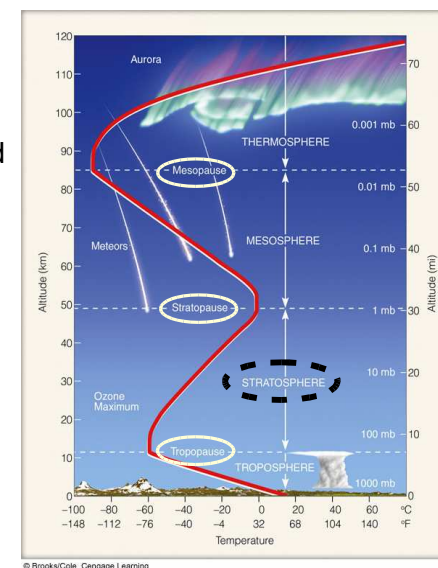


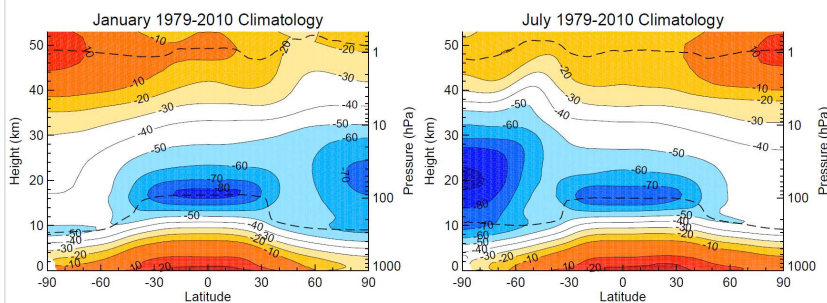
## Temperature Structure

- The atmosphere is layered according to its temperature structure
- In some layers temperature increases with height
- In others it decreases with height or is roughly constant

... "pause" is a level  
... "sphere" is a layer



## Air Temperature Structure

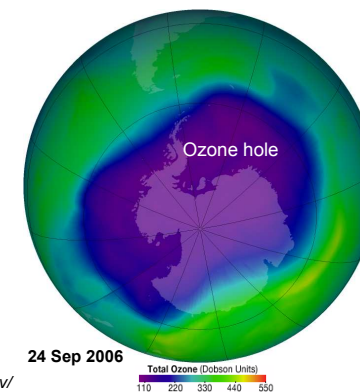


- Cold (and high) tropical tropopause
- Temperature keeps on decreasing into the stratosphere during polar winter
- Southern polar winter much colder than northern polar winter

*Contour values are in °C, long dashed lines mark the tropopause and stratopause, respectively.<sup>3</sup>*

