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# Optimizing the Atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> Retrieval Based on the NDACC-Type FTIR Mid-Infrared Spectra at Xianghe, China

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**Abstract:** Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) is the most important long-lived greenhouse gas and can be retrieved using solar absorption spectra recorded by a ground-based Fourier-transform infrared spectrometer (FTIR). In this study, we investigate the CO<sub>2</sub> retrieval strategy using the Network for the Detection of Atmospheric Composition Change–Infrared Working Group (NDACC–IRWG) type spectra between August 2018 and April 2022 (~4 years) at Xianghe, China, aiming to find the optimal observed spectra, retrieval window, and spectroscopy. Two spectral regions, near 2600 and 4800 cm<sup>-1</sup>, are analyzed. The differences in column-averaged dry-air mole fraction of CO<sub>2</sub> (XCO<sub>2</sub>) derived from spectroscopies (ATM18, ATM20, HITRAN2016, and HITRAN2020) can be up to 1.65 ± 0.95 ppm and 7.96 ± 2.02 ppm for NDACC-type 2600 cm<sup>-1</sup> and 4800 cm<sup>-1</sup> retrievals, respectively, which is mainly due to the CO<sub>2</sub> differences in air-broadened Lorentzian HWHM coefficient ( $\gamma_{\text{air}}$ ) and line intensity (S). HITRAN2020 provides the best fitting, and the retrieved CO<sub>2</sub> columns and profiles from both 2600 and 4800 cm<sup>-1</sup> are compared to the co-located Total Column Carbon Observing Network (TCCON) measurements and the greenhouse gas reanalysis dataset from the Copernicus Atmosphere Monitoring Service (CAMS). The amplitude of XCO<sub>2</sub> seasonal variation derived from the NDACC-type (4800 cm<sup>-1</sup>) is closer to the TCCON measurements than that from the NDACC-type (2600 cm<sup>-1</sup>). Moreover, the NDACC-type (2600 cm<sup>-1</sup>) retrievals are strongly affected by the a priori profile. For tropospheric XCO<sub>2</sub>, the correlation coefficient between NDACC-type (4800 cm<sup>-1</sup>) and CAMS model is 0.73, which is higher than that between NDACC-type (2600 cm<sup>-1</sup>) and CAMS model (R = 0.56).

**Keywords:** carbon dioxide; ground-based FTIR; mid-infrared solar spectrum; NDACC



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## 1. Introduction

Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) is the most important long-lived greenhouse gas that plays a significant role in global climate change. The concentration of CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere has increased from 277 ppm in 1750 to 417.2 ppm in 2022 [1,2], which is mainly owing to human activities such as fossil fuel combustion and land use change [1]. The IPCC AR6 report demonstrated that the fertilization effect of CO<sub>2</sub> and climate warming can impact the biodiversity of coastal ecosystems [3]. The CO<sub>2</sub> concentration dependence of global terrestrial carbon storage is one of the largest and most uncertain feedbacks to the terrestrial carbon cycle, greatly affecting climate change [4]. Accurate and precise monitoring of atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> can provide an insight into the carbon cycle and help mitigate carbon emissions.

The Total Carbon Column Observing Network (TCCON) uses a ground-based Fourier-transform infrared spectrometer (FTIR) to retrieve column-averaged dry-air mole fraction

of CO<sub>2</sub> (XCO<sub>2</sub>) via shortwave infrared (SWIR) solar absorption spectra. TCCON was established in 2004 with 4 sites and expanded to 28 sites globally in 2023. TCCON XCO<sub>2</sub> measurements have been widely used in carbon cycle study and satellite validation [5–8]. The Network for the Detection of Atmospheric Composition Change–Infrared Working Group (NDACC-IRWG) is another international FTIR network with more than 20 sites globally, recording mid-to-thermal infrared spectra [9]. In total, 10 standard species (CH<sub>4</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O, O<sub>3</sub>, CO, ClONO<sub>2</sub>, HCl, HF, HNO<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub>, HCN) are well documented in the NDACC community with recommended retrieval windows, spectroscopy, and other retrieval parameters (<https://www2.acom.ucar.edu/irwg>, accessed on 5 July 2023).

Previous studies have been carried out to research CO<sub>2</sub> retrieval using NDACC-type spectra, but the CO<sub>2</sub> retrieval strategy is not well investigated or harmonized. Barthlott et al. [10] proposed a CO<sub>2</sub> retrieval strategy using 4 micro-windows near 2620 cm<sup>−1</sup>, and they performed the CO<sub>2</sub> retrievals at several NDACC sites. Buschmann et al. [11] used 8 micro-windows between 2620 cm<sup>−1</sup> and 3345 cm<sup>−1</sup>; they found similar results to Barthlott et al. [10]). NDACC CO<sub>2</sub> retrievals have weak sensitivity to tropospheric change, which means that they are not suitable for studies of variations on shorter timescales [10,11]. Recently, Chiarella et al. [12] used the vicinity of the 4790 cm<sup>−1</sup> band to retrieve XCO<sub>2</sub> in the NDACC observational mode and found that the seasonal variation of XCO<sub>2</sub> was well captured and the precision of retrieval can be up to 0.2% [12]. In addition to the total column, Shan et al. [13] used the same retrieval windows as Barthlott et al. [10] to study the NDACC retrieved CO<sub>2</sub> vertical profile. The paper [13] found that XCO<sub>2</sub> is lower than the tropospheric XCO<sub>2</sub> at Hefei, and that the seasonal phase and amplitude of CO<sub>2</sub> concentration varies among different layers due to the different influence of air masses at different altitudes.

As mentioned above, previous NDACC CO<sub>2</sub> studies used different retrieval strategies, e.g., retrieval window and spectroscopy. In this study, we investigate the CO<sub>2</sub> retrieval strategy using the NDACC-type spectra between August 2018 and April 2022 (~4 years) at Xianghe, and the objective is to find the optimal parameter settings for CO<sub>2</sub> retrievals. Section 2 gives an introduction to the measurement site, retrieval strategies, and datasets involved. The NDACC CO<sub>2</sub> retrievals using different settings are compared to each other in Section 3. In addition, the results from NDACC are also compared with the co-located TCCON measurements, as well as the greenhouse gas reanalysis dataset from the Copernicus Atmosphere Monitoring Service (CAMS). Finally, conclusions are drawn in Section 4.

## 2. Materials and Methods

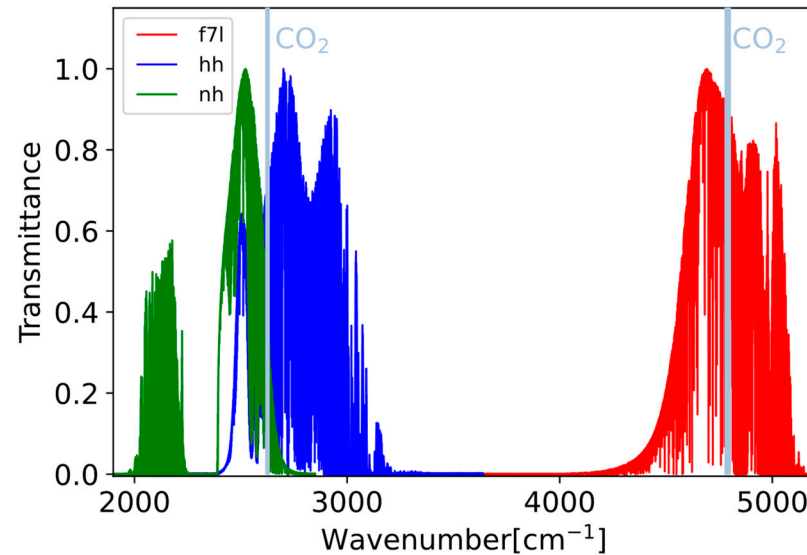
### 2.1. Measurement Site

The Xianghe site (39.75°N, 116.96°E; 36 m above sea level) is located about 50 km southeast of Beijing and is affiliated with the Institute of Atmospheric Physics of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (IAP-CAS). This area is dominated by light industry. The main vegetation type is irrigated farmland, and the surrounding buildings are mainly residential houses with a height of less than 20 m [14]. In June 2016, a Bruker IFS 125HR FTIR instrument was installed, and it began recording solar absorption spectra in June 2018 [15]. Currently, Xianghe is an operational TCCON site, and it also records NDACC-type spectra [16,17].

### 2.2. FTIR Measurement

Two observation modes are used alternately to acquire FTIR spectra at Xianghe. TCCON mode records SWIR spectra, and uses GGG2020 code to retrieve XCO<sub>2</sub>. The SWIR spectra are acquired by the FTIR with an indium gallium arsenide (InGaAs) detector, which covers the spectral range from 3800 to 10,000 cm<sup>−1</sup>, with a spectral resolution of 0.02 cm<sup>−1</sup>. The NDACC mode records mid-infrared (MIR) spectra, and uses SFIT4 code to retrieve both the vertical profile and total column of CO<sub>2</sub>. The MIR spectra are recorded with a liquid-nitrogen-cooled indium antimonide (InSb) detector, which covers the spectral

range from 1800 to 5400  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , with a spectral resolution of 0.0035–0.0078  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  [15]. In addition, NDACC mode uses several optical filters in front of the InSb detector to improve the signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) of the spectra (Appendix A in Blumenstock et al. [18]). Each optical filter obtains a type of spectrum with a specific wavenumber range. As the  $\text{CO}_2$  absorption lines are mainly located near 2600  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and 4800  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  [19,20], three types of spectra are looked into in this study, namely nh, hh, and f7l (Figure 1). Both nh and hh spectra cover the  $\text{CO}_2$  lines near 2600  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , and f7l covers the  $\text{CO}_2$  lines near 4800  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .



