

Contributions to Pandonia by six Pandora-2s at globally distributed sites

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Pantonia Sites

Barbados (MPI Meteorologie, June 2016)

Stefan Kinne

Palau (AWI-Potsdam, August 2016)

Markus Rex

Summit/Greenland (UoW, January 2017)

Ralf Bennartz

Namibia (KIT, April 2017?)

Folke Oelsen

Lindenberg (DWD, March 2017)

Lionel Doppler

Campaigns (FUB, October 2016)

Thomas Ruhtz

Pantonia Sites



Pantonia Sites - challenges

Barbados (MPI): harsh environmental conditions,
sea spray, wind, rain

Palau (AWI-Potsdam): Tropical conditions, very humid, rain

Summit/Greenland (UoW): harsh environmental conditions,
freezing temperatures, snow/ice, strong
winds

Namibia (KIT): dust, salt, dew

Lindenberg (DWD): unproblematic operation due to constant
maintenance

Campaigns (FUB): harsh environmental conditions, moving
plattform

Campaigns (FUB)

Thomas Ruhtz, Ulrich Küster

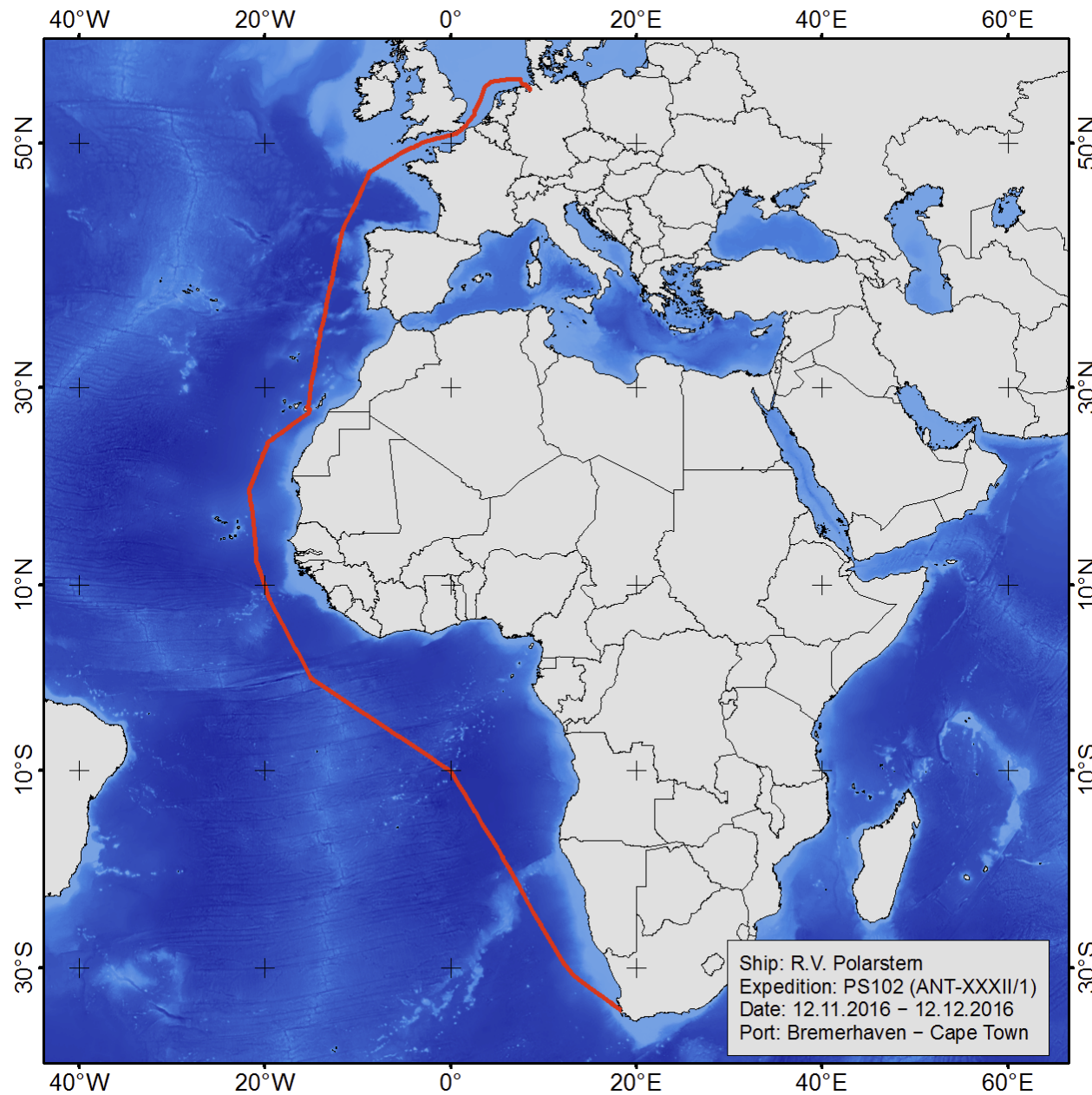
Polarstern (12. November to 12. December 2016)

