Atmospheric greenhouse gas observations

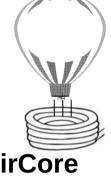




Aircraft (0-20km)

Tall tower (~500m)





AirCore (0-30km)

In situ network

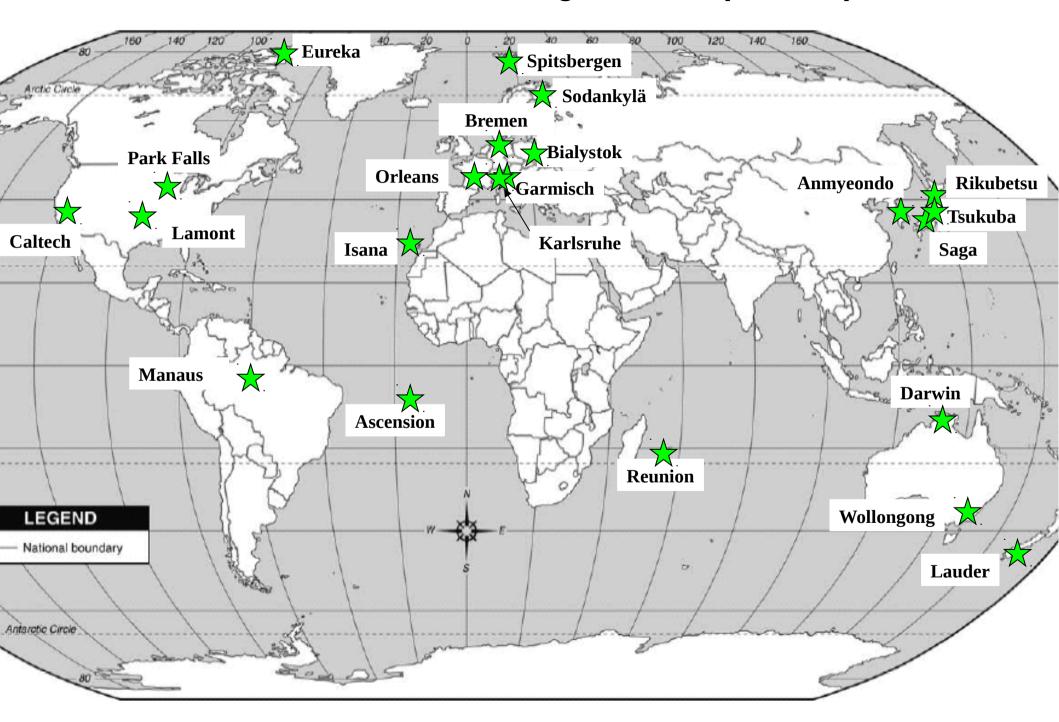
- High accuracy
- Long-term data record
- Limited spatial coverage
- Derived fluxes are sensitive to assumed vertical transport
- Limited usefulness for satellite validation

Remote sensing measurements – Sample the whole atmosphere

- No dependency on vertical mixing
- Global coverage provided by satellites

FTIR (column average)

Total Carbon Column Observing Network (TCCON) in 2015



WP14 Integration of remote sensing

Overall objective:

To prepare TCCON-Europe CH_4 retrievals for an ICOS integration and to demonstrate their importance for ICOS.

Specific objectives

To develop a standardized data product for XCH₄ and tropospheric XCH₄.

To harmonize the QA/QC among the sites within TCCON-Europe.

To establish the link between remotely sensed (satellite and ground-based) and in situ observations of CH_4 .

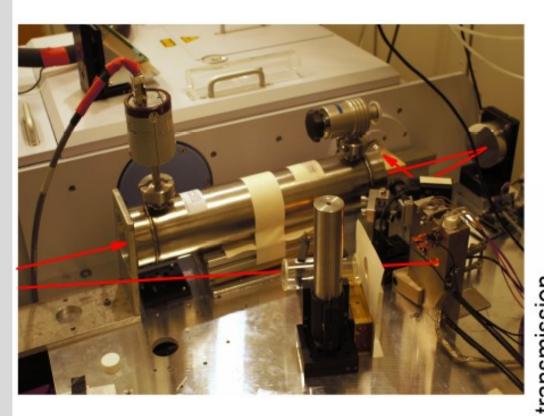
To validate modeled 3D CH₄ fields (provided by JRA3 - WP 15).

