

Influence of ambient conditions on NOVAC BrO measurements

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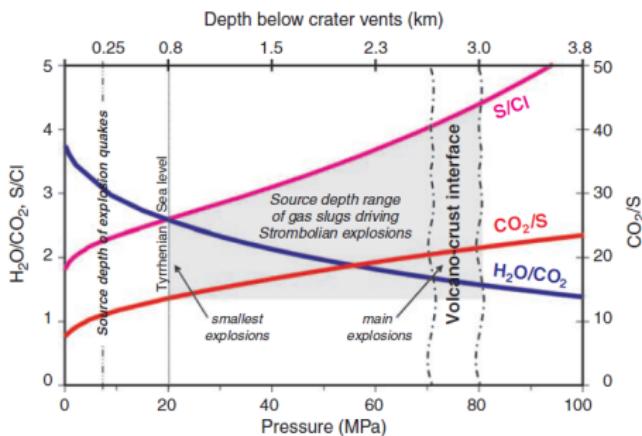
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Motivation for BrO measurements

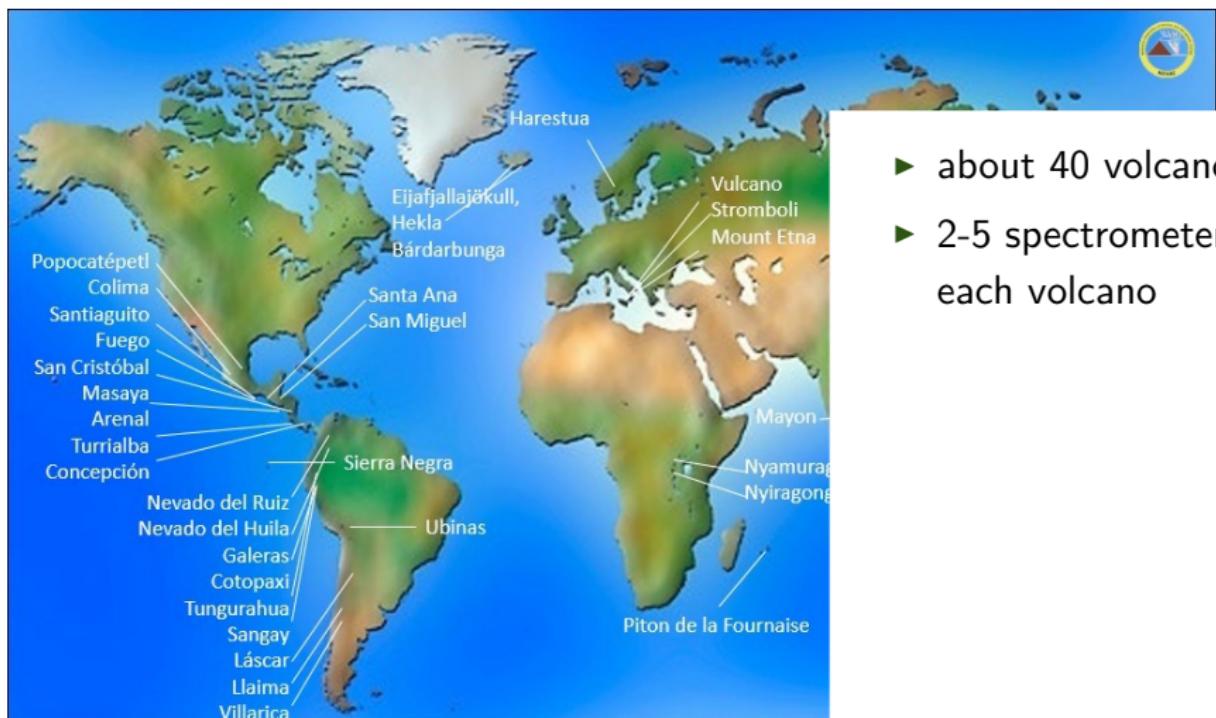
- ▶ The ratio of BrO and SO₂ changes with degassing source depth
- ▶ The ratio of BrO and SO₂ is a proxy for the volcanic activity
- ▶ Change in BrO/SO₂ prior to eruption observed at Etna and Nevado del Ruiz



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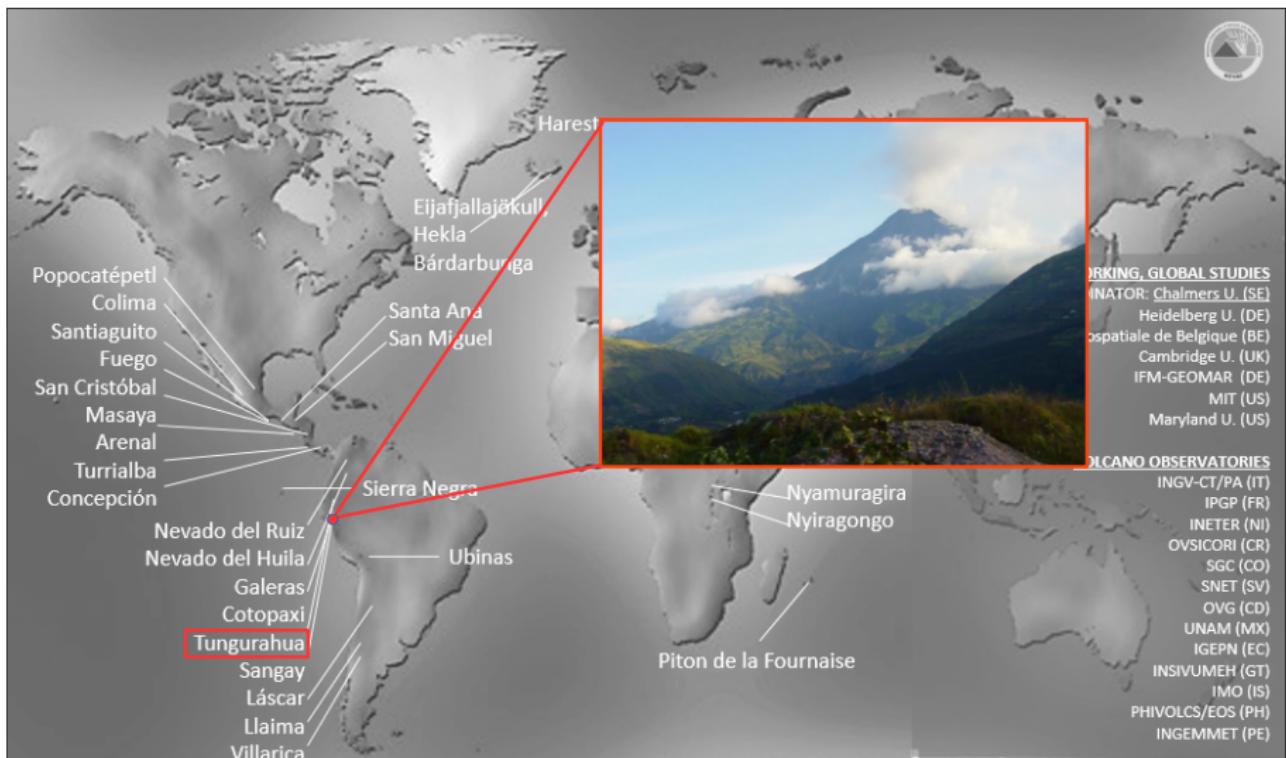
- ▶ about 40 volcanoes
- ▶ 2-5 spectrometers at each volcano

