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# ROMIC-2

(Role Of the Middle atmosphere In Climate)



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First phase: 2014-2018

Second phase: 2019-2023

## Konzeptpapier zur zweiten Phase von ROMIC

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Executive summary

## Example



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Scetch proposal projects

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Full proposal for projects



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Role Of the Middle atmosphere In Climate (ROMIC-II)

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# List of projects in ROMIC-2

## Solar/climate variability ; trends:

- **SOLCHECK**  
Solar contribution to climate change on decadal to centennial timescales
- **ISOVIC**  
Impact of SOLar, Volcanic and Internal variability on Climate
- **TIMA**  
Trends in the middle atmosphere

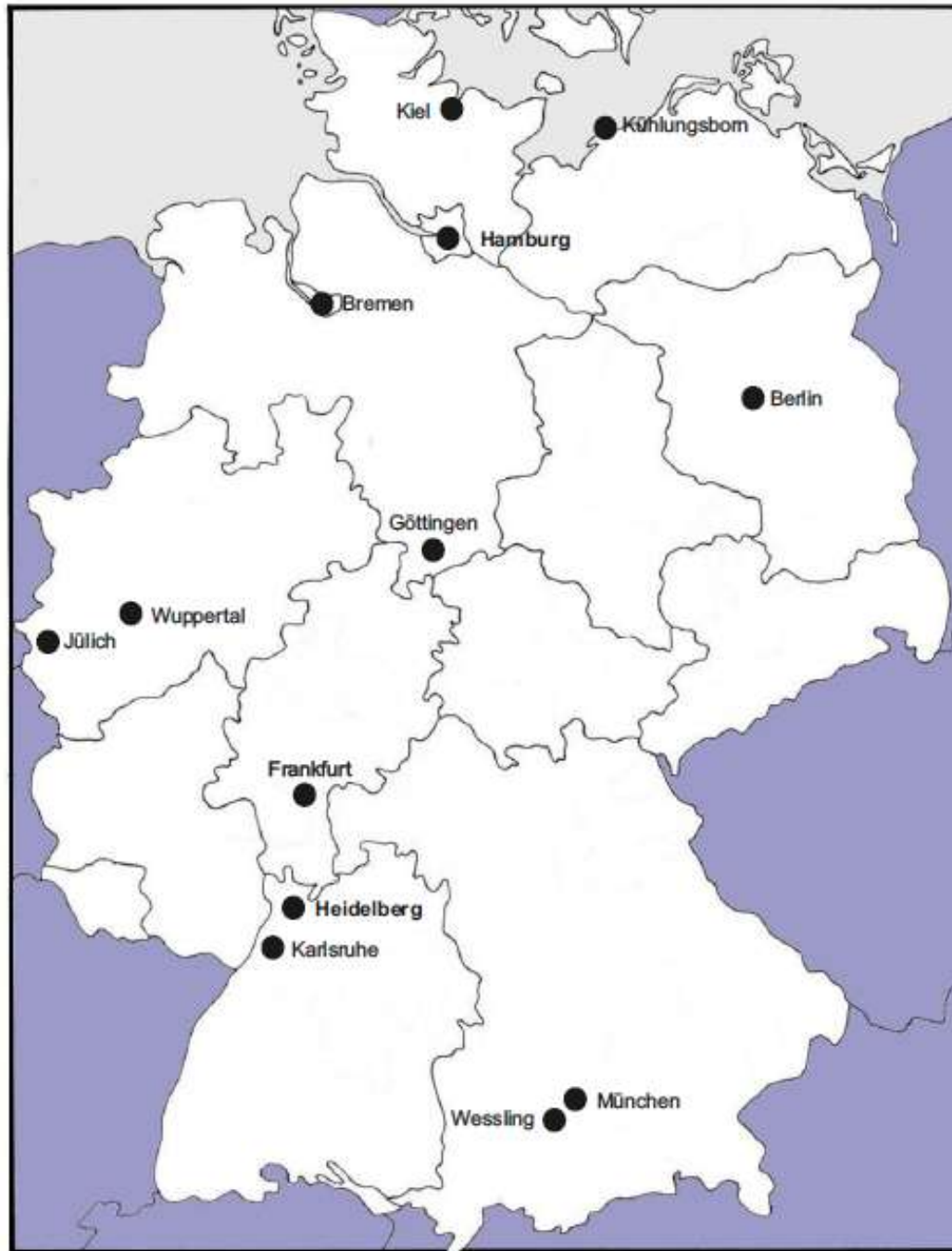
## Dynamics:

- **QUBICC**  
The Quasi-Biennial Oscillation in a Changing Climate
- **WASCLIM**  
Role of Gravity Waves in the Southern Hemispheric Circulation and Climate

