# Global Trends in Carbonyl Sulfide from 22 NDACC Stations

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### **Motivation**

- SSiRC Stratospheric Sulfur and its Role in Climate / SPARC Stratosphere-troposphere Processes And their Role in Climate
	- Study: "The measured stratospheric sulfur burden." led by T Deshler
		- Review of all stratospheric measurements of sulfur contain species & aerosols.
		- Determine / Quantify / Estimate
			- Total burden, global distribution, changes / trends
			- Sources & sinks
- **Example 3 Progress** For stratospheric trends of OCS mean VMR / partial columns.

From the IR remote-sensing community, this effort follows on from recent studies:

- Lejeune et. al., 2017, JQSRT Detailed reanalysis of retrieval strategy for a single IRWG station
- Wang et. al., 2016, ACP Total column & tropospheric focus at selected IRWG stations relating to plant respiration
- Kremser et. al., 2015, GRL Troposphere & stratosphere trends, Southern Hemisphere focus
- Krysztofiak, et. al., 2015, Atmos-Ocean Global & latitudinal analysis using NDACC, MKIV and SPIRALE

### OCS Sources, Sinks and Atmospheric Lifetime Estimates

- Oceanic sources
	- Direct OCS, DMS,  $CS<sub>2</sub>$
	- Oxidation of  $CS_2 \sim$  lifetime of 6 days
	- Oxidation DMS ~ lifetime <1 days
- Terrestrial Sources
	- Biomass burning
	- Volcanoes
- Terrestrial Sinks (Excellent review: Whelan et al., BioGeoSci, 2018)
	- Photosynthetic uptake
	- Soil uptake
- Anthropogenic sources
	- "However, the budget suggests that more than a third of OCS arises from anthropogenic activities. Some 70% of the CS2 comes from human activities and almost all of the thiophenes." [Lee & Brimblecombe, 2016]
		- Paper / pulp production, biomass burning, rayon manufacture
	- Recent inventory (Zumkehr et. al., 2018) shows upward trend since 2002 + inflection ~ 2008 and increasing until 2012
- ~2.7 to 6y tropospheric lifetime (Ulshöfer and Andreae, 1997, Montzka et al., 2006)
- Stratospheric lifetime : 68  $\pm$  20 y at N. polar latitudes & 58  $\pm$  14 y for tropical lat., [Krysztofiak et al., 2015]
- In short …OCS atmospheric budget clearly time dependent & not completely understood… exacerbated in a warming ocean and changing land use environment.

### Schematic OCS and Stratospheric Aerosol

- S. Kremser (Rev. Geo., 2016) outlines the complicated movement of net Sulphur species from the surface sources to maintain the stratosphere aerosol layer.
- Modeled based study (Sheng et. al., 2016) shows a transport to the stratosphere via OCS of ~420 Gg S/yr and losses in part to the troposphere yielding a net flux via OCS of ~40 Gg S/yr
- Estimates of between 56 70% of the aerosol burden is maintained by OCS transported from the troposphere. The aerosol layer relies on a sustained concentration of OCS in the upper troposphere.



### Previous Work : OCS Stratospheric Trends



/year or 1.48±1.12%/year. Thus, to the accuracy of the measurements, there is no

et al. (1996) based on satellite measurements of stratospheric profiles. The measurements of

Multiple airborne missions flown between 1978 – 2005 over northern mid-latitudes 30 – 60ºN using the same EOCOM interferometer instrument. The trend in the column above 200hPa was 0.77±0.80%/year.

#### **1978 – 2005**

 $30 - 60$ <sup>o</sup>N 0.77±0.80%/year above 200hPa

*Coffey & Hannigan JAC, 2011*



interferometer flown between 1990 - 2015 in  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}$  N mid-latitudes 33 – 68°N. These are thern finterpolated to de-trended N2O (at .25%/y)  $\dot{\text{the}}$  isopleths (red ~21 km and blue ~30 km at  $\text{N}$ titudes). Whereas the 100 ppb isopleth (blue) correspondent (blue) correspo Multiple balloon flights of the JPL MKIV

blumn. The MkIV balloon measurements show no %/year. significant trend at the  $N_2O = 250$  ppb isopleth."

