

# Long-term Monitoring of Atmospheric Trace Gases by using ground-based FTIR spectrometry at the Izaña Atmospheric Observatory

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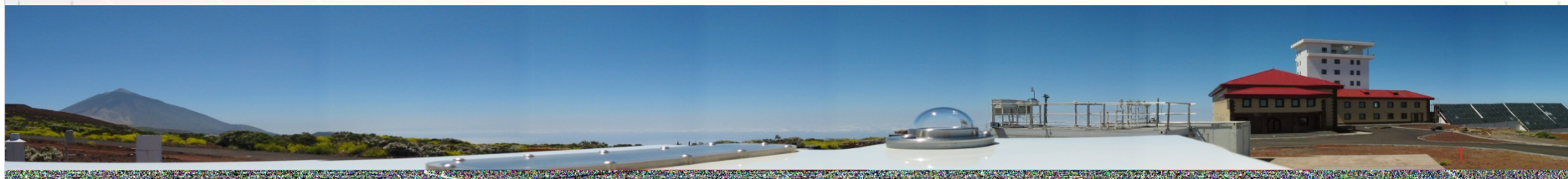
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# Regional Workshop on the Role of the Stratosphere in Climate Variability and Prediction

Palacio de la Madraza, Granada, 12 -13 January 2015  
& SPARC SSG meeting, 13 -16 January 2015

WCRP  
World Climate Research Programme

## ■ Welcome

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- Workshop Programme
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- Workshop Registration & Hotel Booking
- City Information

## Welcome

Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to announce the SPARC regional workshop on the "Role of the stratosphere in climate variability and prediction" which will be held on 12-13 January 2015 in the Palacio de la Madraza, Granada, Spain, back-to-back with the SPARC SSG meeting (13-16 January 2015).

SPARC (Stratosphere-troposphere Processes And their Role in Climate) is a core project of the World Climate Research Program (WCRP) that coordinates international efforts to bring knowledge of the stratosphere to bear on relevant issues in climate variability and prediction. SPARC provides expertise in several key areas related to climate variability and climate change, such as dynamical variability, ozone, stratosphere-troposphere dynamical coupling, gravity waves, temperature trends, data assimilation, etc.

Holding a "local workshop" in combination with the annual SPARC Scientific Steering Group (SSG)



# Outline

## 1. Izaña Atmospheric Research Center (IARC) - Izaña Atmospheric Observatory (IAO)

- Where we are, Who we are, and What we do

## 2. Monitoring of Atmospheric Composition using Fourier Transform Infrared Spectrometry (FTS)

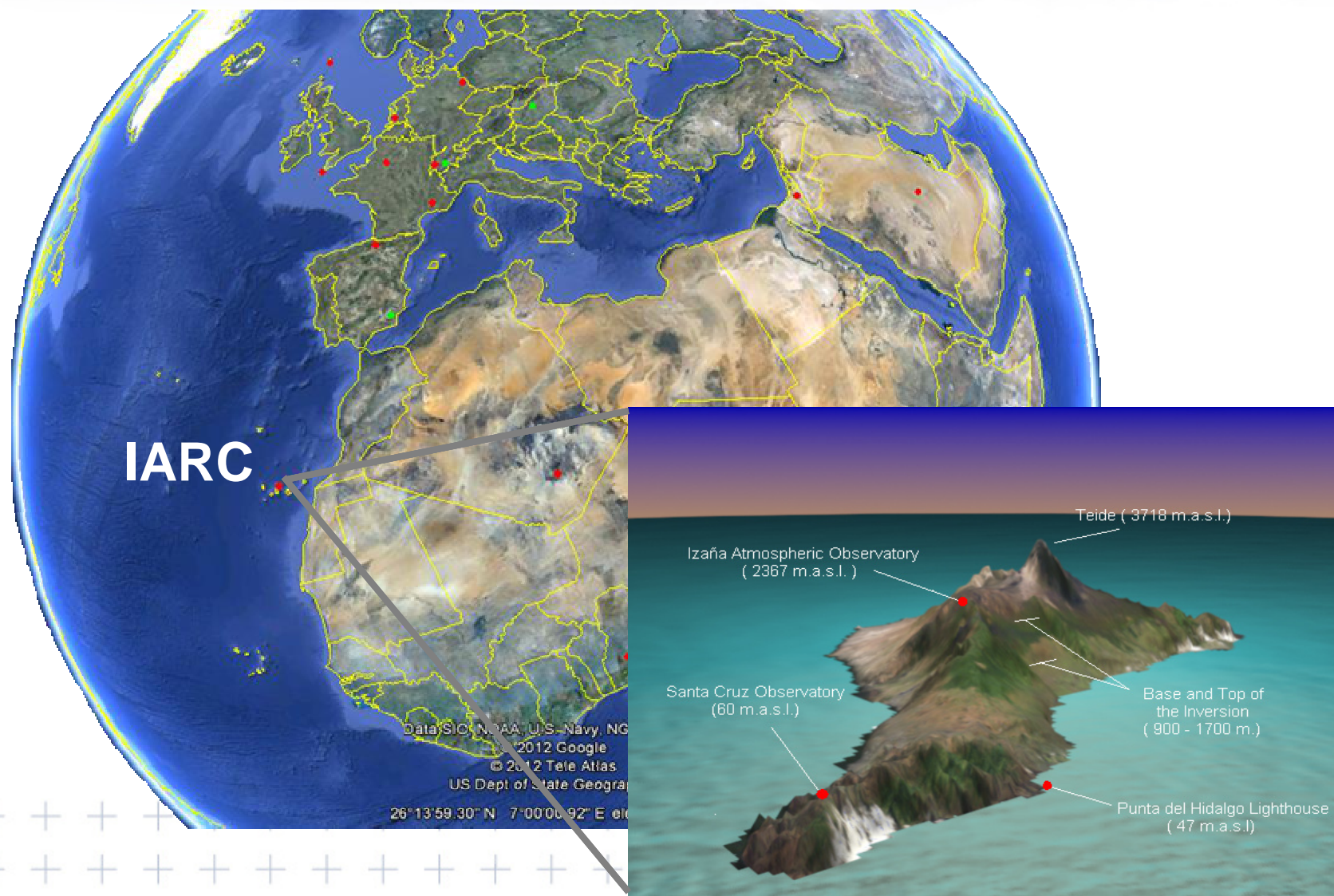
- FTS Technique
- Potential of FTS observations through some examples:
  - Is the Ozone Layer recovering? What happens at Tropics-Subtropics?
  - Can FTIR spectra be used to detect tropospheric/stratospheric regional scale GHGs variations?
  - Validation of space-based observations?

## 3. Summary+Conclusions

**Izaña Atmospheric  
Research Center (IARC)-  
Izaña Atmospheric  
Observatory (IAO)**



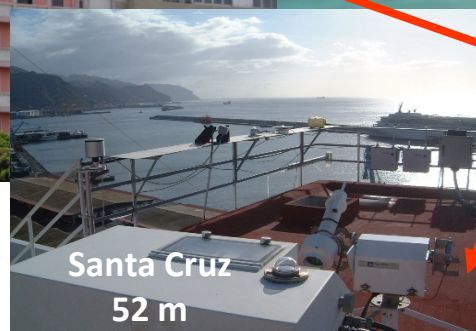
# Strategic Geographic Location



# The IARC's Mission

The IARC-AEMET conducts monitoring and research related to **atmospheric constituents** that are capable of forcing change in the climate of the Earth (greenhouse gases and aerosols), and may cause depletion of the global **ozone layer**, and those play key roles in **air quality** from local to global scale.

## IARC Headquarter in Santa Cruz



Izaña Atmospheric Observatory  
( 2387 m.a.s.l. )

Santa Cruz Observatory  
(60 m.a.s.l.)

Pico Teide  
3555 m



Teide ( 3718 m.a.s.l. )

Base and Top

Izaña Atmospheric Observatory  
(IAO) 2400 m



Botánico 20 m



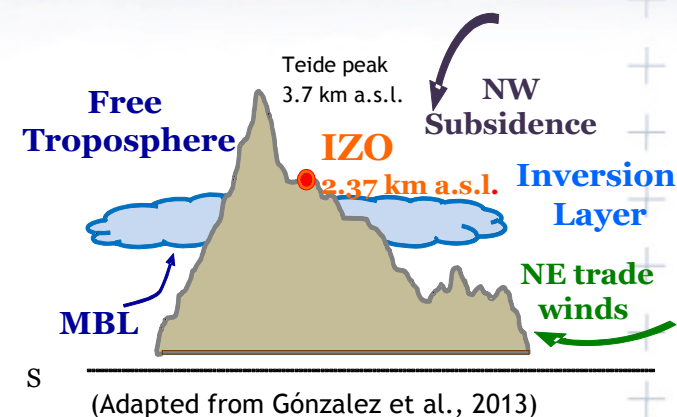


# Why the Izaña Atmospheric Observatory (IAO)?

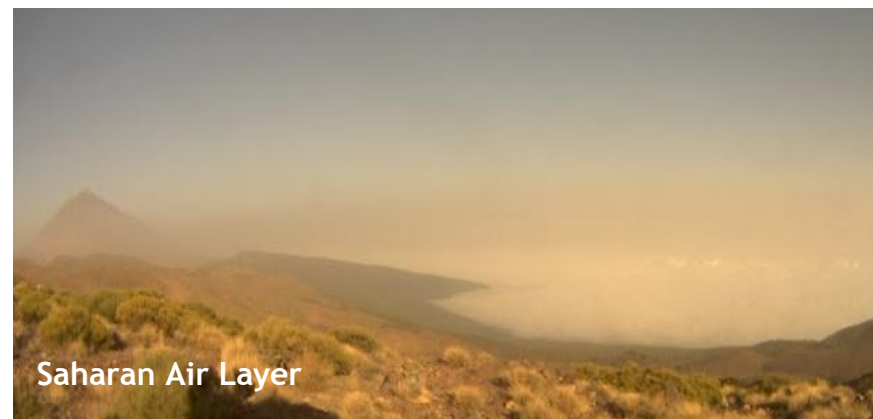
Above a strong subtropical temperature inversion layer

Quasi-permanent subsidence regime

Representative of the background free-troposphere



Excellent conditions for in-situ and remote sensing observations



(Rodríguez et al., 2014)



# Why the Izaña Atmospheric Observatory (IAO)?

Comprehensive programme for the atmospheric composition monitoring.

2015

In **March 1985** the Spanish-German BAPMoN station was inaugurated and in **1990** the Izaña Observatory was part of the Global Atmospheric Watch Programme (WMO).

Chemical and  
Physical  
Atmospheric  
Observations

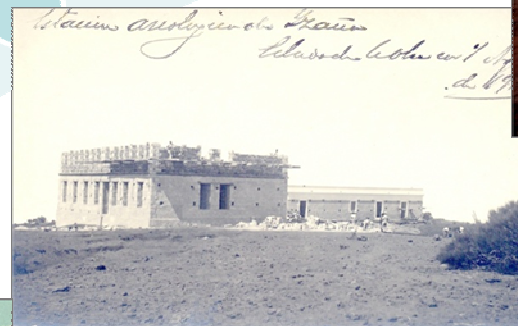
1970-1990

Meteorological  
and Atmospheric  
Observations

1916

Only  
Meteorological  
Observations

1909



In **January 1916** the Izaña Meteorological Observatory was inaugurated.

