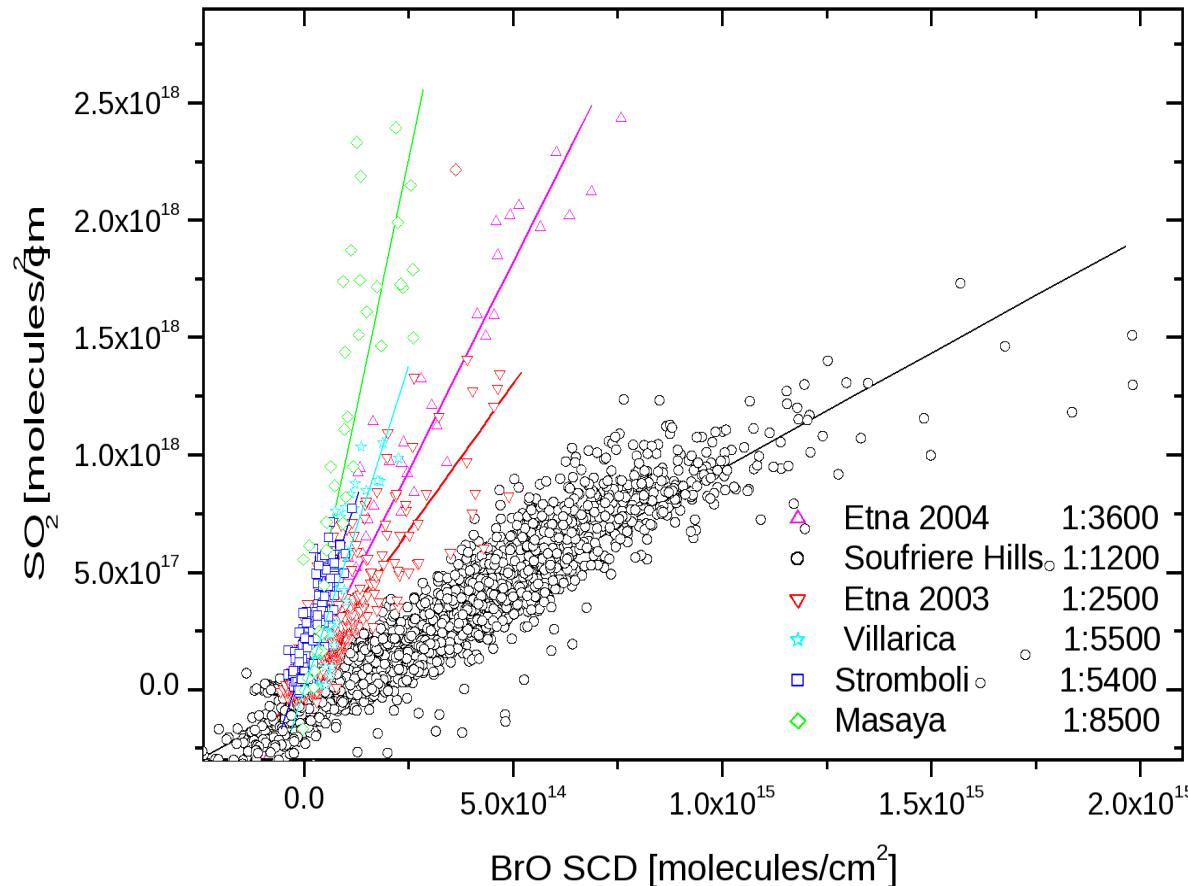
# Measurement of plume height and dispersion using DOAS tomography



# Tomographic scan of the plume from Etna 12 km downwind



# Measurement of the BrO/SO<sub>2</sub><sub>2</sub> ratio in a volcanic gas plume



(Data; Nicole Bobrowski, INGV Palermo)

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## **Network for Observation of Volcanic and Atmospheric Change**

EU-project Oct 2005 – March 2010

Aim:

- To establish a network based on Dual-Beam Scanning mini-DOAS instruments on volcanoes.
- To use the data for local geophysical research and risk assessment
- To improve global gas assessments, validate satellites and study correlation of gas emission in time and space
- In addition spectra will be used for atmospheric change research

# Project Partners

## Instrument, Networking and global data exploitation

Chalmers University	B. Galle
Heidelberg University	U. Platt
Institut Aerospatiale de Belgique (IASB), Belgium Roozendaal	M. Van
Cambridge University, UK	C. Oppenheimer
IFM-GEOMAR, Kiel, Germany	T. Hansteen
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA	M. & L. Molina
University of Maryland, USA	S. Carn

