UV measurements at Marambio and Ushuaia during 2000–2010

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Abstract. Solar ultraviolet (UV) irradiances were measured with NILU-UV multichannel radiometers at Ushuaia (54° S) and Marambio (64° S) between 2000 and 2013. The measurements were part of the Antarctic NILU-UV network, which was started in cooperation between Spain, Argentina and Finland. The erythemally weighted UV irradiance time series of both stations were analyzed for the first time. The quality assurance procedures included a traveling reference instrument to transfer
5 the irradiance scale to the stations. The time series were homogenized and high quality measurements were available for the period 2000–2010. During this period UV indices of 11 or more were measured on 5 and 35 days at Marambio and Ushuaia, respectively. At Marambio, the peak daily maximum UV index of 12 and daily doses of around 7 kJ/m^2 were measured in November 2007. The highest UV daily doses at both stations were typically around 6 kJ/m^2 and occurred when the stations were inside the polar vortex, resulting in very low total ozone amount. At both stations, daily doses in late November could
10 even exceed those in the summer. At Marambio, in some years, also daily doses in October can be as high as those during the summer. At Ushuaia, the peak daily maximum UV index of 13 was measured twice: in November 2003 and 2009. Also during those days, the station of Ushuaia was inside the polar vortex.

1 Introduction

15 The Antarctic NILU-UVnetwork was established in 1999/2000 in scientific cooperation between the Spanish Agencia Estatal de Meteorología (AEMET), the Finnish Meteorological Institute (FMI) and the Argentinian Dirección Nacional del Antártico-

Instituto Antártico Argentino (DNA-IAA) and Centro Austral de Investigaciones Científicas (CADIC). The goal was to promote research of stratospheric ozone and ultraviolet (UV) radiation in the Antarctic region and to serve multidisciplinary research by providing UV and ozone data.

The well-known Antarctic ozone depletion was first discovered by Farman et al. (1985) in the mid-1980s. Satellite measurements confirmed that the ozone hole existed over the whole of Antarctica. Soon after, more in situ measurements were started to monitor total ozone and UV radiation. Also regular balloon soundings were launched to monitor the vertical distribution of ozone in the atmosphere (e.g. Karhu et al. (2003)). The knowledge in the mechanisms of the ozone depletion increased, and the role of ozone depleting substances and cold temperatures inside the polar vortex was understood (WMO, 1990, 1999; Pazmiño et al., 2005). The sites of the Antarctic NILU-UV network were chosen based on their location relative to the polar vortex: Belgrano (77°, 35°W) was mostly located inside, Marambio (64°S, 56°W) at the edge and Ushuaia (54°S, 68°W) outside the polar vortex. NILU-UV multichannel radiometers (Høiskar et al., 2003) were set up at the stations to continuously monitor total ozone and UV irradiance.

The measurements of the network were interrupted in 2014, and the whole UV time series of Ushuaia and Marambio are analyzed for the first time in this study. Since the start of the measurements, special attention was given to quality assurance in order to make measurements world wide comparable (Lakkala et al., 2005). A traveling reference was used to transfer the irradiance scale to both Marambio and Ushuaia. The instrument of Belgrano didn't follow the same quality assurance procedure. The time series for Belgrano is therefore not discussed in this study even though the instrument was regularly exchanged with a newly calibrated radiometer.

The first measurements of the network started in 200 when the Antarctic ozone hole firmly established (WMO, 2003, 2007). Later, the recovery of stratospheric ozone was predicted (Andrady et al., 2009), and nowadays, 30 years after signing the Montreal Protocol restricting ozone depleting substances, first signs of the stratospheric ozone recovery have been observed (Solomon et al., 2016). The NILU-UV time series of Ushuaia and Marambio presented in this study are important for the future: the time series serve as reference representing a period when severe stratospheric ozone depletion occurred.

Observations at these locations complement measurements with spectroradiometers at the South Pole, McMurdo Station (78°S), Palmer Station (65°S) and Ushuaia, which started in the early 1990s and are part of the U.S. National Science Foundation's (NSF) UV Monitoring Network (Booth et al., 1994; Bernhard et al., 2010). Bernhard et al. (2008) and Bernhard et al. (2010) analyzed the data of these sites and found a large effect of the ozone hole on the UV index at the three Antarctic sites, and to a lesser extent at Ushuaia. Their analysis showed that at South Pole the UV index is on average 20-80 % higher during the ozone hole period than between January and March. They studied the UV index compared to estimates of UV index prior to the ozone hole period, and found that the average UV index between 1991 and 2006 was 55 %–85 % higher than the estimates for the period 1963–1980. The highest UV index measured at Palmer was 14.8. At Ushuaia, UV indices as high as 11.5 were measured in October, when the ozone hole was over the city. Eleftheratos et al. (2015) studied changes in irradiances at 305 and 325 nm at Southern latitudes 55°S–77°S, but didn't find any statistically significant changes between 1990 and 2011.

2 Materials and Methods

2.1 NILU-UV radiometers at Ushuaia and Marambio

The NILU-UV multichannel radiometer measures UV radiation in five spectral bands with center wavelengths at 305, 312, 320, 340 and 380 nm. The full width at half maximum (FWHM) of the measured wavelength band is around 10 nm. A sixth channel measures the photosynthetically active radiation (PAR) at wavelengths between 400 and 700 nm. Erythemally weighted irradiances, UVB (280–320 nm) and UVA (320–400 nm) irradiances can be retrieved from the measurements. In addition to UV irradiances, total ozone and information about the cloud optical depth can be calculated.

The instrument is described in details in Høiskar et al. (2003). It is weatherproof and designed to operate in harsh environment. The instrument has a flat Teflon diffuser, interference filters and silicon detectors. In order to keep the instrument stable at different temperatures, internal heating keep the temperature constant at 40° C.

In routine operation, one minute averages are recorded by a built-in data logger. This allows the detection of rapid changes in cloudiness and total ozone amounts. There is a possibility to record measurements each second, and this option was used during lamp measurements. Three weeks of one-minute averages can be stored in the memory of the instrument. In the NILU-UV network, the data was however daily/weekly transfered automatically or manually to the servers of AEMET and FMI.

Ushuaia is located in the archipelago of Tierra del Fuego, Argentina. The NILU-UV instrument was set up on the roof of the CADIC facility next to a SUV-100 spectroradiometer that was part of the U.S. National Science Foundation's Ultraviolet Spectral irradiance Monitoring Network (Booth et al., 1994). The altitude of the station is 23 m. The station is surrounded by mountains, which have snow cover most of the year. In the South, there is the Beagle Channel, which connects Ushuaia to the South Pacific Ocean. There is snow on the ground from June to September.

The Marambio research station, Base Marambio II, is located at the end of the North East Antarctic penninsula. At Marambio, the NILU-UV was set up on the roof of the main scientific building. The altitude of the station is 196 m. The climate is characterized by mean temperatures below zero the whole year and strong winds. The temperatures range from -15° C in June to -2° C in December (from http://www.smn.gov.ar/serviciosclimaticos/). Fog is frequent, and the most foggy months are December and January. Summer is the cloudiest season and winter has the least clouds. The snow stays on the ground the year round.

