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# Lessons learned from five years of Sentinel-5P Methane and Carbon Monoxide validation using TCCON, COCCON and NDACC-IRWG data

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# L2 – Carbon monoxide



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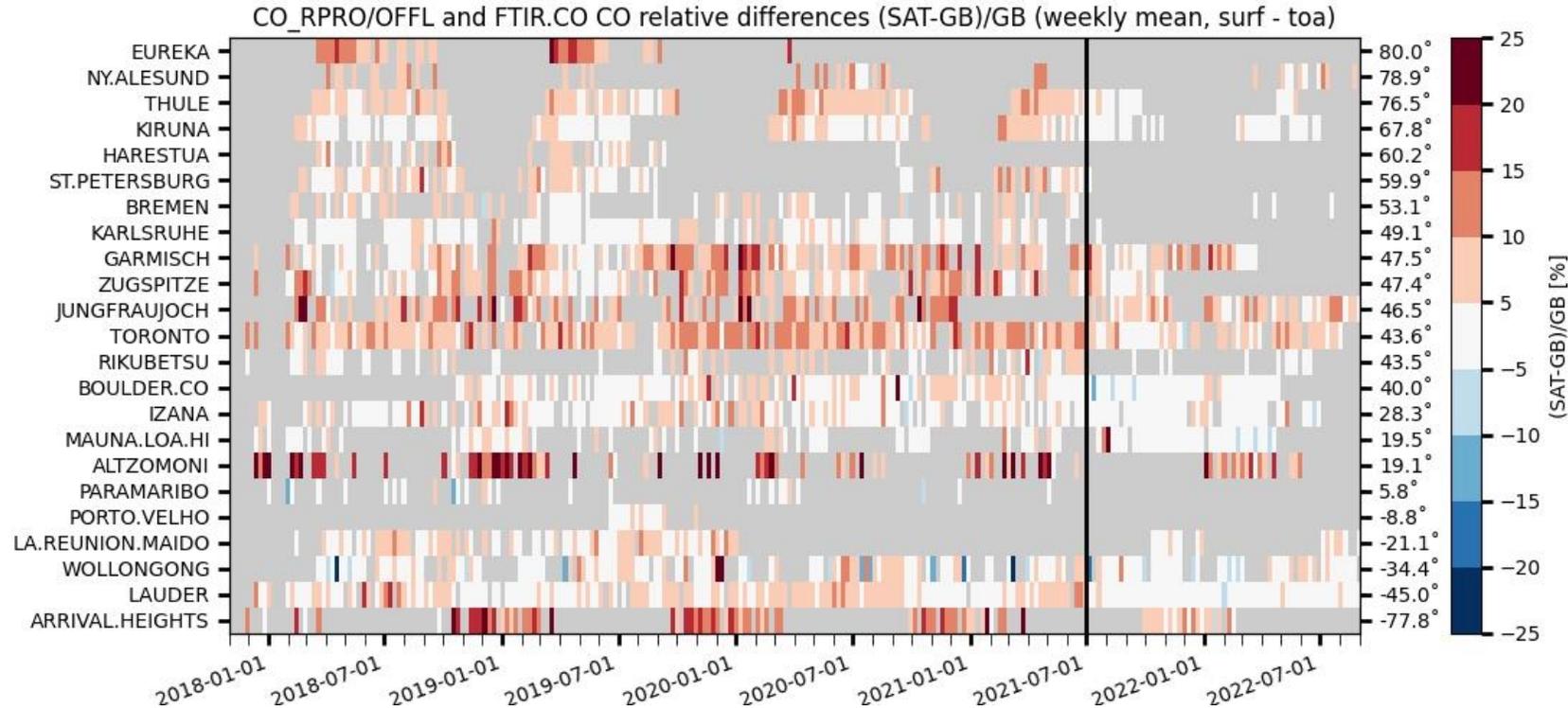


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Comparison with averaging co-located s5p pixels: COLLECTION 1,2 results

Validation using NDACC data



15 Nov 2017 – 1 July 2021 (version 01.xx.xx): Bias = **6.5%**; STD = **5%**; correlation coefficient = **0.93**

1 July 2021 – 1 Sept 2022 (version 02.xx.xx): Bias ~ **3.0%**; STD = **5%**; correlation coefficient = **0.93**

Destriped product since July 2021: evaluation using closest pixel criterion

1 July 2021 – 1 Sept 2022 (standard): Bias = **3.1%**; STD = **10.6%**; correlation coefficient = **0.79**

1 July 2021 – 1 Sept 2022 (destriped): Bias **2.9%**; STD = **9%**; correlation coefficient = **0.83**

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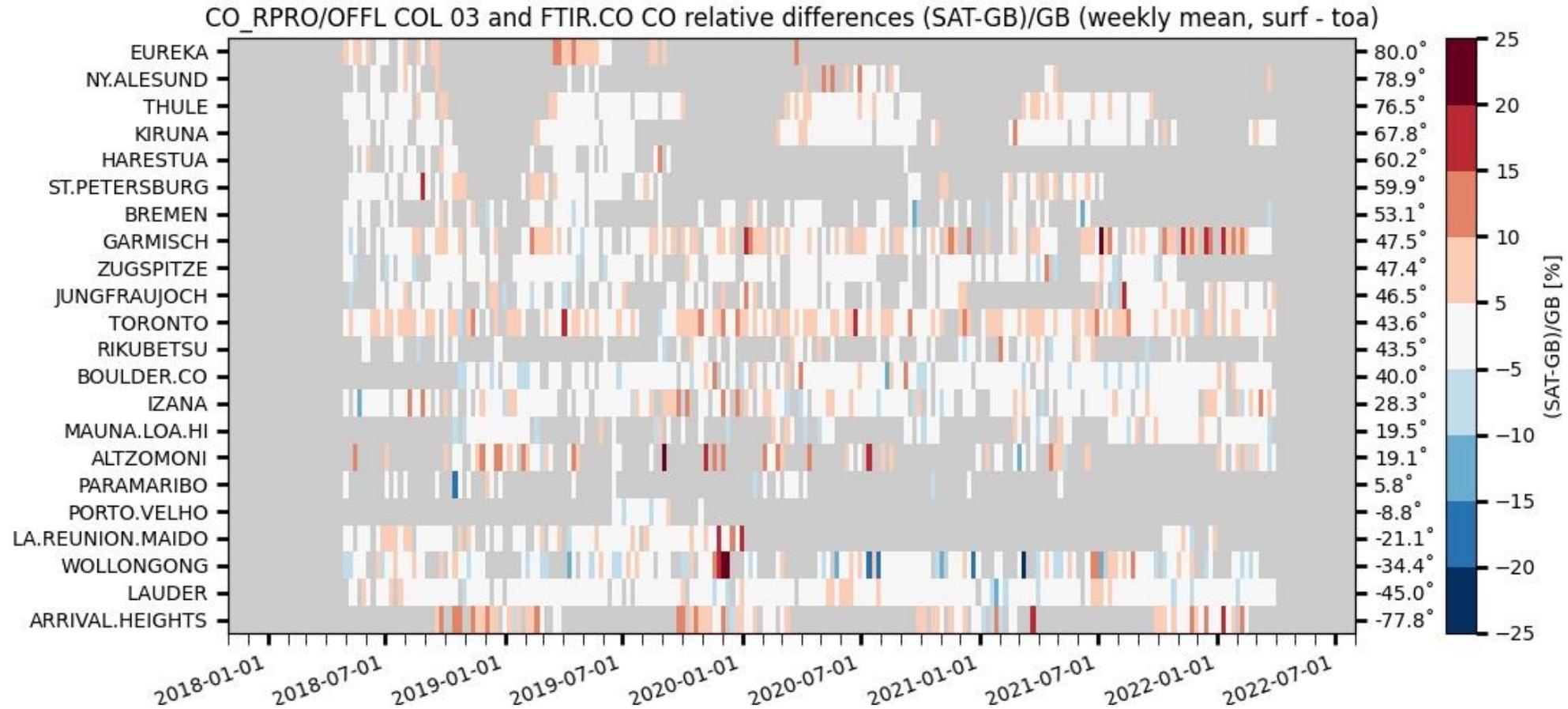


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Comparison with averaging co-located s5p pixels: RPRO COLLECTION 3

Validation using NDACC data



April 2018– March 2022 (collection 03, version 02.04): Bias = **2.14%** ; STD = **7.5%** ; correlation coefficient = **0.9**  
A Prior is available: now SAT prior is substituted in GB profiles (2.5% -> 2.14%)

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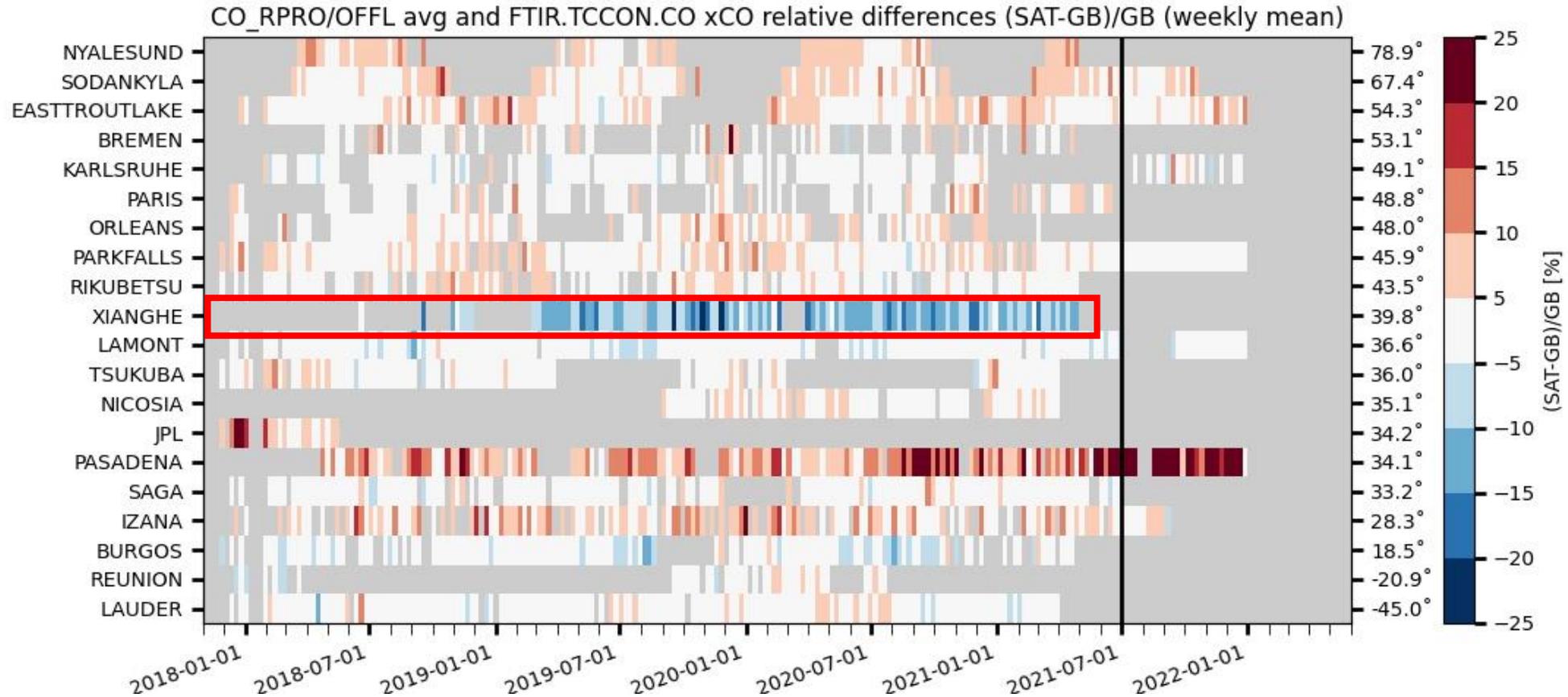


