

# Broadband Outdoor Radiometer Calibration Shortwave

## BORCAL-SW 2017-03

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Latitude: 39.742°N  
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# Broadband Outdoor Radiometer Calibration Report

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# Introduction

This report compiles the calibration results from a Broadband Outdoor Radiometer Calibration (BORCAL). The work was accomplished at the Radiometer Calibration Facility shown on the front of this report. The calibration results reported here are traceable to the International System (SI) Units of Measurement.

This report includes these sections:

- Control Instruments - a group of instruments included in each BORCAL event that provides a measure of process consistency.
- Results Summary - a table of all instruments included in this report summarizing their calibration results and uncertainty.
- Instrument Details - the calibration certificates for each instrument.
- Environmental and Sky Conditions - meteorological conditions and reference irradiance during the calibration event.

# Control Instrument History

Figure 1. Eppley NIP Control Instrument History

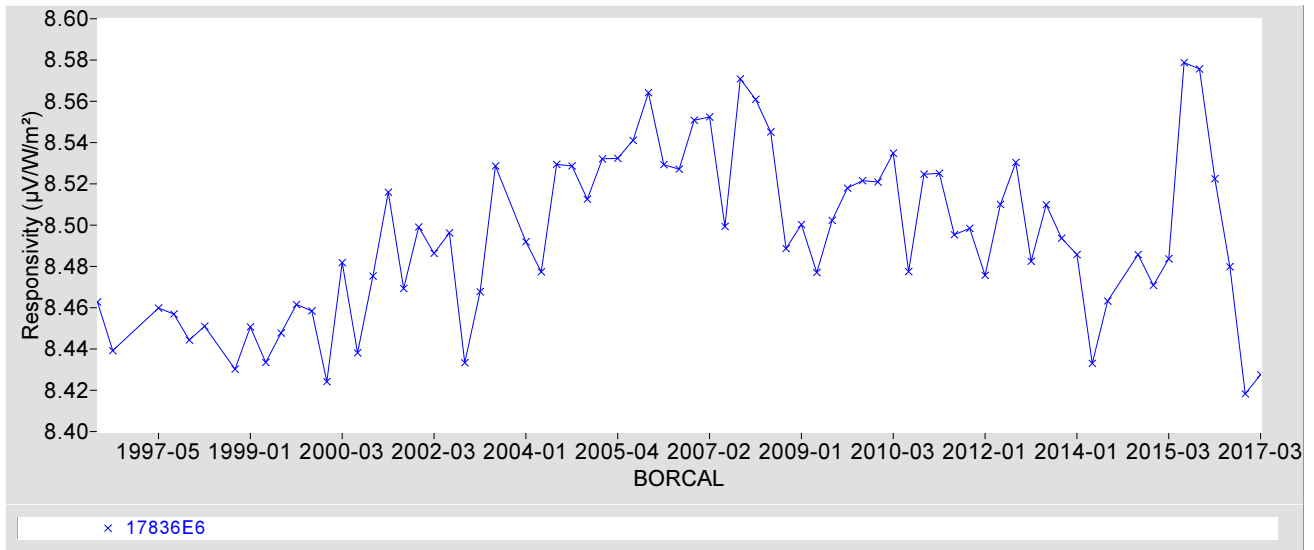
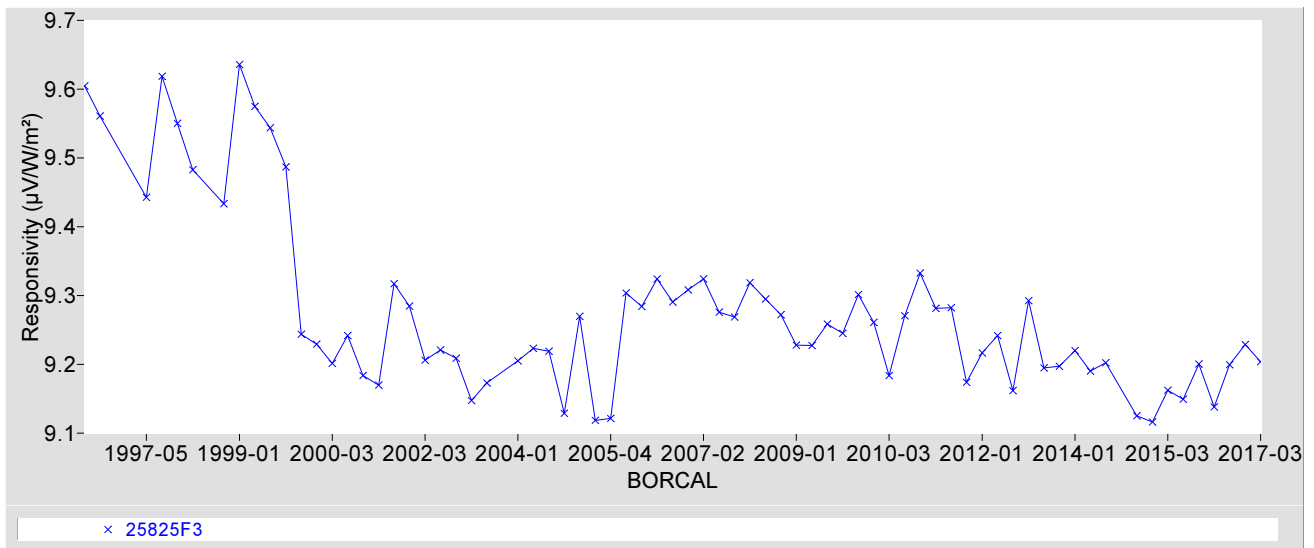


