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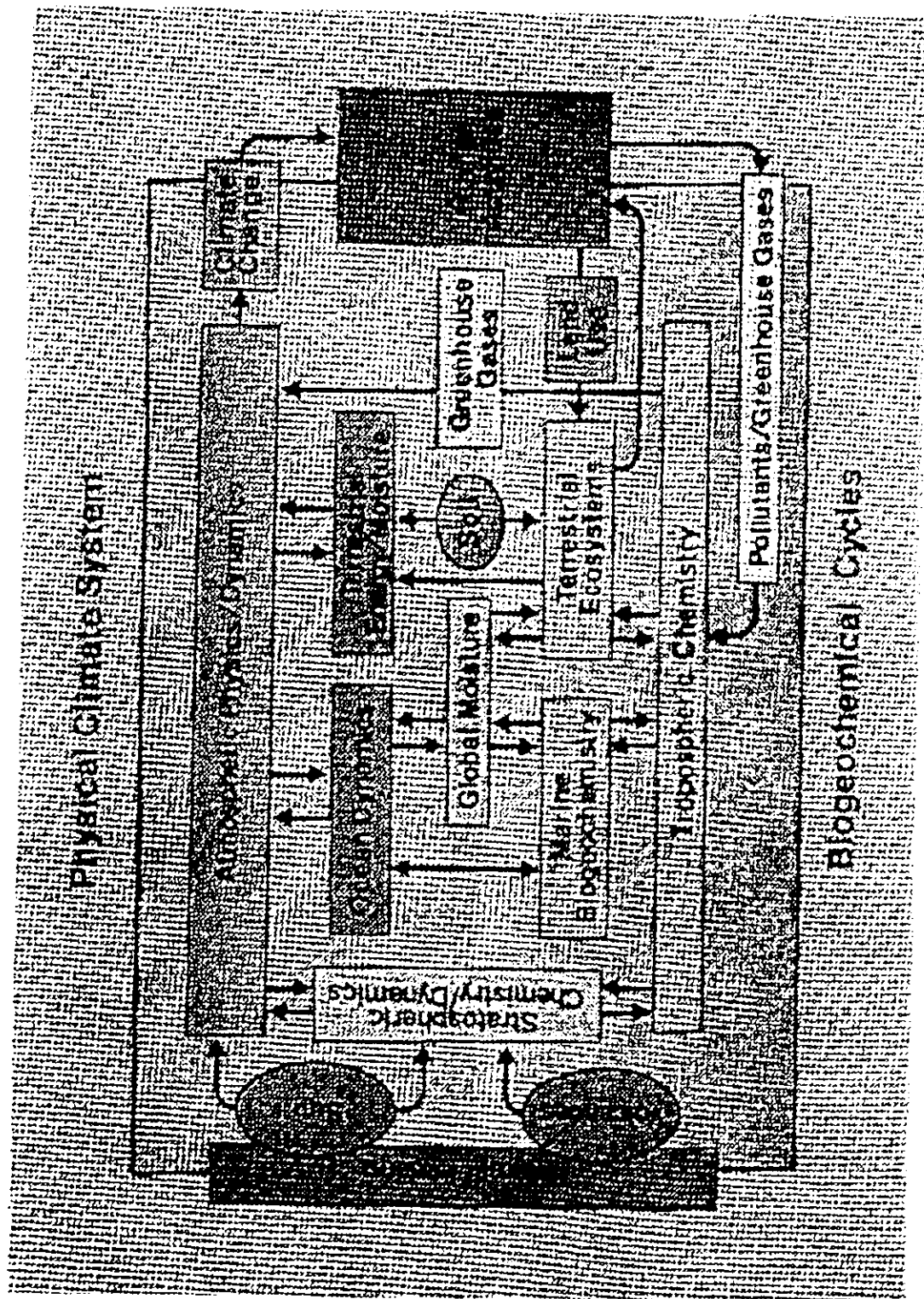
Observation Networks: The Challenge



□ Earth System

- ✓ Complexity
- ✓ Couplings
- ✓ Non-linearity (e.g. O₃ hole)

➔ Necessity of network observations to assess global environmental issues on a world-wide scale



Global modelling studies within the IGBP will connect models of the biogeochemical system, the physical climate system, and human impacts, to develop our predictive understanding of the behaviour of the Earth system as a whole

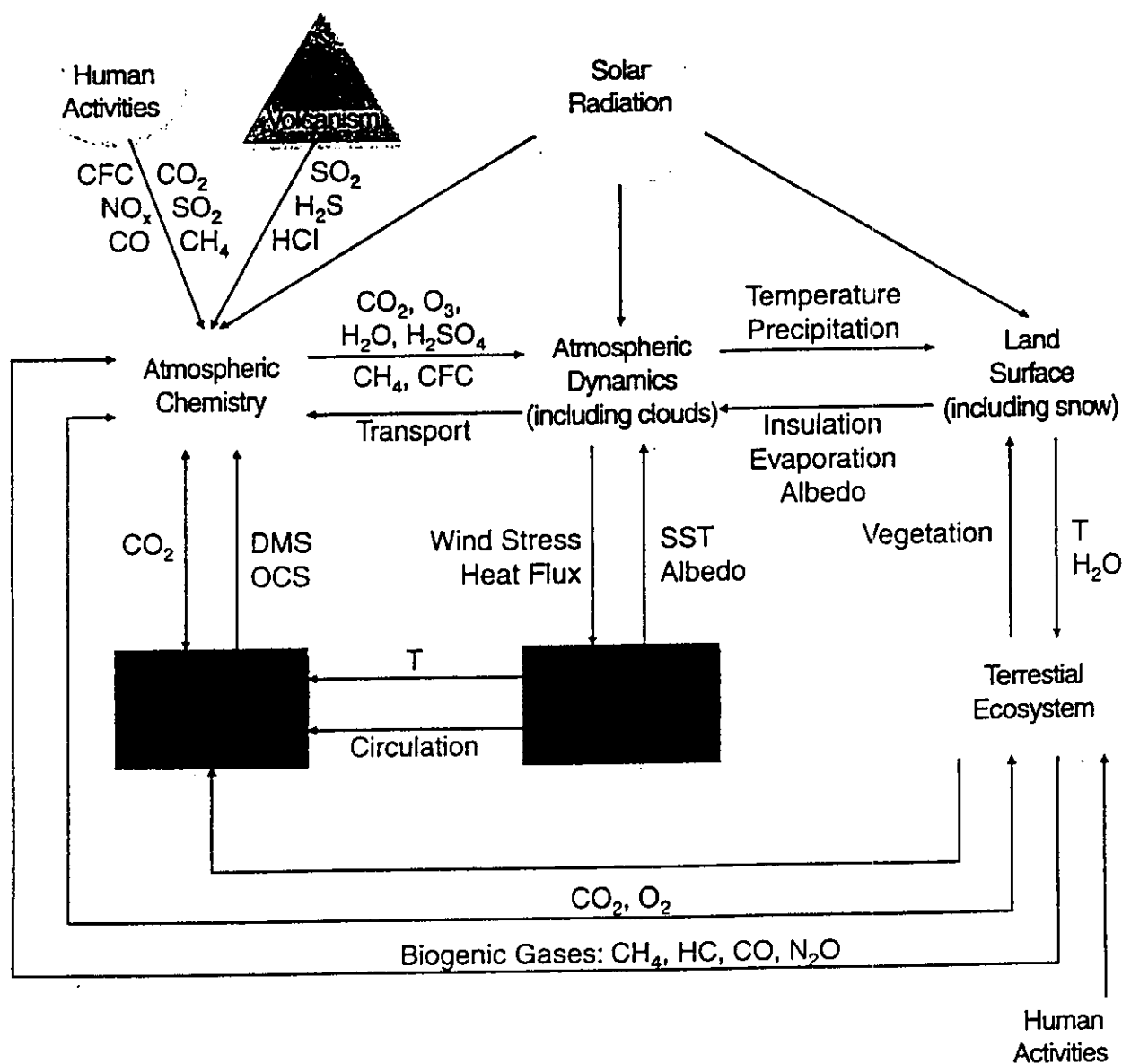


Figure 2.1 Schematic of the various components of the coupled Earth System

STRATOSPHERIC SYSTEM

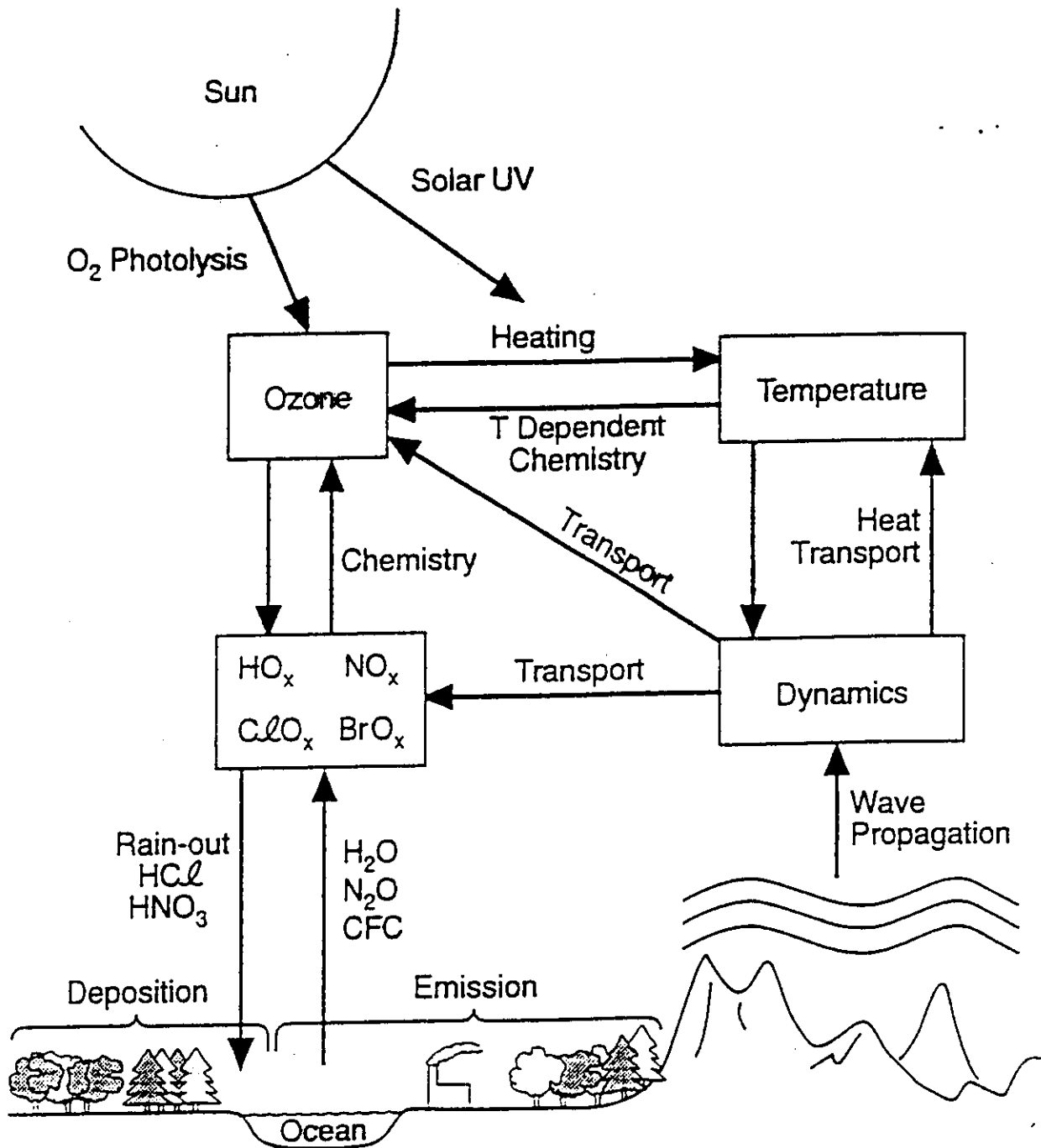
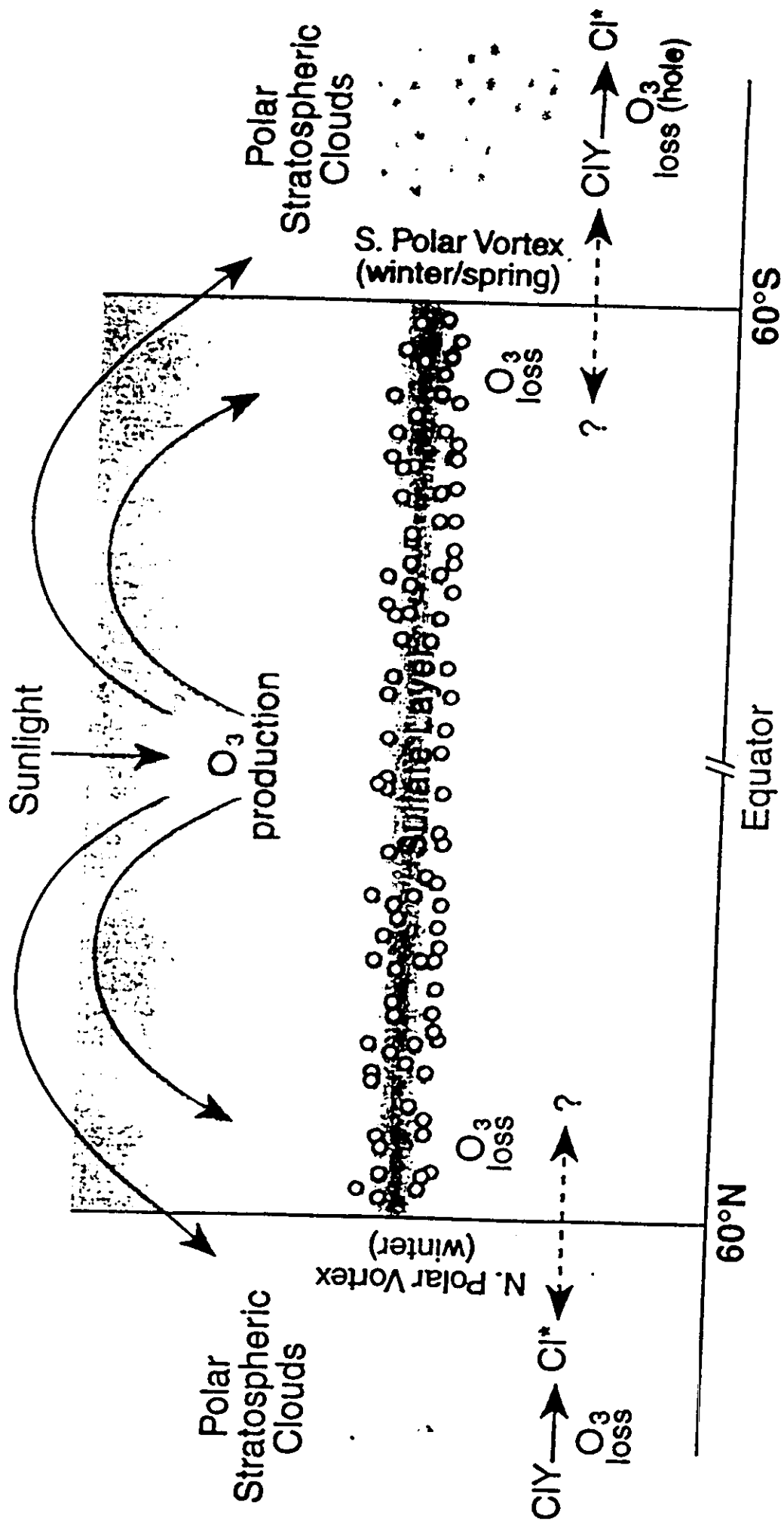


Figure 1. Schematic representation of coupled chemical, radiative, and dynamic processes in the middle atmosphere.



Observation Networks: The Challenge



✓ Global Climatology

✓ Global Changes

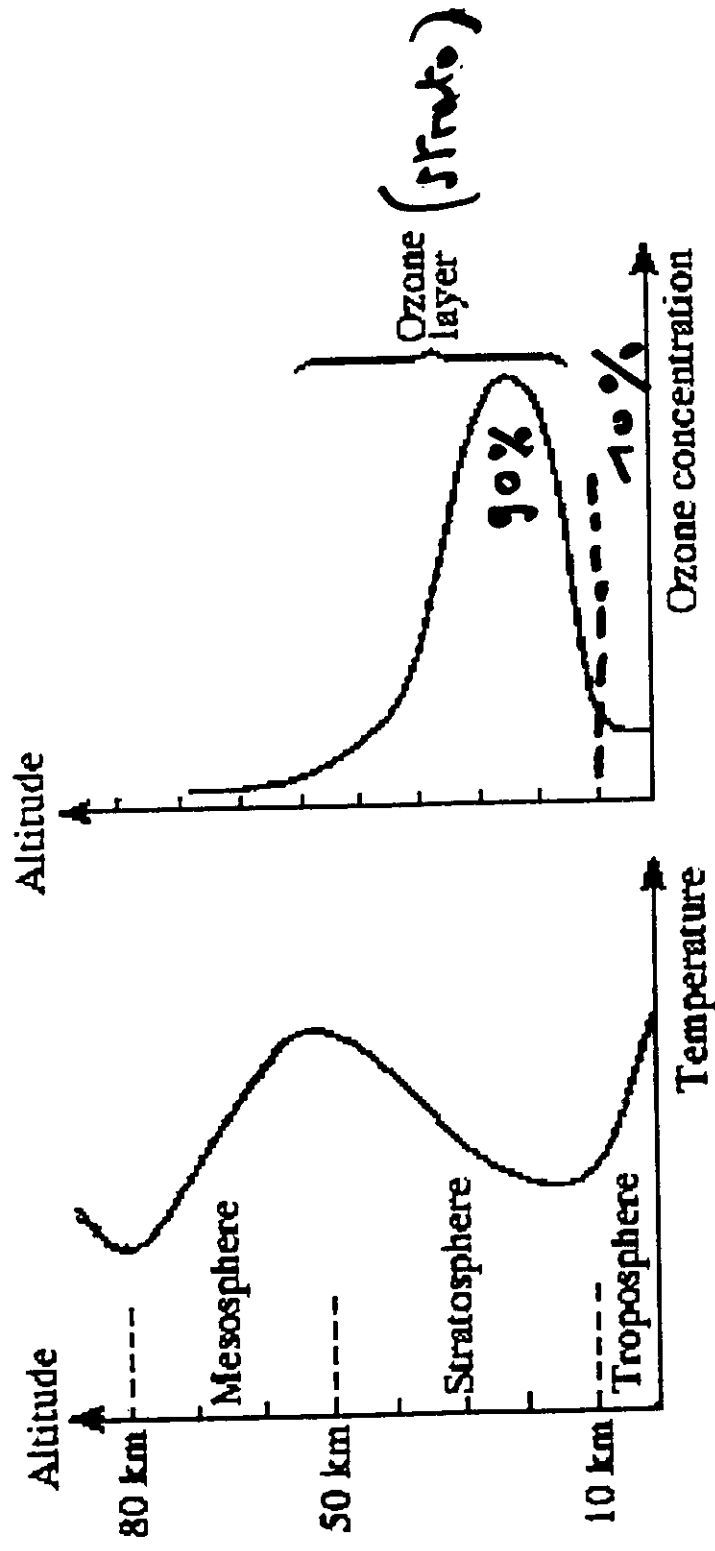
- Stratospheric ozone
- Tropospheric ozone
- Source gases, e.g, greenhouse gases