2.1.1 Erythemally weighted UV products

The time series of erythemally weighted UV irradiances were calculated using the method described in Dahlback (1996). According to this method, UV dose rates (D) were derived from measurements of the NILU-UV's five UV channels using a linear combination (Eq. (1)) where the raw data (V_i) measured by each channel (i) are multiplied with coefficients (a_i).

$$D = \sum_{i=1}^{5} a_i V_i \tag{1}$$

The coefficients (a_i) of Eq. (1) were in turn determined by solving the system of linear equations described by Eq. 7 of Dahlback (1996) (here (Eq. (2))):

$$\sum_{i=1}^{M} a_i k_i \sum_{\lambda=0}^{\infty} R'_{i\lambda} F_\lambda = \sum_{\lambda=0}^{\infty} A_\lambda F_\lambda \qquad (2)$$

The coefficients k_i are calibration factors. In our implementation, these factors were derived from a vicarious calibration of the
5 NILU-UV's raw data with measurements of the spectroradiometer of the Norwegian Radiation Protection Authority (NRPA) (Johnsen et al., 2002), which were weighted with the relative spectral response functions $R'_{i\lambda}$ of the NILU-UV's channels (Eq. (3) of Dahlback (1996)). A_λ is the erythemal action spectrum (McKinlay and Diffey, 1987) and F_λ are model spectra calculated with radiative transfer model using pseudo spherical DISORT.

In this work the UV indices and daily doses, calculated from the erythemally weighted dose rates, were studied. The UV
10 index was calculated by multiplying the erythemally weighted dose rate expressed in unit W/m^2 by 40 (e.g., WMO (1997)). The erythemally weighted daily doses (H) were calculated by integrating the erythemally weighted dose rates over the whole day (Eq. (3), T_1=00:00 h and T_2=24:00 h local time).

$$H = \int_{T_1}^{T_2} D(T) dT \qquad (3)$$

For each day of the year, the mean daily maximum UV index and mean daily dose were calculated from the respective days
15 of each year of observation. From now on in this paper, these means are called "daily climatology", even if they are not real climatological means from statistical point of view as the time period is too short. Daily deviations (DEV) as percentage were calculated from this daily climatology following Eq. (4), where X is the daily maximum UV index or daily dose and "clim" is the daily climatology.

$$DEV = \frac{(X - clim)}{clim} * 100 \% \qquad (4)$$

20 Radiation amplification factors (RAF) were calculated for erythemally weighted UV irradiances during clear skies at SZA between 69.95 and 70.05 for Marambio. Clear sky data was selected using the cloud transmission factor (CLT) calculated from the NILU-UV irradiance at 380 nm (Høiskar et al., 2003). RAF values were calculated from the power law (e.g., Booth and Madronich (1994))

$$RAF = \frac{ln(O_3/O_3^*)}{ln(UV^*/UV)}, \qquad (5)$$

25 using a least square fit, where O_3^* is the highest total ozone value observed during the time series and UV^* is the corresponding erythemally weighted UV irradiance.

2.2 QC of UV data at Marambio and Ushuaia

The quality control of the NILU-UVs of Marambio and Ushuaia were performed by the operators at the station. Daily activities included cleaning of the diffuser, check of leveling and clock adjustment. Regular lamp measurements were performed at the

stations and the data were regularly transfered to the databases of AEMET and FMI. The quality control of the NILU-UV network is described in detail in Lakkala et al. (2005) and briefly summarized in the next section.

2.2.1 Lamp measurements

Lamp measurements were performed at the station every two weeks to monitor the stability of the NILU-UV radiometer. A 100 W lamp was mounted on a lamp holder and placed over the NILU-UV. After the lamp had warmed up, the irradiance was measured during 15 minutes with a time step of one second. The temperature of the instrument was also recorded. Each time two lamps were measured and every third time a third lamp was measured in addition. This led to different burn-times of the lamps, which afforded the detection of drifts in lamp irradiances.

Each lamp test was compared to the average of the first three measurements at each channels (Fig. 1 and 2). Severe drifts in the sensitivities of the instrument were already detected in channels 1–4 after a couple of years of operation of the NILU-UV. These large drifts were caused by the material from which the filters were made, which degraded due to exposure to UV radiation. After 4 years of operation, decreases of up to 40 % in the sensitivity of some filters were observed (Lakkala et al., 2005). The degradation continued throughout the whole period of measurements. After 2010, the sensitivity of channels 2–4 decreased more than 80 % (Fig. 1 and 2). Due to these large changes, it was no longer possible to correct data after 2010. Until that year, the data was corrected using the scaling of the channels to those of the traveling reference during solar comparisons (see Sect. 2.3.2). The results of the lamp tests were used to confirm the observed changes in the scaling coefficients, but not to perform absolute calibration. The data of the years 2011–2013 had to be excluded from the analysis.

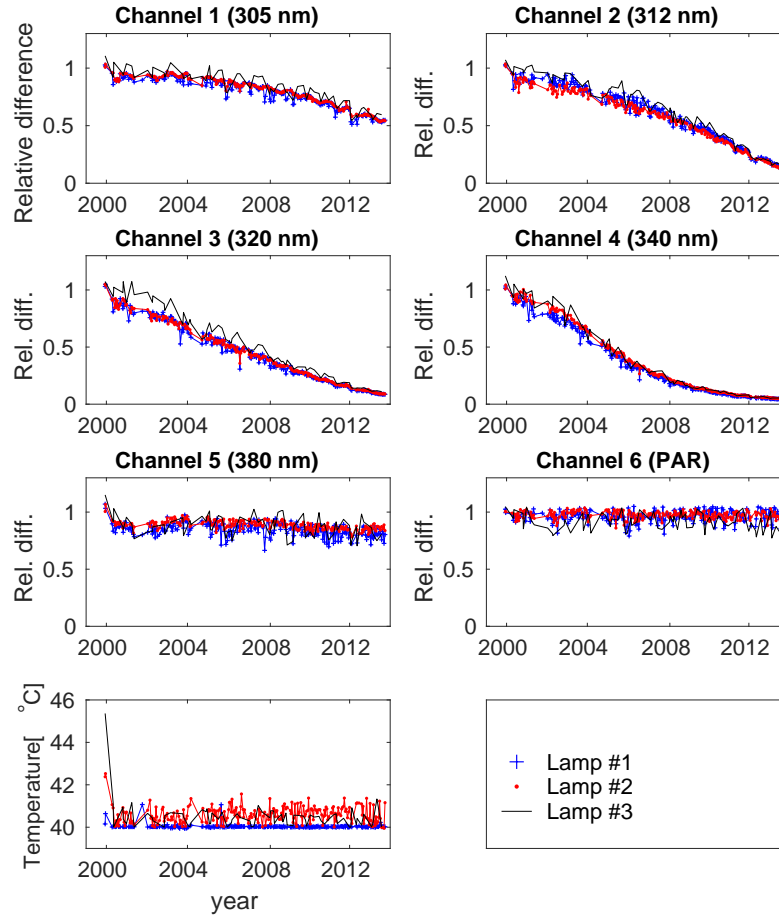



Figure 1. Lamp measurements at Ushuaia during 2000-2013. The raw data of the lamp are divided by the mean of the three first measurements. The temperature of the NILU-UV during the measurement is also shown.

