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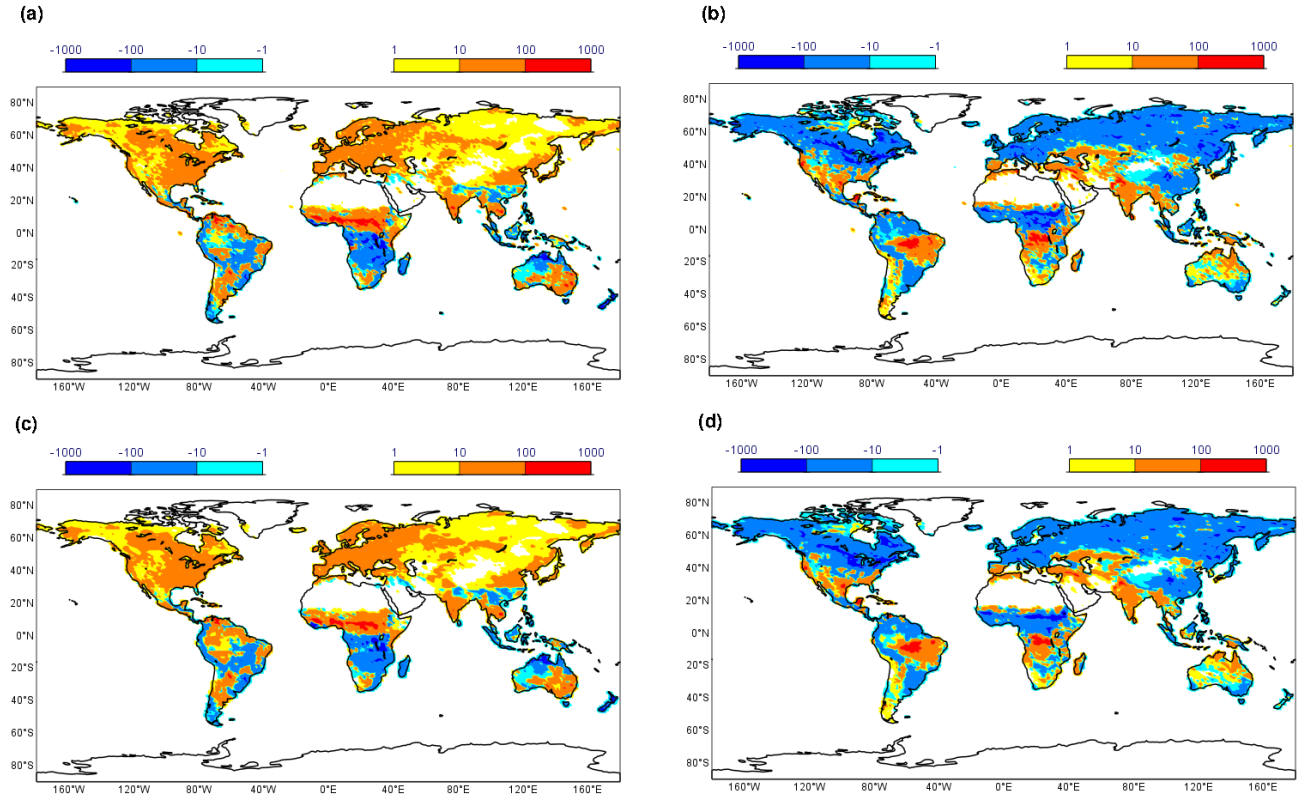
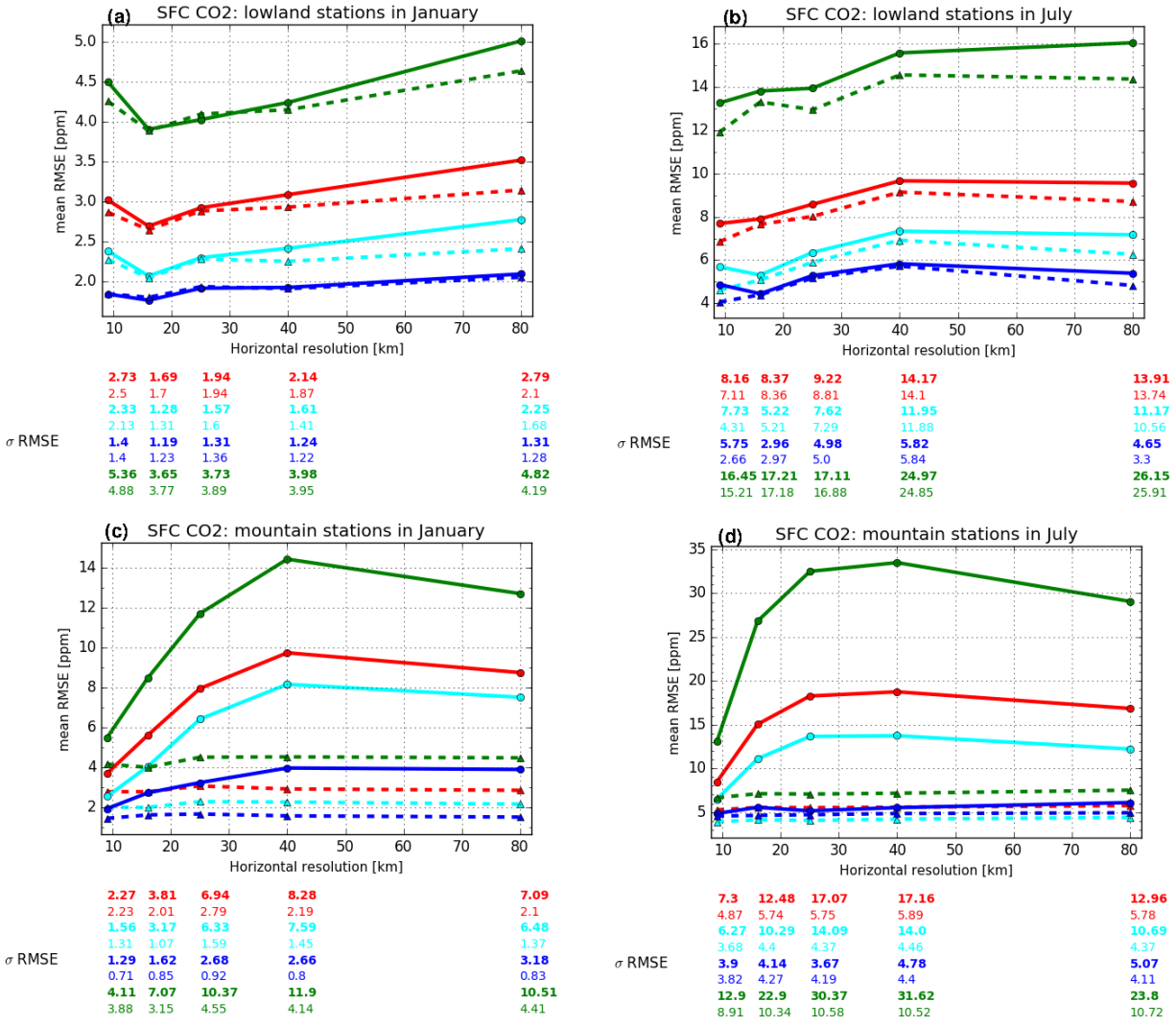


Figure S1. Monthly mean NEE [g $m^{-2}day^{-1}$] from the 9km-EXP (upper panels) and the 80km-EXP (lower panels) simulations in January (a,c) and August (b,d). The difference between the NEE global budget of 9km-EXP and 80km-EXP is less than 1 %.