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Comparison with averaging co-located s5p pixels: COLLECTION 1,2 results

Validation using TCCON GGG2020 data



Mean → Bias = **2.61%** ; STD = **5.84%** ; correlation coefficient = **0.90** (15 Nov 2017 – 1 Jan 2022)

Important change in CO: GGG2020 xCO has no calibration factor to scale to WMO

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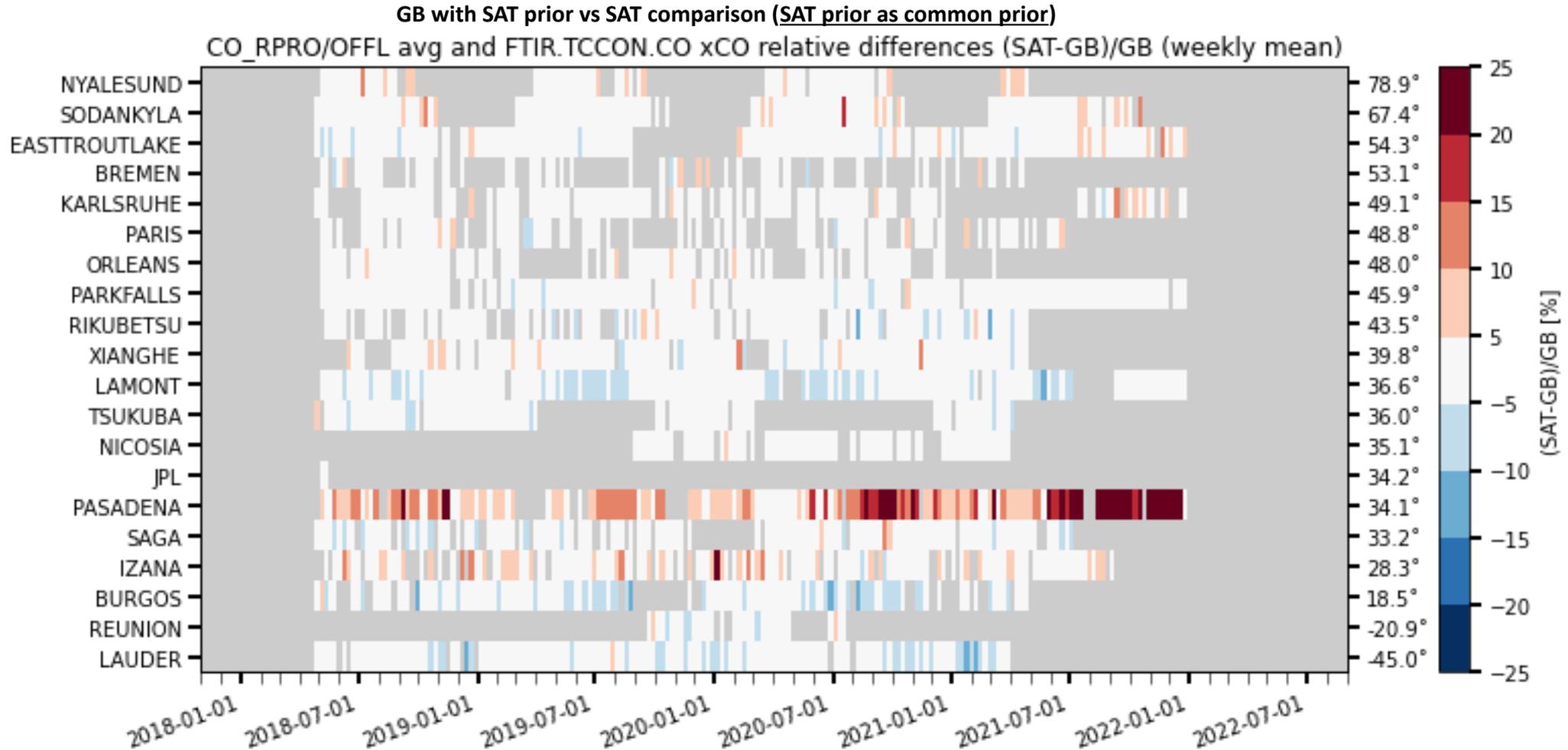


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Comparison with averaging co-located s5p pixels: COLLECTION 3 results

Validation using TCCON GGG2020 data



Mean → Bias = **0.74%** ; STD = **5.29%** ; correlation coefficient = **0.90** (April 2018 – Dec 2021)

Mean → Bias = **0.11%** ; STD = **4.45%** ; correlation coefficient = **0.93** (April 2018 – Dec 2021) – exc. Pasadena

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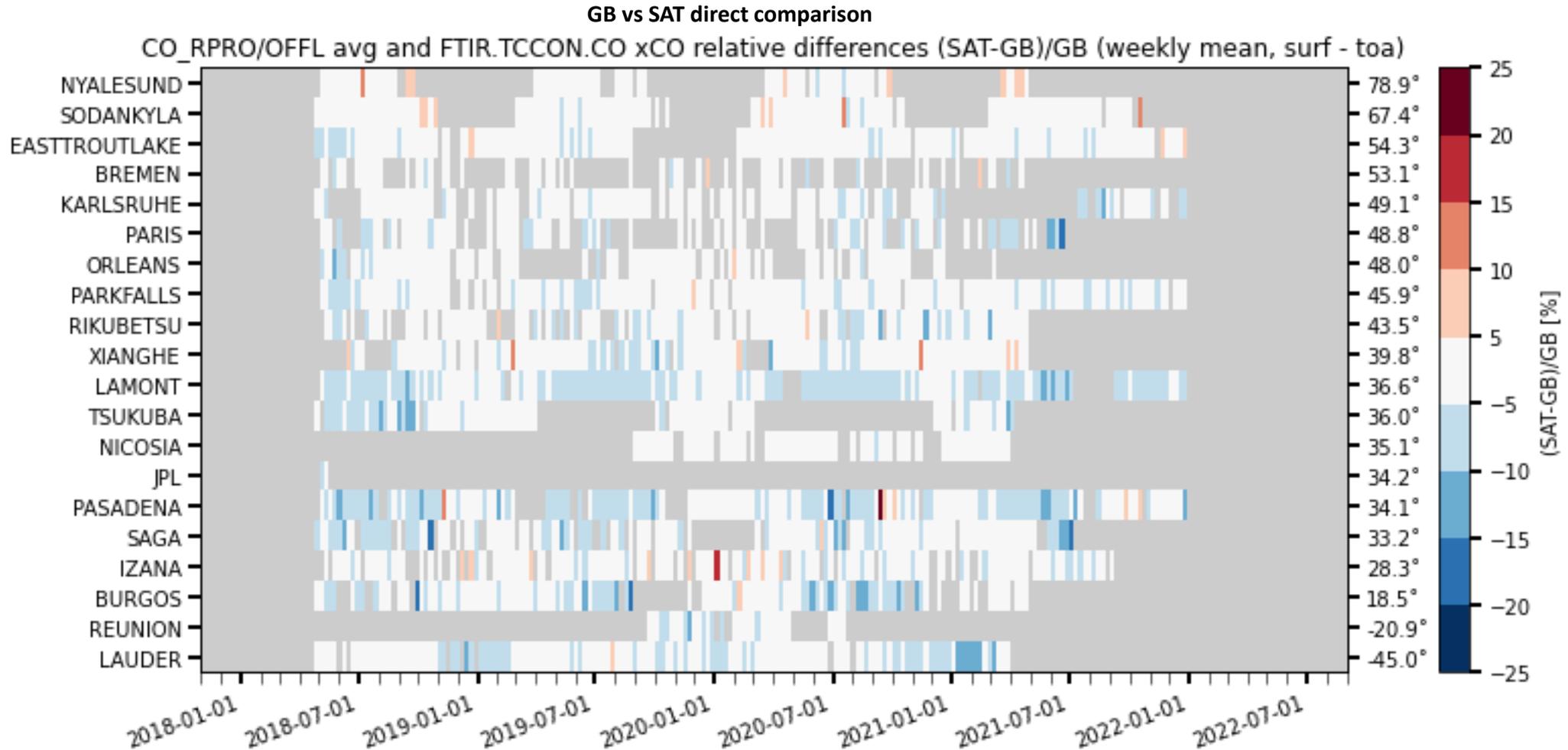


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Comparison with averaging co-located s5p pixels: COLLECTION 3 results

Validation using TCCON GGG2020 data



Mean → Bias = **-2.28%** ; STD = **4.84%** ; correlation coefficient = **0.92** (April 2018 – Dec 2021)

Mean → Bias = **-2.16%** ; STD = **4.55%** ; correlation coefficient = **0.93** (April 2018 – Dec 2021) – exc. Pasadena

