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[2] During the last decade, satellite observations from the Total Ozone Mapping Spectrometer (TOMS) have been extensively used in combination with radiative transfer or statistical models to derive UV irradiances at the ground [e.g., [Herman et al., 1999](#); [Krotkov et al., 1998](#); [Krotkov et al., 2001](#)]. Since 1978, satellite-derived UV products are available over the globe so that global climatology of surface UV irradiance could be established and possible trends could be examined.

[3] Validation of satellite UV estimates with groundbased measurements is a complicated task, since the spatial distribution of solar UV irradiance received at the ground is mainly controlled by the variability of total ozone and clouds and therefore may vary strongly from place to place. Other parameters, such as aerosols, air pollution, and local weather patterns, are also capable in modifying the UV field. Except from ozone, the impact of all these factors is more or less localized, producing a different UV field at locations even a few kilometers apart. Hence ground-based measurements are not always representative of a typical satellite measurement pixel (TOMS ground FOV 50 km in nadir). The daily averaged UV reduction factors due to clouds derived from ground-based pyranometer data and satellite measurements was examined by [Matthijsen et al. \[2000\]](#) and [Williams et al. \[2004\]](#). They showed that a good correspondence between space-born and ground-based UV reduction factors can be achieved when combining several ground-based stations per satellite grid cell. Comparisons of TOMS UV estimates with ground-based measurements showed that in summertime the TOMS retrievals overestimate UV radiation, with some exceptions over a few unpolluted sites [e.g., [Eck et al., 1995](#); [Fioletov et al., 2002](#); [Fioletov et al., 2004](#); [McKenzie et al., 2001](#)].

[4] In this study, noon spectral irradiances from the latest (version 8) TOMS UV retrieval algorithm were compared with ground-based spectral measurements at four European stations, representing different geographical and environmental conditions. The influence of cloud and aerosol variability on the bias is examined.

## 2. Ground-Based Measurements and Satellite Data

[5] The four European stations that were used in this study are listed in [Table 1](#), with information on the instrumentation, the data availability, and characteristic details for each station. The stations extend from 40.6N to 67.4N and correspond to different cloud and aerosol regimes. We used ground-based measurements for the time period 1991–2003, when data from the TOMS instruments on Earth Probe (1996–2003) and Nimbus 7 (1978–1993) satellites were available. Only summer (May through September) data were analyzed [to avoid the problems of the TOMS algorithm in distinguishing between snow cover and clouds at Sodankyla](#), [[Fioletov et al., 2004](#); [Kalliskota et al., 2000](#)]. Snow depth observations from FIS site have been also used to exclude days with snow-covered surface. The SHICrvm algorithm was applied to all spectra, to correct for any wavelength shifts and to exclude spectra with nonnatural spikes or distortions in spectral shape [[Slaper et al., 1995](#)].

**Table 1.** Information on Measurement Sites at the Ground and Instruments Used in This Study

Site/Country	Instrument ID	Latitude, °N	Longitude, °E	Altitude, m	Instrument Type	Number of Days	Site Characterization
Sodankyla, FI	FIS	67.4	26.6	179	MKII Brewer #037	963	Remote
Thessaloniki, GR	GRT	40.6	22.9	60	MKIII Brewer #086	689	Urban
Ispra, IT	ISP	45.8	8.6	214	MKII Brewer #066	1185	Rural
Bilthoven, NL	NLR	52.1	5.2	9	Dilor 2.XY.50	977	Rural

### 3. Instrument-Related Differences

An overview of the comparisons results is presented in [Table 2](#), which shows percentage differences of spectral irradiances at selected wavelengths measured by the local instruments from those measured by the TRS. The data used in these comparisons were measured at solar zenith angles, which cover a range representative for the data that are used for the comparisons with TOMS estimates. Since a direct comparison of the four spectroradiometers that were used in this study was not possible, their differences against the well-calibrated and maintained traveling instrument were used to demonstrate the level of agreement among them.