#### **1990-2015**

 $53 - 68^\circ N$  $\mathcal{P}_{\mathsf{a}}$  and a significant trend at N<sub>2</sub>O = 250 ppb and  $\mathcal{P}_{\mathsf{a}}$ 

polated onto fixed altitudes and N2O isopleths. In Fig. 3a, the small OCS amounts from 1997 to 2002 were due to the bal-*Toon, et. al., ACP 2018*

#### their locations, and the number of observations (*N*obs*)* and observation days (*N*day*)* from each. The majority of the data **Satellite:**

#### **COME FROM THE AND MIPAS: (2002-2012) MIPAS:** (3.80 km), and Media and

"...no significant trends in the upper troposphere. " Northern Hemisphere, up to -65ppt/decade weak positive trend in SH up to ~20ppt/decade.

tral fitting retrieval) and spectroscopic linelists as the bal-

sistency of results. Table 3 lists these ground-based sites,

 $\mathbf{b}$  the sun, the sun), the remainder are averaged into forward–averaged into forward reverse pairs at high solar zenith angles when the air mass *Glatthor et. al., ACP 2017*

is changing rapidly, or in fours or sixes at lower zenith an-**ACE FTS: (2002-2004)**

exercise versus ver

gorithm to retrieve vertical column abundances from these *Barkley et al, GRL, 2008*

#### cluding October 2002. The found at http://www.industrial.com/industrial.com/industrial.com/industrial.com/industrial.com/industrial.com/industrial.com/industrial.com/industrial.com/industrial.com/industrial.com/industrial. where we have a superfield  $q$ **Ground Based:**

We do not attempt to fit the whole spectrum. Instead we **NDACC Jungfraujoch, (1995-2015)** Net positive trends, varies

Lejeune, et. al., JQSRT 2016, 1995

#### $\epsilon$ (e.g., H2O, CO, CO2*)*. Initially, 21 candidate OCS windows **NDACC S.Hemisphere, (2002-2016)**

were defined and analyzed in ground-based spectra, and all from the spectra, and  $\alpha$ Arrival Heights: Net positive, varies the weaker OCS bands (at 868, 2915, and 4096 cm1*)* were Wollongong: Net positive, varies

used in the analysis of ground-based spectra: their OCS ab-*Kremser et. al., GRL, 2015*

### Network for the Detection of Atmospheric Composition Change



Active NDACC Stations

### Goals & Results

**Establishing long-term databases for detecting changes and trends** in atmospheric composition, and understanding their impacts on the mesosphere, stratosphere, and troposphere;

Establishing scientific links and feedbacks between changes in atmospheric composition, climate, and air quality;

Validating atmospheric measurements from other platforms (i.e., satellite, aircraft, and ground-based);

Providing critical datasets to help fill gaps in satellite observations;

Providing collaborative support to scientific field campaigns and to other chemistry- and climate-observing networks; and

**Providing validation and development support for atmospheric** models.

• More then 70 remote-sensing stations are/have delivered data to DHF. Data is publicly available.

- •Instrument Working Groups: UV-Vis, Microwave, Brewer & Dobson, Infrared, Spectral UV, LIDAR, Aerosol & Water Vapor Sondes,
- •Integration Working Groups: Satellite, Theory, Water Vapor

*www.ndacc.org*

### Network for the Detection of Atmospheric Composition Change / IRWG

#### Components of the Autonomous FTIR system



- Some stations are local and operated manually, **Exercised manually •** Some station limited by spectroscopy
- Some are distant and operated manually via remote control,
- Some operated autonomously.



