



Intercomparison of integrating nephelometers Project No.: IN-2019-1-2

Basic informations:

Location of the quality assurance: TROPOS, Lab 121
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1 Intercomparison summary

Status on arrival

No issues due to transportation or other damages.

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The noise level of the instrument is in the normal range. The average noise (1σ) for the all wavelengths was less equal 0.34 Mm^{-1} for full scattering and 0.24 Mm^{-1} for backscattering. The background level was acceptable with deviations of less equal 0.26 Mm^{-1} for full scattering and 0.19 Mm^{-1} for backscattering.

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The span check was acceptable with deviations of less equal 4%.

Inspection

The instrument was clean without any contamination. Due to the good results, a recalibration was not performed.

Comparison to reference nephelometer

Before inspection and recalibration

The results from intercomparison to reference device were acceptable with deviations in the range of -4.3% to 7.6% .

After inspection and recalibration

No information can be given.

Recommendations

No recommendations.

Overall assessment

The instrument meets the requirements.

2 Details

Configuration parameters

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Table 1: Noise parameters of nephelometer (SN 1081) measured with filtered air.

Wavelength [nm]	total scattering		backscattering	
	mean [Mm ⁻¹]	std.dev. [Mm ⁻¹]	mean [Mm ⁻¹]	std.dev. [Mm ⁻¹]
450	-0.26	0.34	0.08	0.24
530	0.03	0.2	0.02	0.15
700	0.16	0.16	0.19	0.13

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Table 2: Percentage deviation of measured values from nephelometer (SN 1081) to theoretical values for CO₂

Wavelength [nm]	total scattering	backscattering
	deviation [%]	deviation [%]
450	-1.4	-1.8
530	-2.8	-4
700	-2.9	-1.5

Comparison to reference nephelometer before inspection and recalibration

Table 3: Comparison of nephelometer (SN 1081) to reference nephelometer Aurora4000 (SN 14-1408) before inspection and recalibration. Testaerosol is ammonium sulfate.

Wavelength [nm]	total scattering slope	total scattering R2	backscattering slope	backscattering R2
450	1.055	1	0.957	0.998
525	1.076	1	0.986	0.998
635	1.008	1	1.066	0.998

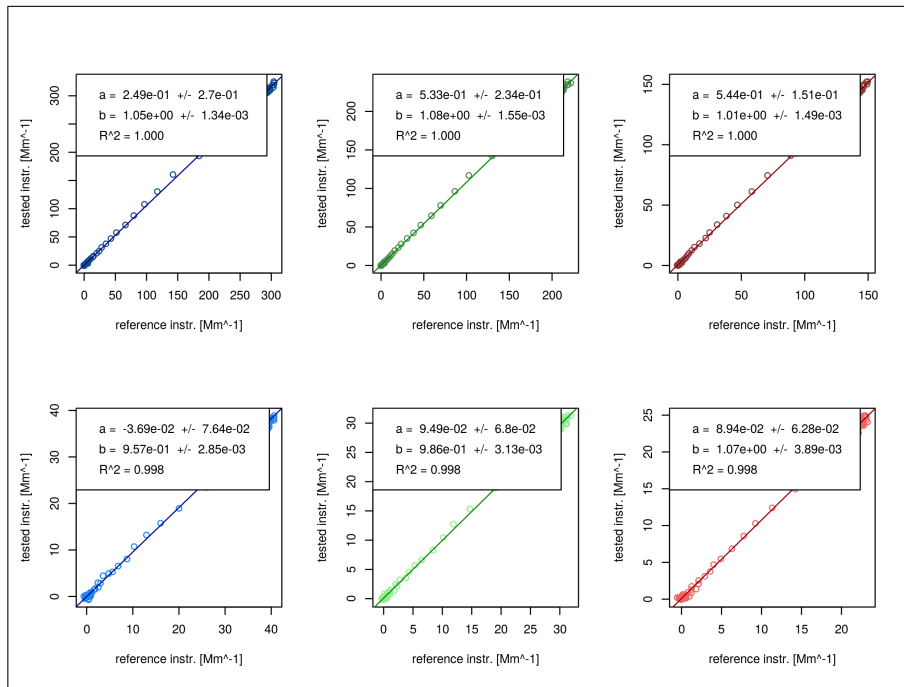


Figure 1: Correlation of scattering coefficients from nephelometer (SN 1081) and reference nephelometer Aurora4000 (SN 14-1408) before inspection and recalibration. Testaerosol is ammonium sulfate.