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AEROSOL DENSITY PROFILE ARCHIVE TAPE  
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NITROGEN DIOXIDE PROFILE TAPE  
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## **1. INTRODUCTION:**

The documentation for this data set was originally on paper, kept in NSSDC's Data Set Catalogs (DSCs). The paper documentation in the Data Set Catalogs have been made into digital images, and then collected into a single PDF file for each Data Set Catalog. The inventory information in these DSCs is current as of July 1, 2004. This inventory information is now no longer maintained in the DSCs, but is now managed in the inventory part of the NSSDC information system. The information existing in the DSCs is now not needed for locating the data files, but we did not remove that inventory information.

The offline tape datasets have now been migrated from the original magnetic tape to Archival Information Packages (AIP's).

A prior restoration may have been done on data sets, if a requestor of this data set has questions; they should send an inquiry to the request office to see if additional information exists.

## 2. ERRATA/CHANGE LOG:

NOTE: Changes are made in a text box, and will show up that way when displayed on screen with a PDF reader.

*When printing, special settings may be required to make the text box appear on the printed output.*

Version	Date	Person	Page	Description of Change
01				
02				

3 LINKS TO RELEVANT INFORMATION IN THE ONLINE NSSDC INFORMATION SYSTEM:

<http://nssdc.gsfc.nasa.gov/nmc/>

[NOTE: This link will take you to the main page of the NSSDC Master Catalog. There you will be able to perform searches to find additional information]

4. CATALOG MATERIALS:

- a. Associated Documents      To find associated documents you will need to know the document ID number and then click here.  
<http://nssdcftp.gsfc.nasa.gov/miscellaneous/documents/>

- b. Core Catalog Materials

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SAGE II OZONE NO. DENSITY AND MIXED RATIO PROFILES  
84-108B-02B **ESAC-00059**

THIS DATA SET CONSISTS OF 8 TAPES. THE TAPES ARE 6250 BPI, BINARY 9-TRACK, WITH ONE FILE OF DATA, WRITTEN IN CDC 60 BIT FLOATING POINT WORDS. THE TAPES WERE CREATED ON A CYBER COMPUTER. THE D AND C NUMBERS AND TIME SPAN ARE AS FOLLOWS:

D#	C#	TIME SPANS
D-76273	C-26689	10/24/84-11/30/85
D-78019	C-26706	12/01/85-11/30/86
D-78778	C-26877	12/01/86-11/30/87
D-79350	C-28073	12/01/87-11/30/88
D-83181	C-28074	12/01/88-11/30/89
D-83182	C-28075	12/01/89-11/29/90
D-87892	C-29423	12/12/90-05/29/91
D-104127	C-031247 (3 files)	06/11/91-05/22/93

ERBS  
SAGE II AEROSOL PROFILE ACHIVAL TAPES  
84-108B-02C **ESAC-00050**

THIS DAT SET CONSISTS OF 14 TAPES. THE TAPES ARE 6250 BPI, BINARY, 9-TRACK, WITH ONE FILE OF DATA WRITTEN IN CDC 60 BIT FLOATING POINT WORDS. THE TAPES WERE CREATED ON A CYBER COMPUTER. THE D AND C NUMBERS AND THE TIME SPANS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

D#	C#	TIME SPANS
D-78017	C-26719	10/24/84-11/30/85
D-78018	C-26720	12/01/85-11/30/86
D-78779	C-26878	12/01/86-11/30/87
D-79172	C-28076	12/01/87-11/30/88
D-83179	C-28077	12/01/88-11/30/89
D-83180	C-28078	12/01/89-11/29/90
D-84503	C-28694	12/12/90-11/27/91
D-84804	C-28826	12/09/91-09/30/92
D-88266	C-29424	10/01/92-12/31/92
D-95310	C-29438	01/01/93-01/31/93
D-101191	C-030222	02/01/93-04/30/93
D-104024	C-031223	05/01/93-09/30/93
D-104128	C-031248	10/01/93-11/19/93
D-104170	C-031278	12/03/93-12/31/93

ERBS  
SAGE II NITROGEN DIOXIDE PROFILE  
84-108B-02D **ESAC-00011**

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D#	C#	TIME SPAN
D-82823	C-28013	10/24/84-11/30/85
D-82824	C-28014	12/01/85-11/30/86
D-82825	C-28015	12/01/86-11/30/87
D-83176	C-28079	12/01/87-11/30/88
D-83177	C-28080	12/01/88-11/30/89

D-83178  
D-87893  
D-104129

C-28081  
C-29422  
C-031249 (3files)

12/01/89-11/29/90  
12/12/90-05/29/91  
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Dear Ralph:

I am sending under separate cover reprocessed/replacement SAGE II (aerosol and ozone) data covering the period November 1984 (launch) through November 1990 for archival. This data set should replace the current archived version at your center. The changes in the updated data set are minor and should not affect the users working with the previously archived data. Specifically, the following changes have been incorporated into the latest reprocessing of the SAGE II data:

1. The word length of the aerosol profile event is lengthened.
2. The error estimates for the profile data have been updated based on the latest validation study.
3. The 525 nanometer channel aerosol data below 10 kilometers has been similarly updated.

Also included is the nitrogen dioxide sunset data for the period November 1984 through November 1990.

We have included copies of the current "Users Guides" which apply to this revised data.

If you have any questions, please call Mr. Mike Rowland at FTS 928-2691 or me at FTS 928-2674.

Sincerely,

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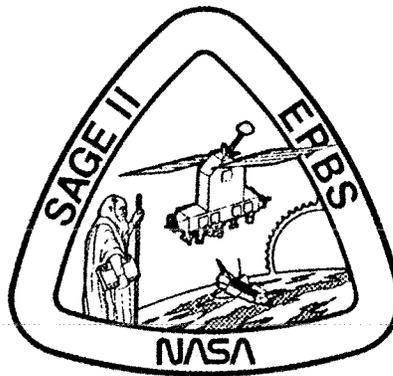
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# The Aerosol Profile User's Guide for the Stratospheric Aerosol and Gas Experiment II (SAGE II)

## INTRODUCTION

The Stratospheric Aerosol and Gas Experiment II (SAGE II) is a payload installed aboard the Earth Radiation Budget Satellite (ERBS) that was launched on October 5, 1984, from NASA Space Shuttle Flight 41-G.

The SAGE II instrument is a multi-channel spectral radiometer that measures the attenuation of solar radiation at seven wavelengths as they pass through the Earth's atmosphere during the spacecraft's sunrise and sunset events (see Ref. 4). In one day's time the ERBS spacecraft encounters approximately fifteen sunrise and fifteen sunset events. The SAGE II instrument captures solar radiation data for each event. The data span a vertical distance from about 140 kilometers to the horizon or a cloud top. The ground-track slew distance during data capture varies directly with the duration of the event. Event duration will vary with the beta angle<sup>1</sup> of the event; the larger the absolute beta angle, the longer the event will be.

At various times of the day, the instrument data are transmitted to an Earth station and forwarded to Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC) in Greenbelt, Maryland. There, the SAGE II experiment data are screened, reformatted, and placed on magnetic tape for shipment to NASA/Langley Research Center in Hampton, Virginia. The Aerosol Research Branch at Langley merges the experiment data with the spacecraft ephemeris information and the corresponding meteorological data. The merged data set is then processed to generate channel transmission information and, finally, the inverted products of vertical profiles of the measured atmospheric constituents.

Reference 6 provides the details about vertical profile inversions of the measured atmospheric constituents measured by SAGE II. The inversion of SAGE II data provides altitude profiles of:

- 1) aerosol extinctions at 1020, 525, 453, & 385 nm,
- 2) ozone concentration,
- 3) nitrogen dioxide concentration, and
- 4) water vapor concentration.

These data can be used by researchers to study the temporal and spatial variability of each species and their effect on atmospheric processes and climate.

Both unprocessed solar radiance data from the SAGE II instrument and the resulting constituent profile data sets are stored on magnetic tapes and made available to the science

community through the National Space Science Data Center (NSSDC) at the NASA/Goddard Space Flight Center, Code 633, Greenbelt, Maryland 20771.

