# Trace gas measurements in the warmpool region in the Pacific at Palau Island

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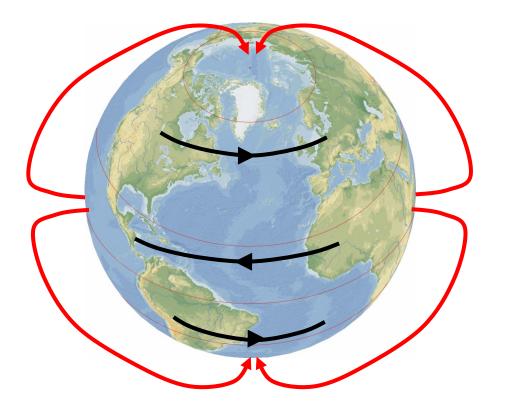






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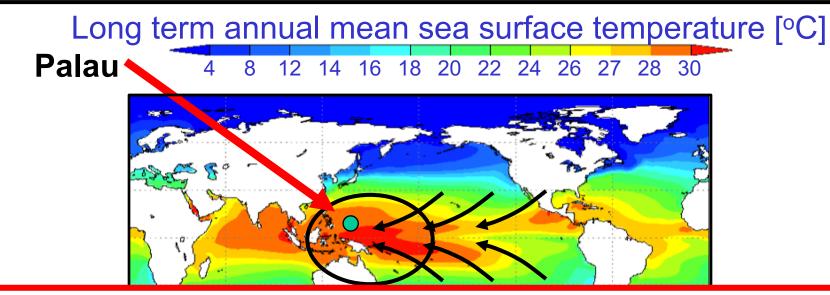


Brewer-Dobson-circulation

horiz. velocities: ~ 5 m/s vert. velocities: ~ 0.5 mm/s

- Air enters the stratosphere (15 40 km) in the tropics
- Composition of tropical troposphere (0 15 km) determines the composition of the whole stratosphere

# Why going to Palau ?



# The composition of the troposphere in the warm pool region determines the composition of the global stratosphere

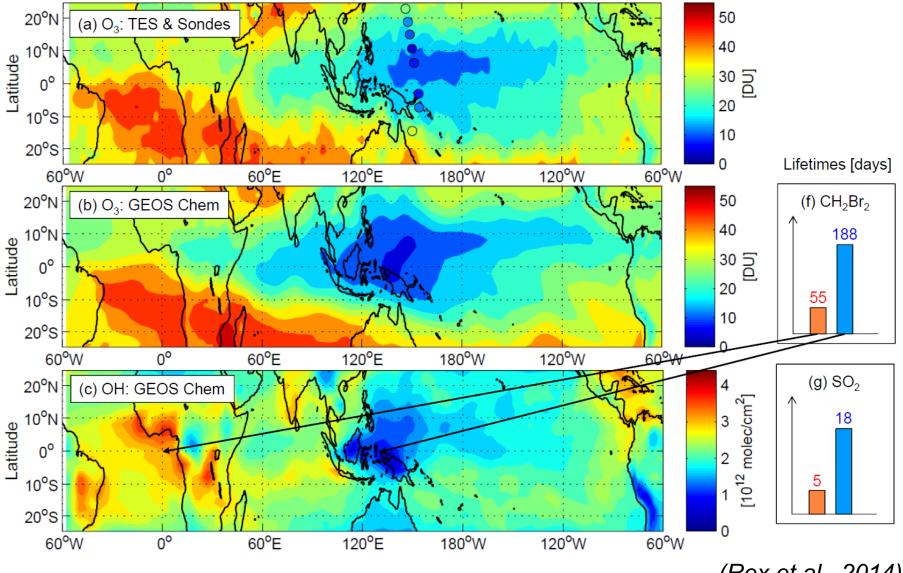
#### Ocean in 'warm-pool region' warmest on earth