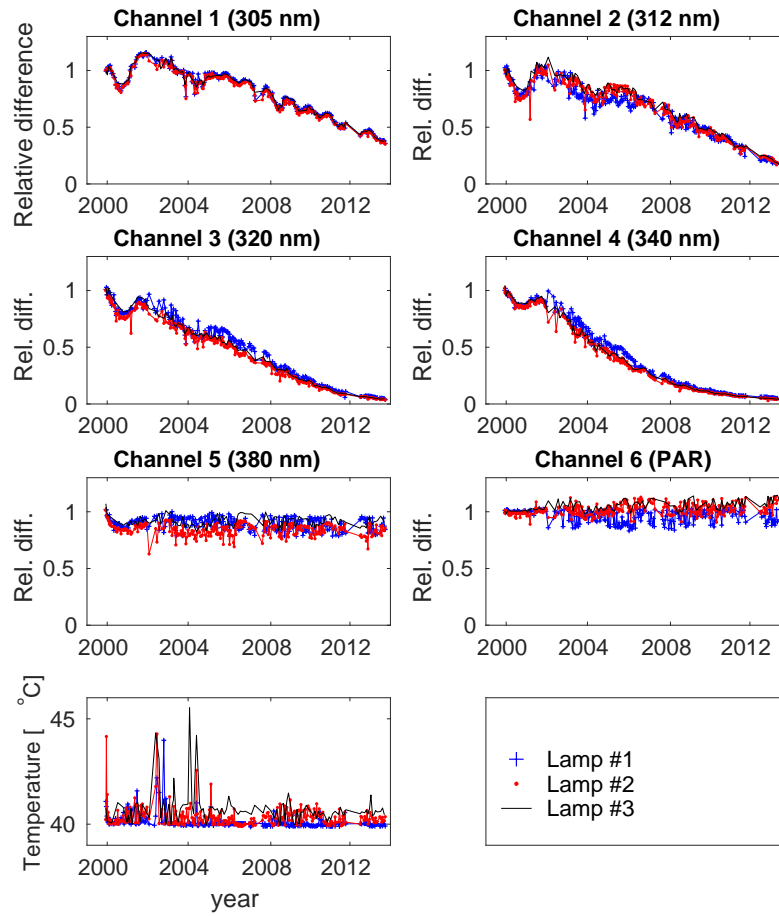



Figure 2. The same as Fig. 1 but for Marambio.

2.3 QA of the network

The quality assurance of the network was based on the use of a traveling reference to transfer the irradiance scale to the NILU-UV radiometers of Ushuaia and Marambio. The details are explained in Lakkala et al. (2005) and the procedures are shortly described in the next sections.

2.3.1 Traveling reference

The traveling reference of the network was a NILU-UV radiometer, which had filters with similar spectral responses as the NILU-UV radiometers of Ushuaia and Marambio. It was calibrated by the manufacturer in Norway in 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2005, 2007 and 2010. The irradiance scale was traceable to the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) via the Swedish Testing and Research Institute (SP) (Johnsen et al., 2002).

The quality control of the traveling reference included lamp tests before and after each solar comparison. The quality assurance included comparisons with spectroradiometers in Finland and Ushuaia. In Finland, the traveling reference was compared to the Brewer spectroradiometers of FMI at either Sodankylä (67° N) or Jokioinen (61° N). The irradiance scale of the Brewer was traceable via the National Standard Laboratory MIKES, Aalto University, Finland, to the scale maintained by SP (Heikkilä et al., 2016; Lakkala et al., 2008). At Ushuaia, measurements were compared to data of the SUV-100 spectroradiometer of the NSF UV monitoring network. This network also included high-latitude sites in Antarctica and the Arctic (Bernhard et al., 2010). The irradiance scale was traceable to NIST (Bernhard et al., 2003). SUV-100 measurements at Ushuaia were discontinued in December 2008.

In this study, results of the comparisons done in 2004–2012 were analyzed for clear sky conditions (Tables 1 and 2). Results prior to 2004 were analyzed and discussed in Lakkala et al. (2005). All comparisons showed that the difference between the traveling reference and the spectroradiometers was within 5 % until February 2008. In 2009, the comparison with the Finnish Brewer spectroradiometer in Jokioinen showed a difference of 20 % in erythemally weighted dose rates. In 2010, the NILU-UV reference radiometer was sent to Norway to be recalibrated. The next comparisons were in 2011 and 2012, when the differences were 8 % and 26 %, respectively, which suggest an increased rate of degradation of the instrument. After 2011, the channels of the traveling reference had drifted so severely that even recalibration would not have helped, and measurements with that instrument were not possible after 2012.

Table 1. The ratios of erythemally-weighted UV dose rates between the reference NILU-UV and the Brewer spectroradiometers #037 and #107 during 2004–2012.

Date	SZA	Brewer#107/NILU-UV	Brewer#037/NILU-UV
16.7.04	41	1.04	
18.8.05	48	1.01	
10.6.07	44		1.03
16.6.07	37	1.02	
31.8.08	54	1.04	
6.8.09	45	0.80	
17.8.11	48	1.08	
19.7.12	48	1.26	

Table 2. The ratios of erythemally-weighted UV dose rates between the reference NILU-UV and the SUV-spectroradiometer during 2004–2006. For 2007–2008 the comparisons were done between the NILU-UV of Ushuaia and the SUV-spectroradiometer.

Date	SZA	SUV/NILU-UV
16.1.04	52	0.95
10.12.04	40	0.96
1.3.05	48	1.03
28.11.05	38	0.96
3.3.06	48	0.97
15.11.06	40	0.99
12.2.07	44	1.00
26.10.07	44	1.02
2.2.08	41	1.00

2.3.2 Solar comparisons to transfer the irradiance scale

The traveling reference typically visited Marambio twice and Ushuaia three times each year in spring–autumn. During these site visits, solar comparisons were performed to transfer the irradiance scale. Each channel of the site radiometer was scaled to the corresponding channel of the traveling reference. The method is described in details in Lakkala et al. (2005). In the method, the calibration of the site instruments relevant for solar data was entirely based on the comparisons with the reference instrument.

The differences between measurements of the traveling reference and the site instrument before the calibration were used as scaling coefficients and their time series is shown in Fig. 3. The differences for channels 1–3 of the traveling reference and the site NILU-UV were less or around 50 % until 2010, for both instruments. Channel two of the instrument at Marambio had however smaller differences than the corresponding channel of the instrument at Ushuaia. Differences for channel four, which degraded the fastest, exceeded 80 % already in 2008.

