



Vegetation stress from IASI spectral radiances and Carbonyl Sulfide (OCS) retrievals: a research based study

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Because of intense heat waves broad-leaf forest in supposedly temperate climates have dried before than expected

Rationale and Objective



Objective and Rationale (Long-lasting droughts are killing woodlands in temperate climate regions)

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Research issue:

Can Infrared satellite observations help to monitor the vegetation stress and the early drying in summer because of heat waves. Is there any added value with respect to LST-NDVI indices

- Tools:
 - Satellite infrared observations and L2 products
 - surface parameters: *T_s* and emissivity;
 - Atmospheric parameters: T, H_2O and gases

- IASI is a nadir-view sounder in the thermal infrared. It couples remote sensing of the surface and atmosphere. We can combine surface and atmospheric parameters
- This is a capability with at present is not possible with SEVIRI or from geostationary platforms.
- However, IASI is a polar orbit and does not have the required time continuity for change detection analysis.
- By the way, within three-four years from now, ESA/EUMETSAT should launch MTG-IRS on the geostationary orbit. MTG-IRS is a Fourier transform imaging spectrometer with sounding (atmosphere) and imaging (surface) capabilities

DATA: WHY IASI?





We have developed a L2 processor for IASI, which uses the whole IASI spectral coverage (8461 channels) and simultaneously retrieve parameters and gas species



Retrieved parameters and species include, surface temperature and emissivity (spectrum), Temperature, H₂O, O₃, HDO, CO₂, N₂O, CO, CH₄, SO₂, HNO₃, NH₃, OCS, CF₄ atmospheric profiles.



The L2 processor has been variously validated:

Reference Papers



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Demonstration of random projections applied to the retrieval problem of geophysical parameters from hyper-spectral infrared observations

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Emissivity and emissivity contrast to identify land cover type channels



Using IASI emissivity spectrum defines 5 SEVIRI channels emissivity in the window regions (12, 10.8, 9.7, 8.7 3.9)

μm







Emissivity Contrast index, ECI

(French et al, RSE, 2000, https://doi.org/10.1016/S0034-4257(00)00115-2)

- $\delta \varepsilon = Max(Channel Emissivity) Min(Channel Emissivity)$
- We define the Emissivity Contrast Index (ECI) as 1 δε, ECI varies in range [0,1], the endpoint 1 is the limit of wet green vegetation, 0 that of dry arid soil.
 - For water the contrast is ≈0.01, ECI ≅ 0.99
 - For bare soil ECI is in between 0.7 0.8 (in the limit of desert sand)
 - Green vegetation typically has a very high emissivity because it is structured and contains water. We expect a contrast in between
 ECI ≈ 0.98 - 1
 - Senescent (dry) vegetation has a more variable emissivity, especially in the 3 to 5 μm region, which depends on the type and structure of the cover type, the dryness, and so forth. In this case we expect a contrast in between 0.94 – 0.98

ECI and its correlation with Soil Moisture has been assessed mostly for semi-arid and arid lands, the case of SINAI-NEGEV desert





HSAF soil moisture at spatial resolution of 1 km is a good product



Correlation with Soil Moisture (from HSAF)





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Emissivity Contrast, Dahra Senegal, dry season 2011





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Analysis with IASI. Three days of IASI data over Bulgaria, 20-21 and 30 August 2016







Example of Emissivity for three days over Bulgaria, 20-21 and 30 August 2016













Example of Emissivity for three days over Bulgaria, 20- $\frac{1}{2}$ and 30 August 2016. Forming the Emissivity Contrast, $ECI = 1 - \delta \varepsilon$











Eastern Asia, July 2016



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120 E

130[°]E



0.9

0.88

0.86

0.84

0.82

140° E



Eastern China, ECI index (1)





Eastern China, ECI index (2)



Designing LST-ECI indeces. The case of Bulgaria August 2016 heat wave



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Fires in Eastern China on 29 July, 2016



On July 29, 2016, fires peppered the ground while smoke spread across the skies over eastern China. The Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer (MODIS) on NASA's Terra satellite captured this natural-color image. Dozens of fires, marked by red outlines, appear south and southwest of Beijing. Smoke appears most thick over the Shandong Bandao peninsula. Many, if not most, of the fires in this image are agricultural fires.

The Shandong Peninsula is between the Bohai Sea to the north and the Yellow Sea to the south, and is part of the Shandong province in eastern China.

Image Credit: NASA MODIS Rapid Response, Jeff Schmaltz, Text: NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, Rob Gutro

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OCS



- Carbonyl sulphide (OCS), a sulphur-containing analogue of carbon dioxide, is also taken up by plants, and could potentially serve as a powerful proxy for photosynthetic carbon dioxide uptake, which cannot be directly measured above the leaf scale.
- Furthermore, recent studies (e.g., Asaf et al, 2013, doi: 10.1038/NGEO1730) have shown that carbonyl sulphide holds great promise for studies of carbon cycle processes because it is an atmospheric tracer of photosynthetic Gross Primary Production (GPP).
- Unlike CO₂ which can also released by plants in non-photosynthesis processes, OCS is irreversibly taken by plants in photosynthesis processes.

Monthly mean sequences: IASI vs MLO Day and Night:

Mean difference over the whole period 2014-2015, -0.1 pptv





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Land surface: Case study over the Po Valley



Forest Canopy



Ogée, et al 2016, doi:10.5194/bg-13-2221-2016 has suggested that OCS soil and leafs uptake, although governed by the activity of carbonic anhydrase (CA), follows different processes. That for soil is also depending on its temperature.

Agricultural Field



OCS contour map for February 2015





OCS contour map for August 2015



OCS monthly mean sequences





OCS, Carbonyl Sulfide, Bulgaria



Next

 Assess the synergy ECI-NDVI (infrared-visible).
SEVIRI-NDVI is operationally produced by EUMETSAT

- ECl≈1, NDVI≈1 → Green Vegetation
- ECl≈1, NDVl≈0 → Dry Vegetation
- ECl≈0, NDVI≈0 → Bare Soil

- Emissivity contrast can distinguish between bare soil and dry vegetation
- Scatterplots $(T_s T_{dew}) vs ECI$ are effective in defining dry-stress scatterplots for vegetation.
- There is a need to investigate ECI-NDVI synergy. In perspective this could improve SEVIRI capability to monitor vegetation stress and detect changes because of the global warming
- OCS is promising, but the concept needs to be demonstrated.

CONCLUSIONS



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