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Abstract

The origin and history of a co-operative research project planned to be carried out jointly by New Zealand Astronomical Observatories and the New Zealand Meteorological Service to monitor atmospheric turbidity by solar and stellar extinction measurements on a routine long term basis is described.

The main principles involved in computation of turbidity parameters from measurements made at selected New Zealand Astronomical Observatories are discussed.

Data logging samples and listing of a computer analysis program developed under contract by the Physics Department, University of Otago are attached and a summary of the astronomical turbidity data and analysis available up to the termination of the project is given.

1. Introduction

During 1975-79, the haze scattering characteristics of the atmosphere were studied from a short period of direct measurements with VOLZ solar photometers (Farkas, 1978) and also by indirect calculations using long period Dobson spectrophotometer measurements (Farkas, 1976).

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Both studies pointed out the need for dedicated observations on a regular basis with improved instrumentation if turbidity monitoring was to be pursued by the Meteorological Service in the future. This led to the commencement of establishing a modest turbidity observation network in New Zealand, using solar photometry (Farkas, 1980).

The desire to find other independent observations possibly existing in the region which could be compared with results of the above analysis led to the discovery, that some astronomical observatories in New Zealand had the equipment and were already making photometric stellar irradiance observations suitable for the calculation of turbidity.

Following our inquiries, some of the existing data at the Auckland Astronomical Observatory were evaluated by G.W. Christie and results covering the 1970-72 period comprising 32 stellar extinction values were sent to us.

A plot of the extinction coefficients calculated from observations on one of the three filters of the photometric system in use at the Auckland Observatory (Johnson UBV, see Section 2), namely at a mean wavelength of $.556 \mu\text{m}$ is given in Fig. 1. Values of the extinction are given in stellar magnitudes per airmass. These coefficients were not directly comparable to turbidity parameters calculated from the solar photometric data, and the discontinuous nature and relatively large uncertainties (error bars) evident in the stellar data prevented meaningful comparisons to be made with the trends found from the Dobson observations.

It was thought worthwhile however to try to obtain stellar turbidity measurements in the future, which were hoped to be made compatible with, and could complement, results of observations from the solar turbidity network.

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ATMOSPHERIC EXTINCTION, K_v (magnitudes/airmass)
VERSUS
TIME

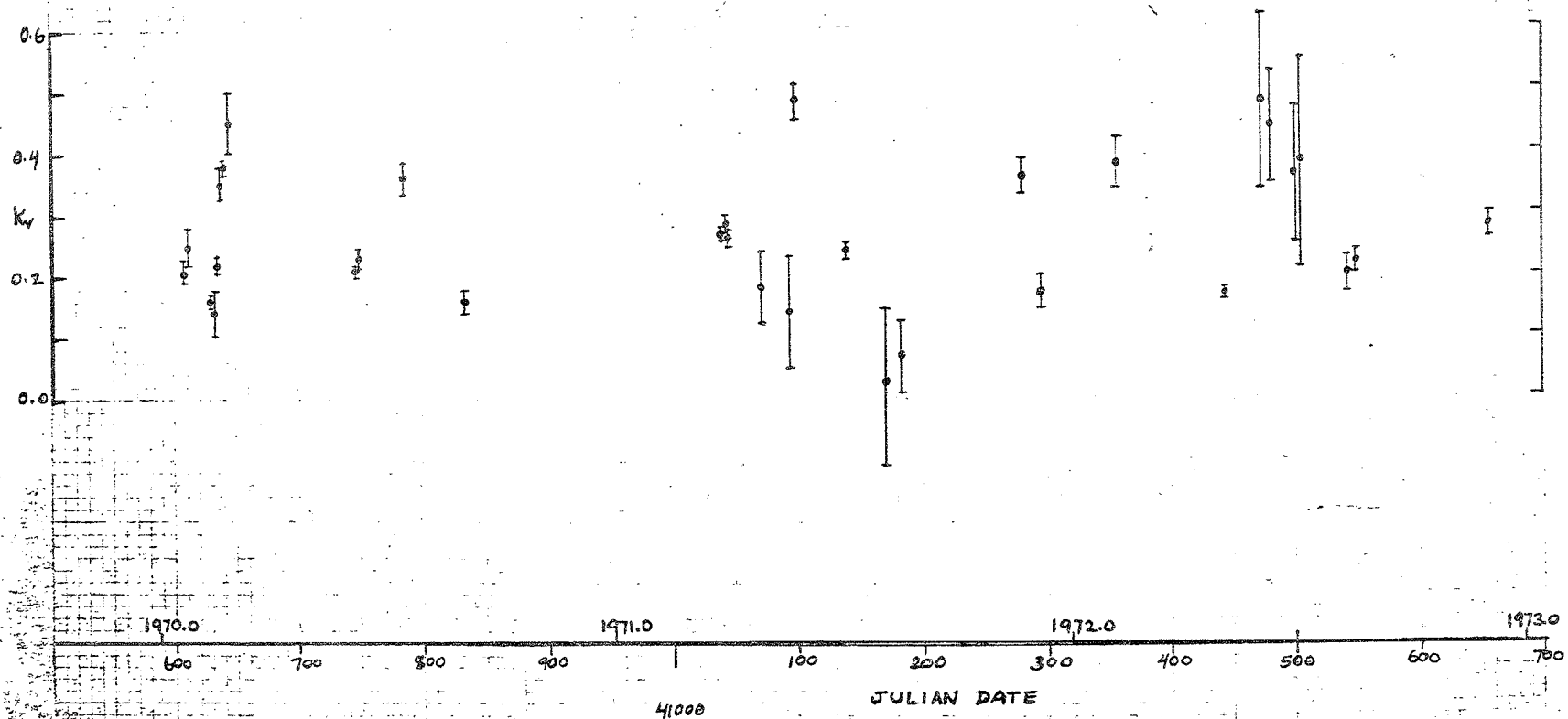


FIG. 1.

Professor P.J. Edwards from the Physics Department of the University of Otago put up a proposal in 1976 and consequently obtained a research contract from the New Zealand Meteorological Service for the establishment of the routine collection and the evaluation method of astronomical data from all Observatories in New Zealand willing to participate in the project.

Continuation of routine data flow on a long term basis from individual Observatories to the Meteorological Service after expiry of the contract was also to be organized (Edwards and Othman, 1976), while data during the contract period were to be collected and analysed at the University of Otago.