Maria Merian (04.02. to 16.02.2017)

Polarstern (20. May to 20. July 2017)

Challenges: moving ships, integration of inertial system

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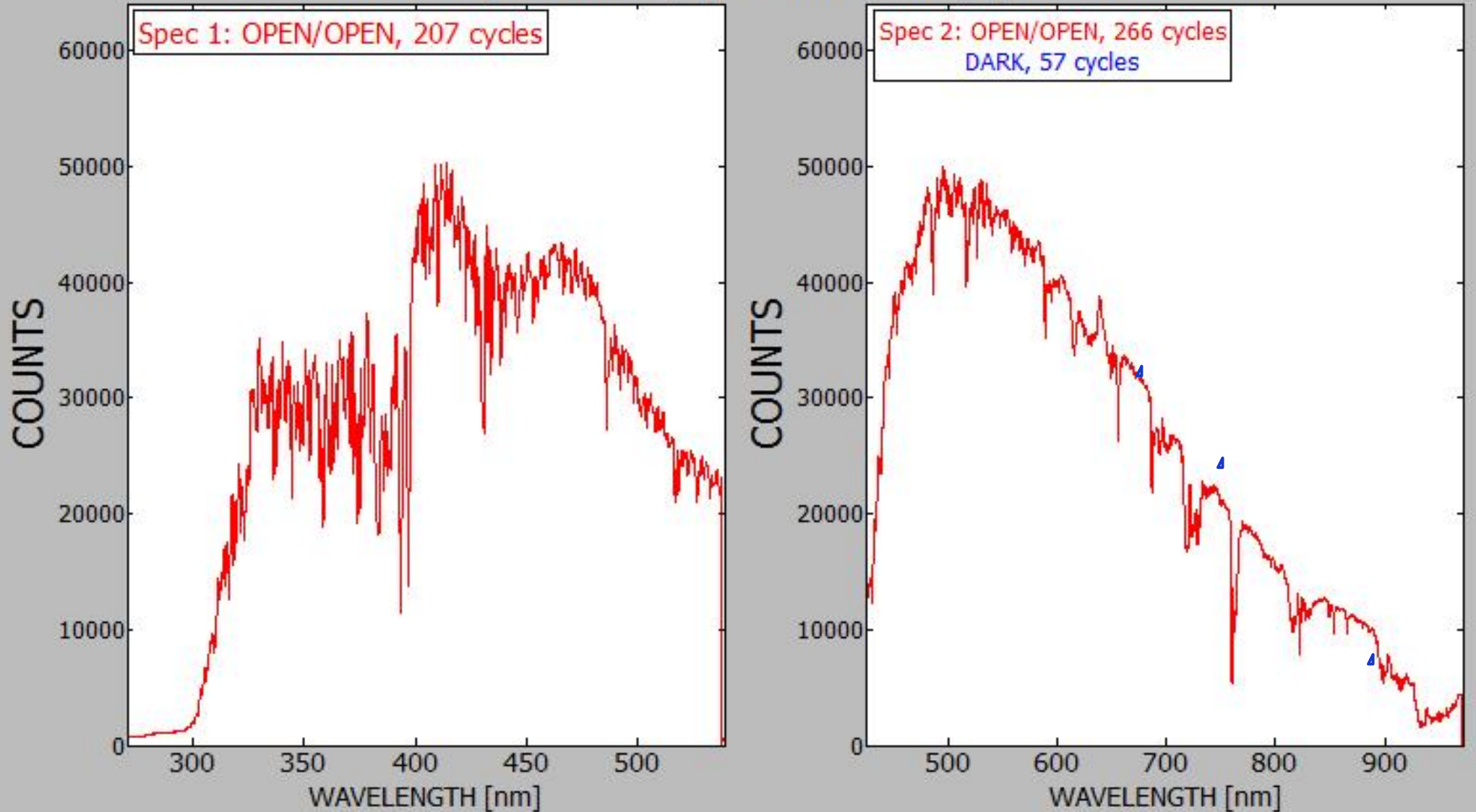


