

Water vapor partial columns retrieval from Zugspitze plus Garmisch FTIR measurements

Outline

- Results from AIRS validation campaign 2002
- Combination of Zugspitze (mountain) and Garmisch (ground site) FTIR
- Water vapor columns variability and profile covariance above Zugspitze/Garmisch
- Columns/partial columns retrieval characteristics and validation

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An aerial photograph of a mountain range, likely the Zugspitze area, showing snow-covered peaks and a dense layer of clouds or fog filling the valleys and lower slopes. The sky is clear and blue.



Triple NDACC Primary Station:
FTIR, Aerosol, UV.

Permanent Ground-Truthing Facility
Zugspitze/Garmisch according to the WMO
requirements.

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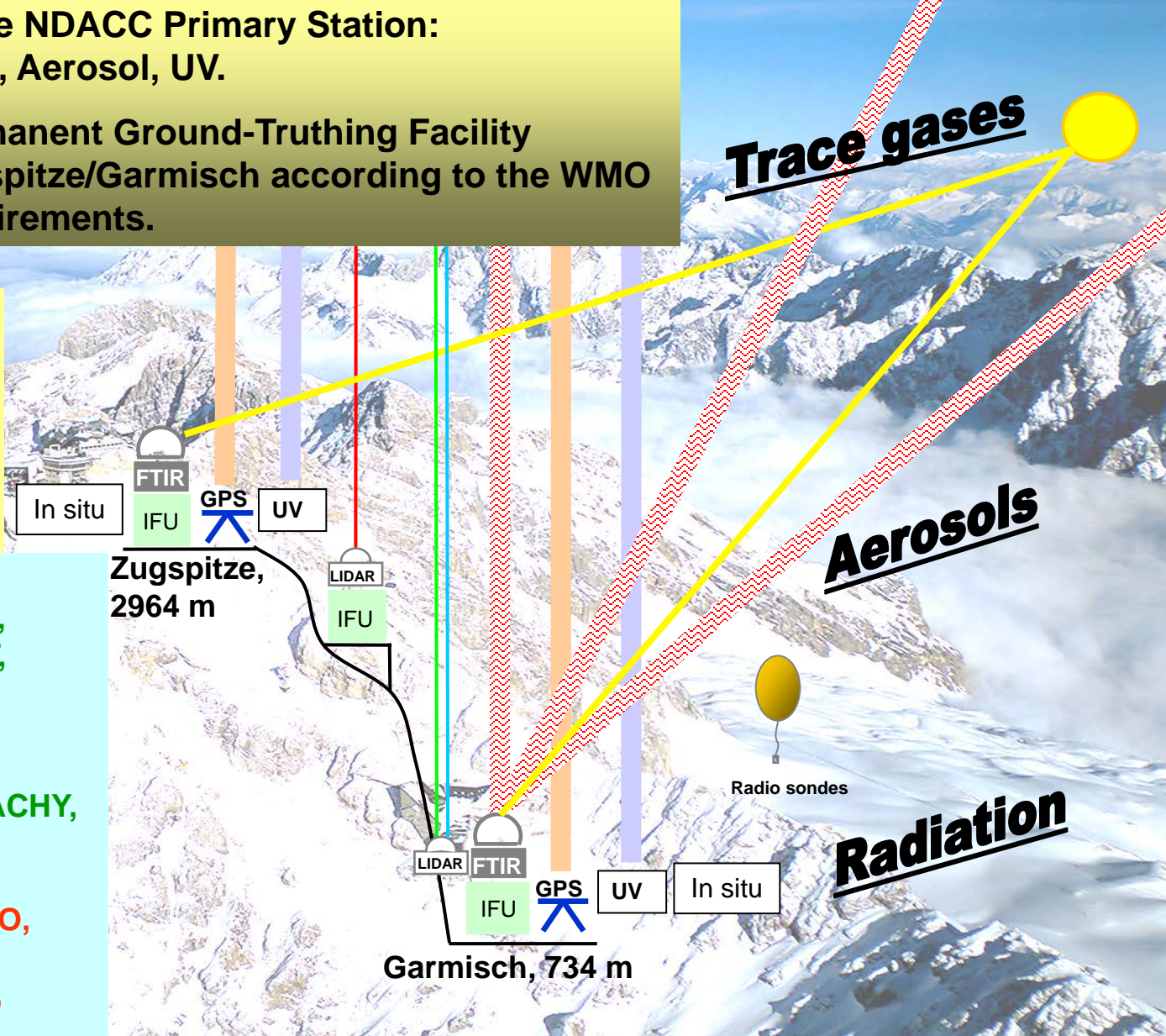
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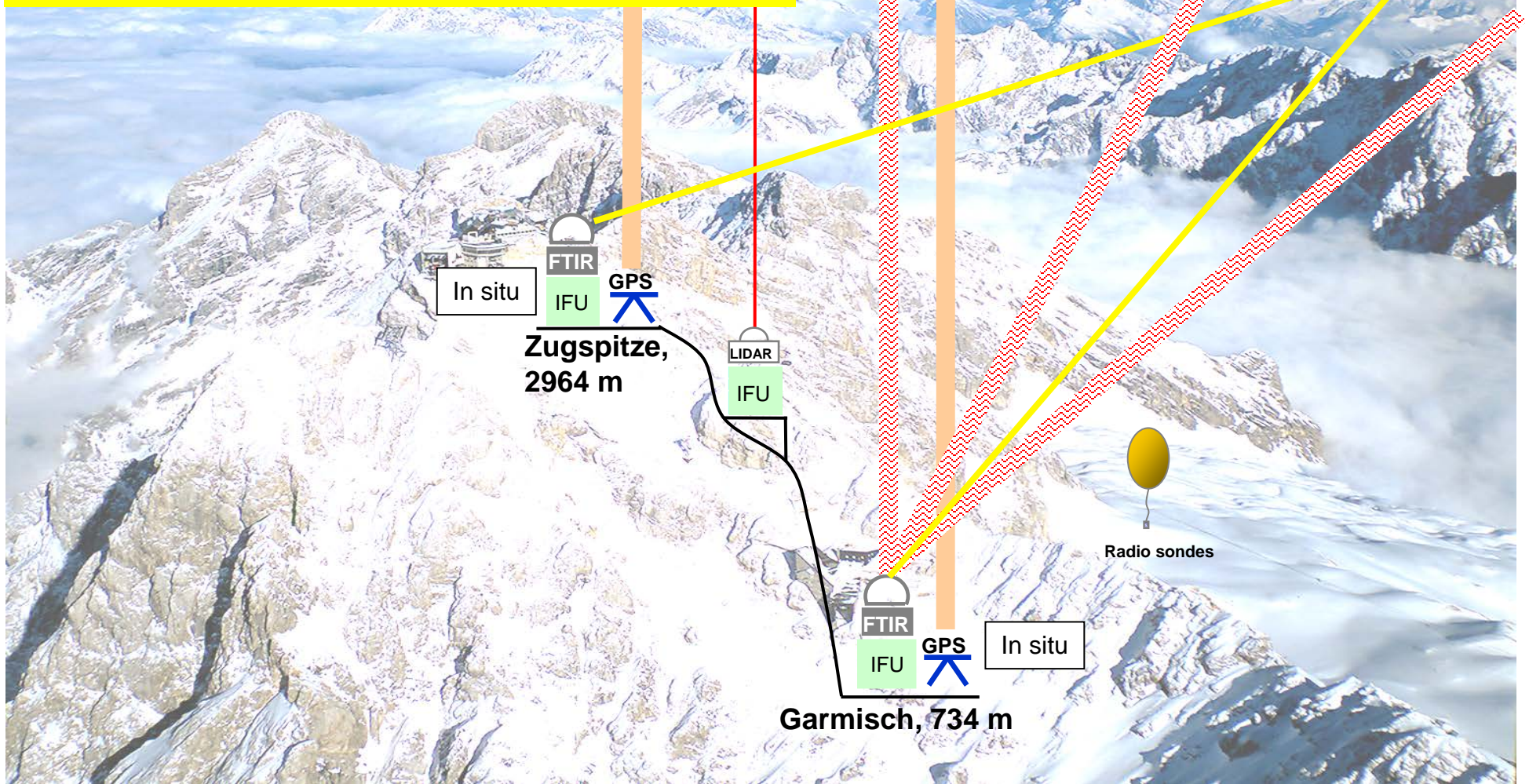
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Zugspitze/Garmisch instrumentation for water vapor columns/profiles



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2002 AIRS validation campaign at Zugspitze/Garmisch: [Schedule](#)

Campaign duration:

3 Months (19 Aug 2002 - 17 Nov 2002)

Validation measurements:

7 days a week,
2-hours-period around each overpass delivered,
for 2 EOS-Aqua overpasses per day

**Data delivery: within 12 h
for both day- and night-overpasses**

- Zugspitze FTIR: clear sky operation, typically, 20-min-integration intervals
- Radio Sondes (Garmisch): 4 sondes a day (two per overpass)
- GPS Garmisch+ Zugspitze, permanent operation, half hourly mean values
- In-Situ Met Data (Garmisch + Zugspitze): 1-min-values
- Cloud/weather information (Zugspitze: hourly; Garmisch: 1 fish eye image per overpass)

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2002 AIRS validation campaign at Zugspitze/Garmisch: Radio Sounding

Sonde 1 launched 1h before overpass
Sonde 2 launched 5 min before overpass

Vaisala RS 80-30 G sondes
TOTEX-800-g balloons
2 x Digicora III (Marvin 21, SPS220G)



TOBIN-Inter-/Extrapolation between both soundings:

$$q_{\text{Tobin}}(z, t_{\text{op}}) = q_{\text{sonde}}(z, t_0) + (dq(z)/dt) (t_{\text{op}} - t_0)$$