**Figure 1.** 3 types of typical spectra obtained with optical filters on 6 August 2021 (nh: filter No. 4, hh: filter No. 3, f7l: filter No. 1 [18]).

We used all the measurements between August 2018 and April 2022. Due to the COVID-19 lockdown, delivery of liquid nitrogen was not feasible between February and May 2020, resulting in a short gap.

### 2.3. NDACC Retrieval Strategy

The SFIT4 v1.0.18 software is used to retrieve the column and vertical profile of atmospheric  $\text{CO}_2$  from the NDACC-type spectra, which comprises an atmospheric radiative transfer model using line-by-line integration and an inversion framework based on the optimal estimation method [21]. In this software, firstly initial atmospheric state vector as input is provided by lots of information including the a priori profiles of gas, temperature and pressure, and line list parameters of gas. The spectrum is simulated based on the atmospheric radiative transfer model combined with instrument line shape, and the difference between simulated and measured spectra is then calculated. The initial state vector will be adjusted iteratively until the difference is less than threshold, at which point the state vector is considered as true. To simulate spectrum, the integral form of the Schwarzschild equation is used, and the atmosphere is subdivided in layers, the number of which is defined by the user. Therefore, the integral can be replaced by a sum over discrete layers in the atmosphere:

$$I = B_\infty \exp(-\tau_\infty) + \sum_{i=0}^n B_i (\exp(-\tau_{i+1}) - \exp(-\tau_i)) \quad (1)$$

$$\tau_i = \sum_{i=0}^n k_i \alpha_i \quad (2)$$

where  $B_i$  represents the Planck function of layer  $i$  and  $\tau_i$  represents the optical depth from ground to layer  $i$ , which is calculated by the absorption cross section  $\alpha_i$  and absorber  $k_i$ .  $n$

represents the number of total layers, which we set here as 47. The main retrieval parameter settings are listed in Table 1.

**Table 1.** The parameters setting of CO<sub>2</sub> retrieval from 3 NDACC-type spectra (nh, hh and f7l).

Spectral Type	nh, hh	f7l
Retrieval windows (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	2620.55–2621.10	4789.80–4790.50
	2626.40–2626.85	4791.70–4792.10
	2627.10–2627.60	4795.10–4795.525
	2629.275–2629.950	4797.8–4798.25
Interfering gases	CH <sub>4</sub> , H <sub>2</sub> O, HDO, O <sub>3</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> O, HDO, CH <sub>4</sub> , N <sub>2</sub> O
Regularization	Tikhonov (α = 1500)	Tikhonov (α = 2500)
T, P and H <sub>2</sub> O profiles		NCEP
A priori profiles of retrieved species		WACCM v7
SNR	400	250

The retrieved CO<sub>2</sub> profile  $x_r$  can be presented as:

$$x_r = x_a + A(x_t - x_a) + \varepsilon, \quad (3)$$

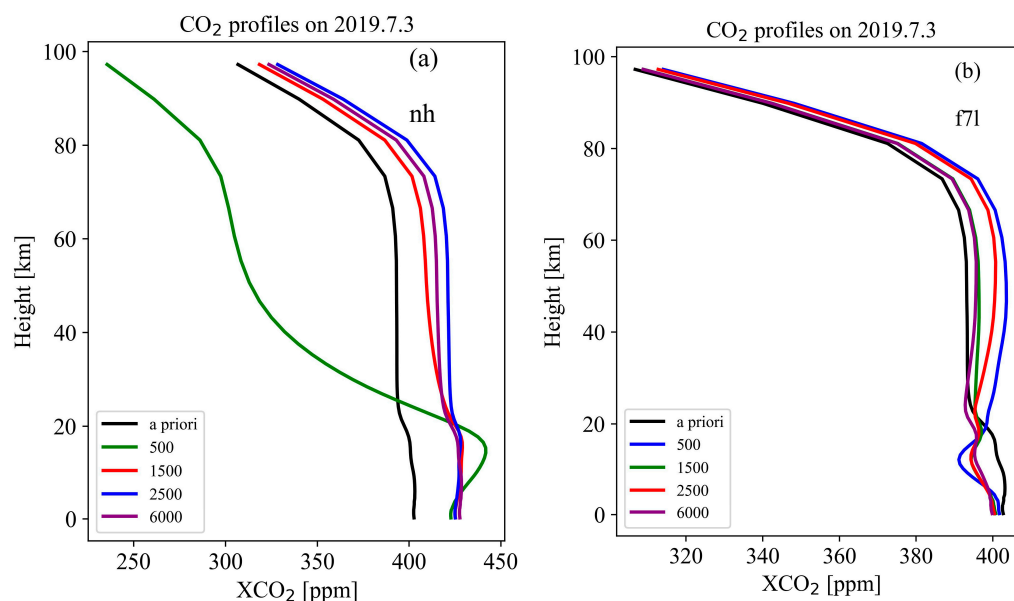
$$A = GK = \left( K^T S_e^{-1} K + S_a^{-1} \right)^{-1} K^T S_e^{-1} K, \quad (4)$$

where  $x_t$  and  $x_a$  represent the true and a priori profiles of CO<sub>2</sub> mole fraction, respectively;  $\varepsilon$  represents the error containing the forward model and observation error;  $K$  and  $G$  are the Jacobian matrix and gain matrix, respectively; and  $S_e$  and  $S_a$  are the covariance matrix of the measurement and prior, respectively. The relative magnitudes of  $S_e$  and  $S_a$  determine the weights of measurement and a priori information. Here,  $S_e$  is constructed using the spectral signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) whose diagonal elements are set to  $(1/\text{SNR}^2)$  and non-diagonal lines are 0. The SNR near 2600 cm<sup>-1</sup> and 4800 cm<sup>-1</sup> bands are set to 400 and 250, respectively.  $A$  is the averaging kernel matrix, indicating the sensitivity of the retrieved CO<sub>2</sub> profile to the perturbation of the true and prior at each vertical level.

The Tikhonov regularization is used to construct  $S_a$  ( $S_a^{-1} = R = \alpha L_1^T L_1$ ) [22], where  $\alpha$  values are chosen depending on the root mean square error (RMSE), DOF, and the CO<sub>2</sub> profile from the retrieval [23]. Several  $\alpha$  values were tested with the spectra on 3 July 2019, as this was a day with a relatively large number (9 for nh and 10 for f7l) and high quality of spectra. The results for NDACC-type (2600 cm<sup>-1</sup>) and NDACC-type (4800 cm<sup>-1</sup>) retrievals are listed in Table 2, and the a priori and retrieved CO<sub>2</sub> vertical profiles are shown in Figure 2. It is noted that we use the same parameter settings for nh and hh type spectra (2600 cm<sup>-1</sup>), and the retrieved results shown in Figure 2 are the nh type spectra. For NDACC-type (2600 cm<sup>-1</sup>) retrievals, the CO<sub>2</sub> vertical profile exhibits significant anomalies with  $\alpha = 500$ . The RMSE with  $\alpha = 1500$  is almost the same as those with  $\alpha = 2500$  and  $\alpha = 6000$ , but the DOF is greater. For NDACC-type (4800 cm<sup>-1</sup>) retrievals, the XCO<sub>2</sub> value with  $\alpha = 2500$  is similar to that with  $\alpha = 6000$  and provides the lowest mean RMSE value. Finally, the  $\alpha$  near the 2600 cm<sup>-1</sup> and 4800 cm<sup>-1</sup> bands are set to 1500 and 2500, respectively.