The four instruments agree to within 6% at 305 nm and 8% at 324 nm. The two double monochromator spectroradiometers (GRT and NLR) have a rather constant bias with the traveling spectroradiometer. These differences are mainly due to the different calibration standards to which each instrument traces its calibration. The wavelength dependence of the other two instruments (3% for FIS and 4% for ISP), which are both single monochromators, could be caused partly by stray light in the UVB wavelengths and the weak sensitivity at the high wavelengths. Nevertheless, with the exception of FIS, these differences are rather small compared to the bias of these instruments with TOMS

**Table 2. Percentage Differences, %, Between Instruments at Selected Sites and the Traveling Reference Spectroradiometer at Selected Wavelengths<sup>a</sup>**

Instrument ID	Campaign Years	Differences to TSR, %		
		305 nm	310 nm	324 nm
FIS	2003	5.9	5.0	3.1
GRT	2002	4.3	4.1	3.8
ISP	2003	0.0	-1.5	-4
NLR	2002, 2003, 2004	1.8	1.8	2.0

<sup>a</sup>Average differences are presented for sites where more than one comparison campaigns exist.

#### 4. Comparison and Results

Mean percentage differences between ground-based measurements at the four sites and the corresponding TOMS estimates for noon irradiances at 305, 310, 324 nm and for erythemal irradiance are presented in [Table 3](#). The differences for Sodankyla are considerably lower (by about 12%) compared to the differences at the other three sites, probably as a result of lower tropospheric aerosol abundances over this high-latitude site and it is in agreement with relevant studies [[e.g., Arola et al., 2005; McKenzie et al., 2001](#)].

[10] At all sites, the differences decrease with increasing wavelength. This is consistent with that expected from small errors in the determination of O<sub>3</sub> and SO<sub>2</sub> columns and aerosol optical depth that show up primarily at the shorter wavelengths. The standard deviation decreases with decreasing latitude being almost 10% higher in Sodankyla compared with that at Thessaloniki, mainly as an effect of differences in cloudiness, which increases from south to north in the summer months that are considered in this study.

[11] The absolute differences between TOMS-derived and ground-based UV irradiances that are presented here agree with results from similar studies that were conducted for other locations in the northern hemisphere. [McKenzie et al. \[2001\] reported](#) that measurements of daily CIE erythemal dose at two European sites (Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, and Thessaloniki, Greece) are 20–30% lower than the TOMS estimates, while measurements in Toronto, Canada, are lower by only 15%.

**Table 3. Mean Percentage Difference With Standard Deviation (in Parenthesis) Between Ground Measurements and Satellite UV Estimates**

Site Name	Differences Between TOMS and GB Derived Irradiances (%)			
	305 nm	310 nm	324 nm	CIE
Sodankyla (FIS)	11.6 (26.6)	7.8 (26.0)	5.1 (26.5)	6.6 (26.1)
Bilthoven (NLR)	22.4 (21.0)	20.1 (20.1)	14.3 (21.4)	19.1 (20.7)
Ispira (ISP)	21.5 (23.7)	18.5 (22.7)	13.0 (23.2)	18.3 (23.1)
Thessaloniki (GRT)	21.9 (16.4)	16.7 (16.2)	11.7 (16.6)	18.6 (16.3)

## 5. Conclusions

[21] In this study, spectral UV irradiances measured by four UV spectroradiometers at different sites in Europe at local noon for the summer months from 1990 to 2003 are compared with those calculated from TOMS v8 data. The four locations cover a wide range of aerosol and cloudiness regimes. Comparison of the ground-based instruments with a traveling reference spectroradiometer during the period 2002–2004 revealed that **the four instruments agree to within 6% in the UV-B wavelength range.**

[22] **Average biases between TOMS estimates and ground-based measurements are in agreement with previous validation studies. At the three sites (Ispra, Bilthoven, and Thessaloniki), TOMS overestimates the summertime UV irradiances at 305, 310, and 324 nm and CIE dose by 21%, 18%, 13%, and 18.5%, respectively. Average differences are considerably lower by almost 12% at the remote site of Sodankyla in north Finland, while the variability is higher by about 10%, mainly because of the presence of more clouds**

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