



**PRODUCT USER MANUAL**  
**Near real-time Partial and Total**  
**IASI CO Metop-C**

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Purpose and scope

This document is the Product User Manual for the Near Real Time IASI CO profiles retrieved within the context of the Satellite Application Facility on Atmospheric Composition Monitoring (AC SAF) third Continuous Development and Operations Phase (CDOP-3). This document gives a brief overview on the IASI retrieval algorithm and explains how to use and interpret the IASI CO profiles.

This document has been written as FORLI-CO v20151001 was running at EUMETSAT.

### 1.2 Acronyms

AC SAF: Atmospheric Composition Monitoring Satellite Application Facility

BIRA: Belgian Institute for Space Aeronomy

CDOP-3: third Continuous Development and Operations Phase

EUMETSAT: European Organisation for the Exploitation of Meteorological Satellites

EUMETCast: EUMETSAT multi-service data dissemination system

WMO: World Meteorological Organization

GTS: Global Telecommunication System

IASI: Infrared Atmospheric Sounding Interferometer

FORLI: Fast Optimal Retrievals on Layers for IASI

ULB: Université Libre de Bruxelles

LATMOS: Laboratoire Atmosphères, Observations Spatiales

OEM : Optimal Estimation Method

DOFS : Degrees of Freedom for Signal

CP: Partial Column

TOA: Top Of the Atmosphere

VMR: Volume Mixing Ratio

### 1.3 Applicable and reference documents

#### 1.3.1 Applicable documents

[AD1] FORLI Algorithm Theoretical Basis Document SAF/O3M/ULB/FORLI\_ATBD Issue 1, 20/02/2014

[AD2] FORLI-CO Product Specification, Requirement And Assessment  
SAF/O3M/ULB/FORLICO\_PSRA Issue 1, 21/01/2015

[AD3] Product Requirements Document SAF/O3M/FMI/RQ/PRD/001 Issue 1.6, 03/12/2014

[AD4] IASI CO validation report SAF/O3M/LATMOS/VR/001 Issue 1, 17/11/2015.

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<http://www.eumetsat.int/website/home/Data/DataDelivery/EUMETCast/index.html>

## 2. Introduction to EUMETSAT Satellite Application Facility on Atmospheric Composition monitoring (AC SAF)

### Background

The monitoring of atmospheric chemistry is essential due to several human caused changes in the atmosphere, like global warming, loss of stratospheric ozone, increasing UV radiation, and pollution. Furthermore, the monitoring is used to react to the threats caused by the natural hazards as well as follow the effects of the international protocols.

Therefore, monitoring the chemical composition and radiation of the atmosphere is a very important duty for EUMETSAT and the target is to provide information for policy makers, scientists and general public.

### Objectives

The main objectives of the AC SAF is to process, archive, validate and disseminate atmospheric composition products ( $O_3$ ,  $NO_2$ ,  $SO_2$ ,  $BrO$ ,  $HCHO$ ,  $H_2O$ ,  $OCIO$ ,  $CO$ ,  $NH_3$ ), aerosol products and surface ultraviolet radiation products utilising the satellites of EUMETSAT. The majority of the AC SAF products are based on data from the GOME-2 and IASI instruments onboard Metop satellites.

Another important task besides the near real-time (NRT) and offline data dissemination is the provision of long-term, high-quality atmospheric composition products resulting from reprocessing activities.

### Product categories, timeliness and dissemination

*NRT products* are available in less than three hours after measurement. These products are disseminated via EUMETCast, WMO GTS or internet.

- Near real-time trace gas columns (total and tropospheric  $O_3$  and  $NO_2$ , total  $SO_2$ , total  $HCHO$ ,  $CO$ ) and high-resolution ozone profiles
- Near real-time absorbing aerosol indexes from main science channels and polarization measurement detectors
- Near real-time UV indexes, clear-sky and cloud-corrected

*Offline products* are available within two weeks after measurement and disseminated via dedicated web services at EUMETSAT and AC SAF.

- Offline trace gas columns (total and tropospheric  $O_3$  and  $NO_2$ , total  $SO_2$ , total  $BrO$ , total  $HCHO$ , total  $H_2O$ ) and high-resolution ozone profiles
- Offline absorbing aerosol indexes from main science channels and polarization measurement detectors
- Offline surface UV, daily doses and daily maximum values with several weighting functions

*Data records* are available after reprocessing activities from the EUMETSAT Data Centre and/or the AC SAF archives.

- Data records generated in reprocessing
- Lambertian-equivalent reflectivity
- Total  $OCIO$

Users can access the AC SAF offline products and data records (free of charge) by registering at the AC SAF web site.