List of gases that are or might be measured by ground based FTS. 'Measured' are those that can be measured routinely at a typical NDACC/IRWG site. 'Episodic' are gases that may be measured during episodic events or at some sites with unique optical configuration or just not routinely. 'Possible' are gases that are currently at or below the detection limit of the technique.

Species measured by high-resolution ground-based solar FTS in mid-IR, approx. DOFS from present analysis techniques

### *Optical Techniques Project: Observation sites*

TAB, Thule Greenland: 76.53ºN, 291.26ºE, 225 m.a.s.l Start 1999 BLD, Boulder, Colorado, 40.04ºN, 254.76ºE, 1612 m.a.s.l Start 2010 MLO, Mauna Loa Observatory, Hawaii: 19.54ºN, 204.43ºE, 3396 m.a.s.l Start 1991









Boulder



Mauna Loa



### Network for the Detection of Atmospheric Composition Change / IRWG

#### FTIR Instrument stations contributing to this OCS project.



Table 1: Stations contributing to OCS analysis.

<b>Station</b>	Location	$N.$ Lat.	E. Lon.	$_{mask}$	Managing Inst.
<b>EUR</b>	Eureka	80.05	273.58	610	U. Toronto
NYA	Ny Alesund	78.90	11.90	20	U. Bremen
TAB	Thule	76.53	291.26	225	<b>NCAR</b>
KIR	Kiruna	67.84	20.41	420	KIT-ASF
<b>STP</b>	St Petersburg	59.88	29.83	20	U. St. Petersburg
BRE	<b>Bremen</b>	53.10	8.90	27	U Bremen
PAR	Paris	48.97	2.37	60	LERMA
ZUG	Zugspitze	47.42	10.98	2964	KIT-IFU
JFJ	Jungfraujoch	46.55	7.98	3580	U. Leige
TAO	Toronto	43.66	280.60	174	U. Toronto
RIK	Rikubetsu	43.46	143.77	380	U. Nagoya
BLD	Boulder	40.04	254.76	1612	<b>NCAR</b>
TSK	Tsukuba	36.05	140.12	31	<b>NEIS</b>
IZN	Izana	28.30	343.52	2370	KIT-ASF
MLО	Mauna Loa	19.54	204.43	3396	NCAR
ALZ	Altzomoni	19.12	261.35	4010	UNAM
<b>PAR</b>	Paramaribo	5.81	304.79	7	U Bremen
RMA	Reunion Is. Maido	$-21.07$	55.38	2160	BIRA
<b>RSD</b>	Reunion Is. St. Denis	$-21.09$	55.48	50	BIRA
WLG	Wollongong	$-34.41$	150.88	30	U Wollongong
LDR.	Lauder	$-45.05$	169.67	370	<b>NIWA</b>
AHT	Arrival Hts.	$-78.83$	166.66	200	NIWA

### Consistent Global Retrieval 1/7 : Initial Retrieval Parameters

#### Consistency Requirements:

- Latitudinally dependent a priori & covariance
- Same forward model data: spectroscopy, spectral range, fitting parameters: interfering species, backgrounds, uncertainties for error budgets.
- Use 4.8µ OCS features & follow investigation by Lejeune et. al. for interfering species and spectroscopic line-list
- HITRAN12 but not hot band line (too weak to have an effect)
	- ATM16 not significantly different from HIT12
	- $O_3$  is the limiting issue for residuals (!)
- To account for the variable layer thickness, Sa is weighted by the by (1/sqrt(thickness))
- Gaussian inter-correlation with a half-width length of 4 km for the off diagonal elements of the a priori covariance
- Uncertainties required



Require globally consistent a priori & Sa WACCM not available, maybe another model or...

### Consistent Global Retrieval 2/7 : a priori Profiles & Variance

Employ measured profiles that have wide latitudinal coverage obtained from:

1. HIPPO Aircraft Mission: quality assured RF + 4 missions spanning seasons 2009 - 2011.

2. ACE-FTS: v3.5, all profiles from 2004 – 2013 v3.5



Intermediate smoothed, reduced and binned a priori and Sa from two global datasets.

