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## Acronyms

Acronym	Definition			
ATBD	Algorithm Theoretical Basis Document			
CAR	Climate Assessment Report			
C3S	Copernicus Climate Change Service			
CCI	Climate Change Initiative			
CDR	Climate Data Record			
CDS	(Copernicus) Climate Data Store			
CRG	Climate Research Group			
D/B	Data base			
EC	European Commission			
ECMWF	European Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasting			
ECV	Essential Climate Variable			
EO	Earth Observation			
ESA	European Space Agency			
EU	European Union			
EUMETSAT	European Organisation for the Exploitation of Meteorological Satellites			
FP	Full Physics retrieval method			
FTIR	Fourier Transform InfraRed			
FTS	Fourier Transform Spectrometer			
GCOS	Global Climate Observing System			
GEOSS	Global Earth Observation System of Systems			
GHG	GreenHouse Gas			
GOSAT	Greenhouse Gases Observing Satellite			
GOSAT-2	Greenhouse Gases Observing Satellite 2			
IPCC	International Panel in Climate Change			
IUP	Institute of Environmental Physics (IUP) of the University of Bremen, Germany			
JAXA	Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency			
КІТ	Karlsruhe Institute of Technology			
L1	Level 1			
L2	Level 2			
L3	Level 3			
L4	Level 4			
LMD	Laboratoire de Météorologie Dynamique			
MACC	Monitoring Atmospheric Composition and Climate, EU GMES project			
NA	Not applicable			
NetCDF	Network Common Data Format			
NIES	National Institute for Environmental Studies			
NIR	Near Infra Red			

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NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration			
Obs4MIPs	Observations for Climate Model Intercomparisons			
ppb	Parts per billion			
ppm	Parts per million			
PR	(light path) PRoxy retrieval method			
PVIR	Product Validation and Intercomparison Report			
QA	Quality Assurance			
QC	Quality Control			
RemoTeC	Retrieval algorithm developed by SRON			
REQ	Requirement			
RMS	Root-Mean-Square			
RTM	Radiative transfer model			
SNR	Signal-to-Noise Ratio			
SRON	SRON Netherlands Institute for Space Research			
SWIR	Short Wave Infra Red			
SZA	Solar Zenith Angle			
TANSO	Thermal And Near infrared Sensor for carbon Observation			
TANSO-FTS	Fourier Transform Spectrometer on GOSAT			
TANSO-FTS-2	Fourier Transform Spectrometer on GOSAT-2			
ТВС	To be confirmed			
TBD	To be defined / to be determined			
TCCON	Total Carbon Column Observing Network			
TIR	Thermal Infra Red			
TR	Target Requirements			
TRD	Target Requirements Document			
URD	User Requirements Document			
WMO	World Meteorological Organization			
Y2Y	Year-to-year (bias variability)			



## **General definitions**

### Essential climate variable (ECV)

An ECV is a physical, chemical, or biological variable or a group of linked variables that critically contributes to the characterization of Earth's climate.

#### Climate data record (CDR)

The US National Research Council (NRC) defines a CDR as a time series of measurements of sufficient length, consistency, and continuity to determine climate variability and change.

#### Fundamental climate data record (FCDR)

A fundamental climate data record (FCDR) is a CDR of calibrated and quality-controlled data designed to allow the generation of homogeneous products that are accurate and stable enough for climate monitoring.

#### Thematic climate data record (TCDR)

A thematic climate data record (TCDR) is a long time series of an essential climate variable (ECV).

#### Intermediate climate data record (ICDR)

An intermediate climate data record (ICDR) is a TCDR which undergoes regular and consistent updates, for example because it is being generated by a satellite sensor in operation.

#### Satellite data processing levels

The NASA Earth Observing System (EOS) distinguishes six processing levels of satellite data, ranging from Level 0 (L0) to Level 4 (L4) as follows.

- L0 Unprocessed instrument data
- L1A Unprocessed instrument data alongside ancillary information
- L1B Data processed to sensor units (geo-located calibrated spectral radiance and solar irradiance)
- L2 Derived geophysical variables (e.g., XCO<sub>2</sub>) over one orbit
- L3 Geophysical variables averaged in time and mapped on a global longitude/latitude horizontal grid
- L4 Model output derived by assimilation of observations, or variables derived from multiple measurements (or both)



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## Scope of document

This document is a Product User Guide and Specification (PUGS) for the Copernicus Climate Change Service (C3S, <u>https://climate.copernicus.eu/</u>) greenhouse gas (GHG) component as covered by project C3S2\_312a\_Lot2.