→ Strong uplift of tropospheric air into stratosphere

#### Trade winds from east, continents far away

- $\rightarrow$  no pollution  $\rightarrow$  clean air and no aerosols
- $\rightarrow$  large (liquid) droplets  $\rightarrow$  no lightning  $\rightarrow$  no N<sub>2</sub> photolysis  $\rightarrow$  no radicals (O<sub>3</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>)
- $\rightarrow$  Long lifetime of trace gases  $\rightarrow$  transport of tropospheric gases into the stratosphere

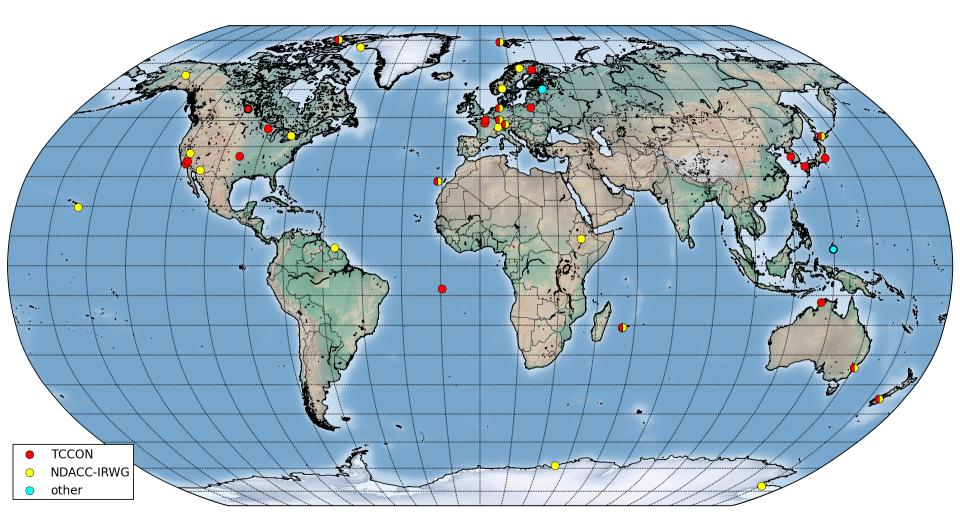
## Lifetime of tropospheric trace gases



<sup>(</sup>Rex et al., 2014)

# **TCCON and NDACC**

Total Carbon Column Observing Network (since 2004) Network for Detection of Atmospehric Composition Change (since 1992)



(D. Feist, MPI Jena)