At the end of 1977 the contract was formally completed and some of the collected coded "raw" stellar extinction data and their computer evaluations for each observatory in a separate folder, the punch-card program deck, program listing (Borroughs 6700 program) and a sample punched-card data-deck were handed over to the Research Section in 1978.

The computer program was then converted into a form usable by our PDP-11 computer system (F6DA program) and some time was spent with becoming more familiar with the nature and meaning of the astronomical parameters featuring in the stellar data reduction processes.

From the sample card-deck and information on hand at that time it became obvious that the program required the knowledge of more extensive filter and stellar data than was available from the observatory folders and data coding forms (particularly from the earlier version of the form), and while steps in the program were described in detail (Hurst et al., 1977), the derivation of the constants used in the computations and the nature of the final products were not properly understood until a paper by Othman (1981) was published.

In the meantime no further observational data came to hand in spite of circular letters sent to the Observatories asking for their continued cooperation in the project, and offering a small annual honorarium for their participation. A further approach during 1980 did not produce better response, except from the Department of Physics, Canterbury University, where an effort was made to collate some standard star observation data from Mt John Observatory on magnetic tapes. A sample listing of raw stellar data from such a tape was sent to us by Murray Singleton. The format of the data did not appear to be easily convertible into the input format required by the astronomical program, nor was there sufficient information on star and filter characteristics in the listings.

My queries on these points remained unanswered apparently due to the departure of Mr Singleton from Canterbury University (see correspondence on File 33/16/5).

After all these frustrating efforts the astronomical turbidity project finally retreated into oblivion. However, in case the interest in it revives again at some future date, the following chapters summarize the main features of the available observational data, the computational procedures and the final analysis, based on the material collected and described under contract by Prof. Edwards and associates, and later used by Othman (1981).

2. Computation of atmospheric turbidity from stellar extinction data

Two stellar photometric systems are used at the Auckland, Mt John and Beverley Begg (Dunedin) Observatories, namely the Stormgren "intermediate" wavelength-band uvby and the Johnson "wideband" UBV systems. These systems contain filters in the "intermediate" bandwidth range of 9-12 nanometers (nm) and "wide" bandwidths within 20-37 nm.

In addition, the VUW (Victoria University of Wellington) intermediate-band scanning monochromator with 7 nm bandwidth (Trodahl et al., 1973) has been operated at Mt John, and a locally designed stellar photometer with narrowband interference filters in the 3.6-5.7 nm wavelength range was used at the Dunedin Signal Hill Observatory. No data or analysis from the latter has ever been received.

The "mean" wavelengths (in nm) of these systems were given as follows:

u(349), v(411), b(467), y(546)
 U(357), B(439), V(556)
 VUW(370-720)

stellar observations useful for turbidity calculations normally are carried out on comparison standard stars, obtained as part of routine astronomical studies of variable stars.

If the intensity of a star as attenuated by unit airmass (at the zenith) is I_λ and the corresponding "extra-terrestrial" intensity is $I_{o\lambda}$, then the extinction coefficient per unit airmass in stellar magnitudes is given as

$$\tau(\lambda) = -2.5 \log_{10} (I_\lambda / I_{o\lambda})$$

The exponential extinction coefficient normally used in solar photometry

$$K(\lambda) = -\ln(I_\lambda / I_{o\lambda})$$

can be obtained then from the expression

$$K(\lambda) = \tau(\lambda) / 1.0857 \quad (1)$$

The optical depth due to haze scattering, or "turbidity" can be calculated by subtraction of the effects of Rayleigh (molecular) scattering and absorption by ozone, water vapor and other gases (NO₂) from the total extinction $\tau(\lambda)$.

For the determination of $\tau(\lambda)$, the astronomical turbidity program requires observatory, stellar and observational data which are entered on the "Atmospheric Extinction Data Coding Form" in a specified format, ready for transfer to punched cards. A sample of such a form with some coded data is found in the Appendix.

The construction of the input data deck to the B6700 computer program (Hurst et al., 1978) is also described in the Appendix, where a listing of the program and analysis of the coded sample data are also included.

It can be noted from the description of the input data deck, that some of the required input parameters are not available from the Data Coding Forms, such as variances of filter passbands (card-type 8), and absolute gradients of stars (card-type 10). (For definition of the astronomical terms consult Allen (1955)).

The "raw" photometric data are first processed by the computer program to yield stellar magnitudes, and relative optical airmasses are calculated for each reading, for each filter (colour), for each star. Then linear regression analysis and Bouguer plots are made of the magnitudes vs airmass for each filter. These plots are analogous to the Langley plots used in solar photometry. The primary purpose of this regression is to edit data by eliminating badly outlying points or even whole sets of observations which give anomalous regressions.

After editing has been done, the program reads the edited data-deck again, and as before, continues with processing into stellar magnitudes and then calculates Rayleigh scattering coefficients in corresponding units at the mean filter wavelengths. The scattering coefficients given by Hoyt (1976) are used in the following expression, valid for the 340-800 nm wavelength range

$$\alpha_R(\lambda) = 0.00905148 \lambda^{-4} + 0.00011335 \lambda^{-6}$$

The calculated $\alpha_R(\lambda)$ values have to be corrected for filter bandwidths in the UBV system. The correction procedures involve knowledge of the absolute gradients of the star in the appropriate filter wavelength ranges, gradients being dependent on the spectral energy distribution, or spectral "type" of the star.

Corrections may also be made for the "Forbes" effect, which is a dependence of the bandwidth correction on airmass.

For details of the equations and numerical constants used for calculations of these corrections, see pp. 17-20 of Hurst et. al., (1978) and pp. 122-123 of Othman (1981).

Appendix 1 of Othman (1981) lists "effective" absolute gradients, Rayleigh and ozone optical depths for the U, B, V filters separately for 46 different spectral type stars.

The corrected Rayleigh coefficients are then subtracted from the reduced stellar magnitudes, the resulting values are weighted by the reciprocal of their airmasses, and a new regression and Bouguer plot is made of these weighted values against airmass.

The products from these analyses are listed in the computer output as "extinction coefficients" (the slopes) both in stellar magnitudes and "nepers" per unit airmass, (see expression 1), together with intercept values, and the usual statistical goodness-of-fit estimates.

These "extinction coefficients" require further manipulation to obtain the turbidity or haze optical thickness values, since ozone, water vapor and possibly significant NO_2 absorption effects have not been taken into account by the program.

"Effective" ozone absorption coefficients can be calculated from linear expressions involving again the effective absolute gradients of the star as given by Othman (1981), pp. 129-130, for the U and V filters of the wideband system.

