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Assimilating Satellite Data in the Copernicus Atmosphere Monitoring Service Global Data Assimilation System: Current Status and Prospects for the Sentinel Era

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Data Assimilation – merging model forecast with observations







DATA ASSIMILATION





Monday 22 September 2014 00UTC MACC_C-IFS Forecast t+036 VT: Tuesday 23 September 2014 12UTC Total Column Sulphur Dioxide [10^15 molecules / cm2] mean: 0.6 max: 51.6



Credit: Deutsche Wetterdienst

September 2014: unusual SO₂ concentrations detected across Europe.

Monday 22 September 2014 12UTC MACC_C-IFS Forecast t+024 VT: Tuesday 23 September 2014 12UTC Total Column Sulphur Dioxide [10^15 molecules / cm2] mean: 3.1 max: 163.3













Copernicus Atmosphere Monitoring Service (CAMS)

- Operational delivery of atmospheric composition services
- Global and European regional scale
- Initial period from 2015 2020
- ECMWF is in charge of implementation





THE CAMS IDEA





From EO to policy-relevant products





Over 70 EO instruments are assimilated in the global system



Boundary conditions feed an <u>ensemble</u> of highresolution European AQ systems (in order to assess uncertainties)



Policy-relevant (here health indicator for ozone) products are delivered. They are "maps with no gaps", which observations alone don't provide and are essential to assess impacts.



More data are assimilated (in particular hourly surface AQ concentrated by EEA/EIONET)







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CAMS DATA USAGE







CAMS NRT OBSERVING SYSTEM





MODEL VS. ASSIMILATION





MACC GAW intercomparison Hohenpeissenberg Carbon monoxide April 2015 bias [ppb] CIFS/TM5 AN: -5.1 CIFS/TM5 FC: -16.7 MNbias [%] CIFS/TM5 AN: -3 CIFS/TM5 FC: -11





CO ASSIMILATION





Both MOPITT and IASI have introduced new versions in their near-real-time data streams.

MOPITT

IASI

Agreement much better since November 2014, as clearly shown by operational monitoring.





SO₂ ASSIMILATION



OMI assimilation







DLR provides a volcanic SO_2 flag as part of its SO_2 product. This allows better use of GOME-2 data. Much improved results compared to assimilation of OMI data only.





GOME-2 O₃ **PROFILES**





Assimilation of GOME-2 O_3 profiles (provided by RAL) is work-inprogress; successful assimilation should provide better constraint on vertical distribution.

First results show that use of averaging kernel for tropospheric profile is important.



AEROSOL ASSIMILATION





Assimilation of PMAP data (AOD based on GOME-2 and IASI) provides comparable quality to assimilation of MODIS data.







CO₂ ASSIMILATION



(a) XCO2 increment 30 May 2013

(b) XCO2 analysis 31 May 2013 00:00



(c) XCO2 analysis 31 May 2013 12:00



(d) XCO2 analysis 1 June 2013 00:00



(e) XCO2 free run 31 May 2013 12:00

(f) XCO2 analysis 1 June 2013 00:00





Park Falls data from TCCON network

Assimilating only a few GOSAT observations significantly improves the forecast of CO_2 concentrations over Park Falls.





SENTINEL-3



OLCI – based on MERIS heritage

SLSTR – based on AATSR heritage



Discussions with ESA and EUMETSAT about provision of Aerosol Optical Depth and Fire Radiative Power from Sentinel-3.

These observations will be used to complement AOD and FRP from MODIS. Aim is to make observing system more robust.







TROPOMI O_3 NO_2 SO_2 HCHO CO CO CH_4 Aerosol



Sentinel-5p will provide essential observations complementing OMI, GOME-2, MOPITT, IASI and others, and ensuring crucial observations for the coming years.

Exciting new instrument and CAMS will provide early feedback based on its own satellite data monitoring system.





THE FUTURE





- Geo-stationary Sentinel-4
- Information on diurnal cycle
- Might help with regional air quality modelling

- Polar orbiting Sentinel-5
- Continuation of crucial observational record of atmospheric composition into the future.



- OCO-2
- SNPP
- JPSS

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• Metop-C

- GOSAT-2
- TANSAT
- Aeolus
- EarthCare

- GEMS
- TEMPO



- MACC will enter its operational phase as CAMS on 1 July
- Using satellite data through data assimilation improves the global forecasts, which is also important for the regional air quality forecasts
- The Sentinel missions will play a crucial role for years to come by providing important observations of atmospheric composition; operational reliability and quality is key to the success of these missions for the Copernicus Atmosphere Monitoring Service
- CAMS will also make use of many other European and non-European research and operational missions in its data assimilation system



