Investigation of space-borne trace gas products over St. Petersburg and Yekaterinburg, Russia by using COCCON observations

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Abstract. This work employs ground- and space-based observations, together with model data to study columnar abundances of atmospheric trace gases (XH_2O, XCO_2, XCH_4, and XCO) in two high-latitude Russian cities, St. Petersburg and Yekaterinburg. Two portable COllaborative Column Carbon Observing Network (COCCON) spectrometers were used for continuous measurements at these locations during 2019 and 2020. Additionally, a subset of data of special interest (a strong gradient in XCH_4 and XCO was detected) collected in the framework of a mobile city campaign performed in 2019 using both instruments is investigated. All studied satellite products (TROPOMI, OCO-2, GOSAT, MUSICA IASI) show generally good agreement with COCCON observations. Satellite and ground-based observations at high latitude are much sparser than at low or mid latitude, which makes direct coincident comparisons between remote-sensing observations more difficult. Therefore, a method of scaling continuous CAMS model data to the ground-based observations is developed and used for creating virtual COCCON observations. These adjusted CAMS data are then used for satellite validation, showing good agreement in both Peterhof and Yekaterinburg cities. The gradients between the two study sites ($\Delta Xgas$) are similar between CAMS and CAMS-COCCON data sets, indicating that the model gradients are in agreement with the gradients observed by COCCON. This is further supported by a few simultaneous COCCON and satellite $\Delta Xgas$ measurements, which also agree with the model gradient. With respect to the city campaign observations recorded in St. Petersburg, the downwind COCCON station measured obvious enhancements for both XCH_4 (10.6 ppb) and XCO (9.5 ppb), which is nicely reflected by TROPOMI observations, which detect city-scale gradients of the order 9.4 ppb for XCH_4 and 12.5 ppb XCO, respectively.

1. Introduction

Since human beings exist on the Earth's surface, their activities have deteriorated the environment in several manners. The increase of the global population, the globalization of the economy, the growing industry and the transport sector are only some of the most important causes, which has increased the anthropogenic emission. These activities require the use of huge amount of energy, among which the fossil fuels such as coal, oil and natural gas are the main sources since the industrial era. Global warming is one of the most discussed negative effects caused by the anthropogenic emissions of greenhouse gases (GHGs); The effect is caused by the anthropogenic emissions of greenhouse gases (GHGs), mainly carbon dioxide (CO_2), methane (CH_4), and nitrous oxide (N_2O). These gases absorb part of the infrared emission of the Earth, corresponding to their molecular structure. Consequently, the Earth's surface temperature increases, resulting in melting of glaciers and the Greenland and Antarctic ice sheets, sea level rise, droughts, and other negative effects. Global warming leads to a climate change which, in turn, leads to a disruption in the hydrological cycle, resulting in unpredictable weather patterns (Hoegh-Guldberg et al., 2018; IPCC AR6 WG1 The Physical Science Basis, 2021). Therefore, huge efforts are needed on all levels: local, national and global are required in order to slow down the GHGs emission tendency. Such efforts require not only a panel of scientists and engineers but also politics and policy/decision makers for implementing effective measures. On that regard countries have debated since more than three decades, and such meetings produced several important agreements. In 1992, the first global deal that focused on climate change was created: the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), which established the annual Conference of the Parties (COP). Based on this meeting the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement were created. The first one began in 2005 and its main aim was committing industrialized economies to reduce the emission of GHGs for defined and agreed targets. Unfortunately, after more than one decade several years the global anthropogenic emissions of GHGs continued increasing (Harris et al., 2012). The second one came into force on November 2016, which aims to limit the global warming below 2 ℃ or even below 1.5 ° C. Such objective can be only possible through reducing the GHGs emitted into the atmosphere. Although the majority of cities have enacted initiatives to measure and control pollution, the majority of developed interventions are localized (Miller et al., 2013; Seinfeld and Pandis, 2016). In general, the governments of most countries globally have failed to enact effective measures of addressing anthropogenic pollution (Roger et al., 2016).

In summary, we need to know more about the natural sources and sinks of GHGs into the atmosphere to better understand climate change, which will in turn allow better projections of their future under climate change conditions. Additionally, we need to monitor the anthropogenic emissions, e.g., in the context of the Paris Agreement. Because CO_2, which is the most important GHG, is long lived. Both applications require to measure relatively small changes over a large background concentration and this is only possible with high accuracy and state of the art instrumentation, which nowadays has become more crucial than ever. is long lived because it has an atmospheric lifetime that spans from centuries to millennia (IPCC, 2018). Both applications require measuring relatively small changes over a large background concentration, which requires high accuracy instrumentation and calls for continuous efforts on improving the instrumental and data processing state-of-the-art (Alberti et al., 2021). On that framework, national and international consortiums and agencies have been measuring GHGs in

the atmosphere with different sampling methods, and different spatial-vertical resolutions and accuracies. Remote sensing is one of the approaches through which GHGs can be continuously measured on a global scale. Such measurements can be made with space-based techniques by using satellites, like the SCanning Imaging Absorption spectroMeter for Atmospheric CartograpHY (SCIAMACHY), Greenhouse Gases Observing Satellite (GOSAT), Orbiting Carbon Observatory-2 (OCO-2), and the Tropospheric Monitoring Instrument (TROPOMI) onboard of Sentinel-5 Precursor (S5P)), and the Chinese Carbon Dioxide Observation Satellite (TanSat) (Liu et al., 2018). For the validation of data products from these space-borne sensors, remote sensing observations are performed by ground-based networks: the NDACC FTIR (Fourier Transform InfraRed) network (https://www.ndaccdemo.org/, last access 11 Jul. 21) and the Total Column Carbon Observing Network (TCCON) (http://www.tccon.caltech.edu/, last access 11 Jul. 21) which is regarded as the reference network for columnar GHG measurements, recently supplemented by the COllaborative Column Carbon Observing Network (COCCON) (Frey et al., 2019). Current constellation of satellites provides highly accurate results with a global coverage, nevertheless for these and future GHG satellite missions the aforementioned highly accurate ground-based FTIR measurements are crucial for their calibration and validation. The TCCON network has been established since 2004. However, the expensive instrumentation and required maintenance effort limits the number of stations. Recently, TCCON has been complemented by the COCCON network, which uses low-resolution Bruker EM27/SUN FTIR spectrometers (in the following referred to as COCCON instrument), developed by Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) in collaboration with Bruker (Gisi et al., 2012; Hase et al., 2016). This instrument is a portable unit and easy to operate for non-experts. It has been shown in several peer-review studies that COCCON instruments enable to retrieve GHGs with high precision and accuracy, and several campaigns have been carried out even at remote sites.

The EU project VERIFY (https://verify.lsce.ipsl.fr/, last access 2 July, 2021) aims to quantify/estimate the anthropogenic and natural GHG emissions based on atmospheric measurements, emission inventories and ecosystem data. Within this project two cities in Russia (St. Petersburg and Yekaterinburg) were selected with the objective of improving our understanding of a key important region with anticipated huge biosphere fluxes and potentially extensive carbon sinks (Reuter et al., 2014). Because only a few measurements are available on this region, two different campaigns were carried out there in the framework of VERIFY: continuous measurements at fixed locations in both places and also a mobile city campaign targeting at St. Petersburg emissions (Emission Monitoring Mobile Experiment, EMME). In the city campaign, two COCCON spectrometers were placed up- and downwind of St. Petersburg in 2019. With the obtained results, the emission ratios for the city emissions were quantified and compared with the bottom-up estimation as presented in Makarova et al. (2020). From these campaign data, the CO_2, CH_4, NO_x and CO fluxes were estimated as well. Estimation of the anthropogenic CO_2 emissions using ODIAC and the FTIR measurements are presented by Timofeyev et al. (2020), while the CH_4 emission intensities are presented by Foka et al. (2020). Additionally, the EMME campaign was extended in 2020 with only one spectrometer moved between the upwind and downwind sides. The integral CO_2 city emission for both periods are investigated by Ionov et al. (2021).

In contrast to the papers above, this paper focuses on the complete set of COCCON measurements collected in the framework of VERIFY to validate and inter-compare TROPOMI, OCO-2, GOSAT, MUSICA IASI and Copernicus Atmosphere

Monitoring Service (CAMS). Additionally, a scaling method is developed and its results are used to better inter-compare satellite products. This method is based on COCCON measurements at both sites to scale CAMS XCO_2, XCH_4 and XCO. The effectiveness of this method is proved by using different sub-sets of XCH_4 retrieved from the densest observations from the reference COCCON spectrometer (FTS#37) at Karlsruhe during the period of January 2018 – December 2020. Because GHGs surface fluxes are imprinted in the atmospheric concentrations, in order to learn about them it is imperative to accurately estimate their respective atmospheric gradients. On that regard, the gradients for XCO_2, XCH_4 and XCO are calculated between both studied cities during the shared measurement period. Finally, a city-scale transport event occurred during the city campaign and tracked by TROPOMI is presented in this study.

2. Russian Campaign location and set-up

Within the VERIFY project, two cities in Russia (St. Petersburg and Yekaterinburg) were chosen as target regions. The main aim was to collect observations for evaluating XCO_2 gradients and the XCO / XCO_2 ratios in a very important region with high emissions and large biosphere fluxes in Eastern Europe. To achieve the foreseen objectives two different activities were carried out: a mobile city campaign (see section 2.2) and continuous measurements in two fixed locations: Peterhof (15 months) and Yekaterinburg (6 months) (see section 2.3).

2.1 Stability of the COCCON spectrometers during the campaign period

Measurements of very high precision and accuracy are required for correctly retrieving the columnar GHG abundances in the atmosphere. This can be well achieved with the portable FTIR spectrometers as the EM27/SUN spectrometer. For ensuring the optimum level of accuracy, prior to the campaign, the two instruments utilized in the campaign were checked, characterized and calibrated and the residual instrument-specific calibration factors of XCO_2, XCO, XCH_4 and XH_2O with respect to the COCCON network reference were determined. For demonstrating the stability of the spectrometers, the calibration has been redonecarried out again after the campaign. This calibration work is described in Sect. 2.1.1 and 2.1.2the next sub-sections.

2.1.1 Instrumental Line Shape (ILS) characterization

An important step in order to find any kinds of instrumental malfunction is the laboratory calibration. Open-path measurements described by Frey et al. (2015) and Alberti et al. (2021) are performed for recognizing channelling effects, increased noise levels, out-of-band artefacts, and for characterizing the instrumental line shape (ILS). The ILS for both instruments was determined at KIT before and after the campaign in order to track their stability and thus, their performance. The ILS is given in terms of modulation efficiency (M. E.) and phase error (Table 1Table 1).

Table 1: ILS in terms of modulation efficiency (M.E.) and phase error calculated before and after the campaign for instruments FTS#80 and FTS#84.

Instrument	Date	M. E.	Phase error
FTS#80	2018-04-17	0.9865	-0.00275
	2020-06-04	0.9861	-0.01295
FTS#84	2018-03-27	0.9900	-0.00009
	2020-06-04	0.9871	0.00083

2.1.2 ~~2.1.2~~ Side-by-side measurements

After the instruments were calibrated, solar side-by-side measurements between the instruments used in the campaign (FTS#80 and FTS#84), the COCCON reference and the TCCON spectrometer operated at the same location were carried out at KIT. These measurements served to find the instrument-specific calibration factors for each retrieved gas. These factors are calculated with respect to the COCCON reference and help to harmonise the results for all COCCON spectrometers. Such measurements took place before (18 and 19 April, 2018) and during (12 April, 2019) the campaign. The later one served for crosschecking whether the instruments kept the same behaviour and performance. These results can be seen in Figure 1~~Figure 1~~ and Figure 2~~Figure 2~~, respectively and the correction factors are listed in Table 2~~Table 2~~.

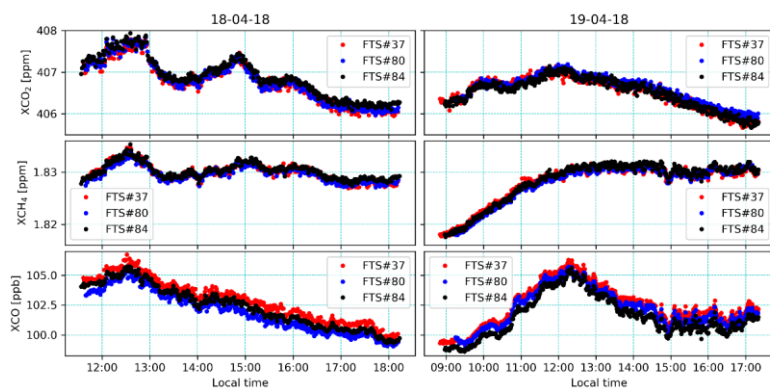
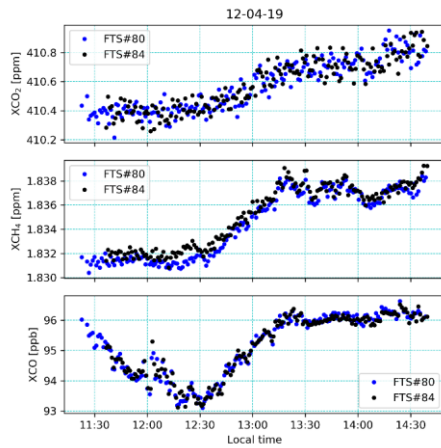



Figure 1: Side-by-side measurements before the instruments were shipped to Russia. Comparisons between instrument no.1 (FTS#37), which is the COCCON reference unit operated at KIT, and instruments FTS#80 and FTS#84.

