

Impact of the assimilation of the ozone total column of IASI aboard METOP on the vertical profiles

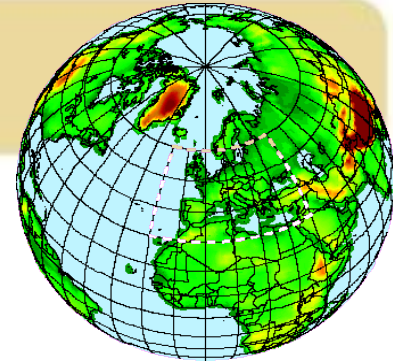
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Model: MOCAGE



Global Horizontal Configuration :

- ($2^\circ \times 2^\circ$) \rightarrow Comprehensive chemical schemes
- ($0.5^\circ \times 0.5^\circ$) \rightarrow Linear chemical schemes (O_3 , CO)

Verticale configuration :

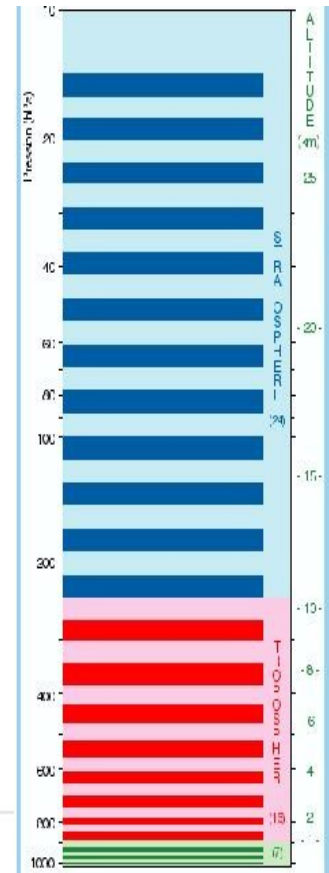
- 47 levels : 0 \rightarrow 5 hPa
- 60 levels : 0 \rightarrow 0.1 hPa

dynamical forcing :

- ARPEGE (Météo-France NWP) \rightarrow 47 levels
- ECMWF \rightarrow 47 levels ; 60 levels

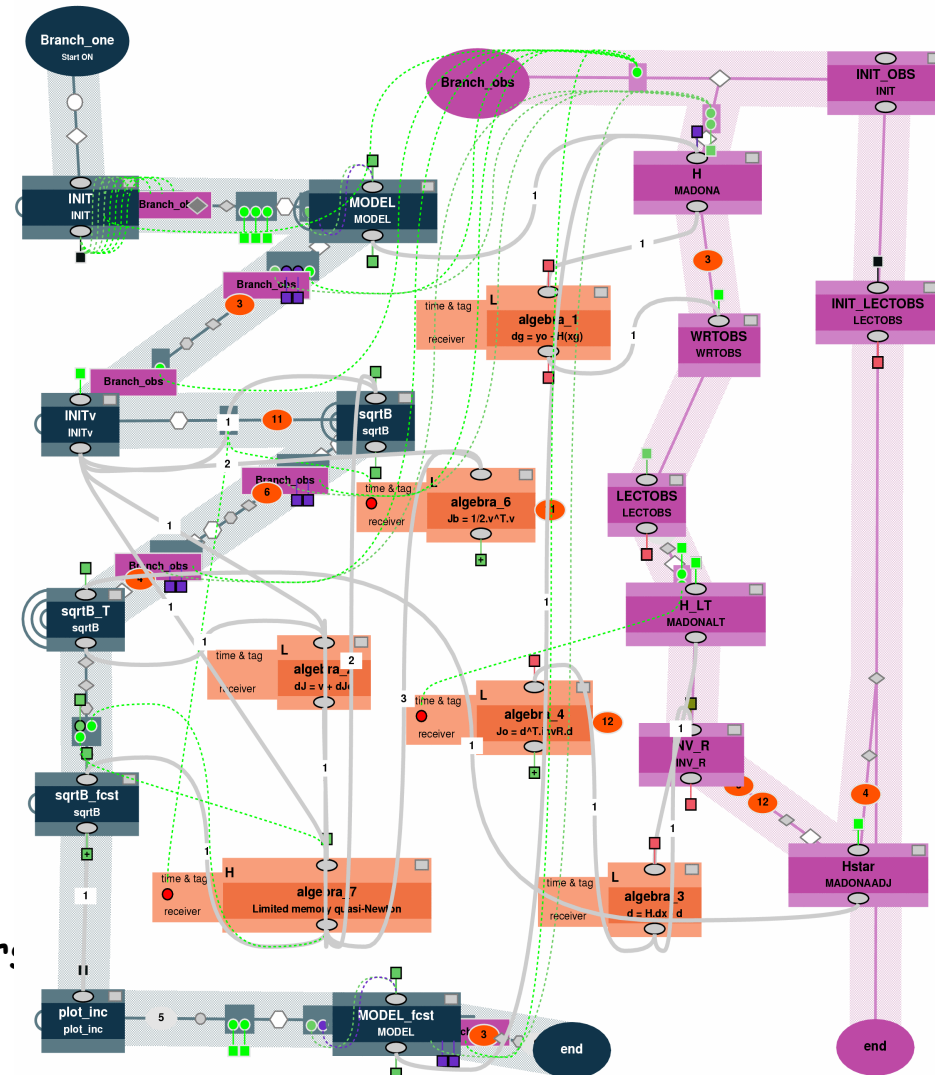
chemical schemes :