Figure 2. Eppley PSP Control Instrument History



# Results Summary

**Table 1. Results Summary**

Instrument	R@45 <sup>1</sup> ( $\mu\text{V}/\text{W}/\text{m}^2$ )	CF@45 <sup>1</sup> ( $\text{W}/\text{m}^2/\text{mV}$ )	U <sup>2</sup> (%)	Rnet <sup>3</sup> ( $\mu\text{V}/\text{W}/\text{m}^2$ )	Page
2530 Hukseflux SR25	10.904	91.713	+1.6 / -1.3	0.043000	A1-2

<sup>1</sup> CF = 1000 / R

<sup>2</sup> See certificate for valid zenith angle range

<sup>3</sup> Instrument's Effective Net IR Response

Note: Environmental Conditions for BORCAL starts on page A1-5.

# Appendix 1

## Instrument Details

Calibration Certificates: 3 pages for each radiometer (4 including Environmental Conditions)

Environmental Conditions for BORCAL: Last Page of a Calibration Certificate. Note: This appears only once, at the end of Appendix 1.



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### Metrology Laboratory

### Calibration Certificate



<b>Test Instrument:</b>	Pyranometer	<b>Manufacturer:</b>	Hukseflux
<b>Model:</b>	SR25	<b>Serial Number:</b>	2530
<b>Calibration Date:</b>	6/18/2017	<b>Due Date:</b>	6/18/2018
<b>Customer:</b>	Afshin Andreas	<b>Environmental Conditions:</b>	see page 4
<b>Test Dates:</b>	6/18		

This certifies that the above product was calibrated in compliance with ISO/IEC 17025:2005. Measurement uncertainties at the time of calibration are consistent with the Guide to the Expression of Uncertainty in Measurement (GUM) using Reda et al., 2008. All nominal values are traceable to the International System (SI) Units of Measurement.

No statement of compliance with specifications is made or implied on this certificate. However, the estimated uncertainties are the uncertainties of the calibration process; users must add other uncertainties that are relevant to their measuring system, environmental and sky conditions, outdoor set-up, and site location.

The Type-B Standard Uncertainty of using the responsivity at each even zenith angle is reported, and the Expanded Uncertainty of the calibration is reported using two methods:

1. The Expanded Uncertainty of using the responsivity at zenith angle = 45°, within the zenith angle range from 30.0° to 60.0°
2. The Expanded Uncertainty of using Spline Interpolating Functions for the responsivity versus zenith angle.

This certificate applies only to the item identified above and shall not be reproduced other than in full, without specific written approval from the calibration facility. Certificate without signature is not valid.

