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Principal Component Analysis of IASI measurements for the detection of extreme events: methodology and case studies

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OBJECTIVES

We have implemented and tested the feasibility and performances of a systematic and global processing of IASI L1 measurements based on the Principal Component Analysis (PCA) of the spectra, for the fast detection, identification and monitoring of atmospheric extreme events.

The detected extreme events are defined as data outliers with respect to the representative global variability of IASI spectra (excluding outliers), and thus the detection is driven by a specific metric of the rarity (infrequency) of the spectrum behaviour.

This approach called IASI-PCA and its metrics are described. A first evaluation on 1 year of global IASI data has been done. The ability of this processing to deal with both clear and cloudy data is illustrated, and the analyses of some specific cases are discussed.



2. Indicators

Extreme events are detected using **indicators** for which reconstruction scores are computed over reduced spectral intervals targeted *a priori* on species of interest





3. Spectral residual statistics

Extreme events are carefully analysed and interpreted by identifying anomalies (or outliers) in the **spectral residual statistics** i.e. cases for which the extremes fall outside a given "confidence intervals".



600 800 1000 1200 1400 1600 1800 2000 2200 2400 2600 2800

We determine the statistical characteristics of the reconstruction residuals of all the IFOVs of a certain type (day / night, clear / mixed / overcast) for a given period and geographical area (1 day and 1 latitude band) the average (black), the dispersion around the mean (red and orange), the two extremes (max in purple and blue, min in green and light blue) for all spectral channels.

Wave number (cm-1)

(spectroscopic database, HITRAN, 2012)

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EXAMPLES OF RESULTS

Saudi Arabia outliers

Unknown extreme event is detected from dedicated indicators on 9th (figures below) and 10th of August 201



High scores are observed in different conditions (night/day, land/sea, clear/overcast). It allows to detect and follows the plume in clear and cloudy conditions. The spatio-temporal behaviour of this event is consistent with a gas or particle (desert dust) plume.



The outliers show a spectral signature in the same domain as the C_2H_4O gas (absorption band centered at 872 cm⁻¹). However, such a signature can also be due to particules such as calcite (Clarisse et al. 2013, Atmos. Chem. Phys., 13, 2195-2221). MODIS image and MERRA reanalysis confirm the presence of a dust event during the same period. Investigations on the physical origin of this event are ongoing.

Analysis of Australien fires from indicators and spectral residual statistics

Predefined indicators allow the automatic detection, mapping and preliminary characterization of fire plumes. Maps below are examples of detection of C_2H_2 , C_2H_4 and HCOOH high scores







Analysis of spectral residual statistics over the concerned days and latitude band allow to confirm the presence of detected gases, to identify additional species, and to highlight spectral signatures of interest to be further analysed. The precise analysis of these spectral residual statistics is very powerful in detecting and identifying anomalies.



This analysis makes it possible to immediately identify strongly marked peaks, indicating in particular the presence of outliers associated with the species $C_2H_{4\nu}$ as well as with CO (which can be analyzed as specific for fires in a hot and convective atmosphere).



In this zoom over the domain [1050.00-1150.00] cm⁻¹, a signature of the Q branch of HCOOH is detected. Beyond these typical species of major fire event,s we identify unknown or unexpected spectral signatures, thus making ipossible to detect new species, or events not identified a priori

First conclusions: A processing method for hyperspectral atmospheric sounding measurements has been developed to detect and characterize "rare" atmospheric events. This treatment has been prototyped, evaluated and tested on IASI data. It was then applied for different datasets and objectives (see also posters from Adrien Vu Van and Sarah Pipien). At this point some interesting results have been obtained : ability of the approach to process clear as well as cloudy data; ability of the processing to work systematically on large amounts of data; implementation of different methods for the analysis of reconstruction to identify anomalies of interest and characterize the corresponding events. While the potential seems high, there is still a lot to do and to show.