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Data Set Description:

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Instrument:	Lauder UV/Vis Spectrometer
Site(s):	Tarawa (1.4N, 172.9E)
Measurement Quantities:	NO2

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Instrument Description:

Instrument identification number: M26
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: 435 - 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 0.0

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:
M26 estimated to be 5% +- 0.15 x 10^16 cm^-2
Measurement statistical error given in data.

Instrument History:
1995 - present, M26 instrument