## Chemistry (stratosphere)

- **SCI-HI**  
Surface Climate Impacts of Halogen Induced Stratospheric Ozone Changes
- **TroStar**  
The transport of trace gases via the tropopause region in the Western Pacific observed by FTIR spectrometry
- **SOCTOC**  
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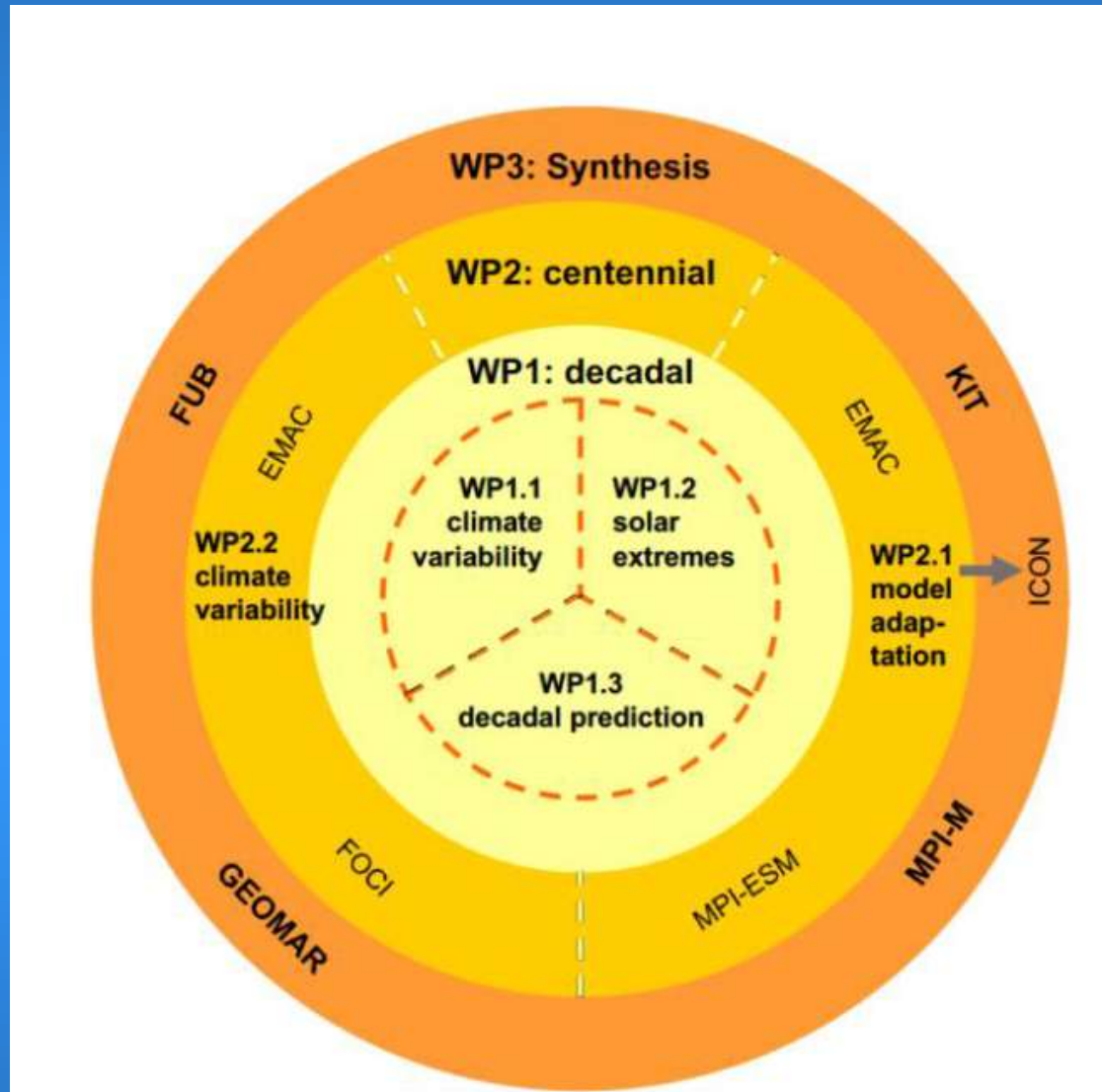
# Solar and climate variability and trends

# SOLCHECK

Solar contribution to climate change on decadal to centennial timescales

- **Solar contribution to past, present and future climate evolution in the NH on decadal to centennial timescales.**
- **Role of natural solar variability for global and regional climate change.**
- **Estimate potential impact of extreme solar scenarios (Grand Solar Minimum etc.) on climate evolution.**
- **Contribution of solar forcing climate prediction skill.**



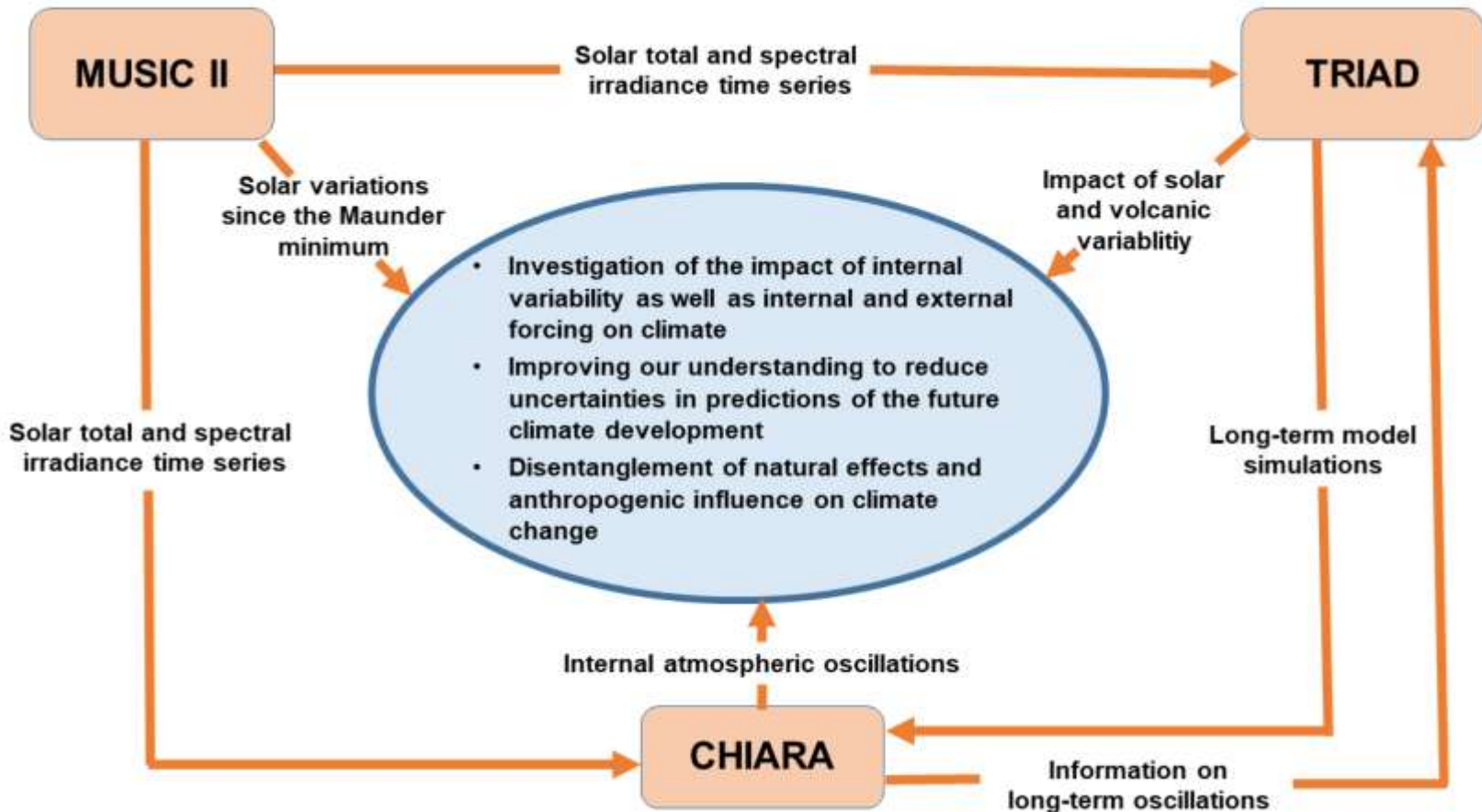


# ISOVIC

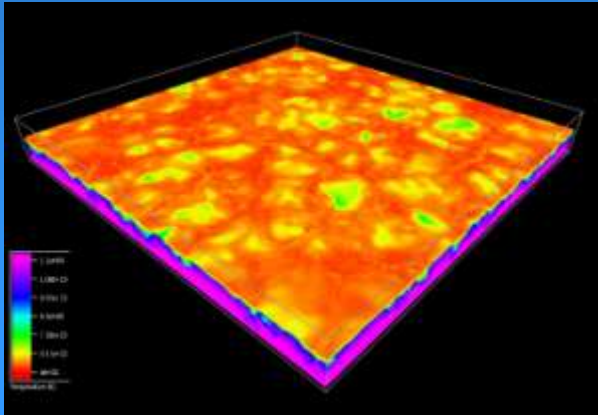
## Impact of **S**olar, **V**olcanic and **I**nternal variability on **C**limate

