

# CFCs and Stratospheric Ozone

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Tokyo, Japan

October 5, 2007



Dobson

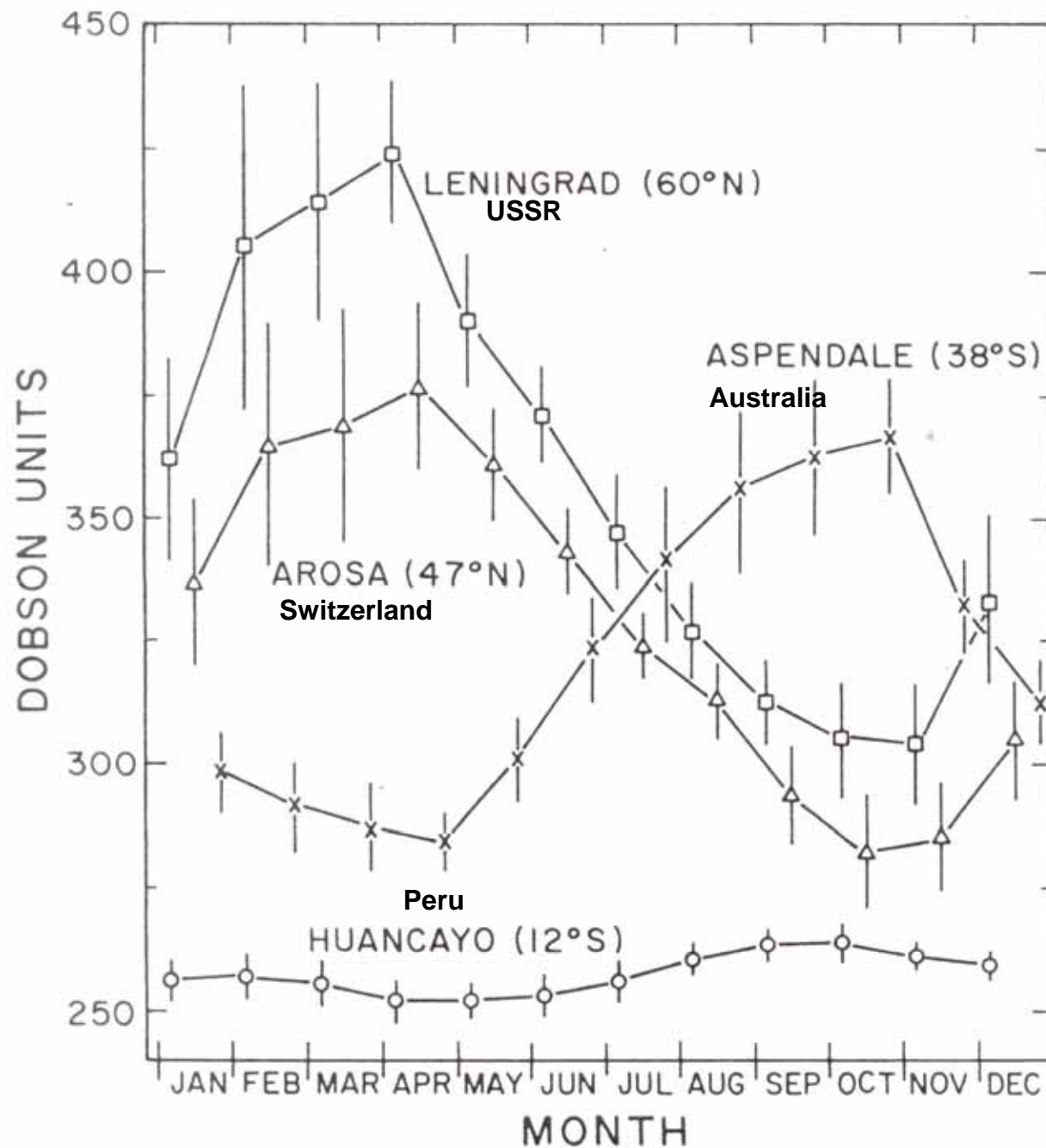
Götz

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International Ozone Conference, Oxford, U.K., 1936

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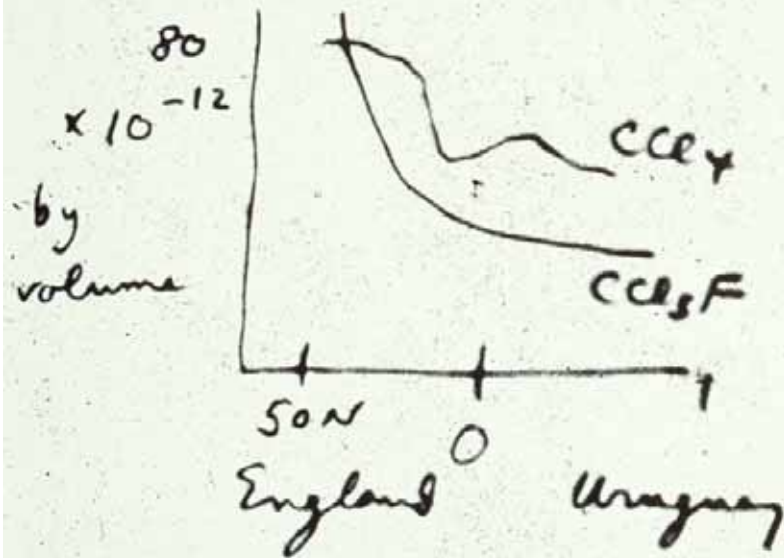


Seasonal & Latitudinal Variations of Atmospheric Ozone (Dobson, 1968)

# Lovelock's data

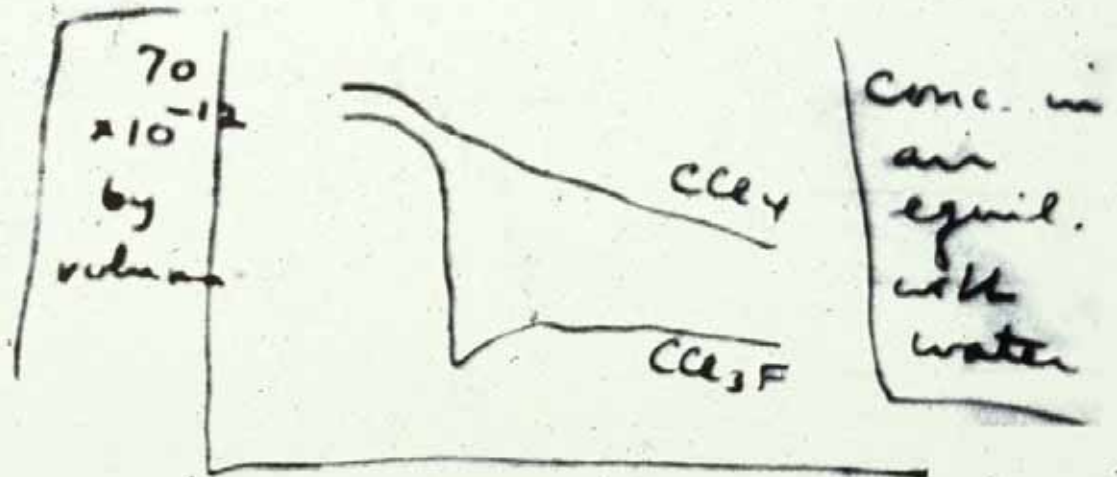
Lecture notes,  
F. S. Rowland,  
Fort Lauderdale,  
Florida, Feb. 1972

$\text{CCl}_3\text{F}$  - Freon-11 inert gas in spray cans.



Dr. J. Lovelock

$\text{CCl}_4$  - appreciably different



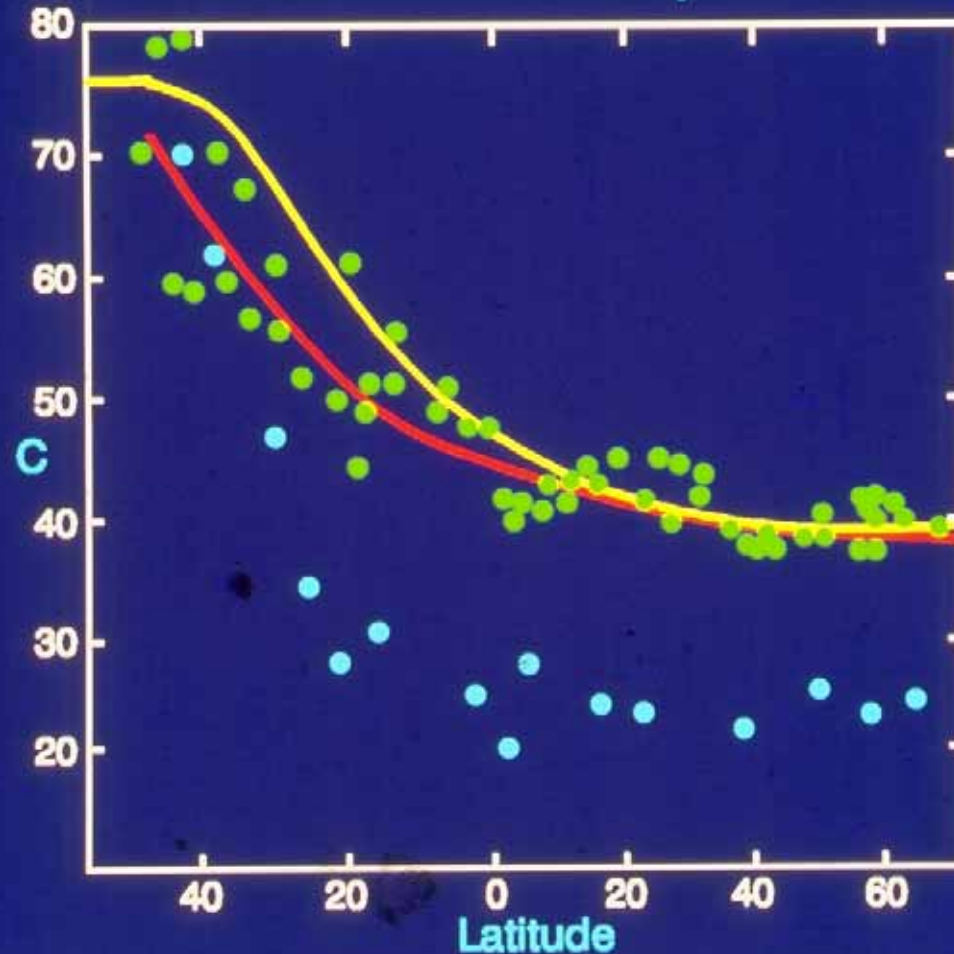
De Pont's estimates

most put out  
since 1960

Cruise of R. R. Shackleton  
Nov. 1971



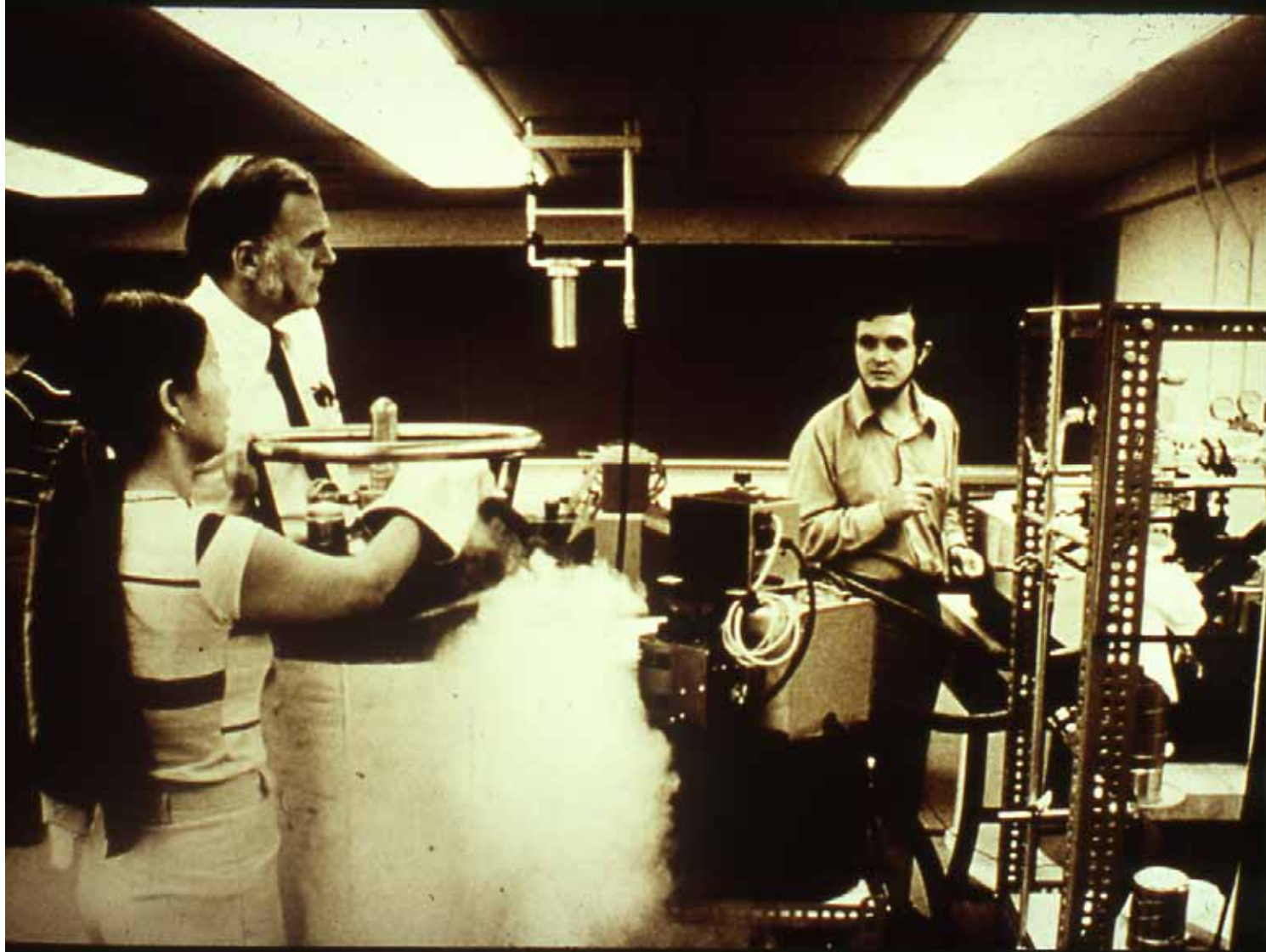
# 1971; James Lovelock measures CFC-11 in the Northern and Southern Hemispheres



Distribution of  $\text{CCl}_3\text{F}$  in and over the North and South Atlantic Ocean  
●, Aerial concentrations ( $\times 10^{-12}$ ) by volume

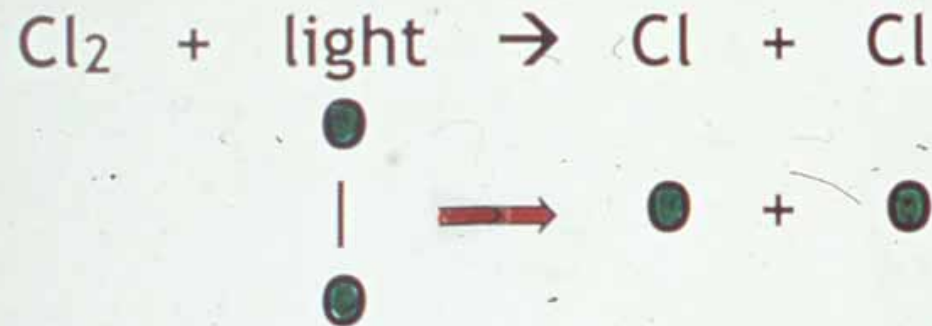
J. LOVELOCK ET AL. NATURE, 19

1973

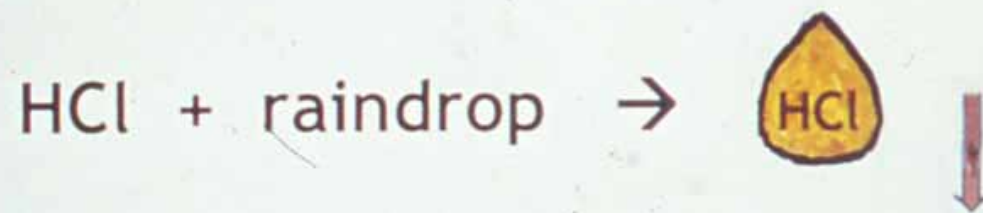


# COMMON TROPOSPHERIC SINKS

## SOLAR PHOTOLYSIS



## RAINOUT



## OXIDATION



The break-up of Chlorofluorocarbons in the Stratosphere,  
producing chlorine





Chlorine from CFC's destroys Ozone in the Stratosphere ;



