

COMPARISON OF GOME 2 METOP-A SATELLITE-BORNE TROPOSPHERIC NO₂ AND GROUND MEASUREMENTS

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ABSTRACT

The growth of vehicles in Indonesia has been increasing to date, causing high concentration of pollutants. Nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) in the atmosphere is emitted by high volume of vehicle flow, it is therefore crucial to be able in identifying concentration pattern spatially. However, the presence of air quality monitoring in cities in Indonesia has been limited. Therefore, the use of satellite can help characterizing concentration pattern of NO₂ regionally. In this study, we apply GOME 2 (Global Ozone Monitoring Experiment 2) MetOp-A satellite to identify NO₂ gas concentrations in the atmosphere. Images were obtained from GOME 2 MetOp-A satellite and analyzed using ArcGIS application and were displayed in the form of color intensity within pixels. Data (in 10¹⁵ molecules/cm² units) of tropospheric NO₂ were then validated using the ambient concentration values of NO₂ from Air Quality Monitor Station (SPKU) located in Jakarta and Surabaya. Validation (119 records) was done using linear regression model. The R² obtained from linear regression was quite low, 0.316, respectively, however this technique shows promising alternative to capture NO₂ over Indonesia area.

Keywords: GOME 2 MetOp-A; Linear regression; NO₂ (Nitrogen Dioxide)

1. INTRODUCTION

Air pollution is a problem that occurs continuously in urban areas around the world since the middle ages. Industrial activity development with limited regulations after the industrial revolution has aggravated air quality (Stern, 1973). Currently, the air pollution in large cities becomes a regular topic in the media. Lately, the World Health Organization (WHO) states that air pollution is a major cause of health problems that cause 7 million deaths every year worldwide (WHO, 2014). Currently, the major anthropogenic source of air pollution is traffic, power plants and industries (Beijk et al., 2010). Traffic air pollution occurs not only from fuel burning, but also from the use of brakes, and tire friction with the road surface. The emissions consist of various gases and particles such as carbon dioxide (CO₂), nitrogen oxides (NO_x), and particulate matter (PM). Fischer et al (2000) suggests that NO₂ is often taken as an indicator that represents the mixture of these particles. Nitrogen dioxide is air pollutant produced during combustion process. When NO₂ is formed, the element of nitrogen oxide (NO_x) is also found; a collective combination of NO and NO₂ refers to nitrogen oxides (NO_x). Nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) is an anorganic gas that has reddish brown color and has strong smell. It is formed by the oxidation of nitrogen oxide (NO), which is emitted from fuel burning at high temperatures. Below 21.15 degree Celsius, nitrogen dioxide changed

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into chocolate colored liquid state and at 11 degree Celsius, it becomes colorless solid state (Alberta, 2007). The characteristics of Nitrogen dioxide are corrosive is high oxidizing ability, and not flammable. Pollutant NO_2 is very reactive and can combine with other atmospheric components to form nitric acid (HNO_3) that causes acid rain and particulate matter (PM) in the atmosphere. NO_2 is very corrosive to metal and the main emissions that complete the ozone formations as well as one important components of the smoke (Srivastava, 2004).

Hoek, et al (2002) suggests that there is a correlation between mortality rates and the concentration levels of NO_2 . In a study by Hoek, et al (2002), children in New York City who lives at 200 meters from the road with heavy traffic, would risks of developing asthma. They also mentioned that the higher the levels of NO_2 that inhaled, the slower the lung will growth. The growth of the children's lung who lives in air polluted area is slower than in children who live in areas with little air pollution.

Given the fact that the impact of NO_2 pollution is quite dangerous, there should be an effort to manage the ambient air quality. One step is to install ambient air quality monitoring stations (SPKU). However, only a few cities have SPKU. Therefore it is necessary to have alternative in identifying NO_2 pattern over area that has no monitoring stations and that alternative is by using satellite imagery. One of the satellites that can read traces of NO_2 is Satellite GOME 2 MetOp-A.