 Figure 2: Side-by-side measurements during the campaign but only with instruments FTS#80 and FTS#84.

From the measurements shown in Figure 1Figure 1, the correction factors for XCO_2, XCO and XCH_4 measured by the two instruments are calculated as described in Frey et al. (2019) and Alberti et al. (2021). These results are averaged and later used for scaling the results for each of the retrieved GHG analysed in this study as presented in Table 2.

Table 2: Correction factors for instruments FTS#80 and FTS#84.

Instrument	Date	XCO_2 factor	XCH_4 factor	XCO factor
FTS#80	18-19 April 2018	0.99988	1.00013	1.00636
	31 October 2020	0.99981	1.00042	1.00264
	Absolute drift	6.765e-05	2.966e-4	3.721e-3
	Used value	***0.99984***	***1.00028***	***1.00450***
FTS#84	18-19 April 2018	0.99990	0.99987	1.00748
	13 June 2021	0.99967	0.99953	1.00171
	Absolute drift	2.242e-4	3.333e-4	5.774e-3
	Used value	***0.99978***	***0.99970***	***1.00460***

145 **2.2 2.2 EMME campaign**

The EMME campaign is described in detail by Makarova et al. (2020), and here we summarize only the most relevant details of it. Because the aim of this campaign was to quantify the CO_2 emissions, CO/CO_2 emission ratios and the estimation of the CO_2, CH_4 and CO fluxes, two mobile COCCON FTIR spectrometers were used in order to retrieve the required GHG species. Both instruments were located in the up- and downwind of the St. Petersburg city ring. This campaign was not made in a

continuous acquisition mode but the active phases were scheduled according to the weather forecast. The basic idea is to select the deployment position of each instrument one day before good meteorological conditions appeared. The wind forecast, and the orientation of the city's NO$_2$ plume as modelled by HYSPLIT were used as prediction tools and the positions of the COCCON spectrometers were selected accordingly. In addition, during a measuring day, the Russian partners carried out mobile zenith DOAS measurements in order to measure the NO$_2$ total column flux over the city in a near real time manner. The second input helped to readjust the location of one or both spectrometers in case of deviations from the predicted plume orientation. Following this approach, a total of 11 successful measurement days were carried out during March to April 2019. An overview of the collected COCCON data is presented in Figure 3Figure 3, from that figure is remarkable the enhancement on 25-04-19. This measurement day is presented as a plume transport event in a city-scale domain tracked by TROPOMI as complement of the results shown by Makarova et al. (2020).

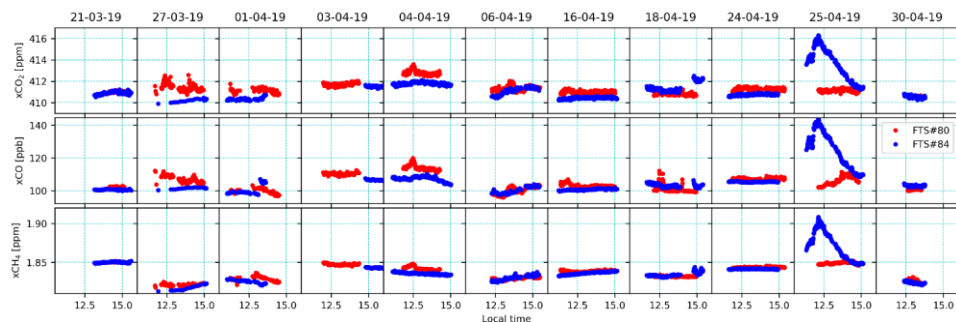



Figure 3: General overview of the full campaign results collected with the COCCON spectrometers (Makarova et al., 2020).

2.3 2.3 Ground-based FTIR measurements at Peterhof and Yekaterinburg

For the continuous, long-baseline campaign, the instrument FTS#80 remained at Peterhof station at the St. Petersburg State University and continued operation there, while the other spectrometer FTS#84 was moved to Yekaterinburg.

2.3.1   2.3.1 Peterhof (59.88°N, 29.83°E)

Peterhof is a suburb of St. Petersburg located approximately 35 km southwest from St. Petersburg's city centre. The instrument in Peterhof was operated by the Russian partners at the Atmospheric Physics Department of the Faculty of Physics at St. Petersburg State University. The instrument was set up on every sunny day (out from the city campaign period) at the 2nd floor of the FTIR remote sensing group (See Figure 4Figure 4). Eighty-four measurement days were collected between January 2019 and March 2020 as it can be seen in Figure 5Figure 5. From that figure, it is remarkable the larger XCO observed values on 06 August 2019 in comparison with all the other days. For more details, see Figure A- 1 Figure A- 1 (a) and (b) where the spatial distribution of TROPOMI XCH$_4$ and XCO, and wind speed and direction, respectively for this day are presented.

Additionally, Figure A- 1 Figure A 1 (c) shows the time series for COCCON XCO_2, XCH_4 and XCO for that day and the enhancements are all observed in the three species. It seems that these large values could be related to a plume transport from

175 a heavily industrialized area coming from Lappeenranta city, which is located in the southeast of Finland and approximately 160 km away from Peterhof (See Figure A- 2 a)). In order to confirm this, Figure A- 2 a) shows that the yearly CO emissions came from the "Combustion from manufacturing sector" taken from EDGAR V05 inventory (latest available: 2015), together with the backward trajectories calculated by using HYSPLIT (HYbrid Single-Particle Lagrangian Integrated Trajectories) model (https://www.ready.noaa.gov/HYSPLIT_traj.php, last access: 04 August 2021) and arrived in Peterhof on that day (see

180 Figure A- 2 **Error! Reference source not found.**b). This confirms that the wind comes from the area where huge anthropogenic CO sources are located. Another possibility could be an even closer local source, like a small fire.

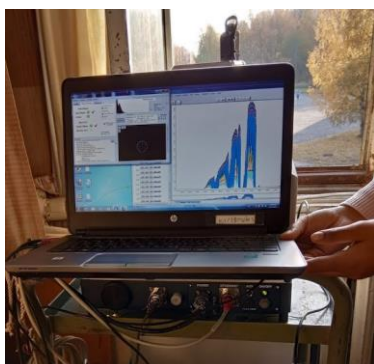
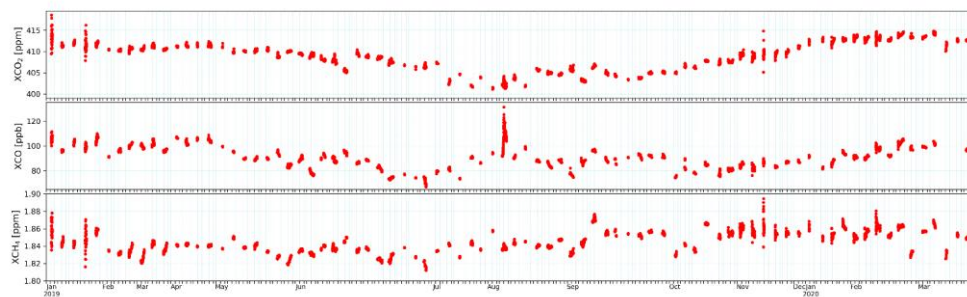



Figure 4: Instrument setup at Peterhof. A huge window allowed measurements from ~10:00 to ~15:30 (local time) every day.

185 **Figure 5: Time series for XCO_2, XCO and XCH_4 obtained in Peterhof during the continuous campaign.**

2.3.2 2.3.2 Yekaterinburg (56.8°N, 60.6°E)

It was planned that immediately after the EMME campaign, the instrument FTS#84 would be transported to Yekaterinburg. Unfortunately, unforeseen organizational problems significantly delayed moving the instrument from St. Petersburg to Yekaterinburg. The instrument was finally put in operation in Yekaterinburg in October 2019 and kept measuring until the

190 very last day before being shipped back to KIT (April 2020). The instrument was operated at the Climate and Environmental Physics Laboratory INSMA of the Ural Federal University (UrFU). The instrument was set up in an internal yard of UrFU building. However, the building structure, which blocked the sunlight, was a limitation. Sometimes high trucks passing through the yard blocked the field of view of the instrument (See Figure 6Figure 6). The spectrometer rested on the windowsill of the basement, so it was located exactly at ground level ~260 m. Under good weather conditions, measurements were carried out

195 approximately between 11:00 and 14:30, local time. In total, twenty-two days of measurements were collected as it can be seen in Figure 7Figure 7.

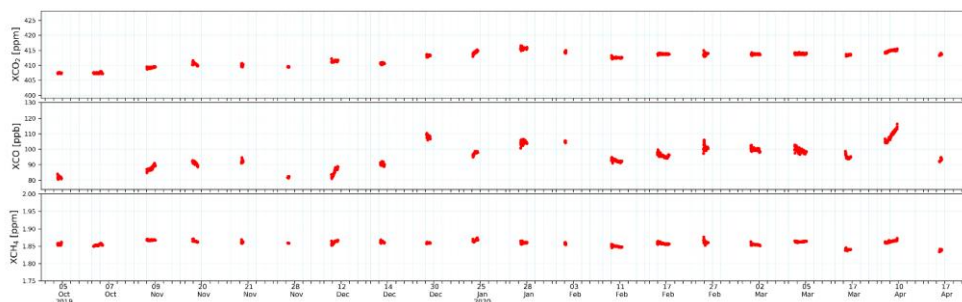
Figure 6: Instrument setup at Yekaterinburg. The time interval of the daily measurements was constrained by the building structure, which blocked the sunlight.

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Figure 7: Times series of XCO₂, XCO and XCH₄ observed at Yekaterinburg.

3. 3 Data sets

In the following subsections, all the data sets used for this study are summarized and a quick overview of them can be found in **Error! Reference source not found.** in the appendix.

3.1 3.1 Ground-based data

3.1.1 3.1.1 COCCON

Recently, the COCCON Network (https://www.imk-asf.kit.edu/english/COCCON.php, last access: 13 May, 2021; Frey et al., 2019) was established by continuous support granted by European Space Agency (ESA). COCCON provides a supporting infrastructure for GHG measurements using the EM27/SUN spectrometer and ensures common standards for instrumental quality management and data analysis. The EM27/SUN spectrometer was developed by KIT in cooperation with the Bruker company in 2011 (Gisi et al., 2012). A second detector channel for XCO observations was added in 2015 (Hase et al., 2016). The EM27/SUN spectrometers are widely used and there are currently about 78 instruments globally operated by different research groups. It has been shown in several studies that the results for these GHGs observed by COCCON instruments are in good agreement with official TCCON results (Frey et al., 2020; Sha et al., 2020). With the characteristics of compactness, robustness and portability, these instruments have been successfully used in several field campaigns and continuous deployments (Hase et al., 2015; Klappenbach et al., 2015; Chen et al., 2016; Butz et al., 2017; Sha et al., 2019; Vogel et al., 2019; Tu et al., 2020, 2021a, b; Jacobs et al., 2020; Frey et al., 2021;). A preprocessing tool and the PROFFAST non-linear least squares fitting algorithm are used for data retrieval. This processing software was created in the framework of the ESA COCCON-PROCEEDS and COCCON-PROCEEDS II projects. The solar zenith angle (SZA) range of COCCON data used in this study is restricted to ≤70° in order to limit uncertainties connected to spectra recorded at very high air-mass.

3.2 3.2 Space-borne data

3.2.1 3.2.1 TROPOMI

The Sentinel-5 Precursor (S5-P) satellite with the Tropospheric Monitoring Instrument (TROPOMI) on board as a single payload was launched in October 2017. S5-P is a low Earth orbit polar satellite. It aims at monitoring air quality, climate and ozone layer with high spatio-temporal resolution and daily global coverage during an operational lifespan of 7 years (Veefkind et al., 2012). TROPOMI is a nadir viewing grating-based imaging spectrometer, measuring back-scattered solar radiation spectra with an unprecedented resolution of 7×7 km^2 (upgraded to 5.5×7 km^2 in August 2019, Lorente et al., 2021). In this study, we use the improved TROPOMI XCH$_4$ product derived with the RemoTeC full-physics algorithm (Lorente et al., 2021) and apply the recommended quality value (qa) = 1.0 to the data. For CO, the SICOR (short-wave infrared CO algorithm) is deployed to retrieve the total column density of CO from TROPOMI spectra at 2.3μm (Landgraf et al., 2016; Borsdorff et al.,

2018a, b). XCO is computed by dividing the CO total column by the dry air column extracted from the co-located TROPOMI CH4 file. This dry air column is obtained from the surface pressure and water vapour column as provided by the European Center for Medium-Range Weather Forecast (ECMWF) analysis (Schneising et al., 2019; Lorente et al., 2021). H2O retrievals

235   are also performed with SICOR algorithm. A similar quality filter is applied to the H2O product as used in Schneider et al. (2020). XCO is computed by dividing the CO total column by the dry air column extracted from co-located CH₄ file, which reports the European Center for Medium-Range Weather Forecast (ECMWF) pressure fields. H₂O retrievals are also performed with SICOR algorithm. A similar quality filter is applied to the H₂O product as used in Schneider et al., 2020.