## Volcano Observatories

INGV-CT, Italy	M. Burton	Etna
IPGP, France	G. Boudon	Reunion, Guadeloupe
INETER, Nicaragua	A. Muños	San Cristobal, Masaya
OVSICORI, Costa Rica	E. Duarte	Arenal, Turrialba
INGEOMINAS, Colombia	G. Garzon	Galeras, Nevado del Ruiz, N. de Huila
SNET, El Salvador	D. Escobar	San Miguel, Santa Ana
OVG, D.R. Congo	M. Kasereka	Nyiaragongo, Nyamulagira
UNAM, Mexico	H. Delgado	Popocatepetl, Colima
IGEPN, Ecuador	S. Hidalgo	Tungurahua, Cotopaxi
INSIVUMEH, Guatemala	E. Sanchez	Fuego, Santiaguito
INGV-PA, Italy	S. Inguaggiato	Vulcano
OVDAS, Chile	T. Hansteen	Villarrica, Llama
USGS, Hawaii	J. Sutton	Kilahuea

# NOVAC Volcanoes

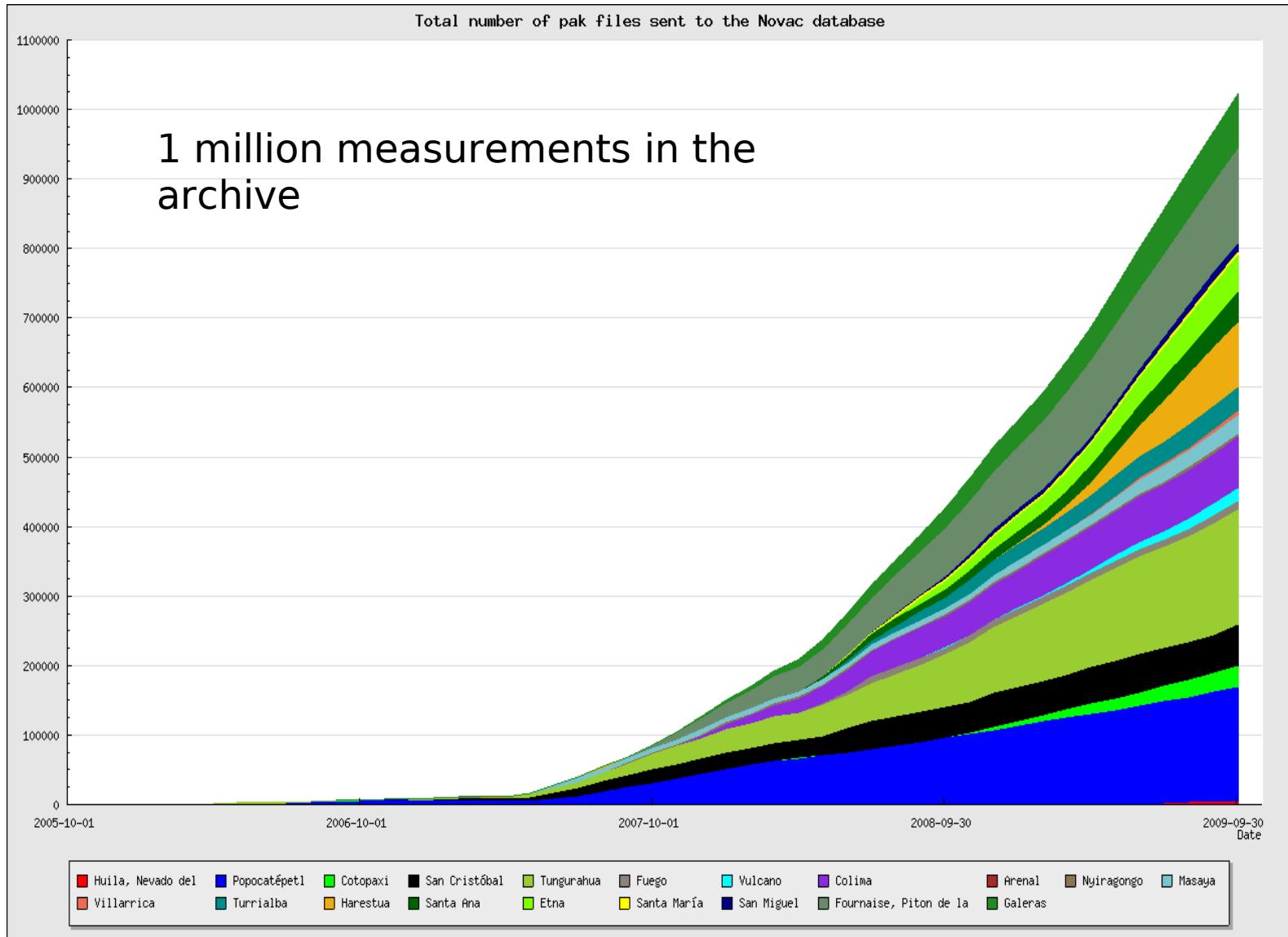


# Installations completed January 2010

Volcano	Country	Installed	Date
San Cristobal	Nicaragua	3 instruments	Nov. 2006
Tungurahua	Ecuador	3+1 instruments	March 2007
Masaya	Nicaragua	2 instruments	April 2007
Popocatepetl	Mexico	3+1 instruments	May 2007
Nyiragongo	D. R. Congo	4 instruments	June 2007
Piton de Fournaise	Reunion Island	3+1 instruments	August 2007
Cotopaxi	Ecuador	1 instrument	Oct 2007
Galeras	Colombia	3 instruments	Nov 2007
Colima	Mexico	2 instruments	Dec 2007
Santa Ana	El Salvador	2 instruments	April 2008
San Miguel	El Salvador	2 instruments	April 2008
Fuego	Guatemala	2 instruments	April 2008
Santiaguito	Guatemala	2 instruments	April 2008
Turrialba	Costa Rica	4 instruments	April 2008
Volcano	Italy	1 instrument	May 2008
Etna	Italy	2+2 instruments	July 2008
Villarrica	Chile	2 instruments	March 2009
Nevado de Huila	Colombia	2 instruments	March 2009
Nevado de Ruiz	Colombia	2 instruments	Nov 2009
Llama	Chile	3 instruments	Jan 2009