The water-vapor absorption has significance only in the V filter band and it shows little dependence on the spectral type of the star. A constant absorption coefficient has been calculated for all spectral types (see pp. 91, Othman (1981)).

Neither ozone nor water vapor absorption is significant in the B filter wavelength band.

NO_2 absorption is not dependent on spectral type and again, constant coefficients can be used for the U, B, V filters (see pp. 99, Othman (1981)).

With average, or temporal values of total ozone, precipitable water and NO_2 contents, effective optical depths for these parameters can be calculated, using the expressions referred to above, and with their subtraction from the "extinction coefficient" output by the program the final turbidity values can be obtained.

3. Astronomical data available for 1970-77

A summary of the available astronomical data collected under contract at the University of Otago, in the form of raw data or already computed extinction coefficients is given below.

<u>Astronomical Observatory</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Obs. System</u>	<u>No. of obs.</u>
Auckland	1970-72	UBV	32
	1973-74		13
	1977		1
Mt John	1973	UBV	6
	1975-77	"	20
	1972, 74, 76	VUW	9
Beverley Begg	1975	UBV	1
	1977	"	2

Some but not all of the above UBV data in coded form and listings of analysis by the B6700 program for most of the UBV data are contained in the Observatory folders, which are filed in Research Section.

Listings of analysed uvby and VUW data are also available in the appropriate folders.

VUW data analysis obtained from D.J. Sullivan and H.J. Trodahl gave aerosol optical depths for $1.0 \mu\text{m}$ and thus were not directly comparable to the output by the B6700 program.

More complete analysis of all these data was made by Othman (1981). Monthly mean turbidity values normalized to a common wavelength of $0.5 \mu\text{m}$ were also calculated from the Auckland and Mt. John data.

The resulting time series (see Figs. 7.4 and 7.7 in Othman (1981)) for the period 1970-1974 for Auckland and 1972-1980 for Mt. John did not reveal any significant trends in turbidity.

The calculated period means and standard deviations, presumably in stellar magnitudes for these data were given as 0.122 ± 0.016 for Auckland and 0.06 ± 0.004 for Mt. John.

The solar Volz photometer observations at Lauder for 1980 gave an estimated yearly average value (in stellar magnitudes) of 0.103, and at Auckland of 0.163 at the corresponding wavelength. During 1979 an eight monthly average in corresponding units from observations at Kelburn gave the value of 0.123 (Farkas, 1980). It must be pointed out however, that in all solar photometer data, significant seasonal variations exist which are not evident in the stellar turbidity data as analysed by Othman (1981).

4. Conclusion

Although a great deal of work has been done towards development of a computational program of atmospheric turbidity from stellar extinction observations, and formatting of raw data has been worked out for a routine observation network in New Zealand as envisaged by Edwards (1979), the project has not continued past its initial stages.

The computer program at our disposal is not complete and data flow from the Observatories has ceased after 1979.

Final completion of the program would need deeper understanding of the astronomical background and of the nature of the observations provided by the Observatories, both relatively far removed from the normal sphere of knowledge of meteorologists.

It would be preferable that the astronomical observatories themselves evaluate their own stellar extinction observations using a completed routine program, which would give turbidity parameters directly comparable, or at least easily convertible to values comparable with those originating from the solar turbidity monitoring network in New Zealand.

Both methods should comply with standards of observation and evaluation set by the World Meteorological Organization for turbidity measurements and such co-operation between astronomers and meteorologists then would produce internationally acceptable and comparable turbidity parameters on a long term basis.

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A P P E N D I X A

CARD FORMATS

(a) Observatory Data

<u>Column Nos.</u>	<u>Information contained</u>
1,2	01
5-12	East longitude in degrees
13-20	Latitude in degrees
21-80	Description or name of observatory in any format desired

(b) Star Data

1,2	02
6-12	Right ascension in format hhm.ss, e.g. 1325.05
13-20	Declination in decimal degrees
21-24	Epoch of star coordinates (not used by program at present; command 04 used instead)
25-46	Name or description of star in any format.
49-50	Star number as in columns 3,4 of photometer (03) cards
52,53	Spectral class
55-58	Luminosity class
60-64	Magnitude
67-70	V
72-75	U-B
77-80	B-V

(c) Photometer Data

1,2	03
3,4	01 thru 99 to identify star, 00 or blank for sky
5-12	Date in format dd/mm/yy (e.g. 06/09/77)
13-20	Time in format hhmm.ss
21-68	Up to 6 photometer readings in fields of 8 columns
69-76	Filter set and sequence of observations corresponding to colour numbers
77-80	Atmospheric pressure in mb

(d) Star Coordinate Precession Command

1,2	04
3-8	No. of years of precession required

(e) Change Program Parameters

1,2	05
5-8	Time option: choice of UTbb, NZST, HAbb
9-12	NOLOG option: choice of 0 or 1
13-16	DELTA: time between different colour readings in <i>minutes</i>

(f) X-Y Plot Command

1,2	06
8	Colour no. required to be plotted
9-80	Comments if desired

(g) Linear Regression Command

1,2	07
8	Colour no. required to be analysed
9-80	Comments if desired

(h) Absolute Gradient Data for Star

1,2	10
5-10	Fields of 6 columns: Absolute gradient of star spectrum at mean wavelength of each filter for colours 1-6 in order
17-22	
etc	
.	
.	
.	
65-70	

(i) Filter Data & Rayleigh Substraction Command

1,2	08
5-10	
11-16	
17-22	Fields of 6 columns:
etc	
.	Mean wavelength of filter (μm) followed by
.	variance of filter passband (μm^2) for
.	colours 1-6 in order.
71-76	

If format errors are detected on any card, the card is ignored. With the exception of photometer cards read before star and observatory data has been read, every card which is read successfully will produce some line-printer output (usually self-explanatory).

In all cases, numbers should either be right-justified (i.e. no trailing blanks) in the available card columns, or a decimal point should be punched.

Construction of data deck:

(usual, but not necessary order)

Card types :	01	
	02	
	04	
	05	
	03	(sky background)
	03	(photometer readings), max. 50 cards
	10	
	08	
	06	
	07	
	09	(end of deck : optional)

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* SET LINE INFO SET 3

00001000

ATMOSPHERIC STELLAR EXTINCTION

VERSION #006

REFERENCE: RESEARCH REPORT ASTROPHYS 77/2

PHYSICS DEPARTMENT, UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO, NEW ZEALAND.

