

## 6. Description of Published Data

### 6.1. Overview

Published “Version 0” data from the NSF Ultraviolet Spectral Irradiance Monitoring Network include:

- Tables in ASCII comma separated value (CSV) format, denoted “Databases”, and described in detail in Section 6.2. There are eight different types of Databases with the following contents:
  - **Database 1** includes system parameters and is maintained for quality control purposes.
  - **Database 2** includes measurements at specific wavelengths, which were extracted from full-resolution spectra. These databases provide an easy way to analyze time series over extended periods.
  - **Database 3** includes spectral integrals (e.g., UV-B and UV-A) and weighted spectral irradiances (“dose-rates”). A total of six biological action spectra have been implemented, including the CIE action spectrum for erythema and Setlow’s action spectrum for DNA damage.
  - **Database 4** combines the most important quantities of Databases 2 and 3.
  - **Database 5** includes information from response scans and can be used for monitoring system stability.
  - **Daily Dose Databases** include spectral integrals and dose-rates from Database 3 integrated over 24 hour time periods.
  - **GUV Database 1** includes measurements of GUV multi-channel filter radiometers at times coincident with SUV spectra. This database is best suited for comparing GUV and SUV measurements.
  - **GUV Database 2** includes measurements of GUV multi-channel filter radiometers at the sampling rate of the instrument, i.e. minute-by-minute averages. This database has the best time resolution of all data products, but file sizes are typically large.

Ancillary solar measurements with Eppley PSP and TUVB radiometers are part of Databases 1–3.

- **Solar spectra in full resolution** between 280 and 605 nm. Each spectrum is stored in a separate file. File formats are described in Section 6.3.

Due to differences in hardware and processing routines, the database structure of measurements from the SUV-150B at Summit is somewhat different from the structure of SUV-100 databases. Database structures of both instrument types are discussed in Section 6.2.

The quality-controlled data set currently encompasses the years 1988 – 2007. The data set is broken into different volumes, shown in Figure 6.1. Network data are distributed via the Internet; CD-ROMs or DVDs are available on request. Format and contents of published data have evolved over the years. See Section 6.4 for a detailed description of CD-ROM contents of each volume. Data from previous volumes, including corresponding network operations reports in PDF-format, are available at the website [www.biospherical.com/NSF/](http://www.biospherical.com/NSF/).

A subset of most current data, which has not yet undergone complete quality review, is posted on the website [www.biospherical.com/nsf/login/update.asp](http://www.biospherical.com/nsf/login/update.asp), and updated frequently. These data have to be regarded as preliminary, and investigators are cautioned that they are subject to revision. We encourage researchers to use “Version 2” network data as an alternative to Version 0 data described in this report. Version 2 data have higher accuracy and additional data products and can be accessed at [www.biospherical.com/nsf/Version2](http://www.biospherical.com/nsf/Version2).

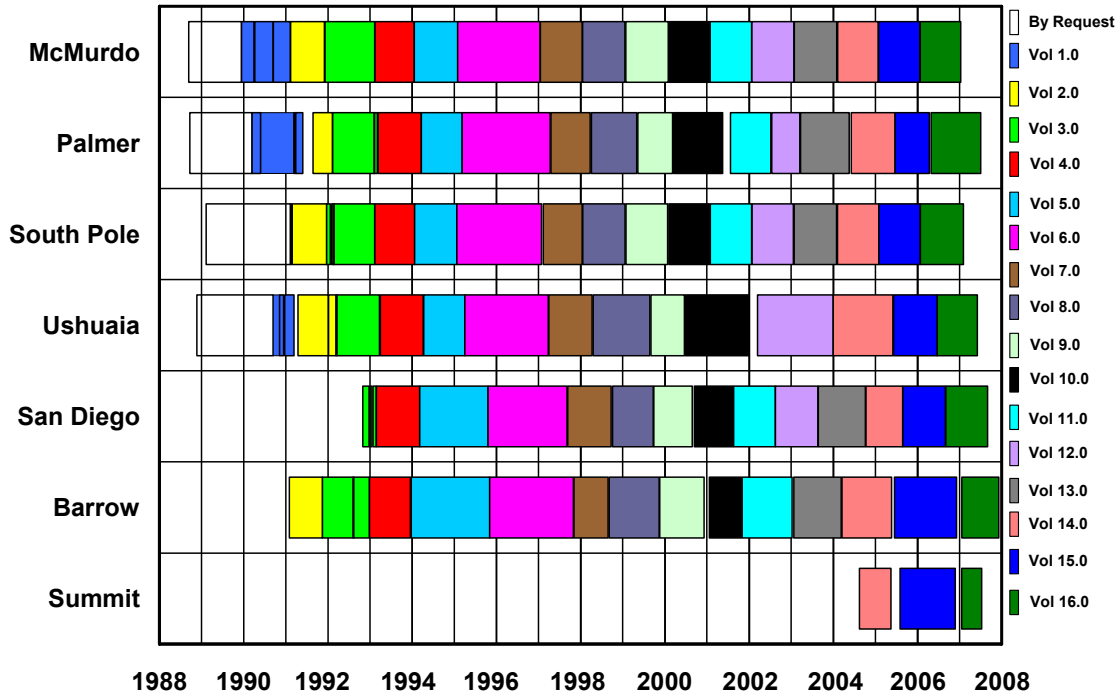


Figure 6.1. Availability of NSF network data, Volumes 1.0 through 16.0.

## 6.2. Contents of Databases

The contents of Databases 1 – 5, the Daily Dose Database, and GUV Databases 1 and 2 are described in detail below. This information is specific to Volumes 7–16. Please see historical Operation Reports for additional information on the database structure of earlier volumes.

### 6.2.1. Database 1: Instrument Parameters during Solar Scans

Database 1 is a “housekeeping” database to monitor system performance, and does not include solar irradiance data with the exception of measurements of Eppley Laboratory PSP and TUVB radiometers (Section 2.4.1). It records various system parameters measured during data scans such as system temperatures, wavelength offsets, and system noise levels. Table 6.1 shows the structure of Database 1 for Volume 16 measurements of SUV-100 spectroradiometers.

Table 6.1 refers to data scan items as **A**, **B**, and **C** rather than 1, 2, and 3. This notation was first introduced in Volume 6 and differs from the format of earlier volumes. It accommodates both old (Volumes 1 – 5) and new (Volumes 6 – 16) data scan formats. New-type data scans are performed at two different high voltages, and all variables can be related to either HV setting: **A** (high setting) or **C** (low setting). The format for Volumes 1 – 5 used three different high voltages. The assignment of the labels **A**, **B**, and **C** to the different items of a data scan is shown in Table 6.2 for both formats.

The structure of Database 1 for SUV-150B data is provided in Table 6.3. Data scans of the SUV-150B are divided in 4 items, labeled A, B, C, D, see Section 4.1.1.2. Average TSI and PSP measurements are provided for each item.

**Table 6.1. Database 1 structure for SUV-100 measurements, Volumes 7 – 16.**

Col.	Field Name	Unit	Comment
1	DataScan		See Section 6.2.9. <i>Glossary of Database Notation</i>
2	Volume		“16” for Volume 16
3	ErrorCode		All should be 0 (otherwise error condition)
4	RespScan		See Section 6.2.9. <i>Glossary of Database Notation</i>
5	WIScan		See Section 6.2.9. <i>Glossary of Database Notation</i>
6	WICorr		Identifies wavelength calibration source
7	LampCal		Identifies responsivity calibration source
8	AXSSCorr		Identifies AXSS calibration source
9	TimeA		Start time of Item 1 data scan. See Section 6.2.9. <i>Glossary of Database Notation</i>
10	Site		Site identifier. See Section 6.2.9. <i>Glossary of Database Notation</i>
11	WIOffset	nm	Wavelength offset before correction was applied
12	Bandwidth	nm	Bandwidth of 296.728 nm mercury line
13	HV_A	V	High voltage settings. HV_A > HV_C. See Table 6.2.
14	HV_C	V	
15	DC_A	nA	PMT dark current at each high voltage. See Table 6.2.
16	DC_C	nA	
17	maxC_A	nA	
18	maxC_C	nA	Maximum PMT current at each high voltage. See Table 6.2.
19	MonoT_A	°C	Average monochromator temperature at the beginning of data scan
20	MonoT_C	°C	Average monochromator temperature at the end of data scan
21	TSI_A	V	Average TSI reading at the beginning of data scan
22	TSI_C	V	Average TSI reading at the end of data scan
23	WIPot_A	nm	Average wavelength analog potentiometer reading at the beginning of data scan
24	WIPot_C	nm	Average wavelength analog potentiometer reading at the end of data scan
25	UpBoxT_A	°C	Average upper enclosure temperature at the beginning of data scan
26	UpBoxT_C	°C	Average upper enclosure temperature at the end of data scan
27	PSP_A	mW / cm <sup>2</sup>	Average Eppley PSP reading at the beginning of data scan
28	PSP_C	mW / cm <sup>2</sup>	Average Eppley PSP reading at the end of data scan
29	TUVR_A	mW / cm <sup>2</sup>	Average Eppley TUVR reading at the beginning of data scan
30	TUVR_C	mW / cm <sup>2</sup>	Average Eppley TUVR reading at the end of data scan
31	Ground_A	V	AXSS ground reference at the beginning of data scan
32	Ground_C	V	AXSS ground reference at the end of data scan
33	LoBoxT_A	°C	Average lower enclosure temperature at the beginning of data scan
34	LoBoxT_C	°C	Average lower enclosure temperature at the end of data scan
35	TSIcv	V	TSI coefficient of variation (cloud change indicator)
36	DCstdevA	nA	Dark current standard deviation at each high voltage. See Table 6.2.
37	DCstdevC	nA	
38	AcqVersion		Version of data acquisition software
39	AnalVersion		Version of data analysis software