Impact:

- Changes in the radiative balance of the Earth - Atmosphere energy system
- Health effects

Causes: Human Activity

The ozone problem



Stratospheric O_3 : shields the biosphere from harmful UV

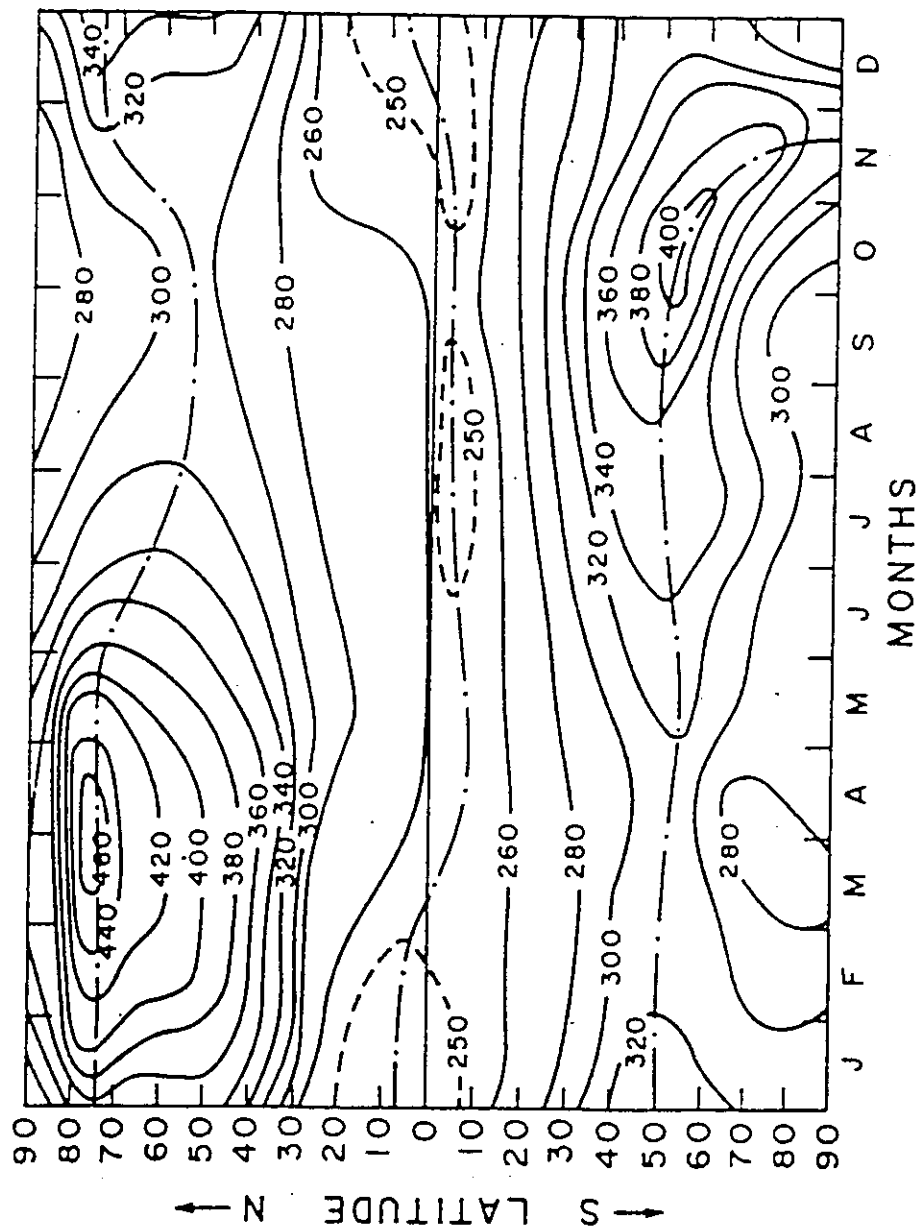


Figure 3. Seasonal variation of zonal averages of total ozone from the Dobson network for the period 1958-1977 (London, 1980). The dashed and dashed-dot lines indicate axes of minimum and maximum columns, respectively (figure from London, 1980).

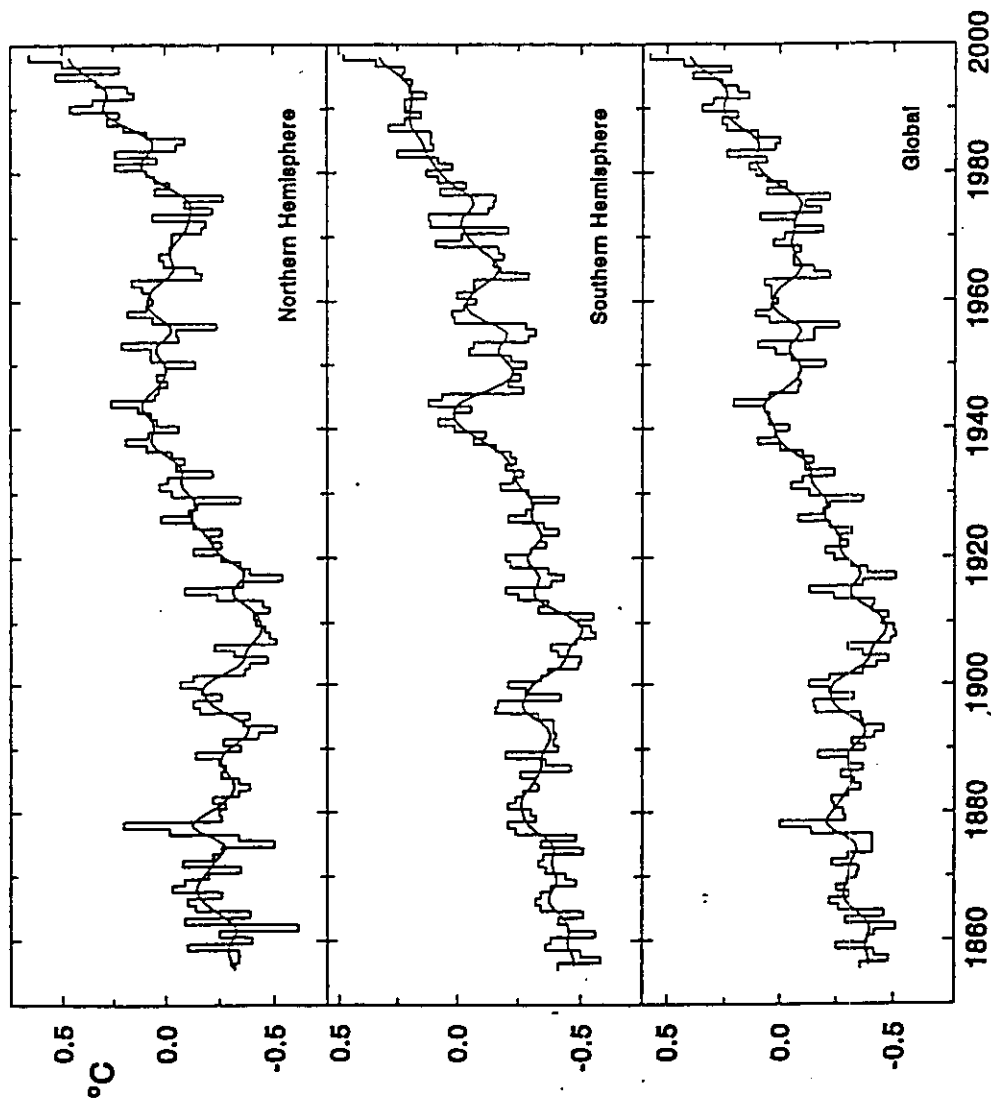


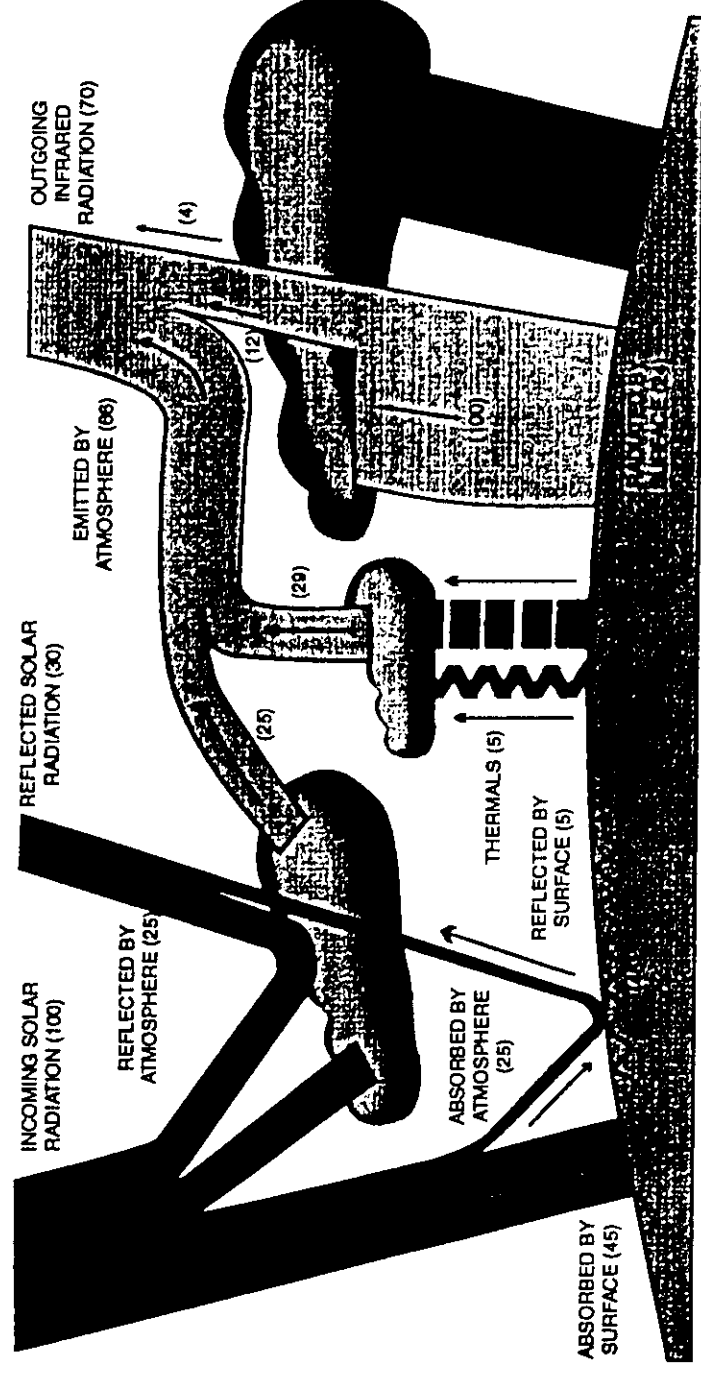
Figure 2. Hemispheric and global temperature averages on the annual timescale (1856–1998), relative to 1961–1990.



The Earth radiative budget



The Earth's radiative budget: balance between the outgoing infrared radiation and the total solar input



Observation Networks: Why ?



✓ Historical

⇒ Meteorology

✓ Scientific

⇒ New development

- Instruments have evolved from ground based spectrometers to balloons, aircraft, rockets, and satellites
- Developments in instrumentation enable measurements to expand from the atmosphere above an isolated ground station to daily global coverage

⇒ International Geophysical Year (IGY)

The International Geophysical Year (IGY)

July 1957 - December 1958



... to observe geophysical phenomena and to secure data from all parts of the world; to conduct this effort on a co-ordinated basis by fields, and in space and time, so that results could be collated in a meaningful manner

International Geophysical Year ^A



- ✓ July 1957 - December 1958
- ✓ scientific programme defined beginning 1953
- ✓ Prs. Nicolet and Chapman are both members of the executive council

The International Geophysical Year

July 1957- December 1958



- ❑ **The largest and most important international scientific effort to that date:**
 - ✓ **Proposed by the International Council of Scientific Unions (ICSU) in 1952**
 - ✓ **Modelled on the International Polar Years of 1882-1883 and 1932-1933**
 - ✓ **Series of co-ordinated observations of various geophysical phenomena**
 - ✓ **IGY activities literally spanned the globe from the North to the South Poles**
 - ✓ **67 countries had become involved**

The International Geophysical Year



- ❑ **Open the upper atmosphere to detailed exploration**
 - ✓ Cosmic ray recorders
 - ✓ Spectroscopes
 - ✓ Radiosonde balloons
- ❑ **Greatest breakthrough: Launching science into space**
 - ✓ Rocket; Artificial satellites into Earth's orbit

Discoveries in the fields of cosmic ray research, climatology, oceanography, the nature of the Earth's atmosphere and magnetic field.



□ Dobson Spectrophotometer

- ✓ Developed in the 1920s
- ✓ Earliest instrument used to measure ozone (total ozone and vertical profile)
- ✓ Standard instrument in the Global Ozone Observing System
- ✓ Measurements through a comparison of solar energy at two wavelengths in the ozone's absorption band
- ✓ Performs on a routine basis at a large number of locations (approximately 100) around the world

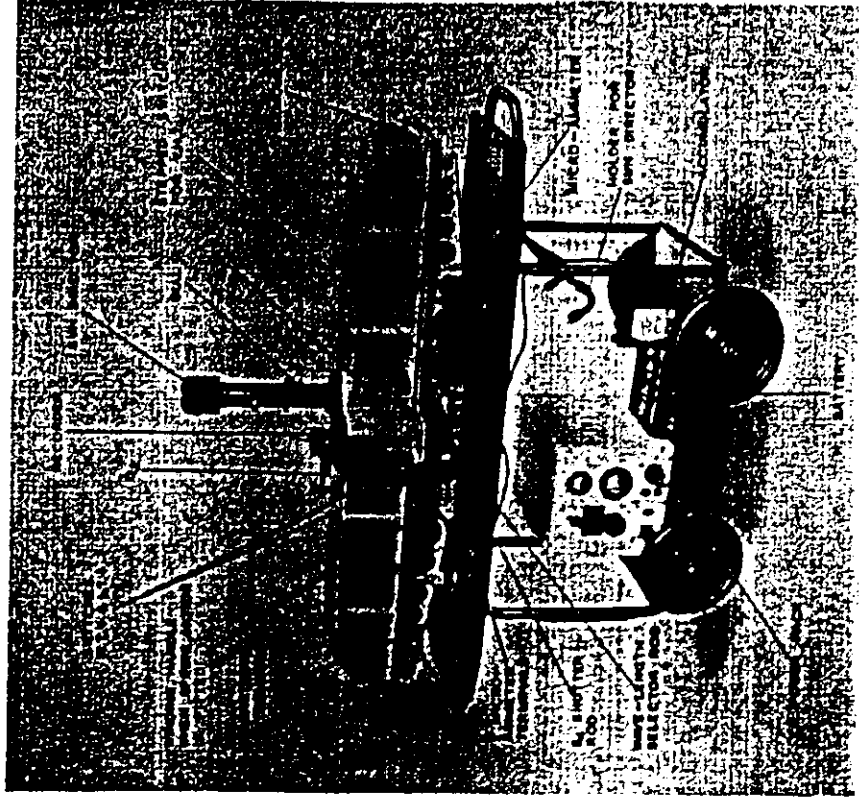
Pr. Dobson statement about the low values of October 1956 and 1957

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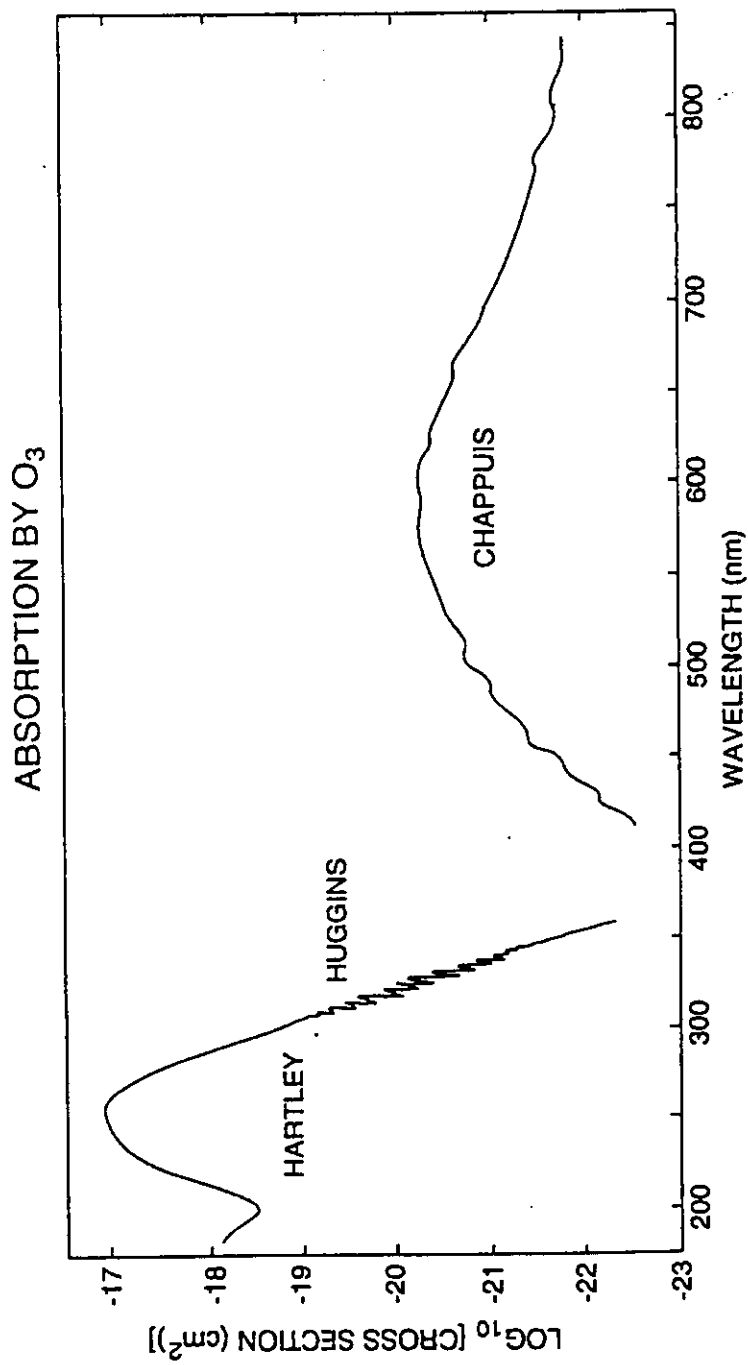
- ✓ *"It was clear that the winter vortex over the South Pole was maintained late into the spring and that this kept the ozone values low"*
- ✓ The first instruments had been installed in Halley Bay and Faraday

The Dobson instrument at Base Roi Baudouin



- ✓ Dobson instrument n° 51 belonging to World Meteorological Organisation and operated by the KNMI team (Wisse and Meerburg)
- ✓ Instrument n° 51 had been already deployed during the IGY on Argentine Island by the British Antarctic survey

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AD 305.5/325.4 nm
317.6/339.8 nm

Figure: Ozone absorption cross section

World Data Center system

<http://www.ngdc.noaa.gov/wdc/wdcmain.html>



To serve the IGY and develop data management plans for each IGY scientific discipline. WDC system was made permanent and used for post-IGY data

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❑ Dobson Spectrophotometer

✓ The discovery of the Ozone hole

- ☺ Dobson Spectrophotometer
- ☹ Satellites

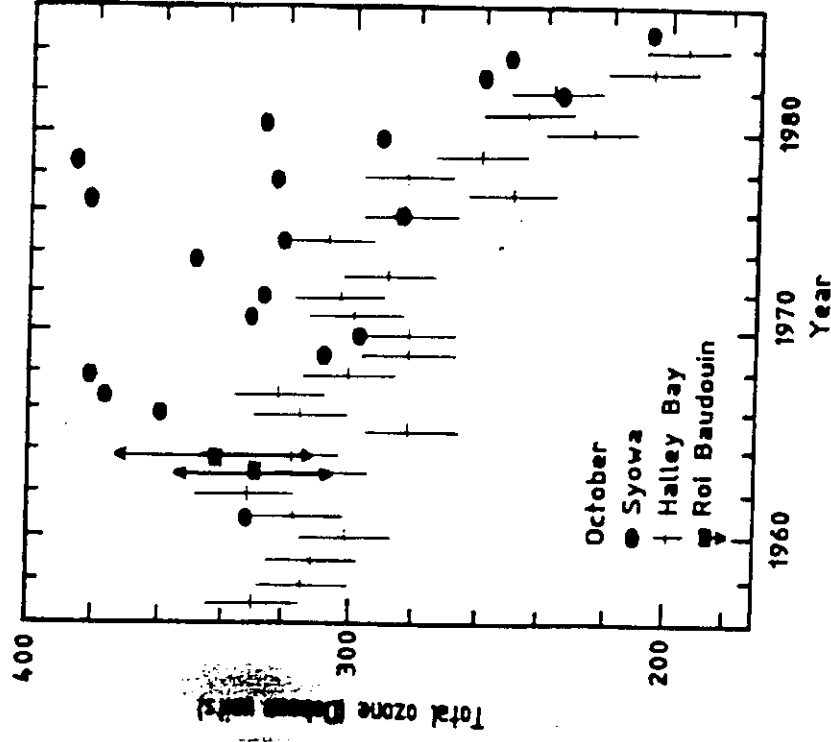
1925: 1 Dobson instrument (Arosa, Switzerland)

➡ 1930-1940: 3 to 5

➡ 1958 (IGY): 40 !