## SPATIAL AND TEMPORAL COVERAGE

The ERBS orbital geometry is such that SAGE II sunrise and sunset observations are repeated every orbit (96 to 97 minutes). Tangent locations of the consecutive events of the same type (either sunrise or sunset) are separated by approximately 24 degrees longitude. There are about fifteen sunrises and fifteen sunsets in each 24-hour period. The locations of observation sweep over various latitude ranges, depending on the season, of approximately 130 degrees latitude in a 2- to 3-week period. Maximum latitudinal coverage over a year extends from approximately 80S to 80N degrees latitude.

The vertical resolution of the aerosol profiles is one kilometer and their estimated uncertainty is about  $\pm 10\%$ . Error estimates of the values in each altitude level are included in this data set. Aerosol profiles above 45 kilometers are currently not provided and contain "fill" data.

## TAPE FORMAT AND CHARACTERISTICS

The aerosol profiles for each event are recorded on 2400 foot magnetic tape reels. The tape recording density is 6250 bpi using a 9-track write format. Each record contains one complete event and all its associated data and profiles.

The record length is the same for all records on the tape. Each record is 1488 CDC Cyber 60-bit floating-point<sup>2</sup> words in length. This translates to 11 160 bytes or 89 280 bits per tape record. A year's profiles are contained on a single tape. Using seasonal boundaries, the tapes start in December of a year and end in November of the next year. Year one of SAGE II data (1985) contains additional data at the beginning of the tape to cover the short period from the instrument's first data day on October 24, 1984, up through the end of November 1984. There are no embedded file marks separating events on a data tape, however, at least one file mark is placed after the last event on the tape to designate the end of information (EOI).

1. Beta angle is defined as the angle generated by the earth-sun vector and the orbit plane of ERBS.
2. Appendix B contains a floating-point format guide.

# SAGE II AEROSOL PROFILE RECORD FORMAT

Cyber Words (60-bit)	S i z e	Field Content Description	T y p e	N o t e
<b>40 Kilometer Reference Data</b>				
0001	1	Event Date (yymmdd.0)	(R)	1
0002	1	Event Time (hhmmss.0)	(R)	1
0003	1	Subtangent Latitude (0.0 ± 90.0 degrees)	(R)	
0004	1	Subtangent Longitude (0.0 ± 180.0 degrees)	(R)	
0005	1	Spacecraft-Referenced Event Type (0.0 = sunrise; 1.0 = sunset)	(R)	2
0006	1	Earth-Referenced Event Type (0.0 = sunrise; 1.0 = sunset)	(R)	2
0007	1	Spacecraft Beta Angle (0.0 ± 61.0 degrees)	(R)	3
0008	1	Coded Time of Year (ddd.fract)	(R)	4
<b>NMC Meteorological Data (see Appendix A)</b>				
0009-0033	25	Temperature (Kelvin)	(R)	
0034-0058	25	Temperature Error (Kelvin)	(R)	
0059-0083	25	Geometric Altitude (meters)	(R)	
0084-0108	25	Air Density (grams/cubic meter)	(R)	
0109-0133	25	Air Density Error (percent)	(R)	
0134	1	Temperature Correction Value for 5.0 Millibar Level (Kelvin)	(R)	
0135	1	Temperature Correction Value for 2.0 Millibar Level (Kelvin)	(R)	
0136	1	Temperature Correction Value for 1.0 Millibar Level (Kelvin)	(R)	
0137	1	Temperature Correction Value for 0.4 Millibar Level (Kelvin)	(R)	
0138	1	"Meteorological Data Not Complete" Flag (0=complete; 1=incomplete)	(R)	
0139	1	"Start of Model Meteorological Data" Array Index Pointer (1 - 19)	(R)	
0140	1	Model Meteorological Data Selection Code (ssll)	(R)	
0141	1	Revision Date of LaRC Meteorological Model (yymmdd.0)	(R)	
<b>NASA/LaRC Processing Information</b>				
0142	1	LaRC Driver Revision Level	(R)	
0143	1	LaRC Transmission Revision Level	(R)	
0144	1	LaRC Inversion Revision Level	(R)	
0145	1	LaRC Event Tag (yymmddhhmm.sq)	(R)	5
0146	1	LaRC Processing Date (yymmdd.0)	(R)	1
0147	1	LaRC Processing Time (hhmmss.0)	(R)	1
0148	1	Mean Subtangent Altitude for Event Limb Calibration (kilometers)	(R)	6
0149	1	<b>Value Designated as the Data Fill Number for this Event</b>	(R)	7
<b>Event Ground-Track Slew Data</b>				
0150-0157	8	Subtangent Altitude (kilometers)	(R)	
0158-0165	8	Corresponding Latitude (0.0 ± 90.0 degrees)	(R)	
0166-0173	8	Corresponding Longitude (0.0 ± 180.0 degrees)	(R)	
0174	1	Time Span of Data from Level 1 through 70 (seconds)	(R)	
<b>Altitude and Meteorological Data for Profile Arrays</b>				
0175-0244	70	Geometric Altitude (kilometers)	(R)	9
0245-0314	70	Corresponding Pressure (millibars)	(R)	9
0315-0384	70	Corresponding Temperature (Kelvin)	(R)	9
0385-0390	6	Spare		
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# SAGE II AEROSOL PROFILE RECORD FORMAT

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Cyber Words (60-bit)	S i z e	Field Content Description	T y p e	N o t e
<b>Channel Optical Depth Profile Quality Estimations</b>				
391	1	1020 nm Wavelength Quality Factor	(R)	8
392	1	Spare		
393	1	Spare		
394	1	525 nm Wavelength Quality Factor	(R)	8
395	1	453 nm Wavelength Quality Factor	(R)	8
396	1	Spare		
397	1	385 nm Wavelength Quality Factor	(R)	8
0398-0400	3	Spare		
<b>Rayleigh Extinction Profiles</b>				
0401-0460	60	1020 nm Rayleigh Extinction (km <sup>-1</sup> )	(R)	9
0461-0520	60	1020 nm Rayleigh Extinction Error (km <sup>-1</sup> )	(R)	9
0521-0580	60	525 nm Rayleigh Extinction (km <sup>-1</sup> )	(R)	9
0581-0640	60	525 nm Rayleigh Extinction Error (km <sup>-1</sup> )	(R)	9
0641-0700	60	453 nm Rayleigh Extinction (km <sup>-1</sup> )	(R)	9
0701-0760	60	453 nm Rayleigh Extinction Error (km <sup>-1</sup> )	(R)	9
0761-0820	60	385 nm Rayleigh Extinction (km <sup>-1</sup> )	(R)	9
0821-0880	60	385 nm Rayleigh Extinction Error (km <sup>-1</sup> )	(R)	9
<b>Aerosol Profiles</b>				
0881-0940	60	1020 nm Extinction (km <sup>-1</sup> )	(R)	
0941-1000	60	1020 nm Extinction Error (km <sup>-1</sup> )	(R)	
1001-1060	60	525 nm Extinction (km <sup>-1</sup> )	(R)	
1061-1120	60	525 nm Extinction Error (km <sup>-1</sup> )	(R)	
1121-1180	60	453 nm Extinction (km <sup>-1</sup> )	(R)	
1181-1240	60	453 nm Extinction Error (km <sup>-1</sup> )	(R)	
1241-1300	60	385 nm Extinction (km <sup>-1</sup> )	(R)	
1301-1360	60	385 nm Extinction Error (km <sup>-1</sup> )	(R)	
1361-1420	60	1020 nm Extinction Ratio	(R)	10
1421-1480	60	1020 nm Extinction Ratio Error	(R)	10
1481-1488	8	Spare		
End of Event Record				
(Notes on the next page)				

# SAGE II AEROSOL PROFILE RECORD FORMAT

## Record Format Notes

### GENERAL NOTES

- Each field of the event record contains one 60-bit CDC-Cyber floating point number.
- All time and data references are to GMT, except Fields 146 and 147 which are LaRC processing time.
- All latitudes and longitudes are given at the event subtangent point.
- If any field in the event record is considered invalid, or has missing data, a fill value will be placed in that field. For each event record, that fill value can be found in Field 149. (See Note 7, below)
- Each profile level is centered at the 0.5 kilometer point and spans 1.0 kilometer.