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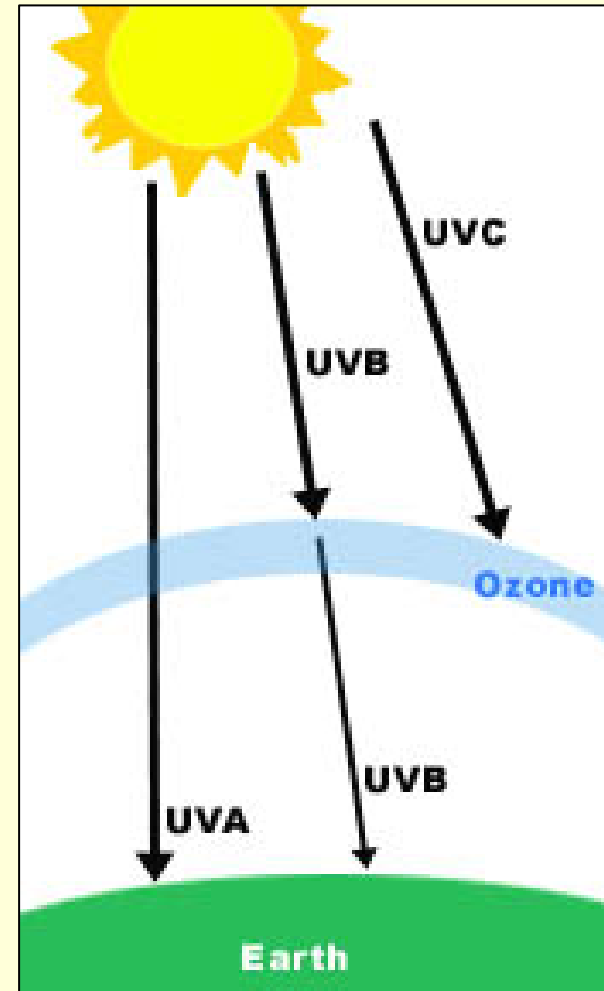
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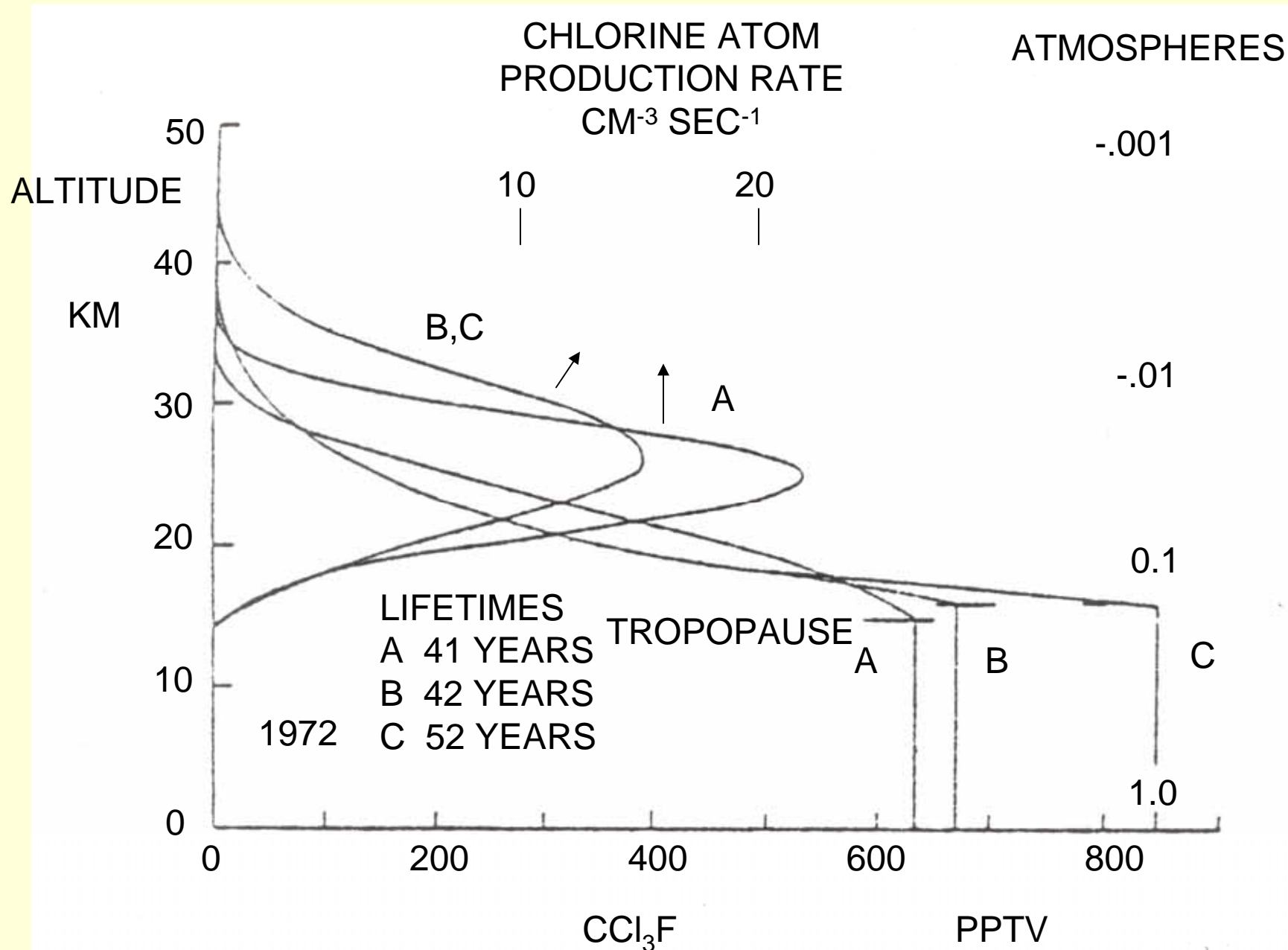
*Chlorofluoromethanes are being added to the environment in steadily increasing amounts. These compounds are chemically inert and may remain in the atmosphere for 40-150 years, and concentrations can be expected to reach 10 to 30 times present levels. Photodissociation of the chlorofluoromethanes in the stratosphere produces significant amounts of chlorine atoms, and leads to the destruction of atmospheric ozone.*

**Nature, June 28, 1974**

# The ozone problem

- $O_3$  absorbs the sun's UVC rays and most of the UVB rays
- Depletion of  $O_3$  means more UVB reaching the ground
- More UVB means more skin cancer





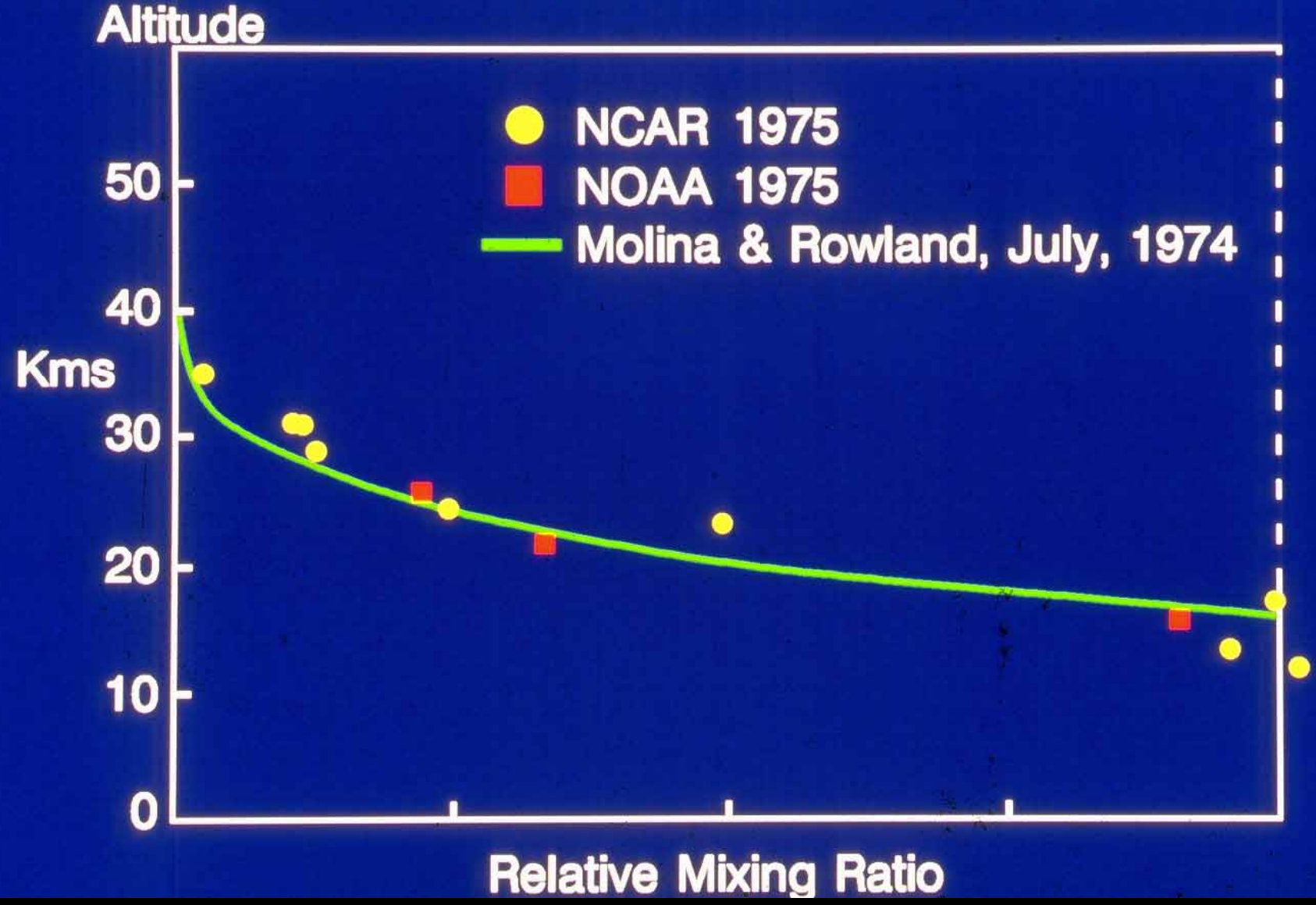
Calculated vertical profile for CCl<sub>3</sub>F, 30°N  
Rowland & Molina, Rev. Geophys. Space Phys., 1975



NOAA, 1975



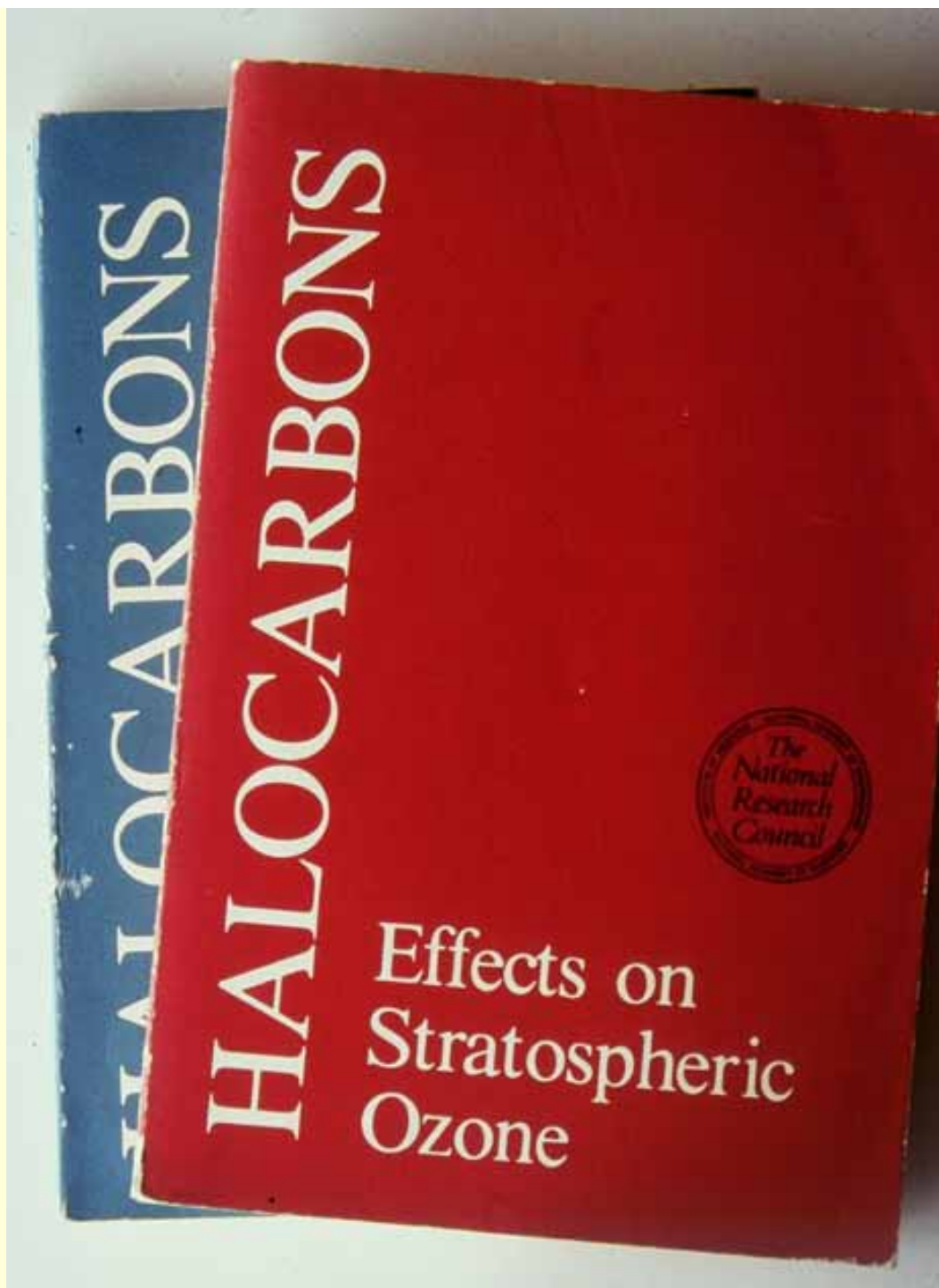
Measurements confirm predictions that CFC's,  
a) reach the Stratosphere, b) are decomposed there





NAS Reports

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# Los Angeles Times

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# Verdict on Spray Cans

## LATE NEWS

### Stocks Strike-Shy

From Three Wire Services

NEW YORK—The stock market turned downward today, apparently growing uneasy over the possibility of a strike against Ford Motor Co.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials closed off 5.07 at 961.25.

New York Stock Exchange volume was about 16.1 million shares compared with 16.9 million Friday.

Tables in Financial Section

### Pico Rivera Teachers Out

The first day of school was not about today for 12,700 students in Pico Rivera as teachers went on strike against the 22 Rancho Unified School District over salary, working conditions and other issues.

An estimated 67% of the district's students showed up this morning, but they were sent home at noon after only 20% of 345 teachers reported for work, according to Assistant Superintendent Robert Martinez.

### Ford Orders Viet Bid for U.N. Vetoed

WASHINGTON UP—President Ford today instructed Ambassador William Scranton to veto Vietnam's application for membership in the United Nations.

The Vietnamese government immediately accused Ford of conducting bilateral contacts and said his veto order was based on domestic political motives.

Scranton, emerging from a White House meeting with Ford, said the President ordered the veto because there has been "very little" response from Hanoi to U.S. demands for information about Americans missing in action in the Vietnam war. He denied that politics played a role in Ford's decision.



### Panel Rules They Harm Ozone Layer

BY ROBERT GILLETTE

Times Science Writer

WASHINGTON—Aerosol propellants cause damage to earth's protective shield of ozone, their use will almost certainly be regulated, a panel of the National Academy of Sciences said today.

But the scientists nevertheless urged a "strictly limited" delay in establishing any federal regulation of propellants until their effect on the upper atmosphere is better understood.

The academy panel said that their research should clarify the issue within a few months and in any case should take no more than two years. The academy report has taken months to produce.

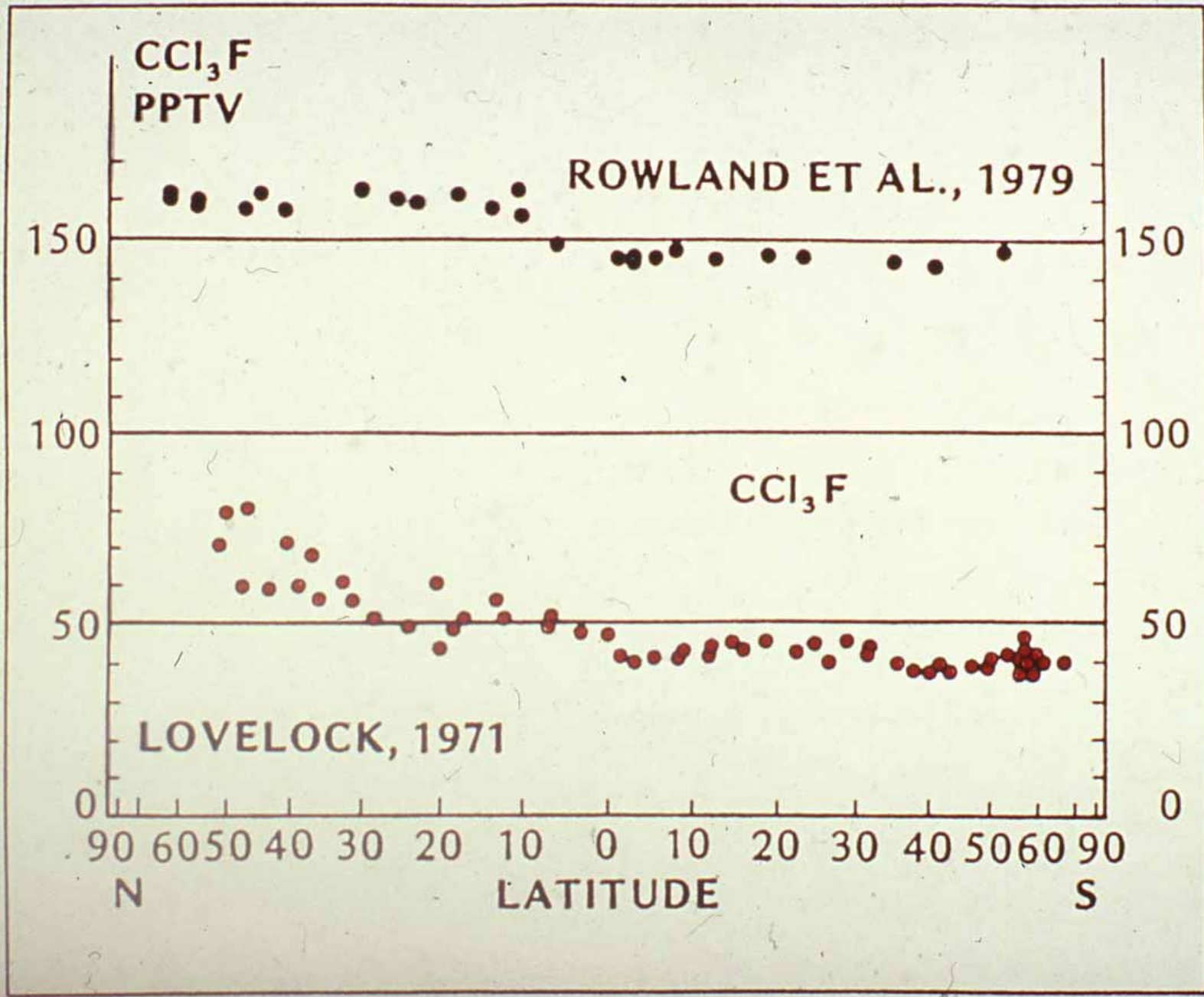
At the same time, the panel recommended that Congress pass a

September 13, 1976



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GUARD**



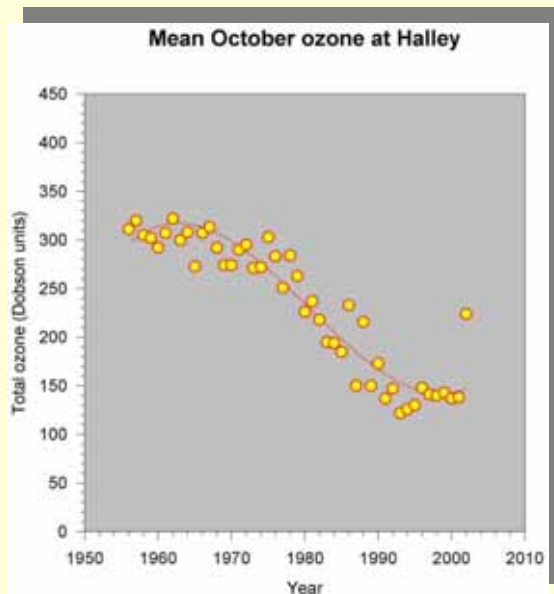


## The Antarctic Ozone Hole

Observations made by Chubachi at the Japanese Antarctic station in Syowa and by Farman and co-workers at the British Antarctic station at Halley Bay showed a dramatic decrease of 50% or more in the springtime (October) ozone column.