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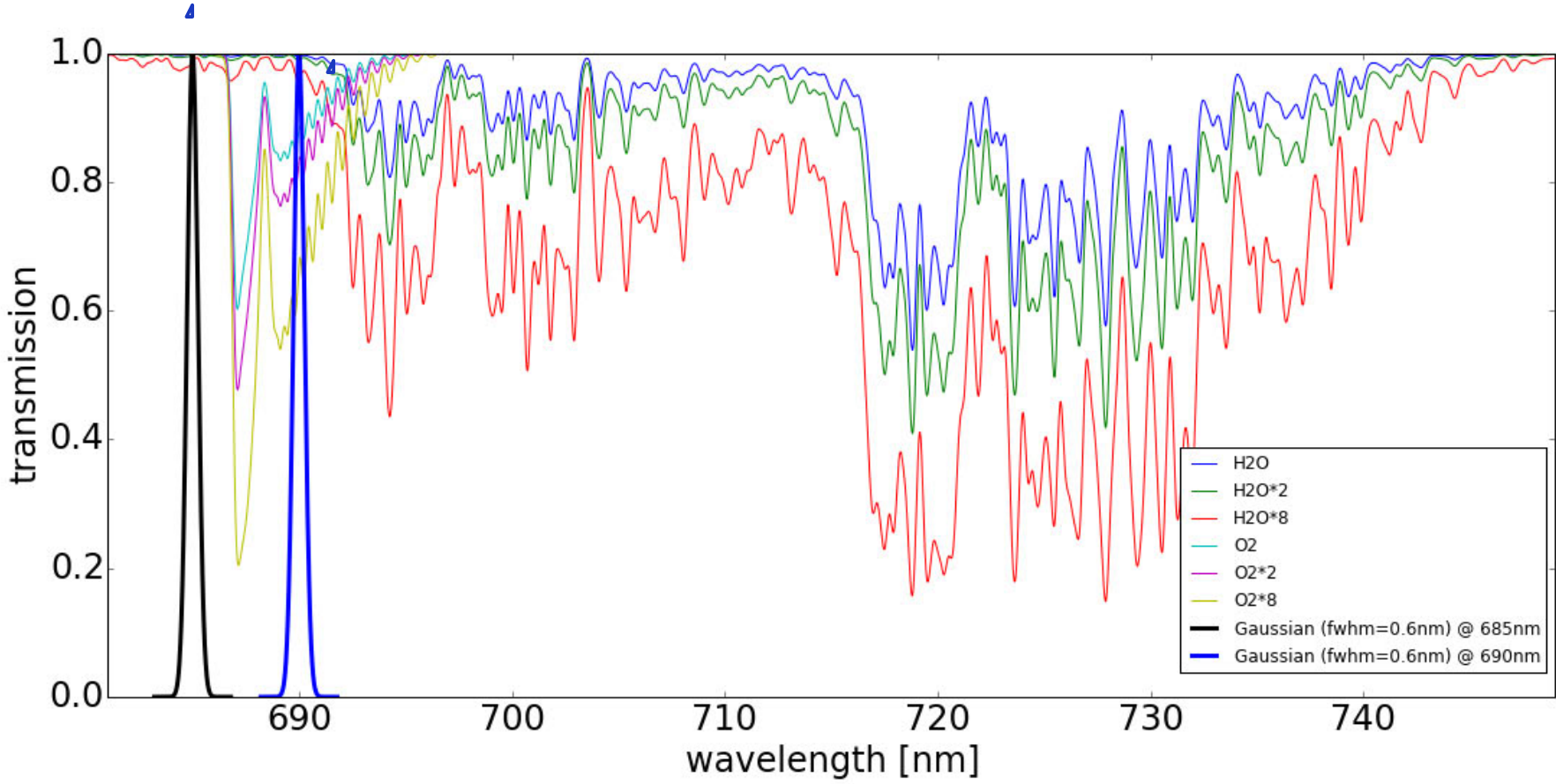