- RACMOBUS (tropo + strato)
- REPROBUS (strato)
- CARIOLLE (Linear O_3 strato)
- CARIOLLE (Linear CO tropo + strato)



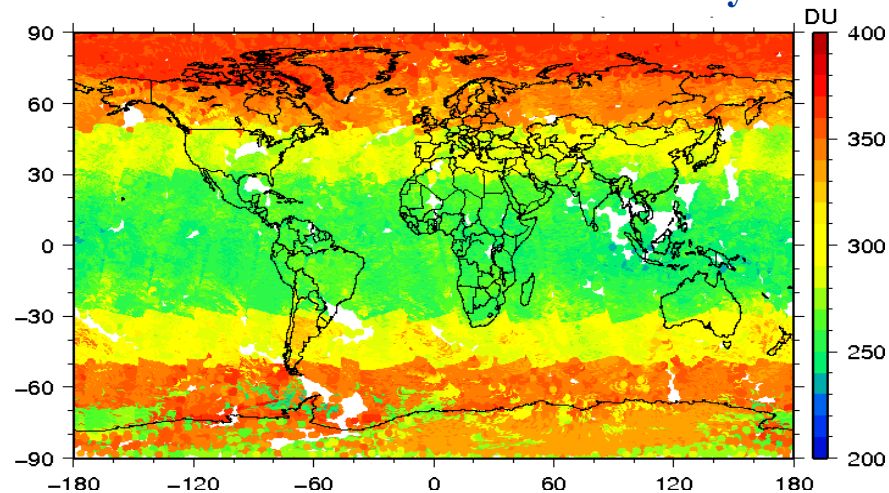
Assimilation module: PALM

- **Method:** Variational (3D-FGAT)
 - Hybrid method between 3D-VAR and 4D-VAR
 - Minimisation of the cost function (observations + model)
- **Advantages:** Modular Processes
 - flexibility (choice of the parameters)
- **Takes into account the vertical correlation**
 - The characterization of different layers is more realistic