GOME 2 (Global Ozone Monitoring Experiment 2) is a remote sensing instrument on the ERS 2 (European Remote Sensing 2) Satellite which was launched by the European Space Agency on October 19, 2006. ERS 2 is a satellite that orbits based on the movement of the sun that located about 800 kilometers above the earth (European Space Agency, 1995). GOME 2 consists of two satellites, GOME 2 MetOp-A and GOME 2 MetOp-B. MetOp-A satellite was launched in October 2006, while MetOp-B was launched in September 2012. The two satellites are operated by EUMETSAT (the European Organisation for the Exploitation of Meteorological Satellite). MetOp-A fly in the sun's orbit (sun-synchronous) with repeated cycles for 29 days.

GOME 2 is designed to detect the reflected radiation from the soil and spread by an atmosphere that includes wavelengths ranging from 240-790 nm (Munro et al., 2006). GOME 2 satellite scanning process is using UV-VIS (Ultraviolet-Visible) spectrometer with a nadir-scanning process. One pixel at the Earth's surface that can be read in nadir condition by the GOME 2 MetOp A is $40 \times 40 \text{ km}^2$. The scanning distance covers 1920 km with timeframe for 1.5 days. Although the main target of GOME is ozone, but traces of other gases such as NO_2 can also be measured (Burrows, et al., 1999; J. Ma, et al., 2006).

2. METHODOLOGY/EXPERIMENTAL

Satellite data

Satellite data of GOME 2 MetOp-A is downloadable at www.temis.nl website. The data is from MetOp-A satellite scanning that has been processed by the KNMI (Royal Netherlands Meteorological Institute). The processed data covers the whole world scanning result with daily or monthly timeframe. Data are monthly data from January 2012 to June 2015 and are pixel values of NO_2 (10^{15} mol/cm^2) column deliberately match with any monthly ground measurements from SPKU.

Ground Monitoring stations (SPKU) Data

Ground Monitoring stations (SPKU) are located in two cities, Surabaya and Jakarta. Records that were used are NO_2 concentration with units of ppm. We compare this data

with those from satellite. NO₂ columns captured by the satellite are in the troposphere. NO₂ concentrations used were data from 2012 to 2015. Daily ground measurement information were then converted into monthly data.

There are 7 monitoring stations in the city of Surabaya, those are SUF1, SUF 2, SUF3, SUF4, SUF 5, SUF6 and SUF7. While in the Jakarta, there are 6 points of SPKU, those are DKI1, DKI2, DKI3, DKI4, DKI5, and JAF4. The location and the coordinates of each point SPKU in Surabaya and Jakarta can be seen in Table 1.

Table 1 Coordinate of SPKU location

City	Monitoring point	Location Name	x y Coordinate	Coordinate
Surabaya	SUF 1	Taman Prestasi	-7.262016, 112.746425	112° 44' 47.130" E and 7° 15' 43.258" S
	SUF 2	Perak Timur	-7.223738, 112.733968	112° 44' 2.285" E and 7° 13' 25.457" S
	SUF 3	Sukomanunggal	-7.248917, 112.647734	112° 38' 51.842" E and 7° 14' 56.101" S
	SUF 4	Gayungan	-7.333790, 112.707853	112° 42' 28.271" E and 7° 20' 1.644" S
	SUF 5	Gebang Putih	-7.290515, 112.793565	112° 47' 36.834" E and 7° 17' 25.854" S
	SUF 6	Wonorejo	-7.313076, 112.785212	112° 47' 6.763" E and 7° 18' 47.074" S
	SUF 7	Kebon sari	-7.327922, 112.713241	112° 42' 47.668" E and 7° 19' 40.519" S
Jakarta	DKI1	Bunderan HI	-6.1949571, 106.82306	106° 49' 23.016" E and 6° 11' 41.846" S
	DKI2	Kelapa Gading	-6.1604549, 106.90546	106° 54' 19.660" E and 6° 9' 37.638" S
	DKI3	Jagakarsa	-6.334917, 106.823737	106° 49' 25.453" E and 6° 20' 5.701" S
	DKI4	Lubang Buaya	-6.2939072, 106.90339	106° 54' 12.233" E and 6° 17' 38.066" S
	DKI5	East Jakarta	-6.2069444, 106.75222	106° 45' 7.999" E and 6° 12' 25.000" S
	JAF4	West Jakarta	-6.1683295, 106.75884	106° 45' 31.856" E and 6° 10' 5.986" S

