Review of Lectures 9 to 17

AOSC 433/633 & CHEM 433/633

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Notes:
- Review of Problem Set #4 will be held tomorrow 6:00 pm
- Last day to withdraw is 10 April
  apologies for scheduling exam one day after this important deadline
- ELMS gradebook current: please let us know of any inconsistencies

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Importance of Radicals (Lectures 9 & 10)

- With a few exceptions, the only reactions between molecules that proceed at appreciable rates are those involving at least one radical
- Radicals require significant energy to form: a bond must be broken
- Radical formation is tied to absorption of photons that "photodissociate" a compound, leading to radical formation

Initiation

$O_2 + photon \rightarrow O + O$

Propagation

$O + O_2 + M \rightarrow O_3 + M$

$O_3 + photon \rightarrow O(^1D) + O_2$

$O(^1D) + H_2O \rightarrow OH + OH$

$OH + O_3 \rightarrow HO_2 + O_2$

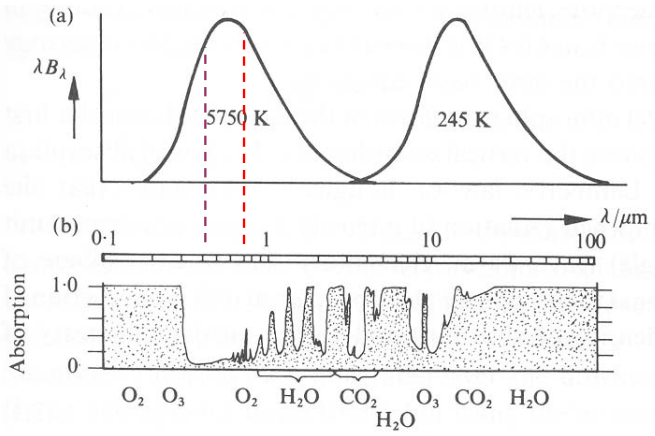
$HO_2 + O \rightarrow OH + O_2$

Termination

$OH + HO_2 \rightarrow H_2O + O_2$

Atmospheric Radiation

- Solar irradiance (downwelling) at top of atmosphere occurs at wavelengths between ~200 and 2000 nm (~5750 K "black body" temperature)



Panel (a) : Curves of black-body energy versus wavelength for 5750 K (Sun's approximate temperature) and for 245 K (Earth's mean temperature).

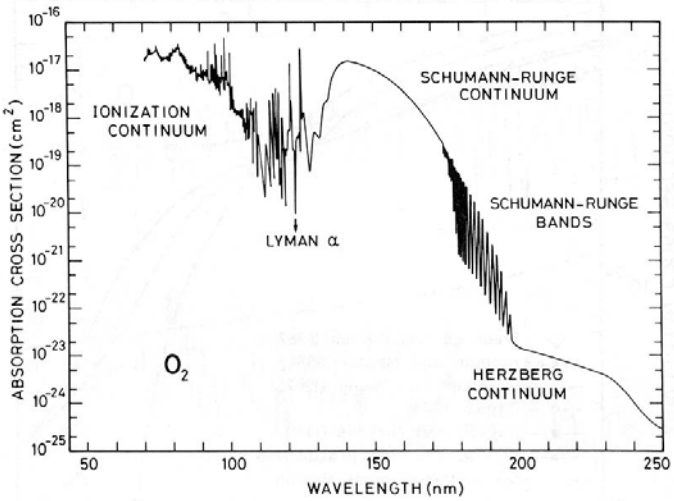
The curves are drawn with equal area since, integrated over the entire Earth at the top of the atmosphere, the solar (downwelling) and terrestrial (upwelling) fluxes must be equal.

Panel (b): absorption by atmospheric gases for a clear vertical column of the atmosphere (1.0 represents complete absorption).

From Houghton, *Physics of Atmospheres*, 1991

- Absorption and photodissociation in the UV occurs due to changes in the electronic state (orbital configuration) of molecules

Absorption Cross Section of O_2



From Brasseur & Solomon, *Aeronomy of the Middle Atmosphere*, 1986

- O_2 can not dissociate longward of ~250 nm
- All absorption shown above is dissociative (e.g., leads to production of two O atoms)
- Structure in the O_2 cross section is related to whether the initial transition involves an unbound electronic state (smooth) or involves a specific vibrational level of an electronic state (banded, due to requirement of specific quanta of energy)

Optical Depth of O_2 Absorption

Recall the *Beer-Lambert Law*:

$$F(z,\lambda) = F_{TOA}(\lambda)\, e^{-\tau(z,\lambda)} \qquad \text{(TOA : Top of Atmosphere)}$$

where:

$$\tau(z,\lambda) = m \int_z^\infty \sigma_\lambda [C]\, dz' \qquad (\tau\text{: optical depth})$$

Also:

$$\int_0^\infty [O_2]\, dz' \approx 4\times10^{24} \text{ molecules/cm}^2$$

O_2 Optical Depth for $\theta = 0°$, $z = 0$ km			
	σ_{max} (cm^2)	τ (0 km)	$e^{-\tau\,(0\text{ km})}$
Schumann-Runge Continuum	10^{-17}	4×10^{7}	0.
Schumann-Runge Bands	10^{-20}	4×10^{4}	0.
	3×10^{-23}	120	7.6×10^{-53}
Herzberg Continuum	10^{-23}	40	4.2×10^{-18}

Optical Depth of O_3 Absorption

A typical mid-latitude column abundance for O_3 is 300 Dobson units (DU):

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Aside:

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Optically Thin!

Solar Spectral Actinic Flux

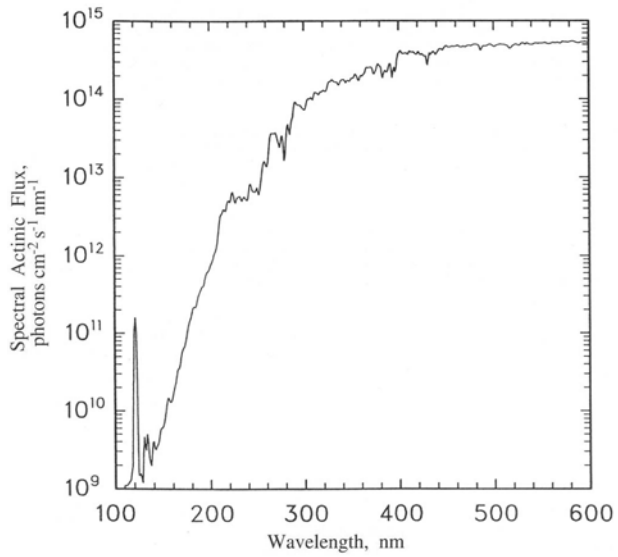
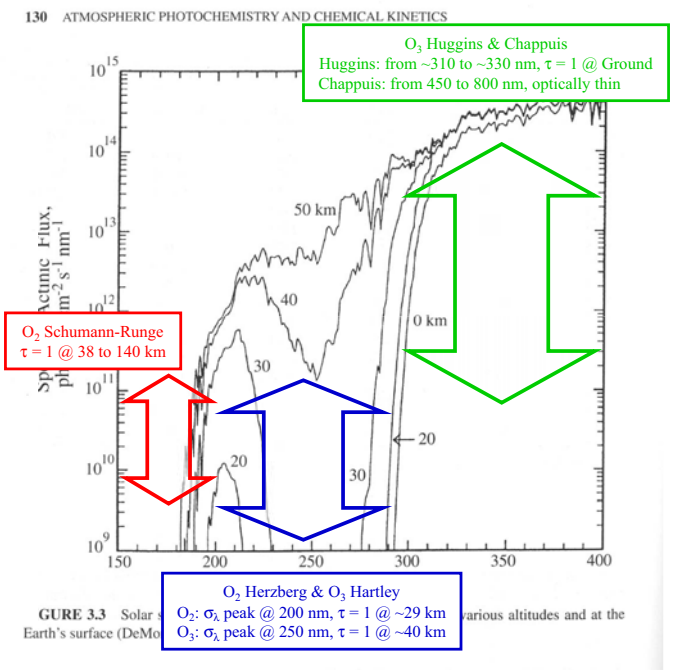


FIGURE 6. Solar spectral actinic flux (photons cm^{-2} s^{-1} nm^{-1}) at the top of Earth's atmosphere.