*Chubachi*



*J. C. Farman, B. G. Gardiner, J. D. Shanklin*

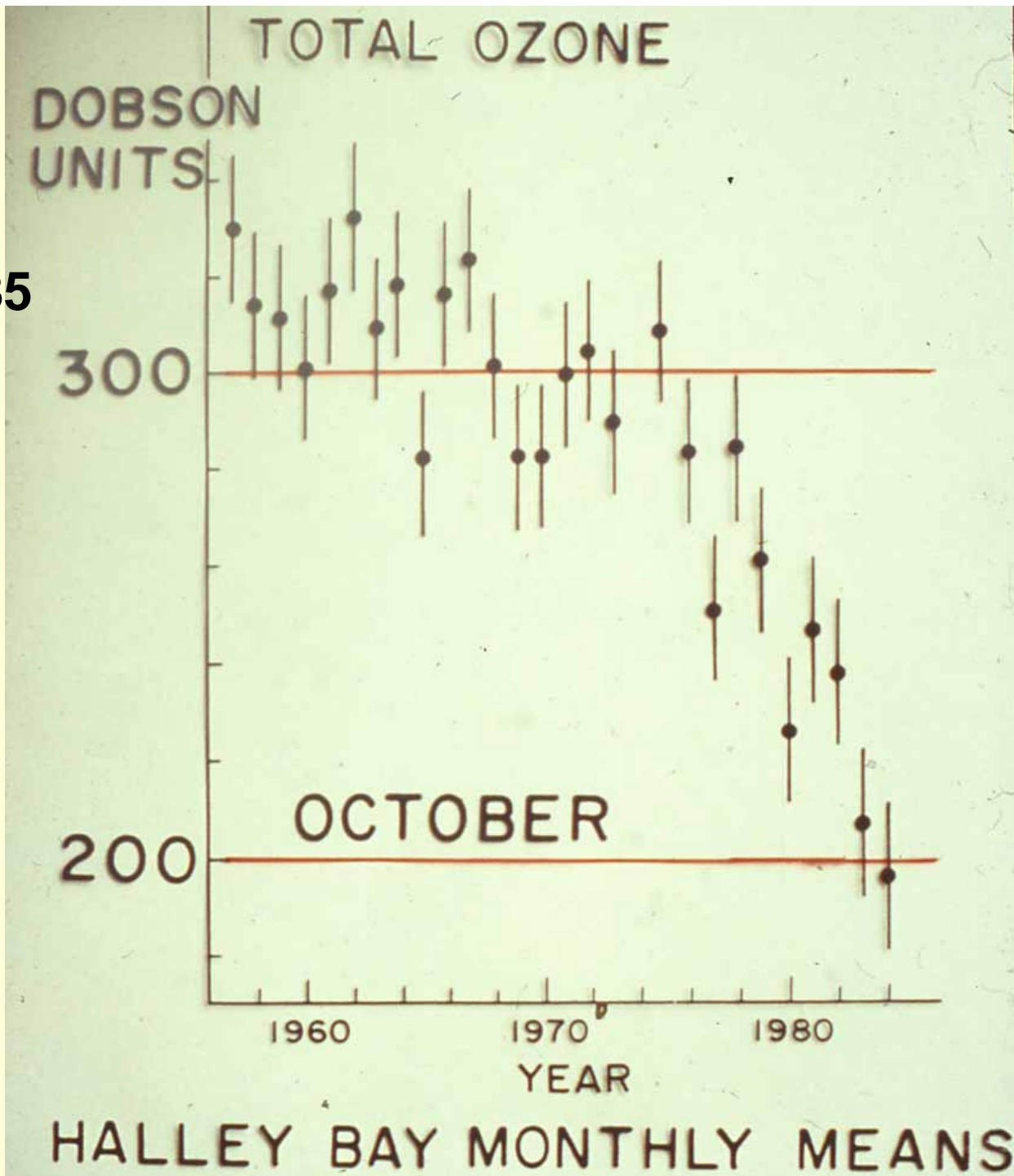




**British Antarctic Survey Base, Halley Bay, Antarctica, 75.5° S**

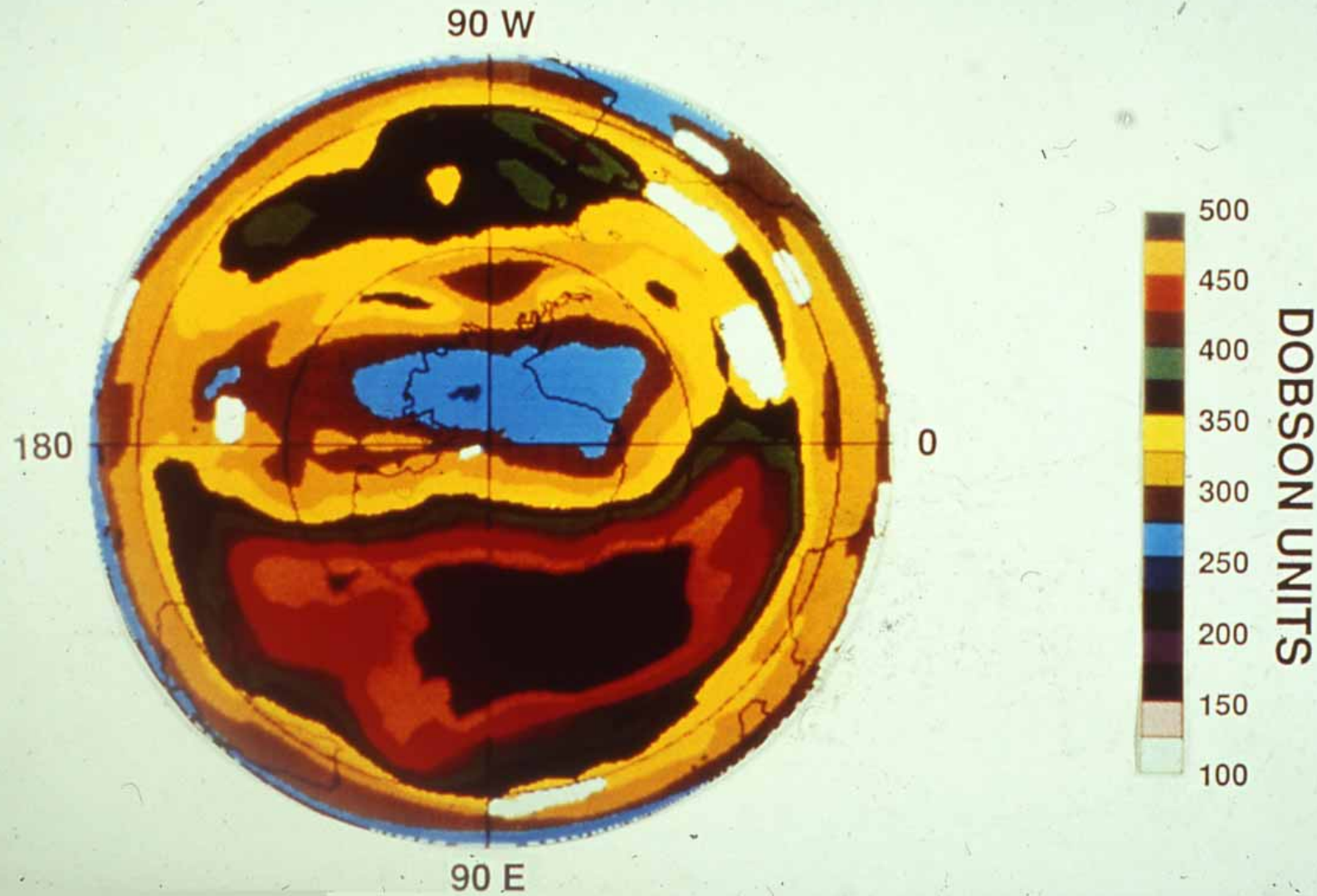


Farman  
et al., 1985



**TOMS/NIMBUS-7 TOTAL OZONE  
SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE**

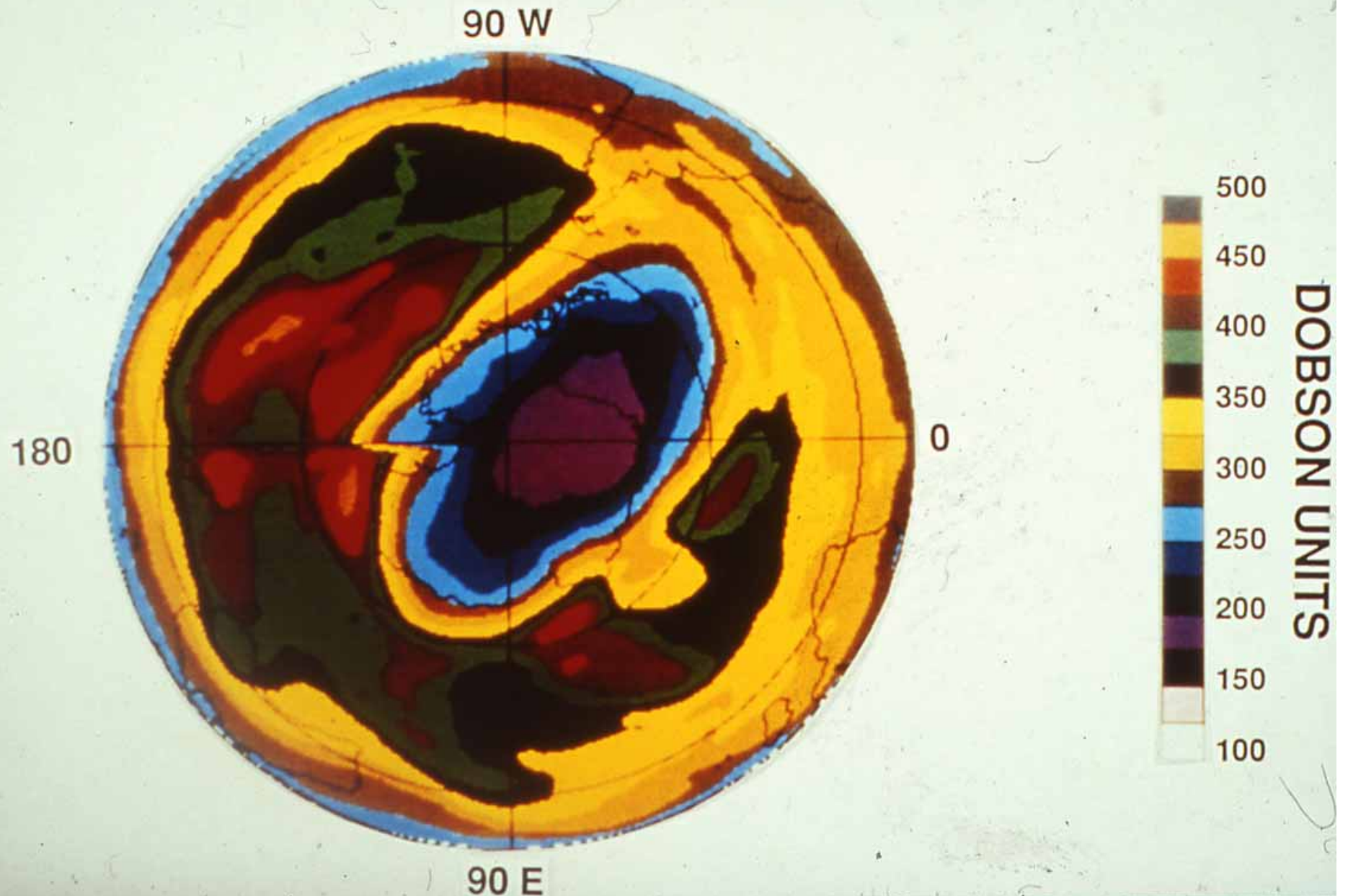
**OCTOBER 3, 1979**



**White spaces = no data**

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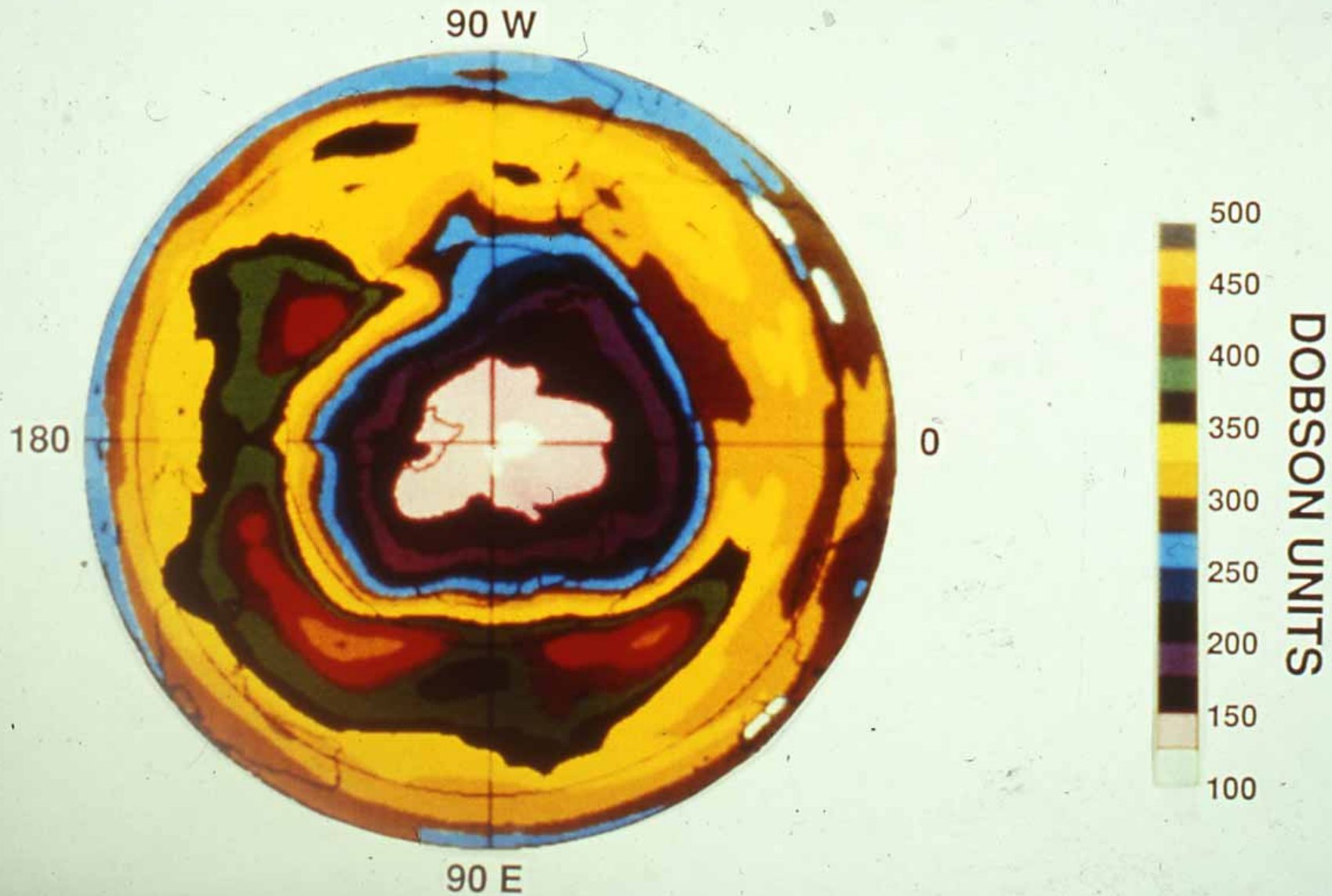
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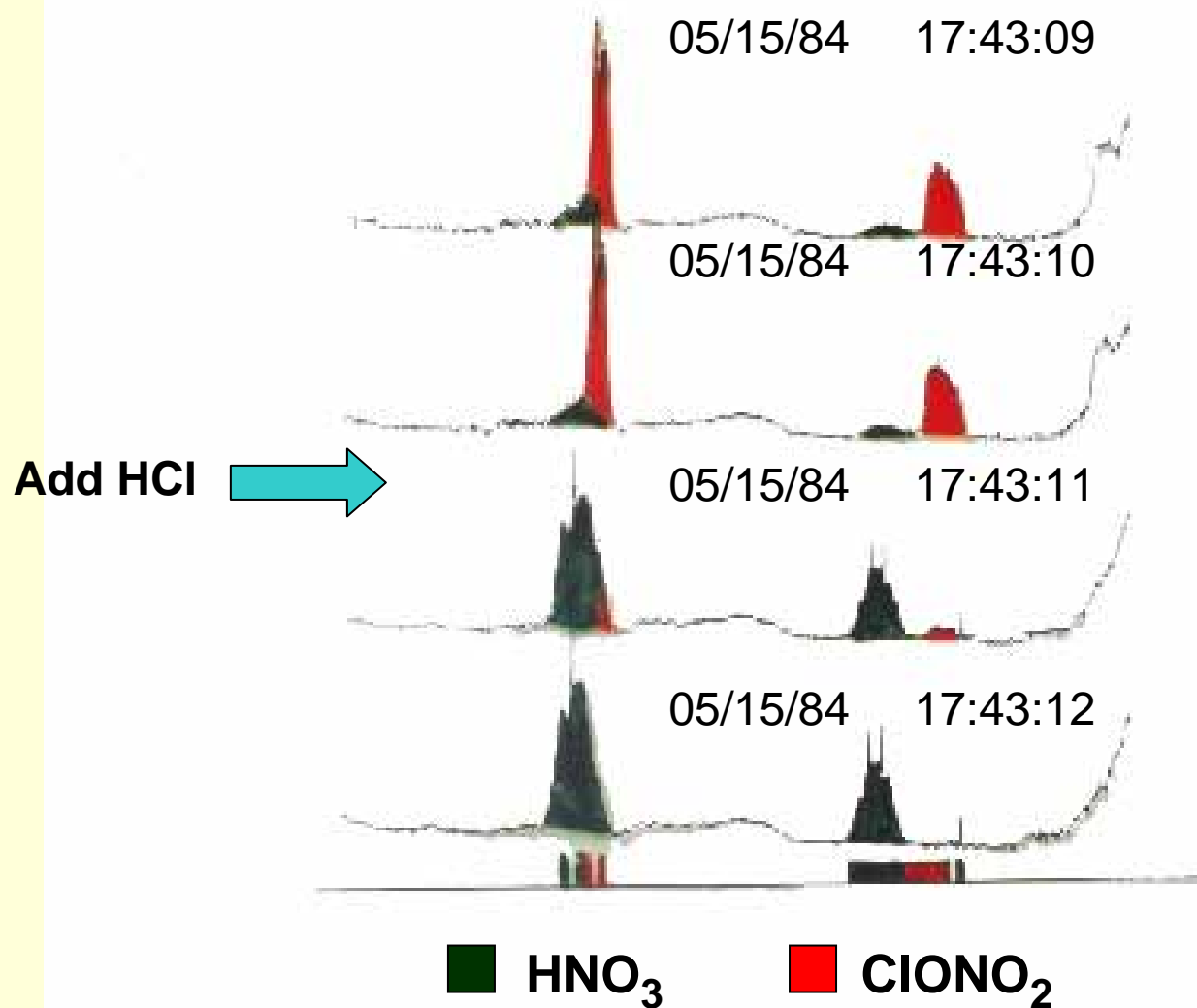