σ RMSE					
	2.73	**1.69**	**1.94**	**2.14**	**2.79**
	2.5	1.7	1.94	1.87	2.1
	2.33	**1.28**	**1.57**	**1.61**	**2.25**
	2.13	1.31	1.6	1.41	1.68
	1.4	**1.19**	**1.31**	**1.24**	**1.31**
	1.4	1.23	1.36	1.22	1.28
	5.36	**3.65**	**3.73**	**3.98**	**4.82**
	4.88	3.77	3.89	3.95	4.19

σ RMSE					
	8.16	**8.37**	**9.22**	**14.17**	**13.91**
	7.11	8.36	8.81	14.1	13.74
	7.73	**5.22**	**7.62**	**11.95**	**11.17**
	4.31	5.21	7.29	11.88	10.56
	5.75	**2.96**	**4.98**	**5.82**	**4.65**
	2.66	2.97	5.0	5.84	3.3
	16.45	**17.21**	**17.11**	**24.97**	**26.15**
	15.21	17.18	16.88	24.85	25.91

σ RMSE					
	2.27	**3.81**	**6.94**	**8.28**	**7.09**
	2.23	2.01	2.79	2.19	2.1
	1.56	**3.17**	**6.33**	**7.59**	**6.48**
	1.31	1.07	1.59	1.45	1.37
	1.29	**1.62**	**2.68**	**2.66**	**3.18**
	0.71	0.85	0.92	0.8	0.83
	4.11	**7.07**	**10.37**	**11.9**	**10.51**
	3.88	3.15	4.55	4.14	4.41

σ RMSE					
	7.3	**12.48**	**17.07**	**17.16**	**12.96**
	4.87	5.74	5.75	5.89	5.78
	6.27	**10.29**	**14.09**	**14.0**	**10.69**
	3.68	4.4	4.37	4.46	4.37
	3.9	**4.14**	**3.67**	**4.78**	**5.07**
	3.82	4.27	4.19	4.4	4.11
	12.9	**22.9**	**30.37**	**31.62**	**23.8**
	8.91	10.34	10.58	10.52	10.72

Figure S2. As in Fig. 6, using the different vertical sampling of the model with height above ground (solid lines) and height above mean sea level (dash lines). The standard deviation of the RMSE from each station is shown by the numbers below are in bold/non-bold for the height above ground/height above mean sea level. Note that different scales are used in each panel.

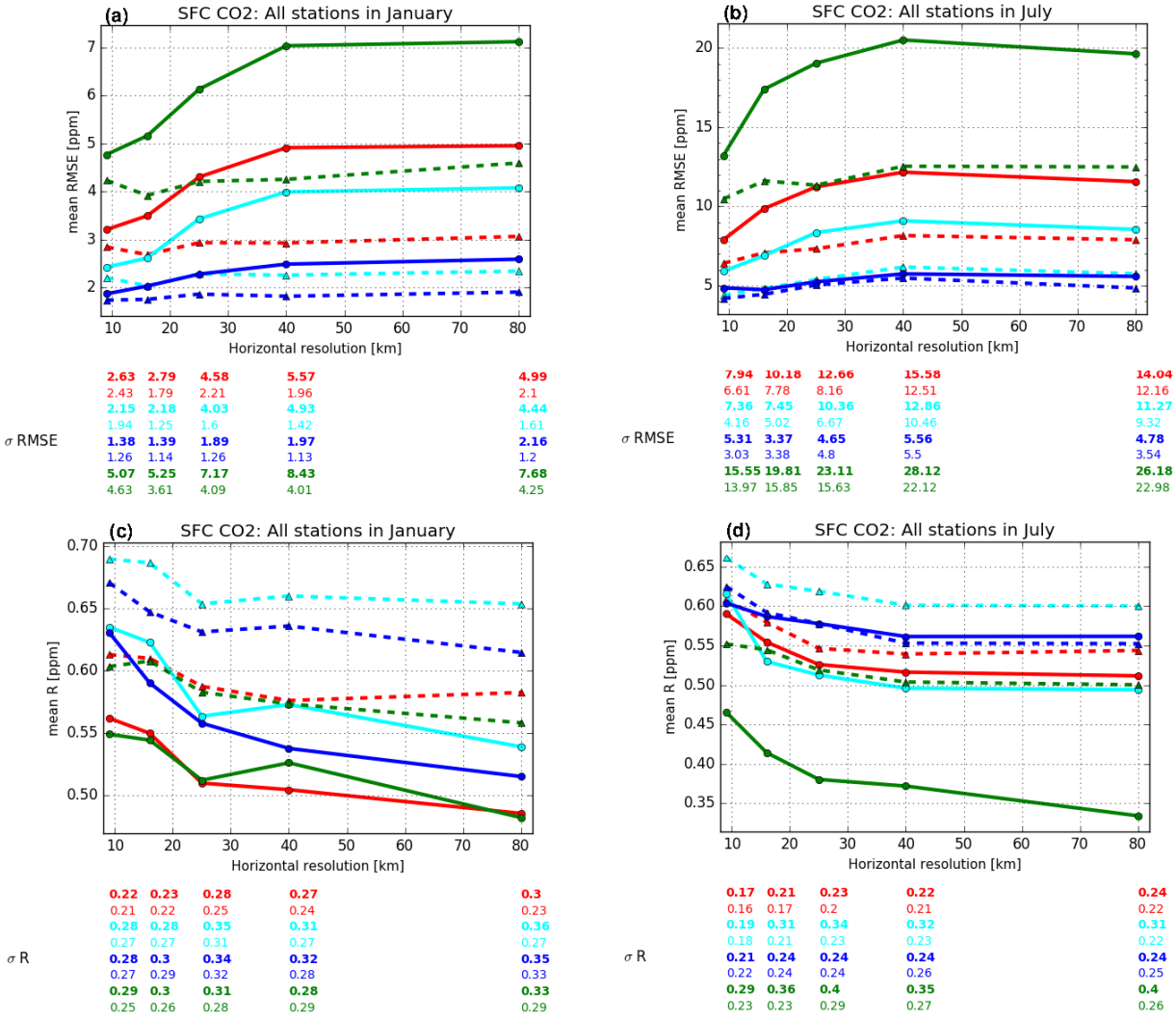


Figure S3. As in Fig. 5, using different vertical sampling of the model with height above ground (solid lines) and height above mean sea level (dash lines). The standard deviation of the RMSE from each station is shown by the numbers below are in bold/non-bold for the height above ground/height above mean sea level. Note that different scales are used in each panel.

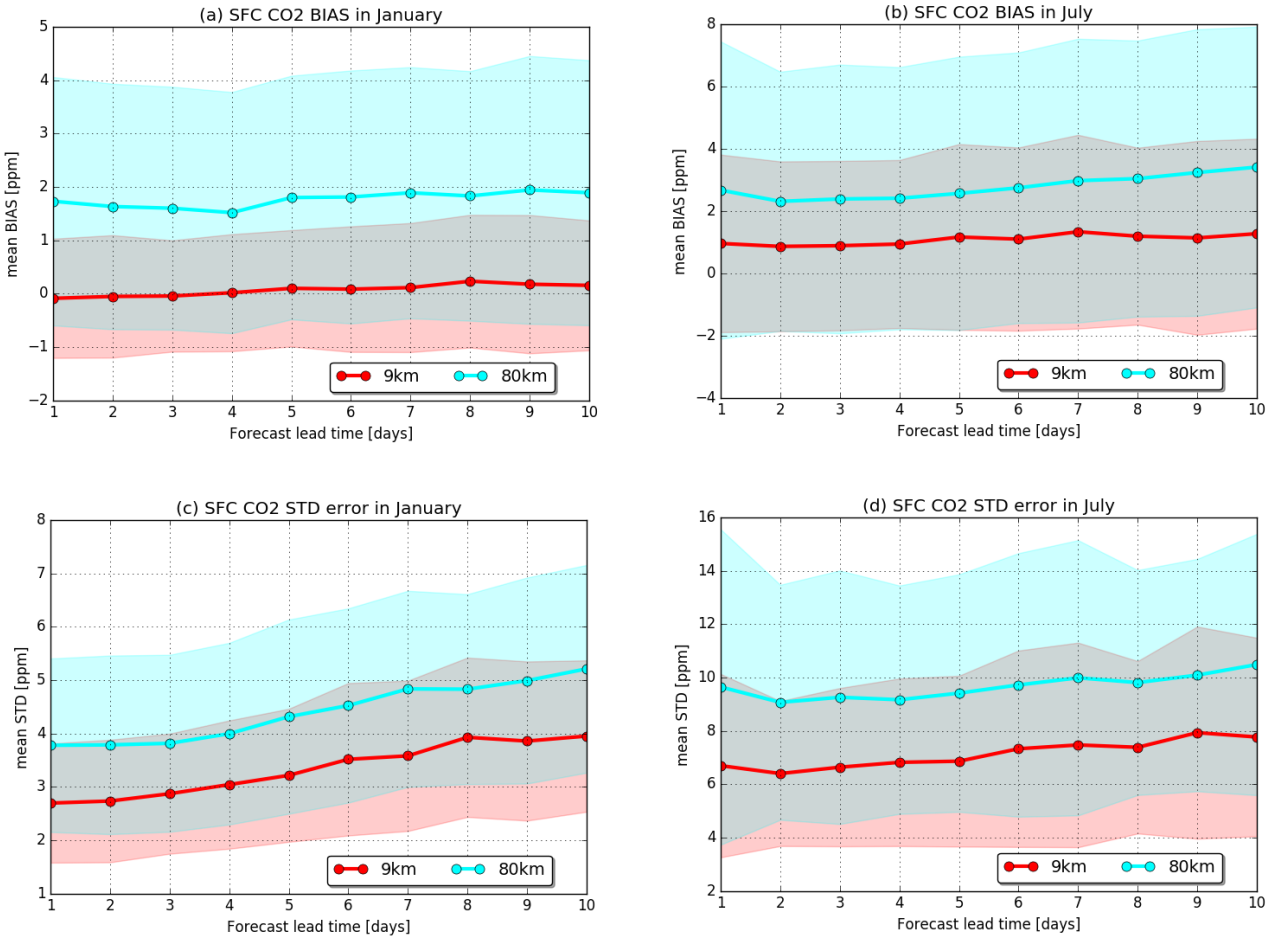


Figure S4. (a,b) Mean bias and (c,d) standard error of near-surface CO_2 at different forecast lead times for 9km-EXP (red) and 80km-EXP (blue) in (a,c,d) January and (b,d,f) July. The errors are computed with respect to continuous in situ surface measurements from 51 stations (see Tab A1). The error standard deviation between the different stations is shown with the shaded area. Note that different scales are used in each panel.

