

Summary for the carbon dioxide data:

This data set contains carbon dioxide data measured from the NCAR C-130 on the ACE-1 program. The CO₂ concentration in ppmv is given by the variable, XCO₂G. These data were recorded by the RAF aircraft data system, and the time will be consistent with that in the general RAF data set. Prior to flight 14, there was a leak in one of the filters and there was considerable shift in the baseline, giving higher uncertainty in the data. The measurements of CO₂ were made by a modified LiCor 6262 IR absorption analyzer. The instrument is operated in a differential mode, with a standard cylinder of CO₂ continuously flowing through the reference channel. A zero measurement was made every 14 minutes by sampling the same CO₂ concentration that was flowing through the reference channel. Every 28 minutes in addition to a zero measurement, two calibration measurements, about 15 ppmv on either side of the zero concentration were made. All data during the zero and calibration modes have been replaced by -32768. The data has been shifted by 20 seconds to accommodate the sampling lag. After the completion of the field measurements the calibration standards were referenced to the WMO standard CO₂ scale by the NOAA CMDL laboratory in Boulder, Colorado.

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