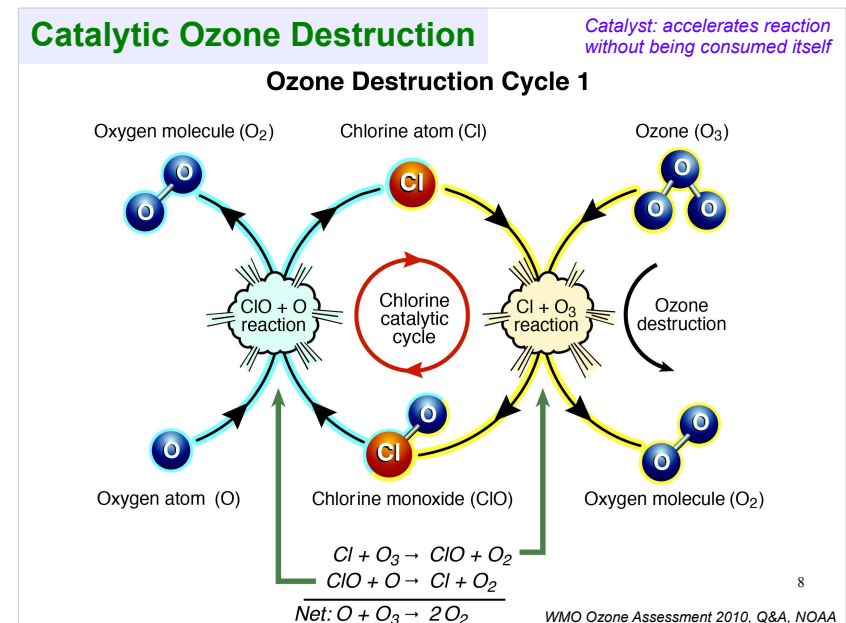
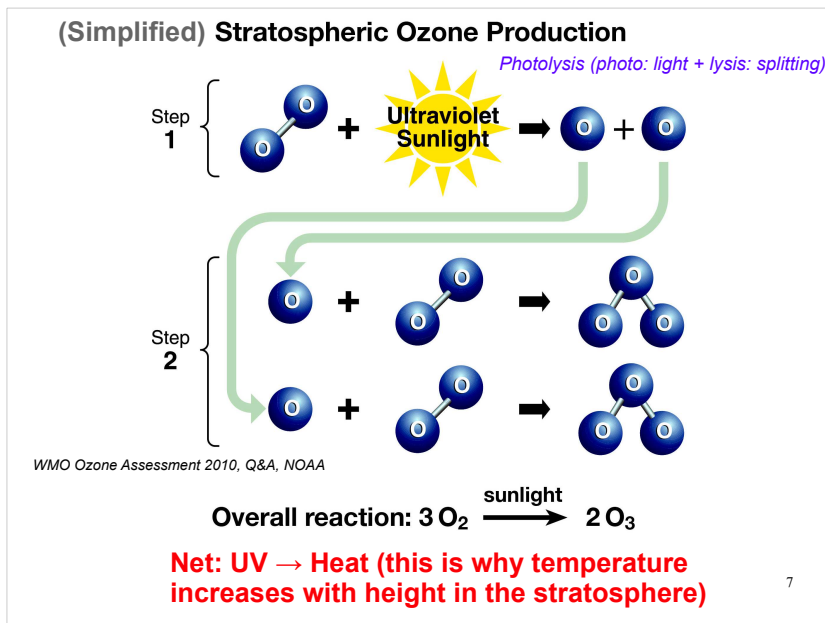