From DeMore et al., *Chemical Kinetics and Photochemical Data for Use in Stratospheric Modeling*, Evaluation No. 11, 1994.



From Seinfeld and Pandis, *Atmospheric Chemistry and Physics*, 1998.

Photolysis Frequency

For a specific spectral interval, the photolysis frequency (***partial J value***) of a gas is given by the product of its absorption cross section and the solar irradiance:

$$J_{gas}(z,\lambda) = \text{Quantum\_Yield}(\lambda)\ \sigma_{gas}(\lambda,T)\ F(z,\lambda)$$

Units: $s^{-1}\ nm^{-1}$

The total ***photolysis frequency*** (***J value***) is found by integrating $J_{gas}(z,\lambda)$ over all wavelengths for which the gas photodissociates:

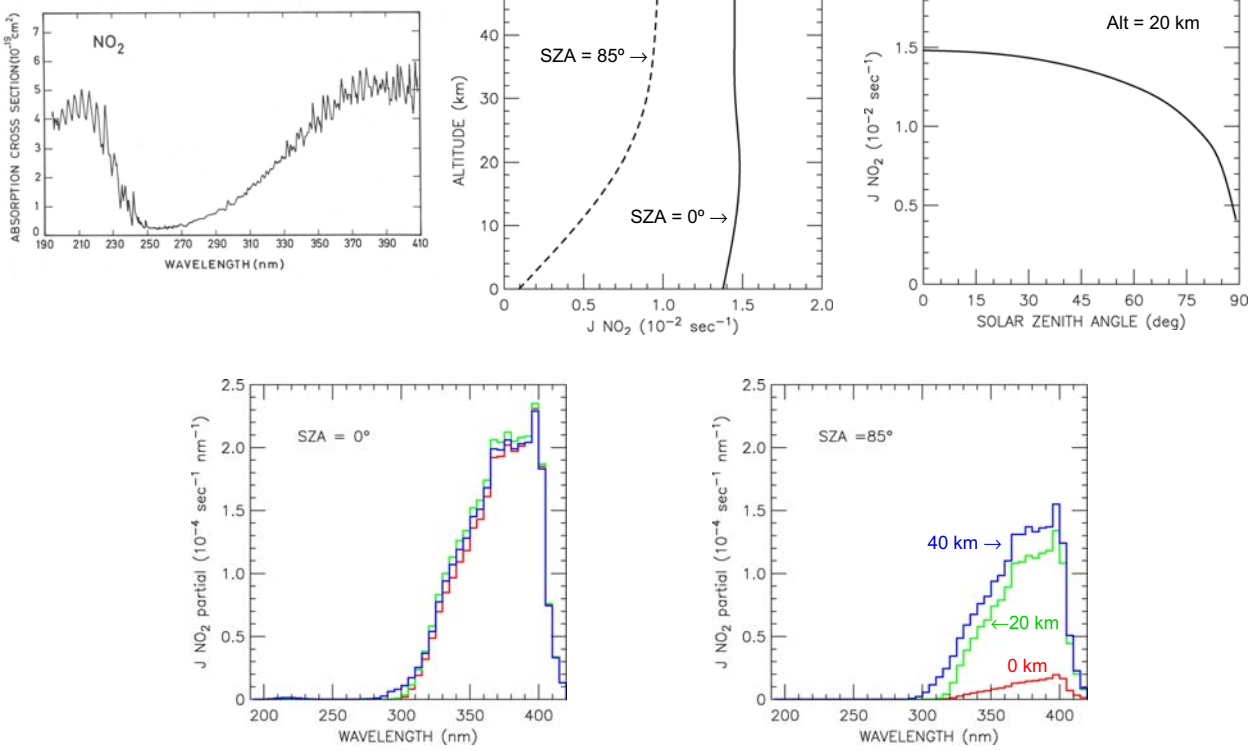
$$J_{gas}(z) = \int_{\lambda_{min}}^{\lambda_{max}} J_{gas}(z,\lambda)\, d\lambda$$

Units: s^{-1}

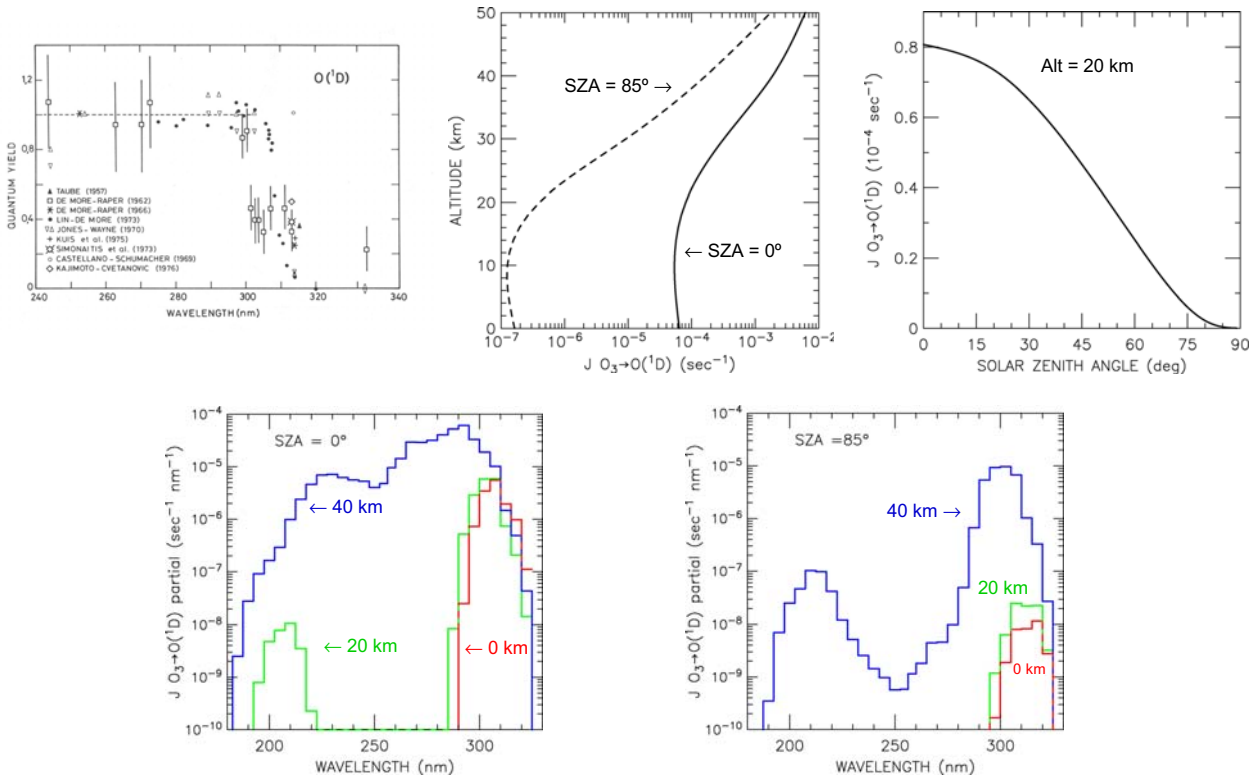
$$\text{Rate of Reaction} = \frac{dO_3}{dt} = J\ [O_3]; \quad \text{Units of } J \text{ are } s^{-1}$$

More precisely, calculations of photolysis frequencies consider the "spectral actinic flux", which represents the amount of available photons integrated over all angles, rather than "solar irradiance". These two quantities differ because of scattering of solar radiation by gases and aerosols, and reflection of radiation by clouds and the surface.