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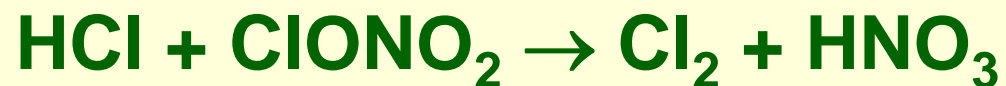
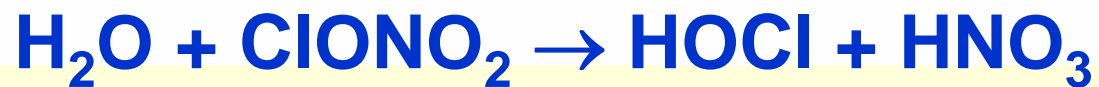
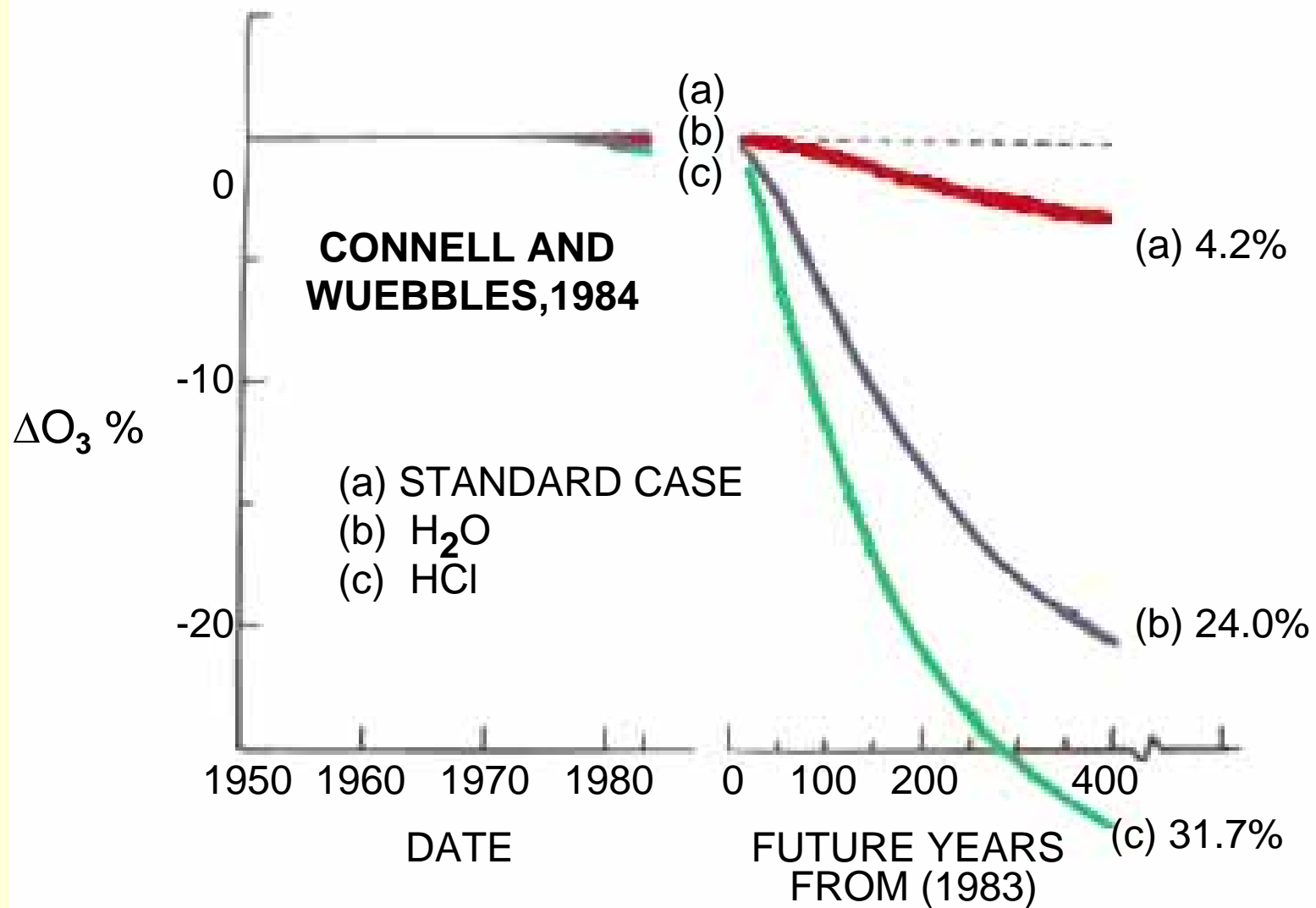




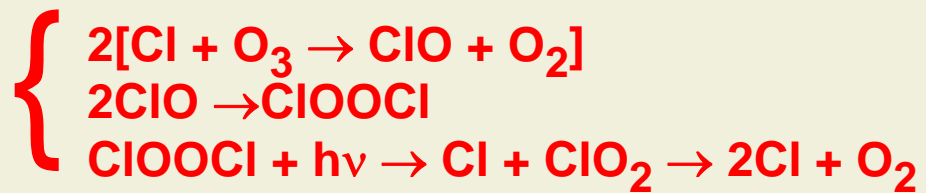
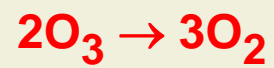
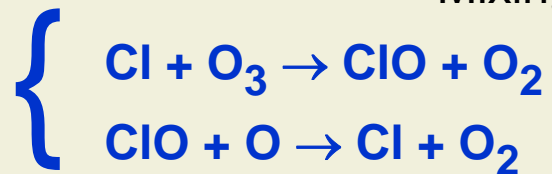
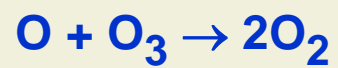
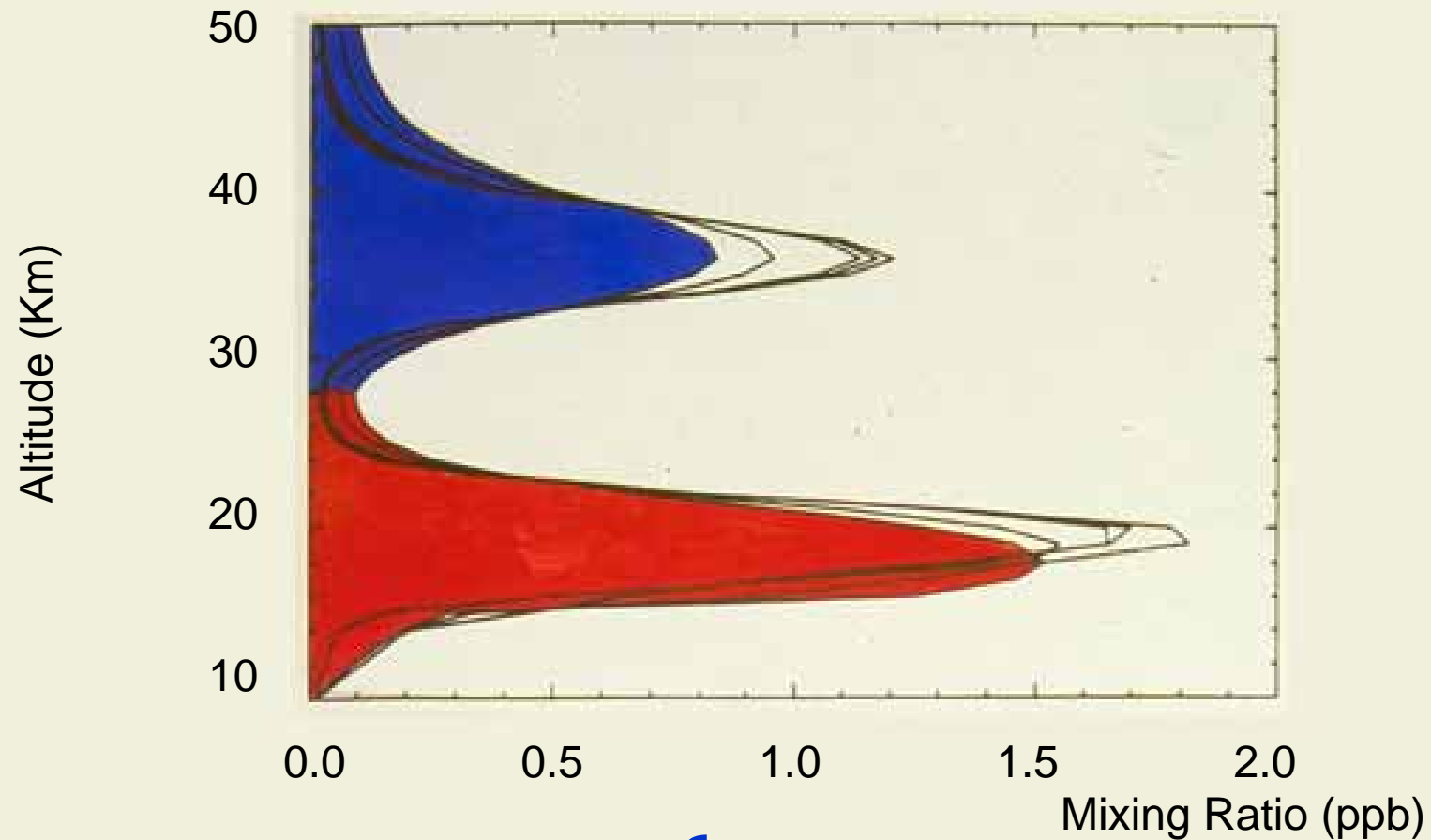
# HCl + ClONO<sub>2</sub>      Cl<sub>2</sub> + HNO<sub>3</sub>

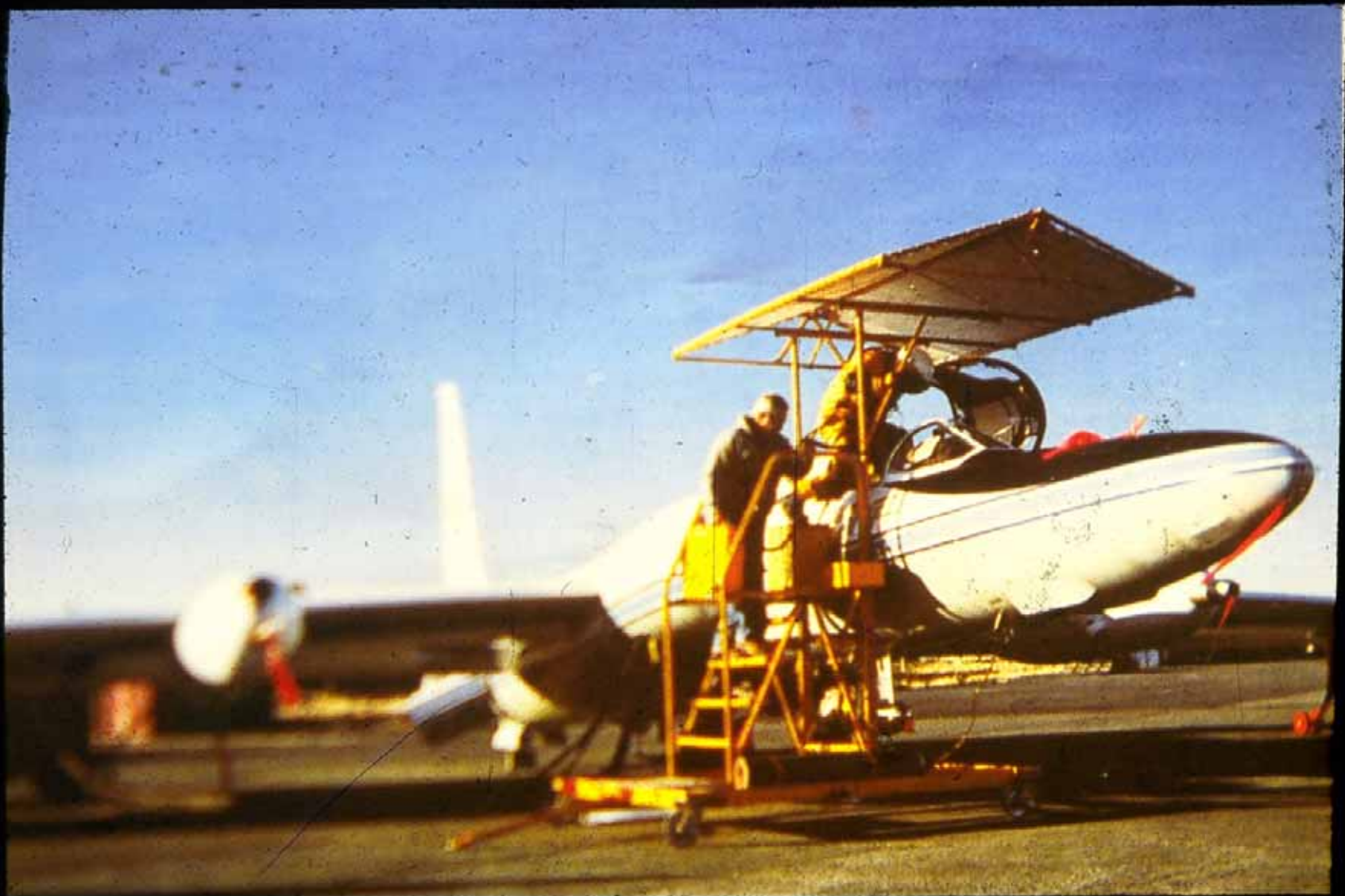
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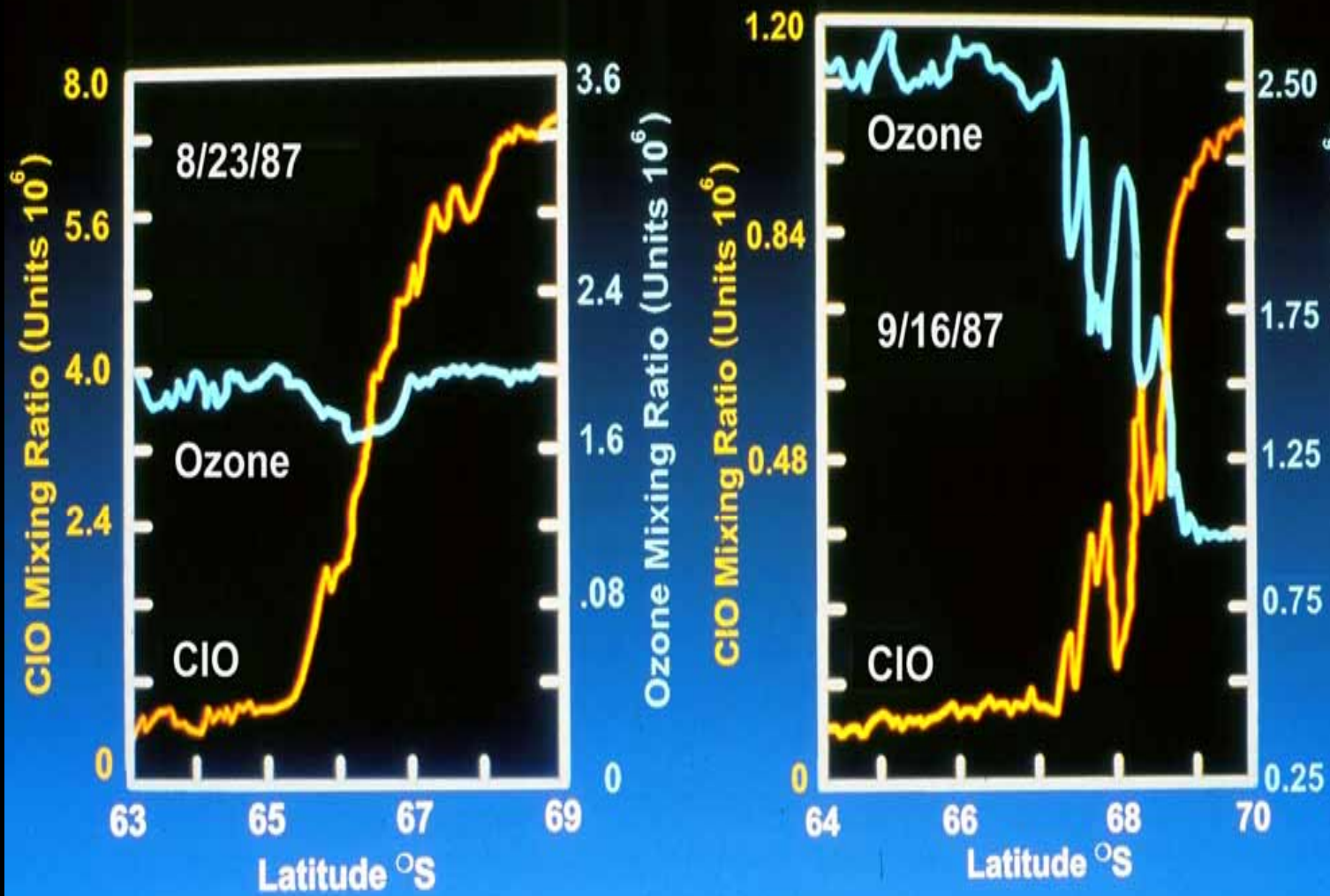




