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Data Set Description:

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Instrument: Lauder UV/Vis Spectrometer  
Site(s): Kiruna (67.8N, 20.4E)  
Measurement Quantities: NO<sub>2</sub>

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### Instrument Description:

Instrument identification number: M12

Type: Commercial ISA HR320 monochromator with in house data logging electronics

Grating: 2400 g/mm holographic

Input optic: field of view split through two mirror image rotators to reduce sky polarisation effects

Detector: bialkali PMT in current mode (EHT varies gain by over 104)

Temperature: room

Wavelength region measured: 432 - 490nm

Field of view: 15 deg.

Spectral resolution: 1.2nm FWHM

Sampling ratio: 10 samples/FWHM

Analog conversion accuracy: 12 bits.

Instrument identification number: M08

Type: Commercial ISA HR320 monochromator with in house data logging electronics

Grating: 2400 g/mm holographic

Input optic: views sky through Glan Thompson polariser

Tracker: sky image is rotated to maintain polariser alignment with sun-zenith plane

Detector: bialkali PMT in current mode (EHT varies gain by over 104)

Temperature: stabilised, 32 deg. C

Wavelength region measured: 340 - 490nm

Field of view: 15 deg.

Spectral resolution: 1.2nm FWHM

Sampling ratio: 19 samples/FWHM

Analog conversion accuracy: 12 bits.

### Algorithm Description:

Non-linear least squares fitting of absorber cross sections to log ratio spectra (twilight observation and midday reference). The non-linearity arises from shift and stretch applied to the observation spectra with respect to the reference. Corrections are applied for the effect of rotational Raman scattered light ("Ring" effect). Corrections are sometimes applied for the effect of grating polarisation curvature.

A correction for the amount of NO<sub>2</sub> in the reference spectra is applied. The results are in units of slant column amount (molecules cm<sup>-2</sup>), ie., not converted to vertical column amount. Conversion requires air mass factors which are calculated using scattering models. See literature and PI for these and likely conversion errors. Cross sections common to all processing levels: NO<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>3</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O, Ring (measured or offset equivalent), Rayleigh curvature and O<sub>4</sub>.

Processing level used for submitted data = Vers 1.0

### Processing level Definitions

Version 0.0 - room temperature (Graham and Johnston) NO<sub>2</sub> and O<sub>3</sub> cross sections, offset Ring cross section. Wavelength region fitted chosen for particular application.

Version 0.5 - low temperature NO<sub>2</sub> (Harder et al.) and O<sub>3</sub> (measured by Gome satellite group) and offset Ring cross section. Wavelength region fitted chosen for particular application.

Version 1.0 - low temperature NO<sub>2</sub> (Harder et al.) and O<sub>3</sub> (measured by Gome satellite group) and measured Ring cross section. Wavelength region fitted chosen for particular application.

Expected Precision/Accuracy of Instrument:

M08 (before modification in 1997) met NDSC Instrument Specific Appendix requirements Intercomparison, Lauder, 1992).

Measurement statistical error given in data.

Instrument History:

1991 - 1997, M12 instrument

1997 - present, M08 instrument