**Table 1. Traceability**

Measurement Type	Instrument	Calibration Date	Calibration Due Date
Beam Irradiance †	Eppley Absolute Cavity Radiometer Model HF, S/N 29219	09/26/2016	09/26/2017
Diffuse Irradiance †	Eppley Black and White Pyranometer Model 8-48, S/N 32858	03/10/2016	03/10/2018
Diffuse Irradiance †	Eppley Black and White Pyranometer Model 8-48, S/N 32871	03/10/2016	03/10/2018
Data Acquisition	NREL Data Acquisition System Model RAP-DAQ, S/N 2005-998	04/12/2017	04/12/2019
Data Acquisition	NREL Data Acquisition System Model RAP-DAQ, S/N 2005-999	04/12/2017	04/12/2019
Infrared Irradiance ‡	Kipp & Zonen Pyrgeometer Model CG4, S/N FT002	06/05/2015	06/05/2019

† Through the World Radiometric Reference (WRR)

‡ Through the World Infrared Standard Group (WISG)

**Number of pages of certificate:** 4

**Calibration Procedure:** BORCAL-P00-Calibration and QA Procedure; available upon request.

**Setup:** Radiometers are calibrated outdoors, using the sun as the source. Pyranometers and pyrgeometers are installed for horizontal measurements, with their signal connectors oriented north, if their design permits.

The shading disk for the reference diffuse subtends a solid angle of 5°. Pyrheliometers are installed on solar trackers.

**Calibrated by:** Afshin Andreas and RCC

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Date

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# Calibration Results

## 2530 Hukseflux SR25

The responsivity ( $R$ ,  $\mu\text{V}/\text{W}/\text{m}^2$ ) of the test instrument during calibration is calculated using this Measurement Equation:

$$R = (V - R_{net} * W_{net}) / I \tag{1}$$

where,

- $V$  = radiometer output voltage (microvolts),
  - $R_{net}$  = radiometer net infrared responsivity ( $\mu\text{V}/\text{W}/\text{m}^2$ ), see Table 4,
  - $W_{net}$  = effective net infrared measured by pyrgeometer ( $\text{W}/\text{m}^2$ ),
  - =  $W_{in} - W_{out} = W_{in} - \sigma * T_c^4$
  - where,  $W_{in}$  = incoming infrared ( $\text{W}/\text{m}^2$ ),  $\sigma = 5.6704\text{e-}8 \text{ W}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\cdot\text{K}^{-4}$ ,
  - $T_c$  = case temperature of pyrgeometer (K).
- $I$  = reference irradiance ( $\text{W}/\text{m}^2$ ), beam (B) or global (G)
  - where,  $G = B * \text{COS}(Z) + D$ ,
  - $Z$  = zenith angle (degrees),
  - $D$  = reference diffuse irradiance ( $\text{W}/\text{m}^2$ ).