In **November 1909** the first observations of winds in the upper atmosphere of Canarias were performed in La Cañada de la Grieta-Teide.



# Comprehensive Programme for Atmospheric Composition Monitoring

Ozone and Solar/IR Radiation



In situ Aerosols



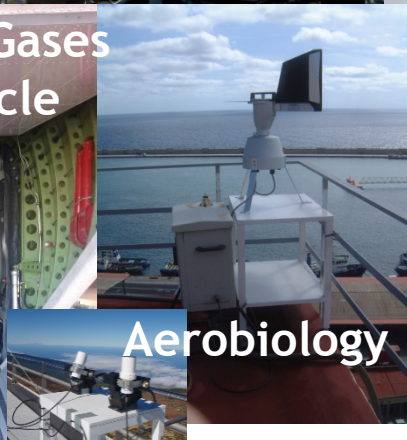
Atmospheric Sounding



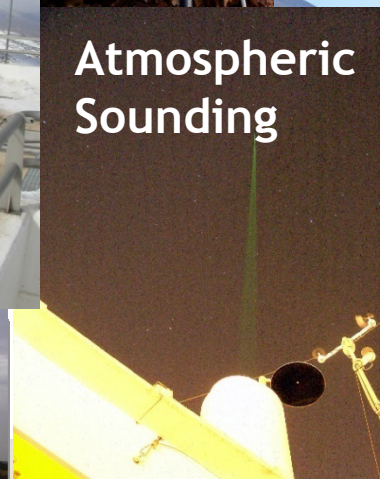
Greenhouse Gases  
Carbon Cycle



Aerobiology



Atmospheric Sounding



Aerosols in Column



FTS





## Reference Station at a global scale

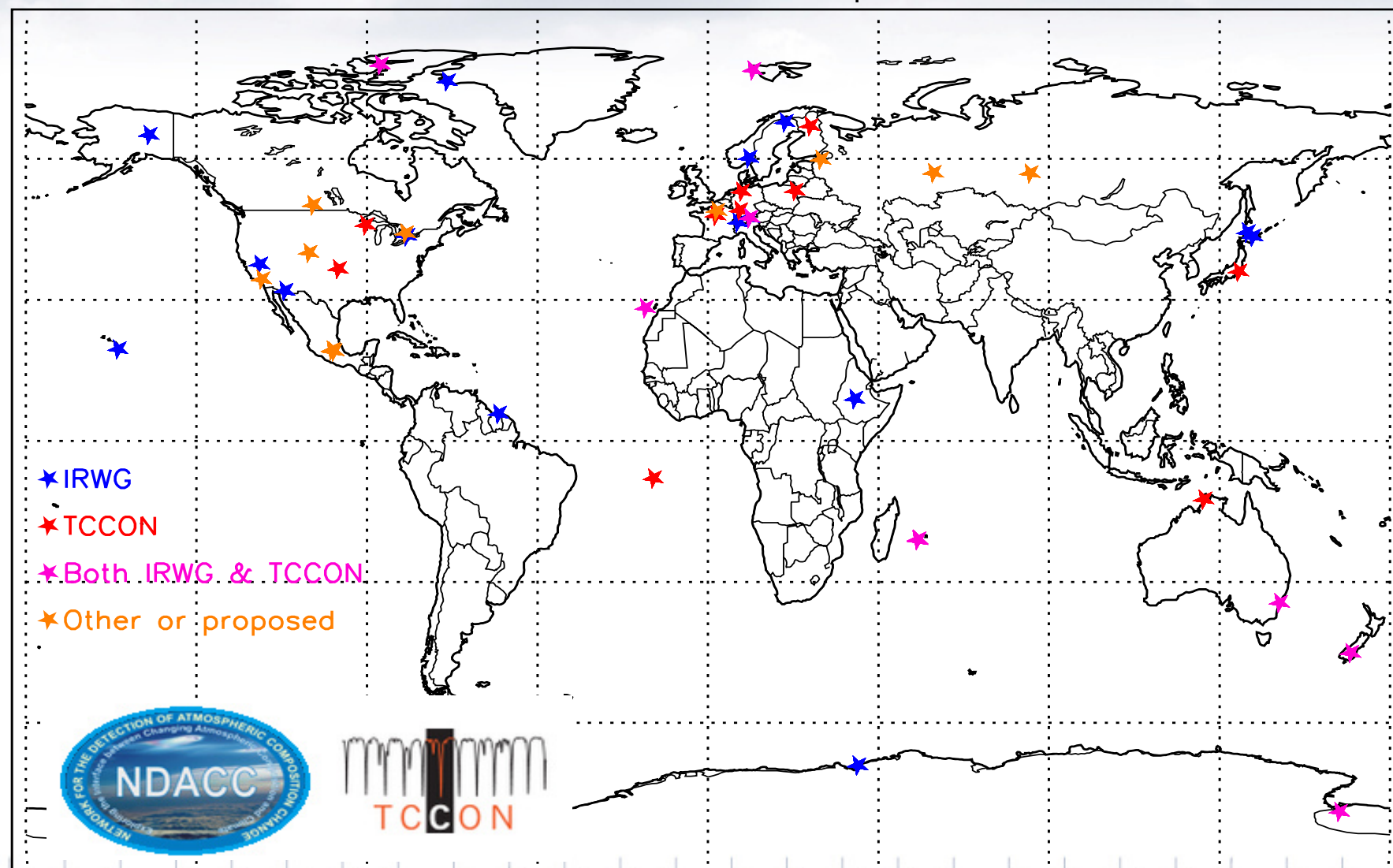
## Participation in many international networks and research initiatives





# **Monitoring of Atmospheric Composition using Fourier Transform Infrared Spectrometry**

## Global Ground-Based FTIR Spectrometers



NDACC/IRWG: Network for the Detection of Atmospheric Composition Change/Infrared Working Group

TCCON: Total Carbon Column Observation Network

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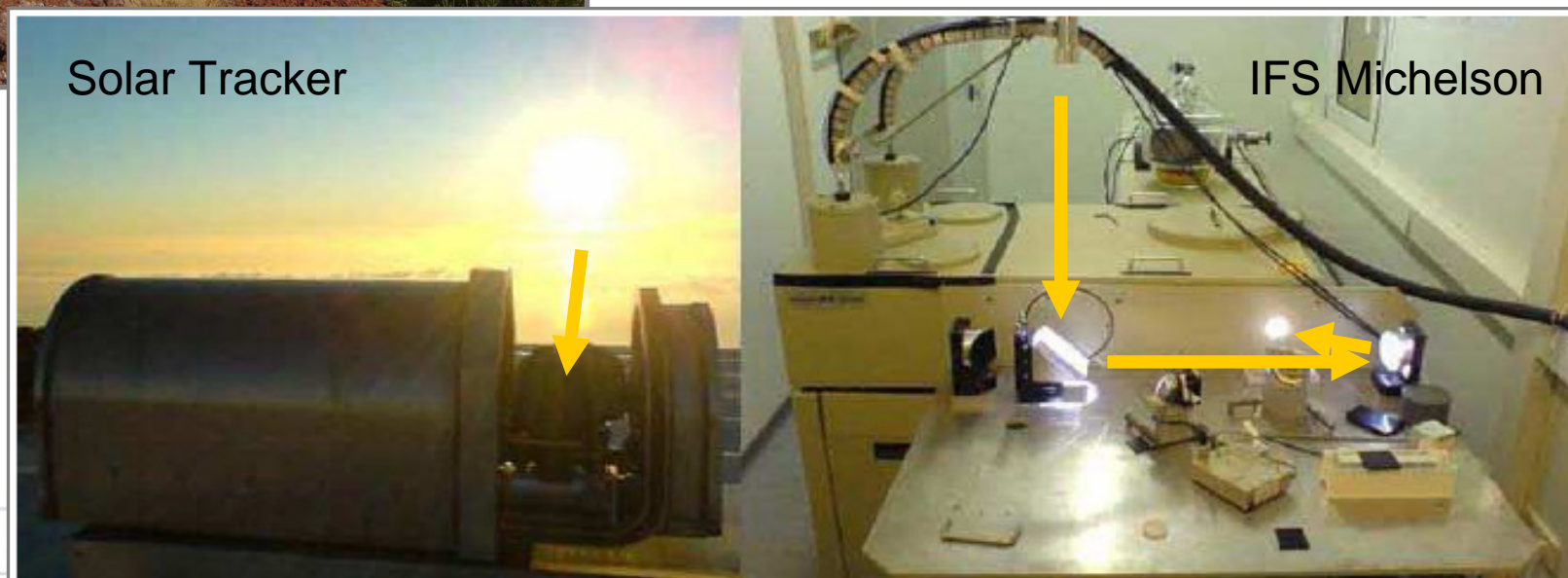
# Fourier Transform Spectrometry (FTS) Technique



FTS measurements at Izaña since 1999 as a result of the close collaboration between:



BOD (KIT-Germany)  
Ground-based remote-sensing using  
Fourier-transform interferometers (BOD)



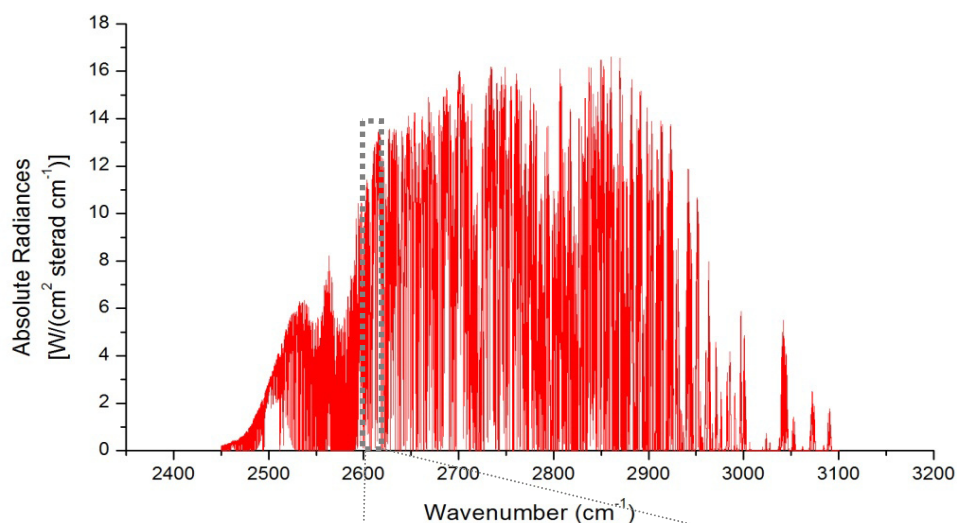
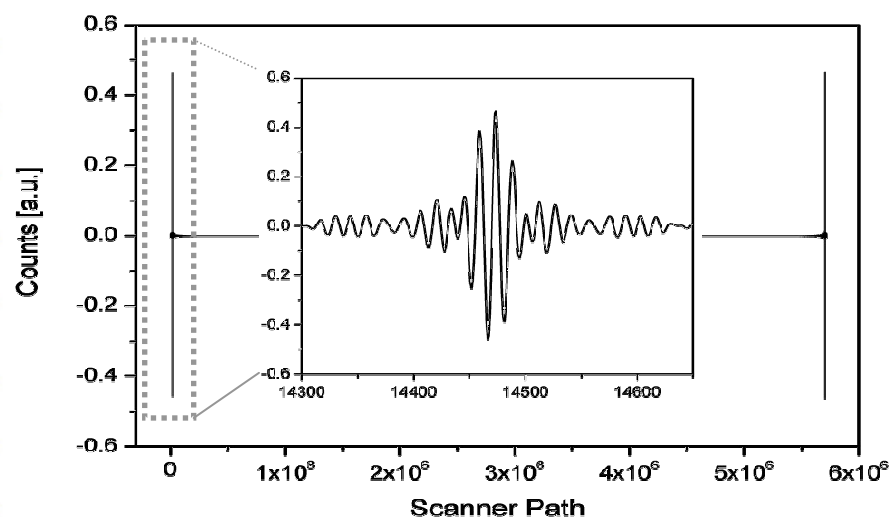