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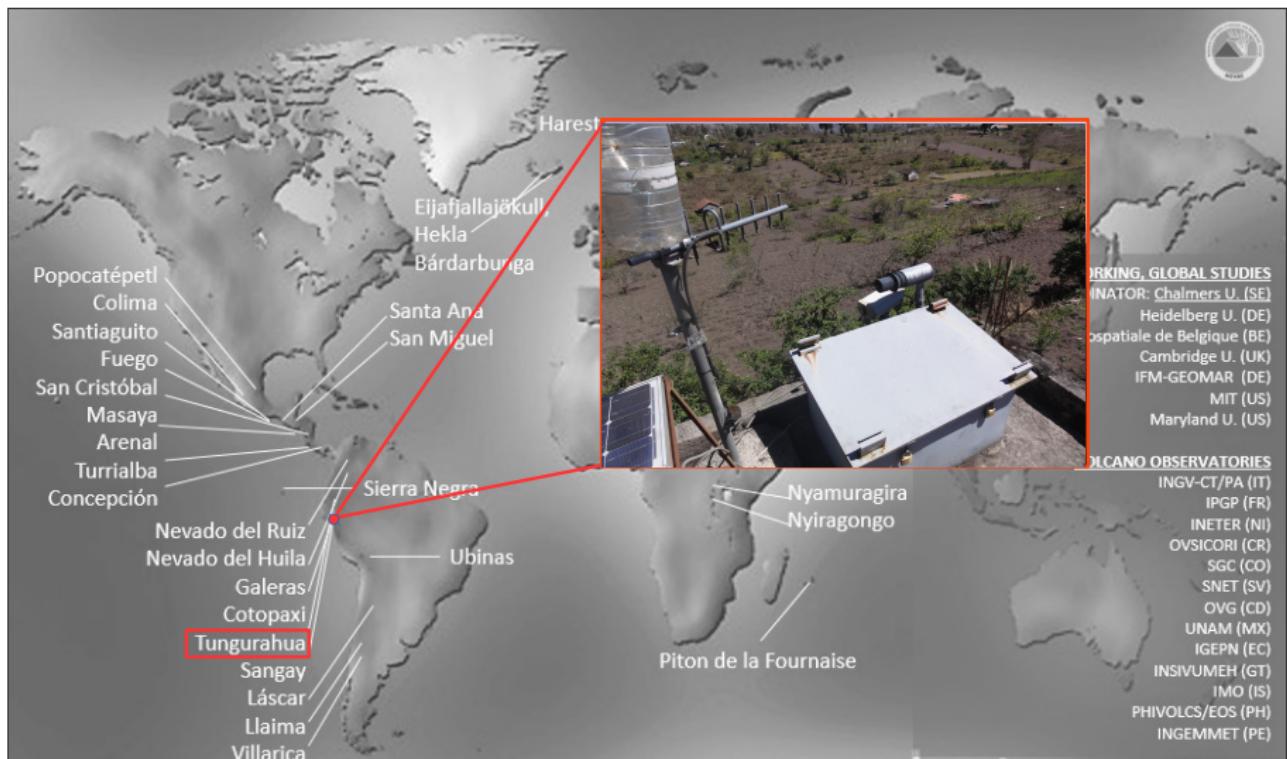


- ▶ Primary use of data SO₂ flux monitoring
- ▶ Lübke et al (2014) also retrieved BrO
- ▶ BrO close to detection limit
- ▶ Here we investigate techniques to improve the BrO evaluation from NOVAC data

Measurements at Tungurahua



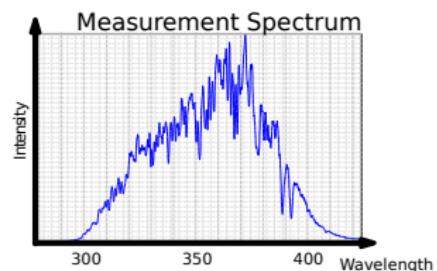
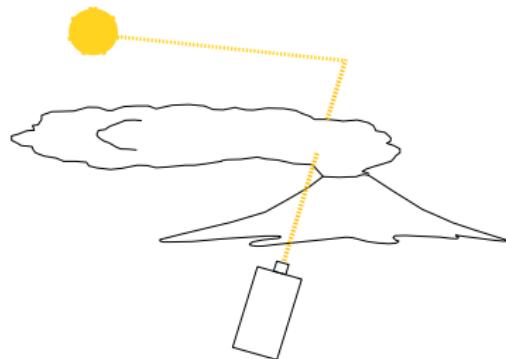
One of the NOVAC stations at Tungurahua



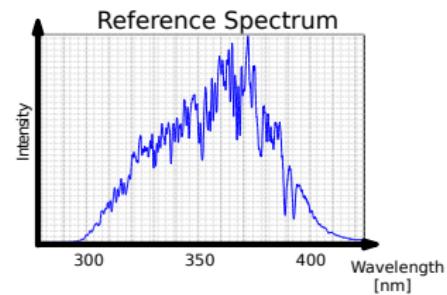
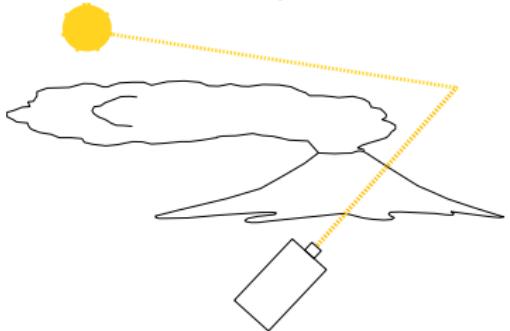
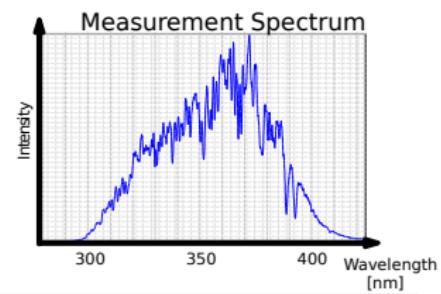
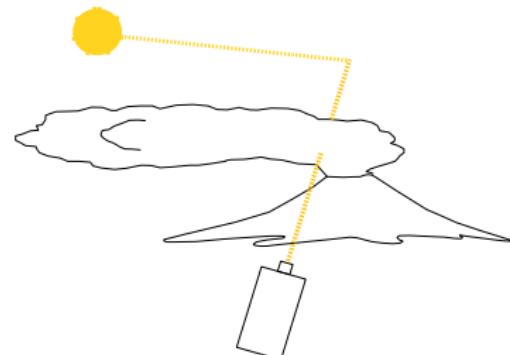
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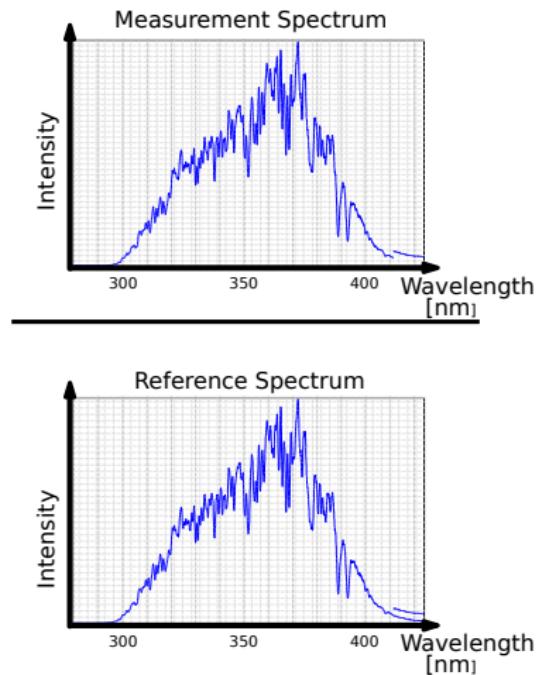
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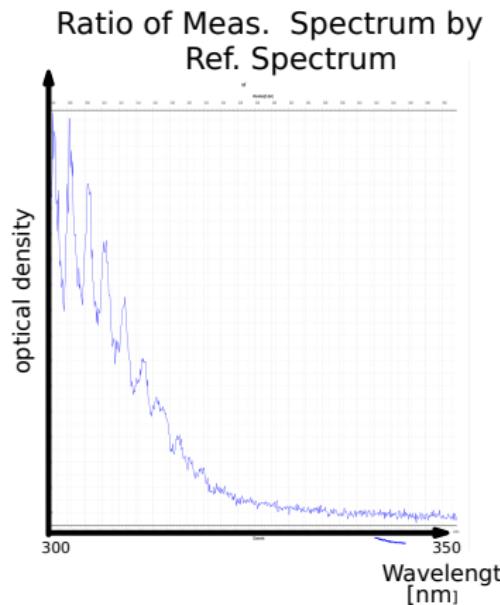
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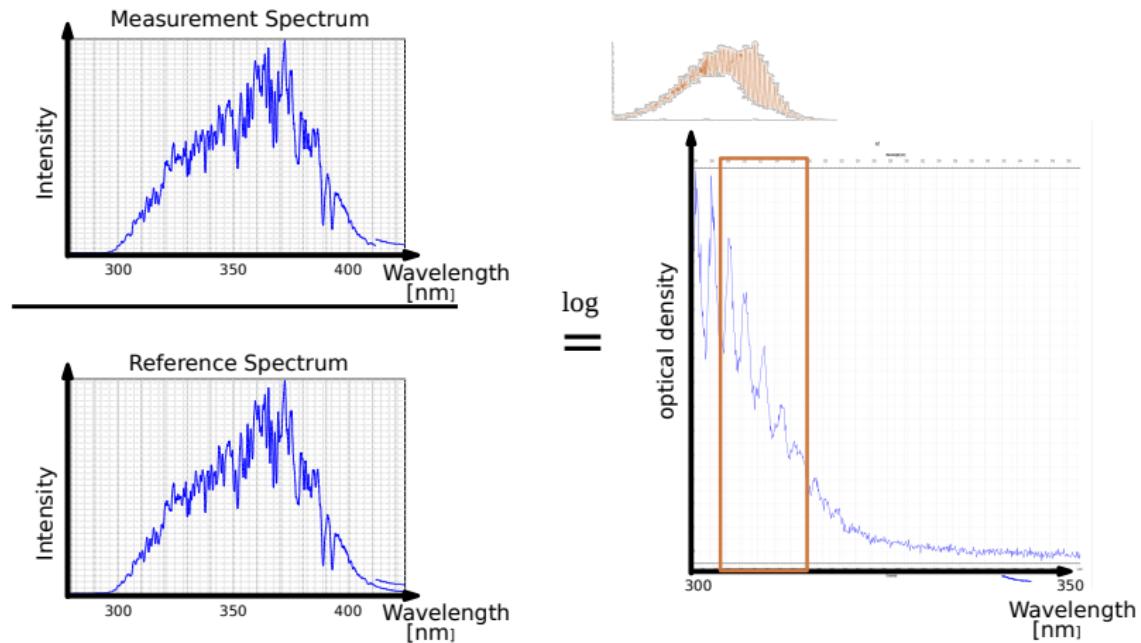
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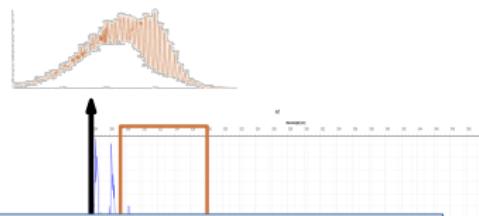
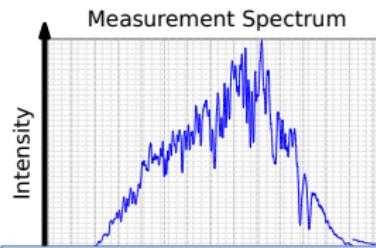
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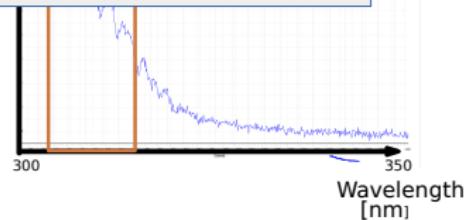
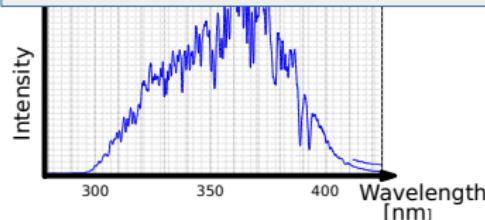
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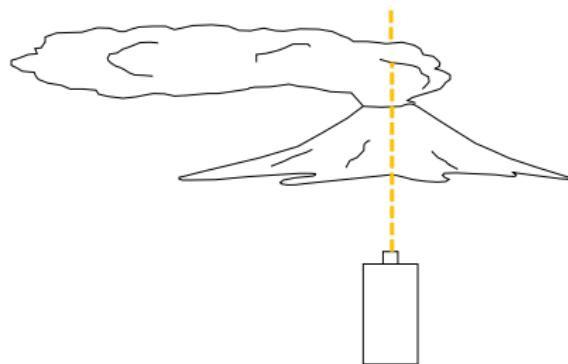
Differential optical absorption spectroscopy (DOAS)



