

Validation of satellite-based GHG with TCCON (Total Carbon Column Observing Network)



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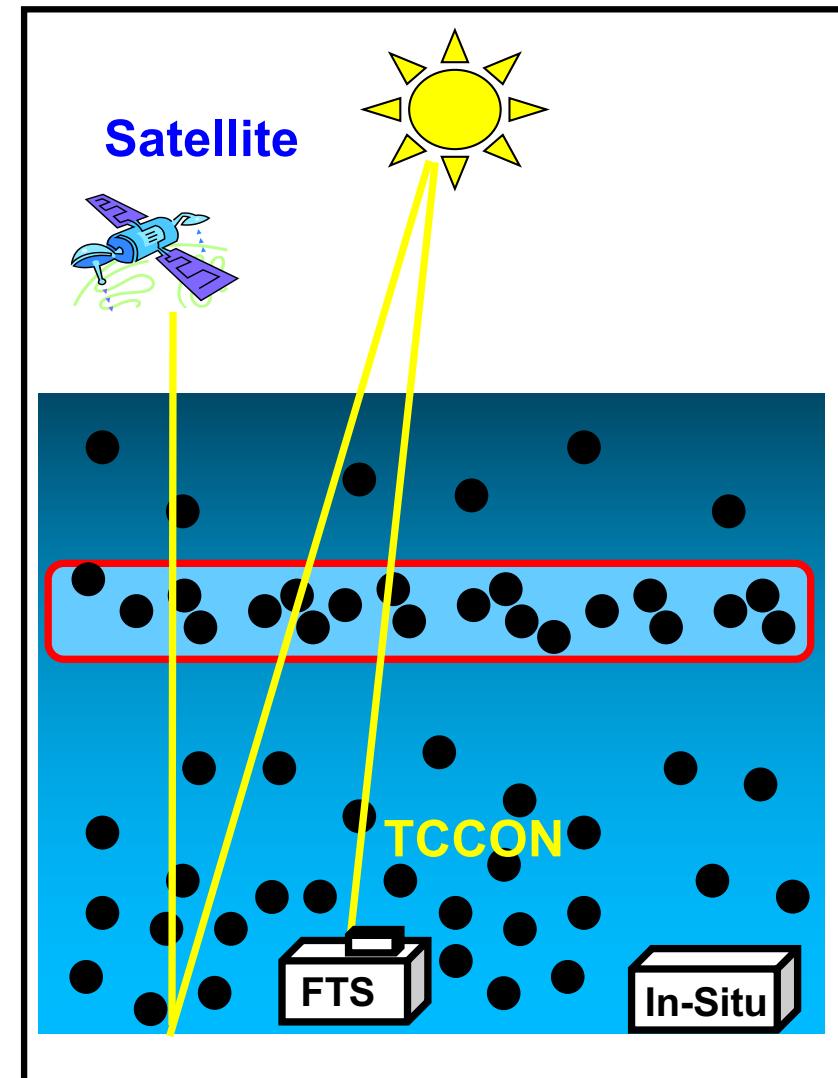
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TCCON (Total Carbon Column Observing Network):

Remote sensing of total column CO₂, CH₄, N₂O, CO ...

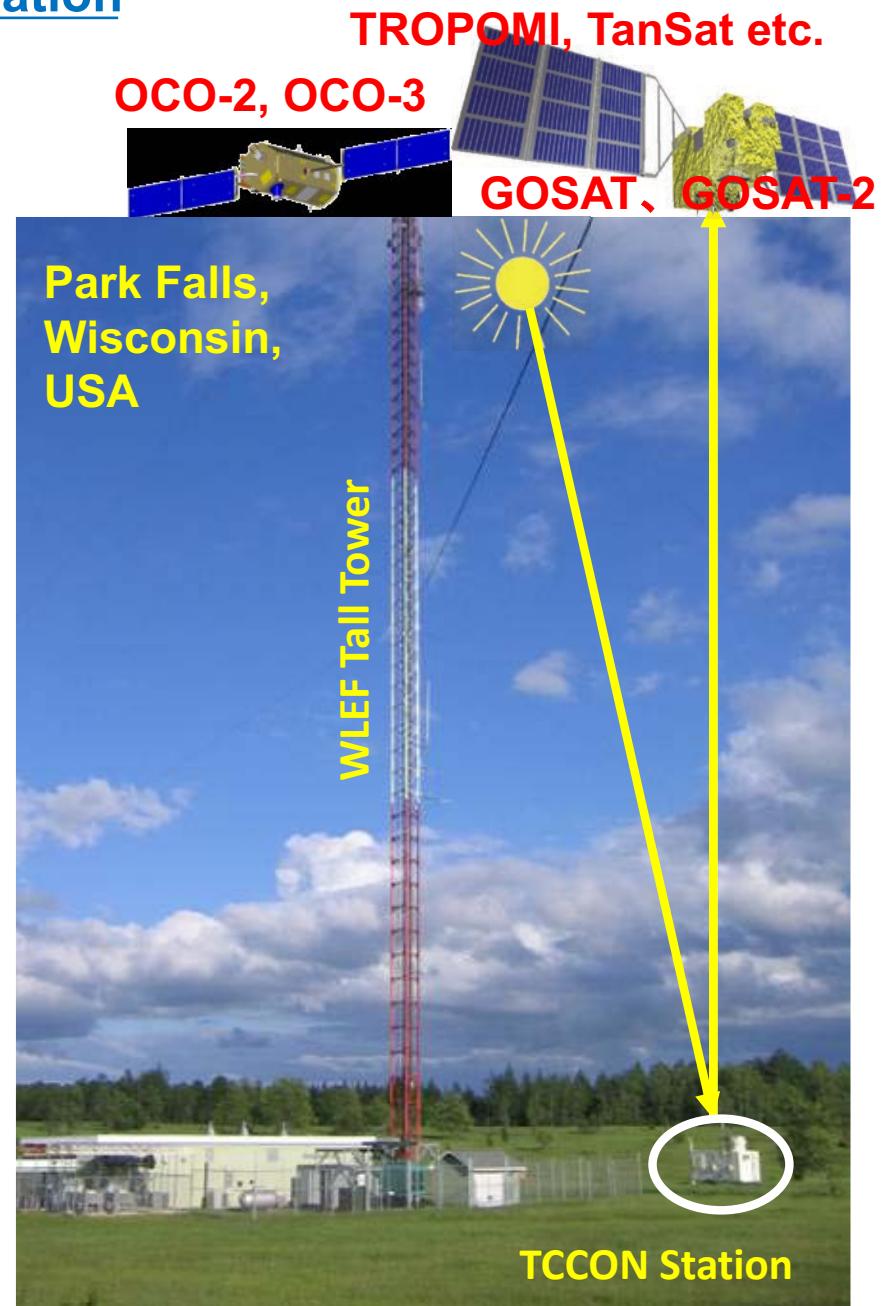
- Direct-sun solar absorption spectroscopy in the near IR using FTS
- Retrieve total column amounts
- Derive column average dry air mole fractions (e.g. X_{CO₂})
 - Using column O₂ as internal standard
 - $X_{CO_2} = CO_2/O_2 \times 0.2095$
- Precisions (2σ)
 - XCO₂: ~1 ppm (0.3%)
 - XCH₄: ~5 ppb (0.5%)
 - XCO: < 4 %
- Accuracies by comparison with integrated aircraft in situ profiles using WMO-calibrated instruments