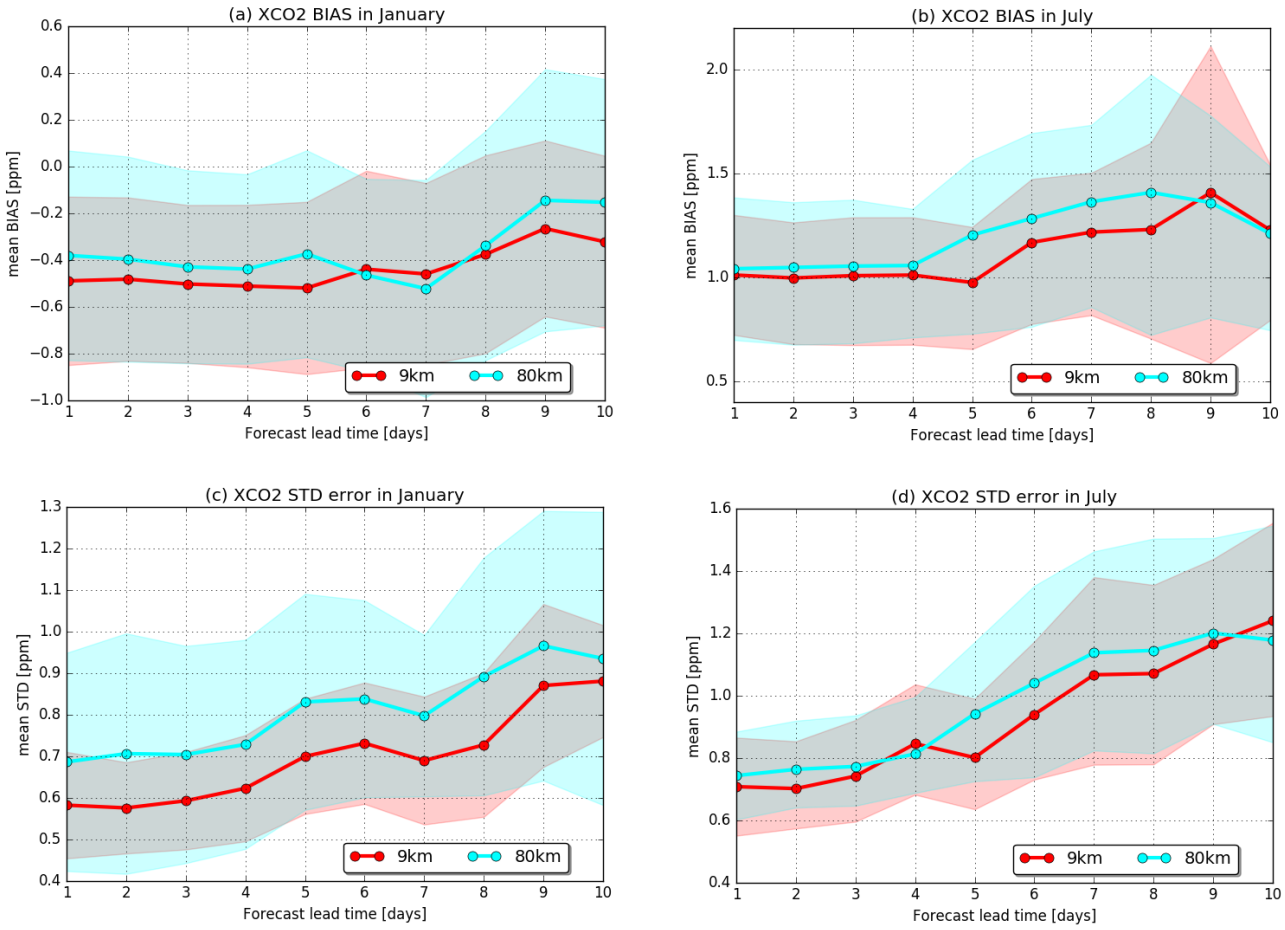


Figure S5. (a,b) Mean bias and (c,d) standard error of XCO_2 at different forecast lead times for 9km-EXP (red) and 80km-EXP (blue) in (a,c,d) January and (b,d,f) July. The errors are computed with respect to TCCON observations from 18 TCCON stations (see Tab. A2). The error standard deviation between the different stations is shown with the shaded area. Note that different scales are used in each panel.

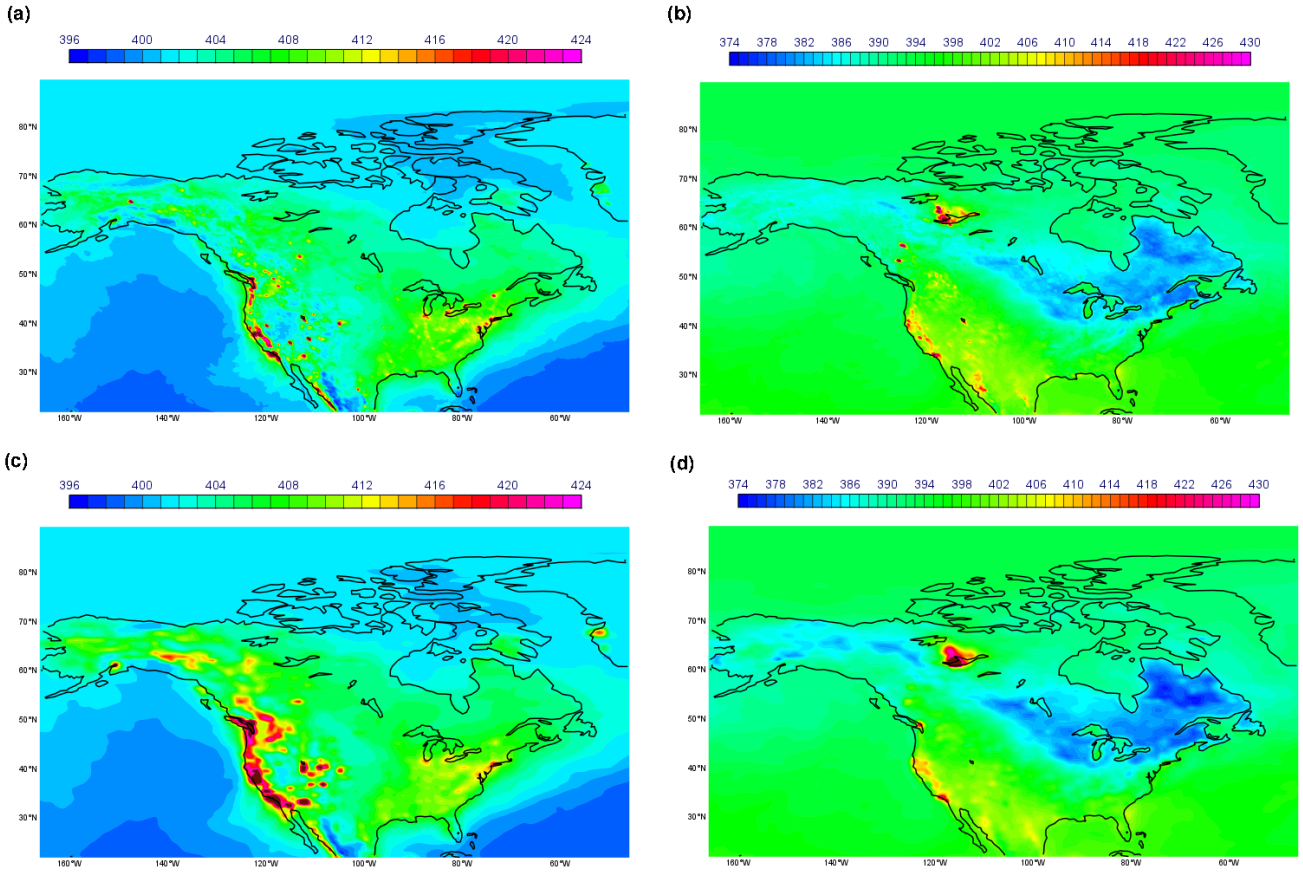


Figure S6. Monthly mean surface CO_2 [ppm] from 9km-EXP (a,b) and 80km-EXP (c,d) simulations over North America at 18 UTC in January (left panels) and July (right panels). Values larger than 424 ppm and 430 ppm in winter and summer respectively are shown in brown.