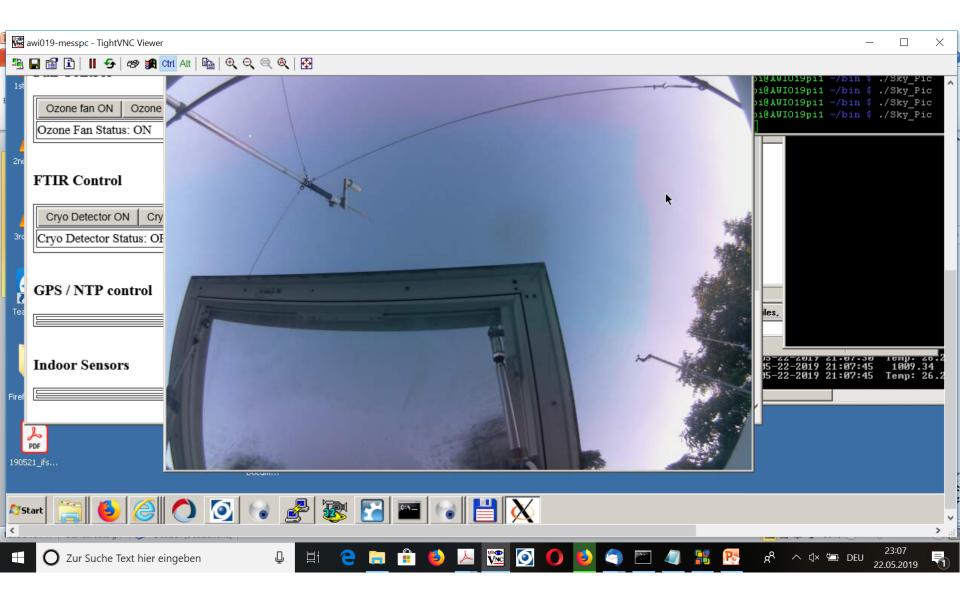
# **Trace gas measurements in Palau**

- Observations in cooperation with Alfred-Wegener-Institute for Polar and Marine Research
- Funding by EU-project StratoClim (until end of 2019) Most probably continuation by BMBF funding (ROMIC-2)
- Bruker 125M, Bruker solar tracker Thermostated container Sterling cooled InSb detector
- Lidar aerosol observations
- O<sub>3</sub>-ballon sondes In-Situ observations (OCS for a few months by FZ Jülich)