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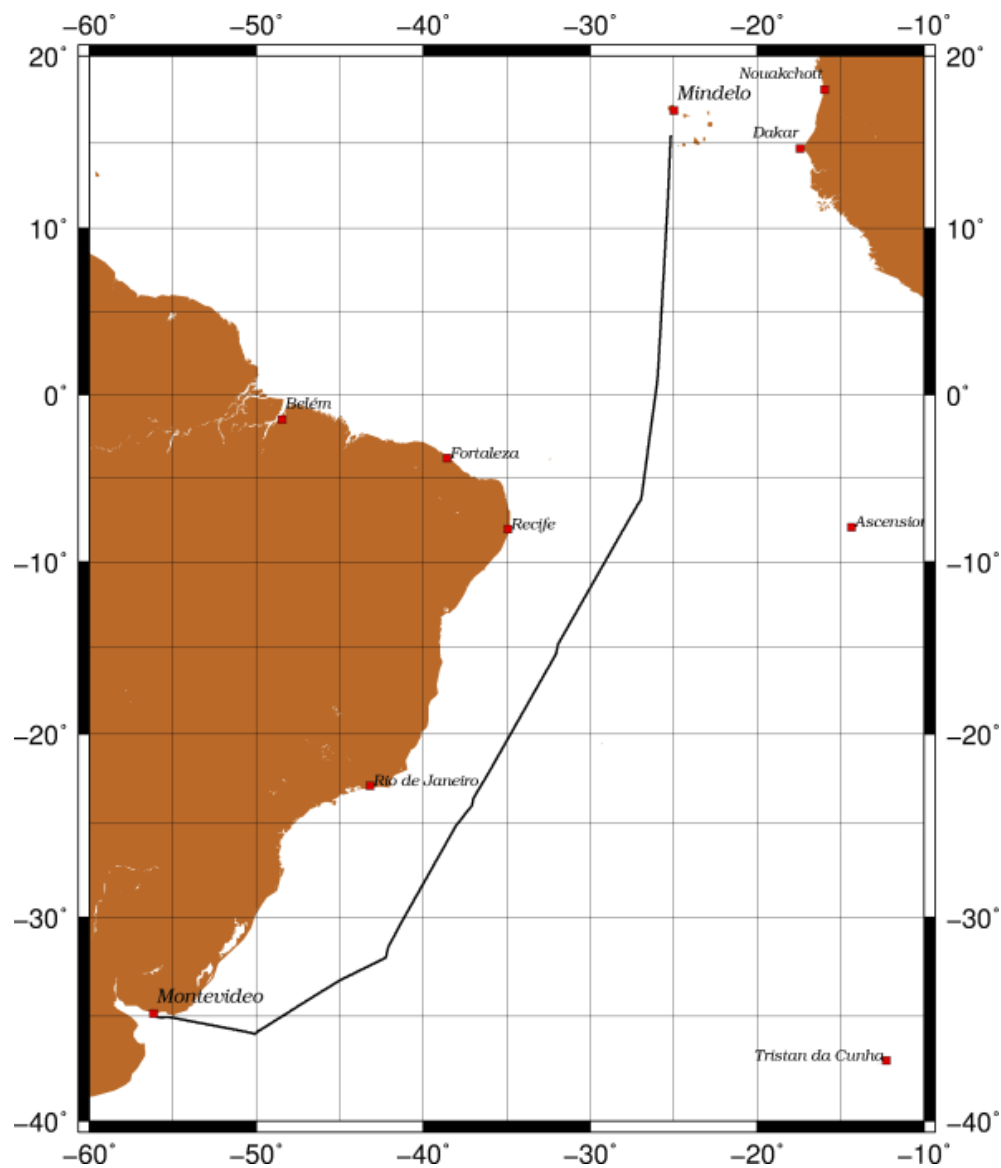
Pandora #130 at Polarstern, routine E1, Wed 08 Feb 2017, 14:29:47
ZEN=15.63, AZI=195.14, Spec 1: IT=53.9ms, Spec 2: IT=43.82ms