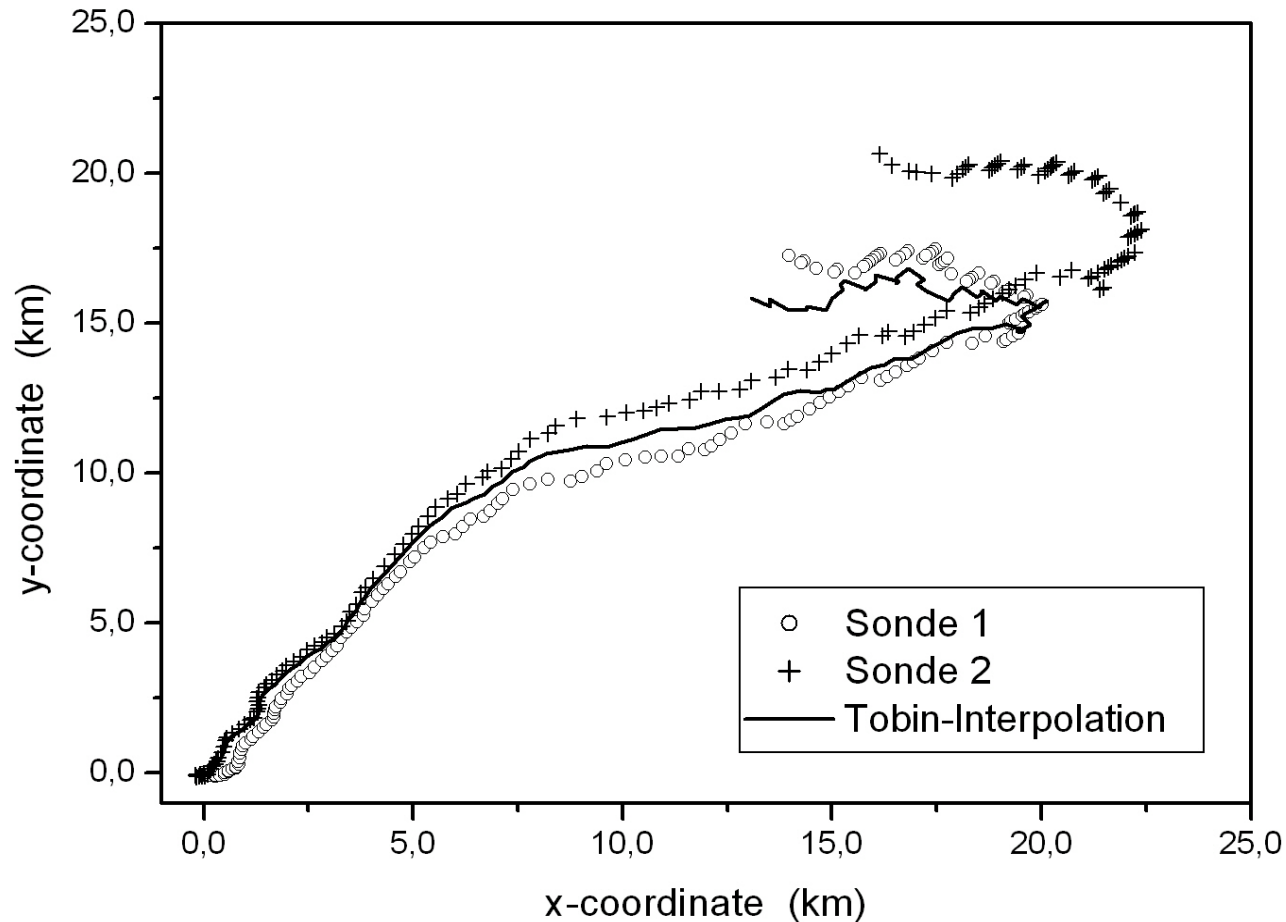
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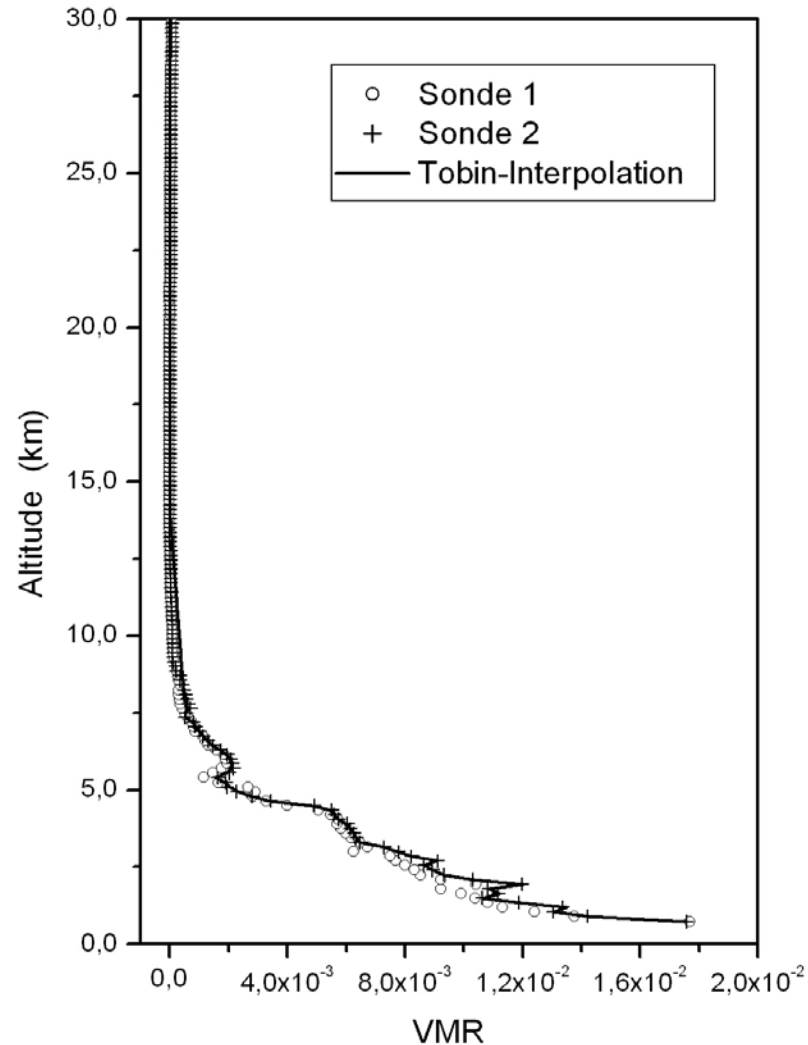


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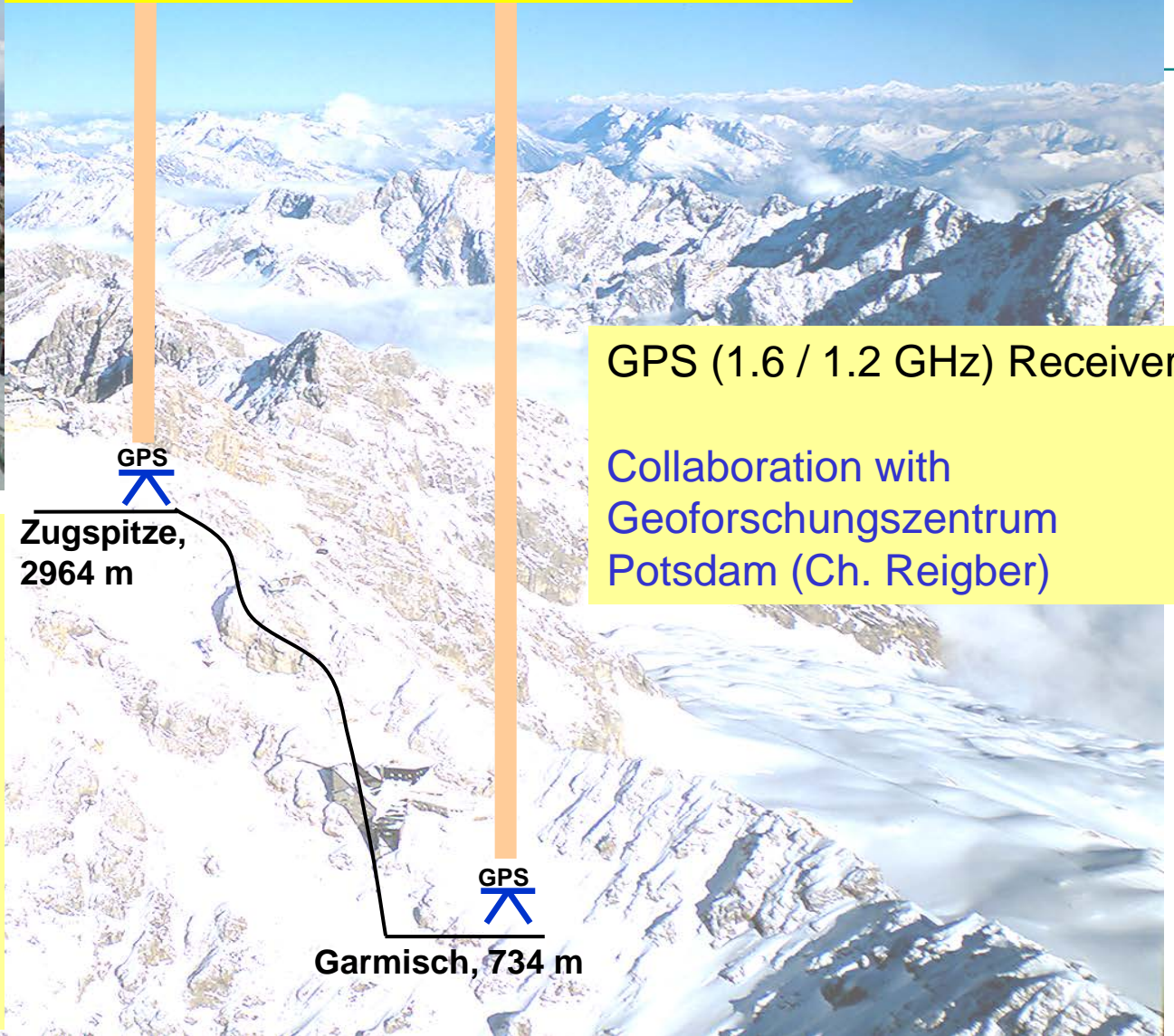


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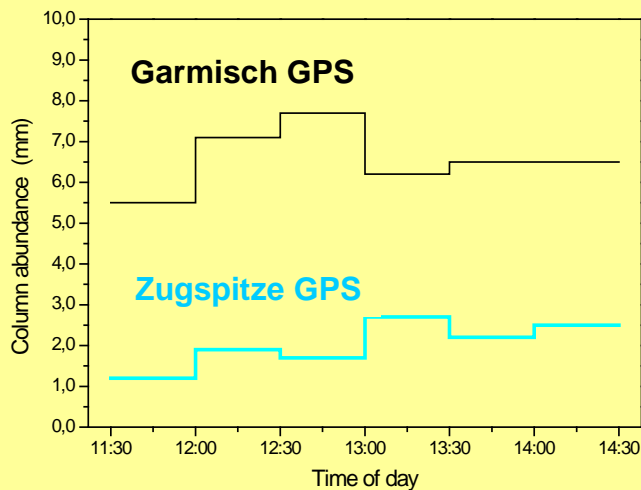
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Water vapor columns: Zugspitze+Garmisch GPS



GPS (1.6 / 1.2 GHz) Receivers

Collaboration with
Geoforschungszentrum
Potsdam (Ch. Reigber)



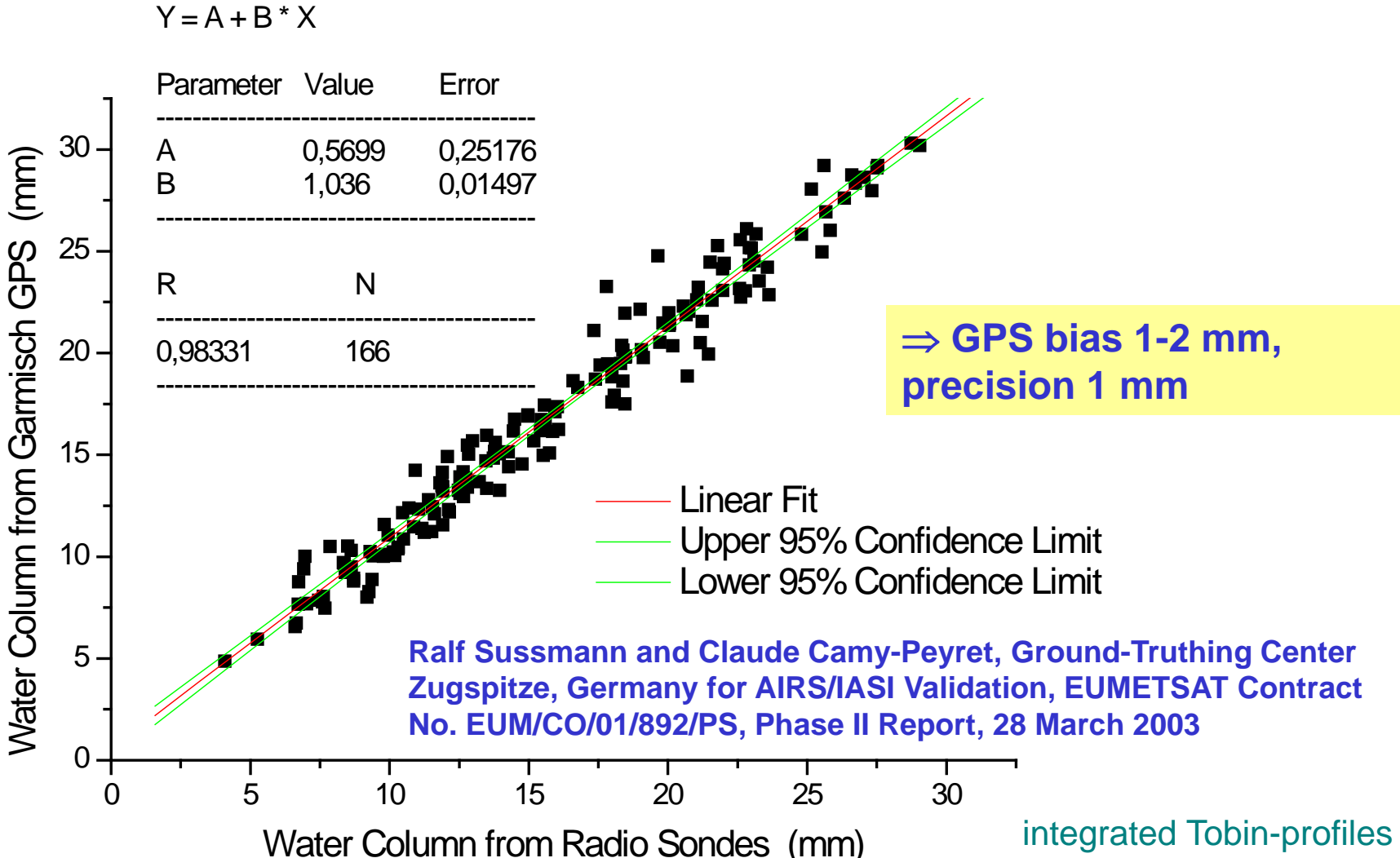
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Water vapor columns: Validation of Garmisch GPS with radio sondes