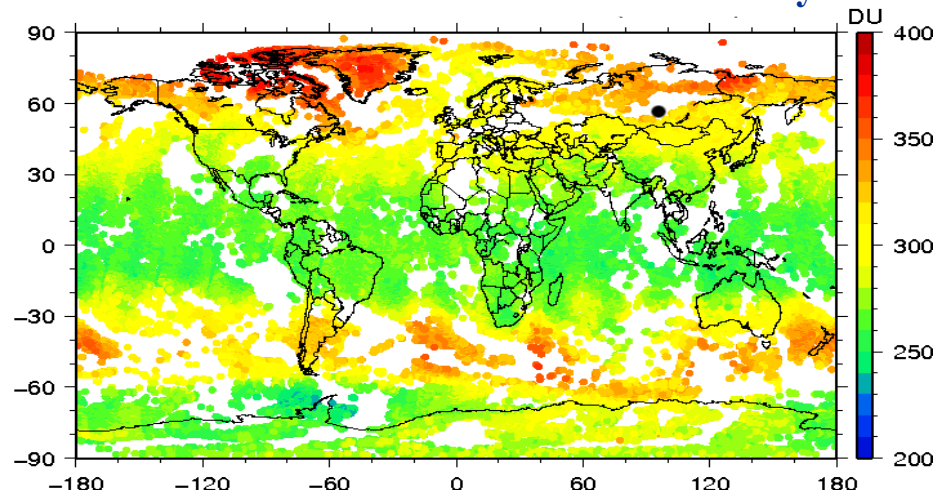


Ozone IASI: Selection of the observations

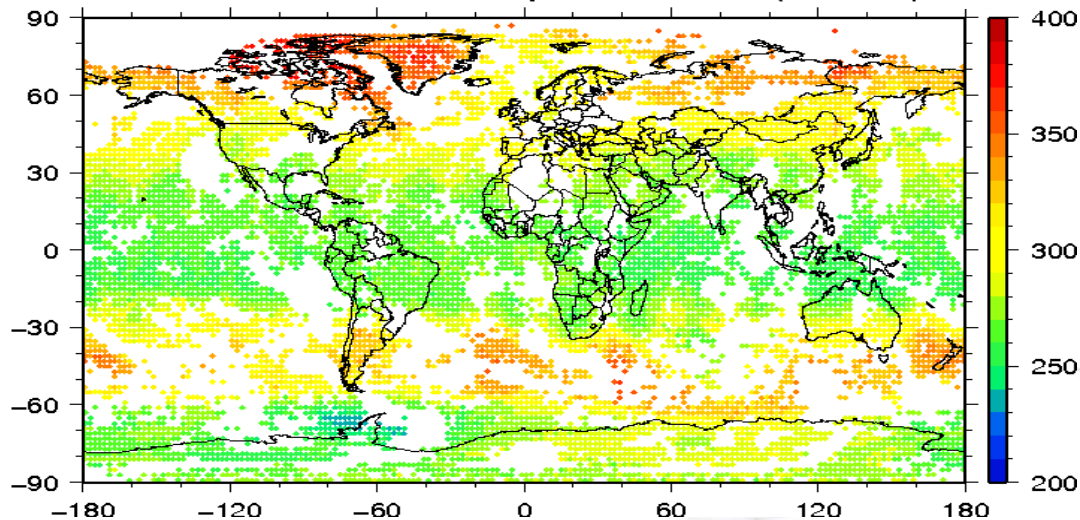
All data: ~ 600000 measurements / day



Without clouds: ~ 100000 measurements / day



Super-observations ($2^\circ \times 2^\circ$): ~ 12000 measurements / day



Assimilation methodology

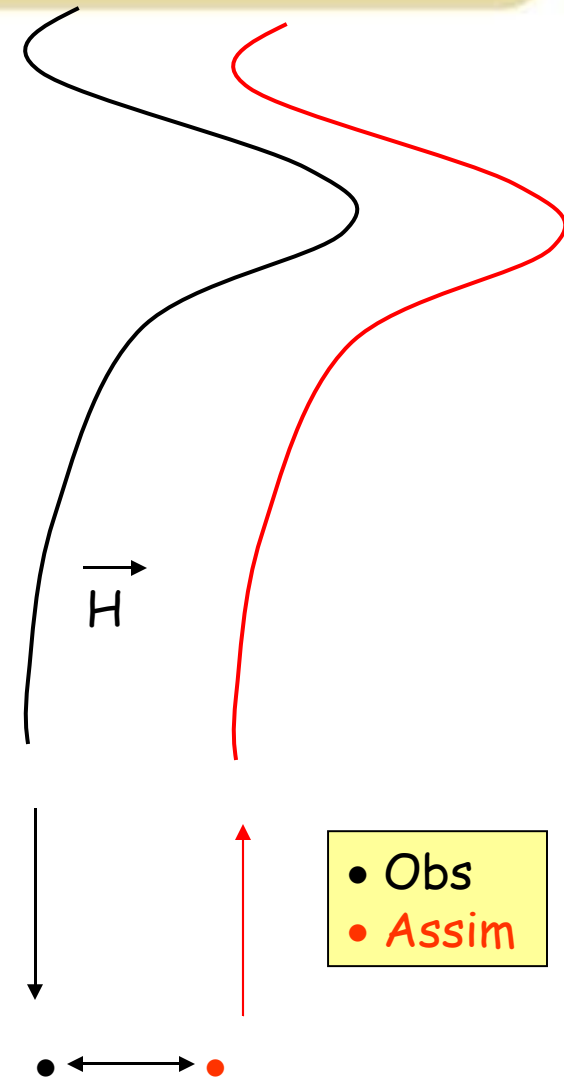
The minimization of the cost function is done in in the space observations following two distinct methods :