Comparison with Halley Bay and Syowa

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- ✓ Only two values for the October mean
- ✓ Higher dispersion than Halley Bay
- ✓ Probably lower dispersion than Syowa
- ✓ no evidence of low values in 1964 and 1965

Evolution of the ozone hole by satellite means



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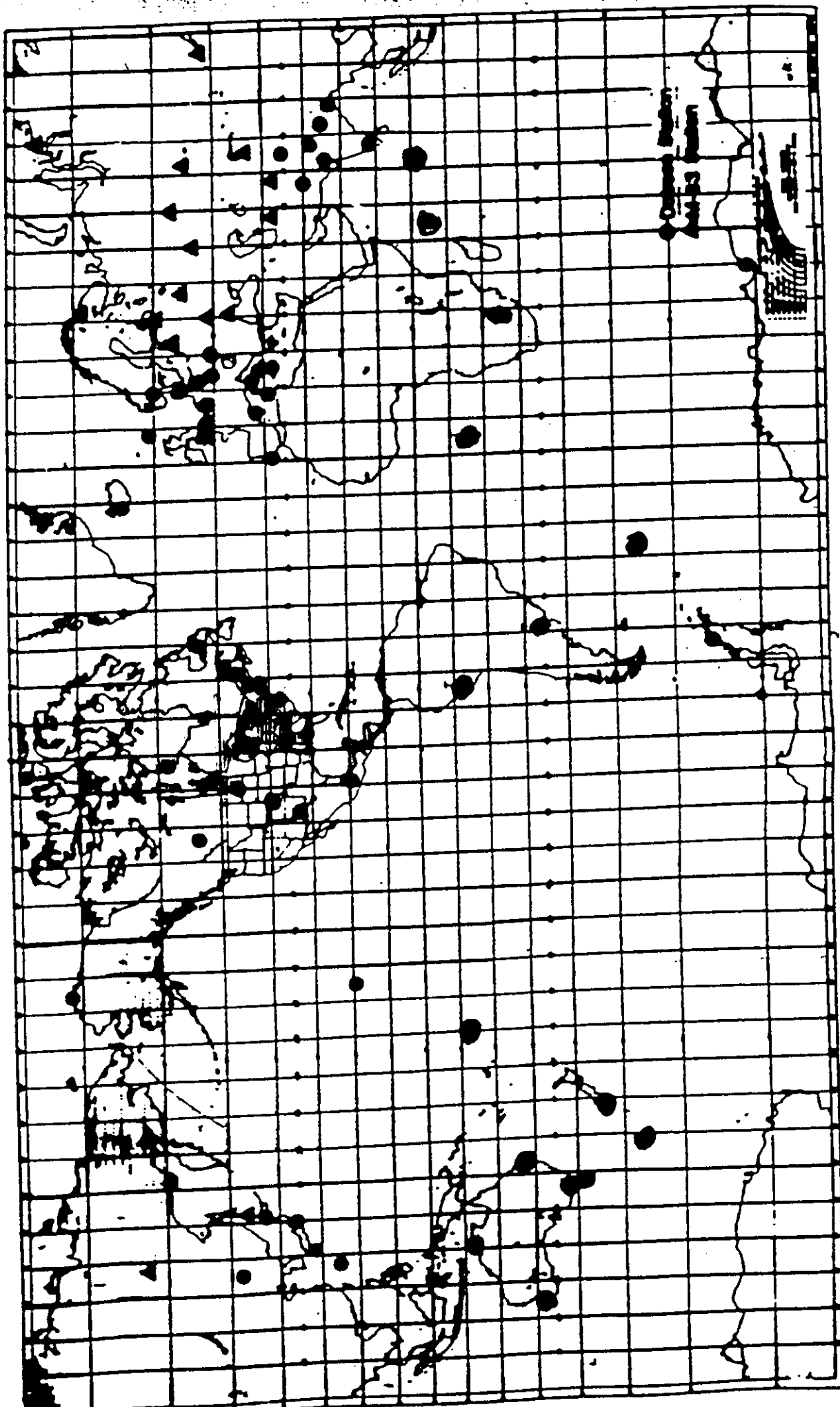
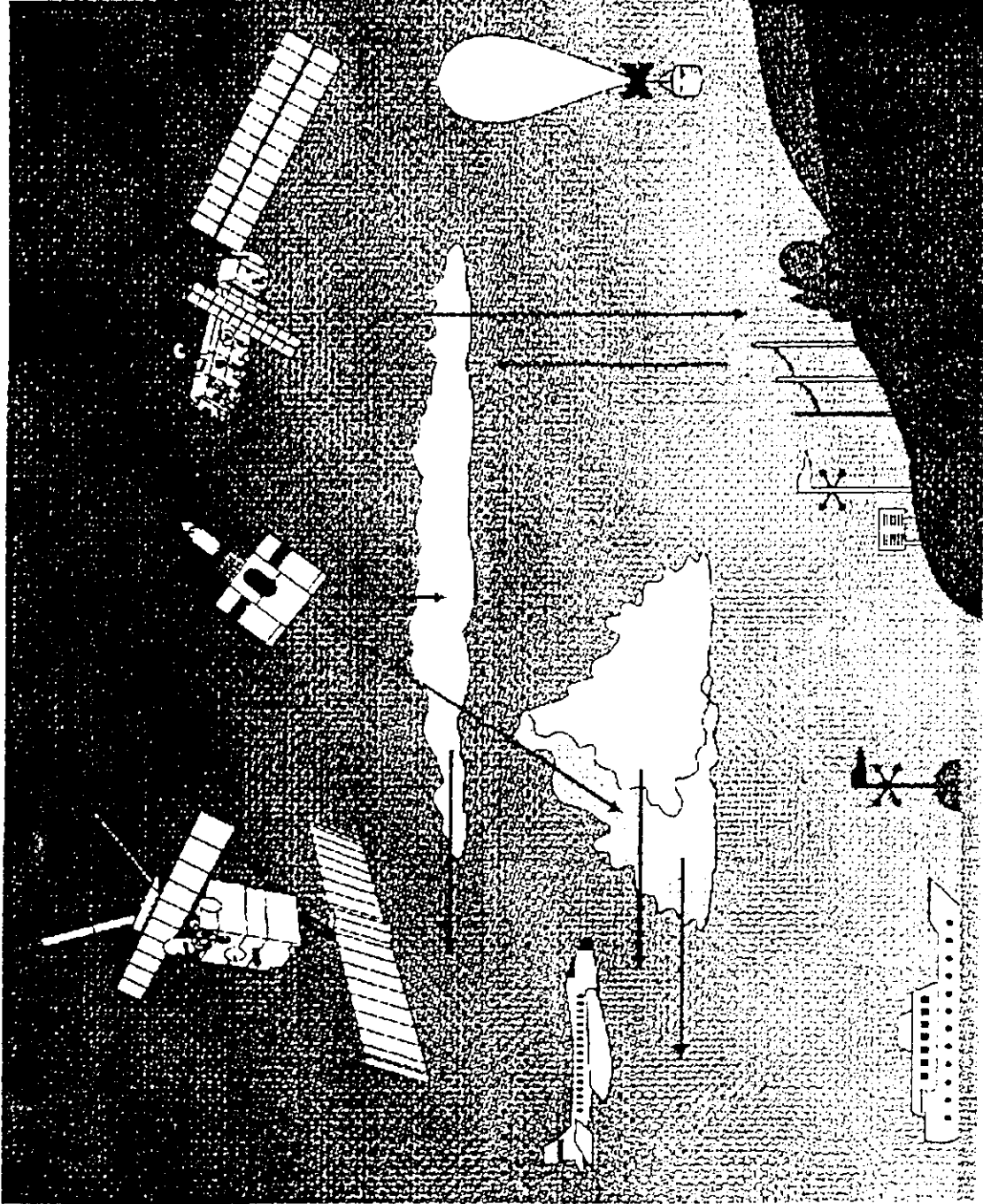


Figure 2.1-2. Location of Dobson (●) and M-83 (▲) stations.

The Network Approach: Recent efforts



- Efforts to set up observational networks for continuous observations from the ground of main atmospheric variables
- ✓ More coherent picture of the atmospheric phenomena in understanding and predicting atmospheric changes
- ✓ Improvement, better characterisation and homogenisation of a variety of instrumental techniques and data analysis methods
- ✓ Validated data sets for satellite validation and improvement of multidimensional chemical and dynamical models



Some elements of an integrated global data collection system

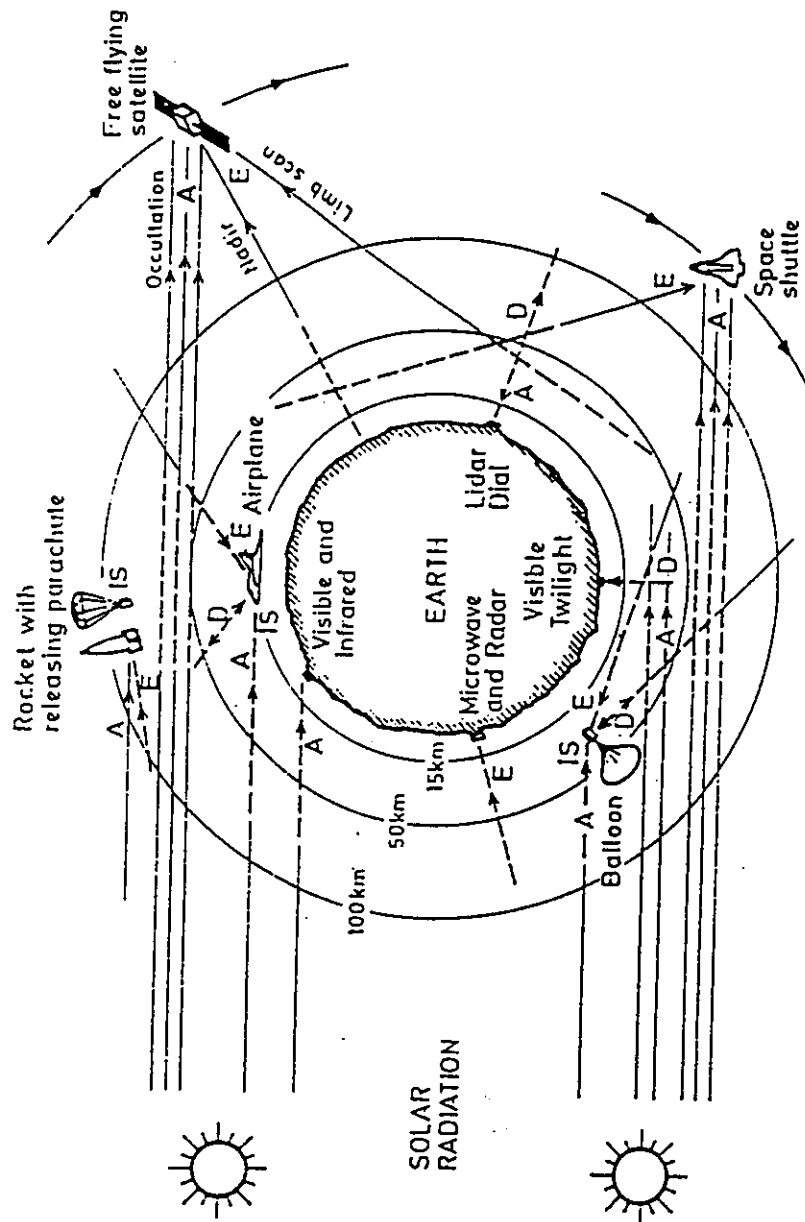


Figure 2. Illustration of the different methods and platforms that can be used to investigate stratospheric composition. In-situ measurements are denoted by "IS", while "A", "D", and "E" indicate techniques that use absorption, diffusion (scattering), and emission of radiation (from Schmidt and Zander, 1996).

Measurement of Ozone



☐ Remote sensing

- ✓ Dobson spectrophotometers (R)
- ✓ Brewer spectrophotometers (R)
- ✓ M-83 and M-124 spectrophotometers (R)
- ✓ LIDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) and DIAL (Differential Absorption LIDAR) instruments (R)
- ✓ UV and visible photometers and spectrometers (R, IS)
- ✓ Optical rocket sondes (R)
- ✓ Optical satellites instruments (R)
- ✓ Laser heterodyne spectrometers (R)
- ✓ IR and far-IR grating and Fourier transform spectrometers (R)
- ✓ Microwave instruments (R)

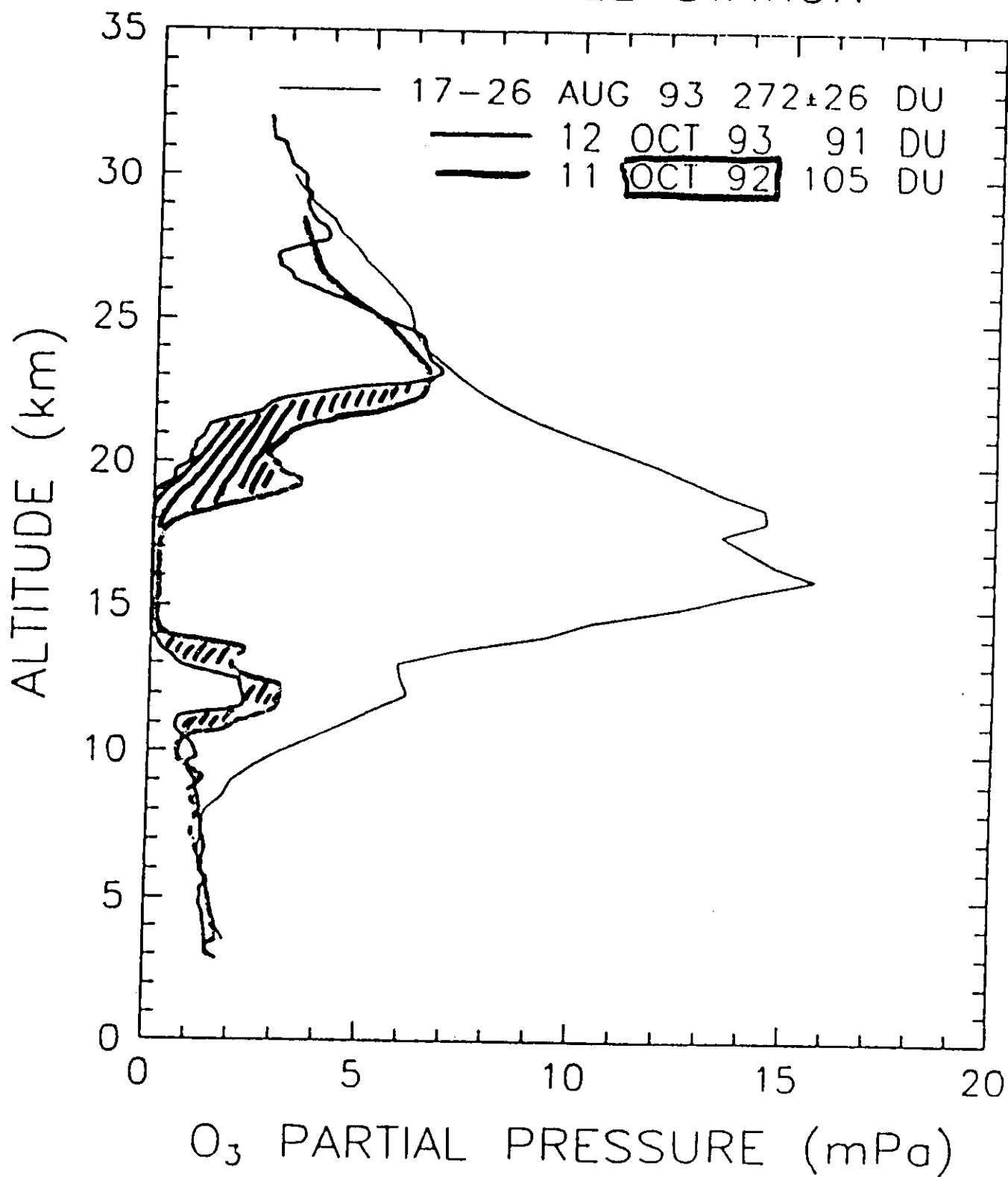
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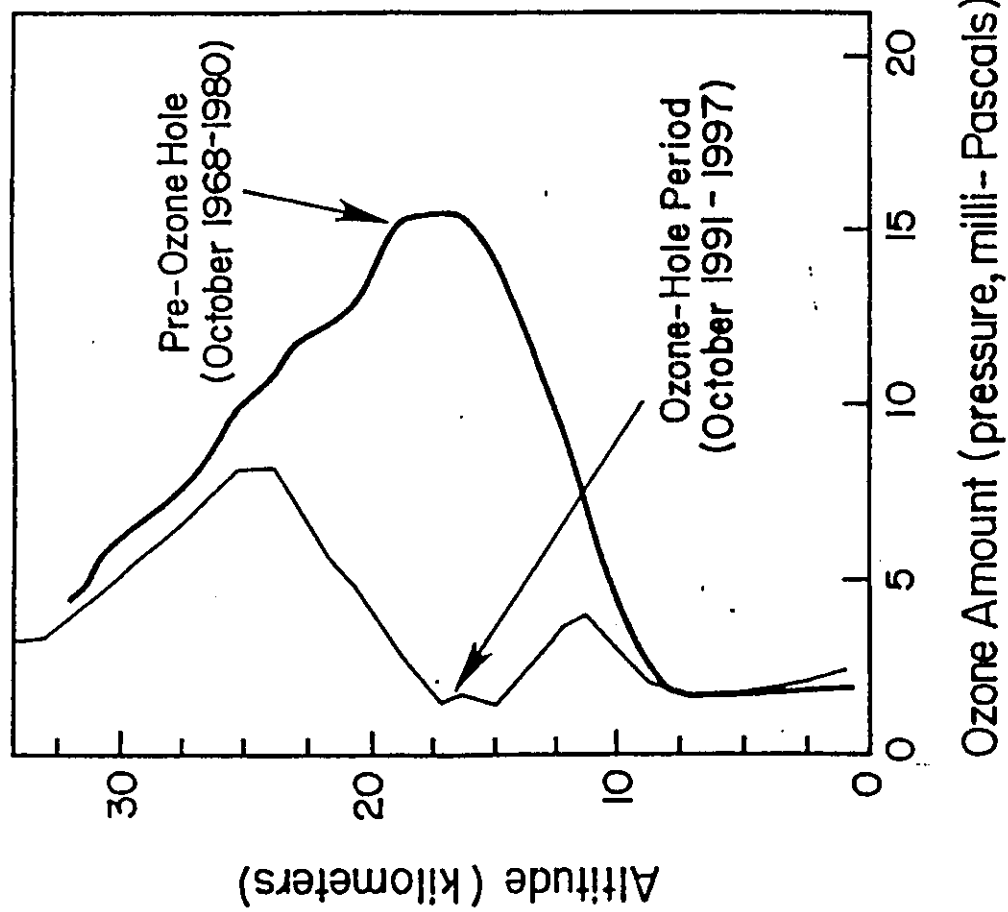
☐ In-situ methods