Model and Data Input System

The Daily data from GOME 2 MetOp-A satellite is in the form of hdf format, while the monthly data is data with grd format. In this study, the required data is monthly data. The monthly data can be read using ArcGIS applications. Monthly data that has been downloaded by grd format must be converted into ASCII format so it can be read using ArcGIS applications.

The data analysis from satellites and SPKU are validated using linear regression models. Linear regression has an equations that called a regression equation. The regression equation expressing the linear relationship between the dependent variable / variable criteria by the symbol Y and one or more independent variables / predictor by the symbol X if there is only one predictor and X1, X2 up to Xk, if there is more than one predictor (Crammer & Howitt, 2006). The independent variable is NO₂ ground measurements in ppm and the dependent variable is trpospheric NO₂ density column.

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Analysis of data from ground station (SPKU)

From 2012 to 2015, there were only five monitoring stations fully functional in reading NO₂. They were SUF1, SUF3, SUF4, SUF6 and SUF7. SUF2 monitoring station of the year 2014 could not read the concentration of NO₂ due to sensor failure. SUF5 monitoring station could only capture the concentration of NO₂ for 3 months in early 2014, so the data from SUF2 and SUF5 were not used in the analysis. In Jakarta, the NO₂ concentration records at all SPKU were reported until 2014, except SPKU in DKI5

and JAF4. DKI5 monitoring station began taking measurements in January 2013 and JAF4 monitoring station took measurements until December 2012.

The number of data from SPKU in Surabaya and Jakarta during 2012 and 2015 is 225. Summary NO₂ concentration data at each point SPKU in Surabaya and Jakarta can be seen in Table 2. The data in these tables is the data in the monthly period which have been processed from daily data.

