Continuous measurement of CO_2 and CH_4 concentration from a tower network (JR-STATION) over Siberia

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Continuous measureements of CO_2 and CH_4 concentration have been carried out with a tower network in Siberia (JR-STATION: Japan–Russia Siberian Tall Tower Inland Observation Network) in order to study the spatial and temporal variations of CO_2 and CH_4 and estimate the distribution of the flux over this vast area (Sasakawa *et al.*, 2010, 2012, 2013) where only a few atmospheric investigations were made. The JR-STATION consists of 6 towers (Figure) located at Berezorechka (BRZ) since 2002, at Karasevoe (KRS) since 2004, at Demyanskoe (DEM) and Noyabrsk (NOY) since 2005, at Azovo (AZV) since 2007, and at Vaganovo (VGN) since 2008. Air samples taken at two heights (5-85 m) on each tower were analyzed with an NDIR (LI-COR, LI-820) for CO_2 and a SnO_2 semiconductor sensor (Suto *et al.*, 2010) for CH_4 after passing through the line with a glass water trap, a Nafion membrane dryer (PERMA PURE, MD-050-72F-2), and a magnesium perchlorate. Measurement precision was ± 0.3 ppm for CO_2 and ± 5 ppb for CH_4 . We will discuss the long-term variations in CO_2 and CH_4 observed with the present system. From the year of 2015, we installed a Cavity Ring-Down Spectroscopy (CRDS; Picarro inc.) at KRS, DEM, and NOY. We thus validate the recent data with the data by the CRDSs.

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