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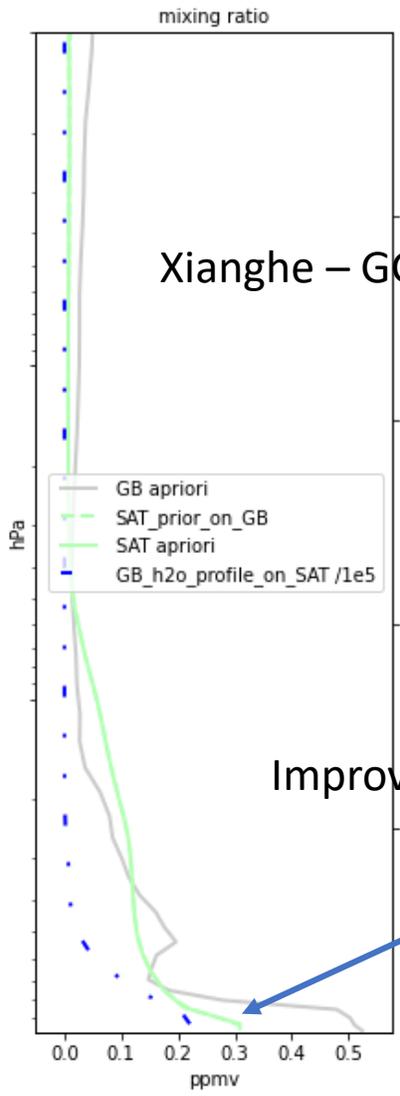


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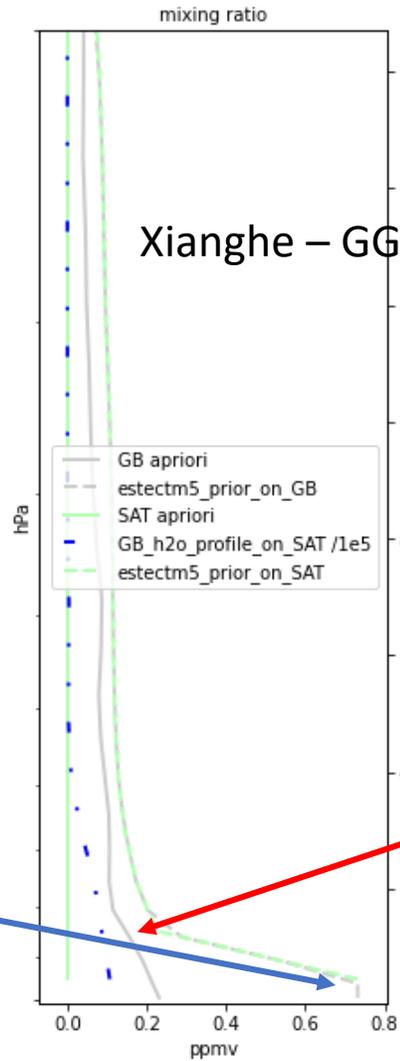
collection 3

Validation using **standard** TCCON data – collection 1,2

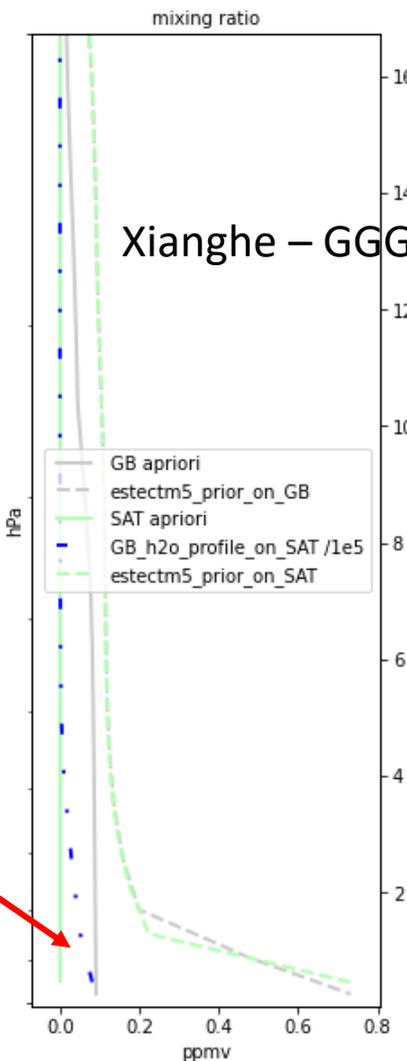


Xianghe – GGG2020

Improvement in collection 3



Xianghe – GGG2020



Xianghe – GGG2014

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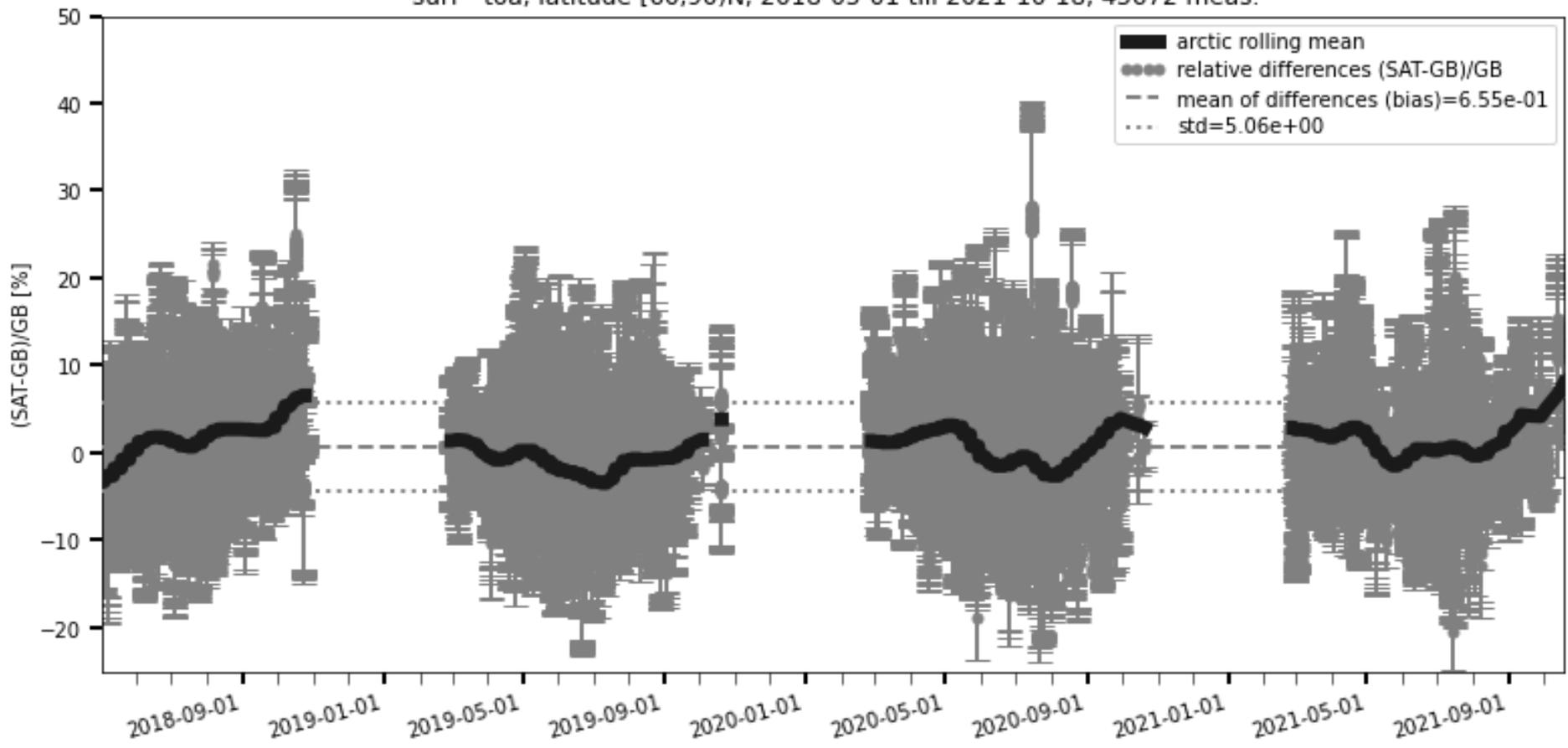


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Validation using TCCON GGG2020 data

S5P against FTIR.TCCON.CO relative differences (SAT-GB)/GB  
surf - toa, latitude [60,90)N, 2018-05-01 till 2021-10-18, 45672 meas.



Seasonal dependence in differences? No clear signal  
regrouped data in latitude bins  
applied a rolling mean on 7-day average and 5th order binomial weighing