**Table 6.2. Data scan item identification.**

Label in Database 1	Volume 1-5 Format	Current Format
A	Item 1	Item 1
B	Item 2	Not available
C	Item 3	Items 2, 3 and 4

**Table 6.3. Database 1 structure for SUV-150B measurements, Volume 16.**

Col.	Field Name	Unit	Comment
1	DataScan		See Section 6.2.9. <i>Glossary of Database Notation</i>
2	Volume		“16” for Volume 16
3	ErrorCode		All should be 0 (otherwise error condition)
4	RespScan		See Section 6.2.9. <i>Glossary of Database Notation</i>
5	WIScan		See Section 6.2.9. <i>Glossary of Database Notation</i>
6	WICorr		Identifies wavelength calibration source
7	LampCal		Identifies responsivity calibration source
8	AXSSCorr		Identifies AXSS calibration source
9	TimeA		Start time of data scan. See Section 6.2.9. <i>Glossary of Database Notation</i>
10	ZenithA		Solar zenith angle at start of Item A data scan
11	Site		Site identifier. See Section 6.2.9. <i>Glossary of Database Notation</i>
12	WIOffset	nm	Wavelength offset before correction was applied
13	Bandwidth	nm	Bandwidth of 296.728 nm mercury line
14	DC	A	PMT dark current
15	DCstdev	A	Standard deviation of PMT dark current
16	maxC	A	Maximum PMT current during Item C
17	HVCControl	V	PMT high voltage
18	T_Enclosure	°C	Temperature inside instrument enclosure
19	T_PMT	°C	Temperature next to PMT
20	T_Box	°C	Temperature inside instrument enclosure, alternate position
21	T_Response	°C	Temperature at response lamp housing (ambient temperature if response lamp off)
22	T_External	°C	Outside Temperature
23	Humidity	%	Relative humidity inside instrument enclosure
24	Vs12	V	Monitor of 12 V supply voltage
25	Vs24	V	Monitor of 24 V supply voltage
26	VAC	V	Monitor of line voltage (currently not implemented)
27	TECA	V	Monitor of supply voltage thermoelectric cooler (currently not implemented)
28	LampV	V	Monitor of voltage applied to response lamp (currently not implemented)
29	Ground	V	Ground reference
30	Door	V	Indicator whether enclosure door is closed
31	T_IntSph	°C	Temperature inside integrating sphere
32	LevelA	degree	Level of integrating sphere about axis A
33	LevelB	degree	Level of integrating sphere about axis B
34	TSI_A	V	Average TSI reading from Item A data scan
35	TSI_B	V	Average TSI reading from Item B data scan
36	TSI_C	V	Average TSI reading from Item C data scan
37	TSI_D	V	Average TSI reading from Item D data scan
38	TSIev	V	Standard deviation TSI
39	PSP_A	mW / cm <sup>2</sup>	Average Eppley PSP reading from Item A data scan
40	PSP_B	mW / cm <sup>2</sup>	Average Eppley PSP reading from Item B data scan
41	PSP_C	mW / cm <sup>2</sup>	Average Eppley PSP reading from Item C data scan
42	PSP_D	mW / cm <sup>2</sup>	Average Eppley PSP reading from Item D data scan

### 6.2.2. Database 2: Solar Spectral Irradiance at Selected Wavelengths

Database 2 contains a variety of spectral irradiance values at selected wavelengths. These wavelengths were chosen to either mark “round numbers” (i.e. 300 nm) or meet the requests of various investigators who have expressed a particular interest in certain wavelengths. Irradiance is calculated based on linear interpolation from the two nearest data points. The TSI data are the averages of all readings during each data scan segment. The PSP and TUVR data are the averages of the readings taken over the second item.

Table 6.4. shows the structure of Database 2 applicable to Volume 7 - 16. The structure for measurements of SUV-100 and SUV-150B spectroradiometers is nearly identical. Exceptions are indicated in Table 6.4 and affect columns 3, 7, 8, and 40.

**Table 6.4. Database 2 structure of Volumes 7 – 16, SUV-100 and SUV-150B.**

Col.	Field Name	Unit	Comment
1	DataScan		See Section 6.2.9. <i>Glossary of Database Notation</i>
2	Volume		“16” for Volume 16
3	TimeB (TimeC)		Start time of Item 2 data scan. (SUV-150B: Start time of Item C). See Section 6.2.9. <i>Glossary of Database Notation</i>
4	Site		Site identifier. See Section 6.2.9.
5	Abnormal		Identifies data with reduced accuracy
6	ZenithB (Zenith C)	degrees	Sun position at the beginning of Item 2 (SUV-150B: Item C).
7	AzimuthB (AzimuthC)	degrees	Sun position at the beginning of Item 2 (SUV-150B: Item C).
8	E285_A	$\mu\text{W} / (\text{nm cm}^2)$	Solar spectral irradiance at 285 nm from Item 1 data scan
9	E285_C	$\mu\text{W} / (\text{nm cm}^2)$	Solar spectral irradiance at 285 nm from Item 3 data scan
10	E290	$\mu\text{W} / (\text{nm cm}^2)$	Solar spectral irradiance at 290 nm
11	E295	$\mu\text{W} / (\text{nm cm}^2)$	Solar spectral irradiance at 295 nm
12	E297	$\mu\text{W} / (\text{nm cm}^2)$	Solar spectral irradiance at 297 nm
13	E298	$\mu\text{W} / (\text{nm cm}^2)$	Solar spectral irradiance at 298 nm
14	E299	$\mu\text{W} / (\text{nm cm}^2)$	Solar spectral irradiance at 299 nm
15	E300	$\mu\text{W} / (\text{nm cm}^2)$	Solar spectral irradiance at 300 nm
16	E302_5	$\mu\text{W} / (\text{nm cm}^2)$	Solar spectral irradiance at 302.5 nm
17	E305	$\mu\text{W} / (\text{nm cm}^2)$	Solar spectral irradiance at 305 nm
18	E306_5	$\mu\text{W} / (\text{nm cm}^2)$	Solar spectral irradiance at 306.5 nm
19	E307_5	$\mu\text{W} / (\text{nm cm}^2)$	Solar spectral irradiance at 307.5 nm
20	E308_26	$\mu\text{W} / (\text{nm cm}^2)$	Solar spectral irradiance at 308.26 nm
21	E310_1	$\mu\text{W} / (\text{nm cm}^2)$	Solar spectral irradiance at 310.1 nm
22	E313	$\mu\text{W} / (\text{nm cm}^2)$	Solar spectral irradiance at 313 nm
23	E313_5	$\mu\text{W} / (\text{nm cm}^2)$	Solar spectral irradiance at 313.5 nm
24	E316_8	$\mu\text{W} / (\text{nm cm}^2)$	Solar spectral irradiance at 316.8 nm
25	E320	$\mu\text{W} / (\text{nm cm}^2)$	Solar spectral irradiance at 320 nm
26	E325	$\mu\text{W} / (\text{nm cm}^2)$	Solar spectral irradiance at 325 nm
27	E332_01	$\mu\text{W} / (\text{nm cm}^2)$	Solar spectral irradiance at 332.01 nm
28	E337_28	$\mu\text{W} / (\text{nm cm}^2)$	Solar spectral irradiance at 337.28 nm
29	E340	$\mu\text{W} / (\text{nm cm}^2)$	Solar spectral irradiance at 340 nm
30	E349	$\mu\text{W} / (\text{nm cm}^2)$	Solar spectral irradiance at 349 nm
31	E350	$\mu\text{W} / (\text{nm cm}^2)$	Solar spectral irradiance at 350 nm
32	E380	$\mu\text{W} / (\text{nm cm}^2)$	Solar spectral irradiance at 380 nm
33	E400	$\mu\text{W} / (\text{nm cm}^2)$	Solar spectral irradiance at 400 nm
34	E500	$\mu\text{W} / (\text{nm cm}^2)$	Solar spectral irradiance at 500 nm
35	E600	$\mu\text{W} / (\text{nm cm}^2)$	Solar spectral irradiance at 600 nm
36	TSI_A	V	Average TSI reading from Item 1 data scan
37	TSI_B	V	Average TSI reading from Item 2 data scan
38	TSI_C	V	Average TSI reading from Item 3 data scan
39	PSP_B	$\text{mW} / \text{cm}^2$	Average Eppley PSP reading from Item 2 data scan
40	TUVR_B	$\text{mW} / \text{cm}^2$	Average Eppley TUVB reading from Item 2 data scan (Only SUV-100)

### 6.2.3. Database 3: Integrals and Dose-Rates

Database 3 contains a variety of integrals and dose-rates, for example erythemally weighted irradiance (column 27 of database 3). Table 6.5 shows the header of Database 3, while Tables 6.6 and 6.7 include the database structure for integrals, and dose-rates, respectively. The structure for measurements of SUV-100 and SUV-150B spectroradiometers is nearly identical. Exceptions are indicated in the tables.