**Table 2.** The mean and standard deviation of XCO<sub>2</sub>, RMSE and DOF from NDACC-type (2600 cm<sup>-1</sup>) and NDACC-type (4800 cm<sup>-1</sup>) retrievals on 3 July 2019 with different  $\alpha$  values.

	nh				f7l			
	500	1500	2500	6000	500	1500	2500	6000
α	500	1500	2500	6000	500	1500	2500	6000
XCO <sub>2</sub> (ppm)	430.64 ± 2.05	429.84 ± 1.18	430.15 ± 0.78	430.89 ± 0.88	403.01 ± 2.47	403.66 ± 1.90	403.63 ± 1.95	403.58 ± 1.72
RMSE (%)	0.095 ± 0.018	0.092 ± 0.020	0.092 ± 0.020	0.093 ± 0.020	0.144 ± 0.125	0.112 ± 0.053	0.092 ± 0.017	0.095 ± 0.016
DOF	2.27 ± 0.19	1.89 ± 0.16	1.72 ± 0.16	1.45 ± 0.13	3.20 ± 0.16	2.76 ± 0.11	2.55 ± 0.11	2.18 ± 0.10



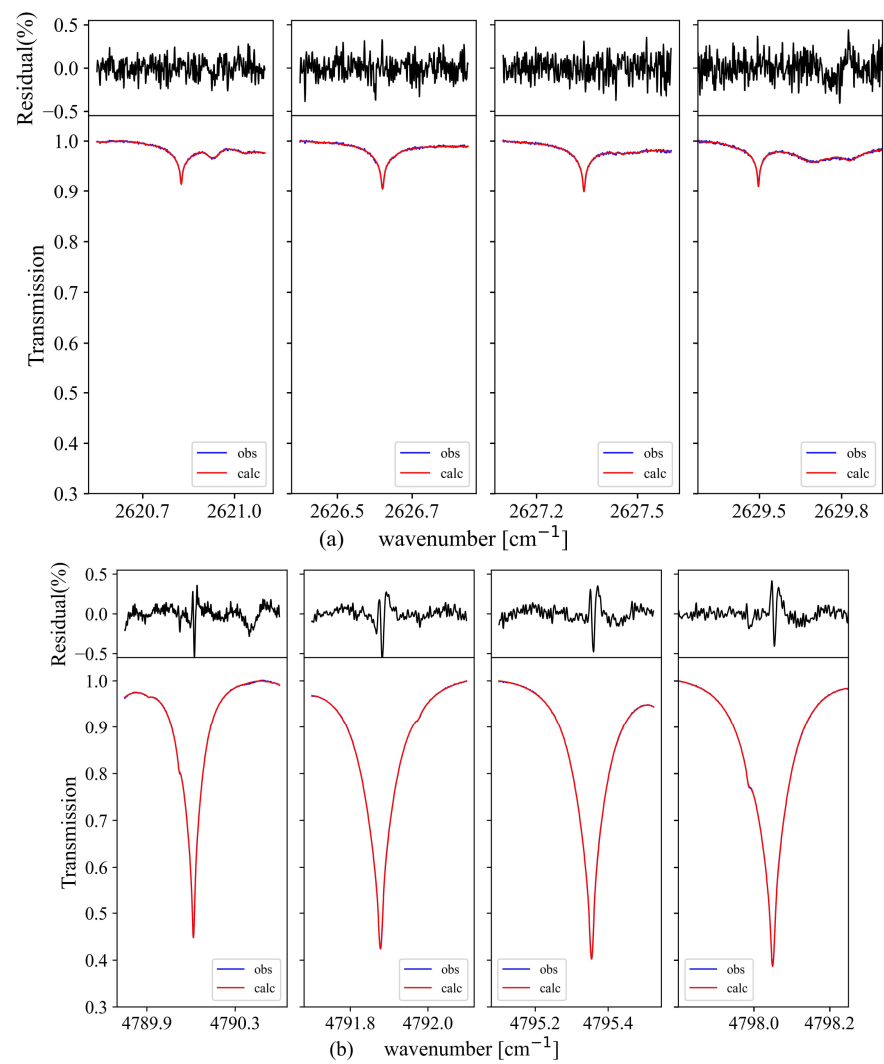
**Figure 2.** The a priori and retrieved CO<sub>2</sub> vertical profiles on 3 July 2019 for NDACC-type (2600 cm<sup>-1</sup>) (a) and NDACC-type (4800 cm<sup>-1</sup>) (b) retrievals with different  $\alpha$  values.

Regarding the a priori profiles, we use the mean of the Whole Atmosphere Community Climate Model (WACCM v7) between 1980 and 2040 to generate the CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O, and O<sub>3</sub> priors. Note that these a priori profiles are fixed, which means that they do not vary with time. Due to the large variation, the a priori profiles of H<sub>2</sub>O and HDO are derived from the National Centers for Environmental Protection (NCEP) 6-hourly reanalysis data and interpolated to the measurement time.

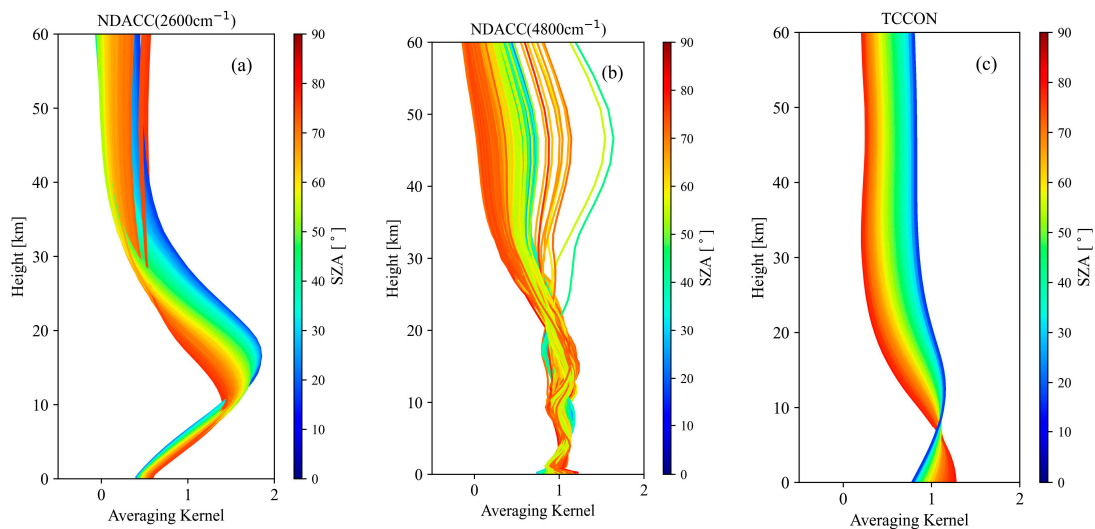
The spectroscopic parameters are key elements in the remote sensing field. Here, several spectroscopic databases have been tested in Section 3.1.1. The retrieval micro-windows are rather important, too. Generally, retrieval windows are taken where the target gas absorption is significant but not saturated and where interference from other gases is minimized [11]. In the MIR spectral range, there are many other interfering gases with strong absorption. According to the HITRAN2020 database, as well as previous studies, micro-windows near 2600 cm<sup>-1</sup> and 4800 cm<sup>-1</sup> are selected separately. The interfering gases simultaneously retrieved in each band are given in Table 1 [10,12,24]. Figure 3 shows two typical spectra near 2600 cm<sup>-1</sup> collected at 01:57 UTC on 16 April 2019 with a solar zenith angle (SZA) of 48.67° and near 4800 cm<sup>-1</sup> collected at 01:26 UTC on 16 April 2019 with a SZA of 43.35°, respectively. The fitting residuals of all windows are within  $\pm 0.5\%$ , and the two RMSE values are 0.116% and 0.111%, indicating that we obtained good fits in both spectral regions.

The CO<sub>2</sub> total column averaging kernels (AVK) from the FTIR retrievals are shown in Figure 4. The shape and numerical magnitude of the column AVK are influenced by various factors, such as SZA, retrieval window, and spectroscopy [12,25,26]. The NDACC-type (2600 cm<sup>-1</sup>) CO<sub>2</sub> retrievals have a relatively weak sensitivity in the lower troposphere but a good sensitivity in the upper troposphere and lower stratosphere, with values varying from 0.5 to 1.5 with altitude in the troposphere. The NDACC-type (4800 cm<sup>-1</sup>) CO<sub>2</sub> retrievals have a good sensitivity in the troposphere and lower stratosphere, with values close to 1.

According to the optimal estimation method (OEM) [21], the trace of  $A$  is the signal degree of freedom (DOF). When the DOF of the target gas within a vertical range is greater than 1, this indicates that the corresponding total column can be separated into independent partial columns [24,27]. Vertical information on CO<sub>2</sub> can be obtained in our NDACC retrievals, and here the DOF is about 2.0 for the NDACC-type (2600 cm<sup>-1</sup>) CO<sub>2</sub> retrievals and about 2.6 for the NDACC-type (4800 cm<sup>-1</sup>) CO<sub>2</sub> retrievals.



**Figure 3.** The spectral micro-windows used for the retrieval of CO<sub>2</sub> in 2600 cm<sup>-1</sup> ((a); 16 April 2019, 01:57 UTC, SZA: 48.67°) and 4800 cm<sup>-1</sup> ((b); 16 April 2019 01:26 UTC, SZA: 43.35°) respectively. The spectra are fitted with HITRAN2020.



**Figure 4.** CO<sub>2</sub> total column averaging kernels from the NDACC-type (2600 cm<sup>-1</sup>) (a), NDACC-type (4800 cm<sup>-1</sup>) (b) and TCCON (c) retrievals.

## 2.4. Reference Datasets and Comparison Methods

### 2.4.1. TCCON

As mentioned above, TCCON measurements are also carried out at Xianghe. TCCON uses the GGG2020 algorithm to retrieve  $XCO_2$  [28]:

$$XCO_2 = 0.2095 \times \frac{Column_{CO_2}}{Column_{O_2}}, \quad (5)$$

where the  $CO_2$  column is retrieved using 6180–6260  $cm^{-1}$  and 6297–6382  $cm^{-1}$  bands and the  $O_2$  column is retrieved in the 7765–8005  $cm^{-1}$  band. Using the retrieved  $O_2$  column can reduce common uncertainties, such as instrument and light path errors [10,25]. The uncertainty of TCCON  $XCO_2$  is proved to be below 0.15% (~0.6 ppm) [29], and the TCCON  $CO_2$  retrievals have good sensitivity in the troposphere (Figure 4c).