- For Scattered-sunlight DOAS evaluations always a reference spectrum is required
- Choice of Ref. Spectrum can be critical

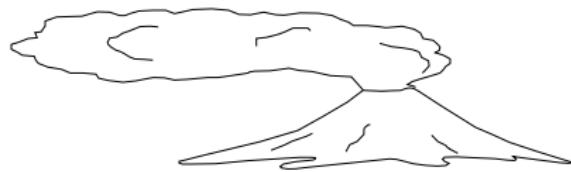


Determination of SO₂ Emission



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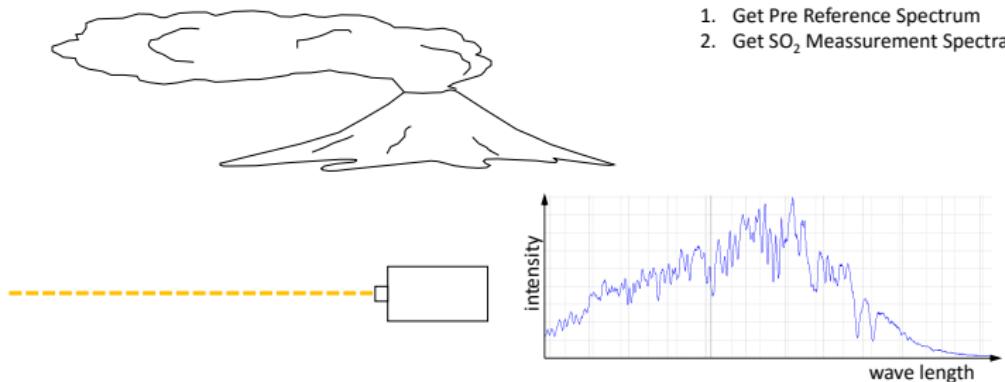
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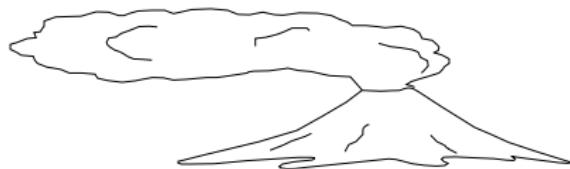
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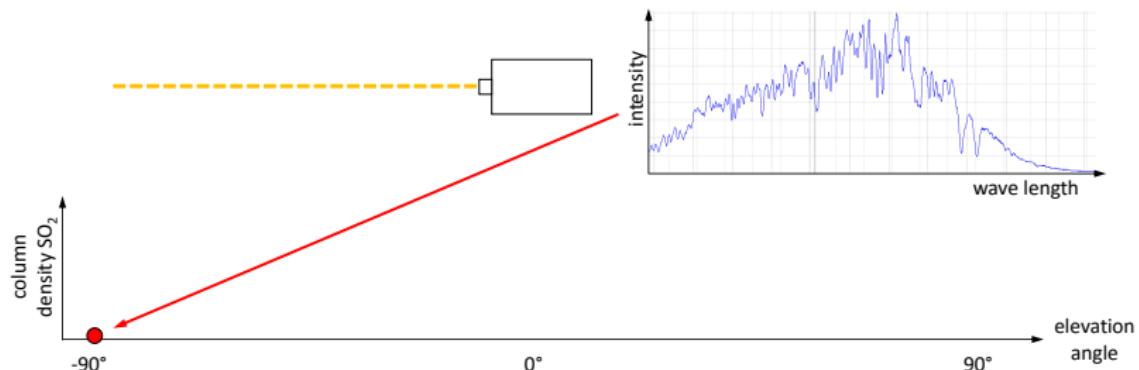
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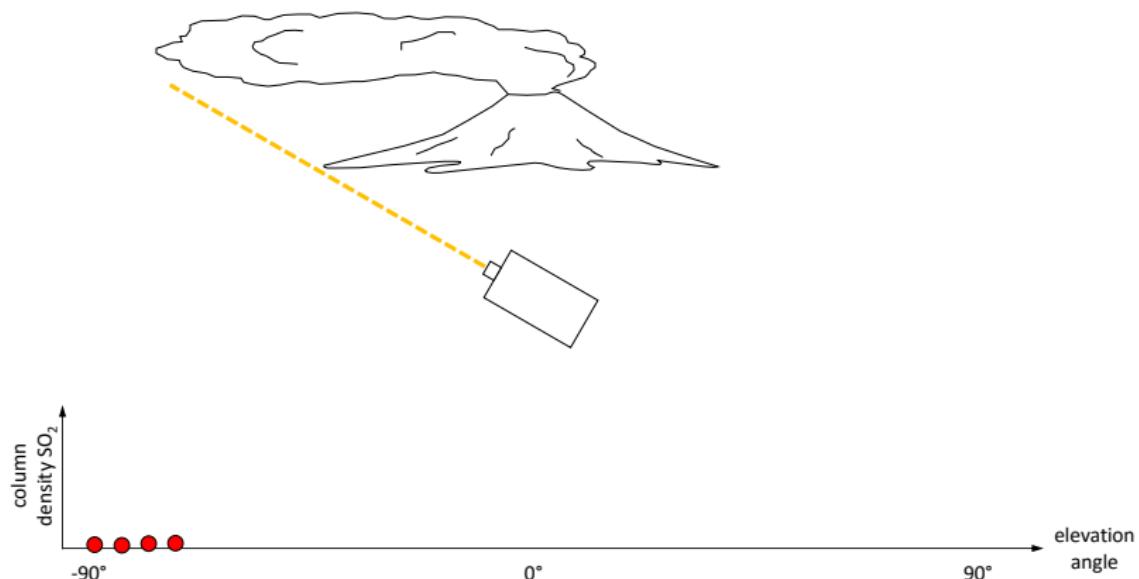
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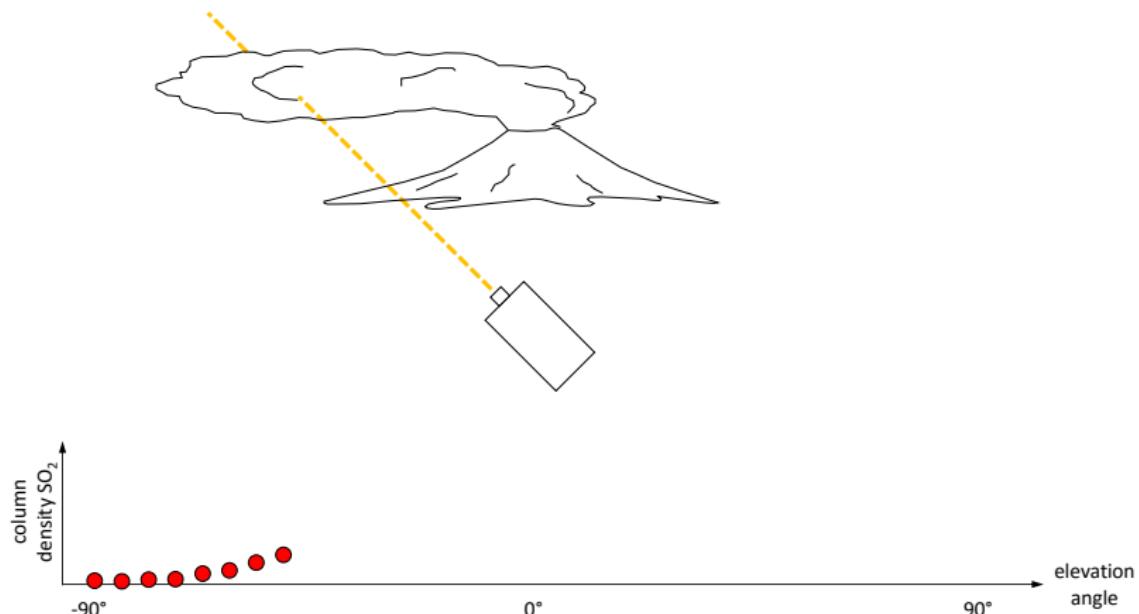
1. Get Pre Reference Spectrum
2. Get SO₂ Measurement Spectra
 - Measure SO₂ difference