### DATA FIELD NOTES

1. The "yymmdd.0" and "hhmmss.0" fields are generated by the FORTRAN statements:  
$$\text{DATE} = \text{FLOAT}(\text{IYY} \cdot 10000 + \text{IMM} \cdot 100 + \text{IDD}) \ \& \ \text{TIME} = \text{FLOAT}(\text{IHH} \cdot 10000 + \text{IMM} \cdot 100 + \text{ISS})$$
2. Spacecraft-Referenced Event Type and Earth-Referenced Event Type fields are normally the same type, but, if the absolute value of the Spacecraft Beta Angle is close to 61 degrees, their types may be different. The Earth-Referenced Event Type field is based on sun motion from a ground-observer's viewpoint.
3. The Spacecraft Beta Angle field is defined as the angle generated by the intersection of the Earth-Sun vector and the spacecraft orbit plane.
4. The Coded Time of Year field is the time at the beginning of the event (not the same time as Fields 1 and 2), and is generated by the FORTRAN statement:  
$$\text{CODTIME} = \text{FLOAT}(\text{DOY}) + (\text{SOD}/86400.0); \quad \text{where} \ \text{DOY} = \text{day of year (1-366)} \ \text{and} \\ \text{SOD} = \text{seconds of the day (0.0-86399.99...)}$$
5. The LaRC Event Tag is generated similarly to Note 1. The ".sq" at the end of the value is the event number of the day divided by 100.
6. The Mean Subtangent Altitude for Event Limb Calibration field contains the altitude at which data for the exoatmospheric solar image was gathered for use in solar limb normalization for the event.
7. The Value Designated as the Data Fill Number for This Event field must be used determine what data in the event record is valid. If any field, other than this one, contains this number, that field has no valid information and should not be used by the investigator.
8. The Quality Factor fields for each wavelength are equal to 1.0 minus the summation of the optical depth errors at each profile level from 20.5 to 59.5 kilometers. In cases where a 40 kilometer span cannot be realized, the quality factor is proportioned to a 40 kilometer span to allow a better comparison across wavelengths and other events.
9. The values of altitude, pressure, and temperature in their seventy-element arrays correspond to the sixty-element arrays within the record. Altitude coincidence for all these arrays is at element 1.
10. Extinction Ratio = (Extinction + Rayleigh) / Rayleigh

# Appendix A

## Meteorological Data

Meteorological data are supplied to Langley Research Center by NOAA/National Weather Service - Climate Analysis Branch, in Washington, D.C. Data for temperature, temperature error, geometric altitude, air density, and air density error are provided for eighteen pressure levels and at the derived tropopause pressure. The pressure levels (mb) correspond to the 25-element meteorological data arrays (1 to 25) as follows: 1000, 850, 700, 500, 400, 300, 250, 200, 150, 100, 70, 50, 30, 10, 5, 2, 1, 0.4, 0.04, 0.01, spare, spare, spare, spare, and derived tropopause pressure. Elements 19 and 20 contain climatological model data for temperature and altitude only. Elements 21 through 24 contain "fill" values, and element 25 contains the NOAA-supplied tropopause information.

If NOAA cannot supply meteorological data as above, LaRC determines the highest pressure level for which data are supplied and then inserts model data from the next level up to the lowest pressure level of 0.01 millibars. Only temperature and altitude information are supplied using these model data: Temperature error, density, and density error will contain "fill" data for the corresponding levels that contain the LaRC-supplied data.

Meteorological correction factors for temperatures at 5, 2, 1, and 0.4 millibars are already included in the value of the temperatures in elements 15 through 18 of the temperature array (fields 23-26 of the record). These correction values are recorded in fields 134-137 of each record. If it is desired to remove these corrections from the data, subtract them from fields 23-26 of the record and recompute the temperatures in the 70-element array in fields 315-384. These correction factors are only included for the NOAA-supplied data: If model data are in these locations, no correction factors are used.

Meteorological data (fields 245 through 384 of the event record) are interpolated from the meteorological data in fields 9 through 133 of the record. Altitude data in fields 175-244 increments by 1 kilometer with the center of each level at the 0.5 kilometer point of the level bin.

Other meteorological data information is contained in the following record locations:

field 141: date of revision of the LaRC-supplied model

field 138: 1 if NOAA-supplied data is incomplete, 0 if all there

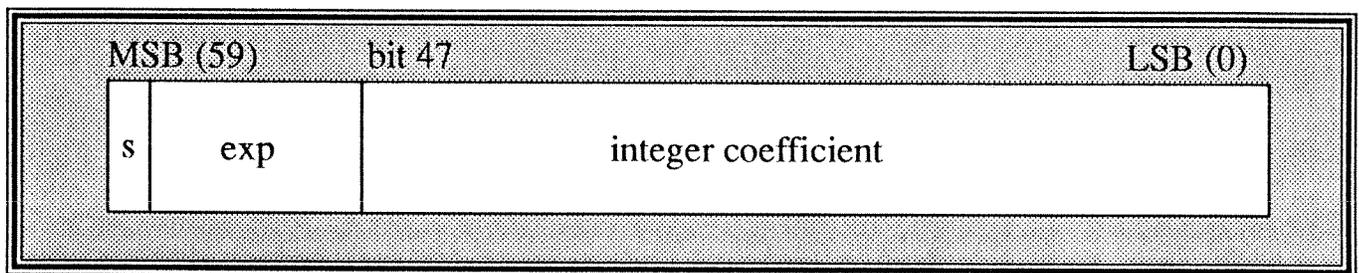
field 140: Model selection code (*ssll*) where *ss* is 01 to 04 for spring through winter;  
*ll* is 0 to 80 in 10 degree increments for absolute latitude.

field 139: The model pointer is the array index that points to the start of LaRC-supplied model data in the temperature and altitude arrays of the meteorological data.

## Appendix B

### Guide to Floating-point Notation of the CDC Cyber Series Computer

This guide is intended to aid the programmer who is decoding the profile tapes described in this document. All data fields on this tape are in this 60-bit format.



Bits 47 through 0 contain the coefficient of the number (equivalent to about fourteen decimal digits). The binary point is considered to be to the right of bit 0. The exponent is biased by octal 2000: that is, the exponent is represented by an 11-bit quantity (one's complement notation is used for negative numbers), octal 2000 is added to this quantity, and the low order eleven bits are used.

Additionally, real numbers are normalized. A normalized number is one in which bit 47 is the most significant bit; that is, bit 47 is different from bit 59. A special case of a word of all zero bits (positive zero) is also considered a normalized number. For every bit position that the coefficient is shifted to the left to achieve normalization, the exponent is reduced in value by one.

The sign of the number is represented by bit 59; the number is positive if bit 59 is zero and negative if bit 59 is one. Negative numbers are represented in one's complement format.

Minus zero (a word of all one bits) is considered to be equal to positive zero (a word of all zero bits).

The table below summarizes the configuration of bits 58 and 59 and the exponent and coefficient signs resulting from each combination.

Bit 59	Coefficient Sign	Bit 58	Exponent Sign
0	+	1	+
0	+	0	-
1	-	0	+
1	-	1	-

Some examples of floating-point numbers, as they would appear in octal format, are as follows:

Number	Octal Representation
+1.0	1720 4000 0000 0000 0000
+100.0	1726 6200 0000 0000 0000
-100.0	6051 1577 7777 7777 7777
1.0 E64	2245 6047 4037 2237 7720
-1.0 E-64	6404 2570 0025 6605 5305
0	0000 0000 0000 0000 0000

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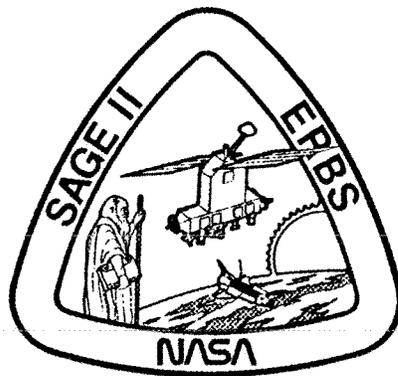
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At various times of the day, the instrument data are transmitted to an Earth station and forwarded to Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC) in Greenbelt, Maryland. There, the SAGE II experiment data are screened, reformatted, and placed on magnetic tape for shipment to NASA/Langley Research Center in Hampton, Virginia. The Aerosol Research Branch at Langley merges the experiment data with the spacecraft ephemeris information and the corresponding meteorological data. The merged data set is then processed to generate channel transmission information and, finally, the inverted products of vertical profiles of the measured atmospheric constituents.