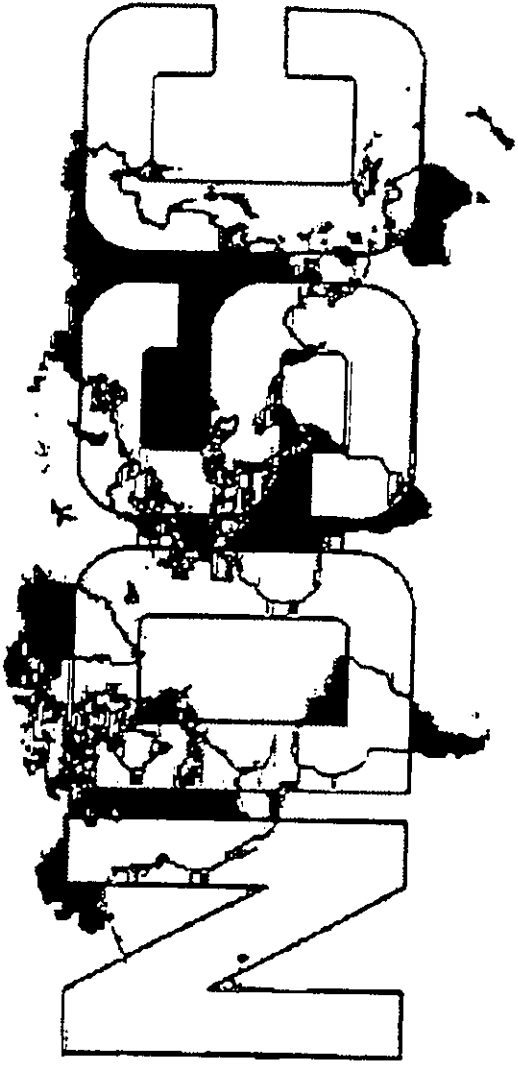
- ✓ Chemiluminescence sondes (IR)
- ✓ Electrochemical sondes (Brewer-Mast, EEC) (IS)
- ✓ Mass spectrometers (IS)

SOUTH POLE STATION



Springtime Depletion of the Ozone Layer over Syowa, Antarctica





**Network for the Detection of Stratospheric Change
(NDSC)**



THE NETWORK FOR THE DETECTION OF STRATOSPHERIC CHANGE (1)

- ◆ Set of high-quality remote-sounding research stations
- ◆ Objective : observing and understanding physical and chemical state of stratosphere
- ◆ Endorsed by national and international scientific agencies (a.o. IOC, UNEP, WMO)
- ◆ Targets : ozone and key ozone-related chemical compounds and parameters
- ◆ Instruments :
 - ◇ lidar (vertical profiles of O_3 , temperature, aerosol optical depth)
 - ◇ microwave radiometer (vertical profiles of O_3 , H_2O , ClO)
 - ◇ ultraviolet/visible spectrometer (column abundance of O_3 , NO_2 , $OCIO$, BrO)
 - ◇ Fourier Transform Infrared spectrometer (column abundances of a broad range of species including O_3 , HCl , NO , NO_2 , $ClONO_2$, and HNO_3)

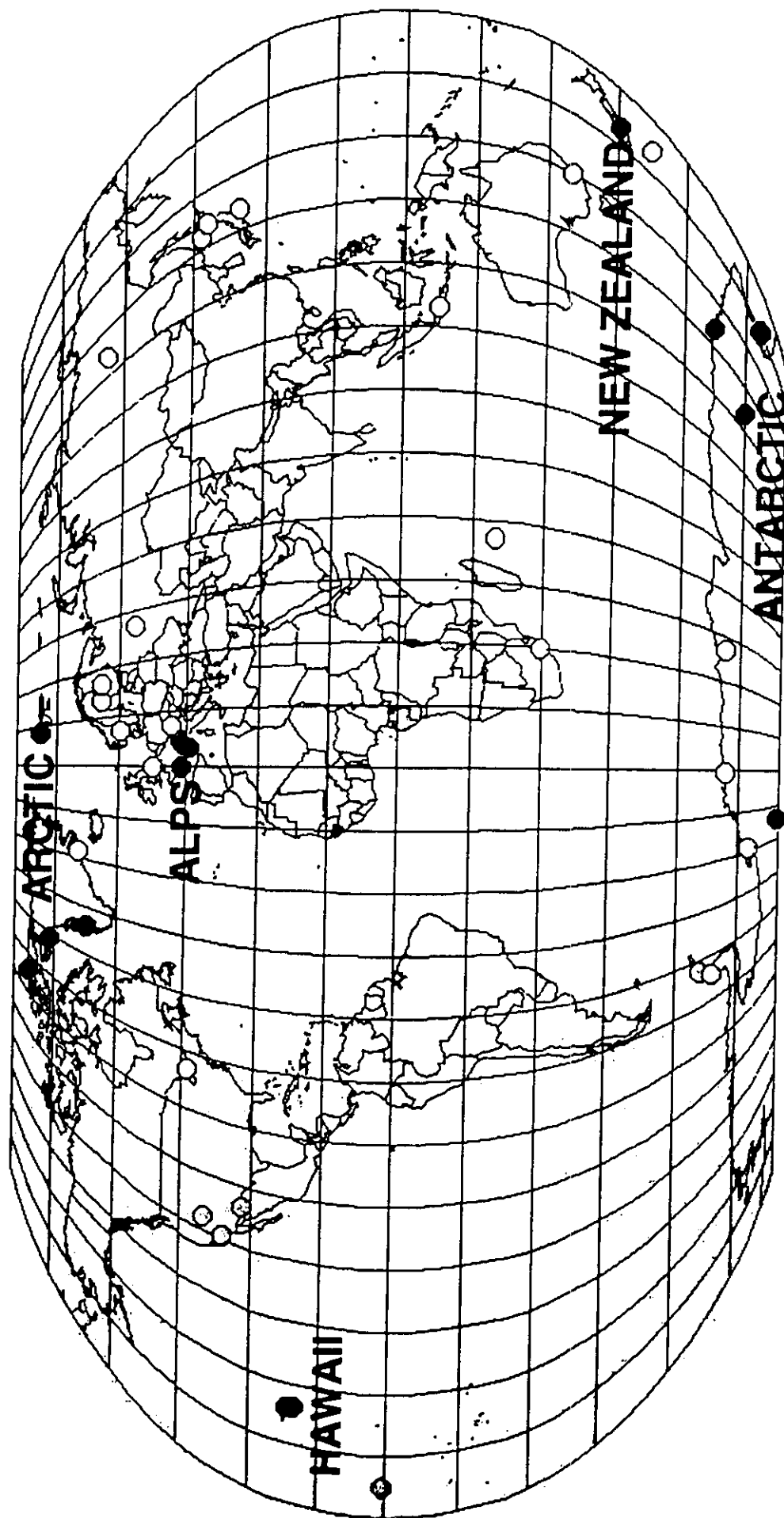


THE NETWORK FOR THE DETECTION OF STRATOSPHERIC CHANGE (2)

- ◆ Complementarity with other existing monitoring activities and field campaigns
- ◆ Goals :
 - ◇ To make the observations through which changes in the physical and chemical state of the stratosphere can be determined and understood.
 - ◇ To make the earliest, possible identification of changes in the ozone layer and to discern the cause of the changes.
 - ◇ To provide an independent calibration and validation of space-borne sensors of the atmosphere.
 - ◇ To obtain the data that can be used to test and improve multi-dimensional stratospheric chemical and dynamical models.

NDSC

The Network for the Detection of Stratospheric Change (NDSC)





OZONE COLUMN AMOUNT VALIDATION (1)

Brewer and Dobson spectrophotometers

- **Direct Sun measurement**
 - ⇒ good temporal coincidence
 - ⇒ less accurate beyond 70° SZA
 - ⇒ no year-round measurement at polar circle
 - ⇒ only 'clear' sky conditions
- **Zenith-sky measurements : less accurate**
- **μ -dependence**
- **T-dependence**



OZONE COLUMN AMOUNT VALIDATION (2)

FTIR spectrometer

- **Direct Sun measurement**
 - ⇒ good temporal coincidence
 - ⇒ less accurate beyond 70° SZA
 - ⇒ no year-round measurement at polar circle
 - ⇒ only 'clear' sky conditions
- **Simultaneously : many other species (NO₂, HCl, ...)**
- **T-dependence**
- **Dependence on VMR profiles**



ZONE COLUMN AMOUNT VALIDATION (3)

V-visible DOAS spectrometer

- **Twilight measurements**
 - ⇒ year-round monitoring up to polar circle
 - ⇒ nearly no weather limitation
 - ⇒ accurate validation even at large SZA
 - ⇒ good temporal coincidence at large SZA
- **Extension of the probed air mass**
 - ⇒ spatial coincidence at large SZA
- **Pole-to-pole automated network**
 - ⇒ entire range of SZA and of latitude within a short time
- **Simultaneously : total NO₂**
- **Ozone retrieval in the visible Chappuis bands (T-insensitive)**
- **No calibration drift**
- **Seasonal dependence on ozone profile and scattering geometry**

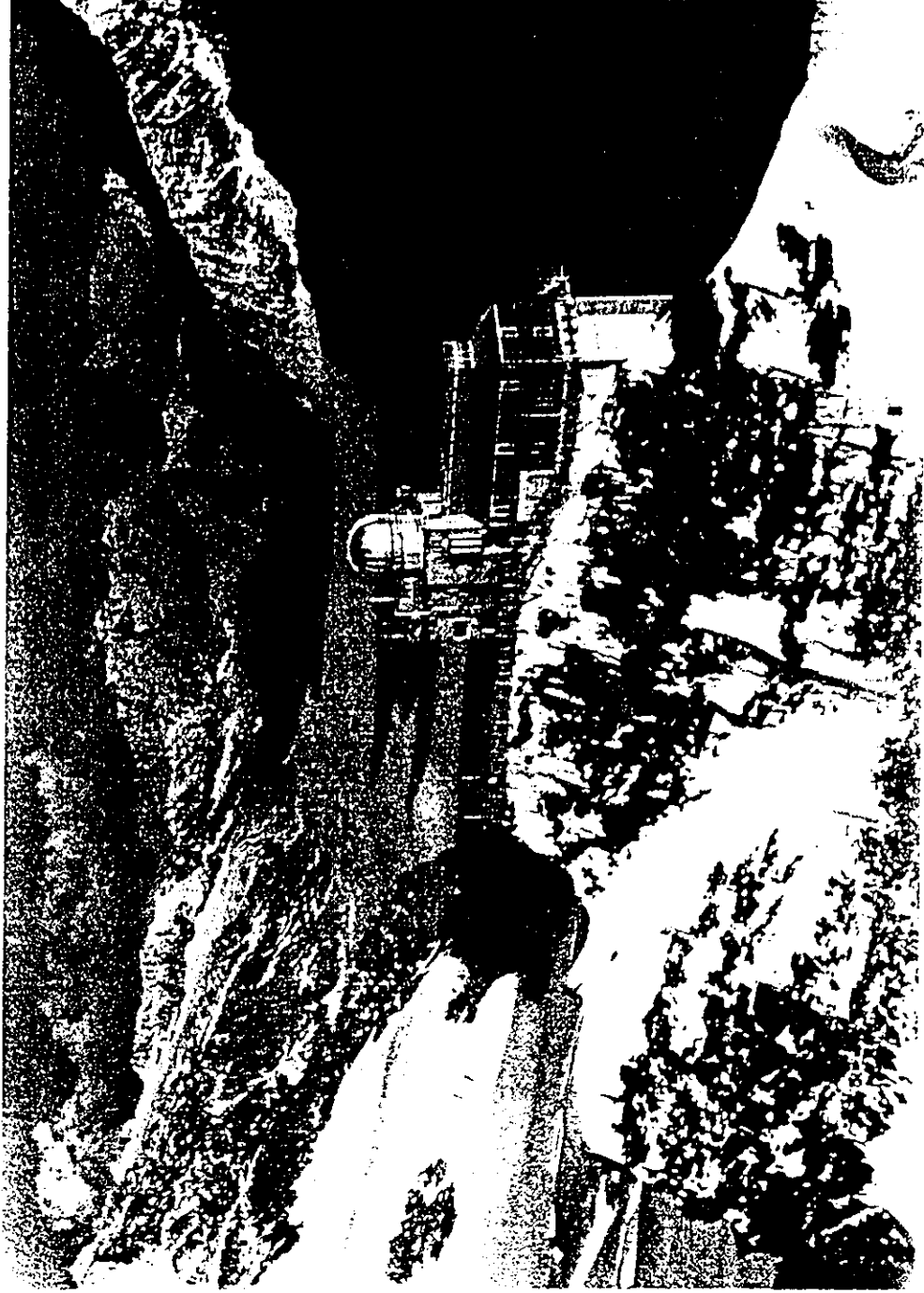


OTHER PRODUCTS

- Pressure and temperature profiles : ozonesonde, lidar
- ClO and H₂O profiles : microwave radiometer
- HCl, HF, HNO₃, NO, N₂O, ClONO₂, CH₄, CO, etc. : FTIR
- BrO, OClO : UV-visible DOAS
- Aerosols : lidar, backscattersonde

THE NDSC PRIMARY STATION AT THE JUNGFRAUJOCH

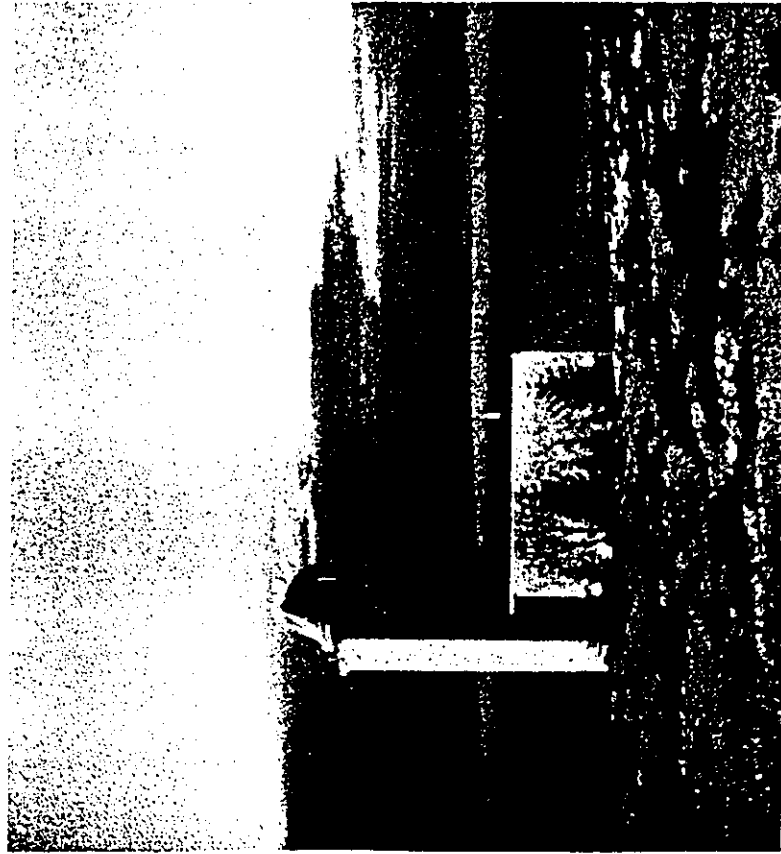
(SWITZERLAND, 46.55°N, 7.98°E)



The Splinx Observatory, International Scientific Station at the Jungfrauoch (ISSJ, Switzerland). The site contributes to the Alpine primary station of the Network for the Detection of Stratospheric Change (NDSC).

THE NDSC COMPLEMENTARY STATION AT HARESTUA

(NORWAY, 60.13°N, 10.45°E)



The cupola of the *Solobservatoriet*, housing the FTIR spectrometer operated by the Swedish Environmental Research Institute (IVL)



The ultraviolet and visible zenith-sky spectrometers operated by the Belgian Institute for Space Aeronomy (BIRA-IASB)

THE NDSC PRIMARY STATION AT DUMONT D'URVILLE

(ANTARCTICA, 66°S, 140°E)



The Antarctic Station of Dumont d'Urville (Terre Adélie). The site contributes to the Antarctic primary station of the Network for the Detection of Stratospheric Change (NDSC).