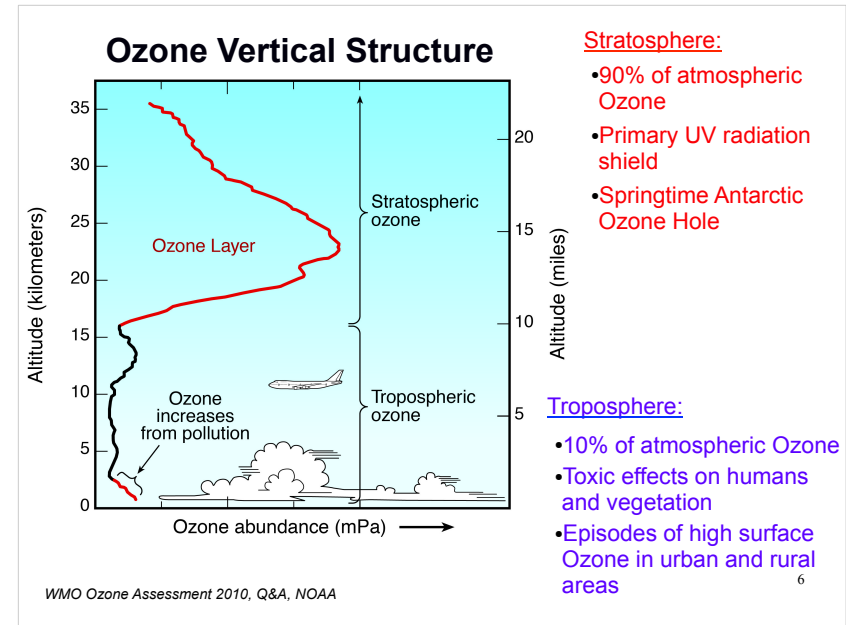
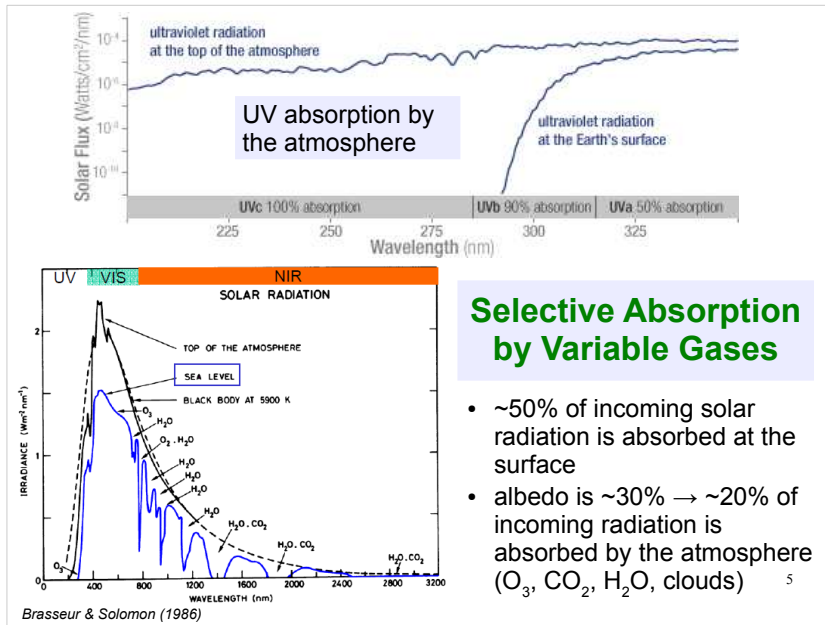
## Ozone (O<sub>3</sub>)