**More information about the AC SAF project, products and services:** <https://acsaf.org/>

**AC SAF Helpdesk:** [helpdesk@acsaf.org](mailto:helpdesk@acsaf.org)

**Twitter:** [https://twitter.com/Atmospheric\\_SAF](https://twitter.com/Atmospheric_SAF)

### 3. IASI-FORLI retrieval algorithm

#### 3.1 IASI instrument

IASI is an infrared Fourier transform spectrometer developed jointly by CNES (the French spatial agency) with support of the scientific community (for a review see [RD1]), and by EUMETSAT. IASI is mounted on-board the European polar-orbiting Metop satellite with the primary objective to improve numerical weather predictions, by measuring tropospheric temperature and humidity with high horizontal resolution and sampling, with 1 km vertical resolution, and with respectively 1 K and 10% accuracy [RD2]. IASI also contributes to atmospheric composition measurements for climate and chemistry applications [RD3]. To reach these two objectives, IASI measures the infrared radiation of the Earth's surface and of the atmosphere between 645 and 2760  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  at nadir and along a 2200 km swath perpendicular to the satellite track. A total of 120 views are collected over the swath, divided as 30 arrays of 4 individual Field-of-views (FOVs) varying in size from  $36 \times \pi \text{ km}^2$  at nadir (circular 12 km diameter pixel) to  $10 \times 20 \times \pi \text{ km}^2$  at the larger viewing angle (ellipse-shaped FOV at the end of the swath). IASI offers in this standard observing mode global coverage twice daily, with overpass times at around 9:30 and 21:30 mean local solar time. The very good spatial and temporal sampling of IASI is complemented by fairly high spectral and radiometric performances: the calibrated level 1C radiances are at 0.5  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  apodized spectral resolution (the instrument achieves a 2 cm optical path difference), with an apodized noise that ranges below 2500  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  between 0.1 and 0.2 K for a reference blackbody at 280 K [RD1].

#### 3.2 FORLI overview

FORLI (Fast Optimal/Operational Retrievals on Layers for IASI) is a radiative transfer model based on precalculated LUTs capable of processing in near-real-time the numerous radiance measurements made by the high-spatial and high-spectral resolution IASI, with the objective to provide global concentration distributions of atmospheric trace gases. For the inversion step, it relies on a scheme based on the widely used Optimal Estimation theory [RD4]. Three versions of the software have been set-up to process IASI level 1C radiances in near-real-time, for vertical profile retrievals of CO, O<sub>3</sub> and HNO<sub>3</sub>.

The algorithm description with the methods used for forward and inverse modelling is given in the FORLI ATBD [AD1] and in [RD5].

## 4. IASI Level 2 NRT CO Product

### 4.1 BUFR PDU file name convention

The names of the IASI Level 2 CO products distributed on EUMETCast follow this example:

W\_XX-EUMETSAT-Darmstadt,SOUNDING+SATELLITE,METOP\*+IASI\_C\_EUMC\_  
yyyymmddhhmmss\_nnnnn\_eps\_o\_cox\_l2.bin

where:

yyyymmdd	the UTC year, month, day of the data start sensing time
hhmmss	the UTC hour, minute, second of the data start sensing time
nnnnn	the orbit number
*	C

### 4.2 BUFR file size estimate

The size of the output may vary and is on average 850 KB with a number of 480 files per day per instrument.

### 4.3 Description of the content of the BUFR PDU file

The new IASI Level 2 CO BUFR PDU file structure is summarised below. In this table, old local BUFR descriptors used by EUMETSAT were replaced by new ones used by WMO. The FORLICO product new descriptors are provided in the 11 last fields (in bold).

Table 1: Data descriptors of IASI Level 2 CO BUFR file

#	DATA DESCRIPTOR		NAME USED HEREAFTER
0	0-0-1007	SATELLITE IDENTIFIER	
1	0-0-1031	IDENTIFICATION OF ORIGINATING/GENERATING CENTRE	
2	0-25-060	SOFTWARE IDENTIFICATION	
3	0-0-2019	SATELLITE INSTRUMENTS	
4	0-0-2020	SATELLITE CLASSIFICATION	
5	0-0-4001	YEAR	
6	0-0-4002	MONTH	
7	0-0-4003	DAY	
8	0-0-4004	HOUR	
9	0-0-4005	MINUTE	
10	0-0-4006	SECOND	
11	0-0-5040	ORBIT NUMBER	