For the years 2000–2008 and 2010, all measurements at Ushuaia and Marambio were scaled according to the method described by Lakkala et al. (2005) and the erythemally weighted UV dose rates were calculated. The highest step between calibrations occurred in Marambio in January 2000 and was 11 % for erythemally weighted UV dose rates. A typical step between calibrations ranged from 1 to 5 % during the summer months. An uncertainty budget was established based on uncertainty related to the drift of the calibration of the site instrument (5 %), the drift of the traveling reference between calibrations (3 % for 2004–2006), the uncertainty of the calibration of the traveling reference (Lakkala et al., 2005), the uncertainties related to the transfer of the irradiance scale (Lakkala et al., 2005) and the uncertainty of the method to calculated the dose rates (Dahlback, 1996). The combined uncertainty was calculated to be 9.5 % and the expanded uncertainty was 19 % using a coverage factor of 2 (Table 3). In 2009, the results of solar comparison between the FMI Brewer spectroradiometer and the traveling reference showed a difference of 20 %. For that year all dose rates referenced to the traveling reference were scaled by 20 % to account for the drift of this system. Thus the uncertainty of the measurements of the year 2009 was higher than for the other years. The number of days with measurements used in this study are shown in Table 4 for each year.

Table 3. Uncertainty budget of the Erythemally weighted UV irradiances during 2000–2008.

Source of uncertainty	Relative uncertainty/ %
Uncertainty of the calibration of the traveling reference provided by the manufacturer	5 (Lakkala et al., 2005)
Drift of the calibration of the reference instrument between calibration	3
Uncertainty of the transfer of the scale of irradiance	2.4 (Lakkala et al., 2005)
Drift of the calibration of the site-instrument between calibrations	5
Uncertainty of calculating the erythemal irradiance	5 (Dahlback, 1996)
Combined uncertainty	9.5
Expanded uncertainty	19

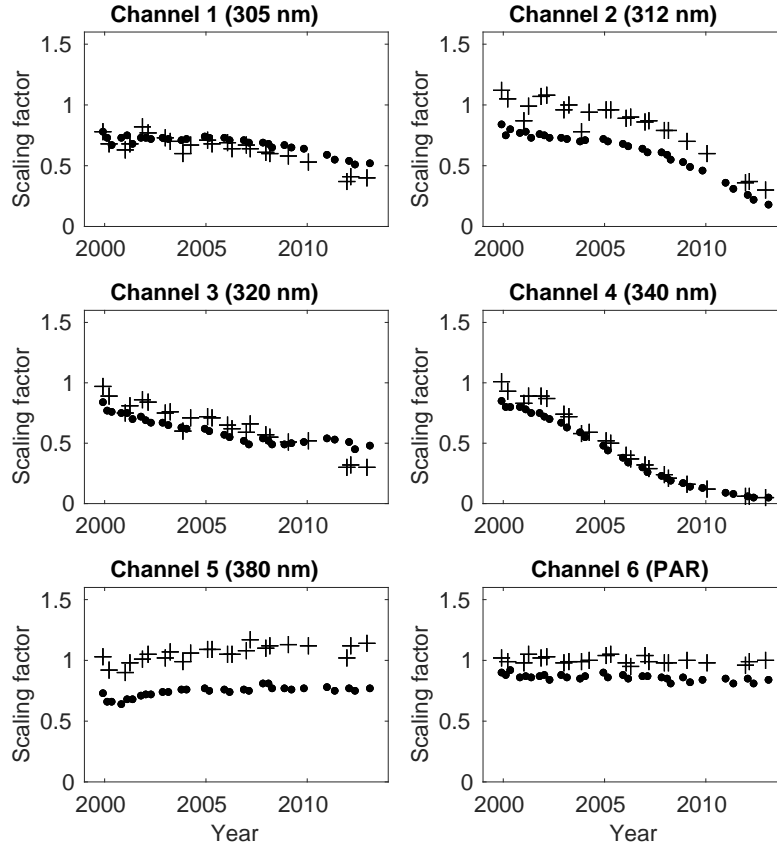



Figure 3. Scaling factors of the UV channels of the Ushuaia (.) and Marambio (+) NILU-UV instruments.

Table 4. Number of measurement days during 2000–2010.

Year	Ushuaia	Marambio
2000	326	294
2001	327	327
2002	311	306
2003	289	317
2004	355	345
2005	338	338
2006	326	325
2007	330	346
2008	342	343
2009	339	335
2010	340	340

2.4 Potential vorticity analysis

Both Ushuaia and Marambio can be located inside, at the edge or outside the polar vortex. The impact of the location with respect to the polar vortex was studied by calculating the potential vorticity (PV) at Ushuaia and Marambio for measurement days. The modified PV, in which the PV was scaled to 475 K (Lait, 1994) using the ERA interim data, was used. If the PV is larger than 36 (in the Southern Hemisphere smaller than -36), the station is situated inside the vortex.

3 Results and Discussion

After the quality assurance procedures mentioned in the earlier sections, the time series of erythemally weighted UV irradiances for Ushuaia and Marambio were calculated for the time period 2000-2010. Maximum daily UV indices and daily doses calculated from the results are presented in Fig. 4 and 5 and discussed in the next sections. The data is archived and can be downloaded from the FMI Arctic Space Centre open access database at http://litdb.fmi.fi.

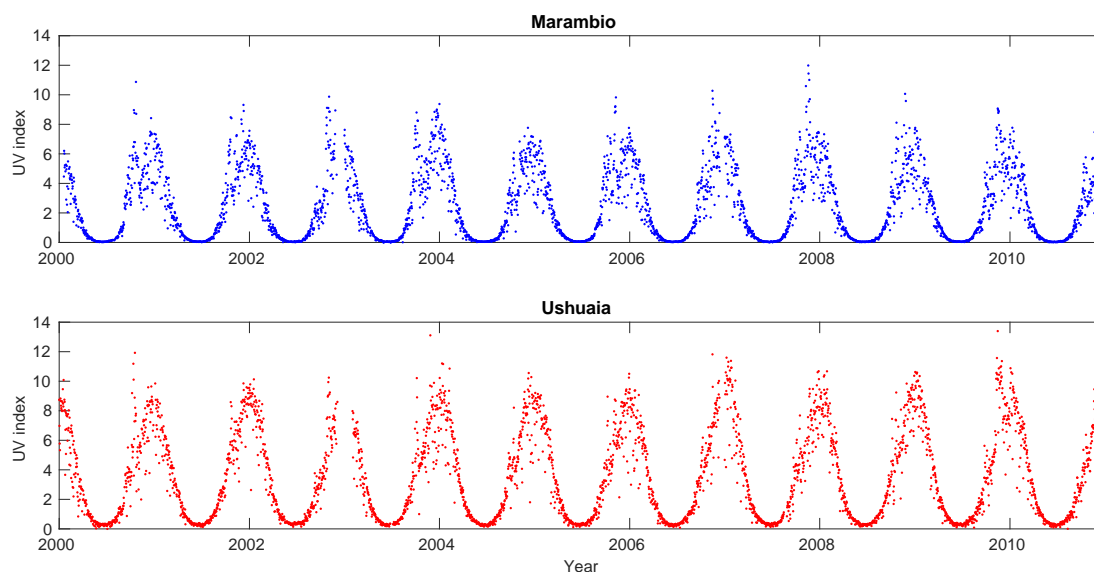



Figure 4. Daily maximum UV index measured at Marambio and Ushuaia 2000–2010.

