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**Atmospheric Chemistry
and the Remote Sensing of the Global atmosphere
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**Lecture 2: Retrieval for Nadir and Limb Sounders
in the UV visible and near IR DOAS and FURM**

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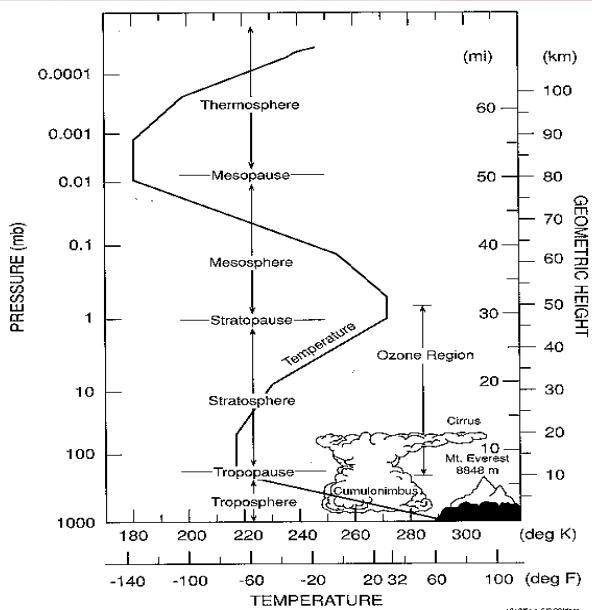
Introduction and Content: L2

- Atmospheric Issues,
- Observations from Space using back Scattered Solar Radiation
- Retrieval of Data Products

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Figure 1.5. Vertical profile of the temperature between the surface and 100 km altitude as defined in the U.S. Standard Atmosphere (1976) and related atmospheric layers. Note that the tropopause level is represented for midlatitude conditions. Cumulonimbus clouds in the tropics extend to the tropical tropopause located near 18 km altitude.



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Population and Emissions to the atmosphere

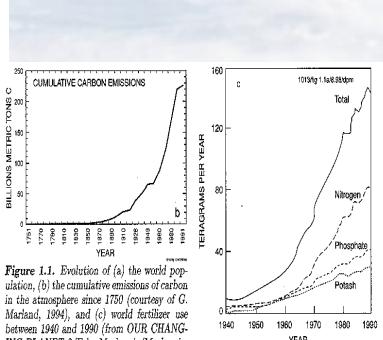
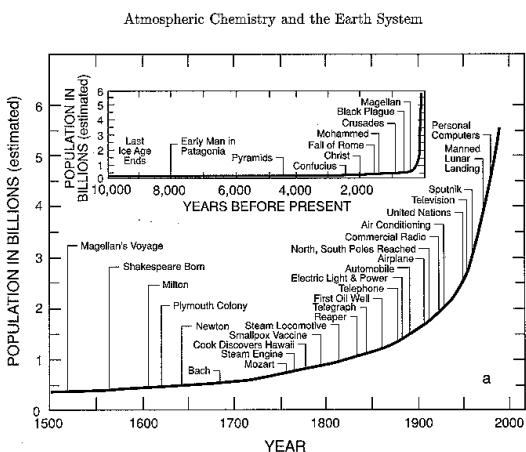


Figure 1.1. Evolution of (a) the world population, (b) the cumulative emissions of carbon in the atmosphere since 1750 (courtesy of G. Marland, 1994), and (c) world fertilizer use between 1940 and 1990 (from OUR CHANGING PLANET 2/E by Mackenzie/Mackenzie, ©1998, adapted by permission of Prentice-Hall, Inc., Upper Saddle River, NJ).

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Mesospheric Issues:

- Is the Mesospheric composition a potential early warning signal for Climate Change???
- Noctiluscent or Polar Mesospheric clouds???
- Quantify global NO_x source for the stratosphere??
- Impact of meteorites (also of stratospheric sig)??
- Do we understand the O₂ and O₃?? Photolysis rates, O₂(¹Δ), O₂ (³Σ), NO etc.
- Impact of SPE – changing magnetic fields etc. (also stratospheric sig)

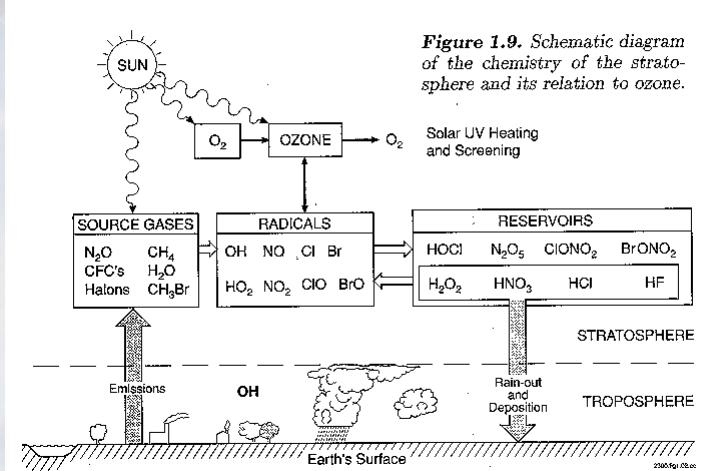


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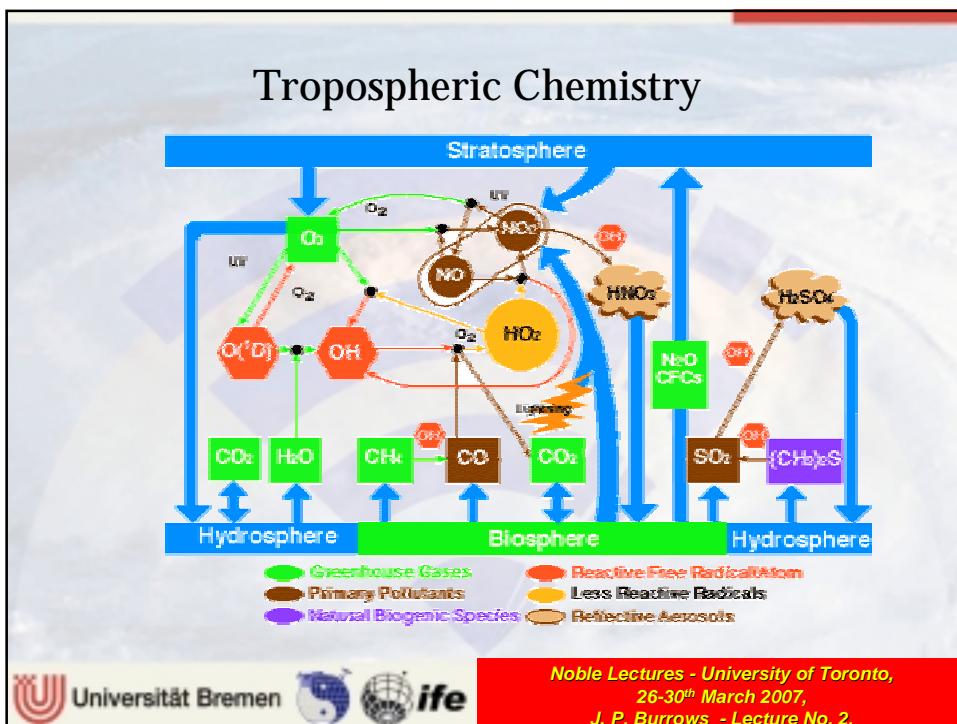