- Why is it good for us?
- Why is it bad for us?
- How is it formed?
- How is it destroyed?



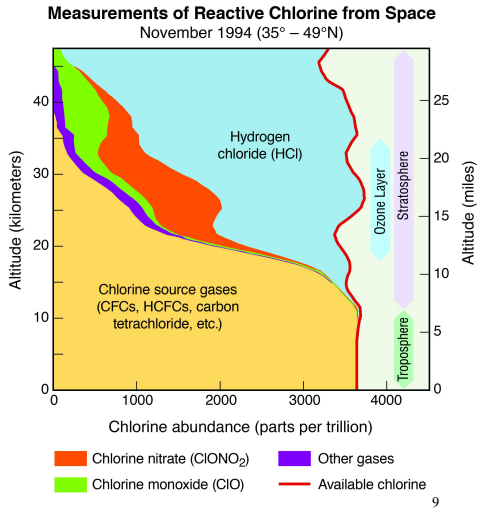
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# Friday PM, Discovery of Ozone Hole



## Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs)

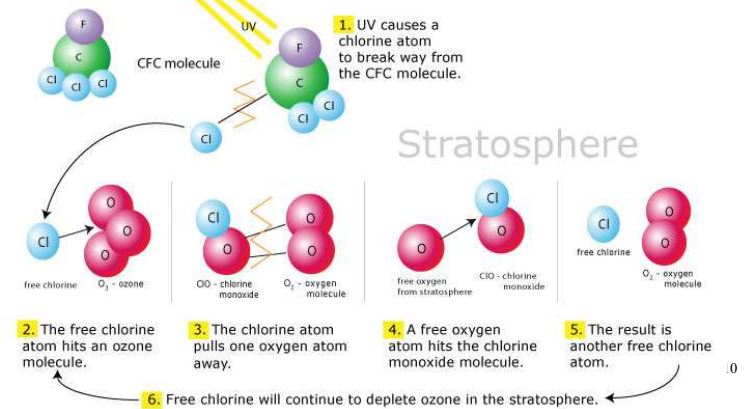
- Also similar halons (bromine compounds)
- Refrigerants, propellants (e.g. aerosol spray), solvents
- Non-reactive = inert → non-toxic
- Inert → they accumulate in the atmosphere
- Lifetimes: CFC-12 ( $\text{CCl}_2\text{F}_2$ ) – 100 years, CFC-11 ( $\text{CCl}_3\text{F}$ ) – 45 years
- CFCs are broken up by UV radiation in stratosphere to produce Chlorine nitrate ( $\text{ClONO}_2$ ), Chlorine monoxide ( $\text{ClO}$ ), Hydrogen chloride ( $\text{HCl}$ ), and other gases



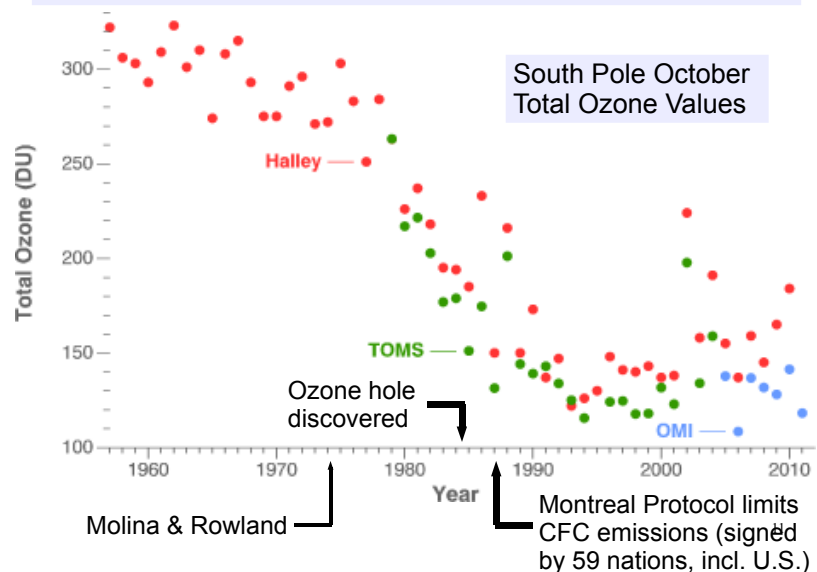
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## CFCs & Enhanced Catalytic Ozone Destruction

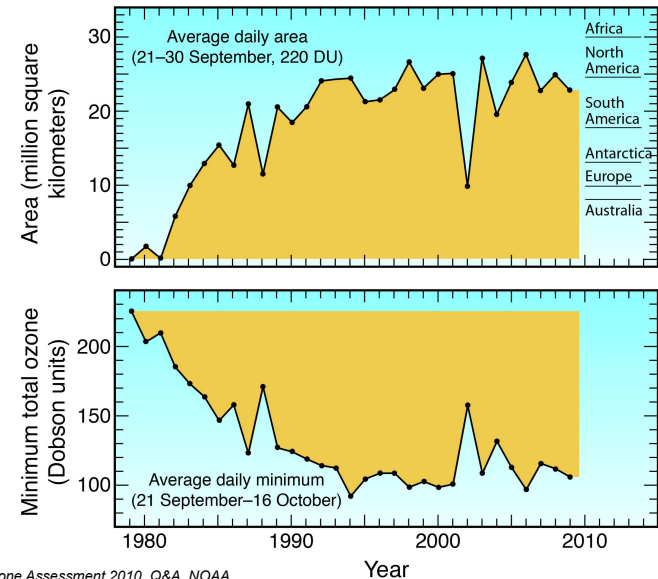
- CFCs provide extra Cl atoms that spin up ozone destruction
- (only) 7% ozone depletion by ~2050 based on studies in mid to late 1970's (most famously Molina & Roland, Nature 1974)
- U.S. Bans CFC use in aerosol sprays in 1978
- NASA launches Total Ozone Mapping Spectrometer (TOMS) Satellite in 1979