12	2-0-1133	#N/A	
13	0-0-5041	SCAN LINE NUMBER	
14	2-0-1000	#N/A	
15	0-0-5001	LATITUDE (HIGH ACCURACY)	
16	0-0-6001	LONGITUDE (HIGH ACCURACY)	
17	0-0-5043	FIELD OF VIEW NUMBER	
18	0-0-7024	SATELLITE ZENITH ANGLE	
19	0-0-5021	BEARING OR AZIMUTH (DEGREE TRUE)	
20	0-0-7025	SOLAR ZENITH ANGLE	
21	0-0-5022	SOLAR AZIMUTH (DEGREE TRUE)	
22	0-0-7007	HEIGHT (Surface altitude in meter)	
23	<b>0-4-0056</b>	<b>GENERAL RETRIEVAL QUALITY FLAG</b>	<b>CO_QFLAG</b>
24	<b>0-4-0058</b>	<b>NUMBER OF VECTORS DESCRIBING THE CHAR. MATRICES</b>	<b>CO_NPCA</b>
25	<b>0-4-0059</b>	<b>NUMBER OF LAYERS ACTUALLY RETRIEVED</b>	<b>CO_NFITLAYERS</b>
26	<b>0-4-0060</b>	<b>NUMBER OF CO PROFILES RETRIEVED IN SCANLINE</b>	<b>CO_NBR</b>
27	<b>0-4-0054</b>	<b>POTENTIAL PROCESSING AND INPUT ERRORS</b>	<b>CO_BDIV_LO</b>
28	<b>0-4-0055</b>	<b>DIAGNOSTICS ON THE RETRIEVAL</b>	<b>CO_BDIV_HI</b>
29	<b>1-0-3019</b>	#N/A REPEAT NEXT 3 19 TIMES	
30	<b>0-4-0061</b>	<b>AIR PARTIAL COLUMNS ON EACH RETRIEVED LAYER</b>	<b>CO_CP_AIR</b>
31	<b>0-4-0062</b>	<b>A-PRIORI PARTIAL COLUMNS FOR CO ON EACH RETRIEVED LAYER</b>	<b>CO_CP_CO_A</b>
32	<b>0-4-0063</b>	<b>SCAL. VEC. MULT. A-PRI. CO VEC. DEF. RETR. CO VEC.</b>	<b>CO_X_CO</b>
33	<b>1-0-1010</b>	#N/A REPEAT NEXT 1 10 TIMES	
34	<b>0-4-0064</b>	<b>MAIN EIGENVALUES OF THE SENSITIVITY MATRIX</b>	<b>CO_H_EIGENVALUES</b>
35	<b>1-0-1190</b>	#N/A REPEAT NEXT 1 190 TIMES	
36	<b>0-4-0065</b>	<b>MAIN EIGENVECTORS OF THE SENSITIVITY MATRIX</b>	<b>CO_H_EIGENVECTORS</b>

Usual FORLI-CO products have to be reconstructed/calculated from these above mentioned fields, see Section 5.

Among the other IASI Level 2 available products, temperature, humidity and cloud information needed to completely characterize FORLI-CO products can be found in files distributed by EUMETCast called:

W\_XX-EUMETSAT- Darmstadt,SOUNDING+SATELLITE,METOP\*+IASI\_C\_EUMC\_  
yyyymmddhhmmss\_nnnnn\_eps\_o\_<prod>.l2.bin

where:

yyyymmdd	the UTC year, month, day of the data start sensing time
hhmmss	the UTC hour, minute, second of the data start sensing time
nnnnn	the orbit number
*	C

product code <prod>

twt	atmospheric temperature and water vapour
clp	cloud parameters

## 5. THE FORLI-CO product

### 5.1 Product description

The product FORLI-CO includes several variables, described in Table 1 (bold) and in Table 2. The principal product is a vertical profile of CO provided on 18 layers, from the ground to 18 km with an additional layer from 18 km to TOA. In order to allow a rational use each retrieved profile is associated with averaging kernels and posterior error covariance matrices following the characterization of the optimal estimation. **For saving space, the matrices are compressed and have to be reconstructed using eigenvectors and eigenvalues of the sensitivity matrix (“MAIN EIGENVECTORS OF THE SENSITIVITY MATRIX” and “MAIN EIGENVALUES OF THE SENSITIVITY MATRIX”).** Each retrieval has also associated retrieval flags.

Note that the retrievals are performed on the basis of the *a priori* partial columns (“A-PRIORI PARTIAL COLUMNS FOR CO ON EACH RETRIEVED LAYER” called hereafter *CO\_CP\_CO\_A*), which are scaled individually using a *multiplication factor* (“SCAL. VEC. MULT. A-PRI. CO VEC. DEF. RETR. CO VEC” called hereafter *CO\_X\_CO*). The multiplication factor equals therefore 1 at initial stage, is unitless, and should remain close to unity in normal circumstances. This ensures homogeneity of the retrieved values all along the altitudes, even when molecular amounts spans several decades. The content of *CO\_CP\_CO\_A* is computed using ray tracing methods described in the ATBD [AD1], while *CO\_X\_CO* is retrieved using OEM method in a logarithmic space in order to avoid nonphysical negative values.

