

Figure S1. Absolute vertical wind speed distributions per vertical layers (Blue: 20, Red: 50 and Green: 99). Right: WRF ouputs. Up: WRFW wind strategy, Down: NODIV wind strategy. end of the whiskers represents 10^{th} and 90^{th} percentiles.



Figure S2. SO₂ plume (molecules.cm⁻²) from IASI (left) and CHIMERE (right). IASI soundings respectively for march 18 2012 05PM and march 19 05PM UTC. In this example, CHIMERE simulation WRFW-DL-20 is displayed. CHIMERE and OMI data are represented with OMI's $0.25^{\circ} \times 0.25^{\circ}$ resolution grid. Clouds are based on Advanced Very High Resolution Radiometer (AVHRR) data for IASI.



Figure S3. SO_2 maximum concentrations' altitude (meters) from IASI (left) and CHIMERE (right). IASI soundings respectively for march 18 2012 05PM and march 19 05PM UTC. In this example, CHIMERE simulation WRFW-DL-20 is displayed. CHIMERE and OMI data are represented with OMI's $0.25^{\circ} \times 0.25^{\circ}$ resolution grid. Clouds are based on Advanced Very High Resolution Radiometer (AVHRR) data for IASI.



Figure S4. Center : Maximum concentration altitude evolution (IASI and CHIMERE), IASI brackets indicate values' uncertainties and CHIMERE brackets indicates cell's bottom and top. Right : Model vertical levels distribution for the 3 configurations from surface to top.