Water vapour retrieval (FUB) atmospheric transmission

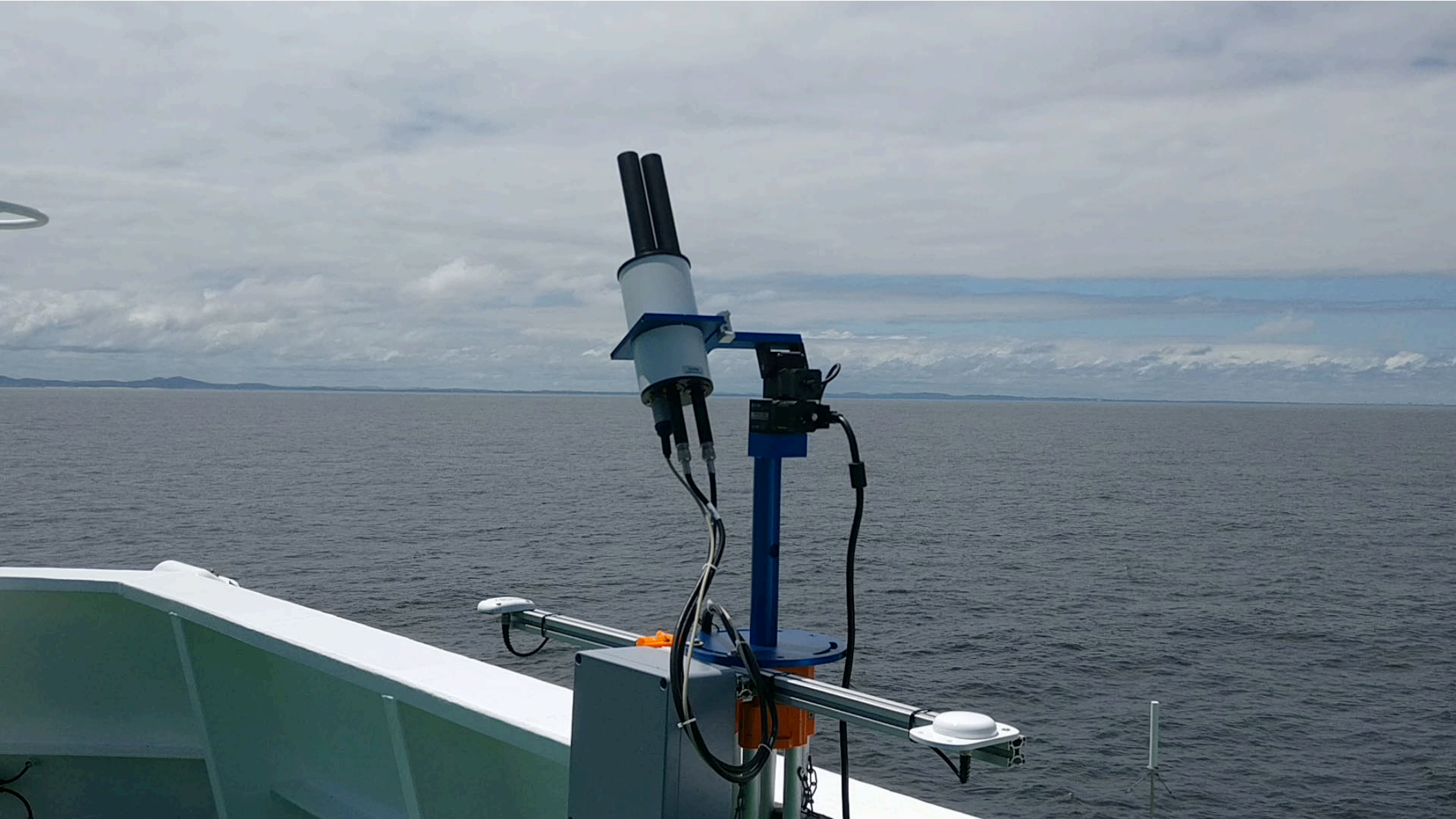


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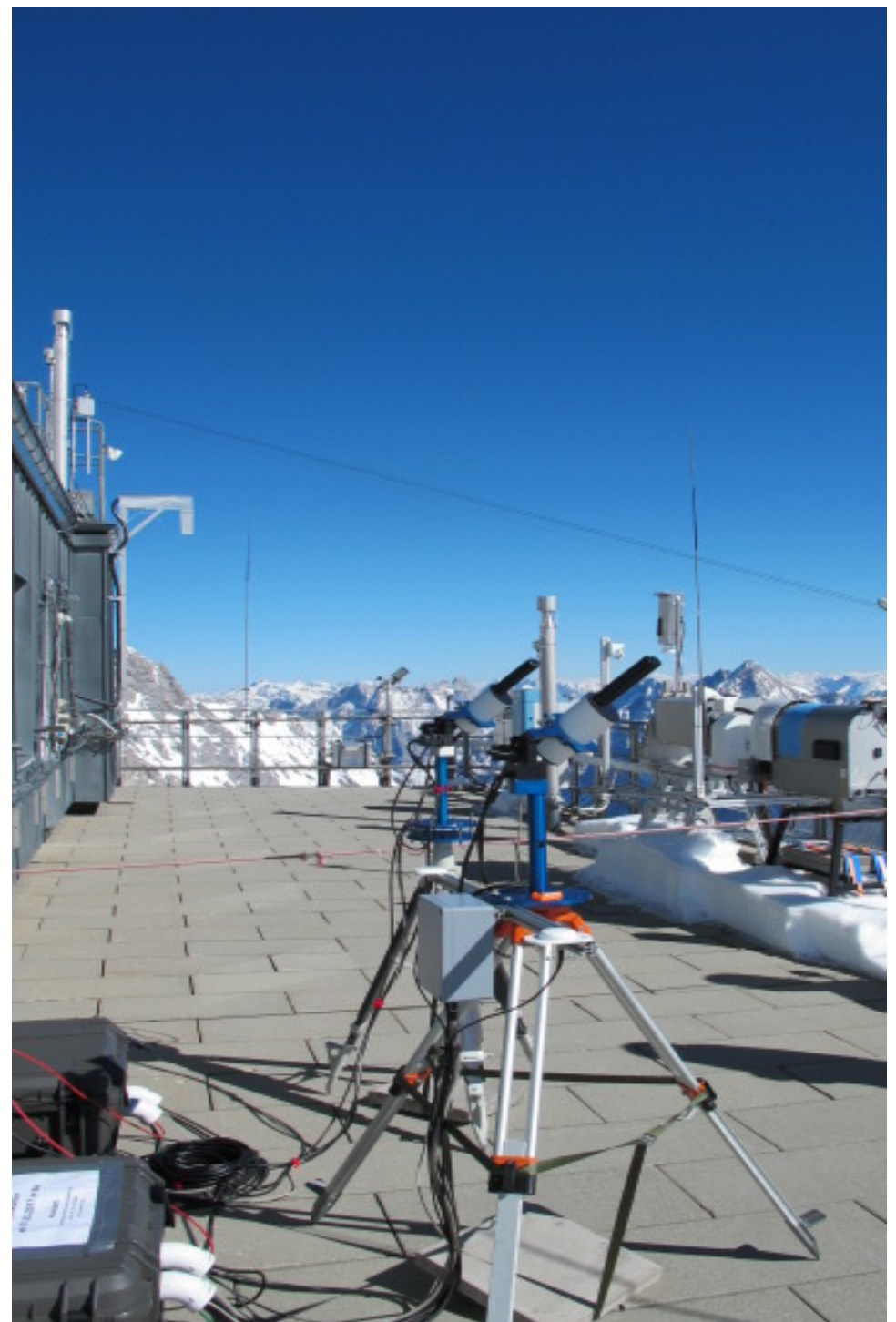
Track of RV Maria S. Merian, cruise MSM60-2

Pandora Head-sensor motor steering



Campaigns (FUB)

Research station Schneeferner-Haus
(Zugspitze), 27. March 2017.