Within this project satellite-derived atmospheric carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) and methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) Essential Climate Variable (ECV) data products have been generated and delivered to ECMWF for inclusion into the Copernicus Climate Data Store (CDS) from which users can access these data products and the corresponding documentation.

The GHG satellite-derived data products are:

- Column-averaged dry-air mixing ratios (mole fractions) of CO<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>4</sub>, denoted XCO<sub>2</sub> (in parts per million, ppm) and XCH<sub>4</sub> (in parts per billion, ppb), respectively.
- Mid/upper tropospheric mixing ratios of CO<sub>2</sub> (in ppm) and CH<sub>4</sub> (in ppb).

This document describes the C3S2 product CH4\_GO2\_SRPR v2.0.1.

This product is the XCH<sub>4</sub> Level 2 product as retrieved from GOSAT-2 using algorithms developed at SRON, The Netherlands.

## **Executive summary**

Because of their important role for climate, they are classified as Essential Climate Variables (ECVs). The ECV GHG as formulated by GCOS (Global Climate Observing System) is defined as follows: "Retrievals of greenhouse gases, such as CO<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>4</sub>, of sufficient quality to estimate regional sources and sinks" (*GCOS-154*). This definition contains already the main application of these atmospheric data products; namely to use them (in combination with appropriate modelling) to obtain (improved) information on their (primarily surface) sources and sinks.

Both gases (CO<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>4</sub>) have a long lifetime in the atmosphere. As a consequence of this fact and related human emissions, the atmospheric concentrations of these gases are relatively high compared to other atmospheric trace gases. As a result of this, even a moderate to strong (surface) source or sink typically only results in a relatively small local or regional change (enhancement or depletion relative to the surrounding region) in their vertical columns or their mid/upper tropospheric concentration. The observational requirements are therefore very demanding in particular with respect to random and systematic errors and stability.

This document is Annex C of the Product User Guide (PUG), which is a deliverable of the C3S2 project. This document describes the XCH<sub>4</sub> Proxy data products generated by the RemoTeC algorithm (CH4\_GO2\_SRPR). The description includes quality flags, metadata, data format, product grid, defined limitations, bias correction, and the product (column) averaging kernels, as well as a description of how to use them appropriately.

The greenhouse gas (GHG) activities of this C3S project and its C3S pre-cursor projects are essentially the operational continuation of the research and development (R&D) pre-cursor projects GHG-CCI and GHG-CCI+ of ESA's Climate Change Initiative (CCI). R&D for the GOSAT-2 products is currently an ongoing activity of the ESA GHG-CCI+ project\*.

The description includes quality flags and metadata, data format, product grid, known limitations, bias correction, and the product (column) averaging kernels and a description how to use them. Section 1.1 describes the product, covering the relevant information for the algorithm and input data, as well as describing the bias correction process. Section 1.2 presents the target requirements for these products, and section 1.3 outlines how to use the data. Finally, section 2 provides information on where to find, and how to access, the data.

\*http://climate.esa.int/en/projects/ghgs/ - 16 Jan 2023



## 1. Proxy Product

### **1.1 Data Product Description**

The Japanese Greenhouse gases Observing SATellite-2 (GOSAT-2) was launched on 29th October 2018 and started operational observations form February 2019. GOSAT-2 provides dedicated global measurements of total column  $CO_2$  and  $CH_4$  from its SWIR bands. It is equipped with two instruments, the Thermal And Near Infrared Sensor for carbon Observations - Fourier Transform Spectrometer-2 (TANSO-FTS2) with spectral channels presented in Table 1. A more extensive description of the instrument can be found in the ATBD Annex-C (D3 in the related documents section).

#### Table 1: GOSAT-2-FTS bands

Channel	Wavelength range [nm]	Resolution [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]
1	758-775	0.2
2	1460-1720	0.2
3	1920-2330*	0.2
4	5560-8400	0.2
5	8400-14300	0.2

\*GOSAT-1 only had a spectral range up to 2080nm.