LATITUDE DEPENDENCE OF TOTAL NO₂ (1996)

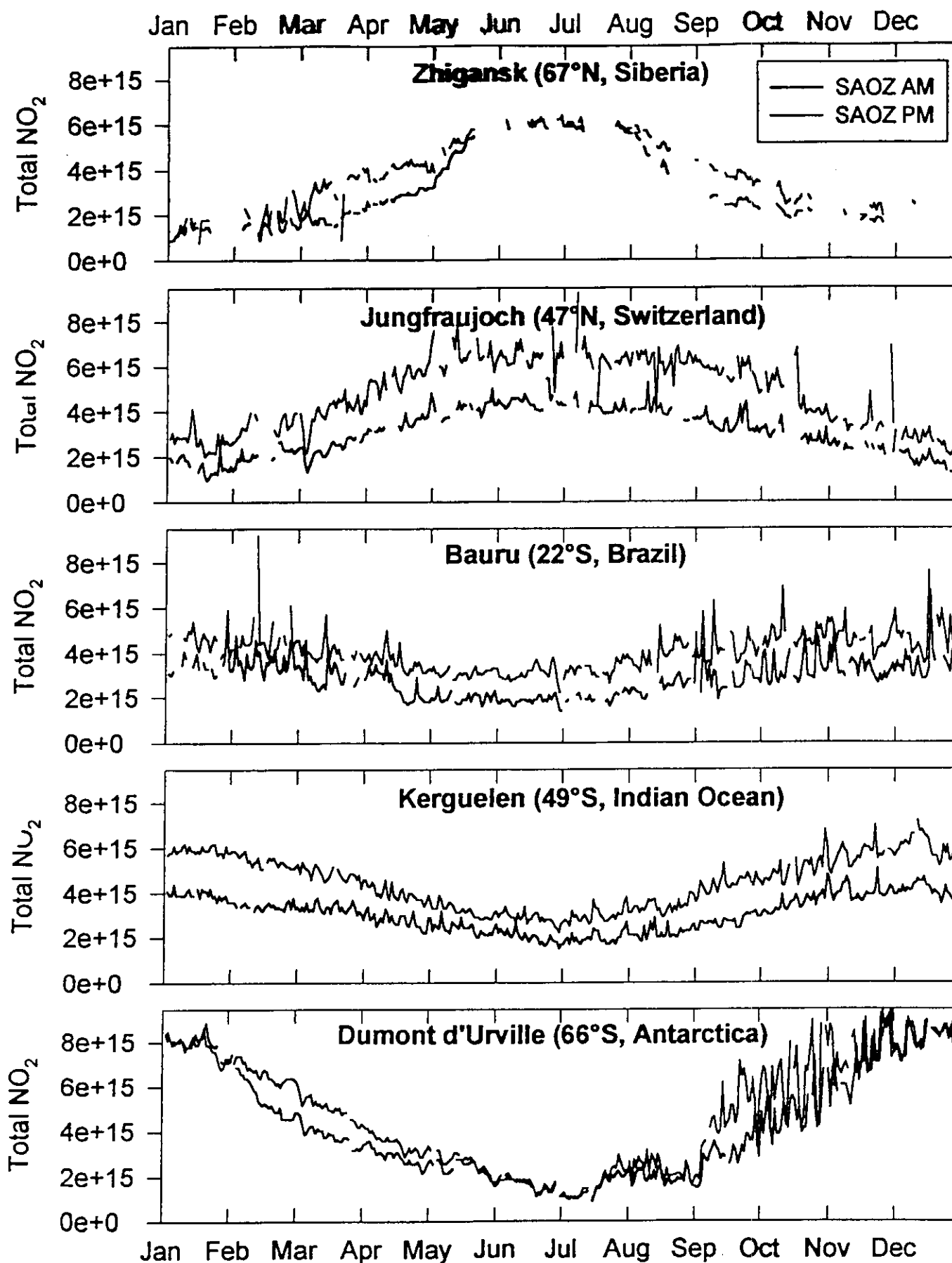


Table 1

<i>Family Members</i>	<i>Source Gases</i>
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HO _y H, OH, HO ₂ , H ₂ O ₂	CH ₄ , H ₂ O, H ₂
NO _y NO, NO ₂ , NO ₃ , N ₂ O ₅ , HONO, HNO ₃ , HO ₂ NO ₂ , PAN, ClONO ₂ , BrONO ₂ , aerosol nitrate	N ₂ O
Cl _y Cl, Cl ₂ , ClO, Cl ₂ O ₂ , OClO, HOCl, HCl, BrCl, ClONO ₂	CH ₃ Cl, CFCs, HCFCs, and other halocarbons

Table 2: Primary Techniques for NDSC Stations

<i>Species^a</i>	<i>Technique</i>	<i>Observed Quantity</i>	<i>Alt. Range</i>
Ozone (O ₃)	LIDAR	Vertical Profile	0-45 km ^b
Temperature	LIDAR	Vertical Profile	30-80 km
Aerosol	LIDAR	Vertical Profile ^c	0-30 km
Ozone (O ₃)	Microwave	Vertical Profile	20-70 km
Water Vapor (H ₂ O)	Microwave	Vertical Profile	20-80 km
ClO	Microwave	Vertical Profile	25-45 km ^d
N ₂ O	Microwave and FTIR	Vertical Profile	20-50 km
O ₃ , NO ₂ , OClO, BrO	UV/VIS Spectroscopy	Column Abundance	
O ₃ , HCl, NO, NO ₂ , ClONO ₂ , CH ₄ , HNO ₃	FTIR Spectroscopy	Column Abundance	

^a or physical parameter^b 0-20 km for YAG, 15-45 km for Excimer-Lidar^c of aerosol optical density^d altitude range depending on latitude

Table 3: Primary Stations of NDSC and Operational Measurements

Station Name	Species (Technique)	Composite Sites	Location	
Arctic Station	O ₃ (LIDAR) aerosol (LIDAR)	Ny-Alesund	78.5°N, 11.9°E	
		Thule	76.0°N, 69.0°W	
		Eureka	80.0°N, 86.4°W	
Alpine Station	O ₃ , T (LIDAR) aerosol (LIDAR)	Sondre Stromfjord	68.7°N, 52.7°W	
		Observatoire de Haute Provence	43.9°N, 5.7°E	
		Plateau de Bure	44.4°N, 5.6°E	
Mauna Loa	O ₃ , T (LIDAR) ClO (MW) CH ₄ , N ₂ O, HNO ₃ ClONO ₂ , HCl (FTIR)	Jungfraujoch	47.0°N, 8.0°E	
		Observatoire de Bordeaux	44.4°N, 1.0°W	
		Mauna Loa	19.5°N, 155.4°W	
Lauder	O ₃ , T (LIDAR) H ₂ O, O ₃ (MW) NO ₂ , O ₃ (UV-VIS)	Mauna Kea	19.5°N, 155.4°W	
Antarctic Station	aerosol (LIDAR)	Dome Concorde (future site)	45.0°S, 169.7°E	
		Arrival Heights	74.5°S, 124.0°E	
		Dumont D'Urville	78.0°S, 166.0°E	
			67.0°S, 140.0°E	

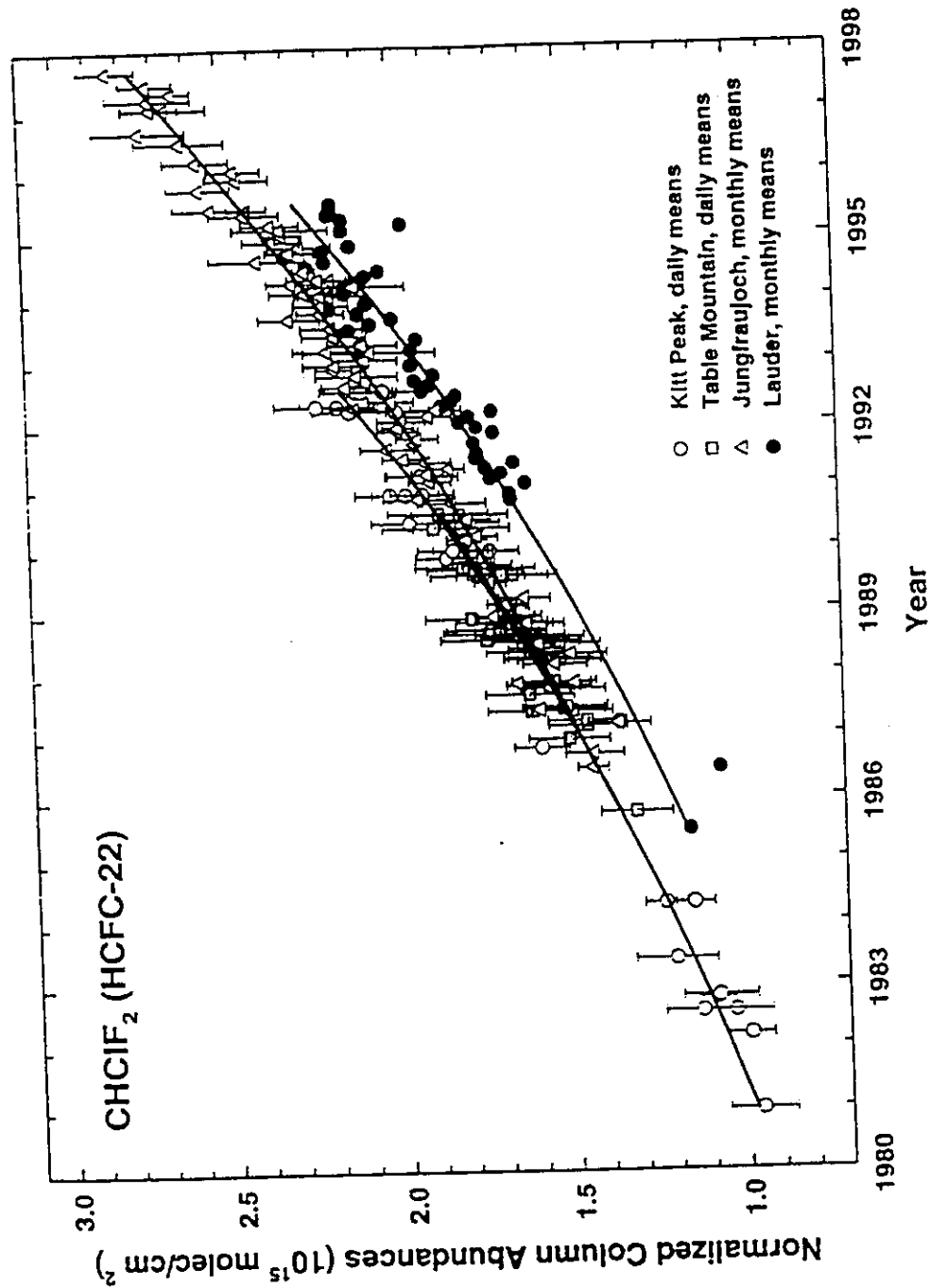


Figure 2-3. Trends (depicted by solid lines) in the normalized vertical column abundances of HCFC-22 monitored remotely at NH and SH sites, including Kitt Peak (31.9°N; open circles), Table Mountain (34.4°N; shaded squares), Jungfraujoch (46.5°N; open triangles), and Lauder (45.0°S; filled circles). The observed columns from the first three sites have been pressure-corrected (with respect to Lauder) to account for altitude differences among the various sites. Data include extensions of published work by Zander *et al.* (1994a), Irion *et al.* (1994), and Sherlock *et al.* (1997).

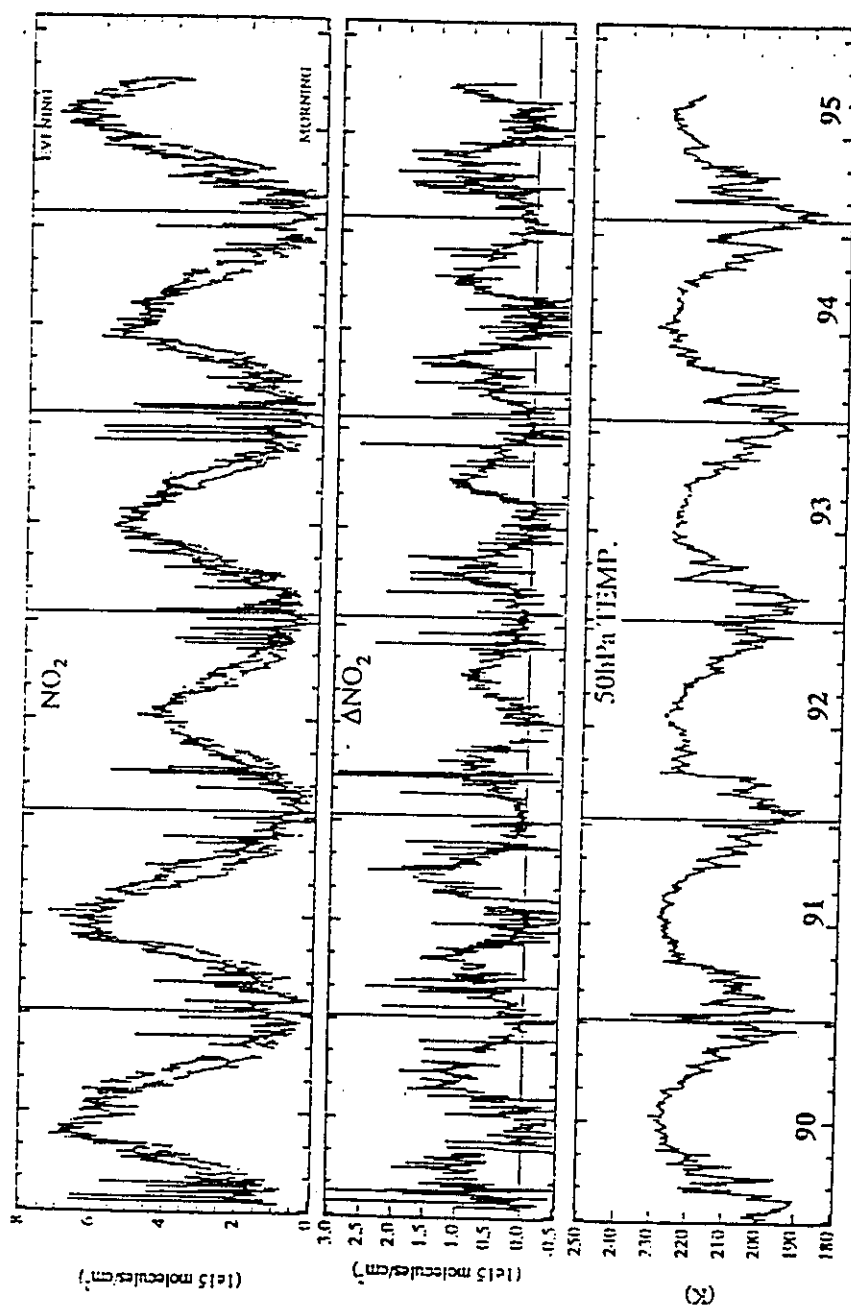


Figure 6. Upper panel: Six year time series of the seasonal variation of NO₂ vertical columns measured twice a day, at sunrise (dotted line) and at sunset (solid line) on the Arctic circle at Sodankylä in Finland. Middle panel: difference between sunset and sunrise columns. Lower panel: temperature as measured from daily radio-soundings from the same station (from Goutail *et al.*, 1994; figure courtesy of F. Goutail).

Satellite measurements

□ Their integration in observing systems is imperative

✓ The only way of achieving a truly global and homogeneous coverage of the atmosphere

✓ But

graphical

Geophysical resolution tends to be low for atmospheric observations

Not all chemical species of interest can be measured

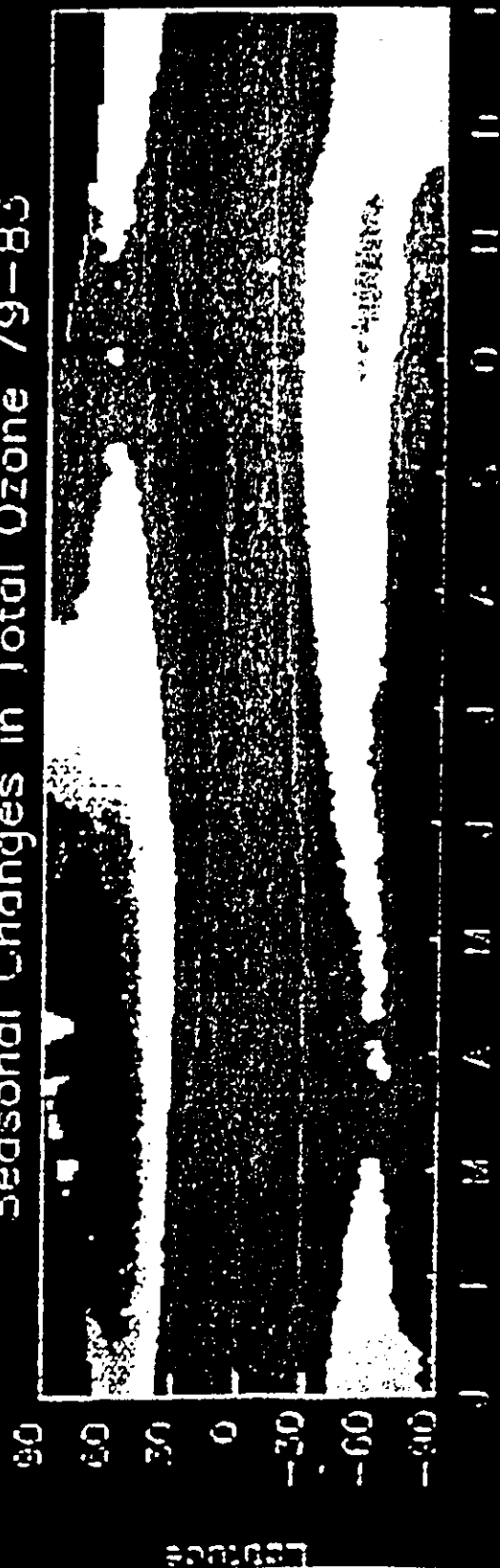
⇒ Global stations: ideal ground truthing network to make the most effective use of satellite information

Satellite measurements

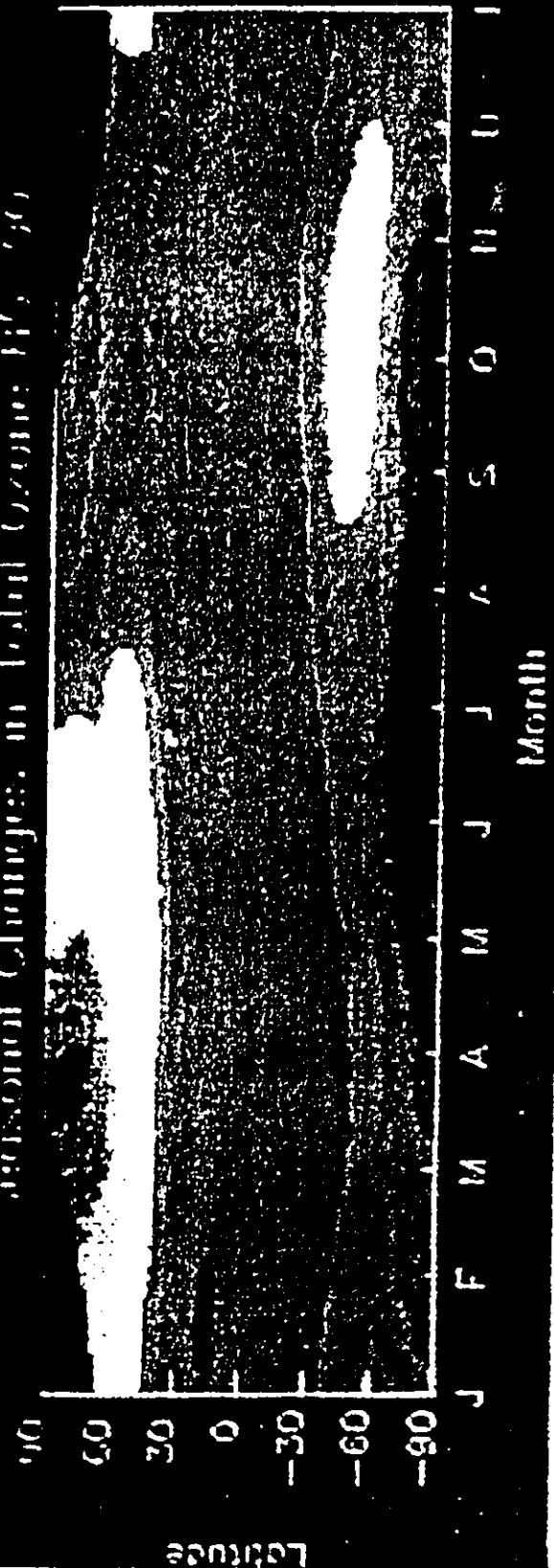
☐ Ozone

- ✓ TOMS (total Ozone Mapping Spectrometer)
 - Nimbus 7 (1978 - 1993) global coverage every day
 - Meteor 3 (1993) global coverage every day
 - Earth Probe (since 1996) global coverage every 3 days
- ✓ GOME/ERS-2 (Global Ozone Monitoring Experiment)
 - Since 1995
 - Global coverage every 3 days