3.1 UV index time series

At both stations, the highest UV indices were measured between the end of October and the end of November. As this period is before the summer solstice, factors other than the SZA must be responsible for the observed time-shift of the maximum UV index. These factors include spring-time Antarctic ozone depletion (WMO, 2003) and snow cover at Marambio. The well-known Antarctic ozone depletion occurs during October-November (WMO, 2003) and there is snow cover during these months

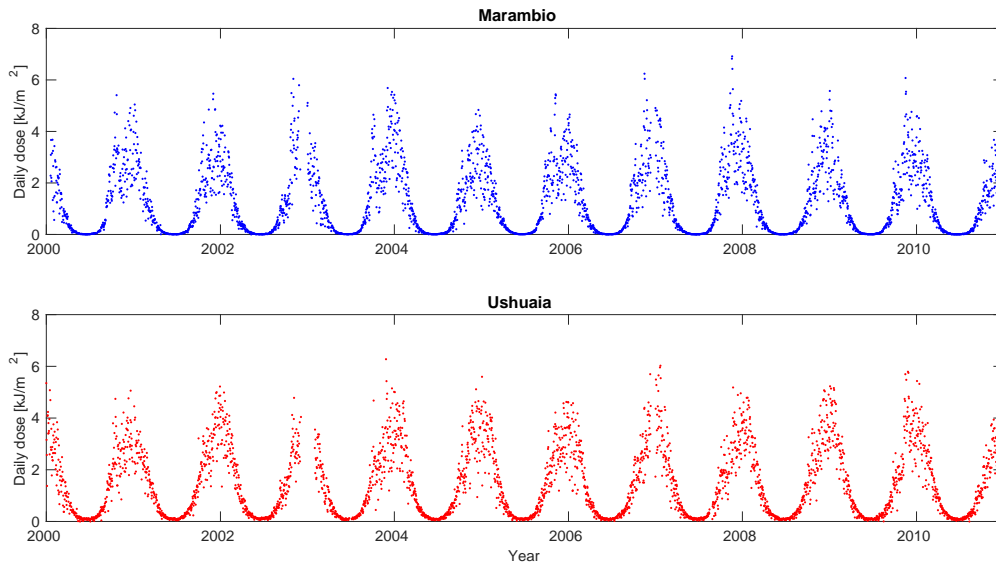



Figure 5. Erythemally weighted daily doses measured at Marambio and Ushuaia 2000–2010.

in Marambio. Both factors increase UV irradiances near the ground. Furthermore, clear skies or broken cloudiness conditions occurred during days when the highest UV values were measured.

At Marambio, "extreme" (i.e., UV indices of 11 or more, WMO (1997)) daily maximum UV indices were measured on 5 days, and the peak value of 12 was measured on 18 Nov 2007. The daily variation of the UV index on that record day is shown
5 in Fig. 6. The total ozone amount on that day was 213 DU. The daily maximum UV was "very high" (i.e., 8-10) on 85 days and "high" (i.e, 6-7) on 524 days. The climatology of the daily maximum UV indices for the 2000–2010 period is shown in Fig. 7. The climatology (UV index of 6) peaked in late November, December and January. Fig. 7 shows that the values of the daily climatology were not symmetrically distributed around mid summer, but were higher in spring (October) compared to days with the same noon-time SZA in autumn. Peak UV indices occurred between late October and late November, depending on
10 how long the polar vortex stayed above the station. That was also the period during which the maximum UV indices deviated the most from the daily climatology (Fig. 8). Also snow typically enhanced UV radiation in spring (Meinander et al., 2014). The RAF was calculated to be 1.16, when excluding the winter months May-July from the analysis. When calculating the RAF from data of months with the highest snow amount (August, September, October, March and April) the RAF was 1.18 (Fig. 9). For summer months November-February the RAF was calculated to be 0.91. Measured mid summer clear sky daily maximum
15 UV indices were between 7 and 8. In June, no UV radiation was measured at the station. For comparison, at the same latitude in Northern hemisphere, in Finland, the highest measured UV indices were between 5 and 6. The main reasons for higher summer UV indices in Marambio were lower total ozone amounts and smaller Earth-Sun distance.

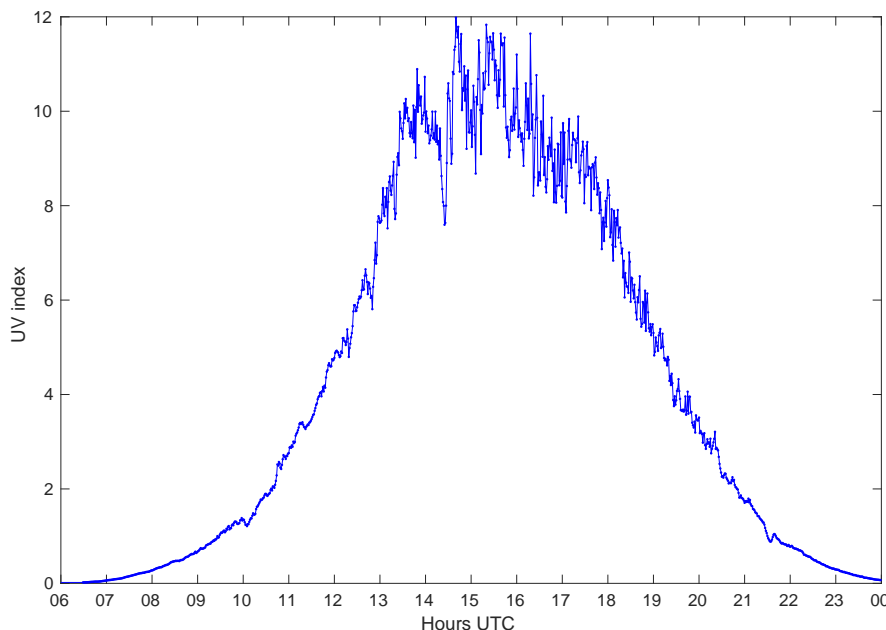



Figure 6. UV indices measured by the NILU-UV radiometer at Marambio on the day of record high UV index on 18 November 2007.

At Ushuaia, "extreme" daily maximum UV indices were measured on 35 days. The highest value, UV index 13, was measured twice: on 27 Nov 2003 and on 15 Nov 2009. The corresponding total ozone amount on 27 Nov 2003 was 268 DU, but no ozone data were recorded for 15 Nov 2009. However, low ozone was evident as the total ozone amounts of the previous and next days were 176 and 215 DU, respectively. "Very high" daily maximum UV indices were measured on 515 days and "high" on 1045 days. Daily climatology calculated from the daily maximum UV indices in the period 2000–2010 were highest in January, with values of 8–9 (Fig. 7). The graph of the daily climatology showed the same but not as pronounced features as at Marambio: enhanced daily maximum UV indices in October (Fig. 8). When the station was inside the polar vortex in October the maximum UV indices could be as high as those measured in the summer being between 10 and 11.

