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Overview of Sentinel 5 Precursor Trace Gas, UV, Cloud and Aerosol Products

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TROPOMI

TROPOMI L2 PRODUCTS

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GOME · SCIAMACHY · OMI · GOME-2

KNMI | DLR | IUP-UB | BIRA | SRON | MPIC | RAL

Sentinel 5 Precursor – Level 2 Products

Parameter Data Product		Vertical Resolutio n	Accurac y	Precision
	Ozone Profile	6 km	10-30%	10%
Ozone	Total Ozone	total column	3.5-5%	1.6-2.5%
	Tropospheric Ozone trop column			
NO2	Stratospheric NO ₂	strat column	< 10%	0.5e15
	Tropospheric NO ₂	trop column	25-50%	0.7e15
	SO ₂ enhanced	total column	30%	0.15-0.3 DU
30 ₂	Total SO ₂	total column	30-50%	1-3 DU
Forma	Total HCHO	total column	40-80%	1.2e16
СО	Total CO	total column	15%	< 10%
Methane	Total CH₄ (offline)	total column	1.5%	1%
	Cloud Fraction	total column	< 20%	0.05
	Ontical Thickness	total		

Sentinel 5 Precursor – Level 2 Products (2)

Product	Algorithm	Independent	Operational
	Prototype	Verification	Processor
Coordinator	KNMI	IUP	DLR-IMF

O₃ Total Column – DOAS_NRT (DLR/BIRA)

- > Two steps DOAS approach
 - DOAS fit for ozone slant column and effective temperature
 - Iterative AMF/VCD computation using a single wavelength
- Improved O₃ Retrieval
 - Molecular Ring correction (Van Roozendael et al., JGR 2006)
 - On-the-fly RTM simulations LIDORT v3.x (Spurr, 2003)
 - Cloud correction using OCRA&ROCINN v3.0 (Loyola et al., TGRS 2007)
 - > Adaption to SCIAMACHY (Lerot et al., AMT 2009)
 - Intra-cloud, sun-glint and scan angle corrections (Loyola et al., JGR 2011, Hao et al., 2014)



O₃ Total Column – GODFIT_OFL (BIRA/DLR)

- **Direct-Fitting algorithm** (one step retrieval, more accurate than DOAS)
- RT model: LIDORT
- Fitting window: 325-335 nm
- A-priori O3 profiles:
 - Stratosphere: Total column classified climatology TOMSv8
 - Troposphere: OMI/MLS climatology.
- **State vector** : Total Ozone + Effective temperature + effective albedo + Ring
- Capability for **fast processing** using radiance LUTs.
- Baseline Algorithm for generating the CCI total O3 data sets (www.esa-ozone-cci.org).
- Successfully applied to the GOME, SCIAMACHY, GOME-2A/B and OMI sensors.

See also posters of C. Lerot et al.; M. Koukouli et al. Lerot et al., JGR, 2014.



OMI/AURA Total Ozone Column (DU) - 2006/10/03



Ozone Profile (incl. troposphere) Algorithm (KNMI)

- > 3D view on ozone
- Vertical resolution: ~6 km (sampling 20 levels)
- Horizontal resolution:
 21x28 km² (7x7 km²)
- Tropospheric column are strongly affected by a-priori
- Tropospheric averaging kernels show significant contributions from the stratosphere
- > Heritage: OMI/GOME-2/ GOME



One orbit of OMO3PR profile data in VMR. The image on top: total column ozone in DU.



Ozone Profile Verification (RAL, IUP-UB)

Two different scientific algorithms:

- 1. RAL Ozone Profile Algorithm (Munro *et al.,* 1998, Miles *et al.,* 2015)
- 2. IUP Ozone Profile Retrieval (based on Hoogen *et al.,* 1999)

Verification approach:

- 1) RTM simulation
- 2) Linear simulations (error mapping) from simultated profiles
- 3) Non-linear, fully iterative retrievals from simulated radiances
- 4) Comparison of retrieval diagnostics
- 5) Comparison of retrievals using real data



Lower tropospheric ozone July 2008 (RAL)

Linear error mapping from simulated profiles (IUP Bremen):



Tropospheric Ozone Algorithm – CCD (DLR)



Comparsion to SCIAMACHY (limb-nadir matching)

- Offset of 20% added to GOME_CCD data to correct for different altitude ranges: SCIA 0-16 km CCD 0-10 km
- Difference SCIA-CCD ~2 DU (CCD is lower)



Typical comparison for GOME-2 CCD to sondes

- Slight offset ~2 DU (CCD is higher)
- Good agreement with annual cycle

Tropospheric Ozone Algorithm – CSA (IUP-UB)







2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011

Tropospheric Ozone Verification (IUP-UB)



NO₂ Total and Tropospheric Algorithm (KNMI)

The Dutch OMI NO₂ (DOMINO) processing system is the basis for the TROPOMI NO₂ data product, based on a DOAS retrieval and an estimate of the stratospheric NO₂ column and tropospheric profiles from a data assimilation / chemistry transport model system.