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The unabridged History of SCIAMACHY - GOME – GeoSCIA-GeoTROPE

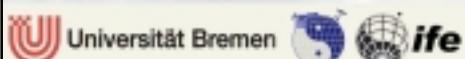
- 03-1985 MAP (Measurement of Atmospheric Pollution) proposal idea to ESA for EURECA *not selected*
- 05-1985 Stratospheric Ozone hole observed by Farman et al (Nature).
- 1985 – 1988 Submission of the *SCIAMACHY proposal*, supported by Germany to ESA for the Polar Platform, now ENVISAT.
- 1988 Proposal of SCIA-mini for ERS-2
- 1989 Descope of *SCIA-mini to GOME (Global Ozone Monitoring Experiment)*
- 1989 – 2002 *Selection, Design and Development of SCIAMACHY as German/Dutch/Belgian contribution to ENVISAT*
- 20.04.1995 Launch of ERS-2 with GOME



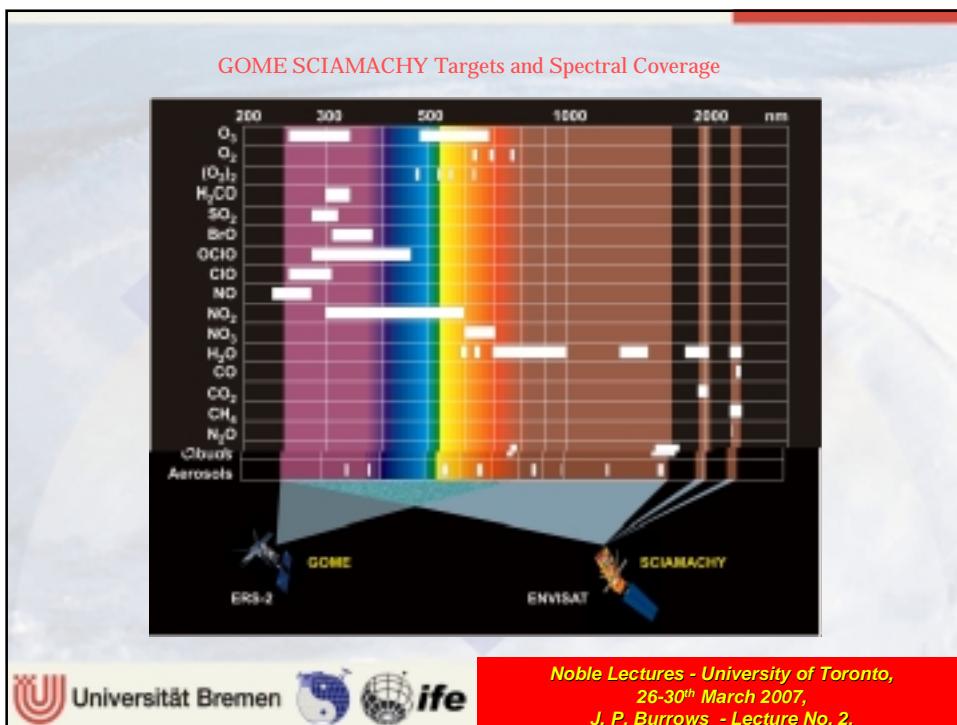
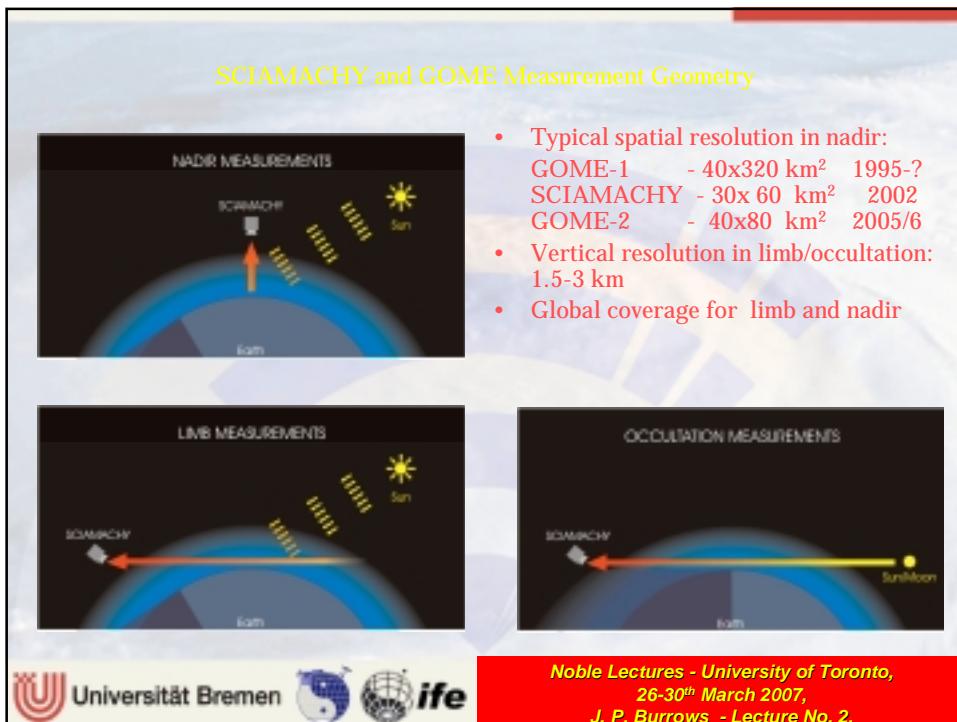
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- 1997-1998 Development of GeoSCIA C0ncept
- 12.1998 Proposal of GeoSCIA to ESA – recommended for further study
- 1997-2000 Selection of GOME-2 for the EUMETSAT operational series Metop.
- 2000 GeoSCIA++ - Geostationary Idea for ESA Earth Explorer
- 2000-2001 Development of GeoFIS
- 01.2002 Proposal of *GeoTROPE(GeoSCIA+GeoFIS) Geostationary TROPospheric Explorer* to ESA for EEOM-2 recommended for further study -
- 28.02.2002 Launch of ENVISAT with SCIAMACHY on board.
- 12.2003 Proposal GeoSCIA-Lite – small sat for national EO programme Germany – not selected
- 15.08.2005 Proposal GeoTROPE-R for the ESA Earth Explorer - not selected for Phase A
- 17.10.2006 Launch of Metop-A with GOME-2 and IASI on board.