- **Historical data + simulations of climate: understand internal variability + natural/external forcing.**
- **Improve understanding to reduce uncertainties in future climate predictions.**
- **Disentangle natural effects and anthropogenic influence**

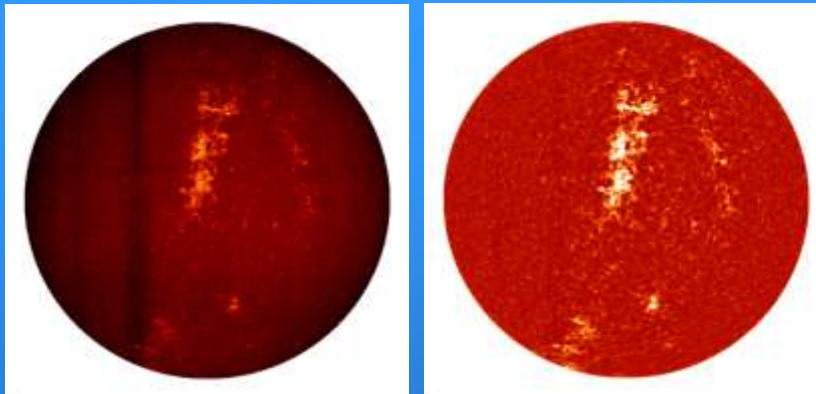
# The structure of ISOVIC



# Reduce the existing uncertainty in the amplitude of long-term solar irradiance changes

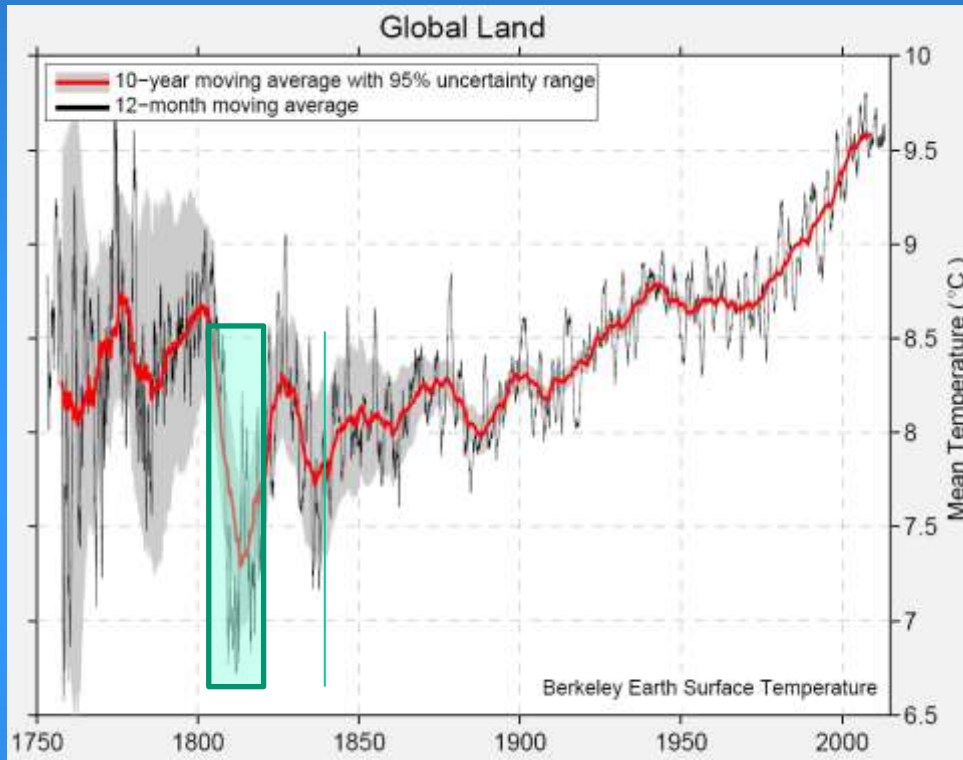


Newest 3D magnetohydrodynamic simulations (including small-scale dynamo) to calculate the brightness of the solar surface.



Study historical archives of daily full-disc photographs of the Sun in the Ca II K line over the last century (faculae and plage)

Understand the triad of solar, volcanic and ocean variability under pre-industrial and anthropogenic forced conditions by using early 19th century natural forcing reconstructions



Evolution of global-average surface temperature over land estimated from the Berkeley Earth Surface Temperature (BEST) data (Rohde et al., 2012)

Importance of preconditioning of the ocean ?

Future (high CO<sub>2</sub>):  
role of strong natural forcing ?

Can Earth System Model (ESM) reproduce atmospheric response to natural forcing ?

# TIMA

## Trends In the Middle Atmosphere

- **Study trends in the MLT (observations, modeling)**
- **Trends in NLC, incl. future scenarios**
- **Solar cycle variations in the MLT**
- **Coupling from MLT to troposphere**

