CO inversions over the Amazon with TM5-4DVAR

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Outset of research

- van der Laan-Luijkx et al. (2015):
 - Influence of drought / El Niño on Amazonian carbon cycle (2010-2011)
 - Amazon a source of carbon in 2010 and a sink in 2011
 - Biomass burning showed high interannual variability
- How anomalous were these events?

The CO inversions

- Zoom version of TM5-4DVAR
- 2010-2017: April December
- We optimize:
 - biomass burning over Amazon
 - total emissions globally
- Observations:
 - IASI
 - NOAA surface network
- GFAS emissions as prior



Biomass burning



Ongoing fires in 2015-2016 wet season



IASI



NOAA surface network

In the NH: Excellent



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In the SH: Less excellent (near IASI)



Aircraft profiles



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Emission inventories underestimate biomass burning, or....

... we forget the contribution from OH... we are wrong on some other source: NMHC?

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<u>Outlook</u>

- Vertical injection profile
- Other emission inventories
- Non-methane hydrocarbon production fields
- Assimilate aircraft profiles

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• Complications:

- 20 years too long for one inversion, MCF lifetime too long to split it up in much smaller windows (?)
- Non-linearity (OH*MCF)
- The problem is extremely under-constrained

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