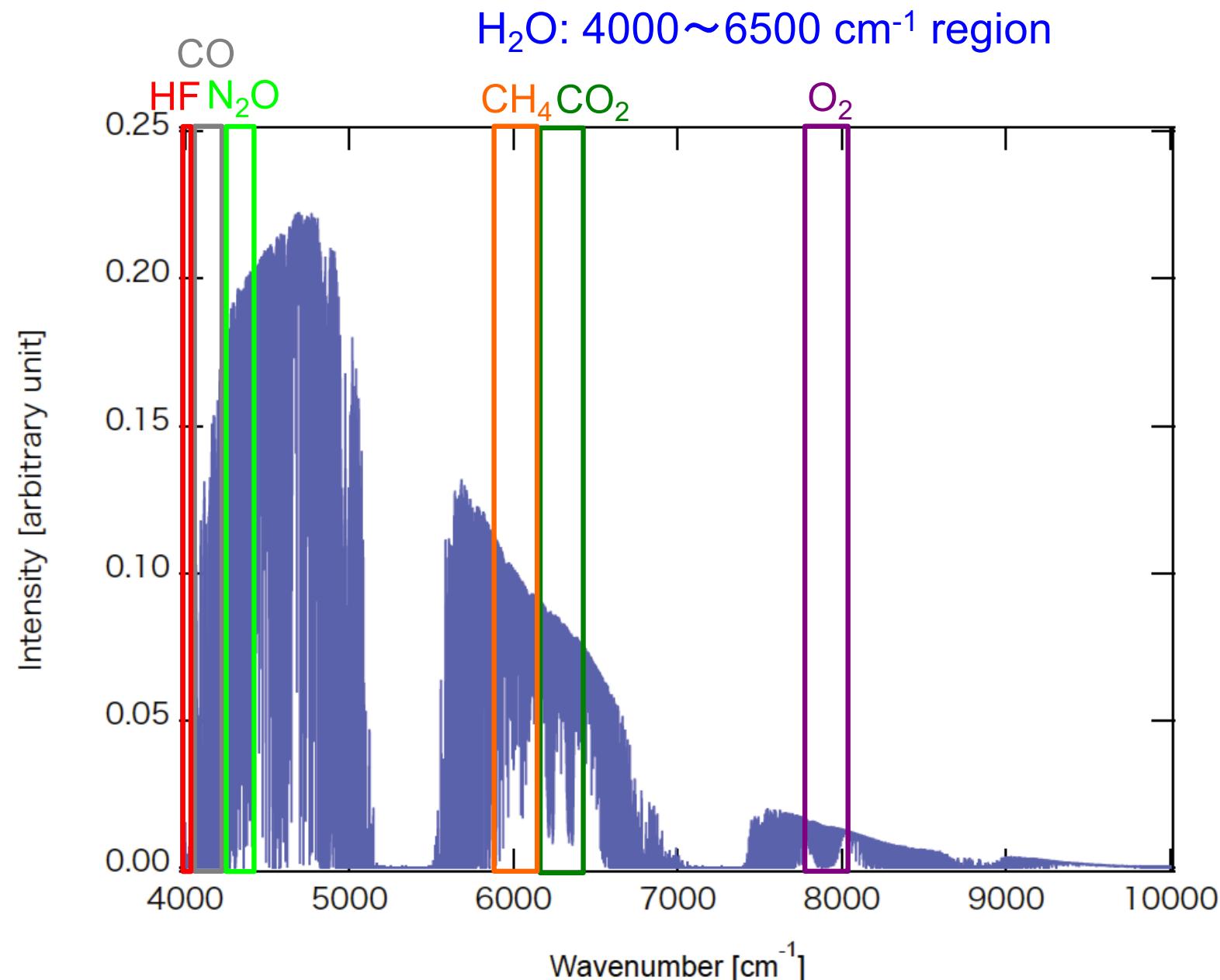
TCCON data usages

TCCON has formed a crucial part of the validation efforts of all past and current satellites!

- Verification datasets and assimilation datasets in modelling study and improving our understanding of the carbon cycle
- **Providing the primary validation (ground-truth) dataset for satellite remote sensing instruments**
 - SCIAMACHY (ESA, stop operation in 2012)
 - GOSAT (JAXA-NIES-MOE, launched in 2009)
 - OCO-2 (NASA, launched in 2014)
 - GHGSat (Claire, launched in 2016)
 - TanSat (CAS-MOST-CMA, launched in 2016)
 - TROPOMI(ESA, 2017)
 - GOSAT-2 (JAXA-MOE-NIES, launched in Oct 2018)
 - OCO-3 (NASA, deployed in May 2019)
 - MicroCarb (CNES, to be launched in 2021)
 - GeoCARB(NASA, to be launched in 2022)
 - Merlin (DLR-CNES, to be launched in 2024)
 - GOSAT-3 (JAXA-MOE-NIES, considered, to be launched in 2023)
- Providing a transfer standard between the satellite measurements and the ground-based *in situ* network