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Introduction and Content: L2

- **FURM, Optimal Estimation and Inversion Theory**
- **DOAS Differential Optical Absorption Spectroscopy**
- **DOAS + TEM or Reference Sector Method**
- **WFM-DOAS retrieval algorithm**



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NADIR Retrieval Principles

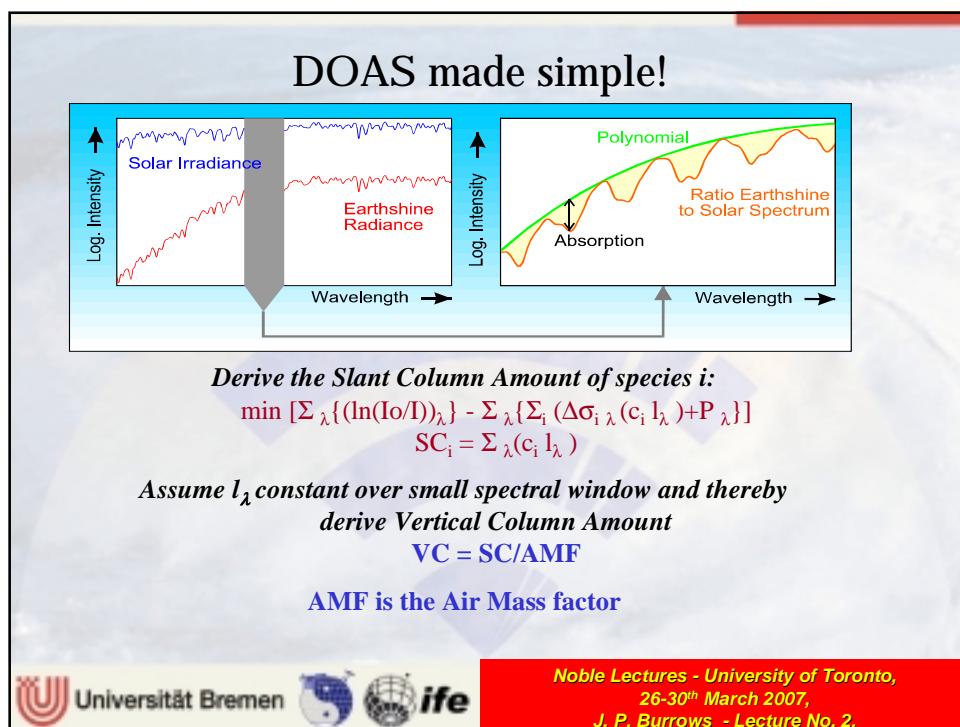
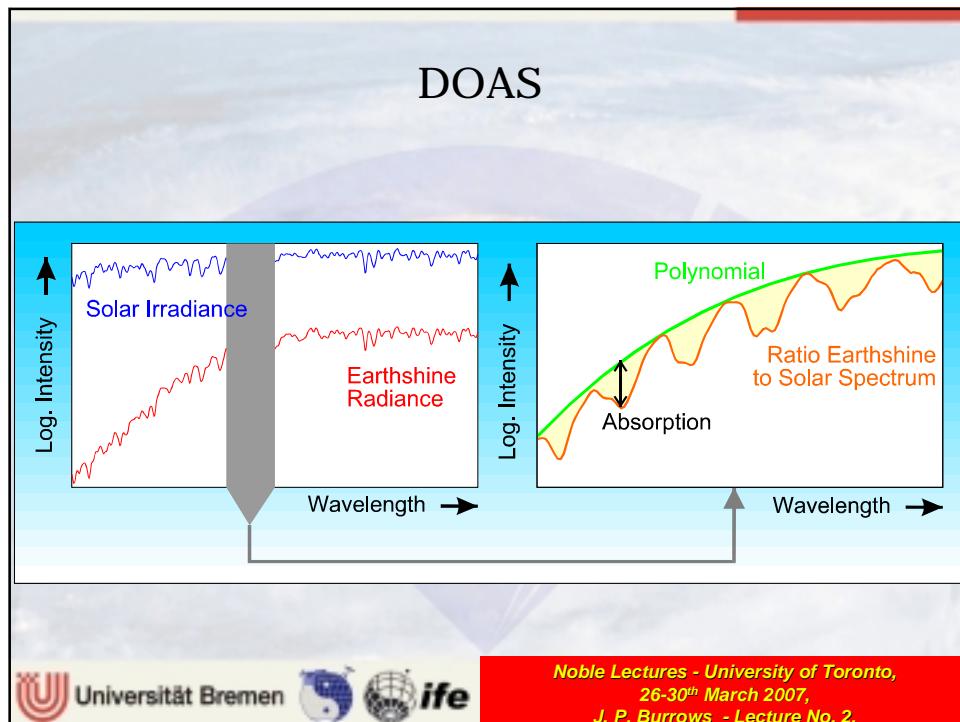
- DOAS - Differential Optical Absorption Spectroscopy
- FURM – Full Retrieval Method



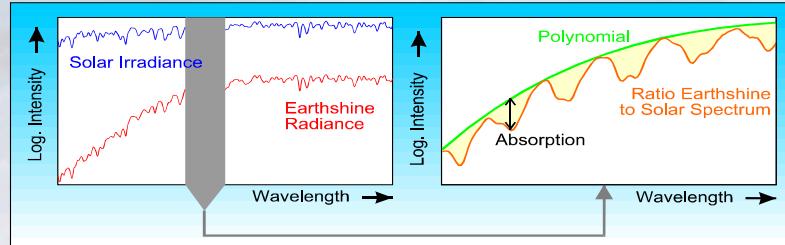
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DOAS made simple (2)!



$$VC = SC/AMF$$

The AMF must be derived using a Radiative Transfer Model – RTM.

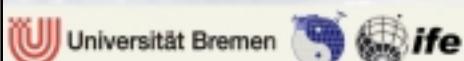
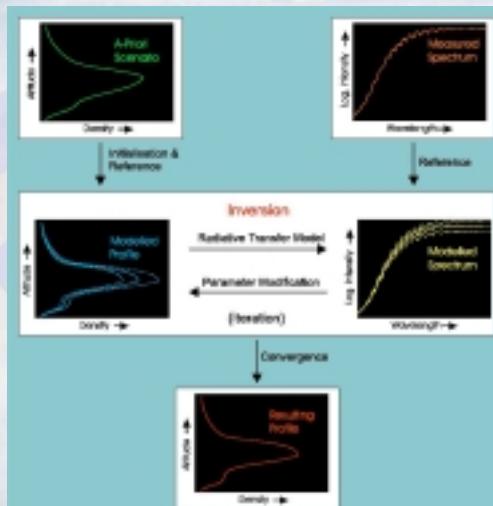
The RTM describes the path of light through the Atmosphere.

