Development of the
NOAA/NESDIS IASI Product Processing System

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Objectives

- Provide in near real-time the following products to NWP centers in the US
  - Subset IASI level 1C radiances
  - Reconstructed IASI radiances
  - IASI Principal components
  - Cloud cleared IASI radiances
  - Trace gas profiles

- Build an IASI product processing system

- Simulate IASI, AMSU-A, and MHS data to test the product processing system ingestion, product generation, and distribution

- Use the AIRS/AQUA product processing and simulation system as a basis for IASI
Incoming Data for IASI Operations

- IASI Level 1C (EUMETSAT)
- AMSU-A Level 1B (NOAA)
- MHS Level 1B (NOAA)
- AVHRR Level 1B (NOAA)
Data from EUMETSAT

- EUMETSAT PFS files (~60 MB/granule)
- Granules 176 seconds in length
- 22 scans per granule (1 scan/data record)
- 4 IASI FOVs within a field of regard (FOR)
  » 8700 IR channels with two guard bands around the standard 8461 channel set
  » Scan geometry
  » QC flags
  » Calibrated IASI image on the IASI FOR

- → Total of 29 GB/day …..this is why we subset!
Data from NOAA

- AMSU-A
  - Level 1B orbital files
  - 15 microwave channels

- MHS
  - Level 1B orbital files
  - 5 microwave channels

- AVHRR
  - Level 1B orbital files
  - 1 km global coverage
  - 5 channels (IR and visible)
    - 6 frequencies, 5 transmitted channels
  - CLAVR cloud mask
The IASI Field of Regard

Dimensions at nadir

IASI FOV

AMSU FOV

MHS FOV
System Hardware

- IBM Power 5
  - 16 CPUs
  - 2 GB memory/CPU (P5-570s)
  - 8 GB of swap space
  - 3 TB disk space

- 3 of these systems in total:
  - Production machine
  - Backup production/test machine
  - Development machine
Production System Design

EUMETSAT Simulation System

EPSC

AMSU-A L1B

MHS L1B

IASI L1C

AVHRR L1B

Used also in monitoring and validation

L2 NOAA Unique

L2 ancillary

L1C BUFR

DDS

NetCDF

reformat

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IASI L2 NOAA Unique Processing

- MHS L1B
- AMSU-A L1B
- IASI L1C
- Orbits to granules
- L2 preprocessor
- Ret. Ancillary files
- Retrieval
- L2 BUFR
- NetCDF to BUFR
- CCR BUFR
- DDS
- CCR
- L2
- Retrieval to NetCDF
- CCR
- NetCDF
- L2
- GFS
- DEM
- Surf press
- MHS L1B
IASI/AVHRR NOAA
Unique Processing

- IASI L1C
- AVHRR L1B
- DDS
- Orbits to granules
- AVHRR L1B to BUFR
- Subset IASI L1C
- Subset AVHRR L1B
- Subsetter
- Clear/Cloudy AVHRR on IASI FOVs
- Matchup binary
- AVHRR Statistics
- NetCDF IASI L1C
- IASI L1C
- Clearest FOV
- Orbits
- Subset AVHRR L1B
- AVHRR L1B
- Orbits to granules
Subsetting

- **Spectral Subsets**
  - Chosen using information content studies
  - Extract a set of channels of the original 8461 set
  - Collapse the 8461 channels into a set of principal components

- **Spatial Subsets**
  - Select specified FOVs from the granule
  - Spatial thinning scheme
  - Clearest or warmest FOV

- The subsetting system uses CDL templates containing all the subset parameters. Modification of a template allows us to quickly change or generate new subsets.
Output File Formats

- **BUFR**
  - The standard format for NWP centers
  - Worked with EUMETSAT and NCEP on tables
  - Level 1C table is complete; the Level 2 table is in progress
  - Simulated near real time IASI BUFR files are currently available to the following NWP centers for evaluation:
    - EUMETSAT, NCEP, GMAO, UK-Met, ECMWF, Meteo-France, CMC (Canada), JMA (Japan), NRL