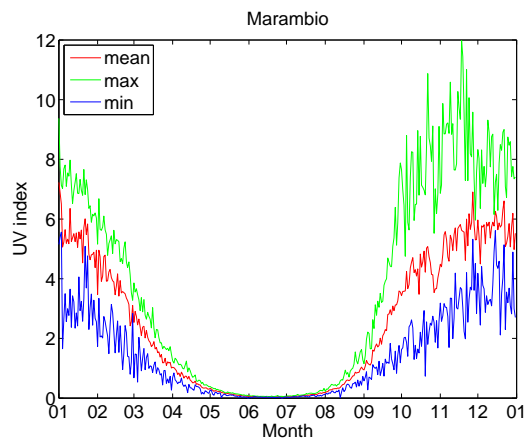
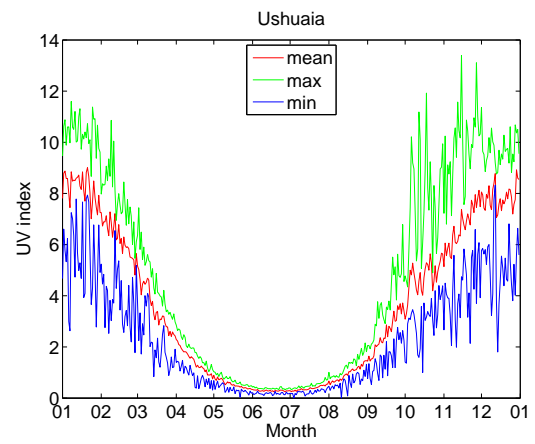
The deviations from the daily climatology were calculated for each day (Fig. 10) and analyzed with respect to the location of the polar vortex. All deviations larger than 80 % from the mean occurred when the stations were inside the polar vortex. At Ushuaia this was the case especially in 2000–2004 and in 2009. At Marambio, deviations of over 100 % were measured in 2000, 2002, 2003 and 2007. Highest deviations were 122 % on 1 Oct 2003 and 145 % on 12 Oct 2000 at Marambio and Ushuaia, respectively. During cloudy days, the daily maximum UV index did not reach high values, even when the station was inside the polar vortex. Lowest values occurred during days with heavy cloudiness or rainy days, with deviations of -100 % from the daily climatology.

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Figure 7. The mean, maximum and minimum values of the daily maximum UV index calculated for each day of the year in the period 2000–2010 in a) Marambio b) Ushuaia.

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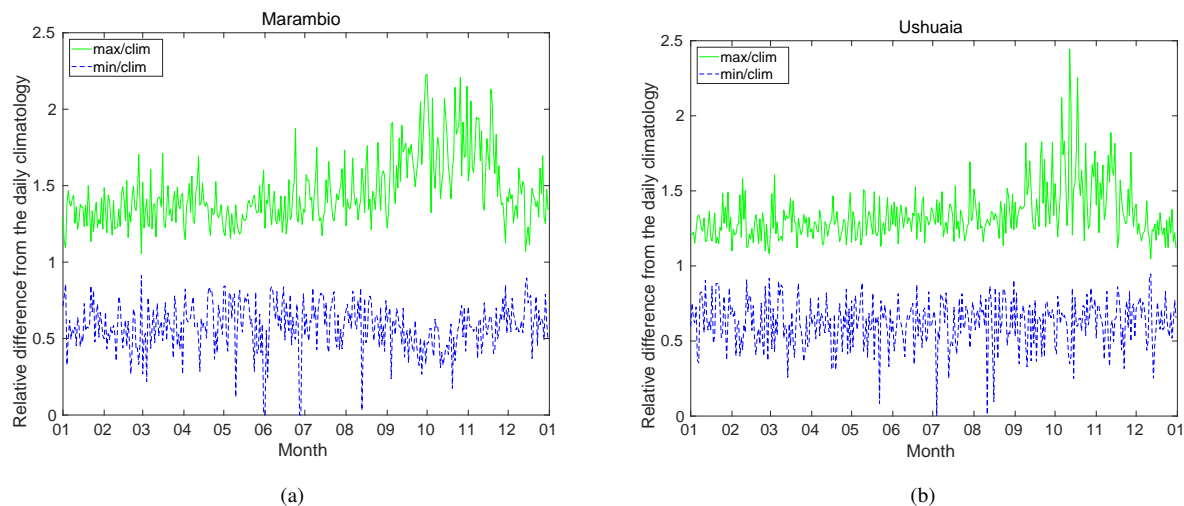


Figure 8. The maximum and minimum values of the daily maximum UV index divided by the daily climatology of maximum UV index on that day in a) Marambio b) Ushuaia during 2000-2010.

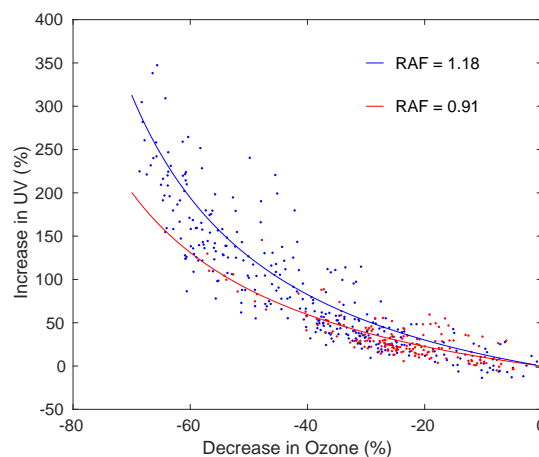



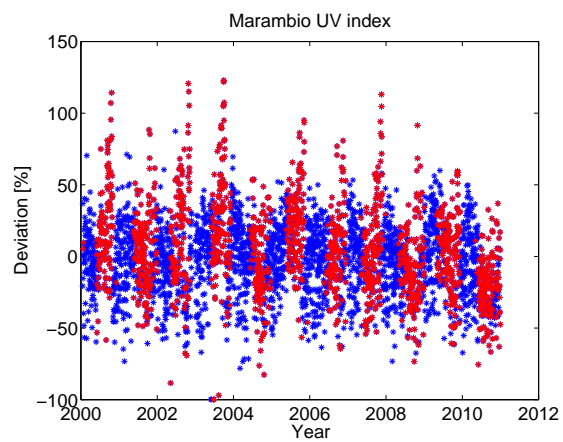
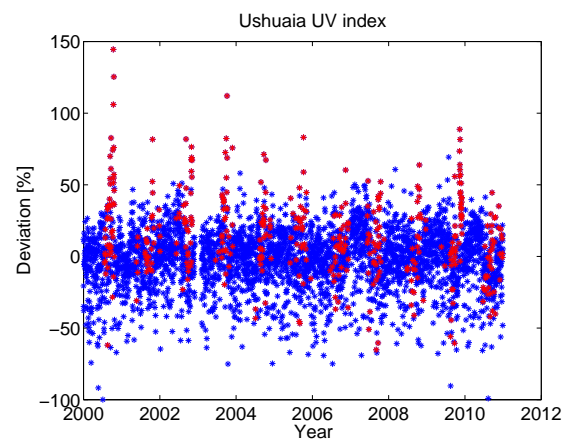
Figure 9. Total ozone decrease from the highest total ozone value measured in Marambio during the measurement period 2000–2010 and the corresponding increase in erythemally weighted irradiances. Blue dots corresponds to months when there is probably more snow on the ground (August, September, October, March and April) and the red dots correspond to summer months (November, December, January and February). The RAF is shown for the two periods and the theoretical increases of UV radiation using the RAFs are plotted as curves.