In its simplest form i.e. Ignoring scattering, the AMF is determined by the geometry



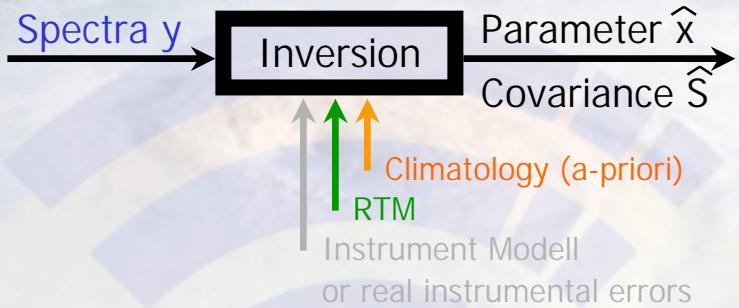
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FURM

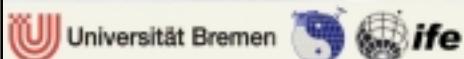


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Inversion using Optimal Estimation



- Optimal Estimation (Rodgers 1976)
- Simultaneous fit of all parameters

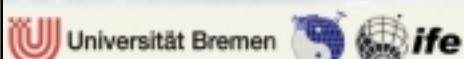


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Optimal Estimation

The diagram shows the optimal estimation formula: $\hat{x} = \hat{S}(\mathbf{K}^T \mathbf{S}_y^{-1} \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{S}_a^{-1} \mathbf{x}_a)$. Below the formula, the retrieval covariance matrix \hat{S} is defined as $\hat{S} = (\mathbf{K}^T \mathbf{S}_y^{-1} \mathbf{K} + \mathbf{S}_a^{-1})^{-1}$. Arrows indicate the inputs: 'Measurement' feeds into the formula; 'RTM' feeds into the definition of \hat{S} ; 'Climatology' feeds into the definition of \hat{S} ; and 'Instrumentmodell, measurement errors' feeds into the definition of \hat{S} .

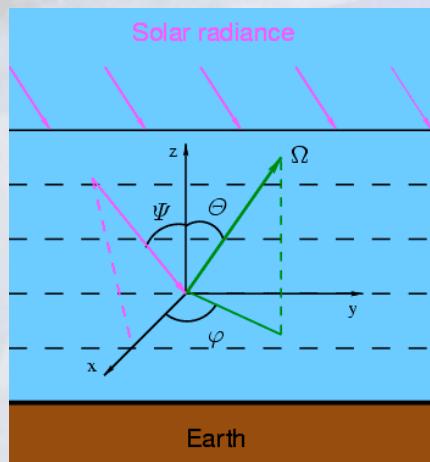
- \hat{x} : vector of atmospheric parameters, retrieval covariance \hat{S}
- \mathbf{y} : measurement vector, measurement covariance \mathbf{S}_y
- \mathbf{x}_a : climatological state vector, a-priori covariance matrix \mathbf{S}_a
- \mathbf{K} : weighting function, from RTM



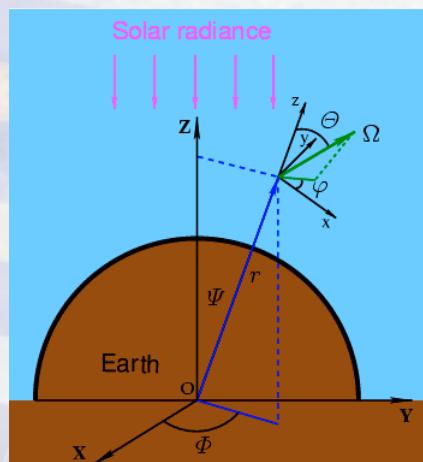
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Coordinate systems

Plane-parallel atmosphere



Spherical atmosphere



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GOMETRAN/SCIATRAN RTM

Spherical RTMs

GOMETRAN/SCIATRAN

(CDL/CDP)

A radiative transfer model for UV-VIS/NIR (240 – 2400 nm)

Products: Radiance, Weighting functions, Air Mass Factors

SCIAMACHY

(limb mode)

Ground-based DOAS

(off-axis)

Aircraft/balloon

Refraction

LIMB

BRDF

GOMETRAN/SCIATRAN

functions

Clouds

Pseudo-spherical

PIROMOST

In pseudo-spherical
GOME/SCIAMACHY

mode only
(near-nadir geometry)

• Downwelling flux

• Ground-based DOAS

• Actinic flux
(near-zenith geometry)

• Photolysis frequency



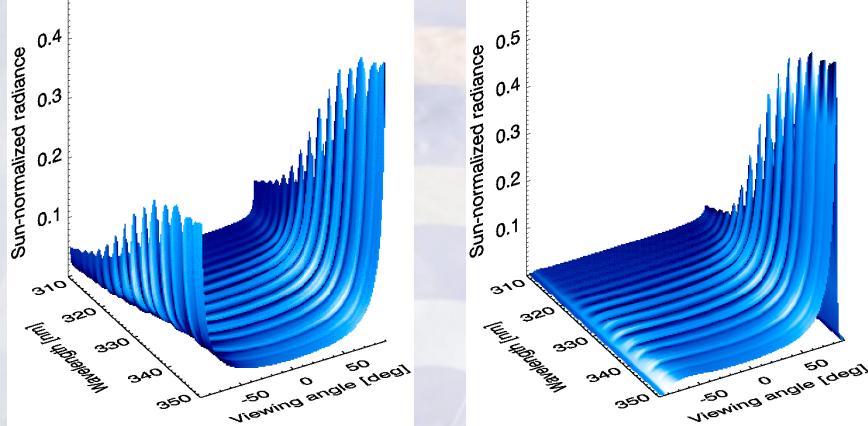
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Outgoing radiation at SZA = 89 deg

Pseudo-spherical model Spherical model



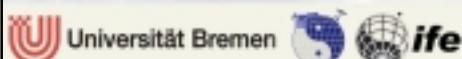
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Ozone Profile Retrieval with GOME

The FURM Technique Utilises

- i) the penetration as a function of wavelength in the UV,
- I i) Some additional information in the T-dependence of the Huggins bands

*However the retrieval is strongly dependent on the
Radiometric calibration!!!*



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Ozone Profile Retrieval from GOME

- GOME: Global Ozone Monitoring Experiment
 - retrieval algorithm: FURM (Full Retrieval Method)
 - moderate linear dependencies between Ozone x and Radiance y :
- $$\Rightarrow y(x) \approx y(x_0) + \frac{\partial y}{\partial x}(x - x_0)$$