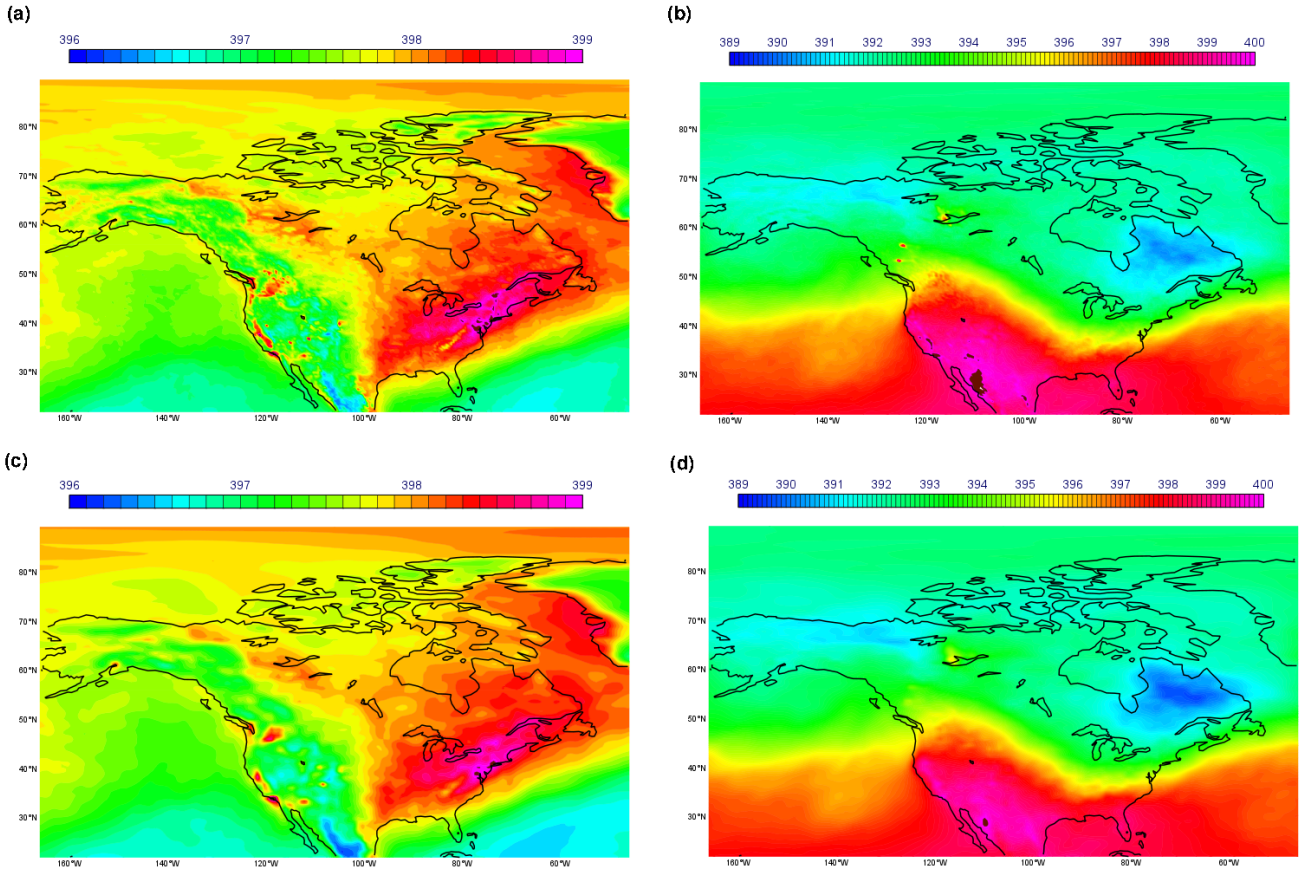


Figure S7. Monthly mean XCO_2 [ppm] at the surface from 9km-EXP (a,b) and 80km-EXP (c,d) simulations over North America at 18 UTC in January (left panels) and July (right panels).Values larger than 399 ppm and 400 ppm in winter and summer respectively are shown in brown.

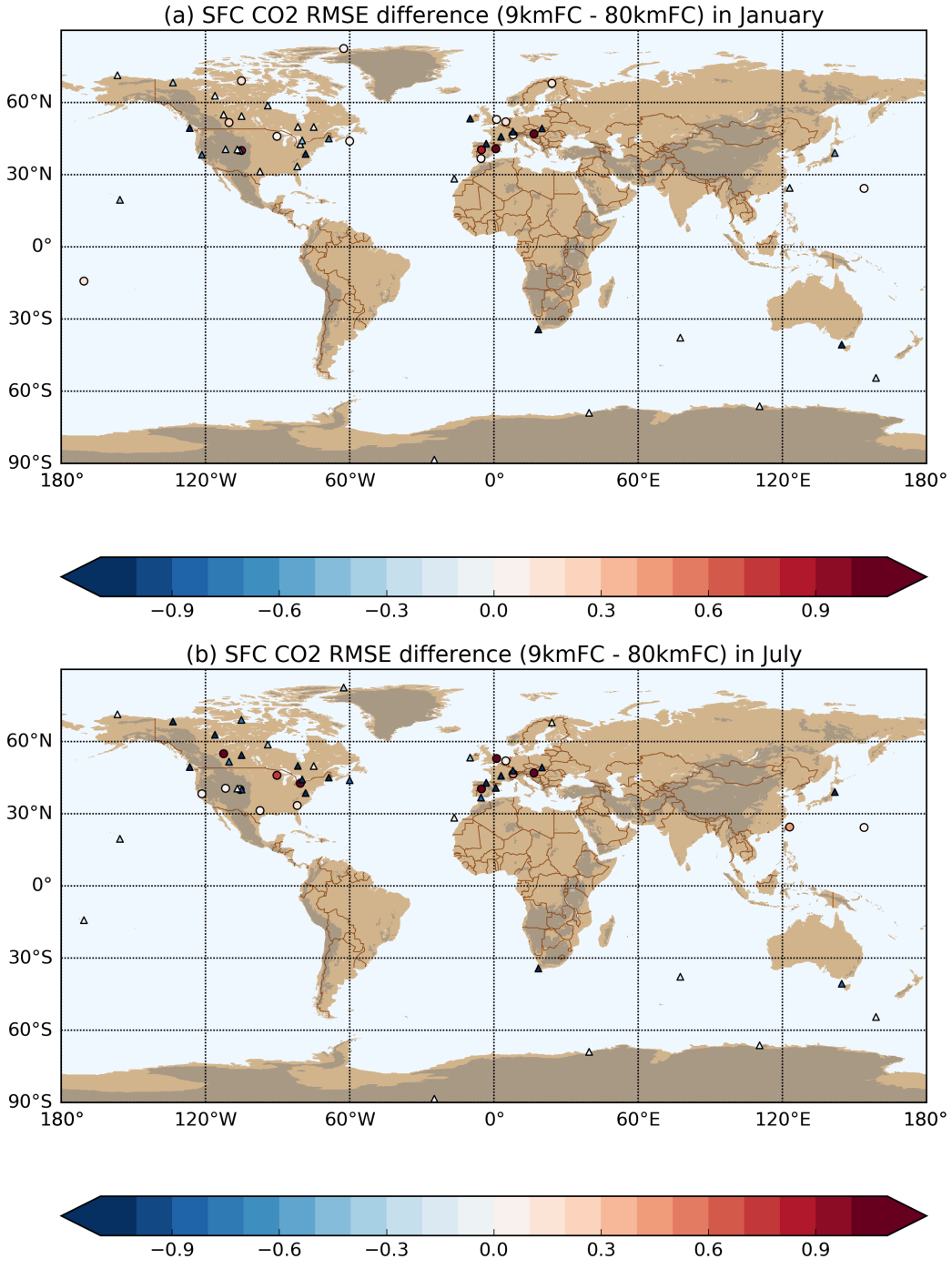


Figure S8. Difference in near-surface CO_2 RMSE [ppm] between highest and lowest resolution simulations (9km-EXP – 80km-EXP) in (a) January and (b) July at surface stations. Triangles indicate an RMSE reduction (blue colours) and circles an RMSE increase (red colours) as shown by the colour bar. Mountain regions with elevation > 1000 m above sea level are shaded in grey. The statistics for each station are listed Tabs S1 and S2 for January and July respectively.