3.2.2   3.2.2 OCO-2

240   The Orbiting Carbon Observatory-2 (OCO-2) is a NASA satellite, launched in July 2014, providing space-based measurements of atmospheric CO_2 (Eldering et al., 2017). These observations have the potential capability to detect CO_2 sources and sinks with unprecedented spatial and temporal coverage and resolution (Crisp, 2015). The OCO-2 mission carries a single instrument incorporated with three high-resolution imaging grating spectrometers, collecting spectra from reflected sunlight by the surface of Earth in the molecular oxygen (O_2) A band at 0.764 μm and two CO_2 bands at 1.61 and 2.06 μm

245   (Osterman et al., 2020). The OCO-2 satellite has three viewing modes (nadir, glint and target) and a near-repeat cycle of 16 days (98.8 min per orbit, 233 orbits in total). It samples at a local time of about 1:30 pm. The current version (V10r) of the OCO-2 Level 2 (L2) data product, containing bias-corrected XCO_2 is used in this study.

In addition to the operational XCO_2 product derived from OCO-2 observations described above, the data product generated using the Fast atmOspheric traCe gAs retrieval (FOCAL) algorithm described in Reuter et al. (2017a, 2017b) had been used.

250   Compared with collocated TCCON observations, the OCO-2 FOCAL data show a regional-scale bias of about 0.6 ppm and single measurement precision of 1.5 ppm (Reuter and Buchwitz, 2021). In this study, the latest version (v09) covering the time period of 2015 – 2020 is utilized for further comparison with the COCCON results.

3.2.3   3.2.3 MUSICA IASI

The Infrared Atmospheric Sounding Interferometer (IASI) is a payload on board the EMETSAT Metop series of polar

255   orbiting satellites (Clerbaux, 2009). The IASI instrument is a Fourier Transform Spectrometer that measures infrared radiation emitted from the Earth and emitted and absorbed by the atmosphere. It provides unprecedented accuracy and resolution on atmospheric humidity profile, as well as total column-integrated CO, CH_4 and other compounds twice a day. There are currently three IASI instruments in operation on Metop-A, B and C, launched in 2006, 2012 and 2018, respectively. The MUSICA IASI retrievals are based on a nadir version of PROFFIT (Schneider and Hase, 2009), which has been developed in

260   support of the MUSICA project. More details can be found in Schneider and Hase (2011) and Schneider et al. (2021b). A validation of the MUSICA IASI H_2O profile data is presented by Borger et al. (2018).

3.2.4 GOSAT

The Greenhouse Gases Observing Satellite (GOSAT) was launched in January 2009, equipped with two instruments (the Thermal And Near-infrared Sensor for carbon Observation Fourier Transform Spectrometer (TANSO-FTS) and the TANSO Cloud and Aerosol Imager (TANSO-CAI)) (Kuze et al., 2009). The satellite is placed on a sun-synchronous orbit and passes the same point on Earth every three days. The GOSAT is the first mission to monitor the global distribution and sinks and sources of GHGs. For this study, GOSAT FTS Short Wave InfraRed (SWIR) Level 2 data version V02.90 from National Institute of Environmental Studies (NIES) is used.

3.3 CAMS data

3.3.1 CAMS inversion

Copernicus Atmosphere Monitoring Service (CAMS) is operated by the European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts (ECMWF), providing global inversion-optimised GHG concentration products which are updated once or twice per year. For XCO_2 and XCH_4, the latest version data sets (v20r1 for XCO_2 and v19r1 for XCH_4) using surface air-sample as observations input are used in this study. The CAMS global CO_2 atmospheric inversion product is generated by the inversion system, called PyVAR (Python VARiational) with a horizontal resolution of $1.875^{\circ} \times 3.75^{\circ}$ and temporal resolution of 3 hours (Chevallier, 2020a, b). The latest version (V20r1) was released in December 2020, covering the period from January 1979 to May 2020. The V20r1 model data fits TCCON retrievals well with less than 1 ppm of absolute biases (Chevallier, 2020b).

For XCH_4 we used the latest version V19r1 based on inversion of surface observations only, covering the period between January 1990 and December 2019. The CAMS XCH_4 inversion product are based on the TM5-4DVAR (four-dimensional variational) inverse modelling system (Bergamaschi et al., 2010, 2013; Meirink et al., 2008) with a horizontal resolution of $2^{\circ} \times 3^{\circ}$ and temporal resolution of 6 hours (Segers, 2020a, b). Compared to previous releases, v19r1 data has been adjusted by using new atmospheric CH_4 sinks and updated wetland emissions, and the monthly bias is usually less than 10 ppb with respect to the TCCON network (Segers, 2020b).

3.3.2 CAMS reanalysis (control run)

This study aims to compare XCO retrieved from the COCCON measurements with XCO from different satellite and CAMS data sets as well. However, no XCO is available from the before-mentioned CAMS data. Fortunately, CAMS also provides reanalysis data sets, covering the period of 2003 – June 2020. The standard CAMS reanalysis data uses 4DVar data assimilation in CY42R1 of ECMWF's Integrated Forecast System (IFS) (Flemming et al., 2017; Inness et al., 2019). The CAMS reanalysis CO profiles under a control run, i.e. without any data assimilation, is obtained from Copernicus Support team. This control run reanalysis CO profiles are using only one IFS cycle with a $0.1^{\circ} \times 0.1^{\circ}$ latitude/longitude resolution, 3 hours of temporal resolution and 25 pressure levels. XCO is obtained when integrating the profiles from the lowest to the highest pressure level.

4. 4 Results and discussion

4.1 4.1 Seasonal variability of GHGs

4.1.1 4.1.1 Peterhof

295 The seasonal patterns of the retrieved GHGs are shown in Figure 8Figure 8, which illustrates the time series of daily mean of XCO_2, XCH_4, XCO and XH_2O from different data products at Peterhof. The CAMS-COCCON data product presented in Figure 8Figure 8 and Figure 9Figure 9 are discussed in section 4.3. The TROPOMI satellite has a higher spatial resolution and therefore, the available retrieved species from TROPOMI were daily averaged within a collocation radius of 50 km around Peterhof. For the GOSAT and MUSICA IASI data sets, a collocation radius of 100 km around Peterhof is used, and for OCO-

300 2 data, a collocation radius of 200 km is used. The choice of collecting radius is considered based on the available satellite observations and the bias between a single satellite observation and the coincident COCCON observation (See Figure A- 3). The measurements from the different ground- and space-based observations and model data generally show good agreements and similar seasonal variability.

CAMS and the satellite products show a high bias of about 0.81 -- -3.1 with respect to COCCON.COCCON XCO_2 is biased

305 low by about 0.81--3.1 ppm in comparison to CAMS and other satellite products. GOSAT (Figure 8Figure 8 (a)) also shows some obvious outliers compared to the other products, which have similar behaviours. The amount of XCO_2 varies along the year and much of this variation is driven by respiration, which never stops but increases between fall and winter due to reduced uptake (no photosynthesis). In this case the atmospheric XCO_2 concentration is stable between January and April. It started to decrease from May to end of July, during which the growing season and the photosynthetic activities increase. Similar

310 behaviour in 2019 was also observed by Timofeyev et al. (2021) and in previous years by Timofeyev et al. (2019) and Nikitenko et al. (2020). The amount of XCO_2 stays around 403 ppm between end of July and middle of September and starts to increase afterwards.

For XCH_4 COCCON shows similar a behaviour as TROPOMI and CAMS. Slightly higher mean values and variability can be seen in GOSAT XCH_4 with a few outliers. Compared to XCO_2, XCH_4 shows generally less seasonal variabilities with more

315 short-term enhancements of about a week duration, probably related to synoptic variations. The seasonal variation is comparable to the results of Gavrilov et al. (2014), Makarova et al. (2015a, 2015b) and Timofeyev et al. (2016). A slightly higher XCH_4 is observed at the end of 2019 for all data products.

XCO shows seasonal variability with a maximal value of 110 ppb in late April and decreases by nearly 40% to 70 ppb in the beginning of July. A secondary local maximal reaching ~95 ppb occurs in August. This feature needs further investigation.

320 The COCCON XCO matches well to the CAMS reanalysis data. Moreover, the COCCON agrees better with the TROPOMI data in summer than in spring and late autumn, when TROPOMI measured higher values.

XH_2O shows a strong seasonal cycle with a maximal amount of ~4700 ppm in summer and minimal amount of ~320 ppm in winter. All products show quite similar behavior with high variability, which is similar to those in Semenov et al. (2015),

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Timofeyev et al. (2016) and Virolainen et al. (2016, 2017). The GOSAT data have higher mean values since the measurement period covers only the time period from later spring to summer, during which higher XH_2O is observed.

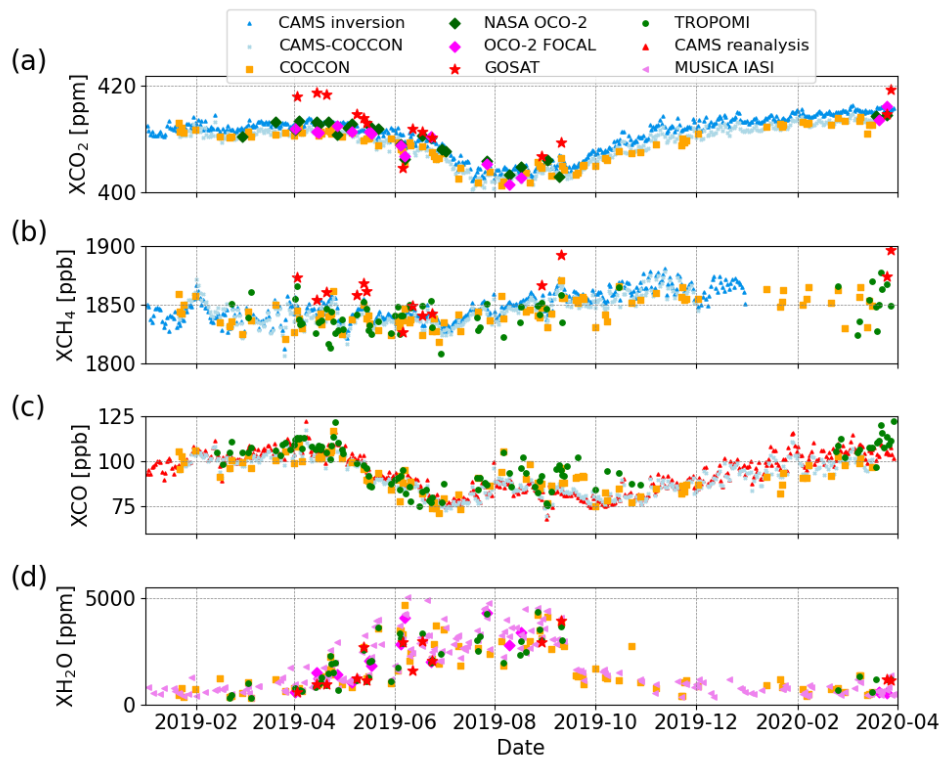



Figure 8 Time series of daily mean of (a) XCO_2, (b) XCH_4, (c) XCO and (d) XH_2O for different data products at Peterhof.

4.1.2   4.1.2 Yekaterinburg

The measurement period covered winter and spring, from 5 October 2019 to 17 April 2020 at Yekaterinburg (Figure 9Figure 9). Here we use a larger radius (100 km) to collect the TROPOMI observations because there are much less overpasses at Yekaterinburg during this period. The Table A- 2 in the appendix lists the number of coincidences (pixel-wise) for 50 and 100 km radius, and the number of coincident satellite pixels is reduced by a factor of 3 to 5 for the narrower radius. From the Figure A- 4 in the appendix, we do see a tendency of slightly reduced differences with better colocation within the 100 km limit in

case of CH_4, but not clearly for the other species. Due to the low number of coincident measurements when using 50 km, we

335 decided to accept the 100 km distance criterion for the Yekaterinburg observations.

XCO₂ shows a clearly increasing tendency from October of 408 ppm to a maximal value of 415 ppm in the middle of February, which covers later autumn and winter. This is because on top of the increase due to the anthropogenic emissions there are variations due to the photosynthesis and respiration (https://atmosphere.copernicus.eu/carbon-dioxide-levels-are-rising-it-really-simple, last access: 2 July 2021). During that period the plants notably reduce or stop the photosynthesis

340 processes which could increase the amount of CO_2 in the atmosphere. Later this maximal value stays constant until mid of March. It tends to decrease and a similar behavior is observed in Peterhof.

For XCH₄, COCCON shows a good agreement with CAMS data, though there are not so many COCCON observations. XCH₄ shows generally decreasing tendency but with more short-term variabilities. Such variabilities are observed in Peterhof as well. A few TROPOMI observations in October are deviating from the other two data sets and it seems that TROPOMI

345 underestimates XCH₄. This might be because most TROPOMI measurements are located in the rim of the collecting radius and thus away from the location of Yekaterinburg, introducing some errors (see Figure A- 4). Further, this underestimation could be due to the difficulty for retrieving CH_4 in low- and high-albedo scenes (Lorente et al., 2021).