Barbados (MPI) PI: Stefan Kinne, Bjorn Stevens



Barbados (MPI)



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The instruments currently installed at our cloud observatory, include:

- 1 - Weather sensor
- 2 - Raman LIDAR
- 3 - DIAL (decommissioned)

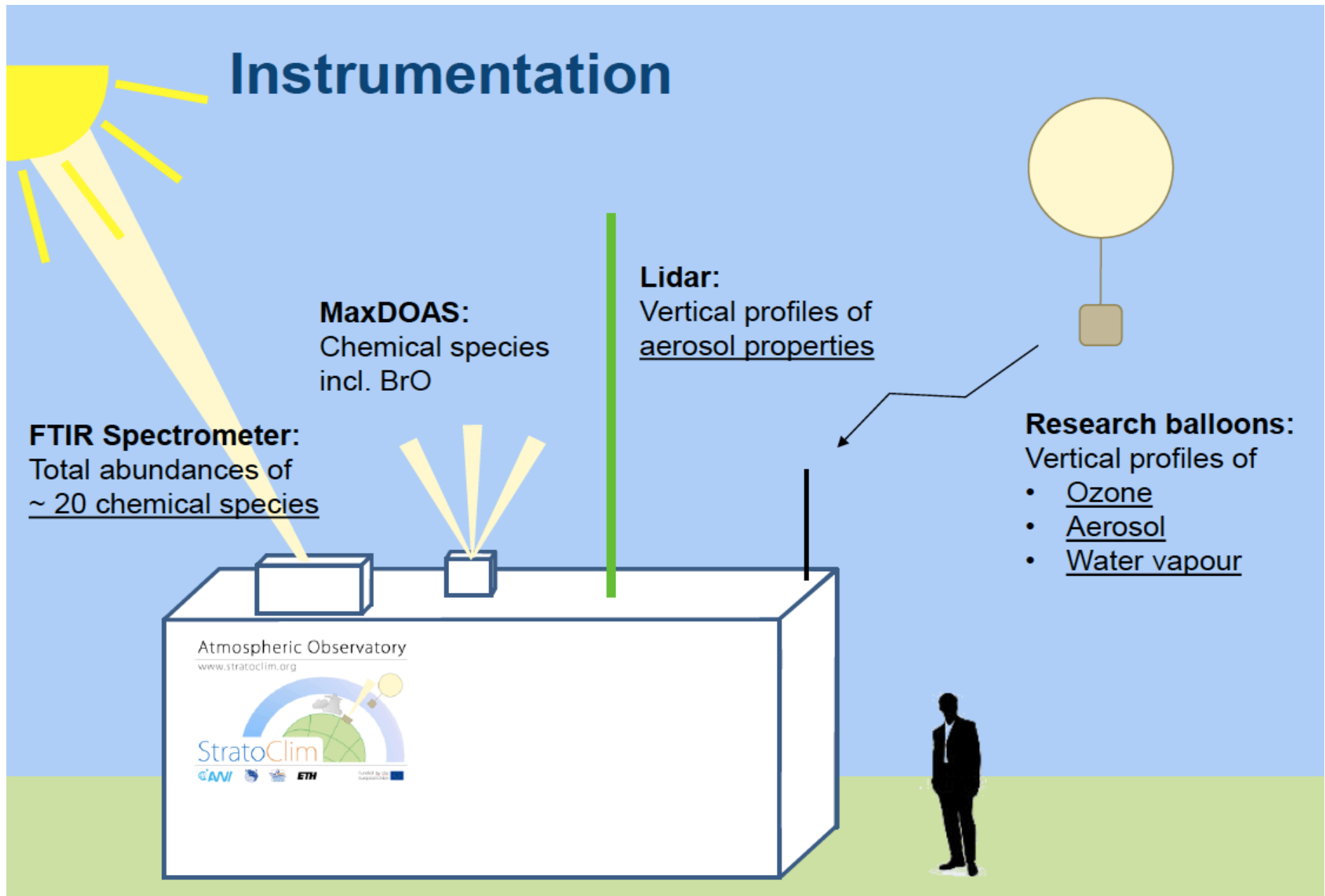
- 4 - K-Band cloud radarCloud radar
- 5 - Micro Rain Radar
- 6 - Ceilometer
- 7 - All-sky imager

