



Ground-based spectroscopic studies of atmospheric gaseous composition

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The experimental ground-based spectral complex for determining the atmospheric gaseous content operating at Atmospheric Physics Department, SPbSU is described. The complex includes:

1. IR-spectrometer (SIKS-2) with a medium spectral resolution.
2. IR Fourier spectrometer with a high spectral resolution (Bruker).
3. Automated visible spectrometer (ASK-2).
4. UV and visible spectrometers (Ocean Optics).
5. Microwave ozonometer.

Ground-based spectral studies of atmospheric gaseous content were started at the Department in 1990 with measurements of the CO, CH₄ and H₂O total contents. At present the following measurements are carried out:

- spectra of direct solar IR radiation with different spectral resolutions,
- spectra of zenith scattered solar UV and visible radiation,
- spectra of atmospheric MW thermal radiation.

Bruker IR Fourier spectrometer with a high spectral resolution has given the possibility of the first in Russia trace gas measurements (more than 10 gases) with high quality.

Results of interpreting and analyzing the ground-based measurements of different types are followed:

- seasonal variations of different gases (CO, CO₂, CH₄, N₂O, NO₂, O₃, HF, HCl, CFC-11 and etc.),
- long-time trends of CO, CH₄, NO₂ contents,
- comparison of trace gas measurements by different remote methods,
- comparison of trace gas measurements with middle and high IR spectral resolution,
- IR and MW synergetic ozone vertical profile measurement,
- validation of different satellite measurements,
- comparison with measurements on different NDACC stations.

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