## Antarctic ClO (deZafra & P. Solomon 1987)





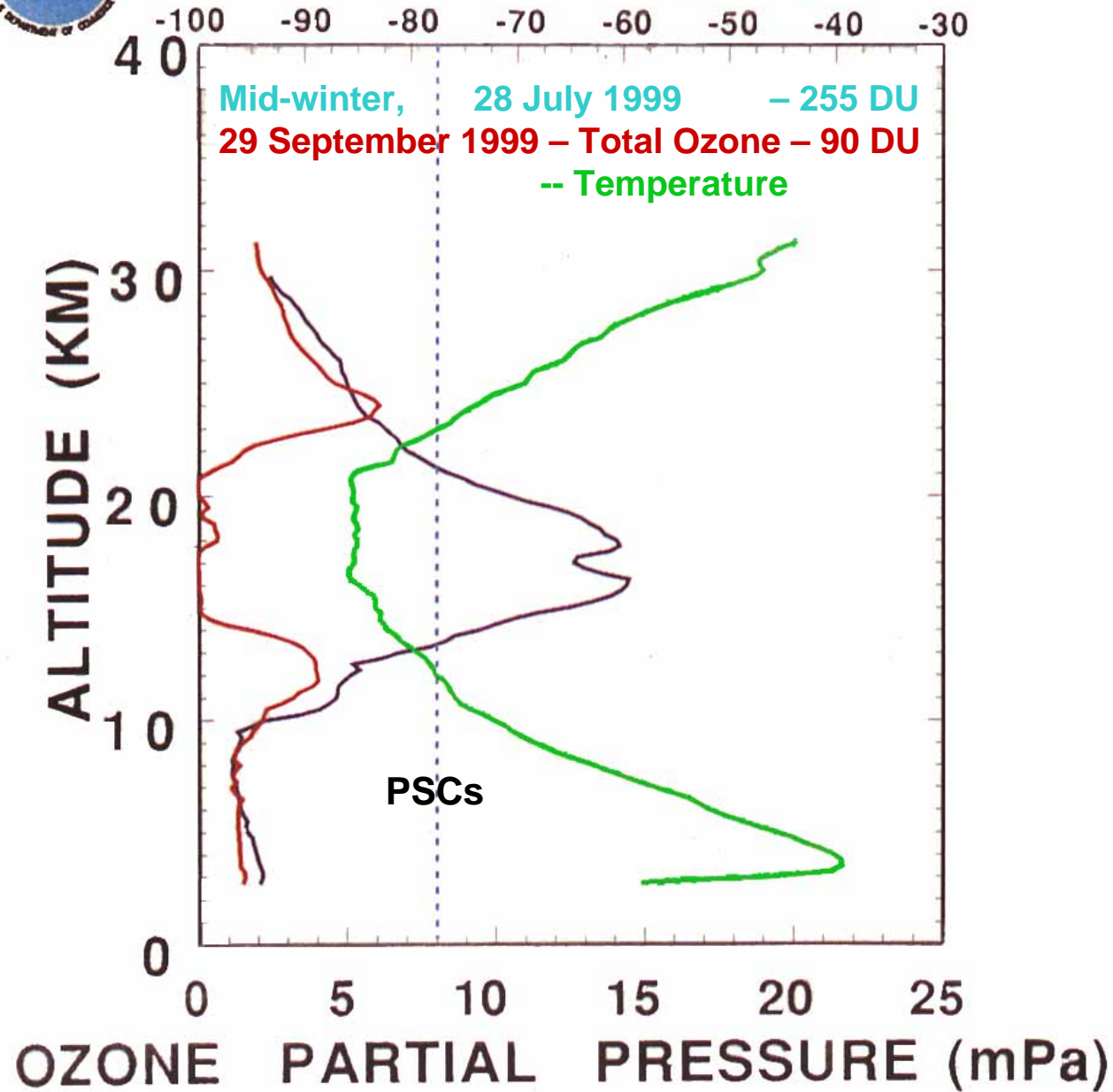


From NRC "Ozone Depletion, Greenhouse Gases, and Climate Change"  
 (Anderson et al., 1989)

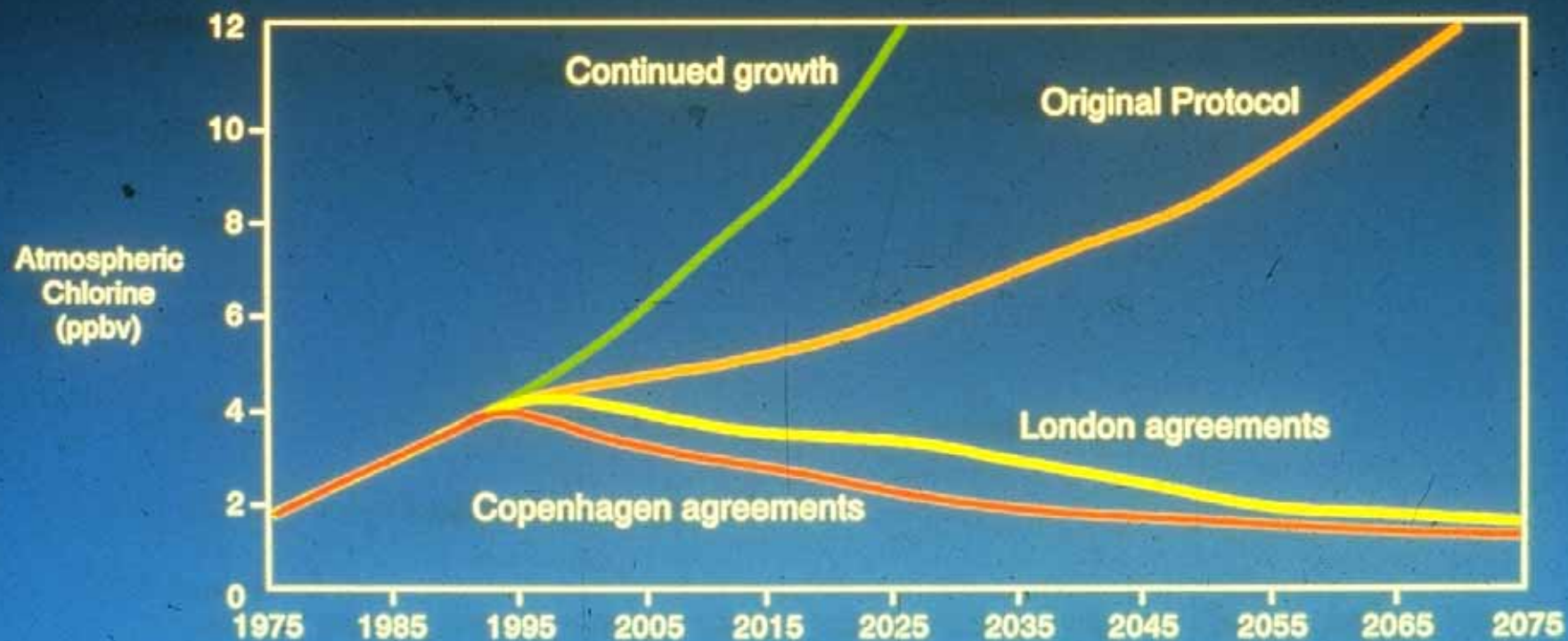




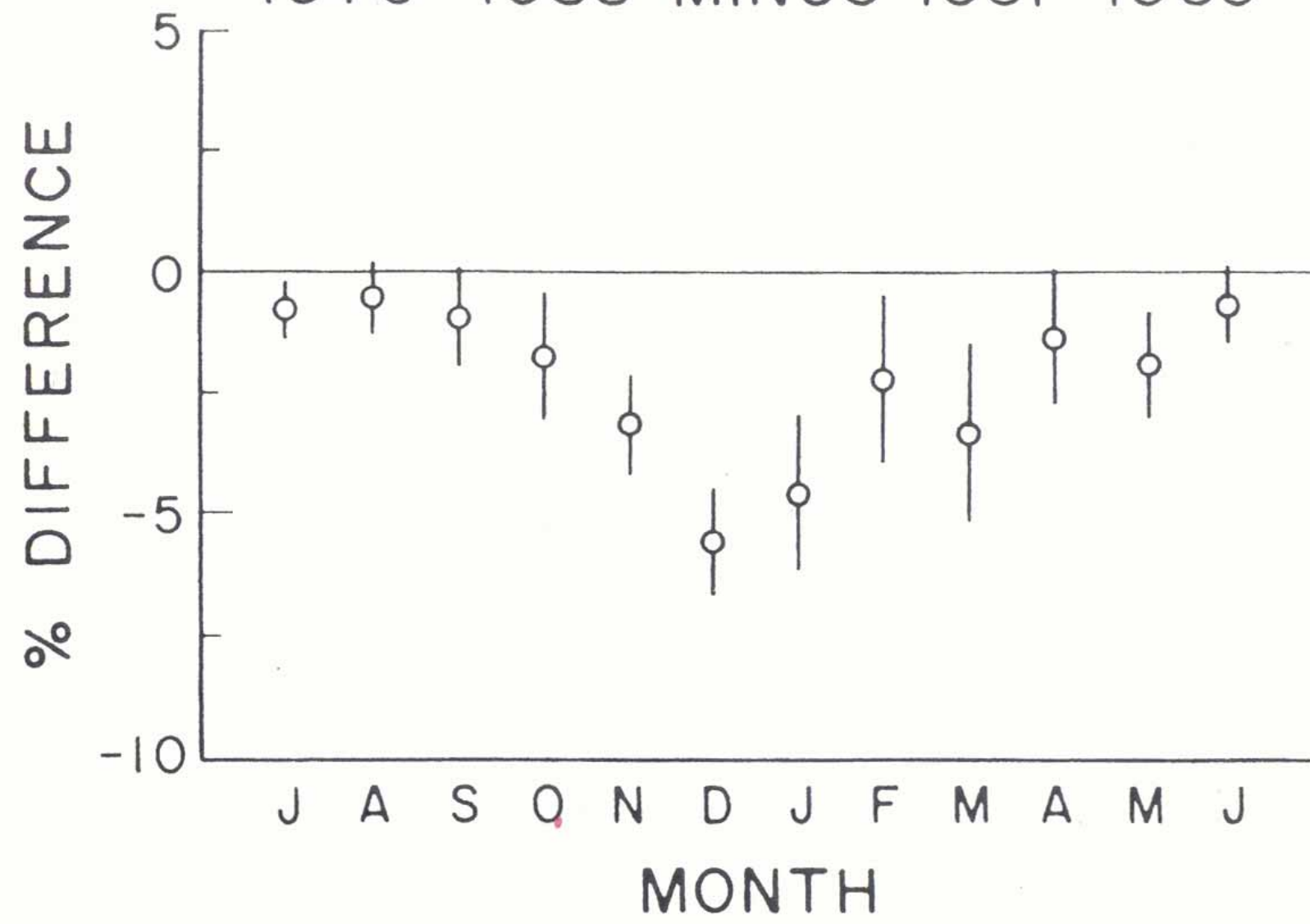
# Temperature ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )



# Atmospheric Chlorine



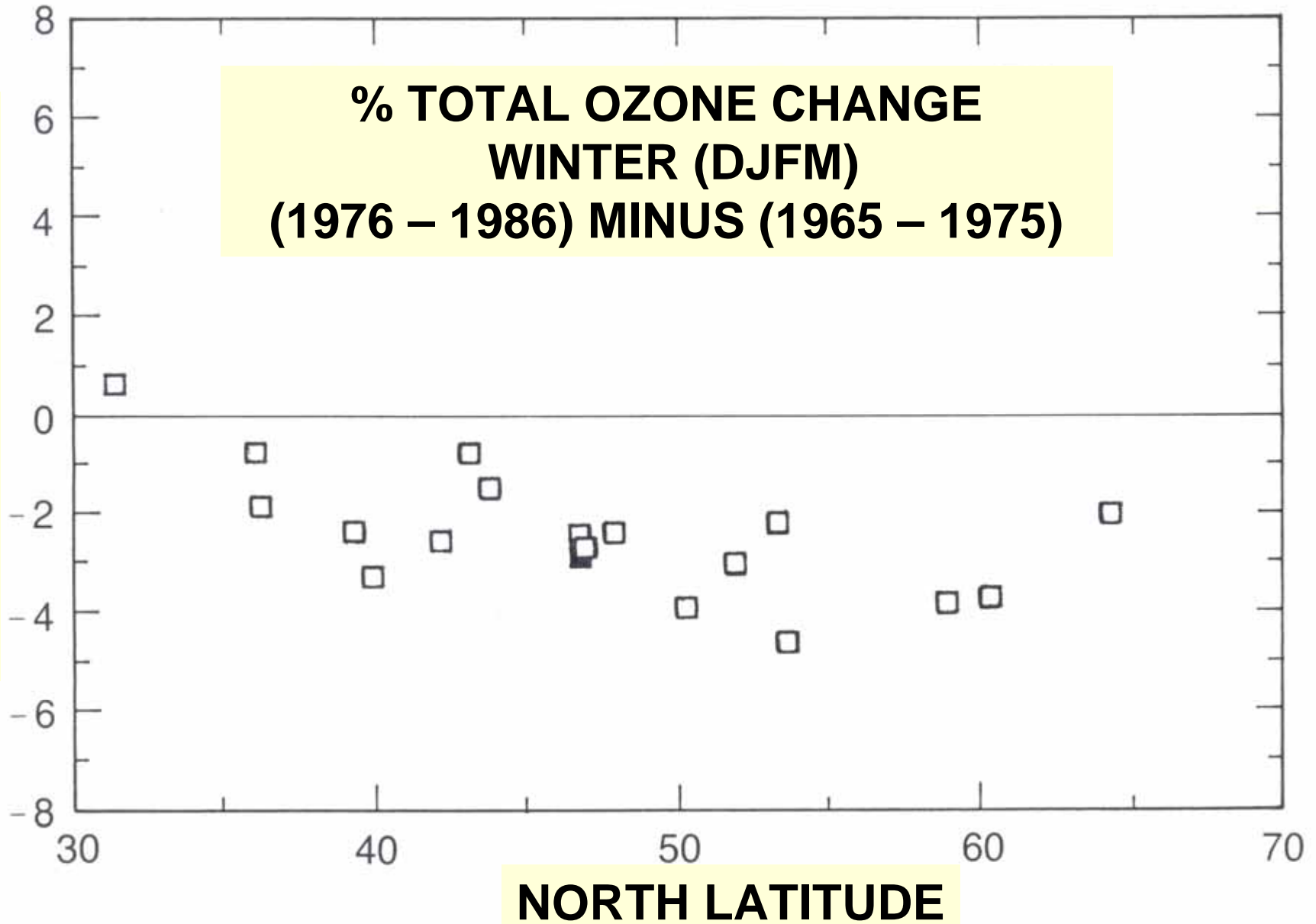
# OZONE CHANGE AT AROSA 1970-1988 MINUS 1931-1969

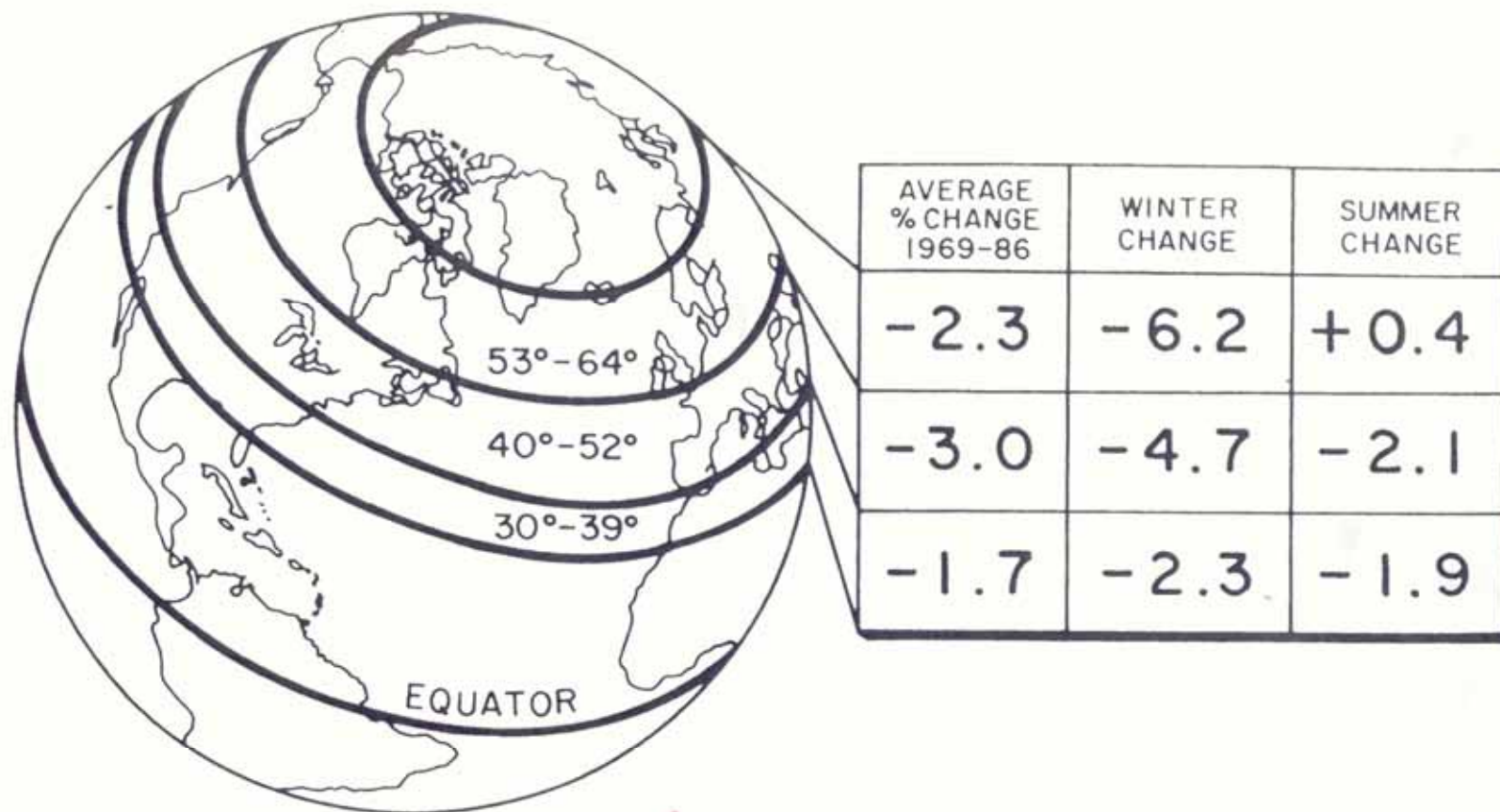




**PERCENT DIFFERENCE**

**% TOTAL OZONE CHANGE  
WINTER (DJFM)  
(1976 – 1986) MINUS (1965 – 1975)**





**% OZONE CHANGES VERSUS LATITUDE  
(1970 – 1986) MINUS (1969 & EARLIER)**

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**International Ozone  
Trends Panel 1988**