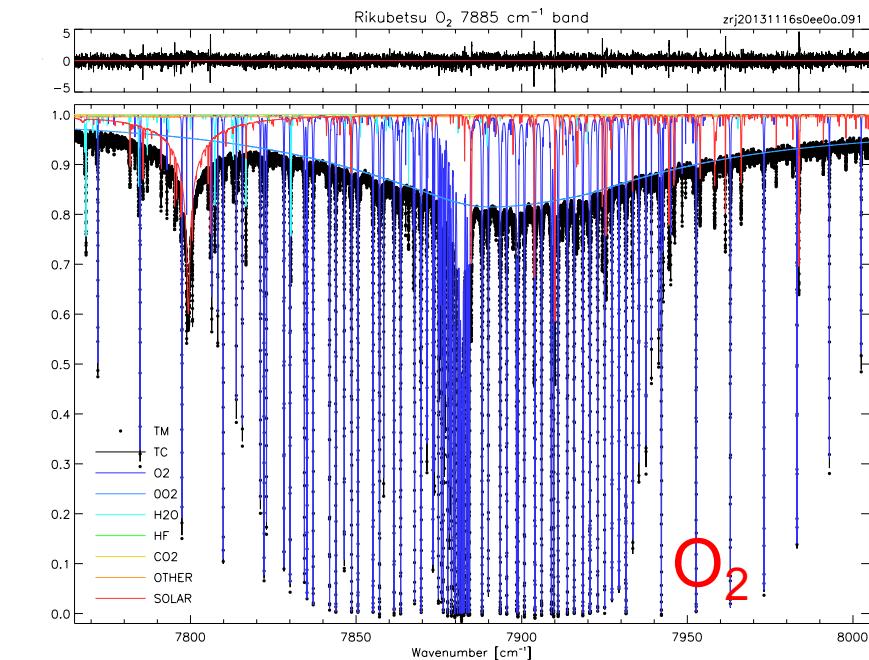
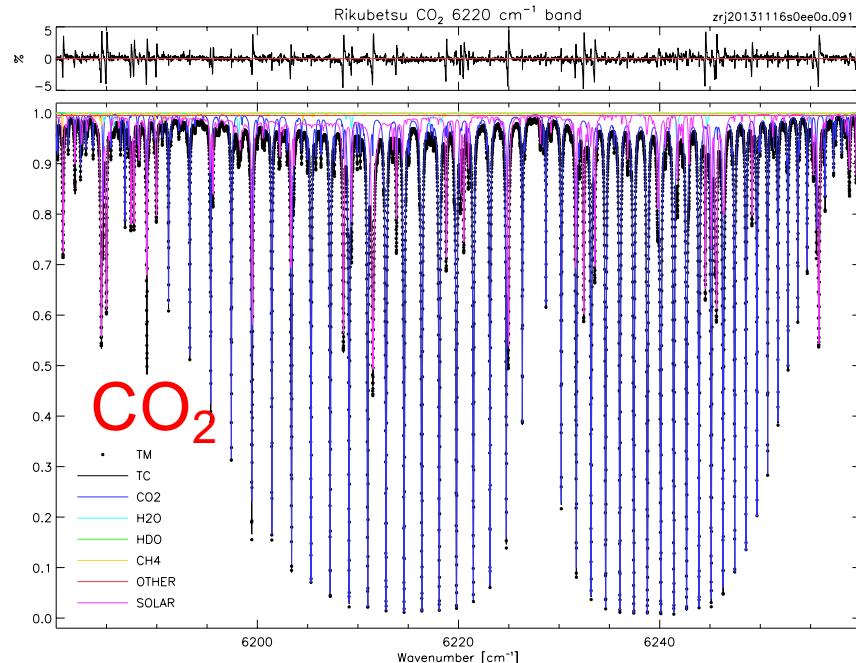
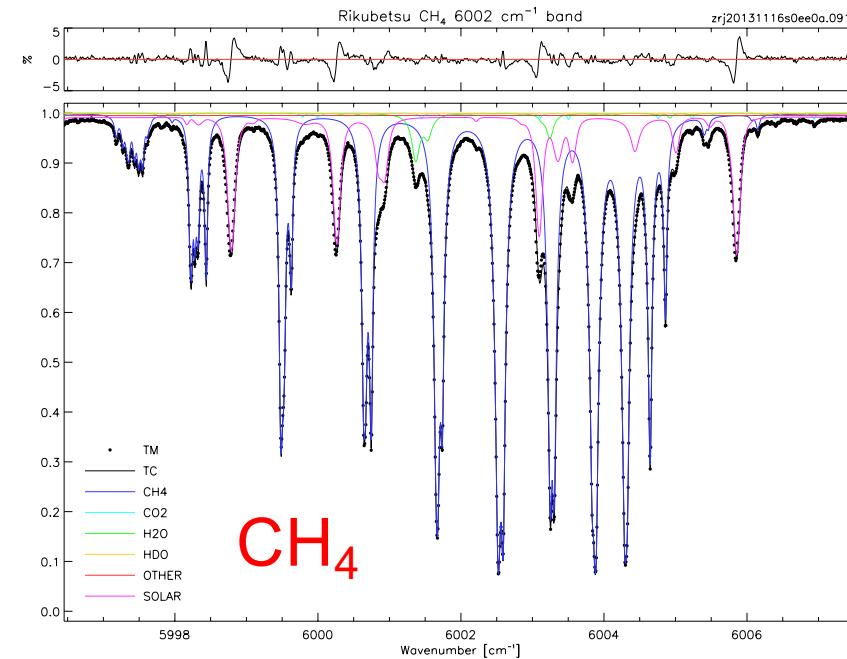
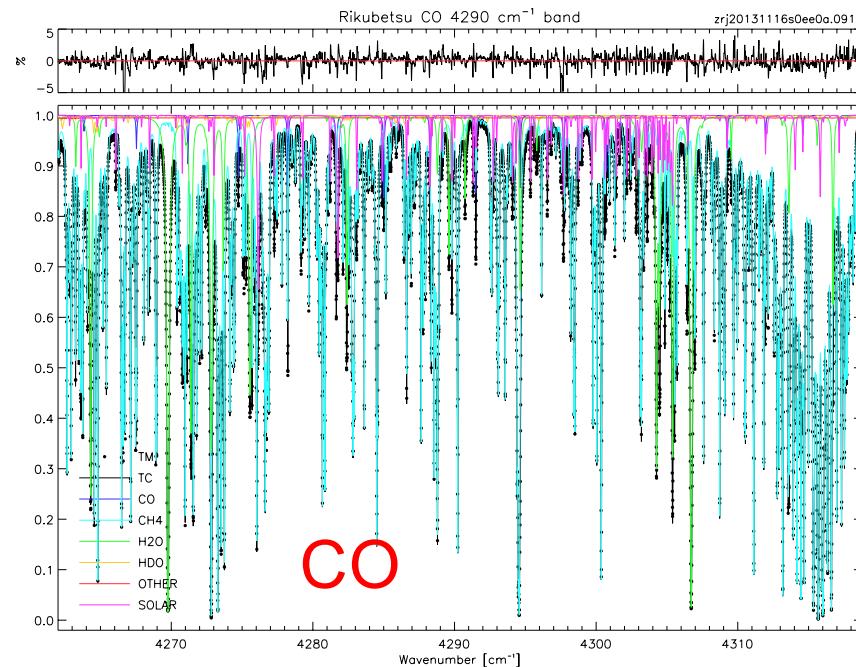
NIR absorption spectrum used in TCCON