To evaluate the benefits of a potential incorporation of TCCON-Europe into ICOS, specifically for CH4

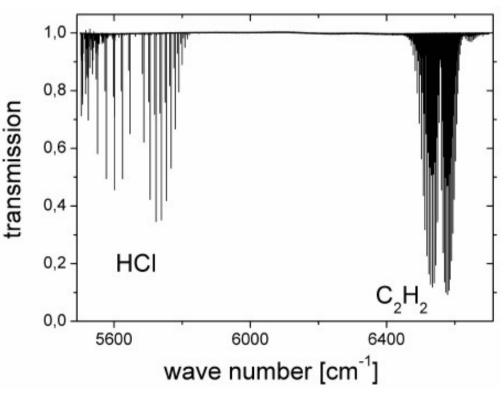
Gas cell calibration



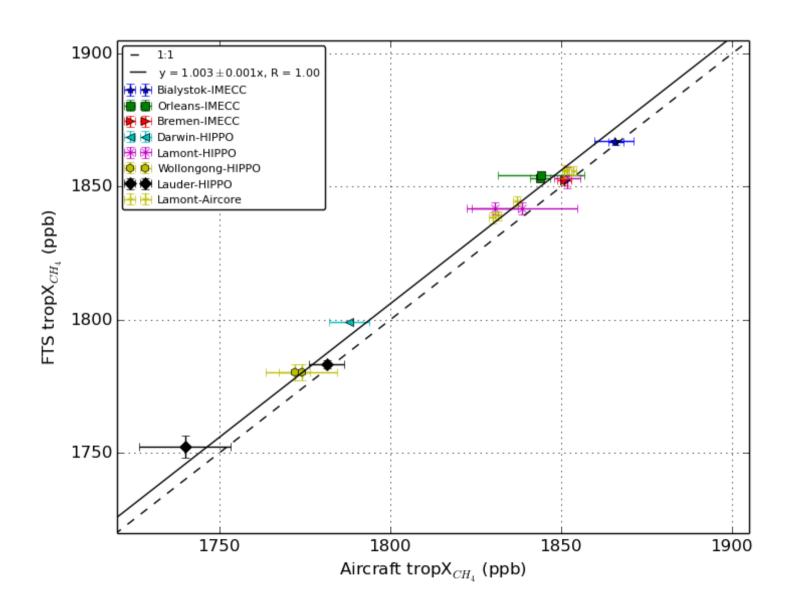
Setup used for gas cell calibration, resulting spectrum



Centralised calibration of cells for instrumental characterisation



Tropospheric XCH4 product



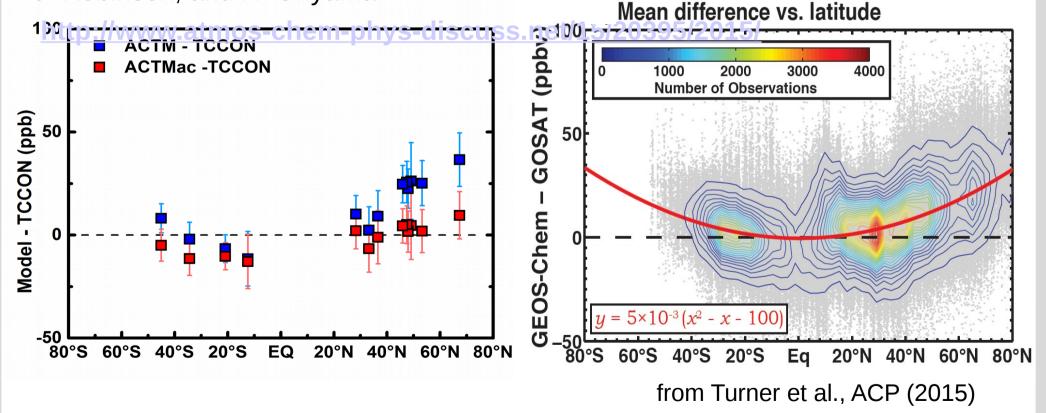
The imprint of Stratospheric transport on column-averaged methane