Table 2. Summary SPKU Data

Period	Concentration of NO ₂ (ppm)										
	Surabaya					Jakarta					
	SUF 1	SUF 3	SUF 4	SUF 6	SUF 7	DKI1	DKI2	DKI3	DKI4	DKI 5	JAF4
2012											
January	0.00248-	-	-	-	-	0.01746	0.01748	0.00633	0.01206-	-	0.00481
February	0.00268	0.03886-	-	-	-	0.01896	0.02148	0.01132	0.02003-	-	0.00260
March	0.00656	0.04434	0.00795-	-	-	0.01493	0.01730	0.00715	0.01389-	-	0.00918
April	0.00613	0.04580	0.00498-	-	-	0.02997	0.02178	0.01420	0.01853-	-	0.01948
May	0.00434	0.04520	0.00210-	-	-	0.03042	0.02096	0.01488	0.01958-	-	0.02183
June	0.00724-	-	-	-	-	0.02984	0.01957	0.01605	0.01878-	-	0.02166
July	0.00825-	-	0.00886-	-	-	0.03787	0.02494	0.01517	0.02017-	-	0.02011
August	0.00615-	-	0.00397-	-	-	0.02987	0.01825	0.01243	0.01602-	-	0.01811
September	0.00718-	-	-	-	-	0.03590	0.02065	0.01408	0.02168-	-	0.01868
October	0.00513-	-	0.00389-	-	-	0.03301	0.02217	0.01294	0.01830-	-	0.02017
November	0.00411-	-	-	0.01277-	-	0.03472	0.02936	0.01302	0.02215-	-	-
December	0.00954	0.04648	0.00791	0.01492-	-	0.02283	0.02040	0.00887	0.01531-	-	0.01572
2013											
January	0.00159	0.00346	0.00466	0.00993-	-	0.02068	0.01778	0.00688	0.01281	0.01193-	-
February	0.00183	0.00098-	-	0.01138-	-	0.02507	0.02127	0.00902	0.01524	0.01413-	-
March	0.00177	0.00113-	-	0.01155-	-	0.02706	0.02288	0.00950	0.01538	0.01589-	-
April	-	0.00072-	-	0.00274-	-	0.02490	0.02025	0.01100	0.01459	0.01730-	-
May	-	0.00002-	-	0.00806-	-	0.02929	0.02242	0.01256	0.01692	0.01899-	-
June	-	-	0.00376	0.01081-	-	0.02744	0.02167	0.01207	0.01642	0.01770-	-
July	-	-	0.00883	0.00809-	-	0.02905	0.02098	0.01307	0.01692	0.02067-	-
August	-	-	0.00327	0.00303-	-	0.02327	0.01686	0.01110	0.01385	0.01587-	-
September	-	-	0.00657	0.00674-	-	0.03036	0.02253	0.01108	0.01540	0.01664-	-
October	-	-	-	0.00618-	-	0.03188	0.02657	0.01186	0.01479	0.01777-	-
November	-	-	-	0.00847-	-	0.02762	0.02770	0.01005	0.01280	0.01676-	-
December	-	-	-	-	-	0.02422	0.02413	0.00870	0.01107	0.01141-	-
2014											
January	-	-	-	0.00895	0.01210	0.02323	0.02053	0.00547	0.00899	0.01237-	-
February	-	-	-	0.01142	0.01184	0.02787	0.02576	0.00862	0.01163	0.01634-	-
March	-	-	-	0.01060	0.01787	0.03319	0.02858	0.01299	0.01978	0.01832-	-
April	-	-	-	0.01067	0.02263	0.02440	0.02281	0.00899	0.01357	0.01227-	-
May	-	-	-	0.00660	0.01879-	-	-	-	-	-	-
June	-	-	-	0.00566	0.02045-	-	-	-	-	-	-
July	-	-	-	0.00534	0.01797-	-	-	-	-	-	-
August	-	-	-	0.00592	0.01942-	-	-	-	-	-	-
September	-	-	-	0.00736	0.02312-	-	-	-	-	-	-
October	-	-	-	0.00656	0.02128-	-	-	-	-	-	-
November	-	-	-	0.00824	0.02230-	-	-	-	-	-	-
December	-	-	-	0.01135	0.01175-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2015											
January	-	-	-	0.00965	0.00311-	-	-	-	-	-	-
February	-	-	-	0.01113	0.00423-	-	-	-	-	-	-
March	-	-	-	0.00905	0.00365-	-	-	-	-	-	-
April	-	-	-	0.00998	0.00476-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May	-	-	-	0.00509	0.00536-	-	-	-	-	-	-
June	-	-	-	0.00462	0.00842-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Note: (-) SPKU fails to capture NO₂

Analysis of data from GOME 2 MetOP-A satellite

Data of GOME-2 MetOp-A satellite is taken from the monthly data which is processed by KNMI. The data is read using ArcGIS application and presented in the form of pixel colors. Results of data visualization can be seen in Figure 1.

Figure 1 shows the results of visualization of tropospheric NO₂ column in the area of Indonesia extracted from the KNMI data in January 2012. The figure describes the

column values of NO₂(with units of 10¹⁵ mol/ cm²) in the range of low value at -469 x 10¹⁵ mol/ cm² as indicated by the orange color pixel and the highest range is 9999 x 10¹⁵ mol/ cm² indicated with a blue color pixel. It appears that blue color pixels in Indonesia are in urban regions with high level of activities and population. Some areas are in the island of Java and Sumatra, and some areas in East Kalimantan. It also shows the corresponding correlation between satellite imagery to conditions in areas with a high density of activities that could potentially produce excessive NO₂ emission.