InGaAs det. Aug. 10, 2011, Tsukuba 125 HR

Spectra analyzed by GFIT profile scaling retrieval

Nov 16, 2013/11/16



Expansion of TCCON for validating space-based GHG data and reducing uncertainties in carbon cycle studies

- Established in 2004 and the measurements at Park Falls, Lauder, and Ny Alesund have started. More than 25 sites! Operating by individual sites.
- The lack (**red ellipses**) of reliable validation data for the satellite-based greenhouse gas observing missions is a common limitation in global carbon-cycle studies that.

Contribution by the GOSAT series project



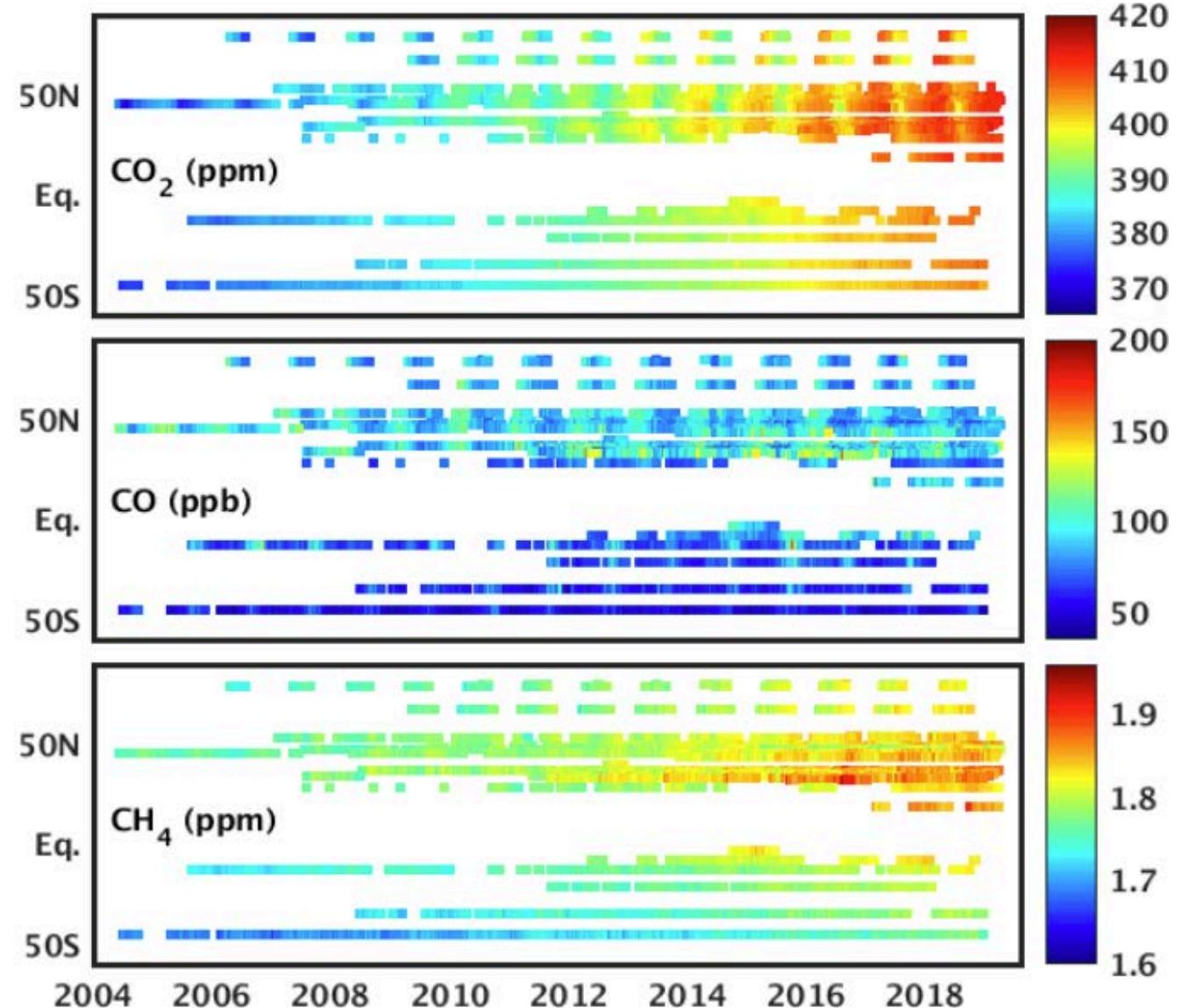
The TCCON data record

<https://tccondat.org>

Providing time-resolved,
high quality, consistent
 retrievals around the globe.

A network of highly skilled
FTS experts.

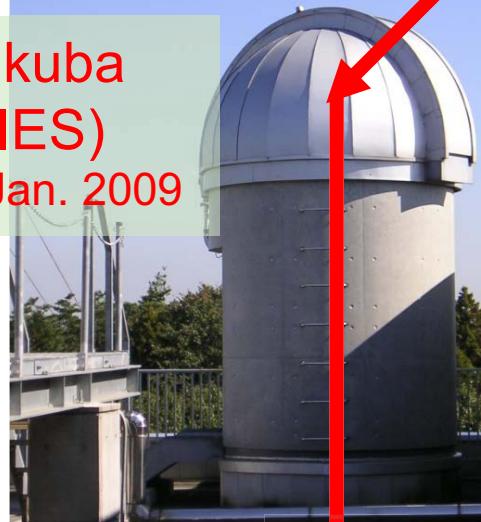
A network of scientists who
are integrated into the
communities we serve who
can advise on the
appropriate use and
interpretation of our
dataset.