Columns
above
Garmisch,
734 m

2-h-mean
values



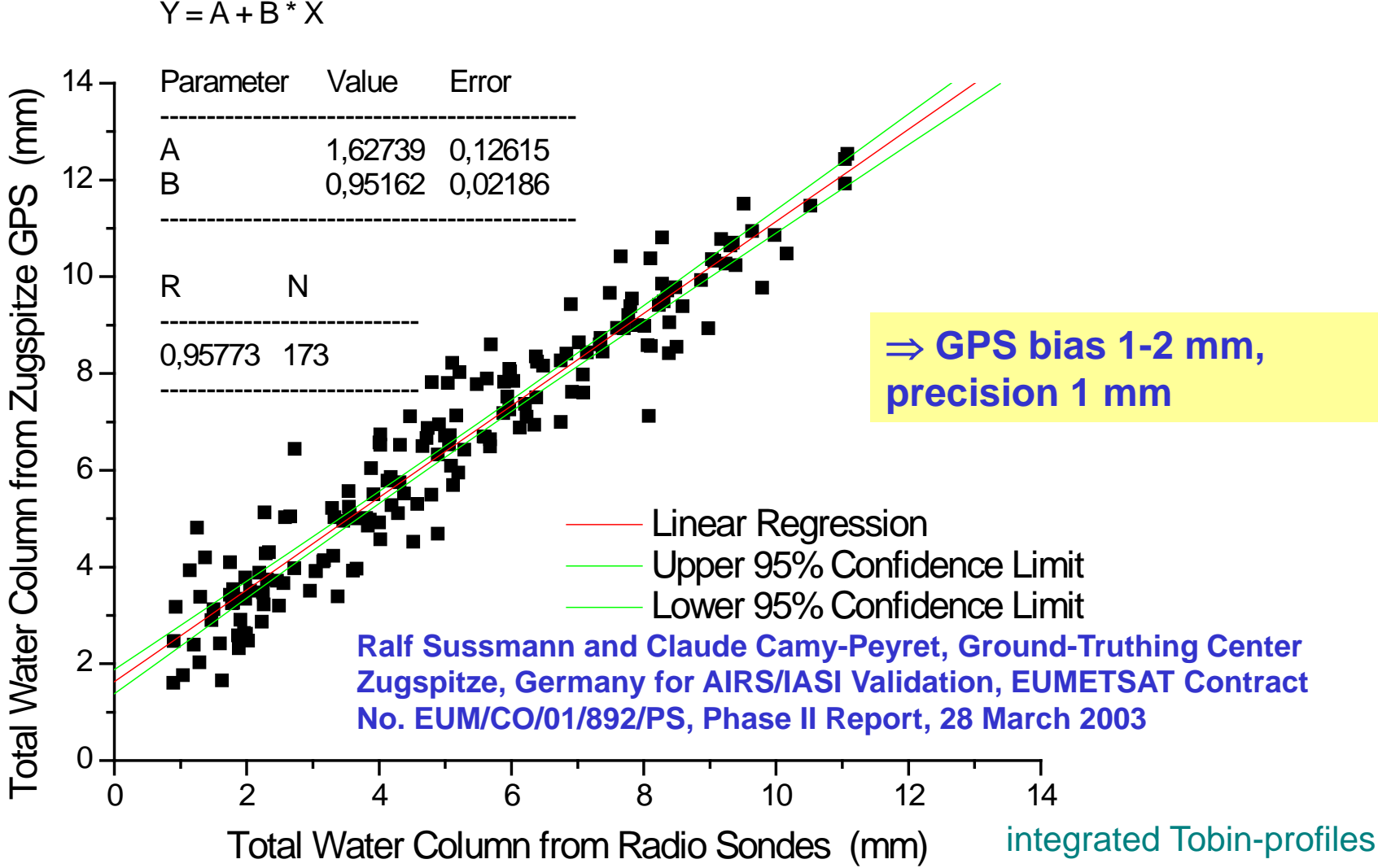
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Zugspitze operational since 1995
typ. 130 measurement
days per year

H₂O columns and profiles

FTIR
IFU

Zugspitze
2964 m

Garmisch operational
since 2004
94 measurement days in
2004
147 measurement days in
2005

**“Differential FTIR”
with Zugspitze:
H₂O columns and profiles**

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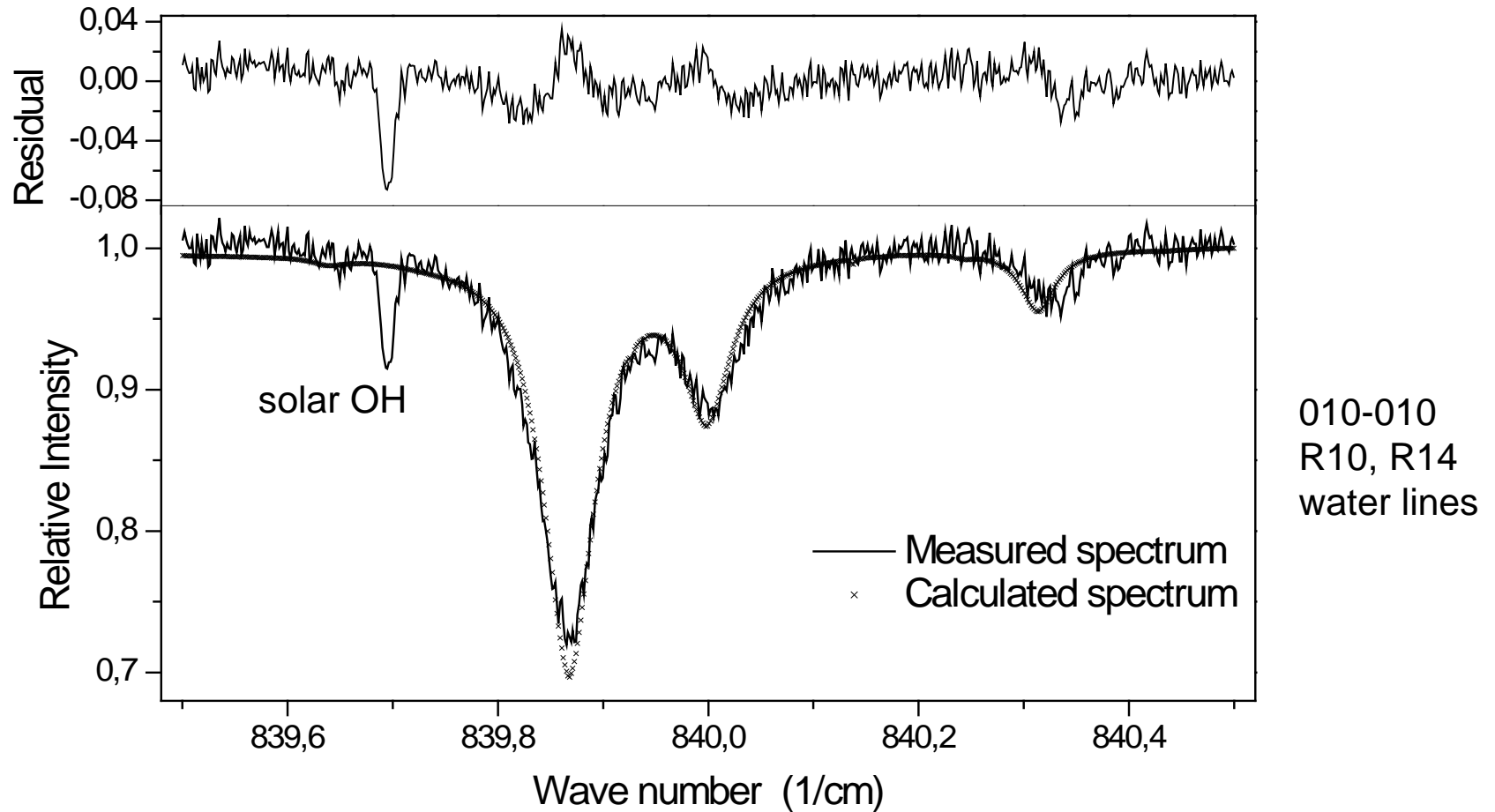
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Partial columns retrieval from Zugspitze and Garmisch