To evaluate the performance of the retrieval of NDACC  $XCO_2$ , the results are compared with co-located TCCON measurements. Note that NDACC uses the surface pressure and water vapor column to calculate  $XCO_2$ :

$$XCO_2 = \frac{VC_{CO_2}}{\frac{P_s N_A}{m_{air}^{dry} \{g\}} - \frac{VC_{H_2O} m_{H_2O}}{m_{air}^{dry}}}, \quad (6)$$

where  $m_{air}^{dry}$  and  $m_{H_2O}$  are the molecular masses of dry air and water, respectively;  $P_s$  is the surface pressure;  $\{g\}$  is the column-averaged gravitational acceleration;  $VC_{CO_2}$  and  $VC_{H_2O}$  are the total column of  $CO_2$  and  $H_2O$ , respectively; and  $N_A$  is the Avogadro constant number, which is  $6.022 \times 10^{23}$  molecules/mole [30,31].

Since TCCON and NDACC use different a priori profiles and have different vertical sensitivities, we need to correct these differences before comparing both datasets [32]. Here, a prior substitution is applied, where the TCCON a priori profile is used as the common a priori profile to adapt the NDACC retrievals [33]:

$$x'_{N,r} = x_{N,r} + (I - A_N)(x_{T,a} - x_{N,a}), \quad (7)$$

where  $x_{N,r}$  is the NDACC retrieved  $CO_2$  profile;  $I$  is the unit matrix;  $A_N$  is the NDACC averaging kernel matrix; and  $x_{T,a}$  and  $x_{N,a}$  are the TCCON and NDACC a priori profiles, respectively. After that, the  $x'_{N,r}$  is smoothed with TCCON column averaging kernel ( $A_T$ ) to take the vertical sensitivity of TCCON retrievals into consideration:

$$TC''_{N,r} = TC_{a,T} + A_T PC_{dry,air} (x'_{N,r} - x_{T,a}), \quad (8)$$

where  $PC_{dry,air}$  is the dry air partial column profile and  $TC_{a,T}$  is the TCCON a priori total column. Finally,  $TC''_{N,r}$  is compared to the co-located TCCON retrievals.

### 2.4.2. CAMS Global Greenhouse Gas Reanalysis (EGG4)

The CAMS global greenhouse gas reanalysis (version egg4) assimilates both in situ and satellite measurements. It provides atmospheric  $CO_2$  mole fractions with a spatial resolution of  $0.75^\circ \times 0.75^\circ$  and a temporal resolution of 3 h. In this study, we use 1-year (2019) model data with 25 pressure levels (1000 to 1 hPa). The CAMS global greenhouse reanalysis data (EGG4) has been well evaluated in previous studies, whose error is within  $\pm 10$  ppm for near-surface  $CO_2$  mole fraction and  $\pm 4$  ppm for  $XCO_2$ , respectively, for the period from 2003 to 2020, validated against a set of independent observations. The CAMS model can capture well the synoptic and large-scale variability of  $CO_2$  [34].

In addition, the vertical profiles of target gas can be provided in NDACC retrievals. For the purpose of evaluating the performance of the NDACC  $CO_2$  vertical retrievals, the tropospheric  $CO_2$  partial column from NDACC measurement is compared with CAMS

model data as well. In consideration of the comparison, for CAMS model data, the nearest model pixel close to Xianghe is selected.

To obtain tropospheric information, we choose the monthly mean of tropopause pressure gridded data from NCEP/NCAR reanalysis dataset in 2019, which is global and has a grid resolution of  $2.5^\circ \times 2.5^\circ$ , and can be downloaded from <https://psl.noaa.gov/data/gridded/data.ncep.reanalysis.html#source> (accessed on 5 July 2023). We use the grid data near Xianghe and then convert pressure values into altitude values and take an average. Here, the troposphere is set to 12.2 km. In the vertical range between the surface and the tropopause height, the mean DOF of CO<sub>2</sub> from NDACC-type (2600 cm<sup>-1</sup>) retrievals is about 1.0, and from NDACC-type (4800 cm<sup>-1</sup>) retrievals is about 1.5. This indicates that we can derive an independent partial column from both NDACC-type CO<sub>2</sub> retrievals. The tropospheric XCO<sub>2</sub> mole fraction is defined as:

$$x_{\text{CO}_2, \text{trop}} = \frac{\text{Column}_{\text{CO}_2, \text{trop}}}{\text{Column}_{\text{dry air}, \text{trop}}}, \quad (9)$$

where  $\text{Column}_{\text{CO}_2, \text{trop}}$  and  $\text{Column}_{\text{dry air}, \text{trop}}$  represent partial columns of CO<sub>2</sub> and dry air in the troposphere, respectively [24,35].

The CAMS model profiles are first interpolated into the NDACC altitude layer and then smoothed with the NDACC AVK [32]:

$$x_{\text{CAMS}, s} = x_a + A(x_{\text{CAMS}} - x_a), \quad (10)$$

where  $x_{\text{CAMS}}$  and  $x_{\text{CAMS}, s}$  are the CAMS reanalysis CO<sub>2</sub> profiles without and with smoothing, respectively.  $x_a$  is the NDACC a priori profile and  $A$  is averaging kernel matrix from NDACC retrievals.  $x_{\text{CAMS}, s}$  is compared to the NDACC retrievals.

### 3. Results

#### 3.1. Sensitivity Studies

##### 3.1.1. Impact from the Type of Spectra and Spectroscopy

Based on previous studies, the uncertainty of the spectroscopy is the dominant error source in CO<sub>2</sub> retrieval [10,36]. In this section, 4 spectroscopies (ATM18, ATM20, HITRAN2016 and HITRAN2020) were tested for NDACC CO<sub>2</sub> retrievals. Note that we kept all the other parameters unchanged and only changed the spectroscopic parameters of CO<sub>2</sub>. For the interfering species (H<sub>2</sub>O, HDO, CH<sub>4</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O, O<sub>3</sub>), we all used the ATM20 line list, as it provides the best fitting.

The mean values of XCO<sub>2</sub>, RMSE, and DOF derived from the nh, hh, and f71 spectra when using these four spectroscopic databases between August 2018 and April 2022 are presented in Table 3. In the 2600 cm<sup>-1</sup> band, the mean RMSE values from nh and hh spectra reach the minimum by using the HITRAN2020. The mean retrieved XCO<sub>2</sub> with ATM18 and HITRAN2016 are the same, and the retrieved XCO<sub>2</sub> with HITRAN2020 is slightly lower. Such a difference is mainly due to the difference in line list parameters of CO<sub>2</sub>. By using the same spectroscopy, the mean XCO<sub>2</sub> derived from the nh spectra is slightly greater than that derived from the hh spectra, with a difference of about 0.2–0.3 ppm, and the RMSE derived from the nh spectra is about 0.02% lower than that derived from the hh spectra. It is indicated that the fit of nh spectra is slightly better than that of hh spectra for the CO<sub>2</sub> retrievals in the 2600 cm<sup>-1</sup> spectral region.

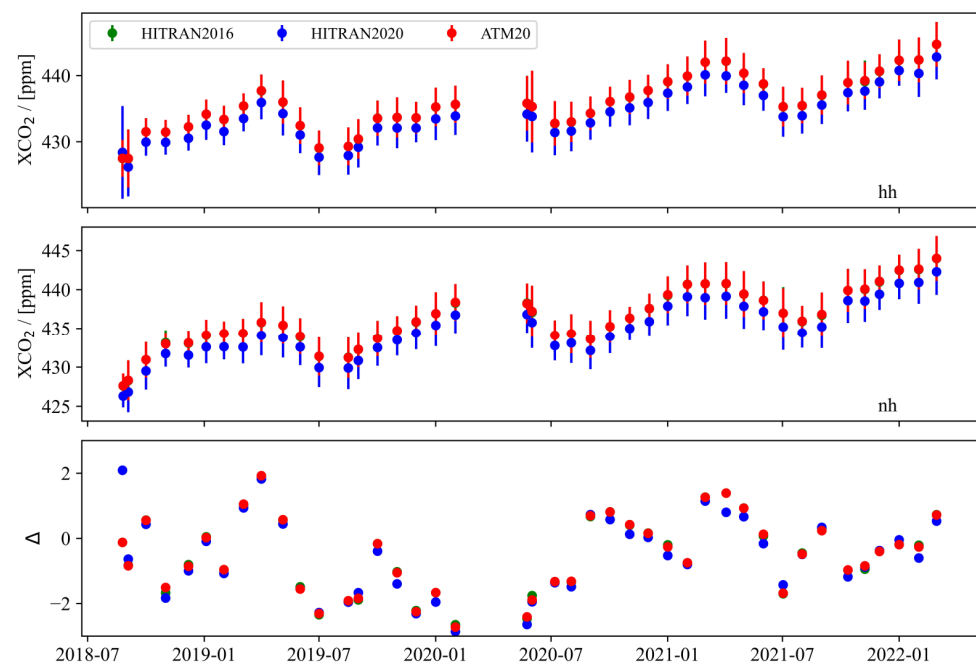
Since the retrieved XCO<sub>2</sub> values with ATM18 and HITRAN2016 are the same, the time series of monthly mean retrieved XCO<sub>2</sub> using ATM20, HITRAN2016, and HITRAN2020 derived from the nh and hh spectra, together with their differences, are shown in Figure 5. Note that the values here are original, without a priori substitution or AVK smoothing (same as Figure 6). The retrieved XCO<sub>2</sub> using different spectroscopies shows a consistent seasonal variation, with a maximum in spring and a minimum in summer. Moreover, the amplitudes of the seasonal variations using different spectroscopies are almost the same. The monthly standard deviation of XCO<sub>2</sub> derived from the nh spectra is slightly less than