TCG

Dome with solar tracking system

Tsukuba
(NIES)
Since Jan. 2009



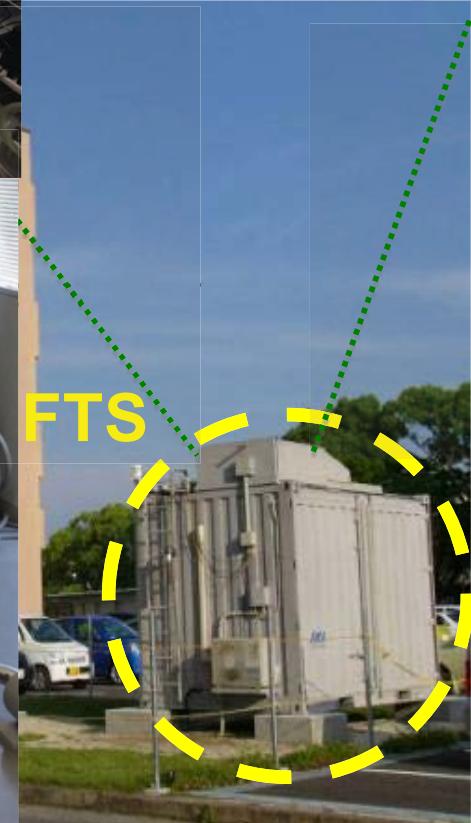
led by Japanese organizations



*now at Rikubetsu
after upgrading)



Rikubetsu
(NIES)
Since Nov. 2013



Burgos Philippines as a new TCCON site in South-East Asia

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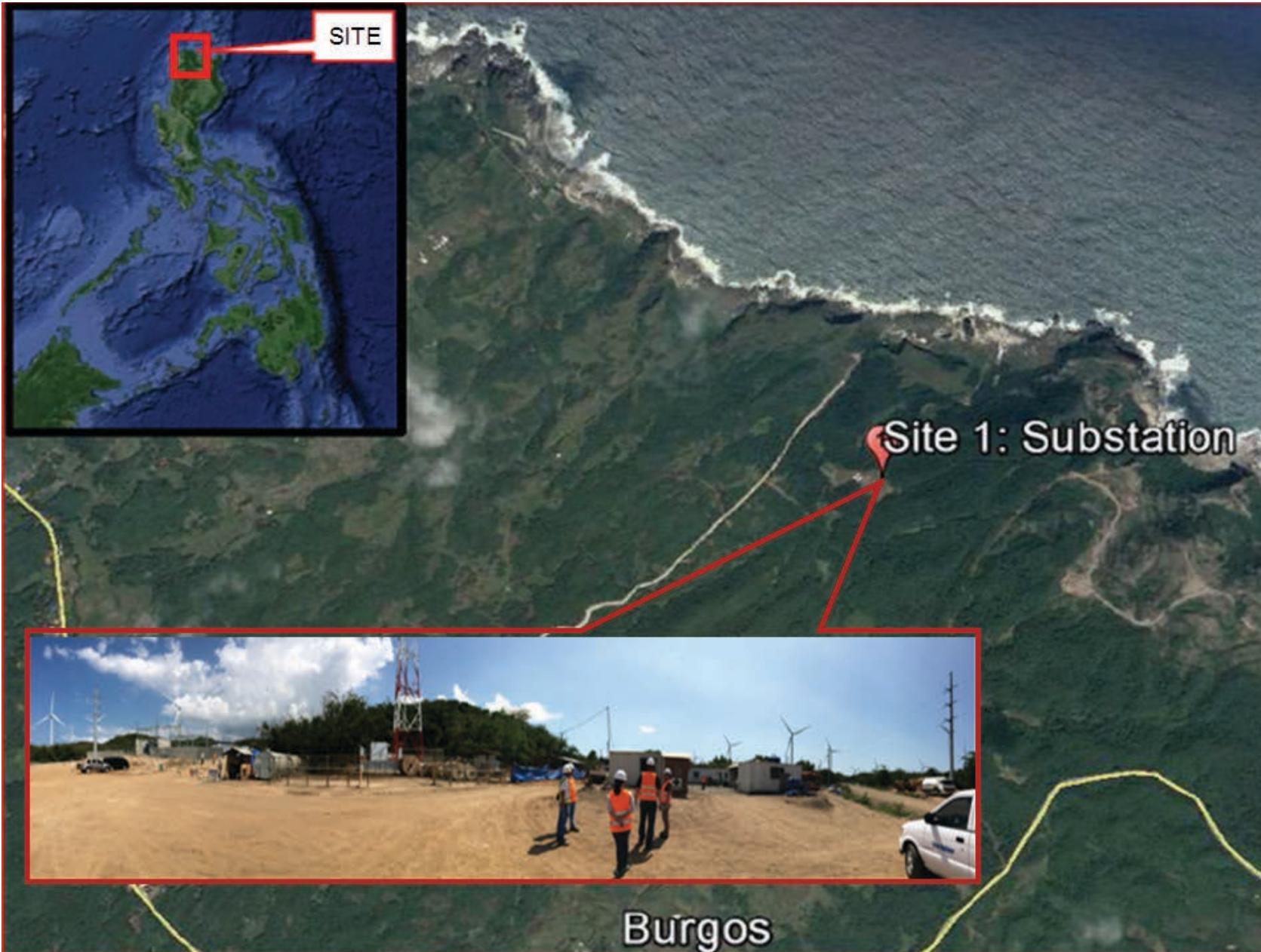
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EDC Burgos Wind Farm Project site* photo from a drone-borne camera (Nov. 8, 2016)

*Located in Ilocos Norte, Philippines, a “coal-free” province

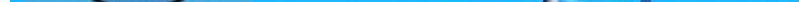
M. Velazco

A new TCCON site within the EDC Burgos Wind Farm Project



The TCCON container was placed within the EDC (Energy Development Corporation) Burgos Wind Farm Project, specifically at the substation site where technical support is available in close proximity.

