CO and NH₃ (and a bit of SO₂) from IASI

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CO « profiles » in NRT with a 12 km footprint day/night global coverage

+ NH₃ total columns Research mode

+ SO₂ volcano/anthropo

What can be seen by IASI for high pollution events? Boundary layer pollution



Usual picture



Thermal infrared nadir sounders are usually considered as being sensitive to The mid troposphere

Depends on temperature contrast

Credit: P. – F Coheur (ULB)

What can be seen by IASI for high pollution events?



Clerbaux et al, ACP I2009

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How deep the instrument will see depends on temperature contrasts



Wavenumber (cm⁻¹)

Credit P-F. Coheur

 $T_1 > T_{skin}^{eff}$

 $T_1 = T_{skin}^{eff} \rightarrow No signal.$ Emission and

absorption cancel out

 $T_1 < T_{skin}^{eff} \rightarrow Absorption$ from the first

Carbon monoxide





IASI: global, day and night, 12/50 km horiz res. Sensitivity mid tropo (5-10 km) . DOFS 1 to 2 *Thermal contrast key*



Produced when incomplete combustion occurs (industry, heating systems, traffic, biomass burning)

Pollution plumes tracker Emissivity sources



Carbon monoxide : global 2009

2009

JAN FEV MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC



China : January 2013



China : January 2013



IASI CO retrieval





CO and SO₂: January 2013





high thermal contrast => high IASI sensitivity at the surface combined with high CO concentrations ⇒IASI detects CO in the PBL



SO₂ global scale (2008-2014)



Credit S. Bauduin

SO₂ global scale (2008-2014)



SO₂ Beijing (2008-2014)



Ammonia









Users A lot of scientific requests Regional models for emission inventories Copernicus Atmospheric Service (potentially) CCI as a precursor of aerosols (TBD)

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Perspectives



Consistent set of +15 years of CO observation (AQ4ECV)

IASI NG ~2021

Spectral resolution x2 (0.25 cm⁻¹) Reduction of noise by a factor of 2 **better assessment of the lower troposphere** + detection limit