Zugspitze solar FTIR retrieval: **Micro windows**

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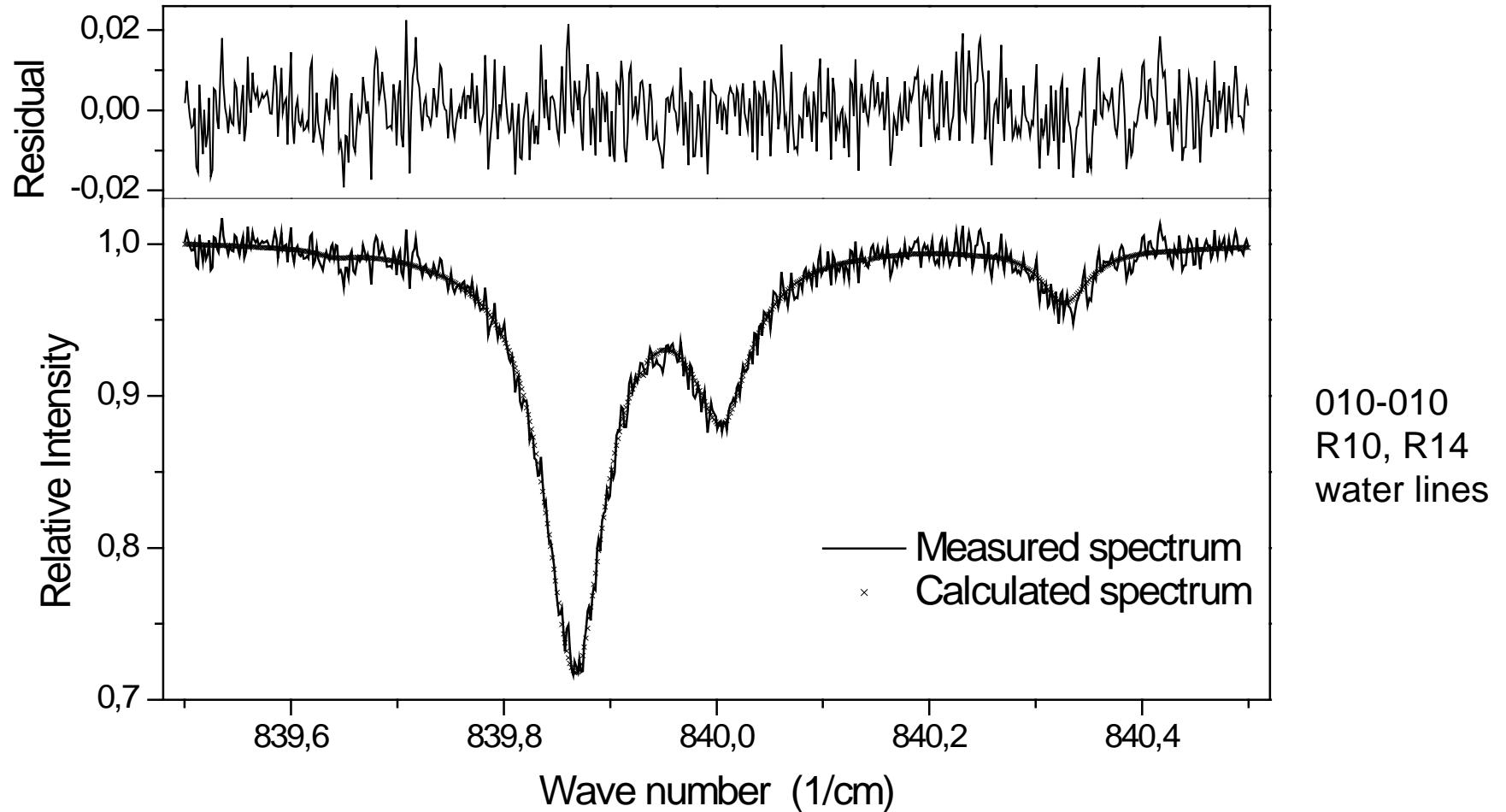


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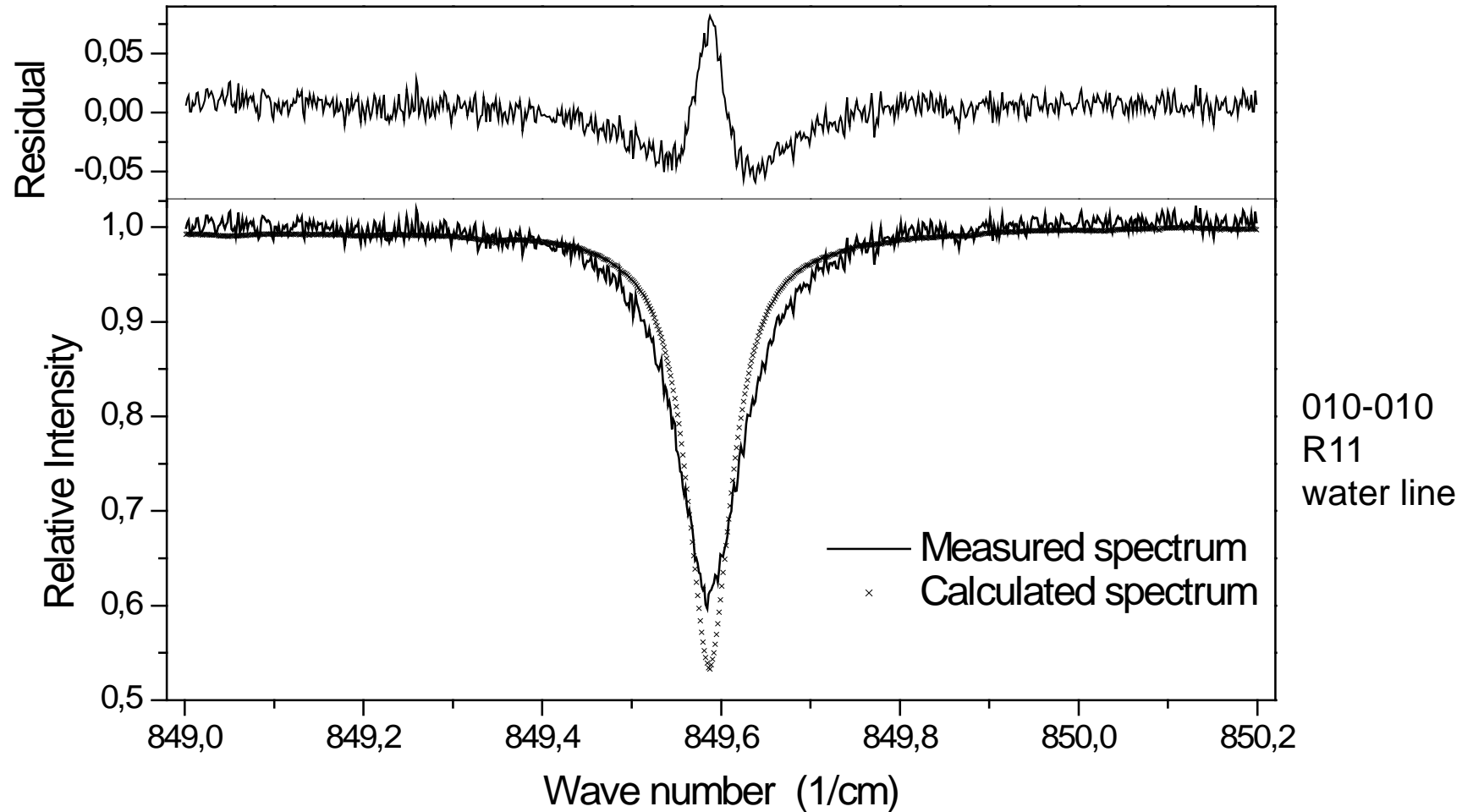


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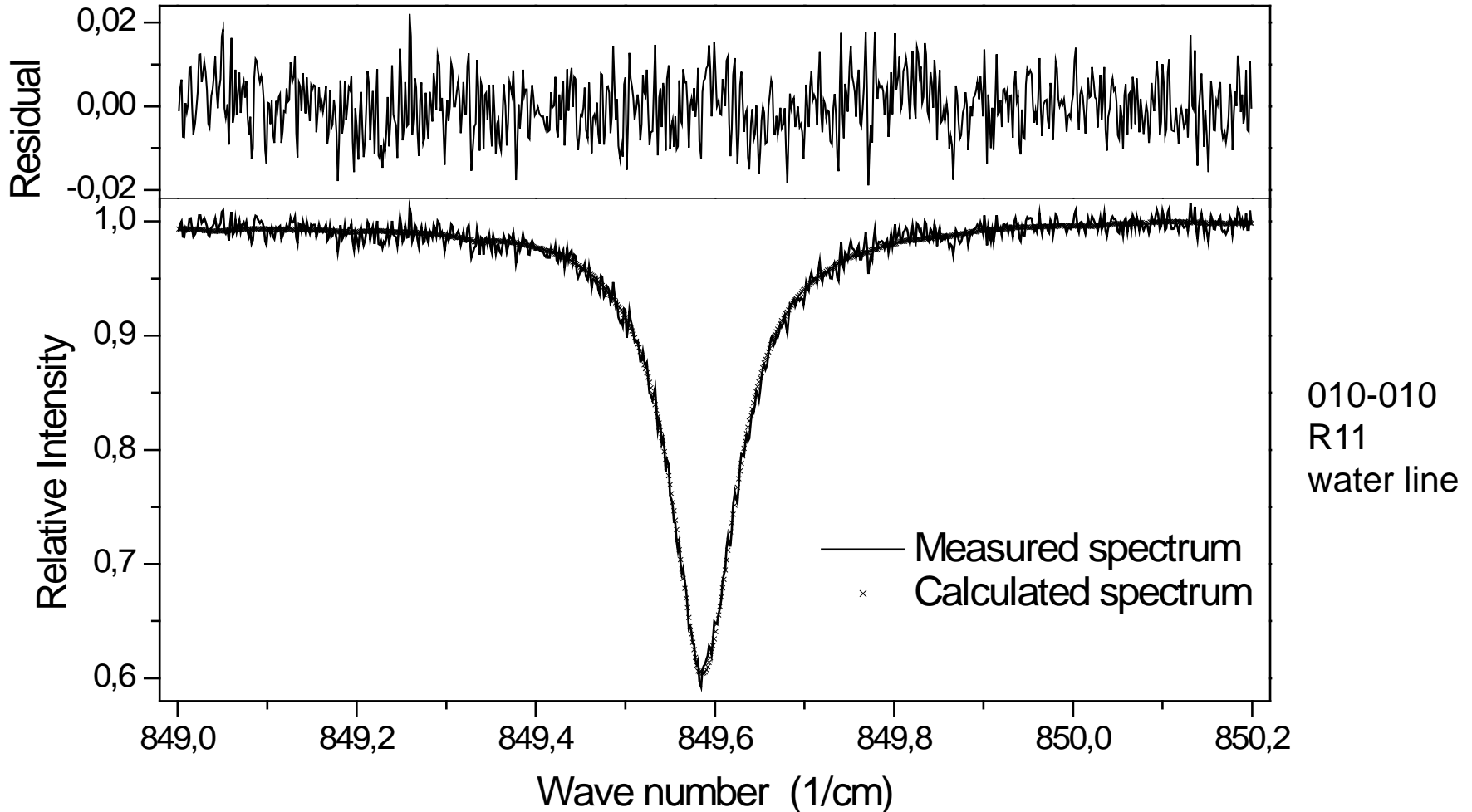


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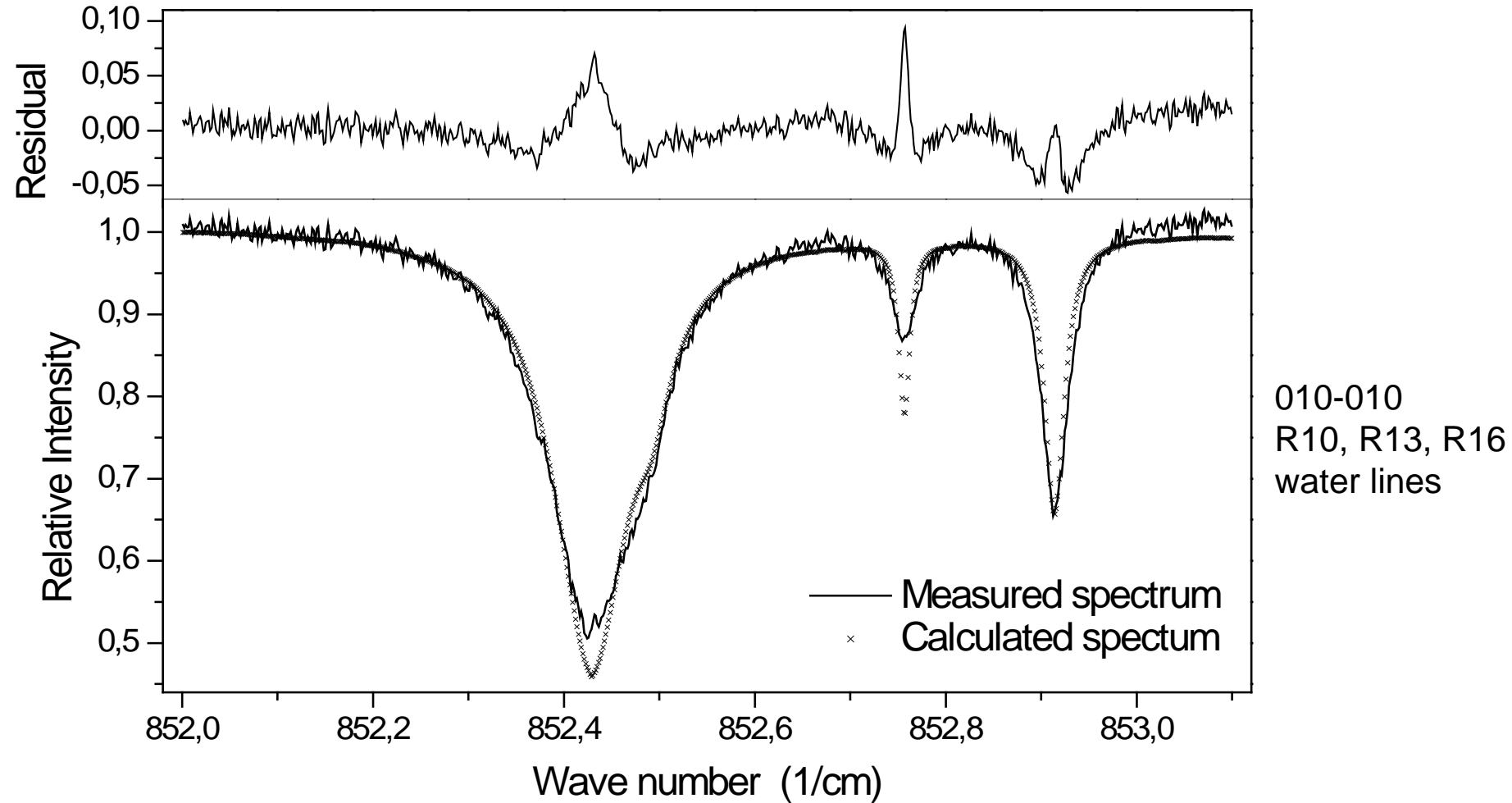