# Geophysical Research Letters

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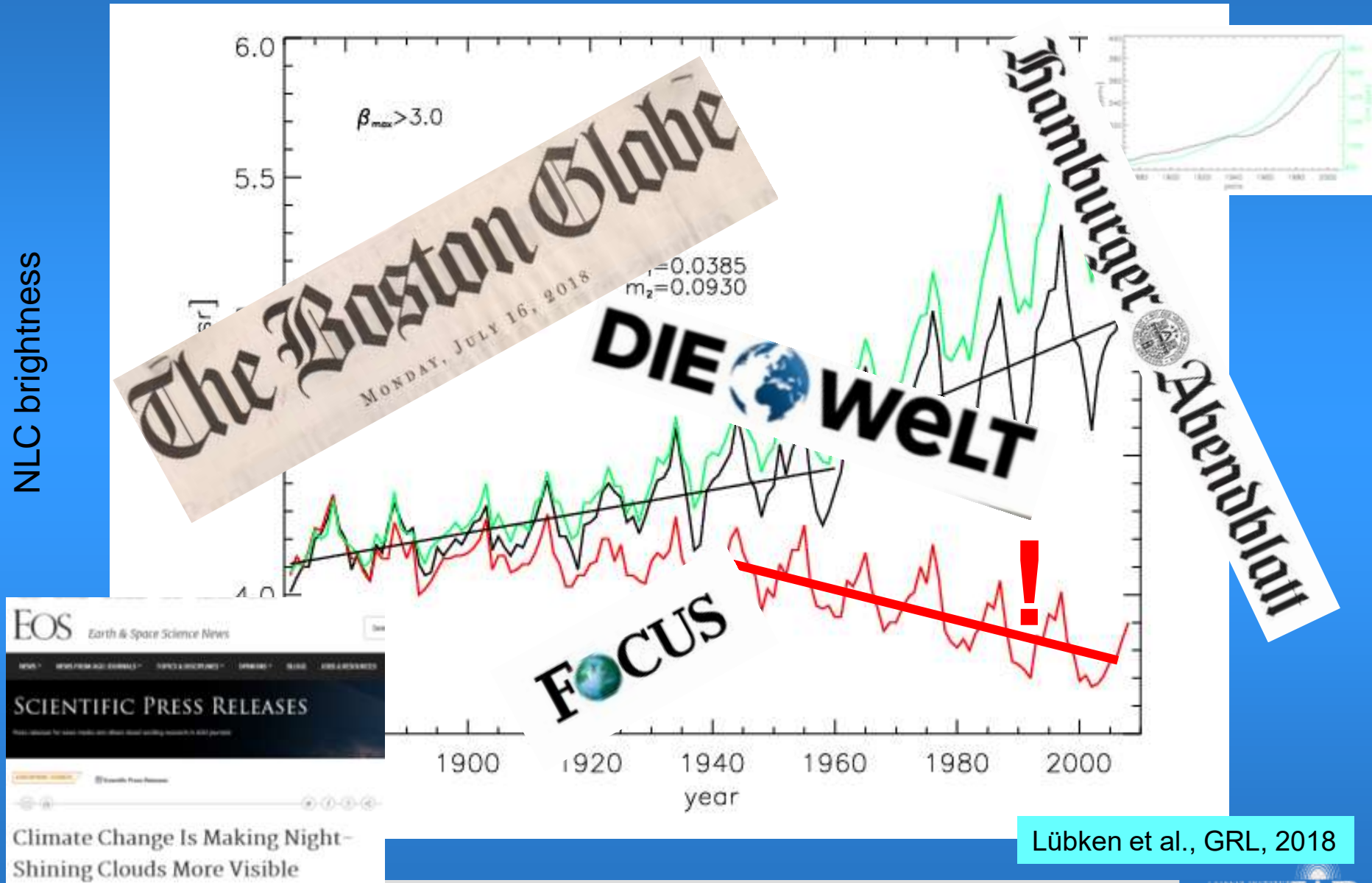
AGU American Geophysical Union

reference to  
IAP paper

- Diurnal Variations of Midlatitude NLC Parameters Observed by Daylight-capable Lidar and Their Relation to Ambient Parameters
- Improved Earthquake Early Warning System could have Global Implications
- New Model for Precipitate Formation and Marine Deposition in Polar Seas