Reference 6 provides the details about vertical profile inversions of the measured atmospheric constituents measured by SAGE II. The inversion of SAGE II data provides altitude profiles of:

- 1) aerosol extinctions at 1020, 525, 453, & 385 nm,
- 2) ozone concentration,
- 3) nitrogen dioxide concentration, and
- 4) water vapor concentration.

These data can be used by researchers to study the temporal and spatial variability of each species and their effect on atmospheric processes and climate.

Both unprocessed solar radiance data from the SAGE II instrument and the resulting constituent profile data sets are stored on magnetic tapes and made available to the science

community through the National Space Science Data Center (NSSDC) at the NASA/Goddard Space Flight Center, Code 633, Greenbelt, Maryland 20771.

## SPATIAL AND TEMPORAL COVERAGE

The ERBS orbital geometry is such that SAGE II sunrise and sunset observations are repeated every orbit (96 to 97 minutes). Tangent locations of the consecutive events of the same type (either sunrise or sunset) are separated by approximately 24 degrees longitude. There are about fifteen sunrises and fifteen sunsets in each 24-hour period. The locations of observation sweep over various latitude ranges, depending on the season, of approximately 130 degrees latitude in a 2- to 3-week period. Maximum latitudinal coverage over a year extends from approximately 80S to 80N degrees latitude.

The vertical resolution of the ozone profiles is one kilometer and their estimated uncertainty is within  $\pm 10\%$ . Error estimates of the values in each altitude level are included in this data set.

## TAPE FORMAT AND CHARACTERISTICS

The ozone profiles for each event are recorded on 2400 foot magnetic tape reels. The tape recording density is 6250 bpi using a 9-track write format. Each record contains one complete event and all its associated data and profiles.

The record length is the same for all records on the tape. Each record is 688 CDC Cyber 60-bit floating-point<sup>2</sup> words in length. This translates to 5160 bytes or 41 280 bits per tape record. A year's profiles are contained on a single tape. Using seasonal boundaries, the tapes start in December of a year and end in November of the next year. Year one of SAGE II data (1985) contains additional data at the beginning of the tape to cover the short period from the instrument's first data day on October 24, 1984, up through the end of November 1984. There are no embedded file marks separating events on a data tape, however, at least one file mark is placed after the last event on the tape to designate the end of information (EOI).

1. Beta angle is defined as the angle generated by the earth-sun vector and the orbit plane of ERBS.
2. Appendix B contains a floating-point format guide.

# SAGE II OZONE PROFILE RECORD FORMAT

Cyber Words (60-bit)	S i z e	Field Content Description	T y p e	N o t e
<b>40 Kilometer Reference Data</b>				
0001	1	Event Date (yymmdd.0)	(R)	1
0002	1	Event Time (hhmmss.0)	(R)	1
0003	1	Subtangent Latitude (0.0 ± 90.0 degrees)	(R)	
0004	1	Subtangent Longitude (0.0 ± 180.0 degrees)	(R)	
0005	1	Spacecraft-Referenced Event Type (0.0 = sunrise; 1.0 = sunset)	(R)	2
0006	1	Earth-Referenced Event Type (0.0 = sunrise; 1.0 = sunset)	(R)	2
0007	1	Spacecraft Beta Angle (0.0 ± 61.0 degrees)	(R)	3
0008	1	Coded Time of Year (ddd.fract)	(R)	4
<b>NMC Meteorological Data (see Appendix A)</b>				
0009-0033	25	Temperature (Kelvin)	(R)	
0034-0058	25	Temperature Error (Kelvin)	(R)	
0059-0083	25	Geometric Altitude (meters)	(R)	
0084-0108	25	Air Density (grams/cubic meter)	(R)	
0109-0133	25	Air Density Error (percent)	(R)	
0134	1	Temperature Correction Value for 5.0 Millibar Level (Kelvin)	(R)	
0135	1	Temperature Correction Value for 2.0 Millibar Level (Kelvin)	(R)	
0136	1	Temperature Correction Value for 1.0 Millibar Level (Kelvin)	(R)	
0137	1	Temperature Correction Value for 0.4 Millibar Level (Kelvin)	(R)	
0138	1	"Meteorological Data Not Complete" Flag (0=complete; 1=incomplete)	(R)	
0139	1	"Start of Model Meteorological Data" Array Index Pointer (1 - 19)	(R)	
0140	1	Model Meteorological Data Selection Code (ssll)	(R)	
0141	1	Revision Date of LaRC Meteorological Model (yymmdd.0)	(R)	
<b>NASA/LaRC Processing Information</b>				
0142	1	LaRC Driver Revision Level	(R)	
0143	1	LaRC Transmission Revision Level	(R)	
0144	1	LaRC Inversion Revision Level	(R)	
0145	1	LaRC Event Tag (yymmddhhmm.sq)	(R)	5
0146	1	LaRC Processing Date (yymmdd.0)	(R)	1
0147	1	LaRC Processing Time (hhmmss.0)	(R)	1
0148	1	Mean Subtangent Altitude for Event Limb Calibration (kilometers)	(R)	6
0149	1	<b>Value Designated as the Data Fill Number for this Event</b>	(R)	7
<b>Event Ground-Track Slew Data</b>				
0150-0157	8	Subtangent Altitude (kilometers)	(R)	
0158-0165	8	Corresponding Latitude (0.0 ± 90.0 degrees)	(R)	
0166-0173	8	Corresponding Longitude (0.0 ± 180.0 degrees)	(R)	
0174	1	Time Span of Data from Level 1 through 70 (seconds)	(R)	
<b>Altitude and Meteorological Data for Profile Arrays</b>				
0175-0244	70	Geometric Altitude (kilometers)	(R)	9
0245-0314	70	Corresponding Pressure (millibars)	(R)	9
0315-0384	70	Corresponding Temperature (Kelvin)	(R)	9
0385-0390	6	Spare		
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# SAGE II OZONE PROFILE RECORD FORMAT

## Record Format Notes

### GENERAL NOTES

- Each field of the event record contains one 60-bit CDC-Cyber floating point number.
- All time and data references are to GMT, except Fields 146 and 147 which are LaRC processing time.
- All latitudes and longitudes are given at the event subtangent point.
- If any field in the event record is considered invalid, or has missing data, a fill value will be placed in that field. For each event record, that fill value can be found in Field 149. (See Note 7, below)
- Each profile level is centered at the 0.5 kilometer point and spans 1.0 kilometer.

### DATA FIELD NOTES

1. The "yymmdd.0" and "hhmmss.0" fields are generated by the FORTRAN statements:

DATE = FLOAT (IYY\*10000 + IMM\*100 + IDD) & TIME = FLOAT(IHH\*10000 + IMM\*100 + ISS)

2. Spacecraft-Referenced Event Type and Earth-Referenced Event Type fields are normally the same type, but, if the absolute value of the Spacecraft Beta Angle is close to 61 degrees, their types may be different. The Earth-Referenced Event Type field is based on sun motion from a ground-observer's viewpoint.
3. The Spacecraft Beta Angle field is defined as the angle generated by the intersection of the Earth-Sun vector and the spacecraft orbit plane.
4. The Coded Time of Year field is the time at the beginning of the event (not the same time as Fields 1 and 2), and is generated by the FORTRAN statement:  
$$\text{CODTIME} = \text{FLOAT}(\text{DOY}) + (\text{SOD}/86400.0);$$
 where DOY = day of year (1-366) and  
SOD = seconds of the day (0.0-86399.99...)
5. The LaRC Event Tag is generated similarly to Note 1. The ".sq" at the end of the value is the event number of the day divided by 100.
6. The Mean Subtangent Altitude for Event Limb Calibration field contains the altitude at which data for the exoatmospheric solar image was gathered for use in solar limb normalization for the event.
7. The Value Designated as the Data Fill Number for This Event field must be used determine what data in the event record is valid. If any field, other than this one, contains this number, that field has no valid information and should not be used by the investigator.
8. The Quality Factor fields for each wavelength are equal to 1.0 minus the summation of the optical depth errors at each profile level from 20.5 to 59.5 kilometers. In cases where a 40 kilometer span cannot be realized, the quality factor is proportioned to a 40 kilometer span to allow a better comparison across wavelengths and other events.
9. The values of altitude, pressure, and temperature in their seventy-element arrays correspond to other seventy-element arrays within the record. Altitude coincidence for all these arrays is at element 1.