FUNCTION HRANG(MD, NM, NY, TIM, RA, ELONG)

SUBROUTINE TO CALCULATE HOUR ANGLE.

I = NY-76

J = NM-3

IF(J) 30, 35, 35

30 J = J+12

I = I-1

35 K = (5+6*J)/10

K = K + ND - 1 + 365 + 30*J + I/4

IF(CI.LT.0) K = K-1

TD = FLOAT(K) + TIM/24.

R = TD/365.24219

R = (R-AINT(R))*24. + 10.59500

TH = TIM + R - RA*3.81972 + ELONG/15. + 96.0

TH = TH - 24.*AINT(TH/24.)

IF(TH-12.) 45, 45, 40

40 TH = TH-24.

45 FRANG = TH

RETURN

END

FUNCTION AMASS(F)

SUBROUTINE TO CALCULATE THE RELATIVE AIRMASS.

IP (F-0.0672) 11, 11, 12

11 AMASS = 25.944*EXP(-21.7*F)+6.234

RETURN

12 SEC = 1/T

T = SEC*SEC-1.

T = 1.-T*(0.00118-2.15E-6*T)

AMASS = SEC*T

RETURN

END

SUBROUTINE LISTER(J)

SUBROUTINE TO LIST J ROWS OF ARRAYS AX, AY.

DIMENSION OBNAM(10), STNAM(10), AX(50,6), AY(50,6)

COMMON OBNAM, STNAM, AX, AY

WRITE(6,300) OBNAM, STNAM

300 FORMAT(' ', 10A6, ' ', 10A6, ' PT.NO. ', 6('MAGNITUDE AIRMASS '))

CO 380 I = 1, J

WRITE(6,320) I, AY(I,1), AX(I,1), AY(I,2), AX(I,2), AY(I,3), AX(I,3),

1 AY(I,4), AX(I,4), AY(I,5), AX(I,5), AY(I,6), AX(I,6)

320 FORMAT(' ', I4, 6(F12.4, F8.4))

380 CONTINUE

RETURN

END

SUBROUTINE PREC(RA, DEC, YEARS)

SUBROUTINE TO PRECESS THE STELLAR COORDINATES.

DEC = DEC + YEARS*9.72E-5*CGS(RA)

RINC = 2.235E-4 + 9.72E-5*SIN(RA)*TAN(DEC)

RA = RA + YEARS*RINC

RINC = DEC*57.29578

TH = RA*3.81972

TM = (TH-AINT(TH))*60.

TS = (TM-AINT(TM))*60.

WRITE(6,1) YEARS, AINT(TH), AINT(TM), TS, RINC

1 FORMAT(' PRECESSION BY ', F5.1, ' YEARS, RA = ', F5.0, ' HR, ', F5.0,

1 ' MIN, ', F5.0, ' SEC, DEC = ', F8.2, ' DEGREES')

RETURN

END

	SUBROUTINE POLY(J,K)	00091000
C	XX	00092000
C	XX	00093000
C	SUBROUTINE TO PERFORM A WEIGHTED LINEAR REGRESSION	00094000
C	ANALYSIS ON THE FIRST K VALUES OF THE JTH COLUMN	00095000
C	OF THE ARRAYS AX, AY.	00096000
C	XX	00097000
C	XX	00098000
	DIMENSION CBNAME(10),STNAME(10),AX(50,6),AY(50,6)	00099000
	COMMON OPNAME,STNAME,AX,AY	00100000
	WRITE(6,10)	00101000
10	FORMAT('CDATA FOR LINEAR REGRESSION')	00102000
	1 /OPT, NO. X VALUE Y VALUE WEIGHT ASSIGNED')	00103000
	DO 30 I = 1,K	00104000
	X = AX(I,J)	00105000
	Y = AY(I,J)	00106000
	IF((Y.LE.100.).OR.(X.GE.40.).OR.(X.LE.0.)) GO TO 20	00107000
	W = 1./X	00108000
15	WRITE(6,15) I,X,Y,W	00109000
	FORMAT(' ',I4,3X,3F10.4)	00110000
	N = N+1	00111000
	WSUM = WSUM + W	00112000
	XSUM = XSUM + X*W	00113000
	YSUM = YSUM + Y*W	00114000
	X2SUM = X2SUM + X*X*W	00115000
	Y2SUM = Y2SUM + Y*Y*W	00116000
	XYSUM = XYSUM + X*Y*W	00117000
	GO TO 30	00118000
20	WRITE(6,25) I,X,Y	00119000
25	FORMAT(' ',I4,3X,2F10.4, ' INVALID DATUM, OMITTED FROM ANALYSIS')	00120000
30	CONTINUE	00121000
	IF (WSUM .EQ. 0.0) GO TO 50	00122000
	XMEAN = XSUM/WSUM	00123000
	YMEAN = YSUM/WSUM	00124000
	X2AV = X2SUM/WSUM	00125000
	XVAR = X2AV - XMEAN*XMEAN	00126000
	XYAV = XYSUM/WSUM	00127000
	IF (N .LE. 1) GO TO 35	00128000
	SLOPE = (XYAV - XMEAN*YMEAN)/XVAR	00129000
	YCEPT = YMEAN - XMEAN*SLOPE	00130000
	Y2AV = Y2SUM/WSUM	00131000
	S2YDNX = Y2AV - YCEPT*YMEAN - SLOPE*XYAV	00132000
	R = SQRT(1. - S2YDNX/(Y2AV-YMEAN*YMEAN))	00133000
	DF = FLOAT(N-2)	00134000
	IF (DF .EQ. 0.0) GO TO 35	00135000
	ERSL = SQRT(S2YDNX/(DF*XVAR))	00136000
	ERYC = ERSL*SQRT(X2AV)	00137000
	ERREST = SQRT(S2YDNX)	00138000
35	WRITE(6,40) SLOPE,ERSL,SLOPE/1.0857,ERSL/1.0857	00139000
40	FORMAT('EXTINCTION COEFF: ',F7.4, 'STELLAR MAGNITUDES PER AIRMASS: ',	00140000
	1 /F7.4, 'OR-',F7.4	00140500
	1 /NEPERS PER AIRMASS: ',F7.4, 'OR-',F7.4)	00141000
	WRITE(6,45)YCEPT,ERYC	00142000
45	FORMAT('ZERO AIRMASS INTERCEPT=',F9.4, 'OR-',F9.4)	00143000
	WRITE(6,60) N,ERREST,R	00144000
60	FORMAT('N=',I4,'NORMALIZED STD ERR OF ESTIMATE=',F7.5	00145000
	1 /CORRELATION COEFF=',F7.5)	00146000
	WRITE(6,65) XMEAN,YMEAN,X2AV,Y2AV,XYAV	00147000
65	FORMAT('QUANTITY: ',10X,'X',10X,'Y',9X,'X**2',8X,'Y**2',8X,	00148000
	1 'XY' / WEIGHTED AV: ',F11.7,F12.7, F11.7,2F12.7)	00149000
	RETURN	00150000
50	WRITE(6,55)	00151000
55	FORMAT('PLEASE CHECK HOUR ANGLES,AIRMASSES AND MAGNITUDES')	00152000
	RETURN	00153000
	END	00154000