XCO shows in general a similar behavior of XCO₂, with a steady increase during late autumn and winter. It seems that the increasing behavior of XCO has an inverse relationship with XCH₄. This is probably due to the fact that atmospheric CO is

350 mainly produced by incomplete combustion of fossil fuels (Kasischke and Bruhwiler, 2002) and the oxidation of methane (Cullis et al., 1983).

As expected, most of XH₂O values are below 1000 ppm, similar to Peterhof in that period. This can be explained by the saturation concentration of water vapor in air, which reduces for lower temperatures.

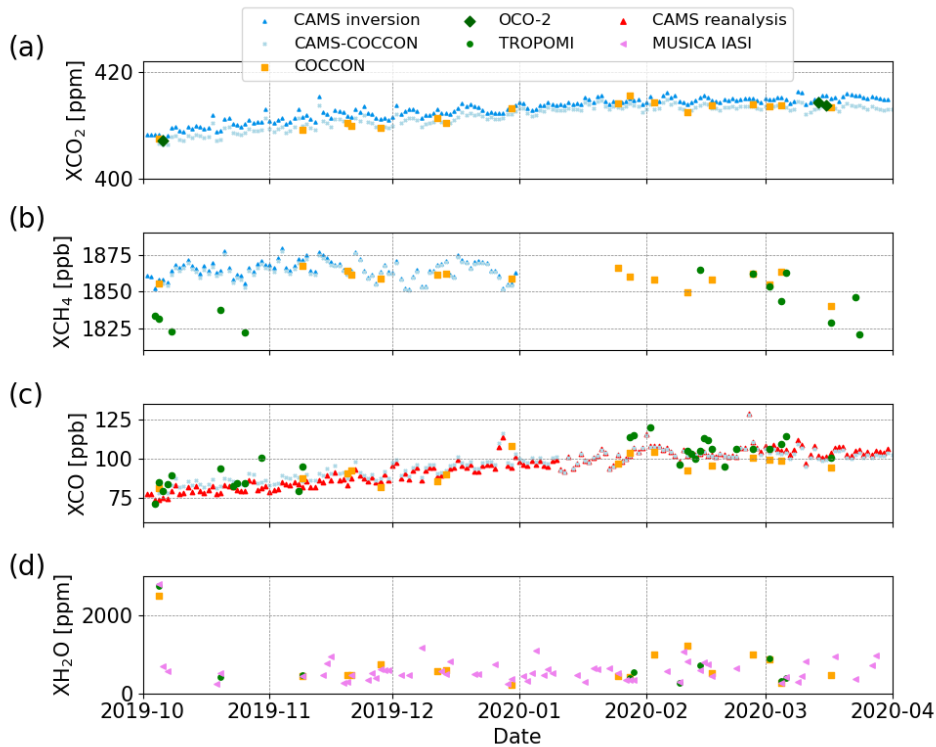



Figure 9 Time series of daily mean of (a) XCO₂, (b) XCH₄, (c) XCO and (d) XH₂O for different data products at Yekaterinburg.

4.2 Removal of the smoothing error bias

Because we aim at comparing different data products from space-borne with COCCON products and each of them have different sensitivities and use a different a-priori profiles; it is important to account for these differences when comparing a defined Xgas specie as described by Rodgers and Connor, (2003) and Connor et al., (2008). Such procedures have been applied in other similar studies (Hedelius et al., 2016, Yang Yang et al., 2020, M. K. Sha et al., 2021). In this study, we used the method described in Connor et al., (2008). We took as starting point the eq. (13), then the state vector can be written as:

$$\overrightarrow{VMR}_{gas,obs} = \overrightarrow{VMR}_{gas,apr} + A\left(\overrightarrow{VMR}_{true} - \overrightarrow{VMR}_{gas,apr}\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 1}$$

Where $\vec{VMR}$: represents the Volume Mixing Ratio. The left-term of the equation represent the retrieved value, while the right term represents the VMR calculated based on the a-priori plus the effect of the averaging kernel matrix A applied to difference of the VMR between the true atmospheric gas concentration and the a-priori. By dividing the atmosphere in "k" layers, this equation can be written as follows:

$$X_{gas,obs} = X_{gas,apr} + \sum_{0}^{k} h_k a_k (VMR_{true,k} - VMR_{apr,k}) \qquad \text{Eq. 2}$$

Where:
$X_{gas,y} = \sum_k h_k . VMR_{y,k}$ With "y" being a defined a-priori used and h_k: the pressure-weighting function in a defined layer "k" (Connor et al., 2008), i.e.:

$$h_k = \frac{(p_{k-1} - p_k)}{p_0} \qquad \text{Eq. 3}$$

By using Eq. 2 with a "new" and "old" satellite-a-priori we obtain (*) and (**) as follows:

$$X_{gas,obs-new} = X_{gas,apr-new} + \sum_{0}^{k} h_k a_k (VMR_{true,k} - VMR_{apr-new,k}) \qquad (*)$$
$$X_{gas,obs-sat} = X_{gas,apr-sat} + \sum_{0}^{k} h_k a_k (VMR_{true,k} - VMR_{apr-sat,k}) \qquad (**)$$

Then we subtract (*) from (**):

$$X_{gas,obs-new} = X_{gas,obs-sat} + \left(X_{gas,apr-new} - X_{gas,apr-sat}\right) + \sum_{0}^{k} h_k a_k VMR_{true,k} - \sum_{0}^{k} h_k a_k VMR_{apr-new,k}$$
$$- \sum_{0}^{k} h_k a_k VMR_{true,k} + \sum_{0}^{k} h_k a_k VMR_{apr-sat,k}$$

Which turns into:

$$X_{gas,obs-new} = X_{gas,obs-sat} + \left(X_{gas,apr-new} - X_{gas,apr-sat}\right) + \sum_{0}^{k} h_k a_k \left(VMR_{apr-sat,k} - VMR_{apr-new,k}\right) \qquad \text{Eq. 4}$$

Where $X_{gas,obs-new}$ in Eq. 4 becomes the smoothed satellite product, which takes into account the a-priori used for the COCCON retrievals.

For using Eq. 4, both a-priori profiles need to be resampled on the same pressure grid. The vertical profiles used for the COCCON analysis are interpolated to the pressure levels of different satellite products (TROPOMI CO, GOSAT CO_2 and CH_4, OCO-2 CO_2 and OCO-2 FOCAL CO_2) by using the mass conservation method described in Langerock et al., (2015).

The smoothing correction is not applied to the XH_2O, because the natural variability of XH_2O is very high anyway.

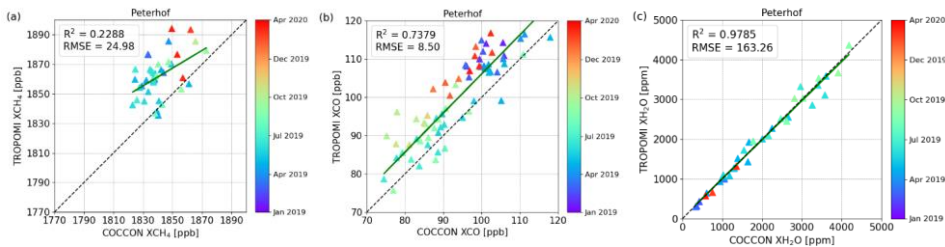
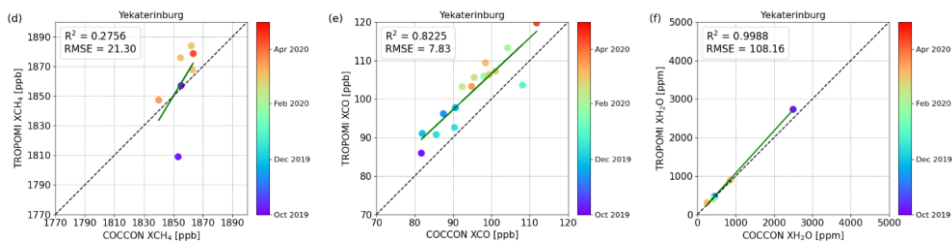
4.3 ~~4.2~~ Correlation between COCCON and satellite products

All satellite XCO2, XCH4 and XCO data used in this section were adjusted for the COCCON a-priori profile (TCCON a-priori profiles were used) as described above. In addition, in the supplement of this paper, the comparisons with the original

COCCON products (see Figures S1 to S4) and without taking into account, the averaging kernels when comparing with satellite products are presented.

Figure 10Figure 10 to Figure 13Figure 13 show the correlations between COCCON and different satellite products at Peterhof (triangle symbols) and at Yekaterinburg (dot symbols). The satellite products and CAMS generally agrees well with COCCON and the scaling factor (slope of the fitting line; intercept is forced to 0) varies from 0.9712 to 1.0842. Figure 14Figure 14 illustrates the averaged bias and standard deviation of each product of the coincident Xgas (XCO_2, XCH_4 and XCO) values (in space-time) with respect to COCCON for the available gases at both sites. In order to find the coincident COCCON data, the mean value of the observations 2 hours before and after a centralized time reference is taken. Such time reference differs for each of the products as follows: the overpass time for satellite, each of the timestamp for CAMS.

The measuring period at Yekaterinburg for COCCON was mostly in winter and early spring, from October 2019 to April 2020, in which there were less sunny days. This results in less COCCON and satellite observations. There is only one coincident point between COCCON and NASA operational OCO-2 (Figure 11Figure 11 (c)) and no coincident between COCCON and OCO-2 FOCAL and GOSAT products at Yekaterinburg. Even a much larger collection circle with a radius of 100 km is used for TROPOMI at Yekaterinburg, the coincidence measurements are lesser than those in Peterhof, where more than one year of measurements were performed.

Due to the short period of ground-based measurements, poor weather condition, and poorer coverage of satellites at high latitude in the winter hemisphere (OCO-2: Patra et al., 2017 and GOSAT: http://www.gosat.nies.go.jp/en/about_%EF%BC%92_observe.html, last access: 28 June, 2021), it becomes more difficult to validate satellite products with ground-based measurements at locations like Yekaterinburg.

410 **Figure 10 Correlation plots between TROPOMI and COCCON for XCH$_4$, XCO and XH$_2$O at Peterhof (a-c) and at Yekaterinburg (d-f). All satellite data except XH$_2$O were adjusted for the COCCON a priori profile (TCCON a-priori profiles were used).**

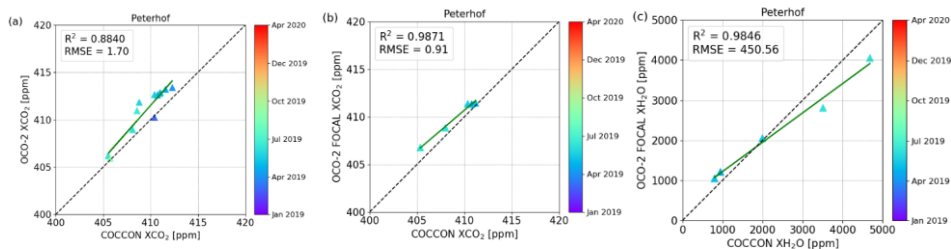



Figure 11 Correlation plots (a-b) between NASA's operational and the FOCAL OCO-2 product and COCCON for XCO$_2$ and (c) between OCO-2 FOCAL and COCCON for XH$_2$O at Peterhof. All satellite data except XH$_2$O were adjusted for the COCCON a
415 **priori profile (TCCON a-priori profiles were used).**

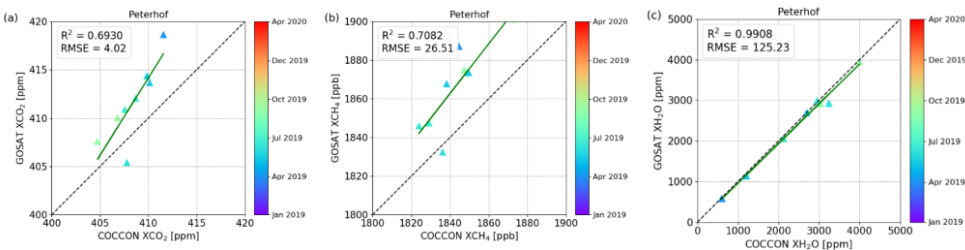
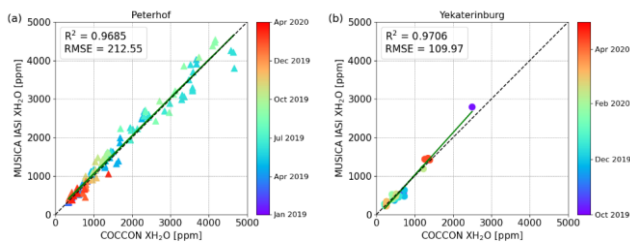



Figure 12 Correlation plots between GOSAT and COCCON for (a) XCH$_4$, (b) XCO and (c) XH$_2$O at Peterhof. All satellite data except XH$_2$O were adjusted for the COCCON a priori profile (TCCON a-priori profiles were used).

