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Data Set Description:

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Instrument: Ground-based 22 GHz microwave spectrometer
Site(s): Onsala Space Observatory, Sweden
Measurement Quantities: Mixing ratio of H₂O

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Instrument Description:

The instrument is a microwave spectrometer observing atmospheric thermal emission at 22.23 GHz from the ground. It consists of an ambient heterodyne receiver and multi-channel spectrometer, and records the spectral lineshape of a water vapor rotational transition every 5 minutes at 20 and 90 degrees elevation. Observations continue 24 hours a day whenever weather permits. A water vapor mixing ratio profile as a function of pressure can be retrieved from each of the water vapor spectra obtained. Averages of the spectral data over 24 hour periods are processed routinely.

Algorithm Description:

A water vapor mixing ratio profile (ppmv) from 10 hPa to 0.024 hPa (or 32 - 77 km) is retrieved for every hour period using the optimal estimation retrieval method. We report weekly averages to the NDACC database.

Expected Precision/Accuracy of Instrument:

Observation error, measurement response and vertical resolution for each water vapor profile at each retrieved pressure level are reported in the NDACC data set.

Instrument History:

Version 1: 2002 – 2012 , Spectrometer bandwidth: 20 MHz, resolution: 25 kHz

Version 2: 2013 - , Spectrometer bandwidth: 200 MHz, resolution: 12.2 kHz