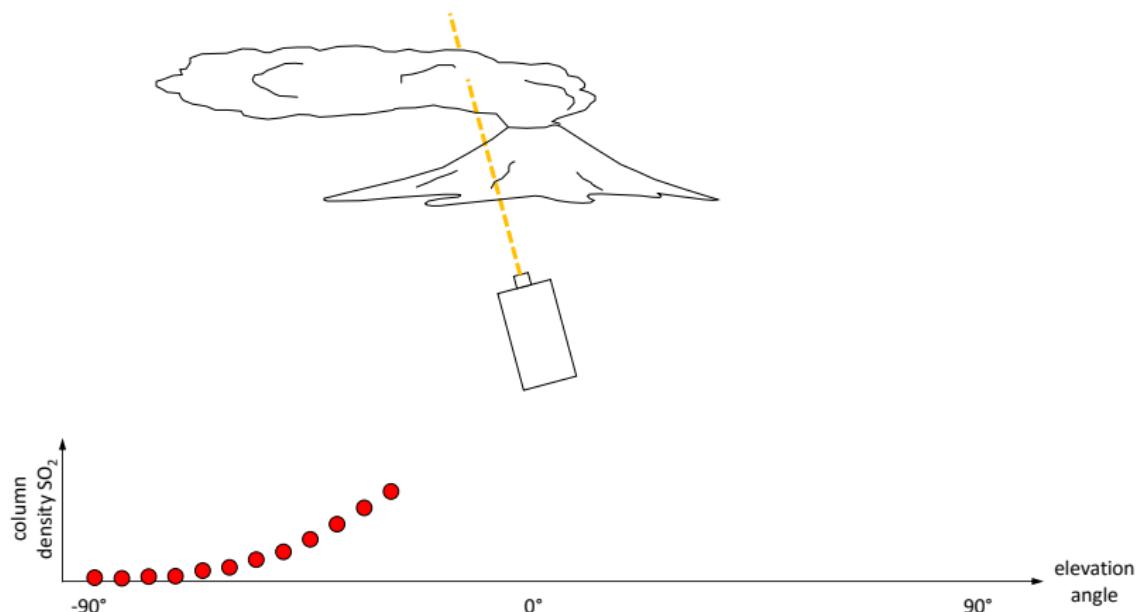
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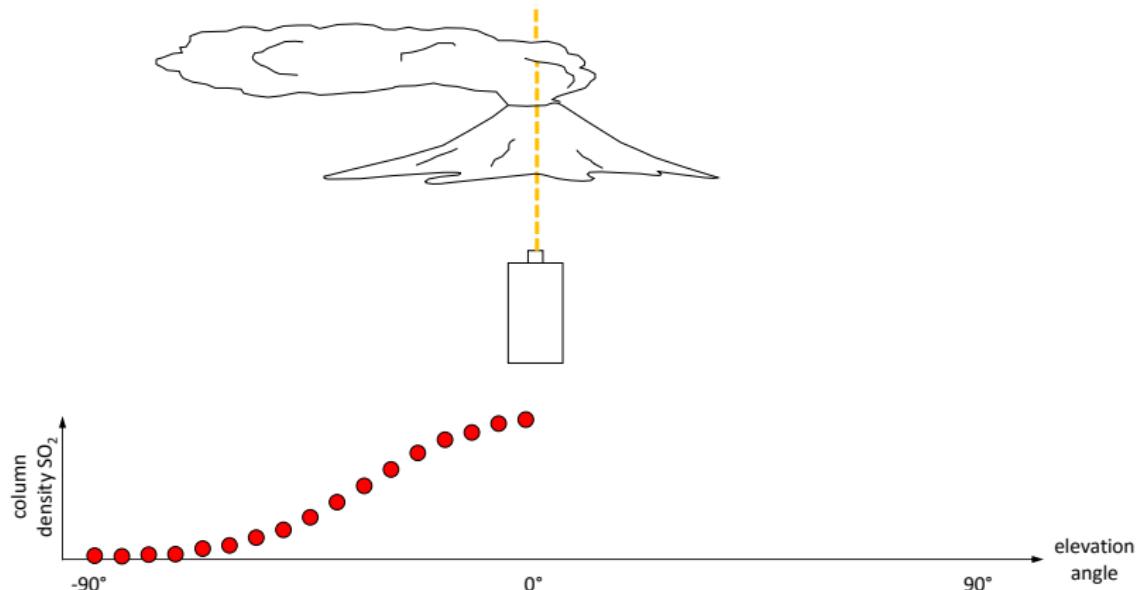
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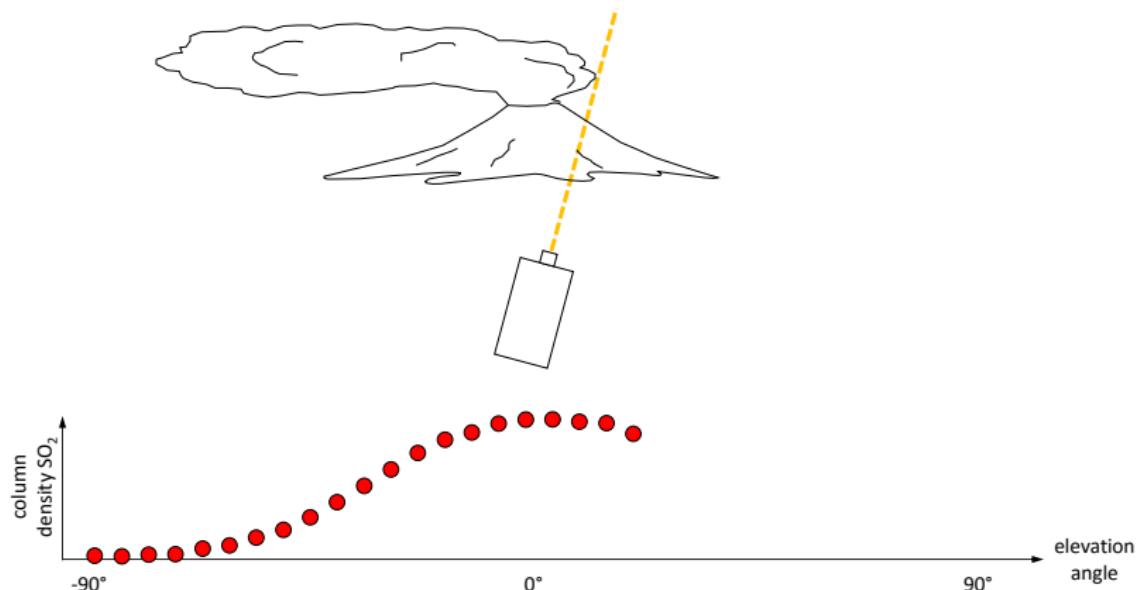
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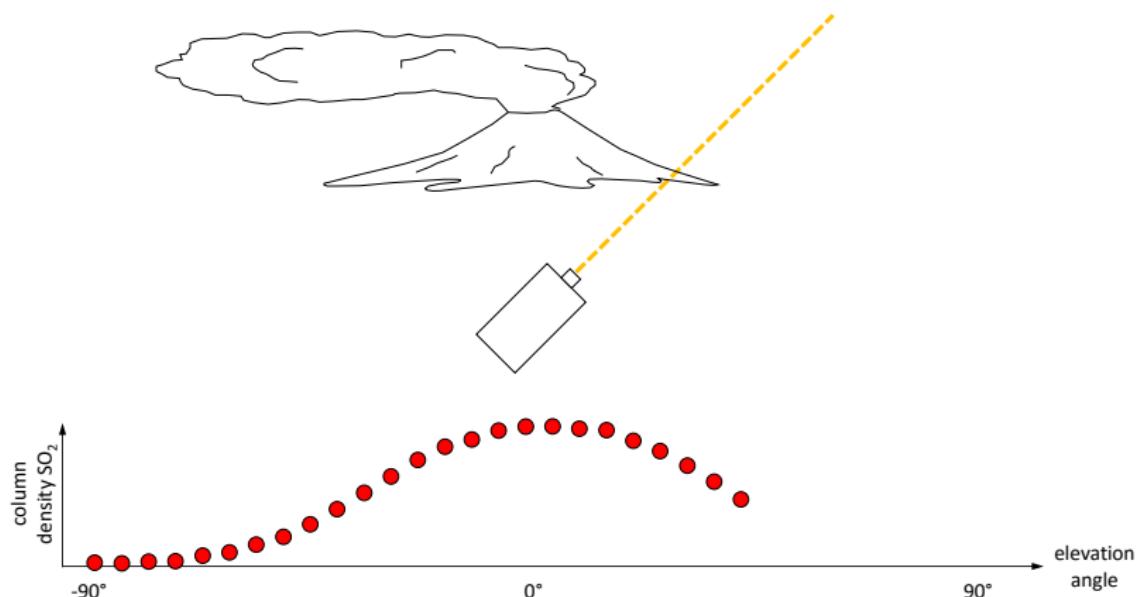
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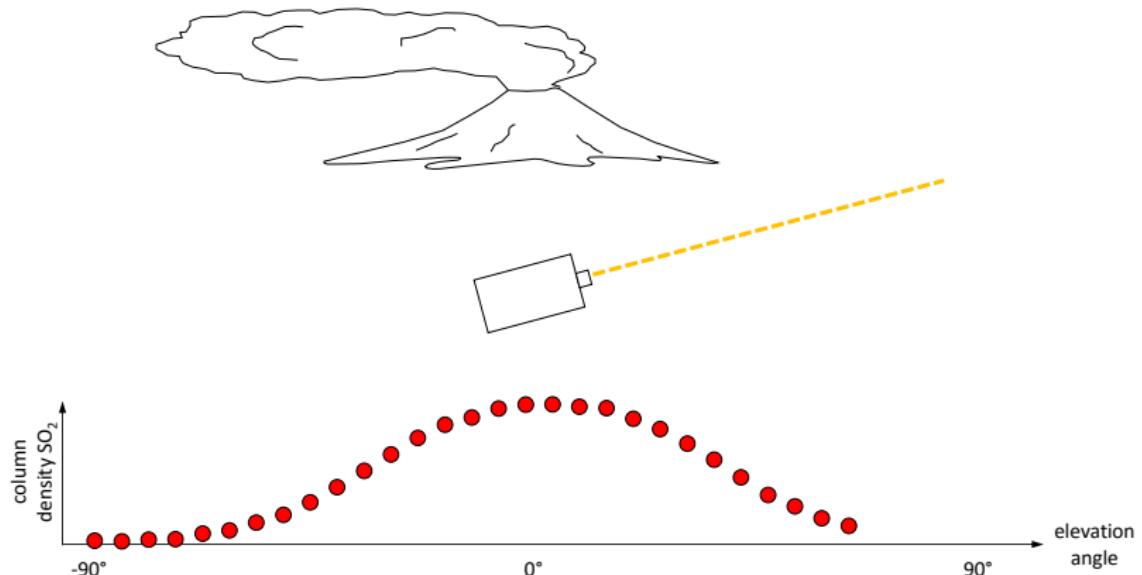
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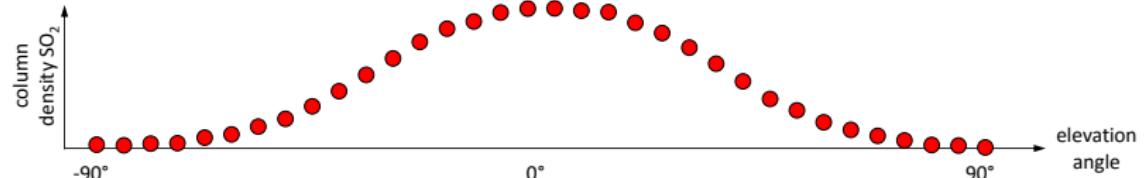