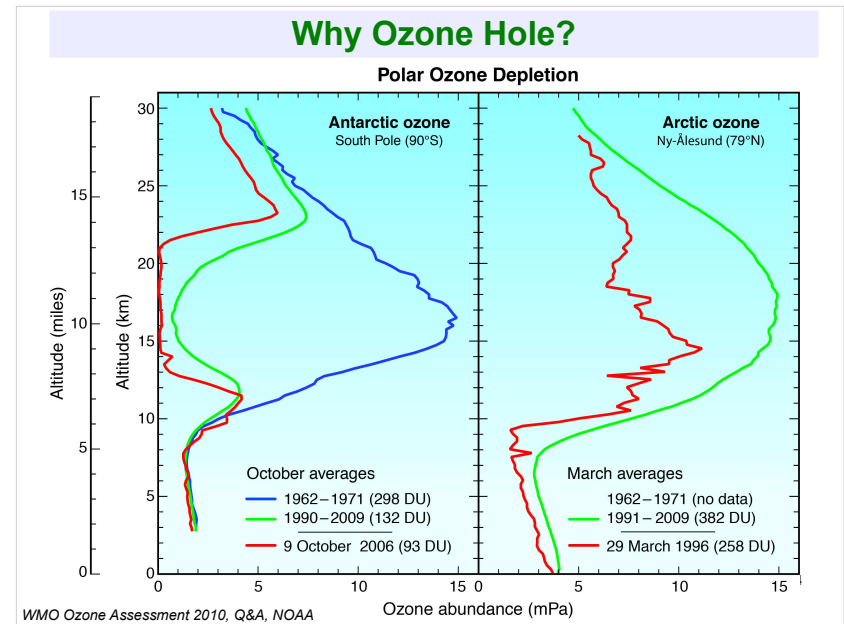
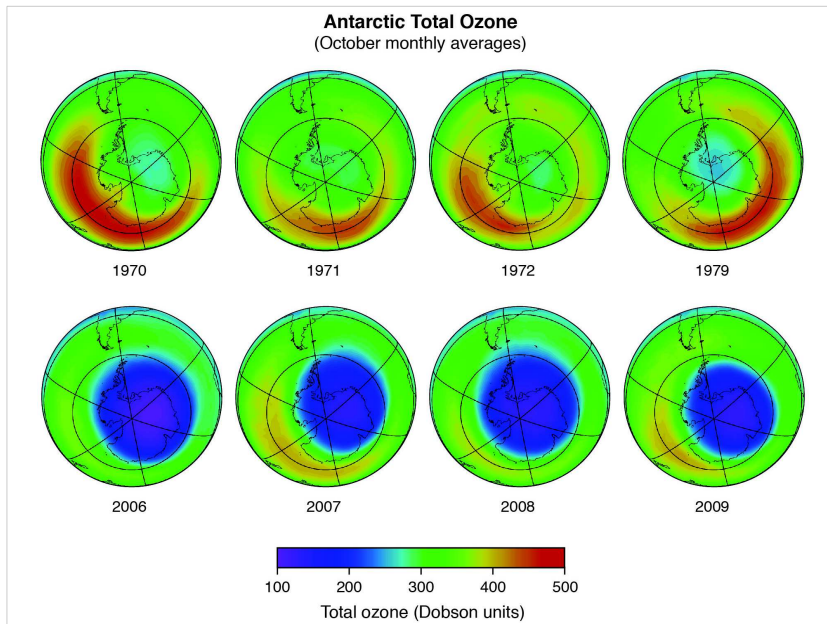
## Discovery of Ozone Hole, Montreal Protocol