NO_2 Photolysis



$O_3 \rightarrow O(^1D)$ Photolysis



Bimolecular Gas Phase Reactions

8.9 kcal/mole **35.1 kcal/mole**
–17.8 kcal/mole **–57.8 kcal/mole**

$$OH + CH_4 \rightarrow CH_3 + H_2O$$

ΔEnthalpy = –13.8 kcal/mole

Exothermic !

$$\text{Rate of Reaction} = \frac{dCH_4}{dt} = k\,[OH][CH_4]$$

E_A / R ⇒ Activation Energy / Gas Constant

Arrhenius Expression for rate constant:

$$k = 2.45\times10^{-12} \times e^{-1775/T} \ \text{cm}^3 \ \text{sec}^{-1}$$

A factor

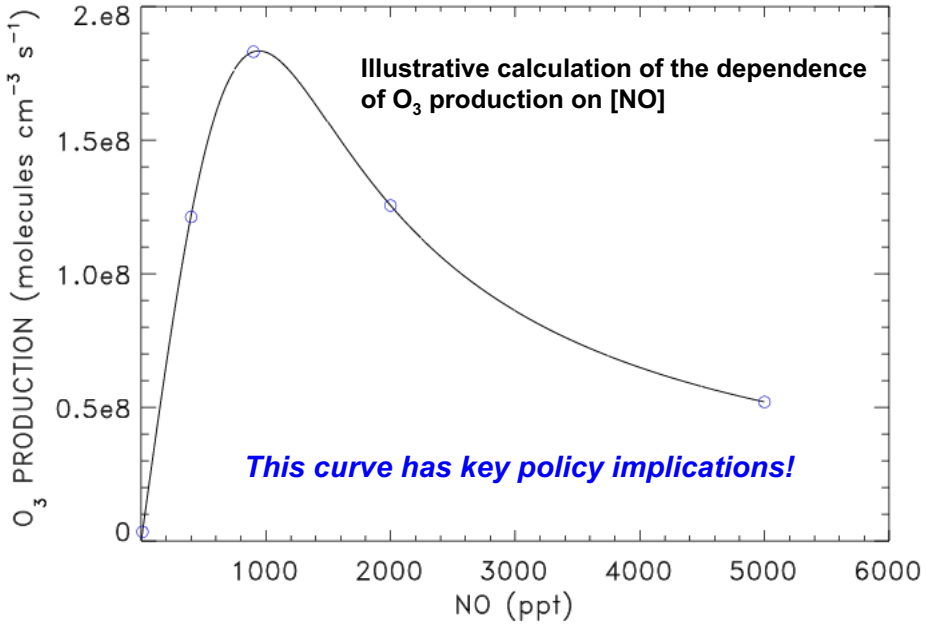
Tropospheric Ozone Production versus NO

As NO_x rises:

$[HO_2]$ falls faster than [NO] rises,

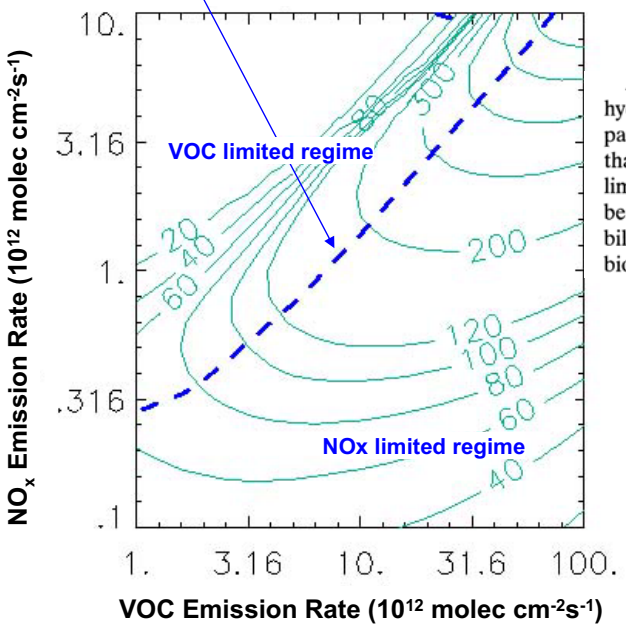
leading to a decrease in the value of the product of k [NO] $[HO_2]$,

and hence the production rate of O_3.



Tropospheric Ozone Production versus NO_x and VOCs

Ridge: local maximum for O_3 that separates the NOx-limited regime from and VOC limited regime



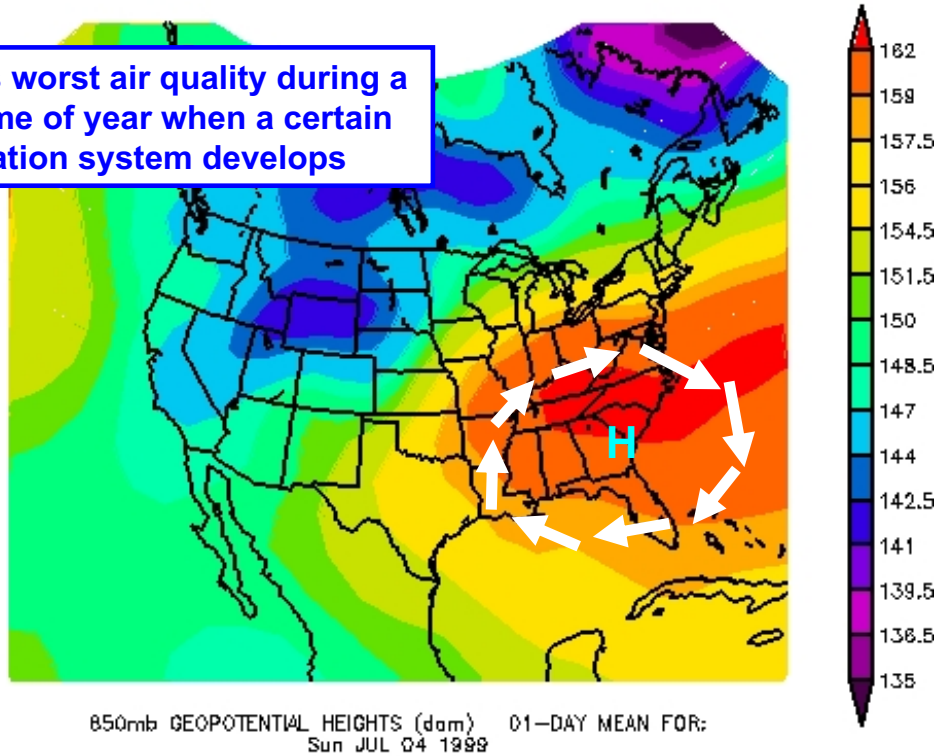
An important discovery in the past decade is that the focus on hydrocarbon emission controls to combat O_3 pollution may have been partly misdirected. Measurements and model calculations now show that O_3 production over most of the United States is primarily NO_x limited, not hydrocarbon limited. The early models were in error in part because they underestimated emissions of hydrocarbons from automobiles, and in part because they did not account for natural emission of biogenic hydrocarbons from trees and crops.

