IWGGMS-20 - Documenting Two Decades of Greenhouse Gas Measurements from Space

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## The First IWGGMS – JAXA HQ 2004

- In 2004, a small group assembled at JAXA headquarters in Tokyo for the first International Workshop on Greenhouse Gas Measurements from Space (IWGGMS-1).
- There were no dedicated greenhouse gas (GHG) missions in flight, but SCIAMACHY was making XCO<sub>2</sub> and XCH<sub>4</sub> measurements and OCO and GOSAT had just been approved for development
- Discussions focused on:
  - Instrument design and measurement approach
  - Calibration
  - Level 2 Retrieval Algorithm development
    - Sources of bias aerosols
  - CO<sub>2</sub> and O<sub>2</sub> line parameters
  - Validation approach TCCON vs Aircraft
- The most important outcome of that first meeting was an agreement to collaborate to
  - Maximize the accuracy and coverage of the combined data products
  - Accelerate their acceptance of their products by the scientific community



# The First Half Decade of IWGGMS 2004 - 2009

- During its first half decade, IWGGMS focused on fostering a science community that could
  - Develop space-based CO<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>4</sub> instruments
  - Use their data for carbon cycle science and policy applications
- Instrument development and pre-launch testing
  - OCO grating spectrometer vs GOSAT FTS
  - Information content of NIR/SWIR vs TIR
  - Measurement strategies (nadir, glint, target)
- Development and intercomparison of Retrieval algorithms for XCO<sub>2</sub> and XCH<sub>4</sub>
- Validation approaches ground-based, vs airborne
- Updates to flux inversion algorithms to accommodate much larger, but less accurate space-based datasets



## **IWGGMS-2 Scope – still relevant**

- Overview of Ongoing Greenhouse Gas Monitoring Missions
  - EOS MOPITT, AIRS, TES, and ENVISAT SCIAMACHY
- Future Space Based Measurement Approaches (GOSAT/OCO)
  - Instrument designs / Mission designs / sampling approaches
- Calibration Objectives and Approaches
  - Pre-launch / On-orbit
- Remote Sensing Retrieval Algorithms
  - Forward models / Retrieval approaches / Error analysis and characterization
  - Supporting laboratory measurements
- Validation Methods
  - Ground-based /Sub-orbital (aircraft, balloon, UAV)Inter-spacecraft comparison and validation
- Collaborative GHG Science
  - Coordinated measurement opportunities / Exploiting combined data sets
- Retrieving Sources and Sinks
  - Inversion and Data Assimilation Methods
  - Cross Validation of space based and sub-orbital Data

## 2009 – Launch of GOSAT, Loss of OCO

- In January of 2009, GOSAT was successfully launched
- One month later, OCO was lost when its launch vehicle failed to reach orbit
- The strong OCO/GOSAT collaboration, fostered in part by the IWGGMS, provided a path forward
- NASA reformulated the OCO science team as the Atmospheric Carbon Observations from Space (ACOS) task to
  - collaborate with its GOSAT partners
  - recover some of the science knowledge expected from OCO



## 2009 – 2015 Learning to Work with GOSAT Data





#### 2018+ Learning to Work with TROPOMI Data

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#### The Growing Fleet of GHG Mappers



#### The Growing IWGGMS Community



## **IWGGMS History**

	Year	Month	Venue	City		Participants
IWGGMS-1	2004	April	JAXA/EORC	Tokyo	Japan	15
IWGGMS-2	2005	March	Caltech	Pasadena	USA	50
IWGGMS-3	2006	May	Center for Institutes	Tsukuba	Japan	68
IWGGMS-4	2007	June	CNES HQ	Paris	France	30
IWGGMS-5	2008	June	Caltech	Pasadena	USA	45
IWGGMS-6	2010	January	Internatioal Conference Center	Kyoto	Japan	128
IWGGMS-7	2011	May	University of Edinburgh	Edinburgh	UK	142
IWGGMS-8	2012	June	Caltech	Pasadena	USA	135
IWGGMS-9	2013	June	Industrial Trade Center	Yokohama	Japan	112
IWGGMS-10	2014	May	ESA/ESTEC	Noordwijk	Netherlands	215
IWGGMS-11	2015	June	Caltech	Pasadena	USA	137
IWGGMS-12	2016	June	Kyoto University	Kyoto	Japan	145
IWGGMS-13	2017	June	University of Helsinki	Helsinki	Finland	168
IWGGMS-14	2018	May	University of Toronto	Toronto	Canada	186
IWGGMS-15	2019	June	Hokkaido University	Sapporo	Japan	144
IWGGMS-16	2020	June	EUMETSAT	Darmstadt/Virtual	Germany	325
IWGGMS-17	2021	June	NASA/GSFC	Greenbelt/Virtual	USA	417
IWGGMS-18	2022	July	NIES	Tsukuba/Virtual	Japan	296
IWGGMS-19	2023	July	CNES HQ	Paris	France	348
IWGGMS-20	2024	May	NCAR	Boulder	USA	

#### **Registered Participants**



## **Summary and Prospectus**

- IWGGMS has become the primary international forum for the exchange of scientific and technical information about greenhouse gas measurements from space
  - Instrument development, calibration, level 2 algorithms, validation, flux inversion modelling, applications ...
- Since 2004, this meeting has grown from a small, interactive workshop to a large scientific conference
- To date, it has been hosted by Japan, Europe, & North America, in sequence
  - Without registration fees
  - Without parallel sessions
- Have we outgrown this format?
  - Hybrid in-person/virtual attendance has been accommodated
  - Are there other approaches that we should be considering?

#### Suggestions?