# Acquisition and Processing

$$S(K) = \mathfrak{I}(I(x)) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-i2\pi Kx} I(x) dx$$

Interferogram

Solar Absorption Spectrum



PROFIT

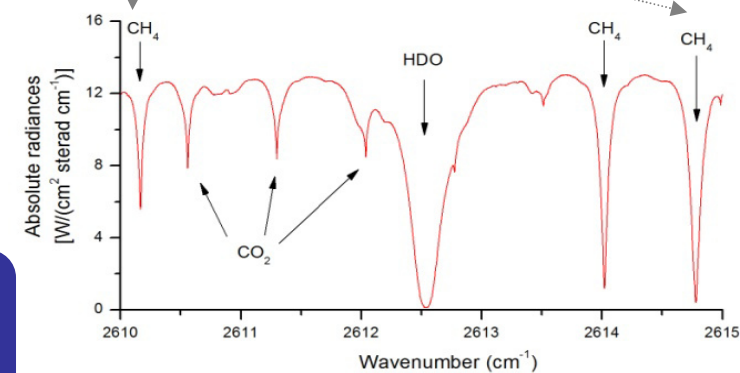
(Hase et al., 2004)

Line position → Which gas is absorbing

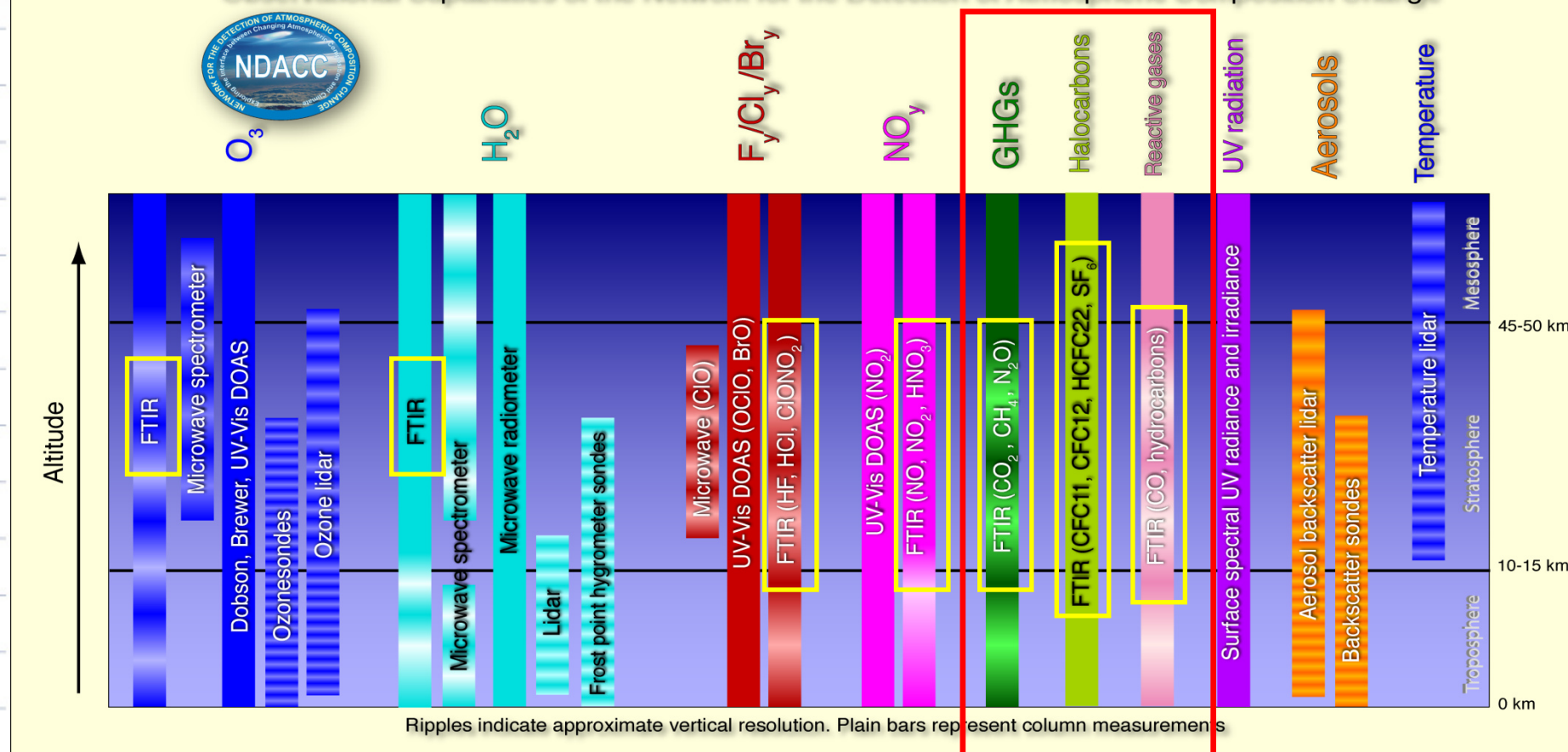
Line depths/area → The amount of the absorbing gas

Line shape → Altitude distribution of the absorbing gas

**>25 Absorbing Gases in NIR-MIR  
(Total Column and Vertical Profile)**



# Observational Capabilities of the Network for the Detection of Atmospheric Composition Change

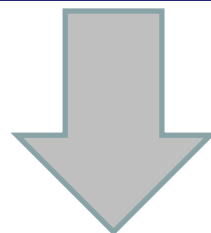


In **yellow** all trace gases observed by FTS technique

In **red** those trace gases observed **ONLY** by FTS technique

## Our current goal “Observing Earth Climate System and its Changes”

- 1) Long-term monitoring of Ozone Related Species, Greenhouse Gases, Water Vapour (including isotopologues)
  - Optimisation and Development of New Observation Strategies
  - Continuous Documentation of Quality
  - Global Representativeness
- 2) Validation of Satellite data and Climate Models



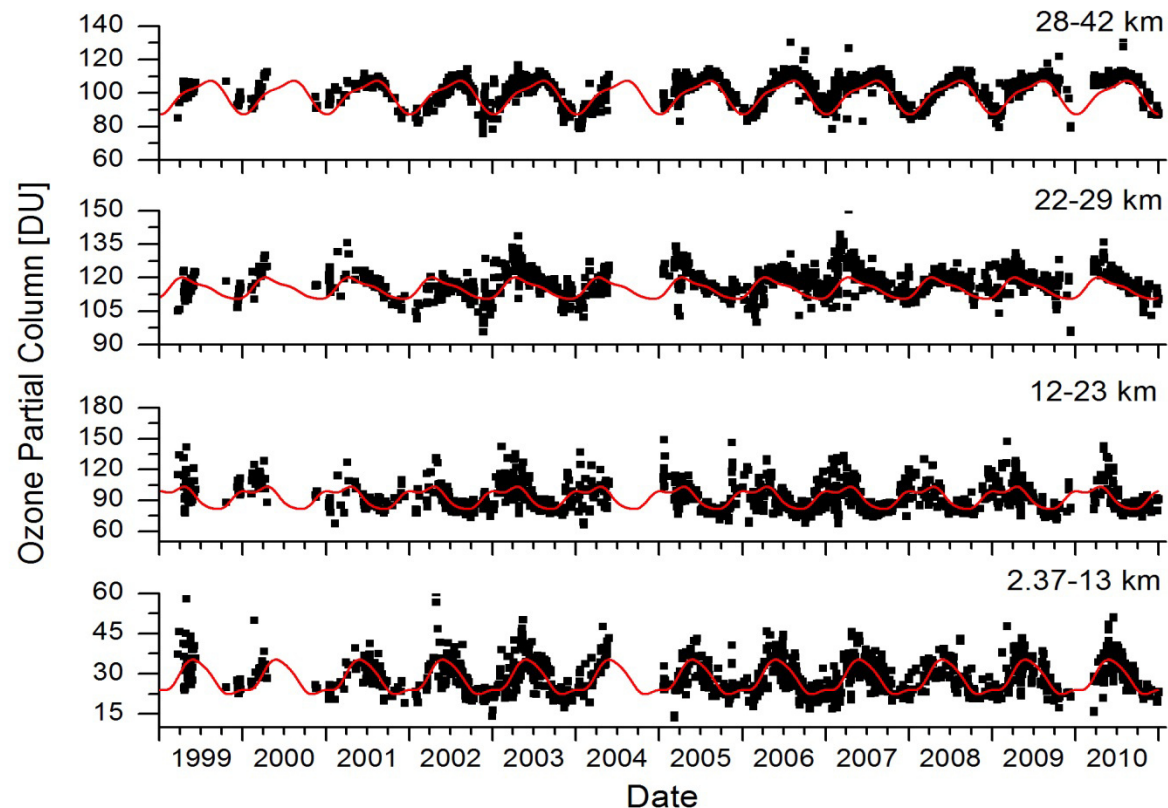
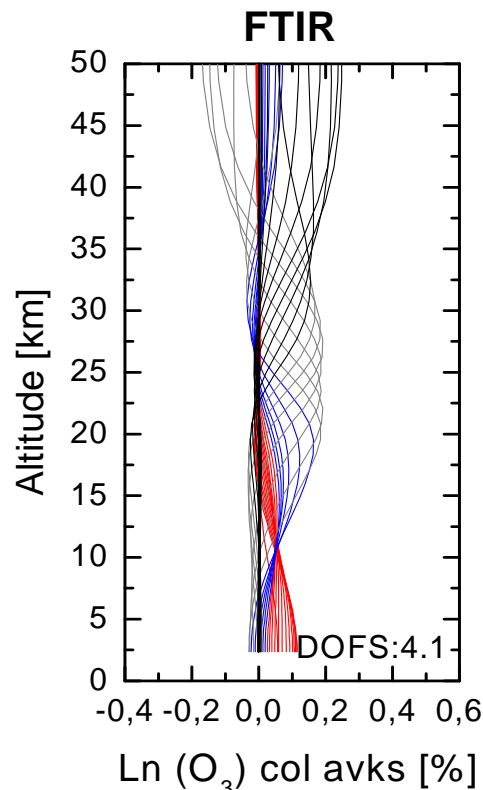
Connect the long-term monitoring to “Researching the Changes and its Causes”