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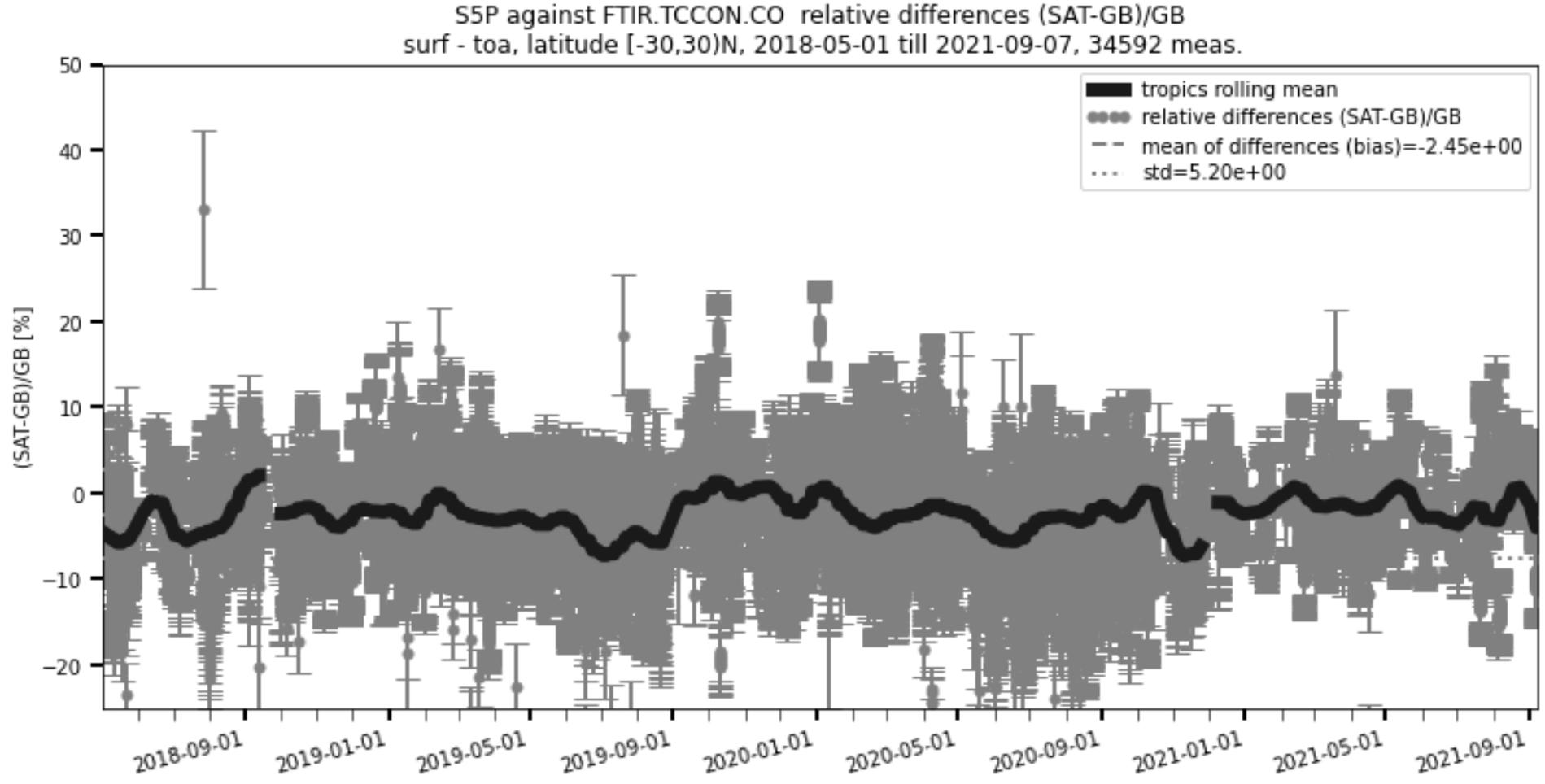
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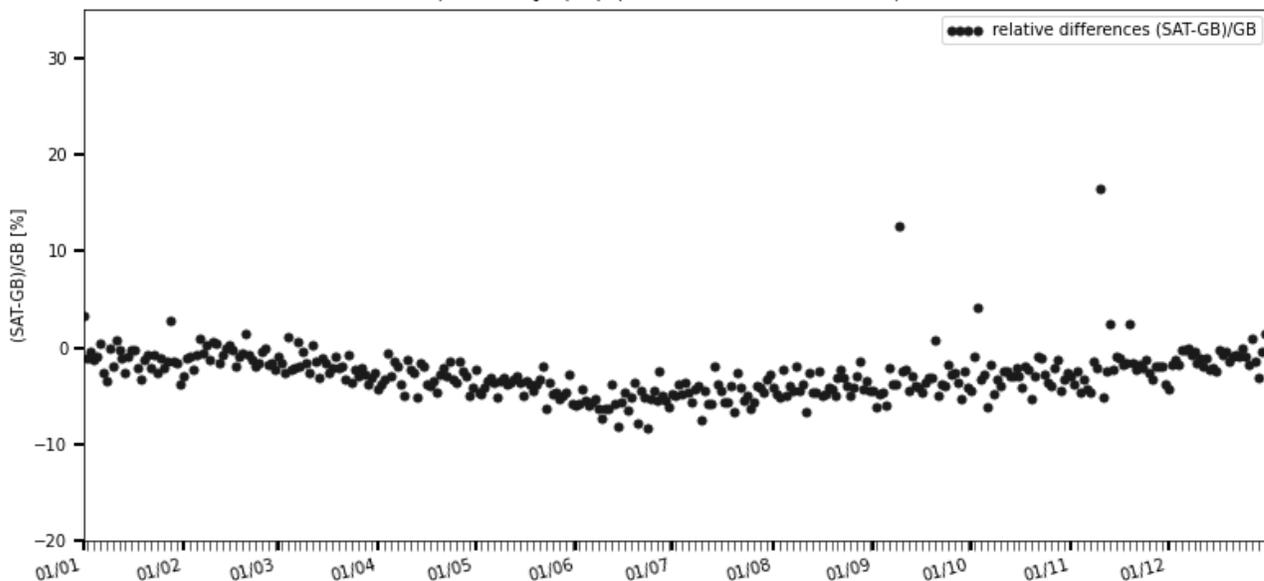


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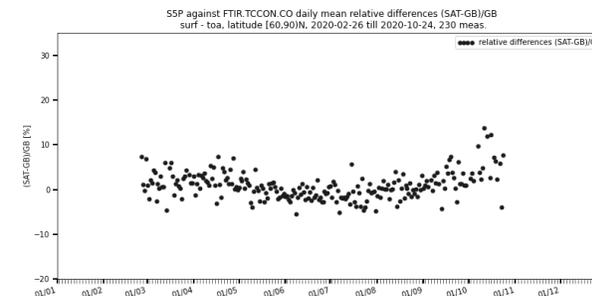
## Validation using TCCON GGG2020 data

S5P against FTIR.TCCON.CO daily mean relative differences (SAT-GB)/GB  
surf - toa, latitude [30,60]N, 2020-01-01 till 2020-12-31, 366 meas.

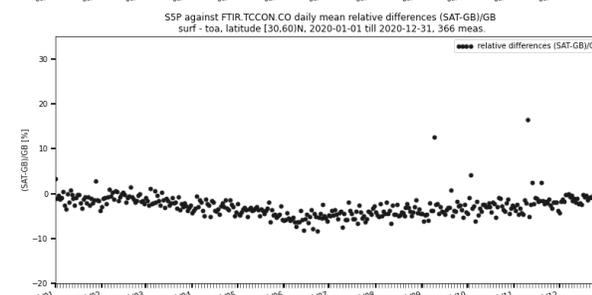


Seasonal difference in bias of about 5% seen  
Maximum during local winter

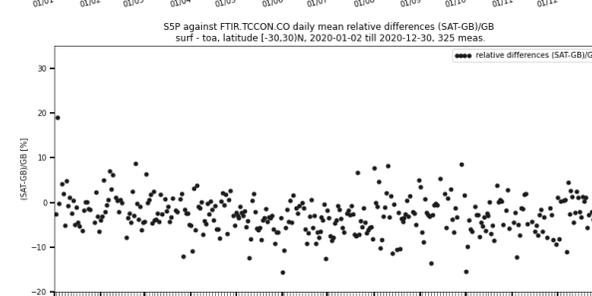
Latitude [60,90]N



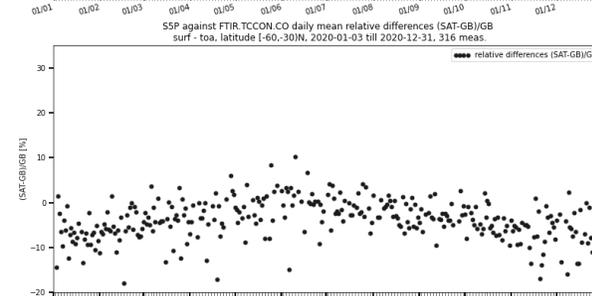
Latitude [30,60]N



Latitude [-30,30]N



Latitude [-60,-30]N



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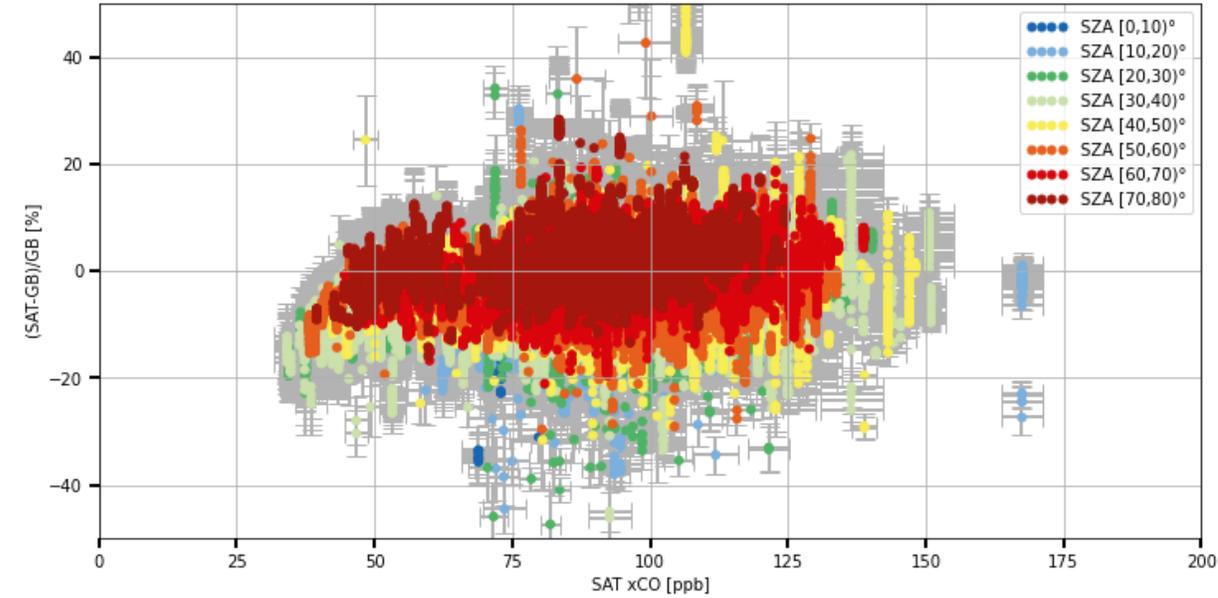


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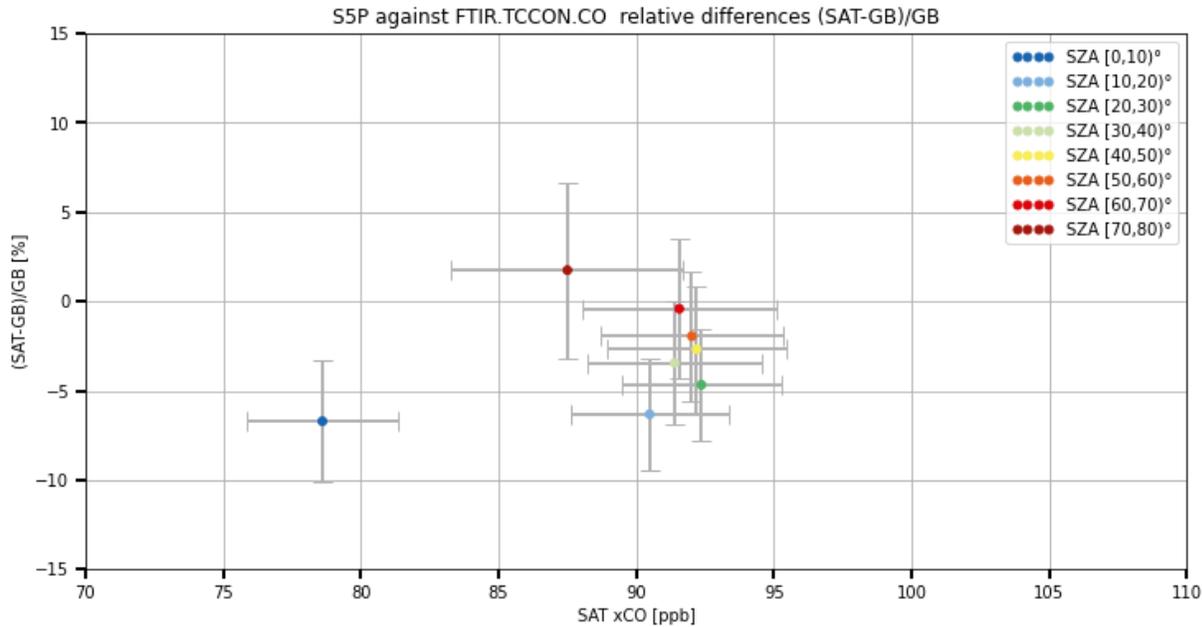