## Antarctic Ozone Depletion



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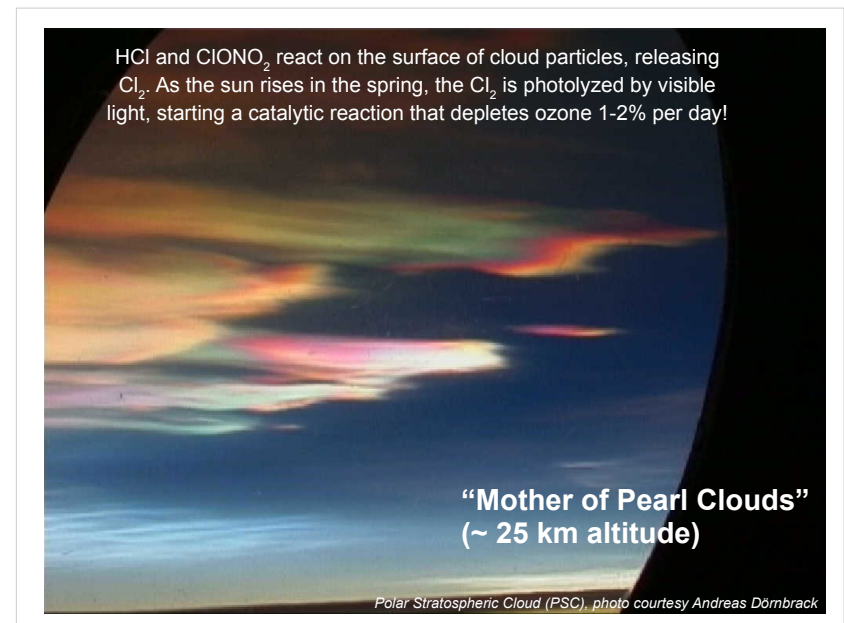


### Polar Stratospheric Cloud Surface Reaction

- HCl and ClONO<sub>2</sub> collect on PSC
- HCl and ClONO<sub>2</sub> react on PSC to form Cl<sub>2</sub> and HNO<sub>3</sub>
- Cl<sub>2</sub> comes off PSC, while HNO<sub>3</sub> remains on PSC to settle out of stratosphere.
- Cl<sub>2</sub> is photolyzed by visible wavelengths, and begins catalytic reaction.

● Cl<sub>2</sub> ● HNO<sub>3</sub> ● HCl ● ClONO<sub>2</sub> ■ Ice or HNO<sub>3</sub> · 3H<sub>2</sub>O

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## The Players

1995 Nobel Prize in Chemistry to Molina, Rowland, Crutzen  
 “for their work in atmospheric chemistry, particularly concerning the formation and decomposition of ozone”



Mario Molina



Sherwood Rowland



Paul Crutzen

Discovery of Ozone Hole 1984/1985 by Shigeru Chubachi (left) and Joseph Farman, Brian Gardiner, Jonathan Shanklin (right)

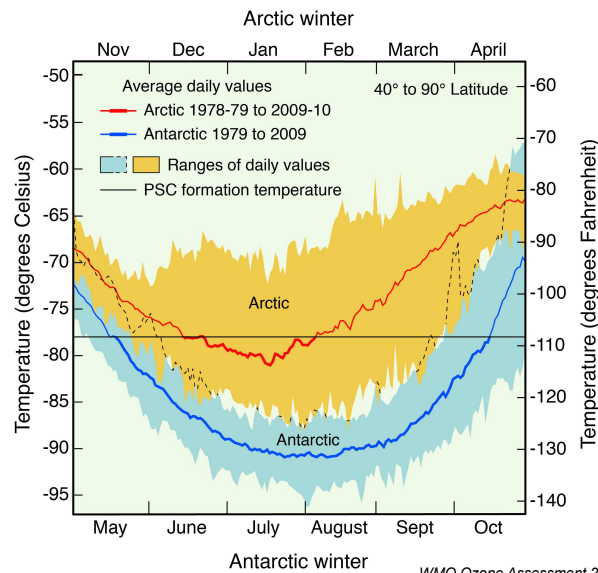


Susan Solomon: Importance of heterogeneous reactions on the surface of PSCs<sup>17</sup>

