

PHIDIAS: Steps forward in detection and identification of anomalous atmospheric events from space









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## Earth and environment challenges at local, regional and global scales: continuous increase of human activities modify the atmospheric composition

- Impact on environment (climate; soil, water and air quality; biodiversity)
- Impact on health, on economy

Needs to understand and to monitor for acting



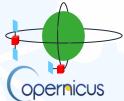






**European answers for better adressing these challenges**: Europe is entering in the era of **operational measurement of the air composition from space**, for the analysis and **forecasting of chemical weather** and **climate monitoring** 

- 4 Operational sounding instruments from 2022-2023 : Sentinel 4 and 5 onboard Metop-NG and MTG
- Copernicus Operational forecasting services for atmospheric chemistry (CAMS) and Climate (C3S)
- Development of the European capacity for the measurement of GHG for monitoring human emissions



First measurements already available: IASI, GOME (Metop) Sentinel 5 precursor (S5P/TROPOMI)





From 2022, European atmospheric sounding missions will deliver each day several TB (terabytes) of raw datacubes at high spatial/temporal/spectral resolutions. This represents an unprecedented amount of atmospheric data, with improved quality and coverage.



Onboard <u>polar-orbiting MetOp SG satellite</u>, the Sentinel-5 mission comprises an UVNS instrument and data from IASI-NG, MetImage and 3MI



How to comprehensively deal with all available information?

Key challenge is to provide the capacity of intelligent screening of large amounts of satellite data for targeting scenes or events of interest in view of their dedicated processing or exploitation.

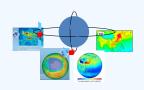
**PHIDIAS** addresses those needs by using HPC and HPDA capacities of intelligent **screening approaches in an operational context**, for detection and identification of atmospheric composition events.

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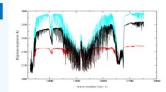


## PHIDIAS ADDED VALUE



## Earth observation from space is underexploited

Huge quantity of data, increasing information content and complexity





#### **Operational forecasting systems**

Efficient, real-time data assimilation in models, but could not use « extreme » data related with « extreme events »

Reduced added value of the data



Detection and Filtering in real time of relevant data





Research groups, scientific institutes
Innovative and well adapted to event studies
but case by case exploitation of the data
Not exhaustive exploitation,
no real-time analysis





Realtime Detection & analyse of extreme events, pollutant plumes, other targeted events



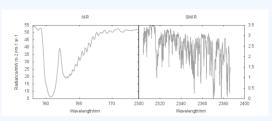




#### **Dedicated services**

Early warning, monitoring, decision support





## **Earth observation from space** Sentinel 5 Precursor (S5P) L1B, L2



Al-based Detection of gas plume and sources from L2 products

L1B data



PCA-based screening of L1B data

On the flow, realtime detection & analysis of anomalous events



On demand processing of the data for detection of plumes and sources over a region/period specified by the user