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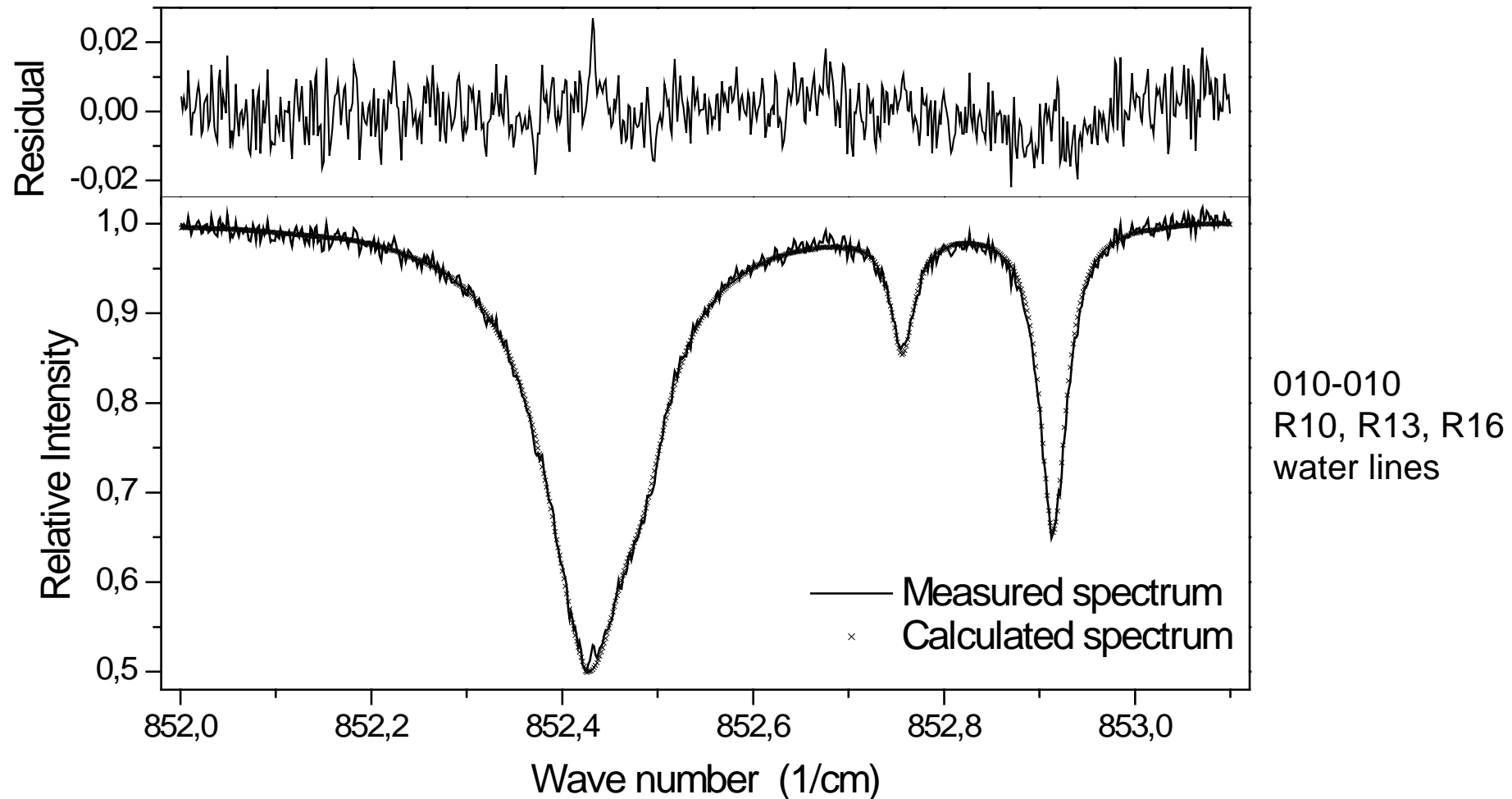


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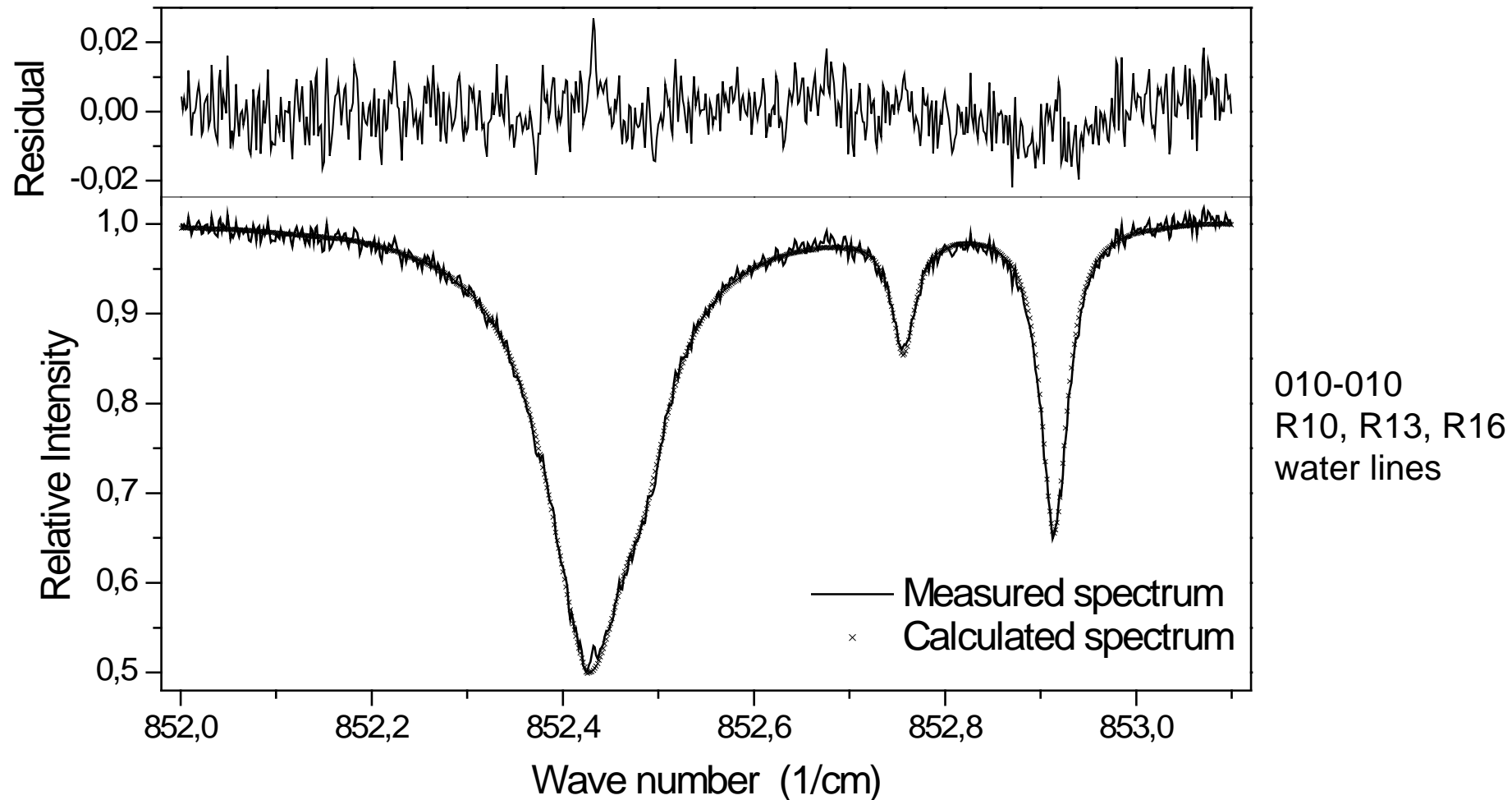


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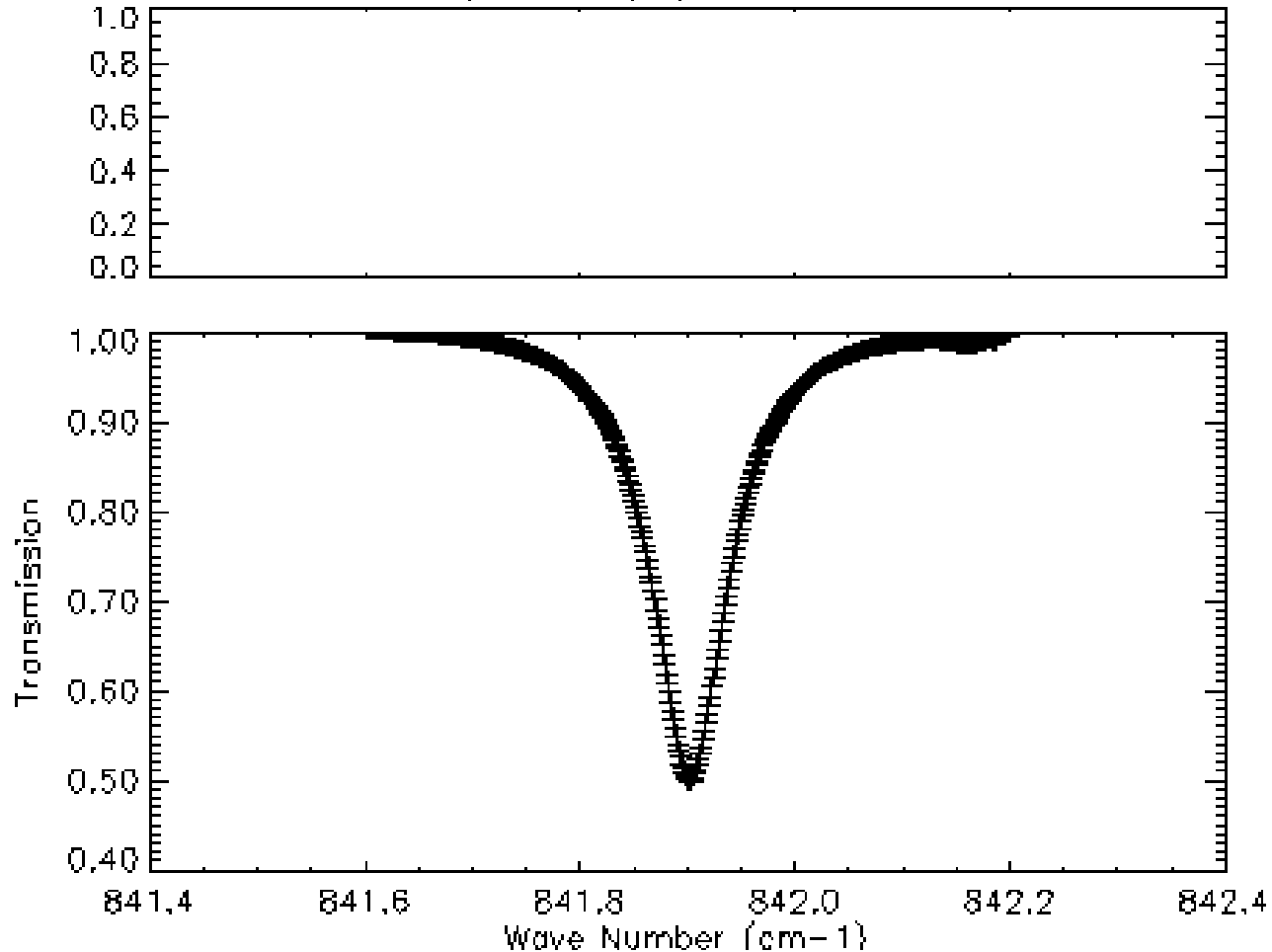