Table 2: Description and units of FORLI-CO product available in the IASI L2 CO BUFR files

Name	Description	Units
<b>CO_QFLAG</b>	General quality flag	N/A
<b>CO_BDIV_LO</b>	Potential processing and input errors	N/A
<b>CO_BDIV_HI</b>	Diagnostics on the retrieval	N/A
<b>CO_NPCA</b>	Number of vectors describing the characterization matrices	N/A
<b>CO_NFITLAYERS</b>	Number of layers actually retrieved; ≤ 19	N/A
<b>CO_NBR</b>	Number of CO profiles retrieved in scanline	N/A
<b>CO_CP_AIR</b>	Air partial column on each retrieved layer	moles /cm <sup>2</sup>
<b>CO_CP_CO_A</b>	A priori partial columns for CO on each retrieved layer	moles /cm <sup>2</sup>
<b>CO_X_CO</b>	Scaling vector multiplying the a priori CO vector in order to define the retrieved CO vector	N/A
<b>CO_H_EIGENVALUES</b>	Main eigenvalues of the sensitivity matrix	N/A
<b>CO_H_EIGENVECTORS</b>	Main eigenvectors of the sensitivity matrix	N/A

In Table 2 CO\_QFLAG is a single code assessing the quality of the retrieved profiles following the retrieval error flags CO\_BDIV\_LO and CO\_BDIV\_HI, as described in Table 3a &b below. CO\_QFLAG is a FORLI-CO output, see Section 5.3.1.

Table 3a: Potential processing and inputs errors in FORLI-CO (CO\_BDIV\_LO). Note that bits have been reassigned with new WMO descriptor bits.

Name	Value	Bit	WMO bit	Description	Comment
<b>General</b>					
<b>AMP_ERROR</b>	1	0	1	An error has been detected	
<b>Origin</b>					
<b>AMP_L1</b>	2	1	2	Message from L1	
<b>AMP_L2</b>	4	2	3	Message from L2	
<b>AMP_ANC</b>	8	3	4	Message from ancillary data	
<b>AMP_FIT</b>	16	4	5	Message from fitting procedure	
<b>Input content</b>					
<b>AMP_QUALFLAG</b>	256	8	7	Quality flag	Either bad L1 (qFlag) or L2 (F_IASI_Bad) flag raised
<b>AMP_LINREG_L2</b>	512	9	8	Level 2 “from linear regression” (F_Qual), report a pixel where L2 are not fully trusted	
<b>AMP_EMPTY</b>	1024	10	9	Empty field or data	Indicate missing T or humidity level(s) in the vertical profile
<b>AMP_INCOMPLETE</b>	2048	11	10	Missing surface pressure value	

Table 3b: Diagnostics on the retrieval of FORLI-CO (CO\_BDIV\_HI). Note that bits have been reassigned with new WMO descriptor bits.

Name	Value	Bit	WMO bit	Description	Comment
<b>Filtering</b>					
<b>AMP_RADFILTER</b>	4096	12	11	Radiance filtering	Not used in this context
<b>AMP_POLES</b>	8192	13	12	Polar regions	Not used in this context
<b>AMP_NIGHT</b>	16384	14	13	Location in the night	Not used in this context
<b>AMP_NEGZO</b>	32768	15	14	Negative altitude	Surface below m.s.l.
<b>AMP_COVERAGE</b>	65536	16	15	Cloud covered scene	
<b>AMP_SEA</b>	131072	17	16	Scene above the sea	Not used so far
<b>AMP_DESERT</b>	262144	18	17	Scene above desert	
<b>AMP_TSKIN</b>	524288	19	18	Skin temperature	Missing skin temperature, start from BT
<b>AMP_TDIFF</b>	1048576	20	19	Skin temperature differential	Retrieved skin T too different from model
<b>AMP_CONTRAST</b>	2097152	21	20	Spectral line contrast too weak	No lines seen on spectrum (polar regions)
<b>Fitting</b>					
<b>AMP_ITERATIONS</b>	4194304	22	21	Maximum number of iterations exceeded	
<b>AMP_NEGPC</b>	8388608	23	22	Negative partial columns	
<b>AMP_CONDITION</b>	16777216	24	23	Matrix ill conditioned	
<b>AMP_DIVERGED</b>	33554432	25	24	Fit diverged	
<b>AMP GSL</b>	67108864	26	25	Error in gsl usage	
<b>AMP_BIAS</b>	134217728	27	26	Residuals “biased”	
<b>AMP_SLOPE</b>	268435456	28	27	Residuals “sloped”	
<b>AMP_RMS</b>	536870912	29	28	Residuals rms large	
<b>AMP_AVK</b>	1073741824	30	29	Weird averaging kernels	
<b>AMP_ICE</b>	2147483648	31	30	Ice presence detected	

## 5.2 How to get the FORLI-CO products I need?

Table 4: FORLI-CO products that can be obtained from the BUFR PDU files.