The CH4\_GO2\_SRPR product is retrieved from GOSAT-2 TANSO-FTS-2 NIR and SWIR spectra using the RemoTeC algorithm that has been jointly developed at SRON and KIT. The algorithm retrieves simultaneously XCH<sub>4</sub> and XCO<sub>2</sub>. For the retrieval, we analyse four spectral regions: the 0.77  $\mu$ m oxygen band, two CO<sub>2</sub> bands at 1.61 and 2.06  $\mu$ m, as well as a CH<sub>4</sub> band at 1.64  $\mu$ m. Within the retrieval procedure the sub-columns of CO<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>4</sub> in different altitude layers are being retrieved. To obtain the column averaged dry air mixing ratios XCO<sub>2</sub> and XCH<sub>4</sub> the sub-columns are summed up to get the total column which is divided by the dry-air columns obtained from ECMWF model data in combination with a surface elevation data base. As the Proxy\* retrievals perform a non-scattering retrieved, the retrieved XCH<sub>4</sub> column cannot be used directly, as effects of aerosol scattering modify the light path. To correct for this, in the Proxy approach, the retrieved XCH<sub>4</sub> column. The retrieved XCH<sub>4</sub> has been extensively validated with ground based TCCON measurements (Wunch et al. 2015). To further improve accuracy a bias correction has been developed based on TCCON comparisons. We use the GGG2020 release of the TCCON data.

\*The Proxy product is so named since it approximates the impact of aerosols on the light path by assuming that  $CH_4$  and  $CO_2$  will be affected in the same way. By dividing the retrieved  $XCH_4$  by the retrieved  $XCO_2$ , it is assumed that any aerosol induced errors due to the modification of the light path will be divided out. Thus  $XCO_2$  acts as a proxy for the presence of aerosols.



More details on the technical aspects of the retrievals and auxiliary data can be found in the ATBD Annex-C (D3).

### 1.1.1 Bias Correction

From comparison with TCCON it was found that the error in XCH<sub>4</sub> correlates with the retrieved albedo  $\alpha$  at 1.6  $\mu$ m in band 2 for retrievals over land and with the ratio of the retrieved O<sub>2</sub> to the prior O<sub>2</sub>. Based on this correlation the following bias correction has been developed for XCH<sub>4</sub>:

$$XCH4_{corr} = XCH4 * (a + b * \alpha)$$
<sup>(1)</sup>

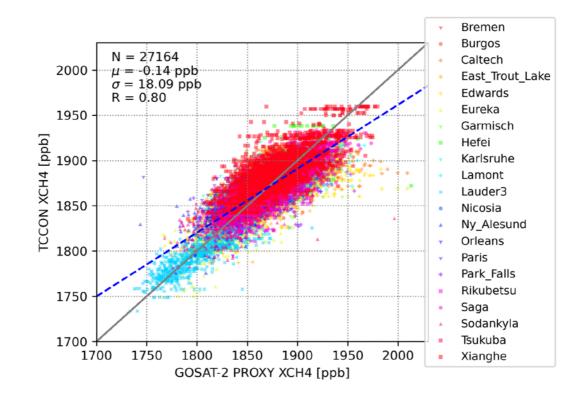
with a = 0.99274, b = 0.00158 for land data. For sunglint mode we apply a bias correction following:

$$XCH4_{corr} = XCH4 * (a + b * r)$$
<sup>(2)</sup>

With a = 0.99983 and b = -0.00953 with r the ratio of the retrieved O<sub>2</sub> to the prior O<sub>2</sub>.

The bias correction parameters are obtained from fits to the GOSAT-2-TCCON differences and the subsequent correlation with TCCON is illustrated in Figure 1.

Figure 2 shows global maps of XCH<sub>4</sub> for land and ocean soundings separately. These have been sampled onto a 1x1 degree grid and cover the entire time range of available GOSAT-2 data.



#### Figure 1: Co-located GOSAT-2-TCCON XCH<sub>4</sub> measurements for normal measurements.

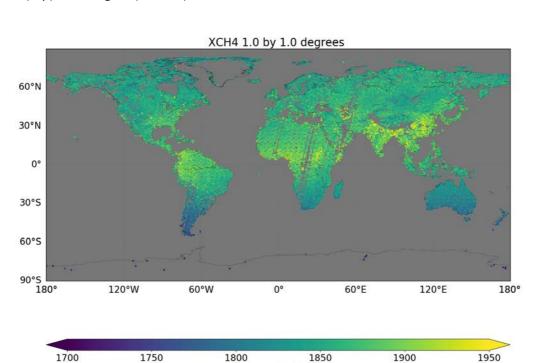
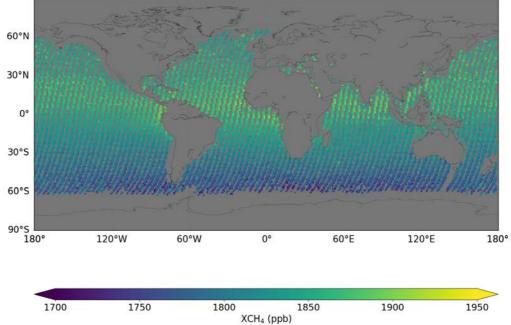


Figure 2: Global XCH<sub>4</sub> for the 2019-2022 period for the CH4\_GO2\_SRPR product on a 1 by 1 degree resolution for both land (top) and sunglint (bottom) measurements.