Seasonal Changes in Total Ozone 79-83



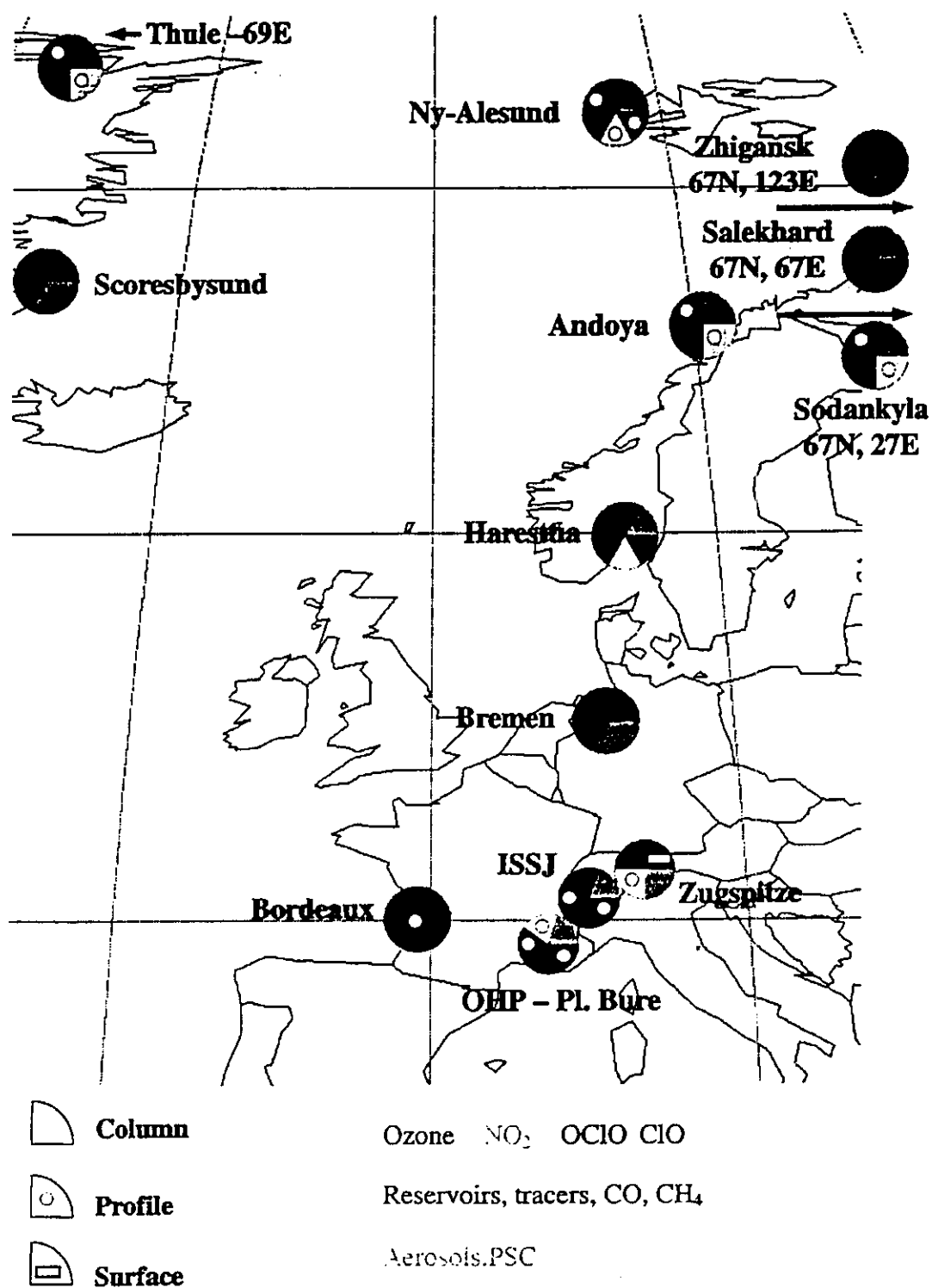
Seasonal Changes in Total Ozone 1979-80



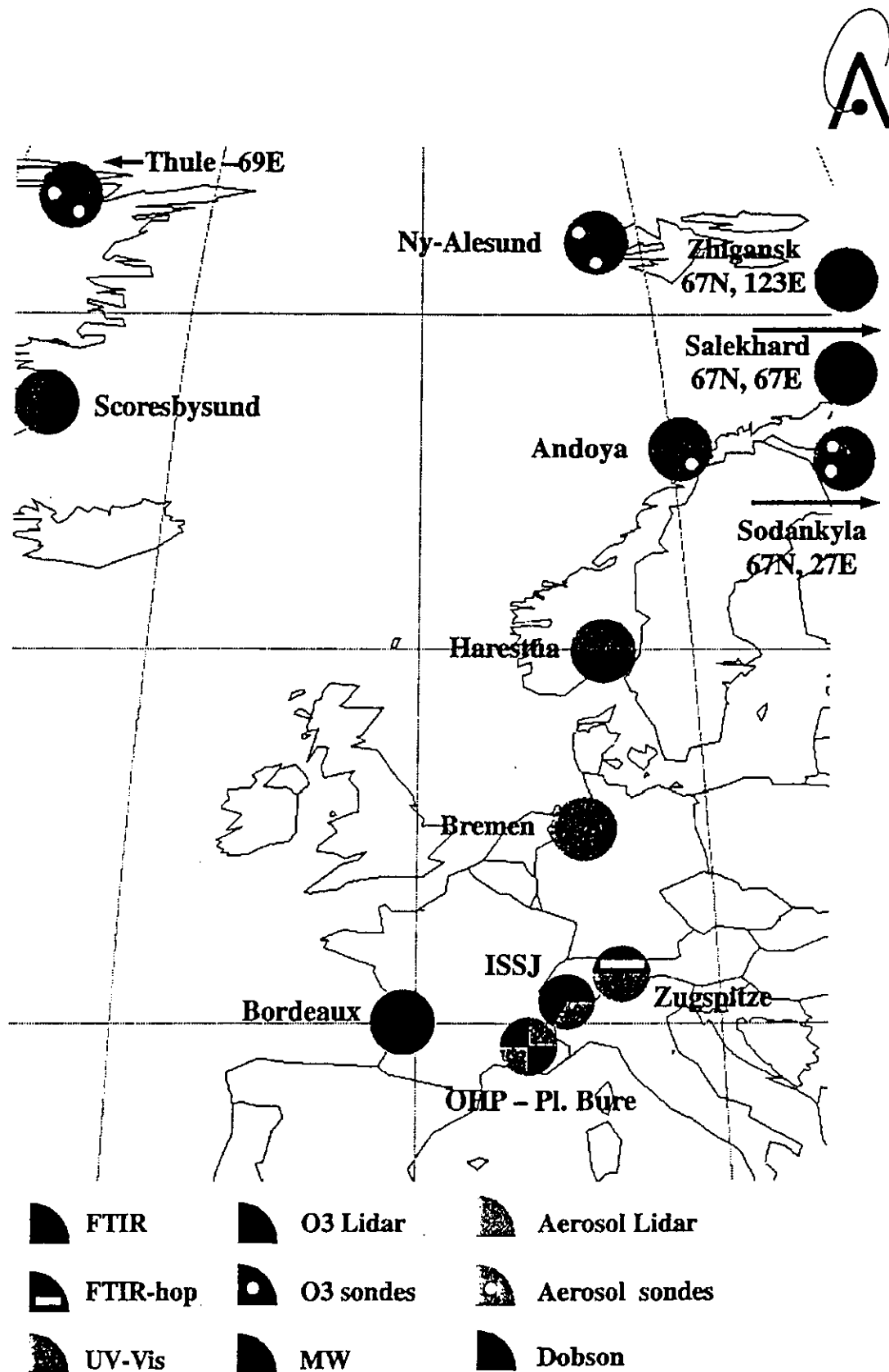
CEOS (Committee on Earth Observation Satellites)



- CEOS has embraced the concept of an Integrated Global Observing Strategy (IGOS)
 - ✓ Unite the major satellite and ground-based systems for global environmental observations of the atmosphere, oceans and land
 - ✓ Provides a forum for co-ordinating the activities of space agencies and informing users on future missions
 - ✓ Facilitates data access and exchange, stimulates better archiving, harmonisation, quality assurance and calibration/validation of data

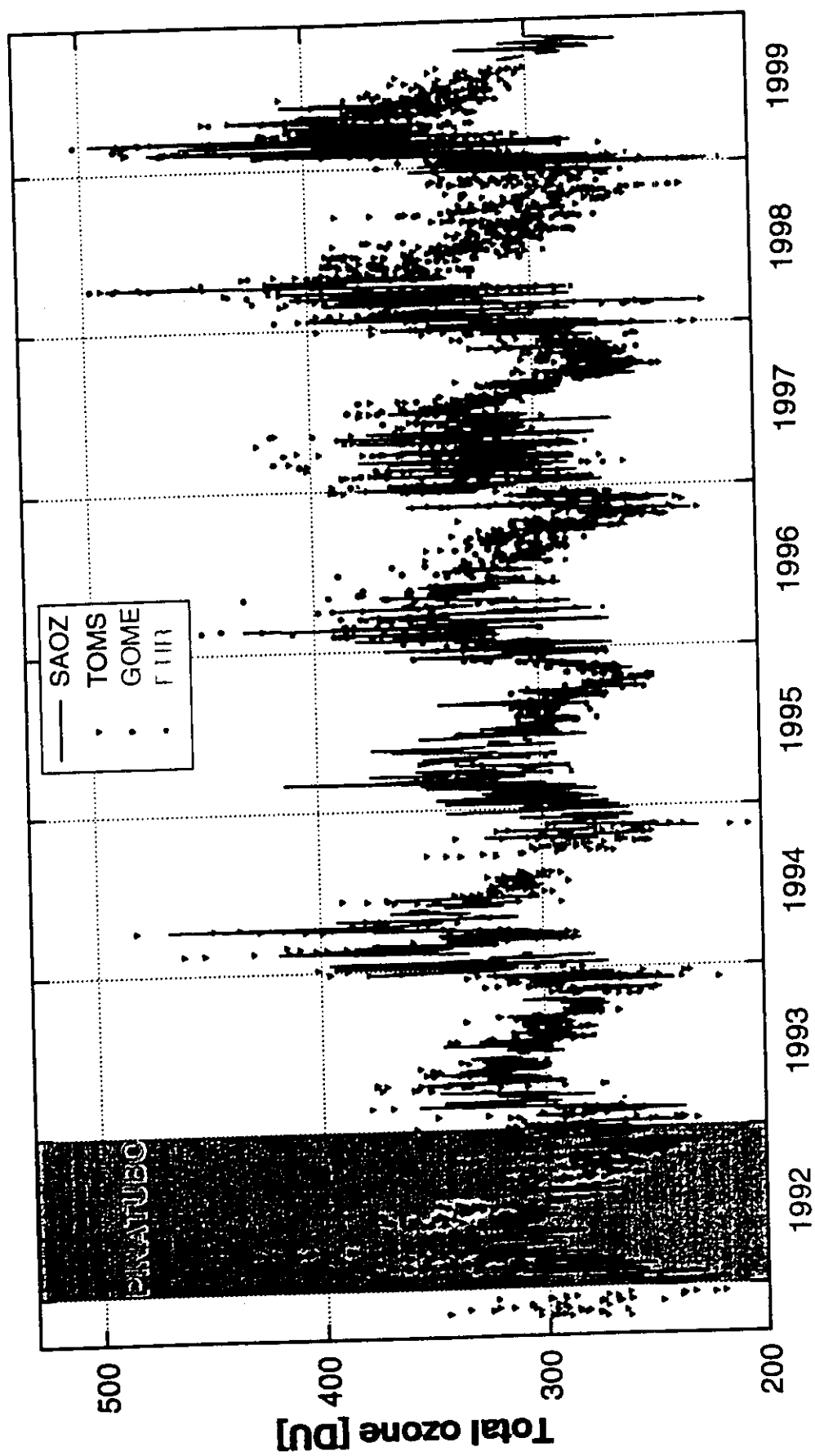


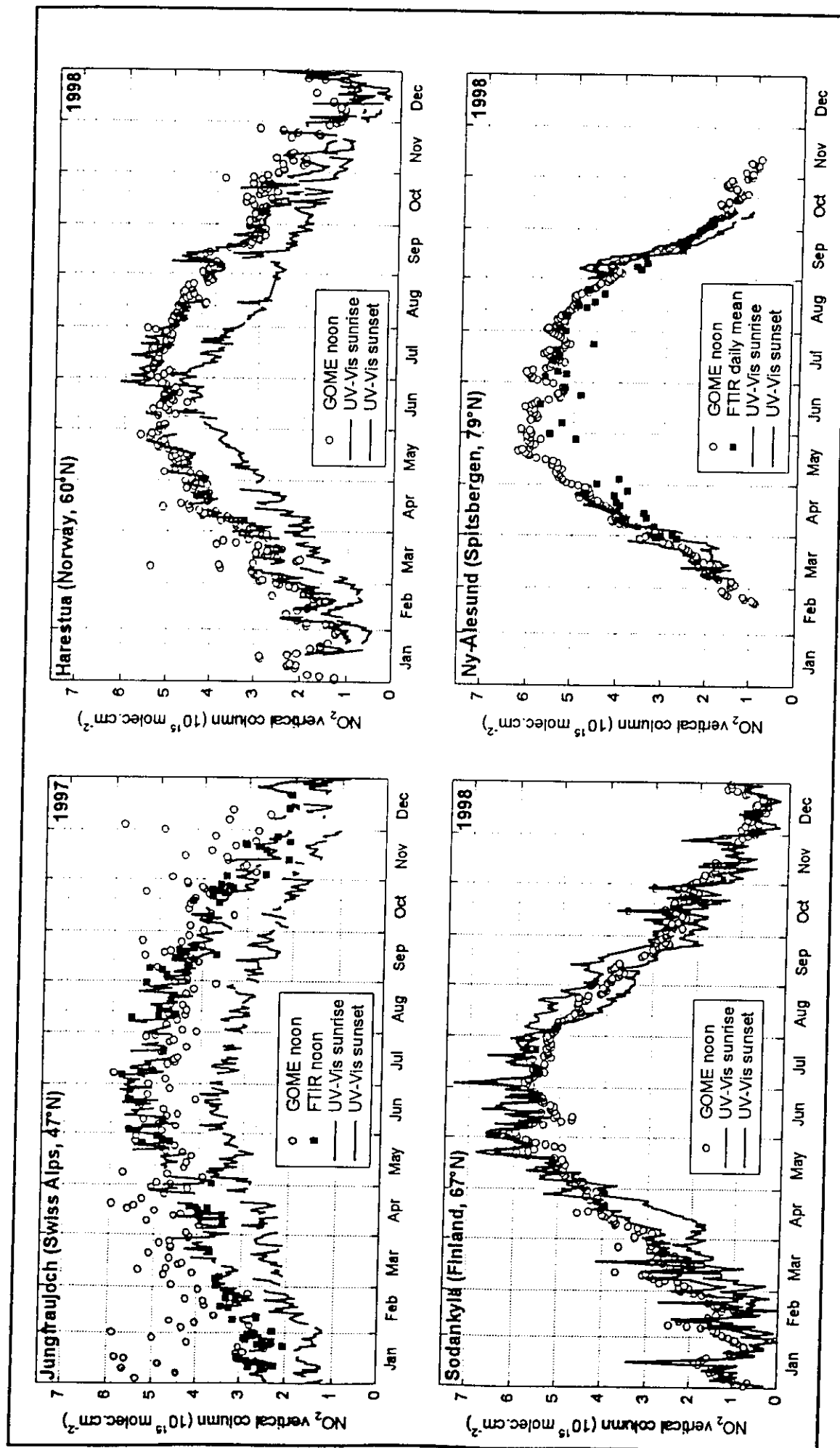
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European support to NDSC (COSE co-ordinated by M. Demazière), archived data products.

JUNGFRAUJOCH, 46°N, 8°E
Total ozone observations, 1992-1999





Seasonal and latitudinal variation of total NO₂ as derived from ERS-2 GOME satellite measurements and as observed with ground-based UV-visible and FTIR spectrometers. The synergistic use of different observation techniques and platforms at various locations allows to discriminate measurement artifacts from real geophysical features. E.g., most of outlying satellite data – observed especially over the Alps where ground-based UV-visible data have been filtered out – are indicative of enhanced tropospheric NO₂ to which the GOME measurement is highly sensitive.