Processed L2 products with additional characteristics



Catalogue/Metadata of selected and characterised L1B data



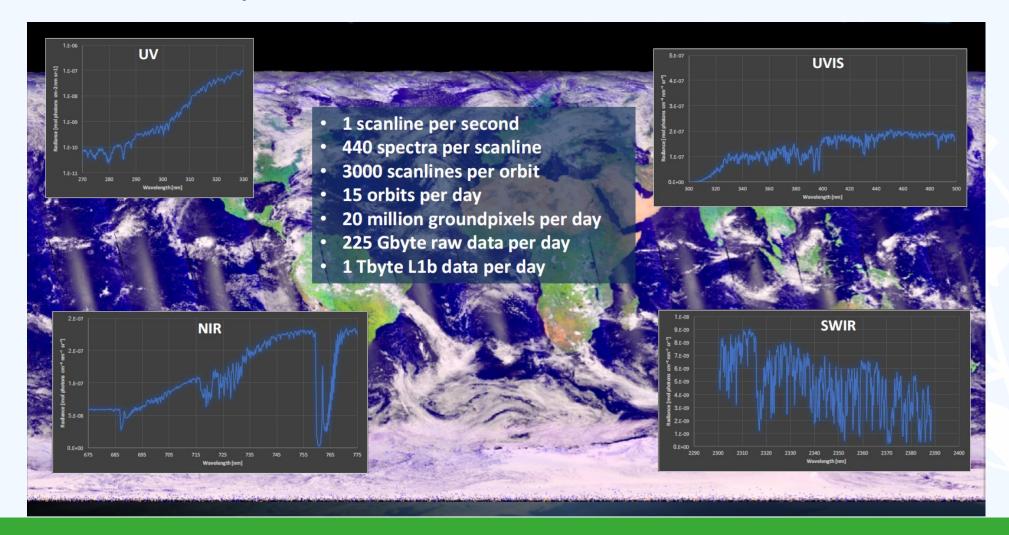




Complementary dedicated services
Early warning, monitoring, decision
support

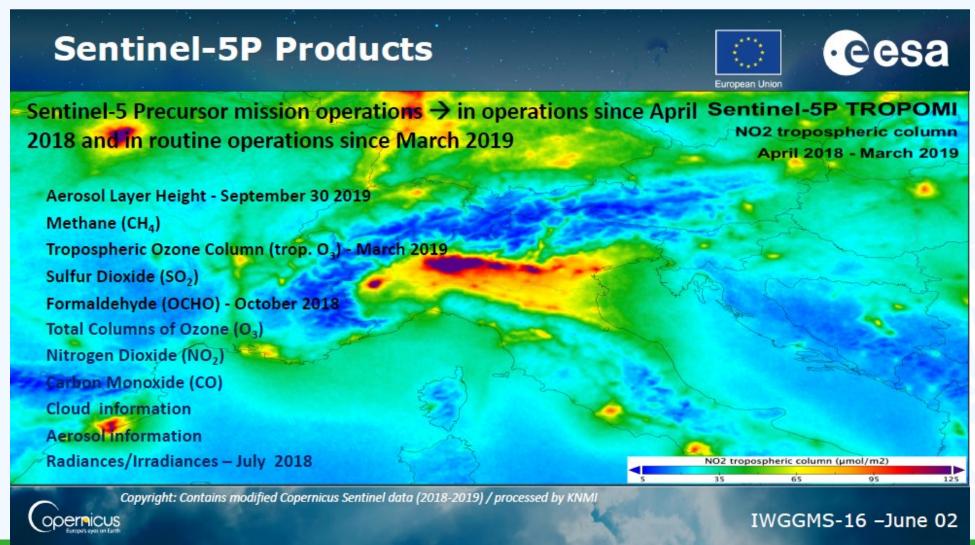


This use case propose to develop, test and prototype the approach with Sentinel 5 Precursor data/products: Level 1 data ...





... and Level 2 products







Objective: intelligent screening of large amount of satellite data for detection and identification of anomalous atmospheric composition events

### Two processing prototypes are addressed proposed for development and test :

1. PCA-based screening of L1 data (SWIR) for detection of extreme events. Based on experience and methods developed for IASI, implementation and consolidation of algorithms and tools for generic processing of atmospheric spectra recorded by S5P.

Real-time, systematic processing of data

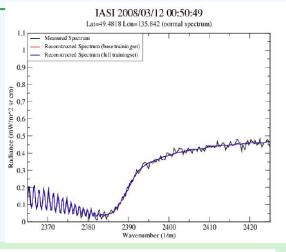
2. New AI methods for objective/automatic detection of plumes from L2 products (CO, CH<sub>4</sub> NO<sub>2</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>): dedicated AI methods based on Particle Swarm Optimisation approaches and exploiting similitude with animal behavior modelling -> comprehensive exploitation of spatial and temporal information for detecting plumes and sources.

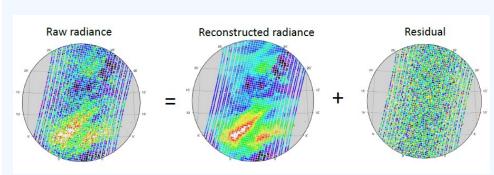
On demand processing: historical data or real time processing



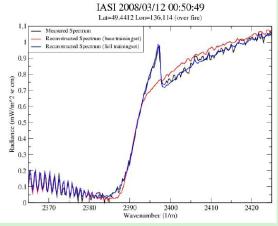
## 1. PCA-based screening of L1 data — Example of IASI

Nominal case: denoising filter



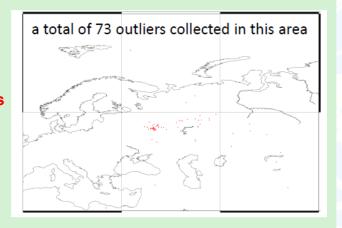


Extreme
case:
identification
of the
residual
signal



Reconstruction of "scores" maps: rapid detection of anomalous situations





Analysis of "residuals" : interpretation of the anomalous event









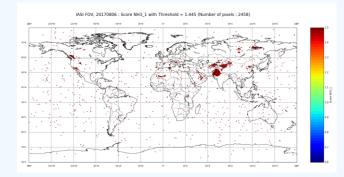




1. PCA-based screening of L1 data (SWIR) for detection of extreme events.

### Status:

- ➤ 1 year, global scale of S5P Level 1 (L1) data available at ICARE
- PCA-screening processing under development (adapted from IASI-PCA developed with CNES)
  - Processing already tested on IASI real data
  - Development/adaptation at HYGEOS is ongoing