Several comparisons to ACE OCS noted ACE concentrations in upper troposphere/lower stratosphere were low 10-15%:

- Velazco, 2011, MKIV (4.8µ)
- Krysztofiak, 2014, SPIRALE  $(4.8\mu)$
- Glatthor, 2017, MIPAS (11.6µ) comparison on right



Coincident profiles averaged over 6 latitude bands. Extra Between Feb 2004 - Apr 2012

- Final, smoothed, reduced and cojoined a priori and standard deviations from the two global datasets binned into 5 latitude regimes.
- Vertical profiles have been extended up to 120 km per IRWG standard retrieval processing.
- Black & grey curves are from previous work for comparison (Toon et. al., 2016)
- Full covariance matrix includes Gaussian interlayer correlation of 4km width.



### Consistent Global Retrieval 4/7 : Example Spectral Fit

Example of a NLLS fit of observed spectra in the 4.8µ region.

4 spectral windows: 0.25 - 0.4 cm-1 wide around a single discrete OCS absorption feature.

Upper Panels Residual (Observed – fit)

Lower Panels Teal – Observed Orange – Retrieved  $Red$  – OCS

+ interfering species (Offset for clarity)





### Consistent Global Retrieval 5/7 : Optimal Estimation Implementation

The Jacobian is the sensitivity of forward model to the state vector (x –mixing ratio profile + some fit parameters.) :

 $K = \frac{\partial y}{\partial x}$ 

The Gain is the sensitivity of retrieval to the measurement. It includes the a priori knowledge of the state vector  $S<sub>a</sub>$  and the noise of the measurement  $S_{\epsilon}$  :

> $G = \partial \hat{x} / \partial y$  $= (\mathbf{K}^T \mathbf{S}_{\varepsilon}^{-1} \mathbf{K} + \mathbf{S}_{a}^{-1})^{-1} \mathbf{K}^T \mathbf{S}_{\varepsilon}^{-1}$

The Averaging Kernels characterizes the retrieved state to the 'true' state.

> **A =** ∂**x̂ /**∂**x**   $=$  **GK** =  $(K^T S_{\epsilon}^{-1} K + S_{\epsilon}^{-1})^{-1} K^T S_{\epsilon}^{-1} K$

512 Spectral elements to fit 151 State vector components





Jacobian example from a Boulder retrieval

- Four spectral windows with each OCS feature vs altitude
- Note the pressure broadened width diminishing with altitude to the Doppler line core between 20-30km,
- This illustrates the observation's fundamental vertical sensitivity,
- And qualitatively high dependence on spectral SNR.

### Consistent Global Retrieval 6/7 : Information Content

Averaging kernels (AK) characterize the vertical sensitivity Comparing across a network reveals the homogeneity of the total dataset

#### Expected differences:

- Observation site Latitude (tropopause height)
- Observation site Altitude
- Differences in the mixing ratio profile

#### Degrees of Freedom for Signal (DOFS)

Trace of the AK determines the information content

from the retrieval.





### Consistent Global Retrieval 7/7 : Retrieved Vertical Profiles



Dashed red curve – a priori derived from HIPPO & ACE-FTS for five latitude bands.

Blue curve – Mean retrieved profile  $& \pm 1$  std. dev. in shaded area.

Arctic - most stratospheric profiles: a priori ~ retrieved, most tropospheric profiles similar or retrieved is lower. Large variability at TAB.

N mid-lat. – Stratospheric & tropospheric retrieved slightly lower or ~ a priori

Sub-Tropics tropospheric retrieved notably lower.

