Interactive comment on “Observing the continental-scale carbon balance: assessment of sampling complementarity and redundancy in a terrestrial assimilation system by means of quantitative network design” by T. Kaminski et al.

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It would have been very interesting to also include the effect of continuous total-column xCO2 observations on the network. A number of ground-based FTIR stations in Europe already contribute such data as part of the Total Carbon Column Observing Network (TCCON). Most of them have also contributed to the IMECC project.

I understand that this would probably be beyond the scope of this article but might be an interesting idea for a follow-up study.
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