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Measurements of tropospheric species from the Atmospheric Chemistry Experiment Fourier Transform Spectrometer (ACE-FTS)

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The Atmospheric Chemistry Experiment (ACE) is a Canadian scientific satellite mission designed to perform remote sensing measurements of the Earth's atmosphere. The SCISAT-1 satellite, carrying the ACE payload, was successfully launched into a 650 km altitude, 74 degree inclination orbit on August 12, 2003. The primary instrument on-board SCISAT-1 is a high-resolution (0.02 cm^{-1}) Fourier Transform Spectrometer (ACE-FTS) operating between 750 and 4400 cm⁻¹. ACE-FTS uses solar occultation to determine profiles of atmospheric trace gas species, temperature and pressure down to 5 km. Examples of ACE-FTS results for tropospheric species such as methanol, formic acid, acetone, and peroxyacetyl nitrate (PAN) will be presented in this paper.