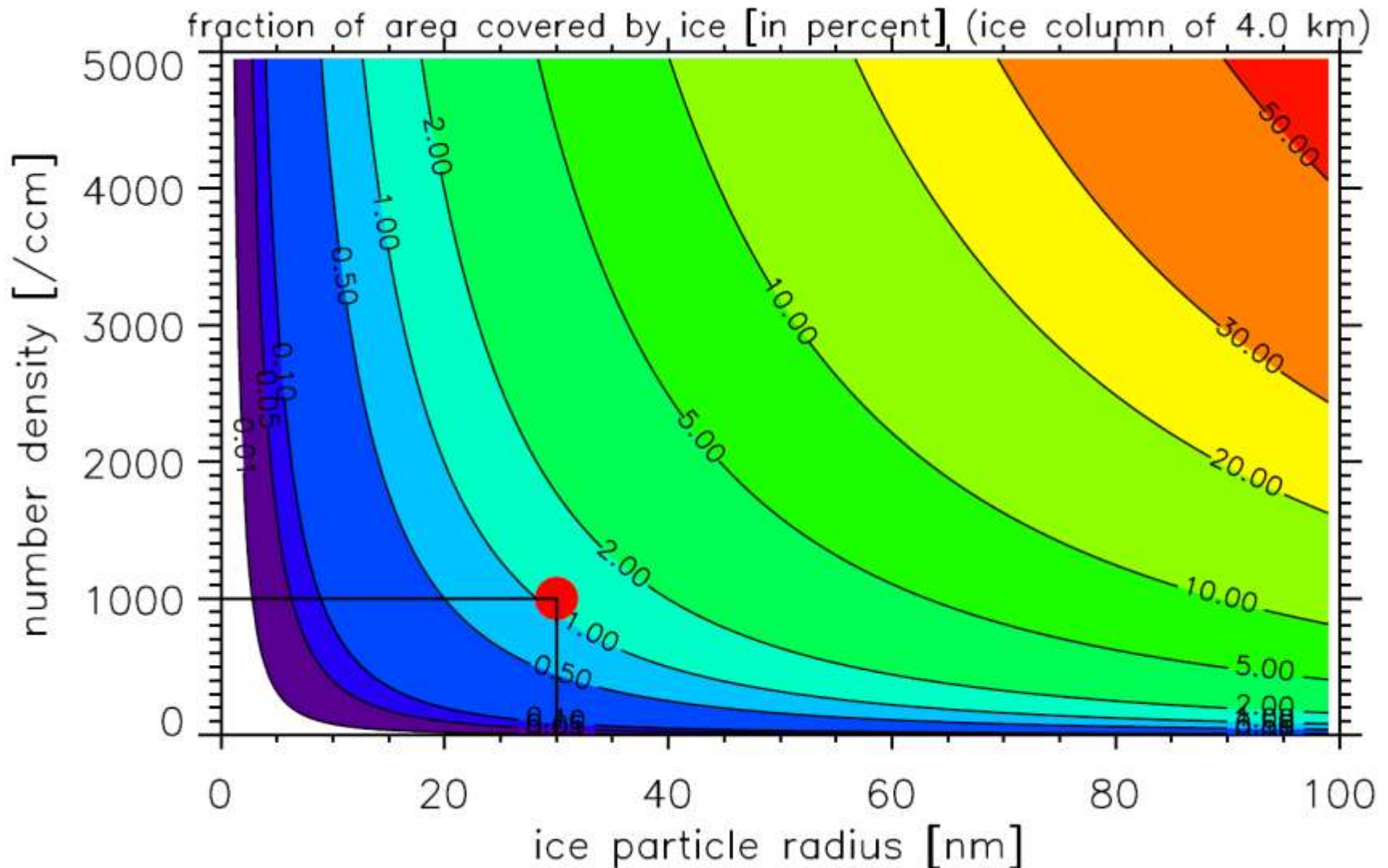
# NLC trends on centennial time scales

NLC brightness





# fractional area covered by ice particles



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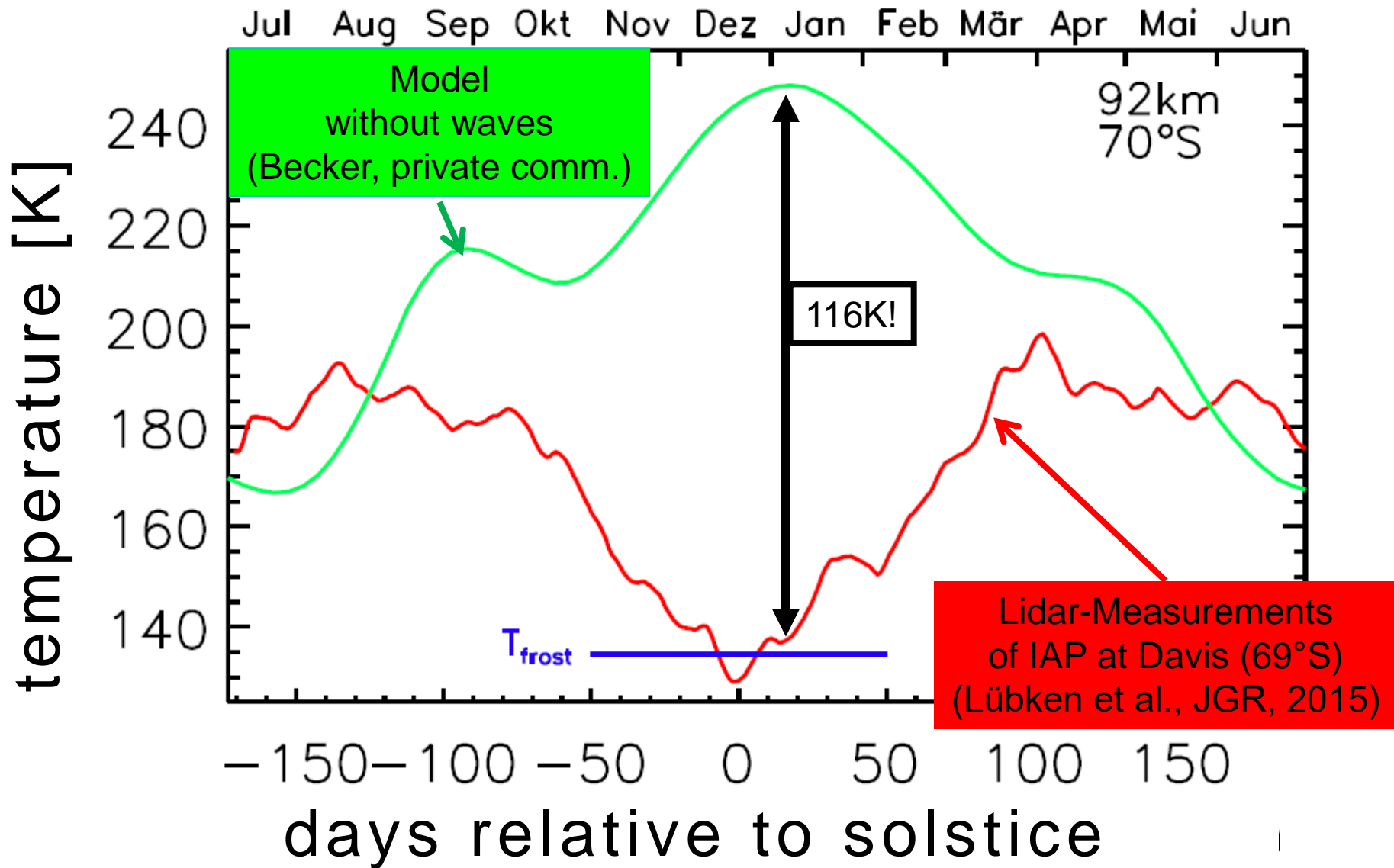
# Dynamics: QBO, waves etc.

# Atmospheric circulation as a source of uncertainty in climate change projections

Theodore G. Shepherd

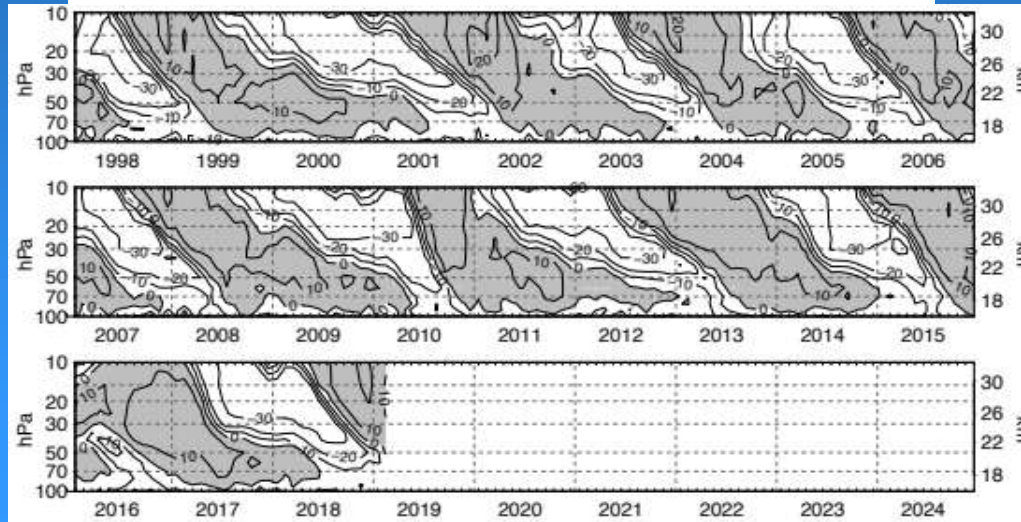
"The most uncertain aspect of climate modelling lies in the representation of unresolved (sub-gridscale) processes such as clouds, convection, and boundary-layer **and gravity-wave drag, and its sensitive interaction with large-scale dynamics.**"