HALO into sunset over Burgos on March 12, 2018

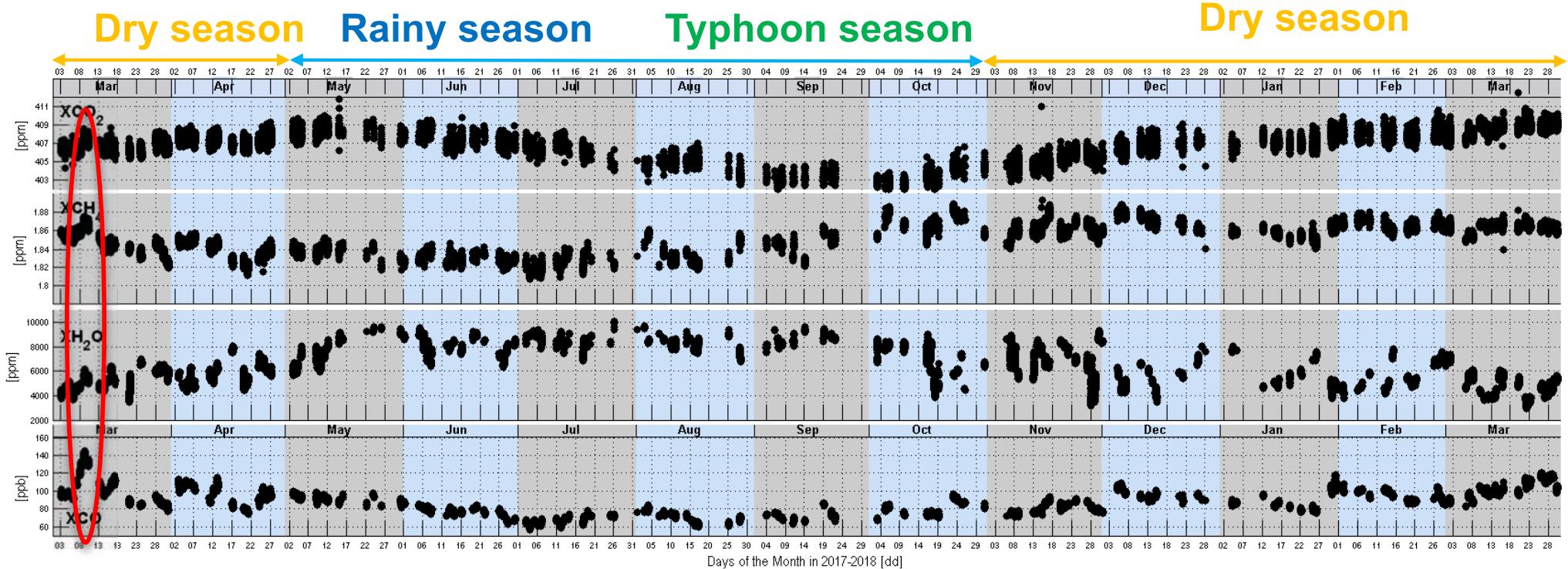


TCCON container where Bruker FTS 125 HR FTS and Mie LiDAR are installed on right and left sides, respectively



An EM27/SUN portable FTS to compare the TCCON FTS and EMeRGe campaign in March 2018

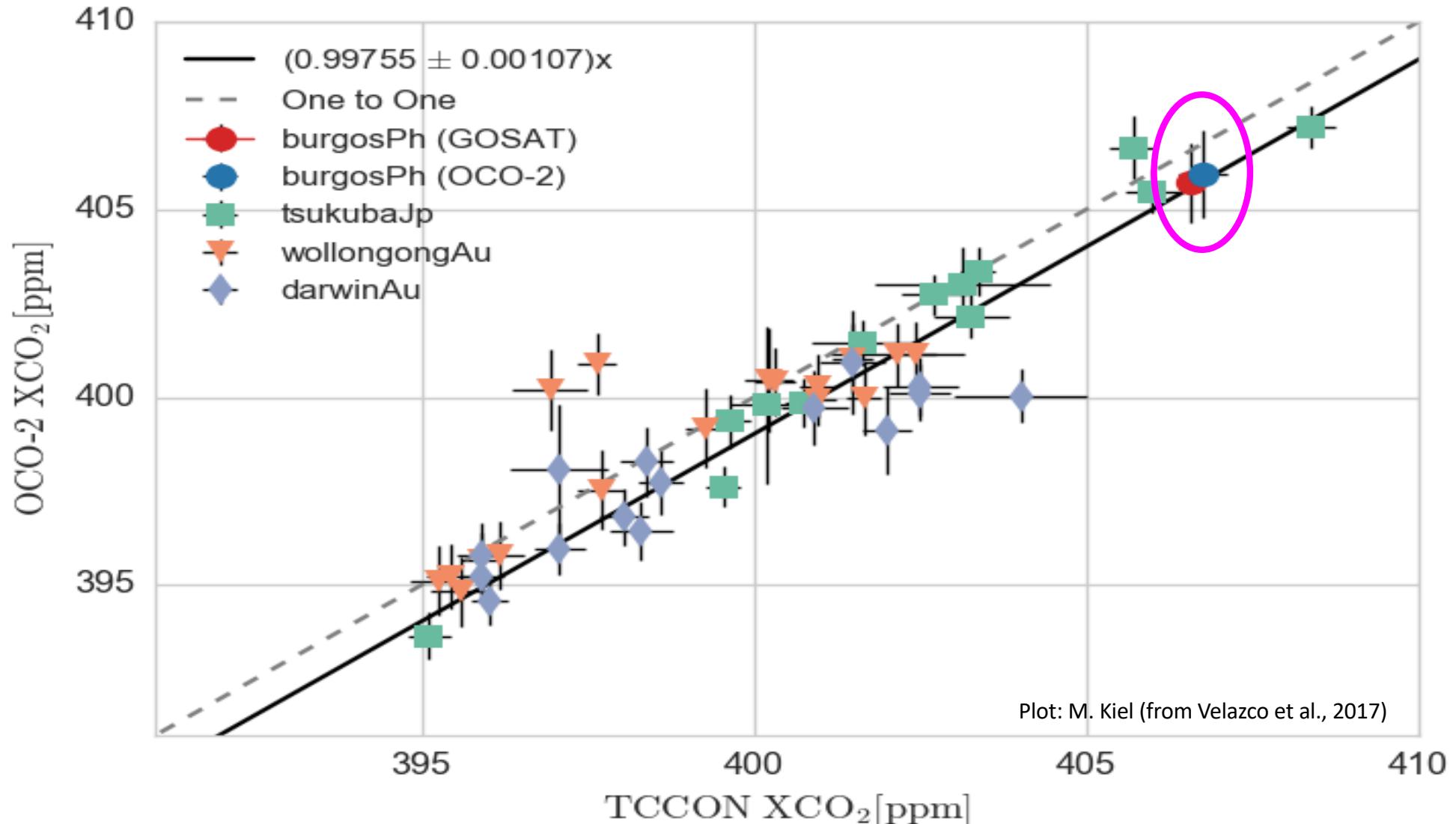
Retrieved column-averaged dry air mole fractions of CO₂, CH₄, H₂O and CO.



Elevated XCO, XCH₄, and XCO₂, probably due to biomass burning were clearly detected!

