

Zugspitze and Garmisch site news

NDACC & TCCON - Zugspitze (47.4 °N, 11.0 °E, 2964 m a.s.l.)

TCCON - Garmisch (47.5 °N, 11.1 °E, 743 m a.s.l.)

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Garmisch: TCCON & NDACC (InSb)

- NIR & MIR (InSb) alternating (50 %)
- operational since 2004
- 131 meas. days last 12 months
- **NEW: archiving in NDACC RD section**

Zugspitze: NDACC (InSb & MCT) & TCCON (KBr)

- operational since 1995
- **NEW: since 2015 alternating TCCON mode (25 %)**
- 133 meas. days last 12 months



NDACC (MCT + InSB)
TCCON (InGAs, KBr)



(120 →) 125 HR,
4.18 m OPD



Zugspitze NDACC archiving:

HNO ₃	7/1995 – 3/2018
N ₂ O	8/1995 – 3/2019
HCl	3/1995 – 3/2018
HF	3/1995 – 3/2018
HCN	12/2015 – 3/2019
CO	7/1995 – 3/2019
CH ₄	8/1995 – 3/2019
C ₂ H ₆	3/1995 – 3/2019
H ₂ CO	3/1995 – 3/2019
O ₃	3/1995 – 3/2019
ClONO ₂	7/1995 – 3/2019
OCS	7/1995 – 3/2018

NEW: Zugspitze TCCON archiving:

4/2015 – 4/2019

Planned next NDACC archiving: CO 3 monthly

Planned next TCCON archiving: 3 monthly



Submitted to TCCON Database:
GFIT-files 7/2007 – 4/2019



NEW: Garmisch is no official NDACC instrument, BUT archiving now on RD section:

CO: 06/2017 – 08/2018

N₂O: 02/2004 – 09/2018

CH₄: 02/2004 – 09/2018

H₂CO: 02/2004 – 09/2018



125 HR, 2.50 m OPD



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Validation of TROPOMI CH₄ and CO with TCCON: Reduction of intercomparison error via independent profile information

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1. Summary

Motivation: Find common a priori profiles, to reduce intercomparison errors, for validation of Sentinel-5P/TROPOMI XCH₄ with TCCON FTIR measurements

Current Status:

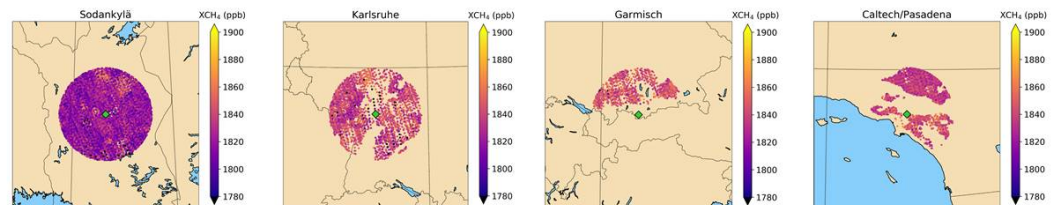
- Simple regression-based correction for ground altitude difference
- Sentinel-5P/TM5 CH₄ a priori profiles more in line with available in-situ measurements than TCCON a priori profiles.
- Correction of TCCON measurements to daily mean prior profile of coincident Sentinel-5P pixels
- Reduces Sentinel-5P vs. TCCON biases with altitude correction.
- Reduced biases with common prior correction only at some TCCON sites.

Outlook:

- Further investigate possible common priors
- Extend research to CO

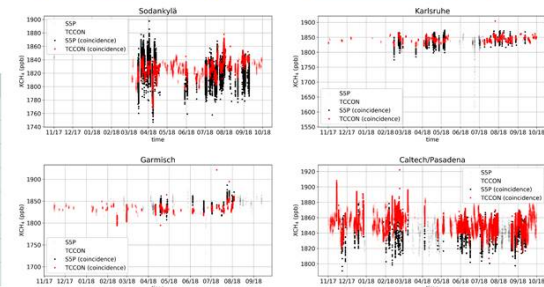
2. TCCON Sites and Coincidence Criteria

Sentinel-5P XCH₄ (Nov 2017 – Sep 2018) ; Spatial Coincidence : $r < 100$ km



Full list of TCCON sites used

TCCON Site	Site Latitude (°N)	Site Longitude (°)	Site Altitude (m)
Eureka	80.05	-86.42	610
Sodankylä	67.37	26.63	188
Bremen	53.10	8.85	27
Karlsruhe	49.10	8.44	116
Garmisch	47.48	11.06	743
Zugspitze	47.42	10.98	2960
Lamont	36.60	-97.49	320
Caltech	34.14	34.14	230



