

Low-resolution FTIR Spectrometers Supplementing TCCON for the Validation of Space-borne Observations of Greenhouse Gases (CO₂, CH₄) and CO



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LHR (Laser Heterodyne Radiometer)	RAL	954 – 960 cm ⁻¹ 1233.5 cm ⁻¹	0.002 and 0.02 cm ⁻¹	CO ₂ , H ₂ O CH ₄ , H ₂ O	own code, optimal estimation
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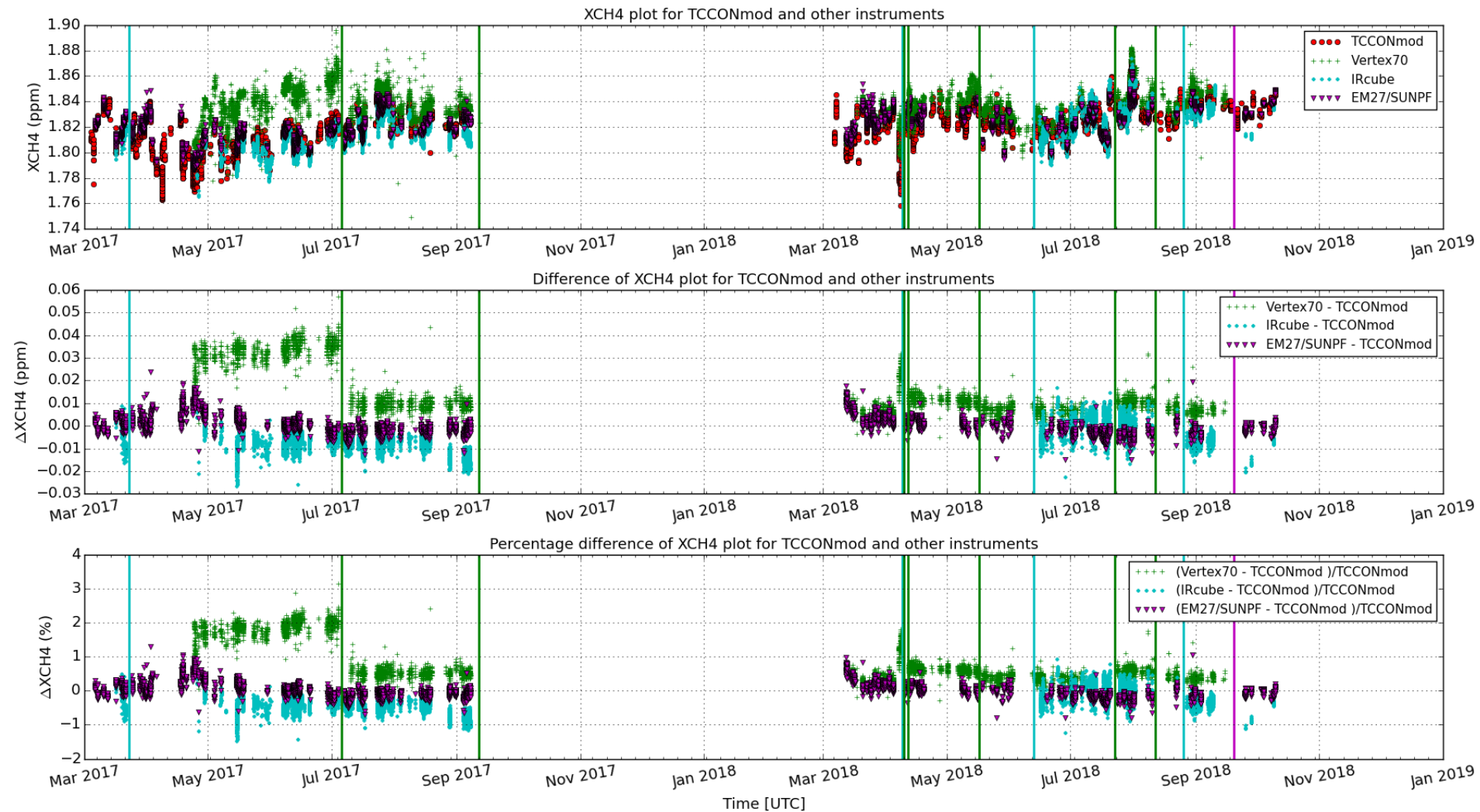
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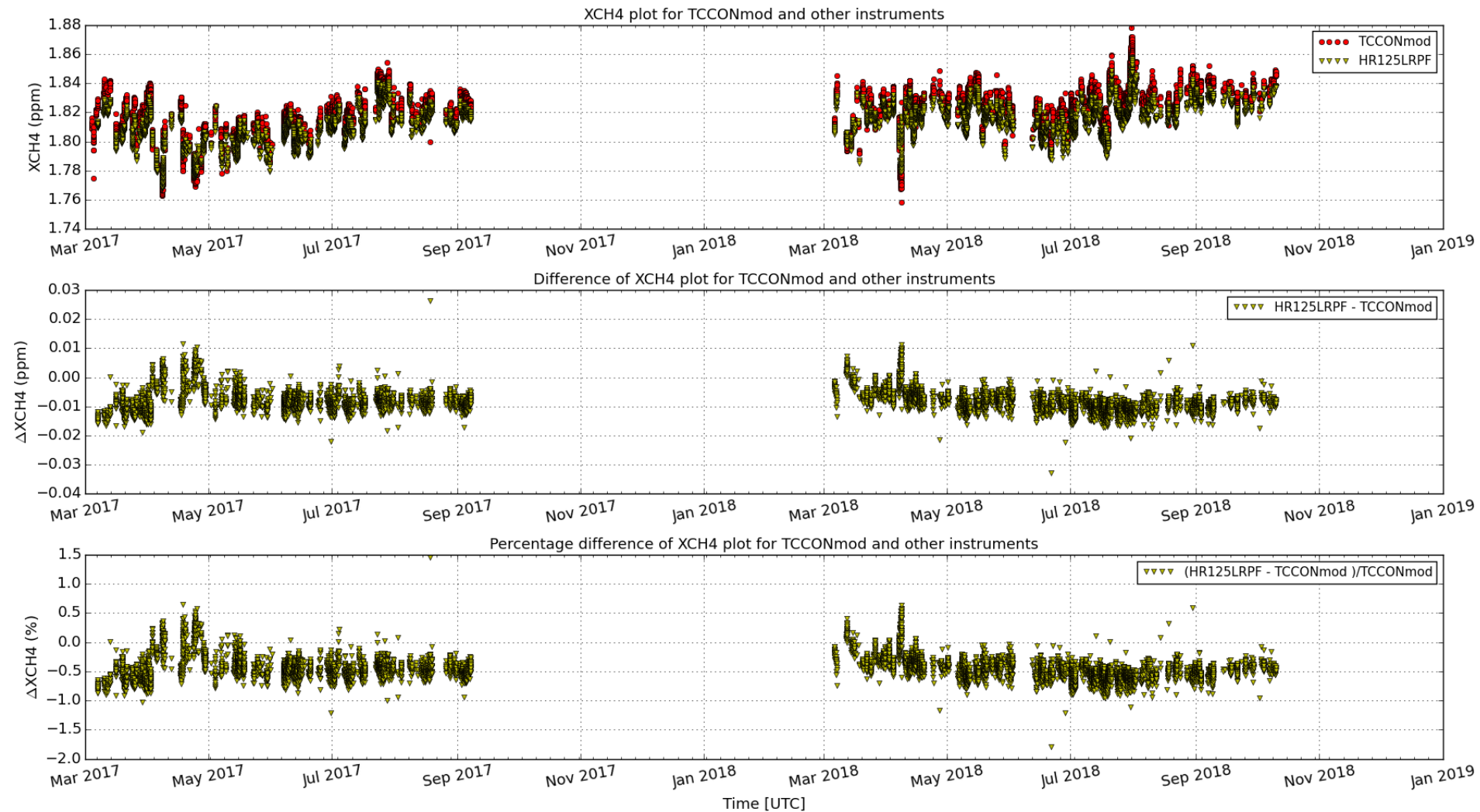
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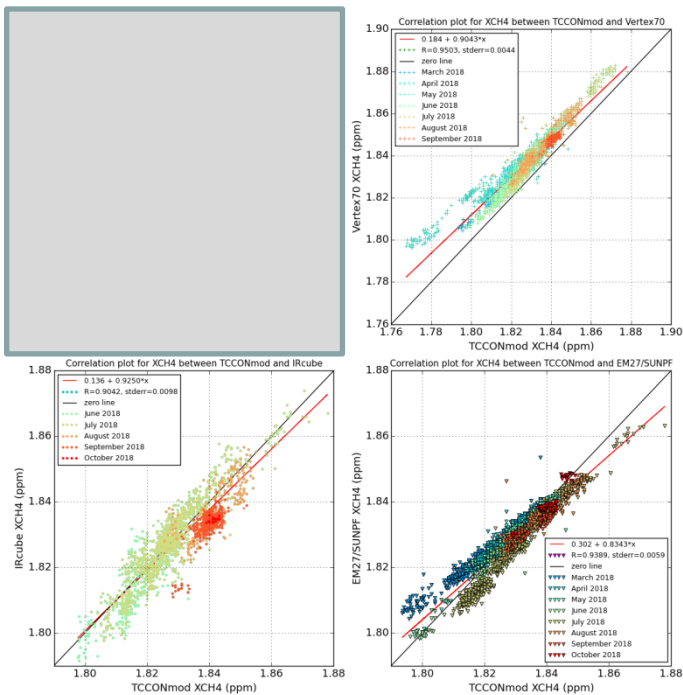
3 instruments vs TCCONmod – XCH4