1- comparison between two columns and propagate the increment with H^T

- more suitable for tropospheric species
- This method takes into account the air density

2- Construct a pseud-profile from observations → Comparison between two profiles: the first-guess and the pseudo-observation profile

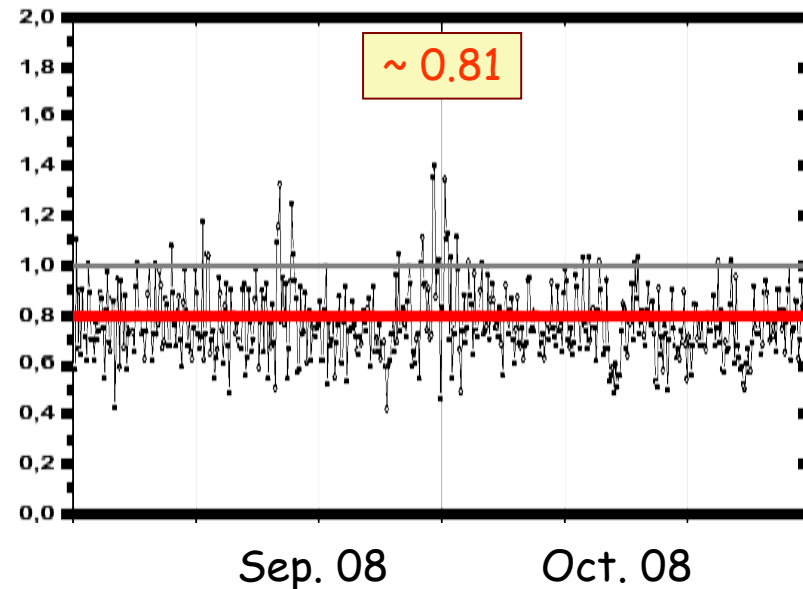
- This method considers that the first-guess profile is somewhat realistic
- Much appropriate for stratospheric species
- No propagation of the increment



Ozone Assimilation: A posteriori diagnostics

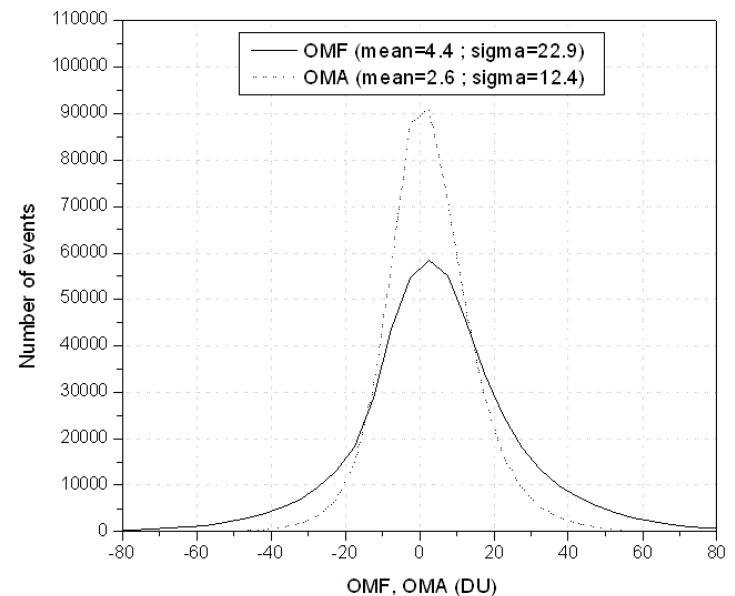
Chi2 test :