Temporal Coincidence: Same local day

Correction S5P/TCCON for differing ground-pixel altitude and realistic common prior (model profiles):

3. Regression-Based Altitude Correction

Correction of Sentinel 5P XCH₄ values for TCCON sites with heterogeneous surrounding orography ($\Delta z_{\max} > 500$ m):

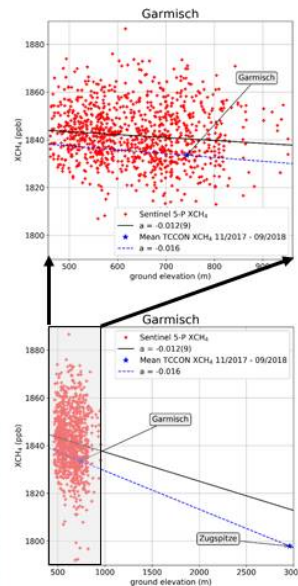
$$XCH_{4,corr} = XCH_4 + a \cdot (z_{TCCON} - z)$$

Validation with Garmisch-Zugspitze TCCON ΔXCH_4 (Nov 2017 – Sep 2018):

ΔXCH_4 TCCON	ΔXCH_4 Regression
35.7 ppb	31.5 ± 21.8 ppb

Regression slopes for selected sites

TCCON Site	Site Altitude (m)	Site Latitude (°N)	Regression Slope (ppb/m)
Eureka	610	80.05	-0.023(1)
Karlsruhe	116	49.10	-0.018(6)
Garmisch	743	47.48	-0.012(9)
Zugspitze	2960	47.42	-0.014(10)
Caltech	230	34.14	-0.012(1)



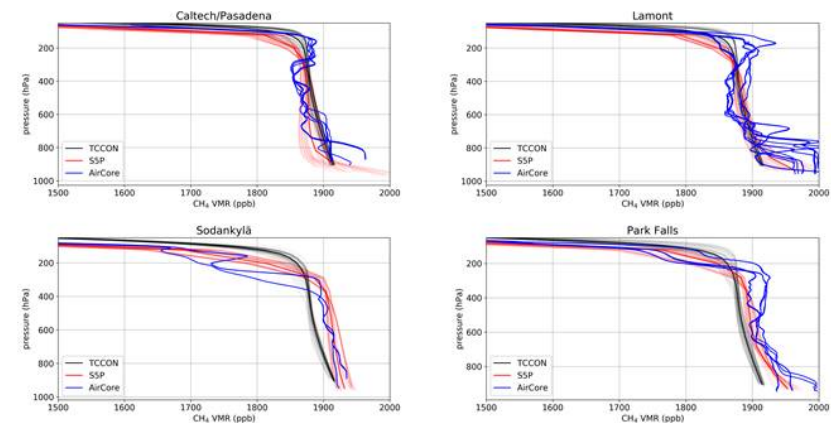
4. Correction to Common Prior

Correction of TCCON XCH₄ to daily-mean Sentinel-5P/TM5 prior:

$$XCH_{4,corrected} = XCH_4 + \frac{1}{p_0} \sum_l (1 - a^l) (x_{common}^l - x_{TCCON}^l) \Delta p^l$$

Sentinel-5P/TM5 a-priori profile as common priors

Sentinel-5P/TM5 a-priori profiles are more in line with AirCore in-situ measurements than TCCON priors. In particular, boundary layer, tropopause and stratosphere are better represented.