Jacob, Chapter 12, Introduction to Atmospheric Chemistry, 1999

Figure: http://www-personal.umich.edu/~sillman/ozone.htm

Day-to-day meteorology (weather!) affects severity and duration of pollution episodes

Maryland has worst air quality during a particular time of year when a certain air circulation system develops



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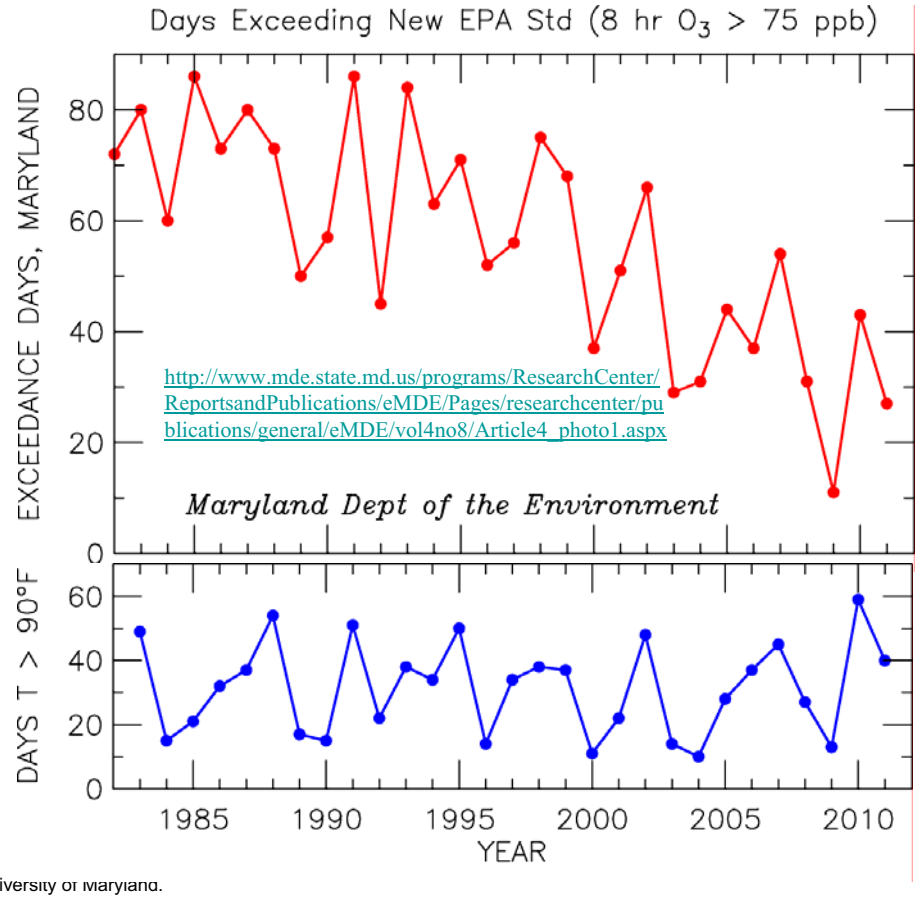
Significant Improvements in *Local* Air Quality since early 1980s



Stratospheric Ozone: Chapman Chemistry

- Production of O_3 initiated when O_2 is photodissociated by UV sunlight
- O_3 formed when resulting O atom reacts with O_2 :

$$h\nu + O_2 \rightarrow O + O \qquad (1)$$
$$O + O_2 + M \rightarrow O_3 + M \qquad (2)$$

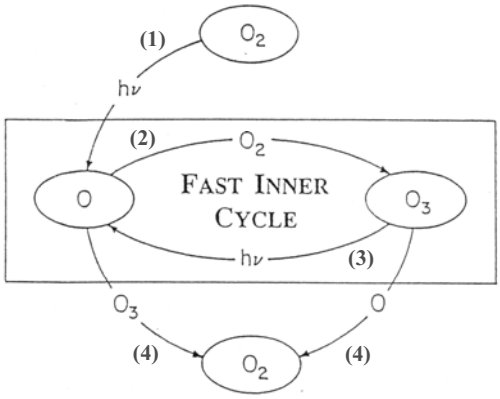
- O_3 removed by photodissociation (UV sunlight) or by reaction with O :

$$h\nu + O_3 \rightarrow O + O_2 \qquad (3)$$
$$O + O_3 \rightarrow O_2 + O_2 \qquad (4)$$

This reaction sequence was first worked out in the 1930s by Sidney Chapman, an English mathematician and geophysicist

Chapman Chemistry

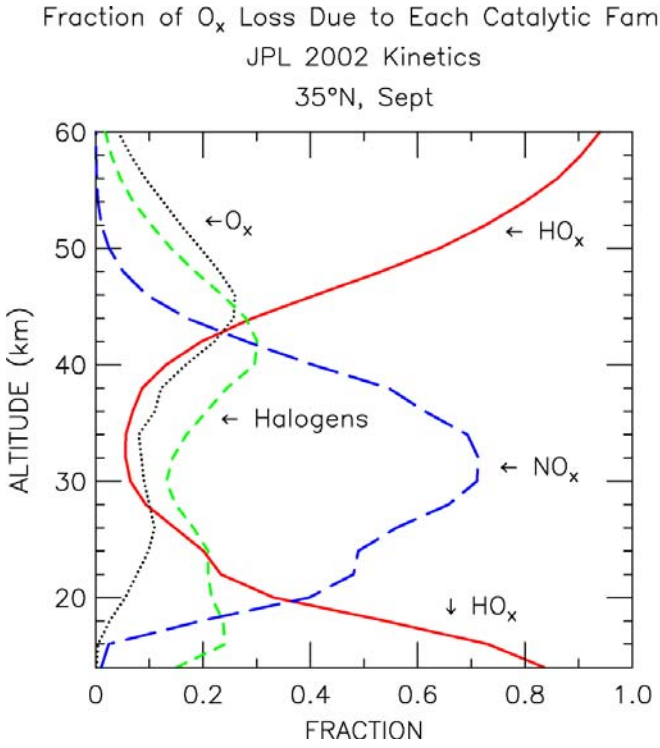
- The cycling between O and O_2 (rxns 2 and 3) occurs *much* more rapidly than leakage into (rxn 1) or out of the system (rxn 4)
- The sum $O + O_3$ is commonly called *"odd oxygen"*



Rxn (1) produces two *odd oxygen* molecules
Rxn (4) consumes two *odd oxygen* molecules

and reactions 2 and 3 recycle *odd oxygen* molecules

Stratospheric Photochemistry: Odd Oxygen Loss By Families



Calculated fraction of odd oxygen loss due to various families of radicals

After Osterman et al., GRL, 24, 1107, 1997;
Sen et al., JGR, 103, 3571. 1998;
Sen et al., JGR, 104, 26653, 1999.