# gravity waves are crucial for understanding the MLT



## QBO in a changing climate

Zonal wind in (m/s) observed at Singapore, 1N/104E



FU-Berlin, [https://www.geo.fu-berlin.de/met/ag/strat/produkte/qbo/qbo\\_wind.jpg](https://www.geo.fu-berlin.de/met/ag/strat/produkte/qbo/qbo_wind.jpg)

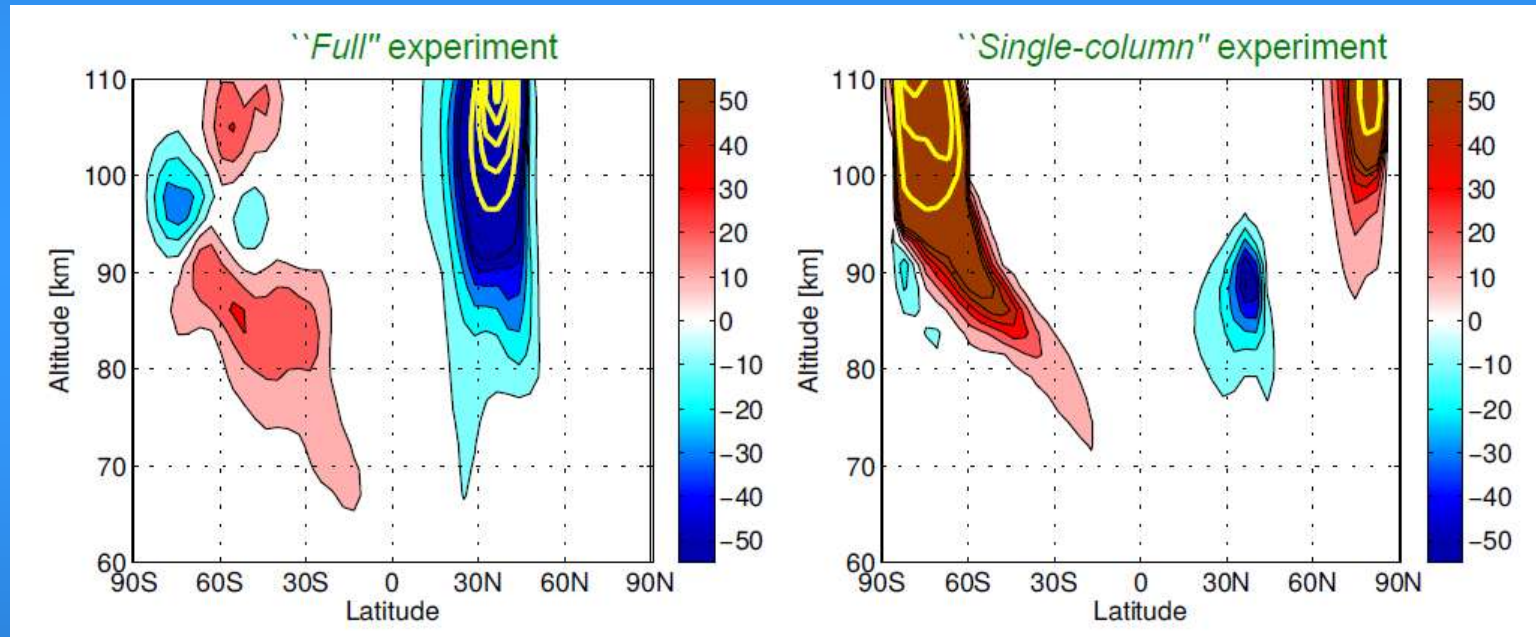
- QBO is fairly regular since ~60 years
- Waves and upwelling are essential for QBO ; are expected to change.
- What will happen to the QBO in a warmer climate?
- What are the effects in the troposphere?
- Climate change simulations including a QBO give contradicting answers.

# QUBICC

## The Quasi-Biennial Oscillation in a Changing Climate

- **Simulations of QBO with convection and gravity waves**
- **Model: Interaction of QBO with gravity waves**
- **Tropical waves in observations and reanalysis**
- **QBO in Aeolus (satellite lidar) observations**

Neglect of **lateral propagation** can have negative effects in the middle atmosphere (e.g. Dunkerton 1984, Senf & Achatz 2011, Plougonven et al 2017)