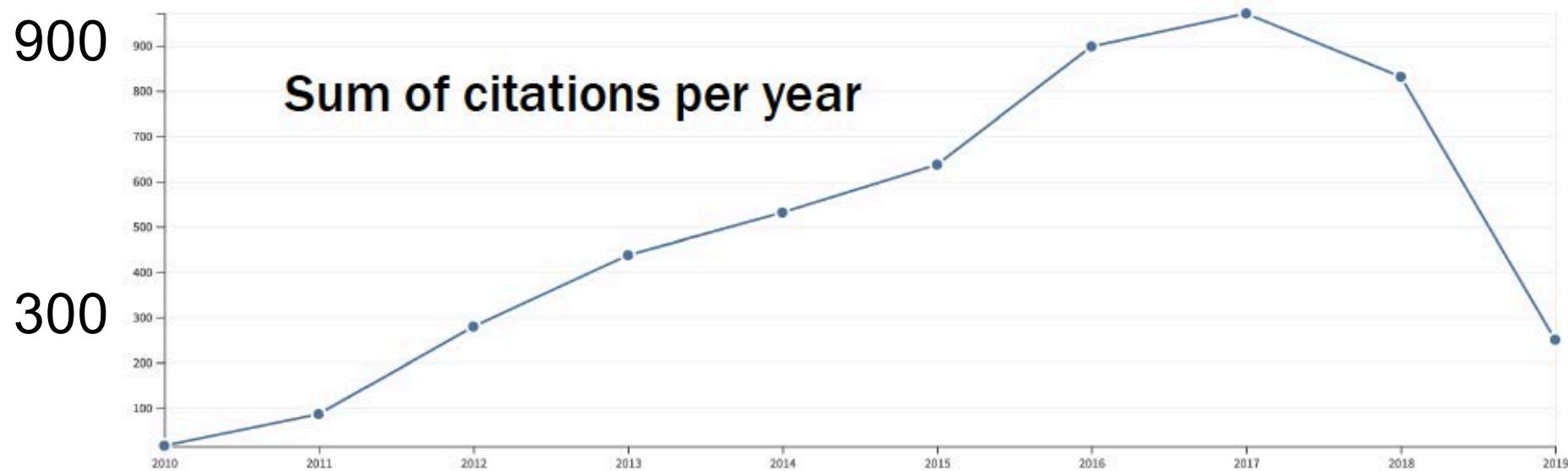
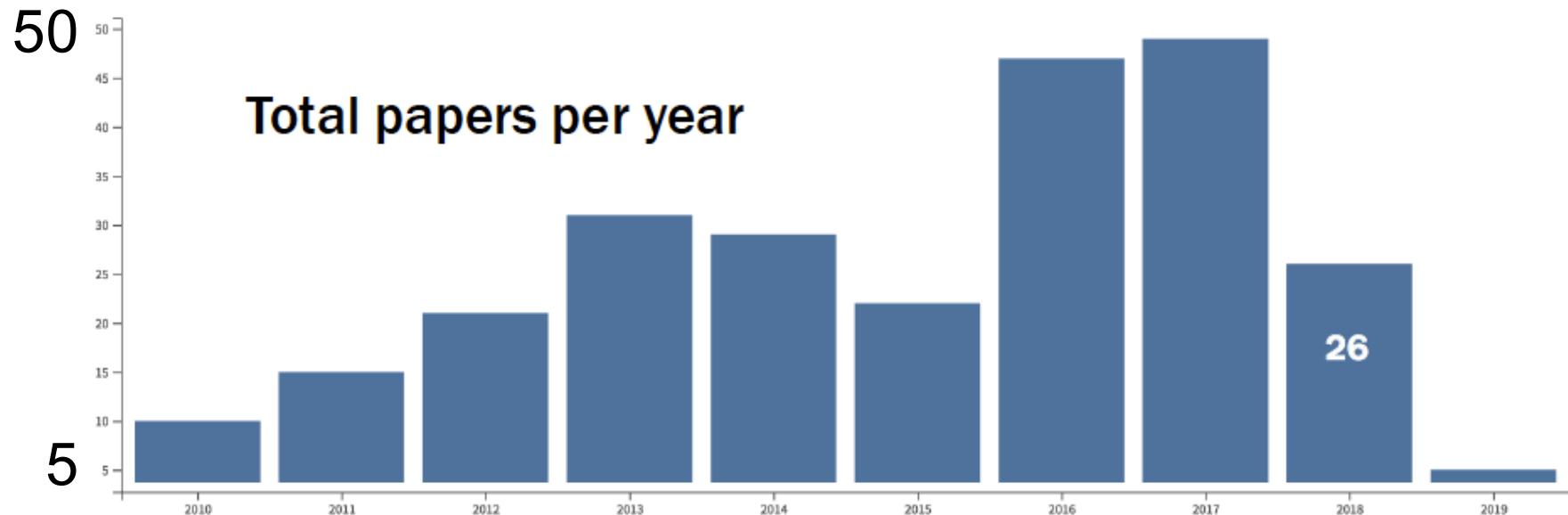
210 measurement days from Mar. 2017 to Mar 2018!!

GOSAT & OCO-2 Satellite Data Comparisons



Target mode XCO₂ retrievals from the OCO-2 satellite vs. XCO₂ from TCCON stations. Only stations in Tsukuba, Wollongong, Darwin and Burgos are shown for clarity. The calibration line (solid black line) is derived from all TCCON sites. The most recent GOSAT sounding (red circle) is also added on this plot, but not included in the calculation of the calibration curve. It falls within 0.13 ppm of the OCO-2 calibration line. The two outliers in the OCO-2 measurements over Wollongong (downward triangles) are probably due to bias induced by stratospheric aerosols caused by the eruption of the Calbuco volcano on Apr. 22 2015. (<http://www.mdpi.com/2072-4292/9/12/1228>)

255 Publications with TCCON as of Apr 27, 2019



Recent paper list related satellite validation with TCCON

SCIAMACHY CO:

- P. Hochstafli, F. Schreier, G. Lichtenberg and S. G. García, Validation of Carbon Monoxide Total Column Retrievals from SCIAMACHY Observations with NDACC/TCCON Ground-Based Measurements, *Remote Sens.* 2018, 10(2), 223; <https://doi.org/10.3390/rs10020223>
 - plus Addendum to add TCCON references!