# Potential of FTS Observations through Examples

# Is the ozone layer recovering? What happens at Tropics-Subtropics?

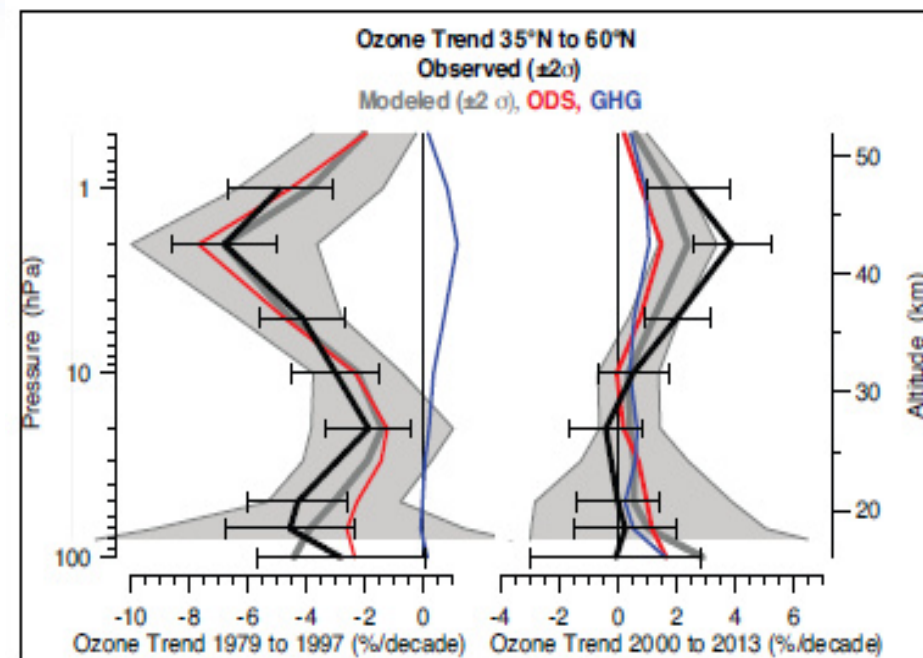
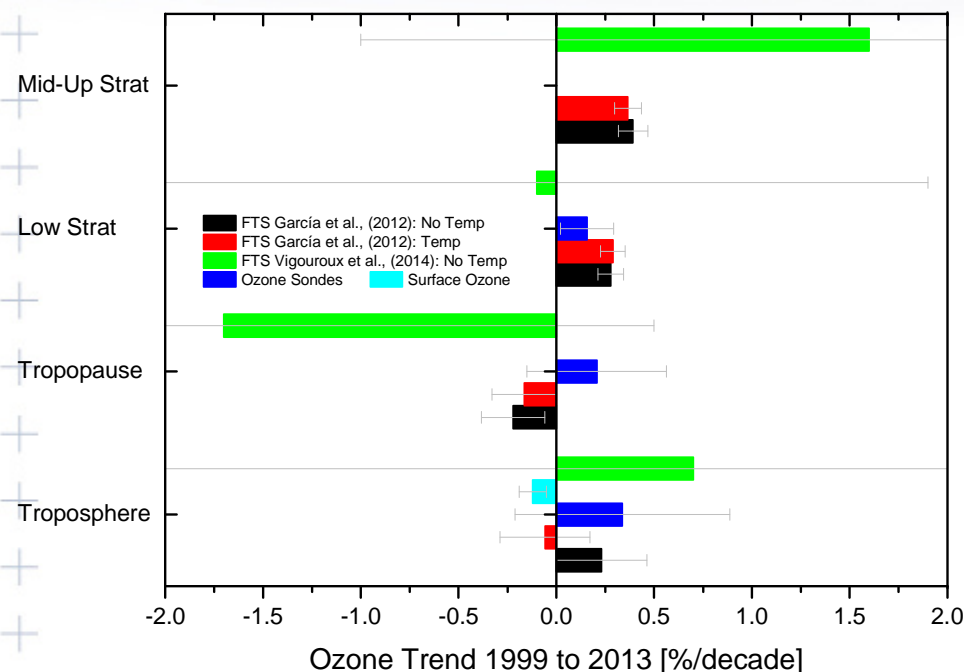
Lack of Observations at Subtropics!!  
Strategic Location of Izaña: Transition between Tropics and Mid-latitudes



troposphere, tropopause, lower  
stratosphere, middle/upper stratosphere

## Izaña FTS

## WMO (2014)



Izaña FTS ozone profile observations are within the SPARC/IO3C/IGACO-O3/NDACC (SI2N) Initiative

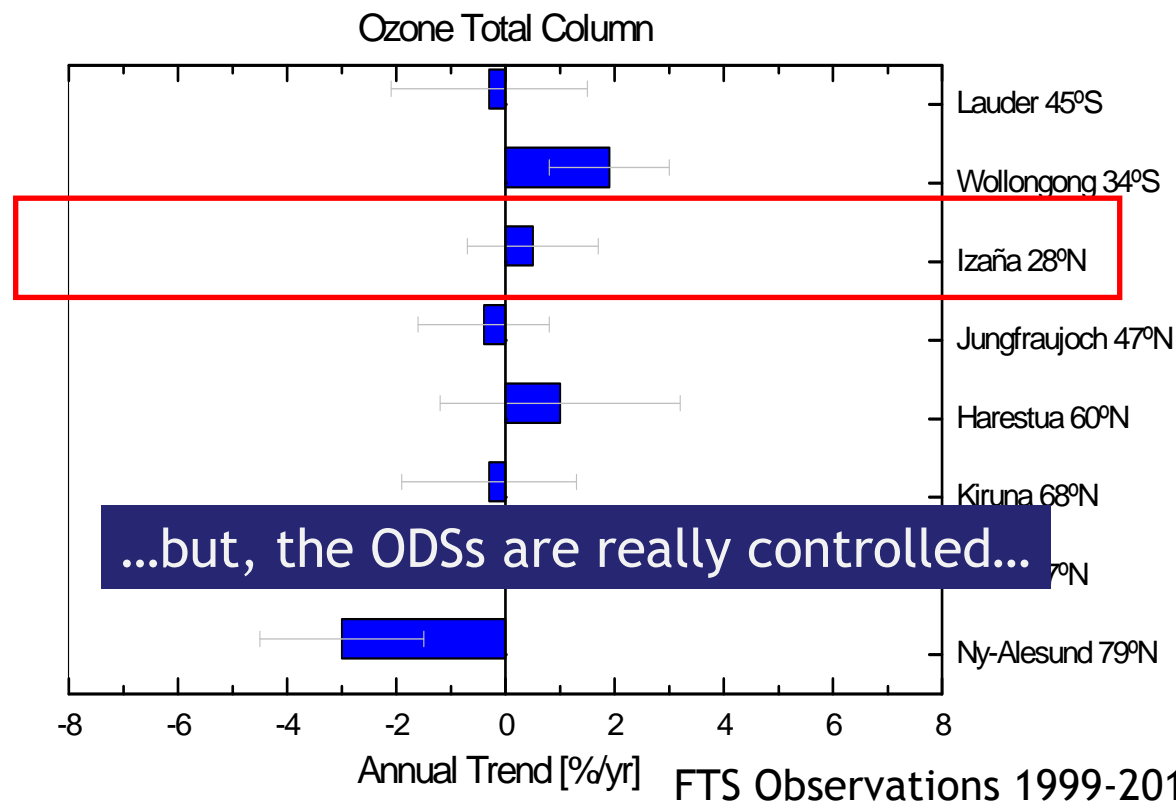
WMO  
(2014)

The **decline in ODS abundances** and the **cooling by increased CO<sub>2</sub>** are estimated to have contributed roughly equally to the observed **upper stratospheric ozone increases**.

Stratification of Ozone Recovery, but...



## ... Non significant Recovery of Ozone Total Columns (in agreement with WMO 2010)



...but, the ODSs are really controlled...

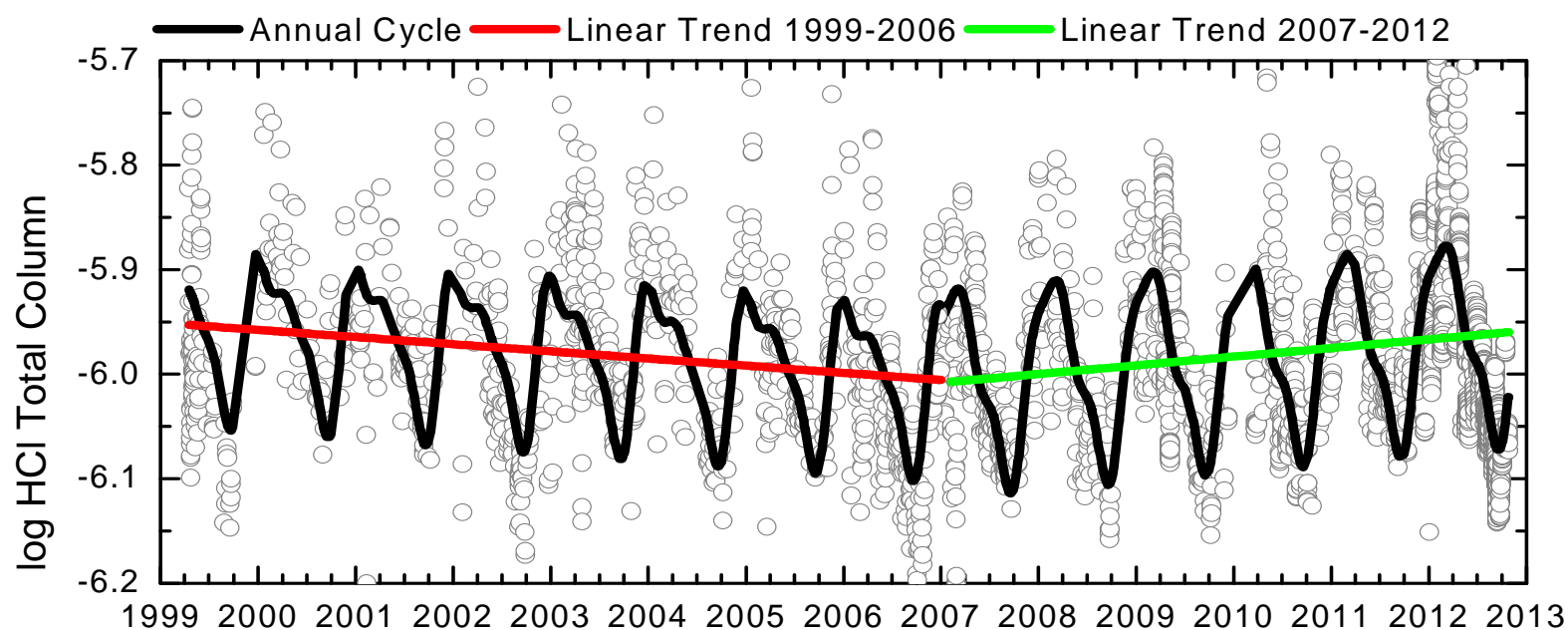
WMO  
(2014)

As controlled ozone-depleting substances decline, the **evolution of the ozone layer** in the second half of the 21st century will largely depend on the atmospheric abundances of **CO<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O, and CH<sub>4</sub>**.