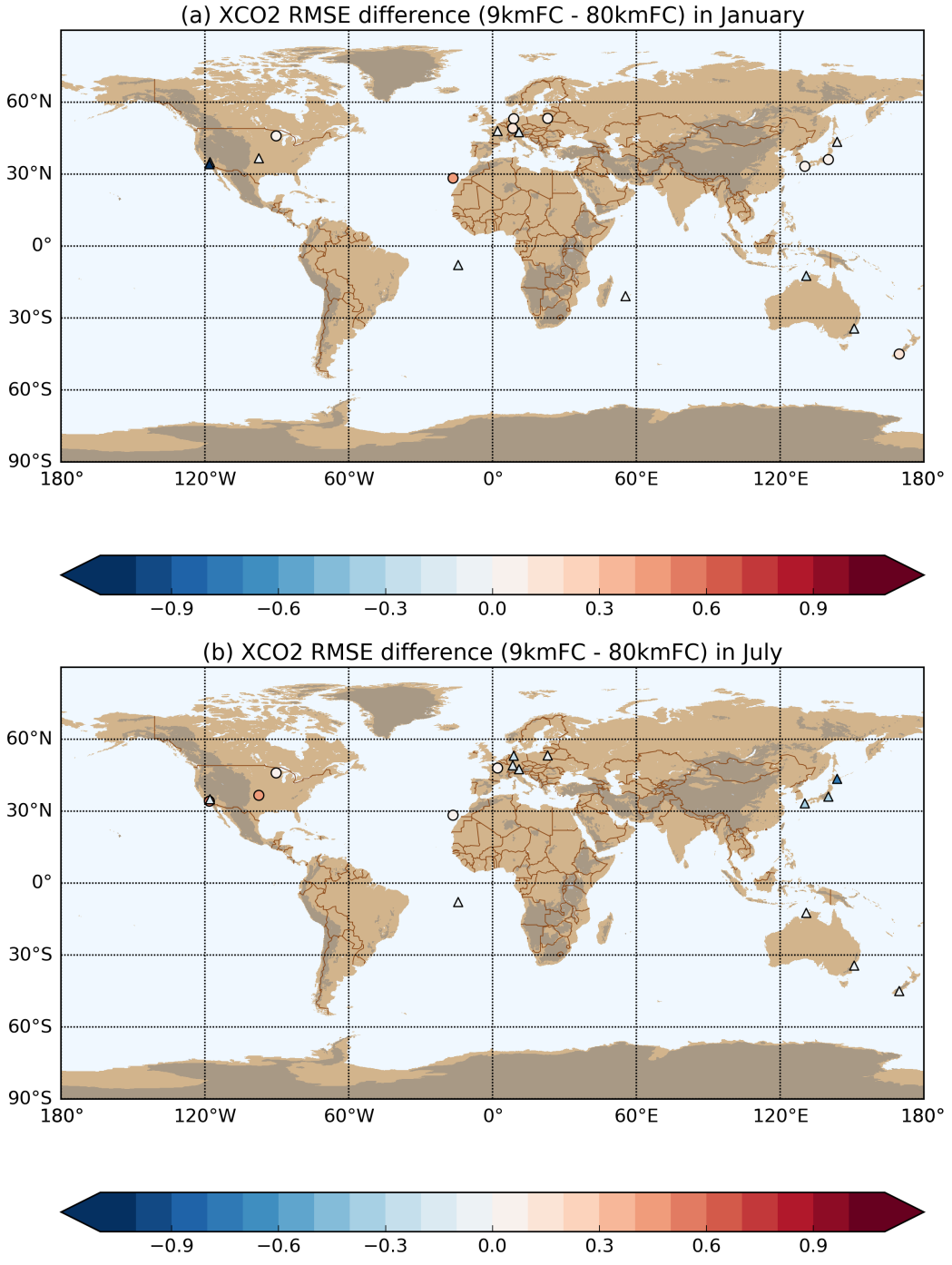


Figure S9. Difference in XCO_2 RMSE [ppm] between highest and lowest resolution simulations (9km-EXP – 80km-EXP) in (a) January and (b) July at TCCON stations. Mountain regions with elevation > 1000 m above sea level are shaded in grey. The statistics for each station are listed Tabs S3 and S4 for January and July respectively.

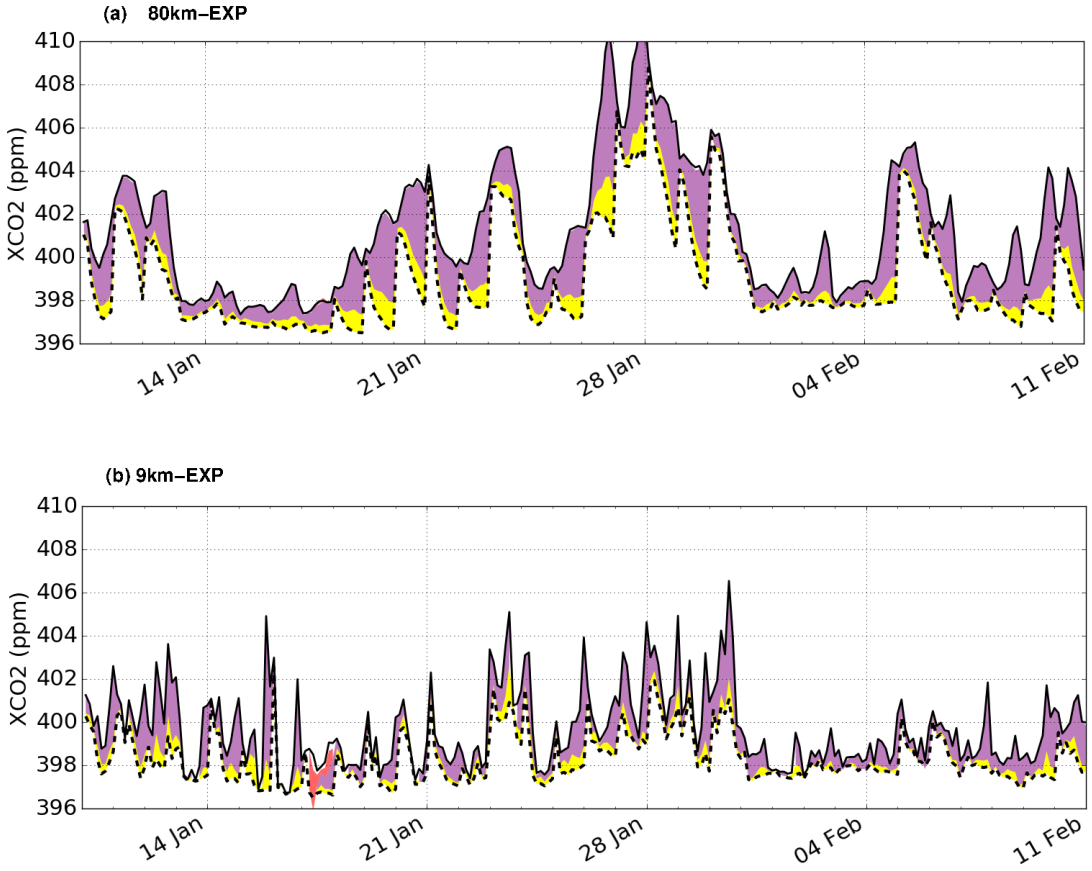


Figure S10. Modelled XCO_2 [ppm] from (a) 80km-EXP and (b) 9km-EXP simulations at the TCCON site of Pasadena (Tab.A2) responding to atmospheric transport and fluxes (solid line) and to only atmospheric transport (dash line). The XCO_2 enhancement associated with the different fluxes is coloured in purple (for anthropogenic emissions), yellow (for biogenic emissions) and red (for fires).