**Table 6.5. Database 3 structure of Volumes 7 – 16 (Columns 1-7).**

Col.	Field Name	Unit	Comment
1	DataScan		See Section 6.2.9. <i>Glossary of Database Notation</i>
2	Volume		“16” for Volume 16
3	TimeB (TimeC)		Start time of Item 2 data scan. (SUV-150B: Start time of Item C). See Section 6.2.9. <i>Glossary of Database Notation</i>
4	Abnormal		Identifies data with reduced accuracy
5	Site		Site identifier. See Section 6.2.9. <i>Glossary of Database Notation</i>
6	ZenithB (Zenith C)	Degrees	Sun position at the beginning of Item 2 (SUV-150B: Item C).
7	AzimuthB (AzimuthC)	Degrees	Sun position at the beginning of Item 2 (SUV-150B: Item C).

All integrals are defined by  $\int_{\lambda_1}^{\lambda_2} E(\lambda)d\lambda$ , where  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  are specified in Table 6.6. In some cases, the

mean values of the TSI sensor and Eppley PSP and TUVR radiometers during the particular spectral integration are also available.

**Table 6.6. Database 3 structure of Volumes 7 – 16. Integrals and supporting measurements (Columns 8-24 and 31-44).**

$\lambda_1$	$\lambda_2$	Comment	Spectral Integral		TSI		Eppley PSP		Eppley TUVR	
			Col.	Unit	Col.	Unit	Col.	Unit	Col.	Unit
290.0 nm	315.0 nm	UV-B	8	$\mu\text{W} / \text{cm}^2$	31	V				
290.0 nm	320.0 nm	UV-B	9	$\mu\text{W} / \text{cm}^2$	32	V	41	$\text{mW} / \text{cm}^2$	43	$\text{mW} / \text{cm}^2$
320.0 nm	360.0 nm	UV-A	10	$\mu\text{W} / \text{cm}^2$	33	V				
360.0 nm	400.0 nm	UV-A	11	$\mu\text{W} / \text{cm}^2$	34	V				
400.0 nm	600.0 nm	Visible	12	$\mu\text{W} / \text{cm}^2$	35	V	42	$\text{mW} / \text{cm}^2$	44	$\text{mW} / \text{cm}^2$
289.855 nm	294.118 nm		13	$\mu\text{W} / \text{cm}^2$						
294.118 nm	298.507 nm		14	$\mu\text{W} / \text{cm}^2$						
298.507 nm	303.03 nm		15	$\mu\text{W} / \text{cm}^2$	36	V				
303.03 nm	307.692 nm		16	$\mu\text{W} / \text{cm}^2$	37	V				
307.692 nm	312.5 nm		17	$\mu\text{W} / \text{cm}^2$	38	V				
312.5 nm	317.5 nm		18	$\mu\text{W} / \text{cm}^2$						
317.5 nm	322.5 nm		19	$\mu\text{W} / \text{cm}^2$						
322.5 nm	327.5 nm		20	$\mu\text{W} / \text{cm}^2$	39	V				
327.5 nm	332.5 nm		21	$\mu\text{W} / \text{cm}^2$						
332.5 nm	337.5 nm		22	$\mu\text{W} / \text{cm}^2$						
337.5 nm	342.5 nm		23	$\mu\text{W} / \text{cm}^2$	40	V				
342.5 nm	347.5 nm		24	$\mu\text{W} / \text{cm}^2$						

Note: This means, for example, that the UV-B (290-320 nm) irradiance is in column 9. The complementing TSI value is in column 32 and is the average of instantaneous TSI measurements of the period when the spectroradiometer was scanning from 290 – 320 nm. The PSP value for the same period can be found in column 41, and the TUVR value in column 43. TUVR data are not available for the SUV-150B.

In columns 25-30 of Database 3 are dose-rates calculated by analyzing the integral  $\int_{290}^{400} E(\lambda)W(\lambda)d\lambda$  for the six different weighting functions  $W(\lambda)$  listed in Table 6.7. Note that the units of weighted and non-weighted integral units are identical, since weighting functions  $W(\lambda)$  are dimensionless. Weighting functions are defined in Section 4.2.3. Spectral and dose-weighted integrals are numerically calculated by using the extended Trapezoidal Rule, utilizing solar data from various items.

**Table 6.7. Database 3 structure of Volumes 7 – 16. Dose weightings (Columns 25-30 and 45).**

Col.	Field Name	Unit
25	Dose1	$\mu\text{W} / \text{cm}^2$
26	Dose2	$\mu\text{W} / \text{cm}^2$
27	Dose3 CIE Erythema	$\mu\text{W} / \text{cm}^2$
28	Setlow	$\mu\text{W} / \text{cm}^2$
29	Hunter	$\mu\text{W} / \text{cm}^2$
30	Caldwell	$\mu\text{W} / \text{cm}^2$
45 (SUV-105B: 43)	W_TSI	$\mu\text{W} / \text{cm}^2$

Note: W\_TSI is an abbreviation of Weighted TSI.

#### 6.2.4. Database 4: General Interest (Short Form)

Database 4 is a compact database combining several quantities from the other databases. The contents of Database 4 were revised several times. Table 6.8 shows the structure used in Volumes 1 – 6. The database was modified for Volumes 7 – 8 (see Table 6.9) to include the most common UV integrals and dose-rates, and the UV Index according to WMO (1994). The 298.507 – 303.03 and 400 – 600 integrals were additionally added from Volume 9 onward (Table 6.10). The structure of the database is now identical to the structure of the databases updated weekly on the website [www.biospherical.com/NSF](http://www.biospherical.com/NSF). The structures of SUV-100 and SUV-150B data are identical.

**Table 6.8. Database 4 structure of Volumes 1 – 6.**

Col.	Field Name	Unit	Comment
1	DataScan		See Section 6.2.9. <i>Glossary of Database Notation</i>
2	TimeDateB		Start time of data scan Item 2. See Section 6.2.9. <i>Glossary of Database Notation</i>
3	Site		Site identifier. See Section 6.2.9. <i>Glossary of Database Notation</i>
4	ZenithA	Degrees (DDD.DD)	Sun position at the beginning of data scan
5	ZenithC	Degrees (DDD.DD)	Sun position at the end of data scan
6	AzimuthA	Degrees (DDD.DD)	Sun position at the beginning data scan
7	AzimuthC	Degrees (DDD.DD)	Sun position at the end of data scan
8	UVB_315	$\mu\text{W} / \text{cm}^2$	280-315 nm spectral integral
9	UVB_320	$\mu\text{W} / \text{cm}^2$	280-320 nm spectral integral
10	UVA	$\mu\text{W} / \text{cm}^2$	320-400 nm spectral integral
11	E@300	$\mu\text{W} / (\text{nm cm}^2)$	Solar irradiance at 300 nm
12	E@313.5	$\mu\text{W} / (\text{nm cm}^2)$	Solar irradiance at 313.5nm
13	TSI	V	Average TSI reading
14	PSP	$\text{mW} / \text{cm}^2$	Average Eppley PSP reading
15	TUVR	$\text{mW} / \text{cm}^2$	Average Eppley TUVR reading
16	TSlev		TSI coefficient of variation (cloud change indicator)

**Table 6.9. Database 4 structure of Volumes 7 and 8.**

Col.	Field Name	Unit	Comment
1	DataScan		See Section 6.2.9. <i>Glossary of Database Notation</i>
2	Volume		“8” for Volume 8
3	TimeB		Start time of data scan Item 2. See Section 6.2.9. <i>Glossary of Database Notation</i>
4	Site		Site identifier. See Section 6.2.9. <i>Glossary of Database Notation</i>
5	ZenithB	Degrees (DDD.DD)	Solar zenith angle at beginning of Item 2
6	E290to315	$\mu\text{W} / \text{cm}^2$	290-315 nm spectral integral
7	E290to320	$\mu\text{W} / \text{cm}^2$	290-320 nm spectral integral
8	E315to400	$\mu\text{W} / \text{cm}^2$	315-400 nm spectral integral
9	E320to400	$\mu\text{W} / \text{cm}^2$	320-400 nm spectral integral
10	Dose3 CIE Erythema	$\mu\text{W} / \text{cm}^2$	Erythemally weighted irradiance (CIE action spectrum)
11	Setlow	$\mu\text{W} / \text{cm}^2$	DNA (Setlow) dose-rate, see Section 4.2.3.
12	Hunter	$\mu\text{W} / \text{cm}^2$	Hunter dose-rate, see Section 4.2.3.
13	Caldwell	$\mu\text{W} / \text{cm}^2$	Caldwell dose-rate, see Section 4.2.3.
14	Uvindex		UV Index (equals column 10 multiplied with 0.4)

**Table 6.10. Database 4 structure of Volumes 9 – 16.**

Col.	Field Name	Unit	Comment
1	DataScan		See Section 6.2.9. <i>Glossary of Database Notation</i>
2	Volume		“16” for Volume 16
3	TimeB		Start time Item 2. (SUV-150B: Start time of Item C). See Section 6.2.9. <i>Glossary of Database Notation</i>
4	Site		Site identifier. See Section 6.2.9. <i>Glossary of Database Notation</i>
5	ZenithB	Degrees (DDD.DD)	Solar zenith angle at beginning of Item 2 (SUV-150B: Item C).
6	AzimuthB	Degrees (DDD.DD)	Solar azimuth angle at beginning of Item 2 (SUV-150B: Item C).
7	298_507to303_03	$\mu\text{W} / \text{cm}^2$	298.507-303.03 nm spectral integral
8	E290to315	$\mu\text{W} / \text{cm}^2$	290-315 nm spectral integral
9	E290to320	$\mu\text{W} / \text{cm}^2$	290-320 nm spectral integral
10	E315to400	$\mu\text{W} / \text{cm}^2$	315-400 nm spectral integral
11	E320to400	$\mu\text{W} / \text{cm}^2$	320-400 nm spectral integral
12	400to600	$\mu\text{W} / \text{cm}^2$	400-600 nm spectral integral
13	Dose3 CIE Erythema	$\mu\text{W} / \text{cm}^2$	Erythemally weighted irradiance (CIE action spectrum)
14	Setlow	$\mu\text{W} / \text{cm}^2$	DNA (Setlow) dose-rate, see Section 4.2.3.
15	Hunter	$\mu\text{W} / \text{cm}^2$	Hunter dose-rate, see Section 4.2.3.
16	Caldwell	$\mu\text{W} / \text{cm}^2$	Caldwell dose-rate, see Section 4.2.3.
17	Uvindex		UV Index (equals column 13 multiplied with 0.4)

### 6.2.5. Database 5: Instrument Parameters during Response Scans

Database 5 contains information sampled during response scans that can be used to assess the calibration stability of the instrument. Entries in Database 5 correspond to the date/time of response scans performed with the internal irradiance reference lamp, as opposed to the date/time of the data scans (as in the other four databases). Database 5 contains information about system environmental stability as well as 45-Watt lamp irradiances for up to six different high voltages.