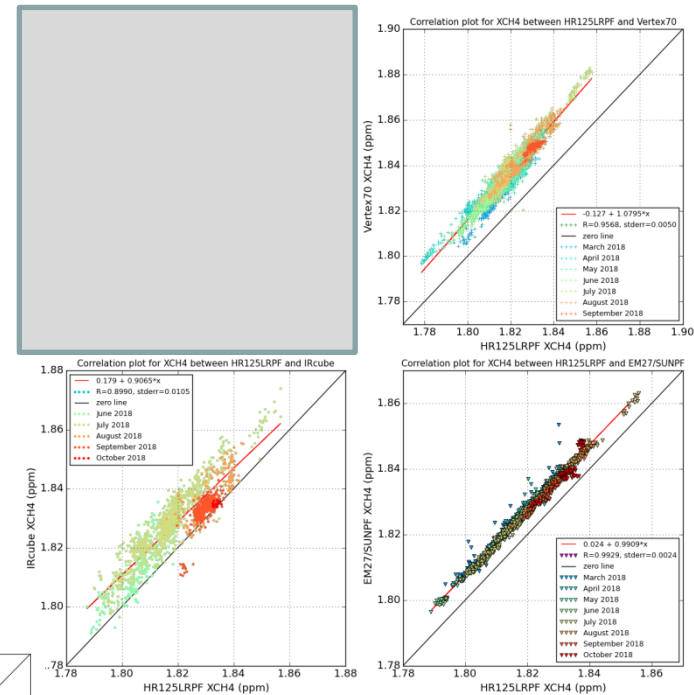
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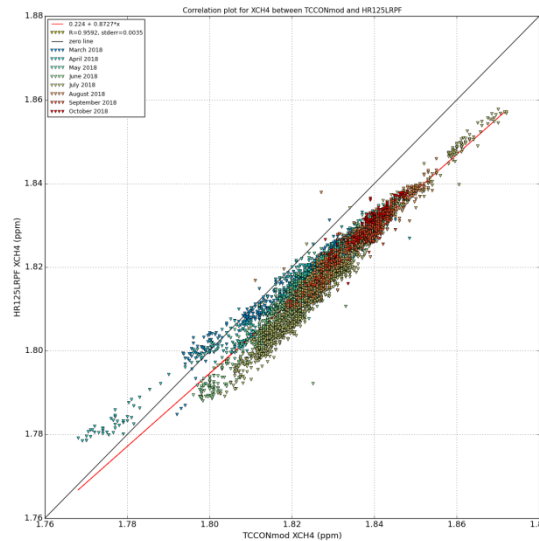
Correlation – XCH4 for 2018



