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Methods Used by IRPL for
the Prediction of Ionosphere Characteristics
and Maximum Usable Frequencies.

Introduction

This paper describes the method used by the Interservice Radio Propagation Laboratory for long-time world-wide prediction of monthly average critical frequencies and maximum usable frequencies for the regular ionosphere layers. Tables are attached giving the necessary basic data for predicting for the ionosphere observatories which have been operating long enough for their trends to be well established.

The essential basis of long-time predictions is the fact that the critical frequencies and virtual heights of the ionosphere layers are subject to regular variations diurnally, seasonally, and from year to year with the sunspot cycle. These variations repeat themselves in a sufficiently regular manner so that average characteristics can be predicted with reasonable accuracy.

Superposed on the regular variations are random day-to-day variations which are difficult to forecast, and variations due to ionosphere storms, sudden ionosphere disturbances, and other similar phenomena. These day-to-day variations must be taken into account when use is made of average predictions. The present discussion, however, is confined entirely to the prediction of the regular average undisturbed diurnal variations of the ionosphere characteristics and maximum usable frequencies, for various times of year and epochs of the sunspot cycle.

Outline of General Prediction Method

The process of prediction of any quantity whose variations can be associated with a number of causes or periodicities consists principally of (1) analyzing the quantity into parts, each of which can be predicted separately by relating it to some other quantity whose variation can be readily predicted, and (2) recombining the separately predicted parts to obtain the predicted value of the whole.

The analysis which has proved satisfactory at the Interservice Radio Propagation Laboratory has been to break the maximum usable frequencies (m.u.f.), for transmission by a regular layer, at any latitude, into:-

- (a) the vertical-incidence critical frequencies (f_c),
- (b) factors by which the f_c can be multiplied to obtain the m.u.f. for a standard distance (3500 km).

(c) the relation of the m.u.f. factor for 3500 km to that for any other distance.

The f_c and m.u.f. factors for 3500 km have been considered as made up of three components, of which one varies with the local time of day, another with season of the year, and still another with the epoch of the sunspot cycle. The m.u.f. factor for other distances has been considered as bearing a fairly constant relation to the ones for 3500 km.

Extrapolation of trends manifested in the past for these variations is the basis for predicting future values of f_c and of the m.u.f. at any location for which ionosphere data have been available. Coordination of the predictions for a series of such stations, by determining latitude variations of the values of critical frequency at equal values of local time, and expressing longitude variations as equivalents of diurnal variations, afford the means of making world-wide predictions.

Variations with Sunspot Cycle

Since the ionosphere is produced by radiation from the sun, the variations of that radiation are related to at least some of the variations of the ionosphere. The first step in predicting ionosphere characteristics, therefore, is to predict the amount of ionizing radiation emitted from the sun. It has been found that in general, but not in detail, sunspot numbers are a measure of solar activity and of emission of ionizing radiation. On the average, a high value of sunspot number corresponds to a high value of ionizing radiation and consequent ionization of the earth's atmosphere.* Thus a prediction of the average sunspot number is the first step in making an ionosphere prediction.

Both for the purpose of smoothing out random irregularities and for that of later correlation with non-seasonal ionosphere trends, it has been found convenient to plot the 12-month running average of the monthly average Zurich sunspot number against time. Extrapolation of this curve to the middle of the season for which predictions are to be made affords an estimate of the moving average sunspot number, centered at the middle of that season.

It has been found advantageous to group the various months into seasons in each of which the solar radiation does not vary much. For temperate latitudes the months are thus grouped as follows: (a) November, December, January, February; (b) March, April; (c) May, June, July, August; (d) September, October. For the station of Huancayo, latitude 12°S , however, a preferable seasonal grouping appears to be: (a) October, November, December, January, February, March; (b) April, May; (c) June, July; (d) August, September.

The variation of critical frequency at a station with sunspot cycle, independent of seasonal variation, for any given local time, is conven-

*"Trends of characteristics of the ionosphere for half a sunspot cycle," by N. Smith, T. R. Gilliland, and S. S. Kirby. J. Research N.B.S. 21, 335 (1938)

iently shown by curves of 12-month running averages of the monthly average critical frequencies plotted against the 12-month running averages of the monthly average Zurich sunspot numbers. These are called trend curves. It is remarkable that such trend curves, for all stations, and for all times of day seem to exhibit approximately the same slope. This circumstance is fortunate in that it enables better extrapolation of such trend curves in cases where there are but few data. Slopes and zero intercepts of the trend curves for several observation stations are presented in Table 1.

From the predicted average sunspot number for a given season, the predicted seasonal value of the 12-month running average of the monthly average critical frequency may be made, for a given station, for any time of day. This is done by extrapolation of a trend curve such as described above. Since for the E and F_1 layers it has been found that the diurnal variation of the critical frequency expressed as percentages of the noon value is independent of sunspot number, it is only necessary to estimate the 12-month running-average critical frequency for one time of day, usually for noon.

In the case of the F- F_2 -layer, there are notable changes in the diurnal variation of critical frequency with the epoch of the sunspot cycle. It has been found convenient to predict first the 12-month running average of the monthly average critical frequencies at the approximate times of the low and high points of the curve of diurnal variation, i.e., at the pre-sunrise minimum and at noon. Similar estimates are made for every fourth hour during the day in order to establish other points on the diurnal curve.

