Broadband Outdoor Radiometer Calibration Longwave

BORCAL-LW
2017-05

NOTICE

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 World Infrared Standard Group (WISG).

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 and application notes for each instrument.

- Environmental and Sky Conditions - meteorological conditions and reference irradiance during the calibration event.

Control Instrument History

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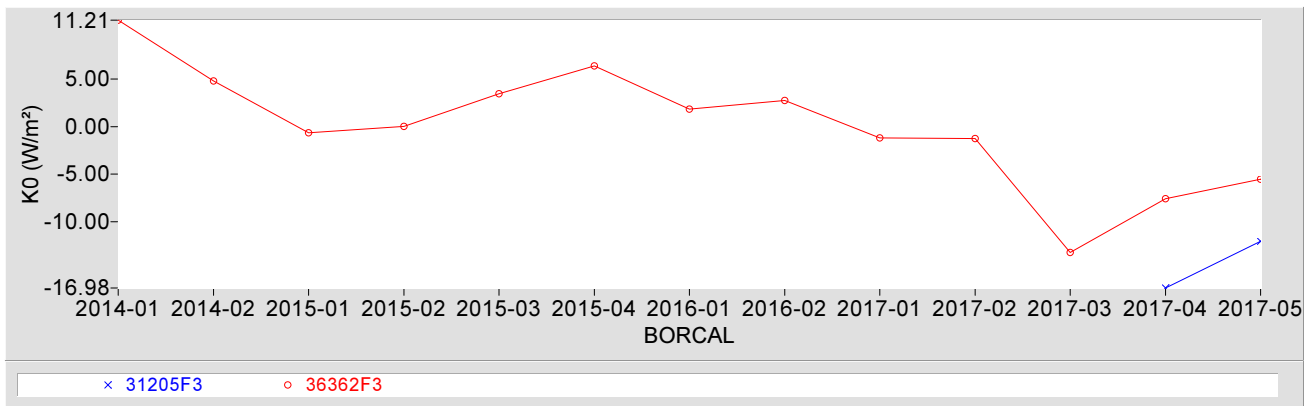
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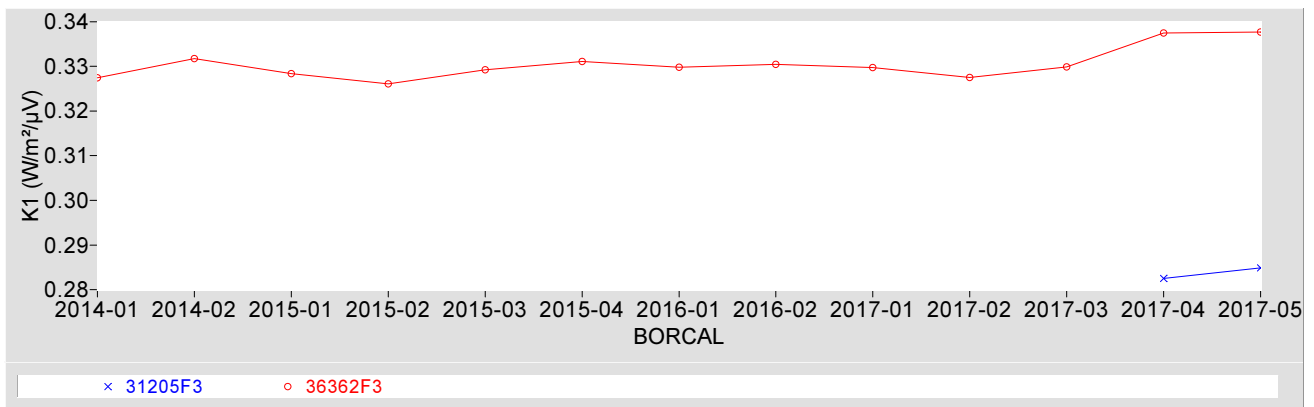
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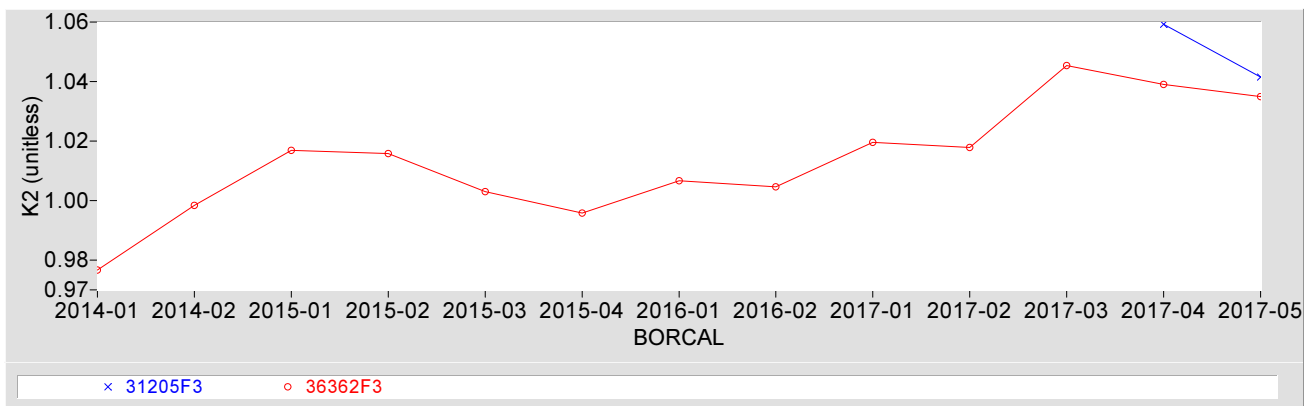
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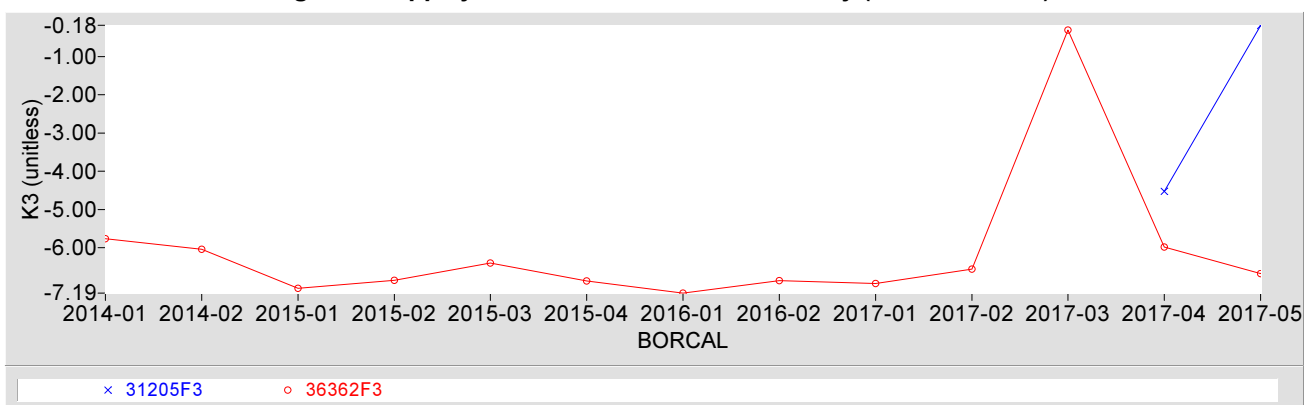
Results Summary