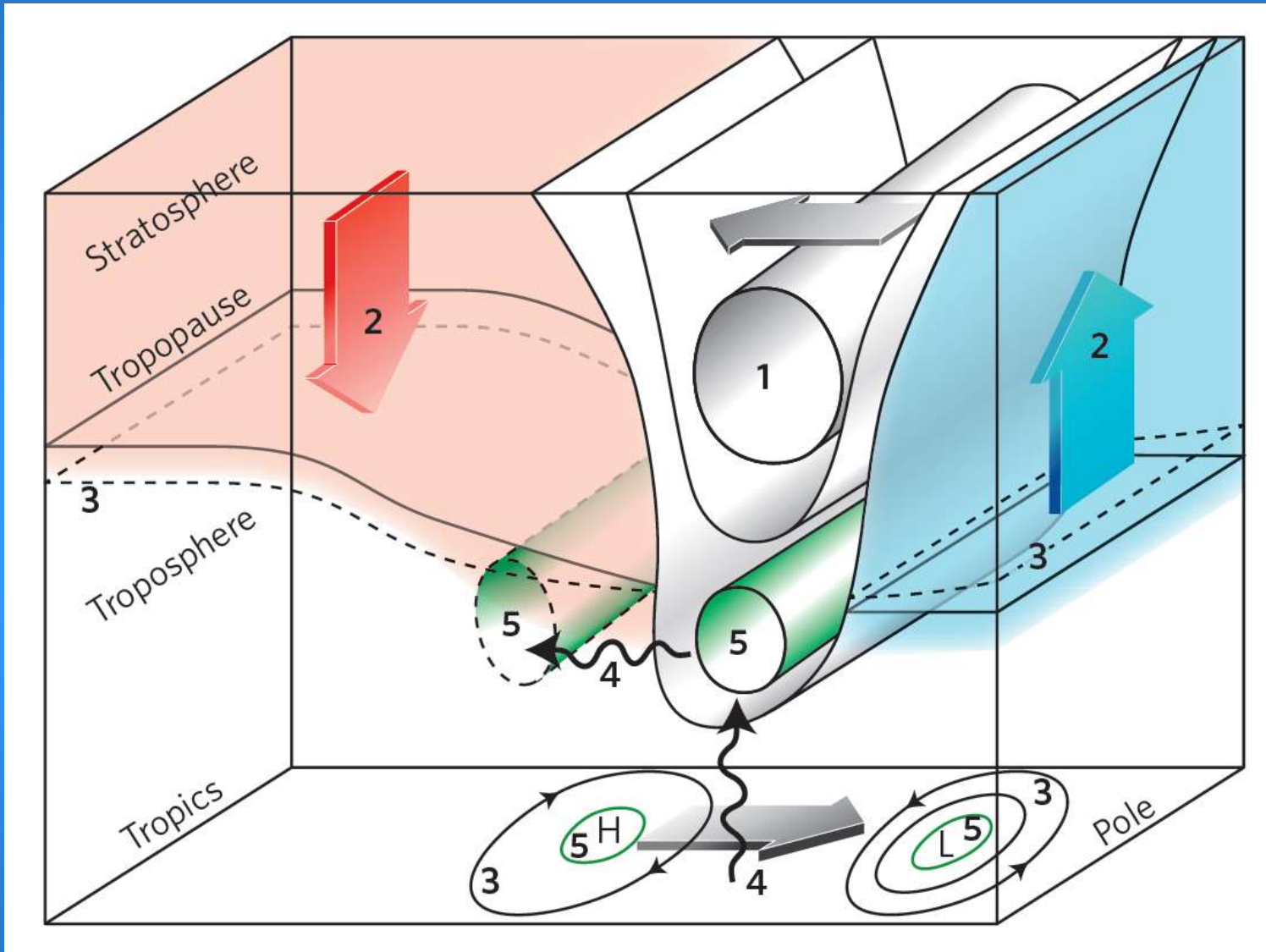


## Role of Gravity Waves in the Southern Hemispheric Circulation and Climate

- **Impact of gravity waves on the SH stratospheric circulation and resulting effects on tropospheric climate change.**
- **Bring together experts from processes-studies, weather and climate modeling.**
- **Combining various observations (field campaigns!) and high resolution modeling.**