53 instruments installed on 20 volcanoes,

# The NOVAC Database



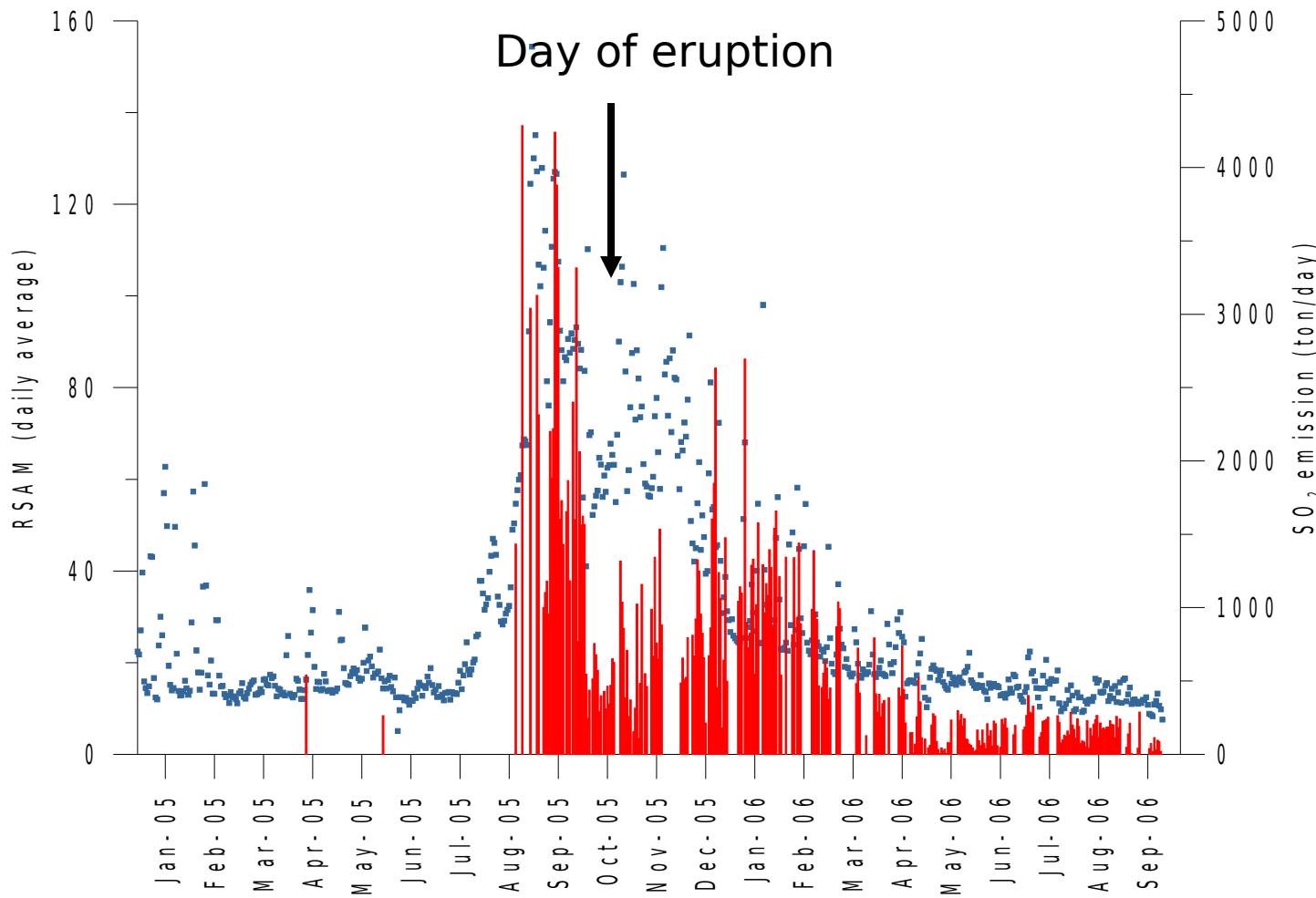
# Santa Ana, El Salvador

Eruption  
1 Oct. 2005



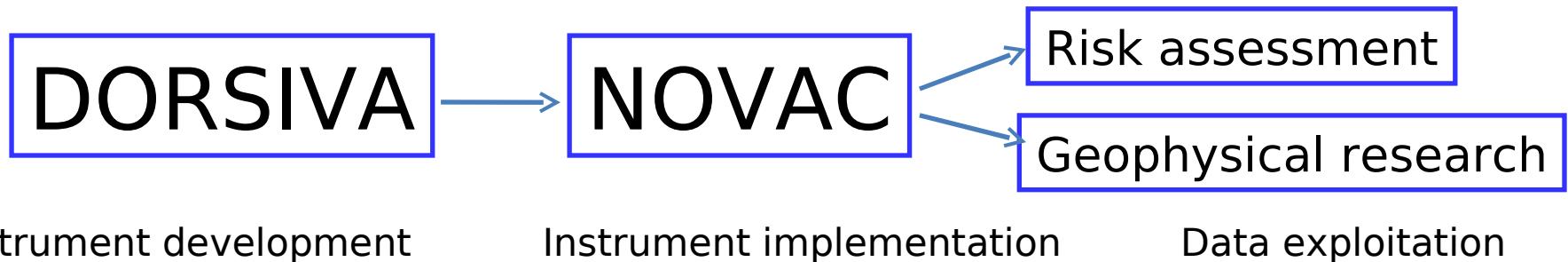