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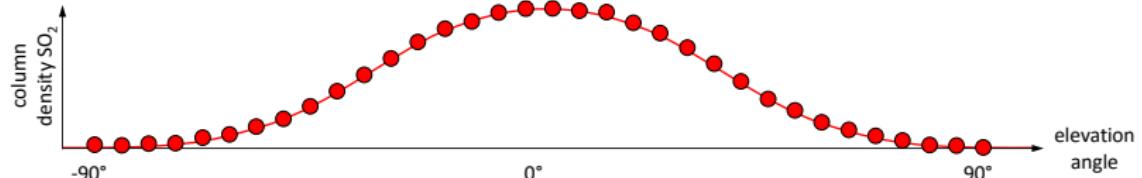
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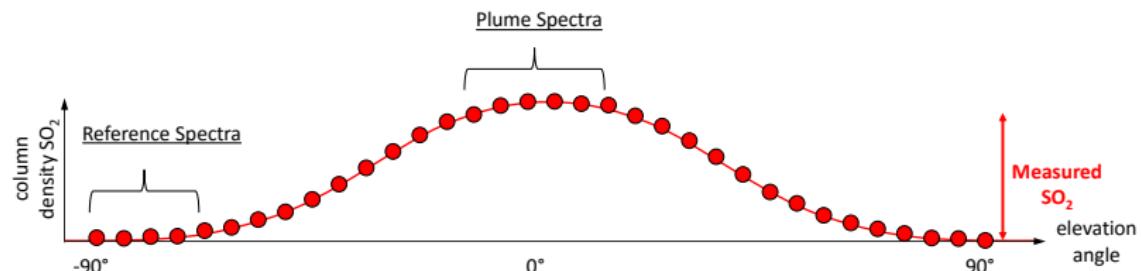
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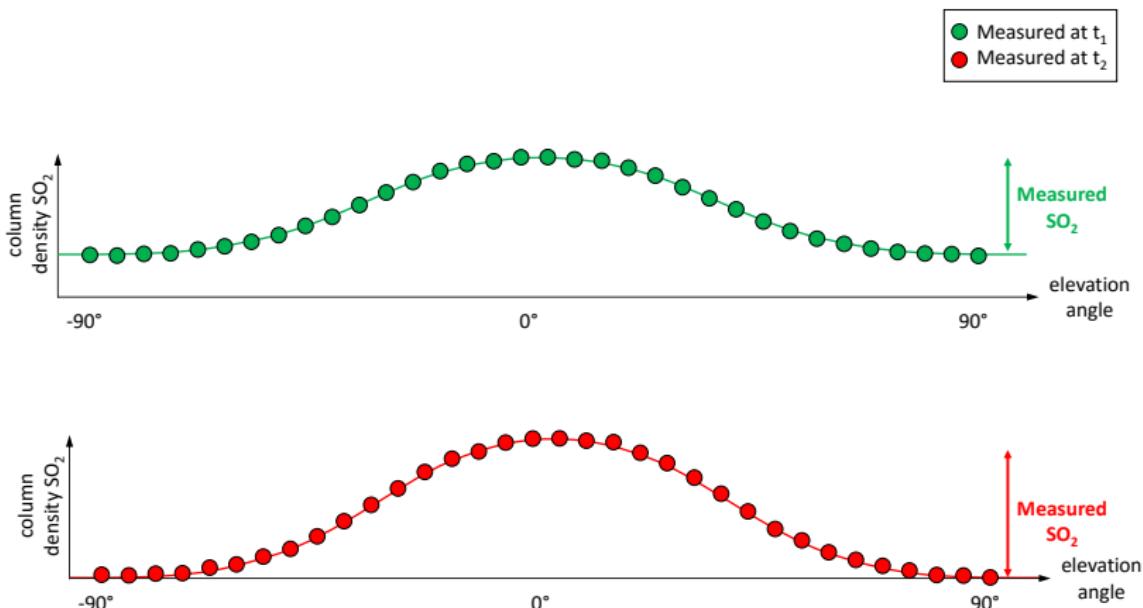
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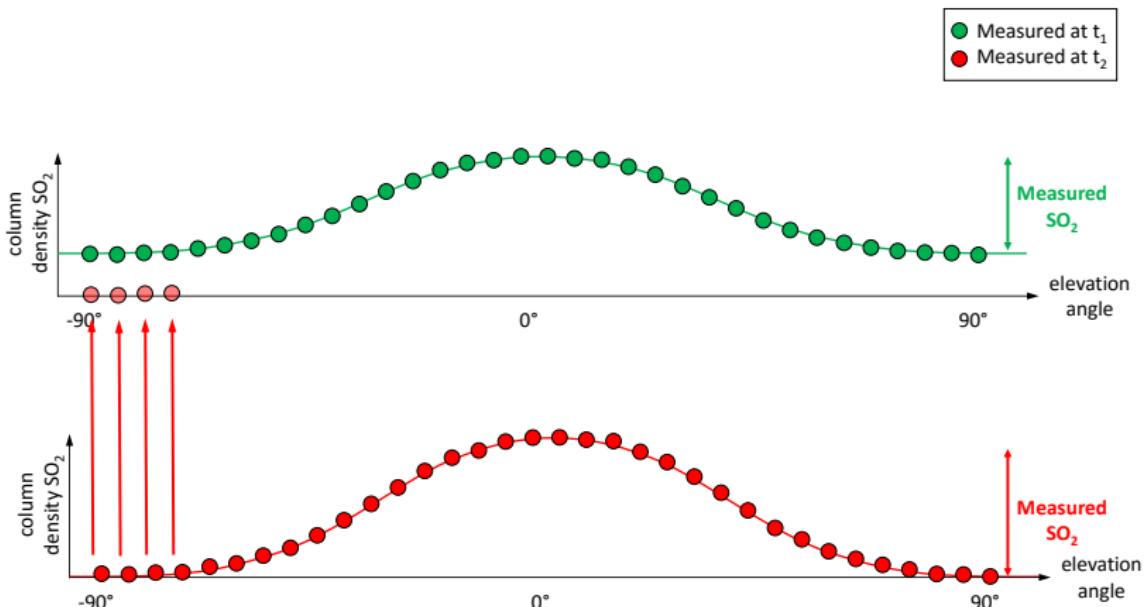
Plume composition measurement -BrO/SO₂