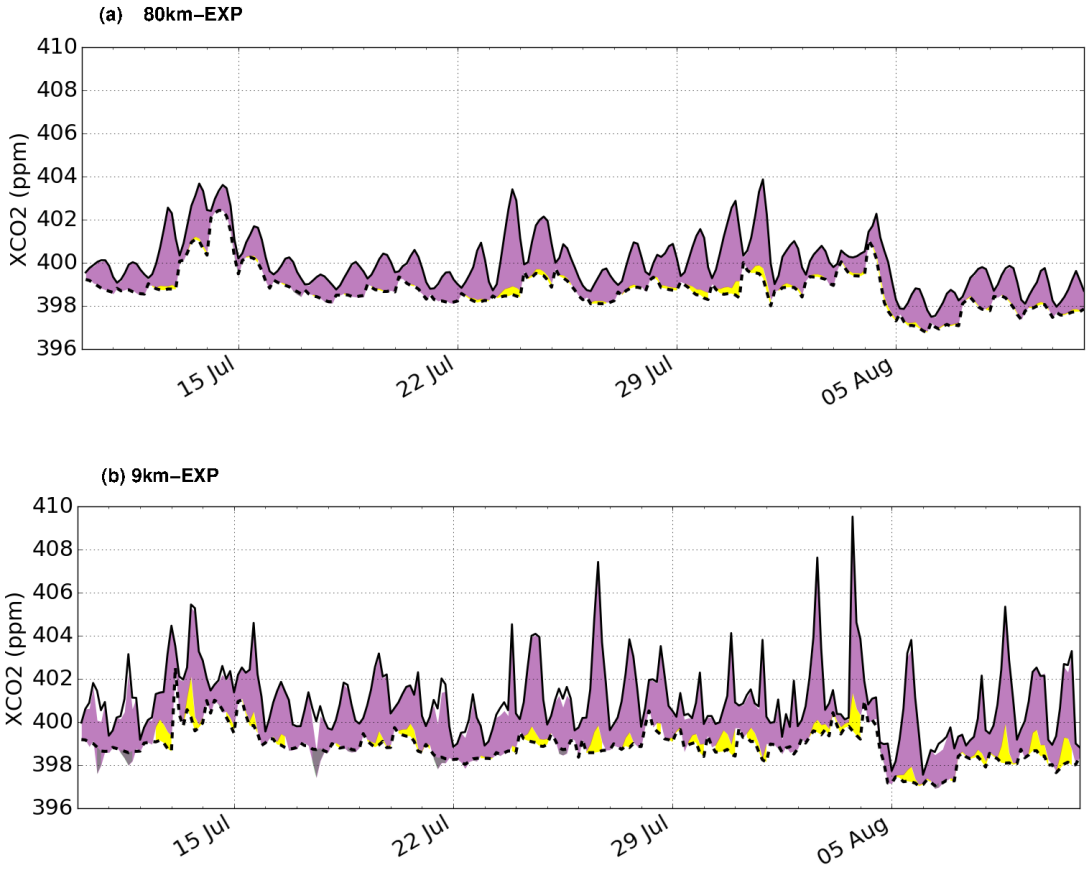


Figure S11. Same as Fig. S7 in July.

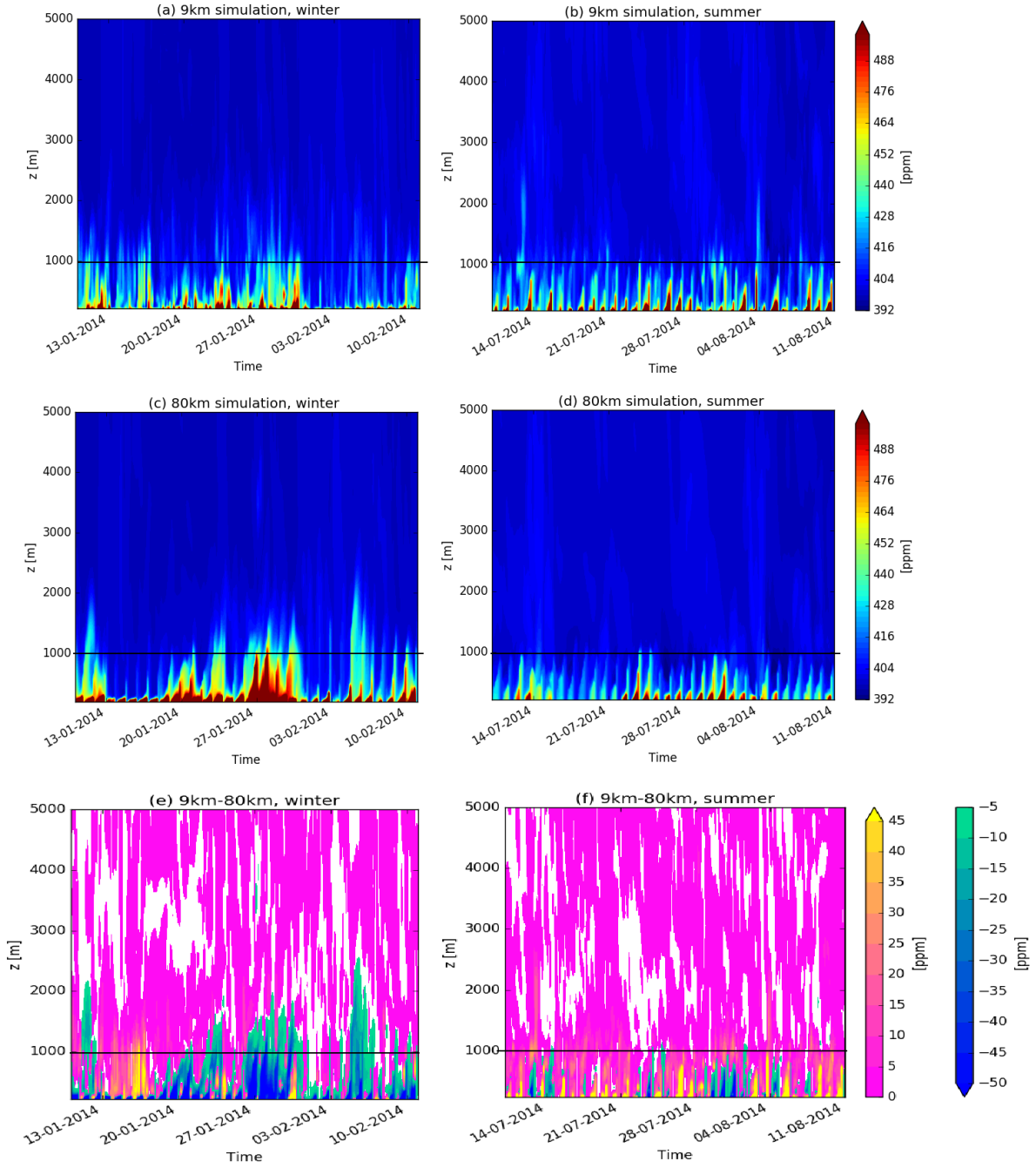


Figure S12. Modelled atmospheric CO_2 profile [ppm] showing 137 model levels at Pasadena from the 9-km resolution simulation and the 80-km resolution simulation. The horizontal black line shows the level approximately corresponding to 1000 m above the surface. In winter, the high CO_2 values are trapped below 1000 m in the boundary layer, except for certain synoptic episodes where boundary layer is ventilated as seen by high values (larger than 420 ppm) crossing the 1000 m line. While in summer the sea breeze circulation ventilates the boundary layer on a daily basis.

Table S1: January statistics of atmospheric CO_2 [ppm] from 9km-EXP and 80km-EXP simulations with respect to continuous in situ stations (surface and tower). The differences between the two simulations (9km-EXP – 80km-EXP) are shown in the last three columns. The location and reference of each station can be found in Tab. A1.