The format of this database has evolved over the years. Table 6.11 shows the Database 5 structure of SUV-100 measurements, which is applicable to Volumes 7 – 16. Table 6.12 shows the structure of SUV-150B measurements. Since the PMT high voltage remains constant, a response scan of the SUV-150B includes only two items with the internal lamp energized.

**Table 6.11. Database 5 structure Volumes 7 – 16, SUV-100.**

Col.	Field Name	Unit	Comment
1	RespScan		See Section 6.2.9. <i>Glossary of Database Notation</i>
2	Volume		“16” for Volume 16
3	ErrorCode		Should be 0 (otherwise error condition)
4	WIScan		See Section 6.2.9. <i>Glossary of Database Notation</i>
5	WICorr		Identifies wavelength calibration source
6	AXSSCorr		Identifies AXSS calibration source
7	Time		Start time Item 1 of response scan. See Section 6.2.9. <i>Glossary of Database Notation</i>
8	Site		Site identifier. See Section 6.2.9. <i>Glossary of Database Notation</i>
9	WIOffset	nm	Wavelength offset before correction was applied
10, 21, 32, 43, 54, 65	HV <sub>i</sub>	V	High voltage setting during Item i, where i = 1 – 6.
11, 22, 33, 44, 55, 66	MaxPMT <sub>i</sub>	nA	Maximum PMT current from 45 W lamp during Item i
12, 23, 34, 45, 56, 67	PMT300 <sub>i</sub>	nA	PMT current from 45 W lamp at 300 nm during Item i
13, 24, 35, 46, 57, 68	PMT340 <sub>i</sub>	nA	PMT current from 45 W lamp at 340 nm during Item i
14, 25, 36, 47, 58, 69	PMT370 <sub>i</sub>	nA	PMT current from 45 W lamp at 370 nm during Item i
15, 26, 37, 48, 59, 70	PMT400 <sub>i</sub>	nA	PMT current from 45 W lamp at 400 nm during Item i
16, 27, 38, 49, 60, 71	PMT600 <sub>i</sub>	nA	PMT current from 45 W lamp at 600 nm during Item i
17, 28, 39, 50, 61, 72	MonoT <sub>i</sub>	°C	Average monochromator temperature during Item i
18, 29, 40, 51, 62, 73	TSI <sub>i</sub>	V	Average TSI reading during Item i
19, 30, 41, 52, 63, 74	WIPot <sub>i</sub>	V	Average wavelength analog potentiometer reading during Item i
20, 31, 42, 53, 64, 75	LoBoxT <sub>i</sub>	°C	Average lower enclosure temperature during Item i



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76	UpBoxT	°C	Average upper enclosure temperature
77	Ground	V	AXSS ground reference
78	WIPeakHeight	nA	Height of 296.728 nm Hg peak (assessed from wavelength scan)
79	WIPeakWidth	nA	Width of 296.728 nm Hg peak (assessed from wavelength scan)
80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85	DMM <sub>i</sub>	V	45W lamp current monitor during Item i =1-6
86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91	DMM2 <sub>i</sub>	V	Reference DMM reading during Item i=1-6 (site visit only)

Note: Items with smaller consecutive numbers are represented first, e.g., PMT current from the 45-Watt lamp during Item 1 is represented in Columns 12-16, PMT current during Item 2 is in Columns 23-27, etc.

**Table 6.12. Database 5 structure Volume 16, SUV-150B.**

Col.	Field Name	Unit	Comment
1	RespScan		See Section 6.2.9. <i>Glossary of Database Notation</i>
2	Volume		“16” for Volume 16
3	ErrorCode		Should be 0 (otherwise error condition)
4	WIScan		See Section 6.2.9. <i>Glossary of Database Notation</i>
5	WICorr		Identifies wavelength calibration source
6	AXSSCorr		Identifies AXSS calibration source
7	Time		Start time Item 1 of response scan. See Section 6.2.9. <i>Glossary of Database Notation</i>
8	Site		Site identifier. See Section 6.2.9. <i>Glossary of Database Notation</i>
9	WIOffset	nm	Wavelength offset before correction was applied
10	DC	A	PMT dark current
11	DCstdev	A	Standard deviation of PMT dark current
12	maxC	A	Maximum PMT current during Item C
13, 25	PMT300 <sub>i</sub>	A	PMT current from 45 W lamp at 300 nm during Item i (i=1, 2)
14, 26	PMT340 <sub>i</sub>	A	PMT current from 45 W lamp at 340 nm during Item i
15, 27	PMT370 <sub>i</sub>	A	PMT current from 45 W lamp at 370 nm during Item i
16, 28	PMT400 <sub>i</sub>	A	PMT current from 45 W lamp at 400 nm during Item i
17, 29	PMT600 <sub>i</sub>	A	PMT current from 45 W lamp at 600 nm during Item i
18, 30	TSI <sub>i</sub>	V	Average TSI reading during Item i
19, 31	T_Box <sub>i</sub>	°C	Enclosure temperature, alternate position
20, 32	T_PMT <sub>i</sub>	°C	Temperature next to PMT
21, 33	T_Response <sub>i</sub>	°C	Temperature of response lamp housing
22, 34	DMM <sub>i</sub>	A	Lamp current measured by high precision shunt and voltmeter
23, 35	PSVolts <sub>i</sub>	V	Lamp voltage at terminals of power supply
24, 36	PSAmps <sub>i</sub>	A	Lamp current reported by power supply
37	HVControl	V	PMT high voltage
38	T_Enclosure	°C	Temperature inside instrument enclosure
39	T_External	°C	Outside temperature
40	Humidity	%	Relative humidity inside instrument enclosure
41	Vs12	V	Monitor of 12 V supply voltage
42	Vs24	V	Monitor of 24 V supply voltage
43	VAC	V	Monitor of line voltage (currently not implemented)
44	TECA	V	Monitor of supply voltage thermoelectric cooler (not implemented)
45	LampV	V	Monitor of voltage applied to response lamp (not implemented)
46	Ground	V	Ground reference
47	Door	V	Indicator whether enclosure door is closed

### 6.2.6. Daily Dose Database

Starting with Volume 9, databases containing daily dose values were added to the suite of data products. These databases include spectral integrals and dose-rates from Database 3, integrated over 24 hour time periods. The method of calculating these integrals is explained in Section 4.2.4. Daily Dose Databases are much smaller in size compared to Databases 1 – 4 since there is only one value per day and site. Volume 16 data also include measurements from previous volumes.

Table 6.13 shows the structure of the Daily Dose Databases. The same structure applies to SUV-100 and SUV-150B data. Some fields need further explanation:

- **“Date”** hold date and time assigned to the daily dose values. Date and time refer to Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) and are encoded into a single number where the integer part is the day number relative to January 1, 1900 (day 1 corresponds to 1/1/1900). The fractional part is the time of day (see Section 6.2.7 *Glossary of Database Notation* for further explanation). The encoded time stamp refers to approximate local solar noon (01:00z for McMurdo Station; 16:00z for Palmer Station; 12:00z for South Pole Station; 17:00z for Ushuaia; 20:00z for San Diego, 21:00z for Barrow, and 15:00z for Summit). Integration boundaries for daily dose calculations are the given time  $\pm$ 12 hours. For example: The daily dose for McMurdo assigned to the Date/Time stamp 36826.04167 (i.e. 10/27/00 01:00 GMT) is the integral of spectral irradiance between 10/26/00 13:00 GMT and 10/27/00 13:00 GMT.
- **“Maximum\_time\_gap”** is the maximum time-gap in solar measurements during the integration period between sunrise and sunset in seconds. If the time-gap is larger than 15000 seconds, no doses are published. Gaps smaller than this limit are filled by spline interpolation, see Section 4.2.4 for details.