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Obs., Calc., and Diff. Spectra, pbpfile szo= 3234 rms= 0.000000%



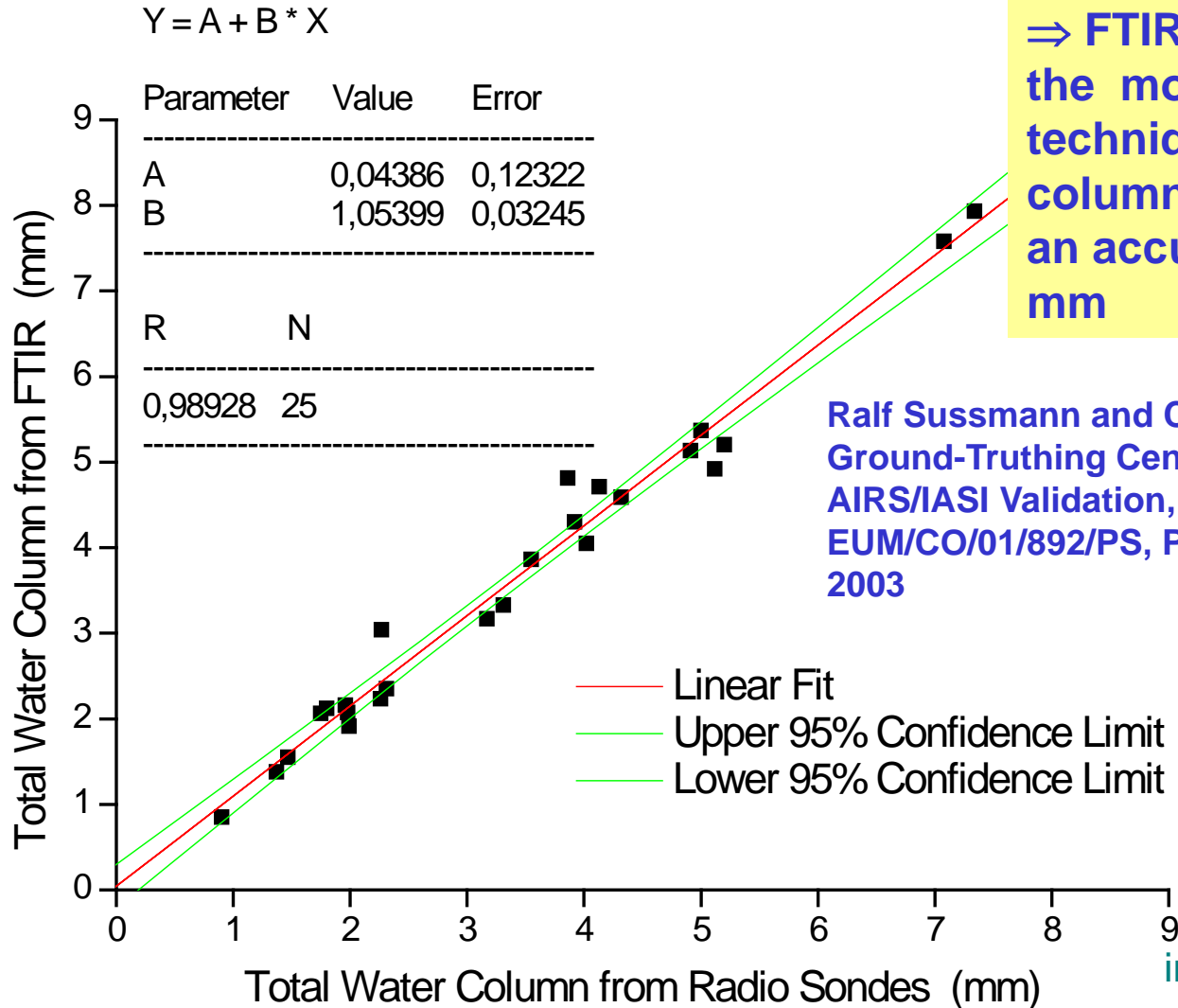
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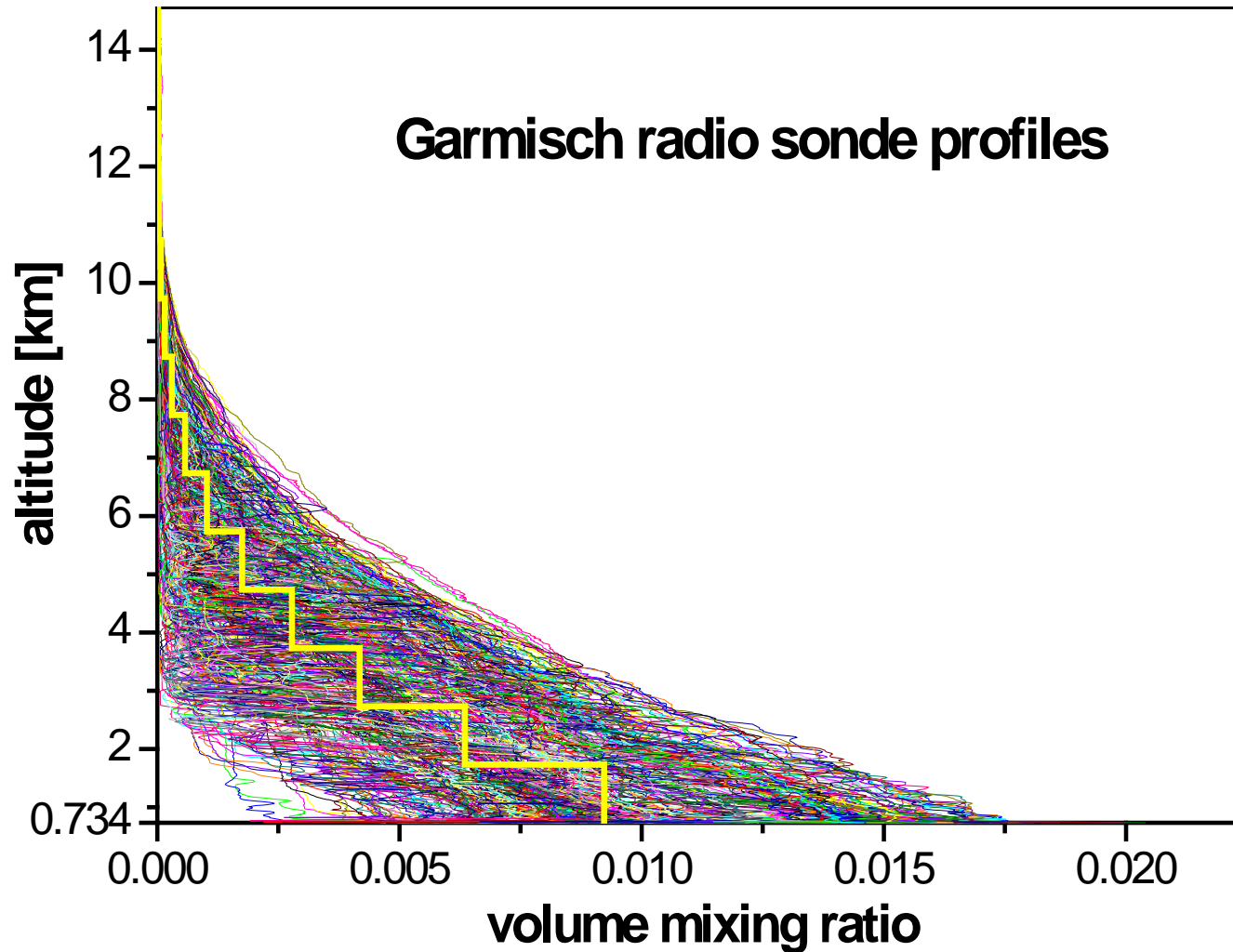


⇒ FTIR is probably one of the most accurate techniques to quantify columnar water vapor, with an accuracy around 0.1 mm