Seasonal Variation

An average seasonal value of the predicted critical frequency is obtained by multiplying the predicted 12-month running-average value for the middle of the season by a "seasonal index", defined as the ratio of the seasonal average to the 12-month running average at midseason. The seasonal indexes manifest in general a sunspot-cycle variation; they are obtained by extrapolation of trend curves in cases where there are sufficient data available to make a correlation between them and the sunspot numbers. Curves are plotted of seasonal indexes vs sunspot numbers, for various times of day. For the F- and F_2 -layer data, a reversal of the slope of these curves occurs in temperate latitudes when the season changes from summer to winter, and vice versa; similarly the slopes are opposite in northern and southern hemispheres at the same time. In tropical latitudes for all seasons, and during the equinoctial seasons for north temperate latitudes, the variation of seasonal index with sunspot cycle is small. Similarly, only slight variation of E-layer and F_1 -layer noon seasonal indexes occurs with changing sunspot number. Slopes and zero intercepts of the seasonal index trend curves, where these are fairly well established, as well as the average seasonal index, for all years of available data, for several observation stations, are presented in Table 2.

Monthly Variation

If critical-frequency predictions are to be made for a given month, the previously determined seasonal average is multiplied by a "monthly index", which is defined as the ratio of the monthly average critical frequency to the seasonal average critical frequency, for the hour under consideration. Monthly indexes exhibit variation with sunspot cycle, also, although such variations appear to be somewhat less regular with seasonal and latitude change than are those shown by the seasonal indexes. Slopes and zero intercepts of the monthly index trend curves, where these are fairly well established, as well as the average monthly index, for all years of available data, for several observation stations, are presented in Table 3.

Diurnal Variations of E and F₁ Layers

Having thus determined monthly averages of the noon critical frequency for the E or F₁ layer for each station for which data are available, the prediction of the values at other hours is made by multiplying the predicted noon critical frequency by the average ratios of the critical frequency at other hours to that at noon, obtained from all previous data for the same month on a given station.

Construction of World-Wide Prediction Charts

It is convenient to express world-wide predictions of critical frequencies by means of contour charts where longitude is expressed as its equivalent value of local time. To establish the contours on such charts, the times for integral values of the critical frequency (or other values selected for labeling the contour lines) are marked off on the line corresponding to the latitude of each station for which prediction has been made. Since integral values of critical frequency will not, in general, correspond to integral hour values of local time for which the trend curves and diurnal variation ratios have been established, it is convenient to obtain the times of integral values of critical frequencies from previously prepared diurnal curves of critical frequency for each station.

By preparing latitude variation curves among the various coordinated stations for any selected hour of local time, it is also possible to obtain as contour points the latitude locations of integral (or other selected) values of critical frequency. Usually, selection of such latitude variation curves at intervals of four hours is sufficient to delineate the contours adequately. In regions where there is wide separation between contour points, aid in determining the location of contour lines for the E layer is afforded by the well established fact that approximately equal critical frequencies exist for equal intensities of solar radiation. Actually, symmetry seems to exist about a location somewhat to the north of the subsolar point. The E-layer critical-frequency contour lines are hence of shapes similar to lines passing through points equidistant from the subsolar point.

The process of constructing predicted contour charts of F_1 -layer critical frequencies is identical with that for the E-layer, except for the above mentioned close correlation between the shape of the contour lines and lines drawn through points of equal solar zenith angle.

Prediction of the Diurnal Variations of F- and F_2 -Layer Critical Frequencies.

The hourly values of predicted average F- and F_2 -layer critical frequencies for any station are obtained as follows. Hourly indexes are obtained for all available data, by dividing the difference between the hourly and the pre-sunrise minimum critical frequencies by the difference between the noon and pre-sunrise minimum critical frequencies. The mean hourly indexes for the month in question are then multiplied by the predicted value of noon minus pre-sunrise minimum critical frequency, and the predicted pre-sunrise minimum value is added.

Because there is a slight change in shape of the diurnal variation curve with sunspot cycle, it is necessary to consider also the hourly values for selected times of day, predicted from trends previously mentioned. The change in shape is apparent when the sunspot cycle trend curves taken at any station for differing hours of day are examined. The process of applying the average hourly indexes for all past data, while smoothing the shape of the curve, also obliterates all sunspot-cycle variation; an allowance should be made for this effect.

It is ordinarily sufficient for this purpose to obtain predicted values of the critical frequency for every four hours of local time, by reference to independent trend curves of (1) the 12-month running average of monthly average critical frequency, (2) the seasonal indexes, and (3) the monthly indexes. By modifying the predicted diurnal variation curve to include the points thus obtained, a somewhat better prediction of the values of critical frequency at each hour may be effected. Inspection of the progressive change shown in the monthly average diurnal curves of the station for previous years is also useful, and indicates whether further modification is necessary.

It is desirable to construct world-wide F- and F_2 -layer contour charts, for the predicted critical frequencies. Once the diurnal variation curves have been made for each station, as well as latitude variation curves correlating the values at each station for the same local time, the process of constructing contour charts is exactly the same as that for the E layer and F_1 layer. In the case of the F and F_2 layers, the variations of critical frequency with intensity of solar radiation are much less regular than for the E or F_1 layers. Therefore the use of lines equidistant from the subsolar point is no aid in establishing the form of the contour lines between predicted points.