TCCONmod comparison



HR125LR comparison

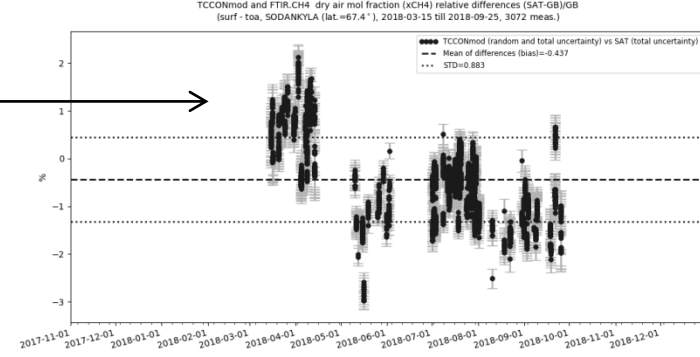
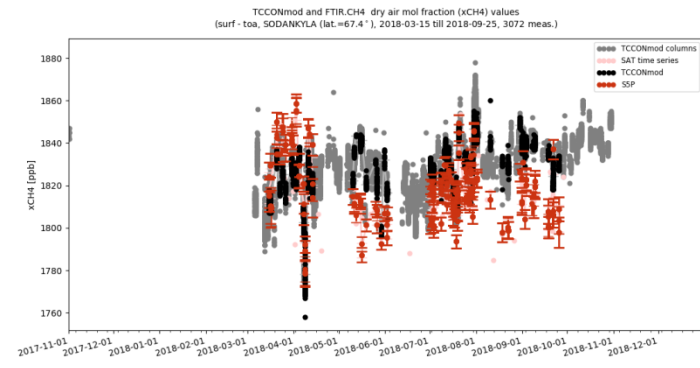
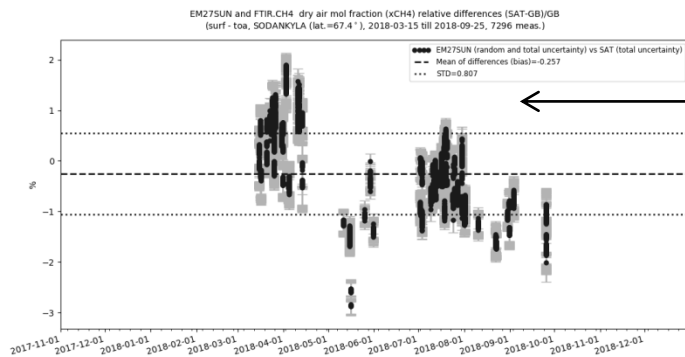
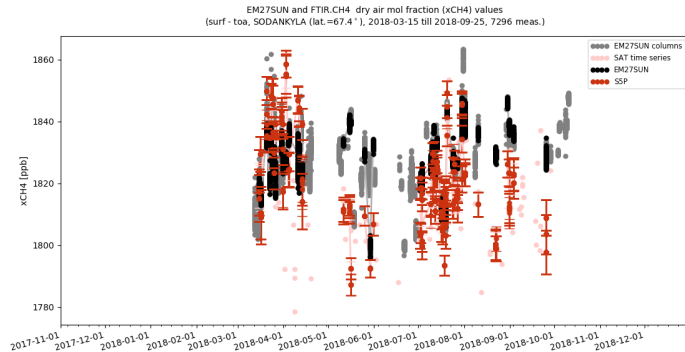


TCCONmod vs HR125LR

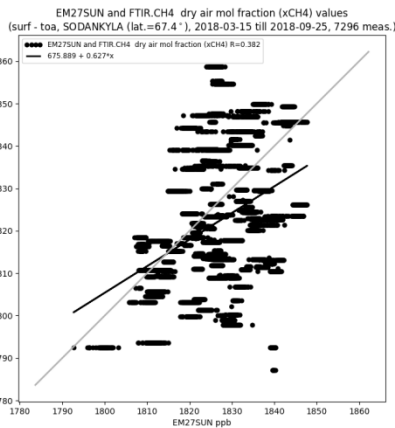
- Period of study: 01 March 2018 – 31 October 2018.
- S5P data from Mission Performance Centre (MPC) provided by the Payload Data Ground Segment (PDGS) at DLR.
- Coincidence criteria for CH₄: Time delta = 1 hours; Geo-distance delta = 100 km radius. QA filtering: qa_value > 50; bias corrected S5P-CH₄ product used for the study. From the coincident and filtered satellite measurements an average of all pixels is taken for each ground-based reference measurements.
- S-5P requirements for CH₄ total column: target bias = 1.5 %; target precision : < 1 %
- Coincidence criteria for CO: Time delta = 1 hours; Geo-distance delta = 50 km radius. QA filtering: qa_value > 50; From the coincident and filtered satellite measurements an average of all pixels is taken for each ground-based reference measurements.
- S-5P requirements for CO total column: target bias = 15 %; target precision : < 10 %

S5P-XCH4 bias corrected product vs EM27/SUN

(COCCON network instrument)