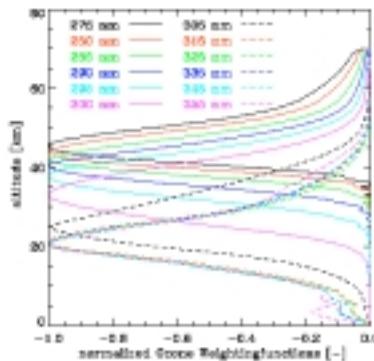
$$\Delta y = K \cdot \Delta x$$

y : Radiance

x : Ozone Profile

$$K_j^i = \frac{\partial y_i}{\partial x_j}$$

weighting function



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"True" and Retrieved Profile : The Averaging Kernel Matrix

$$x_{\text{ret}} = x_a + \bar{\Lambda}(x_{\text{true}} - x_a)$$

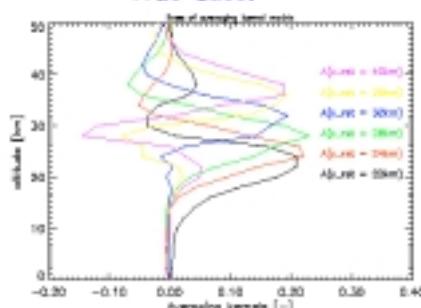
- x_{true} : True atmospheric Profile
- x_{ret} : Retrieved Profile
- x_a : a priori Profile
- $\bar{\Lambda}$: Averaging Kernel Matrix

Ideal Case:

$$\bar{\Lambda} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_{\text{ret}} = x_{\text{true}}$$

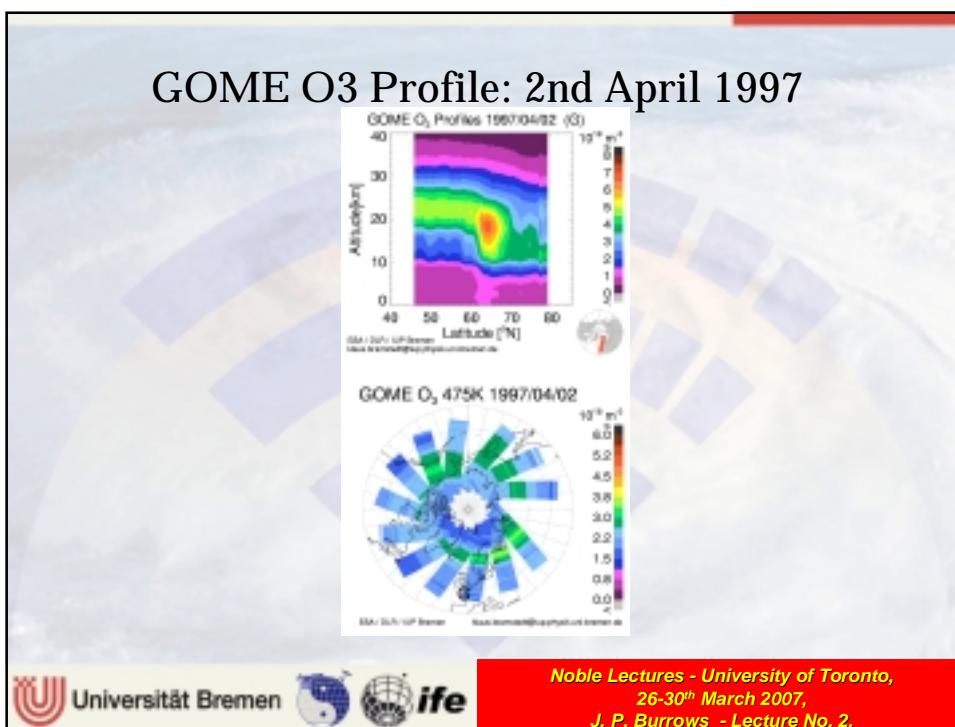
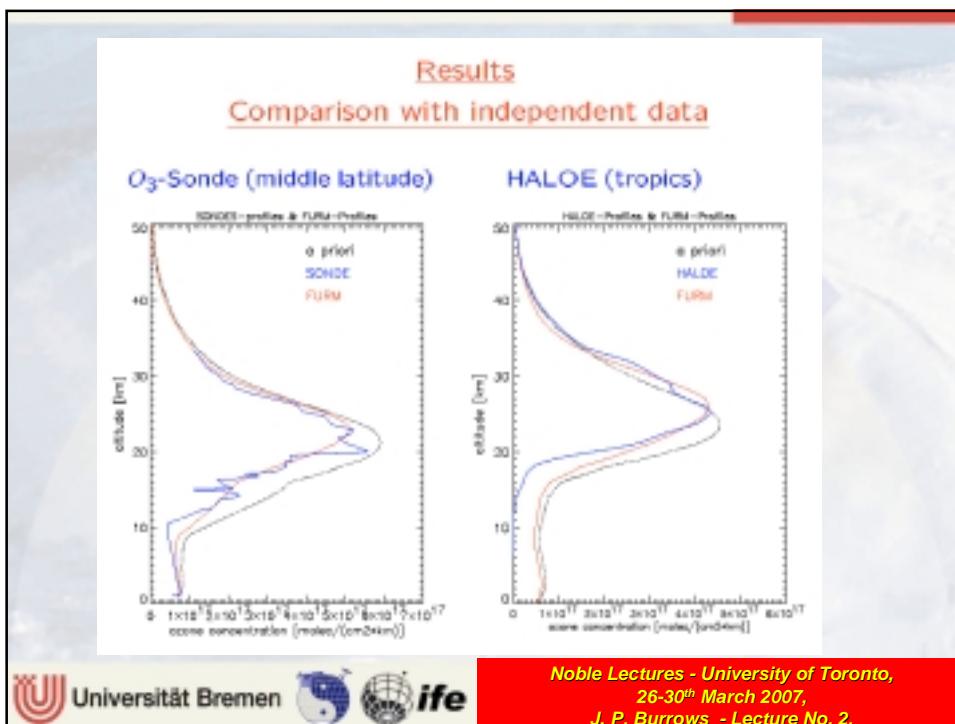
True Case:



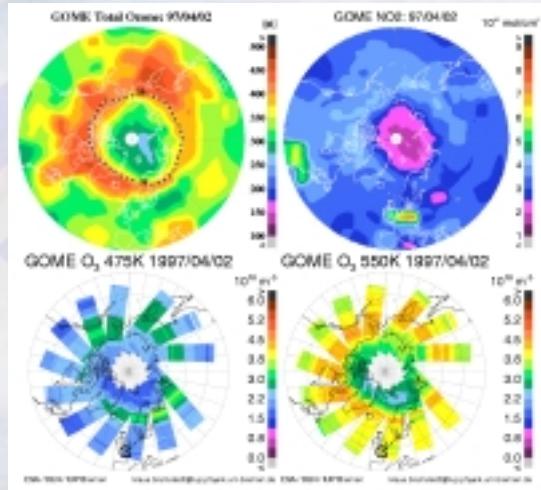
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O₃, NO₂ and O₃ at 475K and 550K Levels: 2nd April 1997