**Table 6.13. Daily Dose Database Structure.**

Col.	Field Name	Unit	Comment
1	Date		Date assigned to the daily dose value. See text for detailed explanation.
2	Site		Site identifier. See Section 6.2.9. <i>Glossary of Database Notation</i>
3	Volume		“16” for Volume 16
4	Minimum_Zenith	Degrees (DDD.DD)	Minimum solar zenith angle occurring during solar scans performed during the integration period.
5	Maximum_Time_Gap	Seconds	Maximum time gap. See text for detailed explanation.
6	E290to315	$\text{kJ} / \text{m}^2$	Daily dose 290 – 315 nm integral
7	E290to320	$\text{kJ} / \text{m}^2$	Daily dose 290 – 320 nm integral
8	E320to360	$\text{kJ} / \text{m}^2$	Daily dose 320 – 360 nm integral
9	E360to400	$\text{kJ} / \text{m}^2$	Daily dose 360 – 400 nm integral
10	E400to600	$\text{kJ} / \text{m}^2$	Daily dose 400 – 600 nm integral
11	E289_855to294_118	$\text{kJ} / \text{m}^2$	Daily dose 289.855 – 294.118 nm integral
12	E294_118to298_507	$\text{kJ} / \text{m}^2$	Daily dose 294.118 – 298.507 nm integral
13	E298_507to303_03	$\text{kJ} / \text{m}^2$	Daily dose 298.507 – 303.03 nm integral
14	E303_03to307_692	$\text{kJ} / \text{m}^2$	Daily dose 303.03 – 307.692 nm integral
15	E307_692to312_5	$\text{kJ} / \text{m}^2$	Daily dose 307.692 – 312.5 nm integral
16	E312_5to317_5	$\text{kJ} / \text{m}^2$	Daily dose 312.5 – 317.5 nm integral
17	E317_5to322_5	$\text{kJ} / \text{m}^2$	Daily dose 317.5 – 322.5 nm integral
18	E322_5to327_5	$\text{kJ} / \text{m}^2$	Daily dose 322.5 – 327.5 nm integral
19	E327_5to332_5	$\text{kJ} / \text{m}^2$	Daily dose 327.5 – 332.5 nm integral
20	E332_5to337_5	$\text{kJ} / \text{m}^2$	Daily dose 332.5 – 337.5 nm integral
21	E337_5to342_5	$\text{kJ} / \text{m}^2$	Daily dose 337.5 – 342.5 nm integral
22	E342_5to347_5	$\text{kJ} / \text{m}^2$	Daily dose 342.5 – 347.5 nm integral
23	Dose1	$\text{kJ} / \text{m}^2$	Daily dose calculated from “Dose1,” see Section 4.2.3
24	Dose2	$\text{kJ} / \text{m}^2$	Daily dose calculated from “Dose2,” see Section 4.2.3
25	Dose3 CIE Erythema	$\text{kJ} / \text{m}^2$	Daily erythemal (CIE) dose, see Section 4.2.3
26	Setlow	$\text{kJ} / \text{m}^2$	Daily “Setlow” dose, see Section 4.2.3
27	Hunter	$\text{kJ} / \text{m}^2$	Daily “Hunter” dose, see Section 4.2.3
28	Caldwell	$\text{kJ} / \text{m}^2$	Daily “Caldwell” dose, see Section 4.2.3

Table 6.14 shows for each site time periods and volumes included in Volume 16 Daily Dose Databases.

**Table 6.14. Time Periods Included in Daily Dose Databases Published as Part of Volume 16.**

Site	Volumes	Time Period
McMurdo	1 – 16	12/15/89 – 01/13/07
Palmer	1 – 16	03/19/90 – 07/03/07
South Pole	2 – 16	02/18/91 – 01/24/07
Ushuaia	1 – 16	09/13/90 – 06/05/07
San Diego	3 – 16	10/30/92 – 08/28/07
Barrow	2 – 16	01/30/91 – 11/11/07
Summit	14 – 16	08/15/04 – 07/10/07

### 6.2.7. GUV Database 1

This database contains data from GUV multi-channel filter radiometers recorded concurrently with measurements of the SUV spectroradiometers. For example, data of the GUV's 305 nm channel were selected for times when the SUV was scanning at 305 nm. Due to the finite scan time of the SUV, GUV data from different channels have a different time stamp. This database was first published in Volume 12.

GUV measurements were calibrated against SUV data (Section 4.3). GUV product labels have either the suffix "U" or "C." The suffix "C" implies that SUV measurements were corrected for the SUV's cosine error before they were correlated against GUV data for establishing the GUV's calibration. The suffix "U" implies that SUV measurements were not corrected for the cosine error. The "C"-dataset is more accurate, but the "U"-dataset is better suited for comparison with "Version 0" SUV data described in this report, which have not been corrected for the cosine error. The structure of GUV Database 1 is provided in Table 6.15. The suffix "X" may either be "U" or "C."

**Table 6.15. Structure of GUV Database 1.**

Column label	Description	Unit	Remark
Datascan	Filename of associated SUV scan, See Section 6.2.9.		
GUV S/N	Serial number GUV radiometer		
Time matching SZA	Time in UT matching solar zenith angle. See Section 6.2.9.	Days since 1-Jan-1900	
Site	Site identifier. See Section 6.2.9.		
SZA	Solar zenith angle	degree	
Calibration File	Filename of GUV calibration file		
Time305	Time in UT when SUV scanned at 305 nm	Days since 1-Jan-1900	
GUVraw305	Uncalibrated GUV signal of 305 nm channel	volts	
Time313	Time in UT when SUV scanned at 313 nm. See Section 6.2.9.	Days since 1-Jan-1900	
GUVraw313	Uncalibrated GUV signal of 313 nm channel	volts	
Time320	Time in UT when SUV scanned at 320 nm. See Section 6.2.9.	Days since 1-Jan-1900	
GUVraw320	Uncalibrated GUV signal of 320 nm channel	volts	
Time340	Time in UT when SUV scanned at 340 nm. See Section 6.2.9.	Days since 1-Jan-1900	
GUVraw340	Uncalibrated GUV signal of 340 nm channel	volts	
Time380	Time in UT when SUV scanned at 380 nm. See Section 6.2.9.	Days since 1-Jan-1900	
GUVraw380	Uncalibrated GUV signal of 380 nm channel	volts	
TimePAR	Time in UT when SUV scanned at 500 nm. See Section 6.2.9.	Days since 1-Jan-1900	
GUVrawPAR	Uncalibrated GUV signal of PAR channel	volts	
PAR_X	Photosynthetically Active Radiation (PAR)	$\mu\text{E}/(\text{cm}^2 \text{ s})$	1
305nm_X	Spectral irradiance at 305 nm	$\mu\text{W}/(\text{cm}^2 \text{ nm})$	2

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313nm_X	Spectral irradiance at 313 nm	$\mu\text{W}/(\text{cm}^2 \text{ nm})$	2
320nm_X	Spectral irradiance at 320 nm	$\mu\text{W}/(\text{cm}^2 \text{ nm})$	2
340nm_X	Spectral irradiance at 340 nm	$\mu\text{W}/(\text{cm}^2 \text{ nm})$	2
380nm_X	Spectral irradiance at 380 nm	$\mu\text{W}/(\text{cm}^2 \text{ nm})$	2
400nm_X	Spectral irradiance at 400 nm	$\mu\text{W}/(\text{cm}^2 \text{ nm})$	3
500nm_X	Spectral irradiance at 500 nm	$\mu\text{W}/(\text{cm}^2 \text{ nm})$	3
600nm_X	Spectral irradiance at 600 nm	$\mu\text{W}/(\text{cm}^2 \text{ nm})$	3
UVB315_X	Integral of spectral irradiance between 290 and 315 nm	$\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$	
UVB320_X	Integral of spectral irradiance between 290 and 320 nm	$\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$	
UVA315-360_X	Integral of spectral irradiance between 315 and 360 nm	$\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$	
UVA320-360_X	Integral of spectral irradiance between 320 and 360 nm	$\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$	
UVA360-400_X	Integral of spectral irradiance between 360 and 400 nm	$\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$	
UVA315-400_X	Integral of spectral irradiance between 315 and 400 nm	$\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$	
UVA320-400_X	Integral of spectral irradiance between 320 and 400 nm	$\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$	
VIS_X	Integral of spectral irradiance between 400 and 600 nm	$\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$	4
Dose1_X	Spectral irradiance weighted with erythema action spectrum by Komhyr and Machta (1973)	$\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$	5
Dose2_X	Spectral irradiance weighted with erythema action spectrum by Diffey (1987)	$\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$	5
CIE_X	Spectral irradiance weighted with CIE erythema action spectrum	$\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$	5
UVIndex_X	UV Index according to WMO (1994)		
Erythema_Anders_X	Spectral irradiance weighted with erythema action spectrum by Anders (1995)	1/s	5
RBM501_X	Spectral irradiance weighted with RBM response function	$\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$	5
SetlowBSI_X	Spectral irradiance weighted with action spectrum for DNA damage by Setlow, 1974; BSI parameterization	$\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$	5
SetlowBSI_300_X	Spectral irradiance weighted with action spectrum for DNA damage by Setlow, 1974; BSI parameterization normalized at 300 nm	$\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$	5
SetlowTUV_X	Spectral irradiance weighted with action spectrum for DNA damage by Setlow, 1974; TUV parameterization	$\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$	5
SetlowNDSC_X	Spectral irradiance weighted with action spectrum for DNA damage by Setlow, 1974; NDSC parameterization	$\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$	5
SCUP-h_X	Spectral irradiance weighted with action spectrum for skin cancer in mice corrected for human skin by Gruijl et al. (1993)	$\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$	5
SCUP-m_X	Spectral irradiance weighted with action spectrum for skin cancer in mice by Gruijl et al. (1993)	$\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$	5
Caldwell_X	Spectral irradiance weighted with action spectrum for generalized plant response by Caldwell (1971)	$\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$	5
Flint_X	Spectral irradiance weighted with action spectrum for plant growth by Flint and Caldwell (2003)	$\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$	5
Hunter_X	Spectral irradiance weighted with action spectrum for northern anchovy by Hunter (1979)	$\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$	5
Boucher_X	Spectral irradiance weighted with action spectrum for inhibition of phytoplankton carbon fixation by Boucher et al. (1994)	(mg C) / (mg chl s)	5
Cullen_phaerodactylum.txt_X	Spectral irradiance weighted with action spectrum for inhibition of phytoplankton photosynthesis of phaeodactylum by Cullen et al. (1994)		5
Cullen_prorocentrum.txt_X	Spectral irradiance weighted with action spectrum for inhibition of phytoplankton photosynthesis of prorocentrum by Cullen et al. (1994)		5
Neale_Antarctic_X	Spectral irradiance weighted with action spectrum for inhibition of photosynthesis by Cullen and Neale. (1997)		5
TSI_X	Spectral irradiance weighted with TSI response function (Figure 2.6)	$\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$	
GUVSP_305_9_X	Spectral irradiance weighted with response function of GUV 305 channel		6
Ozone_short_X	Spectral irradiance weighted with an exponential function; sometimes used for ozone calculation		
Lookuptable	Filename of lookup table used for ozone calculation		
w_short	Short-wavelength data product used for ozone calculation		
w_long	Long-wavelength data product used for ozone calculation		
TotalOzone	Total column ozone	Dobson Unit	

