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SGP 7.00 Validation Results Summary

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SCIAMACHY L2 processors overview



Final round of validation activities

- SCIAMACHY L1 V9.0, L2 V7.00 processors
- Nadir column data products (C): O3, NO2, CO, CH4, BrO, H2O
- Limb profile data products (P): O3, BrO
- Ground-based instruments: GAW GO3OS Brewers and Dobsons, NDACC DOAS UV-visible and FTIR spectrometers, GAW/NDACC/SHADOZ ozonesondes, and NDACC lidars and millimetre wave radiometers (MWR)



Total O3 column

Total O3 reference data

- GO3OS and NDACC Brewer and Dobson UV spectrophotometers: direct sun only, solar elevation > 15°
 - 150 km radius, 3 h co-location
- NDACC ZSL-DOAS UV-visible spectrometers: year-round, all weather
 - footprint of SCIAMACHY FOV of the same day must intercept ground-based air mass estimated with OSSSMOSE (ray tracing, weighting functions based) for dawn and dusk



Total O3 data comparison







SGP 7.0	0
Bias	Significant underestimation of 1.5% on
	average, 5% maximum.
Spread	No changes w.r.t. to previous SGP versions
	(dominated by a combination of
	measurement uncertainties and
	atmospheric noise).
Drift	Significant negative drift of about 2.5%
	from early 2005 till the end of the mission.
Other	Dependence of bias on SZA beyond 80°
	(total ozone underestimation of up to 4%).
	Slight dependence on cloud cover.

Total O3 drift, and dependences on SZA and clouds





SCIAMACHY SGP 7.00 (OFL) and SGP 6.01 (OFL) vs NDACC/Brewer Network O3 Column : 30 N to 60 N



SCIAMACHY SGP 7.00 (OFL) and SGP 6.01 (OFL) vs NDACC/Dobson Network O3 Column : Northern Hemisphere SCIAMACHY SGP 7.00 (%) GROUND (%) Linear drift: -2.66*t- 0.39 (%/decade) , CI95slope = (-4.20,-1.12), \$\phi = 0.70 ㅎ SCIAMA -5 -7.5 -10 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012



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O3 profile

SGP 7.00 limb O3 profile

Methodology

- SCIAMACHY versus co-located ozonesonde (GO3OS, NDACC, SHADOZ), NDACC lidars and MWRs (<500km, <12/6h)
- Screening as in Hubert *et al.* (2016)
- Consider O3 number density versus altitude
- Sonde & lidar data smoothed using triangular kernel (not SCIA AKs since they lead to oscillations)



Bias & dispersion



All major issues inherited from V6

- SCIAMACHY vertical AKs cause oscillations in bias and dispersion profiles → unsuitable for smoothing in an independent validation study
- Large positive bias in US and LM, dependent on hemisphere
- Global dependence of bias and dispersion on season/SZA, especially in Arctic (and Antarctic)
- Auxiliary data clearly add uncertainty in converted profiles (O3 VMR, pressure)



(Very) bad news : long-term stability

- Overall fairly similar vertical dependence as for V6
- But **V7** imprints vertical oscillations of 3-4%/decade amplitude (!) between 18-45 km
- Difference min/max altitudes correspond to differences between SCIA scan altitudes

→ SGP V7 data are unsuitable for trend studies, IUP's scientific product should be affected too!



Clear changes from ~2009 onwards



Total H2O column

SGP 7.00 nadir H2O versus sonde

Methodology

- SCIAMACHY versus co-located PTU radiosondes (<50km, <1h)
- Convert sonde measured RH to VMR, then integrate profile from surface to 10km
- Separate analysis for SCIAMACHY pixels according to land/ocean, cloud-free/cloudy



SGP V7 and V6 identical

- In general too dry (0.06 g cm⁻², 9%), but too wet over land and CF<0.1 (0.1-0.2 g cm⁻², 14-25%)
- No clear long-term change.
- Data quality degrades with increasing cloud top height under very cloudy conditions.
- At low AMF correction factor the bias becomes increasingly negative.
- Bias and spread vary over the course of a year. They are smallest in local spring and largest in local summer
- At small solar zenith angle the bias becomes positive and variability in the comparisons increases, for all pixel classes.



Total NO2 column

Total NO2 reference data

- NDACC ZSL-DOAS UV-visible spectrometers (mainly SAOZ network) at pristine sites
- Footprint of SCIAMACHY FOV must intercept ground-based air mass at dawn estimated with OSSSMOSE (ray tracing based)
- Photochemical correction is applied to account for diurnal cycle between SCIAMACHY and twilight NDACC data.



Total NO2 comparisons

SCIAMACHY SGP 7.00 (OFL) and SGP 6.01 (OFL) vs NDACC/UV-Vis Network NO2 column 1.5 SCIAMACHY SGP 7.00 (OFL) GROUND (10¹⁵ molec.cm⁻²) SCIAMACHY SGP 6.01 (OFL) 0.5 sciamachy - 1 1-1 -1.5 ^{LL} -90 -75 -60 -45 -30 -15 15 30 45 60 75 90 п Latitude (deg.) 30N-60N 30N-30S **30S-60S** Antarctic **SGP 7.00** Arctic Bias (x10¹⁴ molec.cm⁻²) -5 ±3 +4 ± 3 ± 3 5 5-8 3 Spread (x10¹⁴ molec.cm⁻²) 5 4 Apparent bias between NH and SH data, Other maybe due to difference in sensitivity to tropospheric pollution and/or to residual diurnal cycle effects between SCIAMACHY and NDACC/UV-visible twilight data.