Ralf Sussmann and Claude Camy-Peyret,
Ground-Truthing Center Zugspitze, Germany for
AIRS/IASI Validation, EUMETSAT Contract No.
EUM/CO/01/892/PS, Phase II Report, 28 March
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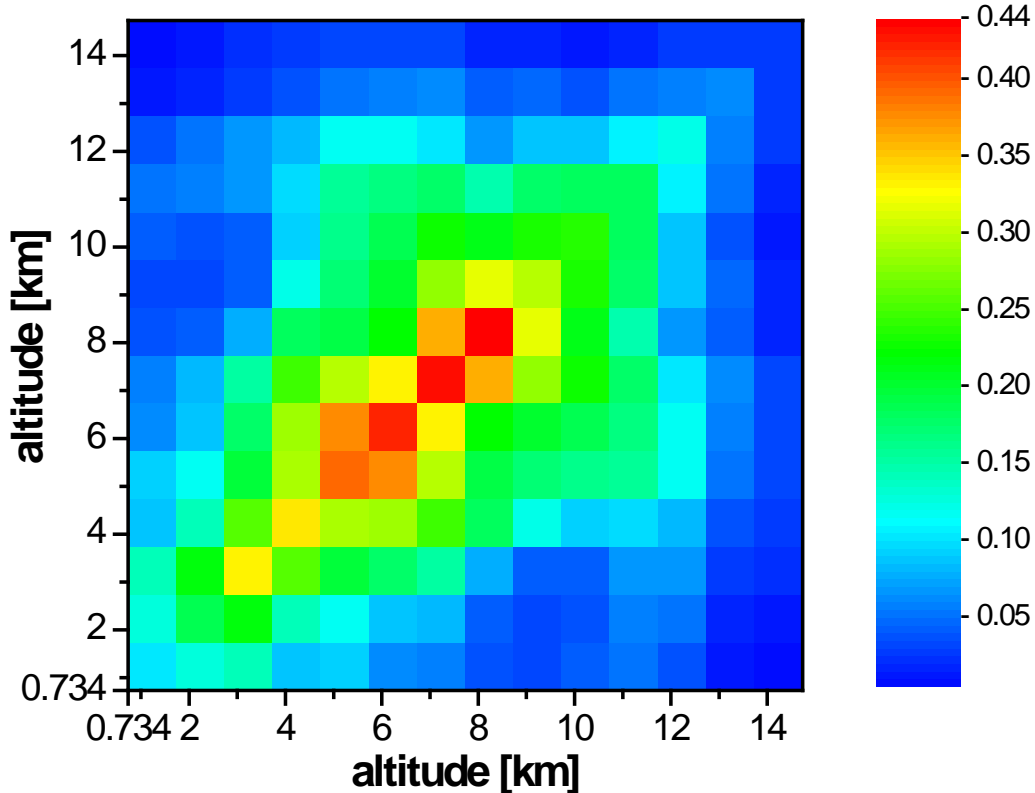
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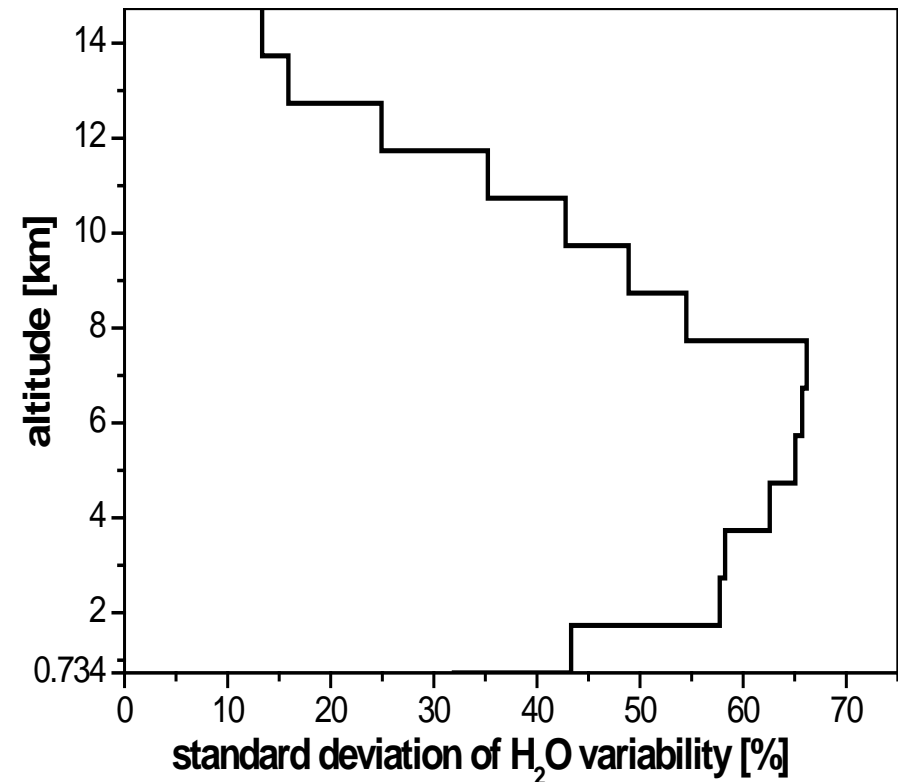


Zugspitze/Garmisch FTIR profile retrieval: A priori information used (II)

water vapor covariance



water vapor variability (stdv)



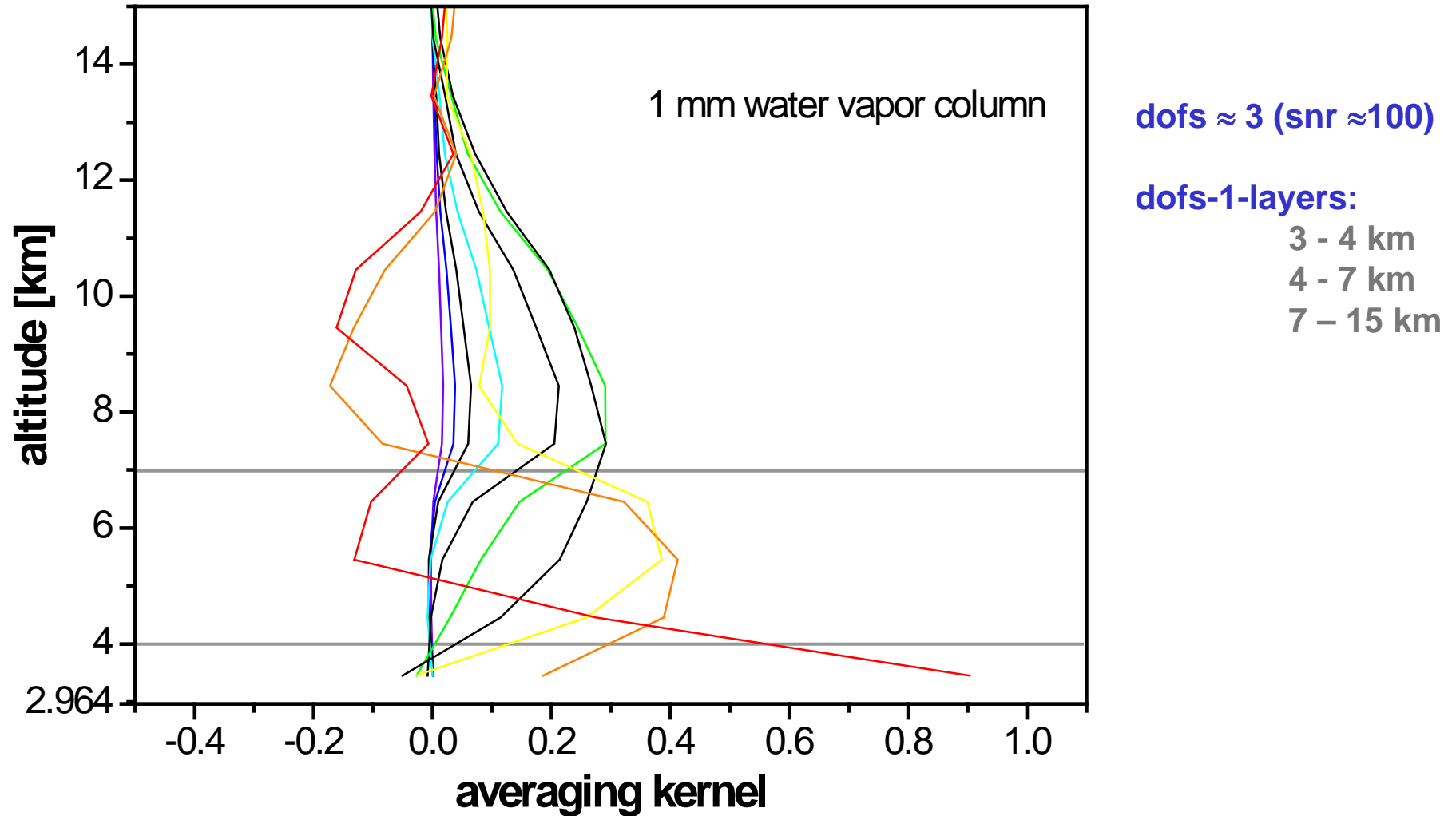
Unit: covariances of VMR-layer scaling factors

VMR

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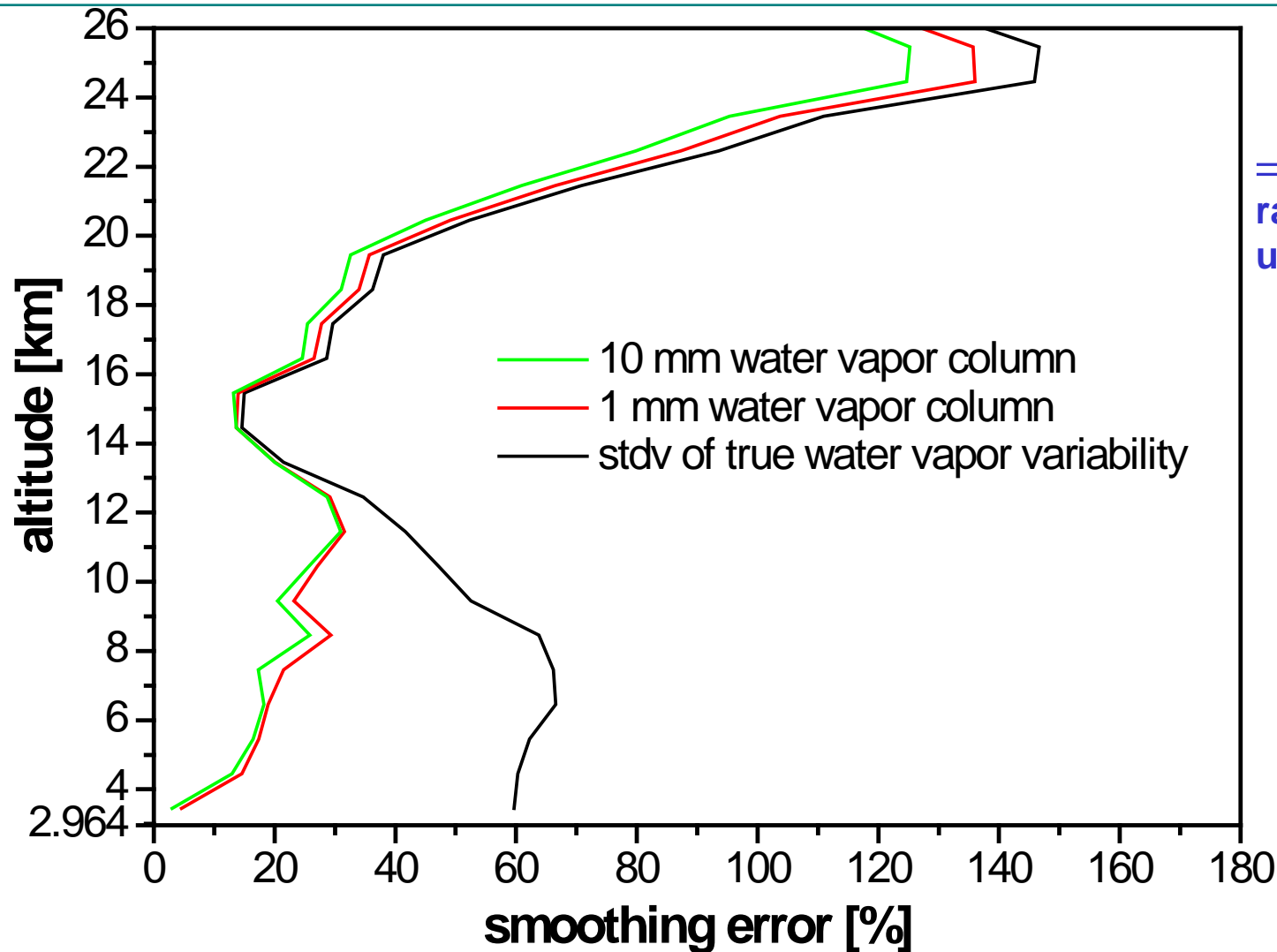
Zugspitze/Garmisch FTIR profile retrieval: Averaging kernels