## Arctic vs. Antarctic

- During polar night lack of incoming solar radiation (i.e. lack of Ozone heating due to UV absorption) leads to strong cooling of stratospheric air
- The cold air tends to sink and spin up a gigantic vortex sitting over the polar cap of the winter hemisphere, with maximum winds ~60° latitude
- Air inside strong polar vortex over Antarctic becomes isolated and cools sufficiently to produce PSCs → Ozone depletion & Ozone Hole
- Polar vortex over Arctic is frequently disturbed by atmospheric planetary waves that are generated at the Earth's surface by land/sea contrasts and topography and propagate up to the stratosphere
- These planetary waves can lead to a phenomenon called Sudden Stratospheric Warming (SSW), where temperatures inside the polar vortex increase by several 10s of degrees
- SSWs prevent air to be cold enough to produce wide-spread PSC coverage over the Arctic
- SSWs occur about every other year over Arctic, only 1 SSW has ever been recorded over Antarctic (in 2002)

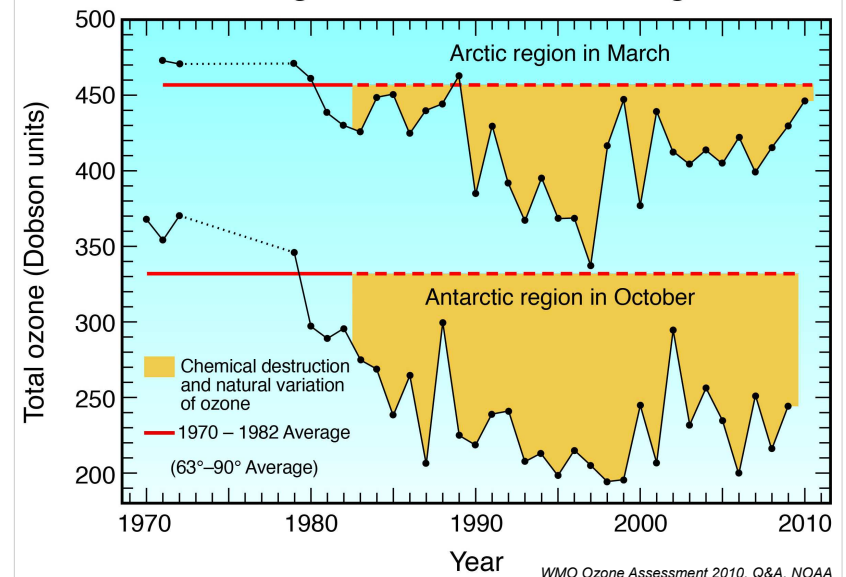
## Minimum Air Temperatures in the Polar Stratosphere



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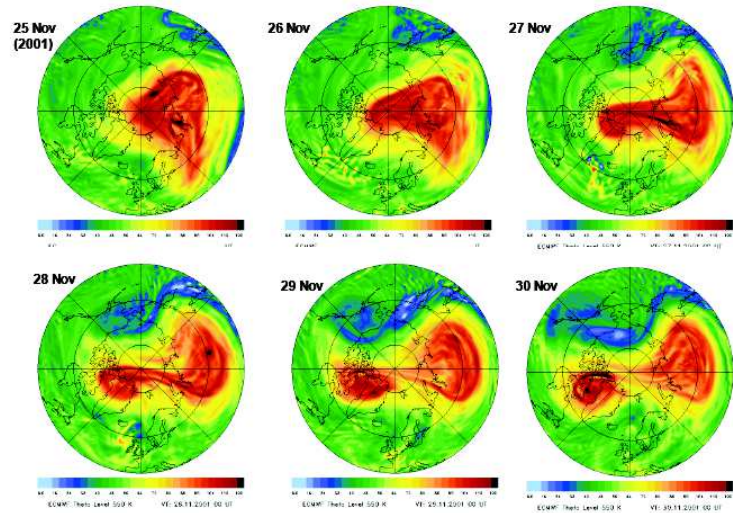
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## Average Total Ozone in Polar Regions