Key messages:

- Ozone below the detection limit of ECC ozonesondes suggests a **pronounced minimum of OH** throughout the troposphere over the tropical West Pacific.
- Such a “hole” in the tropospheric OH shield causes **lifetimes of key tropospheric species** to be substantially longer over the tropical West Pacific than in other parts of the tropics.
- This region of the globe may therefore provide a **more efficient pathway** for shorter lived biogenic species and for SO₂ to reach the stratosphere than currently thought.
- More detailed and longer-term measurements of atmospheric composition are needed in this region.



Palau (AWI)



Palau (AWI) climate research base

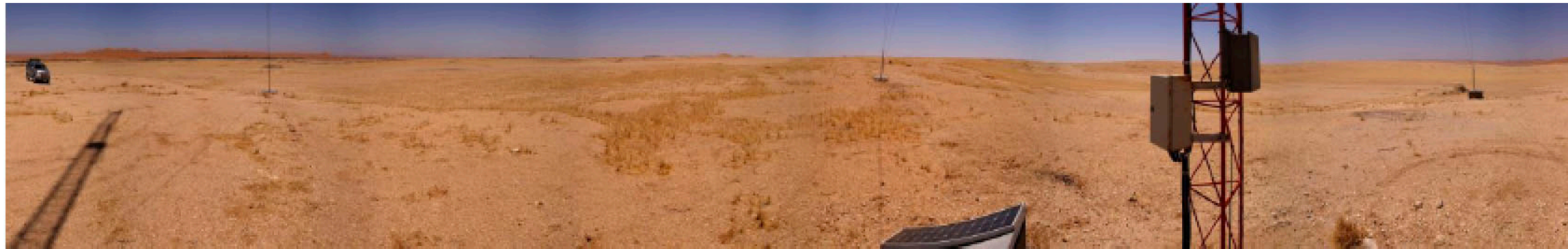
- Location is ideal to study the role of stratospheric composition changes in climate change
- 2-3 years of initial operation during 2014 – 2018, long term operation planned
- Suite of world-leading instruments to observe climate / chemistry interactions:
 - Fourier Transform Infrared Spectrometer for e.g.:
 - O_3 , CO , C_2H_2 , C_2H_6 , CH_2O , HCN , COS , NO , NO_2
 - profiles (~3-5 independent layers), tropospheric & total columns
 - Ozonesondes (ECC)
 - New UV-diode ozone spectrometer sondes for better detection limit
 - Water vapour sondes (CFH)
 - Backscatter sondes (COBALD)
 - Multi-wavelength aerosol & cloud lidar (ComCAL)
 - Continuous cloud lidar
 - GPS receiver for highly accurate vertical temperature profiling