XCH4 1.0 by 1.0 degrees



### **1.2 Target requirements**

The target requirements for the products in this document are taken from the Target Requirements Document (D2) for greenhouse gas retrievals and are presented in Table 2. CO<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>4</sub> are important climate-relevant atmospheric gases, so-called greenhouse gases (GHG). Because of their important role for climate they are classified as Essential Climate Variables (ECVs). The ECV GHG as formulated by GCOS (Global Climate Observing System) is defined as follows: "Retrievals of greenhouse gases, such as CO<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>4</sub>, of sufficient quality to estimate regional sources and sinks" (*GCOS-154*). This definition contains already the main application of these atmospheric data products; namely to use them (in combination with appropriate modelling) to obtain (improved) information on their (primarily surface) sources and sinks.

Both gases (CO<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>4</sub>) have lifetimes in the atmosphere of hundreds of years and 10-15 years, respectively. As a consequence of this fact and related human emissions, the atmospheric concentrations of these gases are relatively high compared to other atmospheric trace gases. As a result of this, even a moderate to strong (surface) source or sink typically only results in a relatively small local or regional change (enhancement or depletion relative to the surrounding region) in their vertical columns or their mid/upper tropospheric concentration. The observational requirements are therefore very demanding in particular with respect to random and systematic errors and stability.

	Random and systematic error requirements for XCH <sub>4</sub>								
Parameter	Req. type	Random error ("Precision")		Systematic error	Stability				
		Single obs.	1000 <sup>2</sup> km <sup>2</sup> monthly						
XCH4	4 G < 9 ppb < 3 ppb		< 1 ppb (absolute)	< 1 ppb/year (absolute)					
	В	< 17 ppb	< 5 ppb	< 5 ppb (relative)	< 2 ppb/year (relative)				
	Т	< 34 ppb	< 11 ppb	< 10 ppb (relative)	< 3 ppb/year (relative)				

Table 2: Target requirements for XCH<sub>4</sub>. (Threshold (T), Breakthrough (B) and Goal (G)) as derived in the Target Requirements Document (TRD) (*D2*).

## 1.3 Data usage information

### 1.3.1 Product Content and Format

The RemoTeC XCH<sub>4</sub> data product v2.0.1 is stored per day in a single NetCDF (version 4) file. Retrieval results are provided for the individual GOSAT-2 spatial footprints, i.e. no averaging has been applied. The product file contains the key products, i.e. the retrieved column averaged dry air mixing ratio XCH<sub>4</sub> with and without bias correction. Information relevant for the use of the data is included in the data file, like the vertical layering and averaging kernels. Also, the parameters that are retrieved simultaneously with XCH<sub>4</sub> are included (e.g. surface albedo), as well as retrieval diagnostics like retrieval errors, and quality of the fit. Common and retrieval-specific variables for the XCH<sub>4</sub> product are given in Tables 3 and 4, respectively.

Name	Туре	Dim.	Units	Description
solar_zenith_angle	float	n	degree	Angle between line of sight to the
			S	sun and local vertical
sensor_zenith_angle	float	n	degree	Angle between the line of sight to
			S	the sensor and the local vertical
time	float	n	second	Seconds since 1970-01-01 00:00:00
			S	
longitude	float	n	degree	Center longitude
			s_east	
latitude	float	n	degree	Center latitude
			s_north	
pressure_levels	float	n, 5	hPa	Pressure levels define boundaries of
				averaging kernel and mole fraction
				profile layers.
pressure_weight	float	n, 4		Layer dependent weights needed to
				apply the averaging kernels
xch4	float	n	1e-9	Retrieved column dry-air mole
				fraction of atmospheric methane
				(XCH4) in ppb
xch4_uncertainty	float	n	1e-9	1-sigma uncertainty of the retrieved
				column-average dry-air mole
				fraction of atmospheric methane
xch4_averaging_kernel	float	n, 4		Normalized column averaging kernel
ch4_profile_apriori	float	n, 4	1e-9	A priori dry-air mole fraction profile
				of atmospheric methane
xch4_quality_flag	int	n		Quality flag for XCH4 retrieval, 0 =
				good, 1 = bad

Table 3: Common variables for the CH4\_GO2\_SRPR product v2.0.1.