One Atmosphere – One Photochemistry

Stratosphere

HO_2 formation:

$$OH + O_3 \rightarrow HO_2 + O_2$$

HO_2 loss:

$$HO_2 + O_3 \rightarrow OH + 2\,O_2$$

Net:

$$O_3 + O_3 \rightarrow 3\,O_2$$

Troposphere

HO_2 formation:

$$OH + CO \xrightarrow{O_2} HO_2 + CO_2$$

HO_2 loss:

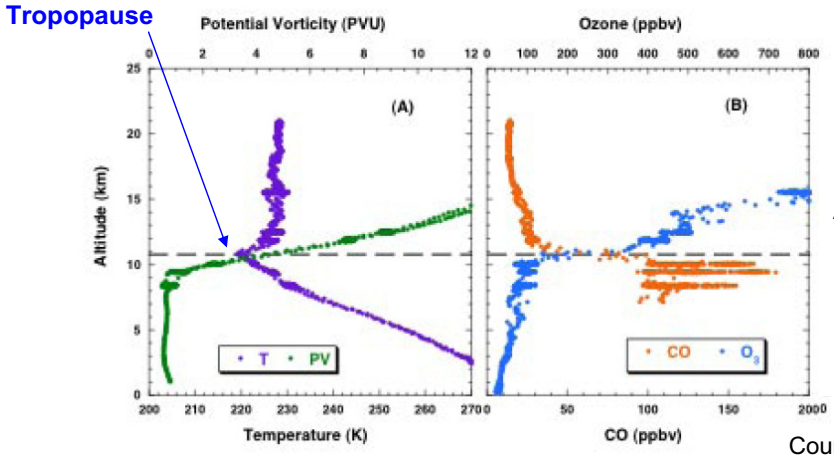
$$HO_2 + NO \rightarrow OH + NO_2$$

Followed by:

$$NO_2 + h\nu \rightarrow NO + O$$
$$O + O_2 + M \rightarrow O_3 + M$$

Net:

$$CO + 2\,O_2 \rightarrow CO_2 + O_3$$



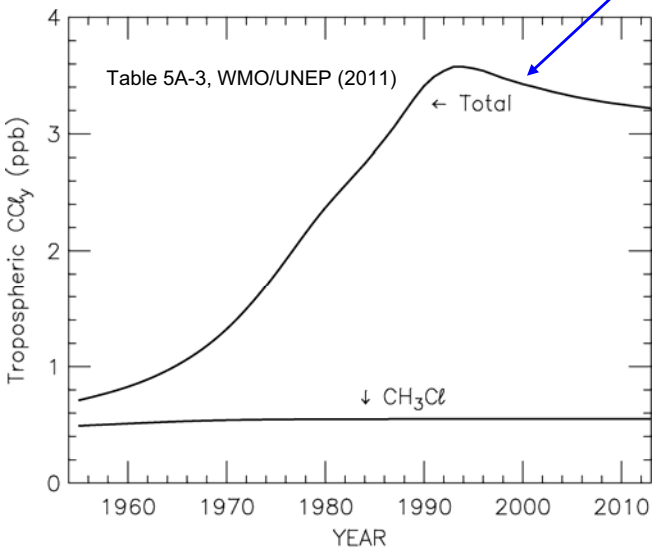
Above Tropopause:
Lots of O_3, little CO

Below Tropopause:
Lots of CO, little O_3

Courtesy of Laura Pan, NCAR

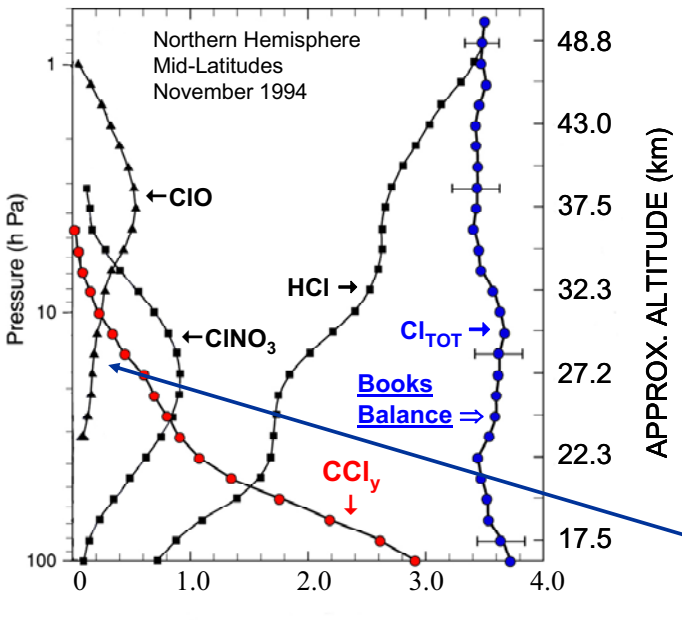
Tropospheric Chlorine Loading

Total Organic Chlorine (CCl_y):
- **Peaked at ~3.6 ppb around 1993**
- **Slowly declining**
- **Montreal Protocol and Amendments have banned production of CFCs**



CFCs:
- **long lived (50 to 100 yr lifetime)**
- **decompose in the stratosphere**
- **lose memory of emission location when enter stratosphere**

Chlorine Abundance, Mid-Latitude Stratosphere



Note: Below ~30 km, ClO << $ClNO_3$ and HCl

Zander *et al.*, *GRL*, 1996

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Chlorine Source Gases

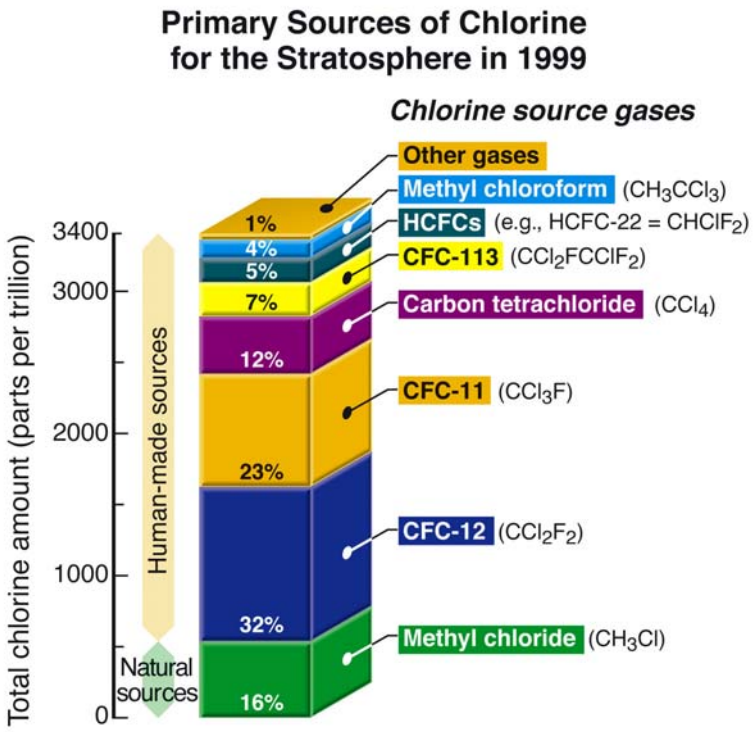
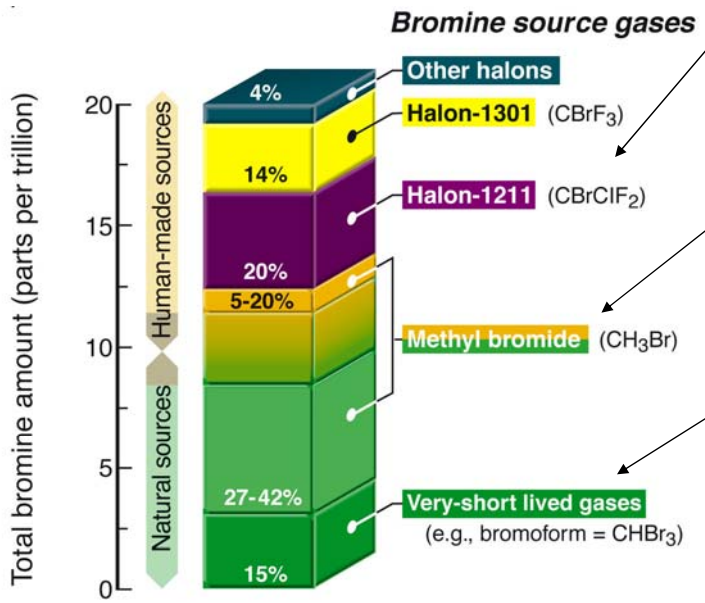


Table Q7-1. Atmospheric Lifetimes and Ozone Depletion Potentials of some halogen source & HFC substitute gases.

