Combined Out-Of-Range and In-Band Stray Light Correction for Array Spectroradiometers

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Introduction

- Array-spectroradiometers are extensively used for the measurement of light (VIS and NIR)

- Fast measurement
- Flexible, robust
- Cost efficient
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- Double monochromator are the common used devices for precise measurements in the UV spectral region for e.g. photobiological safety measurements (IEC/DIN EN 62471:2006, CIE S 009)
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Double Monochromator  \(<-\rightarrow\)  Array-Spectrometer

- slow scanning, bulky devices, higher cost
Goal:

“Use the advantages of array spectroradiometers also in the UV range!”
Question:
“What is limiting the application of array-spectroradiometers in the UV?”
Answer: “Internal stray light”
- slow scanning, bulky devices, higher cost
+ stray light performance
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- → **Possibility of incorrect classification**
  - higher risk group (IEC/DIN EN 62471:2006)
  - product rejection (sun beds)
Origin of stray light
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Wavelength (nm)

UV

UVB | UVA

VIS & NIR
Origin of stray light

UV & VIS & NIR

UV
Correction of stray light

- Mathematical stray light correction
  - Characterization of the device with LSF (Line Spread Functions) over the full spectral range
  - Determination and application of correction matrix
    (Zong et al. 2006, Nevas et al. 2014)
Correction of stray light

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No bandpass filter from 200 nm to e.g. 400 nm available
Question:
“How to overcome this limitation?”
Further advanced approaches

- Use of two spectroradiometers with different spectral range (one full range of Si, one pure UV)
  - Nevas et al. 2014 from PTB

- Use multiple bandpass filters
  - Shaw et al. 2008 from NPL

- A lot of information is given in the now published document CIE 233
Question:

“Is there another possible approach for the UV range?”
Our approach

reduce stray light physically

and

correct remaining stray light mathematically
Our approach

- Stray light correction by optical filter
  - Out-of-Range stray light correction (highpass edgefilter)

- Mathematical stray light correction
  - In-Range stray light correction
Schematical setup of the BTS2048-UV-S

1) Incoming optical radiation
2) Cosine diffuser
3) **Filter wheel with optical filter**
4) BiTec spectral sensor
5) Electrical connectors
6) Microprocessor for data processing and communication.
Measurement results – Halogen lamp

- 250 W halogen lamp measurement at 500 mm distance

- Deviation $E_{\text{eff}}$
  - without SLC: 105%
  - combined SLC: 1.5%

- Detection limit
  - without SLC: 1E-3
  - combined SLC: 2E-5
Measurement results – Sunbed tanning lamp

- 4x 15 W sunbed tanning lamp measurement at 150 mm distance

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Measurement results – LED

- 365nm LED measurement at 500 mm distance

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Diagram showing spectral irradiance in W/(m²nm) against wavelength in nm.
Measurement results – Xenon lamp

- 450 W Xenon lamp measurement at 180 mm distance

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B.1.1 Double monochromator: Recommended instrument

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→ Measurement results suggest that UV hazard evaluations (ACGIH/ICNIRP) according to CIE S009/IEC 62471:2006 are possible with this approach
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→ **Stray light corrected array spectroradiometer measurements down to 200 nm are possible for every type of light source**