Prediction Methods for Regions of Sparse Data

For stations where data establishing diurnal variation are available, but where insufficient past data exist for the delineation of a trend curve, two means of prediction are possible. If the station is within very short distance (2 or 3 degrees of latitude) of another station where sufficient data have accrued for the determination of a trend curve, the trend curve of the other station may be used. In general this is not feasible, so a commoner method is to determine the ratios of noon values of the critical frequency at the new station to those at an older station, for the same month for all available data. The average value of this ratio for the given month is then applied to the predicted value for the older station.

At latitudes where insufficient stations exist for a good determination of contour lines, an approximate determination may sometimes be afforded by applying data for similar latitudes in the opposite hemisphere, for a time six months previous, at the same latitude, with appropriate corrections for latitude and annual variations. Exact reversal between hemispheres of data taken six months apart is not found to occur, even after allowance has been made for variation in sunspot number during the six-month period.

Prediction of Maximum Usable Frequencies

The procedure for construction of predicted maximum usable frequency contour charts, for any desired distance, is similar to the procedure outlined above for critical frequency charts.

Maximum usable frequencies are in general obtained by multiplying the critical frequencies by their respective maximum usable frequency factors, characteristic of the transmission distance stated. Curves are prepared showing diurnal variation of the maximum usable frequency at each station, and the latitude variation among the stations for several constant values of local time, and from them charts are constructed for maximum usable frequencies as above.

The F_1 , F_2 -layer maximum usable frequency factors for a given distance vary with sunspot cycle, season, local time of day, and latitude. Ordinarily measurements of these are furnished by most stations contributing other ionospheric data, but where this is not done, interpolated values obtained from latitude variation curves of the factor at chosen constant values of local time among the stations contributing such factor measurements, must be used.

In the case of the E layer and approximately also the F_1 layer, the m.u.f. factors are nearly constant for all times and latitudes, for any given distance, 4.51 at 1000 miles for the E layer, for example, and 3.87 at 2000 miles for the F_1 layer.

Summary

The method of predicting critical frequencies of all ionospheric layers consists, essentially, of obtaining from all available data, for any observation station, at a given hour of day, the relation between the 12-month running average of monthly average Zurich sunspot number and (a) the 12-month running average of monthly average critical frequency, (b) the ratio of seasonal average critical frequency to the 12-month running average of monthly average critical frequency at midseason (seasonal index), and (c) the ratio of monthly average to seasonal average of critical frequency (monthly index). Extrapolation of the trend curves thus obtained and the time trend of 12-month running average of monthly average Zurich sunspot number to the time for which prediction is to be made gives a set of separately predicted values which may be combined to form the predicted critical frequency. This prediction is made for the noon values of E-layer and F_1 -layer critical frequency, and for every four hours, as well as for the pre-sunrise minimum value of the F_1 , F_2 -layer critical frequency.

Predicted monthly average diurnal values of critical frequency for each station are obtained by the aid of hourly indexes. In the case of the E layer and F_1 layer, the hourly index is the average ratio, for all past data on the month of prediction, of the critical frequency for the hour in question to that at noon. This, multiplied by the predicted noon value gives the predicted value for the hour in question. In the case of the F_1 , F_2 layer, the hourly index is the average ratio for all past data on the month of prediction, of the critical frequency for the hour in question to the critical frequency range between noon and the pre-sunrise minimum. This, multiplied by the predicted range, after the predicted pre-sunrise minimum value has been added, gives a predicted value of critical frequency for the hour, which may be adjusted with that determined independently from the trend curves of 12-month running average value, seasonal index, and monthly index.

World-wide predictions are obtained by interpolation and extrapolation of latitude variation curves drawn, for any given hour, between the predicted values for various observation stations.

Maximum usable frequencies are predicted by multiplying the predicted critical frequencies by a factor which, for a given distance, is approximately constant in the case of the E layer and F_1 layer (a different factor for each layer, however). The factor for the F_1 , F_2 layer varies with sunspot cycle epoch, season, hour of day, and latitude, and for a given distance must be predicted by a method similar to that used in the prediction of critical frequency. For any ionospheric layer the ratio of the maximum usable frequency at any selected distance to that at another selected distance is, to a practical approximation, considered constant.

Tables are furnished giving the zero intercepts and slopes of the various trend curves (approximately rectilinear) where these seem fairly well established, and the average values of seasonal and monthly indexes, for several observation stations.

Table 1

12-Month Running Average Monthly Average Summit Number 12-Month Running Average Monthly Average
Critical Frequency Trends