Remarks to Table 6.15:

1. Units of PAR are  $\mu\text{E}/(\text{cm}^2 \text{ s}) = \text{microEinstein}/(\text{cm}^2\text{s}) = 10^{-6} \text{ molphotons}/(\text{cm}^2\text{s})$
2. The “action spectra” for the calculation of spectral irradiances are triangular functions with a bandwidth of 1 nm FWHM centered at the specified wavelengths.
3. Spectral irradiances at 400, 500, and 600 nm were extrapolated from spectral irradiances measured at 340 and 380 nm. Values should be treated with caution due to uncertainties of this extrapolation.
4. The integral calculated from the 400 - 600 nm range was extrapolated from spectral irradiances measured at 340 and 380 nm. Values should be treated with caution due to uncertainties of this extrapolation.
5. For parameterization of action spectra see links in document <http://www.biospherical.com/nsf/login/GUV/description-GUV-data-products.html>
6. The definition of this data product is different for every GUV.

### 6.2.8. GUV Database 2

This database contains data from the GUV multi-channel filter radiometers that were averaged over the period of one minute. Data products included in this file are the same as in GUV database 1, but have a 15-times better time resolution. This database was first published in Volume 12. GUV measurements were calibrated against cosine corrected measurements of the collocated SUV-100 spectroradiometer. GUV product labels have the suffix “C,” indicating that the cosine-corrected SUV data set was used. The structure of GUV Database 2 is provided in Table 6.16.

**Table 6.16. Structure of GUV Database 2.**

Column label	Description	Unit	Remark
GUV S/N	GUV serial number		
Site	Site identifier. See Section 6.2.9.		
Calibration File	Filename of GUV calibration file		
Time	Time in UT	Days since 1-Jan-1900	
SZA	Solar zenith angle	degree	
GUVraw305	Uncalibrated GUV signal of 305 nm channel after subtraction of offset	volts	
GUVraw313	Uncalibrated GUV signal of 313 nm channel after subtraction of offset	volts	
GUVraw320	Uncalibrated GUV signal of 320 nm channel after subtraction of offset	volts	
GUVraw340	Uncalibrated GUV signal of 340 nm channel after subtraction of offset	volts	
GUVraw380	Uncalibrated GUV signal of 380 nm channel after subtraction of offset	volts	
GUVrawPAR	Uncalibrated GUV signal of PAR channel after subtraction of offset	volts	
PAR_X	Photosynthetically Active Radiation	$\mu\text{E}/(\text{cm}^2\text{s})$	
305nm_C	Spectral irradiance at 305 nm	$\mu\text{W}/(\text{cm}^2 \text{ nm})$	
Structure between Columns 305nm_C and TotalOzone is identical with structure of GUV Database 1, see Table 6.15.			
TotalOzone	Total column ozone	Dobson Unit	

### 6.2.9. Glossary of Database Notation

- **Scan File Name:**

***SFYYHHMM.DDD,***

Where

- *S* is a site code letter from Table 6.17.
- *F* specifies the type of the scan (D stands for the data scan, R - for the response, M - for a multiple segment wavelength scan, W - for a two segment wavelength scan)

The remaining nine digits specify the scheduled date/time for the beginning of the scan

- *YY* - year (two digits)
- *HH* - hour (two digits)
- *MM* - minute (two digits)
- *DDD* - Day of Year (three digits)

**Table 6.17. Site identifiers**

Site Code Letter	Site ID Number	Site
A	1	McMurdo, Antarctica
B	2	Palmer, Antarctica
C	3	South Pole, Antarctica
D	4	Ushuaia, Argentina
E	5	San Diego, California
F	6	Barrow, Alaska
J	7	Summit, Greenland

For Volume 7 data, the Site ID Number was mistakenly set in front of the scan file name, i.e. File Name is of the form NSFYYHHMM.DDD, where N is Site ID Number.

- **Date and Time:**

The date/time recorded in the data files refers to Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) time alias Universal Time (UT). Time encoded in the filename is the time at the start of the scan. Date/time given in the fields "TimeA" (Database 1), TimeB (Databases 2 – 4), and "Time" (Database 5) are encoded into a single number where the integer part is the day number relative to January 1, 1900. Day 1 corresponds to 1/1/1900. The fractional part is the time of day. For example, the fractional part multiplied with 24 gives the hour of the measurement. (When the file is decoded by Microsoft Excel, the date value will automatically be translated into a correct date/time string, if the box "1904 date system" of the "Tools -> Options -> Calculation"-menu is unchecked). "TimeA" gives time at the start of Item 1 of a data scan; "TimeB" reflects time at start of Item 2 of a data scan. On some occasions, the time of the system control computer was set incorrectly. Unless otherwise noted, data were time-corrected during data analysis. In this case the times given in the Databases are correct but the time encoded in the filename was sometimes not changed and may still be in error. Affected periods are identified by "Readme" files on CD-ROMs.

- **Solar Angles:**

Solar angles are calculated using a modification of the "Solar Ephemeris Program," adapted from solar Ephemeris algorithms published in Wilson (1980). The zenith angle is 0 if the sun is directly overhead. For all sites except the South Pole, an azimuth angle of 0 refers to geographic north. At the South Pole an azimuth angle of 0 refers to the prime meridian, often denoted "Grid North."

- **-999 / Missing or Defective data:**

"-999" were used historically to mark data that are missing, obtained during an instrument

overload, or defective for some other reason. From Volume 7 onward, such fields are empty.

- **Units of measure** are compiled in Table 6.18.

**Table 6.18. Units of measure.**

Quantity	Unit
Wavelength	nm
Voltage	V
PMT Current SUV-100	nA
PMT Current SUV-150B	A
Spectral irradiance	$\mu\text{W} / (\text{cm}^2 \text{ nm})$
Spectral integrals and dose-rates	$\mu\text{W} / \text{cm}^2$
Daily Doses	$\text{kJ} / \text{m}^2$
Auxiliary sensors non-calibrated (TSI) *	V
Auxiliary sensors calibrated (Eppley sensors) **	$\text{mW} / \text{cm}^2$
Ozone	DU (Dobson Units) ***

*Note:* \* TSI (UV-A region sensor) - see Section 2.1.2.

\*\* Eppley Sensors - see Section 2.1.2.

\*\*\* A Dobson unit (DU) is defined as a milli-atmosphere-centimeter of ozone at standard pressure. A value of 292 DU would correspond to all the ozone in the atmosphere compressed into a layer 2.92 mm.

### 6.3. Format of Solar Irradiance Spectra Files

There are four types of spectral irradiance files: files containing high-resolution (wavelength increment = 0.2 nm), medium-resolution (wavelength increment = 0.5 nm), and low-resolution (wavelength increment = 1, 2.5 or 5 nm, depending on the time and site) spectral irradiance. The fourth file type contains “composite spectra”, which are assembled from high-, medium-, and low-resolution data. Wavelength increments correspond to the wavelength-steps of data scan items (Section 4.1.1). All files contain calibrated data, not the original “raw” data. Spectral irradiance files have the following naming convention

**STYYHHMM.DDD,**

Where

- **S** is the site code letter from the Table 6.17
- **T** represents the type of data scan: **L**ow resolution, **M**edium resolution, **H**igh resolution, or **C**omposite scan
- **HH** - hour (two digits)
- **MM** - minute (two digits)
- **DDD** - Day of Year (three digits)

The contents and format of spectral irradiance files have evolved over the years. The exact contents of these files is given below separately for each Volume. Despite differences, there are also common features. All published spectral irradiance file are in CSV text format. They all have two lines of header, followed by two or three columns, which include the spectrum. The first column is wavelength in nm, the second column is irradiance in  $\mu\text{W} / (\text{cm}^2 \text{ nm})$ . From Format 1C onwards, there is also a third column with TSI measurements. Note that, although the original data were recorded on even wavelength increments (280.0, 280.2, etc.), the data here occur over somewhat irregular increments. This is due to corrections for monochromator drive offsets and non-linearities in the drive system, as described in Section 4.2.2. Negative irradiances are due to system noise. Entries showing “-999” should not be included in calculations because they are used to indicate missing data or data that occurred during overload conditions.