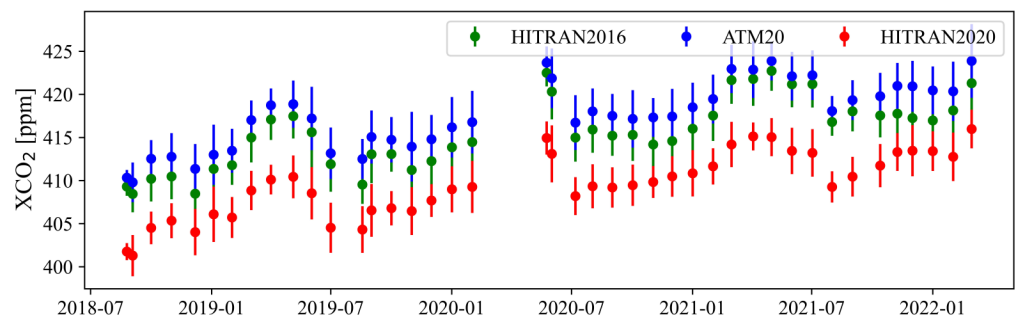
that derived from the hh spectra. A slight difference in  $XCO_2$  derived from nh and hh is observed, with a range of  $-2.5$  to  $2.1$  ppm. One possible reason is that the nh and hh spectra are not observed at the same time, leading to a sampling error. Nevertheless, the retrieved results between nh and hh are similar, and only the results of nh are shown in the remainder of this paper.

**Table 3.** The retrieved mean  $XCO_2$ , RMSE, and DOF from NDACC-type spectra at Xianghe with different spectroscopic databases for the period between August 2018 and April 2022. The number of nh, hh, and f7l spectra is 2608, 2443, and 2087, separately.

Spectroscopic Database	$XCO_2$ (ppm)			RMSE (%)			DOF		
	nh	hh	f7l	nh	hh	f7l	nh	hh	f7l
ATM18	436.58	436.38	416.92	0.125	0.143	0.154	1.97	1.93	2.60
ATM20	436.60	436.40	416.92	0.125	0.143	0.154	1.97	1.93	2.60
HITRAN2016	436.58	436.38	414.87	0.125	0.143	0.181	1.97	1.93	2.63
HITRAN2020	435.07	434.75	408.97	0.124	0.142	0.129	1.97	1.94	2.60



**Figure 5.** Time series of monthly mean  $XCO_2$  derived from different spectroscopic databases (HITRAN2016, HITRAN2020, and ATM20) with hh type spectra (top), nh type spectra (middle), and the absolute differences in retrieved  $XCO_2$  between hh and nh (hh-nh) (bottom).

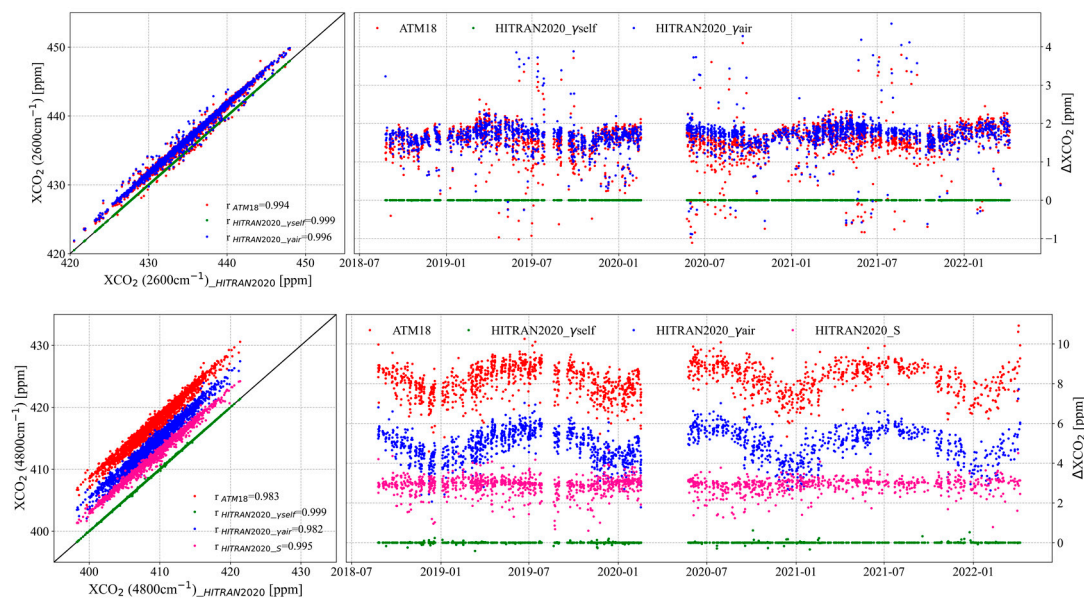


**Figure 6.** Time series of monthly mean retrieved  $XCO_2$  from f7l type spectra with HITRAN2016, ATM18, and HITRAN2020, respectively.

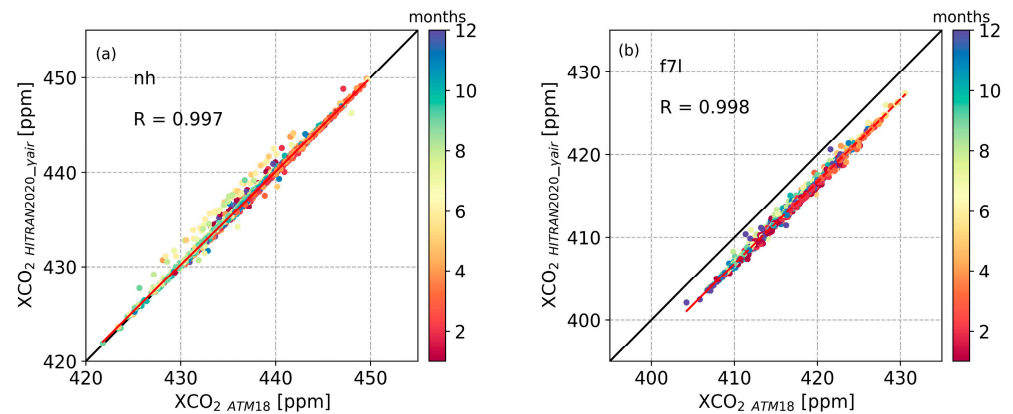
As for the  $4800\text{ cm}^{-1}$  band, there is only one spectral type (f7l). The mean DOF in the  $\text{CO}_2$  retrievals with these four spectroscopic databases are almost consistent (2.6). The retrieved results by using ATM18 and ATM20 are the same. The retrieved  $\text{XCO}_2$  values with HITRAN2020 are about 6–8 ppm lower than the others, and they show their superiority for significantly lower RMSE values, with a value of about 0.13% [37]. Figure 6 shows the time series of retrieved monthly mean  $\text{XCO}_2$  derived from the f7l spectra. Similar to the features exhibited in  $2600\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , using different spectroscopies has comparable seasonal variations of  $\text{XCO}_2$ , but with slightly different mean values.

### 3.1.2. Impact from Line List Parameters

To better understand the impact of spectroscopy, we made sensitivity tests about the line intensity ( $S$ ), air-broadened Lorentzian HWHM coefficient ( $\gamma_{\text{air}}$ ), and self-broadened Lorentzian HWHM coefficient ( $\gamma_{\text{self}}$ ). Firstly, we changed these values in HITRAN2020 at the position of the strongest line intensity in retrieval windows to the values of corresponding positions in ATM18. The information of the position with the strongest line intensity in each retrieval micro-window from four different spectroscopies are listed in Table A1. Then, the  $\text{XCO}_2$  values retrieved with the changed HITRAN2020 (HITRAN2020\_ $\gamma_{\text{air}}$ , HITRAN2020\_ $\gamma_{\text{self}}$ , and HITRAN2020\_ $S$ ) were compared to the  $\text{XCO}_2$  retrieved with unchanged HITRAN2020 and ATM18. Figure 7 shows the correlations and differences between retrieved  $\text{XCO}_2$  with unchanged HITRAN2020 and different spectroscopies in  $2600\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (nh) and  $4800\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (f7l) bands, respectively. In the  $2600\text{ cm}^{-1}$  band, the values of  $S$  at the corresponding positions in ATM18 and HITRAN2020 are the same. Therefore, only the retrieved values with HITRAN2020\_ $\gamma_{\text{air}}$  (blue) and HITRAN2020\_ $\gamma_{\text{self}}$  (green), respectively, are given here. In  $2600\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , it can apparently be found that the retrieved  $\text{XCO}_2$  with HITRAN2020\_ $\gamma_{\text{self}}$  is very close to those using unchanged HITRAN2020. The difference between them is close to 0, and the Pearson correlation coefficient ( $R$ ) is about 0.999. The retrieved  $\text{XCO}_2$  with HITRAN2020\_ $\gamma_{\text{air}}$  is much closer to that with those using ATM18, with an  $R$  of 0.997 (Figure 8a).