Data courtesy: AWI, BIRA-IASB, CNRS/FMI, IFE/DLR/ESA, NILU, and ULG (From COSE Brochure)

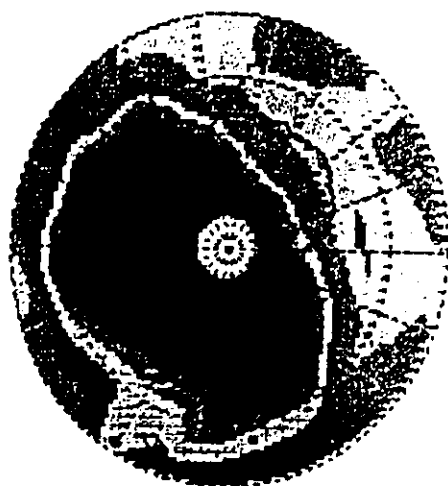


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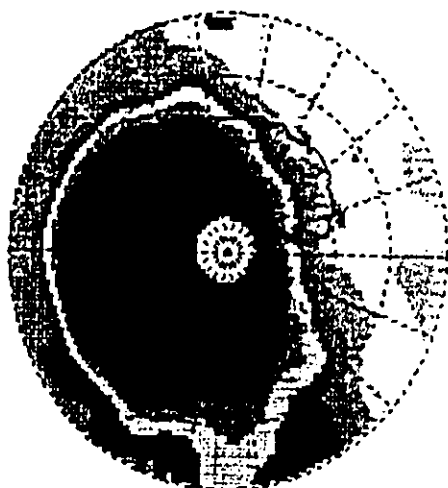


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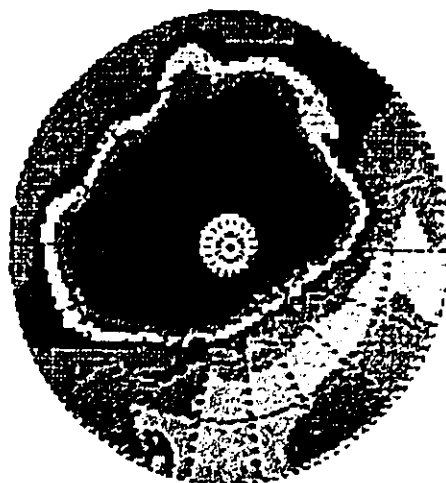
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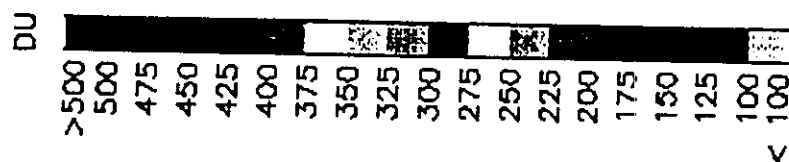
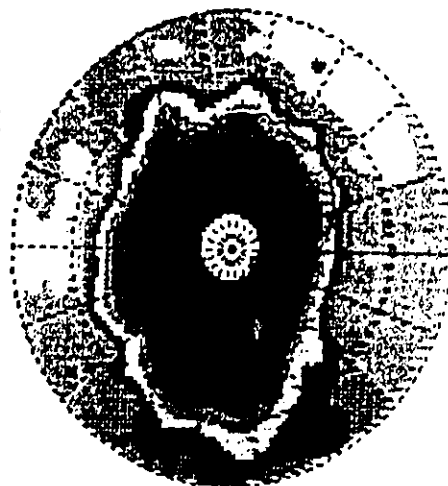
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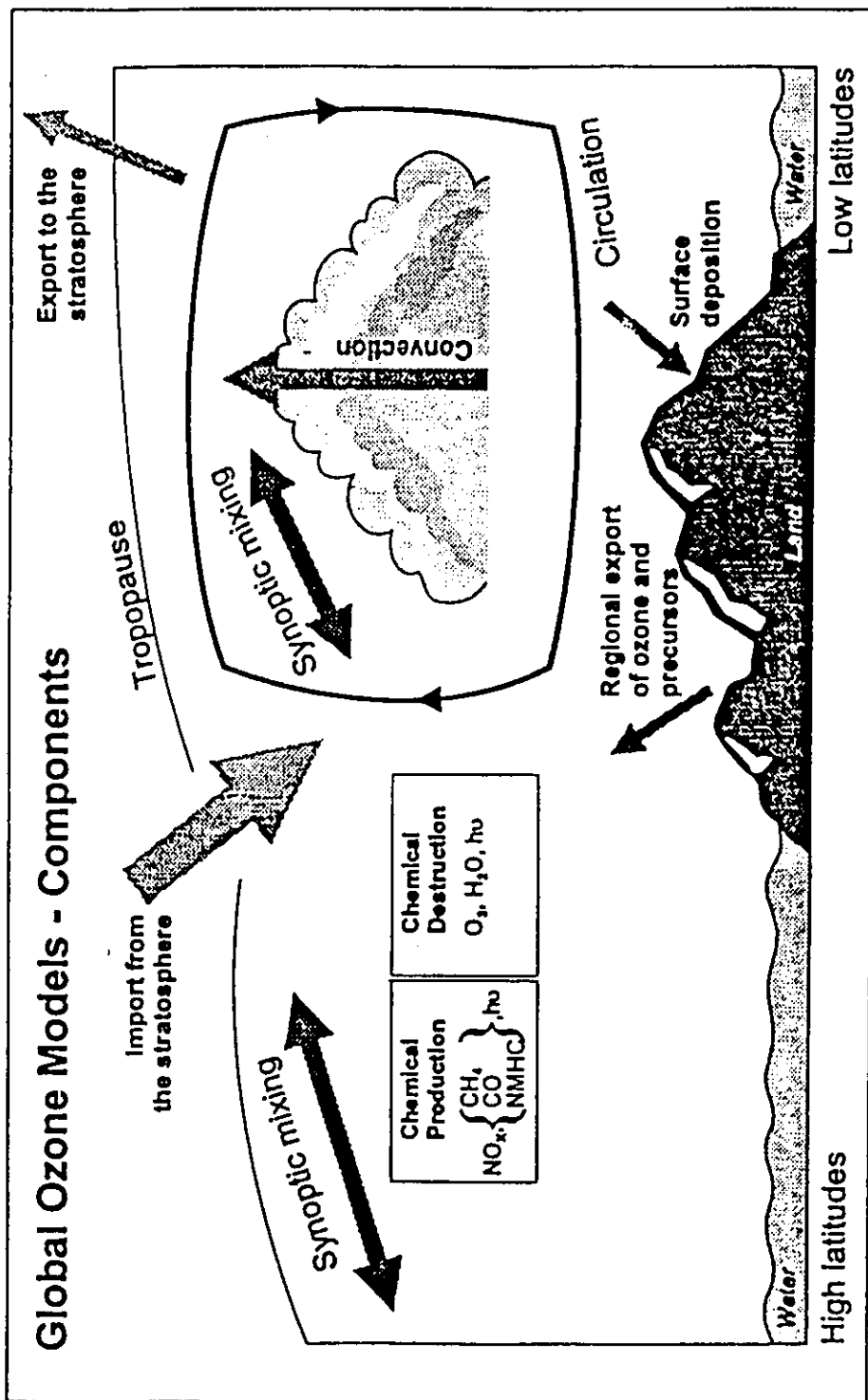


Tropospheric Chemistry

Global tropospheric chemistry is a component of the Earth System

It interacts with

- the ocean (emissions, deposition)
- the climate (meteorol., radiative forcing)
- the biosphere (emissions, deposition, etc.)
- the stratosphere (radiation, strat/trop exchange)
- and us (emissions, toxicity, etc.)



Processes governing the global tropospheric ozone budget. The major components are import of ozone from the stratosphere, chemical production and loss, deposition at the ground and ozone production on the smaller urban and regional scales.

Which species are we interested in ?

CLIMATE

(besides CO₂, H₂O, CFCs, chemically inert in the troposphere)

O ₃ (ozone)	warming effect
CH ₄ (methane)	warming effect
HCFCs, HFCs	warming effect
submicronic aerosols	cooling effect

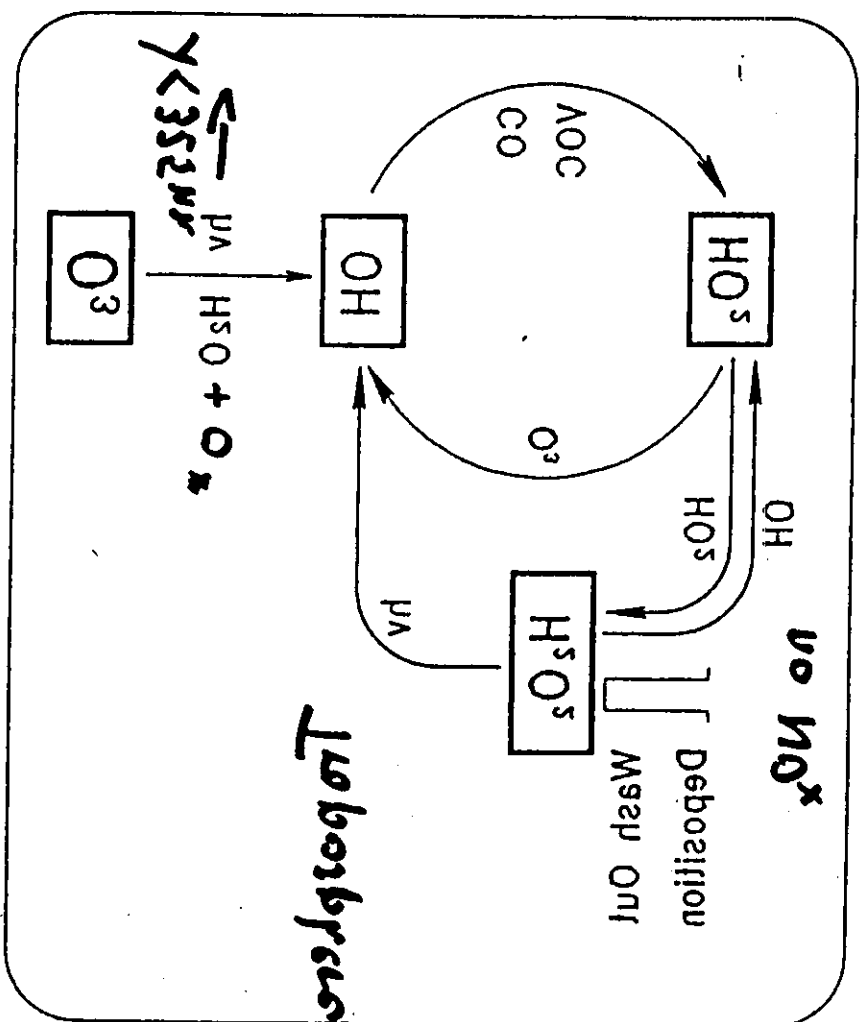
IMPACT ON BIOSPHERE

(besides CO₂, H₂O chemically inert in the troposphere)

O ₃ (ozone)	oxidant, harmful
aerosols	harmful
acids (HNO ₃ , H ₂ SO ₄)	acid rain, harmful
nitrogen species	plant nutrient
peroxides	oxidants, harmful
etc.	

**ALL THESE SPECIES ARE (PARTLY)
ANTHROPOGENIC**

Net = destruction of O_3



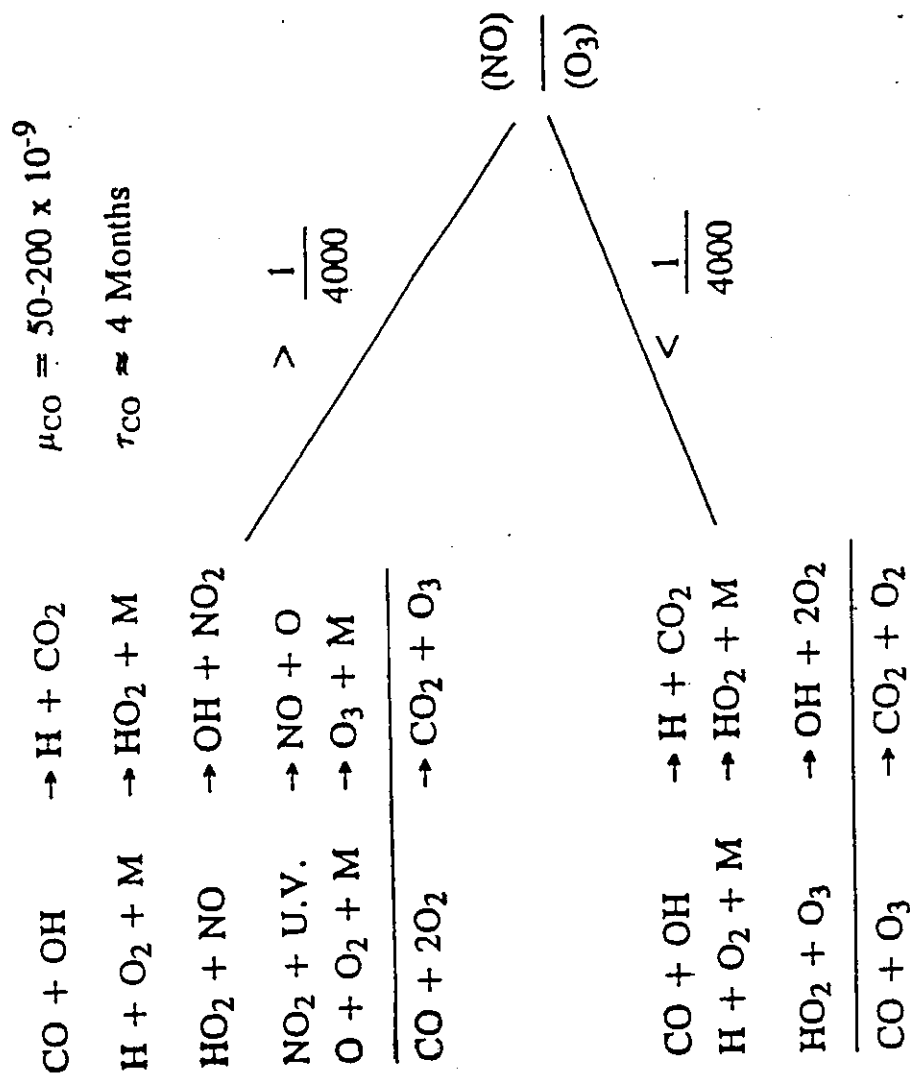
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of the hydroxyl radicals
oxidizing carbonyls

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TROPOSPHERIC OZONE PRODUCTION

(DURING THE OXIDATION OF CO)



$\mu_{\text{NO}} > 10^{-11}$ IN THE LOWER ATMOSPHERE $\Rightarrow$ OZONE PRODUCTION

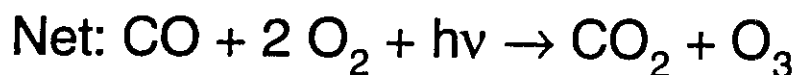
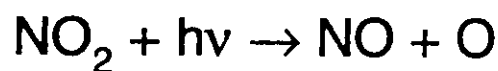
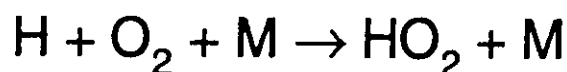
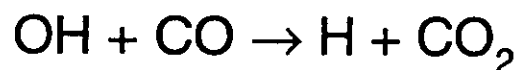
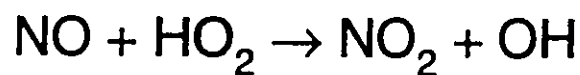
Figure 3. The simplest photochemical smog reaction leading to ozone formation. Ozone is created when the concentration of NO is greater than about 10^{-11} .

How do human activities influence these gases ?

- Direct emissions to the atmosphere (e.g. by fossil fuel use, biomass burning, fertilizer use) :

$\text{NO}_x (= \text{NO} + \text{NO}_2)$, CO , CH_4 , non-methane hydrocarbons, SO_2 , aerosols, etc.

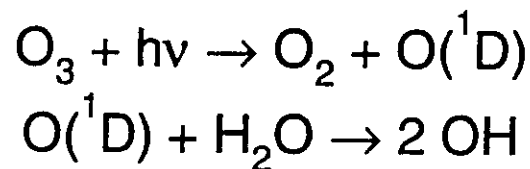
- Chemical transformations of these species lead to the production of secondary pollutants. E.g. ozone can be formed by:



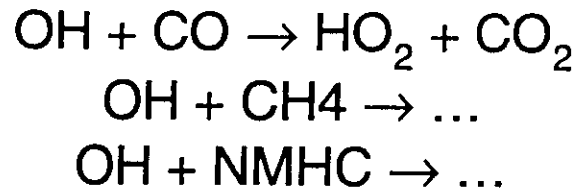
NO_x , CO and the hydrocarbons are therefore called the “ozone precursors”

- The anthropogenic emissions can also modify the oxidizing capacity of the atmosphere (i.e. its ability to “cleanse itself” of many pollutants), via the hydroxyl radical OH

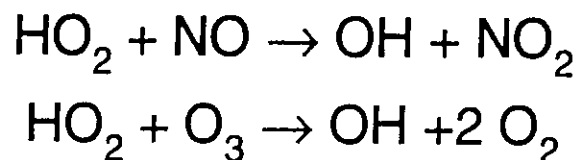
OH primary production :



OH sinks (conversion to HO₂) :



OH secondary production :



Model calculations (confirmed to some extent by observations) indicate that, since preindustrial times,

- Tropospheric ozone increased significantly, by more than a factor of 2 over industrialized areas
- Methane and presumably also CO, NO_x and SO_x have more than doubled
- The global oxidizing capacity of the atmosphere hasn't changed much

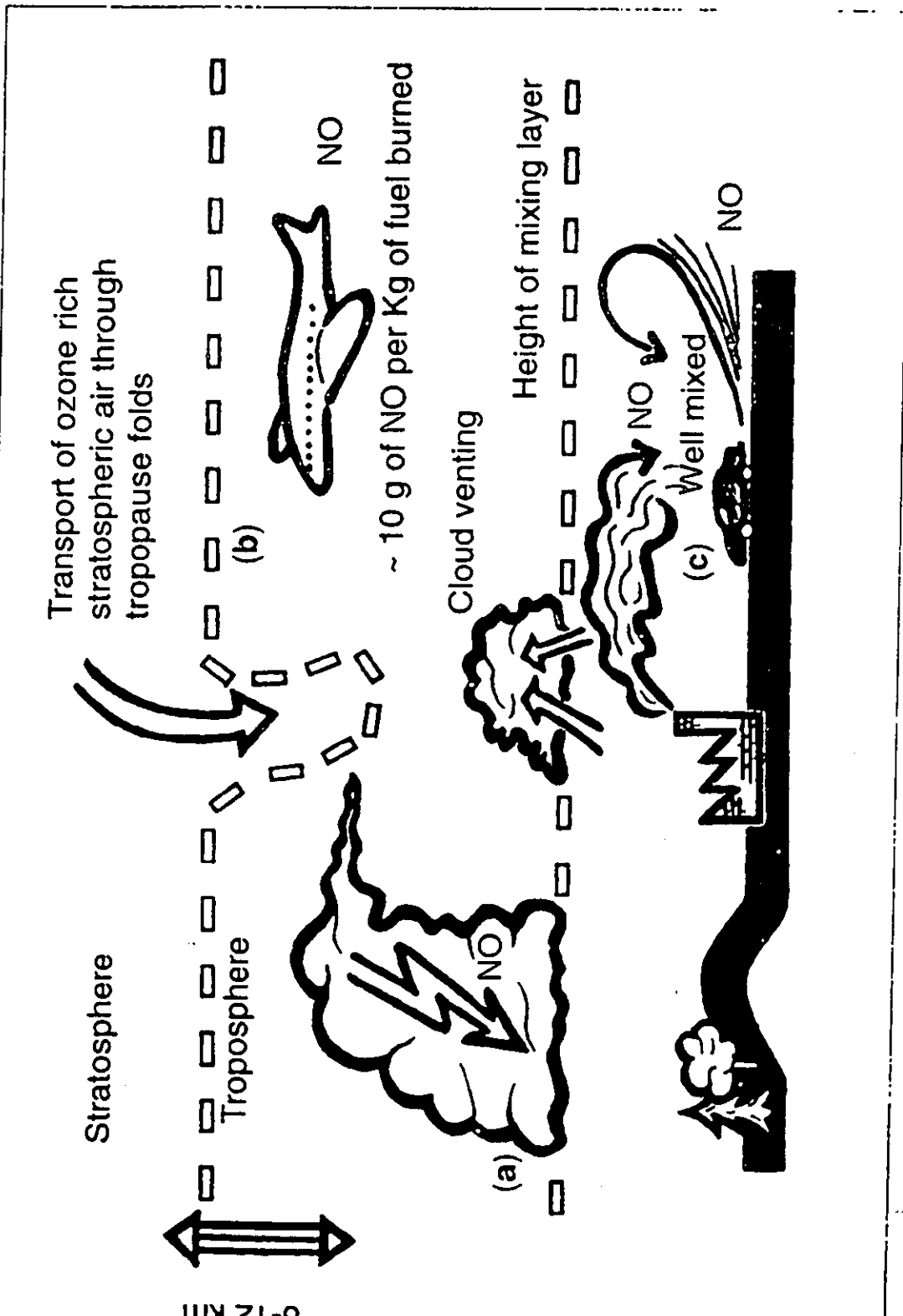
Anthropogenic emissions of ozone precursors are expected to double (or more) in the next century. Largest changes in the developing countries.