Gas	Atmospheric Lifetime (years)	Ozone Depletion Potential (ODP) [c]
Halogen source gases		
Chlorine gases		
CFC-11	45	1
CFC-12	100	0.82
CFC-113	85	0.85
Carbon tetrachloride (CCl_4)	26	0.82
HCFCs	1–17	0.01–0.12
Methyl chloroform (CH_3CCl_3)	5	0.16
Methyl chloride (CH_3Cl)	1	0.02
Bromine gases		
Halon-1301	65	15.9
Halon-1211	16	7.9
Methyl bromide (CH_3Br)	0.8	0.66
Very short-lived gases (e.g., $CHBr_3$)	Less than 0.5	[b] very low
Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs)		
HFC-134a	13.4	0
HFC-23	222	0

Bromine Source Gases

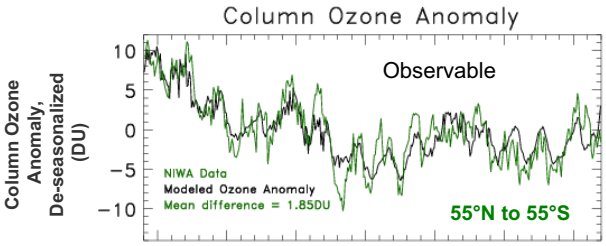


Halons:
- fire extinguishing agents
- production in developed world halted by Montreal Protocol
- present emissions primarily from "banks"

CH_3Br:
- fumigant; released by biomass burning
- production halted by Montreal Protocol
- significant natural & human sources

VSL Gases (e.g., $CHBr_3$, CH_2Br_2):
- emitted mainly by ocean biology
- not considered in most ozone calcs
- chemistry of decomposition products subject of active research

Ozone Depletion at Mid-Latitudes



Ozone data from
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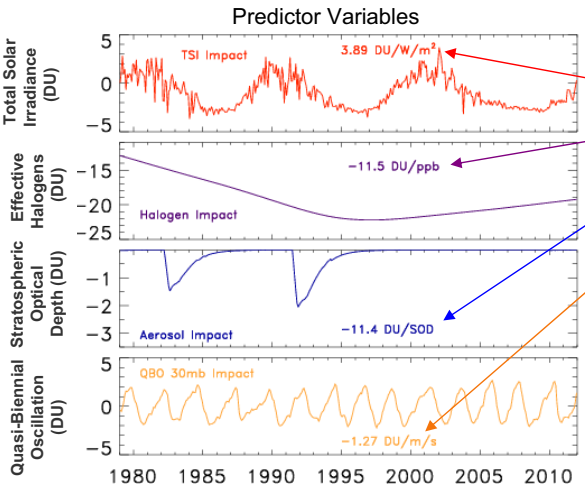


Column Ozone Anomaly (DU) =

20.5 DU +

3.89 DU / W m^{-2} × TSI +

−11.5 DU / ppb × Halogens +

−11.4 DU / SOD × Strat τ +

−1.27 DU / m s^{-1} × QBO Index

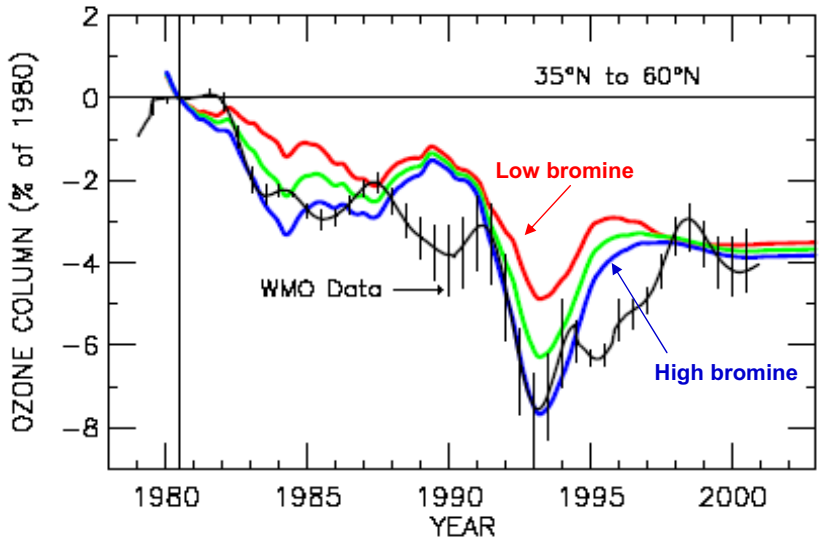
where SSA = Sulfate Surface Area

Ozone responds to:

a) rise and fall of chlorine

b) volcanic perturbations to aerosol loading

c) amount of bromine in lowermost stratosphere



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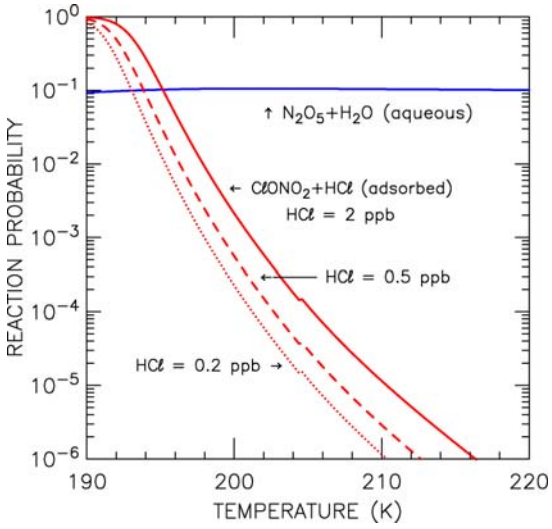
Heterogeneous Chemistry, Mid-Latitude vs Polar Regions

In all cases, γ must be measured in the laboratory



Reaction probabilities given for various surface types, with formulations of various degrees of complexity, in **Section 5** of the JPL Data Evaluation.

Atmospheric Chemistry and Physics by Seinfeld and Pandis provides extensive treatment of aqueous phase chemistry, properties of atmospheric aerosol, organic aerosols, etc.

POLAR OZONE LOSS

- COLD TEMPERATURES → POLAR STRATOSPHERIC CLOUDS (**PSCs**)
- REACTIONS ON PSC SURFACES LEAD TO ELEVATED **ClO**

$HCl + ClNO_3 \rightarrow Cl_2$ (gas) + HNO_3 (solid)