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Figure 10. Deviation from the daily climatology of maximum UV index in a) Marambio and b)Ushuaia for the years 2000-2010. Days for which the station was inside the polar vortex are indicated with red symbols, the others in blue.

3.2 UV daily dose time series

Daily doses were strongly dependent on the total ozone amount and cloudiness conditions. For some days with low total ozone and clear sky, the daily dose time series show that peak daily doses were more pronounced than peak UV indices (Fig. 4). The highest daily doses were around 6 kJ/m^2, at both Marambio and Ushuaia, even though the difference in latitude between these sites is 10°. At Marambio, a daily dose of 7 kJ/m^2 was measured in 2007, when the station was inside the polar vortex and episodes with low total ozone occurred. The highest daily doses were measured at Ushuaia and Marambio on 27 Nov 2003 and 19 Nov 2007, respectively.

The graph of the daily climatology of the daily doses (Fig. 11) showed features similar to those of the daily climatology of maximum UV indices (Fig. 7). The impact of low ozone episodes in October is seen, but not as clearly as for daily maximum UV indices. At Marambio, the highest mean daily doses occurred between late November and the end of December. When the station was inside the polar vortex and clear sky conditions occurred the typical daily dose was around 5 kJ/m^2 in November. On typical summer days, the daily dose ranged between about 2.5 and 3.5 kJ/m^2 but increased to 4.5 kJ/m^2 for clear days. The high fluctuation in maximum values (Fig. 12) is due to the impact of year to year changes in cloudiness and total ozone.

At Ushuaia, typical daily doses were between 3 and 4 kJ/m^2 in summer. The graph of the daily climatology of daily doses showed maxima between late December and the end of January. Highest daily doses, between 4.5 and 5 kJ/m^2, occurred typically in late January. However, daily doses of the same amount were measured on days with clear sky and low total ozone in late November. Compared to Marambio, the period of highest daily doses was shorter. At Marambio the period of highest daily doses, over 4 kJ/m^2, started already in the beginning of October, while it started at Ushuaia in November. At Marambio, in addition to more frequent low total ozone conditions, also the snow on the ground increased the UV irradiances due to high surface reflection of the incoming radiation.

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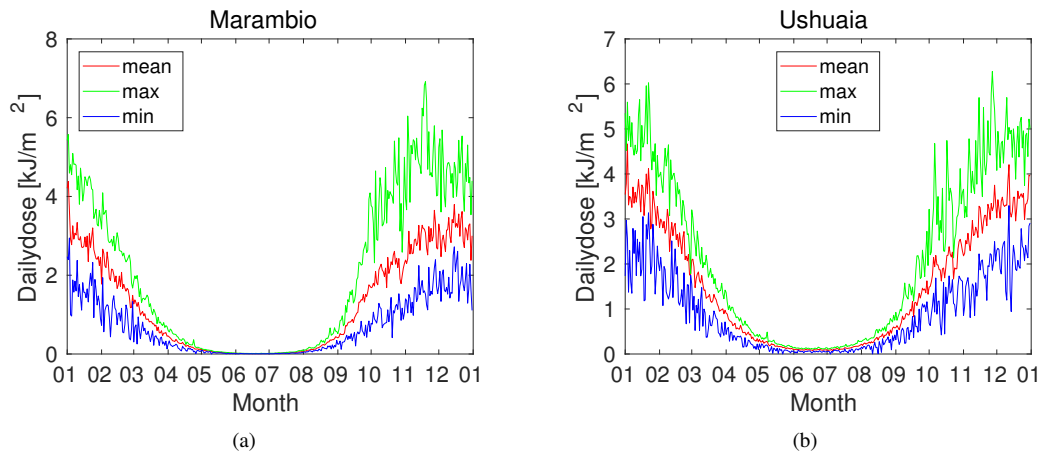
Figure 11. The mean, minimum and maximum erythemally weighted daily dose [kJ/m^2] calculated from the respective days of each year of observations in a) Marambio and b) Ushuaia during 2000-2010.
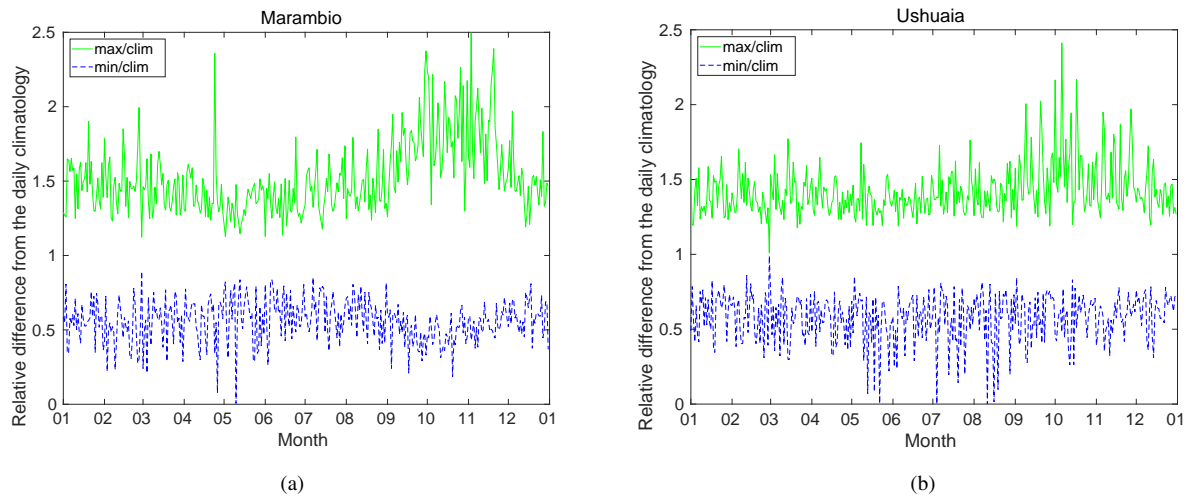
Figure 12. The minimum and maximum erythemally weighted daily doses calculated from respective days of each year of observations divided by the daily climatology in a) Marambio and b) Ushuaia during 2000-2010.