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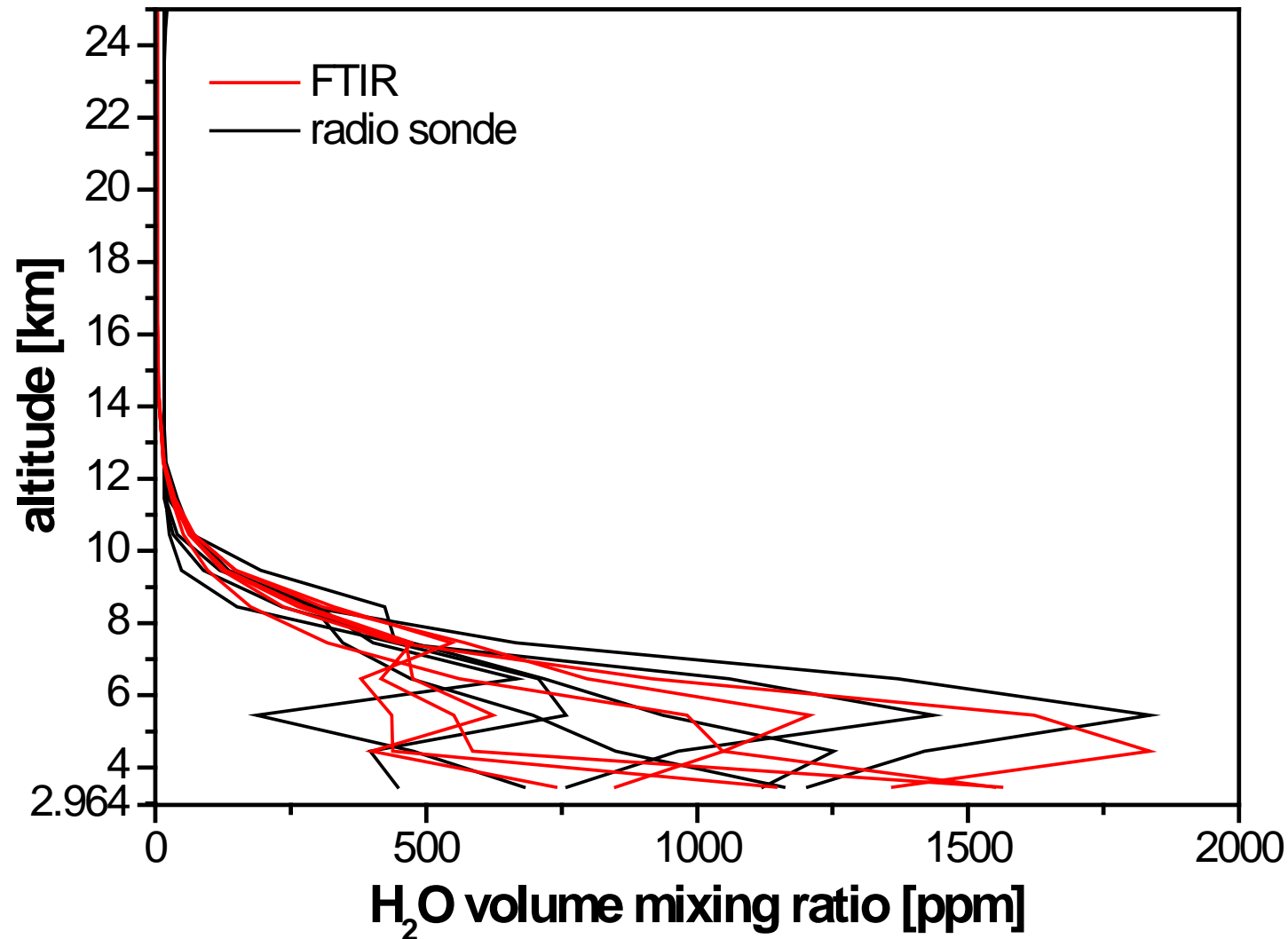
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Zugspitze/Garmisch FTIR profile retrieval: Smoothing error



⇒ Smoothing error/altitude range does not depend upon absolute column level

Zugspitze FTIR profile retrieval: Retrieved profiles versus sondes

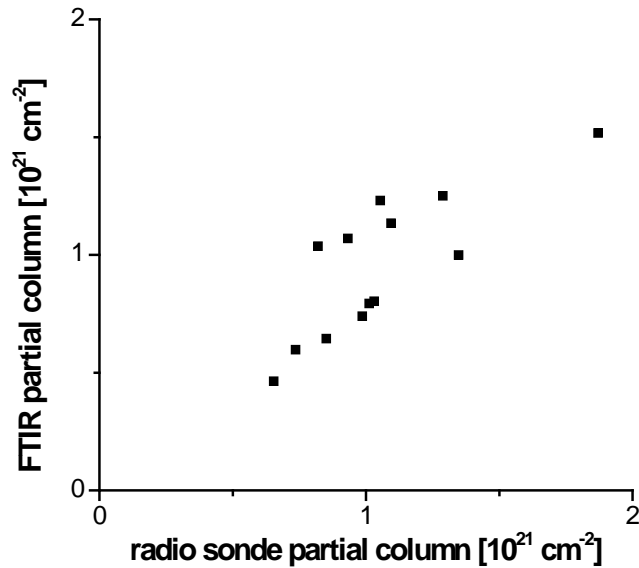


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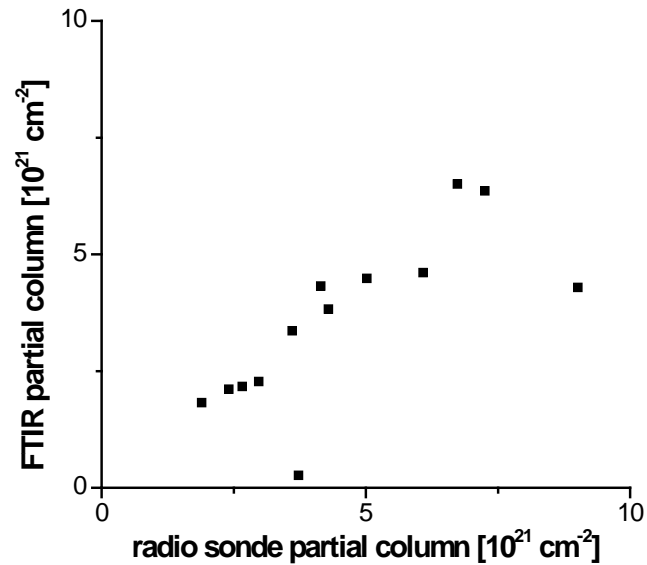
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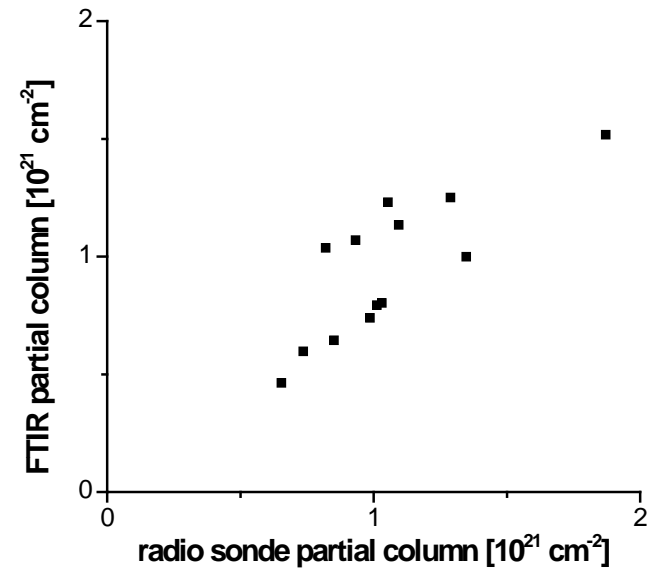
partial column 3 - 4 km



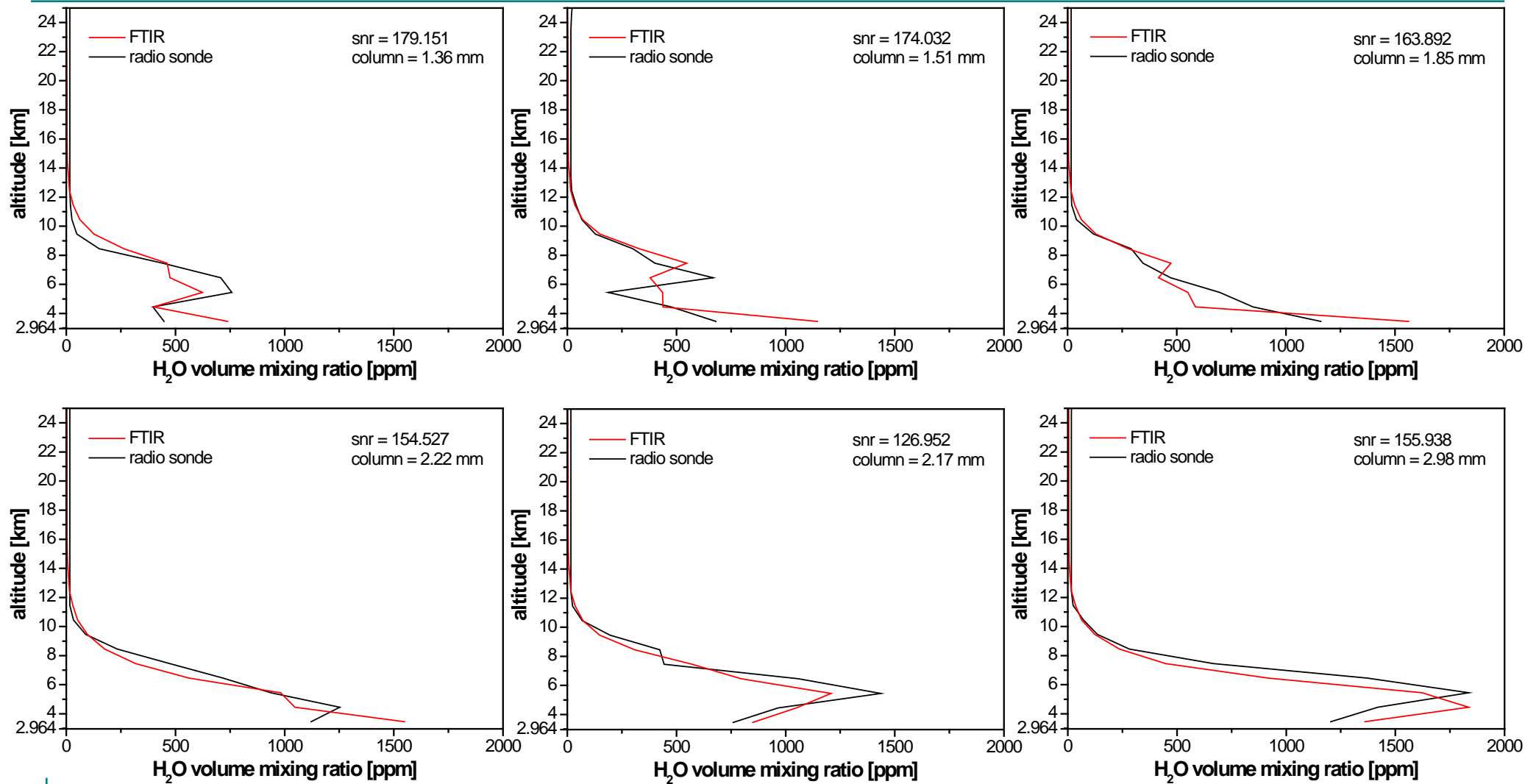
partial column 4 - 7 km



partial column 7 - 15 km



Zugspitze FTIR profile retrieval: Retrieved profile versus sonde



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Summary/Outlook: FTIR water vapor retrievals at Zugspitze + Garmisch

Summary

- found interference-free micro-window set
- FTIR yields very very high accuracy total columns
- Zugspitze – Garmisch „differential FTIR“
- OE with climatological a priori covariance from sondes works fine
- dofs ≈ 3 , i.e., layers 3 - 4 km, 4 - 7 km, 7 – 15 km
- smooting error/altitude range does not significantly depend on absolute water column level
- validation against sondes good, given high quality spectra (snr > 120)

Outlook

- synergistic combination with Zugspitze water lidar measurements
- Zugspitze/Garmisch EPS-MetOp IASI validation campaign in 2007

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