Local Time Station:	F ₁ F ₂ Layer Trend									
	Presurise Minimum		00		04		08		12	
	O-Inter- cept	Slope x 10 ²	O-Inter- cept	Slope x 10 ²	O-Inter- cept	Slope x 10 ²	O-Inter- cept	Slope x 10 ²	O-Inter- cept	Slope x 10 ²
College, Alaska Slough	2.36	1.64							3.90	4.08
Washington	1.87	2.56		3.42	1.94	2.70	4.25	3.73	4.93	4.19
Puerto Rico	3.04	2.37	2.29	3.32	3.10	2.53	5.64	3.76	5.29	4.82
Huancayo	2.41	2.75	3.78	3.54	2.83	2.84	6.94	4.44	7.30	4.79
Watheroo	2.76	1.47	5.18	3.99	3.07	1.35	4.56	3.75	6.27	5.21
Mt. Stromlo	2.54	2.01	3.52	1.99					6.01	4.16
									5.89	3.87
Local Time Station:	f ₀ F ₁ F ₂ Layer Trend									
	16		20		12		12		12	
	O-Inter- cept	Slope x 10 ²	O-Inter- cept	Slope x 10 ²	O-Inter- cept	Slope x 10 ²	O-Inter- cept	Slope x 10 ²	O-Inter- cept	Slope x 10 ²
College, Alaska										
Washington	5.21	4.66	3.76	3.65	3.48	0.53	2.46	0.32		
Puerto Rico	7.55	4.53	4.15	3.61	4.16	0.69	3.09	0.68		
Huancayo	7.90	3.48	6.97	2.60	4.36	0.90	3.75	0.63		
Watheroo	5.69	4.50	3.77	3.12	4.32	1.22	3.55	0.54		
Mt. Stromlo					4.18	1.12	3.04	0.72		
					4.19	1.05	3.12	0.65		

Table 2 - Seasonal Indexes
Averages, Seasonal Index 12-Month Running Average Monthly Average Sunspot Number Trends

Winter Local Time:	Station:	Layer Trend											
		f_0 $F_0 F_2$				00				04			
		Presunrise Minimum				Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x 10^2	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x 10^2	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept
	College Alaska	0.824											
	Slough	0.956	1.086	-0.200	0.830	0.856	-0.046	0.995	1.116	-0.191	1.025	1.021	1.074
	Washington	0.918			0.810			0.911			1.039		1.075
	Puerto Rico	1.036	1.044	-0.011	1.055	1.076	-0.030	1.029	0.995	0.049	1.080	1.105	1.130
	Huancayo	1.146	0.958	0.249	1.248	1.225	0.043	1.088	0.929	0.225	0.942	0.966	1.037
	Mt Stromlo	1.163											1.079
													0.160
Local Time:	Station:	Layer Trend											
		f_0 $F_0 F_2$				16				20			
		Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x 10^2	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x 10^2	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x 10^2	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x 10^2
	College Alaska	1.116	0.995	0.165	0.823	0.616	0.284	0.818			0.766	0.915	0.006
	Washington	0.918			0.786			0.943			0.917		
	Puerto Rico	1.091	1.136	-0.063	1.084	1.146	-0.087	1.011	1.040	-0.045	1.027	1.060	-0.048
	Huancayo	0.953	1.090	-0.193	1.222	1.395	-0.252	1.036	1.004	0.045	1.041	1.060	-0.026
	Mt Stromlo							1.054			1.053		

Table 2. Seasonal Indexes (continued)

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Table 2 - Seasonal Indexes (continued)

Local Time: Station:		f _{P, F} 2 - Layer Trend											
		Presunrise Minimum			00			04			08		
		Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope $\times 10^2$	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope $\times 10^2$	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope $\times 10^2$	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope $\times 10^2$
College, Alaska													
Slough		1.007	0.963	0.061	1.037	0.970	0.100	1.024	0.932	0.128	1.134	1.060	0.095
Washington		0.906			0.958			0.886			1.124	0.904	0.338
Puerto Rico		1.027	1.235	0.266	1.002	1.172	0.230	1.033	1.320	0.379	1.079	1.081	0.012
Huancayo		1.117	0.830	0.443	1.092	0.785	0.497	1.048	0.758	0.442	1.093	0.954	0.930
Watheroc		0.951									1.016	1.128	0.147
Mt. Stromlo											1.069	1.076	0.010
Local Time: Station:		f _{P, F} 2 - Layer Trend											
		16			20			12			12		
		Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope $\times 10^2$	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope $\times 10^2$	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope $\times 10^2$	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope $\times 10^2$
College, Alaska													
Washington		1.097	1.069	0.035	1.015	0.779	0.295	0.989			1.008	1.007	0.003
Puerto Rico		1.096			0.974			1.026					
Huancayo		0.926	0.912	0.020	0.927	0.919	0.016	0.999	0.970	0.045	1.003	1.006	0.006
Watheroc		1.041	0.910	0.205	1.171	1.055	0.179	1.035	0.965	0.124	1.042	0.995	0.072
Mt. Stromlo								1.020			1.028		

Table 2 - Monthly Indexes
Averages, Monthly Index - 12 Month Running Average Monthly Average Sunspot Number Trends