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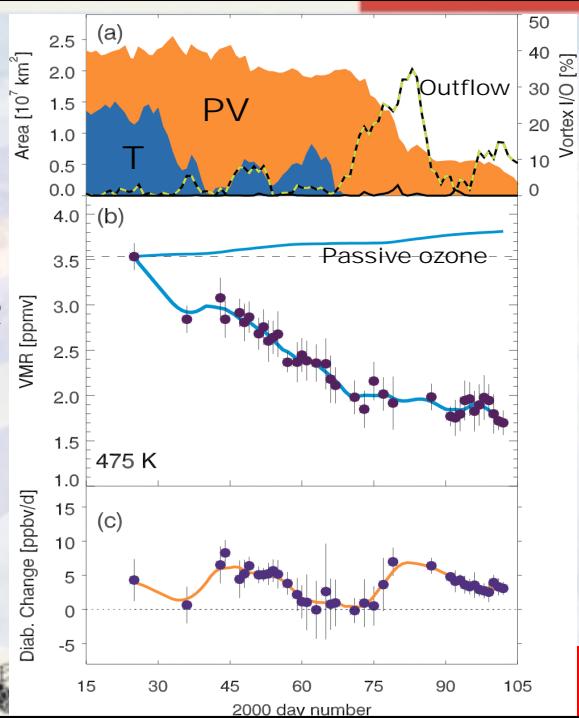


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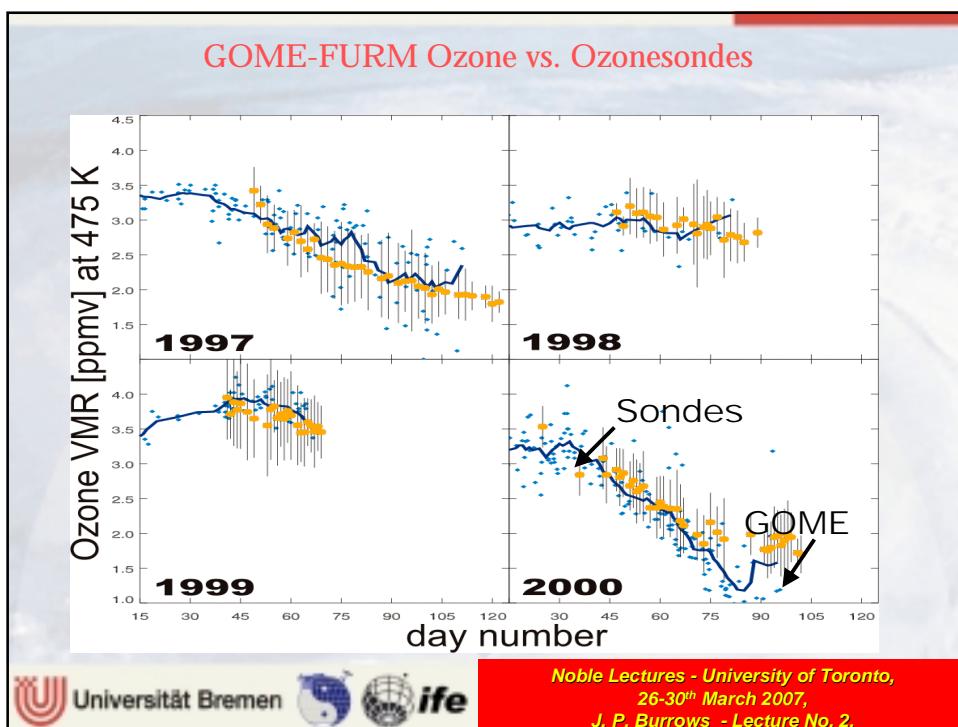
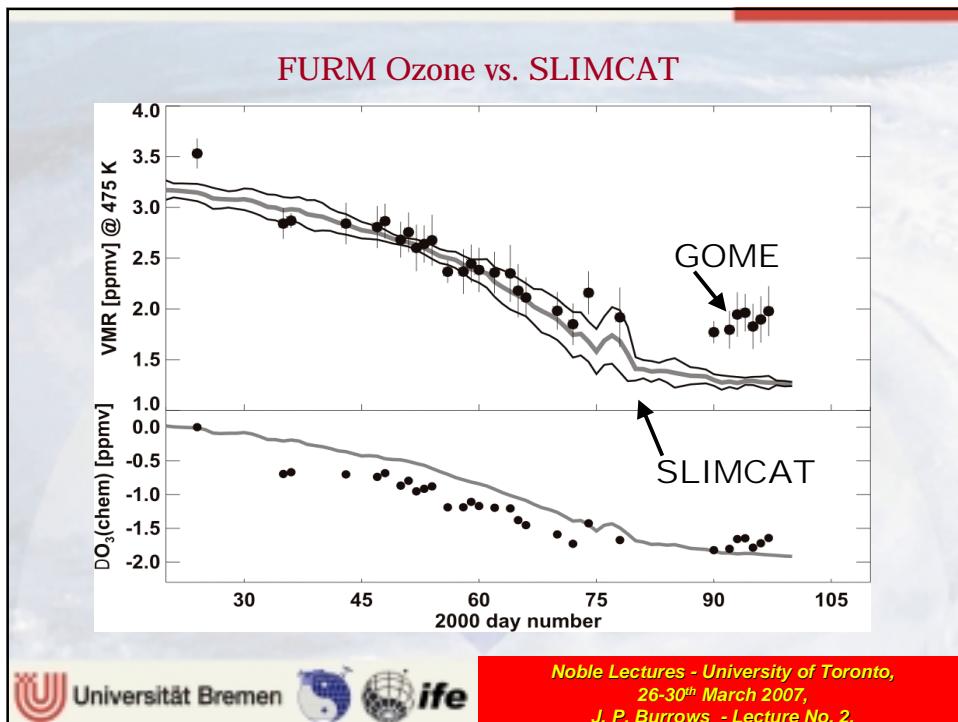
FURM Ozone