Updates w.r.t. current OMI processing:

- Improved slant column retrieval
- Upgraded CTM from TM4 at 3° × 2° to TM5 at 1° × 1° with CB05 chemistry scheme and updated emissions
- Updated stratospheric NO₂ assimilation scheme
- Improved description of terrain height and clouds





NO₂ Total and Tropospheric Verification (IUP-UB, MPIC, DLR)

- NO₂ Slant columns
- NO₂ stratospheric correction
- $NO_2 AMF$









Very good consistency found, problems fixed, work ongoing (AMFs for different inputs)

SO₂ Algorithm (BIRA)

3-steps DOAS algorithm

- Spectral fitting in multiple windows to avoid saturation
 - 312-326 nm (pollution, volcanic degassing)325-335 nm (moderate eruptions)360-390 nm (extreme eruptions)
- Background correction and destriping
- Air mass factor calculation using modeled (anthropogenic SO₂) and predefined profiles (volcanic SO₂) + error analysis and averaging kernels calculation.
- Prototype algorithm applied to synthetic spectra
- Prototype algorithm extensively tested on OMI data (10 years) and compared to ground-based and other satellite datasets (Theys et al., JGR, 2015)

See also talk of N. Theys



SO₂ plume from Holuhraun, 02-09-2014



SO₂ Verification (MPIC, DLR)

• Similar to Prototype:

<u>3-steps DOAS algorithm, but different fit windows</u> **312-324 nm** (312-326, degassing) **318-335 nm** (325-335, moderate eruptions) **323-335 nm** (360-390, major eruptions)

 Extensive intercomparison between Prototype and Verification Algorithm for various synthetic scenarios (SO₂ VCDs and profiles, geometries)

→ general good agreement, but inconsistencies possible depending on fit window transition criteria

→ Verification Algorithm tries to guarentee *smooth* transition by mixing results from fit windows

• Fit window transition criteria based on synthetic spectra simulating volcanic eruptions



Intercomparison Prototype/Verification for extreme SO₂ VCDs (\approx 600 DU)



OMI SO₂ plume after Kasatochi eruption on 8th August 2008 (Verification Algorithm)

HCHO Algorithm (BIRA)

Formaldehyde as a Tracer of Hydrocarbon Emissions



- ✓ TROPOMI ATBD based on BIRA-IASB OMI HCHO product (De Smedt et al., 2015).
- ✓ The 7x7 km² spatial resolution of TROPOMI, combined with a SNR equivalent (or even better) than OMI, is expected to significantly improve the HCHO observations.





Natural emissions







Bisons

Anthropogenic emissions



HCHO Verification (IUP-UB)

- HCHO Slant columns
- HCHO offset corrections
- HCHO AMF



HCHO columns applying different settings for synthetic spectra using CAMELOT scenarios



- \Rightarrow Very good consistency found if settings are the same
- ⇒ Large sensitivity to settings and background used
- \Rightarrow problems identified and fixed,
- \Rightarrow work ongoing (AMFs, ...)

CO Algorithm – SICOR (SRON)

Approach	Full-physics
Data coverage	Ocean and land Clear-sky and cloud
Performance	0.15 sec / retrieval Precision < 10% Accuracy ~ 4%

Spectral window



Results for synthetic ensemble



Results for SCIAMACHY



CO Verification – BESD (IUP-UB)

- Bremen Optimal Estimation DOAS
- Heritage: XCO₂ retrieval from SCIAMACHY (Reuter et al., 2010, 2011) and GOSAT (Heymann et al., 2015)
- Full Physics
- Developed to consider scattering at optically thin cirrus and aerosol
- Using complete S-5P Bands 6-8 (NIR-SWIR)



- Scenarios compared between prototype and verification algorithm:
 - Varying albedo, aerosols, clouds, solar zenith angles,
- Findings:
 - SICOR performs very well within the requirements

CH4 Algorithm – RemoTeC (SRON)