Note: different number
of measurements
EM27/SUN data scaled
to WMO via TCCON



S5P vs EM27/SUN

Mean bias = -0.26%, STD = 0.81%, R = 0.38

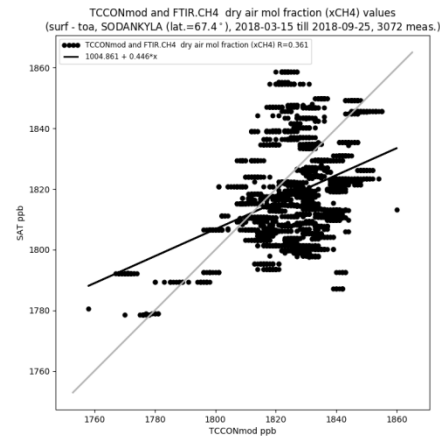


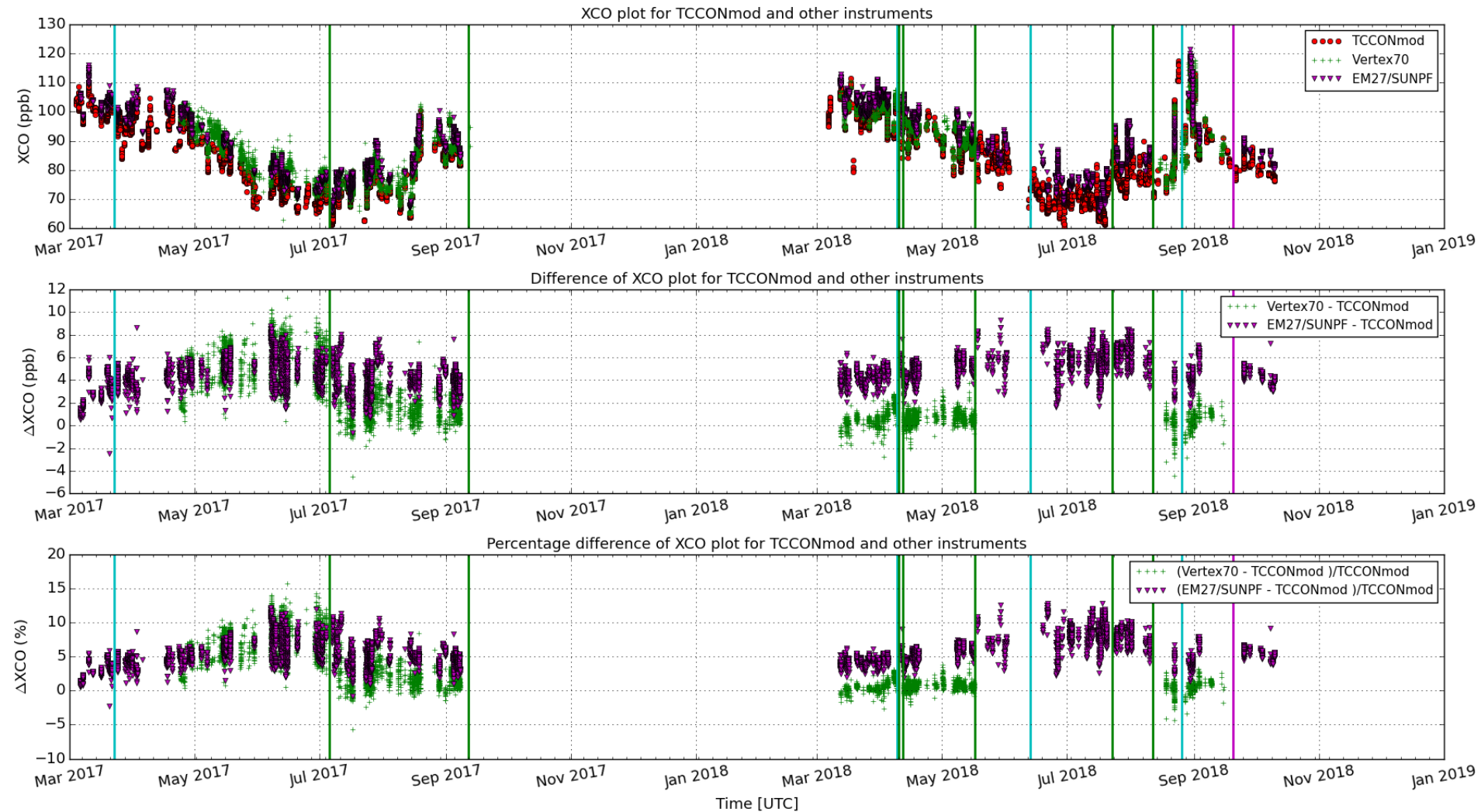
EM27/SUN vs TCCONmod

Mean bias = -0.05% (-1 ppb), STD = 0.22% (4 ppb), R = 0.94

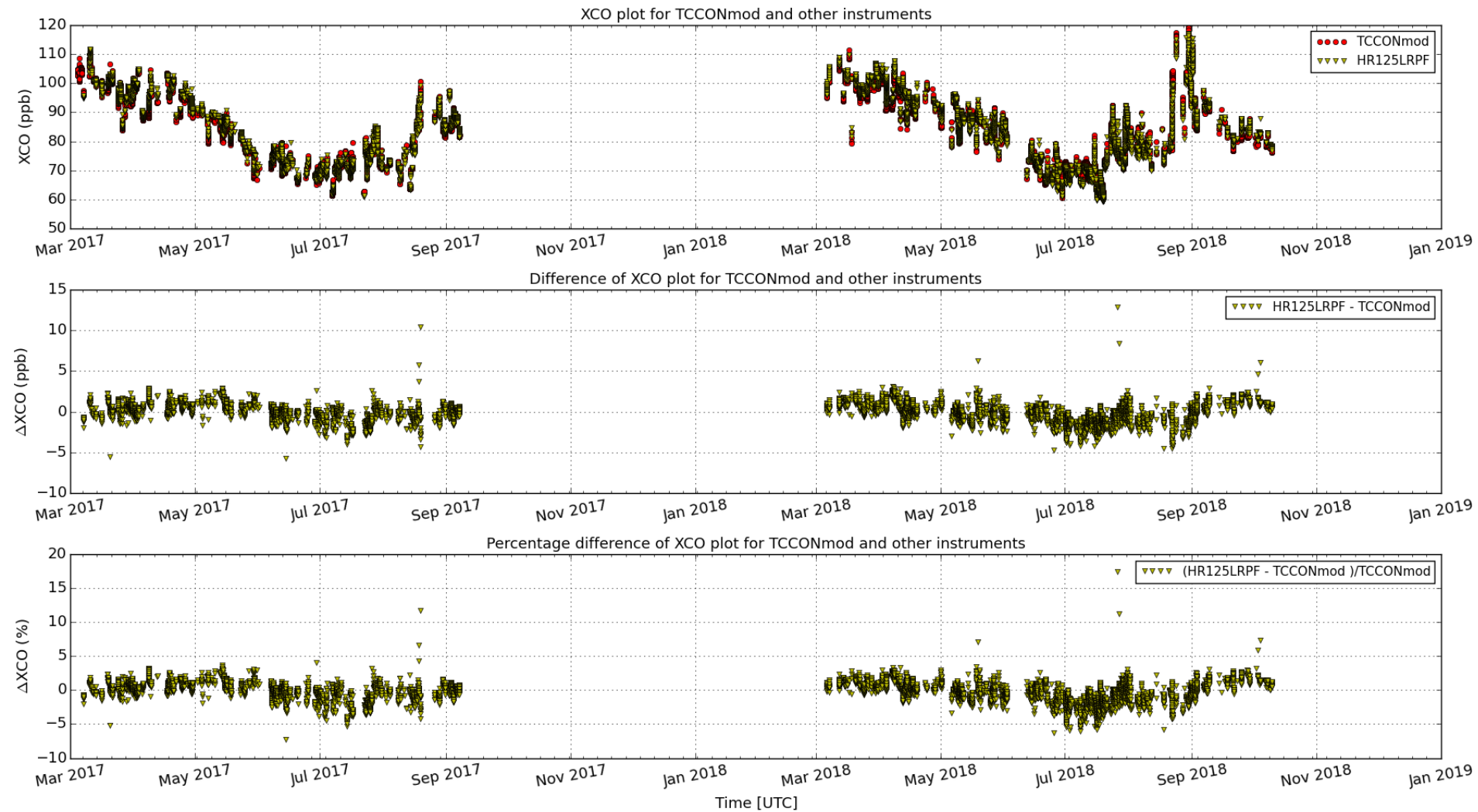
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Mean bias = -0.44%, STD = 0.88%, R = 0.36