January		f ₀ F ₁ F ₂ - Layer Trend														
Local Time		Presunrise Minimum			00			04			08			12		
Station		Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x 10 ²	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x 10 ²	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x 10 ²	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x 10 ²	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x 10 ²
College, Alaska		0.842									0.990					
Eurghed		0.946									1.104					
Great Baddow		0.909									0.903	1.025	-0.095			
Ottawa		1.020	1.083	-0.163	0.911	0.972	-0.100	0.981	1.124	-0.221				0.957	0.984	-0.052
Washington		0.975									0.912	0.952	-0.068			
Stanford		0.876									0.951					
Puerto Rico		1.032			0.942			1.027			0.900			0.910		
Huancayo		0.782	0.793	-0.012	0.840	0.820	0.032	0.802	0.876	-0.102	0.898	0.925	-0.041	0.922	0.900	0.021
Watheroo		0.899	1.050	-0.212	0.990	0.952	0.053	0.922	1.050	-0.183	0.964	0.986	-0.033	0.959	0.982	-0.037
Mt. Stromlo		0.947									0.925	0.885	0.054	0.925	0.885	0.054
Local Time		f ₀ F ₁ F ₂ - Layer Trend														
Station		16			20			12			12					
		Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x 10 ²	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x 10 ²	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x 10 ²	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x 10 ²	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x 10 ²
College, Alaska																
Ottawa								0.854			0.954					
Washington		0.949	0.984	-0.042				1.013			1.027					
Stanford					0.942	0.872	0.054	0.971			0.993	0.995	-0.001			
Puerto Rico		0.954			1.008			0.976			0.983					
Huancayo		0.962	0.945	0.029	0.982	0.866	0.166	0.987			1.000			0.991	0.995	-0.004
Watheroo		0.938	0.996	-0.081	0.955	0.996	-0.060	0.988			1.011	1.032	-0.031	1.011	1.032	-0.031
Mt. Stromlo								0.982			1.004			1.004		

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February		f ₀ F ₁ F ₂ Layer Trend											
Local Time:		20				16				12			
Station:		Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x 10 ²	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x 10 ²	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x 10 ²	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x 10 ²
College, Alaska		0.960			1.074	1.003	0.121	1.052	0.328	0.172	0.286	0.246	0.158
Burghhead		0.866						1.038			0.237		
Great Badow		2.061						1.065	1.058	0.012	0.930	0.895	0.050
Ottawa		0.863							0.938	0.065	0.934	0.990	0.087
Washington		1.026	0.960	0.110							0.985	0.925	0.075
Stanford		1.032									0.949		
Puerto Rico		0.991			0.958						1.004		
Huancayo		1.053	1.035	0.025	1.047	1.068	0.035				0.985	0.886	0.126
Watheroo		0.845	0.899	0.081	0.876	0.895	0.035				0.978	0.820	0.195
Mt. Stromlo		0.837									0.992	0.925	0.067
		f ₀ F ₁ F ₂ Layer Trend											
Local Time:		20				16				12			
Station:		Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x 10 ²	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x 10 ²	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x 10 ²	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x 10 ²
College, Alaska													
Ottawa					1.083						1.138		
Washington		1.008	0.935	0.098	1.063						0.993		
Stanford					1.030						1.032	1.025	0.011
Puerto Rico		1.041			1.054						1.029		
Huancayo		0.958	0.927	0.051	1.012						1.006		
Watheroo		0.939	0.918	0.032	0.984						0.984	0.985	0.002
Mt. Stromlo					0.916	0.865	0.077				0.975	0.985	-0.014
											1.002		

Table 3 - Monthly Indexes (continued)

March Local Time:	Layer Trend											
	Presunrise Minimum				00				04			
	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x 102	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x 102	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x 102	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x 102
Station:												
College, Alaska	0.879											
Burghhead	1.087											
Great Baddow	0.880											
Ottawa	0.903											
Washington	0.994	0.995	-0.008	0.981	0.991	-0.016	1.004	0.994	0.020	1.033	0.990	0.063
Stanford												
Puerto Rico	0.887			0.892			0.951			1.040		
Huancayo	0.938	0.963	-0.040	1.129	1.190	-0.100	0.962	1.037	-0.123	0.974	1.026	0.081
Watheroo	1.020	1.010	0.015	1.056	1.054	0.004	1.006	0.934	0.114	0.932	0.965	0.058
Mt. Stromlo	1.056											
Local Time:	Layer Trend											
	16				20				12			
	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x 102	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x 102	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x 102	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x 102
Station:												
College, Alaska												
Ottawa												
Washington	1.051	1.017	0.068	0.968	0.899	0.101	0.972			0.966		
Stanford							0.983			0.984		
Puerto Rico	1.040			0.909			0.997			0.980	1.085	0.010
Huancayo	0.959	0.954	0.007	0.960	0.970	-0.015	1.004			1.069		
Watheroo	0.950	0.983	-0.047	1.084	1.220	-0.210	0.988			0.987	1.028	0.067
Mt. Stromlo							1.017			1.020	1.000	0.031
							1.017			1.022		

Table 3 - Monthly Indexes (continued)

April Local Time:		f_{F, F_2}^0 - Layer Trend											
Station:		Presurise Minimum			00			04			08		
		Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope $\times 10^2$	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope $\times 10^2$	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope $\times 10^2$	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope $\times 10^2$
College, Alaska		1.121									0.983		
Burghead		0.913									0.885		
Great Baddow		1.120									0.953	0.985	-0.043
Ottawa		1.097									0.933		
Washington		1.006	0.997	0.014	1.019	1.013	0.017	0.996	0.970	0.046	0.967	1.005	-0.050
Stanford		1.113			1.103			1.049			0.960		
Puerto Rico		0.998	1.100	-0.135	1.124	1.200	-0.103	1.042	1.115	-0.102	1.057	1.100	-0.063
Huancayo		0.979	1.000	-0.030	0.944	0.958	-0.026	0.994	1.064	-0.107	1.068	1.075	-0.001
Watheroo		0.944									1.050	1.061	-0.011
Mt. Stromlo													
Local Time:		f_{F, F_2}^0 - Layer Trend											
Station:		16			20			$f_{F_1}^0$ - Layer Trend			f_F^0 Layer Trend		
		Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope $\times 10^2$	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope $\times 10^2$	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope $\times 10^2$	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope $\times 10^2$
College, Alaska													
Ottawa								1.028			1.034		
Washington		0.948	0.979	-0.050	1.032	1.127	-0.134	1.016			1.016		
Stanford								1.003			0.931	1.013	0.007
Puerto Rico		0.960			1.091			0.999			1.012		
Huancayo		1.087	1.141	-0.068	1.064	1.084	-0.029	1.015			1.030	1.060	-0.040
Watheroo		1.050	1.034	0.026	0.916	0.800	0.191	0.983			0.980	0.986	-0.009
Mt. Stromlo								0.983			0.978		