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# **NASA's Ozone –Trend Panel (March 1988)**

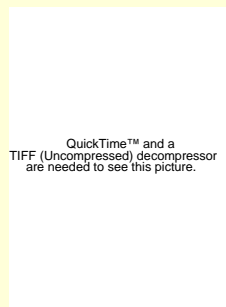
- **50% total ozone depletion over Antarctic in October 1987**
- **Record losses outside the "hole"**
- **Longer-lived hole - December 1987**
- **Year-round effect, 95% of 1979 levels**
- **Chlorofluorocarbons primarily responsible**



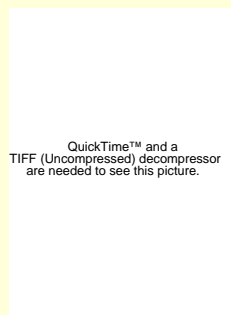
# The 2006 Science Assessment



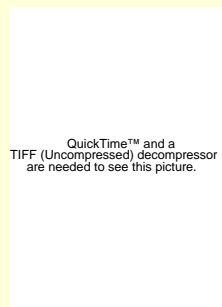
- **Worldwide effort involving >300 scientists as Cochairs, Lead Authors, Coauthors, Contributors, and Reviewers**
  - **MOST OF YOU ARE/WERE INVOLVED**
- **Now delivered to the Parties in response to their request (Terms of Reference, 15th MOP, Decision XV/53, November 2003)**
- **Fully reviewed three times by the international scientific community**
- **Is the 6th in the series of the SAP's assessments for the Parties**



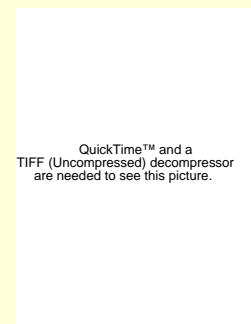
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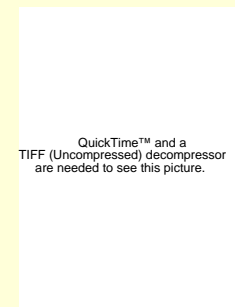
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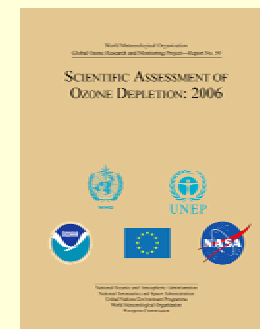
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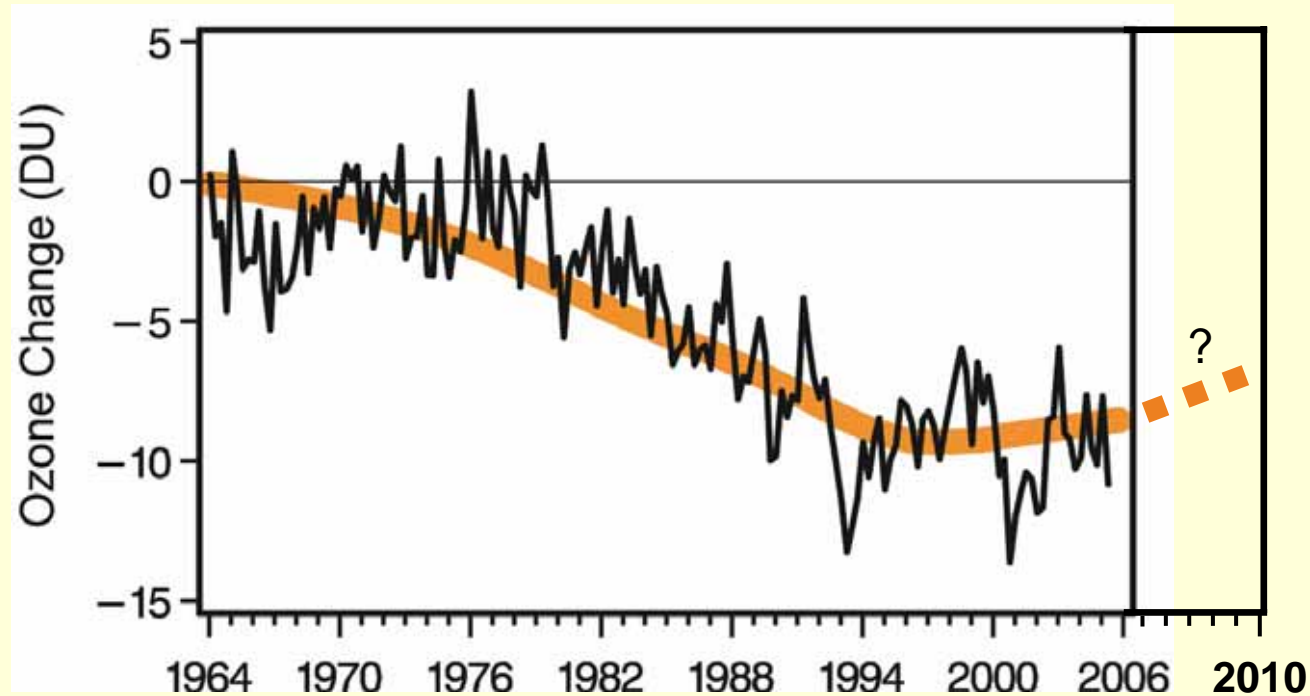


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# Global Ozone Observations



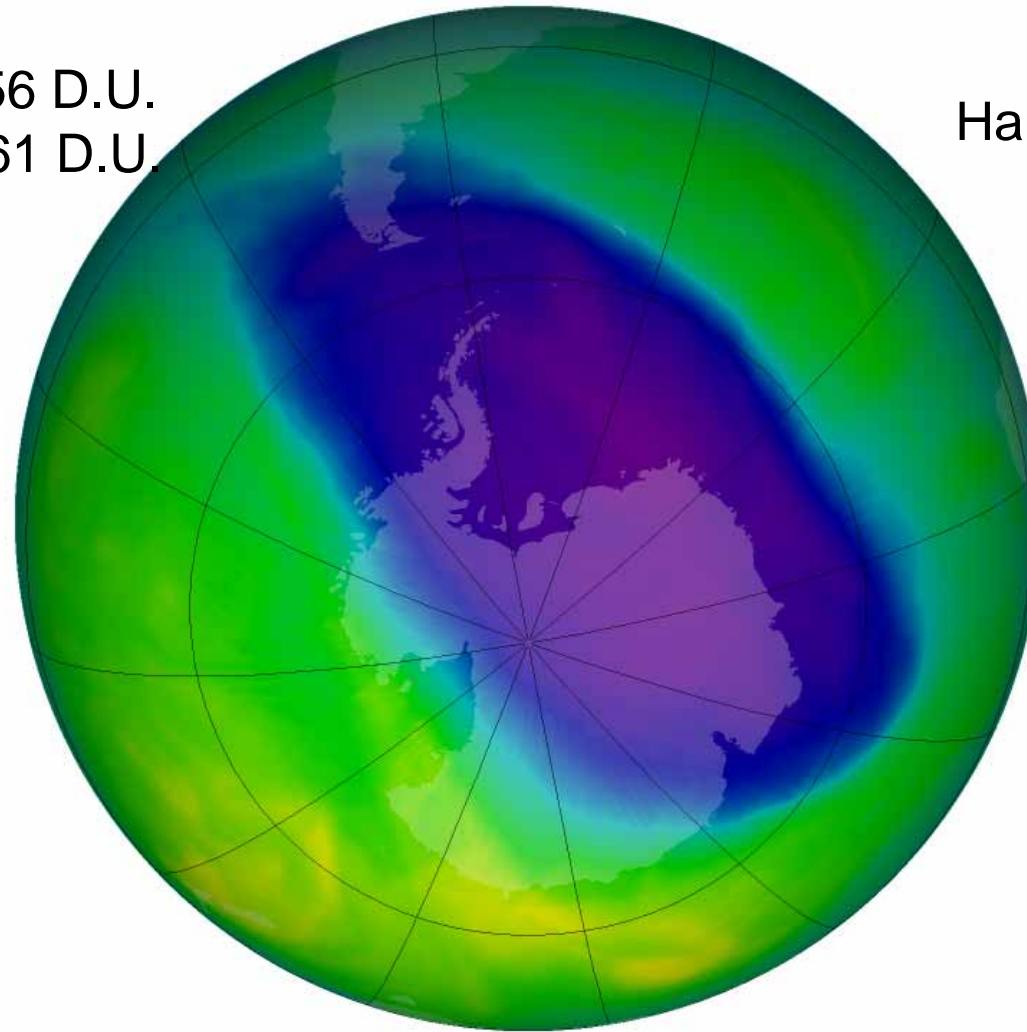
- There are early signs that the ozone layer is starting its expected recovery.
- A clear statement on recovery would “require” having a clear decrease in ozone AND  
Attribution of changes to all contributors...  
Coupling and non-linearity...



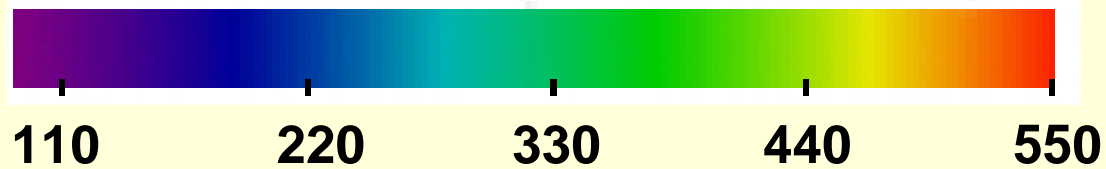
# Ozone Hole October 8, 2005

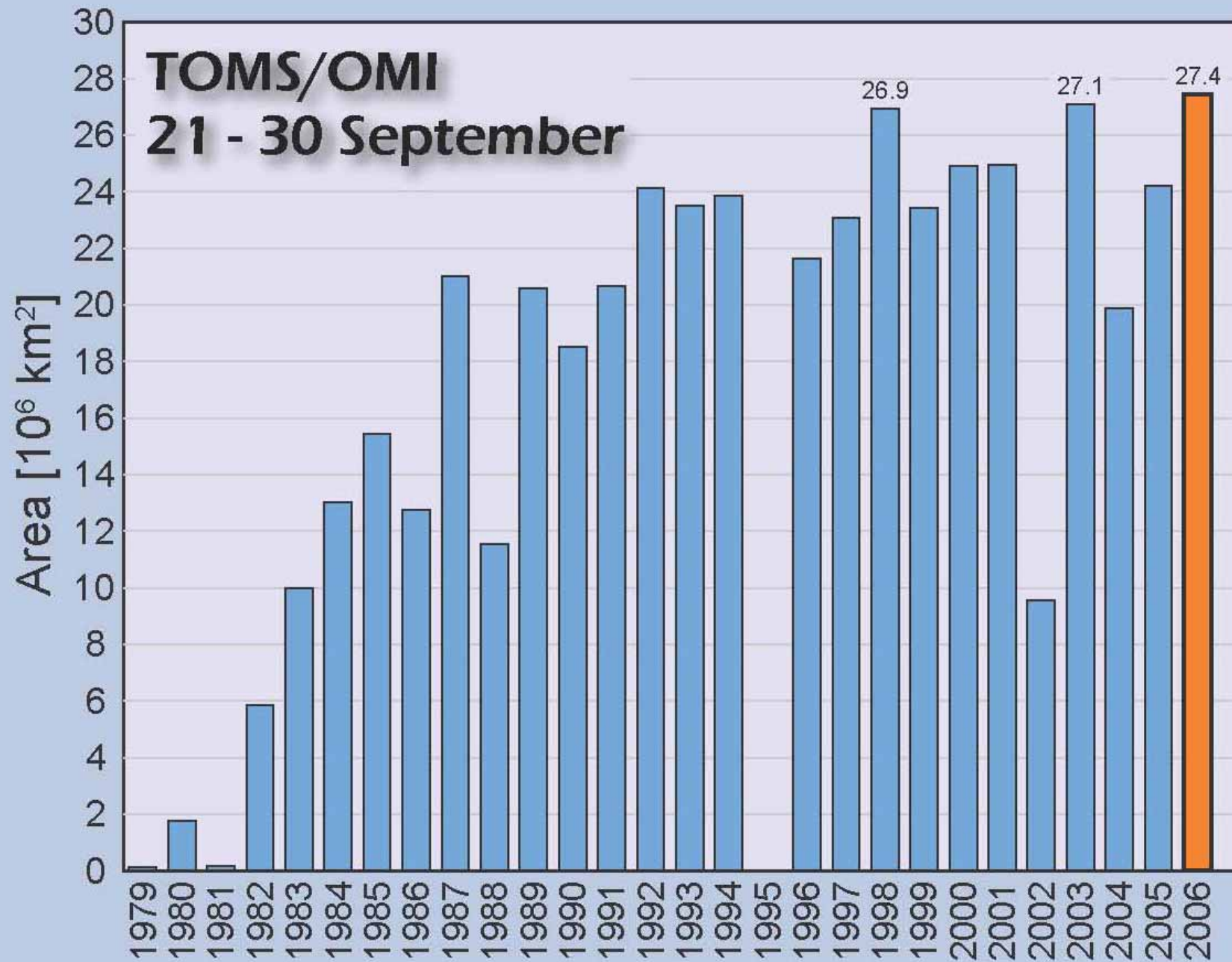
Punta Arenas 156 D.U.  
Ushuaia 161 D.U.

Halley Bay 113 D.U.

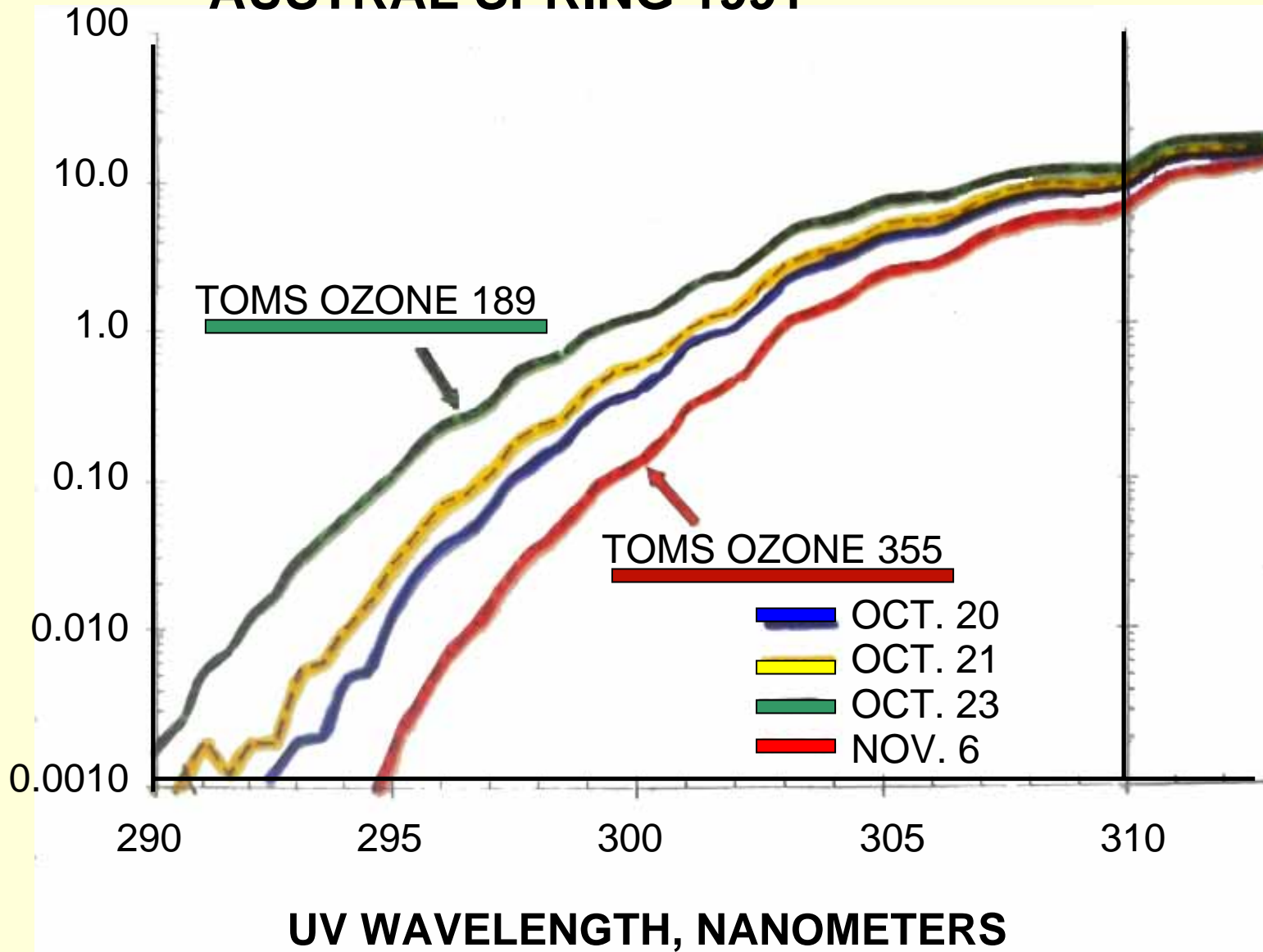


Total Ozone (Dobson Units)