## Validation using TCCON GGG2020 data

S5P against FTIR.TCCON.CO relative differences (SAT-GB)/GB



Data for SZA [0,10]°(1229), SZA [10,20]°(20811), SZA [20,30]°(48422), SZA [30,40]°(59194), SZA [40,50]°(52240), SZA [50,60]°(57656), SZA [60,70]°(52344), SZA [70,80]°(29410)



Dependence on solar zenith angle? ~ 5%

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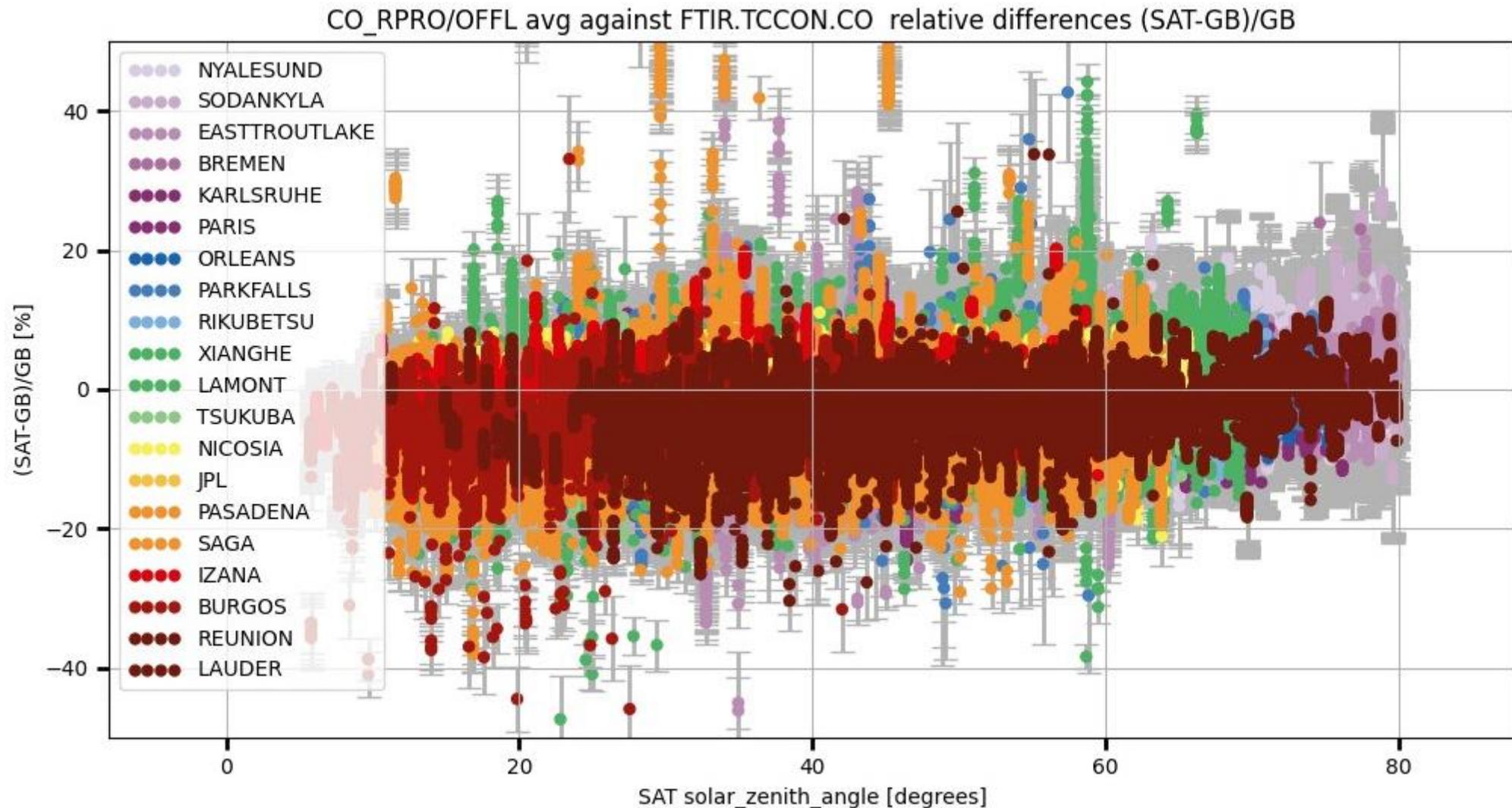
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Validation using TCCON GGG2020 data



Dependence on solar zenith angle at individual sites: ~ 5%

# L2 – Methane



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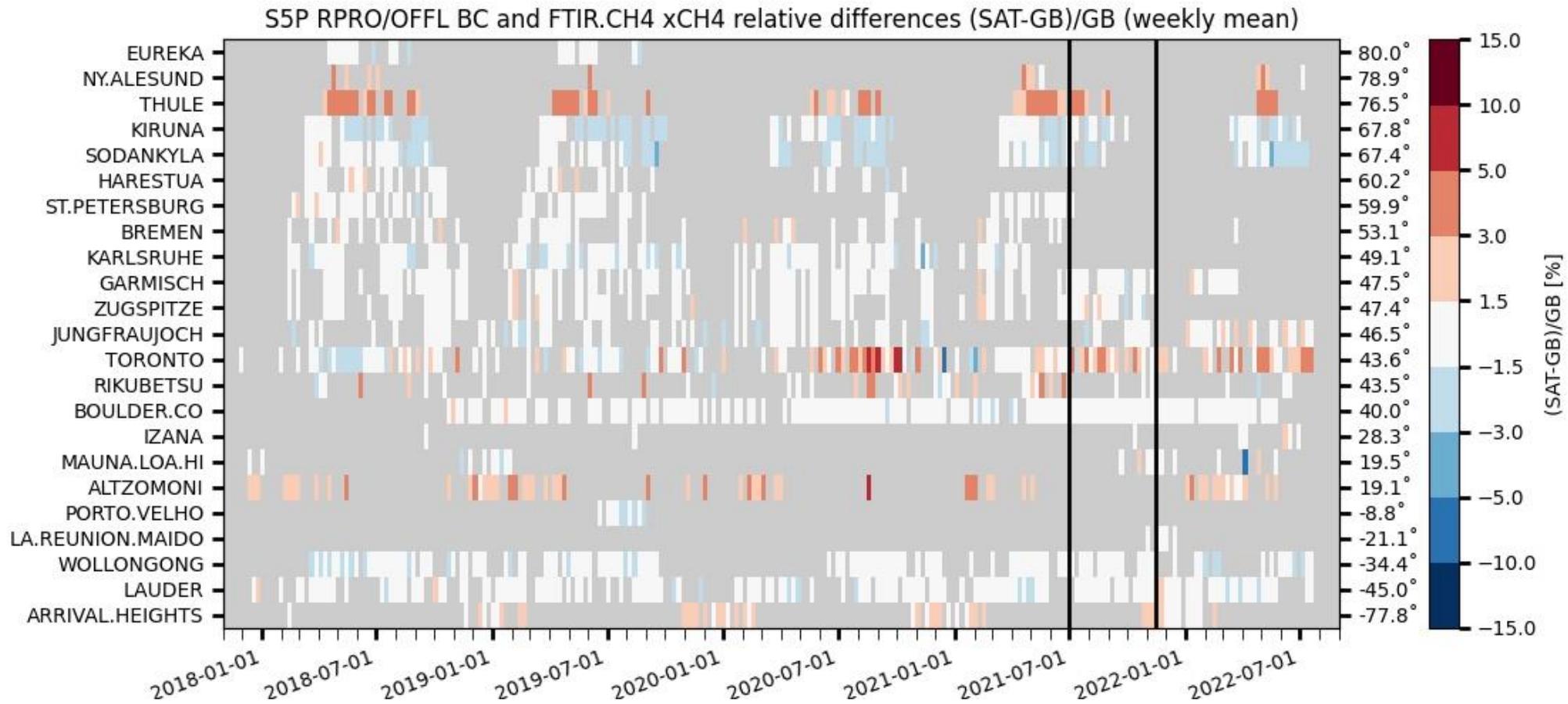


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Fewer collocations due to less frequent measurements

Validation using NDACC data



Lower correlation **0.5**, bias **0.4%** and below reported measurement uncertainty

Estimate after 1 July: bias **0.35%** (to be confirmed with TCCON)

Sunglint pixels appear in timeseries for Maido, Wollongong,.. evaluated before with SRON product