$ClNO_3 + H_2O \rightarrow HOCl + HNO_3$

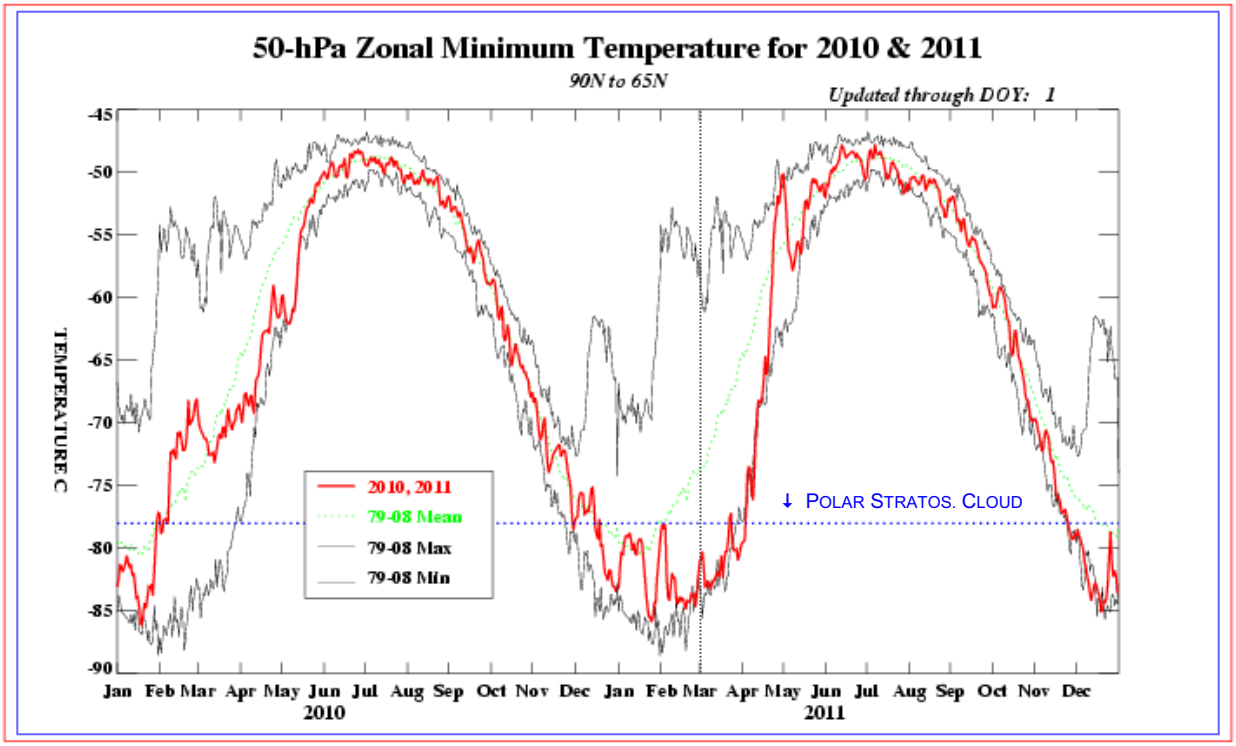
Cl_2 + SUNLIGHT + $O_3 \rightarrow ClO$

HOCl + SUNLIGHT + $O_3 \rightarrow ClO$

HNO_3 SEDIMENTS (PSCs fall due to gravity)

- ELEVATED **ClO** + SUNLIGHT DESTROYS O_3
- BrO : REACTION PARTNER FOR ClO $\Rightarrow$ ADDITIONAL O_3 LOSS

Arctic Temperature



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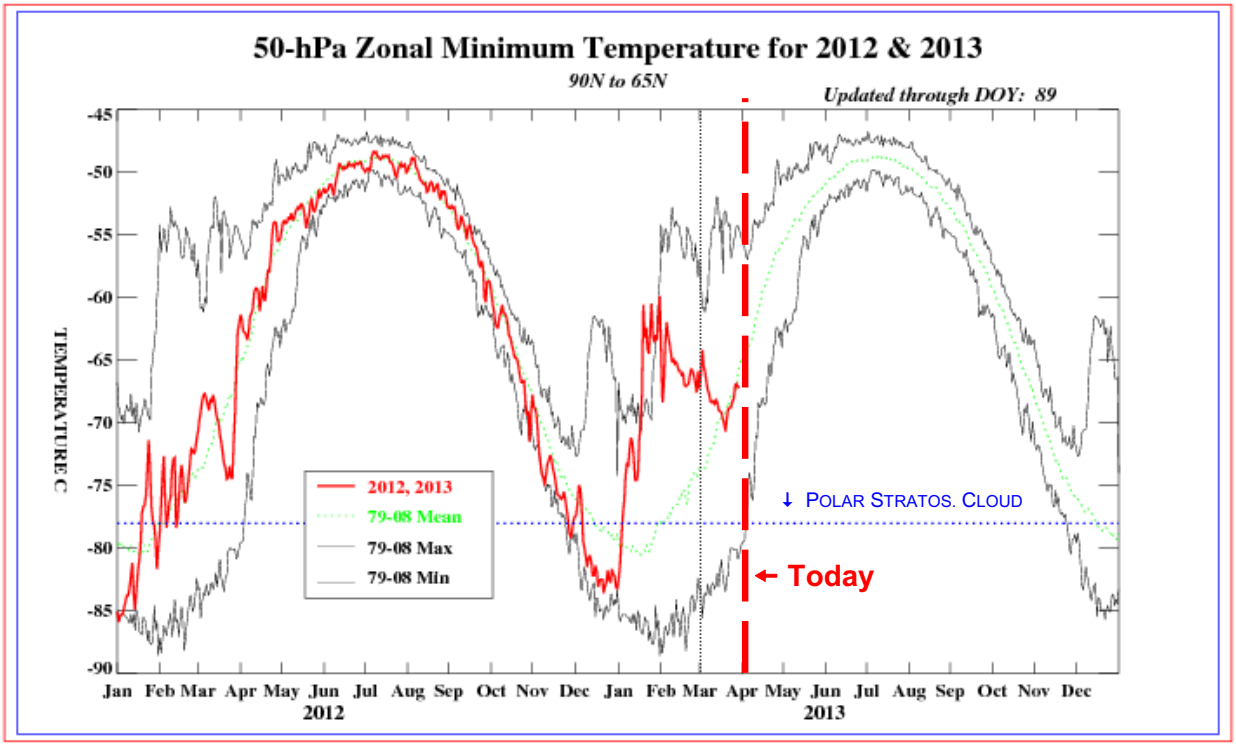
Arctic Temperature: Mar 2013



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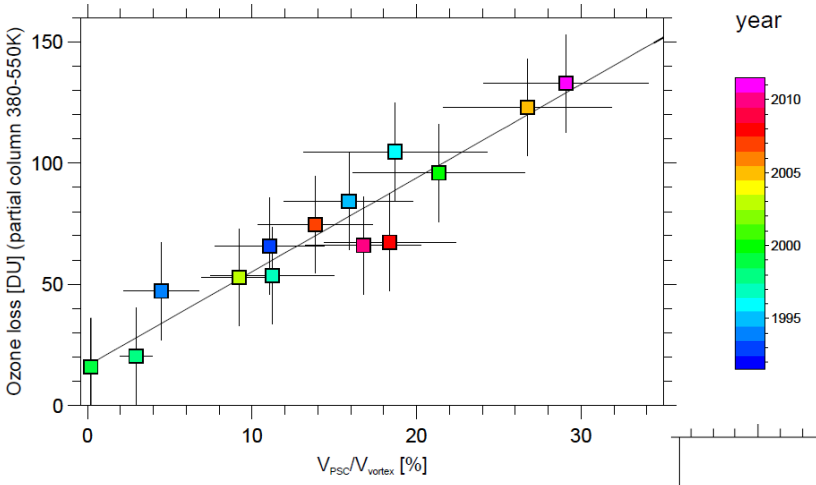
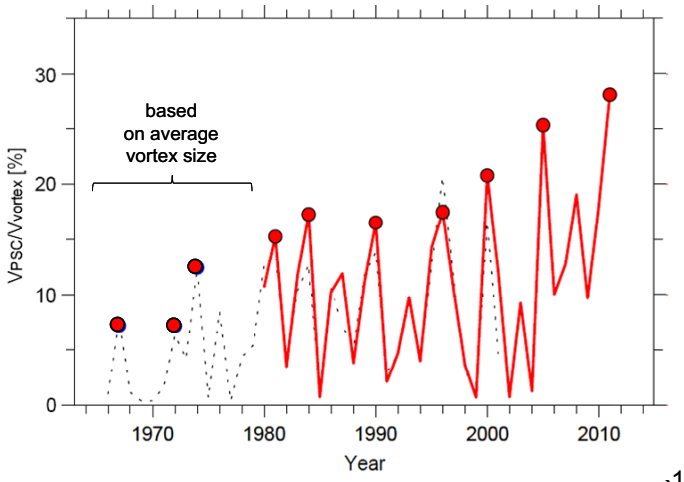
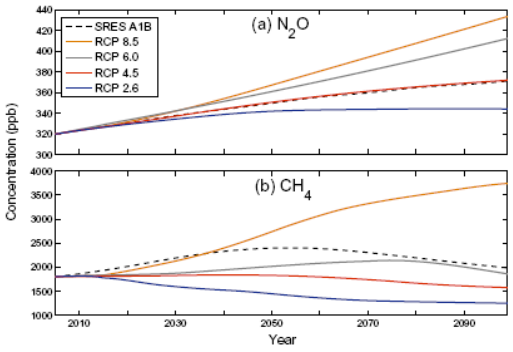
Arctic Ozone 2011 in Context of Prior Years





Future Mid-Latitude Ozone: N_2O



Ozone depleting NO_x cycles speed up with increasing N_2O throughout the middle stratosphere, where these cycles make the largest relative contribution to odd oxygen loss.