Station	**Bias** 9kmEXP	**Bias** 80kmEXP	**STDE** 9kmEXP	**STDE** 80kmEXP	**RMSE** 9kmEXP	**RMSE** 80kmEXP	**N** data	**Δ STDE**	**Δ |Bias|**	**Δ RMSE**
alt	-2.14	-2.09	0.61	0.61	2.23	2.18	679	0.05	0.00	0.05
brw	-1.45	-1.55	1.19	1.14	1.88	1.92	727	-0.10	0.05	-0.04
cby	-1.51	-1.30	0.58	0.56	1.62	1.42	298	0.21	0.02	0.2
inu	0.50	0.36	2.04	2.45	2.11	2.47	702	0.14	-0.41	-0.36
pal-nonlocal	-0.89	0.32	2.13	3.44	2.31	3.46	595	0.57	-1.31	-1.15
bck	0.93	1.21	1.45	1.37	1.73	1.83	768	-0.28	0.08	-0.1
chl	0.50	0.68	1.70	1.91	1.77	2.02	465	0.18	-0.21	-0.25
llb	-1.77	-1.59	3.19	3.32-	3.65	3.69	699	0.18	-0.13	-0.04
etl	-0.67	-0.17	1.53	1.71	1.68	1.72	695	0.5	-0.17	-0.04
mhd	-1.11	2.34	4.75	1.03	1.52	5.30	759	-1.23	3.72	-3.78
wao	-0.68	-0.01	3.24	3.26	3.31	3.26	92	0.67	-0.02	0.05
ces-200magl	-2.39	-1.27	4.41	4.71	5.02	4.88	679	1.12	-0.30	0.14
est	-1.20	-1.08	2.09	1.93	2.41	2.21	762	0.12	0.16	0.2
fsd	-0.73	-0.40	1.24	1.29	1.44	1.35	768	0.33	-0.05	0.09
cps	-0.58	0.06	1.32	1.49	1.44	1.49	697	0.52	-0.17	-0.05
esp	1.01	4.43	3.71	4.93	3.84	6.62	753	-3.42	-1.22	-2.78
kas	0.67	8.45	4.39	6.57	4.44	10.71	503	-7.78	-2.18	-6.27
ssl	3.21	18.72	4.87	15.00	5.83	23.99	739	-15.51	-10.13	-18.16
hun-115magl	-6.58	-2.68	5.52	5.64	8.59	6.24	751	3.90	-0.12	2.35
jfj	0.08	12.47	2.53	9.29	2.53	15.55	720	-12.39	-6.76	-13.02
lef-396magl	-0.78	-0.49	1.47	1.51	1.67	1.59	765	0.29	-0.04	0.08
puy	2.39	6.11	3.91	8.29	4.58	10.30	752	-3.72	-4.38	-5.72
amt-107magl	0.01	-0.50	2.68	2.77	2.68	2.81	741	-0.49	-0.09	-0.13
egb	-1.13	-1.66	5.14	5.33	5.26	5.58	726	-0.53	-0.19	-0.32
wsa	-1.24	-0.82	1.22	1.43	1.74	1.65	766	0.38	-0.21	0.09
vac	-0.13	1.82	1.10	1.82	1.10	2.28	161	-1.69	-0.72	-1.82
tpd	-0.01	0.81	3.11	3.20	3.11	3.30	768	-0.8	-0.09	-0.19

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Station	Bias 9kmEXP	Bias 80kmEXP	STDE 9kmEXP	STDE 80kmEXP	RMSE 9kmEXP	RMSE 80kmEXP	N data	Δ STDE	Δ |Bias|	Δ RMSE
dec	11.13	7.43	11.42	7.31	15.95	10.42	588	3.70	4.11	5.53
hdp	1.48	16.83	2.73	10.25	3.10	19.71	668	-15.35	-7.52	-16.61
spl	2.28	2.72	3.23	3.50	3.95	4.43	682	-0.44	-0.27	-0.48
gic	-1.88	1.69	5.28	4.43	5.60	4.74	765	0.19	0.85	0.86
nwr	0.76	1.56	1.45	3.40	1.64	3.74	730	-0.80	-1.95	-2.1
bao-300magl	0.34	-2.20	9.43	8.19	9.43	8.48	760	-1.86	1.24	0.95
ryo	3.05	3.88	4.99	6.05	5.84	7.19	432	-0.83	-1.06	-1.35
snp-17magl	3.05	9.66	3.97	10.87	5.01	14.54	768	-6.61	-6.90	-9.53
wgc-483magl	-0.58	-0.60	4.92	5.71	4.95	5.74	768	-0.02	-0.79	-0.79
sgc	1.31	10.31	5.61	9.62	5.76	14.10	652	-9.00	-4.01	-8.34
sct-305magl	-0.13	0.42	3.61	3.83	3.62	3.85	762	-0.29	-0.22	-0.23
wkt-457magl	0.06	0.22	2.34	2.38	2.34	2.39	733	-0.16	0.04	-0.05
izo	0.01	0.63	2.80	0.98	2.80	1.16	722	-0.62	1.82	1.64
yon	-0.40	-0.62	1.22	1.43	1.28	1.56	579	-0.22	-0.21	-0.28
mnm	-0.34	-0.25	0.77	0.71	0.84	0.76	680	0.09	0.06	0.08
mlo	-0.35	0.68	0.78	1.05	0.85	1.25	736	-0.33	-0.27	-0.4
smo	-1.10	-0.81	0.93	0.97	1.44	1.26	683	0.29	-0.04	0.18
cpt-marine	-1.11	1.86	0.60	6.02	1.26	6.30	618	-0.75	-5.42	-5.04
ams	-1.20	-1.27	0.26	0.27	1.22	1.30	116	-0.07	-0.01	-0.08
cgo	-0.69	-1.39	2.46	4.25	2.56	4.47	768	-0.70	-1.79	-1.91
mqa	-1.11	-1.26	0.65	0.66	1.29	1.43	618	-0.15	-0.01	-0.14
cya	-1.14	-1.14	0.36	0.36	1.19	1.19	693	0.00	0.00	0.00
syo	-1.09	-1.15	0.14	0.15	1.10	1.16	32	-0.06	-0.01	-0.06
spo	-1.10	-1.10	0.18	0.19	1.12	1.12	736	0.00	-0.01	0.00

Table S2: July statistics of atmospheric CO_2 [ppm] from 9km-EXP and 80km-EXP simulations with respect to continuous in situ stations (surface and tower). The differences between the two simulations (9km-EXP – 80km-EXP) are shown in the last three columns. The location and reference of each station can be found in Tab. A1.

Station	**Bias** 9kmEXP	**Bias** 80kmEXP	**STDE** 9kmEXP	**STDE** 80kmEXP	**RMSE** 9kmEXP	**RMSE** 80kmEXP	**N** data	**Δ STDE**	**Δ |Bias|**	**Δ RMSE**
alt	-0.93	-1.36	1.05	1.17	1.40	1.80	623	-0.43	-0.12	-0.4
brw	-0.85	-0.68	2.06	2.20	2.23	2.31	738	0.17	-0.14	-0.08
cby	-0.67	-1.83	3.07	3.50	3.15	3.95	754	-1.16	-0.43	-0.8
inu	-1.40	-2.54	3.98	5.07	4.22	5.67	765	-1.14	-1.09	-1.45
pal-nonlocal	2.03	4.40	6.13	10.86	6.45	11.72	345	-2.37	-4.73	-5.27
bck	10.36	34.84	38.58	79.33	39.95	86.65	757	-24.48	-40.75	-46.7
chl	-0.09	-0.77	4.45	4.61	4.45	4.67	768	-0.68	-0.16	-0.22
llb	-10.09	-7.88	14.30	13.39	17.50	15.53	352	2.21	0.91	1.97
etl	-3.59	-4.90	7.02	7.48	7.88	8.94	549	-1.31	-0.46	-1.06
mhd	-2.27	-0.40	5.63	6.52	6.07	6.53	703	1.87	-0.89	-0.46
wao	-4.01	-3.44	8.33	7.12	9.24	7.91	568	0.57	1.21	1.33
ces-200magl	-3.49	-2.93	7.76	7.97	8.51	8.50	668	0.56	-0.21	0.01
est	0.35	0.50	8.62	9.37	8.63	9.38	79	-0.15	-0.75	-0.75
fsd	-3.51	-4.59	8.96	9.23	9.62	10.31	768	-1.08	-0.27	-0.69
cps	-2.98	-3.85	7.03	7.52	7.64	8.45	760	-0.87	-0.49	-0.81
esp	0.28	-6.53	5.69	10.09	5.70	12.01	318	-6.25	-4.40	-6.31
kas	-1.01	7.42	4.17	15.93	4.29	17.57	558	-6.41	-11.76	-13.28
ssl	-0.11	9.63	8.99	18.56	8.99	20.91	761	-9.52	-9.57	-11.92
hun-115magl	-6.61	-5.61	7.87	7.43	10.28	9.32	768	1.0	0.44	0.96
jfj	-5.23	-5.48	3.60	10.60	6.35	11.93	109	-0.25	-7.0	-5.58
lef-396magl	3.88	2.53	6.22	6.05	7.33	6.56	744	1.35	0.17	0.77
puy	0.75	4.88	7.19	12.36	7.23	13.29	752	-4.13	-5.17	-6.06
amt-107magl	2.60	-0.94	8.24	7.95	8.64	8.00	768	1.66	0.29	0.64
egb	-1.24	-6.52	13.31	15.61	13.37	16.92	632	-5.28	-2.30	-3.55
wsa	0.95	0.41	4.66	5.60	4.76	5.62	768	0.54	-0.94	-0.86
vac	2.85	6.98	5.22	12.04	5.95	13.91	764	-4.13	-6.82	-7.96
tpd	-1.20	-2.44	14.31	13.12	14.37	13.34	767	-1.24	1.19	1.03