5. Effect of Corrections to Sentinel-5P-TCCON XCH₄ Bias

Monthly Bias:

Differences of monthly means of co-occurring XCH₄ values from Sentinel-5P and TCCON with and without correction to common TM5 prior

Mean monthly XCH₄ bias (ppb) Sentinel-5P-TCCON

TCCON Site	Original prior	Original prior Alt. correction	S5P/TM5 prior	S5P/TM5 prior Alt. correction
Eureka	15.1	7.9	15.8	8.7
Sodankylä	-13.5		-12.6	
Bremen	0.6		-4.9	
Karlsruhe	-6.2	-2.7	-12.4	-9.0
Garmisch	6.7	5.7	0.8	-0.3
Zugspitze	43.9	11.3	39.5	6.9
Lamont	-7.2		-11.5	
Caltech	-14.1	-8.0	-16.7	-10.6

- much smaller biases with altitude correction
- reduced biases with common model prior für Sodankylä, Garmisch, Zugspitze
- larger biases with common model prior for all other sites: hidden by differing priors before

Campaign at Zugspitze Summit

Ancillary Instrumentation provided for the 2nd campaign

- ✓ AERI (3.3 - 25 micron) → Ralf Sussmann, KIT
- ✓ Backscatter & Water vapor lidars → Hannes Vogelmann, KIT
- ✓ Balloon launches → Christian Rolf, Forschungszentrum Jülich