Figure 1. Responsivity vs Zenith Angle

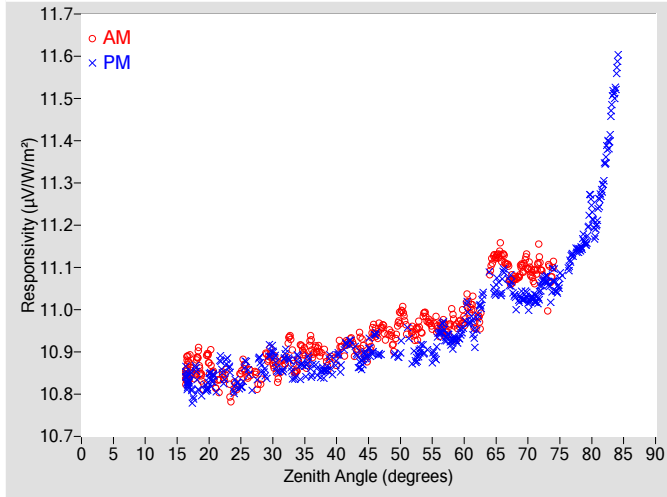


Figure 2. Responsivity vs Local Standard Time

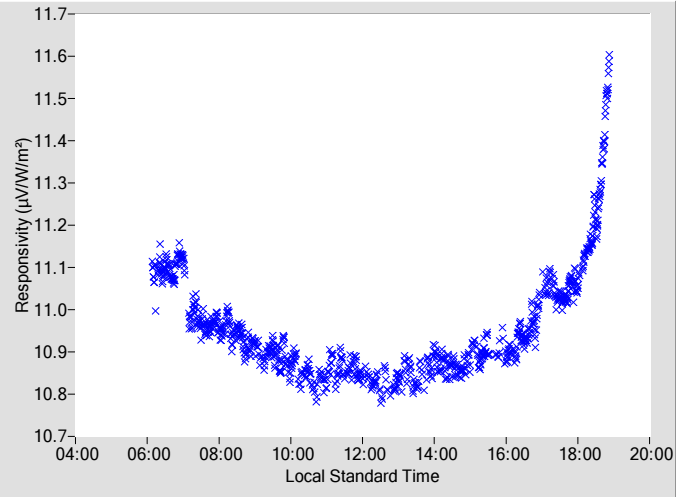
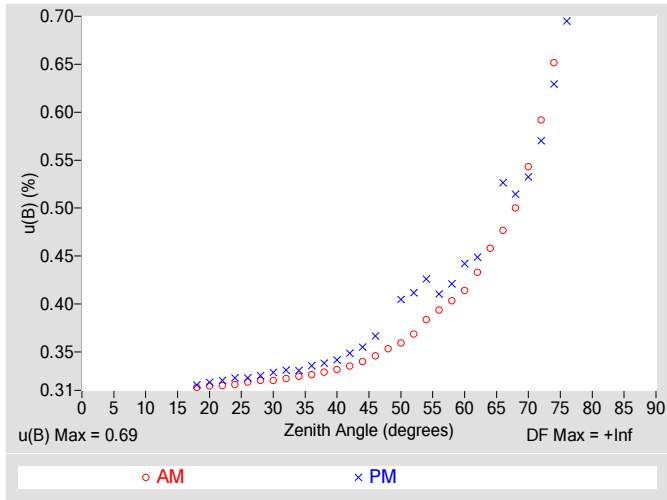


Table 2. Instrument Responsivity (R) and Calibration Type-B Standard Uncertainty, u(B)

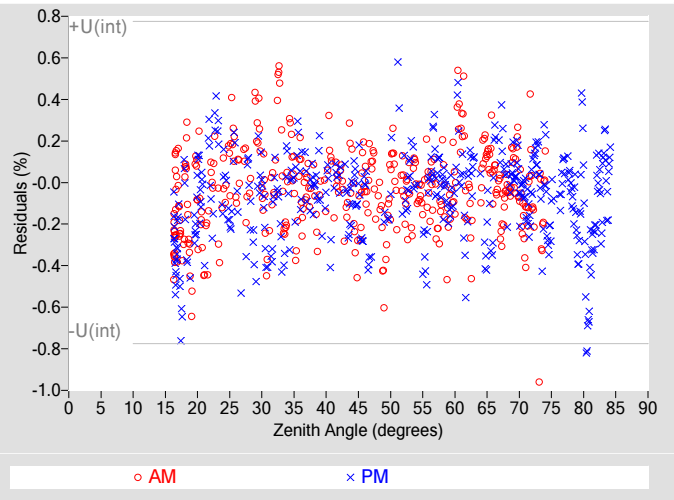
Zenith Angle (deg.)	R ( $\mu\text{V}/\text{W}/\text{m}^2$ )	u(B) $\pm$ (%)	Azimuth Angle	R ( $\mu\text{V}/\text{W}/\text{m}^2$ )	u(B) $\pm$ (%)	Azimuth Angle	Zenith Angle (deg.)	R ( $\mu\text{V}/\text{W}/\text{m}^2$ )	u(B) $\pm$ (%)	Azimuth Angle	R ( $\mu\text{V}/\text{W}/\text{m}^2$ )	u(B) $\pm$ (%)	Azimuth Angle
0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	46	10.948	0.35	94.82	10.942	0.37	265.19
2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	48	10.947	0.35	92.90	N/A	N/A	N/A
4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	50	10.987	0.36	91.30	10.904	0.40	268.64
6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	52	10.944	0.37	89.64	10.887	0.41	270.34
8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	54	10.986	0.38	88.05	10.902	0.43	271.97
10	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	56	10.955	0.39	86.40	10.945	0.41	273.63
12	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	58	10.980	0.40	84.85	10.922	0.42	275.19
14	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	60	10.978	0.41	83.33	10.965	0.44	276.72
16	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	62	10.974	0.43	81.70	10.973	0.45	278.29
18	10.878	0.31	151.67	10.855	0.32	207.55	64	11.093	0.46	80.14	11.090	N/A	279.72
20	10.883	0.31	140.83	10.835	0.32	219.18	66	11.127	0.48	78.67	11.070	0.53	281.33
22	10.843	0.32	132.53	10.861	0.32	227.25	68	11.074	0.50	77.19	11.024	0.51	282.80
24	10.816	0.32	126.72	10.815	0.32	233.25	70	11.106	0.54	75.64	11.021	0.53	284.37
26	10.850	0.32	121.89	10.861	0.32	238.46	72	11.108	0.59	74.12	11.051	0.57	285.90
28	10.828	0.32	117.56	10.876	0.33	242.40	74	11.098	0.65	72.65	11.069	0.63	287.46
30	10.876	0.32	113.88	10.900	0.33	246.00	76	N/A	N/A	N/A	11.099	0.69	289.26
32	10.878	0.32	110.84	10.893	0.33	249.01	78	N/A	N/A	N/A	11.143	N/A	290.64
34	10.877	0.32	108.01	10.873	0.33	252.00	80	N/A	N/A	N/A	11.240	N/A	292.29
36	10.916	0.33	105.39	10.854	0.34	254.73	82	N/A	N/A	N/A	11.334	N/A	293.98
38	10.897	0.33	102.80	10.855	0.34	257.04	84	N/A	N/A	N/A	11.569	N/A	295.67
40	10.883	0.33	100.79	10.885	0.34	259.27	86	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
42	10.926	0.34	98.70	10.924	0.35	261.42	88	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
44	10.912	0.34	96.66	10.878	0.36	263.32	90	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