FORLI-CO products	Notation	How to get/calculate it?	From
CO profile (moles/cm <sup>2</sup> )	CO_CP_CO	see Section 5.2.1, Eq 1	cox
CO profile (VMR)	CO_VMR_CO	see Section 5.2.1, Eq 2	
CO total column (moles/cm <sup>2</sup> )	CO_TC	see Section 5.2.1, Eq. 3	
A priori profile (moles/cm <sup>2</sup> )	CO_CP_CO_A	Field "A-PRIORI PARTIAL COLUMNS FOR CO ON EACH RETRIEVED LAYER"	
A priori profile (VMR)	CO_VMR_CO_A	See Section 5.2.3.2, Eq 10	
Averaging Kernel matrix in scaling factor	A	see Section 5.2.2, Eq.6	
Averaging Kernel matrix in partial column	A <sub>PC</sub>	see Section 5.2.3.1, Eq. 9	
Averaging Kernel matrix in VMR	A <sub>VMR</sub>	see Section 5.2.3.2, Eq. 12	
Total column averaging kernel vector	k	See Section 5.2.3.3, Eq. 13	
Degrees Of Freedom of the Signal	DOFS	trace(A) = trace(A <sub>PC</sub> ) = trace(A <sub>VMR</sub> )	
Absolute total retrieval error on the total column	$\sigma_{TC}$	See Section 5.2.3.3, Eq. 14	
Relative error profile (relative to the retrieved CO profile in moles/cm <sup>2</sup> or VMR)	$\sigma$	See Section 5.2.2, Eq. 7	
Pressure levels	p	See Section 5.2.3.4, Eq. 16 to 18	twt

### 5.2.1 Reconstruction of the CO profile and calculation of the total column

The final **partial column profile** (moles/cm<sup>2</sup>) is to be reconstructed by multiplying element-wise the two vectors defined earlier e.g.:

$$CO\_CP\_CO_i = CO\_CP\_CO\_A_i \times CO\_X\_CO_i \quad \forall i \quad (1)$$

Profile spans  $CO\_NFITLAYERs$  layers, sampled on a 1 km grid, except the first one which starts from surface altitude and hence could be thinner, and the last one which extends up to TOA.

To convert this profile in VMR:

$$CO\_VMR\_CO_i = CO\_CP\_CO_i \div CO\_CP\_AIR_i \quad \forall i \quad (2)$$

The **CO total column** (moles cm<sup>-2</sup>) is obtained by summing the partial columns defined in Eq (1) on all retrieved layers:

$$CO\_TC = \sum_i CO\_CP\_CO_i \quad (3)$$

The total (or partial columns) can be similarly expressed in molecules/cm<sup>2</sup> by multiplying the values in moles/cm<sup>2</sup> by 6.02214076x10<sup>+23</sup>, the Avogadro constant.

### 5.2.2 Reconstruction of the characterisation matrices

Averaging kernel, which is normally an asymmetric matrix ( $CO\_NFITLAYERs \times CO\_NFITLAYERs$ ), is compressed by using a principal component decomposition representation. A reduced subset of principal vectors ( $CO\_NPCA$  out of  $CO\_NFITLAYERs$ ) of the sensitivity matrix,  $H$ , is retained in order to achieve a meaningful compression. Typical compression rates are of about 4 for CO. The averaging kernel matrix,  $A$ , is then reconstructed. The posterior variance-covariance matrix is also rebuilt during this procedure.

Reconstruction is done using the following formulation:

$$H = v \text{ diag}(\lambda) v^T \quad (4)$$

$$\hat{S} = (H + S_a^{-1})^{-1} \quad (5)$$

$$A = \hat{S}H \quad (6)$$

where:

$v$  is the principal eigenvectors matrix ( $CO\_NFITLAYERs \times CO\_NPCA$ );

$\lambda$ , the principal eigenvalues vector ( $CO\_NPCA$ );

$S_a$ , the *a priori* variance-covariance matrix;

$\hat{S}$ , the posterior variance-covariance matrix;

$A$ , the averaging kernels matrix;

and  $\text{diag}$  constructs a diagonal matrix the elements of which are given by the parameter vector.

When the surface altitude > 1 km (i.e.  $CO\_NFITLAYERs < 19$ ), users have to be careful and reduce  $S_a$  accordingly by decimating the first rows/columns corresponding to the unused altitude layers.