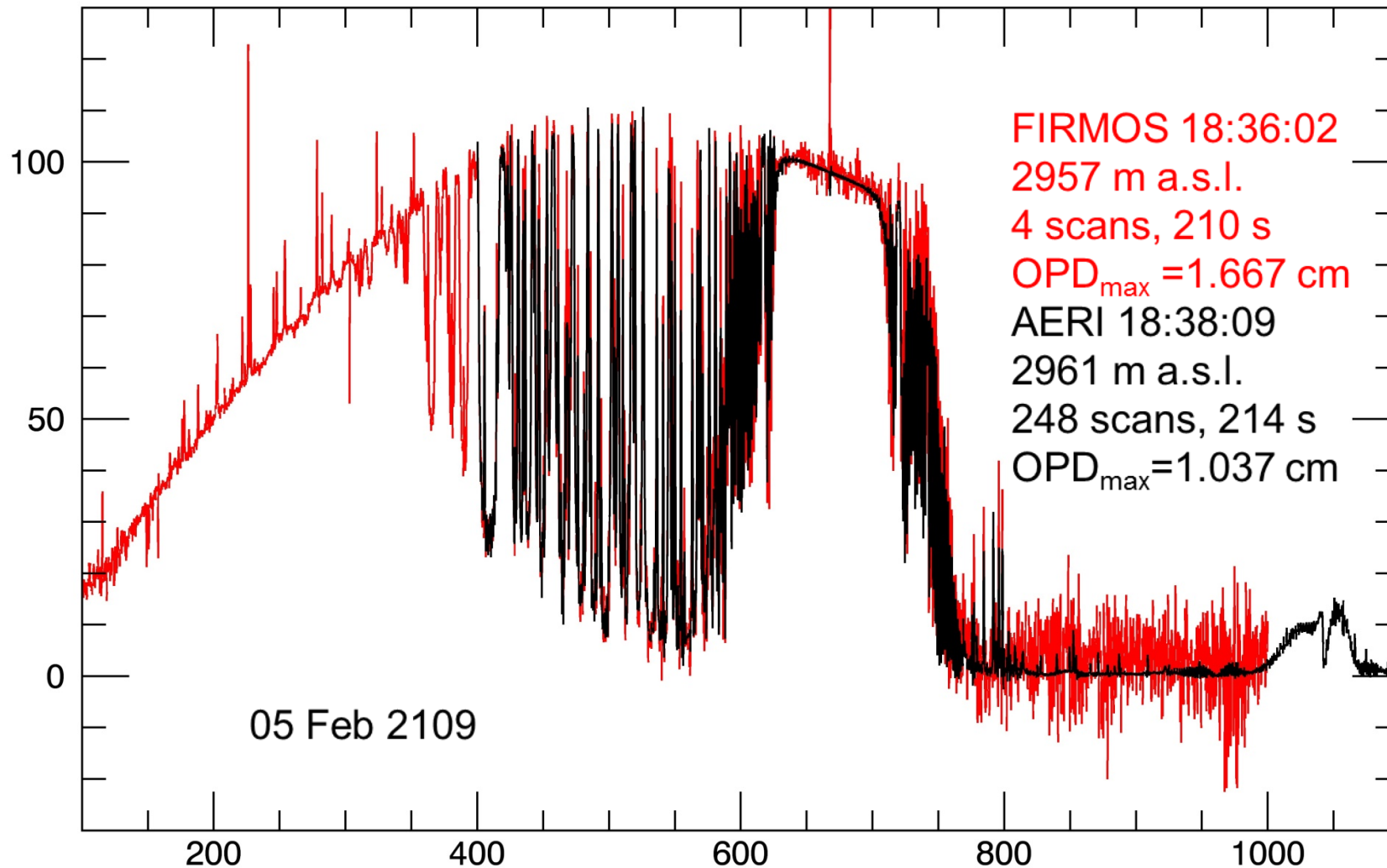
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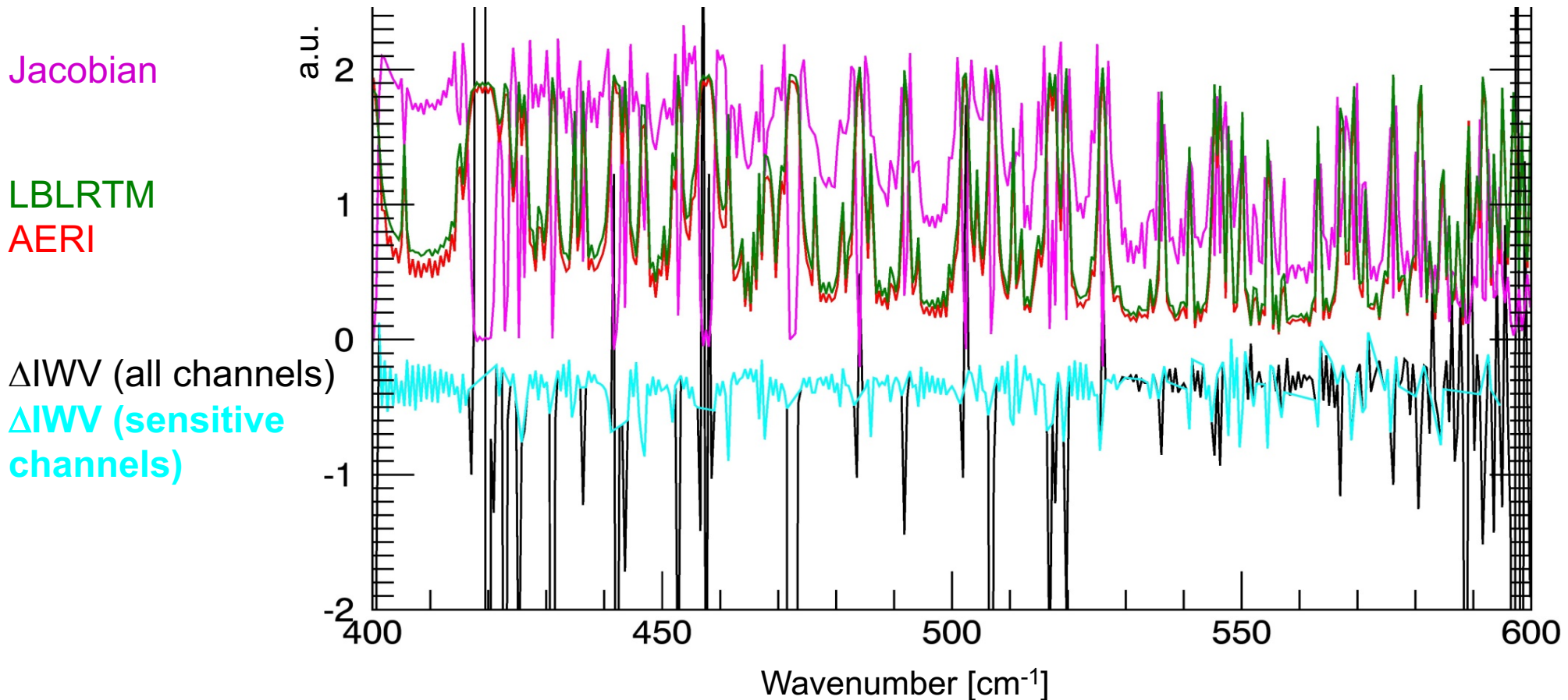
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Project 2 (Zugspitze ESA-FIRMOS Campaign): Far-IR Earth Explorer Prototype validated vs AERI