# Appendix A

## Meteorological Data

Meteorological data are supplied to Langley Research Center by NOAA/National Weather Service - Climate Analysis Branch, in Washington, D.C. Data for temperature, temperature error, geometric altitude, air density, and air density error are provided for eighteen pressure levels and at the derived tropopause pressure. The pressure levels (mb) correspond to the 25-element meteorological data arrays (1 to 25) as follows: 1000, 850, 700, 500, 400, 300, 250, 200, 150, 100, 70, 50, 30, 10, 5, 2, 1, 0.4, 0.04, 0.01, *spare, spare, spare, spare*, and derived tropopause pressure. Elements 19 and 20 contain climatological model data for temperature and altitude only. Elements 21 through 24 contain "fill" values, and element 25 contains the NOAA-supplied tropopause information.

If NOAA cannot supply meteorological data as above, LaRC determines the highest pressure level for which data are supplied and then inserts model data from the next level up to the lowest pressure level of 0.01 millibars. Only temperature and altitude information are supplied using these model data: Temperature error, density, and density error will contain "fill" data for the corresponding levels that contain the LaRC-supplied data.

Meteorological correction factors for temperatures at 5, 2, 1, and 0.4 millibars are already included in the value of the temperatures in elements 15 through 18 of the temperature array (fields 23-26 of the record). These correction values are recorded in fields 134-137 of each record. If it is desired to remove these corrections from the data, subtract them from fields 23-26 of the record and recompute the temperatures in the 70-element array in fields 315-384. These correction factors are only included for the NOAA-supplied data: If model data are in these locations, no correction factors are used.

Meteorological data (fields 245 through 384 of the event record) are interpolated from the meteorological data in fields 9 through 133 of the record. Altitude data in fields 175-244 increments by 1 kilometer with the center of each level at the 0.5 kilometer point of the level bin.

Other meteorological data information is contained in the following record locations:

field 141: date of revision of the LaRC-supplied model

field 138: 1 if NOAA-supplied data is incomplete, 0 if all there

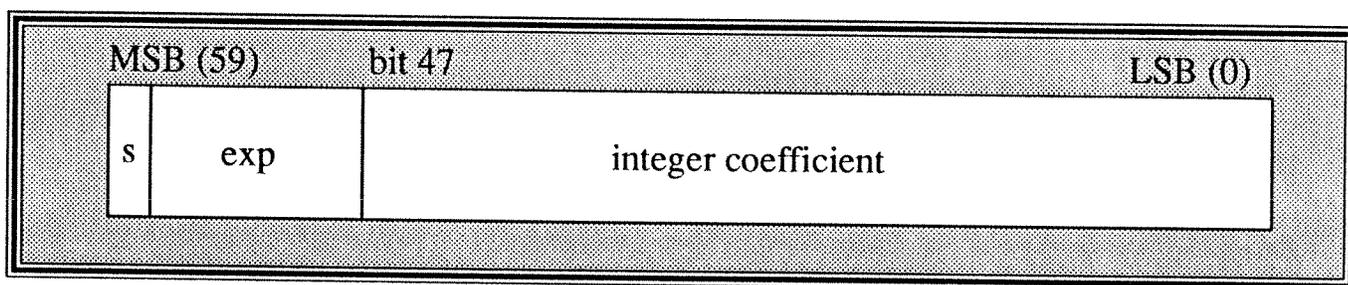
field 140: Model selection code (*ssll*) where *ss* is 01 to 04 for spring through winter; *ll* is 0 to 80 in 10 degree increments for absolute latitude.

field 139: The model pointer is the array index that points to the start of LaRC-supplied model data in the temperature and altitude arrays of the meteorological data.

## Appendix B

### Guide to Floating-point Notation of the CDC Cyber Series Computer

This guide is intended to aid the programmer who is decoding the profile tapes described in this document. All data fields on this tape are in this 60-bit format.



Bits 47 through 0 contain the coefficient of the number (equivalent to about fourteen decimal digits). The binary point is considered to be to the right of bit 0. The exponent is biased by octal 2000: that is, the exponent is represented by an 11-bit quantity (one's complement notation is used for negative numbers), octal 2000 is added to this quantity, and the low order eleven bits are used.

Additionally, real numbers are normalized. A normalized number is one in which bit 47 is the most significant bit; that is, bit 47 is different from bit 59. A special case of a word of all zero bits (positive zero) is also considered a normalized number. For every bit position that the coefficient is shifted to the left to achieve normalization, the exponent is reduced in value by one.

The sign of the number is represented by bit 59; the number is positive if bit 59 is zero and negative if bit 59 is one. Negative numbers are represented in one's complement format.

Minus zero (a word of all one bits) is considered to be equal to positive zero (a word of all zero bits).

The table below summarizes the configuration of bits 58 and 59 and the exponent and coefficient signs resulting from each combination.

Bit 59	Coefficient Sign	Bit 58	Exponent Sign
0	+	1	+
0	+	0	-
1	-	0	+
1	-	1	-

Some examples of floating-point numbers, as they would appear in octal format, are as follows:

Number	Octal Representation
+1.0	1720 4000 0000 0000 0000
+100.0	1726 6200 0000 0000 0000
-100.0	6051 1577 7777 7777 7777
1.0 E64	2245 6047 4037 2237 7720
-1.0 E-64	6404 2570 0025 6605 5305
0	0000 0000 0000 0000 0000

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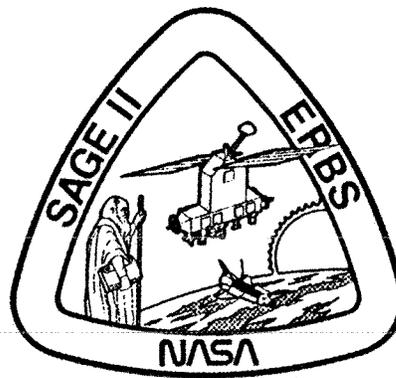
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## INTRODUCTION

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## SPATIAL AND TEMPORAL COVERAGE

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The vertical resolution of the NO<sub>2</sub> profiles is one kilometer and their estimated uncertainty between 20 and 40 kilometers is about  $\pm 10\%$ . Error estimates of the values in each altitude level are included in this data set.

## TAPE FORMAT AND CHARACTERISTICS

The NO<sub>2</sub> profiles for each event are recorded on 2400 foot magnetic tape reels. The tape recording density is 6250 bpi using a 9-track write format. Each record contains one complete event and all its associated data and profiles.

The record length is the same for all records on the tape. Each record is 640 CDC Cyber 60-bit floating-point<sup>2</sup> words in length. This translates to 4800 bytes or 38 400 bits per tape record. A year's sunset profiles are contained on a single tape. Using seasonal boundaries, the tapes start in December of a year and end in November of the next year. Year one of SAGE II data (1985) contains additional data at the beginning of the tape to cover the short period from the instrument's first data day on October 24, 1984, up through the end of November 1984. There are no embedded file marks separating events on a data tape, however, at least one file mark is placed after the last event on the tape to designate the end of information (EOI).

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2. Appendix B contains a floating-point format guide.