# **Running Palau remotely, cloudy**

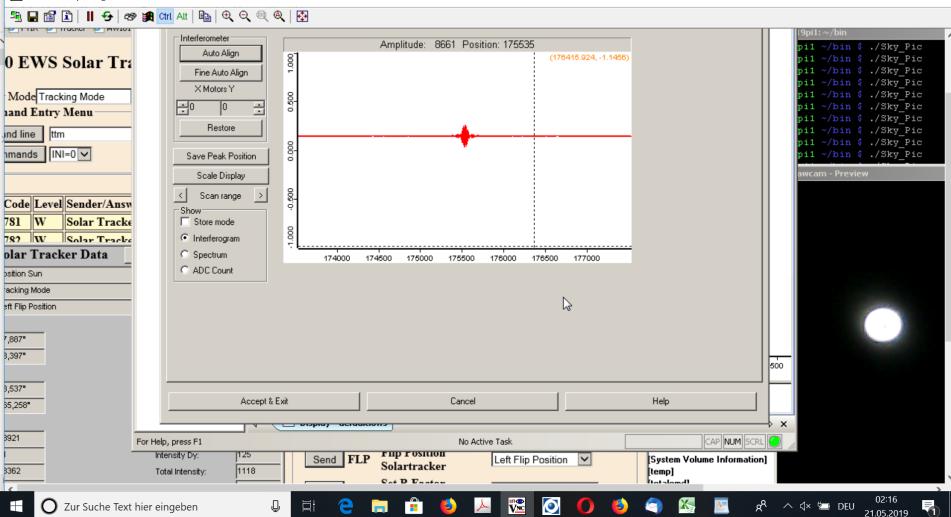


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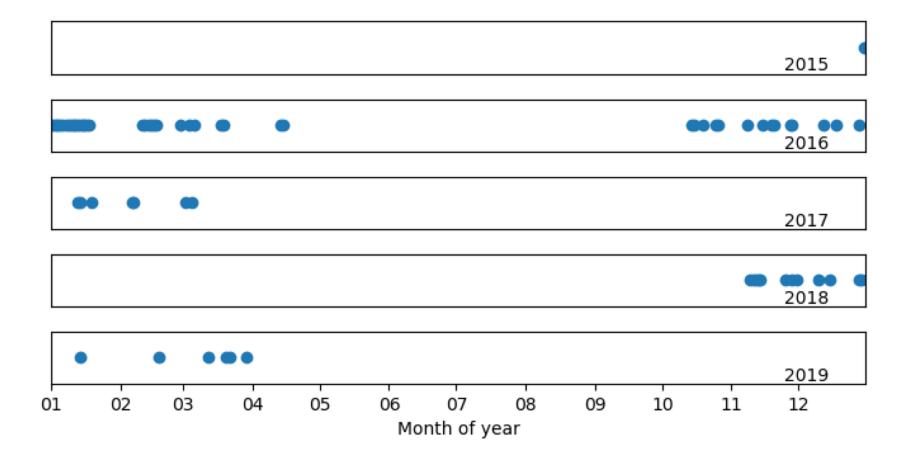
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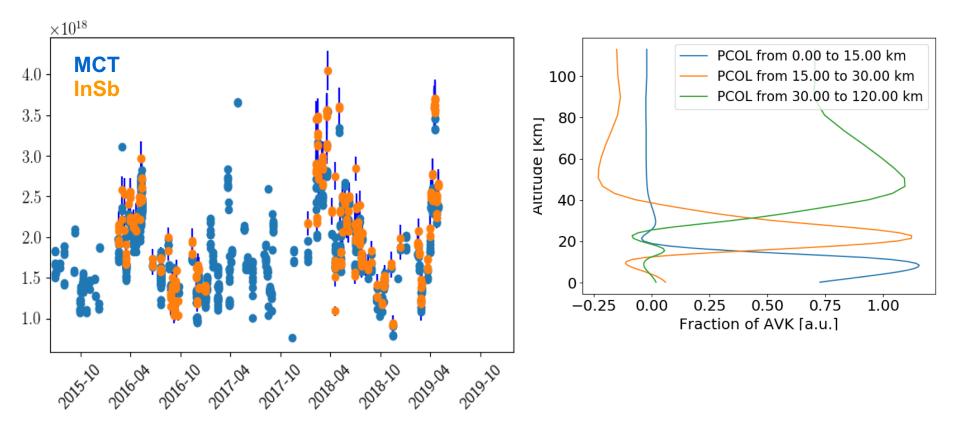
### **Measurements statistics**



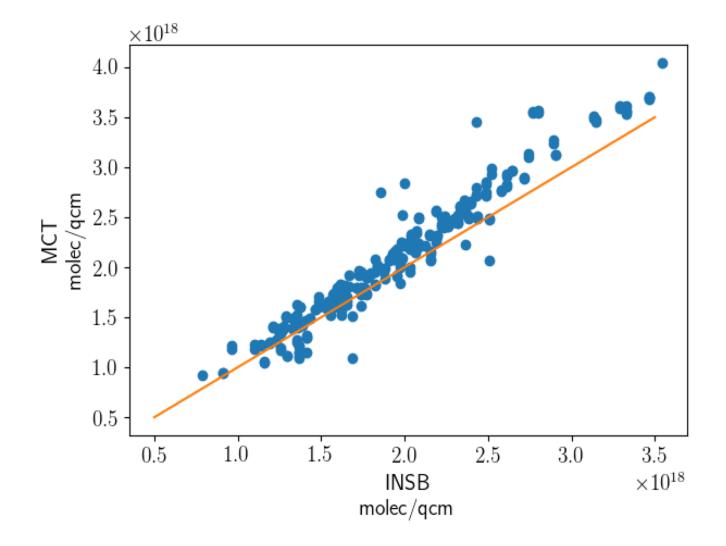
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# INSB