Name	Туре	Dim.	Units	Description
flag_landtype	int	n		0 = land, 1 = ocean
flag_sunglint	int	n		0 = no sunglint, 1 = sunglint
gain	char	n		Number of gain coefficient
				calculated from solar calibration
				mode data. [1P 1S 2P 2S 3P 3S]
exposure_id	int	n		Exposure identification number of
				the sounding
l1b_name	char	n		Name of the Level 1B file of the
				sounding
signal_to_noise_window	float	n, 4, 2		Signal to noise ratio per retrieval
				window and for both polarization
	_			directions
dry_airmass_layer	float	n, 4	m-2	Dry airmass per layer
altitude	float	n	m	Vertical altitude above the surface
air_temperature	float	n, 5	К	The bulk temperature of the air at
	<i>a</i> :			each level
surface_altitude_stdv	float	n	m	Standard deviation of the surface
• I	(La a L			elevation within the sounding
x_wind	float	n, 5	m s-1	Eastward wind velocity
y_wind	float	n, 5	m s-1	Northward wind velocity
chi2	float	n		Chi-squared value of the sounding
optical_thickness_of_atmosphere	float	n, 4		Scattering optical thickness per
_layer_due_to_ambient_aerosol	flast		1 - 0	retrieval window
raw_xch4_err	float	n	1e-9	1-sigma statistical uncertainty of the
				retrieved column-average dry-air mole fraction of atmospheric
				methane
h2o_column_1593	float	n	m-2	Retrieved total water column at
	noat	''	111 2	1593 nm
h2o_column_1629	float	n	m-2	Retrieved total water column at
	nout			1629 nm
h2o column 2042	float	n	m-2	Retrieved total water column at
				2042 nm
surface_albedo_758	float	n		The retrieved albedo at 758 nm
surface_albedo_1593	float	n		The retrieved albedo at 1593 nm
surface_albedo_1629	float	n		The retrieved albedo at 1629 nm
surface_albedo_2042	float	n		The retrieved albedo at 2042 nm
intensity_offset_o2a	float	n	W cm-2	The retrieved intensity offset in the
				O2A band
raw_xch4	float	n	1e-9	Retrieved column dry-air mole
				fraction of atmospheric methane
				(XCH4) in ppb before scattering
				correction

Table 4: Product specific (additional) variables for the CH4\_GO2\_SRPR product

xch4_no_bias_correction	float	n	1e-9	Retrieved column dry-air mole fraction of atmospheric methane (XCH4) in ppb before bias correction
raw_xco2	float	n	1e-6	Retrieved column dry-air mole fraction of atmospheric carbon dioxide (XCO2) in ppm before scattering correction
xco2_apriori	float	n	1e-6	A priori dry-air mole fraction of atmospheric carbon dioxide
co2_profile_apriori	float	n, 4	1e-6	A priori dry-air mole fraction profile of atmospheric carbon dioxide
xco2_averaging_kernel	float	n, 4		Normalized column averaging kernel for carbon dioxide
raw_xco2_err	float	n	1e-6	1-sigma statistical uncertainty of the retrieved column-average dry-air mole fraction of atmospheric carbon dioxide

## 1.3.2 Quality Flags and Metadata

There is a quality flag "xch4\_quality\_flag" included in the data file. The quality flag can have 2 values:

- 0: retrieval quality has been checked
- 1: data should not be used (e.g. bad fit to data, residual cloud contamination)

For a GOSAT-2 ground pixel to be processed by the RemoTeC Proxy algorithm it has to fulfill the following criteria: GOSAT-2 nominal quality flags should be good and the standard deviation of the elevation in the pixel should be less than 1000 meters (to filter out the most extreme terrain). After the retrieval the data that fulfill the following criteria are flagged as '0':