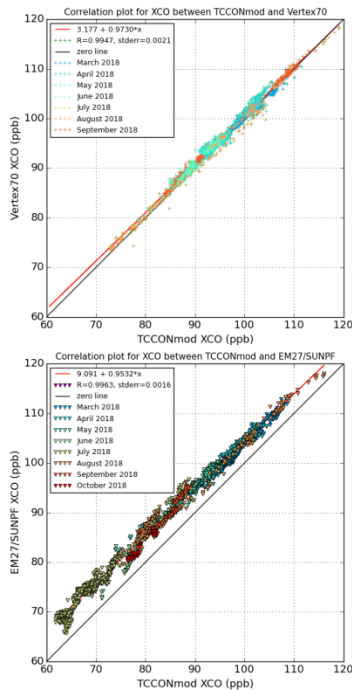




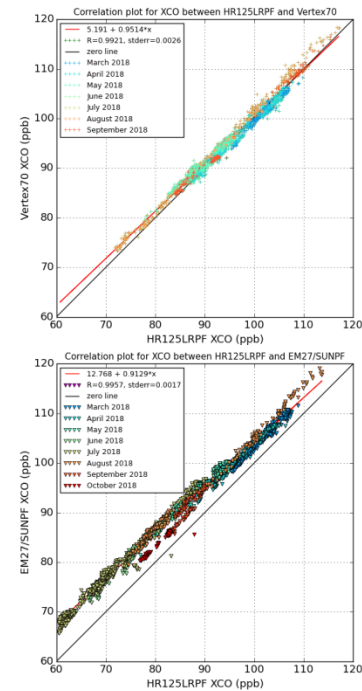
HRI25LR vs TCCONmod – XCO



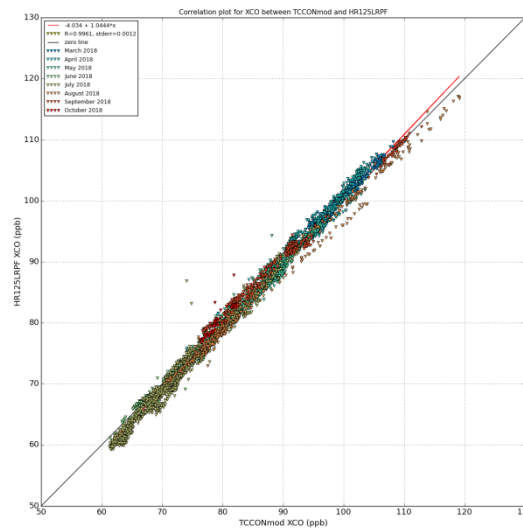
Correlation – XCO for 2018



TCCONmod comparison



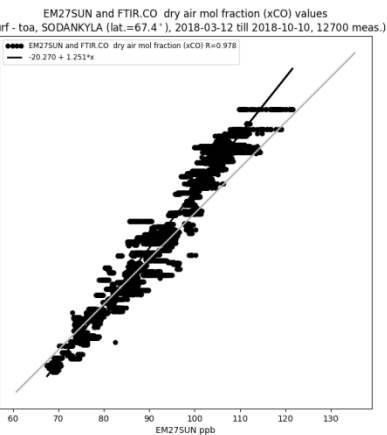
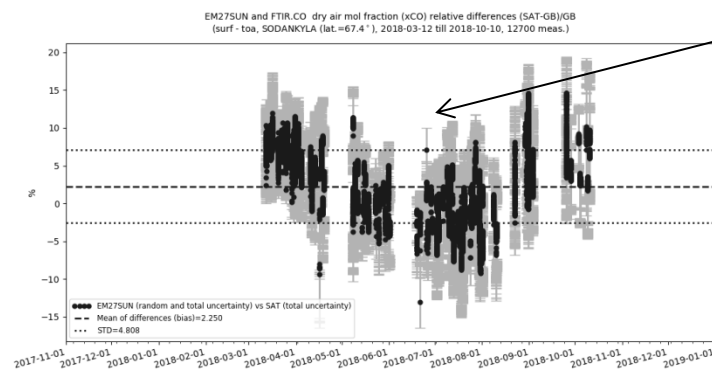
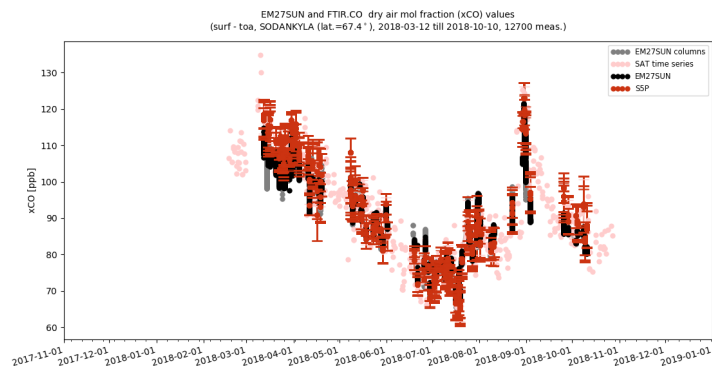
HR125LR comparison



TCCONmod vs HR125LR

S5P-CO validation results using EM27/SUN

(COCCON network instrument)



S5P vs EM27SUN

Mean bias = 2.25%, STD = 4.81%, R = 0.978

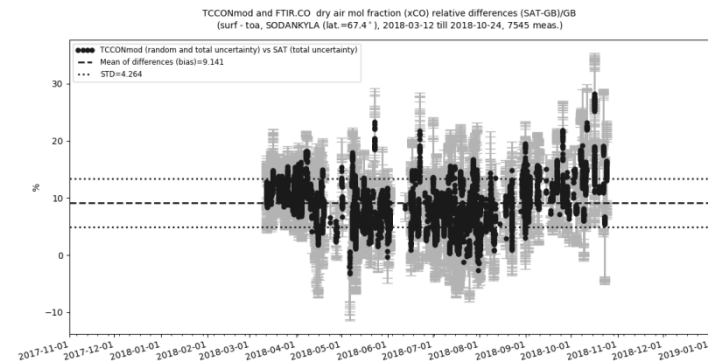
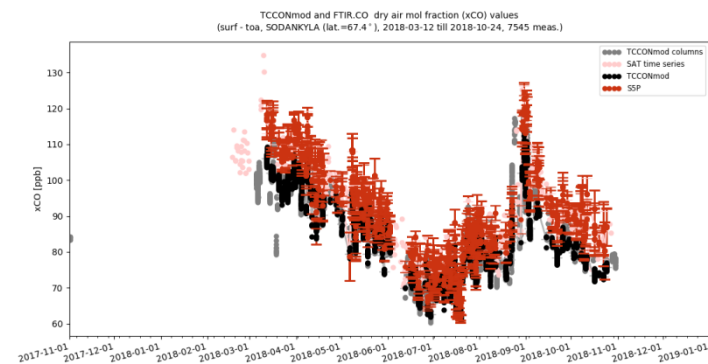


EM27/SUN vs TCCONmod

Mean bias = 5.66% (5.09 ppb), STD = 1.37% (1.23 ppb), R = 0.996

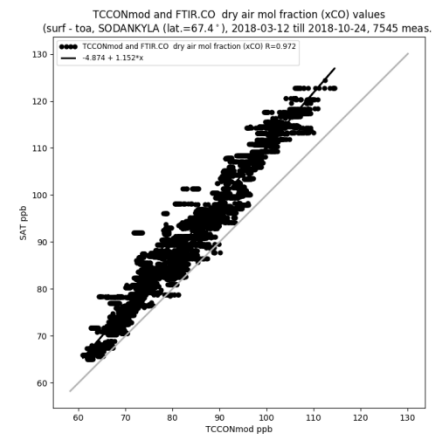
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EM27SUN data not yet corrected for spectroscopic errors