The location was determined based on the point of monitoring stations in Surabaya and Jakarta. From the results of satellite image GOME 2 MetOp-A, the location of SPKU in Surabaya is located at 4 pixel points. In Jakarta, there are only 2 pixels that encompass the location of SPKU. The SPKU locations are shown in Table 1 and Figure 2.

SPKU in Jakarta are covered by 2 point pixel (pixel A and pixel B). "A" pixel includes SPKU DKI1, DKI2, DKI5 and JAF4. Pixel B includes DKI3 and DKI4. Surabaya regions are covered by 4 pixel point. However the location SPKU only cover in 3-point pixel (ie pixel C, D pixel and pixel E). Pixel C includes SUF3. Pixel D includes SUF1, SUF4, and SUF 7. Pixel E only covers SUF6.

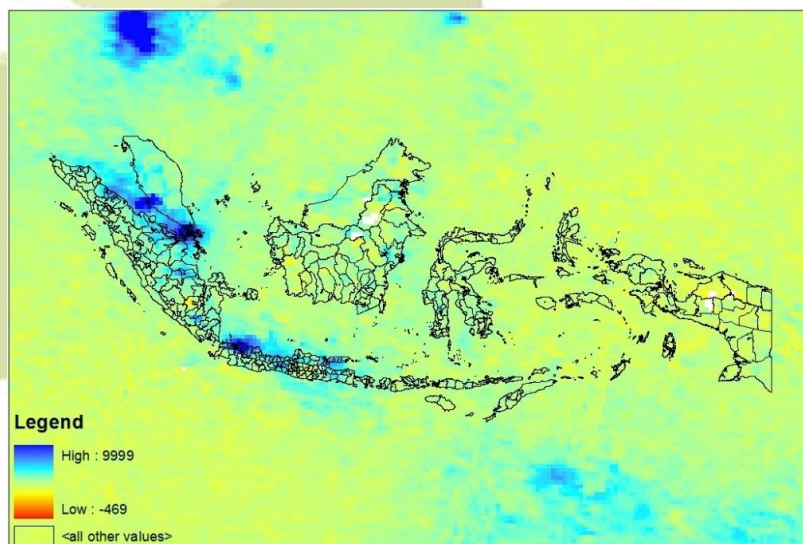
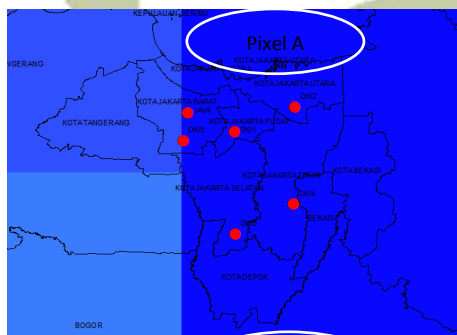
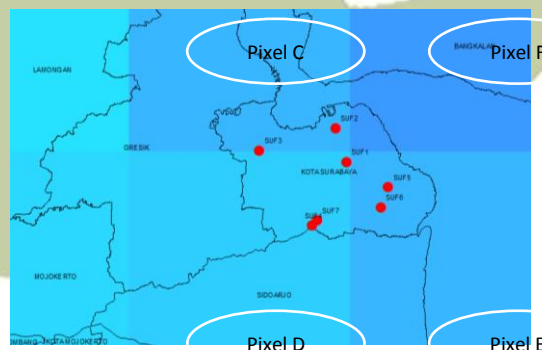


Figure 1 Visualization column NO₂ in Indonesia on January 2012 (Copyright © TEMIS/ ESA; <http://www.temis.nl/>)



SPKU in Jakarta



SPKU in Surabaya

Figure 2 Location of SPKU in Jakarta and Surabaya (Copyright © TEMIS/ ESA; <http://www.temis.nl/>)

Regression Model

The regression model was conducted using data from SPKU (Table 2) and data from GOME 2 MetOp-A satellite. Records are classified based on pixels (figure 2). Table 2 shows the amount of NO₂ concentration data obtained from SPKU which there are 225 of data, but the NO₂ data column obtained from the satellite are based on pixel area. So the NO₂ daily concentrations from SPKU that located in the same pixels were averaged. Recapitulation process produces 119 pairs of data. Summary data from SPKU and satellite is shown in Table 3.