Eigenvectors matrix  $v$  is the  $CO\_H\_EIGENVECTORS$  linear entry properly reshaped, and eigenvalues vector  $\lambda$  is the  $CO\_H\_EIGENVALUES$  entry.

The *a priori* variance-covariance matrix  $S_a$  needed for the reconstruction is provided in Section 6.1.  $S_a$  is also provided online on EUMETSAT website (TBD).

Then the relative error profile can be calculated:

$$\sigma_i = \frac{\sqrt{\hat{s}_{i,i}}}{co_x co_i} \quad \forall i \quad (7)$$

As it is relative to the retrieval, the relative error profile is the same for the retrieved CO profile in moles/cm<sup>2</sup> or VMR. It has therefore not to be recalculated.

A python reading routine that reconstruct H,  $\hat{S}$  and A is given in Section 6.2.

### 5.2.3 Unit conversions

All computations made in Section 5.2.2 were done in the unitless space of the multiplication factor. Users wishing to change the unit space should apply the following conversion rules:

#### 5.2.3.1 Partial columns

Partial column being defined by equation 1, it is easy to demonstrate that:

$$\hat{S}_{PC} = diag(CO\_CP\_CO\_A) \hat{S} diag(CO\_CP\_CO\_A) \quad (8)$$

$$A_{PC} = diag(CO\_CP\_CO\_A) A diag(CO\_CP\_CO\_A)^{-1} \quad (9)$$

#### 5.2.3.2 Volume mixing ratios

Average volume mixing ratios (VMR) of the layers are computed as the ratios of the partial columns by the corresponding air partial columns. These latter are provided as *CO\_CP\_AIR*. Hence conversions are given by:

$$CO\_VMR\_CO\_A_i = CO\_CP\_CO\_A_i / CO\_CP\_AIR_i \quad \forall i \quad (10)$$

$$\hat{S}_{VMR} = diag(CO\_VMR\_CO\_A) \hat{S} diag(CO\_VMR\_CO\_A) \quad (11)$$

$$A_{VMR} = diag(CO\_VMR\_CO\_A) A diag(CO\_VMR\_CO\_A)^{-1} \quad (12)$$

#### 5.2.3.3 Total columns

The total column averaging kernel vector (*k*) is obtained by summing the rows of the averaging kernel matrix *A*:

$$k = (k_1 \ k_2 \ \dots \ k_{CO\_NFITLAYERS}),  
\text{with } k_i = A_{1,i} + A_{2,i} + \dots + A_{CO\_NFITLAYERS,i}, \text{ i=1 to CO\_NFITLAYERS}, \quad (13)$$

The absolute total retrieval error on the total column is then calculated as  $\sigma_{TC}$

$$\sigma_{TC} = \sqrt{\sum_{i,j} \hat{S}_{PC_{i,j}}} \quad (14)$$

#### 5.2.3.4 Altitude-pressure conversion

Temperature and humidity vertical profiles extracted from **IASI L2 twt product** are given on 101 pressure levels (in Pa). To calculate the pressure levels corresponding to the altitude levels of the FORLI-CO retrievals, one should first calculate the altitude levels corresponding to the IASI L2 twt product.

From temperature and humidity vertical profiles (extracted from IASI L2 twt product), the correspondence between altitude and pressure could be calculated by iterating from the surface to the top of the atmosphere. The assumptions on the surface characteristics are:

surface altitude =  $z_0$  (“HEIGHT”, from BUFR files)

surface pressure =  $p_0$  (“PRESSURE (HIGH PRECISION)” from IASI L2 twt product)

surface temperature =  $T_0$ , first level of the temperature profile T (extracted from IASI L2 twt product)

surface humidity =  $q_0$ , first level of the humidity profile q (extracted from IASI L2 twt product)

The acceleration due to the gravity is function of the geographic latitude  $\phi$  and of the altitude  $z_i$ :

$$g(z_i, \phi) = g_\phi - (3.085462 \times 10^{-6} + 2.27 \times 10^{-9} \cos(2\phi))z_i \\ + (7.254 \times 10^{-13} + 1.0 \times 10^{-20} \cos(2\phi))z_i^2 - (1.517 \times 10^{-19} + 6 \times 10^{-22} \cos(2\phi))z_i^3 \quad (15)$$

where

$$g_\phi = 9.806160(1 - 0.0026373 \cos(2\phi) + 0.0000059 \cos^2(2\phi)) \text{ ms}^{-2} \quad (16)$$

The mean virtual temperature between two pressure levels  $p_i$  and  $p_{i+1}$  (just above level i) is then:

$$\overline{Tv}_{i,i+1} = \frac{T_i(1+0.608 q_i) + T_{i+1}(1+0.608 q_{i+1})}{2} \quad (17)$$

with  $T_i$  and  $q_i$ , the temperature and humidity at  $p_i$ , respectively, and  $T_{i+1}$  and  $q_{i+1}$ , the temperature and humidity at  $p_{i+1}$ , respectively.