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WRITE(6,171) TH, TM, TS, (C(I), I=1, K) 00312000
171 FORMAT('HR, ANGLE 1ST READING', F5.0, 'HR', F4.0, 'MIN', F4.0, 'SEC', 00313000
1 9X, 'STELLAR MAGNITUDE', F10.4) 00314000
P=SIN(ELAT)*SIN(CFC) 00315000
C=COS(ELAT)*COS(CFC) 00316000
DO 170 I=1, K 00317000
C(I)=P+0*COS(T) 00318000
T = T + 0.004363*DELTA 00319000
170 CONTINUE 00320000
WRITE(6,175) PRES1, (C(I), I=1, K) 00321000
175 FORMAT(' PRESSURE', F7.1, 'T46', 'COSINES OF ZENITH ANGLES:', 6F10.4) 00322000
DO 180 I = 1, K 00323000
IF(C(I)) 177, 178, 178 00324000
177 C(I) = 40. 00325000
GO TO 179 00326000
178 C(I) = AMASS(C(I)) 00327000
179 AX(ICOUNT, I) = C(I) 00328000
180 CONTINUE 00329000
WRITE(6,185) FSEQ1, FSEQ2, (C(I), I=1, K) 00330000
185 FORMAT(' FILTER INFO: ', 2A6, 'T61', 'AIRMASSES', 6F10.4) 00331000
999 READ(5,1000, DATA=9999, END=9) NCCMND, STASH 00332000
1000 FORMAT(I2, '13A6') 00333000
C 00334000
C 00335000
C 00336000
(99) COMMENT COMMAND. ECHOED ON THE LINEPRINTER. 00337000
IF(NCCMND.EQ.99) WRITE(6,5800) STASH 00338000
5800 FORMAT('0', 'COMMENT CAPD:', 13A6) 00339000
GO TO (1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10) NCCMND 00340000
GO TO 999 00341000
C 00342000
C 00343000
C 00344000
(01) READ CONTENTS OF STASH AS DATA DESCRIBING AN OBSERVATORY. 00345000
1 READ(STASH,19, DATA=9999) ELONG, ELAT, OBNAME 00346000
19 FORMAT(2X, 2F8.0, 10A6) 00347000
READY = 1. 00348000
WRITE(6,20) JUMP, OBNAME, ELONG, ELAT 00349000
20 FORMAT(I1, 'OBSERVATORY:', 10A6, ' LONGITUDE=', F8.2, 3X, 00350000
1 'LATITUDE=', F8.2) 00351000
ELAT=ELAT/57.29578 00352000
ICOUNT = 0 00353000
JUMP = 0 00354000
GO TO 999 00355000
C 00356000
C 00357000
C 00358000
(02) READ CONTENTS OF STASH AS DATA DESCRIBING A STAR. 00359000
2 READ(STASH,15, DATA=9999) NSTAR, RA, DEC, STNAME 00360000
15 FORMAT(I2, 2F8.0, 10A6) 00361000
STEADY = 1. 00362000
TH=AINT(RA/100.) 00363000
TP=AINT(RA-100.*TH) 00364000
TS=100.*(RA-AINT(RA)) 00365000
WRITE(6,40) JUMP, STNAME, TH, TM, TS, DEC 00366000
40 FORMAT(I1, 'STAR:', 10A6, ' RA=', F5.0, 'HR', F5.0, 'MIN', F5.0, 'SEC', 00367000
1 5X, 'DEC=', F8.2, ' DEGREES') 00368000
RA=TH+TP/60.0+TS/3600.0 00369000
RA=0.2617994*RA 00370000
DEC=DEC/57.29578 00371000
ICOUNT=0 00372000
JUMP = 0 00373000
TESTNS=' ' 00374000
ND=0 00375000
NV=0 00376000
NY=0 00377000
DO 6767 I=1,6 00378000
CTEST(I)=0 00379000
6767 PHI(I)=0 00380000
PRES=0 00381000
GO TO 999 00382000
C 00383000
C 00384000
C 00385000
(04) PRECESS THE STELLAR COORDINATES. 00386000
4 READ(STASH,206, DATA=9999) YRS 00387000
206 FORMAT(F6.0) 00388000
CALL PREC(RA, DEC, YRS) 00389000
GO TO 999 00390000
C 00391000
C 00392000
C 00393000
(05) UPDATE THE PROGRAM PARAMETERS TOPT, NOLG, DELTA 00394000
5 READ(STASH,200, DATA=9999) TOPT, NOLG, DELTA 00395000
200 FORMAT(2X, A4, I4, F4.0) 00396000
WRITE(6,501) TOPT, NOLG, DELTA 00397000
501 FORMAT('0', 'UPDATED PARAMETERS: TIME OPTION (TOPT)=' , A4, 00398000
1 'PHOTOMETER DATA SCALE (NOLG)=' , F8.3, 00399000
1 ' TIME BETWEEN READINGS (DELTA)=' , F8.3) 00400000
GO TO 999 00401000