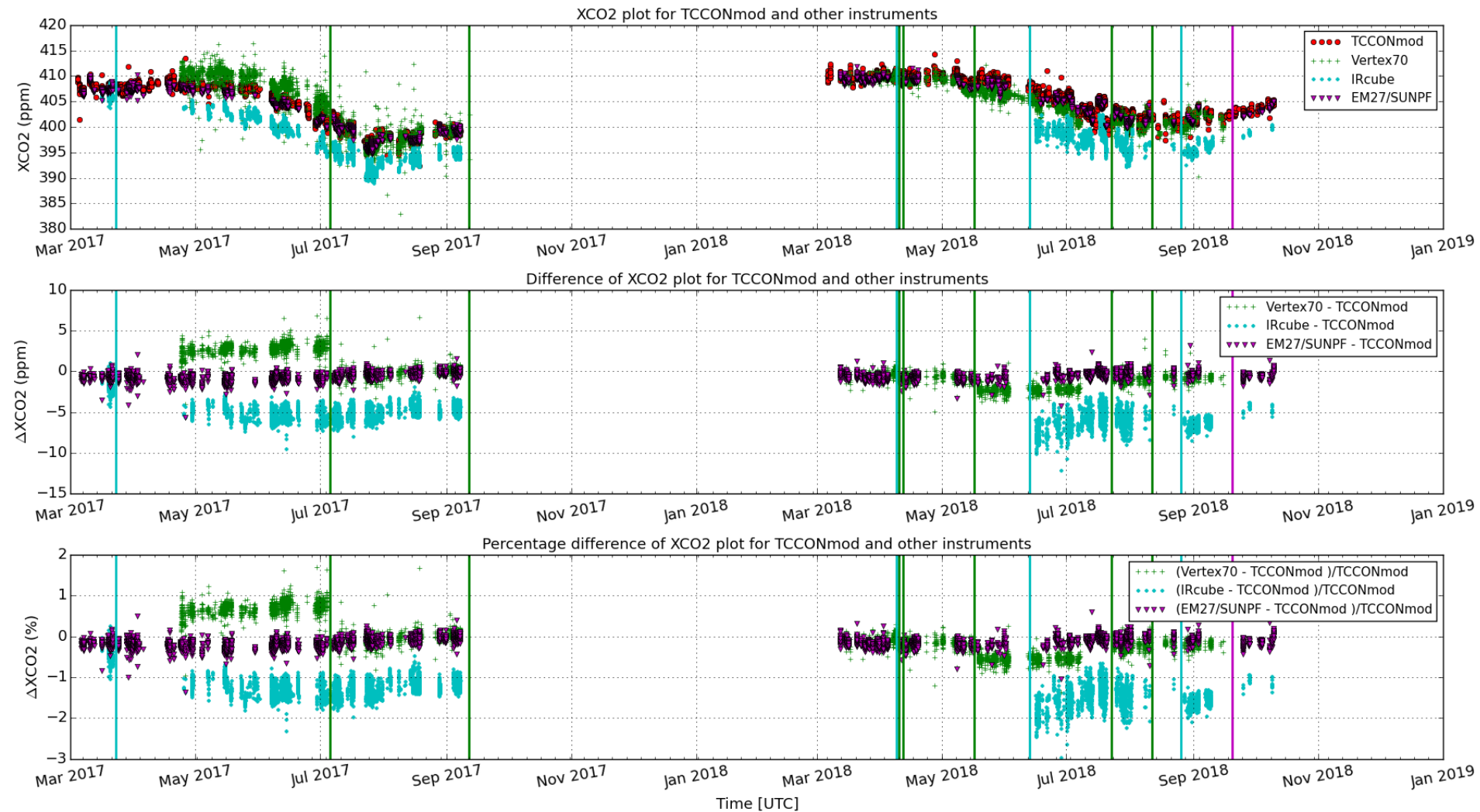


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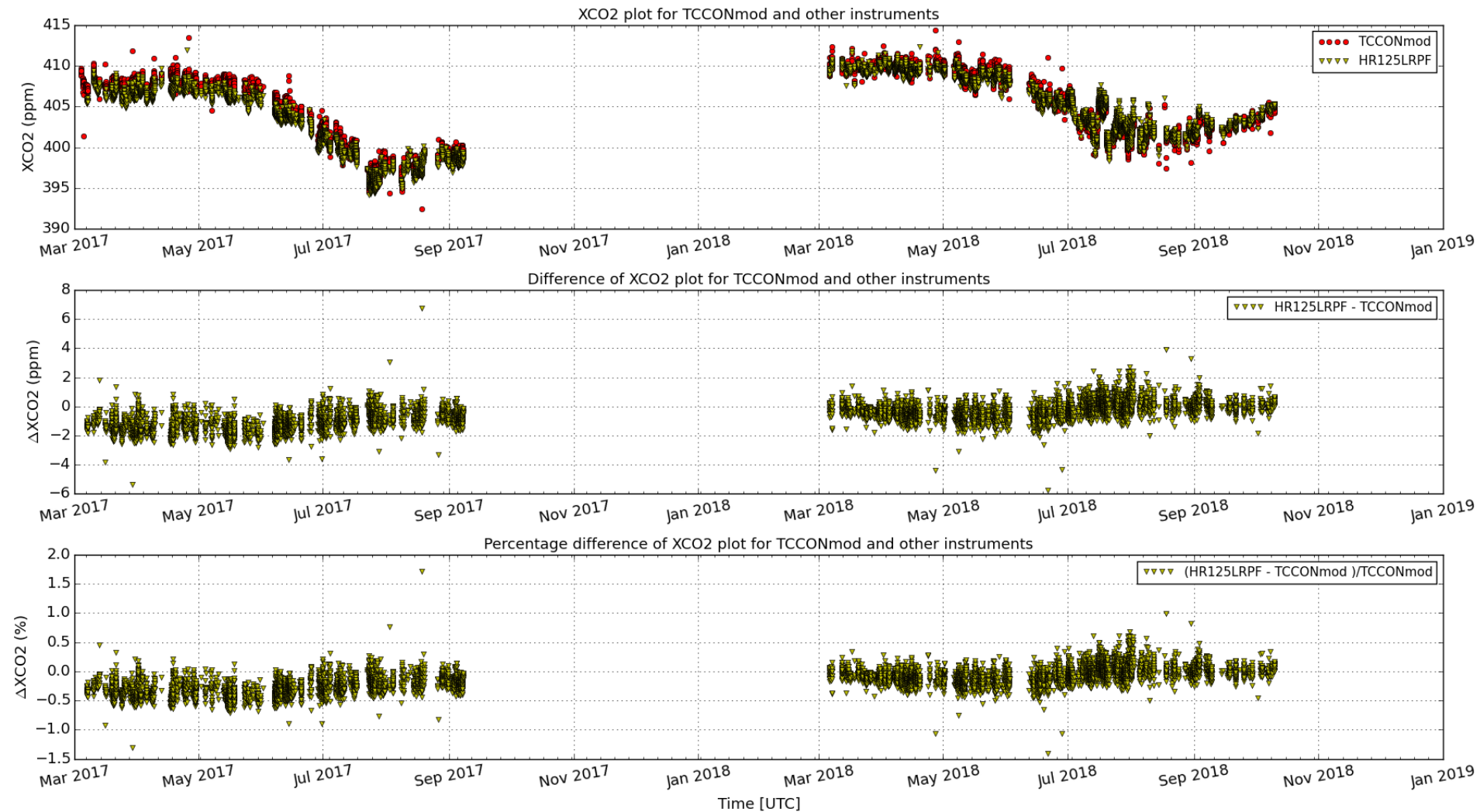
Mean bias = 9.14%, STD = 4.26%, R = 0.972



