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Technical note: Scintillations of the double star **a** Cru observed by GOMOS/Envisat

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we discuss scintillation time-spectra of the double star a Cru, which were measured by the GOMOS/Envisat photometer. The components of a Cru are not resolved by the angular field of view of the detector. The double structure of the light source reveals itself in the modulation of the observed scintillation spectra; this modulation is caused by anisotropic irregularities of the stratospheric air density. We present a qualitative and quantitative explanation of the properties of the double-star scintillation spectra. Possibilities of using double star scintillations for studying atmospheric air density irregularities are also discussed in the paper.

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