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Station	Bias 9kmEXP	Bias 80kmEXP	STDE 9kmEXP	STDE 80kmEXP	RMSE 9kmEXP	RMSE 80kmEXP	N data	Δ STDE	Δ |Bias|	Δ RMSE
dec	7.78	11.01	10.37	11.97	12.96	16.26	619	-3.23	-1.60	-3.3
hdp	4.11	27.16	4.36	25.67	5.99	37.37	551	-23.05	-21.31	-31.38
spl	8.73	20.16	6.34	16.93	10.79	26.32	493	-11.43	-10.59	-15.53
gic	-10.88	-6.14	17.13	14.08	20.30	15.36	147	4.74	3.05	4.94
nwr	3.63	11.03	3.68	15.20	5.17	18.78	399	-7.40	-11.52	-13.61
bao-300magl	1.05	-1.43	5.69	6.55	5.79	6.70	743	-0.38	-0.86	-0.91
ryo	18.51	10.77	27.89	17.28	33.48	20.36	170	7.74	10.61	13.12
snp-17magl	24.15	37.81	16.55	30.11	29.28	48.33	768	-13.66	-13.56	-19.05
wgc-483magl	1.57	1.37	2.75	2.81	3.17	3.13	384	0.20	-0.06	0.04
sgc	5.74	14.61	5.71	12.54	8.09	19.25	719	-8.87	-6.83	-11.16
sct-305magl	3.90	4.21	7.82	7.31	8.73	8.43	767	-0.31	0.51	0.3
wkt-457magl	4.75	4.90	4.32	3.93	6.42	6.28	666	-0.15	0.39	0.14
izo	4.65	-1.84	3.82	2.22	6.01	2.88	746	2.81	1.60	3.13
yon	0.61	0.26	1.98	1.58	2.07	1.60	522	0.35	0.40	0.47
mnm	0.33	0.27	0.98	0.97	1.04	1.00	647	0.06	0.01	0.04
mlo	0.83	-0.52	1.22	1.60	1.47	1.68	612	0.31	-0.38	-0.21
smo	-0.26	-0.34	0.80	0.87	0.84	0.93	695	-0.08	-0.07	-0.09
cpt-36-marine	-0.12	-0.82	0.93	5.91	0.94	5.97	536	-0.7	-4.98	-5.03
ams	-0.90	-1.03	0.28	0.29	0.94	1.07	306	-0.13	-0.01	-0.13
cgo	-0.55	-0.41	1.56	2.42	1.66	2.45	758	0.14	-0.86	-0.79
mqa	-0.84	-0.94	0.40	0.40	0.93	1.02	692	-0.10	0.0	-0.09
cya	-0.95	-1.01	0.29	0.29	0.99	1.05	760	-0.06	0.0	-0.06
syo	-0.92	-0.97	0.14	0.13	0.93	0.98	32	-0.05	0.01	-0.05
spo	-0.83	-0.88	0.16	0.15	0.85	0.89	737	-0.05	0.01	-0.04

Table S3: January statistics of XCO_2 [ppm] from 9km-EXP and 80km-EXP simulations with respect to TCCON stations. The differences between the two simulations (9km-EXP – 80km-EXP) are shown in the last three columns. The location of the station and their associated reference are provided in Tab A2.

Station	**Bias** 9kmEXP	**Bias** 80kmEXP	**STDE** 9kmEXP	**STDE** 80kmEXP	**RMSE** 9kmEXP	**RMSE** 80kmEXP	**N** data	**Δ STDE**	**Δ |Bias|**	**Δ RMSE**
bialystok01	-1.28	-1.20	0.29	0.33	1.32	1.24	15	0.08	-0.04	0.08
bremen01	0.22	0.12	0.73	0.70	0.77	0.71	8	0.10	0.03	-0.06
karlsruhe01	0.11	-0.12	0.69	0.54	0.70	0.55	33	-0.01	0.15	0.15
orleans01	-0.25	-0.26	0.45	0.48	0.52	0.54	67	-0.01	-0.03	-0.02
garmisch01	-0.53	-0.73	0.55	0.60	0.76	0.94	33	-0.20	-0.05	-0.18
parkfalls01	-1.42	-1.38	0.37	0.36	1.46	1.42	28	0.04	0.01	0.04
rikubetsu01	-1.74	-1.74	0.14	0.17	1.74	1.75	21	0.00	-0.03	-0.01
lamont01	-0.98	-1.03	0.64	0.66	1.17	1.22	129	-0.05	-0.02	-0.05
tsukuba02	0.37	0.36	1.02	0.97	1.08	1.03	111	0.01	0.05	0.05
edwards01	0.42	0.05	0.47	0.64	0.63	0.65	191	0.35	-0.17	-0.02
pasadena01	0.32	2.03	1.24	2.68	1.28	3.36	160	-1.71	-1.44	-2.08
saga01	-1.30	-1.36	0.78	0.64	1.52	1.50	30	-0.06	0.14	0.02
izana01	-0.85	-0.36	0.39	0.29	0.93	0.46	18	0.49	0.10	0.47
ascension01	0.69	0.89	0.71	0.72	0.99	1.15	153	-0.20	-0.01	-0.16
darwin01	-1.04	-1.17	0.49	0.76	1.15	1.39	34	-0.13	-0.27	-0.24
reunion01	-0.10	0.01	0.34	0.36	0.35	0.36	150	0.09	-0.02	-0.01
wollongong01	-0.45	-0.19	0.63	0.89	0.78	0.91	157	0.26	-0.26	-0.13
lauder02	-1.00	-0.77	0.55	0.56	1.14	0.95	104	0.23	-0.01	0.19

Table S4: July statistics of XCO_2 [ppm] from 9km-EXP and 80km-EXP simulations with respect to TCCON stations. The differences between the two simulations (9km-EXP – 80km-EXP) are shown in the last three columns. The location of the station and their associated DOI are provided in Tab A2.

Station	**Bias** 9kmEXP	**Bias** 80kmEXP	**STDE** 9kmEXP	**STDE** 80kmEXP	**RMSE** 9kmEXP	**RMSE** 80kmEXP	**N** data	**Δ STDE**	**Δ |Bias|**	**Δ RMSE**
bialystok01	0.97	1.01	1.06	1.17	1.44	1.54	68	-0.04	-0.11	-0.1
bremen01	1.18	1.36	0.67	0.77	1.36	1.57	44	-0.18	-0.10	-0.21
karlsruhe01	1.25	1.44	0.77	0.81	1.47	1.65	90	-0.19	-0.04	-0.18
orleans01	1.38	1.36	0.66	0.66	1.53	1.51	16	0.02	0.00	0.02
garmisch01	0.92	1.03	0.66	0.74	1.14	1.27	90	-0.11	-0.08	-0.13
parkfalls01	0.56	0.49	1.09	1.07	1.23	1.18	168	0.07	0.02	0.05
rikubetsu01	2.21	2.92	0.55	0.64	2.27	2.99	9	-0.71	-0.09	-0.72
lamont01	2.00	1.48	1.32	1.25	2.40	1.94	299	0.52	0.07	0.46
tsukuba02	1.21	1.52	0.95	1.06	1.54	1.85	120	-0.31	-0.11	-0.31
edwards01	1.28	1.40	0.76	0.79	1.49	1.61	316	-0.12	-0.03	-0.12
pasadena01	1.23	0.57	1.30	1.09	1.79	1.23	302	0.66	0.21	0.56
saga01	0.80	1.20	0.57	0.66	0.98	1.37	30	-0.40	-0.09	-0.39
izana01	0.45	0.11	0.36	0.49	0.58	0.50	43	0.34	-0.13	0.08
ascension01	0.08	0.18	0.45	0.47	0.46	0.51	158	-0.10	-0.02	-0.05
darwin01	1.54	1.55	0.33	0.35	1.58	1.59	264	-0.01	-0.02	-0.01
reunion01	0.81	0.79	0.33	0.36	0.87	0.87	136	0.02	-0.03	0.0
wollongong01	0.23	0.22	0.64	0.69	0.68	0.73	96	0.01	-0.05	-0.05
lauder02	0.10	0.11	0.27	0.31	0.29	0.33	86	-0.01	-0.04	-0.04