420 **Figure 13 Correlation plots of XH$_2$O between MUSICA IASI and COCCON at (a) Peterhof and (b) Yekaterinburg.**

At Peterhof OCO-2 FOCAL XCO$_2$ data have the lowest bias with respect to COCCON, while GOSAT data show the highest bias and standard deviation (3.1 ppm ± 2.9 ppm, Figure 14Figure 14). NASA operational OCO-2 and CAMS show similar biases. CAMS, TROPOMI and GOSAT measure higher XCH$_4$ than COCCON, among which GOSAT has the highest biases at Peterhof. The high negative bias in TROPOMI at Yekaterinburg is mainly due to the underestimation of the TROPOMI

425 product in October, 2019. At both sites TROPOMI XCO shows higher biases than CAMS with respect to COCCON, which can be seen in Figure 8Figure 8 (c) and Figure 9Figure 9 (c) – TROPOMI with higher values than COCCON. TROPOMI and GOSAT generally measure lower XH$_2$O than COCCON, whereas MUSICA IASI shows high bias and standard deviation. However, good correlations can be found between satellite XH$_2$O and COCCON in Figure 10Figure 10 (c) and (f), Figure 12Figure 12 (c) and Figure 13Figure 13.

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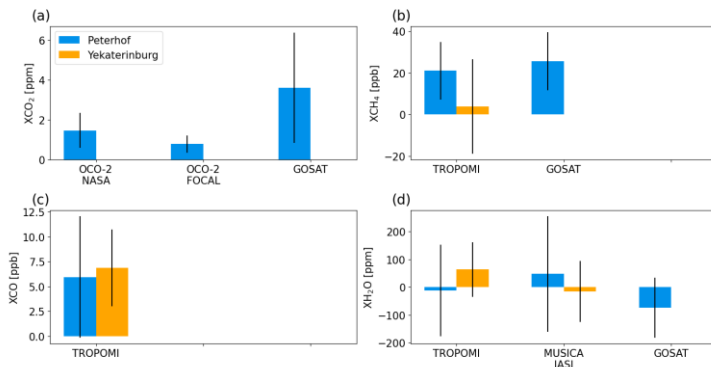
Figure 14 Bar plots of the averaged bias derived from different products with respect to COCCON for (a) XCO$_2$, (b) XCH$_4$, (c) XCO and (d) XH$_2$O at Peterhof and Yekaterinburg. The error bars represent the standard deviation of the averaged bias.

4.4 4.3 Using CAMS model fields for upscaling COCCON observations

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435   Unfortunately, during the continuous campaign carried out at Peterhof and Yekaterinburg, there are just a few coincident measurement days with satellite observations, especially in comparison with GOSAT and OCO-2 (see Figure 14Figure 14). Although these satellites offer a global coverage, for our measurement period even with quite relaxed coincidence criteria, the comparisons do not use the majority of the ground-based observations. This is especially the case in Yekaterinburg during the observations from October 2019 to April 2020, i.e. GOSAT and OCO-2 have none or just a couple of measurements in winter

440   and early spring period at high latitudes. Even in Peterhof where more than one year of measurements were taken, the coincident measurements between the aforementioned satellites are rather few.

For that reason, we employ a novel method, which uses model fields for upscaling the ground-based FTIR measurements, thereby generating additional virtual coincidences. Such upscaling does not use one global scaling factor, but a time resolved one, as it is shown in Figures A-7 to A-9 in the appendix. Although some noise is superimposed on the temporal evolution of

445   scaling factors, a seasonal cycle becomes apparent.

In a first step, CAMS model data are adjusted to match the value by COCCON. Then, the adjusted model fields are compared with the available satellite results data for XCO_2, XCH_4 and XCO. The assumption of this method is that the bias of the model field is a smooth function in space and time, which seems well justified due to the long atmospheric lifetime of the gases under consideration. Since the model considers all relevant aspects of dynamics (advection, changes in tropopause altitude) and

450   attempts to even reproduce abundance changes due to sources and sinks, we expect that our approach is superior to ad-hoc schemes typically used for enlarging the colocation area (as, e.g. using the potential temperature, see Keppel-Aleks et al., 2011). In order to avoid circular reasoning in the validation based on the adjusted model fields, the method should avoid model simulations which include the assimilation of satellite data.

4.4.1   4.3.1 Generation of the CAMS fields adjusted to COCCON observations

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455   CAMS inversion results with surface air-sampled observations as input had been used for XCO_2 and XCH_4 (Segers, 2020a). Unfortunately, no XCO is available on that model run. No XCO product from CAMS disable us to compare one of the main data product of S5-P (XCO), which offers a greater number of measurements with a high horizontal resolution in comparison with any other satellites. Instead, the CAMS team has provided special profiles of CO from CAMS reanalysis data (control run). On that run two important points have to be mentioned: (1) no total columns for CO_2 and CH_4 were available from this

460   special data set and (2) no satellite data had been assimilated. Such results are available on a daily basis as described in Table 3Table 3. CAMS inversion is available on a daily basis for XCO_2 and XCH_4 but with different time frames. Unfortunately, there are no XCH_4 results from CAMS for 2020, which adds a new constraint when simply comparing both results, especially for Yekaterinburg where approximately four out of six months were measured in 2020.

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Table 3: Time range and usual daily time frame of the analysed results from CAMS and COCCON.

Specie	Method	Measurements availability	Time frame [UTC]
XCO$_2$	CAMS inversion	01-01-1979 to 31-12-2020	00:00 – 21:00; each 3 hours
	COCCON: Peterhof	21-01-2019 to 17-03-2020	~ 9:00 – 13:00
	COCCON: Yekaterinburg	05-10-2019 to 17-04-2020	~ 6:00 – 09:00
XCH$_4$	CAMS inversion	01-01-1990 to 31-12-2019	00:00 – 18:00; each 6 hours
	COCCON: Peterhof	21-01-2019 to 17-03-2020	~ 9:00 – 13:00
	COCCON: Yekaterinburg	05-10-2019 to 17-04-2020	~ 6:00 – 09:00
XCO	CAMS reanalysis (control run)	01-01-2003 to 31-12-2020	00:00 – 21:00; each 3 hours
	COCCON: Peterhof	21-01-2019 to 17-03-2020	~ 9:00 – 13:00
	COCCON: Yekaterinburg	05-10-2019 to 17-04-2020	~ 6:00 – 09:00

As explained before, the main idea is to adjust XCO$_2$, XCH$_4$ and XCO from CAMS by using COCCON results. This is achieved by performing a time-resolved scaling of the model data, which is informed by the available ground-based observations. The detailed workflow encompasses these steps:

1. As shown in Table 3~~Table 3~~, CAMS XCO$_2$ and XCH$_4$ are available on a daily basis in different prescribed time frames, while COCCON results are only available when specific conditions were fulfilled: good weather conditions (sunny or almost sunny conditions), no mobile campaign and manpower available to start the measurements because the instruments were manually operated. These conditions made the measurements rather sparse but nevertheless there still is a significant number of measurements available. Therefore, the first step is to find the coincident days between CAMS and COCCON and then the COCCON results are averaged around each CAMS time if available. As the COCCON observations require sunlight, all CAMS points before 06:00 UTC and later than 18:00 UTC were filtered out. For the aforementioned each averaged CAMS time was considered as reference and all the COCCON results ± 2 hours were averaged as the coincident data. After these steps, we have both results on the same time gridding.

2. The output from the first step are time series with coincident measurement days and time frames. These time series, which have the same date boundaries, are then divided into n smaller intervals or sub-windows. These sub-windows have the characteristics of being non-overlapping and they form equally sized bins on the time axis, as defined in the Eq. 5, where 'DT' stands for Date-Time, which goes from the first to the last point of the measurement period. The user only needs to define the number of sub-windows "n".

$$\Delta t = \frac{DT_{initial} - DT_{final}}{n}$$

Eq. 5

~~Eq. 1~~

3. Additionally, a sliding-sub-window, with the same size described in step 2, is run over both time series with the main difference of being shifted by half of the size of the initial sub-window but still being not overlapping between them. Therefore, after step 2, the step 3 is done in order to look at the neighbours.

4. In each of these sub-windows (described above: step 2 and 3) a correlation analysis is carried out independently of the other sub-windows. In order to make the COCCON time series adjust better to CAMS results, a linear correlation with the intercept forced to zero is carried out and therefore the slope gives the scaling factor for the CAMS data.

5. Each sub-window defined in step 2 is taken as a base with its slope calculated in step 4. After that, the slopes in the neighbourhood are also calculated in each overlapping sub-window defined in step 3, Finally, all the slopes are then averaged. Such averaged slope represents the scaling factor in that sub-window. It is important to mention that this number of sub-windows (and then its size) was adjusted until good results were achieved as described below.

6. Finally, with the scaling factor calculated in step 5, the original CAMS fields keeping their original temporal sampling are scaled in the whole range of each sub-window.

4.4.2   4.3.2 Selection criteria for the best number of windows

In order to choose the best number of windows, the scaling code is run starting from windows=1 and stops when two different conditions are fulfilled:

1. The Root-Mean-Square-Deviation (RMSD), which is calculated with the Eq. 6Eq. 2, where "k" stands for the number of points considered during the scaling in each sub-window, between COCCON and the CAMS-COCCON data, must be the lowest possible.

$$RMSD = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_1^k (CAMS_{Scaled} - COCCON)^2}{k}}$$

Eq. 6

1.2. The number of measurements points in each of the windows must be larger than four.

The second condition is very important because if the number of windows increase, the windows size (number of measurement points) decreases until no more points are available in some windows because the distribution of measurements points in the time domain is non-homogeneous.

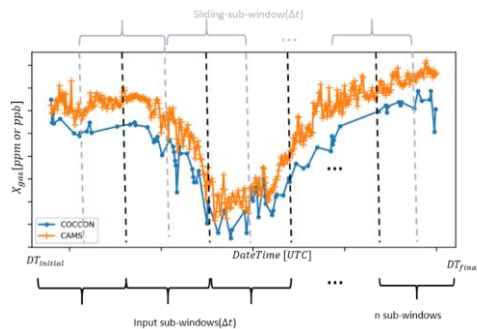



Figure 15: Principle of the scaling method. Sub-windows are separated with black dotted line and sliding-sub-windows with grey dotted line. The windows size (Δt) is defined in Eq.1.

4.4.3   ~~4.3.3~~ Verification of the method

In order to test the method before it is applied to the study area, a much denser dataset in the COCCON network is used to proof its performance. Two years of measurements (January 2018 – December 2020) taken in Karlsruhe with the instrument FTS#37 which is the reference in COCCON were selected for this purpose. For the sensitivity study, three different sub-sets were generated from the original dataset. Such sub-sets consist of a percentage (40%, 60% and 80%) of the total amount of measurement days, which are randomly selected. This is done in order to simulate the reduced number of observations available in the study area. The GHG used for this short sensitivity study is XCH$_4$ because a comparison between each of the scaling results (for each dataset) can be compared with TROPOMI as well. The main results of this verification exercise are presented in the Figure A- 9~~Figures A-10~~ to Figure A- 11~~A-12~~ in the appendix. In Figure A- 9~~Figure A-10~~, a plot showing ~~the~~ RMSD as function of the number of windows is presented for each subset. Such results are used in order to decide the best number of windows. The correlations between CAMS and the original COCCON XCH$_4$ measurements are presented in Figure A- 10~~Figure A-11~~ (a), whereas Figure A- 10~~A-11~~ (b), (c) and (d) shows the results between COCCON XCH$_4$ and its CAMS-COCCON for 40%, 60% and 80% of the original COCCON data, respectively. The satellite comparisons of the original COCCON XCH$_4$ with TROPOMI are shown in Figure A- 11~~A-12~~ (a), whilst Figure A- 11~~Figure A-12~~ (b), (c) and (d) show the TROPOMI XCH$_4$ comparison but for CAMS-COCCON by using 40%, 60% and 80% of the original COCCON measurement days. The most important conclusion can be drawn from Figure A- 11 and Figure A- 6~~Figure A-7~~. Figure A-11 indicates a small bias between CAMS and COCCON (of about 0.12%), which is successfully removed in the CAMS-COCCON fields, so the latter approximate the missing observational value in an optimal sense. Figure A- 6~~Figure A-7~~ shows the scaling factor as function of time, clarifying that the correction is not just the trivial removal of a constant bias factor, but that some seasonal variation in the model – observation difference can be corrected as well. Note that we do not require in our approach

that the COCCON values are superior over the CAMS values. This test is performed to clarify that the CAMS fields adjusted in the manner we described before provide the best prediction for what COCCON would have observed on a certain date.

4.5 4.4 Combined data results by using the scaling method

In order to generate the CAMS-COCCON product we re-processed the COCCON-observations with the CAMS-Xgas aprioris. Additionally, in the Figures S6-S10 in the supplement of this paper, the comparisons with the original CAMS-COCCON, generated by using TCCON apriori and without taking into account the smoothing error when comparing with satellite products, and a summary table are presented (See Table S1).

The scaling method described above is applied to XCO_2, XCH_4 and XCO at Peterhof and Yekaterinburg. The number of selected windows for XCO_2, XCH_4 and XCO was 11, 10, 11 at Peterhof and 5, 2, 4 at Yekaterinburg, respectively. These scaled results are then compared with all the available satellite products as described in this study.

In order to correctly compare each of the satellite products to the CAMS-COCCON ones, the a-priori profiles of the satellite retrievals were adjusted (replacing the original a priori by CAMS profiles) using the method described in section 4.2.

4.5.1 4.4.1 Peterhof

After using the scaling method, the COCCON-adjusted CAMS data show close agreement with COCCON for XCO_2, XCH_4 and XCO (see Figure A- 12Figure A- 13 and Table A- 3). From the Table A- 3 in the appendix, it can be observed that the bias and the standard deviation between scaled CAMS and COCCON is significantly smaller than the CAMS variability of the original data-set. This further demonstrates the "close agreement" between adjusted model and observation.