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C
C (06) PRINT AN X-Y PLOT OF THE ACCUMULATED DATA FOR A SPECIFIED COLOUR. 00396000
C
C 6 READ(STASH,205,DATA=9999) J,TLINE 00397000
205 FORMAT(5X,I1,12A6) 00398000
WRITE(6,601)OBNAME,STNAME,J,ND1,NM1,NY1,TLINE 00399000
601 FORMAT('1',10A6/' ',10A6/' ',10A6/' COLOUR NO.',13,T97,'PT.NO.',3X, 00400000
1 'STAR MAG.',4X,'AIRMASS',/' DATE:',3I3//10X,12A6//') 00401000
CALL PLOT(J,ICOUNT) 00402000
GO TO 999 00403000
C
C (07) PERFORM A LINEAR REGRESSION ANALYSIS OF STELLAR MAGNITUDE VS. AIRMASS FOR A SPECIFIED COLOUR. 00404000
C
C 7 READ(STASH,205,DATA=9999) J,TLINE 00405000
WRITE(6,6910) 00406000
6910 FORMAT('=====') 00407000
1 '=====') 00408000
701 WRITE(6,701)OBNAME,STNAME,J,ND1,NM1,NY1,TLINE 00409000
FORMAT(' ',10A6/' ',10A6/' COLOUR NO.',13/' DATE:',3I3/10X,12A6 00410000
1 //) 00411000
CALL POLY(J,ICOUNT) 00412000
GO TO 999 00413000
C
C (08) READ THE CONTENTS OF STASH AS DATA DESCRIBING THE FILTERS USED IN THE OBSERVATIONS. SUBTRACT THE CALCULATED RAYLEIGH EXTINCTION FROM EACH STORED STELLAR MAGNITUDE. 00414000
C
C 8 READ(STASH,210,DATA=9999) F 00415000
210 FORMAT(2Y,12F6.0) 00416000
WRITE(6,801) 00417000
801 FORMAT('/' FILTER DATA/' COLOUR NO. LAMBDA SIGMA**2') 00418000
DU 260 J = 1,6 00419000
WAVL = F(J+J-1) 00420000
VAR = F(J+J) 00421000
WRITE(6,802) J,WAVL,VAR 00422000
802 FORMAT(' ',1A,2F10.4) 00423000
IF (WAVL.LT.0.2) GO TO 260 00424000
W2 = WAVL*WAVL 00425000
W4 = W2*W2 00426000
A1 = 0.0090515/W4 00427000
A2 = 0.00011335/(W4*W2) 00428000
C*****THE ABOVE 2 LINES CORRECT THE RAYLEIGH SUBTRACTION. 00429000
C*****PREVIOUSLY: A1 = 0.00926/W4, A2 = 0.0001234/(W4*W2) 00430000
C*****DATE OF CHANGE 31/10/77 AJR 00431000
RAYK = A1 + A2 00432000
DERIV1 = (4. * A1 + 6. * A2)/WAVL 00433000
DERIV2 = (20. * A1 + 42. * A2)/W2 00434000
DU 250 I=1,ICOUNT 00435000
X = AX(I,J) *(PR(1)/1013.25) 00436000
P = -DERIV2*Y*VAR/2. 00437000
Q = (DERIV1**2) * (X**2) * VAR/(2.*1.0857) 00438000
STRFAC = X * (DERIV1 * ((PHI(J)/W2) - (5/WAVL)) * VAR 00439000
C*****STRFAC CORRECTS THE OBSERVED INTENSITY FOR STAR COLOUR 00440000
C*****PHI(J) IS THE ABSOLUTE GRADIENT OF STAR INTENSITY(LAMBDA). 00441000
C*****PHI(J) IS LOOKED UP AS A FUNCTION OF STAR SPECTRAL CLASS. 00442000
EXT = X*RAYK 00443000
AY(I,J) = AY(I,J) + P + Q - EXT + STRFAC 00444000
PRINT /,AY(I,J),P,Q,EXT,STRFAC,X,RAYK 00445000
250 CONTINUE 00446000
260 CONTINUE 00447000
WRITE(6,270) 00448000
270 FORMAT('DATA AFTER SUBTRACTION OF RAYLEIGH EXTINCTION') 00449000
CALL LISTER(ICOUNT) 00450000
GO TO 999 00451000
C
C (09) STOP COMMAND. 00452000
C
C 9 STOP 00453000
9999 WRITE(6,7030)COMMAND,STASH 00454000
7030 FORMAT(' >>>>DATA ERROR IN THIS CARD:',I2,13A6) 00455000
GOTO 999 00456000
C
C (10) ENTER PHI(J) VALUES FOR STAR. 00457000
C
C 10 READ (STASH,7577,DATA=9999)PHI 00458000
7577 FORMAT(2Y,6(E6.0,6X)) 00459000
WRITE(6,7578)PHI 00460000
7578 FORMAT('1',/,'6(' PHI=',F10.4' ')) 00461000
GOTO 999 00462000
END 00463000

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ATMOSPHERIC EXTINCTION DATA CODING FORM

NZST
TIME INFO: UT
HA
PHOTOMETER DATA: Direct Observations
Instr. Magnitudes

Observer: _____ Recorder: _____
Moon: present absent rising setting phase _____
Seeing: v. steady steady unsteady turbulent _____
Transparency: Excellent good fair poor _____
Horizontal visibility: _____ km
Obstruction to vision: Haze Smoke Fog _____
Temperature: _____ °C Dew Point: _____ °C
Wind Speed: _____ m s⁻¹ Direction: _____
Sky Cover: _____ eighths Humidity: _____ %

(tick one) Time Interval Between Successive Colour Readings: _____
(if this varies by more than ±10 s, use one colour per 03 row and specify the time for each reading)

EAST LONGITUDE LATITUDE
(decimal degrees) (decimal degrees) NAME OF OBSERVATORY AND DETAILS OF INSTRUMENTATION

Grid for EAST LONGITUDE, LATITUDE, and NAME OF OBSERVATORY AND DETAILS OF INSTRUMENTATION.

R.A. DEC.
H H M M . S S (decimal degrees)

Grid for R.A., DEC., EPOCH, NAME OF STAR, STAR NO., SPECTRAL CLASS, LUMINOSITY CLASS, MAGNITUDE, V, U-B, B-V.

STAR DATE TIME COLOUR 1 COLOUR 2 COLOUR 3 COLOUR 4 COLOUR 5 COLOUR 6 COLOUR SEQUENCE ATM. PRES. (mb)
No. DAY MONTH YEAR H H M M . S S

Grid for STAR, DATE, TIME, COLOUR 1-6, COLOUR SEQUENCE, and ATM. PRES. (mb).

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In general, numbers must be right-justified within their field unless they contain a decimal point.
The Star-Number is 00 for SKY, 01, 02, 03,....99 for each successive star in one data batch.