Then the altitude of the pressure level  $p_{i+1}$  can be estimated from the pressure level  $p_i$  (just below level  $i+1$ ):

$$z_{i+1} = z_i + \frac{R \times \overline{Tv}_{i,i+1}}{g(z_i, \phi)} \times \ln \frac{p_i}{p_{i+1}} \quad (18)$$

with  $R = 287.06 \text{ JK}^{-1}\text{kg}^{-1}$ , the gas constant for dry air

We obtain the altitude profile corresponding to the IASI L2 twt product.

Then we can extract the pressure levels associated to IASI FORLI-CO product from the pressure vertical profile by using a cubic spline interpolation.

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The conversion between pressure and altitude is done as in the “IASI Level2 Product Generation specification” document.

## 5.3 Using the product

### 5.3.1 Quality Flags for the retrieved profile

CO\_QFLAG is a quality assessment associated with the quality of FORLI retrieved CO total column. CO\_QFLAG is a FORLI-CO output. It can be 2 (best quality), 1 (acceptable quality) or 0 (the rest).

CO\_QFLAG=2 for the most reliable pixels, in other words the best quality pixels, *i.e.* when:

- DOFS > 0.5376,
- CO total column <  $20 \times 10^{18}$  molecules/cm<sup>2</sup>,
- the flag AMP\_NEGPC (negative retrieval for H<sub>2</sub>O) is null
- **1.** flags AMP\_NEGZ0, AMP\_TSKIN, AMP\_TDIFF, AMP\_DESERT, AMP\_ITERATIONS, AMP\_SLOPE, AMP\_CONTRAST, AMP\_AVK, AMP\_BIAS and AMP\_RMS are null
  - or
  - 2.** total cloud cover ≤12% and flags AMP\_NEGZ0, AMP\_TDIFF, AMP\_DESERT, AMP\_ITERATIONS, AMP\_SLOPE, AMP\_CONTRAST, AMP\_AVK, AMP\_BIAS and AMP\_RMS are null.

CO\_QFLAG=1 for the valuable pixels, to use with caution, *i.e.* when:

- DOFS > 0.5376,
- CO total column <  $20 \times 10^{18}$  molecules/cm<sup>2</sup>,

CO\_QFLAG=0 for the remaining pixels. We recommend not using these pixels.

For data validation or assimilation purposes, we recommend using the data with CO\_QFLAG equal to 2. For specific studies, if more pixels are needed, CO\_QFLAG equal to 1 can be used but analysis must consider the not optimal quality of these pixels.

## 5.4 Accuracy of the product

The accuracy of the product is given in terms of threshold, target and optimal values in Table 5 below. This information is taken from the FORLI-CO product specification, requirement and assessment document [AD2] and is also given in the Product Requirements Document [AD3].

Table 5: Accuracy of the FORLI-CO product.

		Accuracy (%)			Spatial resolution	Spatial coverage	Cloud fraction	NRT
		Threshold	Target	Optimal				
<b>Total column</b>	<i>Standard</i>	25	12	5	IASI pixel	Global	< 25 %	< 3h
	<i>Unusual</i>	50	20	10				
<b>Near-surface VMR</b>	<i>Standard</i>	50	30	12	IASI pixel	Global	< 25 %	< 3h
	<i>Unusual</i>	150	100	12				
<b>Layer-averaged VMR in free troposphere (1 km)</b>		25	12	5	IASI pixel	Global	< 25 %	< 3h

## 5.5 Validation of the product

The validation of the FORLI-CO product is now performed at LATMOS and BIRA. The ‘IASI CO validation report’ [AD4] give some scientific validation results and assess the similitude between the products disseminated by EUMETCast and the products generated at ULB/LATMOS. Possible processing errors as well as abnormal behavior are noticed and checked.

## 5.6 Product dissemination and archiving

### 5.6.1 Near real time Product dissemination

The IASI Level 2 products are disseminated to users in near real-time through EUMETCast [RD6] with a time lapse of two hours from sensing to delivery. The data are disseminated in WMO (BUFR) format. A full description of the IASI CO Level 2 BUFR content is given in Section 4.3.

### 5.6.2 Archive retrieval

The IASI Level 2 products available from the EUMETSAT Data Centre are archived as full-dump products, but sub-setting capabilities are provided to the user in the retrieval process. The products in the EUMETSAT Data Centre are available to users, eight to nine hours after sensing, in NetCDF format.