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Instrument	K0 (W/m²)	K1 (W/m²/µV)	K2	K3	Kr * (K/µV)	U95 (W/m²)	Page
1059 Apogee SL-510	-44.9	0.0041004	1.1323	0.00	7.044e-4	±3.5	A1-2
1060 Apogee SL-510	-45.4	0.0040268	1.1299	0.00	7.044e-4	±3.5	A1-5

Note: Environmental Conditions for BORCAL starts on page A1-8.   * Kr used to derive K0,K1,K2, and K3

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.

National Renewable Energy Laboratory
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Metrology Laboratory
__Calibration Certificate__

Test Instrument:	Pyrgeometer	**Manufacturer:**	Apogee
Model:	SL-510	**Serial Number:**	1059
Calibration Date:	10/6/2017	**Due Date:**	10/6/2019
Customer:	NREL-SRRL-BMS	**Environmental Conditions:**	see page 4
Test Dates:	8/15-31, 9/1-30, 10/1-6		

This certifies that the above product was calibrated in compliance with procedure listed below. 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 World Infrared Standard Group (WISG).

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Table 1. Traceability

Measurement Type	Instrument	Calibration Date	Calibration Due Date
Data Acquisition	NREL Data Acquisition System Model RAP-DAQ, S/N 2005-998	04/12/2017	04/12/2019
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Infrared Irradiance ‡	Eppley Downwelling Pyrgeometer Model PIR, S/N 31233F3	03/14/2017	03/14/2021

‡ Through the World Infrared Standard Group (WISG)

Number of pages of certificate: 4

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

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

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Calibration Results
1059 Apogee SL-510

The incoming irradiance (Win, W/m²) of the test instrument during calibration is calculated using this Measurement Equation:

$$Win = K0 + K1*V + K2*Wr + K3*(Wd - Wr) \qquad [1]$$

where,

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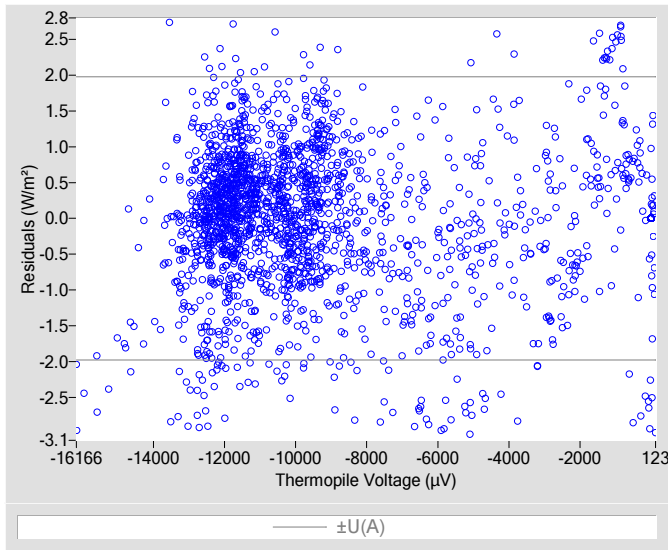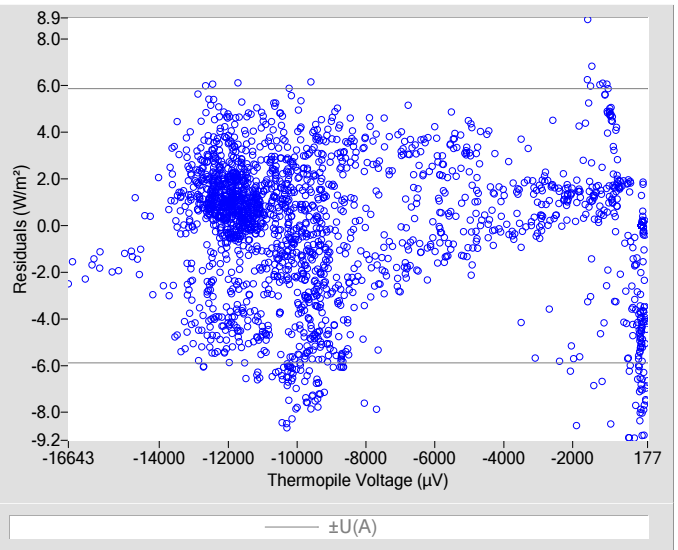**Figure 2. Residuals for calc. vs ref. irradiance using K0=0 Coefficients**

Table 2. Calibration Coefficients for K0<>0

K0	-44.9
K1	0.0041004
K2	1.1323
K3	0.00
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Table 3. Calibration Coefficients for K0=0

K0	0.0
K1	0.0040277
K2	1.0044
K3	0.00
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Table 4. Uncertainty using K0<>0 Coefficients