**Figure 7.** The correlations (left) and the time series of differences from August 2018 to April 2022 (right) between the retrieved  $\text{XCO}_2$  using different spectroscopies (ATM18; HITRAN2020\_ $\gamma_{\text{self}}$ ; HITRAN2020\_ $\gamma_{\text{air}}$ ; and HITRAN2020\_ $S$ ) and unchanged HITRAN2020 in  $2600\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (upper) and  $4800\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (bottom) bands. Note that the line intensity ( $S$ ) at the corresponding positions in ATM18 and HITRAN2020 are the same in the  $2600\text{ cm}^{-1}$  band so that only the parameters  $\gamma_{\text{air}}$  (blue) and  $\gamma_{\text{self}}$  (green) are shown here. “ $r$ ” is the correlation coefficient between the retrieved  $\text{XCO}_2$  using unchanged HITRAN2020 and spectroscopy shown in subscript.



**Figure 8.** The correlations between retrieved  $XCO_2$  using HITRAN2020 after changing  $\gamma_{air}$  and ATM18 in  $2600\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (a) and  $4800\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (b). The correlation dots are colored with their measurement months. The red dashed line is the linear regression curve. R is the correlation coefficient.

In  $4800\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , among these changed parameters, the retrieved  $XCO_2$  with HITRAN2020\_ $\gamma_{air}$  is quite different from that with unchanged HITRAN2020 but much closer to that with ATM18, which shows the same performance as in  $2600\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . The R between the retrieved  $XCO_2$  with HITRAN2020\_ $\gamma_{air}$  and ATM18 is 0.998 (Figure 8b). Additionally, the parameter S also plays an important role in retrieval, with R of 0.995 between the retrieved  $XCO_2$  using HITRAN2020\_S and unchanged HITRAN2020. The difference between retrieved  $CO_2$  with changed HITRAN2020 and unchanged HITRAN2020 is  $4.93 \pm 0.79\text{ ppm}$  for HITRAN2020\_ $\gamma_{air}$ ,  $2.90 \pm 0.41\text{ ppm}$  for HITRAN2020\_S, and  $0.004 \pm 0.04\text{ ppm}$  for HITRAN2020\_ $\gamma_{self}$ , respectively. The difference in parameter  $\gamma_{self}$  causes little effect, which is consistent with the characteristics found in  $2600\text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

In summary, we select the HITRAN2020 for  $CO_2$  retrieval both for NDACC-type ( $2600\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) and NDACC-type ( $4800\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ).

### 3.2. Comparison with TCCON Measurements

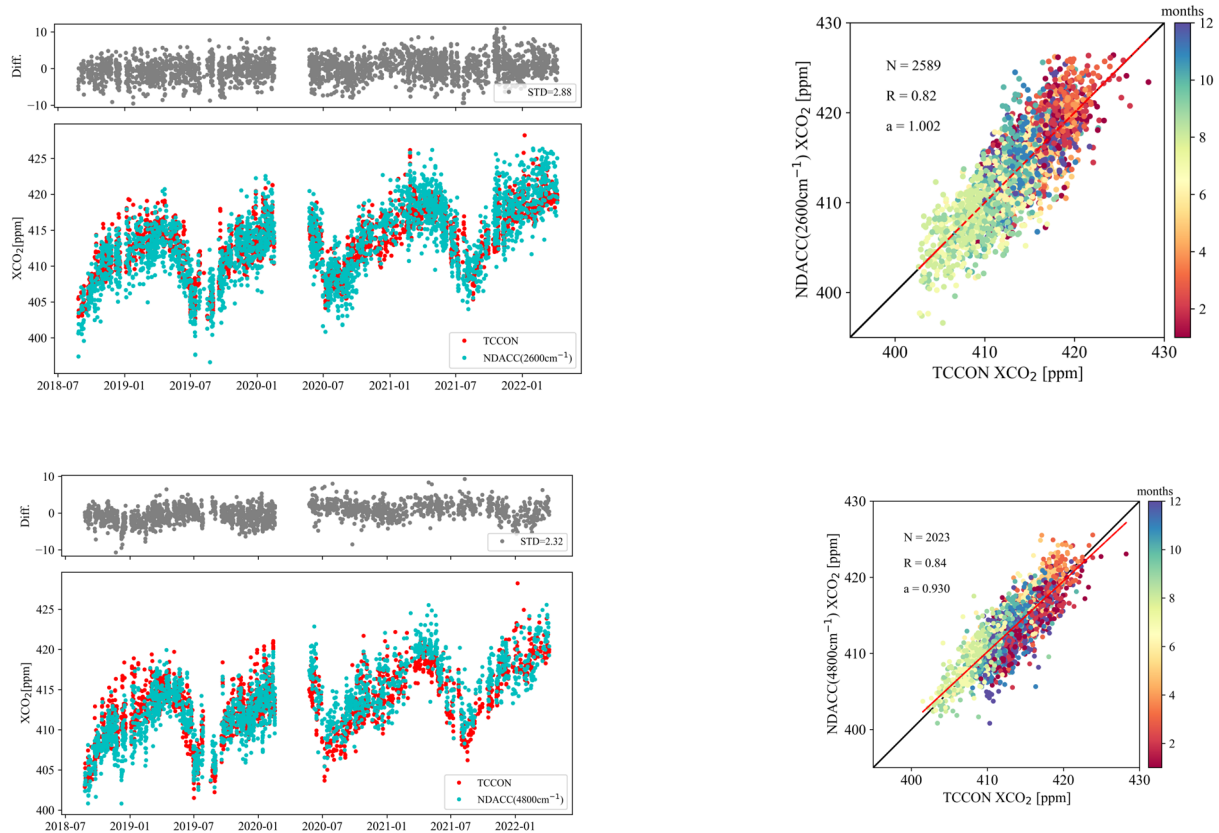
The  $XCO_2$  time series of NDACC-type ( $2600\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ), NDACC-type ( $4800\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ), and TCCON  $XCO_2$  measurements between August 2018 and April 2022, together with their differences and correlations, are shown in Figure 9. The a priori substitution and smoothing correction were applied to NDACC retrievals (see Section 2.4.1). Since TCCON has been scaled to the WMO standard, we applied the correction to remove the systematic bias of NDACC retrievals, with values of  $18.45\text{ ppm}$  for NDACC-type ( $2600\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) and  $7.07\text{ ppm}$  for NDACC-type ( $4800\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ). The seasonal variations of  $XCO_2$  derived from NDACC-type ( $2600\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ), NDACC-type ( $4800\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ), and TCCON have a similar pattern with a maximum in spring and a minimum in summer. There is a good correlation between NDACC and TCCON  $XCO_2$  measurements, and the R between NDACC-type ( $4800\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) and TCCON of 0.84 is similar to that between NDACC-type ( $2600\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) and TCCON with R of 0.82. The STD of the  $XCO_2$  difference is  $2.88\text{ ppm}$  between TCCON and NDACC-type ( $2600\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) and  $2.32\text{ ppm}$  between TCCON and NDACC-type ( $4800\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ). The scatter of the NDACC-type ( $4800\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) retrievals is less than that of the NDACC-type ( $2600\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) retrievals.

In order to have a better insight into the seasonal variation of  $XCO_2$ , the FTIR measurements are fitted with the following formula:

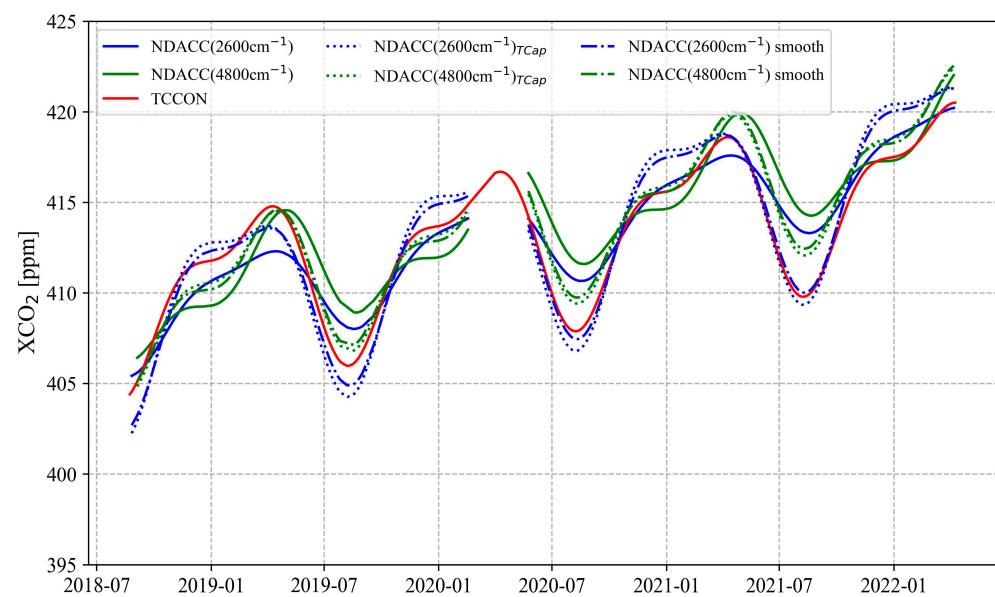
$$f(t) = \alpha t + \sum_{k=0}^2 a_k \cos(2\pi kt) + b_k \sin(2\pi kt), \quad (11)$$

where  $t$  represents time which in the form of the fractional year  $\alpha$  and  $a_0$  are associated with linear changes;  $\alpha$  represents the linear trend per year; the unit of  $\alpha$  is  $\text{ppm}/\text{year}$ ; and

$a_0$  represents an intercept beginning on 1 January 2000 [38–40]. The fitted curves are shown in Figure 10.