# Are Ozone Concentrations at risk in Northern Hemisphere?

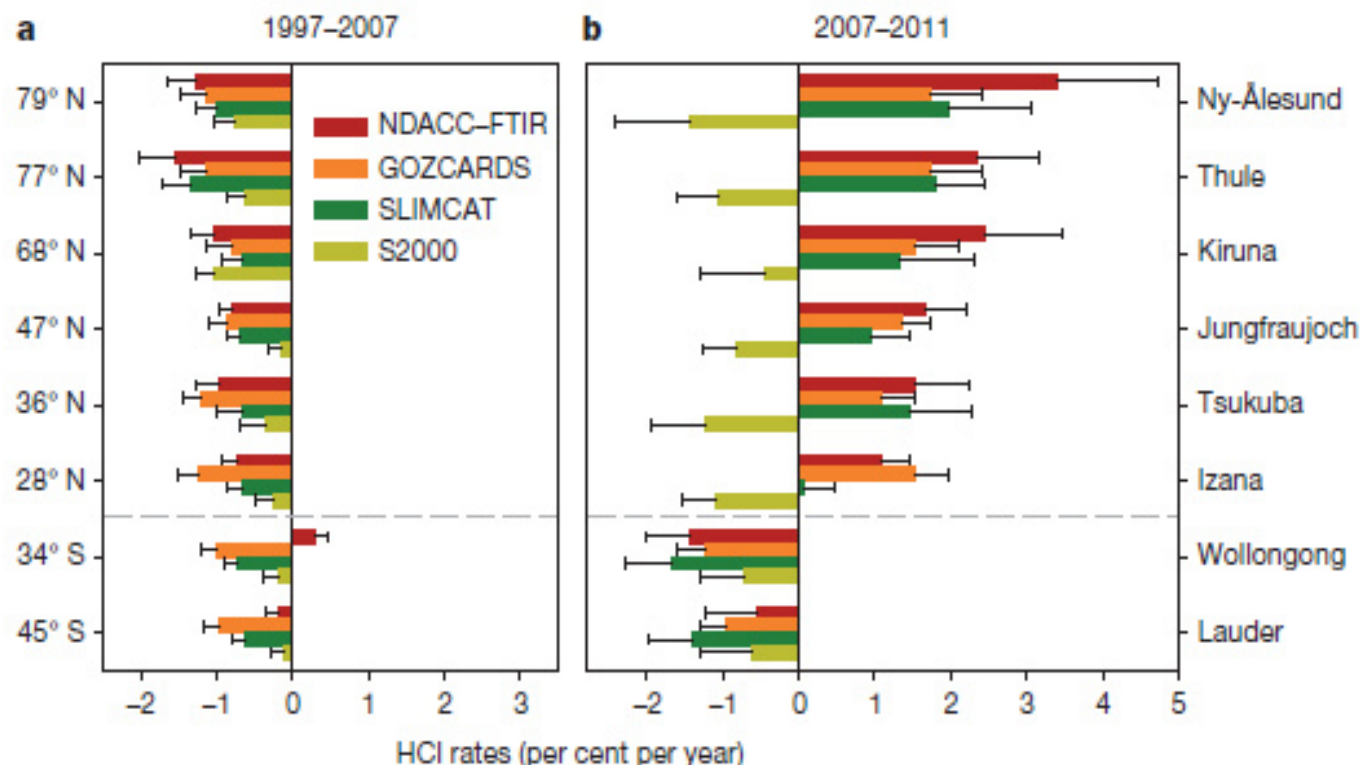
Unexpectedly, stratospheric HCl is increasing again after a decade of gradual decline

## Izaña FTS

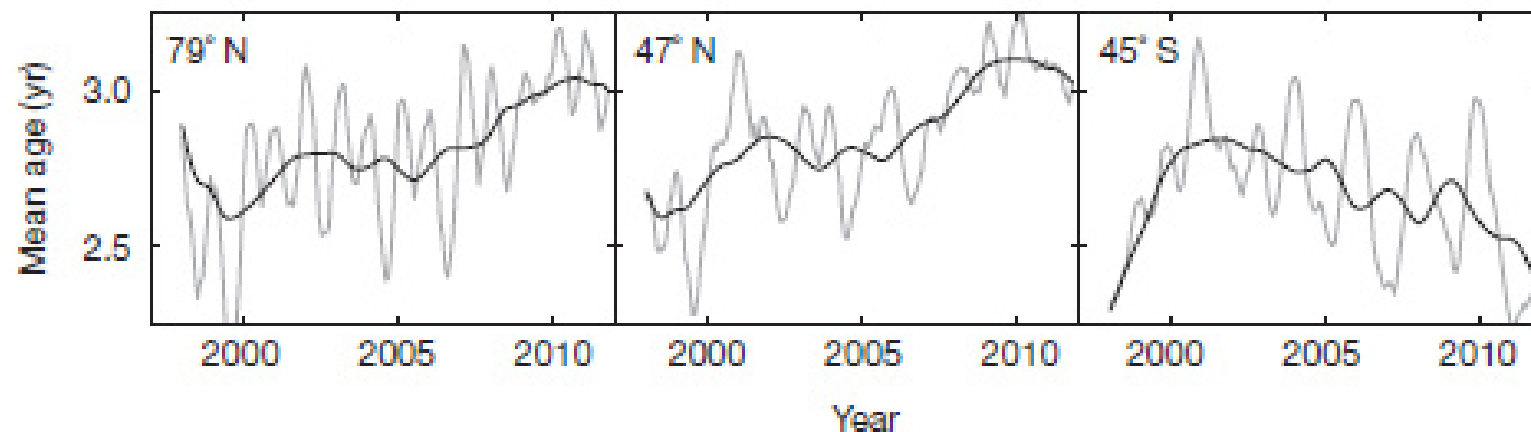


(Mahieu et al., 2014, Nature)

# Are Ozone Concentrations at risk in Northern Hemisphere?



Slowdown in the  
Northern Hemisphere  
atmospheric  
circulation



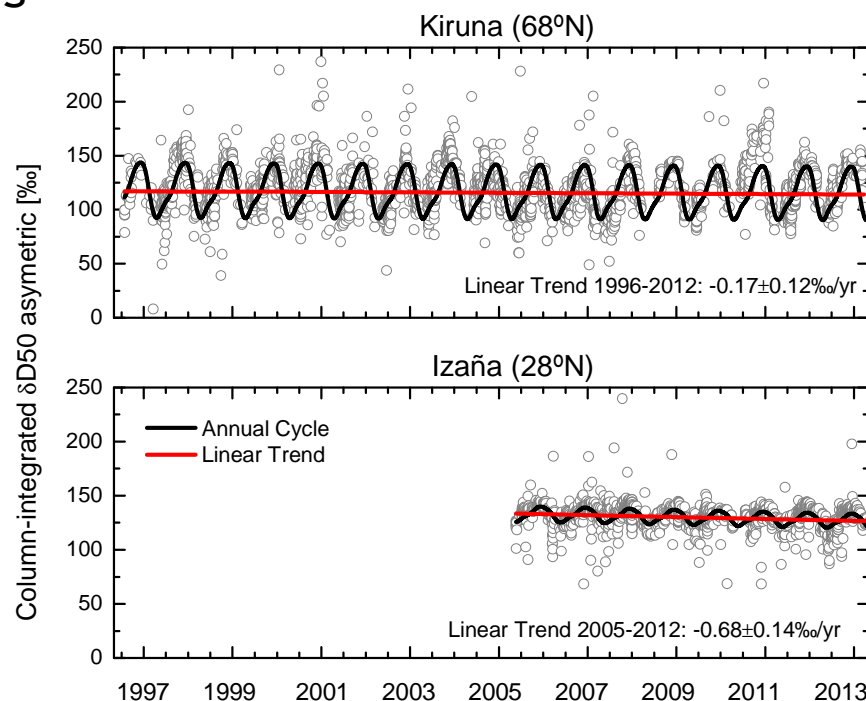


# Role played by O<sub>3</sub> isotope ratios: additional information regarding their sources, sinks, and transport

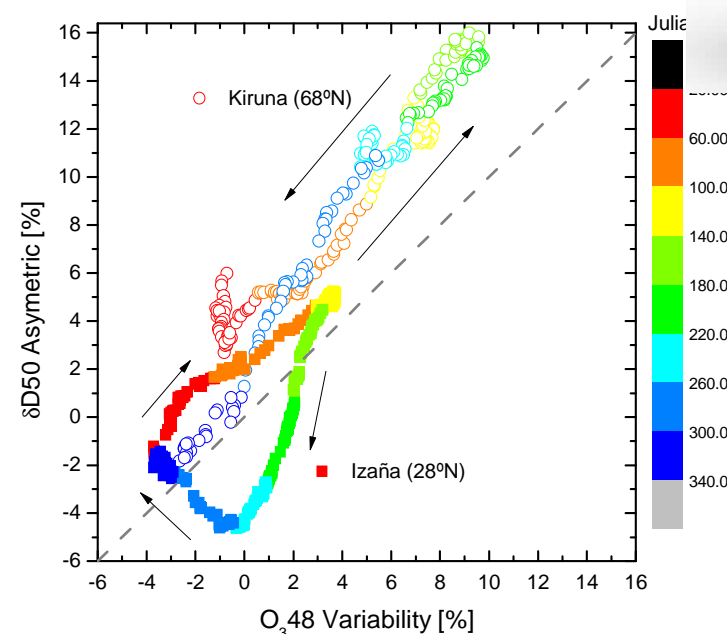
$$\delta D50 \text{ Asymmetric } [‰] = \left( \frac{{}^{48}\text{O}_3}{{}^{50}\text{O}_3} - 1 \right) \cdot 1000$$

${}^{48}\text{O}_3$  = Total Column of  ${}^{48}\text{O}_3$   
 ${}^{50}\text{O}_3$  = Total Column of  ${}^{50}\text{O}_3$  Asymmetric

## Long-term time series



## Annual Cycle

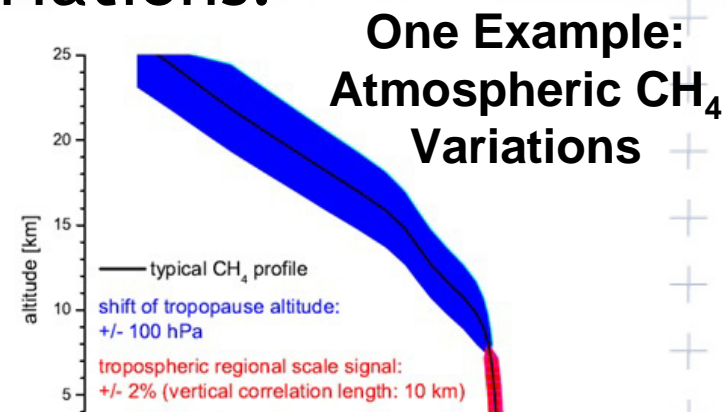


Significant Decreasing Trends: Different long-term Patterns for the two main Ozone isotopes

