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Data Set Description:

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Instrument: Lauder UV/Vis Spectrometer
Site(s): Mauna Loa (19.5N, 155.6W)
Measurement Quantities: NO₂

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Instrument Description:

Instrument identification number: M19

Type: Commercial JY H20 monochromator with in house data logging electronics

Grating: 1200 g/mm concave holographic

Input optic: views sky through 45 deg. mirror

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

Temperature: room

Wavelength region measured: 430 - 490nm

Field of view: 16 deg.

Spectral resolution: 1.3nm FWHM

Sampling ratio: 10 samples/FWHM

Analog conversion accuracy: 12 bits.

Instrument identification number: M11

Type: Commercial JY H20 monochromator with in house data logging electronics

Grating: 1200 g/mm concave holographic

Input optic: views sky through 45 deg. mirror

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

Temperature: room

Wavelength region measured: 430 - 490nm

Field of view: 16 deg.

Spectral resolution: 1.3nm FWHM

Sampling ratio: 10 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 NO₂ in the reference spectra is applied. The results are in units of slant column amount (molecules cm⁻²), 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: NO₂, O₃, H₂O, Ring (measured or offset equivalent), Rayleigh curvature and O₄.

Processing level used for submitted data = Vers 0.5

Processing level Definitions

Version 0.0 - room temperature (Graham and Johnston) NO₂ and O₃ cross sections, offset Ring cross section. Wavelength region fitted chosen for particular application.

Version 0.5 - low temperature NO₂ (Harder et al.) and O₃ (measured by Gome satellite group) and offset Ring cross section. Wavelength region fitted chosen for particular application.

Version 1.0 - low temperature NO₂ (Harder et al.) and O₃ (measured by Gome satellite group) and measured Ring cross section. Wavelength region fitted chosen for particular application.

Expected Precision/Accuracy of Instrument:

M19 estimated to be 5% +/- 0.15 x 10¹⁶ cm⁻²

M11 estimated to be 5% +/- 0.15 x 10¹⁶ cm⁻²

Measurement statistical error given in data.

Instrument History:

1996 (July) - 1996 (Nov), M19 instrument

1996 (Nov) - present, M11 instrument