# L2 – Methane



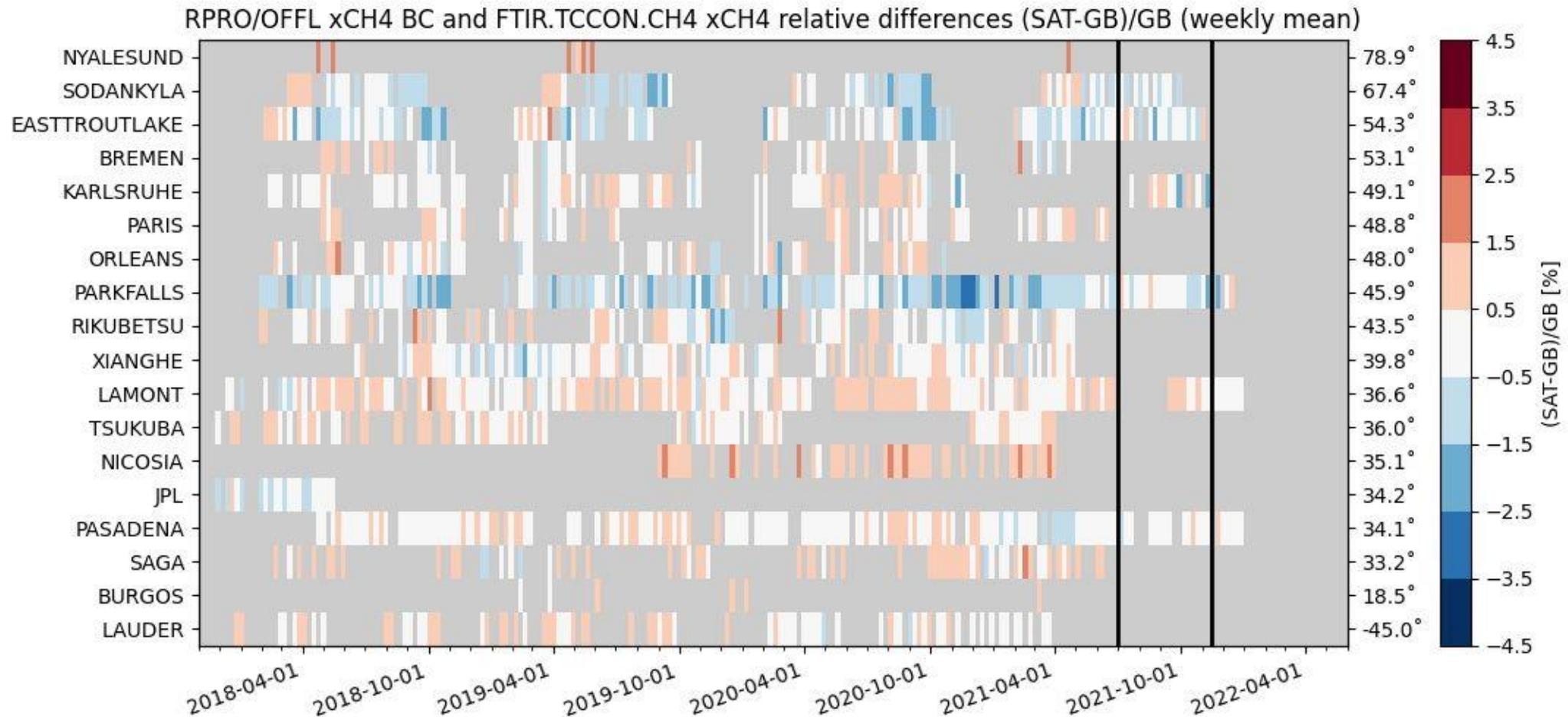
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Validation using TCCON GGG2020 data



Mean → Bias = **0.29%** ; STD = **0.62%** ; correlation coefficient = **0.78** (15 Nov 2017 – 1 Jan 2022)

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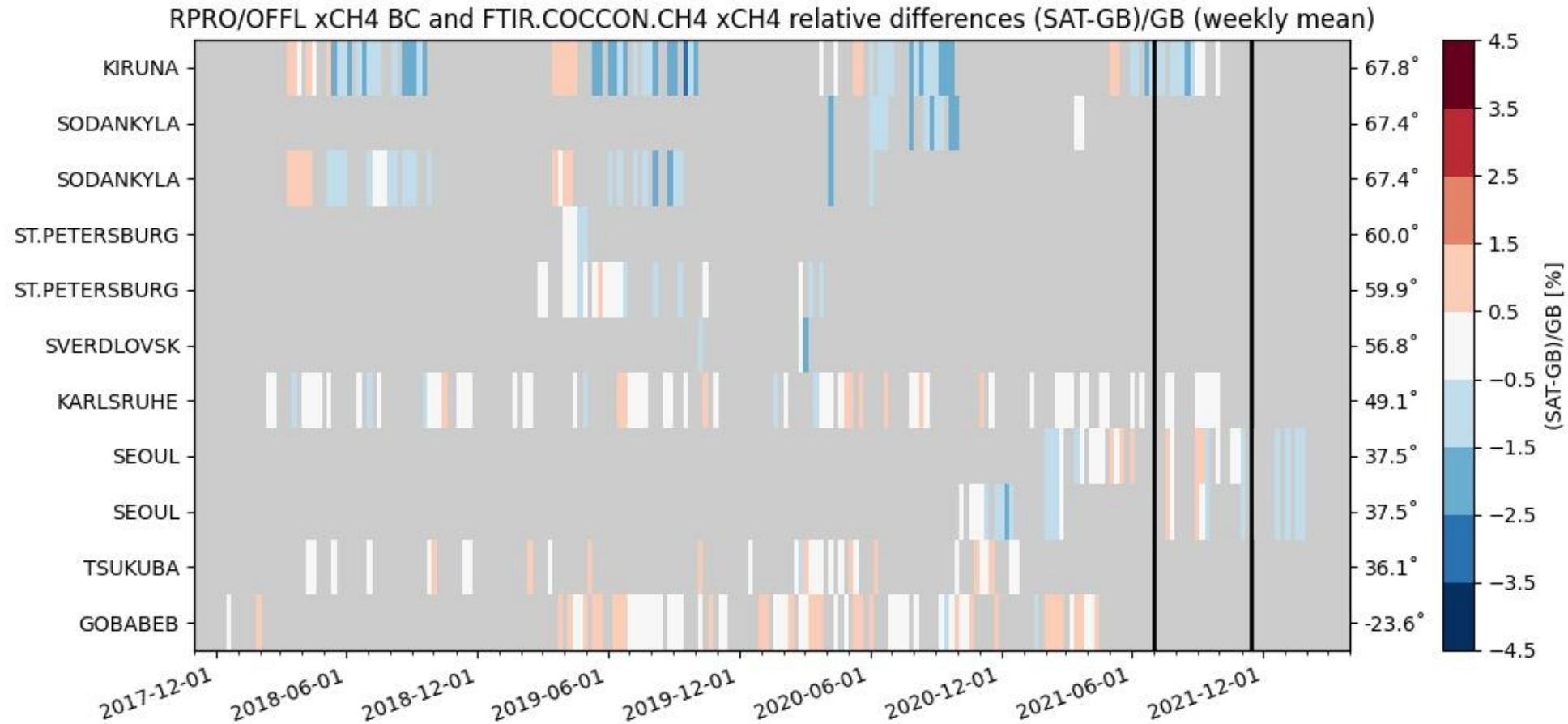
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Validation using COCCON data



Bias corrected XCH<sub>4</sub> Mean → Bias = **-0.34%** ; STD = **0.75%** ; correlation coefficient = **0.59**

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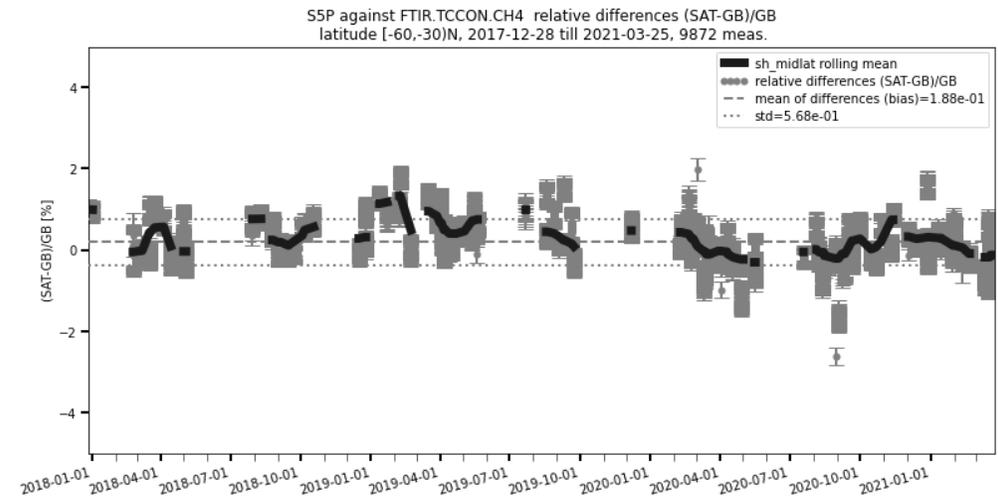
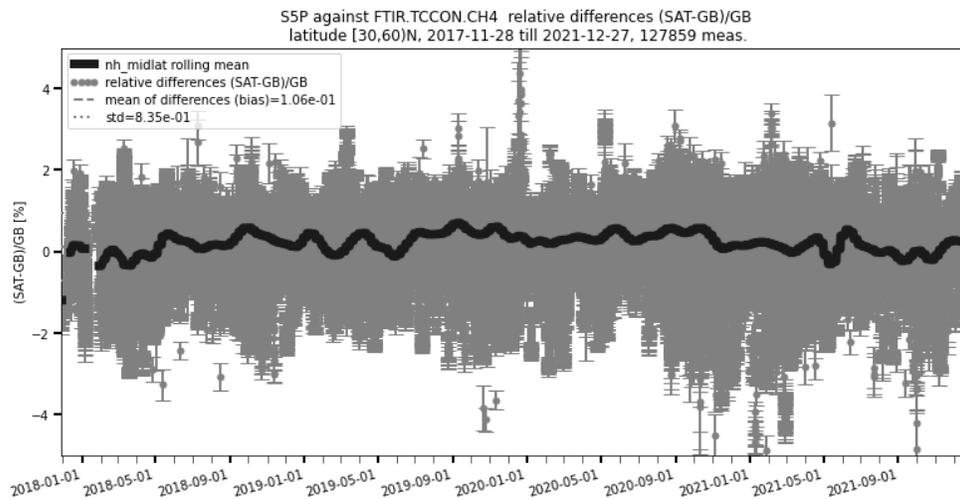
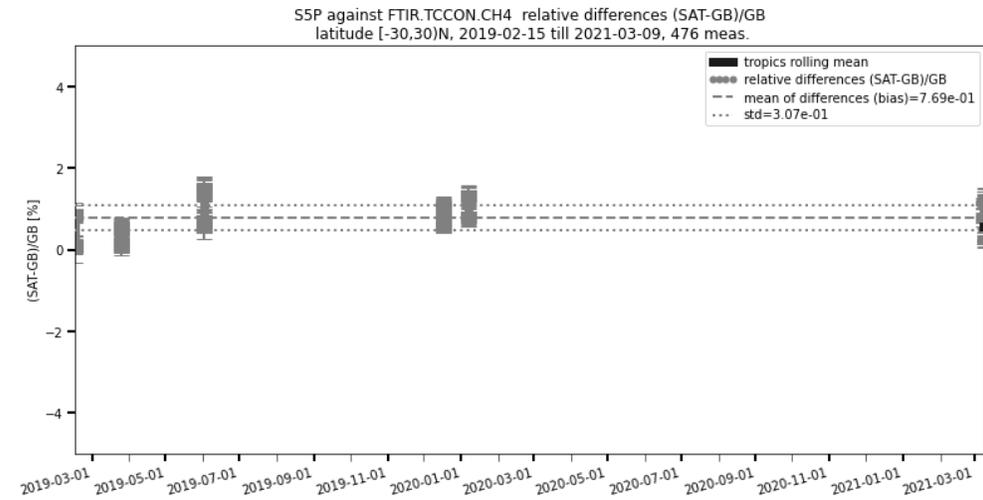
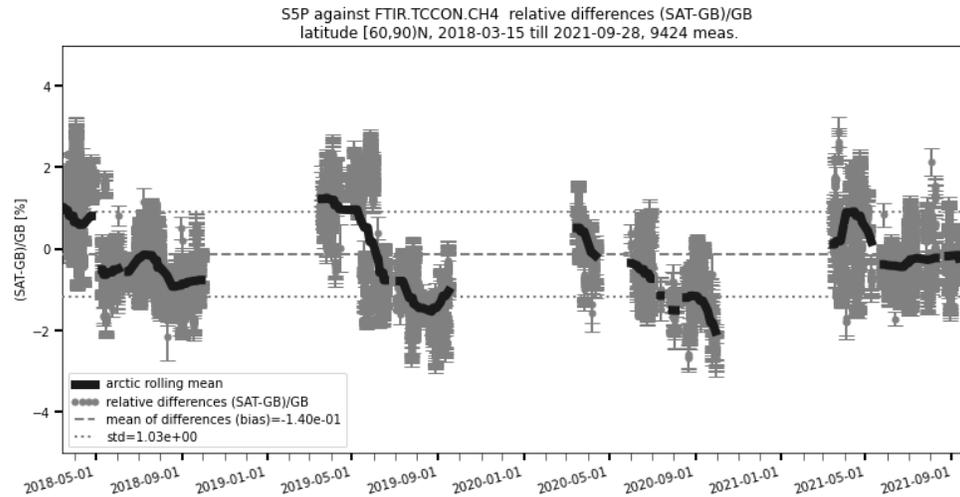
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## Validation using TCCON GGG2020 data