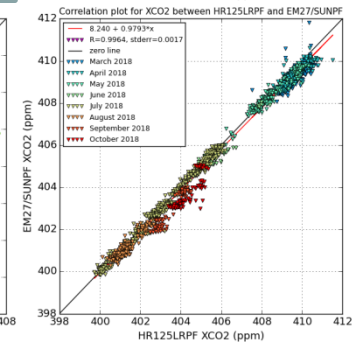
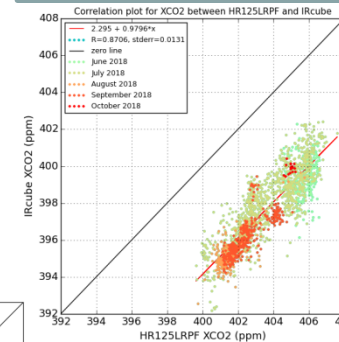
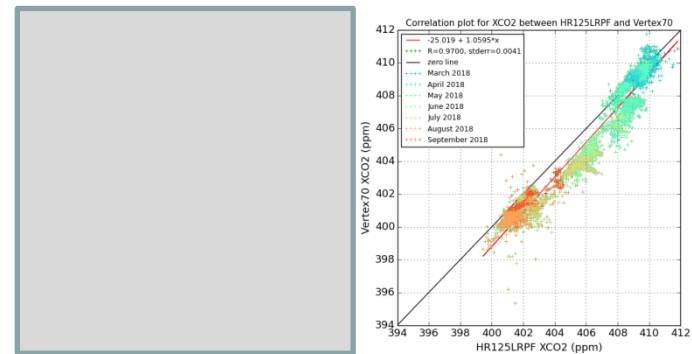
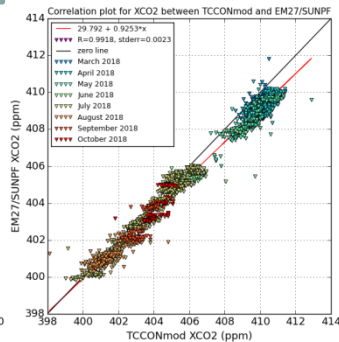
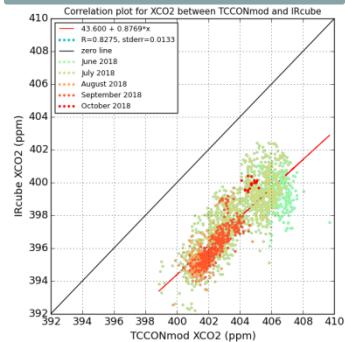
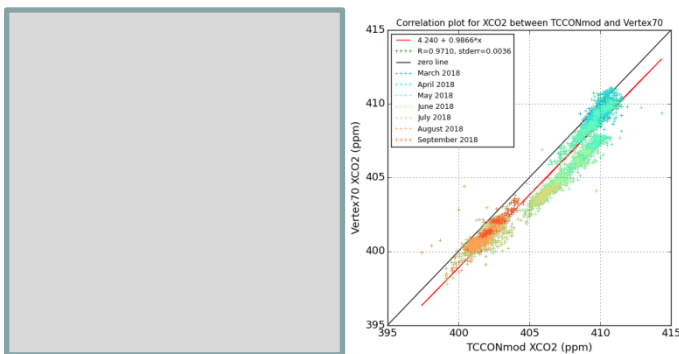
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HR125LR vs TCCONmod – XCO₂