- Checks the consistency of the background and the observation error covariance matrices (B & R)
- Ideally : $\text{Chi}^2 \sim 1$



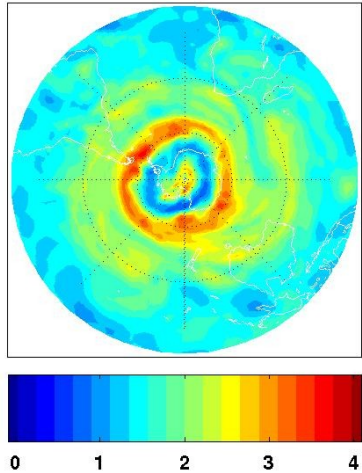
OMA residuals & OMF innovations :

- Consistent self-diagnostic defined in observation space
- Checks the consistency of both forecasts and analyses distributions with respect to the observations.

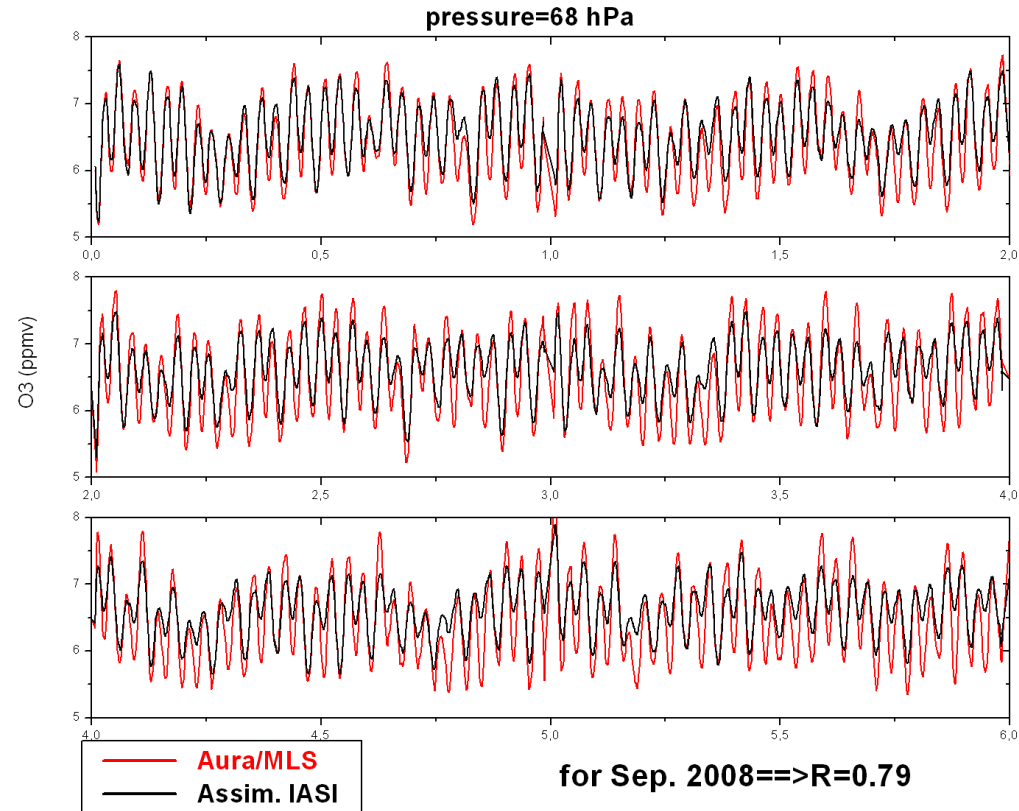
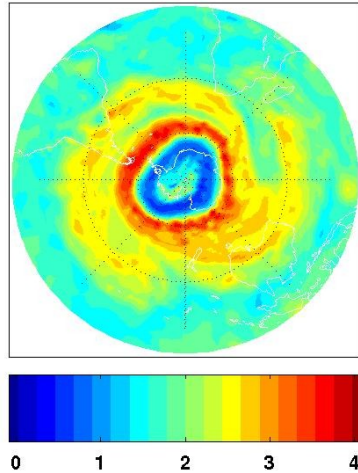