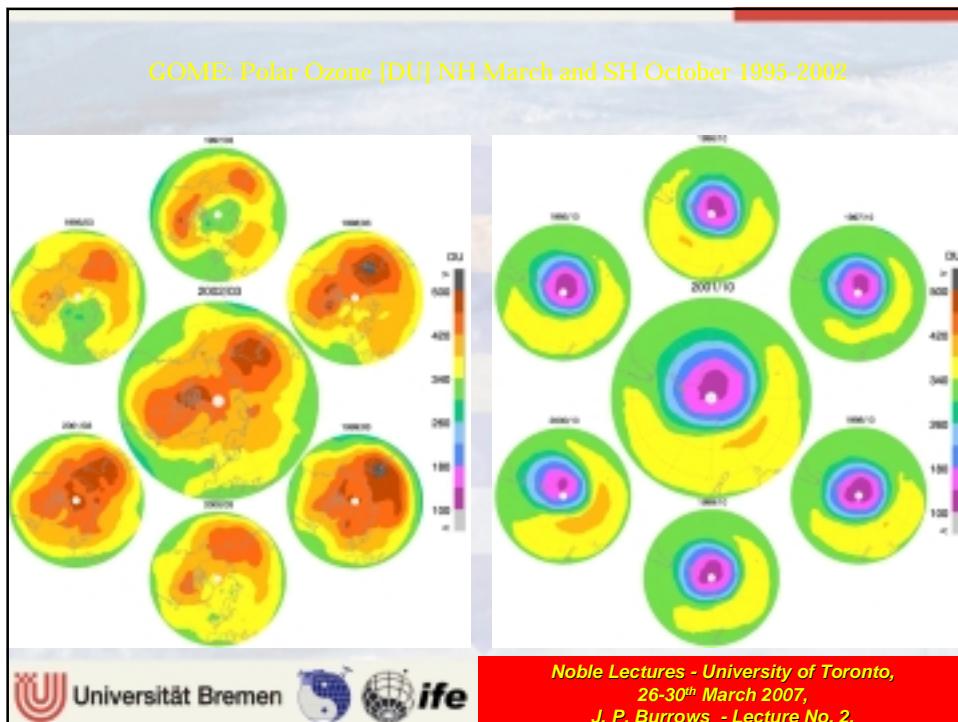
- Vortex- and PSC-Area
- FURM Ozone VMR and passive Ozone
- Diabatic Ozone-change



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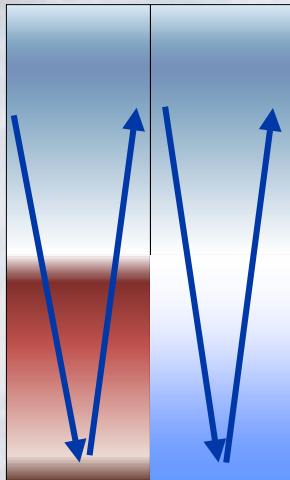




Tropospheric Trace Gas Information

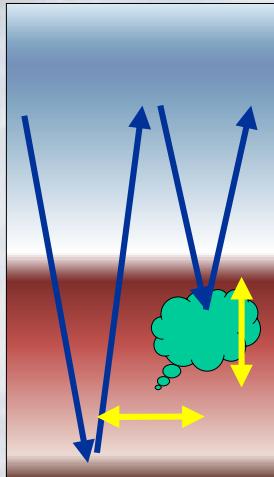
- Origin of Information
 - Total Column - Stratospheric Column from other sources (limb sounders on LEO, data assimilation)
 - Reference Sector Method (depends on coverage)
 - Cloud Slicing (spatial and temporal)
 - wavelength dependence of mean scattering height (example BUV)
 - SZA dependence of mean scattering height (McKenzie et al.)
 - Combined IR (thermal emission) and UV-Vis (solar backscatter) retrieval

Reference Sector Method



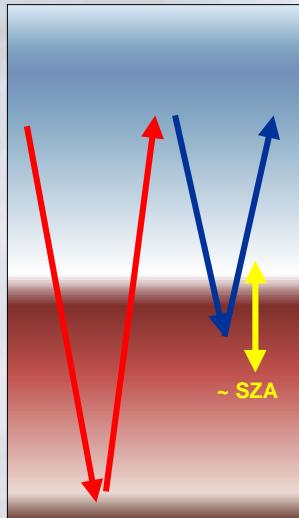
- tropospheric "clean" reference ground pixels (no sources, clean air region etc.)
- Stratospheric contribution assumed to be negligible or homogeneous over relevant ground pixel area
- NO₂, HCHO, CHO, CHO, SO₂, BrO ...

Cloud Slicing



- **Spatial and/or temporal cloud slicing** techniques applicable
- Assumption: tropospheric concentration reasonable constant within relevant temporal and/or over spatial scales
- Heritage: O₃ TOMS Cloud Slicing
- Applicable: O₃, NO₂, HCHO, SO₂ etc.
- High precision tropospheric trace gas data requires co-located cloud top pressure data (for example from O₂ A-band and/or Ring effect analysis)
- **Cloud slicing with deep convective cloud systems in the tropics will allow profiling**

Mean scattering height



- Wavelength dependence of mean scattering height
- solar zenith angle dependence of mean scattering height (McKenzie et al., Fish et al.)
- Atmospheric Composition w.r.t. strong absorbers and scatters known
- High precision tropospheric trace gas data requires co-located measurement of mean scattering height (for example via O₂ A-band)
- O₃, NO₂, BrO, Aerosol



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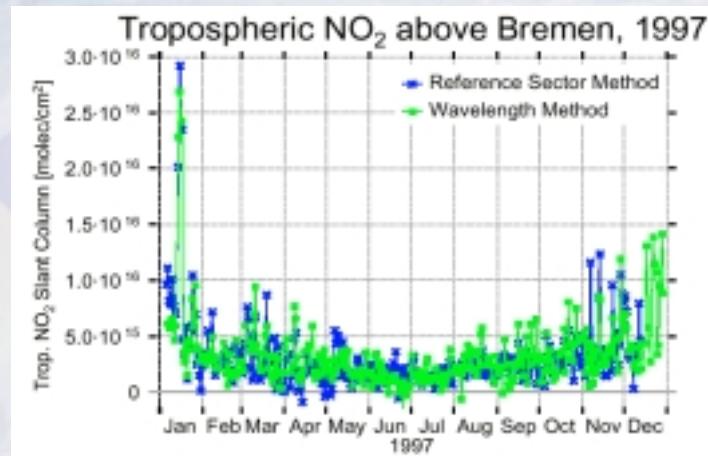


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Tropospheric NO₂ above Bremen



» Consistent tropospheric columns from two independent approaches!