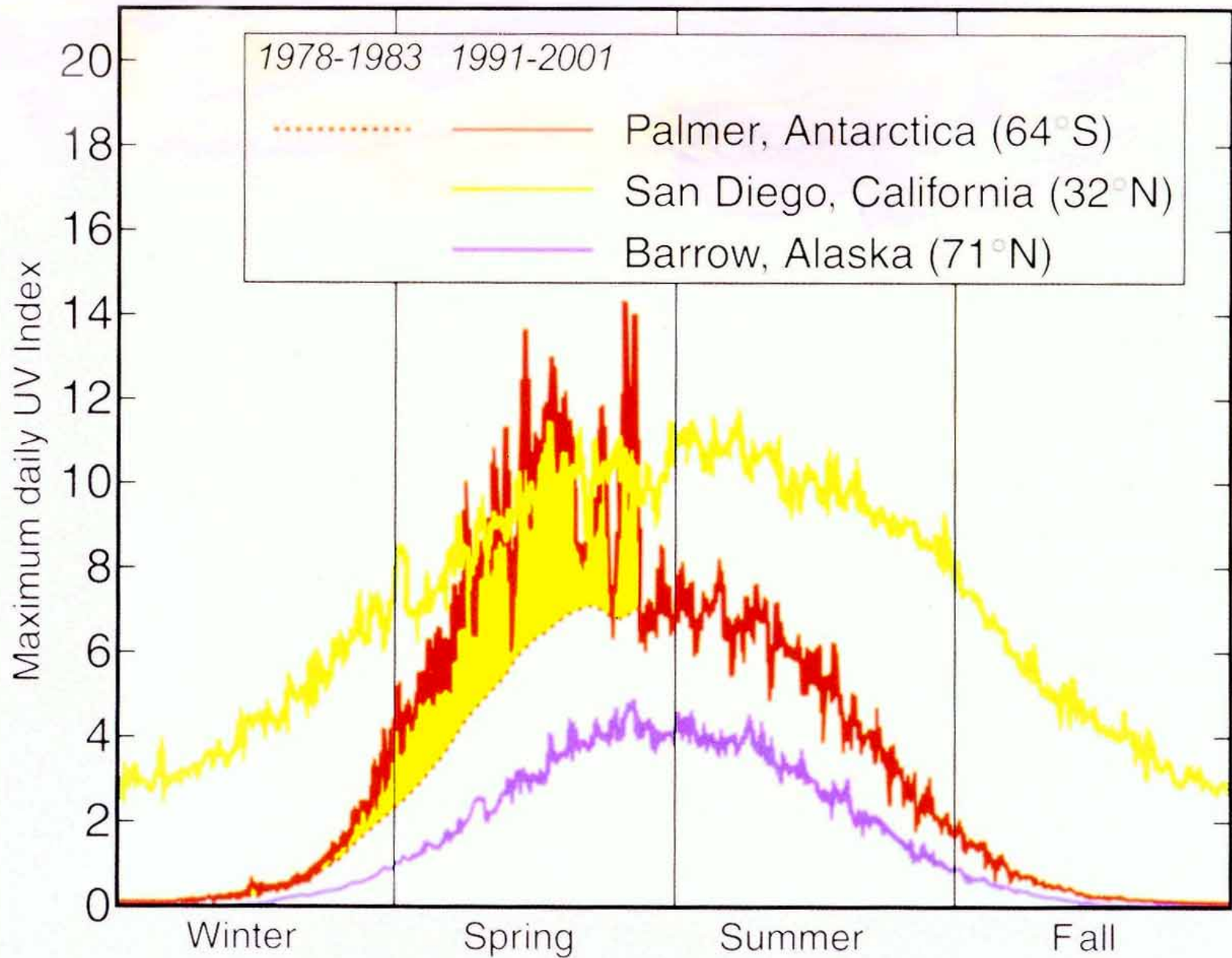
# USHUAIA, ARGENTINA (55 ° S) AUSTRAL SPRING 1991



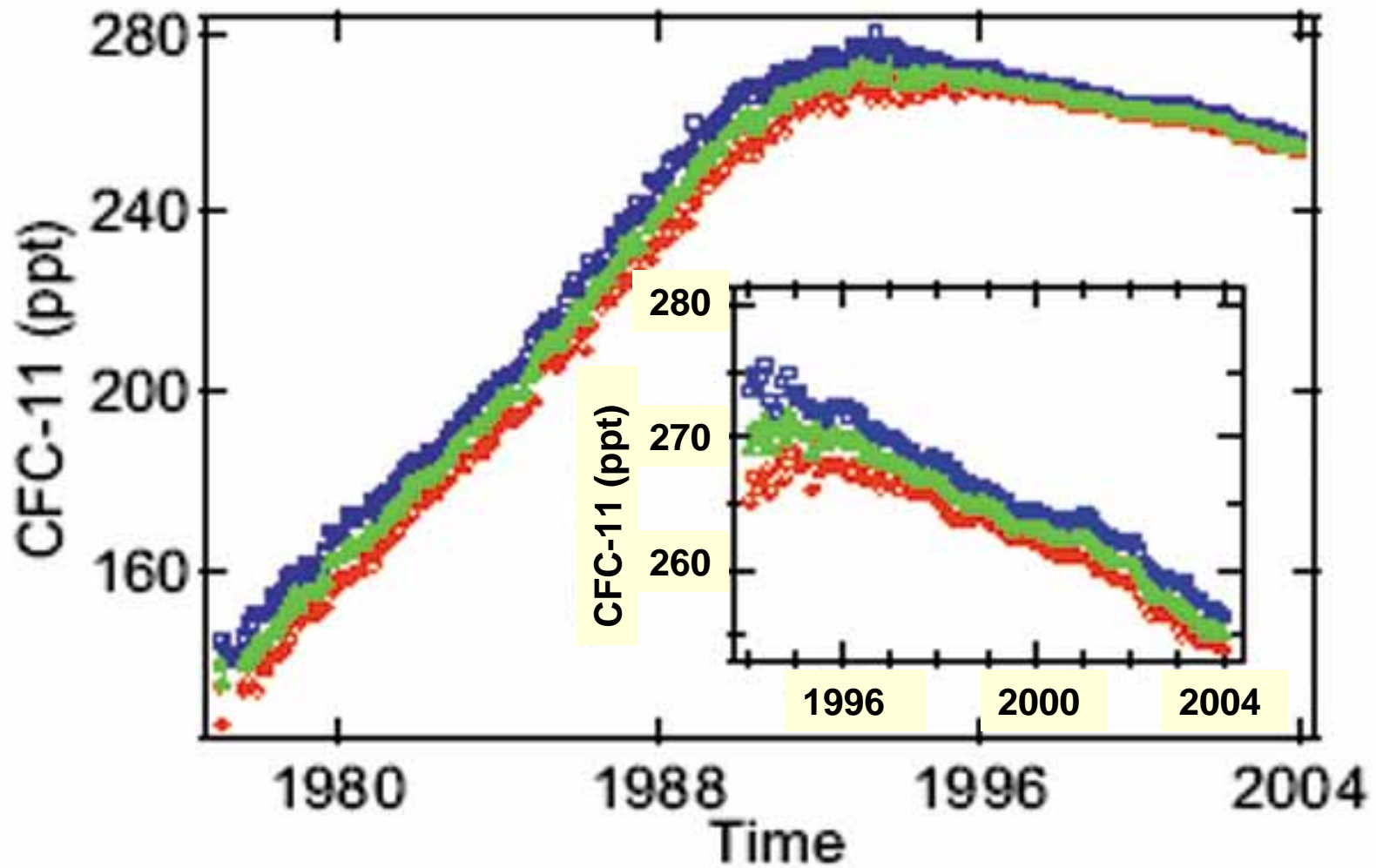
**UV WAVELENGTH, NANOMETERS**

Surface UV-B intensities on 4 different days

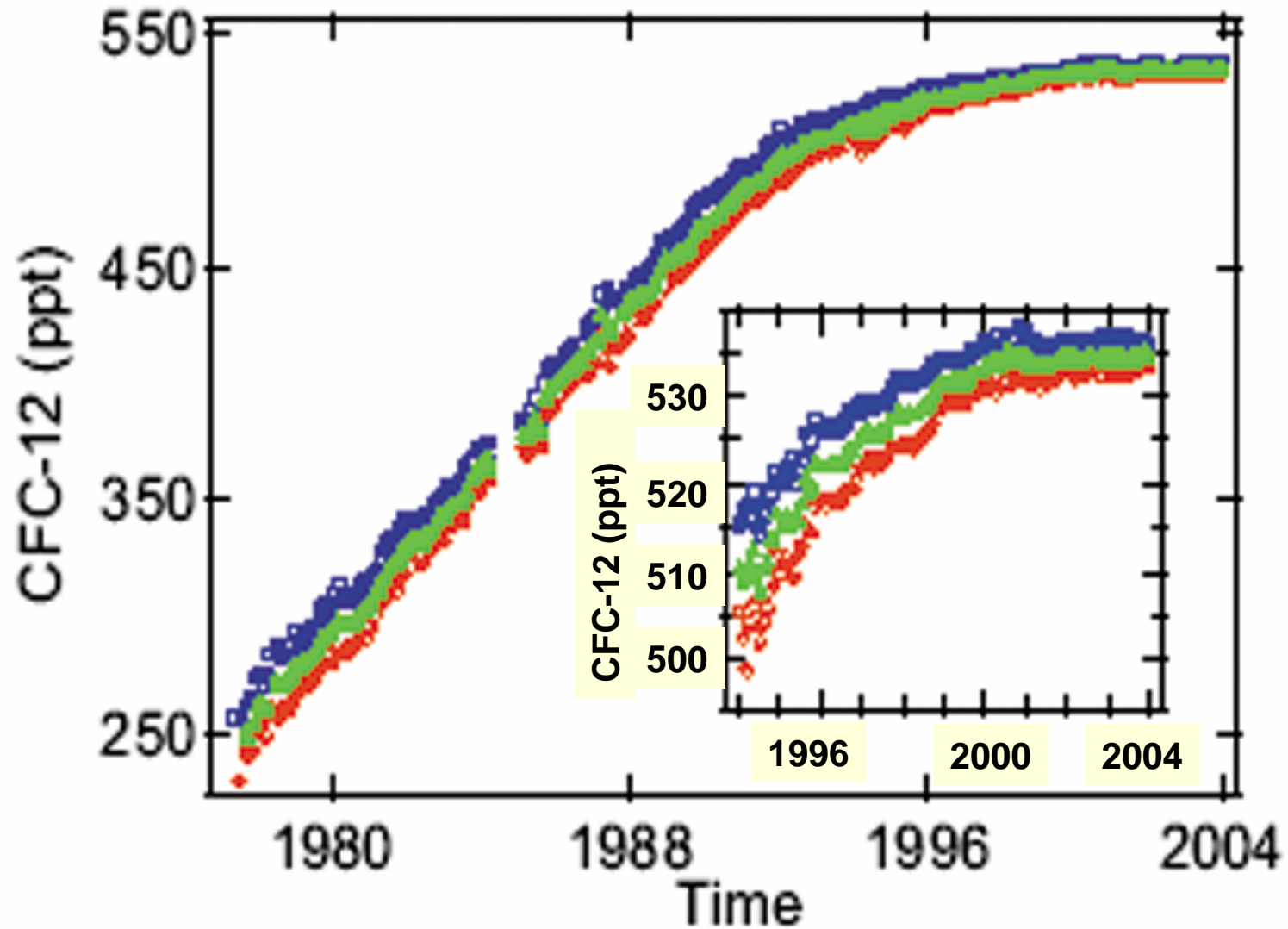
## Seasonal Changes in the UV Index





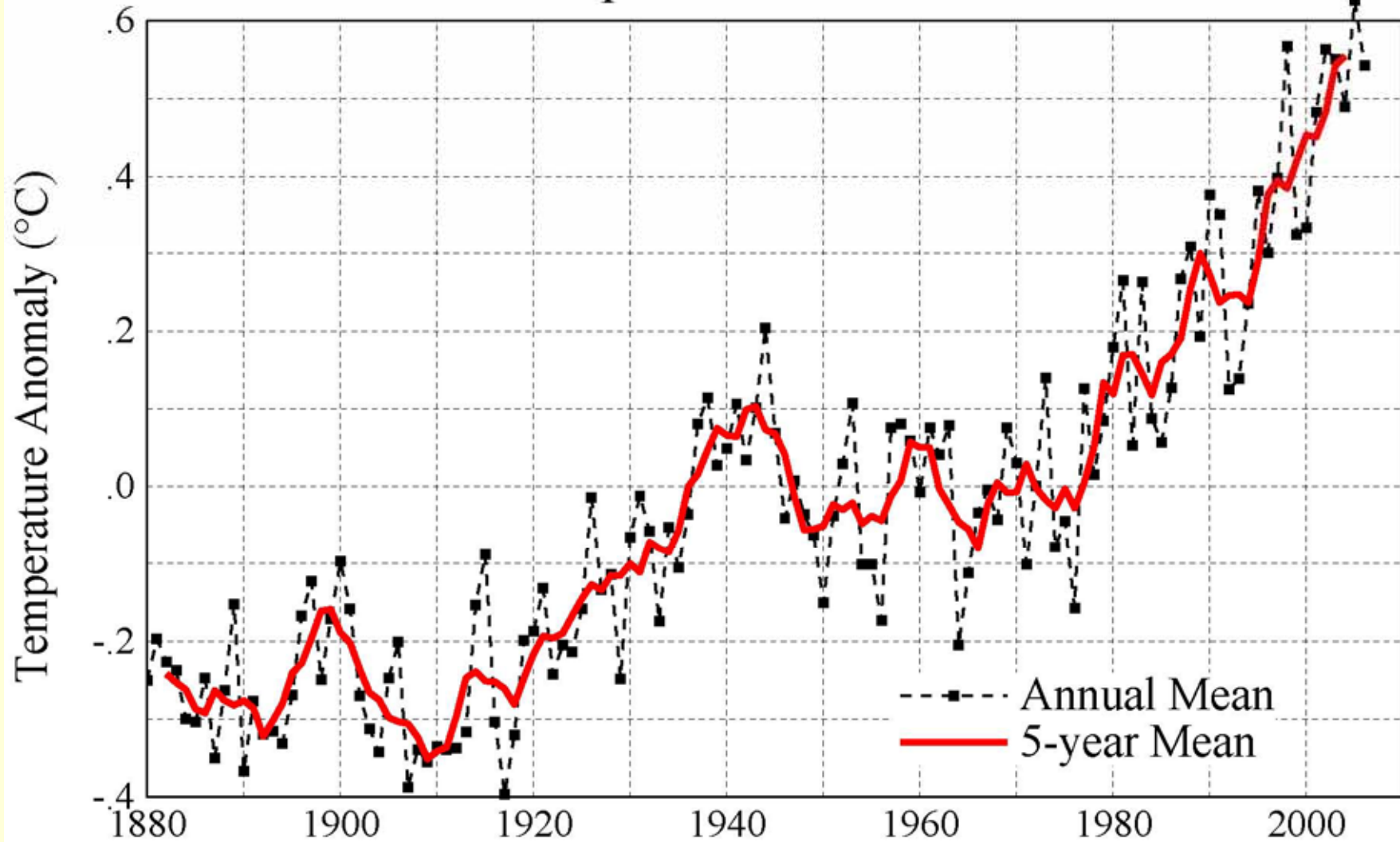


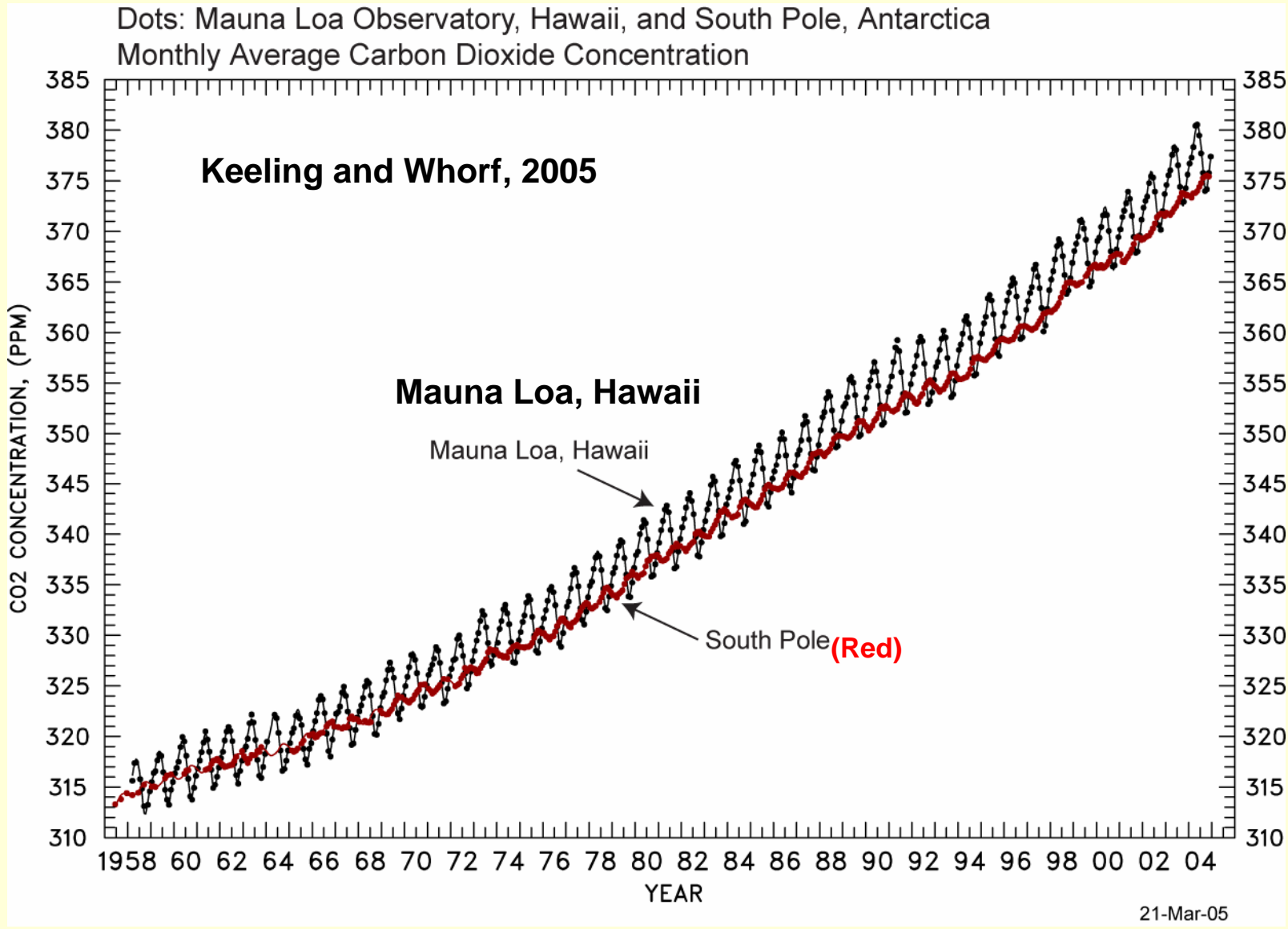
Concentration of  $\text{CCl}_3\text{F}$  (CFC-11) vs. time. Units parts per  $10^{12}$ .  
Northern Hemisphere (blue), Global (green), Southern Hemisphere (red).  
Dutton et al., NOAA/CMDL