Both stations were inside the polar vortex on most of the days when the daily dose deviated by more than 75 % from the daily climatology (Fig. 13). At Ushuaia this was the case in 2000 – 2003. The highest deviation of 141 % above the mean was measured on 6 Oct 2003. At Marambio, in all cases except one, the station was inside the polar vortex when the daily doses deviated by more than 100 % from the daily climatology of that day. The highest deviation of 150 % from the daily climatology was measured on 3 Nov 2002. Deviations exceeded 100 % from the daily climatology also in 2000, 2003, 2005, 2007 and 2008.

(a)   (b)
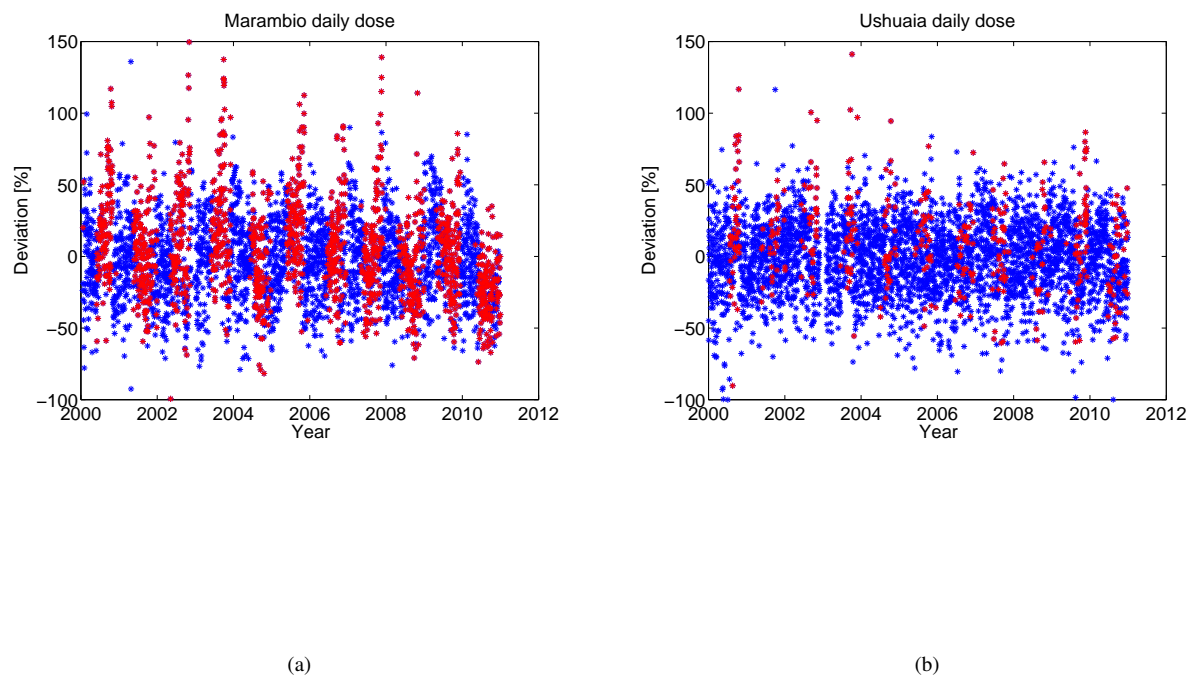
Figure 13. Deviations from the daily climatology of erythemal daily doses in a) Marambio and b) Ushuaia for the years 2000-2010. Days for which the station was inside the polar vortex are indicated with red symbols, the others in blue.

4 Future

After the operation of the Antarctic NILU-UV network, co-operative Argentinian-Finnish UV measurements were continued using erythemally weighted UV sensors. In cooperation between FMI and Servicio Meteorológico Nacional (SMN), Argentina, UV broadband radiometers of type SL501A manufactured by Solar Light Co., were installed in Marambio on 4 February 2013 to measure the local UV albedo (Meinander et al., 2014). One instrument was installed to measure UV radiation reflected from the ground, and a second one to measure global UV irradiance. Using these measurements, the UV index time series could be continued, as those measurement are also traceable, via the primary calibration lamp, to MIKES. The official SL501A trace is to NIST. The difference in calibration coefficients using NIST and MIKES has been found to be less than 2 %, and in comparison of spectral UV irradiance scales maintained by NIST, PTB and Aalto University (HUT), no major differences have been found (Jokela et al., 2000). Hence, the irradiance scale of these new SL501A radiometers is comparable to that of the NILU-UV measurements within 2 %.

As part of the scientific cooperation between SMN and FMI, a new GUV-2511 multi-filter radiometer, manufactured by Biospherical Instruments Inc., was installed at Marambio in 2017. It features five channels at UV wavelengths and two channels at visible radiation wavelengths (Bernhard et al., 2005). Two GUV radiometers were bought by FMI to ensure continuous measurements at Marambio: while one of them is installed at the site, the other one is calibrated and also available for comparison campaigns. These measurements continue the NILU-UV time series, as the central wavelengths of the channels are nearly identical to those of the NILU-UV channels and the bandwidths are similar. The first calibration of the GUVs were performed by Biospherical Instruments, Inc. Comparisons with FMI's spectroradiometers showed that the measurements were within 5 % from each other. These results are promising for the future of the UV time series at Marambio, and for monitoring the impact of the predicted ozone layer recovery on surface UV radiation in the Antarctic. The measurements will also serve as important validation data for satellite measurements, similar to the NILU-UV measurements previously.

5 Conclusions

In this paper, UV measurements from the Antarctic NILU-UV network at Marambio ($64°$S) and Ushuaia ($54°$S) were quality controlled and analyzed. The time series included measurements from 2000 to 2013. The quality assurance procedures included in situ lamp measurements and solar comparisons with the traveling reference of the network.

The results showed that after the year 2010 the filters of the radiometers degraded and their sensitivity to UV radiation was reduced by more than 80 % in some channels. Due to this problem, accurate data were available only until 2010. The irradiances measured by the traveling reference were compared to those of well-maintained spectroradiometers in Finland and Argentina. The results showed that the traveling reference can be used to transfer the calibration to the stations and that the uncertainty of the measurements increased after 2008. Homogenized UV irradiance time series were calculated.

In both Ushuaia's and Marambio's time series, the effect of low total ozone amount during days that the station was inside the polar vortex was clearly seen. At Marambio, daily doses for late October and November could even exceed those measured in the summer. The maximum daily dose was as large as 7 kJ/m^2 which was measured in November 2007. The highest

daily doses were typically around 6 kJ/m^2 at both stations, even if the difference in latitude is 10°. In the whole measurement period (2000–2010) there were 5 days when "extreme" UV indices and 85 days when "very high" UV indices were measured at Marambio. The highest daily maximum UV index of 12 was measured in November 2007. At Ushuaia, "extreme" UV indices were measured on 35 days. The highest UV index of 13 was measured twice: in November 2003 and 2009. Largest deviations

5   from the daily means exceeded 100 % and occurred in October and November when the stations were inside the polar vortex. At Ushuaia, the largest deviations from the mean occurred during the first years 2000–2003 of the time series.

Code availability. TEXT

Data availability. The data can be downloaded at the FMI Arctic Space Centre open access database http://litdb.fmi.fi.

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