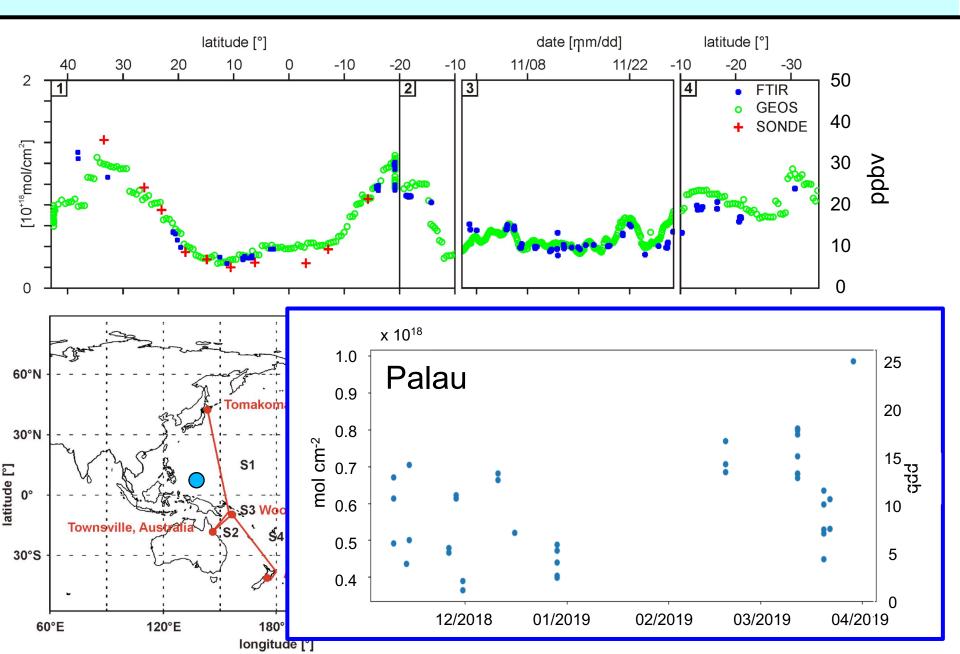
- 2108 2019 cm<sup>-1</sup>
- Interfering gases: H<sub>2</sub>O, CO, CO<sub>2</sub>
- DOFS: 3-4



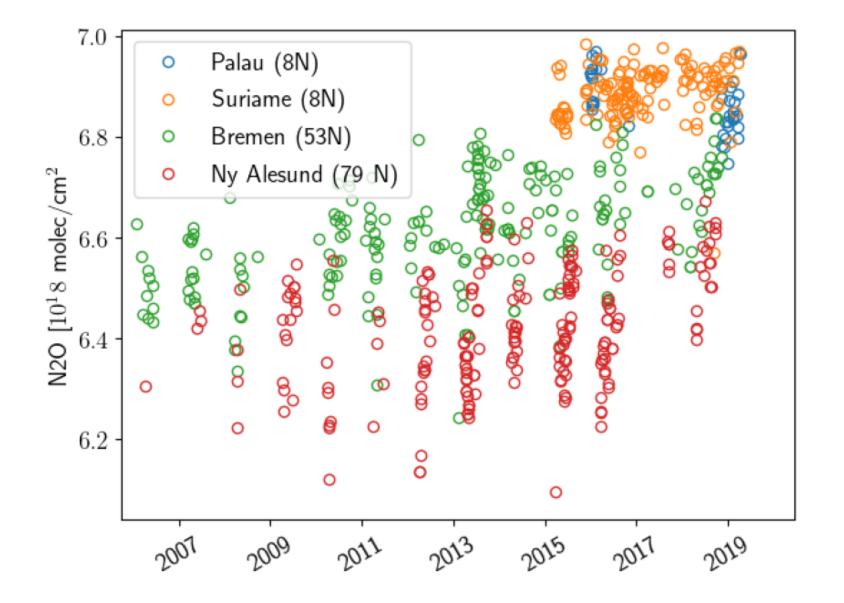
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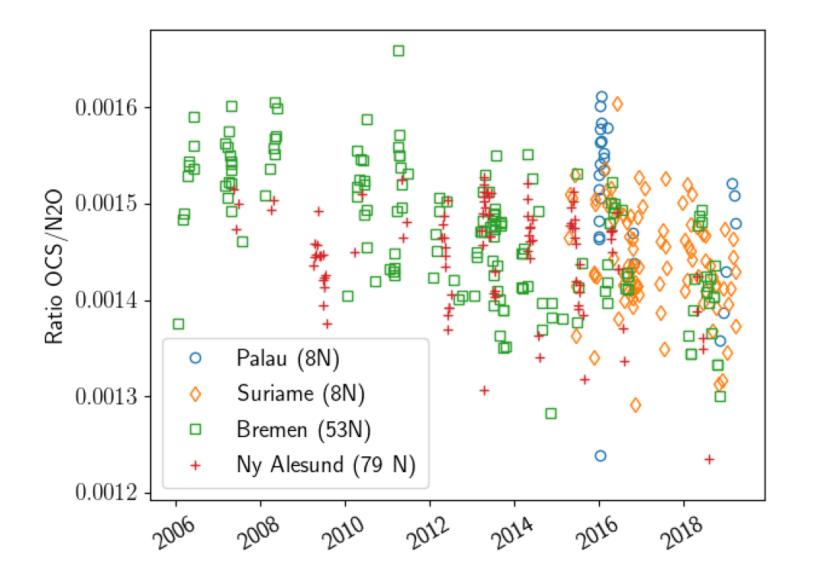
# **Tropospheric O<sub>3</sub> during ship-cruises in 2009**