N/A - Not Available

**Figure 3. Type-B Standard Uncertainty vs Zenith Angle**



**Figure 4. Residuals from Spline Interpolation**



**Table 3. Uncertainty using Spline Interpolation**

Type-B Standard Uncertainty, $u(B)$ (%)	$\pm 0.69$
Type-A Interpolating Function, $u(int)$ (%)	$\pm 0.39$
Combined Standard Uncertainty, $u(c)$ (%)	$\pm 0.80$
Effective degrees of freedom, $DF(c)$	14461
Coverage factor, $k$	1.96
Expanded Uncertainty, $U95$ (%)	$\pm 1.6$
AM Valid zenith angle range	18° to 74°
PM Valid zenith angle range	18° to 76°

**Table 4. Calibration Label Values**

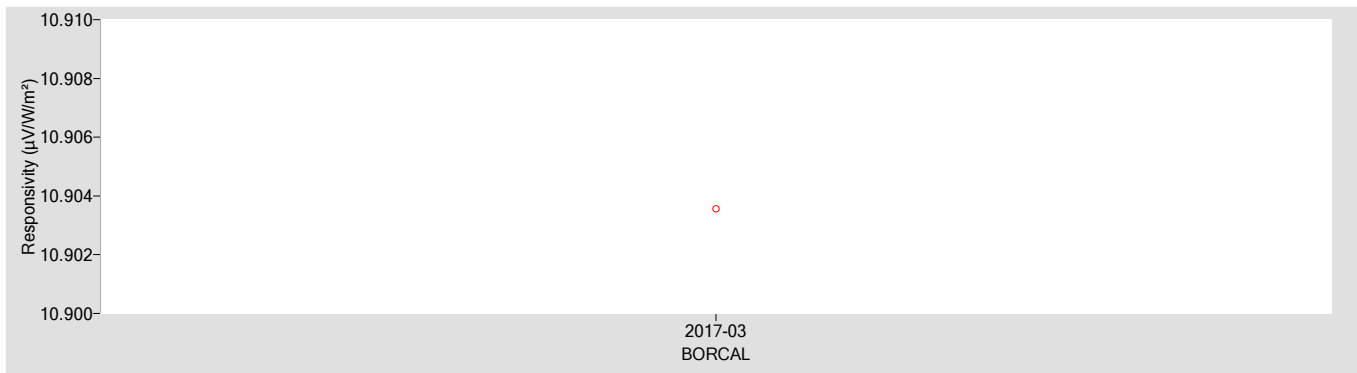
R @ 45° ( $\mu V/W/m^2$ )	Rnet ( $\mu V/W/m^2$ ) †
10.904	0.043000