**Format 1A (Volume 1, except Barrow):**

This file structure occurs at all sites of the Volume 1.0 CD-ROM except Barrow. The time and date are expressed as ASCII strings as shown in the following example. The second line contains a single entry describing the number of points following. The following is an example of the first few lines of one of the files.

```
10/25/1990, 17:01:21
176
279.91 , 0.162E-03
280.10 , -.190E-03
280.30 , -.192E-03
280.50 , -.343E-03
280.70 , 0.198E-02
etc.
```

**Format 1B (Volume 1, Barrow):**

This file structure occurs only in the Barrow data of the Volume 1.0 CD-ROM. The time and date are expressed in the native Microsoft format, in which the fractional part of the date is the fractional part of the day and the integer part is the number of days since 1/1/1990. The format of the remaining lines is identical to Format 1A.

```
33416.8801
176
280.04 , -.165E-03
280.24 , -.290E-03
280.44 , 0.847E-04
280.64 , -.422E-03
etc.
```

**Format 1C (Volumes 2 and 3):**

Format 1C combines the Excel-style date/time long precision real number format (as in format 1B) with the more common text strings for date and time in the first line. In line two, in addition to listing the number of points in the remaining lines of data, solar zenith and azimuth angles (see Section 6.2.6) recorded at the start of the scan is added. In addition to wavelength and spectral irradiance columns there is a third column with TSI sensor measurements. The TSI reading normally appears with every fifth wavelength-irradiance pair. This reading can be helpful in determining cloud cover changes during the spectral scan.

```
04/01/91,00:01:06, 33329.0007638889
176 , 68.53796 , 204.1531
280.64 , -.456E-03,0.150E+01
280.84 , -.357E-03,
281.04 , -.271E-03,
281.24 , -.498E-03,
281.44 , -.264E-03,
281.64 , -.443E-03,0.150E+01
etc.
```

**Format 1D (Volumes 4, 5, and part of Volume 6):**

Format 1D expresses date/time as an ASCII string. The first line contains not only the start and end time of a segment, but also the duration. The format of the remaining lines is identical to Format 1C.

```
1/1/95 0:01, 1/1/95 0:04, 0:02:42
176, 66.95, 180.48
279.91, -0.00002, 3.50513
280.11, -0.00022,
280.31, -0.00048,
280.51, 0.00043,
280.71, -0.00047,
280.91, -0.00022, 3.50024
etc.
```



**Format 2A (Part of Volume 6, and Volumes 7 – 16, SUV-100)**

A part of the CD-ROM Volume 6 spectra and all SUV-100 spectra of Volume 7 – 16 are published in the “composite” Format 2A. Composite irradiance spectra include the high-, medium-, and low-resolution parts of a data scan, in a single file. Unlike Format 1D, Format 2A does not have equal steps in the wavelength domain. Composite scans consist of three sections – high-, medium-, and low-resolution – combined together at 344 nm and 404 nm, respectively. As shown below, there are irregularities in TSI reading frequencies around these points, normally every tenth wavelength-irradiance pair. The size of a typical composite scan does not exceed 12 KB. The header lines of Format 2A are the same as in Format 1D.

```
8/28/98 0:01:12,8/28/98 0:12:02,0:10:50
641,63.09,205.76
.....
342.33, 48.8242, 5.6923
342.53, 49.05429,
342.73, 49.48007,
342.93, 49.87489,
343.14, 50.15921,
343.34, 49.77986,
343.54, 48.30101,
343.74, 45.59745,
343.94, 42.40682,
344.14, 39.48264,
344.34, 37.98429, 5.68741
344.84, 41.22701,
345.34, 46.85482, 5.69718
345.84, 46.79203,
346.34, 45.38802,
346.85, 47.7859,
```

*etc.*

**Format 2B (Volume 14 – 16, SUV-150B)**

Format 2B is identical to Format 2A, except that date and time are provided for every wavelength in the last column. Date and time are encoded into a single number where the integer part is the day number relative to January 1, 1900, see Section 6.2.9 for details.

```
11/1/04 11:00:00,11/1/04 11:13:31,0:13:31
846,92.97,132.69
280.,-0.00006,0.00006,38292.4583333333
280.2,-0.00005,,38292.4583543113
280.4,0.00007,,38292.4583729384
280.6,0.00005,,38292.4583912037
280.8,0.00007,,38292.458409469
281.,-0.00225,0.00007,38292.4584295428
```

*etc.*

**6.4. CD-ROM / Data Set Contents**

In the following, the contents and directory structure of files published on CD-Rom are described for each Volume. Please see previous network operations reports for a more detailed file description of published data preceding Volume 16.

**Volume 1.0 CD-ROM: 1990 Season**

Two basic types of data appear on the Volume 1.0 UV Radiation Monitoring Network CD-ROM:

- Files with solar irradiance spectra in high, medium- and low resolution
- Databases with spectral integrals and biological dose-rates, presented in both ASCII CSV format and in Microsoft Excel Version 3.0 spreadsheet format.

### **Volume 2.0 and Volume 3.0 CD-ROM: 1991 and 1992 Season**

Four basic types of data appear on the Volumes 2.0 and 3.0 UV Radiation Monitoring Network CD-ROM:

- Files with solar irradiance spectra in high, medium- and low resolution, including solar zenith and azimuth angles at the start of the scan and TSI voltages during the scan.
- Databases similar to those described in Section 6.2, presented in both ASCII CSV format and in Microsoft Excel-PC, Version 4.0 spreadsheet format.
- NASA TOMS Release 6.0 Ozone Data for network sites in ASCII CSV format and Microsoft Excel Version 4.0 spreadsheet format. Data date from 1978.
- Weather data from several sources including WBAN, airport observations, and site operators' observations. Some of the data start from 1973.

### **Volume 4.0 CD-ROM: 1993 Season**

Four basic types of data appear on the Volume 4.0 UV Radiation Monitoring Network CD-ROM:

- Files with solar irradiance spectra in high, medium- and low resolution, including solar zenith and azimuth angles at the start of the scan and TSI voltages during the scan.
- Databases similar to those described in Section 6.2 in ASCII CSV format and in Microsoft Excel-PC, Version 4.0 spreadsheet format.
- NASA TOMS Ozone data for network sites and three additional sites of interest in ASCII CSV format. Data dates from September 1991.
- Weather data obtained from NCAR starting February 1993. Data available for the six network sites and six additional sites of interest.

### **Volume 5.0 CD-ROM: 1994-1995 Season**

Four basic types of appear on the Volume 5.0 UV Radiation Monitoring Network CD-ROM:

- Files with solar irradiance spectra in high, medium- and low resolution, including solar zenith and azimuth angles at the start of the scan and TSI voltages during the scan.
- Databases similar to those described in Section 6.2 in ASCII CSV format
- Ozone data for Spectroradiometer sites and three additional sites of interest. NASA TOMS data available from 9/28/91 through 12/1/94. TOVS data presented by months of interest for 1994 and 1995.
- Weather data obtained from NCAR for time period 12/12/93 - 10/28/95. Data available for the six spectroradiometer sites and six additional sites of interest.

### **Volume 6.0.a and 6.0.b CD-ROMs: 1995-1997 Season**

Four basic types of data appear on the Volumes 6.0.a-b UV Radiation Monitoring Network CD-ROMs:

- Files with solar irradiance spectra in high, medium- and low resolution, as well as composite spectra, including solar zenith and azimuth angles at the start of the scan and TSI voltage during the scan.
- Databases similar to those described in Section 6.2 in ASCII CSV format
- Ozone data for network sites and several additional sites of interest. NASA TOMS data and TOVS data are available from mid-1996 through mid -1997 (actual dates vary by sites).
- Weather data of the spectroradiometer sites for the periods of interest, purchased from National Climatic Data Center.

#### **Dates and Sites covered on Volume 6.0.a:**

McMurdo	02/03/95 – 01/12/97
Palmer	03/12/95 – 04/12/97
South Pole	01/17/95 – 01/17/97
Ushuaia	04/11/95 – 03/25/97

#### **Dates and Sites covered on Volume 6.0.b:**

Barrow	10/28/95 – 10/20/97
San Diego	10/18/95 – 09/02/97

**Volume 7.0.a and 7.0.b CD-ROMs: 1997-1998 Season**

Four basic types of data appear on the Volumes 7.0.a-b UV Radiation Monitoring Network CD-ROMs:

- Files with solar irradiance spectra (composite spectra), including solar zenith and azimuth angles at the start of the scan and TSI voltage during the scan.
- Databases as described in Section 6.2 in ASCII CSV format
- NASA TOMS Earth Probe ozone data for network sites.
- Weather data of the spectroradiometer sites for the periods of interest, purchased from National Climatic Data Center.

**Dates and Sites covered on Volume 7.0.a:**

McMurdo	01/16/97 – 1/13/98
Palmer	04/19/97 – 3/25/98
Ushuaia	04/02/97 – 4/10/98

**Dates and Sites covered on Volume 7.0.b:**

Barrow	10/26/97 – 08/18/98
San Diego	09/09/97 – 09/20/98
South Pole	02/01/97 – 01/03/98

**Volume 8.0.a-c CD-ROMs: 1998-1999 Season**

Four basic types of data appear on the Volumes 8.0.a-c UV Radiation Monitoring Network CD-ROMs:

- Files with solar irradiance spectra (composite spectra), including solar zenith and azimuth angles at the start of the scan and TSI voltage during the scan.
- Databases as described in Section 6.2 in ASCII CSV format
- NASA TOMS Earth Probe ozone data for network sites.
- Weather data of the network sites for the periods of interest, obtained from National Climatic Data Center.