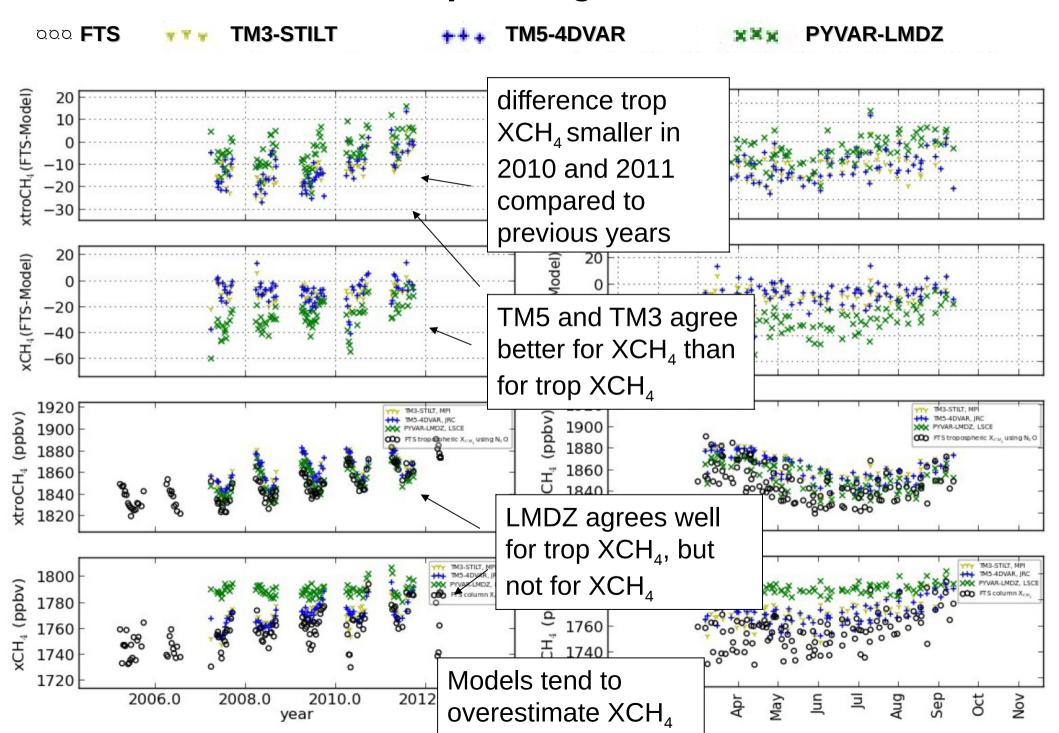
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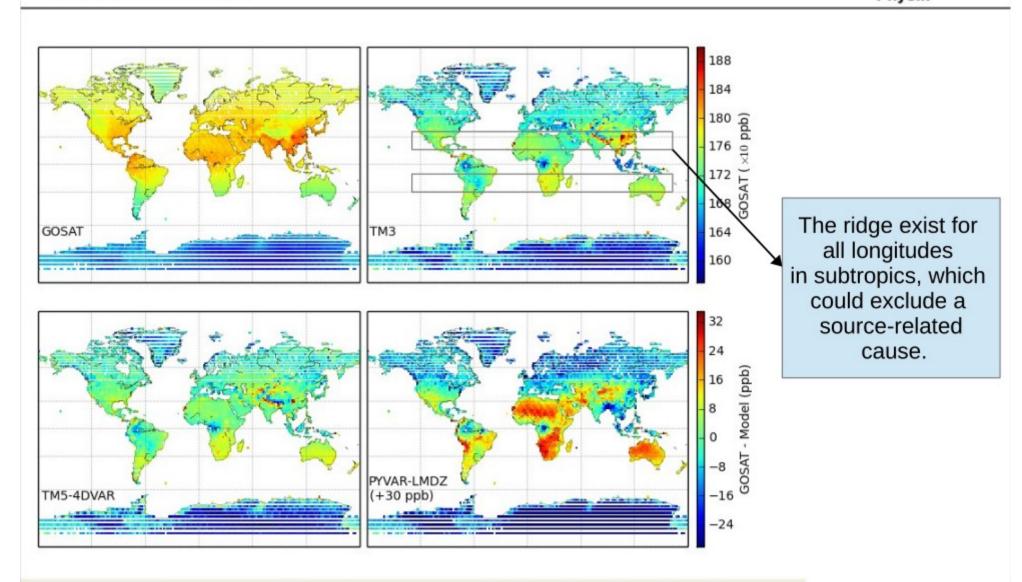


