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IDEAS-QA4EO WP 2250-2251:"DOAS-BO: TOWARDS A NEW FRM4DOAS-COMPLIANT SITE"

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• RATIONALE:

We set-up a max doas instrument in San Pietro Capofiume (SPC, BO) in the Po Valley, we
performed 2 measurement campaigns one in bologna against a custom built system and on in
BAQUININ against pandora. The target was total column NO2.

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 WE DEVELOPED A RETRIEVAL CODE FOR THE RETRIEVAL OF AEROSOL EXTINCTION AND GASEOUS PROFILES FROM MAX-DOAS MEASUREMENTS. WE TESTED THE CODE ON SPC MEASUREMENTS AND COMPARE THEM WITH AERESOLS AND NO₂ SATELLITE DATA.





CCN 9:

- SINCE THE RETRIEVAL CODE HAS BEEN TESTED ON NO₂ AND PROVED ITS VALIDITY, WE DECIDED TO EXTEND THE ANALYSIS TO FORMALDEHYDE (HCHO).
- HCHO PLAYS A FUNDAMENTAL ROLE IN AIR QUALITY STUDIES
- AT SPC, WE WILL USE THE SUBSEQUENT DATASET TO EVALUATE THE RATIO OF TROPOSPHERIC VCD OF HCHO AND NO₂, WHICH HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT IN UNDERSTANDING O3 FORMATION IN POLLUTED CONDITIONS
- Using the ISAC MAX-DOAS system located at Roma Tor Vergata (RTV) near the Pandora#117, we will compare the MAX-DOAS HCHO tropospheric VCDs to the Pandora ones.

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DOAS	– BO		Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7			9	10	11	12
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WP2250-3 Study of the correlation of the tropospheric HCHO/NO2 with O3																
WP2250–4 Retrieving HCHO profiles at RTV																

- [D-1]: HCHO profiles and Tropospheric VCDs database at SPC
- [D-2A]: TN describing HCHO dataset including inter-comparisons against similar S-5p/TROPOMI products

2250-1: ADAPTATION OF THE DEAP CODE FOR HCHO PROFILES RETRIEVALS

The DEAP code has been adapted to retrieve HCHO instead of NO_2 , the main differences are due to the different spectral range used for the analysis:

VISIBLE IN CASE OF N2O, ULTRAVIOLET IN CASE OF HCHO



2250-2: RETRIEVING HCHO PROFILES AT SPC

The DEAP code has been applied to 1 year of data at SPC from 1 October 2021 to 1 October 2022 With respect to NO_2 , HCHO shows high values also above the first level up to 1-1.5km in agreement with literature





2250-2: RETRIEVING HCHO PROFILES AT SPC

INTEGRATING THE VERTICAL PROFILES WE CAN OBTAIN THE TROPOSPHERIC HCHO VCDS.

Looking at 1 year of data we can infer the seasonal behaviour with highest values in summer in the afternoon.



2251-1: INTER-COMPARISON OF HCHO VCDS WITH TROPOMI-5P

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THE VALIDATION EXERCISE,



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TO MAX-DOAS RETRIEVALS OF ABOUT 15% 1E+15 MOL/CM² THE OBSERVED NEGATIVE BIAS IS EXPECTED FROM THE VALIDATION EXERCISE, HOWEVER, WE FOUND A LOWER BIAS WITH RESPECT TO OTHER MAX-DOAS

https://mpc-vdaf-server.tropomi.eu/hcho/hchooffl-maxdoas/cabauw



2250-3: STUDY OF THE CORRELATIONS BETWEEN TROPOSPHERIC HCHO/NO2 AND O3

- Several papers demonstrated the capability of satellite and MAX-DOAS ground-based measurements to discuss the VOC/NO_X regime in relations to O_3 formation in pollution conditions. VOC sensitive regimes are represented by HCHO/NO2 ratio less than 1 while values greater than 2 indicate a NO_X sensitive regime.
- FOR THIS TASK WE EXPLOITED HOURLY AVERAGED ARPAE O₃ IN SITU DATA MEASURED AT SPC FROM (https://dati.arpae.it/dataset/qualita-dell-aria-rete-di-monitoraggio/resource/7efd47bc-31e3-4f7d-bca4-e1b01f80a304)
- The limit for 8 hours O_3 AVG is 120 UG/M $_3$
- WE PRODUCE A DAILY AVERAGE OF THESE DATA CONSIDERING THE TIME FRAME BETWEEN 10:00 AND 18:00
- The same time frame has been used to average the HCHO and NO_2 data
- WE ALSO USED THE TEMPERATURE AND RH AT GROUND (12 M A.S.L) AS EXTRACTED FROM SPC RADIOSOUNDINGS AT 12:00 UTC (https://weather.uwyo.edu/upperair/sounding.html) for 2022 as correlative informations.

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Correlation between $HCHO/NO_2$ ratio and O_3 apart from spring (possibly due to transport events)

 O_3 over the 120 ug/m3 limit in some days during summer

Correlation between O₃ and Temperature anti correlation with water vapour

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 O_3 values above 120 ug/m3 mainly corresponds to HCHO/NO₂ ratio above 2 \rightarrow NO_x limited regime

Correlation between HCHO/NO₂ ratio and Temperature anti correlation with water vapour

High temperature values are mainly correlated to $HCHO/NO_2$ ratio above 2 thus to NO_x regime





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Some high values in spring disappear while some others are still present

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- HCHO/NO₂ ratio from MAX-DOAS measurement in SPC can be used to study the processes related to O_3 formation and pollution at ground.
- The HCHO/NO₂ ratio correlates well with O_3 at ground and with ΔO_3 at ground with an indication of some transport of O_3 polluted air masses in Spring. At SPC we are in presence of a NO_X limited (or sensitive) regime.
- Further investigations are required to understand the entity of transport of air masses on O_3 values. In addition, removing the seasonality from the data can better evidence correlations in some specific cases.
- Unfortunately, no CO measurement at ground is available at SPC thus it is not possible to distinguish between primary and secondary sources of the O_3 production.

WP2250-2251: DOAS-BO: CONCLUSIONS

WORK DONE **ACTIVITIES AT SPC** WP 2250-1: SET UP OF THE DEAP CODE FOR HCHO RETRIEVAL WP 2250-2: ANALYSIS OF MAX-DOAS SPC DATA FOR HCHO WP 2251-1: Validation against TROPOMI WP 2250-3: INVESTIGATION OF HCHO/NO2 RATIO VS O3 POLLUTION D1 AND D2A DELIVERED, D3 IN PREPARATION **NEXT STEPS** ACTIVITIES AT RTV WP 2250-4 •

• WP 2251-2

WP2250-2251: DOAS-BO: CONCLUSIONS

FUTURE WORK

PRODUCTS IMPROVEMENTS: Use of the NO2 tropospheric profiles calculated with the DEAP code to improve the AMF for the NO2 total column calculations / validation with TROPOMI and comparisons with the previous version

SCIENTIFIC EXPLOITATION: STUDY OF THE FEASIBILITY OF USING POINTING SCAN SEQUENCE TO INVESTIGATE AEROSOL EXTINCTION