- Number of iteration steps in retrieval < 10.
- $\chi 2 \text{ of fit} < 18.$
- SNR > 50.
- Standard deviation of surface elevation within GOSAT-2 ground pixel should be < 150 m
- SZA < 75°.
- 0.98 < CO<sub>2</sub> (1.6 micron) / CO<sub>2</sub> (2.0 micron) < 1.08
- 0.91 < O<sub>2</sub> (retrieved) / O<sub>2</sub> (prior) < 1.05
- 0.92 < H<sub>2</sub>O (1.6 micron) / H<sub>2</sub>O (2.0 micron) < 1.25
- 0 < (2.4\*albedo[0.76 micron]) (1.13\*albedo[2.0 micron]) < 0.8

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## 1.3.3 Recommended data usage

It is strongly recommended to only use the bias-corrected data in: "xch4" except if users explicitly correct for biases themselves (e.g. in an inverse modeling framework). Here, it should be noted that the bias correction has been developed independently for the different GOSAT-FTS-2 instrument settings (land & sunglint).

Also, use only data over land (land\_type=0) except for sunglint cases. If the data are to be compared with other  $XCO_2$  and/or  $XCH_4$  data for which vertical profile information is available (e.g. inverse modeling, comparison to models, comparison to measured profiles), the column averaging kernels should be used. Here it should be noted that the column averaging kernels are to be applied to layer sub-columns (m<sup>-2</sup>), as these are the quantities directly retrieved in the RemoTeC algorithm. For model comparisons the retrieved  $XCO_2$  should be compared to  $[VCO2]'_{model}/[VAIR]_{model}$  where  $[VAIR]_{model}$  is the total dry air column provided by the model and  $[VCO2]'_{model}$  is the model total  $CO_2$  column after applying the column averaging kernel, viz.:

$$[VCO2]'_{model} = [VCO2]_{prior} + a^T (x_{model} - x_{prior})$$
<sup>(2)</sup>

where  $[VCO2]_{prior}$  is the prior  $CO_2$  total column used in the retrieval,  $x_{model}$  is the vertical  $CO_2$  profile from the model (as sub-columns) and  $x_{prior}$  is the prior vertical profile from the retrieval. For application of the column averaging kernel the model vertical profile should be re-calculated on the vertical grid of the retrieval (preferred) or the averaging kernel has to be interpolated to the vertical grid of the model.

## 1.3.4 Tools for Reading the Data

The data are stored in Netcdf format which can be read with standard tools in the common programming languages (IDL, Matlab, Python, Fortran90, C++, etc). In python, several modules can be used to manipulate Netcdf files, such as netCDF4 (https://pypi.org/project/netCDF4/), h5py (<u>https://docs.h5py.org/en/stable/</u>) and xarray (<u>https://docs.xarray.dev/en/stable/</u>). Netcdf functionality can also be implemented in compiled languages Fortran (https://docs.unidata.ucar.edu/netcdf-fortran/current/) and C++ (http://unidata.github.io/netcdf-cxx4/index.html).

## 1.3.5 Known Limitations and Issues

The data retrieved for the normal observations are considered highest quality and are well validated. In the "raw" retrievals (i.e. before bias correction) there is a bias between normal and sunglint retrievals. Although these biases have been corrected in the bias-corrected products, there may still be a small residual bias left, especially due to the limited number of validation sites for sunglint retrievals.



## 2. Data access information

The data products and corresponding documentation are / will be made available via the Copernicus Climate Data Store (CDS):

https://cds.climate.copernicus.eu/#!/home

Direct link to CO<sub>2</sub> products: <u>https://cds.climate.copernicus.eu/cdsapp#!/dataset/satellite-carbon-dioxide?tab=overview</u>

Direct link to CH<sub>4</sub> products:

https://cds.climate.copernicus.eu/cdsapp#!/dataset/satellite-methane?tab=overview

Tabs / riders lead to the following items:

- Overview
  - o Short overview of all products
- Download data
  - Data access information
- Quality assessment
  - The CDS datasets are assessed by the Evaluation and Quality Control (EQC) function of C3S independently of the data supplier and the EQC information are available on this site.
- Documentation
  - Links to the following documents:
    - Algorithm Theoretical Basis Document (ATBD)
    - Product User Guide (PUG)
    - Product Quality Assurance Document (PQAD)
    - Product Quality Assessment Report (PQAR)
    - System Quality Assurance Document (SQAD)
    - Target Requirements and Gap Analysis (TRDGAD)
  - Note that pdf versions of all documents (including previous versions) are (also) available from here: <u>https://www.iup.uni-bremen.de/carbon\_ghg/cg\_data.html#C3S\_GHG</u>
- View
  - Visualization of selected data products in terms of global maps

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