- **NetCDF**
  - Intermediate internal format that may be distributed to users

- **Binary**
  - An internal final format for validation and monitoring
  - Format is compact and I/O is simple
  - No toolkits or APIs are necessary, just a reader and a writer are required
## Current Products

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<th>Instrument</th>
<th>Channels</th>
<th>Data Type</th>
<th>IASI FORs</th>
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<td>*616</td>
<td>RAD</td>
<td>Every other FOR (330/granule)</td>
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<td>1 (warmest)</td>
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<td>L2 (CO&lt;sub&gt;2&lt;/sub&gt;, O&lt;sub&gt;3&lt;/sub&gt;, CH&lt;sub&gt;4&lt;/sub&gt;, CO)</td>
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PCS - Principal Components; RAD - Radiance; RR - Reconstructed Radiance; CCR – Cloud cleared radiance; FOR - Field of Regard; * 616 channel set determined through a NOAA/ECMWF collaborative effort.
Products for Validation/Monitoring

- Daily Matchups
  - Radiosondes
  - ATOVS
  - Available for Level 1C and Level 2 data

- Daily Global Grids for Validation
  - Gridded data from the IASI level 1C and Level 2 data
  - Gridded forecast (GFS and GDAS) data

- Daily Global Binaries for Monitoring
  - Eigenvector generation
  - Monitoring

- Granule-Level Binaries for Near Real Time Monitoring
  - Level 1C FOV spectra
  - Level 2 profiles
  - Granule images
Distribution

- The NOAA/NESDIS/ESPC DDS server will be the staging location for product distribution.

- Processing scripts and code can only copy (scp/ftp) data to this distribution server. They won’t actually be sending data directly to users.

- Therefore, a separate set of scripts, managed by NOAA/NESDIS/ESPC, will handle the distribution server file management and the “pushes” of products to the various users. Or users may “pull” the data from the server.

- For DDS access, users will need to contact A.K. Sharma to obtain accounts (Awdhesh.Sharma@noaa.gov).
Current Distribution List

- **NCEP**
  - Subset level IASI 1C radiances (BUFR)
  - Subset IASI principal components (BUFR)
  - Subset IASI reconstructed radiances (BUFR)
  - Clearest/Warmest IASI FOVs from each field of regard (BUFR)
  - IASI NOAA Unique products (BUFR)

- **GMAO**
  - Subset IASI level 1C radiances (BUFR)
  - Subset IASI principal components (BUFR)
  - Subset IASI reconstructed radiances (BUFR)
  - Clearest/Warmest IASI FOVs from each field of regard (BUFR)
  - IASI NOAA Unique products (BUFR)
Current Distribution List (cont)

- **AFWA**
  - A requested products list has been received and a distribution agreement is in progress.

- **NRL**
  - Product list is yet to be determined

- **NESDIS/STAR**
  - All level 1C and level 2 NOAA Unique products (BUFR, netCDF)
  - Global grids (binary)
  - Global binaries (binary)
  - Matchups (binary)
  - Forecast global grids (binary)

- **NESDIS/NCDC/CLASS**
  - Level 1C EPS EUMETSAT and metadata
  - 3 deg latitude x 3 deg longitude global grids and metadata
  - IASI NOAA Unique (L2 and CCR) products and metadata
Summary

- A simulation system is currently running continuously simulating IASI/AMSU/MHS data.

- Status of product IASI product processing system:
  - All hardware has been acquired.
  - All high level scripts are ready for handling real data.
  - IASI L1C subset, RR, PCS code is done.
  - IASI L2 NOAA unique product (profiles and CCR) code is done.
  - IASI/AVHRR NOAA code currently in development.

- All validation products listed are being generated from these simulated data.

- These data are available on the AIRS data server in BUFR format (since 10/25/2005).

- After launch, these products will be distributed operationally to the NWP centers through the ESPC DDS.