**Dates and Sites covered on Volume 8.0.a:**

McMurdo	01/19/98 – 01/19/99
South Pole	01/10/98 – 01/11/99

**Dates and Sites covered on Volume 8.0.c:**

San Diego	10/02/98 – 09/19/99
Barrow	08/28/98 - 11/04/99

**Dates and Sites covered on Volume 8.0.b:**

Palmer	04/06/98 – 05/02/99
Ushuaia	04/20/98 – 08/24/99

**Volume 9.0.a-c CD-ROMs: 1999-2000 Season**

Four basic types of data appear on the Volumes 9.0.a-c UV Radiation Monitoring Network CD-ROMs:

Files with solar irradiance spectra (composite spectra), including solar zenith and azimuth angles at the start of the scan and TSI voltage during the scan.

- Databases as described in Section 6.2 in ASCII CSV format.
- NASA TOMS Earth Probe ozone data for network sites.
- Weather data of the network sites for the periods of interest, obtained from National Climatic Data Center.

**Dates and Sites covered on Volume 9.0.a:**

McMurdo	01/28/99 – 01/30/00
South Pole	01/20/99 – 01/16/00

**Dates and Sites covered on Volume 9.0.c:**

San Diego	09/25/99 – 08/29/00
Barrow	11/10/99 - 11/27/00

**Dates and Sites covered on Volume 9.0.b:**

Palmer	05/13/99 – 03/09/00
Ushuaia	09/03/99 – 06/20/00

### **Volume 10.0 CD-ROMs: 2000-2001 Season**

Three basic types of data appear on the Volumes 10.0 UV Radiation Monitoring Network CD-ROMs:

- Files with solar irradiance spectra (composite spectra), including solar zenith and azimuth angles at the start of the scan and TSI voltage during the scan.
- Databases as described in Section 6.2 in ASCII CSV format.
- NASA Earth Probe TOMS ozone data for network sites.

#### **Dates and Sites covered on Volume 10.0:**

McMurdo	02/06/00 – 01/22/01
Palmer	03/19/00 – 05/17/01
South Pole	01/26/00 – 01/12/01
Ushuaia	06/28/00 – 01/01/02
San Diego	09/09/00 – 08/14/01
Barrow	01/13/01 – 10/18/01

**From Volume 11 onward, data are primarily distributed via the website [www.biospherical.com/NSF](http://www.biospherical.com/NSF). CD-ROMs or DVDs are available by special request only.**

### **Volume 11.0 Data Set: 2001-2002 Season**

Three basic types of data are part of the Volumes 11.0 data set:

- Files with solar irradiance spectra (composite spectra), including solar zenith and azimuth angles at the start of the scan and TSI voltage during the scan.
- Databases as described in Section 6.2 in ASCII CSV format.
- NASA Earth Probe TOMS Version 7 ozone data for network sites.

#### **Dates and Sites covered by Volume 11.0:**

McMurdo	01/27/01 – 01/22/02
Palmer	07/23/01 – 07/09/02
South Pole	01/20/01 – 01/13/02
San Diego	08/17/01 – 08/13/02
Barrow	10/24/01 – 11/28/02

### **Volume 12.0 Data Set: 2002-2003 Season**

Three basic types of data are part of the Volumes 12.0 data set:

- Files with solar irradiance spectra (composite spectra), including solar zenith and azimuth angles at the start of the scan and TSI voltage during the scan.
- Databases as described in Section 6.2 in ASCII CSV format.
- NASA Earth Probe TOMS Version 8 ozone data for network sites.

There are two Volume 12.0 CD-ROMs: CD-ROM 12.0.SUV includes SUV data; CD-ROM 12.0.GUV includes GUV data. Copies of the operations report in pdf-format are provided on both CD-ROMs.

#### **Dates and Sites covered by Volume 12.0:**

McMurdo	01/26/02 – 01/23/03
Palmer	07/17/02 – 03/17/03
South Pole	01/18/02 – 01/11/03
Ushuaia	03/16/02 – 12/31/03
San Diego	08/16/02 – 08/19/03

**Volume 13.0 Data Set: 2003-2004 Season**

Three basic types of data are part of the Volumes 13.0 data set:

- Files with solar irradiance spectra (composite spectra), including solar zenith and azimuth angles at the start of the scan and TSI voltage during the scan.
- Databases as described in Section 6.2 in ASCII CSV format.
- NASA Earth Probe TOMS Version 8 ozone data for network sites.

There are two Volume 13.0 CD-ROMs: CD-ROM 13.0.SUV includes SUV data; CD-ROM 13.0.GUV includes GUV data. Copies of the operations report in pdf-format are provided on both CD-ROMs.

**Dates and Sites covered by Volume 13.0:**

McMurdo	01/29/03 – 02/01/04
Palmer	03/23/03 – 05/18/04
South Pole	01/17/03 – 01/20/04
San Diego	08/22/03 – 10/04/04
Barrow	01/14/03 – 03/02/04

**Volume 14.0 Data Set: 2004-2005 Season**

Three basic types of data are part of the Volumes 14.0 data set:

- Files with solar irradiance spectra (composite spectra), including solar zenith and azimuth angles at the start of the scan and TSI voltage during the scan.
- Databases as described in Section 6.2 in ASCII CSV format. Both SUV and GUV data are provided.
- NASA Earth Probe TOMS Version 8 ozone data for network sites.

Data is available on DVD.

**Dates and Sites covered on Volume 14.0:**

McMurdo	02/09/04 – 01/25/05
Palmer	06/05/04 – 06/21/05
South Pole	01/28/04 – 01/20/05
Ushuaia	01/01/04 – 06/02/05
San Diego	10/08/04 – 08/23/05
Barrow	03/09/04 – 05/13/05
Summit	08/15/04 – 05/17/05

**Volume 15.0 Data Set: 2005-2006 Season**

Two basic types of data are part of the Volumes 15.0 data set:

- Files with solar irradiance spectra (composite spectra), including solar zenith and azimuth angles at the start of the scan and TSI voltage during the scan.
- Databases as described in Section 6.2 in ASCII CSV format. Both SUV and GUV data are provided.

Data is available on DVD.

**Dates and Sites covered on Volume 15.0:**

McMurdo	01/29/05 – 01/19/06
Palmer	06/22/05 – 04/13/06
South Pole	01/21/05 – 01/14/06
Ushuaia	06/08/05 – 06/21/06
San Diego	08/25/05 – 08/28/06
Barrow	06/06/05 – 11/28/06
Summit	08/02/05 – 11/24/06

**Volume 16.0 Data Set: 2006-2007 Season**

Two basic types of data are part of the Volumes 16.0 data set:

- Files with solar irradiance spectra (composite spectra), including solar zenith and azimuth angles at the start of the scan and TSI voltage during the scan.
- Databases as described in Section 6.2 in ASCII CSV format. Both SUV and GUV data are provided.

Data is available on DVD.

**Dates and Sites covered on Volume 16.0:**

McMurdo	01/24/06 – 01/12/07
Palmer	04/29/06 – 07/04/07
South Pole	01/17/06 – 01/24/07
Ushuaia	06/22/06 – 06/05/07
San Diego	09/01/06 – 08/28/07
Barrow	01/13/07 – 11/28/07
Summit	01/20/07 – 07/11/07

**Directory Structure and Filename Convention of Volume 16.0:**

Volume 16 data published on the website and DVD are organized hierarchically in a nested-tree directory (Figure 6.2). All data, individual files and databases, are grouped by year and then by site. Databases and composite spectra are stored separately in appropriate directories. The file names of databases are of the following form:

**SSS\_DBx.CSV**

Where

- **SSS** is the site identifier (MCM – McMurdo Station; PAL – Palmer Station; SPO – South Pole; USH – Ushuaia; SAN – San Diego; BAR – Barrow; SUM – Summit)
- **x** is the databases identifier (1 – Database 1; 2 – Database 2; 3 – Database 3; 4 – Database 4; 5 – Database 5).

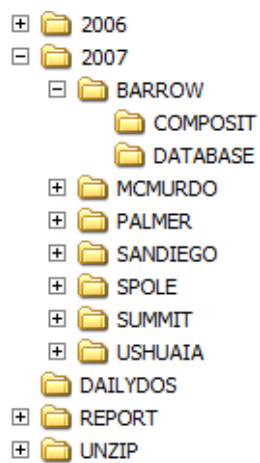
The filename convention for composite spectra can be found in Section 6.3. Composite scans on the Volume 16.0 DVD are compressed in zip-format. Zip-files found in the “COMPOSIT” directories have the following filename convention:

**VVSCYYMM.ZIP,**

where

- **VV** is the identifier of data volume. For Volume 16, VV equals “16”,
- **S** is the site code letter from Table 6.17.,
- **C** is the identifier for composite scans,
- **YY** is the year identifier, e.g. “99” for the year 1999 and “00” for the year 2000,
- **MM** is a month identifier, i.e. 01 for January, 02 for February, .... 12 for December,
- **ZIP** is the filename extension for zip-files.

For example, the zip-file 16AC0612.ZIP contains composite scans measured at McMurdo during December 2006 that are part of Volume 16. Daily Dose databases, and programs to decompress zip-files are located in separate directories and are accompanied by information text files.



**Figure 6.2.** *Example Directory structure of Volume 16.0 DVD.*