As NO_2 increases due to rising N_2O, the abundance of HO_2 and ClO radicals declines, particularly in the lower stratosphere, leading to reduced rates in the total speed of all ozone depleting cycles (red region, Fig 5a).

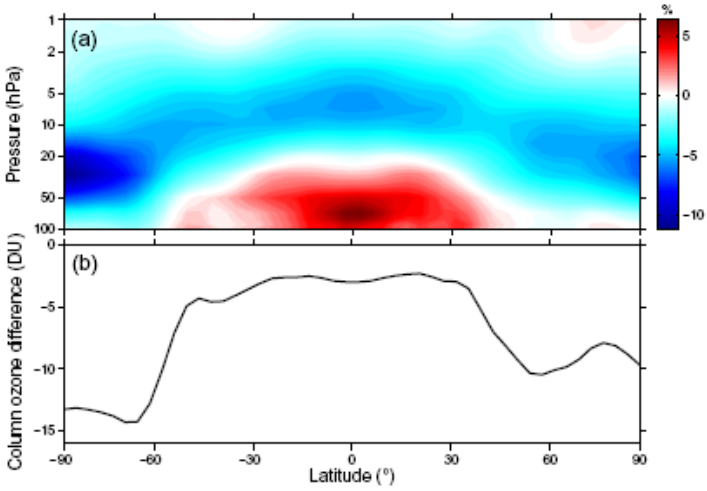


Fig. 5. (a) N_2O-8.5 ozone minus N_2O-2.6 ozone in the 2090s decade, calculated as a percentage of ozone in the N_2O-2.6 simulation. **(b)** 2090s-decade N_2O-8.5 total column ozone minus N_2O-2.6 total column ozone.

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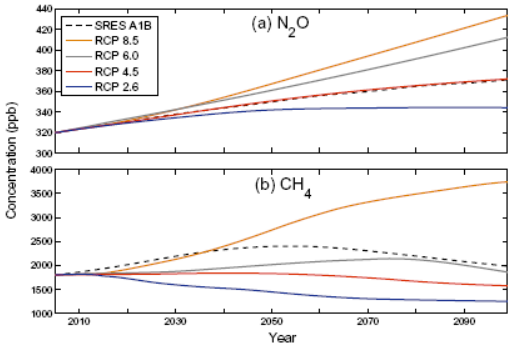

Rising CH_4 leads to ozone loss in the upper and lower stratosphere by increasing the speed of HO_x mediated loss cycles.

However, there are other processes that result in more ozone:

- Rising CH_4 leads to more stratospheric H_2O, cooling the this region of the atmosphere, which slows the rate of all ozone loss cycles.
- Rising CH_4 speeds up the rate of $Cl+CH_4$, shifting chlorine from ClO into HCl
- Rising CH_4 leads to more HO_2 in the lowermost stratosphere, where there is sufficient CO to result in production of O_3 by so-called "photochemical smog chemistry"

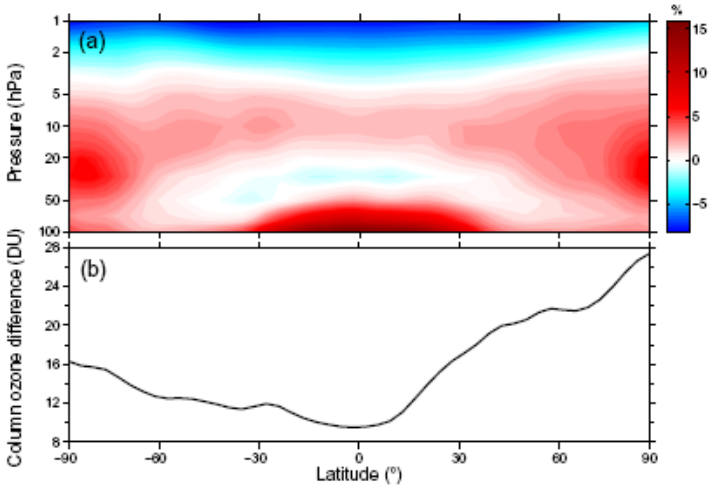

Fig. 6. (a) CH_4-8.5 ozone minus CH_4-2.6 ozone in the 2090s decade, calculated as a percentage of ozone in the CH_4-2.6 simulation. **(b)** 2090s-decade CH_4-8.5 total column ozone minus CH_4-2.6 total column ozone.

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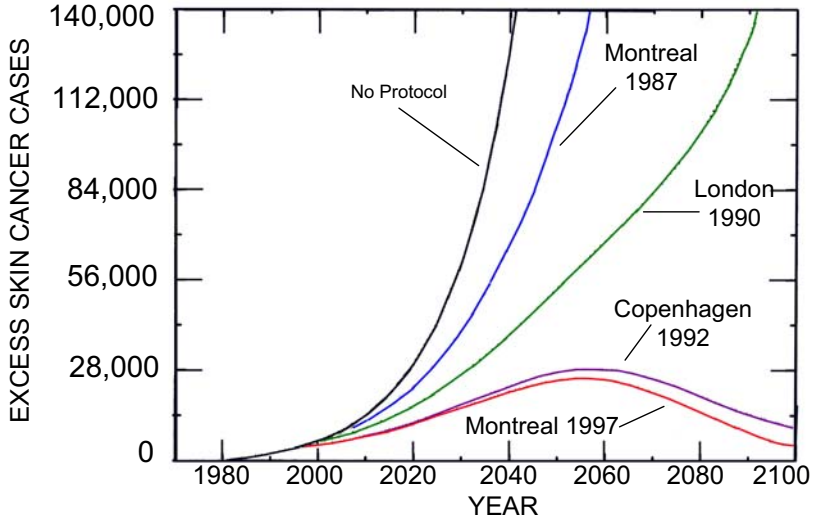
EXCESS SKIN CANCER CASES IN THE UNITED STATES, PER YEAR, DUE TO OZONE DEPLETION FOR VARIOUS CFC EMISSION SCENARIOS



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> The no-restrictions and Montreal Protocol scenarios produce a runaway increase in skin cancer incidence, up to a quadrupling and doubling, respectively, by year 2100.

Second Exam

- Thursday, 11 April, 2:00 pm to 3:15 pm
- CSS 2416
- 6 questions (multi-part)
- Closed book, no notes

- Focus almost entirely on Lectures 9 to 17

- Mix of conceptual questions and simple calculations
- Please bring a calculator (we'll have extras if you forget)
- iPad, iPhone, or any other device able to either go on the web or store notes is not allowed

- Backbone of course is the lectures; questions may draw upon material from the readings *that has been emphasized in lecture*

- We'll be present: *please let us know if a question requires clarification*
  If so, we'll announce clarification to entire class ☺

- Exam for 633 will differ somewhat from exam for 433