Photo Rodolfo Olmos, UES

# SO<sub>2</sub> and RSAM, Daily averages Santa Ana, Jan 2005 – Sept 2006



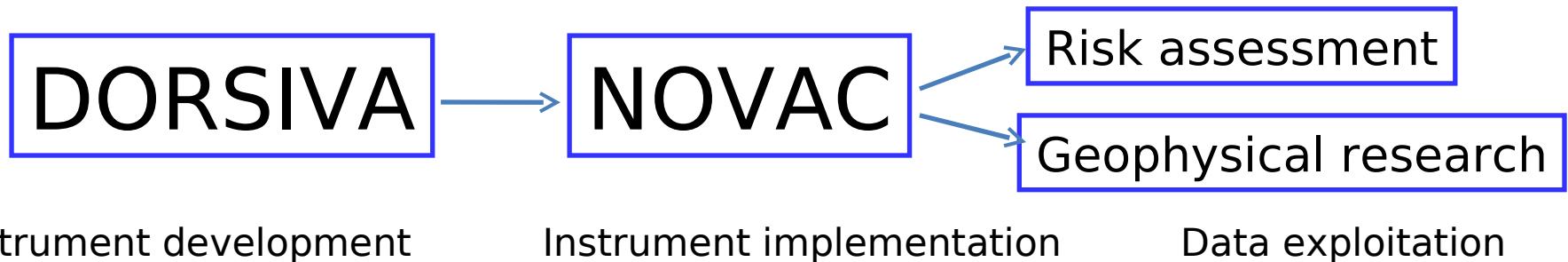
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