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BBO#4

ATMOSPHERIC EXTINCTION DATA CODING FORM

NZST

TIME INFO: UT

HA

(tick one)

PHOTOMETER DATA: Direct Observations

Instr. Magnitudes

(tick one)

Time Interval Between Successive Colour Readings: 40s
 (if this varies by more than ± 10 s, use one colour per 03 row and specify the time for each reading)

EAST LONGITUDE LATITUDE
 (decimal degrees) (decimal degrees)

NAME OF OBSERVATORY AND DETAILS OF INSTRUMENTATION

01 | 1701.5 | -45.87 | 880. 60" APERTURE TUBE 1, 1120V | 1140

R.A. DEC.

H H M . S S (decimal degrees) EPOCH

NAME OF STAR

SPECTRAL

CLASS MAGNITUDE U B V U-B B-V

02 | 1626.20 | -26.323 | | ALPHA-SCORPII (~~H~~ +84) | | | | | | | | | |

STAR DATE TIME

No. DAY MONTH YEAR H H M . S S

COLOUR 1

COLOUR 2

COLOUR 3

COLOUR 4

COLOUR 5

COLOUR 6

COLOUR SEQUENCE

ATM. PRES.(mb)

STAR No.	DATE DAY MONTH YEAR	TIME H H M . S S	COLOUR 1	COLOUR 2	COLOUR 3	COLOUR 4	COLOUR 5	COLOUR 6	COLOUR SEQUENCE	ATM. PRES.(mb)
03	01	21/09/77	0907.	260683	1123807	7551				
03	01	/ /	0927.	249015	115877	6794				
03	01	/ /	0949.	241128	109540	6047				
03	01	/ /	1002.	231866	103213	5510				
03	01	/ /	1044.	198724	82754	3535				
03	00	21/09/77	0910.	309	780	123				
03	00	21/09/77	0920.	286	475	132				
03	00	21/09/77	0939.	306	504	138				
03	00	21/09/77	0952.	378	549	136				
03	00	21/09/77	1014.	376	606	157				

Only these sky readings for whole data set. + 2 on next sheet.

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OBSERVATORY: H04. 60" APERTURE. TUBE 1. 1120V.
LONGITUDE= 170.50 LATITUDE= -45.87

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STAR: 1950ALPHA-SCORPII 01 M2 I 0.89 1.83 1.34
RA= 16.HR 26.MIN 20.SEC DEC= -26.32 DEGREES

PRECESED BY 27.8 YEARS, RA= 16.HR 28.MIN 2.SEC , DEC= -26.38 DEGREES

COLOUR 1 COLOUR 2 COLOUR 3 COLOUR 4 COLOUR 5 COLOUR 6

STAR 1 PT.NO. 1 DATE: 21 9 77 TIME: 907. UT RAW DATA: 260683.00 123807.00 7551.00 -100.00 -100.00 -100.00
HR.ANGLE 1ST READING: 4.HR 1.MIN 29.SEC STELLAR MAGNITUDE: -13.5398 -12.7314 -9.6947
PRESSURE: 1022.0 COSINES OF ZENITH ANGLES: 0.6273 0.6267 0.6261
FILTER INFO: VBU AIRMASSES: 1.5912 1.5927 1.5942

SKY READING DATE: 21 9 77 TIME: 910. UT 309.00 780.00 123.00 -100.00 -100.00 -100.00

STAR 1 PT.NO. 2 DATE: 21 9 77 TIME: 927. UT RAW DATA: 249015.00 115877.00 6794.00 -100.00 -100.00 -100.00
HR.ANGLE 1ST READING: 4.HR 21.MIN 33.SEC STELLAR MAGNITUDE: -13.4888 -12.6522 -9.5602
PRESSURE: 1022.0 COSINES OF ZENITH ANGLES: 0.5788 0.5781 0.5775
FILTER INFO: AIRMASSES: 1.7238 1.7256 1.7275

SKY READING DATE: 21 9 77 TIME: 920. UT 286.00 475.00 132.00 -100.00 -100.00 -100.00

SKY READING DATE: 21 9 77 TIME: 939. UT 306.00 504.00 138.00 -100.00 -100.00 -100.00

STAR 1 PT.NO. 3 DATE: 21 9 77 TIME: 949. UT RAW DATA: 241128.00 109540.00 6047.00 -100.00 -100.00 -100.00
HR.ANGLE 1ST READING: 4.HR 43.MIN 36.SEC STELLAR MAGNITUDE: -13.4538 -12.5935 -9.4285
PRESSURE: 1022.0 COSINES OF ZENITH ANGLES: 0.5231 0.5224 0.5218
FILTER INFO: AIRMASSES: 1.9059 1.9082 1.9105

SKY READING DATE: 21 9 77 TIME: 952. UT 378.00 549.00 138.00 -100.00 -100.00 -100.00

STAR 1 PT.NO. 4 DATE: 21 9 77 TIME: 1002. UT RAW DATA: 231866.00 103213.00 5510.00 -100.00 -100.00 -100.00
HR.ANGLE 1ST READING: 4.HR 56.MIN 39.SEC STELLAR MAGNITUDE: -13.4109 -12.5281 -9.3254
PRESSURE: 1022.0 COSINES OF ZENITH ANGLES: 0.4892 0.4886 0.4879
FILTER INFO: AIRMASSES: 2.0365 2.0392 2.0419

SKY READING DATE: 21 9 77 TIME: 1014. UT 376.00 606.00 157.00 -100.00 -100.00 -100.00

SKY READING DATE: 21 9 77 TIME: 1029. UT 438.00 644.00 150.00 -100.00 -100.00 -100.00

STAR 1 PT.NO. 5 DATE: 21 9 77 TIME: 1044. UT RAW DATA: 198724.00 82754.00 3535.00 -100.00 -100.00 -100.00
HR.ANGLE 1ST READING: 5.HR 38.MIN 45.SEC STELLAR MAGNITUDE: -13.2428 -12.2856 -8.8236
PRESSURE: 1022.0 COSINES OF ZENITH ANGLES: 0.3767 0.3760 0.3753
FILTER INFO: AIRMASSES: 2.6359 2.6406 2.6453

COMMENT CARD: THE RAYLEIGH SUBTRACTION CARDS GO HERE AFTER EDITING HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

COMMENT CARD: THE FOLLOWING CARDS ARE FOR THE RAYLEIGH SUBTRACTION.