Different Inter-annual Patterns for Subtropical and Polar Latitudes

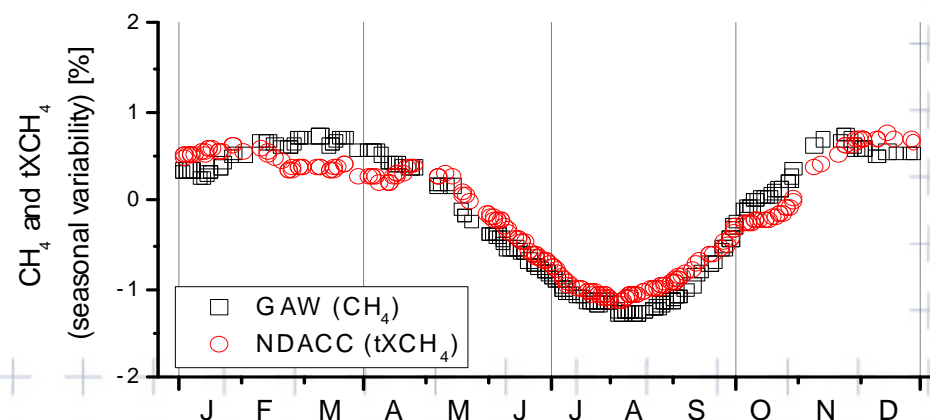
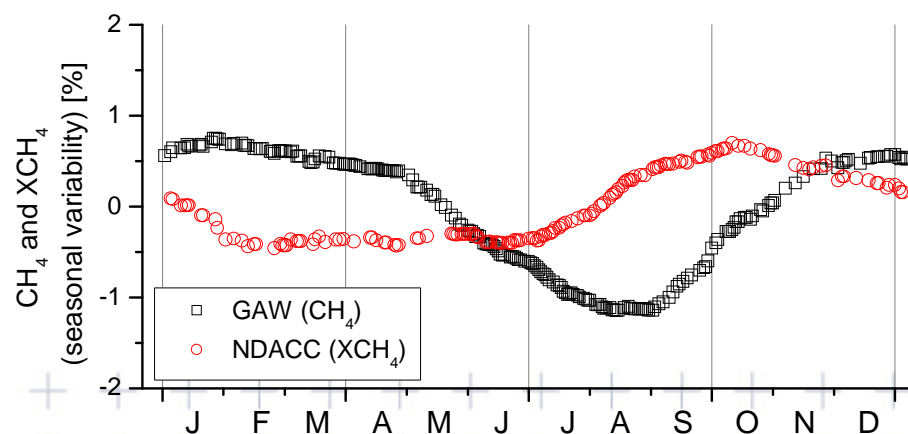
# Can FTS spectra be used to detect regional-scale tropospheric/stratospheric GHGs variations?

- The tropospheric regional-scale  $\text{CH}_4$  variations are rather small.
- Near-surface  $\text{CH}_4$  variations and variations due to the tropopause altitude shifts are large and strongly affect the total column signal.



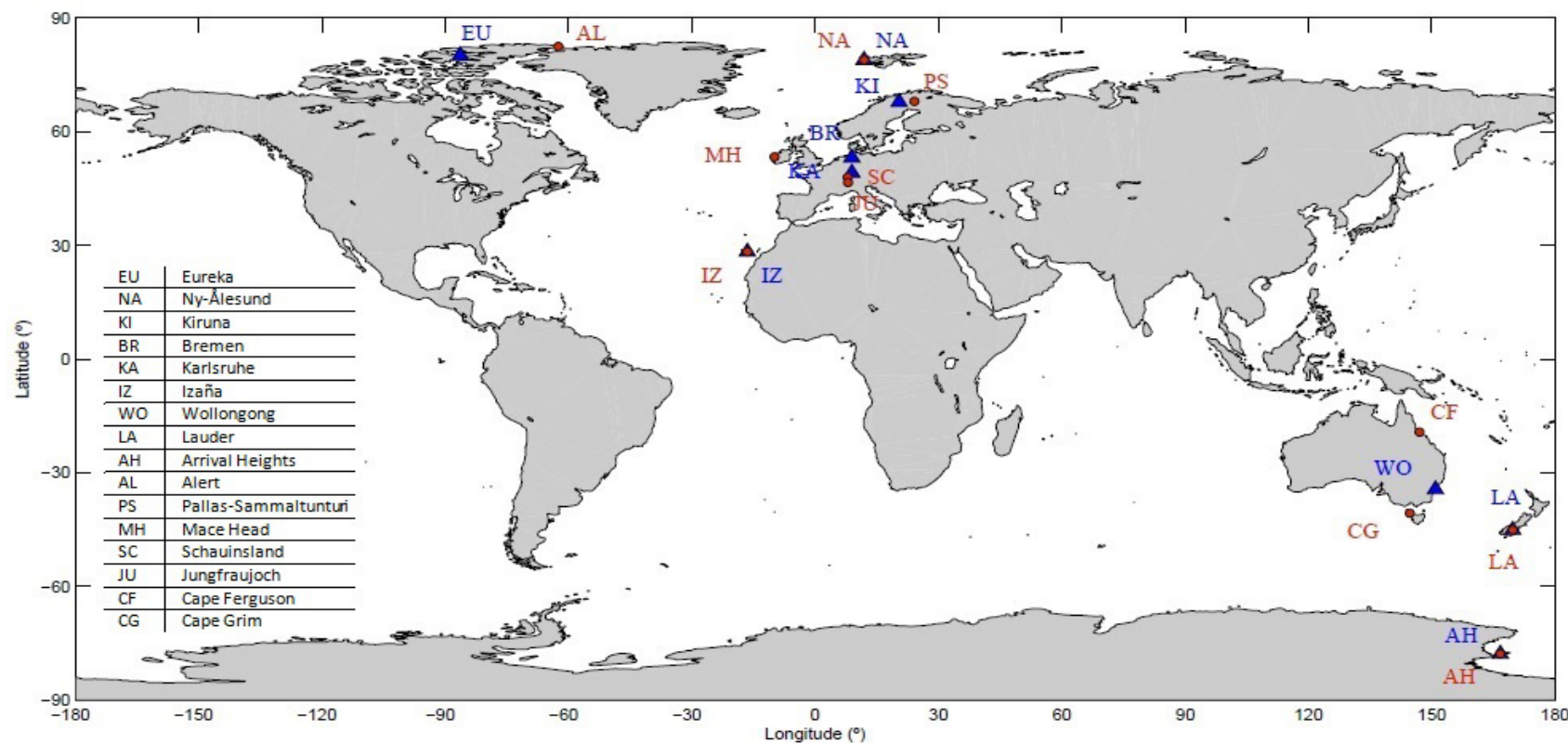
**Problem:** Total column-averaged  $\text{CH}_4$  is not a good proxy for the troposphere

**Solution:** Optimisation of Inversion Strategies



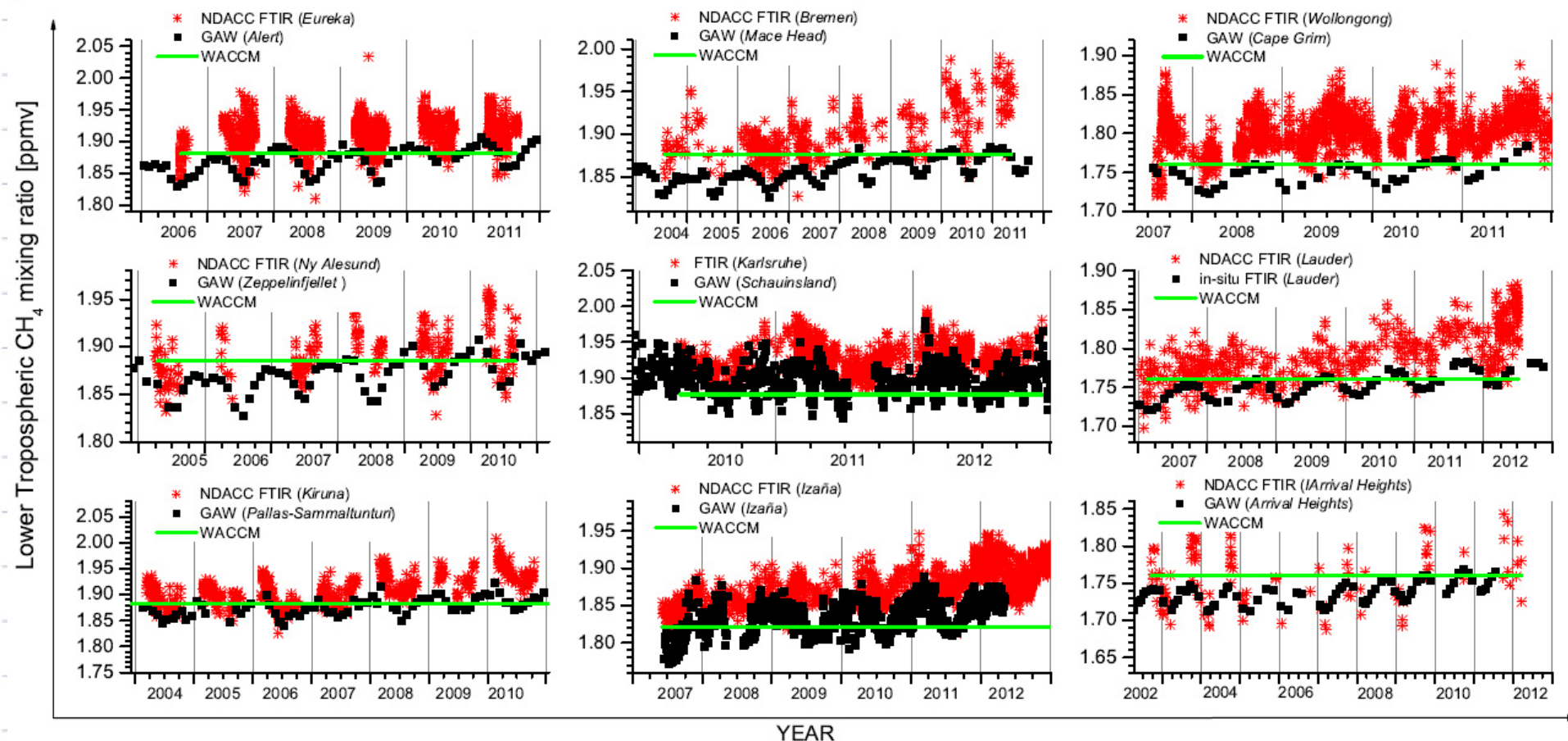
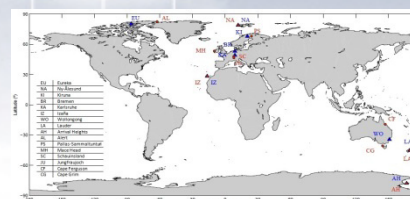
(Sepúlveda et al., 2012, 2014)

# Global representativeness



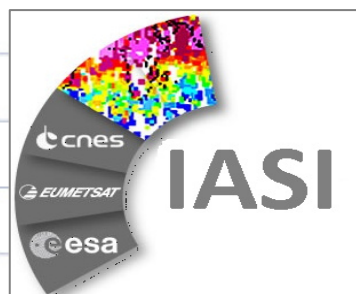


# Global representativeness



Similar results have been obtained for other GHGs, like N<sub>2</sub>O (García et al., 2014).