† Rnet determination date: Estimated

**Table 5. Uncertainty using R @ 45°**

Type-B Expanded Uncertainty, $U(B)$ (%)	$\pm 0.87$
Offset Uncertainty, $U(off)$ (%)	+0.77 / -0.45
Expanded Uncertainty, $U$ (%)	+1.6 / -1.3
Effective degrees of freedom, $DF$	+Inf
Coverage factor, $k$	1.96
Valid zenith angle range	30.0° to 60.0°

**Figure 5. History of instrument at Zenith Angle = 45°**



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# Environmental and Sky Conditions for BORCAL-SW 2017-03

Calibration Facility: Solar Radiation Research Laboratory

Latitude: 39.742°N

Longitude: 105.180°W

Elevation: 1828.8 meters AMSL

Time Zone: -7.0

## Reference Irradiance:

Figure 6. Reference Irradiance

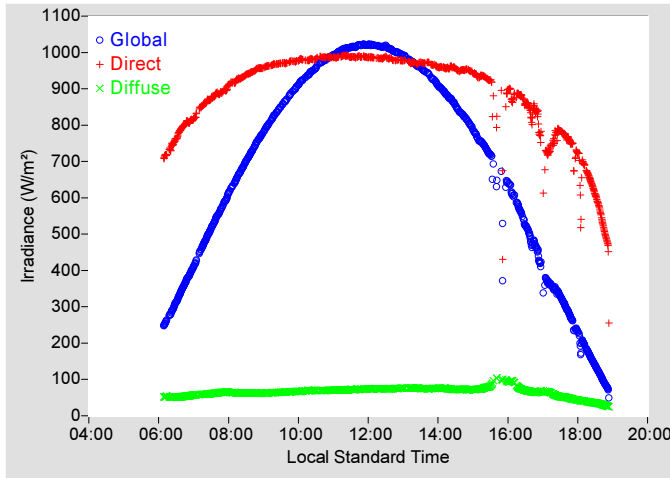
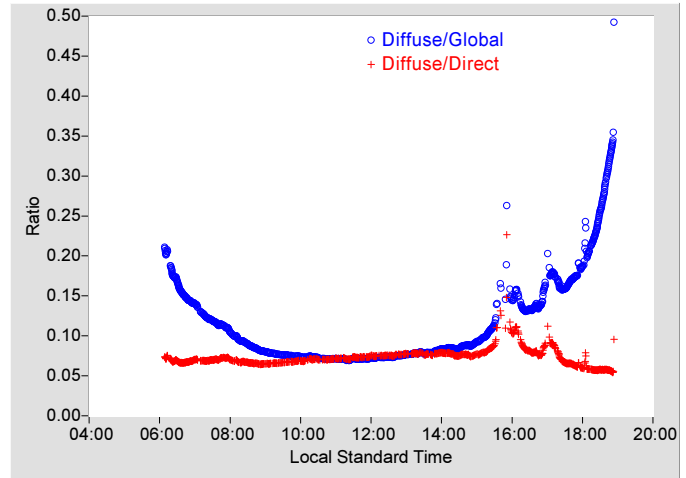