Type-B Standard Uncertainty, u(B) (W/m²)	±1.4
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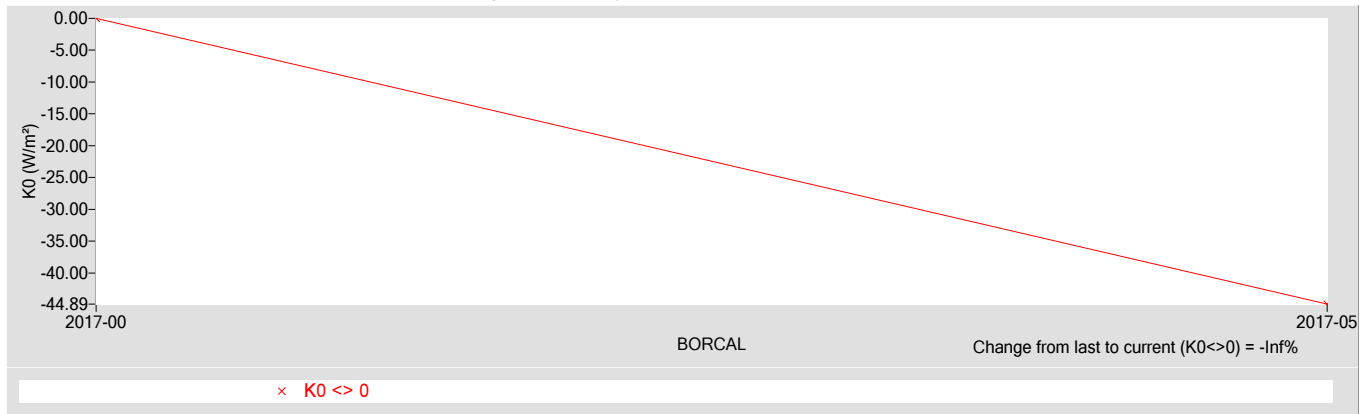| Type-B Standard Uncertainty, u(B) (W/m²)	±1.4
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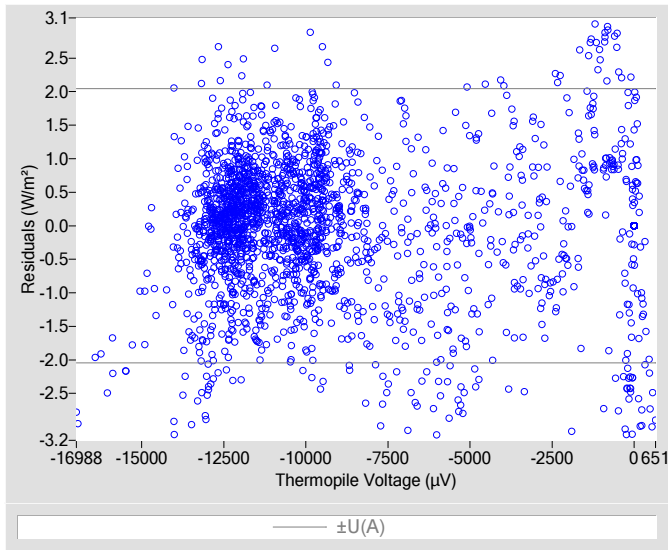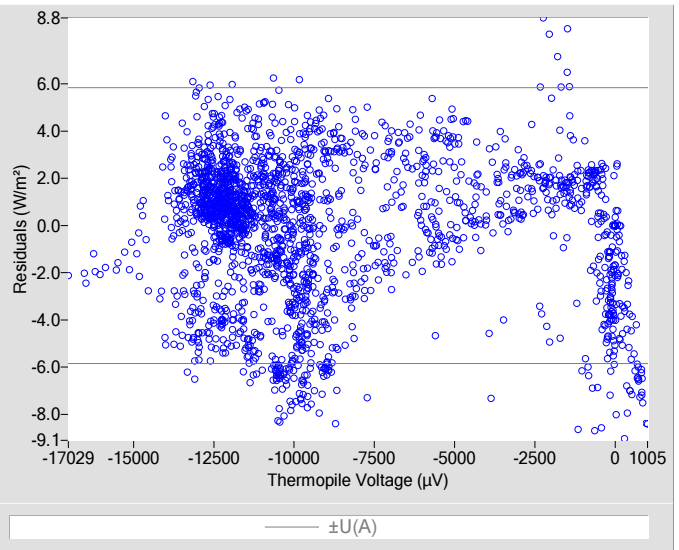**Figure 2. Residuals for calc. vs ref. irradiance using K0=0 Coefficients**