CO & CH4 column

SGP 7.00 CO & CH4 versus FTIR: method

SGP V7.00 and V6.01 validation analysis on the relative difference & SEM (as error bars)

- of monthly and yearly means (neg. MM are omitted)
- of co-location pairs within 300 km and within ±3 h at 15 NDACC FTIR stations (solar IR)
- with filtering as suggested by NDACC data providers



FTIR station	Lat.	Lon.	Period
Eureka	79.99	-85.93	2006-2012
Ny-Ålesund	78.93	11.93	2002-2012
Thule	76.53	-68.74	2002-2011
Kiruna	67.84	20.41	2002-2012
Harestua	60.20	10.80	2002-2012
Bremen	53.10	8.80	2002-2012
Zugspitze	47.42	10.98	2002-2011
Jungfraujoch	46.55	7.98	2002-2012
Toronto	43.78	-79.47	2004
Mt. Barcroft	37.58	-118.24	2002
Kitt Peak	31.90	-111.60	2002-2005
Izaña	28.30	-16.50	2002-2012
Mauna Loa	19.53	-155.58	2003-2010
St. Denis	-20.90	55.50	2004-2011
Wollongong	-34.41	150.88	2002-2008
Lauder	-45.04	169.68	2002-2012
Arrival Heights	-77.83	166.67	2002-2012



SGP 7.00 CO versus NDACC FTIR

- Overall V7 values are smaller than V6, which generally reduces the SCIA bias
- Large amount of positive and negative outliers remains (even for monthly means)
- No seasonal cycle, decadal trend or meridian dependence can be observed
- Product remains inadequate in both precision and bias

Conclusion:

• Continue V7 processing

Latitude band	# stations	# MM	Bias SGP V6 - FTIR	Bias SGP V7 - FTIR	Spread SGP V6 & V7
Arctic (60N-90N)	4	212	-23 %	-19 %	10-30 %
Mid-north (30N-60N)	4	376	46 %	21 %	10-30 %
Tropics (30N-30S)	2	125	66 %	45 %	10-30 %
Mid-south (30S-60S)	2	203	25 %	14 %	10-30 %
Antarctic (60S-90S)	1	47	-27 %	-20 %	10-30 %



SGP 7.00 CH4 versus NDACC FTIR

- V6 yearly biases often insignificant (towards poles) and within random uncertainty
- V7 few 10 % below V6, introducing negative bias at most stations
- But V6 positive bias in Tropics reduced in V7 as a result
- Strong and significant seasonal cycle (up to 30 %) for both versions

Conclusions:

- V7 has 20-40 % lower values than V6
- V7 better towards equator, V6 better towards poles
- Decide on V7 data release?

Latitude band	# stations	# MM	Bias SGP V6 - FTIR	Bias SGP V7 - FTIR	Spread SGP V6 & V7
Arctic (60N-90N)	5	299	-7 %	-34 %	5-15 %
Mid-north (30N-60N)	4	393	14 %	-12 %	5-15 %
Tropics (30N-30S)	3	193	19 %	-7 %	5-15 %
Mid-south (30S-60S)	2	233	-9 %	-28 %	5-15 %
Antarctic (60S-90S)	1	53	8 %	-35 %	5-15 %

BrO column & profile

BrO total column over Harestua (Norway)

		SGP 6.01 - GB	SGP 7.00 - GB		
Absolute difference	Bias	-7.3	-5.5		
(x10 ¹² molec/cm ²)	Standard deviation	9.8	8.0		
Relative difference	Bias	-14.8	-10.5		
(%)	Standard deviation	19.9	15.8		
Remark	V6 standard deviation affected by outliers in 2002 and 2003.				

• Co-location criteria:

- Spatial: <300km from the station
- Temporal: Ground-based sunrise columns converted to satellite overpass SZA (Hendrick et al., ACP, 2007 & 2009)
- On overall, smaller negative biases with ground-based UV-vis data for SGP 7.00
- Smaller spread for SGP 7.00

BrO stratospheric profile over Harestua (Norway)

• Co-location criteria:

- Spatial: <500km from the station
- Temporal: Ground sunrise profiles converted to satellite overpass SZA (Hendrick et al., ACP, 2007 & 2009)
- Positive bias for the lower altitude levels and negative bias up to -30% (late spring/early fall) and -50% (late spring/summer/early fall) for higher altitude levels
- Larger bias than those obtained for the IUP-Bremen scientific product at the same station (+10/-20%; see Hendrick et al., ACP, 2009

Summary / Conclusions

SCIAMACHY SGP 7.00	Nadir (total column)							Limb (vertical profile)	
vs. ground-based	03	NO2	BrO	H2O	CO	CH4	03	BrO	
Domain of validation results	Representative global sample	Representative global sample for stratospheric NO2	1 sub-Arctic site	Representative for land and coastal areas, not above ocean	15 stations, mostly NH	15 stations, mostly NH	Representative global sample 15-45 km, only 2 sites 45- 65 km	1 Arctic site 15-27 km	
Bias ± spread	-1.5 ± 5 %	-10 ± 15 %	-11 ± 16 %	-7 ± 29 %	For monthly / yearly averages	20 ± 20 %	+10 ± 7 %, a lot of substructure	+25 to -50 %	
Long-term stability	3%/dec. neg. drift in NH	No significant drift	No significant drift	No significant drift	No significant drift	No detectable drift (large σ)	Large drifts, strong height- dependence	No significant drift	
Evolution w.r.t. SGP 6.01	Few % lower	~	Negative bias reduced	V7 = V6	V7 < V6	- (20-40) %	Vertical oscillations in V7 drift & bias	~	
Recommendation	Not suitable for trend studies	/	/	/	/	Need for bias correction	Not suitable for trend studies	/	