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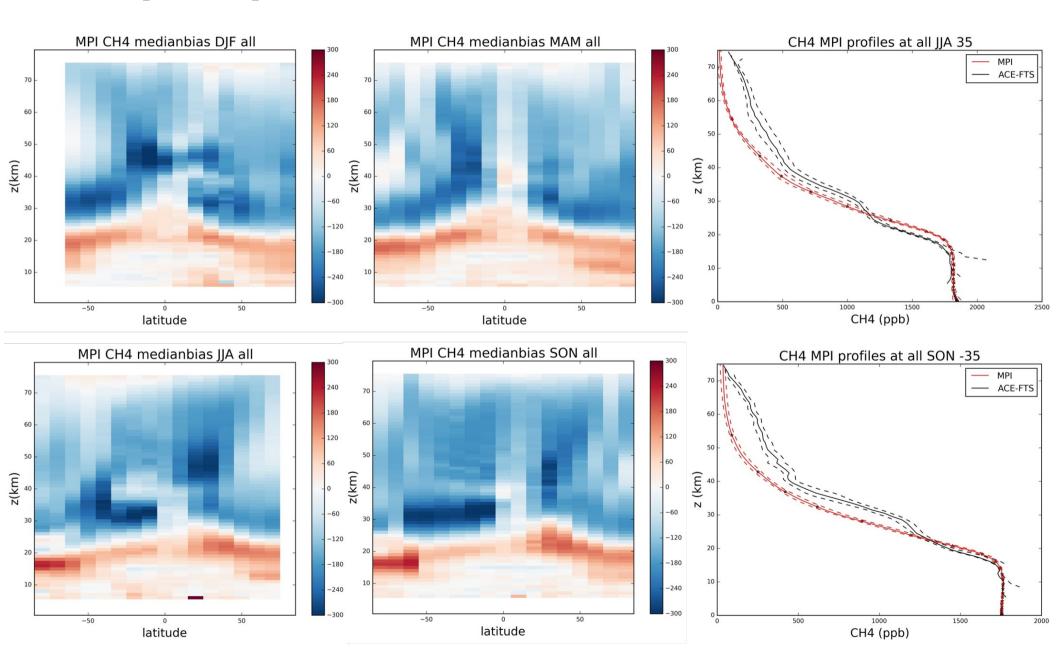
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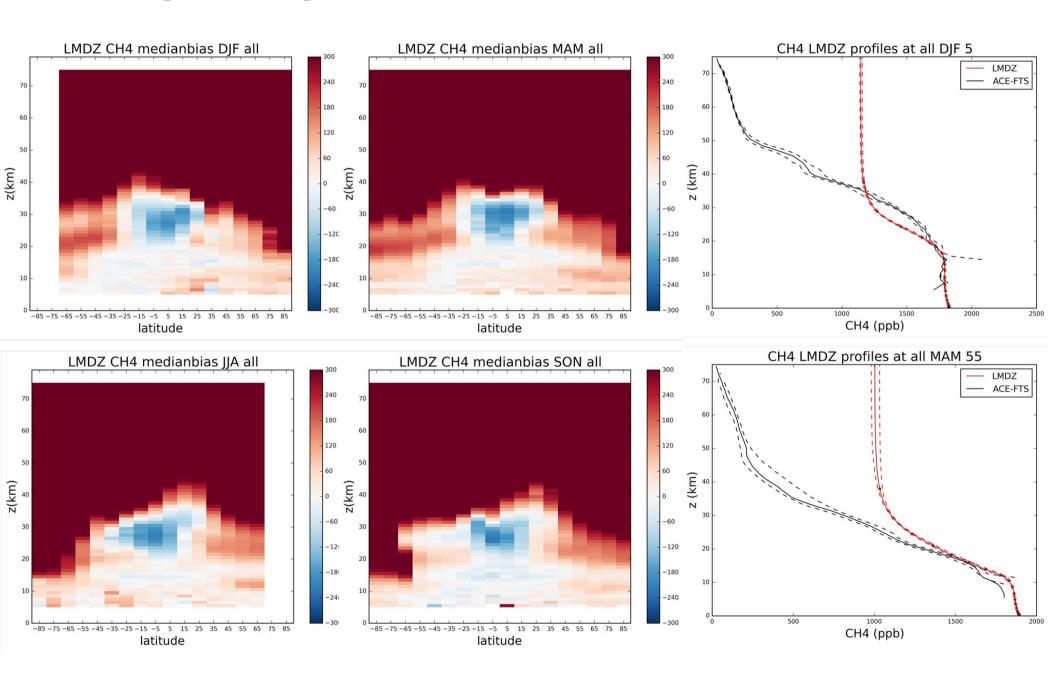