The CAMS-COCCON data fill the gap during the measurements, providing a continuous period of a new intermediate or combined (CAMS-COCCON) data product, which helps to have more coincident data with satellites observations. Figure 16 to Figure 18 show the CAMS-COCCON data in comparison to the available observations from different satellite products. There are more coincident data points for the operational OCO-2 product than OCO-2 FOCAL XCO_2, which could be because the OCO-2 product has approximately three times more soundings (https://climate.esa.int/sites/default/files/ATBDv1_OCO2_FOCAL.pdf, last access 2 July 2021). However, their correlations and patterns are quite similar, whereas OCO-2 FOCAL shows better agreement with CAMS-COCCON data. GOSAT XCO_2 has a similar correlation with CAMS-COCCON as found for OCO-2 data but with some outliers. For XCH_4, the CAMS-COCCON are mostly higher than TROPOMI but lower than GOSAT; and shows a good agreement with GOSAT with R^2 ~ 0.7, contrary to TROPOMI, where R^2 ~ 0.12. The CAMS-COCCON XCO agrees well with TROPOMI data with a R^2 of ~ 0.996870.

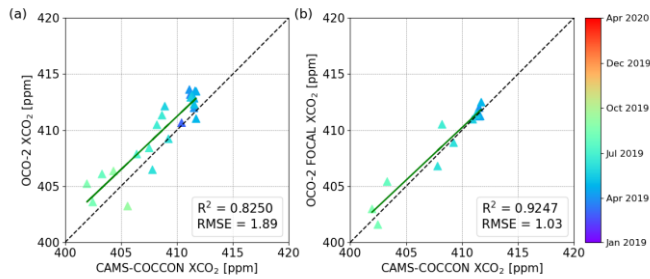
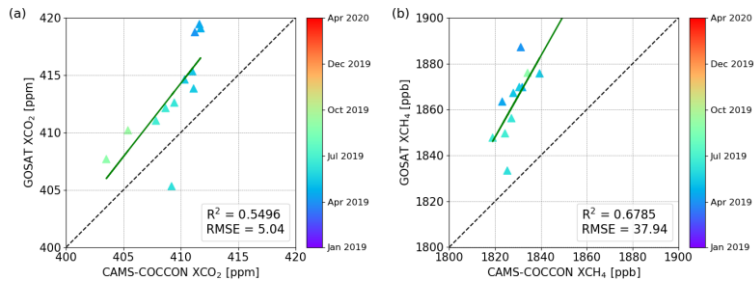



Figure 16 Correlation plots of (a) OCO-2 and (b) OCO-2 FOCAL with respect to CAMS-COCCON XCO₂ at Peterhof. All satellite data were adjusted for the CAMS a priori profile.

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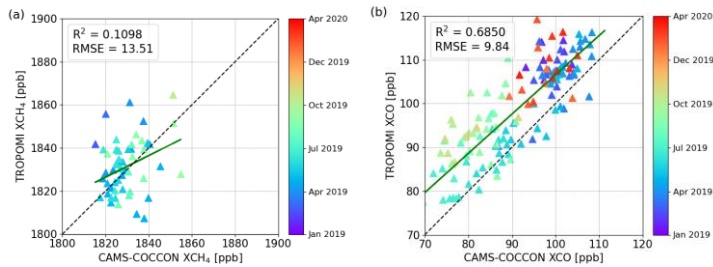


Figure 18 Correlation plots of (a) TROPOMI XCH₄ and (b) TROPOMI XCO with respect to CAMS-COCCON at Peterhof. All satellite data were adjusted for the CAMS a priori profile.

4.5.2 Yekaterinburg

The scaled data are much more important in Yekaterinburg because in this city there are just a few coincident measurement days between COCCON spectrometer and satellite results, mainly because of the season of the measurements taken in winter and spring. That makes a real challenge in finding the best number of sub-windows to better adjust COCCON to CAMS results, which is rather small (between 2 and 3). Nevertheless, as it can be seen in Figure A- 13Figure A-14 and Table A-3, the CAMS-COCCON data agree better with the coincident COCCON observations, which indicates that the scaling improves the compatibility of CAMS data with COCCON, although the amount of sampling points is extremely small.

The correlations between the CAMS-COCCON and the OCO-2 and TROPOMI data are presented in Figure 19. There are not too many coincident data points than those at Peterhof due to the lesser COCCON and satellite observations and mostly poor weather condition in winter. The COCCON measurement ended in 17 April 2020. Here we use a larger radius (100 km) to collect TROPOMI data for coincident COCCON observations.

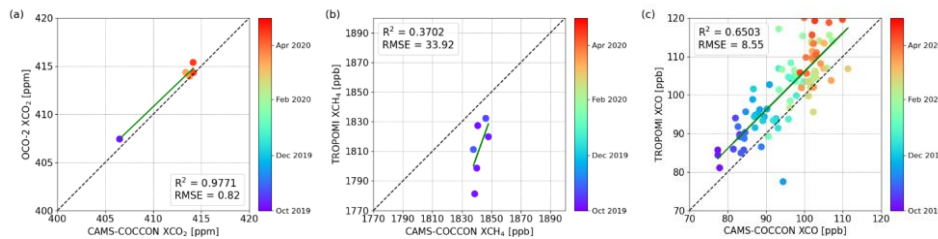



Figure 19 Correlation plots of (a) XCO₂ between OCO-2 and CAMS-COCCON, (b) XCH₄ between TROPOMI and CAMS-COCCON, and (c) XCO between TROPOMI and CAMS-COCCON observations at Yekaterinburg. All satellite data were adjusted for the CAMS a priori profile.

The averaged biases between satellite products with respect to CAMS-COCCON are presented in Figure 20. Table 4 summarized selected biases and standard deviation of satellite products compared to COCCON and CAMS-COCCON data. Here, only when the coincident data between satellite observations and COCCON and CAMS-COCCON are both available (at least one site), are shown. For XCO₂ the biases decrease slightly when OCO-2 is compared with COCCON and to CAMS-COCCON. The absolute bias between TROPOMI XCH₄ and CAMS-COCCON increased mostly twice at both sites in comparison to the direct TROPOMI XCH₄ to COCCON comparison. The increased low bias at Peterhof is mainly driven by the TROPOMI outliers in April (Figure 8Figure 8 (b)). The increased low bias at Yekaterinburg is due to the fact that the CAMS-COCCON data are only available up to end of 2019 and all TROPOMI data in autumn 2019 are biased low (Figure 9Figure 9 (b)). For XCO the bias increased slightly at Peterhof and decreased by nearly half at Yekaterinburg when using CAMS-COCCON as the reference instead of COCCON at both sites.

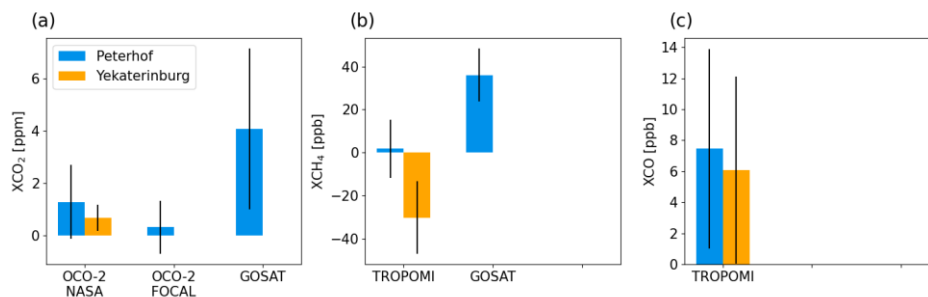



Figure 20 Bar plots of the averaged bias derived from different products with respect to CAMS-COCCON for (a) XCO₂, (b) XCH₄ and (c) XCO at Peterhof and Yekaterinburg. The error bars represent the standard deviation of the bias.

Table 4 Selected averaged bias and standard deviation between satellite products and COCCON, and between satellite products and CAMS-COCCON at Peterhof and Yekaterinburg. The number of coincident results is shown in the parenthesis.

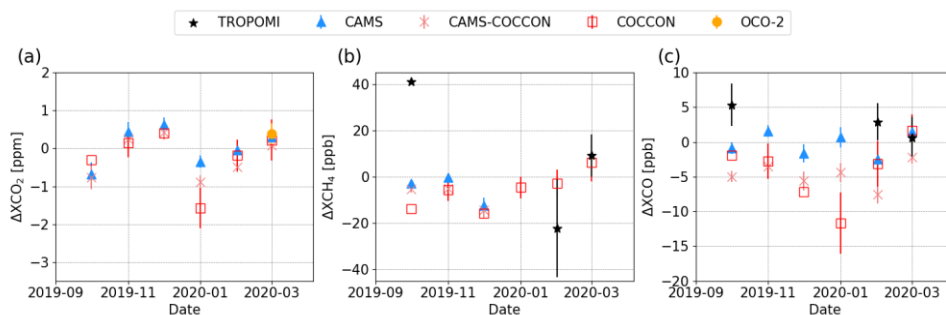
		OCO-2 XCO₂ (ppm)	TROPOMI XCH₄ (ppb)*	TROPOMI XCO (ppb)
Peterhof	COCCON	1.47 ± 0.88 (15)	20.97 ± 13.76 (39)	5.96 ± 6.10 (73)
	CAMS-COCCON	1.29 ± 1.42 (23)	1.80 ± 13.52 (53)	7.46 ± 6.43 (137)
Yekaterinburg	COCCON	-- (1)	3.91 ± 22.62 (7)	6.89 ± 3.85 (17)
	CAMS-COCCON	0.68 ± 0.51 (5)	-30.02 ± 16.93 (6)	6.08 ± 6.05 (91)

* No CAMS XCH₄ in 2020.

4.5.3   Gradients between Peterhof and Yekaterinburg

The gradients (ΔXgas) are the difference of each products between two sites during the same time period. The gradients between Peterhof and Yekaterinburg (Peterhof-Yekaterinburg) are presented in Figure 21. The measuring time of COCCON at Yekaterinburg is less than that at Peterhof. We therefore use monthly means at each site to compute the gradients. A collecting circle with a radius of 100 km is used for TROPOMI at both sites. The coincident measurement days at both sites start from October 2019 until April 2020.

For XCO₂ the gradients between COCCON at both sites are mostly negative and lower than those of CAMS and CAMS-COCCON data sets. Higher absolute gradients are observed in early of the year for COCCON. In November and December both CAMS and CAMS-COCCON ΔXCO₂ show positive values whereas COCCON has negative values. This discrepancy might be due to the limited number of COCCON observations during winter in Yekaterinburg (Only 12 days of measurements from November to Mach were available)This discrepancy might be due to the sparseness of COCCON observation during winter. The gradients of different data sets generally fit well for XCH₄, except that of TROPOMI in October due to the low

number of observations in winter. COCCON ΔXCO shows highest absolute value in January, when CAMS value is near to zero. The large variations in ΔXCO are in reasonable agreement with the COCCON gradients.

615 **Figure 21 Monthly mean of gradients for different gases (ΔXgas) between Peterhof and Yekaterinburg (Peterhof-Yekaterinburg) for different products. The error bars are calculated based on the standard deviation at two sites.**

4.6 St. Petersburg city emission transport event tracked by TROPOMI

The results of the EMME campaign are in detail described and analysed in Makarova et al., (2020) and Ionov et al. (2021), nevertheless none of these studies performed any satellite comparison so far. Therefore, in this sub-section we show how a
620 satellite with a high temporal and spatial resolution can measure and track a large transport of pollutants in a megacity like St. Petersburg. During EMME campaign, we have been lucky to have the overpassing of the TROPOMI satellite during one of the days with strong transport gradient as presented in Makarova et al. (2020). Such results are presented in Figure 22Figure 22, which illustrates the XCH$_4$ and XCO observations on a sample day on April 25, 2019 when the wind flowed from northeast to east before noon. The coincident TROPOMI data are the mean value collected within a circle of 15 km radius. The downwind
625 COCCON instrument FTS#84 measured significant enhancements of XCH$_4$ and XCO around 9:00 UTC. The higher XCH$_4$ measured by FTS#84 than that by FTS#80 is later observed by TROPOMI as well at 10:40 UTC, though the absolute values are lower in TROPOMI than the corresponding COCCON observations. When comparing observations at two locations, the difference between them at 10:40 UTC is about 10.6 ppb measured by COCCON and 9.4 ppb by TROPOMI (Figure 22Figure 22 – (e)). For XCO, TROPOMI observes higher values than COCCON. The difference between two locations at 10:40 UTC
630 is 9.5 ppb for COCCON and 12.5 ppb for TROPOMI. The increase of XCO at FTS#80 location measured by COCCON can also be detected by TROPOMI, as it increased from 107.0 ppb to 115.7 ppb.