## 6. Appendices

### 6.1 A priori variance-covariance matrix $S_a$ used in the FORLI-CO algorithm

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## 6.2 Reading routines in Python to reconstruct H, S and A

```
#!/usr/bin/python
#-*- coding:utf-8 -*-

## This script read the compressed H matrix (eigenvalues and eigenvectors) for two cases from the file 'COX.inp'
## normally these will be read from the Forli CO products (CO_H_EIGENVALUES and CO_H_EIGENVECTORS)

## It then reconstructs H and show how to compute the retrieval error covariance matrix, S, and the
## averaging kernel, A

import sys
from numpy import *
from numpy.linalg import *

from Sa_CO import * ## Get the apriori error covariance matrix Sa
```

```

line_type=0
with open('COX.inp','r') as f:
    for line in f:
        if line[0]=='#':
            comment=line.replace("\n", " ")
            continue
        if line_type==0:
            E=fromstring(line,dtype=float, sep=',') ## E (CO_H_EIGENVALUES)
            line_type=1
        elif line_type==1:
            V=fromstring(line,dtype=float, sep=',') ## V (CO_H_EIGENVECTORS)
            line_type=2
        elif line_type==2:
            line_type=0

        nEvals=sum(isfinite(E)) # number of eigenvalues/eigenvectors (of H)
        nEvecs=sum(isfinite(V)) # total number of elements in the eigenvectors (of H)
        nAlts=nEvecs/nEvals    # length of each eigenvector (i.e. number of altitudes)
        nSkip=int(19-nAlts)

        E=E[:nEvals]
        V=V[:nEvecs].reshape((nEvals,nAlts))

        ## H = V'EV (reconstruct H from eigendecomposition)
        H=dot(dot(V.T,diag(E)),V)

        Sa_Local=Sa[nSkip:,nSkip:] # skip altitudes below surface from Sa, the apriori error covariance matrix

        ## S = (H + Sa^-1)^-1 (retrieval error covariance matrix)
        S=inv(H+inv(Sa_Local))

        ## A = SH (averaging kernel)
        A=dot(S,H)

        print(comment)
        print("S = ",S)
        print("A = ",A)
        print("DOFS = ",trace(A))

```

COX.inp:

```

#File format:
#
# #comment
# E(1..10)
# V(1..190)
#
# As dumped from ..... in csv format
# Missing Values are represented by NaN
#
# 19 Levels Example
1.0,1.0,1.0,NaN,NaN,NaN,NaN,NaN,NaN,NaN
3.96400600E+00,9.71308600E+00,1.31334200E+01,1.50010900E+01,1.55852200E+01,1.50846700E+01,1.40684200
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COX.out:

# 19 Levels Example

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0.01110649  0.01710152  0.02029282  0.02148602  0.02146417  0.01939328
 0.01684124]
[ 0.03083922  0.02398163  0.00831993 -0.00051167 -0.00476872 -0.00962293
-0.00835674 -0.00777414 -0.00638904 -0.00438389 -0.00206996  0.00115539
 0.00418719  0.00671835  0.00811126  0.00884211  0.00909755  0.00842951
 0.00755641]
[ 0.00087426  0.00831993  0.01107203  0.00476135  0.0006242 -0.0044111
-0.00409905 -0.00463693 -0.00458682 -0.00390332 -0.00317074 -0.00182496
-0.00060383  0.0003371  0.00114315  0.00193778  0.00252596  0.00269282
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-0.00425076 -0.00457678 -0.00440565 -0.00375723 -0.00305728 -0.00233406
-0.0015156 ]
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-0.00625389 -0.00739175 -0.00770858 -0.00725884 -0.00658947 -0.00559949
-0.00441706]
[-0.01763526 -0.00962293 -0.0044111  0.00032268  0.00336986  0.02422035
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-0.00978784 -0.01106159 -0.01138576 -0.0111022 -0.01048228 -0.00940807
-0.00807077]
[-0.01438627 -0.00835674 -0.00409905  0.00021892  0.00329844  0.00526035]
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1.31198731e-01	1.40657865e-01	1.39754200e-01	1.31755590e-01
1.20759084e-01	1.08380208e-01	9.36475880e-02	7.69726605e-02
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1.20879165e-01	1.09332780e-01	9.51628138e-02	7.87525222e-02
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6.23077138e-02	4.73893761e-02	7.94027019e-02]	
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# 18 Levels Example

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1.88021201e-03	3.12867336e-03	3.94286489e-03	4.49484853e-03
4.25276538e-03	3.95332011e-03]		
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1.60137421e-03	1.89678945e-03]		
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-1.85772694e-03	-1.06708541e-03]		
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-4.44596980e-03	-3.38617802e-03]		
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-9.30098590e-03	-9.31571700e-03	-8.89913691e-03	-8.27287510e-03
-7.38711121e-03	-6.29300374e-03]		
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