Concentration of  $\text{CCl}_2\text{F}_2$  (CFC-12) vs. time. Units parts per  $10^{12}$ .  
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## Global Temperature: Land-Ocean Index

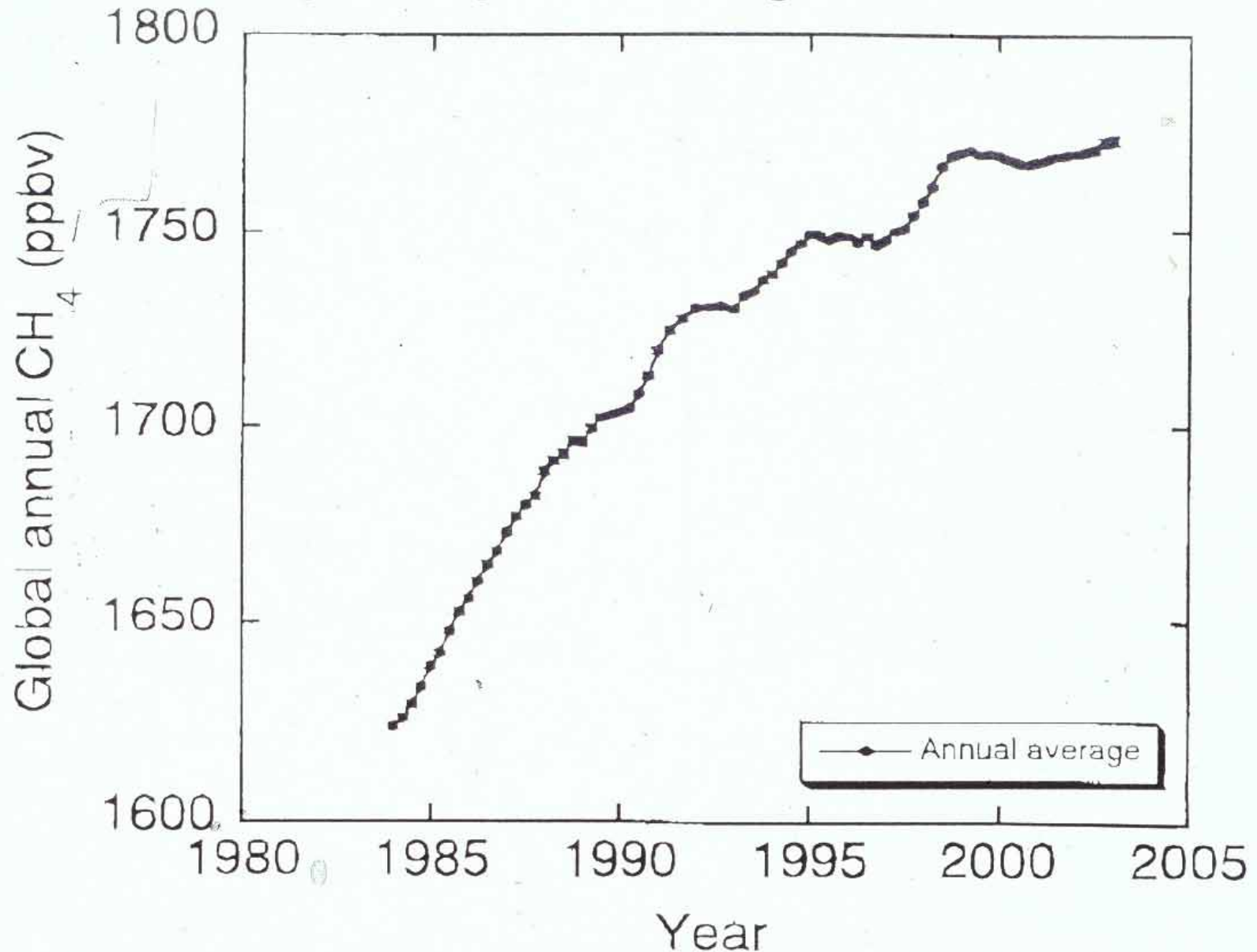






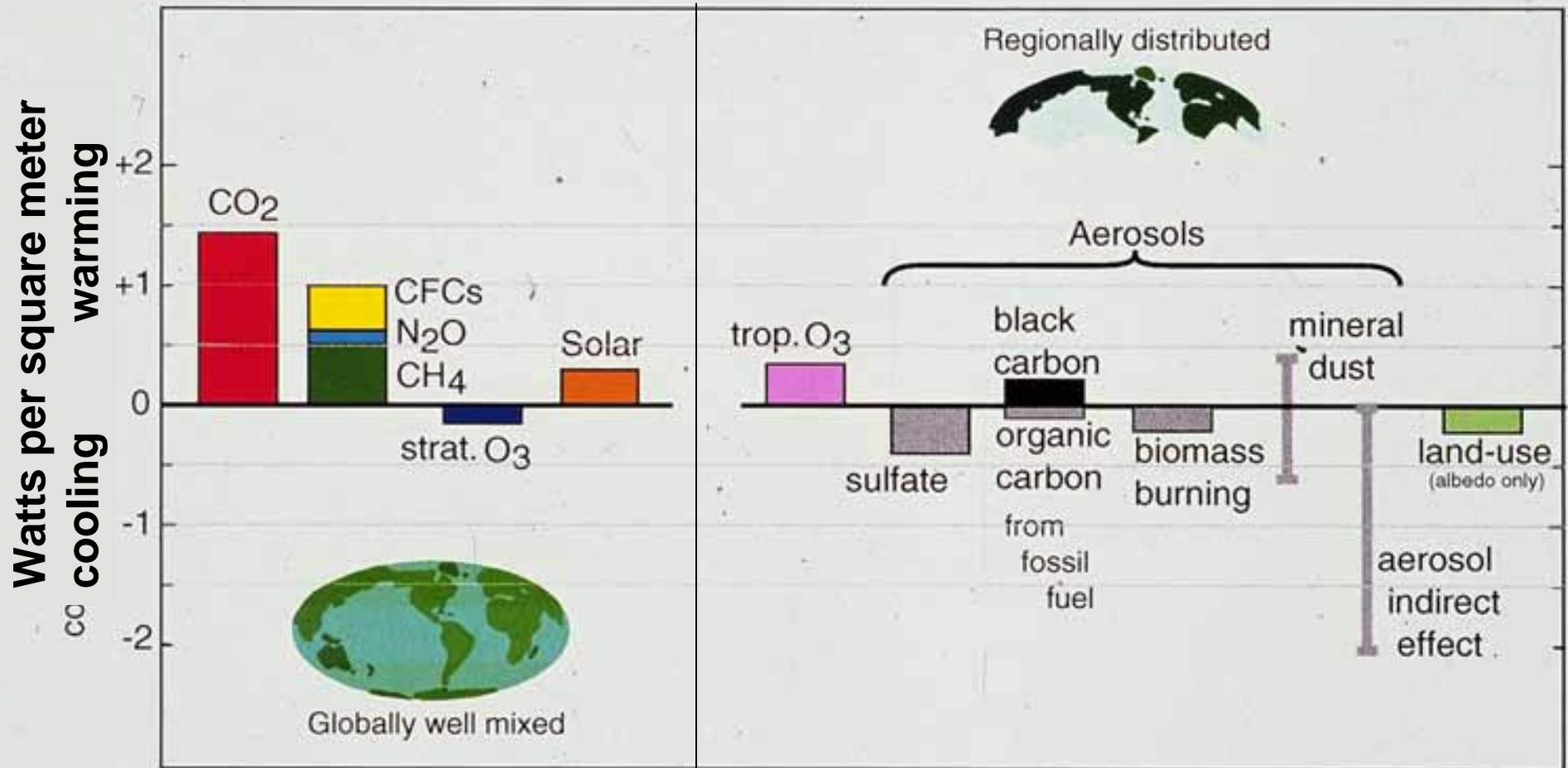
# GLOBAL METHANE MIXING RATIO

Rolling one-year average, Parts in  $10^{-9}$



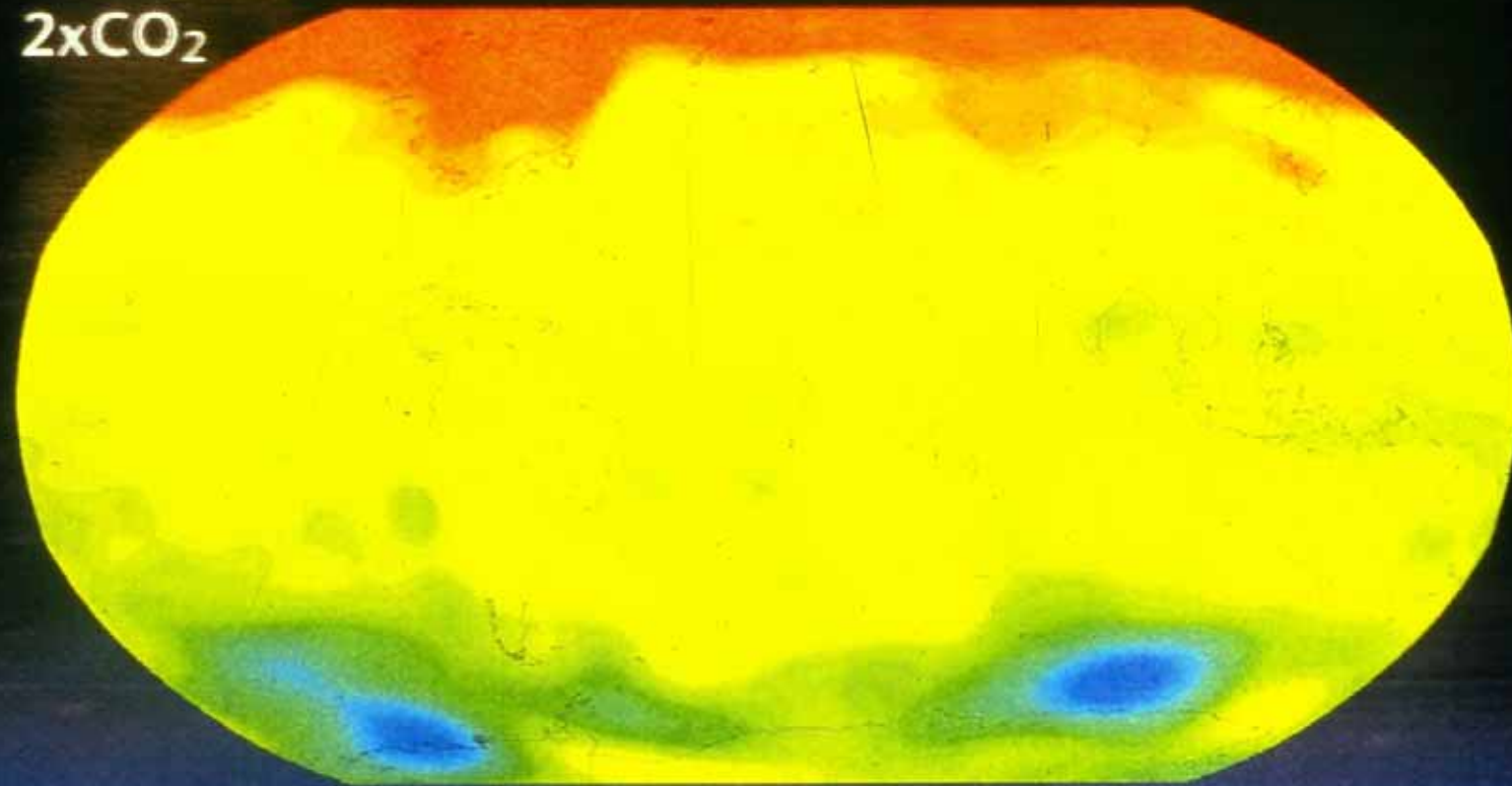
# IPCC

Global Mean Radiative Forcing of Climate for year 2000 relative to 1750



# Surface Air Warming (°F)


2xCO<sub>2</sub>



Source: GFDL R15 Climate Model; CO<sub>2</sub> transient experiments, years 401-500.

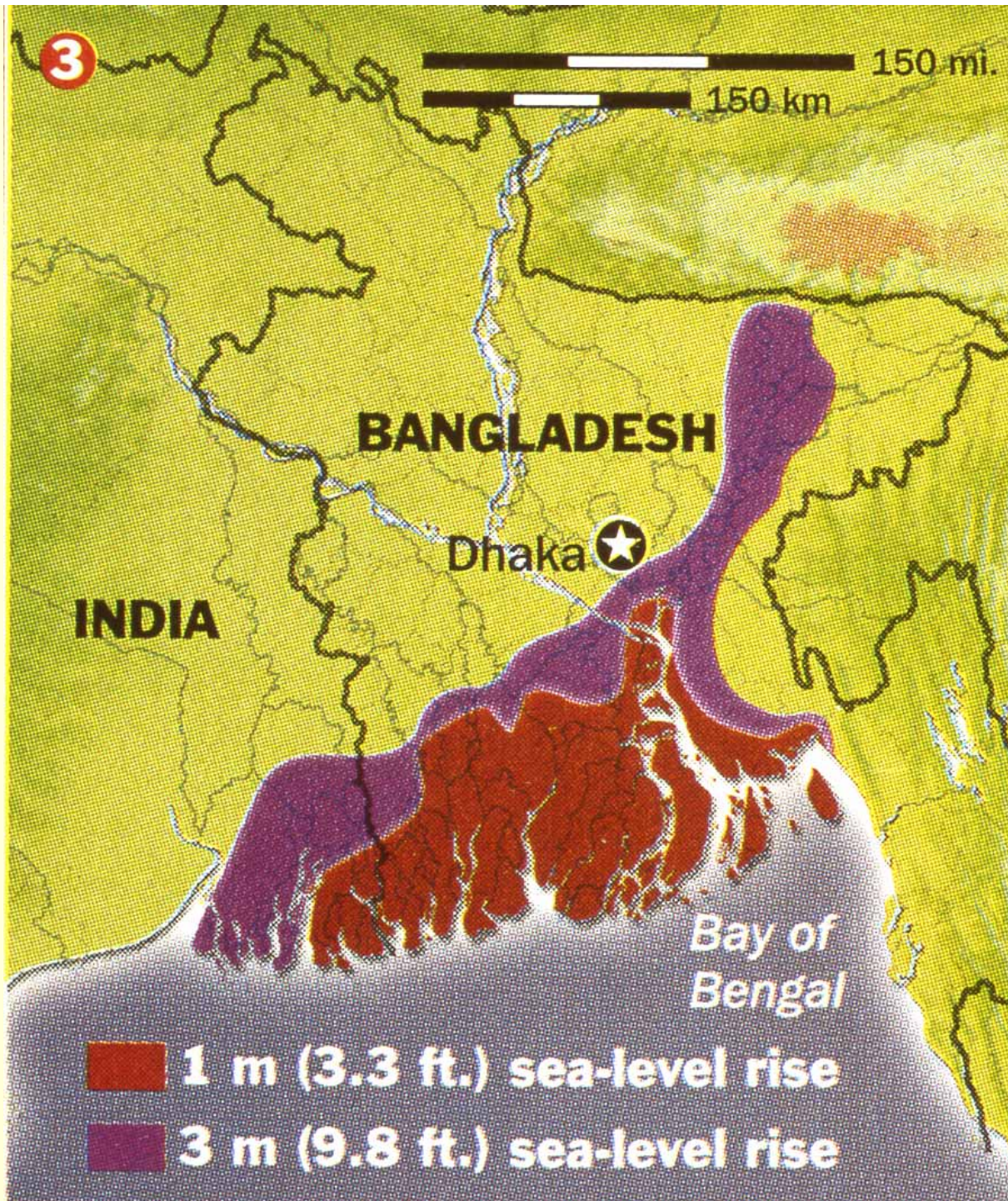
Office of Science and Technology Policy





**Dead Spruce, Kenai peninsula  
4,000,000 acres (16,000  
sq.km.)  
killed by Spruce Bark Beetle;  
Failure to “winter kill” with  
higher overnight temperatures**





# Regulations and fiscal policies can make a difference

## Total Electricity Use, per capita, 1960 - 2001