Greenland/Summit (UoW) Ralf Bennartz, John Rausch



Greenland/Summit (UoW) Suite of Instruments

- MMCR- 35-GHz millimeter-wave cloud radar
- PAERI- Polar Atmospheric Emitted Radiance Interferometer
- 2 water vapor line and 60-GHz oxygen absorption line and 90, 150 GHz
- Radiosondes – 2 per day, 1 GPS
- Ceilometer and Micropulse Lidar- identify cloud base
- POSS - Precipitation Occurrence Sensor System
- SODAR – boundary layer depth
- Hotplate
- Multi-Angle Snowflake Camera



Atmospheric Science & Meteorology ASM

Long term and operational meteorology

- First order weather station since **1962** - more than 50 years climate record
- Automatic synoptic station operated by NMS
- **Over 50 years** of meteorological / fog observations of varying extent

ASM

1. air sampling for CO₂ data, **1997**, NOAA (USA)
2. Validation stations for operational satellite data **2007**, KIT (GER)
3. Micrometeorology and energy balance since **2009**, Univ. of Basel (CH)
4. CO₂ related trace gas measurements since **2011**, Max Planck Inst Jena (GER)
5. Broadband radiance data, BSRN network, **2012**, Univ. of Basel & KIT
6. Deep Sand Sea met. Station, **2012**, Royal Geog. Soc. (GB)
7. 8 met. stations incl. fog catcher (FogNet), **2014**, Gobabeb (NAM), BMBF.
8. H₂O Isotope analysis based on FogNet, Univ. Indianapolis (USA)
9. Upgrade of Gobabeb MET station **2014**.
10. VIS & NIR spectral data, RadCalNet, **2015**, NPL (GB), ESA/CNES
11. AERONET-Station.
12. Trace gases with VIS-NIR (EM27) spectrometer in occultation, IMK-ASF
13. International radiometer comparison within EarthTemp - project

DWD/MOL-RAO Research Groups

→ 4 research groups: “Sachgebiete”

MOL1
Remote Sensing



Active remote sensing (aerosol, clouds, wind, precipitation, WV): Cloud radars, Lidars, Ceilometers, Doppler Lidars, Raman Lidar RAMSES...
Passive remote sensing (T, WV Prof): Microwave Rad

MOL2
Boundary Layer



Study of Boundary-Layer processes (Temperature, humidity, pressure, dynamic): Messfeld Falkenberg, 100 m and 50 m tower, Scintillometers, Doppler Lidar, flux and turbulence sensors

MOL3
In-Situ Sounding



Observation of the atmosphere, radiosounding, aerology (Temperature, humidity, pressure, ozone, aerosol): 4 balloons/day, 1 ozone/week, Research sound / 2 weeks. GRUAN Lead Center, Wetterwarte

MOL4
Radiation processes



Large Band Radiation: Pyr-ano/helio/geo-meters
Spectroscopy in UV/VIS/near IR
Optic passive Remote sensing: Day&Night photometry
All-Sky Observation and clouds' characterisation

Problems

- For the mobile Pandora a new Sun alignment has to be performed after each re-start of the instrument, since the connection of corrected Tracker and INS leads to wrong offset angles
- Temperature in the Pandora box becomes very high under solar irradiance (e.g. PC cooling element could not be toughed during measurement at Maria S. Merian)
- Moisture in the Pandora box

Problems

- Incomplete software installation
 - Incorrect configuration files
 - Missing instrument calibration files
 - Blick-P binary missing
 - SciGlob has been very helpful in resolving these issues, although, response time has been often slow.

Recommendations - FUB

- Backup of „Blick folder“ (data, configs, logs), per ftp
- Main log-file which automatically opens and where the operator register all changes (e.g. Pandora at Palau, ...)
- External hard-disk within the Pandora box for an additional backup of the entire system
- Access to L0 and L1 data of all instruments
- Information on L0 -> L1 processor (including calibration files)
- Use of scripts instead of Windows software
- New tracker motor, with a resting position pointing to the ground (to avoid rain and dust in the lens tube)
- Rain drainage within the lens tube
- Active sun-tracking, via solar-camera (available for Arctic PS106 cruise?)

Recommendations - UoW / Vanderbilt

- Simple routine to generate L0 & L1 data upon delivery to confirm operation and configuration
- Documentation of BlickP would be helpful
- Increase RAM to a minimum of 4GB
 - 2GB is sufficient for Blick alone
 - antivirus and OS overhead significantly depletes available physical memory occasionally while Blick is running
 - response time has been often slow.