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- Kulawik et al., in prep

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Copernicus CO₂ and CH₄:

- Buchwitz, M., Reuter, M., Schneising, O. et al., Copernicus Climate Change Service (C3S) Global Satellite Observations of Atmospheric Carbon Dioxide and Methane, *Adv. Astronaut. Sci. Technol.* (2018) 1: 57. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s42423-018-0004-6>

GOSAT CO₂, CH₄ and H₂O:

- A. Bril, S. Maksyutov, S. Oshchepkov, Y. Yoshida, R. Imasu, C. Iwasaki, A. Chaikovsky, A. Fedarenka, "Development of the empirical orthogonal functions-based algorithm for the retrievals of atmospheric CO₂ total column amount from space-borne observations of reflected sunlight," *J. Appl. Rem. Sens.* 12(4) 046012 (31 October 2018)
- Kenea, S.T., Oh, YS., Goo, TY. et al. Comparison of XCH₄ Derived from g-b FTS and GOSAT and Evaluation Using Aircraft In-Situ Observations over TCCON Site, *Asia-Pacific J Atmos Sci* (2019). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13143-019-00105-0>
- Trieu, T.T.N.; Morino, I.; Ohyama, H.; Uchino, O.; Sussmann, R.; Warneke, T.; Petri, C.; Kivi, R.; Hase, F.; Pollard, D.F.; Deutscher, N.M.; Velazco, V.A.; Iraci, L.T.; Podolske, J.R.; Dubey, M.K. Evaluation of Bias Correction Methods for GOSAT SWIR XH₂O Using TCCON data. *Remote Sens.* 2019, 11, 290.
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TROPOMI CO and CH₄:

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- Schneising et al., in prep.

MOPITT CO

- Hedelius, J. K., He, T.-L., Jones, D. B. A., Buchholz, R. R., De Mazière, M., Deutscher, N. M., Dubey, M. K., Feist, D. G., Griffith, D. W. T., Hase, F., Iraci, L. T., Jeseck, P., Kiel, M., Kivi, R., Liu, C., Morino, I., Notholt, J., Oh, Y.-S., Ohyama, H., Pollard, D. F., Rettinger, M., Roche, S., Roehl, C. M., Schneider, M., Shiomi, K., Strong, K., Sussmann, R., Sweeney, C., Té, Y., Uchino, O., Velazco, V. A., Wang, W., Warneke, T., Wennberg, P. O., Worden, H. M., and Wunch, D.: Evaluation of MOPITT version 7 joint TIR-NIR XCO retrievals with TCCON, *Atmos. Meas. Tech. Discuss.*, <https://doi.org/10.5194/amt-2019-201>, in review, 2019.

Summary of TCCON

- TCCON data:
compared to the WMO scale.

Uncertainties: $\text{XCO}_2 < 0.25\%$,
 $\text{XCH}_4 < 0.5\%$, $\text{XCO} < 4\%$, $\text{XN}_2\text{O} < 1\%$,
and $\text{XH}_2\text{O} < 1.3\%$.
- Widely used in studies on atmospheric chemistry and carbon cycle
- Firmly established as an important validation resource for satellite-based products
- TCCON data is publicly available in the web <https://tccondat.org>

**We would like ask you to read the
TCCON Data License when using!**

<https://tccondat.org>

Total Carbon Column Observing Network (TCCON)



(<https://tccon-wiki.caltech.edu>) TCCON is a network of ground-based Fourier Transform Spectrometers recording direct solar spectra in the near infrared spectral region. From these spectra, accurate and precise column-averaged abundances of CO_2 , CH_4 , N_2O , HF, CO, H_2O , and HDO are retrieved and reported here. A technical report describing the retrievals is found here (<https://doi.org/10.14291/tccon.ggg2014.documentation.R0/1221662>); solar (<https://doi.org/10.14291/tccon.ggg2014.solar.R0/1221658>) and telluric (<https://doi.org/10.14291/tccon.ggg2014.atm.R0/1221656>) spectral linelists used in the retrievals are publically available.

Data in netCDF format are publicly available no later than one year after the spectra are recorded; many sites release their data earlier. Citation and data use requirements are included in the license associated with each record. Column averaging kernels and a priori profiles are included in the files. Information on how to use these can be found here (https://tccon-wiki.caltech.edu/Network_Policy/Data_Use_Policy/Auxiliary_Data). To produce TCCON a priori profiles for locations and times where there are no TCCON measurements, a stand-alone program can be downloaded (<https://doi.org/10.14291/tccon.ggg2014.priors.R0/1221661>).

Sign up (<http://lists.gps.caltech.edu/mailman/listinfo/tccon-users>) to the TCCON Users email list to get email updates on TCCON data releases.

TCCON Column-Averaged Dry-Air Mole Fractions of CO_2 , CO, N_2O , CH_4 , H_2O , HDO , and HF

Download All GGG2014 Data (<https://doi.org/10.14291/TCCON.GGG2014>)

Site	Start Date	End Date
Ascension Island (SH) [ascension01]	2012-	2018-

TCCON challenges for satellite validation

- Satellites are now achieving sub-ppm precision in XCO₂
 - TCCON claims ~0.4 ppm precision (1σ): ILS, instrumentation, surface pressure, improved spectroscopy and a priori profiles etc.
- Site-to-site consistency is our biggest challenge
 - Airmass dependence is seen as a major problem in the satellite and modeling community
- Active missions (e.g. MERLIN) have vastly different averaging kernels to TCCON
- With TROPOMI, GOSAT-2, and near future missions, we will be relied upon for XCO and other products (XN₂O, XH₂O, XHDO) in addition to XCO₂ and XCH₄
 - These retrievals have not been under the same scrutiny as XCO₂
 - We have no tie to a trace-gas standard scale for HDO
 - Our 7% CO scaling remains an outstanding issue,
- Network continues to expand:
 - Missing areas: Africa, India, Siberia, South America
 - Expensive for setting up a new site (about 1 M US\$) and operation (about 0.1 M US\$)
 - Portable FTS network → **COCCON**

COCCON (COllaborative Carbon Column Observing Network)



EM27/SUN (pendulum FTS-Spectrometer, 0.2 M US\$)

Resolution: 0.5 cm⁻¹, two InGaAs detectors

Dimension: 35 x 40 x 27 cm, weight: ~25 kg

data processing :PROFFAST* (PROFFIT, GFIT)

*designed for low resolution spectra

Checking of ILS and stability

Calibration

More than 30 devise operated worldwide

Measurement campaigns

Paris, Berlin, Boulder, Tokyo etc.

City emissions, dairy farm, coal mining etc.

Now networking started!