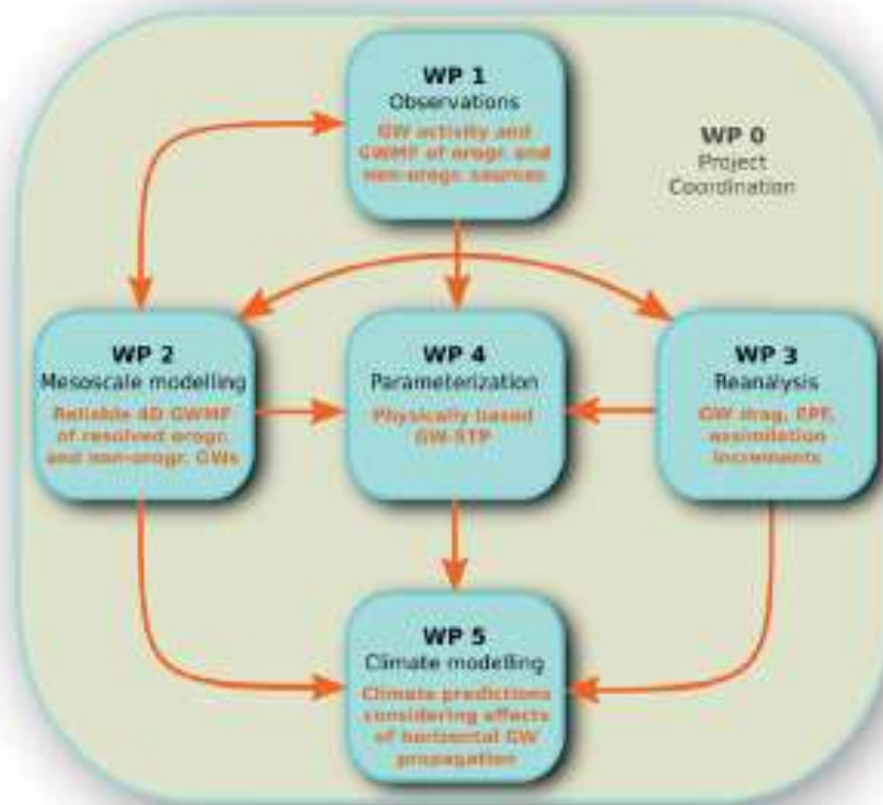


# Stratospheric influence on dynamics in the troposphere



J. Kidston et al., Nature Geoscience, 2015

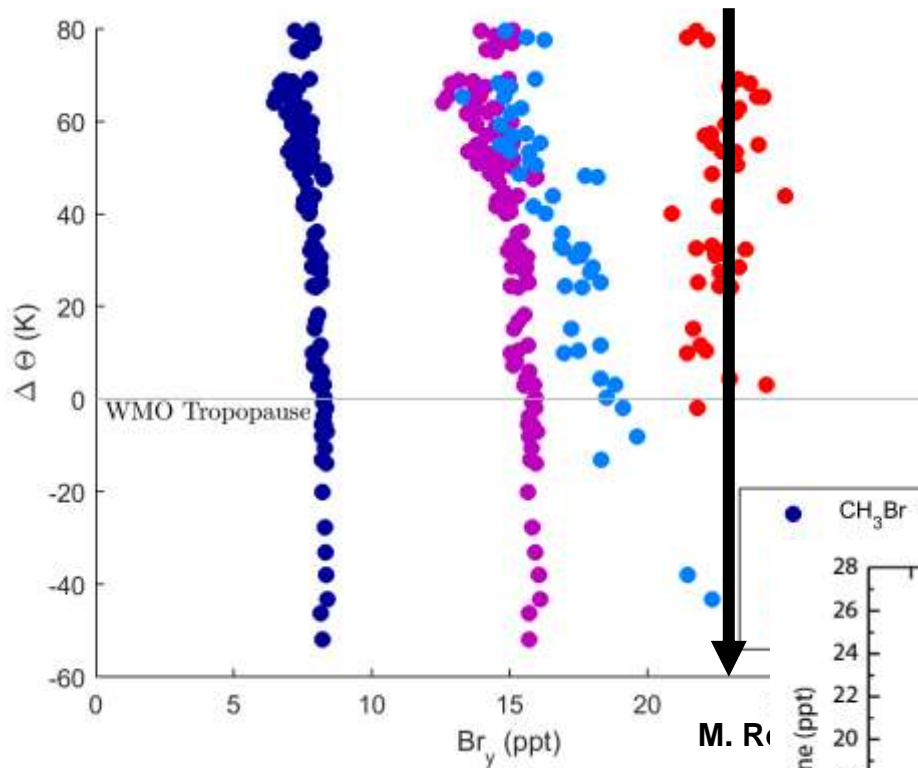
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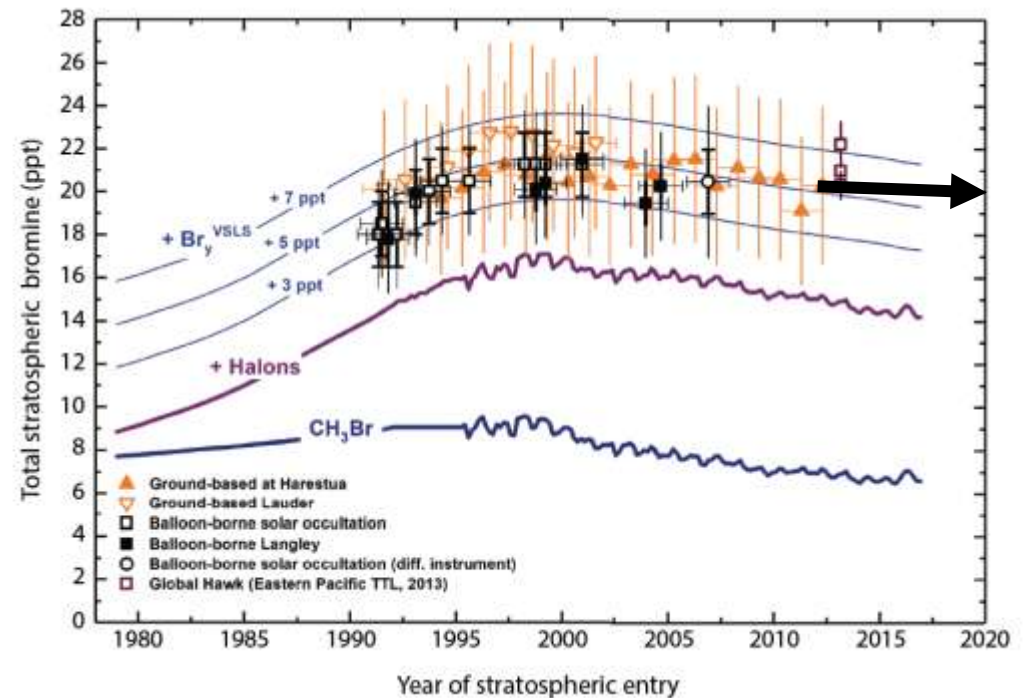
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# Chemistry (mainly stratosphere)

## Total bromine across the tropopause (WISE flight on Oct. 12, 2017)



## Trends in total stratospheric bromine



Note: bromine causes  
30% of ozone destruction

- **Assessment of total bromine in the UTLS (upper troposphere/lower stratosphere)**
- **Investigation of different source regions for VSLS (very short lived substances)**
- **Investigation of halogen catalyzed ozone chemistry on UTLS ozone**

# SOCTOC

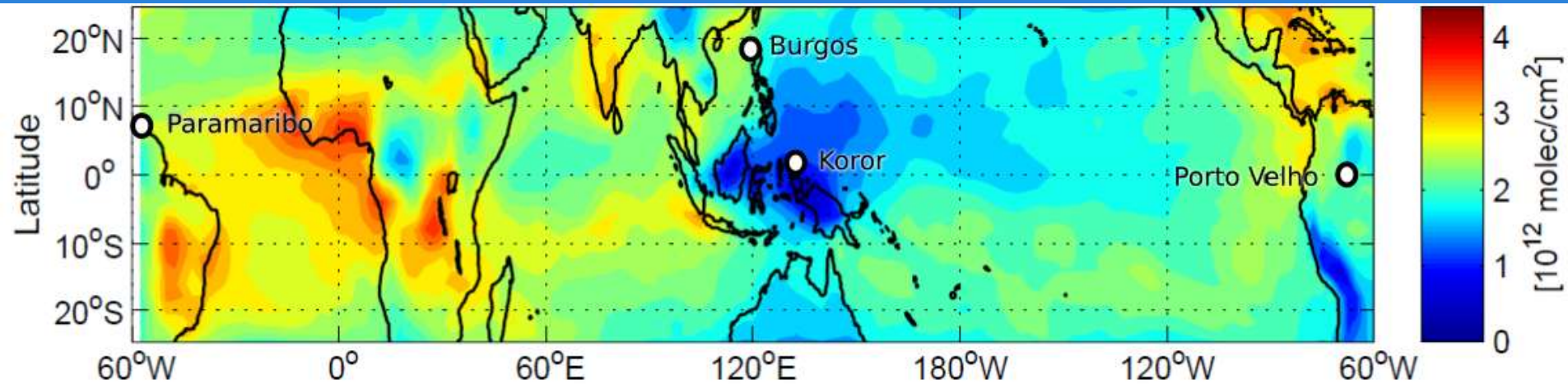
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- **Understand reaction of tropical tropopause layer (TTL) to global warming, including role of ozone**
- **How does stratospheric ozone change affect oxidation capacity of the troposphere (incl. methane)**
- **Can we use computationally cheap ozone schemes for climate and chemistry simulations ?**

# TroStar

The transport of trace gases via the tropopause region in the Western Pacific observed by FTIR spectrometry

- **Perform observations in Western Pacific and South America**
- **OCS/N<sub>2</sub>O column ratio: disentangle chemical/dynamical effects**
- **Quantify transport of photochemically active gases from troposphere into the stratosphere**



Rex et al.,  
ACP, 2014

- very low concentration of OH in the troposphere
- increases lifetime of trace gases
- survive transport into the stratosphere



Meeting Report 4:



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ROMIC has been a part of VarSITI

... and will hopefully play an important role in PRESTO:



Committee for the definition of the Next Scientific Program (NSP)

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***PRESTO:***

**Predictability of the variable Solar-Terrestrial Coupling**

**The SCOSTEP Next Scientific Program**

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- Long period variations in the stratosphere, mesosphere, and lower thermosphere
  - Stratosphere
    - Solar forcing of the stratosphere
    - Long-term stratospheric change
    - Stratospheric dynamical variability: Sudden Stratospheric
  - Mesosphere and Lower Thermosphere (MLT)
    - What is special about the MLT region?
    - Trends and solar cycle variations in the MLT
    - Impact of tropospheric changes on the MLT and vice versa

- Coupling mechanisms

- Coupling by dynamical processes
- Circulation patterns
- Dynamical Coupling Processes
- Trends in Dynamical Coupling Processes

- Relevance for climate

- Evidence for the impact of the middle atmosphere on climate
  - Dynamics
  - Radiation
  - Chemistry

- Natural forcing

- Solar forcing
- Volcanic forcing

- Implementing middle atmosphere processes into climate models