- Need for new chemical measurements

- long-term measurements (surface networks, ozonesondes)
- campaign measurements (aircraft) : cf. NASA missions (NO_y and HO_x species, CO, O₃, radiation, ...)
- satellites? Maybe promising, but retrieval is difficult due to clouds interferences and the high variability of the troposphere (the vertical profiles are not known a priori)

- Need for establishing climatologies

- Understanding ozone production in the upper troposphere/tropopause region
 - this is where the aircraft fly
 - this is where NO_x have the highest ozone production potential
 - this is where ozone has the highest climatic impact (for the surface)
 - cf. recent NASA, EC, IPCC reports on aircraft
 - need to quantify strat/trop exchanges, role of convection, lightning
 - ozone production potential depends on HO_x levels
 - hence the importance of possible exotic HO_x sources in the upper troposphere (acetone, convection of peroxides and aldehydes)



Three sources of NO_x that may influence *in situ* ozone production within the 8-12 km range

Impacts of stratospheric O₃ changes on the chemical composition of the troposphere

Decrease in the total ozone column over the last 2 decades



Increase of the UV-B fluxes to the troposphere



Increase photodissociation of chemical species



Increase in the tropospheric concentration of OH radical



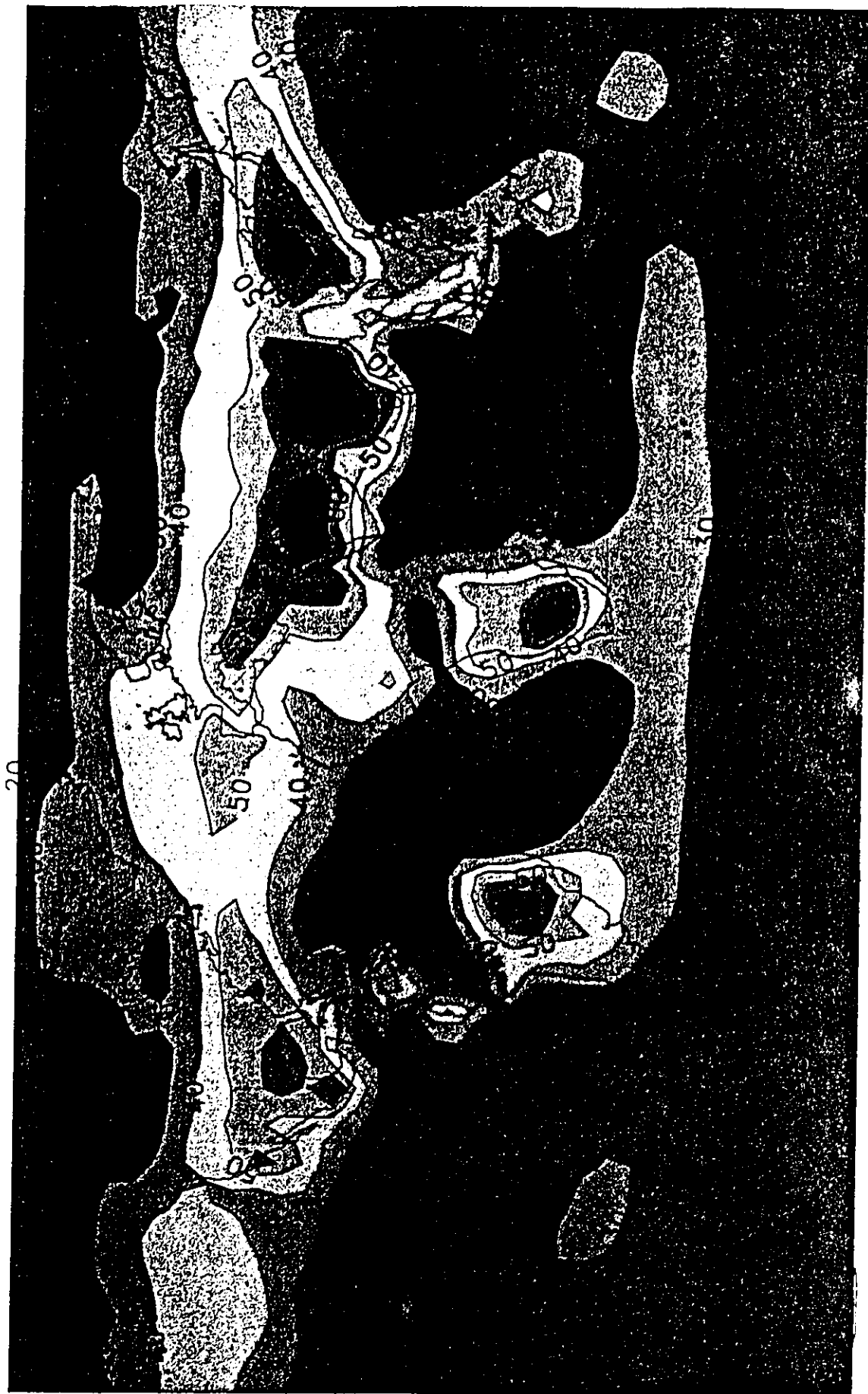
Perturbation in tropospheric distributions and lifetimes of chemical species

(CO, O₃, ~~CH₄~~, H₂O₂, HCFCs, HFCs)

Surface ozone increase () projected for industrial III



Ozone (ppbv) [2050] Oct.



WMO-GAW Global Atmospheric Watch

of the World Meteorological Organization

- ✓ Implemented in 1989
- ✓ Recognized as the basic monitoring system for atmospheric chemistry and physics
- ✓ Coordinated network of observing stations and related facilities

= monitor the long term evolution of the atmospheric composition on global and regional scales in order to assess this contribution to climate change and environmental issues

WMO-GAW Global Atmospheric Watch



✓ Global stations

22 observations in remote areas of the globe. Full programme of measurements relating to climate and global change

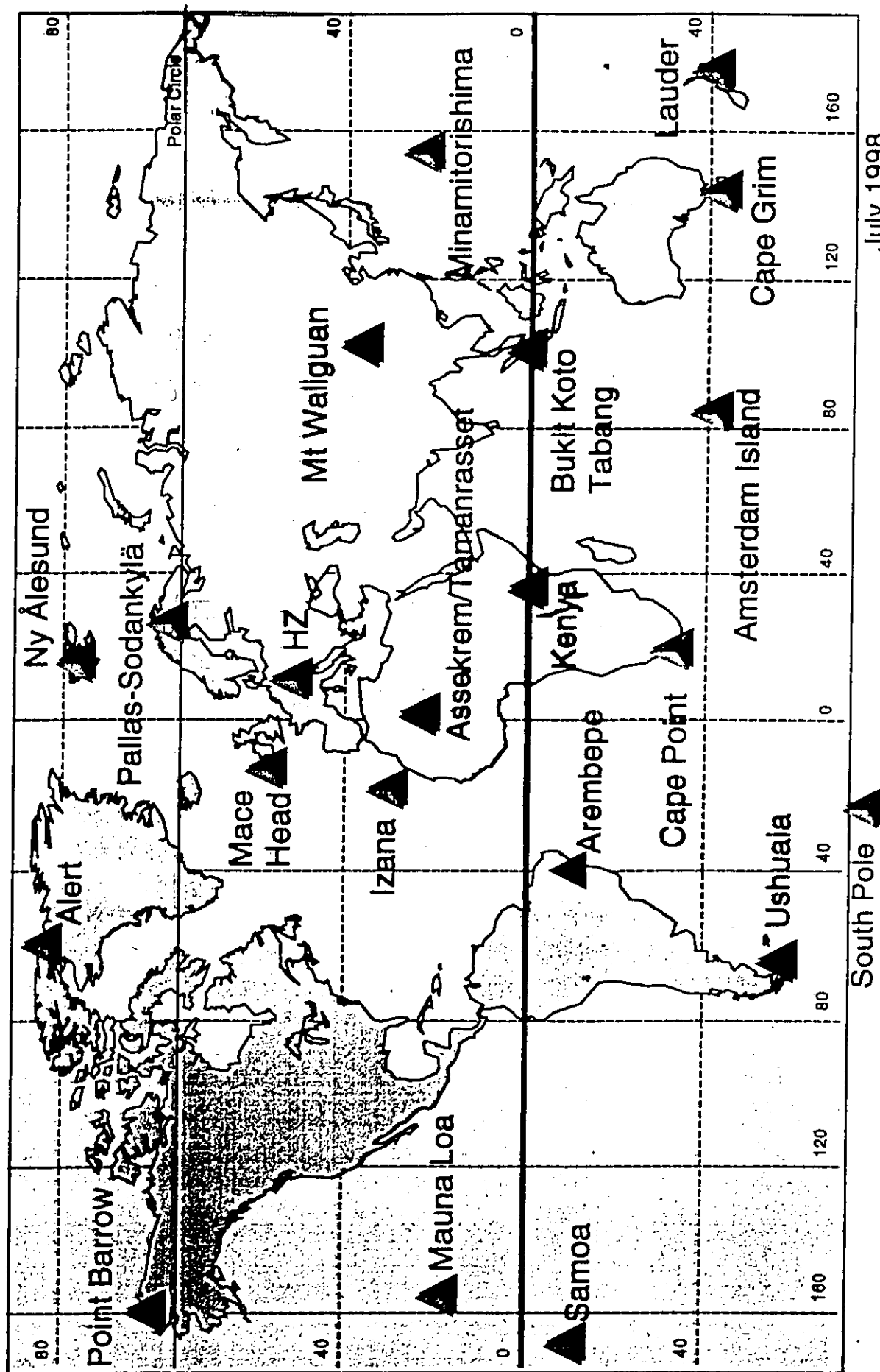
✓ Regional stations

Over 300 with flexible programmes to meet regional and national needs

✓ About 80 member countries are participating

WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION

GLOBAL ATMOSPHERE WATCH



July 1998

GAW strategic plan (1997 - 2000)

- ✓ **To acquire and distribute data of high and known quality**
 - consistent / uniform quality control procedures
 - global data exchange capabilities
- ✓ **To strengthen GAW leadership**
- ✓ **To build up GAW's central facilities and expand the support base**
- ✓ **To improve and expand the measurement network**
 - stabilising operations at present stations
 - adding stations in targeted regions with sparse or no coverage

GAW strategic plan (1997 - 2000), cont.

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- ✓ To expand the user base for GAW data
 - data products more readily and easily available
 - support modelling, scientific assessments
- ✓ To evolve GAW into a three-dimensional global observation network
 - surface-based, aircraft, satellite and other remote sensing observations
 - quasi-real-time monitoring capability

Clearly defined responsibilities-SAGs



- ✓ UV/radiation
- ✓ Aerosols/optical depth
- ✓ Ozone
- ✓ Precipitation chemistry and deposition
- ✓ Greenhouse and radiative chemical species

GAW related facilities

- ✓ Data collection, assessments
 - ✓ QA/QC, including instrument calibration and intercomparison
- “It is better to have no data than data without unknown quality”*
- ✓ WMO World Data Centres



WMO Coordinated UV Monitoring

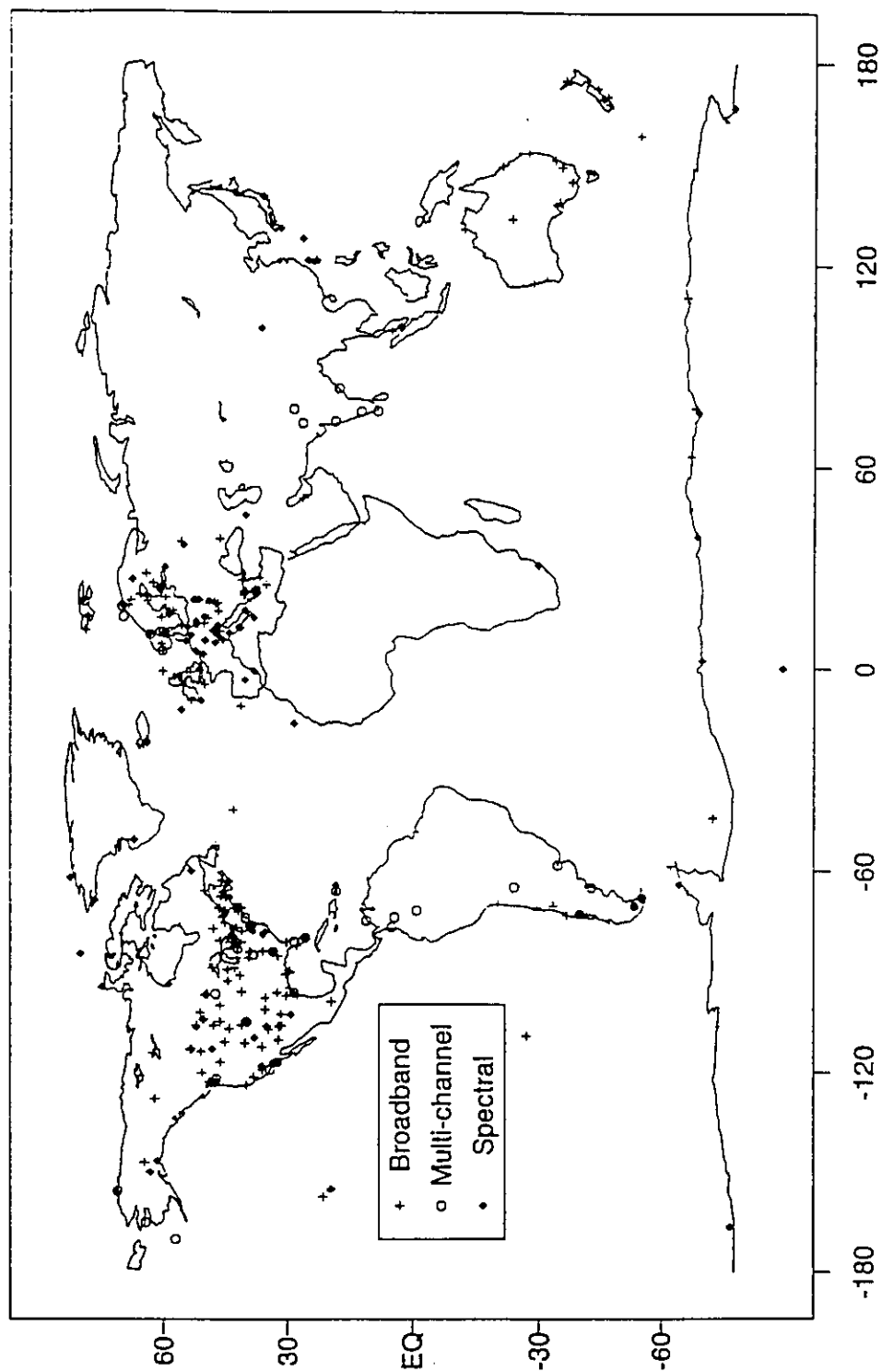


Figure 9-1. Map showing the global distribution of surface-based instruments monitoring UV radiation. (Updated from Weatherhead and Webb, 1997.)

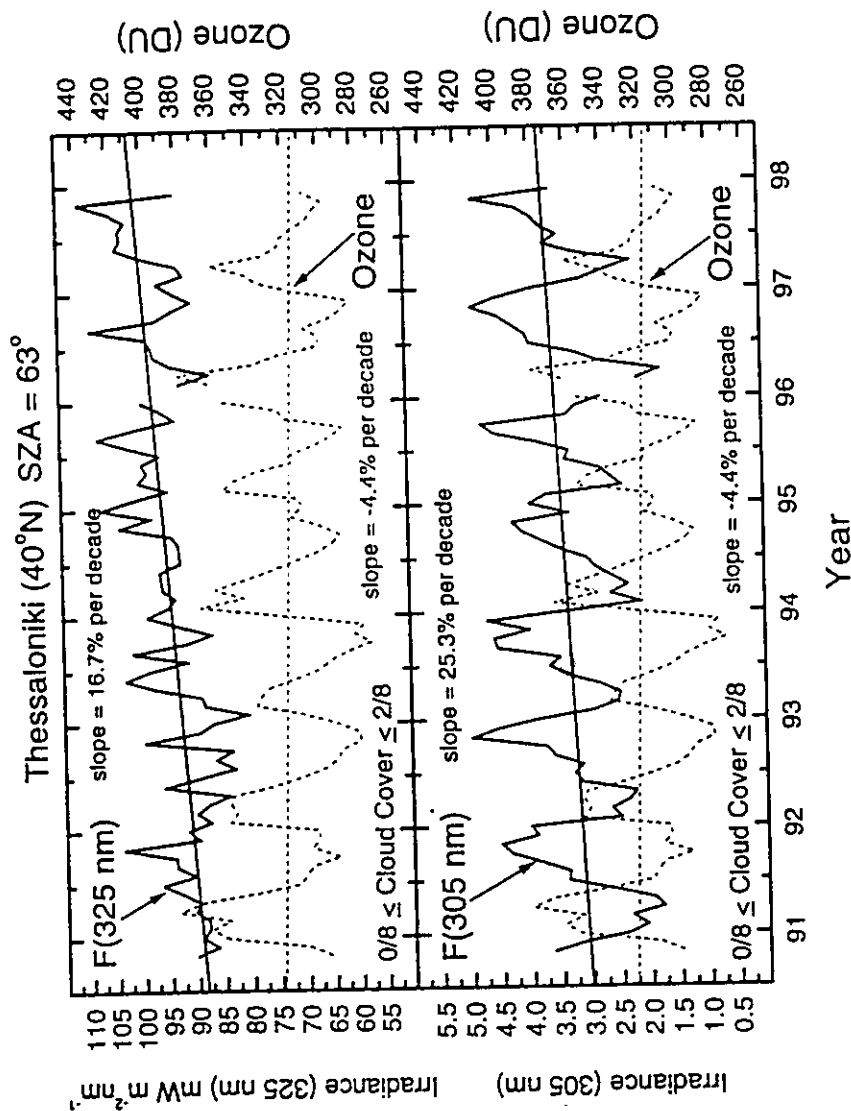


Figure 9-9. Time series of monthly mean values of solar UV irradiance (solid lines) at 325 nm (top panel) and at 305 nm (bottom panel) measured at 63° SZA under clear-sky conditions, and total ozone (dashed lines), at Thessaloniki, Greece (40°N), during the period from November 1990 to December 1997. Cloud fraction numbers can range from 0/8 (entirely clear skies) to 8/8 (entirely overcast). Straight lines represent linear regressions on the monthly mean data from November 1990 to November 1997. (Updated from Zerefos *et al.*, 1997.)

❑ Other specialised programmes using network data

- ✓ WCRP'S Baseline Surface Radiation Network (BSRN)
- ✓ SCO3P (Southern Cone Ozone Project)
Improves the measurements of ozone (surface and total) and UV-B in 5 South American countries (Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay)
- ✓ EMEP (European Monitoring and Evaluation Programme)
- ✓ The North American Networks, integrated monitoring programmes of the UNEP (United Nations Environment Programme)
- ✓ GCOS (Global Climate Observing System)
- ✓ WHO (World Health Organisation) urban networks
- ✓ IGAC (International Global Atmospheric Chemistry Programme)
- ✓ SPARC (Stratospheric Processes And their Role in Climate)

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- ❑ In addition to GAW other long term programmes for measuring atmospheric composition on a global scale are currently being developed by:
 - ✓ NDSC (Network for the Detection of Stratospheric Change)
Highly sophisticated measurements related to stratospheric change
Provides complementary information on vertical distributions of atmospheric gases
 - Europe provides support to the NDSC through long-term observations and related scientific activities at a large number of stations