Assimilation Results: vertical profiles

Assimilated IASI O3 @ 500K 20080912



Assimilated MLS O3 @ 500K

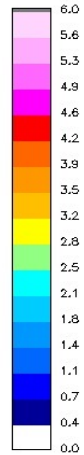
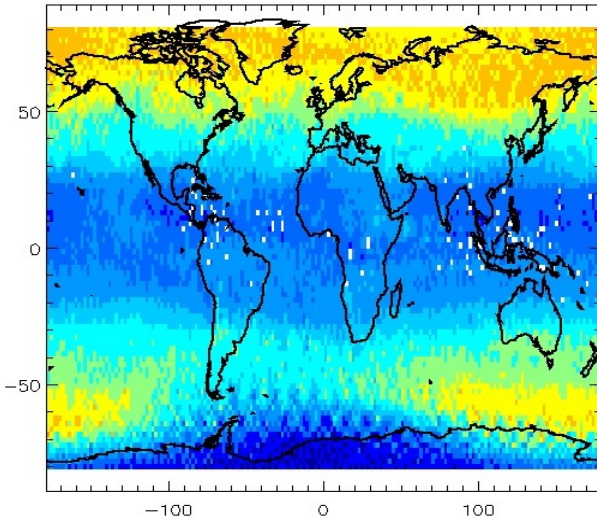


→ In general, good agreement between both fields for all assimilation period

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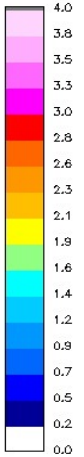
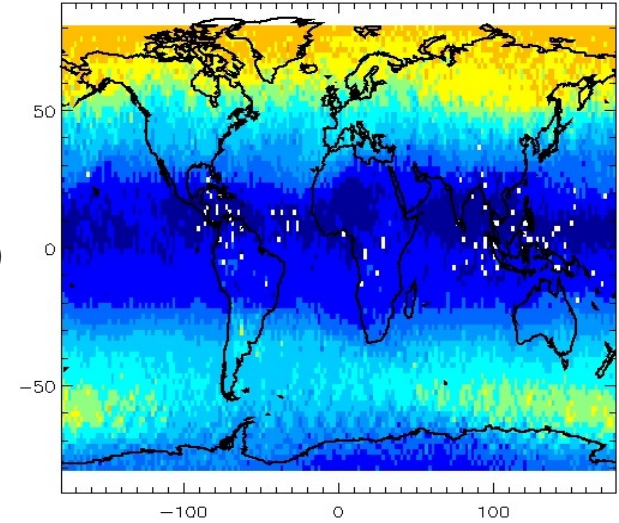
46 hPa

Ass. IASI O3 @ 46.12 hPa



68 hPa

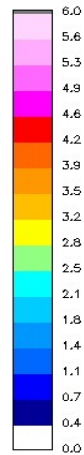
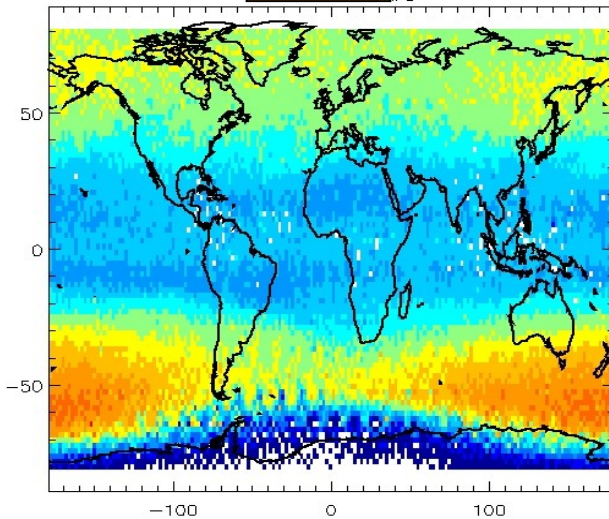
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Ass. IASI
(Average of Oct.2008)