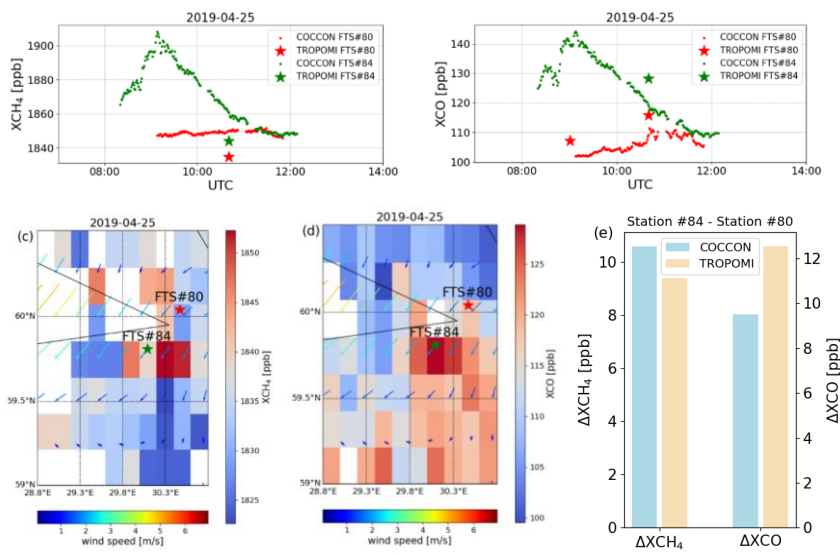



Figure 22 Time series of COCCON and coincident TROPOMI observations for XCH₄ (a) and XCO (b), spatial distribution of XCH₄ (c) and XCO (d) on a 0.1° × 0.1° latitude/longitude grid together with the ERA5 wind at 12:00 UTC, and (e) bar plot for XCH₄ and XCO gradients of COCCON and TROPOMI on April 25, 2019.

Conclusion

The present study analyses ground-based COCCON and space-based TROPOMI, OCO-2, OCO-2 FOCAL, GOSAT and MUSICA IASI observations (XCO_2, XCH_4, XCO, XH_2O), supported by CAMS model data (XCO_2, XCH_4, XCO) in Peterhof and Yekaterinburg cities located at high latitude. Such stationary observations were performed during 2019-2020 and a mobile city campaign was carried out in St. Petersburg in 2019 within the framework of the VERIFY project.

All the data products in Peterhof show similar seasonal variability. However, for XCO_2, the COCCON data set is generally lower than the other available data sets among which GOSAT has a highest standard deviation than the other datasets. TROPOMI observes slightly lower XCH_4 but slightly higher XCO than the other products. The largest seasonal variability is seen in XH_2O. Higher amounts of XH_2O are observed in summer mostly due to higher evaporation and precipitation, which is expected. The averaged GOSAT XH_2O is higher than the other products due to its short measurement period, which is mostly in summer. There is shorter measurement period in Yekaterinburg, covering mostly winter and spring, from October 2019 to April 2020. Similar seasonality and concentrations are observed to that in Peterhof at the same time period.

The satellite observations are sparser in the high latitude regions than in mid and low latitude regions, while models provide
650 continuous data sets. The ground-based COCCON observations have been proved to be highly accurate by many previous studies. To combine the advantages of CAMS and COCCON data sets, we developed an upscaling method by adjusting CAMS data to the COCCON observations collected at Peterhof and Yekaterinburg to obtain a continuous data of virtual COCCON observations (as demonstrated using different sub-sets of COCCON measurements at Karlsruhe). This method is more important for Yekaterinburg, where we face three different problems: 1. less amounts of measurements in general (around 6
655 months compared to 15 months in Peterhof), 2. less measurement days per month (mostly in winter), and 3. shorter daily period of measurements. As expected, the CAMS-COCCON data show better correlations with COCCON observations than the original CAMS data sets. The CAMS-COCCON data are then compared with satellite products, showing good agreements as well and generally similar biases to that between satellite products and COCCON observations. This method was also used for the observations at Yekaterinburg where less COCCON measurements were taken. The gradients between the two study sites
660 (ΔXgas) are similar between CAMS and CAMS-COCCON data sets. There are a few COCCON and satellite ΔXgas measurements, fitting well to that of CAMS-COCCON. These results presented in this study indicate that our scaling method is working reliably.

In addition, the XCH_4 and XCO observations recorded during one of the mobile city campaign days (April 25, 2019) was analyzed. In the city campaign, two COCCON instruments were set up in the upwind and downwind sites and the wind flowed
665 from northeast to east before noon on the sample day. The downwind COCCON instrument measured obvious enhancements in both XCH_4 (10.6 ppb) and XCO (9.5 ppb), which is also observed by TROPOMI (9.4 ppb in XCH_4 and 12.5 ppb XCO, respectively).

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Data availability: The data are accessible by contacting the authors (carlos.alberti@kit.edu and qiansi.tu@kit.edu). The OCO-2 data product is publicly available through the NASA Goddard Earth Science Data and Information Services Center (GES DISC) for distribution and archiving (http://disc.sci.gsfc.nasa.gov/OCO-2; last access: 06 May 2021). The OCO-2 FOCAL XCO2 v09 product can be obtained from the OCO-2 FOCAL website (http://www.iup.uni-bremen.de/~mreuter/focal.php; last
680 access: 03 August 2021). The SRON S5P-RemoTeC scientific TROPOMI CH4 dataset from this study is available for download at https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.4447228 (Lorente et al., 2021, last access: 06 May 2021). The S5-P H2O dataset from this study is available for download at http://ftp.sron.nl/open-access-data-2/TROPOMI/tropomi/hdo/10_3/ (Schneider et

al., 2021a, last access: 06 May 2021). The S5-P NO2 and CO datasets are publicly available from https://scihub.copernicus.eu/ (last access: 06 May 2021; ESA, 2020). The access and use of any Copernicus Sentinel data available through the Copernicus Open Access Hub are governed by the legal notice on the use of Copernicus Sentinel Data and Service Information, which is given here: https://sentinels.copernicus.eu/documents/247904/690755/Sentinel_Data_Legal_Notice (last access: 06 May 2021; European Commission, 2020). The GOSAT TANSO-FTS SWIR L2 data are available from the GOSAT Data Archive Service (GDAS) at https://data2.gosat.nies.go.jp/ (GDAS, last access: 07 July 2021).

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Appendix A

Table A- 1 Overview of the satellite and model data products used in this study.

Data product	Species	Algorithm/ model	Product version/Level	qa	References	Data provider and data access information
COCCON	XCH_4, XCO, XH_2O	PROFFAST			Frey et al., 2019	
TROPOMI	XCH_4	RemoTeC	Level 2	qa=1.0	Lorente et al., 2021	http://ftp.sron.nl/open-access-data-2/TROPOMI/tropomi/ch4/14_14_Lorente_et_al_2020_AMTD/ (last access: 3 May 2021)
	XCO	SICOR (Shortwave Infrared CO Retrieval)	offline, Level 2, v1.2	qa=1.0	Landgraf et al., 2016 Borsdorff et al., 2018	https://s5phub.copernicus.eu/dhus/#/home (last access: 3 May 2021)
	XH_2O	SICOR	Level 2, v8.1		Schneider et al., 2021a Scheepmaker et al., 2016	http://ftp.sron.nl/open-access-data-2/TROPOMI/tropomi/hdo/10_3/ (last access: 3 May 2021)
OCO-2	XCO_2	ACOS	v10r	qa = 0	Kiel et al. 2019 Osterman et al., 2020	Product OCO2_L2_Lite_FP 10r Obtained from NASA's Earthdata GES DISC website: https://disc.gsfc.nasa.gov/datasets/OCO2_L2_Lite_FP_10r/summary?keywords=OCO-2%20v10r (last access: 3 May 2021)
OCO-2 FOCAL	XCO_2	FOCAL	v09		Reuter et al., 2017a Reuter et al., 2017b Reuter et al., 2020	University of Bremen
GOSAT	XCH_4, XCO, XH_2O		V02.90		Kuze et al., 2009	https://data2.gosat.nies.go.jp/ (last access: 7 July 2021)
MUSICA IASI	XH_2O	PROFFIT (nadir version)	v3.2.1 and v3.3.0	spectral fit quality check	Schneider et al., 2021b	https://www.imk-asf.kit.edu/english/musica-data.php

				according to Schneider et al., 2021			(last access: 7 July 2021)
CAMS	XCO$_2$	PyVAR	v20r1			Chevallier, 2020a, b	https://ads.atmosphere.copernicus.eu/cdsapp#!/dataset/cams-global-greenhouse-gas-inversion?tab=form (last access: 3 May 2021)
	XCH$_4$	TM5-4DVAR	v19r1			Segers, 2020a, b	
	XCO	Integrated Forecast System	control run			Flemming et al., 2017 Inness et al., 2019	on request

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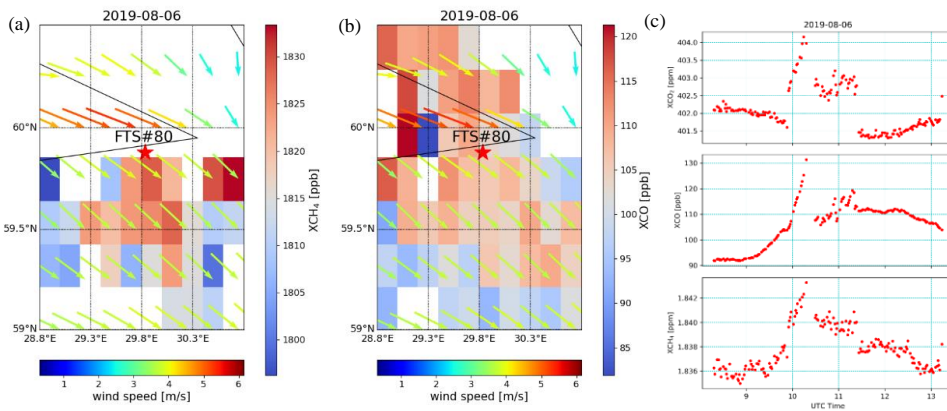
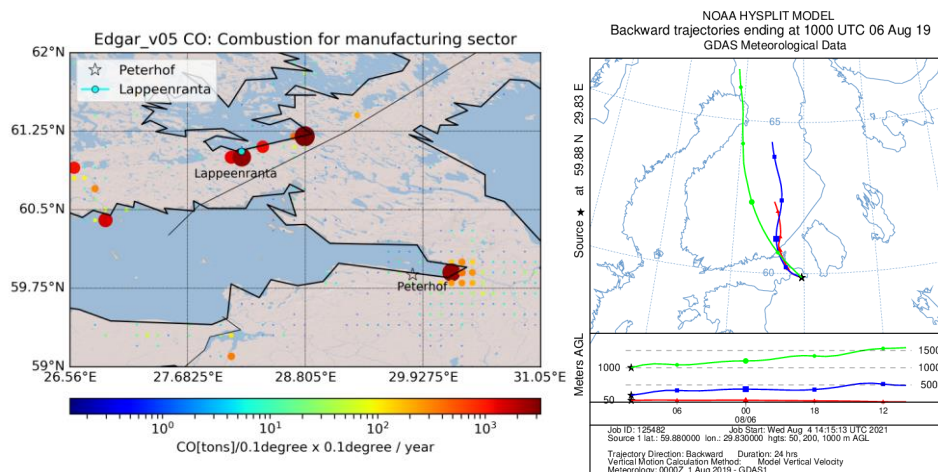
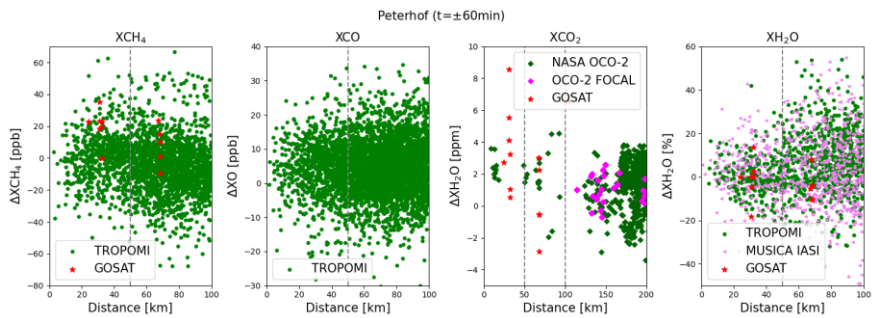


Figure A- 1 Spatial distribution of XCH₄ (a) and XCO (b) on a 0.1° × 0.1° latitude/longitude grid together with the ERA5 wind at 12:00 UTC, and (c) daily time series of XCO₂, XCO and XCH₄ (from bottom to down) on 06 August, 2019.