Approach	Full-physics
Data coverage	Land and sun-glint Clear-sky
Performance	10 sec / retrieval Precision ~ 0.35% Accuracy ~ 0.47%

Spectral window



Results for synthetic ensemble



Results for GOSAT



CH4 Verification – BESD (IUP-UB)

Same algorithm as for CO verification



- Scenarios compared between prototype and verification algorithm:
 - Spectrally varying albedo, aerosols, clouds, solar zenith angles, ...
- Findings:
 - RemoTeC performs very well within the requirements

Clouds Algorithm – OCRA & ROCINN (DLR)



Clouds Verification (IUP-UB, KNMI)







Main sources of difference
(1) Multi-layered clouds
(2) Surface climatology
(3) Cloud model

Aerosols Index Algorithm (KNMI)

- UVAI is a derived (not retrieved) quantity with fixed definition
 - Not much room for algorithm changes
- Prototype algorithm strongly based on operational algorithm (KNMI)
- Wavelength pairs: 340/380 and 354/388 nm
- Auxiliary input:
 - Ozone total column from ECMWF 3h-forecast (for NRT UVAI)
 - Mean surface altitude from digital elevation map (GMTED2010, USGS)
- LUT calculation as for operational algorithm (Tilstra et al. JGR 2012) with DISAMAR
- Verification algorithm very similar to prototype and operational algorithms
- Wavelength pairs: 340/380 and 354/388 nm
- Auxiliary input:
 - Ozone total column from operational TROPOMI product
 - Mean surface pressure from digital elevation map (DEM, NASA)
- LUT calculation as for operational algorithm (Tilstra et al. JGR 2012) with McArtim3

Aerosols Index Verification (MPIC)

- Study agreement between algorithms: "truth" is not known (unlike, e.g. for gases)
- Tests with synthetic data
- Comparison of GOME-2 results from operational, prototype, and verification algorithm (Aug. 13, 2007) operational



- Qualitative agreement good; more detailed comparison in progress
 - Offset
 - Viewing angle-dependent diff.



verification



Aerosols Layer Height Algorithm (KNMI)

Newly developed ALH-algorithms, both based on O_2 absorption: O_2 A-band around 760 nm with strong and weak lines

Prototype:

- Spectral fit (DISAMAR) of reflectances 758-770 nm
- Aerosol model: H-G with g = 0.7 and SSA = 0.95
- Profile parameterization: elevated scattering layer with an assumed geometric thickness
- 2-parameter retrieval: AOT and aerosol layer height

Verification

- Optimal estimation algorithm (SCIATRAN)
- Profile parameterization: scattering layer starting at surface
- 2-parameter retrieval: AOT and aerosol layer top height
- Aerosol models from AERONET climatology
- Retrieval using on LUT-based weighting functions





Aerosols Layer Height Verification (IUP-UB)

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Layer top height [km]

- Ash plume from Eyjafjallajöküll volcano 2010
- Comparison of verification algorithm results (GOME-2 and MERIS) and prototype algorithm (GOME-2) with MISR ("truth")



Ground pixel

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MISR vs GOME-2

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Layer top height [km]

UV* Algorithm (FMI)

- UV radiation has a broad range of effects concerning life on Earth:
 - human health
 - longevity of materials
 - climate and air quality
 - ecosystems: plants, animals
- UV algorithm and input data:
 - LIDORT radiative transfer model to produce relevant look-up-tables
 - total ozone column as measured/retrieved by TROPOMI
 - reflectance at 354 nm from TROPOMI to determine the cloud optical thickness
 - climatologies of surface albedo and atmospheric aerosol load
- UV Product:
 - near-global coverage of surface UV and daily doses
 - needed (also) to continue TOMS & OMI UV heritage







S5P L2 Processors – PDGS Context



S5P L2 Processors – Big Data Challange



S5P smaller pixels and larger swath-width

more than 1 million pixels/orbit

80 minutes/orbit, just under 5 ms/pixel

- Processors are multi-threaded
- Pixel selection is applied where needed

Compared to GOME & OMI: increase in spectral range

• L1B ~ 35 GB/orbit



S5P L2 Processors – File Format

- > One file per product
- Common netCDF structure
- netCDF-4 library available for almost all data analysis environments and most common programming languages
- The netCDF file format is selfdescribing
- Metadata is contained within the main group
- NetCDF-4 uses an enhanced version of HDF-5 as the storage layer
 - any HDF-5 applications can read the S5P L2 products.

For more details see poster #53 from Sneep et al.

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