Plenary Discussion #2

Thoughts on:
How do we present uncertainties?

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Uncertainty table example, Dobson total column ozone measurements

- Product description
- Uncertainty description: incl brief description of the formula/procedure
- Table with all components

Field name of uncertainty	Associated quantity
Total uncertainty (all parameters below)	1.7%
Wavelength registration ±0.025 nm	0.1%
Noise of detector /Calibration /ND filter Dead-time /linearity/ Instr. Temperature ±0.1%	0.06%
Strat. Temp Bass-Paur: 213K-243 K	1.2%
Strat. Temp Bremen: 213K-243 K	0.6%
Cross-Section Bass-Paur:+/- 5%	1.2%
Extra-terrestrial:+/- 5%	0%
Ozone air mass variation	liner
AOD/SO2	Not determined yet

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- Requirements on how to provide this to the VO user:
  Short & precise but at the same time straight forward to understand & standalone, all-inclusive & complete

- In some cases, the uncertainty depends e.g. on latitude or solar zenith angle (SZA), so the uncertainty might be rather a function thanks just one value.

- Table is an efficient and simple way of providing the uncertainties ….. BUT having also some visualization tools (error bars) is certainly also very valuable for the user.

- Start with a simple approach but – if time and resources allow – provide additionally more in-depth information

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