725   **Figure A- 2 a) spatial distribution of CO emissions (tons/0.1 degree × 0.1 degree /year) from Sector-Specific Gridmaps: Combustion for manufacturing. Data source: EDGAR v5.0, 2015 (https://edgar.jrc.ec.europa.eu/dataset_ap50, last access: 04 August 2021); the map was generated with python basemap toolkit by using ArcGIS from a World Shaded Relief Model and (b) backward trajectories arriving in Peterhof on 06 August 2019, calculated by using HYSPLIT model.**

730 **Figure A- 3. Difference between a single satellite measurement with the averaged COCCON measurement (±1 h of satellite overpass) with respect to their distance.**

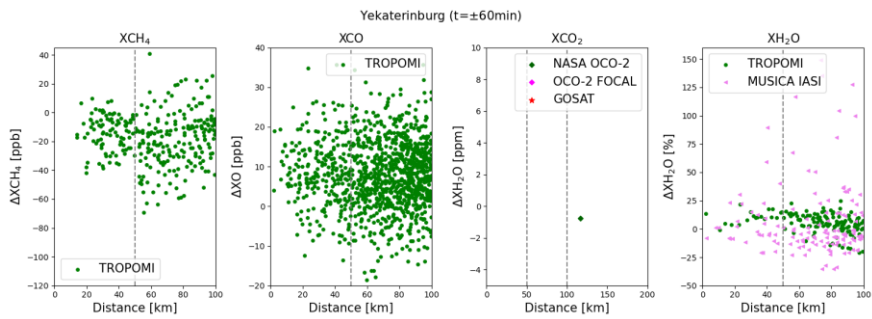
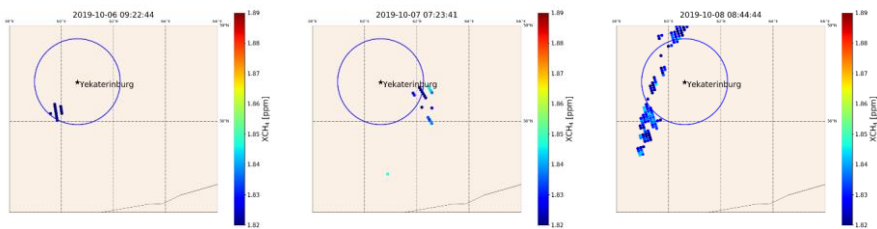



Figure A- 4. Same as Figure A- 3 but for Yekaterinburg.

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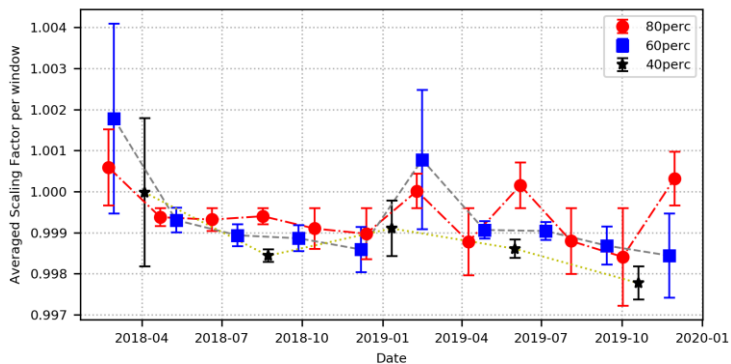
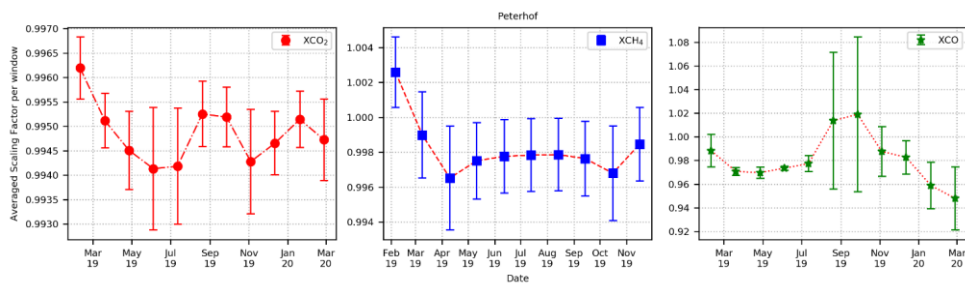


Figure A- 6. Temporal variation of the averaged scaling factors in each sub-window for the number of windows selected for each sub-set of COCCON measurements at Karlsruhe (40%, 60% and 80% of the total measurement days with the FTS#37). The error bar represents the standard deviation calculated in each sub-window.

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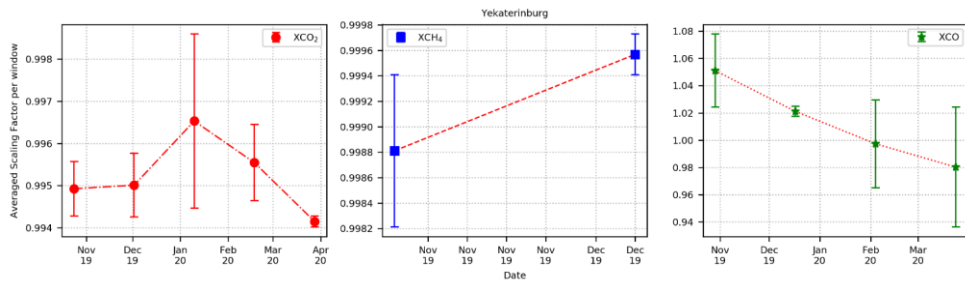
Figure A- 8. As Figure A- 7 but for Yekaterinburg.
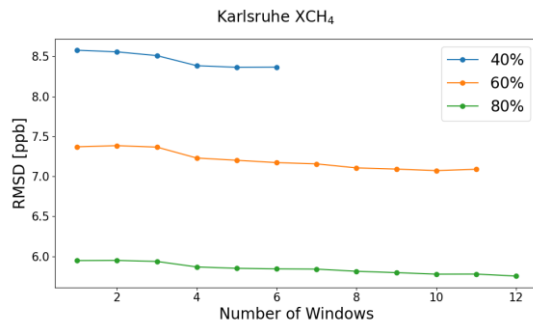
Figure A- 9. Root-mean-square deviation between CAMS-COCCON and COCCON with respect to number of windows for XCH$_4$
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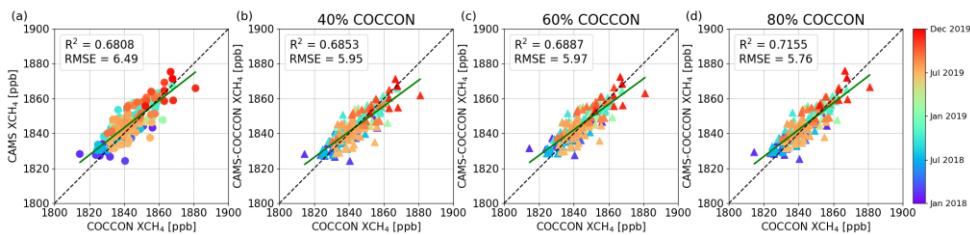
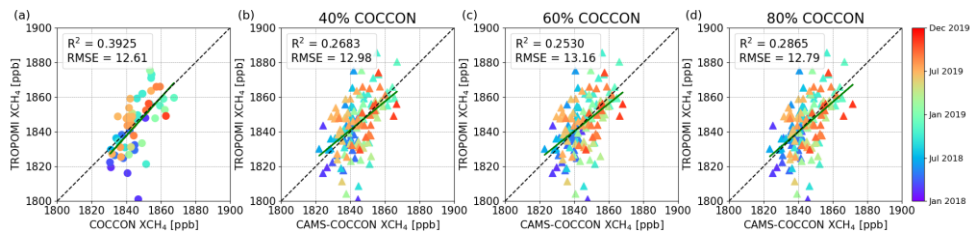


Figure A- 10. Correlation plots of (a) CAMS and (b-d) CAMS-COCCON with respect to COCCON XCH$_4$ at Karlsruhe. The CAMS-COCCON data sets are based on 40%, 60% and 80% of COCCON measurement days.

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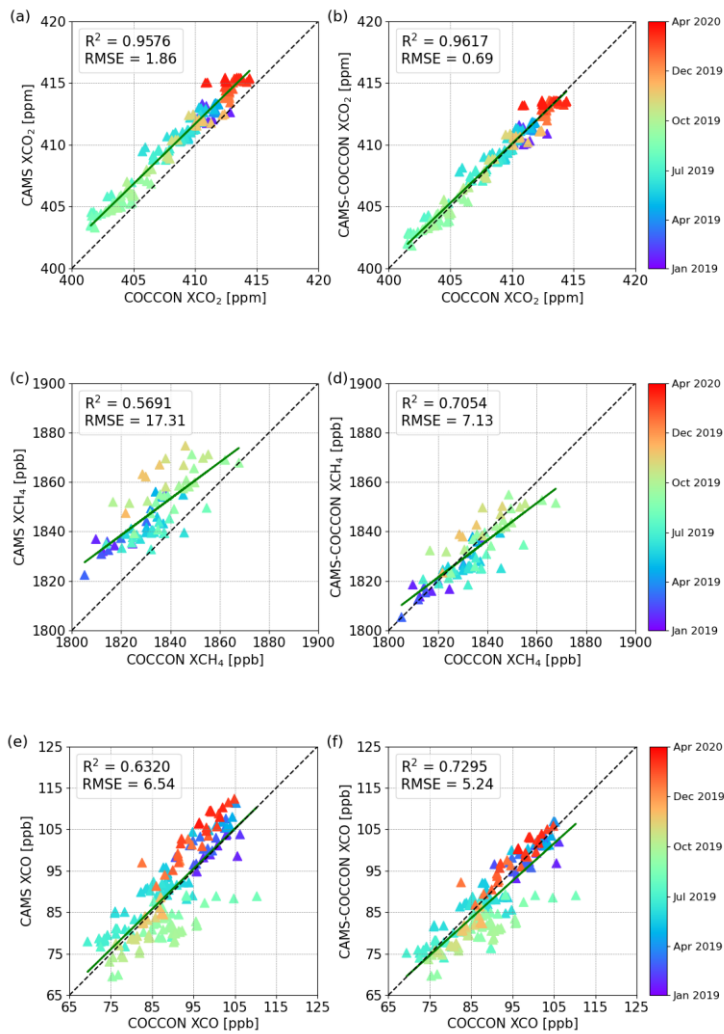
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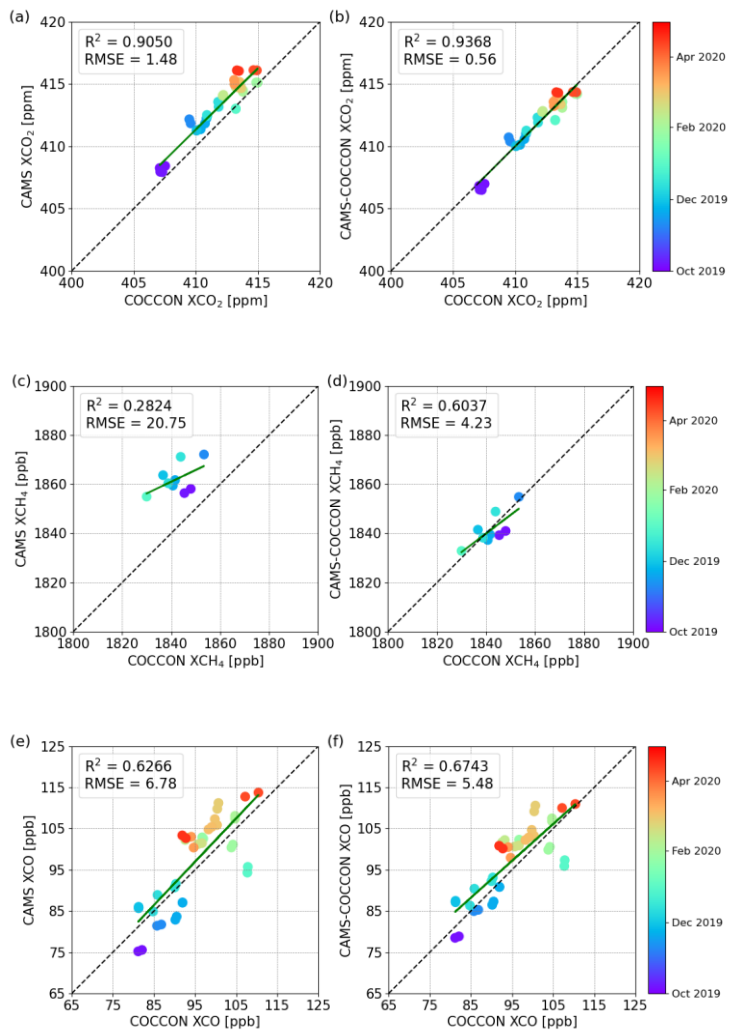
780 **Figure A- 13 Correlation plots of CAMS (left column) and CAMS-COCCON (right column) with respect to COCCON for XCO$_2$ (a-b), XCH$_4$ (c-d) and XCO (e-f) at Yekaterinburg.**

Table A- 2. Number of TROPOMI measurements within 50 km and within 100 km, respectively.

Specie	R = 50 km	R = 100 km
XCH_4	101	345
XCO	265	1111
XH_2O	19	136

Table A- 32.The variability (standard deviation) of the original CAMS products during the COCCON measurement period in each city, and bias and standard deviation for the difference between CAMS and COCCON, and between scaled CAMS and COCCON.

Species	Peterhof			Yekaterinburg		
	Variability of original CAMS products	CAMS - COCCON	scaled CAMS - COCCON	Variability of original CAMS products	CAMS - COCCON	scaled CAMS - COCCON
XCO_2	3.45 ppm	1.76 ± 0.82 ppm	0.18 ± 0.79 ppm	2.24 ppm	1.31 ± 0.69 ppm	-0.008 ± 0.56 ppm
XCH_4	11.81 ppb	14.97 ± 8.7 ppb	-1.95 ± 6.84 ppb	5.95 ppb	19.9 ± 5.88 ppb	-0.58 ± 4.19 ppb
XCO	10.67 ppb	0.59 ± 6.51 ppb	-1.92 ± 4.90 ppb	11.58 ppb	1.96 ± 6.50 ppb	2.16 ± 5.03 ppb

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