The problem of choosing the right reference



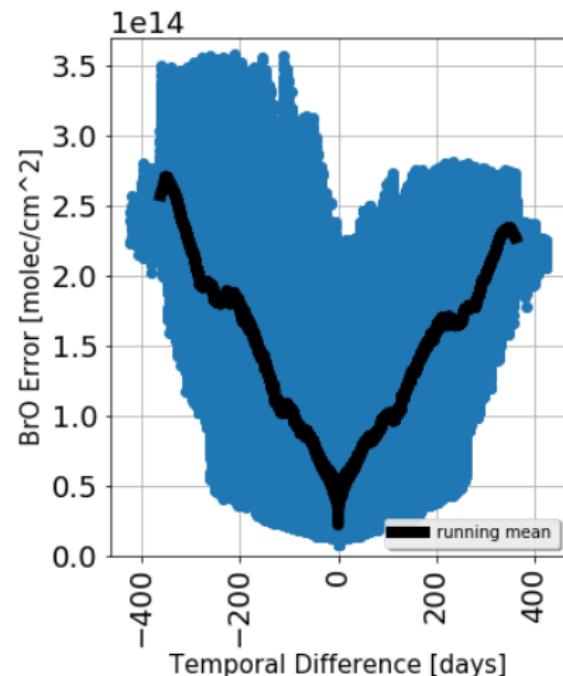
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Checking for contamination

