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Validation of ozone and chlorine compounds data observed by SMILES

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The Superconducting Sub-millimeter Limb-emission Sounder (SMILES) onboard Japan Experiment Module (JEM) of the International Space Station (ISS) have observed atmospheric minor constituents related with ozone chemistry, such as O_3 , HCl, ClO, H O_2 , HOCl and BrO, with high sensitivity. Especially, O_3 , HCl and ClO can be detected with altitude up to the mesosphere (around 80km). In comparison with the stratosphere, "in situ" photochemistry controls concentration of minor constituents, so that we can examine current understanding of whole atmospheric chemical reactions by the direct comparison with SMILES observational data and results from numerical model calculations. In this study, we report the characteristics of ozone and chlorine compounds in stratosphere and mesosphere observed with SMILES instrument. Some results of comparative validation with past satellite data and numerical model calculations, and their characteristics of diurnal variation are also presented.

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