Table 3 Summary Data from SPKU and GOME 2 MetOP-A satellite based on pixel area

Period	Pixel A (DKI1, DKI2, DKI5 and JAF4)		Pixel B (DKI3 and DKI4)		Pixel C (SUF3)		Pixel D (SUF1, SUF4, and SUF 7)		Pixel E (SUF6)	
	SPKU (ppm)	NO ₂ Total Column	SPKU (ppm)	NO ₂ Total Column	SPKU (ppm)	NO ₂ Total Column	SPKU (ppm)	NO ₂ Total Column	SPKU (ppm)	NO ₂ Total Column
2012										
January	0.03974	515	0.01839	496	-	-	0.00248	238	-	-
February	0.04304	624	0.03135	700	0.03886	408	0.00268	372	-	-
March	0.04141	590	0.02104	524	0.04434	304	0.01451	307	-	-
April	0.07123	629	0.03273	658	0.04580	367	0.01111	365	-	-
May	0.07321	765	0.03445	629	0.04520	325	0.00644	357	-	-
June	0.07108	781	0.03484	678	-	-	0.00724	322	-	-
July	0.08292	783	0.03534	682	-	-	0.01711	405	-	-
August	0.06623	610	0.02845	487	-	-	0.01012	335	-	-
September	0.07523	783	0.03576	782	-	-	0.00718	408	-	-
October	0.07535	697	0.03124	562	-	-	0.00902	377	-	-
November	0.06407	674	0.03517	705	-	-	0.00411	378	0.01277	335
December	0.05895	507	0.02418	252	0.04648	409	0.01745	366	0.01492	365
2013										
January	0.05039	170	0.01969	172	0.00346	336	0.00625	285	0.00993	295
February	0.06047	910	0.02426	962	0.00098	418	0.00183	374	0.01138	320
March	0.06583	849	0.02488	676	0.00113	336	0.00177	324	0.01155	306
April	0.06245	1001	0.02559	857	0.00072	363	-	-	0.00274	302
May	0.07070	733	0.02948	666	0.00002	361	-	-	0.00806	306
June	0.06680	678	0.02850	666	-	-	0.00376	372	0.01081	351
July	0.07069	727	0.02999	535	-	-	0.00883	272	0.00809	354
August	0.05599	1019	0.02495	812	-	-	0.00327	481	0.00303	415
September	0.06952	1052	0.02648	806	-	-	0.00657	597	0.00674	466
October	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
November	0.07208	1389	0.02285	1283	-	-	-	-	-	-
December	0.05975	969	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2014										
January	0.05613	1522	0.01446	1186	-	-	0.01210	507	0.00895	460
February	0.06998	1412	0.02026	1256	-	-	0.01184	316	0.01142	422
March	0.08009	1879	0.03277	1814	-	-	0.01787	691	0.01060	502
April	0.05948	995	0.02256	909	-	-	0.02263	611	0.01067	451
May	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.01879	648	0.00660	430
June	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.02045	485	0.00566	573
July	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.01797	546	0.00534	377
August	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
September	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
October	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
November	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
December	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Period	Pixel A (DKI1, DKI2, DKI5 and JAF4)		Pixel B (DKI3 and DKI4)		Pixel C (SUF3)		Pixel D (SUF1, SUF4, and SUF 7)		Pixel E (SUF6)	
	SPKU (ppm)	NO ₂ Total Column	SPKU (ppm)	NO ₂ Total Column	SPKU (ppm)	NO ₂ Total Column	SPKU (ppm)	NO ₂ Total Column	SPKU (ppm)	NO ₂ Total Column
2015										
January	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00311	515	0.00965	478
February	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00423	347	0.01113	349
March	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00365	493	0.00905	402
April	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00476	683	0.00998	559
May	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00536	678	0.00509	593
June	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00842	546	0.00462	471

Note: (-) SPKU could not read NO₂ concentrations

The data in Table 3 were used in the regression model with value of 'x' is the total NO₂ data column (10¹⁵ mol/ cm²) from GOME 2 MetOp-A satellite and the value of 'y' is the concentration of NO₂(ppm) from SPKU. The regression graph can be seen in Figure 3.