S mid-lat. – stratosphere retrieved higher or similar, troposphere retrieved similar or lower

 $\triangleright$  A priori choice appears reasonable & without obvious bias

### NCEP Tropopause Height (TPH) 1/2

- Attempt to diminish the effect of tropopause height seasonal variation on free tropospheric and stratospheric partial columns regimes.
- Analyze trend and amplitude of NCEP TPH at each station.
	- Same NCEP physical model as temperature, pressure and altitude data used for retrievals.
- Black circles: NCEP TPH
- Green lines: Fitted annual cycle with trend
- Blue lines: Fitted annual cycle



### NCEP Tropopause Height (TPH) 2/2 : Zonally Binned

- The TPH is latitude dependent.
	- A 10º zonal band has been identified to calculate the TPH mean and standard deviation.
- Below are the three defined regions:
	- - Low Trop:
		- Surface to 4 km
	- - Free Trop:
		- 4 km to (Mean TPH 2∙STD)
	- - Stratosphere:
		- (Mean TPH + 2 ∙ STD) to 40 km



### Trends Analysis 1/4

1) To determine annual cycle apply a least squares fit  $y = f(x - x_0)$  to data where f is given by a polynomial + annually based Fourier terms

$$
f_{poly} = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{N} m_i x^i
$$
  
\n
$$
f_{Fourier} = \sum_{n=1}^{N} a_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) + \sum_{n=1}^{N} b_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)
$$
  
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$$
f(x) = f_{poly} + f_{Fourier}
$$
  
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$$
x = t - x_o
$$
  
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$$
N = 5
$$

- 2) Calculate Anomalies as :  $P_{\text{OCS}}$   $f_{\text{Fourier}}$  where  $P_{\text{OCS}}$  is the wVMR for the atmospheric layer
- 3) Later, to best fit the inflections in total column anomaly data we use a higher order polynomial :

$$
f_{poly} = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{N} m_i x^i
$$
  

$$
x = t - x_0
$$
  

$$
N = 7
$$

### Time Series 1/5 : Total Columns

- Start dates vary for all sites from 1985 to 2012
- Same abundance scale for all sites:  $x10^{15}$  molecules/cm<sup>2</sup>
- All data are represented as monthly mean values.
- Polynomial + Fourier terms (1) for annual cycle in blue
- Note gaps in STD, TSK, RKB, MLO
- Sr Denis (STD) (seal level) and Maïdo (MAI) (~2km) are both on Île de la Réunion and are combined into one time series.



### Time Series 2/5 : Total Column Anomalies

- Total column anomalies:
	- $=$  (total column)  $f_{Fourier}$
- Same abundance scale for all sites:  $x10^{15}$  molecules/cm<sup>2</sup>
- Ubiquitous inflections
	- We look at longest term records NYA, TAB, KIR, ZGP, JFJ, RKB, IZA, MLO, LDR, AHS
	- Often decreasing to ~2000-2002
	- Change at ~ 2008-2009
	- Again ~2018
	- In 2018 nearly all sites show start of a decrease.
- This observation not reflected in all stations e.g. STP, TSK



### Time Series 3/5 : Lower Troposphere Weighted Mean VMR Anomalies

• Lower troposphere layer weighted  $\Box$   $\Box$ mean VMR from surface to ~4km.

> $wVMR =$  $\frac{n}{\sum}$  $\sum_{z=1} x_z \cdot K_z$  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}$  $\sum_{z=1}$ *K<sub>z</sub>*

- $X_Z$  vmr in layer  $Z$ ,  $K_Z$  is the airmass in  $\sum_{\text{max of RKB (43,46°)}\atop\geq 0}$ layer <sup>z</sup>
	- Anomalies in [ppt]
	- Determined linear slopes shown in
		- -2002: blue,
- 2002-2008: green,  $\frac{1}{2}$   $\frac{1}{2}$ 
	- 2008-2019: red,
	- 1996–2019: black.