**Figure 9.** XCO<sub>2</sub> time series from the NDACC-type (2600 cm<sup>-1</sup>), NDACC-type (4800 cm<sup>-1</sup>), and TCCON retrievals cover the period August 2018 to April 2022, together with the absolute difference (TCCON–NDACC) and the corresponding correlations. The red dashed line is the linear regression curve. N is the correspondent number of data pairs, R is the correlation coefficient, and a is the slope of the fitted line.



**Figure 10.** The fitting curve of XCO<sub>2</sub> time series from August 2018 to April 2022. XCO<sub>2</sub> from TCCON retrievals are used as the reference.

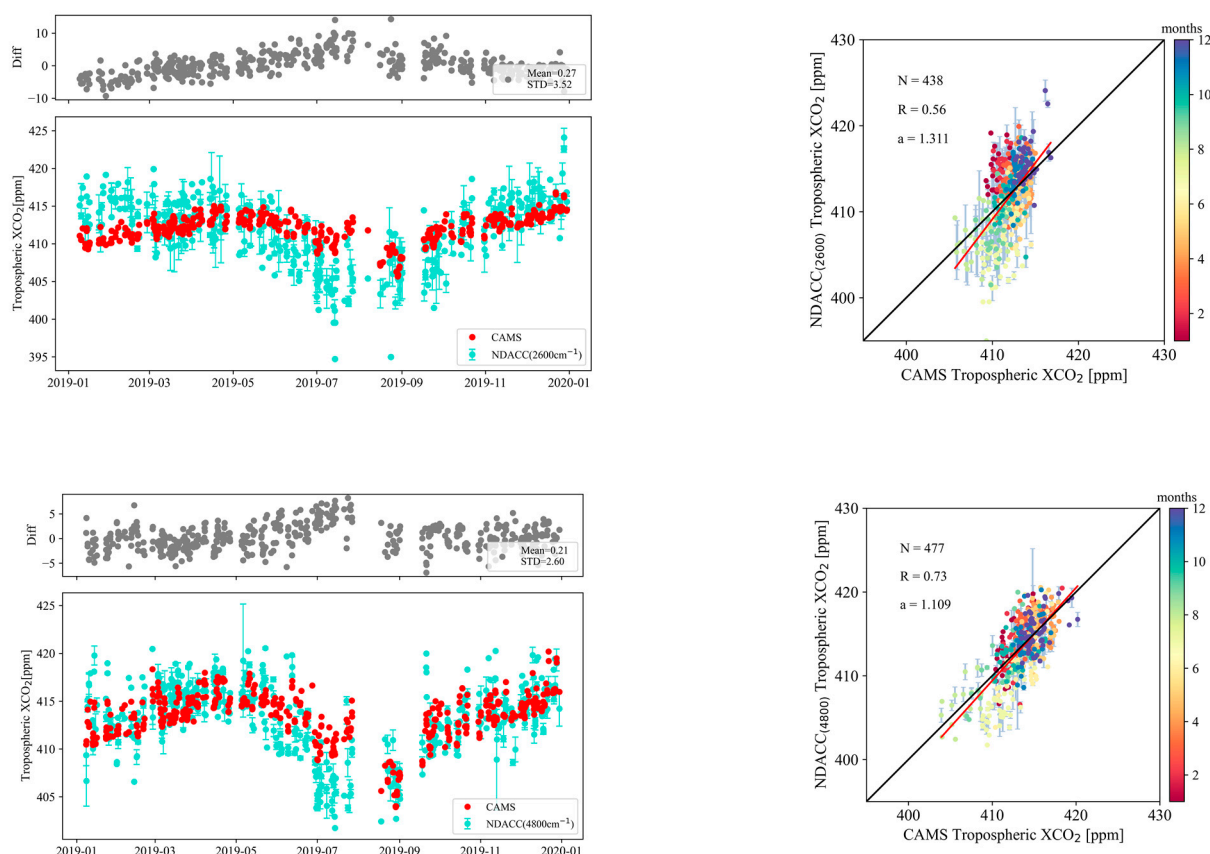
Figure 10 shows that there is a large distinction in the shape of the fitted curves between original NDACC measurements and TCCON and the correlation between them is relatively weak, with R values of 0.75 and 0.73 for NDACC-type (2600  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) and NDACC-type (4800  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ), respectively. The amplitude of the  $\text{XCO}_2$  seasonal variation in NDACC retrievals with the fixed a priori profile from WACCM is lesser than that in NDACC retrievals using the same a priori profile as TCCON, especially for the NDACC-type (2600  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) measurements. On the scale of seasons, the changes in the  $\text{CO}_2$  profile are mainly reflected in the shape, where the changes in the lower and middle troposphere dominate [10]. This demonstrates the difficulty of using the NDACC-type (2600  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) retrieved  $\text{XCO}_2$  to capture the whole seasonal variation due to its low sensitivity (Figure 4a) [10,11].

Unlike NDACC-type (2600  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )  $\text{XCO}_2$ , the amplitudes of the  $\text{XCO}_2$  seasonal cycles from NDACC-type (4800  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) before and after the prior substitution have no significant change. The  $\text{CO}_2$  absorbing line intensity near 4800  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  is much stronger than that near 2600  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (Figure 3), which allows us to acquire more information in the lower troposphere. In general, the NDACC-type (4800  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )  $\text{CO}_2$  retrievals capture the seasonal variation well and are less reliant on the choice of the a priori profile.

The smoothing correction aims to reduce the distinctions caused by different vertical sensitivities. Compared to the impact from different a priori profiles, the smoothing correction has relatively little effect on the results. The scatter between TCCON and NDACC-type (2600  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )  $\text{XCO}_2$  decreases from 2.90 ppm before smoothing correction to  $\pm 2.88$  ppm after the smoothing, while the scatter between TCCON and NDACC-type (4800  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )  $\text{XCO}_2$  increases from 2.29 ppm before smoothing correction to 2.32 ppm after the smoothing. The difference in the annual growth rate of  $\text{XCO}_2$  before and after smoothing correction is within 0.02 ppm/year, which can be ignored.

### 3.3. Comparison with CAMS Model

As the change of  $\text{CO}_2$  mainly occurs in the lower troposphere [10], the tropospheric  $\text{CO}_2$  partial column can better capture the signal of the emissions and sinks than the total column [24]. The time series of tropospheric  $\text{XCO}_2$  between February 2019 and February 2020 from NDACC retrievals and CAMS re-analysis products, together with their differences and correlations, are shown in Figure 11. To remove the systematic bias in NDACC retrievals, the corrections of 19.36 ppm for NDACC-type (2600  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) and 5.46 ppm for NDACC-type (4800  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) were applied using TCCON as a standard. The CAMS  $\text{XCO}_2$  was smoothed by NDACC AVK (see Section 2.4.2). Similarly to the  $\text{CO}_2$  total column, the time series of tropospheric  $\text{XCO}_2$  has a significant seasonal variation, with the maximum in spring and the minimum value in summer. The tropospheric  $\text{XCO}_2$  from the CAMS model is  $0.27 \pm 3.52$  ppm lower than that from NDACC-type (2600  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) retrievals, and the R is 0.56. The tropospheric  $\text{XCO}_2$  from CAMS is  $0.21 \pm 2.60$  ppm higher than that from NDACC-type (4800  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) retrievals, and the R is 0.73. It is indicated that the NDACC-type (4800  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) retrievals have a better agreement with the CAMS model in the troposphere than the NDACC-type (2600  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) retrievals (R = 0.56). This is not surprising, as the AVK of the NDACC-type (4800  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) retrieval shows a good sensitivity in the troposphere. It can be found that the CAMS reanalysis data show an underestimation of the seasonal amplitude of tropospheric  $\text{XCO}_2$  compared to those from both NDACC retrievals. The incomplete spatial matching between the CAMS model (regional mean) and FTIR observation (one site), as well as the uncertainty of the CAMS model, may cause this difference [34].



**Figure 11.** The time series of the co-located 3-h average of tropospheric XCO<sub>2</sub> between CAMS and NDACC-type (2600 cm<sup>-1</sup>) (**top**) and NDACC-type (4800 cm<sup>-1</sup>) (**bottom**), together with their absolute differences (CAMS – NDACC) and their correlations. The red line is the linear regression curve. N is the correspondent number of data pairs, R is the correlation coefficient, and a is the slope of the fitted line.