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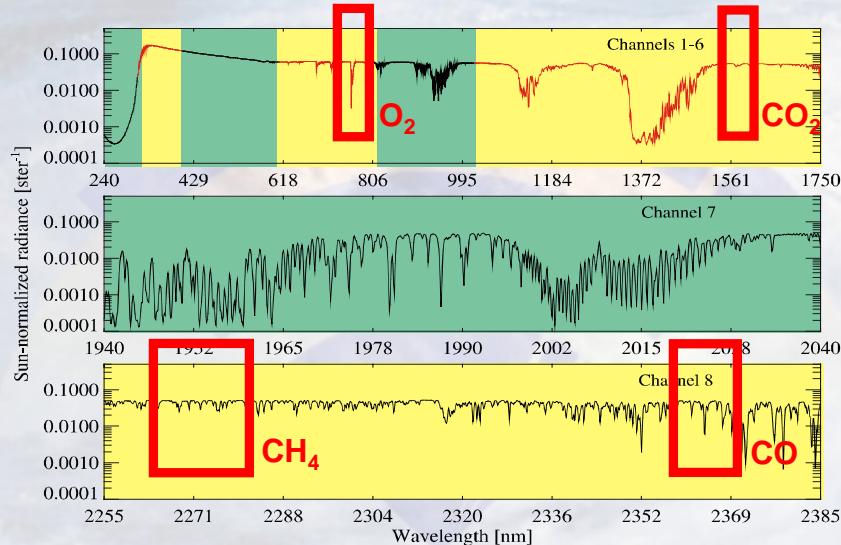
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SCIAMACHY Nadir spectrum CO, CO₂ and CH₄



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WFM-DOAS algorithm

Measurements

SCIAMACHY Data

Nadir radiance
Solar irradiance, PMD
Geolocation
Angles (SZA, LOS)

Forward Model

Reference Spectra

Sun-normalized radiance
and derivatives
as a function of
SZA, surface elevation, H₂O

Inversion Procedure

$$\left| \ln I_e^{\text{obs}}(\tilde{\psi}) - \left[\ln I_e^{\text{mod}}(\tilde{\psi}) + \sum_{j=1}^J \frac{\partial \ln I_e^{\text{mod}}}{\partial V_j} \left(\chi(\tilde{\psi}) - \tilde{\psi}_j \right) + P_j(\chi_m) \right] \right|^2 = \| R E S \|_F^2 \rightarrow \text{min. w.r.t. } \tilde{\psi}_j, \chi_m$$

$$\| y - Ax \|_F^2 \leftarrow \text{min. w.r.t. } x$$

$$x = C_x A^T y \quad C_x = (A^T A)^{-1}$$

Estimate of trace gas column + error
Cloud mask from PMD

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WFM-DOAS look-up-table

Currently implemented look-up-table:

Constant:

- US Standard atmosphere (USS), no clouds, maritime aerosol, nadir viewing (no scan)

Variable:

- SZA: 0°-90° in steps of 5°
- Surface elevation (pressure): 0, 1, 2, 3 km
- Albedo,
- H₂O column: 0.5, 1.0, 1.5, 2.0, 4.0 × USS H₂O column



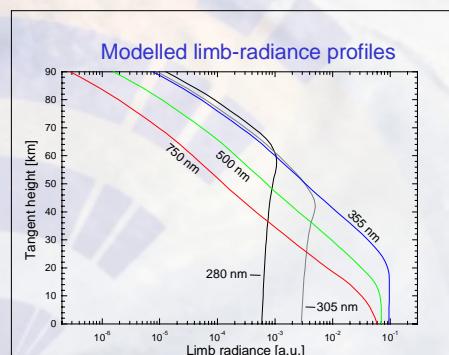
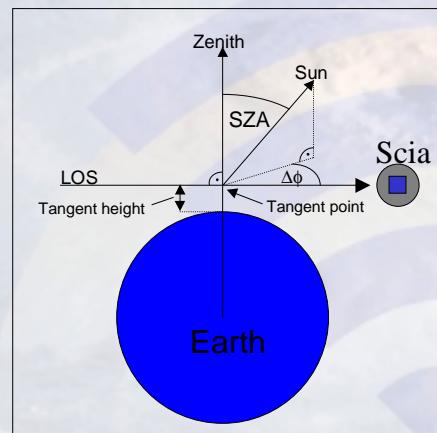
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The limb-scattering geometry

- Limb radiance corresponds to the solar radiation that is Rayleigh and Mie-scattered along the LOS and transmitted in to the FOV of the observer

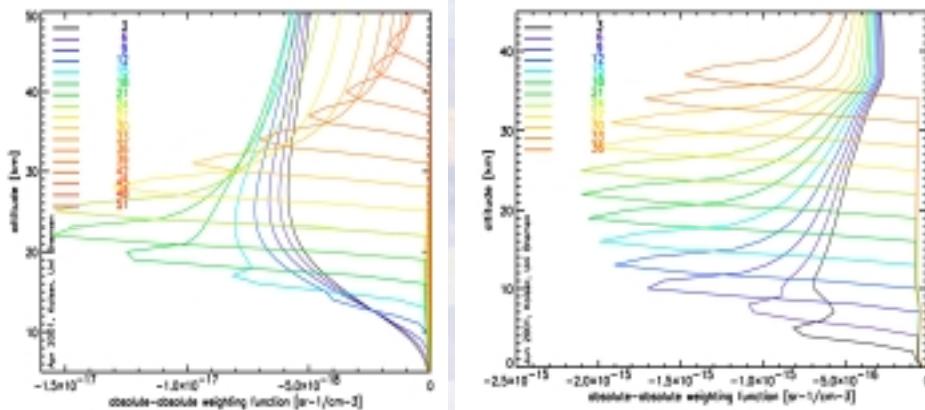


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O₃ Weighting Function for Limb



- 360 nm
- 790 nm
- Light path is wavelength dependence => multi spectral advantage



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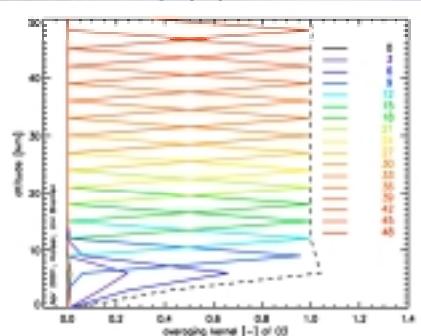


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Averaging Kernels Limb

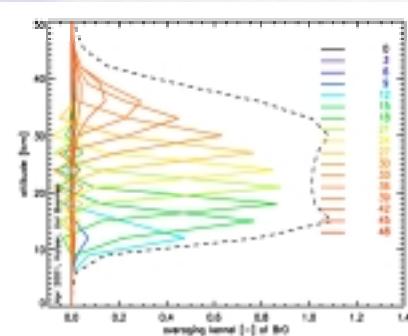
- 300–370 nm

Ozone



- Useful height range: 5–50 km
- Above 12 km all information comes from the measurement
- No smoothing

- BrO



- Useful height range: 15–30 km
- Information determined by the measurement
- some smoothing



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Summary and Conclusions

1 Requirements for measurements from Space

2 Passive Remote Sensing using back scattered solar radiation

3 Radiative Transfer Issues

4 Retrieval techniques for Limb and Nadir