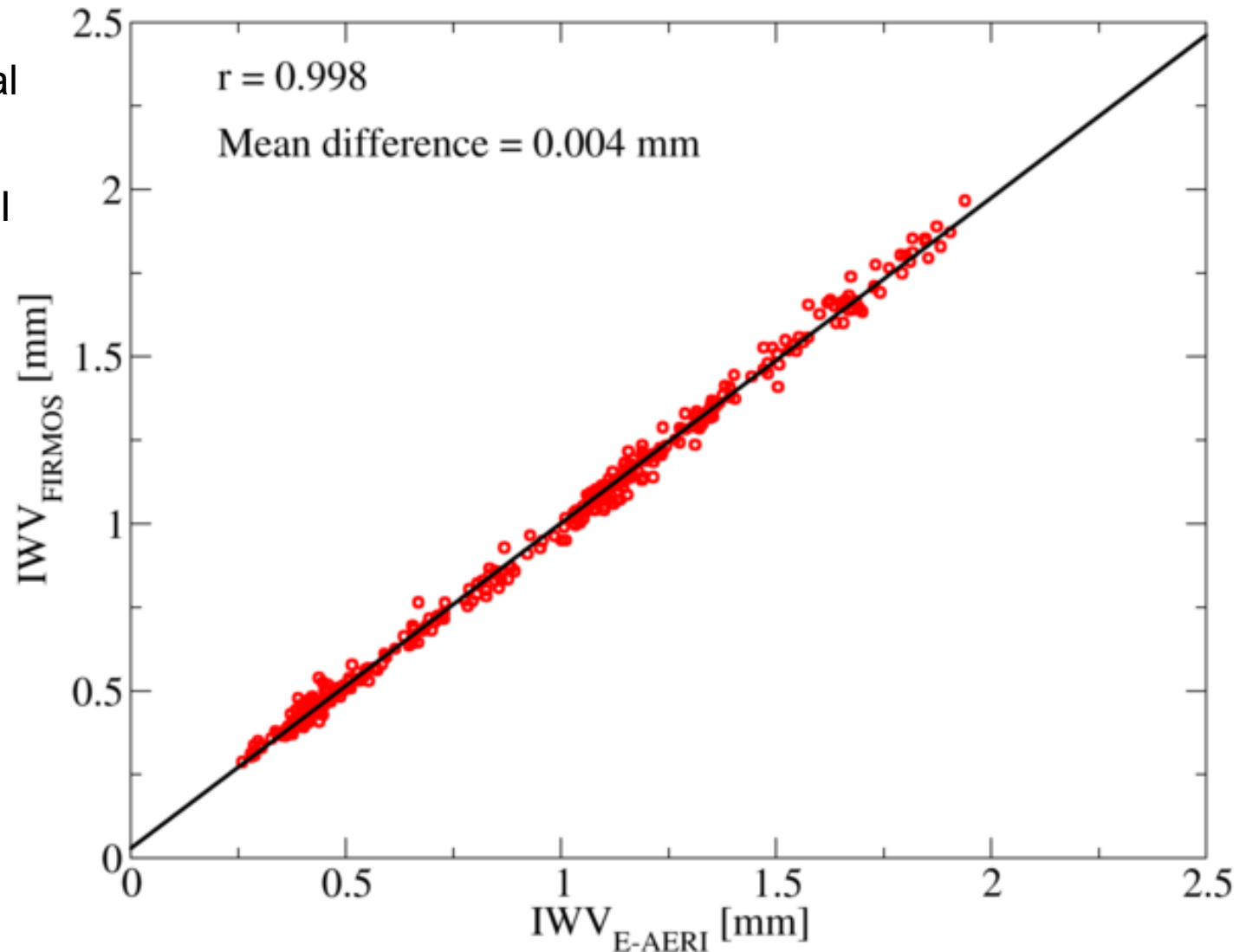
Project 2 (Zugspitze ESA-FIRMOS Campaign): Set up IWV retrieval from far-IR downwelling emission spectra

- IWV retrieved by minimizing LBLRTM-AERI/FIRMOS spectral residuals
- Selected IWV sensitive windows using threshold for Jacobian



Project 2 (Zugspitze ESA-FIRMOS Campaign): ... to validate FIRMOS vs AERI

- very stable IWV retrieval possible in the far-IR
- perfect agreement AERI vs FIRMOS





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Thank you and
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