# Validation of Space-Based Observations

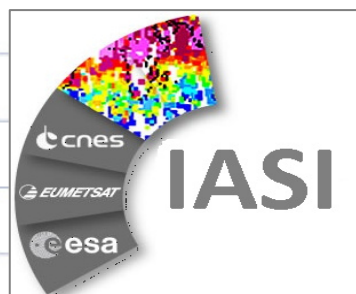
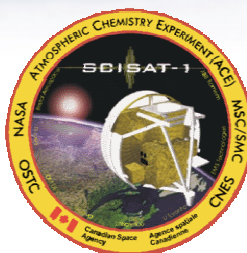


Izaña FTIR





# Validation of Space-Based Observations



SCIAM  
Scanning Imaging Absorption



Comprehensive long-term validation of operational IASI-A and IASI-B trace gas products

VALIASI



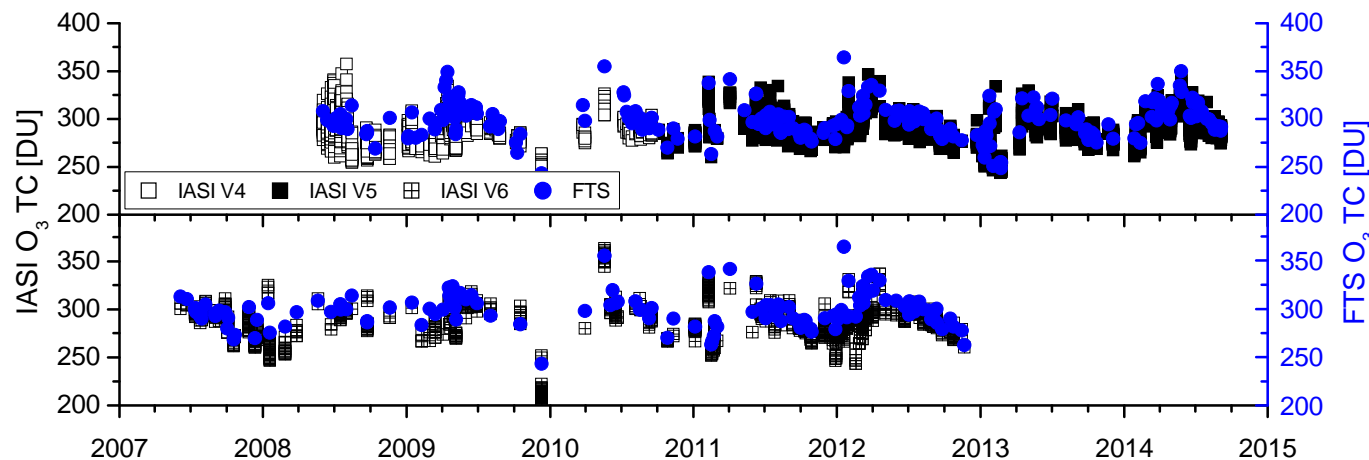
New retrievals: tropospheric  $\{H_2O, \delta D\}$  distributions





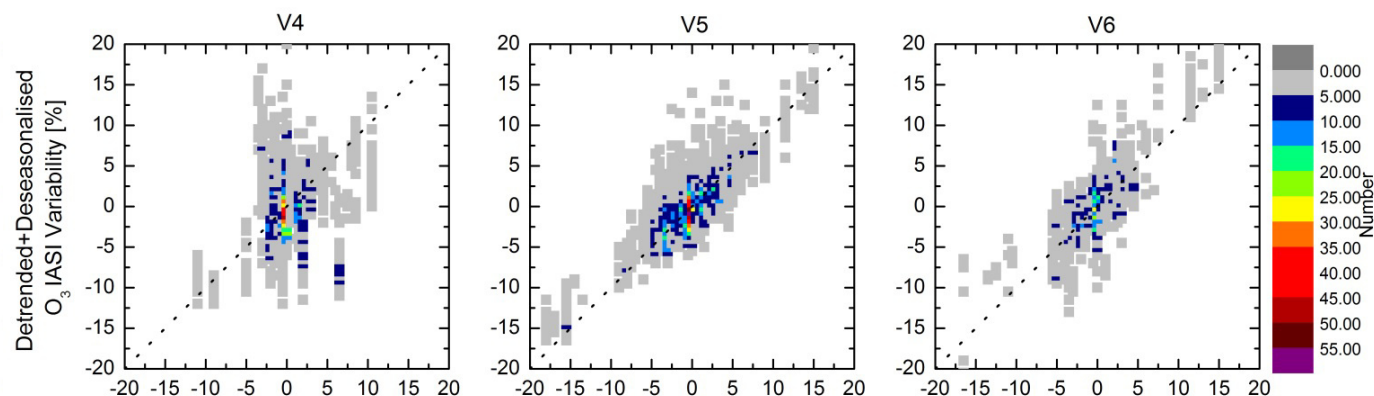
# Does IASI and the ground-based FTS system observe the same anomalies? Are the different IASI versions consistent?