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Cyber Words (60-bit)	S i z e	Field Content Description	T y p e	N o t e
<b>40 Kilometer Reference Data</b>				
0001	1	Event Date (yymmdd.0)	(R)	1
0002	1	Event Time (hhmmss.0)	(R)	1
0003	1	Subtangent Latitude (0.0 ± 90.0 degrees)	(R)	
0004	1	Subtangent Longitude (0.0 ± 180.0 degrees)	(R)	
0005	1	Spacecraft-Referenced Event Type (0.0 = sunrise; 1.0 = sunset)	(R)	2
0006	1	Earth-Referenced Event Type (0.0 = sunrise; 1.0 = sunset)	(R)	2
0007	1	Spacecraft Beta Angle (0.0 ± 61.0 degrees)	(R)	3
0008	1	Coded Time of Year (ddd.fract)	(R)	4
<b>NMC Meteorological Data (see Appendix A)</b>				
0009-0033	25	Temperature (Kelvin)	(R)	
0034-0058	25	Temperature Error (Kelvin)	(R)	
0059-0083	25	Geometric Altitude (meters)	(R)	
0084-0108	25	Air Density (grams/cubic meter)	(R)	
0109-0133	25	Air Density Error (percent)	(R)	
0134	1	Temperature Correction Value for 5.0 Millibar Level (Kelvin)	(R)	
0135	1	Temperature Correction Value for 2.0 Millibar Level (Kelvin)	(R)	
0136	1	Temperature Correction Value for 1.0 Millibar Level (Kelvin)	(R)	
0137	1	Temperature Correction Value for 0.4 Millibar Level (Kelvin)	(R)	
0138	1	"Meteorological Data Not Complete" Flag (0=complete; 1=incomplete)	(R)	
0139	1	"Start of Model Meteorological Data" Array Index Pointer (1 - 19)	(R)	
0140	1	Model Meteorological Data Selection Code (ssll)	(R)	
0141	1	Revision Date of LaRC Meteorological Model (yymmdd.0)	(R)	
<b>NASA/LaRC Processing Information</b>				
0142	1	LaRC Driver Revision Level	(R)	
0143	1	LaRC Transmission Revision Level	(R)	
0144	1	LaRC Inversion Revision Level	(R)	
0145	1	LaRC Event Tag (yymmddhhmm.sq)	(R)	5
0146	1	LaRC Processing Date (yymmdd.0)	(R)	1
0147	1	LaRC Processing Time (hhmmss.0)	(R)	1
0148	1	Mean Subtangent Altitude for Event Limb Calibration (kilometers)	(R)	6
0149	1	<b>Value Designated as the Data Fill Number for this Event</b>	(R)	7
<b>Event Ground-Track Slew Data</b>				
0150-0157	8	Subtangent Altitude (kilometers)	(R)	
0158-0165	8	Corresponding Latitude (0.0 ± 90.0 degrees)	(R)	
0166-0173	8	Corresponding Longitude (0.0 ± 180.0 degrees)	(R)	
0174	1	Time Span of Data from Level 1 through 70 (seconds)	(R)	
<b>Altitude and Meteorological Data for Profile Arrays</b>				
0175-0244	70	Geometric Altitude (kilometers)	(R)	9
0245-0314	70	Corresponding Pressure (millibars)	(R)	9
0315-0384	70	Corresponding Temperature (Kelvin)	(R)	9
0385-0390	6	Spare		
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# SAGE II NO<sub>2</sub> PROFILE RECORD FORMAT

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Cyber Words (60-bit)	S i z e	Field Content Description	T y p e	N o t e
<b>Channel Optical Depth Profile--Quality Estimations</b>				
391	1	Spare		
392	1	Spare		
393	1	Spare		
394	1	Spare		
395	1	453 nm Wavelength Quality Factor	(R)	8
396	1	448 nm Wavelength Quality Factor	)R)	8
397	1	Spare		
0398-0400	3	Spare		
<b>NO<sub>2</sub> Profiles</b>				
0401-0460	70	Number Density (molecules/cm <sup>3</sup> )	(R)	9
0461-0520	70	Number Density Error (molecules/cm <sup>3</sup> )	(R)	9
0521-0580	70	Volumetric Mixing Ratio (v/v)	(R)	9
0581-0640	70	Volumetric Mixing Ratio Error (v/v)	(R)	9
End of Event Record				
(Notes on the next page)				

# SAGE II NO<sub>2</sub> PROFILE RECORD FORMAT

## Record Format Notes

### GENERAL NOTES

- Each field of the event record contains one 60-bit CDC-Cyber floating point number.
- All time and data references are to GMT, except Fields 146 and 147 which are LaRC processing time.
- All latitudes and longitudes are given at the event subtangent point.
- If any field in the event record is considered invalid, or has missing data, a fill value will be placed in that field. For each event record, that fill value can be found in Field 149. (See Note 7, below)
- Each profile level is centered at the 0.5 kilometer point and spans 1.0 kilometer.

### DATA FIELD NOTES

1. The "yymmdd.0" and "hmmss.0" fields are generated by the FORTRAN statements:  
$$\text{DATE} = \text{FLOAT}(\text{IYY} \cdot 10000 + \text{IMM} \cdot 100 + \text{IDD}) \ \& \ \text{TIME} = \text{FLOAT}(\text{IHH} \cdot 10000 + \text{IMM} \cdot 100 + \text{ISS})$$
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4. The Coded Time of Year field is the time at the beginning of the event (not the same time as Fields 1 and 2), and is generated by the FORTRAN statement:  
$$\text{CODTIME} = \text{FLOAT}(\text{DOY}) + (\text{SOD}/86400.0); \quad \text{where} \ \text{DOY} = \text{day of year (1-366)} \ \text{and} \\ \text{SOD} = \text{seconds of the day (0.0-86399.99...)}$$
5. The LaRC Event Tag is generated similarly to Note 1. The ".sq" at the end of the value is the event number of the day divided by 100.
6. The Mean Subtangent Altitude for Event Limb Calibration field contains the altitude at which data for the exoatmospheric solar image was gathered for use in solar limb normalization for the event.
7. The Value Designated as the Data Fill Number for This Event field must be used determine what data in the event record is valid. If any field, other than this one, contains this number, that field has no valid information and should not be used by the investigator.
8. The Quality Factor fields for each wavelength are equal to 1.0 minus the summation of the optical depth errors at each profile level from 20.5 to 59.5 kilometers. In cases where a 40 kilometer span cannot be realized, the quality factor is proportioned to a 40 kilometer span to allow a better comparison across wavelengths and other events.
9. The values of altitude, pressure, and temperature in their seventy-element arrays correspond to the sixty-element arrays within the record. Altitude coincidence for all these arrays is at element 1.

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If NOAA cannot supply meteorological data as above, LaRC determines the highest pressure level for which data are supplied and then inserts model data from the next level up to the lowest pressure level of 0.01 millibars. Only temperature and altitude information are supplied using these model data: Temperature error, density, and density error will contain "fill" data for the corresponding levels that contain the LaRC-supplied data.

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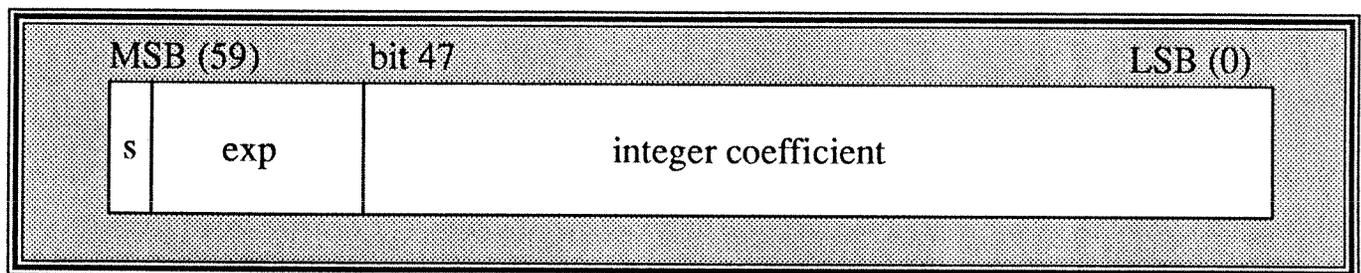
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1	-	0	+
1	-	1	-