Table 3 - Monthly Indexes (continued)

May Local Time:		f_{P, F_2}^0 - Layer Trend											
Station:		Presurise Minimum			00			04			08		
		Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x 10^2	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x 10^2	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x 10^2	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x 10^2
College, Alaska		1.147									1.104		
Burghhead		1.073									1.125		
Great Baddow		1.183									1.124	1.063	-0.049
Ottawa		1.030	1.005	0.055							1.112		
Washington		1.064									1.042	1.058	-0.008
Stanford		0.948									1.090		
Puerto Rico		1.002	0.923	0.112	1.062			1.069			1.089		
Huancayo		1.019	0.962	0.082	0.876	0.800	0.100	0.958	0.893	0.091	0.949	0.897	0.068
Watheroo		1.038			1.027	1.032	-0.008	1.052	1.065	-0.018	1.091	1.154	-0.081
Mt. Stromlo											1.078	0.955	0.120
Local Time:		f_{P, F_2}^0 - Layer Trend			$f_{F_1}^0$ - Layer Trend			$f_{F_2}^0$ - Layer Trend			$f_{F_2}^0$ - Layer Trend		
		16			20			12			12		
Station:		Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x 10^2	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x 10^2	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x 10^2	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x 10^2
College, Alaska													
Ottawa		1.063	1.095	-0.041				1.055			1.009		
Washington					1.021	1.046	-0.031	1.062			1.091		
Stanford		1.075	0.856	0.074	1.028			0.984	0.975	0.005	0.918		
Puerto Rico		0.913	1.050	0.048	0.936	0.910	0.040	1.028			1.030	0.949	0.026
Huancayo		1.122			1.029	0.929	0.143	0.985			0.971	0.917	-0.032
Watheroo								0.994			0.996		
Mt. Stromlo								1.010			1.006		

Table 3 - Monthly Indexes (continued)

June		$f_{T,P}^0$ - Layer Trend															
Local Time:		00				04				08				12			
Station:		Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x 10^2	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x 10^2	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x 10^2	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x 10^2	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x 10^2	
College, Alaska		1.113												1.006			
Burghead		1.177												1.030			
Great Baddow		1.127												1.014	0.994	-0.004	
Ottawa		1.091												1.004			
Washington		1.011	1.030	-0.023	1.045	1.100	-0.089	1.009	1.070	-0.078	1.005	1.131	-0.191	0.977	1.044	-0.096	
Stanford		1.131												1.025			
Puerto Rico		1.000			1.053			0.998			1.057			1.002			
Huancayo		0.998	1.088	-0.130	0.995	0.976	0.028	0.993	1.078	-0.126	1.007	1.017	-0.009	1.006	1.025	-0.018	
Watheroo		1.007	1.021	-0.016	0.976	1.006	-0.051	1.037	0.995	0.053	0.961	0.983	-0.034	0.979	0.960	0.030	
Mt. Stromlo		1.052												0.956	0.961	-0.001	
Local Time:		$f_{T,P}^0$ - Layer Trend				$f_{T,P}^0$ - Layer Trend				$f_{T,P}^0$ - Layer Trend							
Station:		16				20				12							
Station:		Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x 10^2	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x 10^2	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x 10^2	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x 10^2	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x 10^2	
College, Alaska																	
Ottawa																	
Washington		0.994	1.045	-0.068	0.987	1.001	-0.001	0.996			1.036			0.959			
Stanford								1.000			1.008	1.025	-0.005	1.032			
Puerto Rico		1.016			1.046			0.984			0.979			0.979			
Huancayo		1.015	1.029	-0.021	1.009	1.030	-0.030	0.996			0.994	0.980	0.020	0.994	0.980	0.020	
Watheroo		0.982	0.995	-0.013	0.899	1.044	-0.206	0.979			0.982	0.993	-0.018	0.982	0.993	-0.018	
Mt. Stromlo								0.978			0.974			0.974			

Table 3 - Monthly Indexes (continued)