## An Example $O_3$

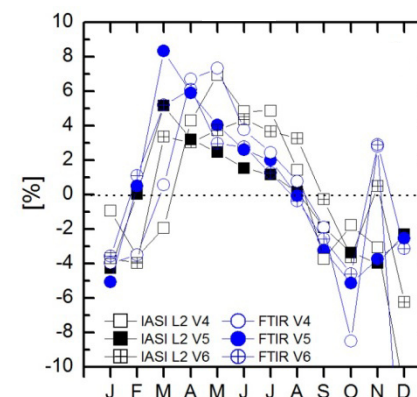


## Analysis on Different Time Scales

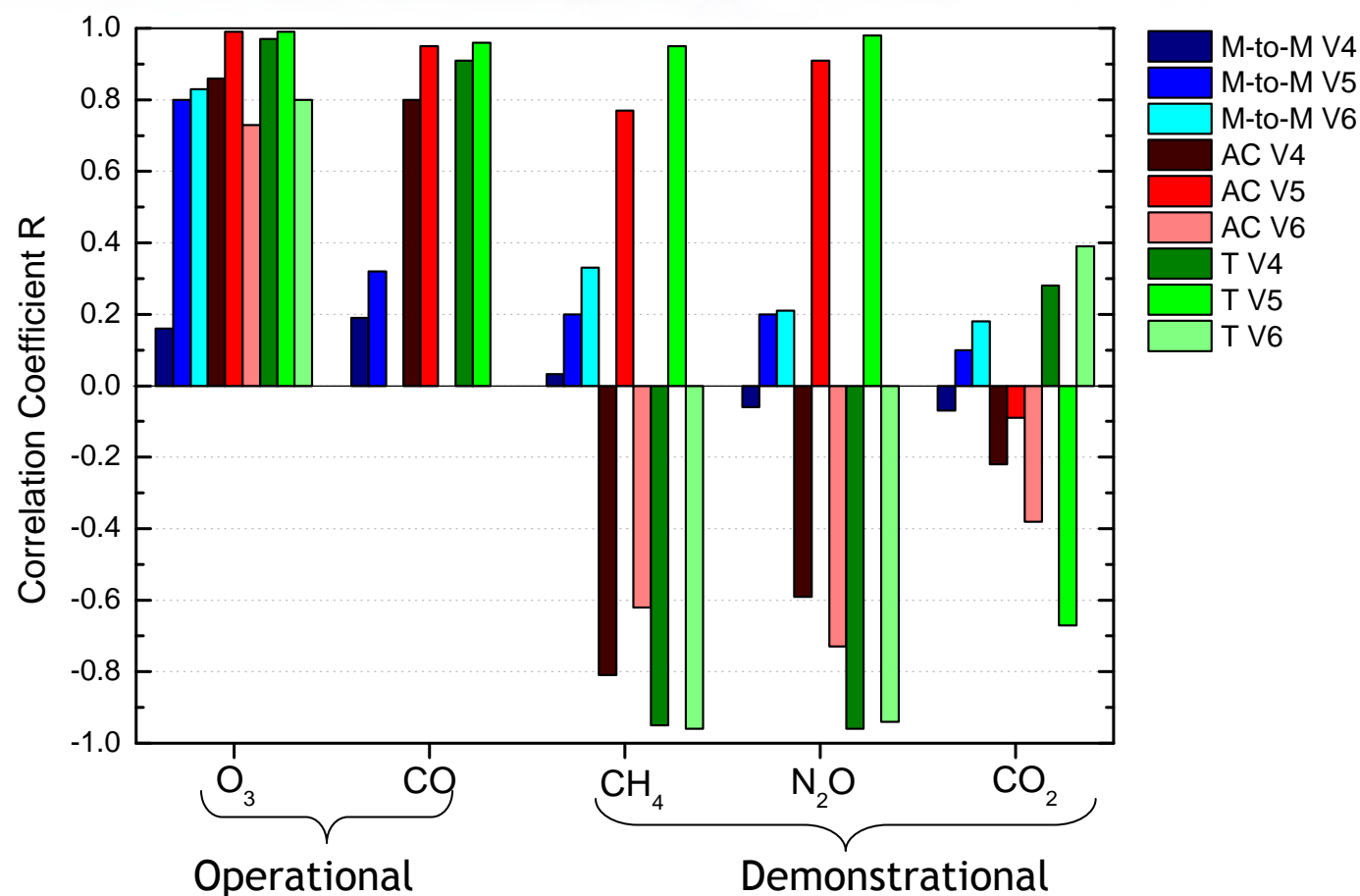
### Measurement-to-Measurement



### Annual Cycles



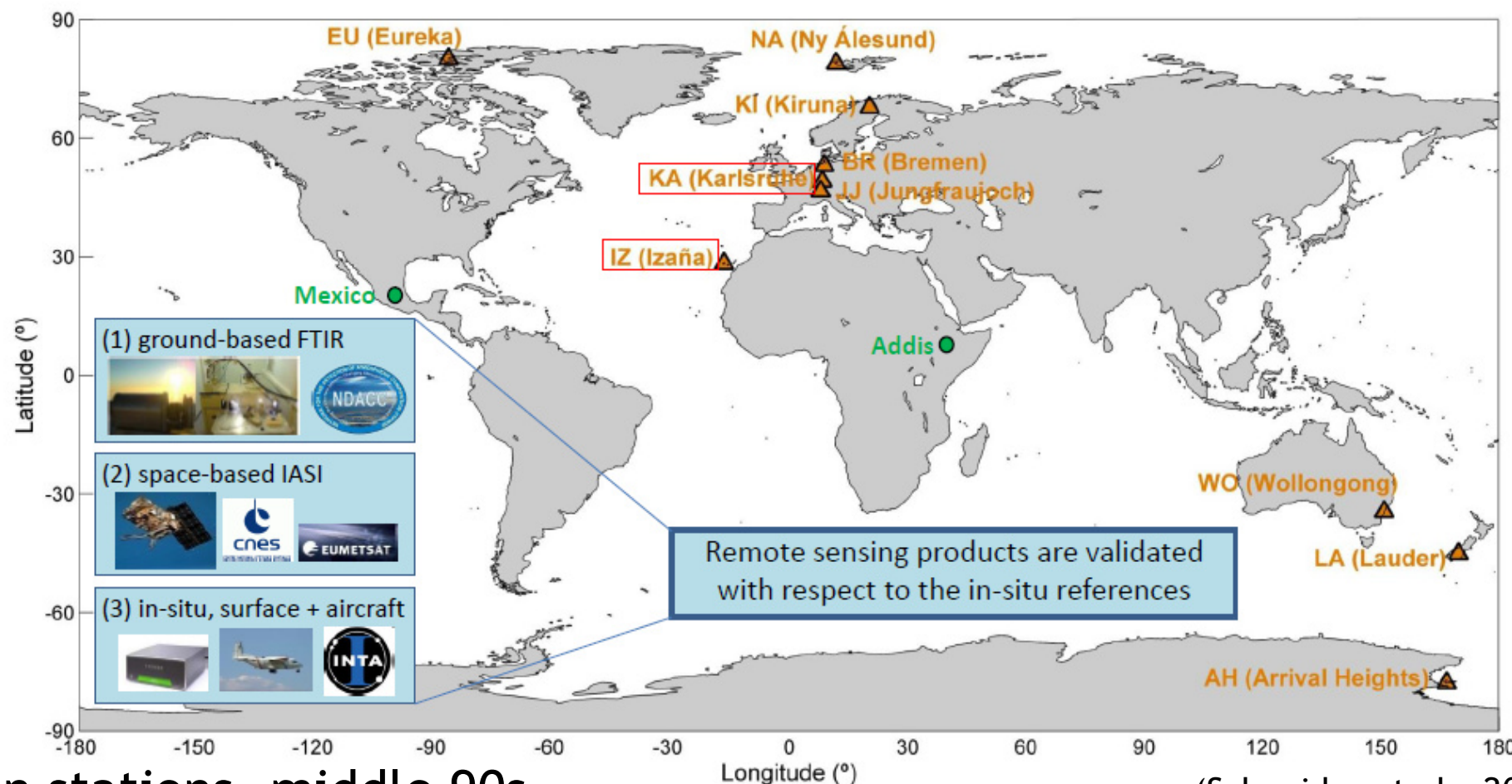
## For all IASI trace gas products...



Validation on Near-Real Time ([www.novia.aemet.es](http://www.novia.aemet.es)) ⇒  
Detection of anomalies and instrumental issues!!



# ERC project **MUSICA:** **M**ulti-platform remote **S**ensing of Isotopologues for investigating the **C**ycle of **A**tmospheric water

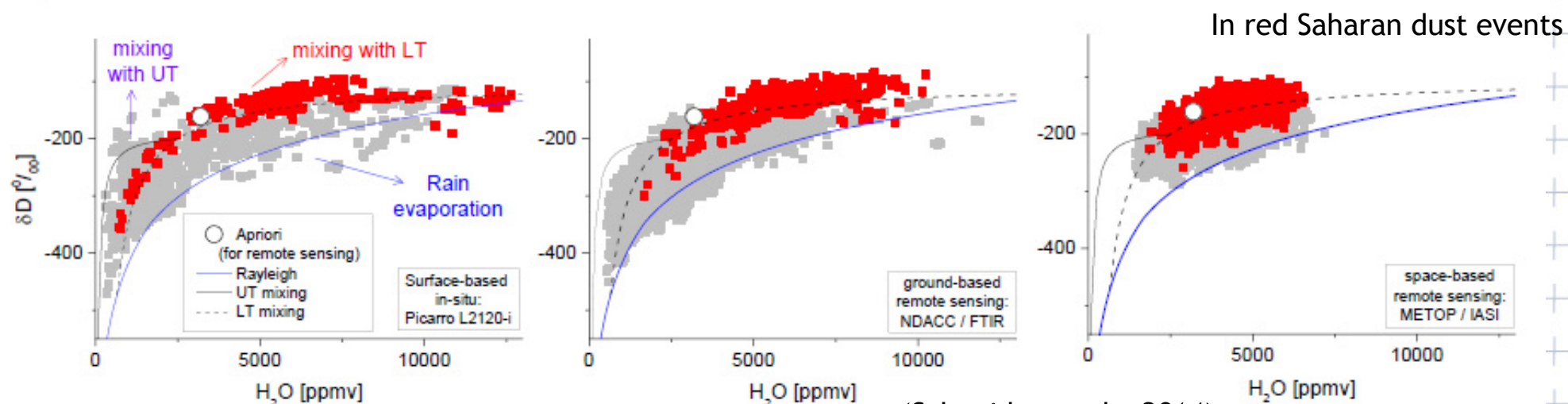


Ten stations, middle 90s

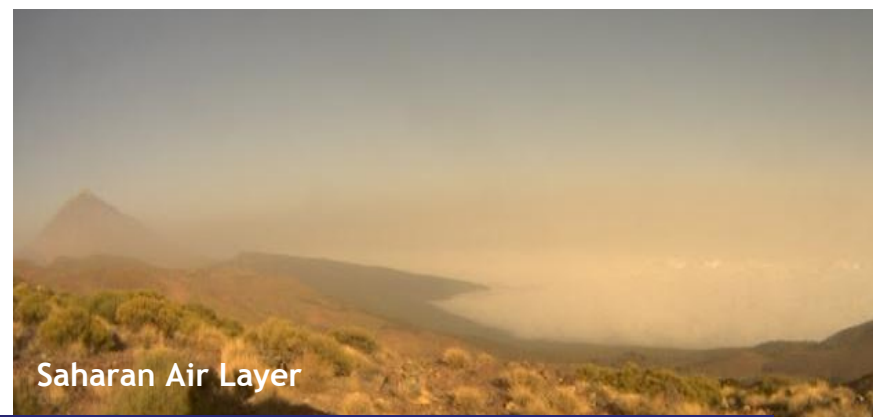
(Schneider et al., 2012)



# To what extent is $\delta D$ complementary to $H_2O$ ? $\delta D \sim HD^{16}O/H_2^{16}O$

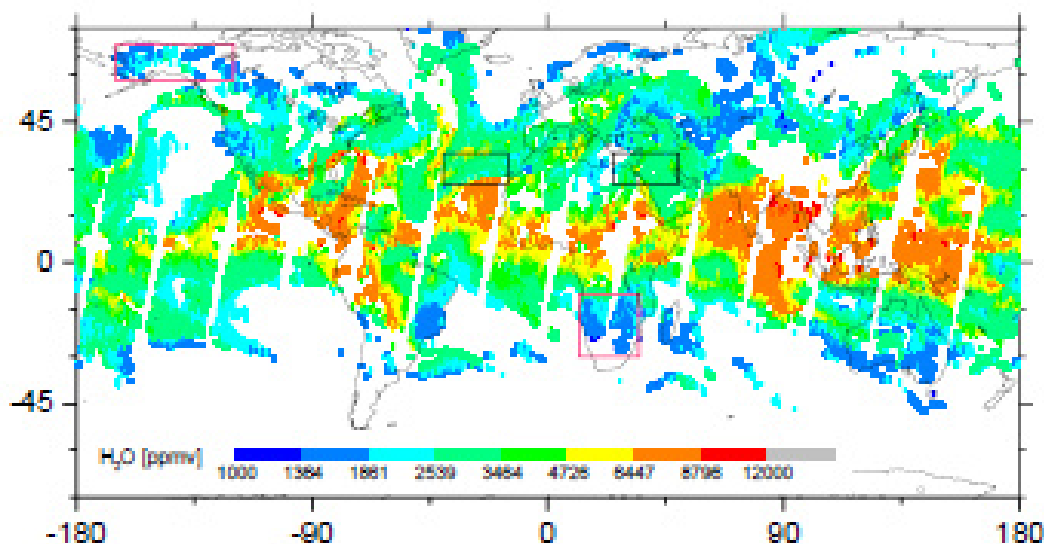


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## Validation of the remote sensing isotopes products

# Metop-IASI $\{H_2O, \delta D\}$ distributions at a global scale



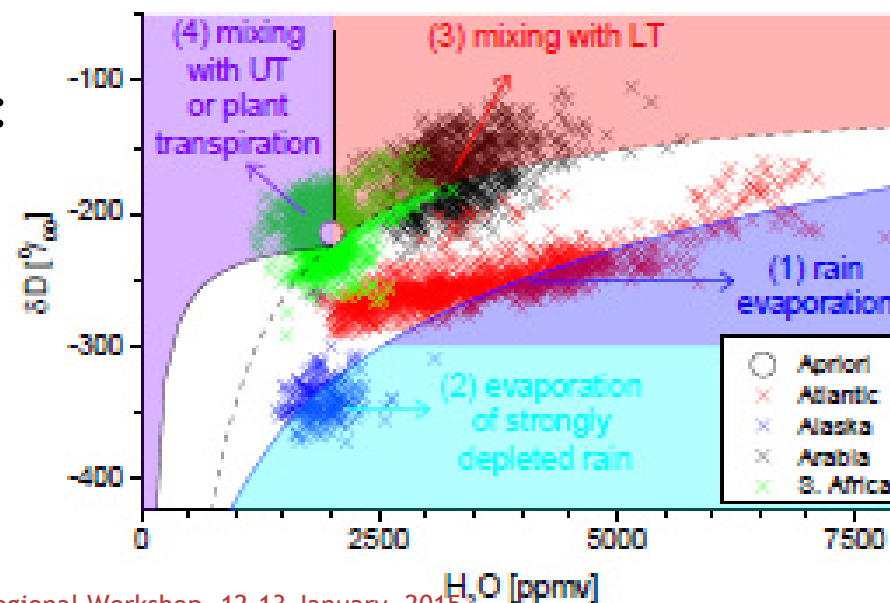
Areas with similar humidity, but significantly different fractionations:

1. North Atlantic-Arabia
2. Alaska -Africa

Added value of tropospheric  $\{H_2O, \delta D\}$  remote sensing distributions

Different processes control the humidity:

- 1.1. Rain Evaporation
- 1.2. Evaporation of strongly depleted rain
- 2.1. Mixing with lower troposphere
- 2.2. Mixing with upper troposphere or plant transpiration



## Summary+Conclusions

- Complex interplay among atmospheric constituents → multi-variable techniques, like the FTS experiments, are very useful.
- One single measurement technique is able to monitor many atmospheric gases → Great potential for analysing independently tropospheric and stratospheric signals.
- Many Applications: Observing and Researching the atmospheric composition and its changes, validating of space-based data and models, operational assimilation in global models (near future),...

*Open door for collaborations  
and comments!!*





To know more ... <http://izana.aemet.es>

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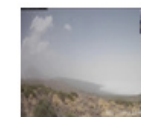
### WEBCAMS



### DATOS METEO



### ¡¡NUEVO VIDEO!! Nubes de evolución.



### Participación en la Conferencia de Satélites Meteorológicos EUMETSAT 2014

El Centro de Investigación Atmosférica de Izaña, junto al Instituto de Tecnología de Karlsruhe (KIT, Alemania), ha presentado dos [TRABAJOS](#) en la "EUMETSAT Meteorological Satellite Conference 2014", que tuvo lugar en Ginebra (Suiza) del 22 al 26 de Septiembre de 2014. El congreso EUMETSAT es la reunión anual por excelencia de todos aquellos grupos internacionales involucrados en el desarrollo y uso de observaciones satelitales bajo los programas de observación de EUMETSAT (European Organisation for the Exploitation of [Más...](#)

# Many Thanks for your Attention!!



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