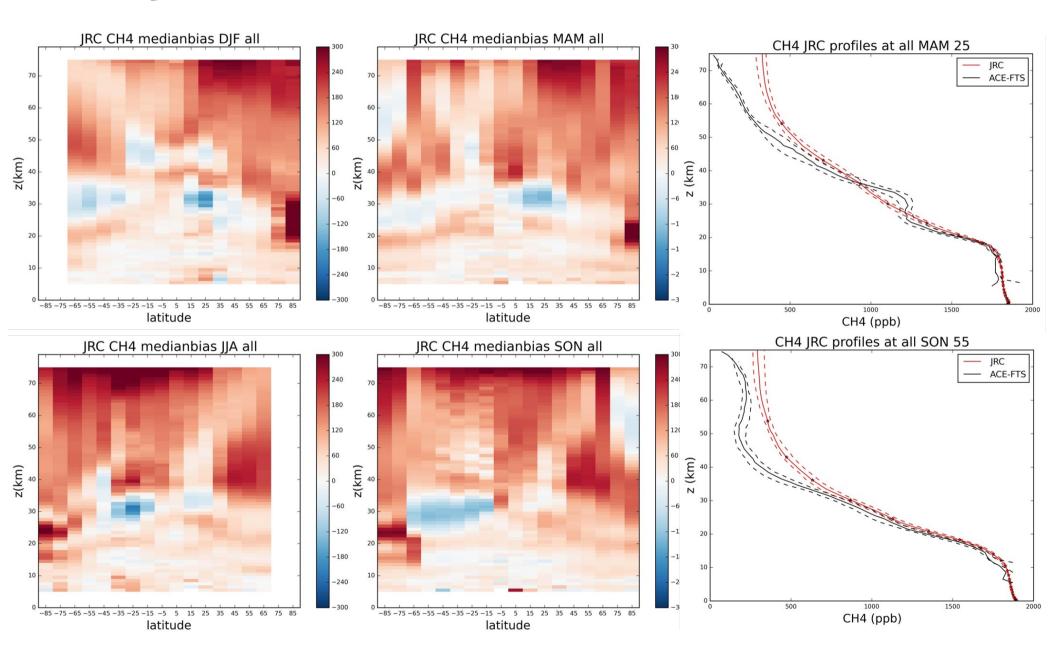
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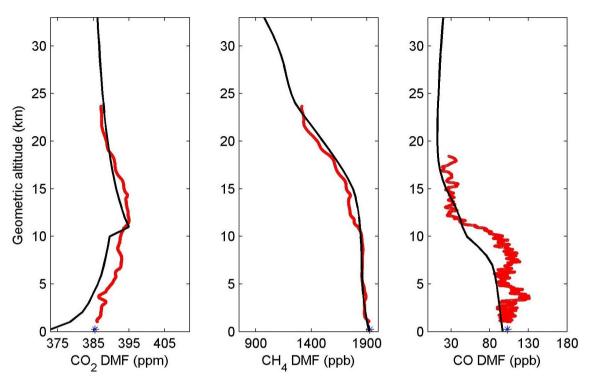


TM5 (JRC)





AirCore at Sodankylä



- At Sodankylä we have performed AirCore observations since September 2013.
 The measurements cover all seasons. An example of AirCore profiles of CO₂, CH₄
 and CO is shown above (from September 3, 2013). AirCore profiles are in red and
 the TCCON a priori profiles in black. Blue star corresponds to tower
 measurements at Sodankylä.
- The AirCore system at Sodankylä is built as a stainless steel tubing of about 100 m long, consisting of ~40 m of ¼" and ~60 m of 1/8" tube. This configuration makes it possible to measure profiles with vertical resolution of 5 mb in the stratosphere and 15 mb in the troposphere.
- The system also involves a data acquisition unit to store pressure and temperature during an AirCore flight, a RS92 radiosonde and a positioning device.
- AirCore is lifted to the stratosphere using a meteorological balloon. After the landing we have analysed the sample using the Picarro G2401 gas analyser.





AirCore instrument with an open cover