Some examples of floating-point numbers, as they would appear in octal format, are as follows:

Number	Octal Representation
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+100.0	1726 6200 0000 0000 0000
-100.0	6051 1577 7777 7777 7777
1.0 E64	2245 6047 4037 2237 7720
-1.0 E-64	6404 2570 0025 6605 5305
0	0000 0000 0000 0000 0000

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SAGE II WATER AEROSOL PROFILE TAPES  
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THIS DATA SET CONSISTS OF 5 TAPES. THE TAPES ARE 6250 BPI, BINARY 9-TRACK, WITH ONE FILE OF DATA, WRITTEN IN CDC 60 BIT FLOATING POINT WORDS. THE TAPES WERE CREATED ON A CYBR COMPUTER. THE D AND C NUMBERS AND TIME SPAN ARE AS FOLLOWS:

D#	C#	TIME SPANS
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D-83701	C-28137	01/01/86-12/31/86
D-83752	C-28211	01/01/87-12/31/87
D-83753	C-28212	01/01/88-12/31/88
D-88267	C-29425	01/01/89-12/31/89
D-104130	C-031250 (2 files)	01/01/90-05/29/91

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July 3, 1991

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Dear Ralph:

I am sending under separate cover SAGE II water vapor data covering calendar years 1986, 1987, and 1988 for archival. This is the first SAGE II water vapor data to be submitted. Data for 1989 and 1990 are currently being processed and will be shipped as it becomes available. Water vapor data from the first year following launch in November 1984 is still being analyzed in an attempt to remove the El Chichon volcanic influence. A format guide is enclosed for your use. A "Water Vapor User's Guide" is being assembled and will be provided soon.

If you have any questions please call Mr. Mike Rowland at FTS 928-2691 or me at FTS 928-2674.

Sincerely,



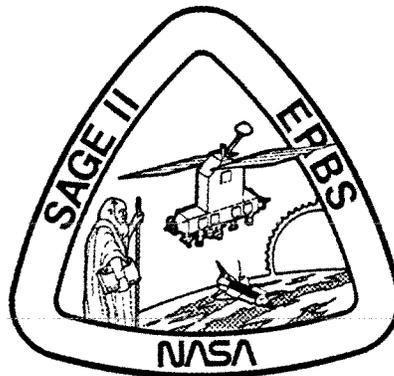
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# The Water Vapor Profile User's Guide for the Stratospheric Aerosol and Gas Experiment II (SAGE II)

## INTRODUCTION

The Stratospheric Aerosol and Gas Experiment II (SAGE II) is a payload installed aboard the Earth Radiation Budget Satellite (ERBS) that was launched on October 5, 1984, from NASA Space Shuttle Flight 41-G.

The SAGE II instrument is a multi-channel spectral radiometer that measures the attenuation of solar radiation at seven wavelengths as they pass through the Earth's atmosphere during the spacecraft's sunrise and sunset events (see Ref. 4). In one day's time the ERBS spacecraft encounters approximately fifteen sunrise and fifteen sunset events. The SAGE II instrument captures solar radiation data for each event. The data span a vertical distance from about 140 kilometers to the horizon or a cloud top. The ground-track slew distance during data capture varies directly with the duration of the event. Event duration will vary with the beta angle of the event; the larger the absolute beta angle, the longer the event will be.

At various times of the day, the instrument data are transmitted to an Earth station and forwarded to Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC) in Greenbelt, Maryland. There, the SAGE II experiment data are screened, reformatted, and placed on magnetic tape for shipment to NASA/Langley Research Center in Hampton, Virginia. The Aerosol Research Branch at Langley merges the experiment data with the spacecraft ephemeris information and the corresponding meteorological data. The merged data set is then processed to generate channel transmission information and, finally, the inverted products of vertical profiles of the measured atmospheric constituents.

Reference 6 provides the details about vertical profile inversions of the measured atmospheric constituents measured by SAGE II. The inversion of SAGE II data provides altitude profiles of:

- 1) aerosol extinctions at 1020, 525, 453, & 385 nm,
- 2) ozone concentration,
- 3) nitrogen dioxide concentration, and
- 4) water vapor concentration.

These data can be used by researchers to study the temporal and spatial variability of each species and their effect on atmospheric processes and climate.

Both unprocessed solar radiance data from the SAGE II instrument and the resulting constituent profile data sets are stored on magnetic tapes and made available to the science

community through the National Space Science Data Center (NSSDC) at the NASA/Goddard Space Flight Center, Code 633, Greenbelt, Maryland 20771.

## SPATIAL AND TEMPORAL COVERAGE

The ERBS orbital geometry is such that SAGE II sunrise and sunset observations are repeated every orbit (96 to 97 minutes). Tangent locations of the consecutive events of the same type (either sunrise or sunset) are separated by approximately 24 degrees longitude. There are about fifteen sunrises and fifteen sunsets in each 24-hour period. The locations of observation sweep over various latitude ranges, depending on the season, of approximately 130 degrees latitude in a 2- to 3-week period. Maximum latitudinal coverage over a year extends from approximately 80S to 80N degrees latitude.

The water vapor profiles are retrieved from the SAGE II measurements between the surface or cloud top to about 40 km altitude. The vertical resolution of the retrieved profiles is 3 km in the stratosphere. The vertical resolution improves to 1 km in the troposphere where SAGE II measurements provide extensive water vapor data into the lower troposphere.

The random component of the uncertainties associated with the retrieved water vapor profiles is estimated to be about 20 percent and is dominated by the measurement errors. The best estimates on the systematic errors of these profiles is one ppmv in the stratosphere where ozone uncertainty dominates the error from 25 km altitude and up, while aerosol uncertainty dominates the error between 10 and 25 km. Below 10 km, the systematic error is estimated to be about 10 percent and is caused by the uncertainty in the water vapor line parameters. It should be noted that the aerosol contribution to the systematic error is time dependent, and the above estimates are only valid for the time period after the summer of 1985.

## TAPE FORMAT AND CHARACTERISTICS

The H<sub>2</sub>O profiles for each event are recorded on 2400 foot magnetic tape reels. The tape recording density is 6250 bpi using a 9-track write format. Each record contains one complete event and all its associated data and profiles.

The record length is the same for all records on the tape. Each record is 760 CDC Cyber 60-bit floating-point words in length. This translates to 5700 bytes or 45 600 bits per tape record. A year's profiles are contained on a single tape. Using seasonal boundaries, the tapes start in December of a year and end in November of the next year. The currently archived water vapor data begins with January 1986 (year 2 of SAGE II) and ends with November 1988 (year 4 of SAGE II). There are no embedded file marks separating events on a data tape, however, at least one file mark is placed after the last event on the tape to designate the end of information (EOI).