PHI= 4.1500

PHI= 8.9000

PHI= 6.0500

PHI= 0.0000

PHI= 0.0000

PHI= 0.0000

FILTER DATA

COLOUR NO. Wavelength variance
LAMBDA SIGMA**2

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0.1030116590184548

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0.1030116590184548

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② 0.4450 0.0013

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DATA AFTER-SUBTRACTION OF RAYLEIGH EXTINCTION
 BBO4. 60" APERTURE. TUBE 1. 1120V.
 1950ALPHA-SCORPII

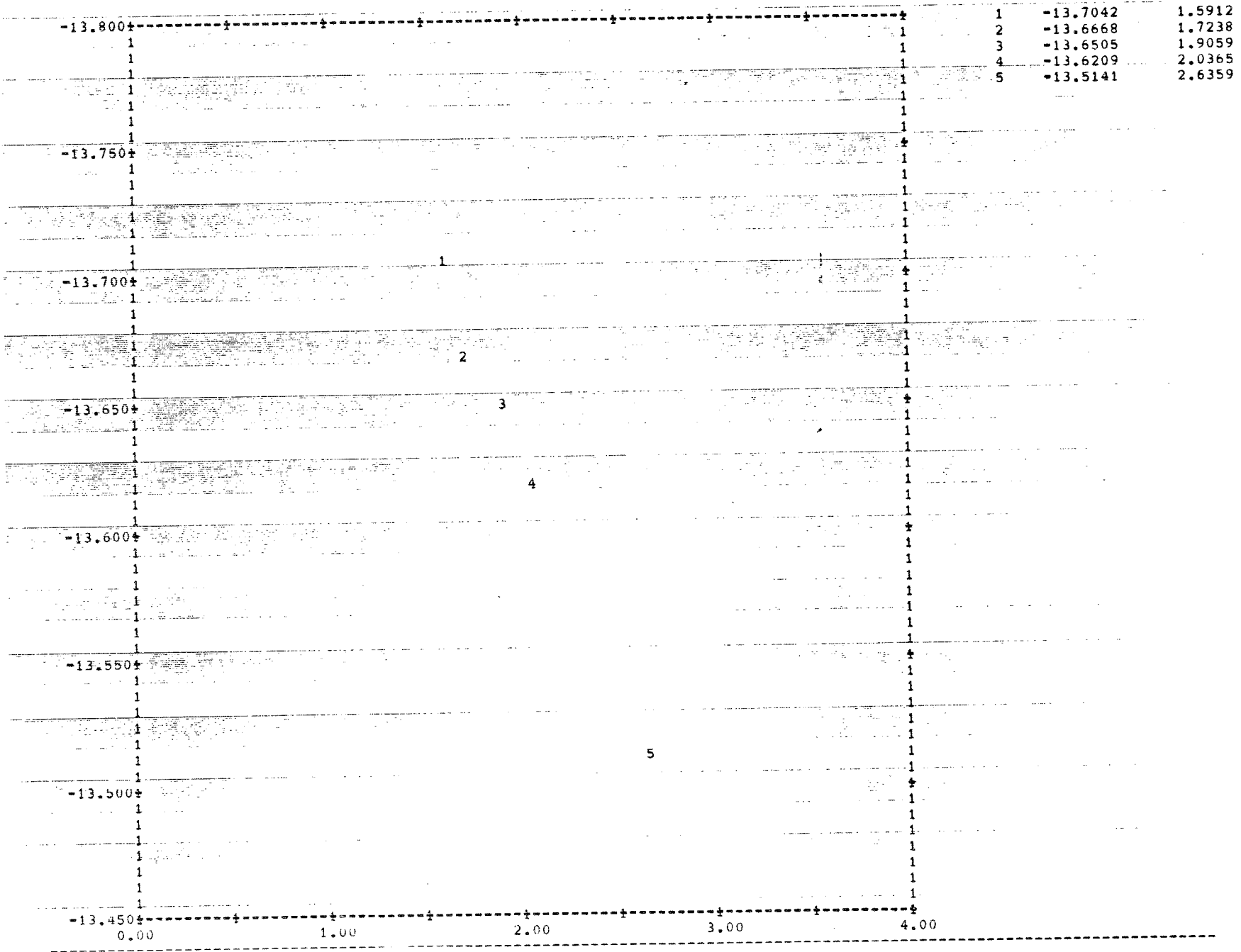
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					0.89	1.83 1.34						
1	-13.7042	1.5912	-12.9854	1.5927	-10.4869	1.5942	-100.0000	0.0000	-100.0000	0.0000	-100.0000	0.0000
2	-13.6668	1.7238	-12.9267	1.7256	-10.4168	1.7275	-100.0000	0.0000	-100.0000	0.0000	-100.0000	0.0000
3	-13.6505	1.9059	-12.8959	1.9082	-10.3730	1.9105	-100.0000	0.0000	-100.0000	0.0000	-100.0000	0.0000
4	-13.6209	2.0365	-12.8504	2.0392	-10.3328	2.0419	-100.0000	0.0000	-100.0000	0.0000	-100.0000	0.0000
5	-13.5141	2.6359	-12.6979	2.6406	-10.1157	2.6453	-100.0000	0.0000	-100.0000	0.0000	-100.0000	0.0000

BB04. 60" APERTURE. TUBE 1. 1120V.
 1950ALPHA-SCORPII 01 M2 I
 COLOUR NO. 1
 DATE: 21 9 77

141
 0.89 1.83 1.34

PT.NO. STAR MAG. AIRMASS

PLOT OF COLOUR 1 (V)



SB04. 60" APERTURE. TUBE 1. 1120V. 141
1950ALPHA-SCORPII 01 M2 I 0.89 1.83 1.34

COLOUR NO 1
DATE: 21 9 77
L-R OF COLOUR 1 (V)

DATA FOR LINEAR REGRESSION:

PT. NO.	X-VALUE	Y-VALUE	WEIGHT ASSIGNED $\approx 1/X$
1	1.5912	-13.7042	0.6285
2	1.7238	-13.6668	0.5801
3	1.9059	-13.6505	0.5247
4	2.0365	-13.6209	0.4910
5	2.6359	-13.5141	0.3794

EXTINCTION COEFF:

STELLAR MAGNITUDES PER AIRMASS: 0.1773 +OR- 0.0100
NEPERS PER AIRMASS: 0.1633 +OR- 0.0092 \rightarrow slope / 1.0857

ZERO AIRMASS INTERCEPT = -13.9822 +OR- 0.0194

N = 5

NORMALIZED STD ERR OF ESTIMATE = 0.00577

CORRELATION COEFF = 0.99530

QUANTITY: X Y X**2 Y**2 XY
WEIGHTED AV: 1.9203497 -13.6416338 3.7996921 186.0977279 -26.1768544