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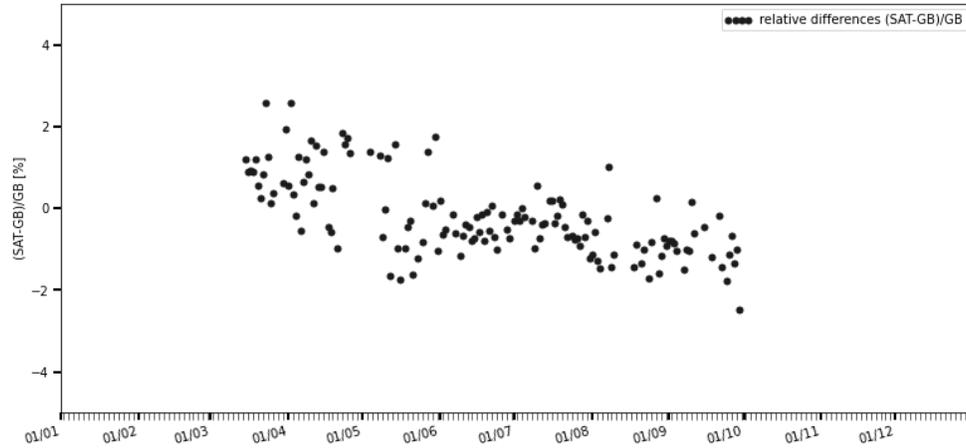


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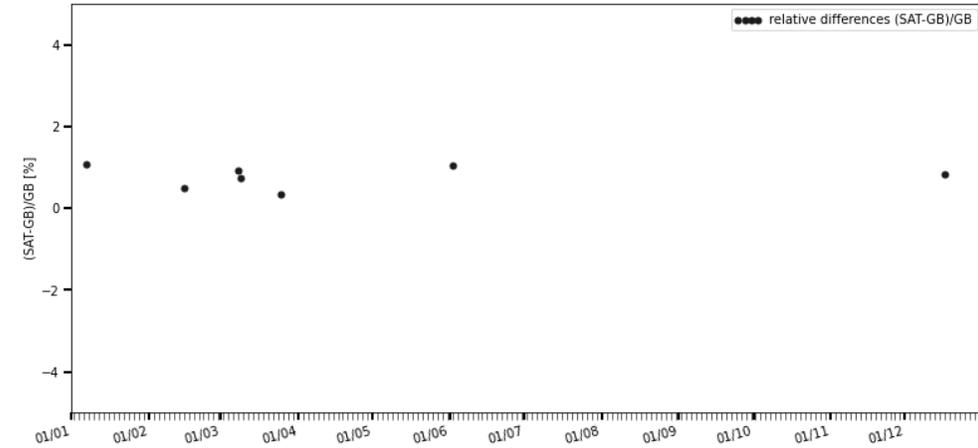


## Validation using TCCON GGG2020 data

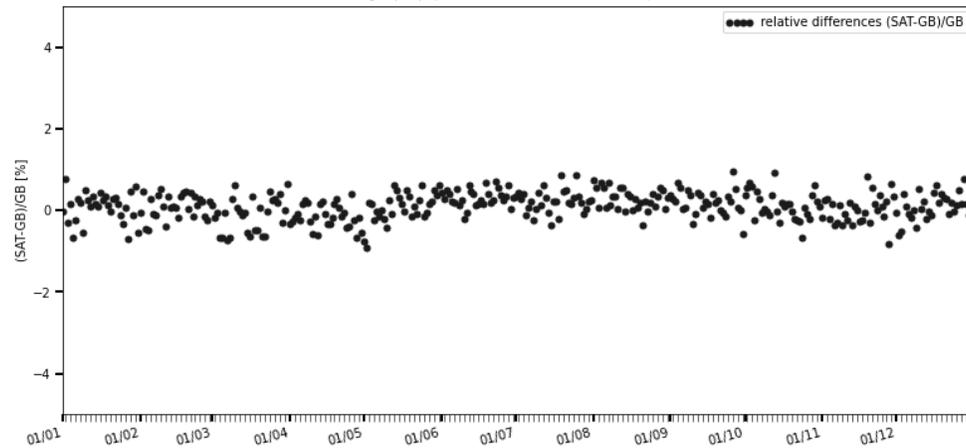
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latitude [60,90]N, 2020-03-15 till 2020-09-29, 145 meas.



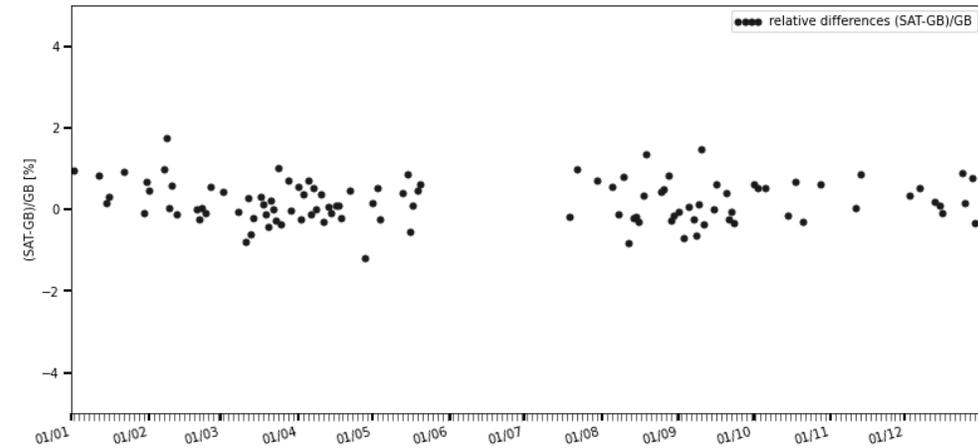
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latitude [-30,30]N, 2020-01-07 till 2020-12-17, 7 meas.



S5P against FTIR.TCCON.CH4 daily mean relative differences (SAT-GB)/GB  
latitude [30,60]N, 2020-01-01 till 2020-12-31, 366 meas.



S5P against FTIR.TCCON.CH4 daily mean relative differences (SAT-GB)/GB  
latitude [-60,-30]N, 2020-01-02 till 2020-12-29, 109 meas.