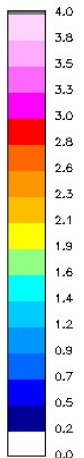
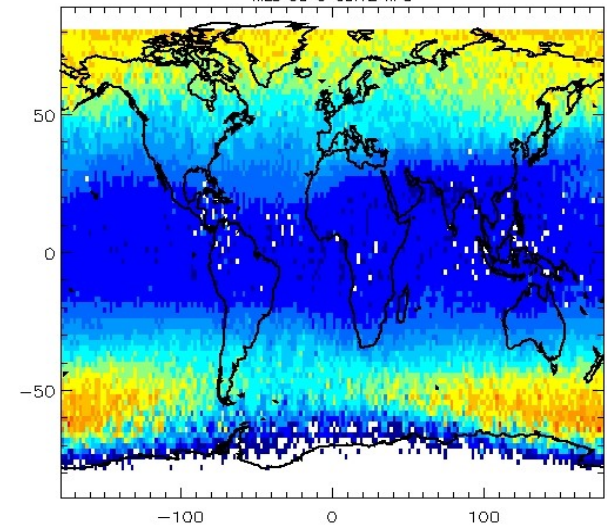
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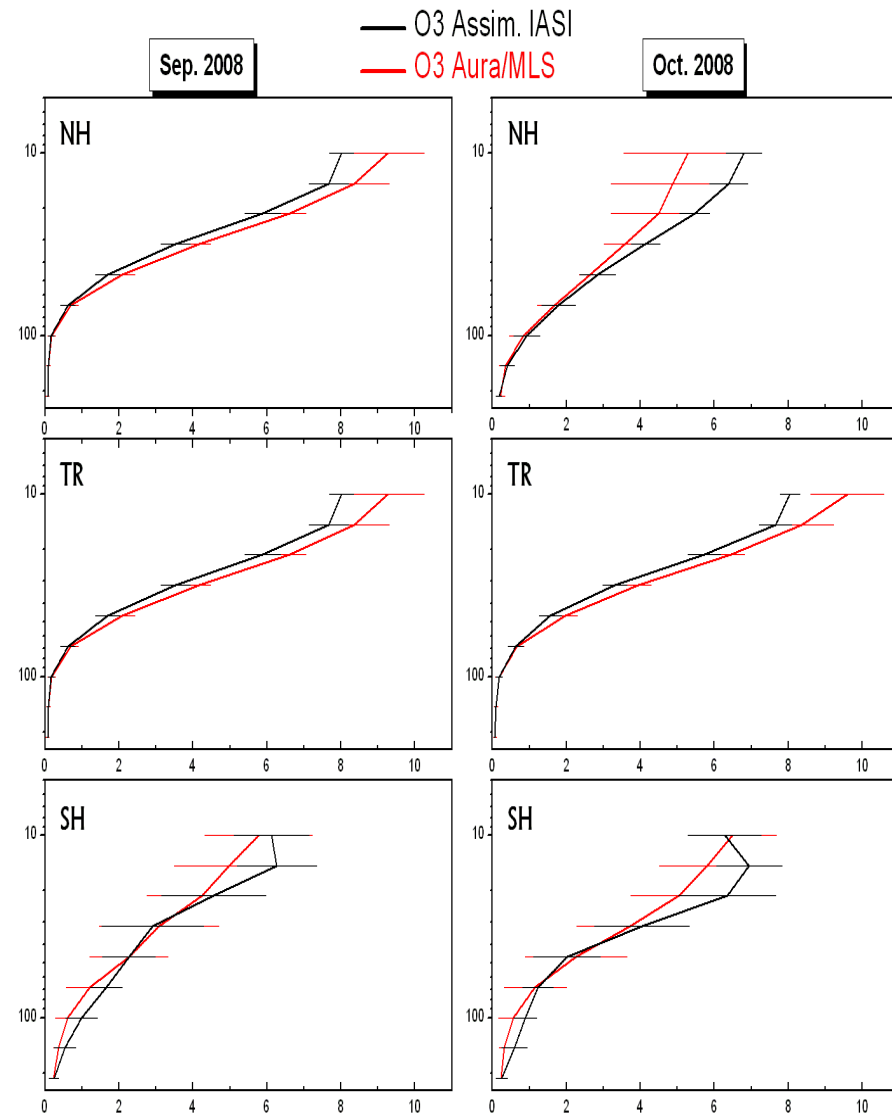