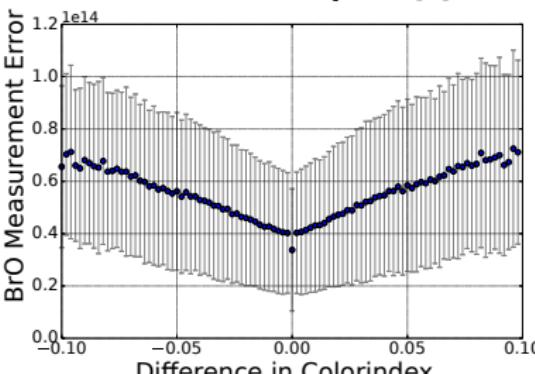
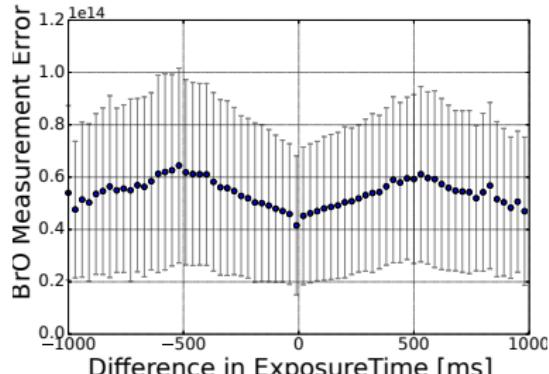
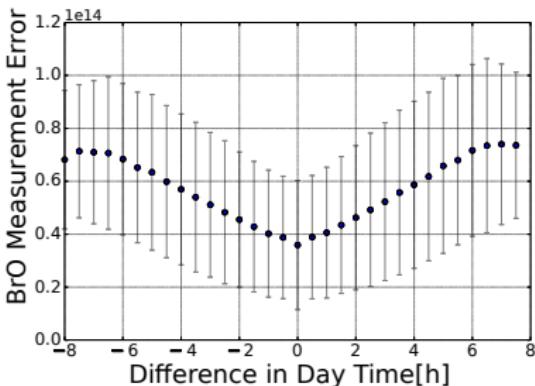
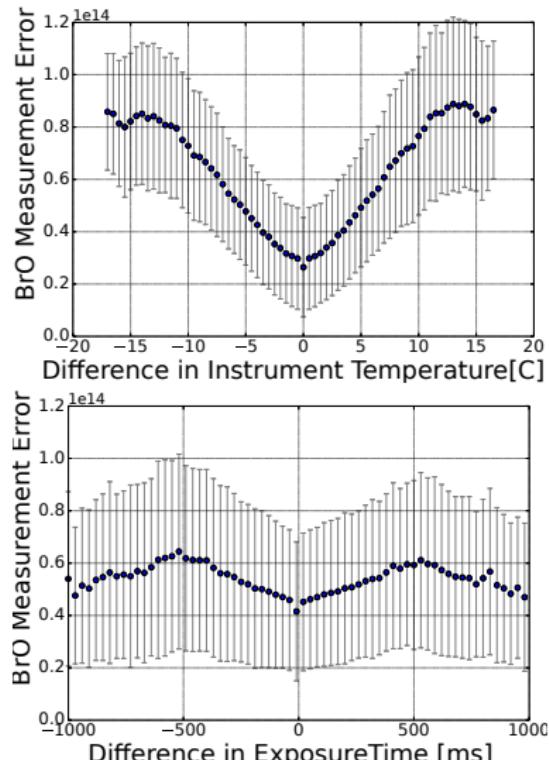
- ▶ Possible contaminations can be checked by a theoretical solar atlas spectrum to evaluate the SO₂ amount in the reference.
- ▶ Data are contaminated if the SO₂ amount in the reference is above $2 \cdot 10^{17}$
- ▶ Only accept SO₂ SCDs above the plume limit of $7 \cdot 10^{17} \frac{\text{molec}}{\text{cm}^2}$

Temporal difference between the reference and the plume

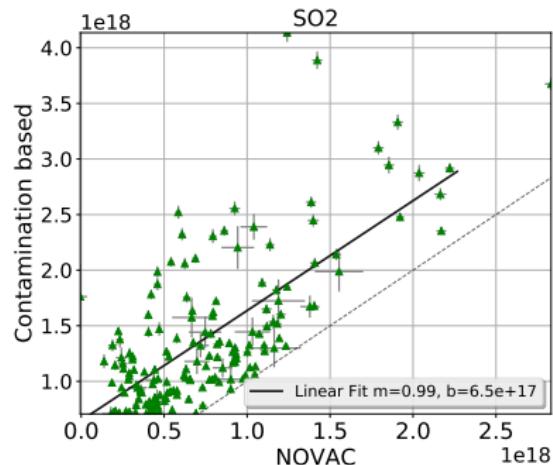


- ▶ Increase of BrO error with temporal difference
- ▶ The sign of the temporal difference irrelevant
- ▶ Restrict temporal difference to two weeks

Influence of ambient conditions on BrO measurement error

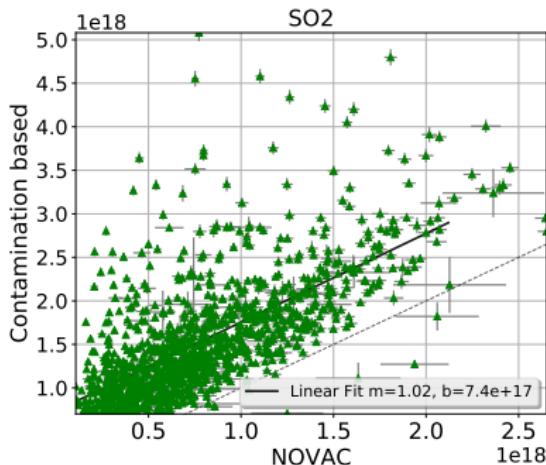


Comparison of the different evaluations - SO₂



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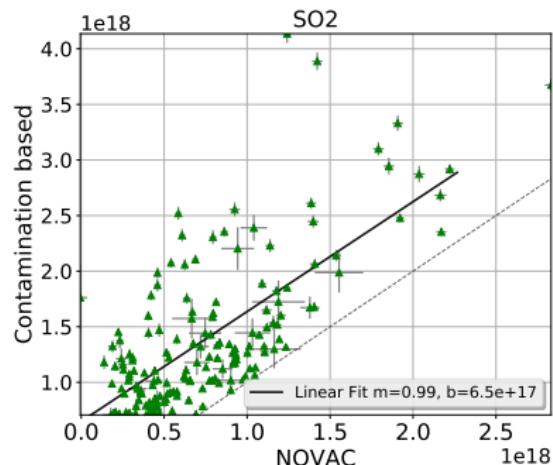
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(b) Data of Nevado Del Riz