### Time Series 4/5 : Free Troposphere Weighted Mean VMR Anomalies

- Free troposphere layer weighted mean VMR from ~4km to 2std. Dev. – mean tropopause for that latitude band.
- Anomalies in [ppt]
- Determine linear slopes shown in
	- -2002: blue,
	- 2002-2008: green,
	- 2008-2019: red,
	- 1996 2019: black.



### Time Series 5/5 : Stratospheric Weighted Mean VMR Anomalies

- Stratosphere layer weighted mean VMR from mean troposphere + 2 Std. Dev. for that latitude band to 40km. (effective top of atmosphere)
- Anomalies in [ppt]
- Determine linear slopes shown in
	- -2002: blue,
	- 2002-2008: green,
	- 2008-2019: red,
	- 1996 2019: black.



### Trend Analysis 2/4 : Summary of Long term and Segmented Trends

- Longest term data sets trends near 0 or positive up to  $\sim 0.6\%/y -$  except MLO stratosphere.
- During 1996-2002, globally, troposphere decreasing while stratosphere increasing.
- During 2002-2008 near global growth up to over 1%/y except notably stratospheric TOR & WLG
- Most recent trends 2009-2016
	- Lower tropospheric growth in Arctic,
	- Generally high growth in N & S. mid-lat. **Stratosphere**
	- Low or negative trends in lower N midlatitudes.
	- Negative trends ~0.5%/y ALZ & PMB
	- Moderate low growth S. H.
	- TAB Large positive troposphere recent trend influenced by high 2016 springtime observations.



1986 - 2019 Column is All Data: JFJ 1986, TAB 2000, KIR 1996, ZGP 1995, MLO 1995, WLG 1996, AHS 1997

### Trend Analysis  $3/4$ : N<sub>2</sub>O as Dynamical Variability Proxy

(4) To fit the long term stratospheric anomaly time series accounting for dynamical variability as represented in stratospheric  $N<sub>2</sub>O$ :

$$
f_{N_2O} = a_0 + m_1 x + b_0 P_{N_2O}
$$
  

$$
x = t - x_o
$$

Where  $P_{N_2O}$  is the stratospheric partial column measured coincident with OCS & processed similarly as the OCS time series.

N<sub>2</sub>O is a standard NDACC product and archived at the DHF.

Since N<sub>2</sub>O is expected to be increasing at ~0.25%/y,  $P_{N>0}$  is decreased at this rate rendering  $m_1$  the linear trend of OCS after fitting.

Test with stations that begin at latest in 2001: TAB, KIR, ZGP, JFJ, IZA, MLO, WLG, LDR, AHS. 76ºN to 78ºS

Toon et al., 2018, ACP, 18(3):1923– 1944. Stolarski et al., 2018, ACP, 18(8):5691–5697.

## Is : N<sub>2</sub>O as Dynamical Variability Proxy



- Correlation of stratospheric mean VMR. Annual cycle work and consider
- High correlation  $R = 0.9$  for all data • Latitudinal range infer a large range in







### Stratospheric Trends :  $N<sub>2</sub>O$  as Dynamical Variability Proxy

Comparisons of trend fit (left, middle) & linear trends (right) with previous regression using Fourier terms.



- Residuals all lower with  $N_2O$  proxy except notably LDR.
- R value increases with  $N_2O$  proxy except notably LDR and MLO.
- Long term stratospheric trends become more positive except LDR & WLG. And overlap within uncertainty range, except MLO and WLG. WLG trends actually reverse sign.

### Trend Analysis 4/4 : *Step-wise Multiple Linear Regression*

#### **Proxies**

- Arctic Oscillation
- Multivariate ENSO Index (MEI)
	- Using lag time of 0 to 4 months
- Sea Surface Temperature
- Normalized Difference Vegetation Index
- Chlorophyll index
- QBO
	- At 30 & 10 hpa
- Sea ice extent

Cochrane-Orcutt algorithm applied to account for auto-correlation

Ex: Zugspitze in Central Europe







### Global Mean Weighted VMR: Zonal means

Mean weighted VMR by station and altitude.