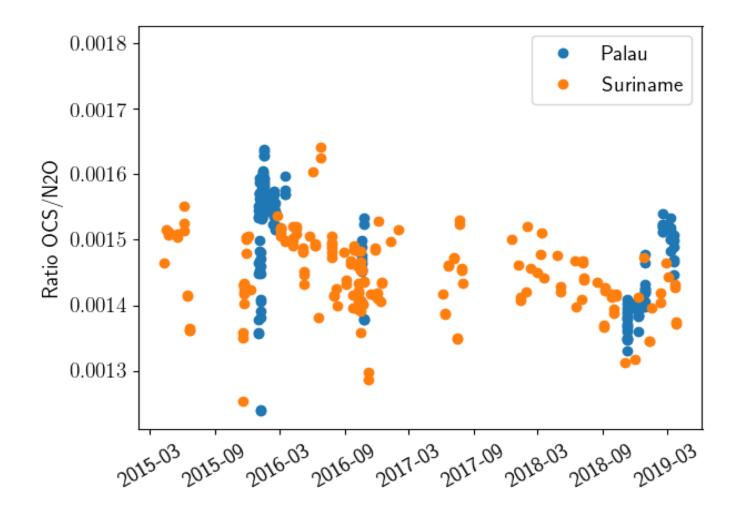
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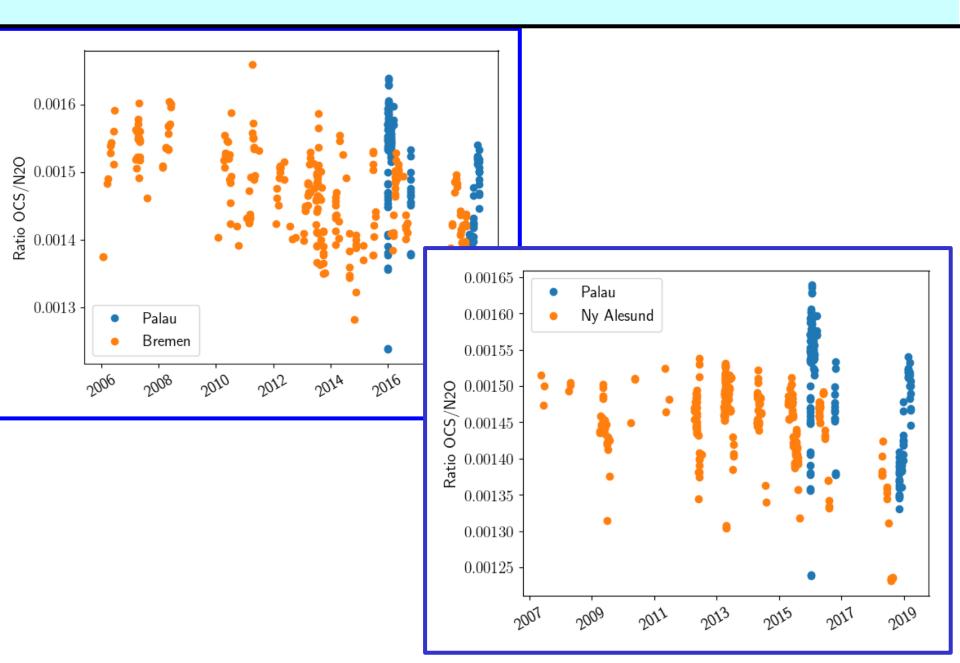
# OCS/N<sub>2</sub>O at four sites