#### 4. Conclusions

By utilizing the solar absorption NDACC-type MIR spectra observed by the FTIR at Xianghe, the retrieval window and spectroscopy are optimized for CO<sub>2</sub> retrieval. Two types of spectra with a central wavelength number near 2600 cm<sup>-1</sup> (nh and hh) and one type near 4800 cm<sup>-1</sup> (f7l) are investigated.

Concerning the two different types of spectra (nh and hh) near 2600 cm<sup>-1</sup>, we find that the phase, amplitude, and inter-annual growth trends of the retrieved XCO<sub>2</sub> seasonal cycle variation are consistent between the two groups for the period between July 2018 and April 2022. Different spectroscopic databases (ATM16, ATM20, HITRAN2016, and HITRAN2020) can affect the results in the XCO<sub>2</sub> retrieval, and the differences can be up to  $1.65 \pm 0.95$  ppm in the retrieval of NDACC-type (2600 cm<sup>-1</sup>) and up to  $7.96 \pm 2.02$  ppm in the retrieval of NDACC-type (4800 cm<sup>-1</sup>). The main reason for these systematic deviations is the differences in the parameter of  $\gamma_{\text{air}}$  and S in the spectroscopies of CO<sub>2</sub>. The HITRAN2020 is found to be superior to the other three databases for the NDACC retrieval of XCO<sub>2</sub>, since it provides the best fitting.

NDACC and TCCON CO<sub>2</sub> retrievals exhibit a relatively consistent seasonal variation, reaching a maximum in April and a minimum in August. In addition, there are high correlations between TCCON and NDACC-type (2600 cm<sup>-1</sup>) with an R value of 0.82, and between TCCON and NDACC-type (4800 cm<sup>-1</sup>) with an R value of 0.84. For the NDACC-type (2600 cm<sup>-1</sup>) CO<sub>2</sub> retrievals, the seasonal amplitude of XCO<sub>2</sub> is underestimated because of its low AVK in the troposphere. Moreover, the a priori profiles have a strong influence on the XCO<sub>2</sub> seasonal amplitude derived from NDACC-type (2600 cm<sup>-1</sup>) CO<sub>2</sub> retrievals. For

the NDACC-type (4800  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )  $\text{CO}_2$  retrievals, the seasonal amplitude of  $X\text{CO}_2$  is close to the TCCON measurements, and the a priori profiles have a limited influence on the  $X\text{CO}_2$  seasonal variation. The NDACC-type (4800  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) AVK shows good vertical sensitivity in both the troposphere and lower stratosphere. The CAMS model also indicates that the NDACC-type (4800  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) retrievals can provide better information on the  $\text{CO}_2$  vertical profile than the NDACC-type (2600  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) retrievals.

The retrieval strategy with HITRAN2020 near 4800  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  offers potential for the better use of NDACC-type spectra in  $\text{CO}_2$  retrieval, and its results are considered to provide the best information on  $\text{CO}_2$  concentration among the retrieval strategies we have tested in this study.

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## Appendix A

**Table A1.** Information of the position with the strongest line intensity in each retrieval micro-window from different spectroscopies.

Spectroscopy	Wavenumber $\text{cm}^{-1}$	Line Intensity $\text{cm}^{-1}/(\text{Molecule cm}^{-2})$	$\gamma_{\text{air}}$	$\gamma_{\text{self}}$	Uncertainty		
					Line Intensity	$\gamma_{\text{air}}$	$\gamma_{\text{self}}$
ATM18	2620.835313	$3.195 \times 10^{-25}$	0.0828	0.1100	[1%, 2%)	[1%, 2%)	[1%, 2%)
ATM20	2620.835313	$3.195 \times 10^{-25}$	0.0828	0.1100	[1%, 2%)	[1%, 2%)	[1%, 2%)
HITRAN2016	2620.835313	$3.195 \times 10^{-25}$	0.0828	0.110	[1%, 2%)	[1%, 2%)	[1%, 2%)
HITRAN2020	2620.835318	$3.195 \times 10^{-25}$	0.0801	0.109	[1%, 2%)	[2%, 5%)	[2%, 5%)
ATM18	2626.629861	$4.210 \times 10^{-25}$	0.0745	0.1010	[1%, 2%)	[1%, 2%)	[1%, 2%)
ATM20	2626.629861	$4.210 \times 10^{-25}$	0.0745	0.1010	[1%, 2%)	[1%, 2%)	[1%, 2%)
HITRAN2016	2626.629861	$4.210 \times 10^{-25}$	0.0745	0.101	[1%, 2%)	[1%, 2%)	[1%, 2%)
HITRAN2020	2626.629869	$4.210 \times 10^{-25}$	0.0740	0.100	[1%, 2%)	[2%, 5%)	[2%, 5%)
ATM18	2627.350141	$4.193 \times 10^{-25}$	0.0737	0.1010	[1%, 2%)	[1%, 2%)	[1%, 2%)
ATM20	2627.350100	$4.193 \times 10^{-25}$	0.0737	0.1010	[1%, 2%)	[1%, 2%)	[1%, 2%)
HITRAN2016	2627.350141	$4.193 \times 10^{-25}$	0.0737	0.101	[1%, 2%)	[1%, 2%)	[1%, 2%)
HITRAN2020	2627.350149	$4.193 \times 10^{-25}$	0.0735	0.099	[1%, 2%)	[2%, 5%)	[2%, 5%)
ATM18	2629.505616	$3.983 \times 10^{-25}$	0.0717	0.0980	[1%, 2%)	[1%, 2%)	[1%, 2%)
ATM20	2629.505616	$3.983 \times 10^{-25}$	0.0717	0.0980	[1%, 2%)	[1%, 2%)	[1%, 2%)
HITRAN2016	2629.505616	$3.983 \times 10^{-25}$	0.0717	0.098	[1%, 2%)	[1%, 2%)	[1%, 2%)
HITRAN2020	2629.505627	$3.983 \times 10^{-25}$	0.0720	0.096	[1%, 2%)	[2%, 5%)	[2%, 5%)

Table A1. Cont.

Spectroscopy	Wavenumber cm <sup>-1</sup>	Line Intensity cm <sup>-1</sup> /(Molecule cm <sup>-2</sup> )	Y <sub>air</sub>	Y <sub>self</sub>	Uncertainty		
					Line Intensity	Y <sub>air</sub>	Y <sub>self</sub>
ATM18	4790.125762	9.871 × 10 <sup>-24</sup>	0.0722	0.0990	[1%, 2%)	[1%, 2%)	[1%, 2%)
ATM20	4790.125762	9.871 × 10 <sup>-24</sup>	0.0722	0.0990	[1%, 2%)	[1%, 2%)	[1%, 2%)
HITRAN2016	4790.125762	9.871 × 10 <sup>-24</sup>	0.0722	0.099	[1%, 2%)	[1%, 2%)	[1%, 2%)
HITRAN2020	4790.125755	9.960 × 10 <sup>-24</sup>	0.0720	0.096	[1%, 2%)	[2%, 5%)	[2%, 5%)
ATM18	4791.892568	1.037 × 10 <sup>-23</sup>	0.0735	0.1000	[1%, 2%)	[1%, 2%)	[1%, 2%)
ATM20	4791.892568	1.037 × 10 <sup>-23</sup>	0.0735	0.1000	[1%, 2%)	[1%, 2%)	[1%, 2%)
HITRAN2016	4791.892568	1.037 × 10 <sup>-23</sup>	0.0735	0.100	[1%, 2%)	[1%, 2%)	[1%, 2%)
HITRAN2020	4791.892560	1.048 × 10 <sup>-23</sup>	0.0730	0.098	[2%, 5%)	[2%, 5%)	[2%, 5%)
ATM18	4795.369262	1.060 × 10 <sup>-23</sup>	0.0769	0.1040	[1%, 2%)	[1%, 2%)	[1%, 2%)
ATM20	4795.369262	1.060 × 10 <sup>-23</sup>	0.0769	0.1040	[1%, 2%)	[1%, 2%)	[1%, 2%)
HITRAN2016	4795.369262	1.060 × 10 <sup>-23</sup>	0.0769	0.104	[1%, 2%)	[1%, 2%)	[1%, 2%)
HITRAN2020	4795.369248	1.074 × 10 <sup>-23</sup>	0.0752	0.102	[1%, 2%)	[2%, 5%)	[2%, 5%)
ATM18	4798.064346	1.093 × 10 <sup>-23</sup>	0.0800	0.1070	[1%, 2%)	[1%, 2%)	[1%, 2%)
ATM20	4798.064346	1.093 × 10 <sup>-23</sup>	0.0800	0.1070	[1%, 2%)	[1%, 2%)	[1%, 2%)
HITRAN2016	4798.064346	1.093 × 10 <sup>-23</sup>	0.0800	0.107	[1%, 2%)	[1%, 2%)	[1%, 2%)
HITRAN2020	4798.064294	1.093 × 10 <sup>-23</sup>	0.0774	0.105	[2%, 5%)	[2%, 5%)	[2%, 5%)

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