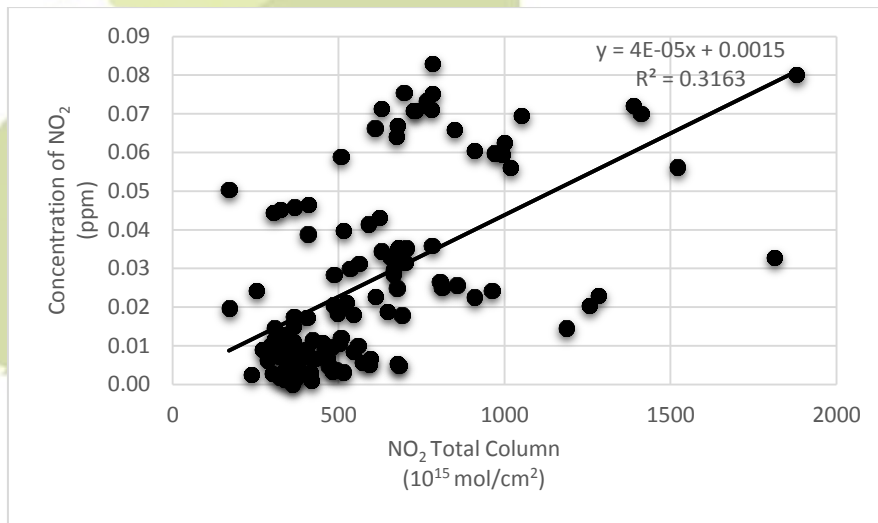


Figure 3 The result of linear regression

From the graph in Figure 3, the score of R square (R²) determination is 0.3163 with a regression equation $y = 4.10^{-5}x + 0.0015$. The R² value describes the degree of accuracy in predicting the concentration of NO₂ on other areas is equal to 31.63%. The correlation shows weak correlation between two measurements which is probably due to limitation of data collection from GOME 2 MetOp-A satellite.

Satellite instrument integrates and combines both horizontal and vertical information of NO₂ whereas ground measurements were captured as point only and not distributed across regions. Furthermore, the quality of tropospheric NO₂ column depends highly on large spatial resolution which is 40 x 40 km² which causes high discrepancy with ground measurement. However, this drawback cannot diminish its indispensable value to acquire NO₂ concentration patterns over large coverage areas such as cities and province level.

4. CONCLUSION

NO₂ measurement data from monitoring stations in Jakarta and Surabaya is the monthly data from the years 2012 to 2015. There are some data that has an error, because the monitoring system on the SPKU tools are damaged or under maintenance. In addition, the small value of NO₂ concentration in the ground station's area can affect the process of monitoring, so that the resulting data can not be read.

NO₂ total column data of GOME 2 MetOp-A satellite that have been processed by the KNMI is also the monthly data from the years 2012 to 2015. The amount of concentration data and NO₂ total column data were used for analysis of each total 119 data. The data is used to form a linear regression model. The results of the regression model in the form of regression equation $y = 4.10^{-5}x + 0.0015$ with 'x' represents the NO₂ total data column (1015 mol / cm²) of GOME 2 MetOp-A satellite and the value of 'y' is the concentration of NO₂(ppm). Despite its low correlation level, 31.63% respectively, the use of satellite has been demonstrated to be promising in the future to predict and to capture NO₂ information for large areas such as cities and their neighboring areas as well as provinces, especially for developing countries with very limited monitoring stations.

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