FREE TROPOSPHERIC MEASUREMENTS OF BIOMASS BURNING EMISSIONS BY THE ATMOSPHERIC CHEMISTRY EXPERIMENT (ACE)

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The Atmospheric Chemistry Experiment (ACE) was successfully launched in August 2003 to monitor the chemical composition Earth's atmosphere with measurements obtained primarily in solar occultation mode. The primary instrument is a Fourier transform spectrometer (FTS) covering the infrared from 750-4400 cm⁻¹ simultaneously with a maximum optical path difference of 25 cm (0.02 cm⁻¹ resolution). We describe free tropospheric measurements of biomass burning products such as HCN, CO, C_2H_6 , CH_3Cl , HCOOH and 1.02 μ m extinction and their interpretation based on other satellite measurements and back trajectory calculations.