Ozone Measurements during HIPPO

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- 1. Summary of NOAA CSD O_3 data
- 2. Validation of O₃ instrument
- 3. In-flight intercomparisons



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NOAA CSD Ozone Data Summary

- Final data have been submitted for all 3 deployments
- NOAA O₃ Classic instrument performed well:
 - 1 s data were not recorded for the last part of RF02 and entire RF03 of HIPPO-1
 - 1 s data at every 10 s are available for these two flights
- Instrument accuracy: 5%
- Precision: 1.5 x 10¹⁰ molecules/cm³ (approximately 1 ppb at 5 km, 2 ppb at 10 km)
- The instrument has not been changed for a long time. No future modifications are planned.

Ozone Instrument Intercomparison

- NOAA O_3 Classic instrument is based on O_3 UV differential absorption technique and is theoretically absolute
- Direct calibration is difficult and is not performed in our lab
- This type of instrument is usually validated through intercomparisons with other O_3 instruments
- O_3 Classic has been intercompared with at least one other O_3 instrument before every deployment (NOAA UAS O_3 , two TECOs)
- Rigorous leak checks have been performed in the lab and and also before the de-installation at the end of HIPPO-1

Ozone Instrument Intercomparison Approach



Ozone Instrument Intercomparison Summary



CSD TECO (ppb)

In-Flight Intercomparison from START08

 Largest differences likely from high-to-low H₂O concentration transitions



In-Flight Intercomparison during START08

• All measurements are consistent to within 10% (1 σ)



Percent difference

In-Flight Intercomparisons during HIPPO-1

• HIPPO-1: NOAA CSD O_3 and UCATS O_3 sometimes did not correlate with each other (CSD O_3 lower by up to 40 ppb):

- Occurred on ascent from high H₂O environments
- Happened in 9 out of 11 flights
- Possible CSD O₃ instrument problems during HIPPO-1:
 - Pressure and temperature sensor drifts and catalyst degradation:

✓ Ruled out using in situ data and post-mission lab work

- Leaks in the instrument or in the sample line:
 - ✓ No significant leak was found during post-mission check
- H₂O artifact:

 ✓ Laboratory tests with H₂O: Possible artifact < 10 ppb
✓ Limited evidence for artifact during START08/Pre-HIPPO and HIPPO-2

In-Flight Intercomparisons during HIPPO-2

- HIPPO-2: A different, more systematic disagreement:
 - UCATS O_3 was higher than CSD O_3 in the first half of the mission by 10–40 ppb with the larger differences at higher ambient O_3 mixing ratios
 - After changing a Hg lamp, UCATS O_3 was lower than CSD O_3 in the second half of the mission by 10–30 ppb, with the larger differences at higher ambient O_3 mixing ratios
 - See Eric Hintsa's intercomparison talk on Friday for details
- HIPPO-3: no in-flight intercomparisons
- CSD O₃ has not changed its configuration since START08
- In-flight intercomparison with NOAA UAS $\rm O_3$ will occur in March April 2011 on NASA WB-57F