July		f_{F, F_2}^0 - Layer Trend											
Local Time:	Station:	Presunrise Minimum			00			04			08		
		Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope $\times 10^2$	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope $\times 10^2$	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope $\times 10^2$	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope $\times 10^2$
	College, Alaska	0.809									0.946		
	Burghhead	0.933									0.932		
	Great Baddow	0.901									0.940	0.955	-0.010
	Ottawa	0.939									0.933		
	Washington	0.968	0.960	0.025	0.998	0.966	0.037	0.962	0.969	0.009	0.964	0.960	0.007
	Stanford	0.948									0.930		
	Puerto Rico	0.972						0.987	0.920	0.128	0.993	0.990	0.005
	Huancayo	1.004						1.007	0.920	0.128	0.993	0.990	0.005
	Watheroo	0.933	0.967	-0.050	0.946	0.979	-0.044	0.941	0.990	-0.068	0.941	0.914	0.039
	Mt. Stromlo	0.960									0.954	0.970	-0.008
Local Time:		f_{F, F_2}^0 - Layer Trend											
	Station:	16			20			12			12		
		Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope $\times 10^2$	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope $\times 10^2$	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope $\times 10^2$	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope $\times 10^2$
	College, Alaska												
	Ottawa							0.979			0.996		
	Washington	0.954	0.946	0.010	0.975	0.943	0.053	0.973			0.992		
	Stanford							0.987			1.010	1.015	-0.003
	Puerto Rico	0.914			0.984			1.057			1.001		
	Huancayo	0.985	0.976	0.020	0.991	0.982	0.018	0.988			0.994		
	Watheroo	0.945	0.926	0.030	0.907	0.989	-0.117	1.003			1.006	1.027	-0.028
	Mt. Stromlo							0.997			0.987	0.981	0.014

Table 3 - Monthly Indexes (continued)

August Local Time:		$f_{F, P}^0$ - Layer Trend											
Station:		Presunrise Minimum			00			04			08		
		Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x_2 10 ²	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x_2 10 ²	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x_2 10 ²	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x_2 10 ²
College, Alaska		0.925									0.940		
Burghead		0.818									0.913		
Great Badow		0.789									0.922	1.120	-0.120
Ottawa		0.939	0.993	-0.047	0.936	0.930	0.057	0.966	0.925	0.068	0.951	0.939	0.113
Washington		0.957									1.009		
Stanford		0.972									0.926		
Puerto Rico		0.944			0.908			0.945			0.975		
Huancayo		0.948	0.962	0.006	0.943	0.887	0.105	0.956	0.900	0.093	0.951	0.907	0.058
Watheroo		1.043	1.022	0.032	1.050	0.981	0.106	0.971	0.975	0.011	1.002	1.041	-0.035
Mt. Stromlo		0.946									1.011	0.954	0.070
Local Time:		$f_{F, P}^0$ - Layer Trend											
Station:		16			20			12			12		
		Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x_2 10 ²	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x_2 10 ²	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x_2 10 ²	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x_2 10 ²
College, Alaska													
Ottawa								0.940			0.959		
Washington		0.989	0.951	0.077	1.016	1.062	-0.041	0.973			0.959		
Stanford								1.007			0.999	0.995	0.005
Puerto Rico		0.996			0.942			1.033			1.048		
Huancayo		0.929	0.954	-0.022	0.950	0.935	0.032	1.002			0.996		
Watheroo		0.951	1.020	-0.066	1.164	1.159	0.044	0.994			0.986	1.008	-0.031
Mt. Stromlo								1.029			1.034	1.078	-0.049
								1.025			1.040		

Table 3 - Monthly Indexes (continued)

September		f_{F, F_2}^0 - Layer Trend											
Local Time:	Station:	Precursor Minimum			00			04			08		
		Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x 10^2	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x 10^2	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x 10^2	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x 10^2
Local Time:	College, Alaska	1.036											
	Burghhead	0.956									0.945		
	Great Bendow	1.064									0.964		
	Ottawa	0.986	0.870	0.144	0.988	0.972	0.041	0.961	0.860	0.154	0.956	0.951	0.007
	Washington	0.964									0.934		
	Stanford	0.983									0.896	0.918	-0.043
	Puerto Rico	1.083						1.079			0.944		
	Huancayo	1.052	1.044	-0.010	1.057	1.128	-0.123	1.043	1.105	-0.100	1.089	1.144	-0.122
Local Time:	Wetheroo	0.943	1.047	-0.139	0.915	0.935	-0.025	0.955	1.045	-0.120	1.024	0.896	0.131
	Mt. Stromlo	0.889									1.030	1.008	0.022
		f_{F, F_2}^0 - Layer Trend						$f_{F_1}^0$ - Layer Trend					
Local Time:	Station:	16			20			12			12		
		Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x 10^2	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x 10^2	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x 10^2	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x 10^2
Local Time:	College, Alaska												
	Ottawa	0.892	0.967	-0.072				1.069			1.061		
	Washington							1.035			1.000		
	Stanford							1.014			1.026	1.030	-0.002
	Puerto Rico	0.996						1.000			1.013		
	Huancayo	1.071	1.055	0.011	1.049	1.069	-0.039	1.007			1.023	0.990	0.029
Local Time:	Watheroo	0.998	0.957	0.055	0.946	0.892	0.069	0.989			0.999	0.984	0.022
	Mt. Stromlo							0.990			0.990		

Table 3 - Monthly Indexes (continued)