*Note that different sites have varying timeseries length!*

- Mean values within 10° zonal bins,
- Highest values seen in N. mid-latitudes (TSK, BLD),
- N mid-latitude drawdown at 40-50ºN clearly seen as also seen in in situ data [Montzka et al 2007],
- Fall off at high N. latitudes in troposphere not reflected in the South. – Increase in Stratosphere,
- Low stratospheric values at 20-40° latitude bin seen in both hemispheres.



### Global Mean Weighted VMR : Annual Cycles

### Mean weighted VMR by station, latitude and altitude.

#### *All Data: Note that different sites have varying timeseries length!*

- 50 90ºN : stratosphere peak in autumn • At same time Troposphere minimum,
	- FT drawdown less at lower latitude sites STP & BRE.
	- EUR sees lowest spring values ~360ppt
- 20 50ºN : broad "peak" summer-autumn
	- FT May-Jul, lowest autumn at JFJ
	- LT Apr-May, lowest, autumn at PAR
- 20°S 20°N : minimal stratospheric annual cycle
	- FT peaks May, LT Apr-Jun



Top : Stratosphere, Middle: free Troposphere, Bottom: lower Troposphere

- 20 50ºS : Stratosphere: similar broad summer/autumn peak,
	- FT: Distinct minima in WLG & LDR not evident at MAI
- 50 90ºS broad stratospheric peak autumn
	- Then increasing in spring

### Conclusions & Continued Work

- i. Developed a global homogeneous long term (up to 35y) vertically resolved OCS dataset.
	- i. Determined trends in 3 altitude regimes lower and free troposphere and stratosphere
	- ii. Inferred stratospheric lifetimes in 5 zonal bands from 80°N to 80°S
- ii. Trends globally, are not linear, but in general increasing. Inflections in trends appear at a wide range of latitudes. Generally ~2002, ~2008 and (apparently) 2018-2019.
	- i. That many trends are increasing, is counter to most previous studies.
	- ii. Pursue trend variations by station / latitude
- iii. Trends *generally* don't follow dynamical proxies in regression analysis nor proxies: Chlorophyll and SST that may effect some sources and sinks, at least as we can represent them. This leads us to look toward other sources and sinks.
	- i. What proxies can represent trends, what sources and sinks are represented.
	- ii. Anthropogenic sources are a leading target.
	- iii. Also target lower troposphere.
- iv. The incorporation of  $N<sub>2</sub>O$  as a dynamical proxy generally appears appropriate and improves trend fit statistics at the 9 longest term sites. Stratospheric trends became more positive but within error bars except MLO and WLG.
	- i. 0.2 0.75%/y increasing North to South again excluding MLO & WLG.
- v. After 2018 a start to another downturn appears be occurring at a wide range of latitudes.

### Infra-red Working Group Teams



*This work would not be possible without the long standing commitment of many international and independent collaborators. Thank You!*



#### Determined by ratio with  $N_2O$  &  $N_2O$  lifetime:

$$
\frac{\tau_{OCS}}{\tau_{N_2O}} = A \cdot \frac{wVMR_{OCS}}{wVMR_{N_2O}}
$$

 $T_{n2o} = 117 \pm 20$  y

 $\omega$ Wide latitude coverage with this dataset…

 $r_{\rm e}$ then most previous values but within  $\qquad \qquad ^{-50.}$ lifetime of N2O used is 117 *±* 20 yr from Montzka and Fraser (2003). This was performed High N. latitudes (85y) found to be longer uncertainties (barely).

Mid latitudes tend to be lower.

Southern hemisphere especially AHS (78°S) The latitudinal lifetime distribution show a clear increase poleward. At high latitudes fairly long lifetime.

Table 5. Calculations of the stratospheric lifetimes of OCS using EQ 3 and measured

FT OCS and  $N<sub>2</sub>O$  concentrations across the five latitude bands.