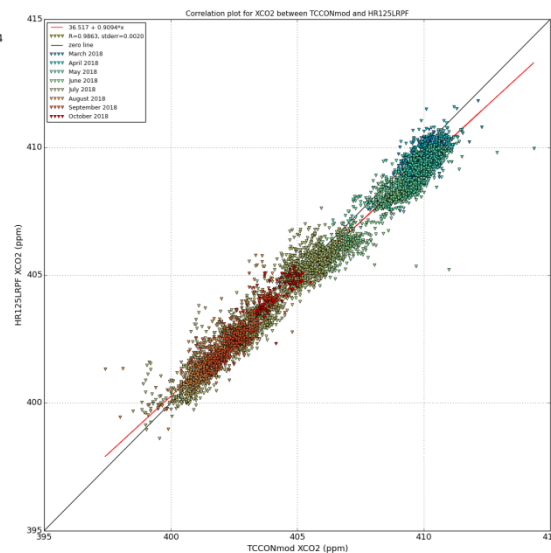


Correlation – XCO₂ for 2018



TCCONmod comparison

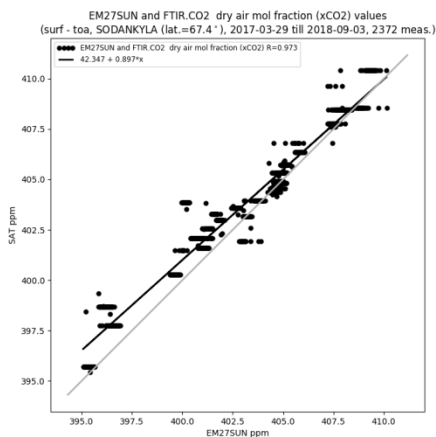
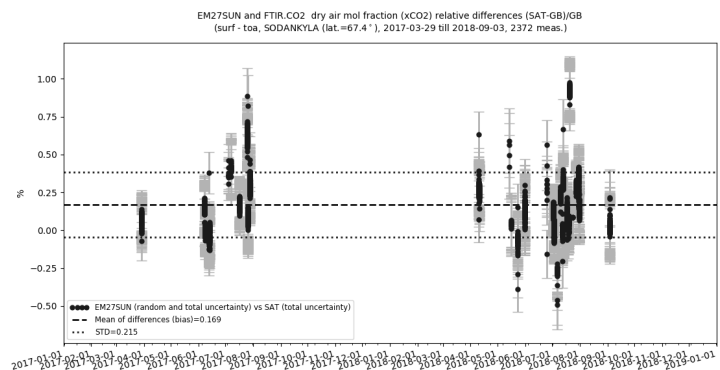
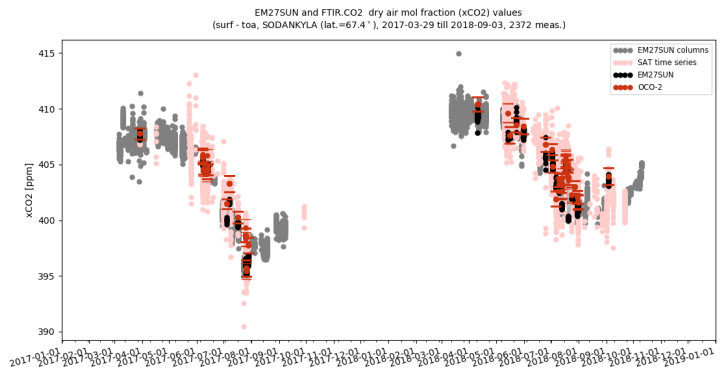
HR125LRPF comparison



TCCONmod vs HR125LRPF

- Period of study: 01 March 2017 – 31 October 2018.
- OCO-2 data OCO2_L2_Lite_FP: OCO-2 Science Team/Michael Gunson, Annmarie Eldering (2018), OCO-2 Level 2 bias-corrected XCO₂ and other select fields from the full-physics retrieval aggregated as daily files, Retrospective processing V9r, Greenbelt, MD, USA, Goddard Earth Sciences Data and Information Services Center (GES DISC), Accessed: 08/04/2019, [10.5067/W8QGIYNKS3JC](https://doi.org/10.5067/W8QGIYNKS3JC)
- OCO-2 spatial coverage: -180, -90, 180, 90; Spatial resolution: 2.25 km x 1.29 km; Temporal: 16 days
- Coincidence criteria for CO₂: Time delta = 1 hours; Geo-distance delta = $\pm 5^\circ$ lon, $\pm 2.5^\circ$ lat. xco2_quality_flag = 0. From the coincident satellite measurements an average of all pixels is taken for each ground-based reference measurements.

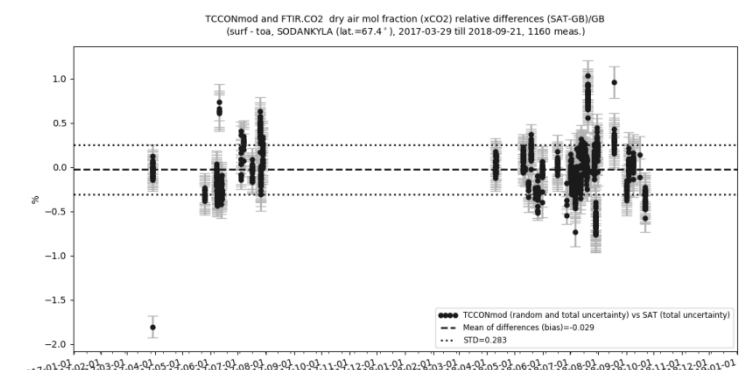
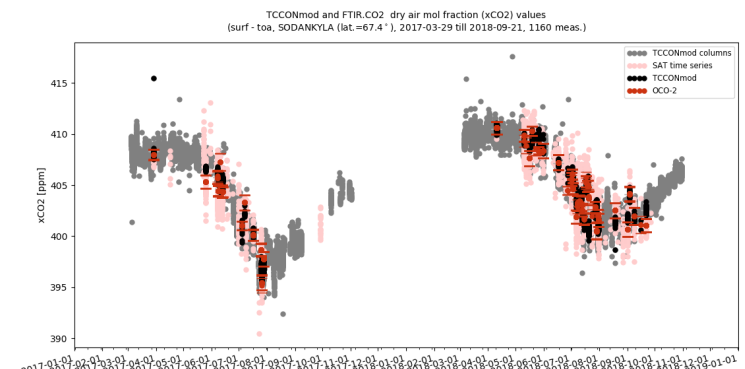
OCO-2 CO₂ validation results using EM27/SUN (COCCON network instrument)



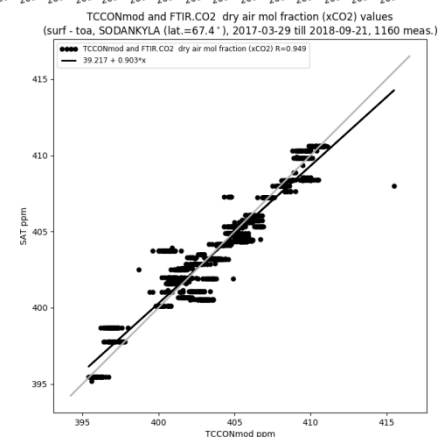
OCO-2 vs EM27/SUN
Mean bias = 0.169%, STD = 0.215%, R = 0.973



EM27/SUN vs TCCONmod
Mean bias = -0.164% (-0.666 ppm), STD = 0.120% (0.486 ppm), R = 0.995



OCO-2 vs TCCONmod
Mean bias = -0.029%, STD = 0.283%, R = 0.949



- The low-resolution datasets are able to capture the seasonal cycle of CO₂, CH₄ and CO as seen by the TCCON.
 - A small bias in CH₄ is observed during spring due to the high difference between the prior relative to the true atmospheric state, the column averaging kernel at high solar zenith angles and the retrieval sensitivities.
 - The difference seen in the CH₄ intercomparison with respect to the TCCON and the HRI25LR highlights the impact of the different spectral resolutions. The scatter of the intercomparison results are within the limit of the TCCON precision (0.5%) with a high correlation between the two datasets.
 - The bias seen in the CO intercomparison is because the low-resolution instruments are not yet scaled to the WMO reference.
 - Validation results of CH₄ and CO from S-5P and CO₂ from OCO-2 using low resolution instruments show comparable scatter and correlation similar to the TCCON.
- ➔ **EM27/SUN (COCCON network instrument), IRCube, and Vertex70 can complement the TCCON network and can be considered suitable reference networks / instruments for the satellite validation of CO₂, CH₄ and CO products.**

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Thank you for your attention!