October		f_{F, F_2}^0 - Layer Trend											
Local Time:	Station:	Presunrise Minimum			00			04			08		
		Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x_{102}	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x_{102}	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x_{102}	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x_{102}
	College, Alaska	0.964									1.056		
	Burghhead	1.044									1.036		
	Great Baddow	0.936									1.043	1.054	-0.005
	Ottawa	1.014									1.066		
	Washington	1.035	1.105	-0.121	1.021	1.043	-0.043	1.039	1.159	-0.159	1.089	1.293	-0.219
	Stanford	1.017			0.945			0.921			1.061		
	Puerto Rico	0.917			1.190	1.354	-0.229	1.158	1.256	-0.133	1.112	1.090	0.030
	Huancayo	1.148	1.312	-0.221	1.085	1.078	0.008	1.045	0.950	0.124	0.976	1.008	-0.044
	Watheroo	1.058	0.955	0.135							1.002	1.120	-0.149
	Mt. Stromlo	1.112									0.970	0.974	0.000
		f_{F, F_2}^0 - Layer Trend											
Local Time:	Station:	16			20			12			12		
		Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x_{102}	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x_{102}	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x_{102}	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x_{102}
	College, Alaska												
	Ottawa	1.108	1.110	-0.001	0.934	0.864	0.116	0.930			0.939		
	Washington							0.965			1.000		
	Stanford							0.986			0.974	0.980	-0.005
	Puerto Rico	1.004			0.891			1.000			0.987		
	Huancayo	1.030	1.038	-0.010	1.041	1.041	-0.006	1.011			1.010	0.985	0.035
	Watheroo	1.002	1.054	-0.072	1.054	1.110	-0.078	1.011			1.000	1.024	-0.029
	Mt. Stromlo							1.010			1.010		

Table 3 - Monthly Indexes (continued)

November		$f_{F_1 F_2}^0$ - Layer Trend											
Local Time:	Station:	Presurise Minimum			00			04			08		
		Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope $\times 10^2$	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope $\times 10^2$	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope $\times 10^2$	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope $\times 10^2$
Local Time:	College, Alaska	1.124									1.011		
	Burghad	0.946									0.946		
	Great Baddow	1.061									1.087	0.795	0.480
	Ottawa	1.059									1.076		
	Washington	0.991	0.897	0.121	1.073	0.990	0.115	0.973	0.650	0.492	1.129	1.105	0.035
	Stanford	1.083			1.072			0.952			1.112		
	Puerto Rico	0.978			0.964	0.840	0.170	1.040	0.943	0.149	1.080	1.066	0.019
Local Time:	Huancayo	1.086	0.965	0.169	1.059	1.028	0.039	1.090	0.887	0.274	1.100	0.996	0.139
	Watheroo	1.132	0.951	0.245							1.073	1.103	-0.060
	Mt. Stromlo	1.018									1.062	1.155	-0.113
		$f_{F_1 F_2}^0$ - Layer Trend			$f_{F_1 F_2}^2$ - Layer Trend			$f_{F_1 F_2}^0$ - Layer Trend			$f_{F_1 F_2}^2$ - Layer Trend		
Local Time:	Station:	16			20			12			12		
		Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope $\times 10^2$	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope $\times 10^2$	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope $\times 10^2$	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope $\times 10^2$
Local Time:	College, Alaska												
	Ottawa												
	Washington	1.067	1.075	-0.005	1.015	0.684	0.436	0.987			1.000		
	Stanford				1.042			1.029			0.993	0.996	0.012
	Puerto Rico	1.054						1.000			1.004		
	Huancayo	1.050	1.071	-0.031	1.005	1.114	-0.149	0.994			1.016		
	Watheroo	1.110	1.064	0.061	1.065	1.030	0.042	1.012			1.009	0.988	0.034
	Mt. Stromlo							1.032			1.001	0.999	0.005
								0.999			0.986		

Table 3 - Monthly Indexes (continued)

December		$r_{F,P}^0$ - Layer Trend											
Local Time:		Presunrise Minimum			00			04			08		
Station:		Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x 10^2	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x 10^2	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x 10^2	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x 10^2
		1.075											
College, Alaska		1.243									1.043		
Burghhead		0.969									1.243		
Great Baddow		1.059									1.038	1.080	-0.108
Ottawa		1.008	1.174	-0.239	0.044	1.042	-0.136	1.025	1.180	-0.225	0.976	1.046	-0.045
Washington		1.009									1.009		
Stanford		1.001									0.986		
Puerto Rico		0.988	0.939	0.067	1.027	0.722	0.154	0.982	0.791	0.259	1.050		
Huancayo		1.125	1.081	0.060	1.076	1.127	-0.074	0.972	1.080	0.036	1.007	1.060	-0.044
Watherco		1.200						1.107			1.002	0.918	0.056
Mt. Stromlo											1.020	1.032	-0.012
Local Time:		$r_{F,P}^0$ - Layer Trend											
Station:		16			20			12			12		
		Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x 10^2	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x 10^2	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x 10^2	Aver- age	O- Inter- cept	Slope x 10^2
College, Alaska													
Ottawa		0.976	0.977	0.003	0.912	0.983	-0.105	0.999			0.909		
Washington								0.937			0.993		
Stanford		0.950			1.009			0.970			0.973	0.966	0.005
Puerto Rico		1.040	1.079	-0.059	1.020	1.075	-0.084	0.969			0.986		
Huancayo		1.013	1.037	-0.036	1.064	1.105	-0.062	1.018			1.012	1.031	-0.030
Watherco								1.011			1.014	0.995	0.027
Mt. Stromlo								1.021			1.004		