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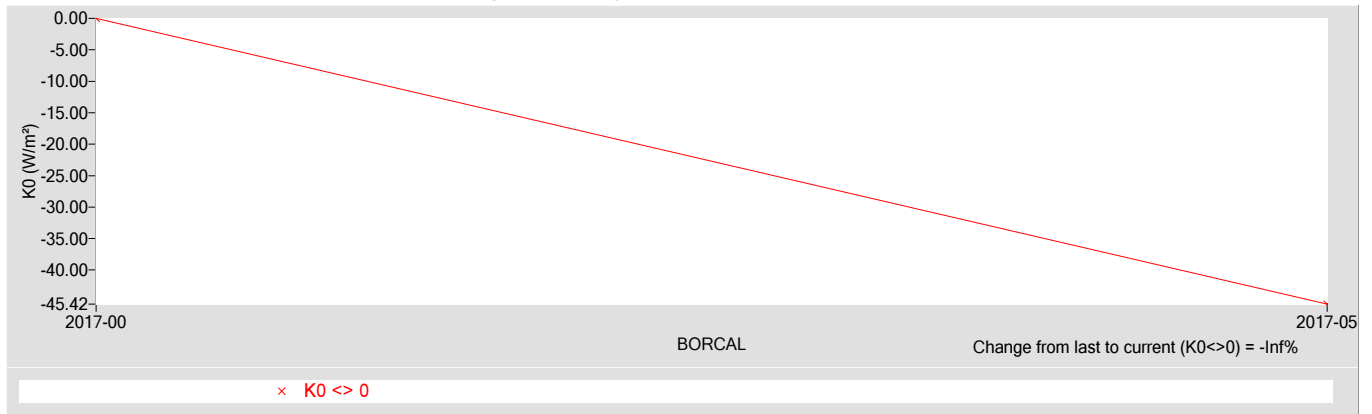| Type-B Standard Uncertainty, u(B) (W/m²)	±1.4
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Environmental and Sky Conditions for BORCAL-LW 2017-05

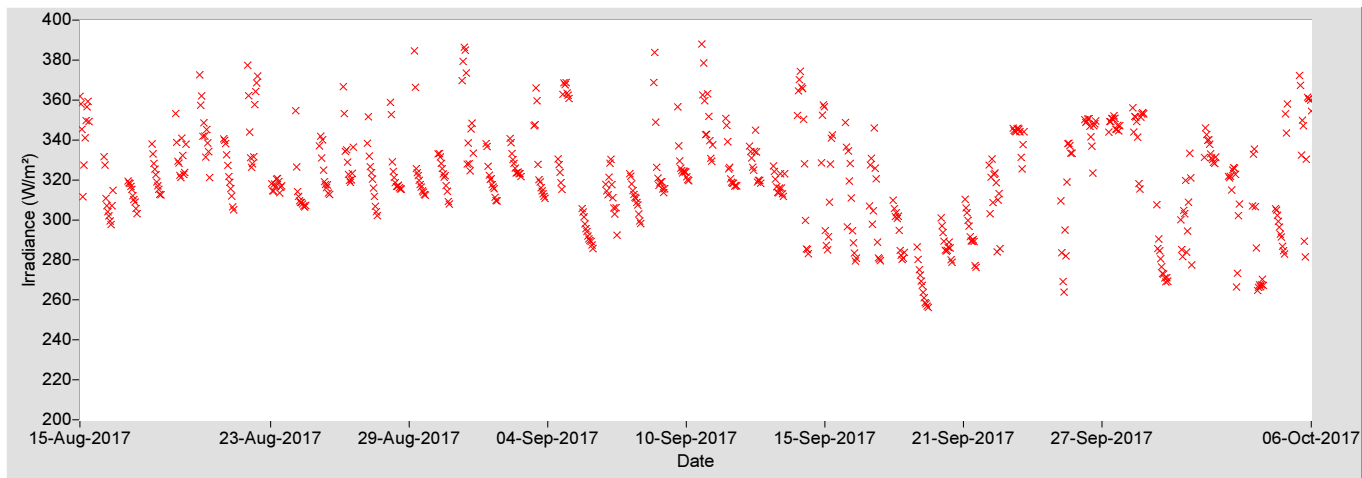**Calibration Facility:** Solar Radiation Research Laboratory