Figure 7. Diffuse Ratios



## Meteorological Observations:

Figure 8. Temperature

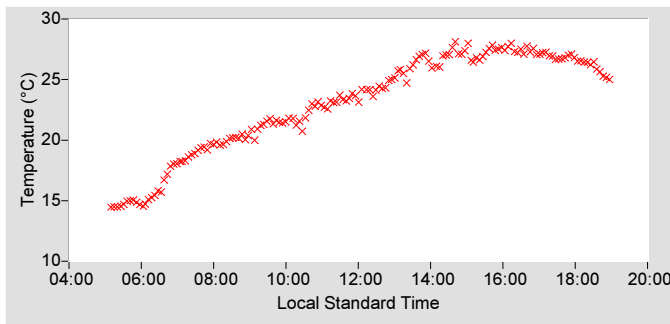


Figure 9. Humidity

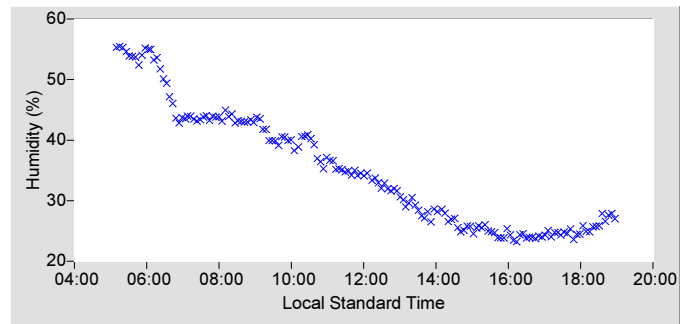


Figure 10. Pressure

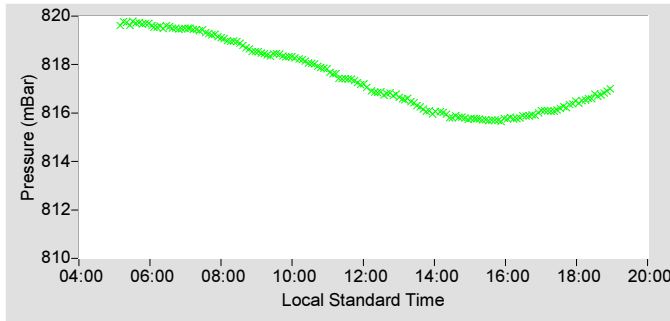


Figure 11. Effective Net Infrared

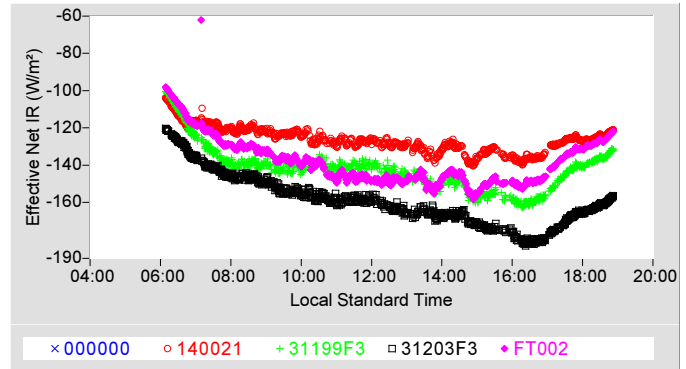


Figure 12. Estimated Broadband Aerosol Optical Depth

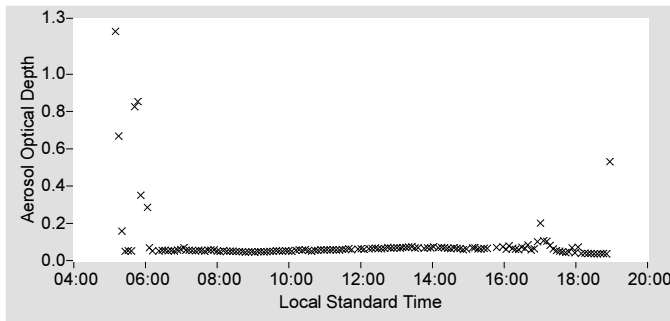


Table 6. Meteorological Observations

Observations	Mean	Min	Max
Temperature (°C)	23.00	14.47	28.12
Humidity (%)	35.12	23.22	55.45
Pressure (mBar)	817.5	815.7	819.8
Est. Aerosol Optical Depth (BB)	0.089	0.036	1.229

For other information about the calibration facility visit: [http://www.nrel.gov/solar\\_radiation/](http://www.nrel.gov/solar_radiation/)

# Appendix 2

## BORCAL Notes

Instrument, Configuration, and Session Notes for the BORCAL

# BORCAL Notes

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Facility: Solar Radiation Research Laboratory

Comments:

Avg. Station Pressure & Temperature is for Denver, CO, which is used for the Solar Position Algorithm (SPA).