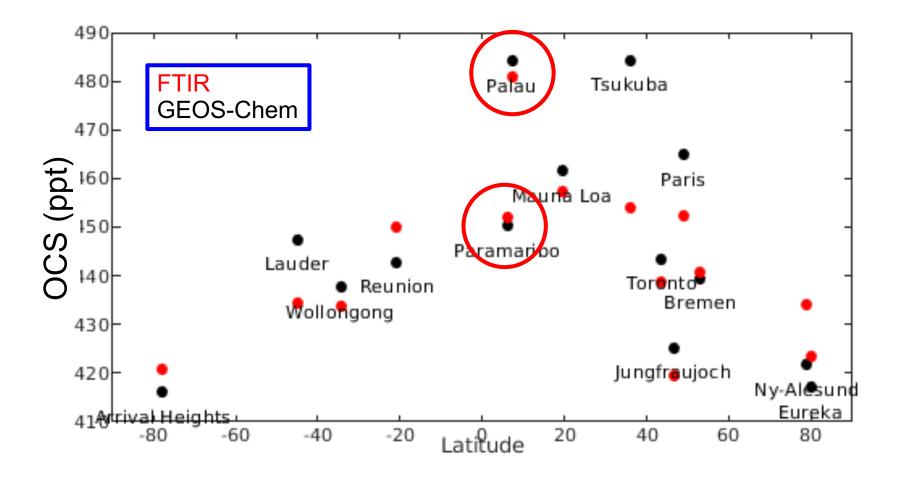
# OCS/N<sub>2</sub>O in Palau (7°N) compared to Suriname (6°N)



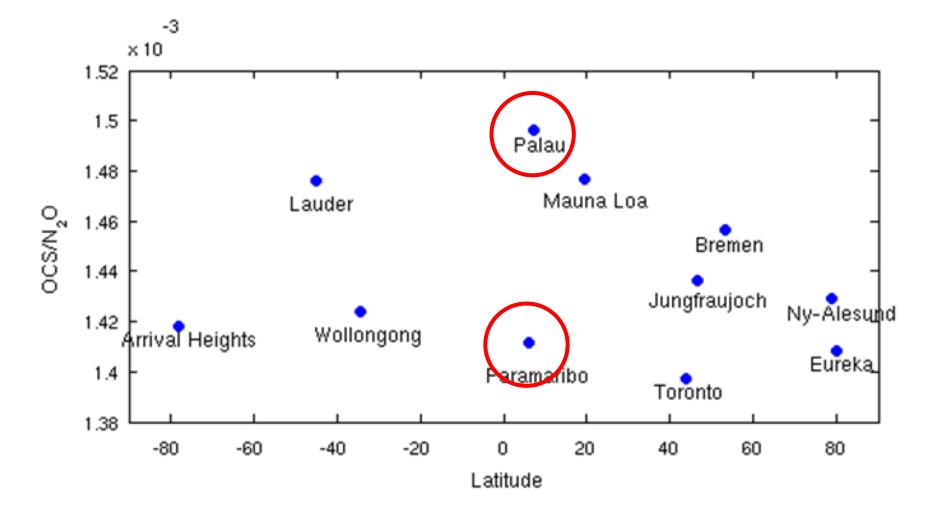
#### OCS/N<sub>2</sub>O in Palau compared to Bremen and Ny-Ålesund



# Latitudinal variability of OCS and model



# Latitudinal variability of OCS/N<sub>2</sub>O



Hopefully continuation for three more years (2020-2023)

Use of LN-cooled detectors (MCT and InSb)

Investigating aerosol budget by studying OCS  $\rightarrow$  not enough sulphur to maintain aerosol budget

Studying transport of tropospheric trace gases into stratosphere  $\rightarrow$  Lifetime is of trospospheric gases is long