# SAGE II H<sub>2</sub>O PROFILE RECORD FORMAT

Cyber Words (60-bit)	Size	Field Content Description	Type	Note
<b>40 Kilometer Reference Data</b>				
0001	1	Event Date (yymmdd.0)	(R)	1
0002	1	Event Time (hhmmss.0)	(R)	1
0003	1	Subtangent Latitude (0.0 ± 90.0 degrees)	(R)	
0004	1	Subtangent Longitude (0.0 ± 180.0 degrees)	(R)	
0005	1	Spacecraft-Referenced Event Type (0.0 = sunrise; 1.0 = sunset)	(R)	2
0006	1	Earth-Referenced Event Type (0.0 = sunrise; 1.0 = sunset)	(R)	2
0007	1	Spacecraft Beta Angle (0.0 ± 61.0 degrees)	(R)	3
0008	1	Coded Time of Year (ddd.fract)	(R)	4
<b>NMC Meteorological Data (see Appendix A)</b>				
0009-0033	25	Temperature (Kelvin)	(R)	
0034-0058	25	Temperature Error (Kelvin)	(R)	
0059-0083	25	Geometric Altitude (meters)	(R)	
0084-0108	25	Air Density (grams/cubic meter)	(R)	
0109-0133	25	Air Density Error (percent)	(R)	
0134	1	Temperature Correction Value for 5.0 Millibar Level (Kelvin)	(R)	
0135	1	Temperature Correction Value for 2.0 Millibar Level (Kelvin)	(R)	
0136	1	Temperature Correction Value for 1.0 Millibar Level (Kelvin)	(R)	
0137	1	Temperature Correction Value for 0.4 Millibar Level (Kelvin)	(R)	
0138	1	"Meteorological Data Not Complete" Flag (0=complete; 1=incomplete)	(R)	
0139	1	"Start of Model Meteorological Data" Array Index Pointer (1 - 19)	(R)	
0140	1	Model Meteorological Data Selection Code (sll)	(R)	
0141	1	Revision Date of LaRC Meteorological Model (yymmdd.0)	(R)	
<b>NASA/LaRC Processing Information</b>				
0142	1	LaRC Driver Revision Level	(R)	
0143	1	LaRC Transmission Revision Level	(R)	
0144	1	LaRC Inversion Revision Level	(R)	
0145	1	LaRC Event Tag (yymmddhhmm.sq)	(R)	5
0146	1	LaRC Processing Date (yymmdd.0)	(R)	1
0147	1	LaRC Processing Time (hhmmss.0)	(R)	1
0148	1	Mean Subtangent Altitude for Event Limb Calibration (kilometers)	(R)	6
0149	1	<b>Value Designated as the Data Fill Number for this Event</b>	(R)	7
<b>Event Ground-Track Slew Data</b>				
0150-0157	8	Subtangent Altitude (kilometers)	(R)	
0158-0165	8	Corresponding Latitude (0.0 ± 90.0 degrees)	(R)	
0166-0173	8	Corresponding Longitude (0.0 ± 180.0 degrees)	(R)	
0174	1	Time Span of Data from Level 1 through 70 (seconds)	(R)	
<b>Altitude and Meteorological Data for Profile Arrays</b>				
0175-0244	70	Geometric Altitude (kilometers)	(R)	9
0245-0314	70	Corresponding Pressure (millibars)	(R)	9
0315-0384	70	Corresponding Temperature (Kelvin)	(R)	9
0385-0390	6	Spare		
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# SAGE II H<sub>2</sub>O PROFILE RECORD FORMAT

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Cyber Words (60-bit)	S i z e	Field Content Description	T y p e	N o t e
<b>Channel Optical Depth Profile—Quality Estimations</b>				
391	1	Spare	(R)	8
392	1	940 nm Waveleg ity Factor		
393	1	Spare		
394	1	Spare		
395	1	Spare		
396	1	Spare		
397	1	Spare		
0398-0400	3	Spare		
<b>H<sub>2</sub>O Profiles</b>				
0401-0460	60	Number Density (molecules/cm <sup>3</sup> )	(R)	9/10
0461-0520	60	Number Density Error (molecules/cm <sup>3</sup> )	(R)	9
0521-0580	60	Volumetric Mixing Ratio (v/v)	(R)	9/10
0581-0640	60	Volumetric Mixing Ratio Error (v/v)	(R)	9
0641-0700	60	Contribution of Arosol (percent)	(R)	
0701-0760	60	1020 nm Aerosol Extinction (km <sup>-3</sup> )	(R)	
End of Event Record				
(Notes on the next page)				

# SAGE II H<sub>2</sub>O PROFILE RECORD FORMAT

## Record Format Notes

### GENERAL NOTES

- Each field of the event record contains one 60-bit CDC–Cyber floating point number.
- All time and data references are to GMT, except Fields 146 and 147 which are LaRC processing time.
- All latitudes and longitudes are given at the event subtangent point.
- If any field in the event record is considered invalid, or has missing data, a fill value will be placed in that field. For each event record, that fill value can be found in Field 149. (See Note 7, below)
- Each profile level is centered at the 0.5 kilometer point and spans 1.0 kilometer.

### DATA FIELD NOTES

1. The "yymmdd.0" and "hhmmss.0" fields are generated by the FORTRAN statements:  
$$\text{DATE} = \text{FLOAT}(\text{IYY} \cdot 10000 + \text{IMM} \cdot 100 + \text{IDD}) \ \& \ \text{TIME} = \text{FLOAT}(\text{IHH} \cdot 10000 + \text{IMM} \cdot 100 + \text{ISS})$$
2. Spacecraft–Referenced Event Type and Earth–Referenced Event Type fields are normally the same type, but, if the absolute value of the Spacecraft Beta Angle is close to 61 degrees, their types may be different. The Earth–Referenced Event Type field is based on a ground–observer's viewpoint.
3. The Spacecraft Beta Angle field is defined as the angle generated by the intersection of the Earth–Sun vector and the spacecraft orbit plane.
4. The Coded Time of Year field is the time at the beginning of the event (not the same time as Fields 1 and 2), and is generated by the FORTRAN statement:  
$$\text{CODTIME} = \text{FLOAT}(\text{DOY}) + (\text{SOD}/86400.0); \quad \text{where} \ \text{DOY} = \text{day of year (1–366)} \ \text{and} \\ \text{SOD} = \text{seconds of the day (0.0–86399.99...)}$$
5. The LaRC Event Tag is generated similarly to Note 1. The ".sq" at the end of the value is the event number of the day divided by 100.
6. The Mean Subtangent Altitude for Event Limb Calibration field contains the altitude at which data for the exoatmospheric solar image was gathered for use in solar limb normalization for the event.
7. The Value Designated as the Data Fill Number for This Event field must be used determine what data in the event record is valid. If any field, other than this one, contains this number, that field has no valid information and should not be used by the investigator.
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9. The values of altitude, pressure, and temperature in their seventy–element arrays correspond to the sixty–element arrays within the record. Altitude coincidence for all these arrays is at element 1.
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# Appendix A

## Meteorological Data

Meteorological data are supplied to Langley Research Center by NOAA/National Weather Service – Climate Analysis Branch, in Washington, D.C. Data for temperature, temperature error, geometric altitude, air density, and air density error are provided for eighteen pressure levels and at the derived tropopause pressure. The pressure levels (mb) correspond to the 25–element meteorological data arrays (1 to 25) as follows: 1000, 850, 700, 500, 400, 300, 250, 200, 150, 100, 70, 50, 30, 10, 5, 2, 1, 0.4, 0.04, 0.01, *spare*, *spare*, *spare*, *spare*, and derived tropopause pressure. Elements 19 and 20 contain climatological model data for temperature and altitude only. Elements 21 through 24 contain "fill" values, and element 25 contains the NOAA–supplied tropopause information.

If NOAA cannot supply meteorological data as above, LaRC determines the highest pressure level for which data are supplied and then inserts model data from the next level up to the lowest pressure level of 0.01 millibars. Only temperature and altitude information are supplied using these model data: Temperature error, density, and density error will contain "fill" data for the corresponding levels that contain the LaRC–supplied data.

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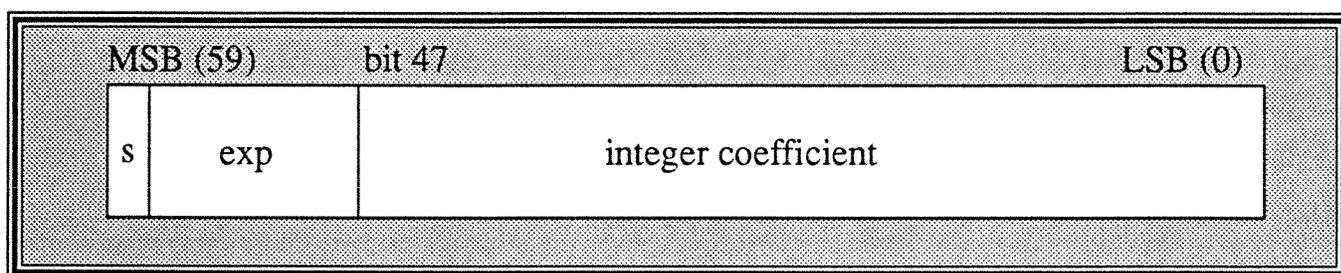
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( 2928)	206017155301	503552122633	171545611301	024175061715	410710221513	257317147176	671233245734	171462546330
( 2976)	647576631714	542135157160	056317144646	666576544642	171441475065	521122501713	723575203615	445617136261
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