MLS O3
(Average of Oct.2008)

Assimilation Results: vertical profiles

In terms of vertical profiles

- Good agreement between IASI assimilated field and MLS up to 50 hPa
- In the NH, no systematic biases
- In the TR, MLS overestimates Ozone compared to IASI analyses
- In the SH IASI overestimates Ozone



Summary

- Assimilation of O3 IASI:

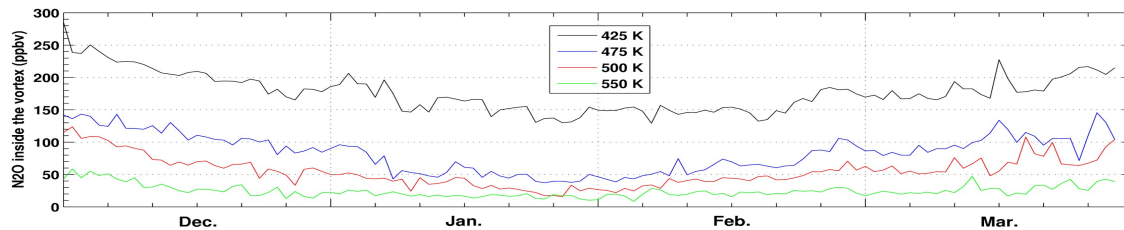
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- To do !!!

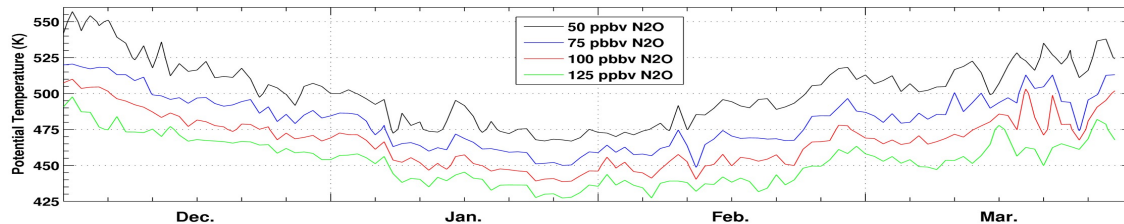
- First: validation of the observations → ozonesondes
- Second: quantifying the biases between IASI and MLS (OMI)

Perspectives : Calculation of chemical ozone loss inside the vortex

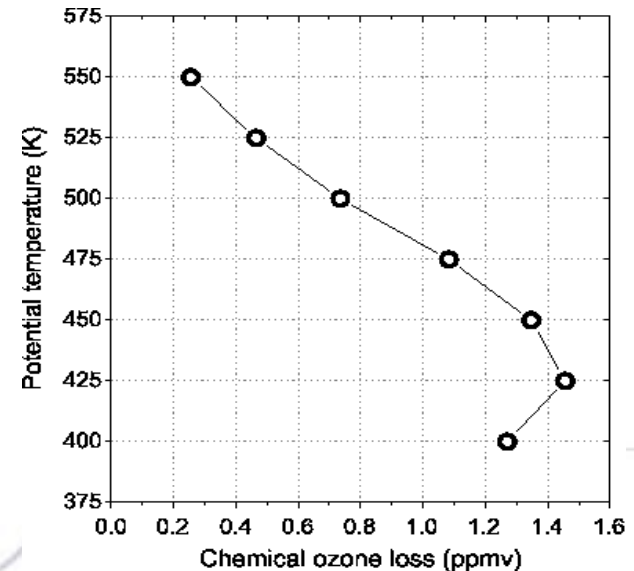
→ Estimation of the subsidence inside the vortex : e.g. N₂O/MLS as a tracer



2004/2005 Arctic winter



→ Estimation of the chemical ozone loss inside the vortex:





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