Latitude: 39.742°N   Longitude: 105.180°W   Elevation: 1828.8 meters AMSL   Time Zone: -7.0

Reference Irradiance (hourly averages):

Figure 6. Reference Irradiance

Meteorological Observations (hourly averages):
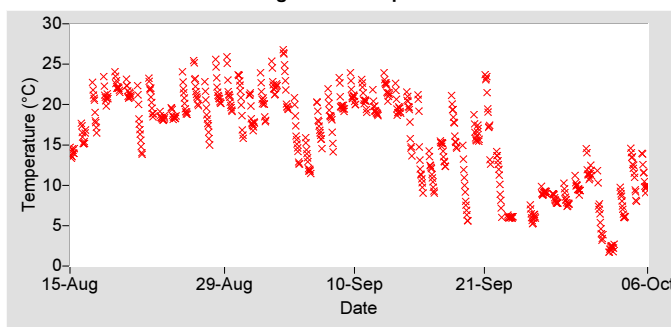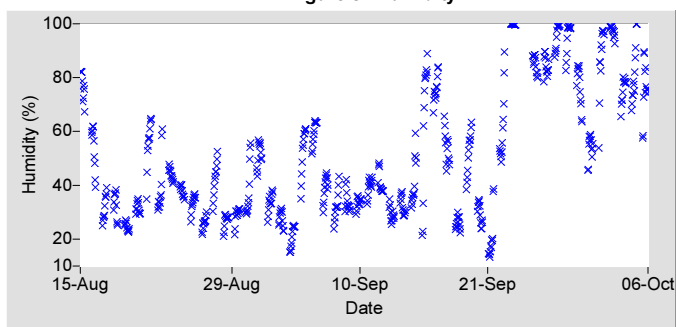
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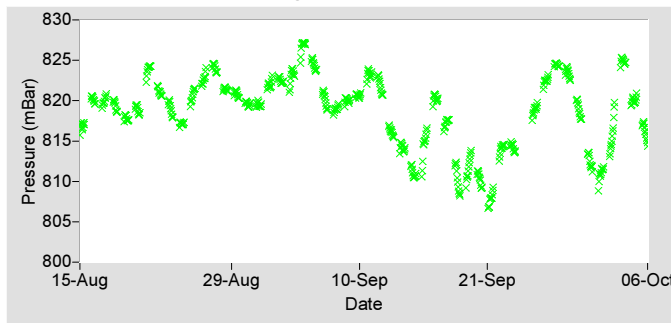**Figure 8. Humidity**

Figure 9. Pressure

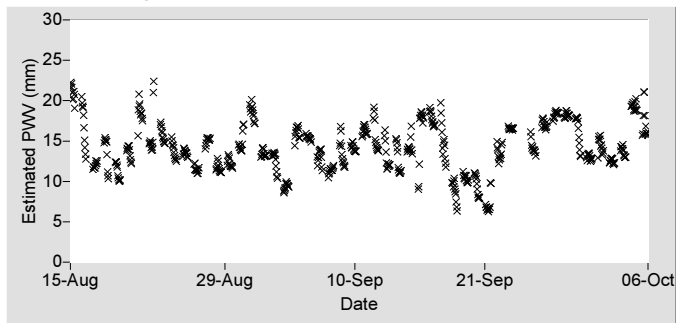**Figure 10. Estimated Precipitable Water Vapor (PWV)**

Table 6. Meteorological Observations

Observations	Mean	Min	Max
Temperature (°C)	15.75	1.45	27.03
Humidity (%)	51.53	12.90	99.99
Pressure (mBar)	818.7	806.5	827.3
Est. Precipitable Water Vapor (mm)	14.3	6.0	23.0

For other information about the calibration facility visit: http://www.nrel.gov/esif/solar-radiation-research-laboratory.html

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).