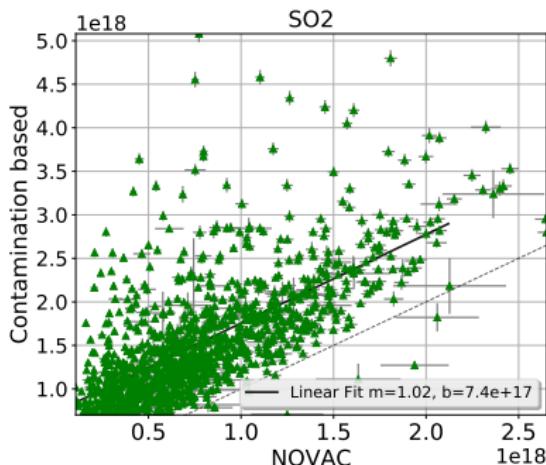
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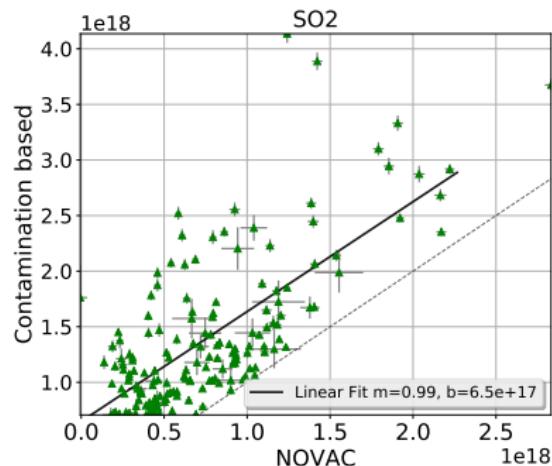
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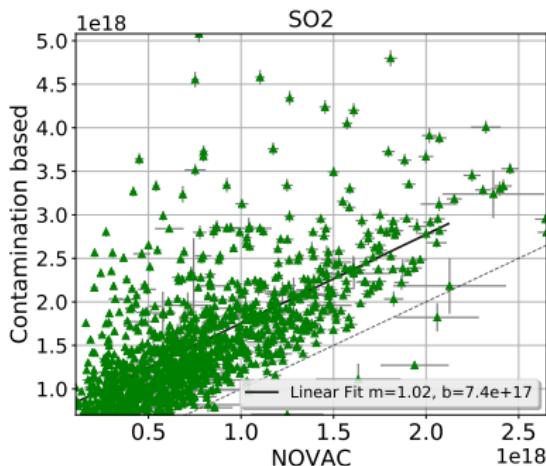
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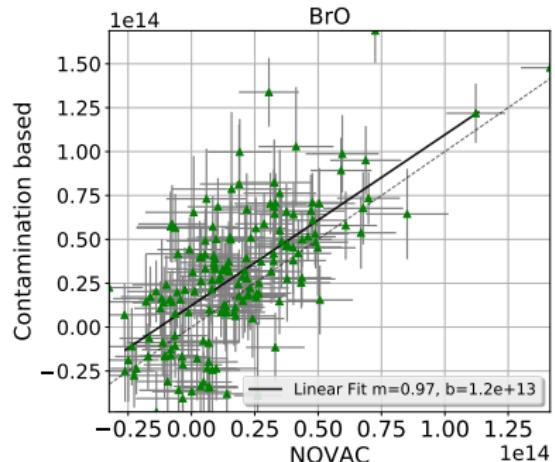
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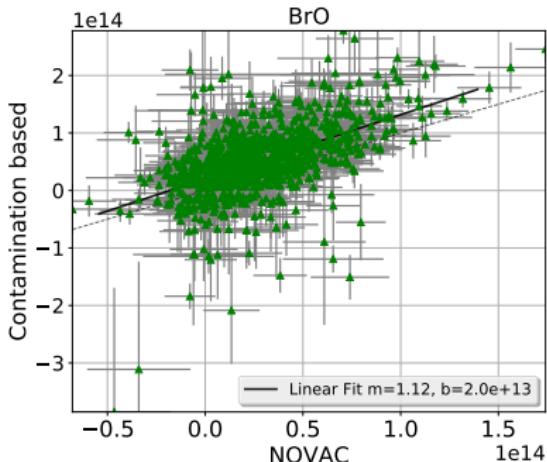
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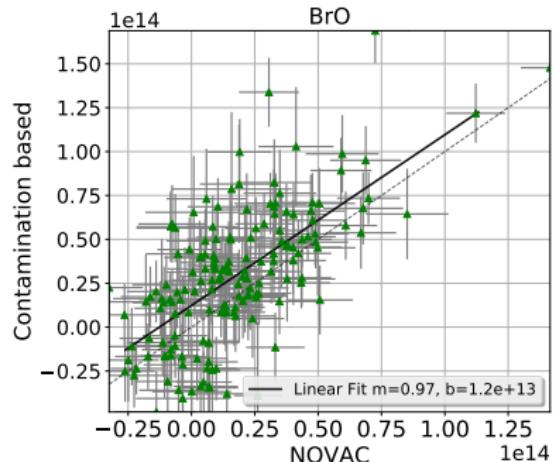
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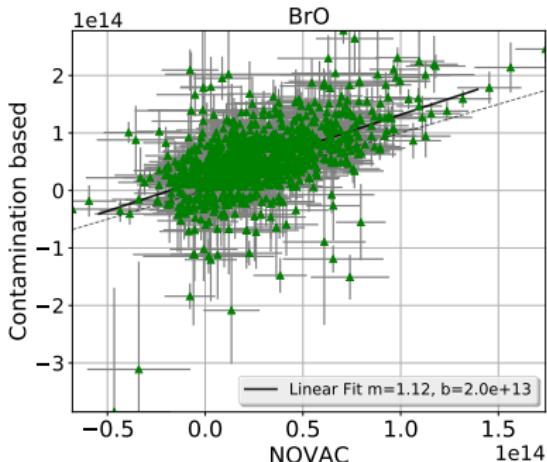
(h) Data of Nevado Del Riz

- ▶ Contamination lead to a offset on BrO SCDs
- ▶ proportional BrO increase lower as for SO₂

Comparison of the different evaluations - BrO



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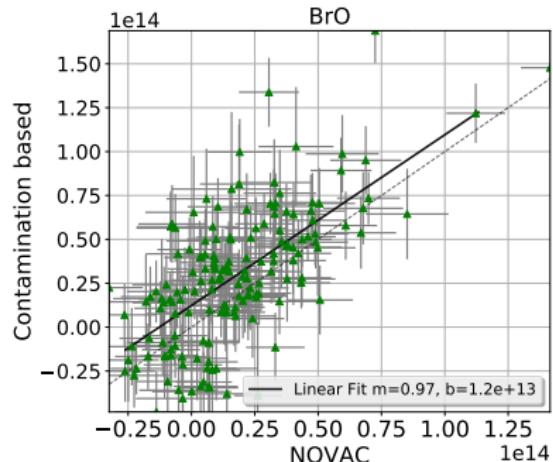


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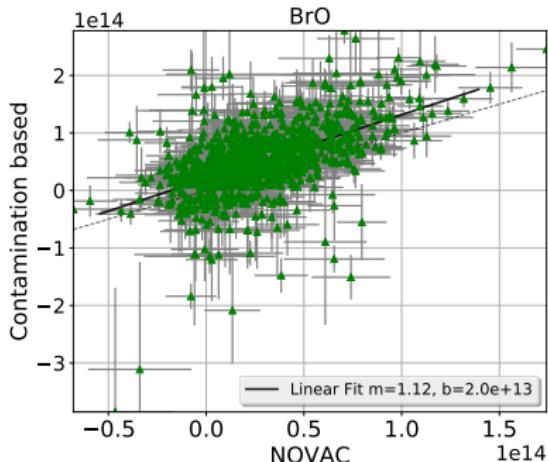
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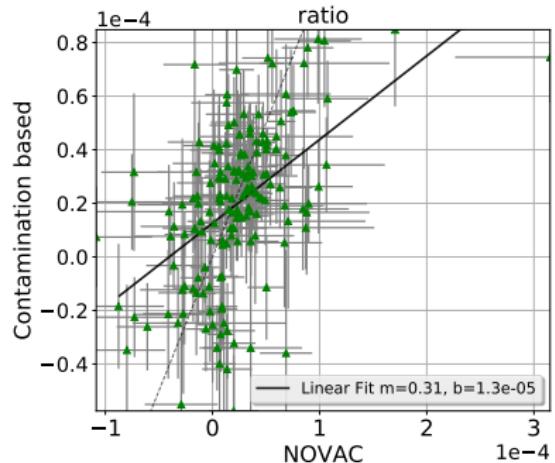
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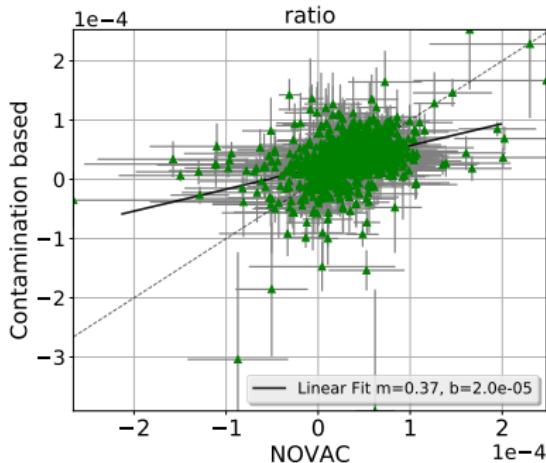
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Comparison of the different evaluations - BrO/SO₂



(m) Data of Tungurahua



(n) Data of Nevado Del Riz

- ▶ Increase of low BrO/SO₂ ratios
- ▶ Decrease of high BrO/SO₂ ratios

Comparison with NOVAC evaluation

	Tungurahua	Nevado Del Ruiz
Total Amount of Data	6500	14005
Total amount of Data above Plume Limit	6.7%	12.8%
Contaminated Data	6.0%	9.9%

Comparison with NOVAC evaluation

Not contaminated data

	Tungurahua	Nevado Del Ruiz
Within Plume-limit	5.5%	8.8%

- ▶ percentage refers to the not contaminated data

Comparison with NOVAC evaluation

Contaminated data

		Tungurahua	Nevado Ruiz	Del
Within Plume-limit	NOVAC	19.2%	39.9%	
	NEW	41.9%	77.9%	
not analysable		2.5%	7.8%	

- ▶ percentage refers to the contaminated data

Summary

- ▶ Contaminated reference spectra lead to significant underestimation of SO₂
- ▶ Optimized Evaluation: Keep environmental conditions of measurement and reference spectra similar
- ▶ More valid Data with optimized reference evaluation

Outlook

1. Measurements at volcanoes to verify the contamination
2. Examine contamination of the plume due to further measurements
3. Is contamination a result of low wind velocities?

Thanks for your attention