

Tropospheric NO₂ retrieval via DOAS method using airborne GeoTASO data over the Korea Peninsula during KORUS-AQ campaign

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KORea-United States Air Quality (KORUS-AQ) campaign is a joint study between National Aeronautics and Space Administration and National Institute of Environmental Research of Korea to improve the ability of air pollution monitoring from space-born measurements.

We retrieved tropospheric nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) slant column density (SCD) via

Differential optical absorption spectroscopy (DOAS) method from the GEOstationary Trace and Aerosol Sensor Optimization (GeoTASO) LV1B data during the KORUS-AQ period.

These NO_2 SCD were converted to tropospheric vertical column density using a linearized pseudo-spherical scalar and vector discrete ordinate radiative transfer (VLIDORT) with the inputs of trace gas profiles from the Community Multiscale Air Quality (CMAQ) model, Geostationary Ocean Color Imager (GOCI) aerosol optical depth, and Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer (MODIS) single scattering albedo and surface reflectance.

In this campaign period, tropospheric NO₂ has a large values in Seoul and metropolitan area.

The tropospheric NO₂ retrieved GeoTASO has certain correlation with surface NO₂ volume mixing ratio obtained from in-situ measurements which is located within 2 km. We also investigated the uncertainties of the NO₂ retrieval in terms of AMF calculation. Errors of 20%, 0.04, 0.01 and 1 km error of AOD, SSA, surface reflectance, and aerosol peak height lead to GeoTASO NO₂ AMF error up to 18.0, 8.6, 24.1, and 37.1%, respectively.