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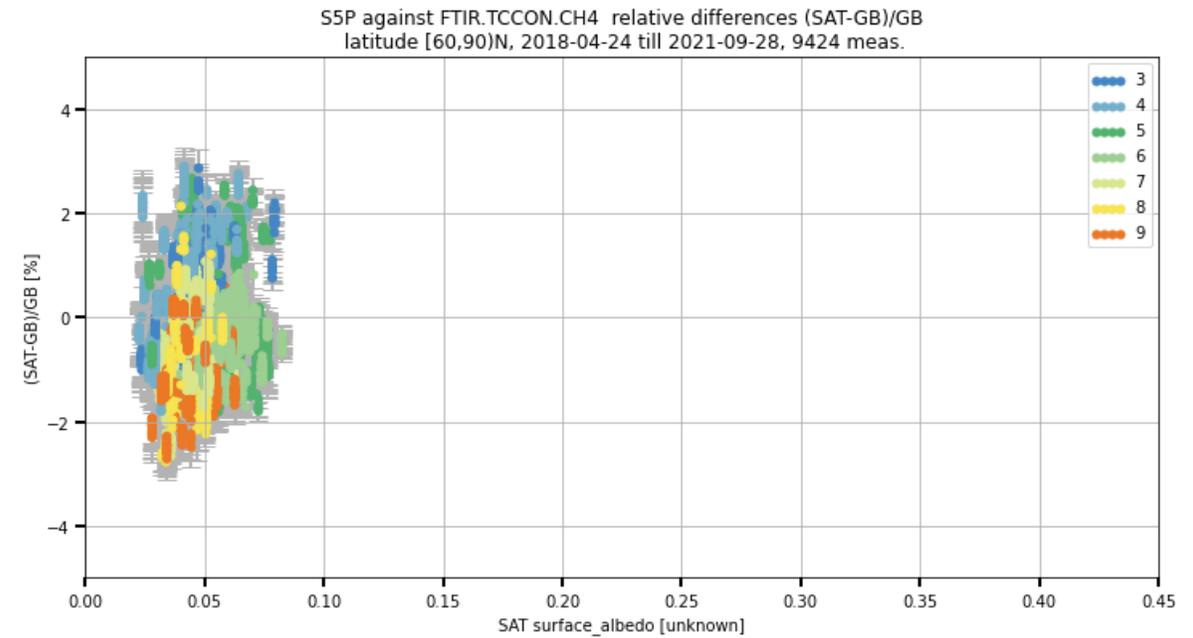
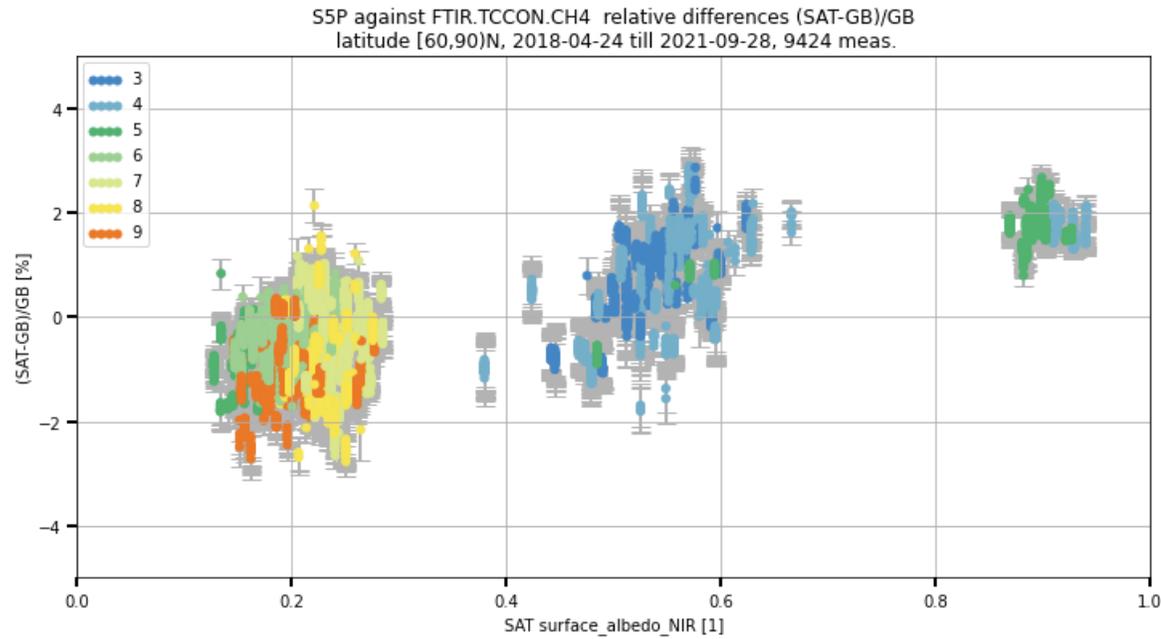
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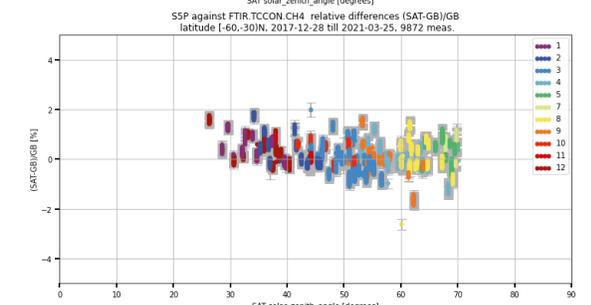
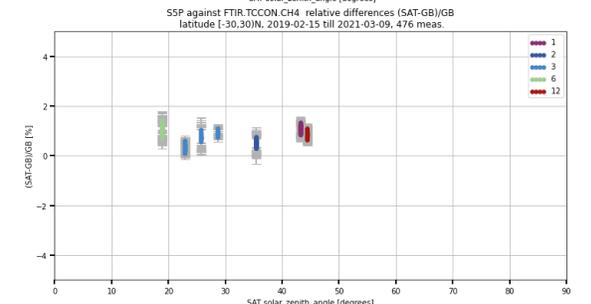
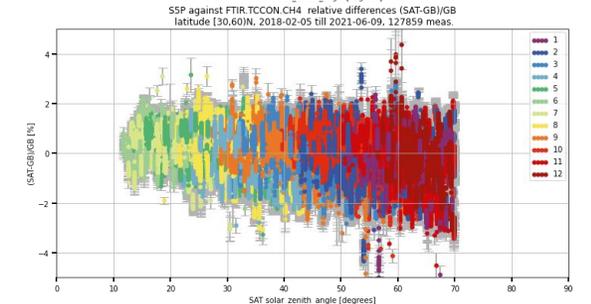
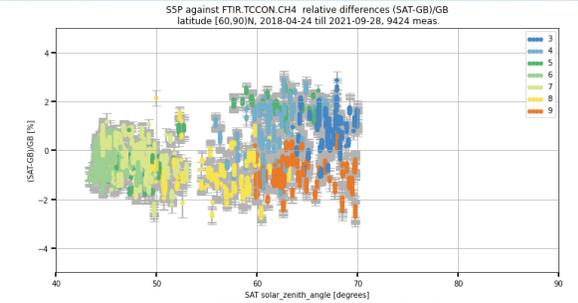
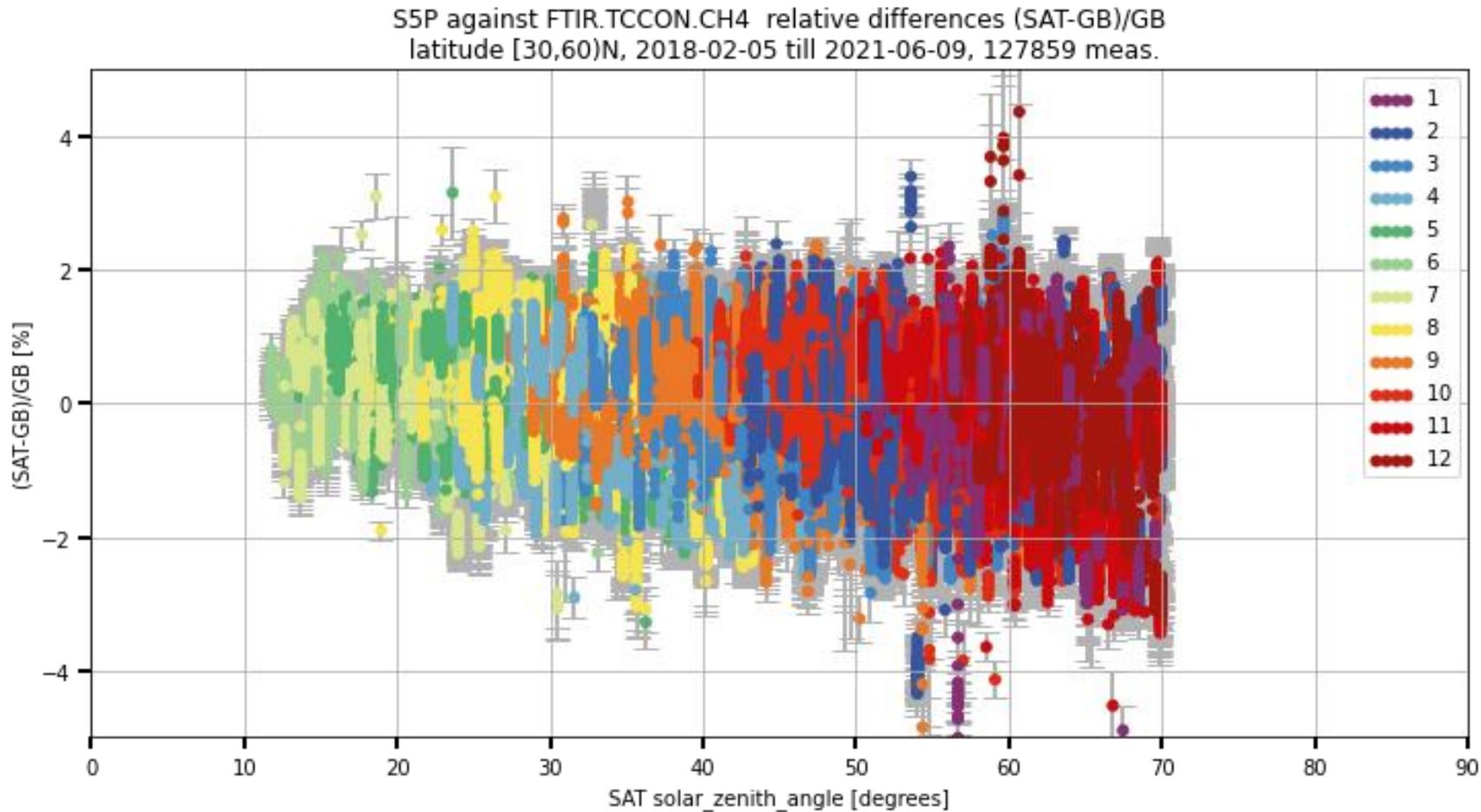
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## Validation using TCCON GGG2020 data



# Conclusions



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**Ground based FTIR networks** – NDACC-IRWG, TCCON & COCCON play a significant role in validating the S-5P CO and CH<sub>4</sub> products.  
- Many thanks to the data providers

## Carbon Monoxide

Overall **bias** w.r.t. ground based FTIR stations improved for each new version of the product → from 6.5% for collection 1 to 3% for collection 2 and currently  $\pm 2\%$  for collection 3. The **dispersion** improved slightly over the different versions (5% → 4.5%). Pearson correlation coefficient of  $> 0.9$ .

No clear signal of trend in bias seen, a seasonal dependence of  $< 5\%$  is observed with maximum during local winter. The annual cycle in TCCON is within the combined uncertainty and not seen in NDACC

## Methane

Overall bias w.r.t. ground based FTIR stations improved from collection 1 to 2 → 0.3%. The dispersion over the different versions stayed around 0.6%. Pearson correlation coefficient of about 0.8.

Influence of surface albedo observed in the bias (**1-3%**).

Seasonal and solar zenith angle dependence observed.

Systematic and random uncertainty of S-5P CO and CH<sub>4</sub> products validated against the combined FTIR stations is well within the mission requirements. Please refer to the quarterly validation report for detailed validation results (<https://mpc-vdaf.tropomi.eu/index.php/search?view=search>).

The latest updated product “collection 3” show lower bias and dispersion and seems to be a very good product.



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