- Analysis and pre-processing of L1 ShortWave InfraRed (SWIR) spectra (bands 7 and 8) is ongoing, in order to be ingested by the PCA processing
  - Issue: complex but necessary filtering of bad pixels for exploiting the whole spectrum
  - Analysis of spectral micro-windows: indicators for detection of pollutants (air quality, greenhouse gases)

**Next steps**: first tests of PCA processing on small subsets of S5P data; generation of global scale database for the learning phase; implementation at ICARE for test and prototyping

## **WORK PROGRESS**



2. New Al methods for objective/automatic detection of plumes from L2 products (CO, others?: CH<sub>4</sub> NO<sub>2</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>)

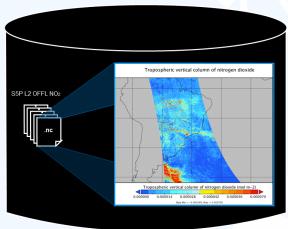
### Status:

- ➤ Global S5P Level 2 products since 2018 available at ICARE
- Preparation and analysis of S5P Level 2 product (NO<sub>2</sub>)
  - Analysis of image over pollution sources (see side results in the next slide)

Implementation of dedicated storage of the product, optimised for speedy retrievals given {geolocation, time} constraints over the whole dataset (2018 - present)

- > Development of the AI engine for source and plume detection
  - Neural network agents, stochastic optimization process
  - Selection of data subsets for the learning phase
- Alternative method analyzing significant signal enhancements

**Next steps**: learning phase and tests on S5P data subsets



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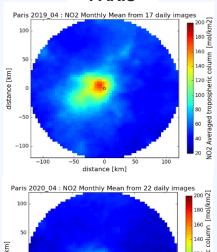


From ESA S5P measurements of the air pollutant NO<sub>2</sub> from space, we have assessed the impact of the human activity reduction on air pollution by comparing the first 4-months periods of 2019 and 2020 on a daily, weekly and monthly basis

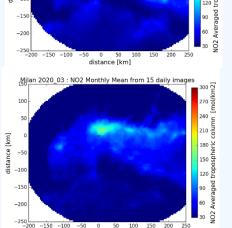
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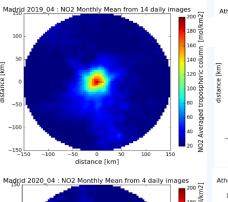
for 4 major cities in Europe

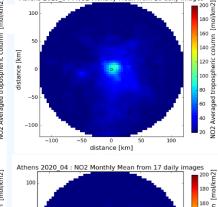




**PARIS** 

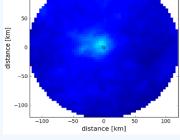


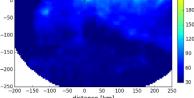


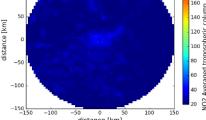


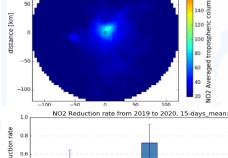
**ATHENS** 

2020 Monthly averages









- Start dealing with the data
- **Understand the information**
- Show the added-value of S5P

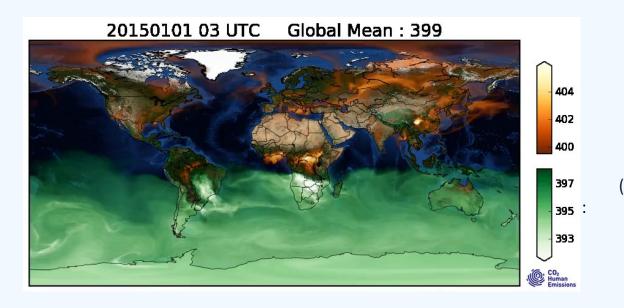
Reductions in the pollution level (using NO<sub>2</sub> tropospheric column as a proxy) have been observed from Mid March and for April 2020 (52% +/-9% for Paris; 28% +/-8% for Milan region; 54% +/-16% for Madrid; not significantly observed for Athens), as compared to the same periods in 2019





# Space-based Earth observation will provide amazing amount of complex, informative data: How to extract and use comprehensively this increasing information?

- Operational Models and systems have strong limitation to exploit « extreme » data, i.e., too far from the model
- Research face to the necessity to focus their analyses of the underlined information and science



## **XCO2 IFS model simulation**

provided by ECMWF (from H2020 ECMWF CHE project)

PHIDIAS will provide new tools and approaches to deal with the measurements and the information, allowing better and more efficient use of the data, and pave the ways for finding new paradigms

## Thank-you

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