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### Sudden Stratospheric Warming in November 2001 Split-up of the Arctic Polar Vortex, PV at 550 K (25 km)



### Historical Notes: the Berlin Phenomenon

- Regular radiosonde observations by R. Scherhag (pronounce “Sharehug”) from Berlin, Tempelhof (52°N) starting in 1951
- Scherhag observed in these radiosoundings an “explosive warming” of the stratosphere on January 27, 1952: “A warming of 30°C thus began on January 27 ... at the 10-mb level ...” (from Labitzke & van Loon, 1999)

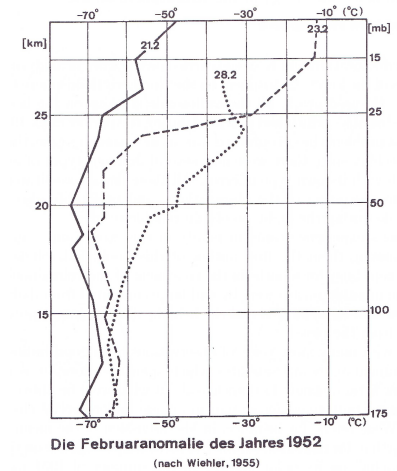
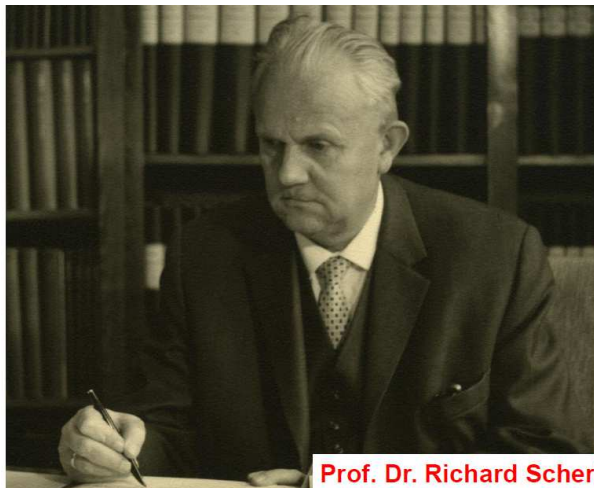
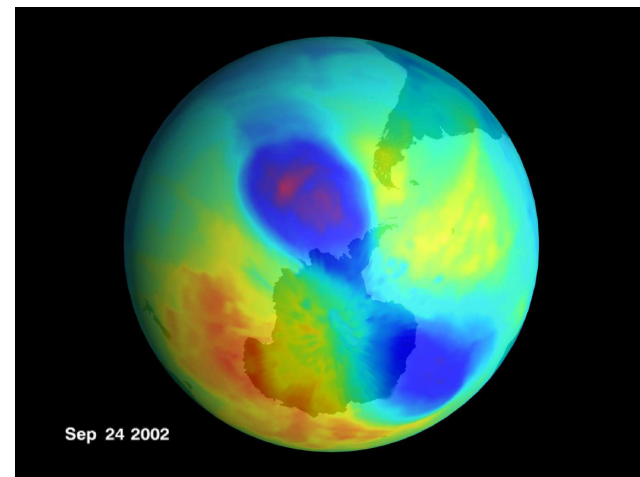


Fig. 1.4: The midwinter warming February 1952 (Wiehler 1955)

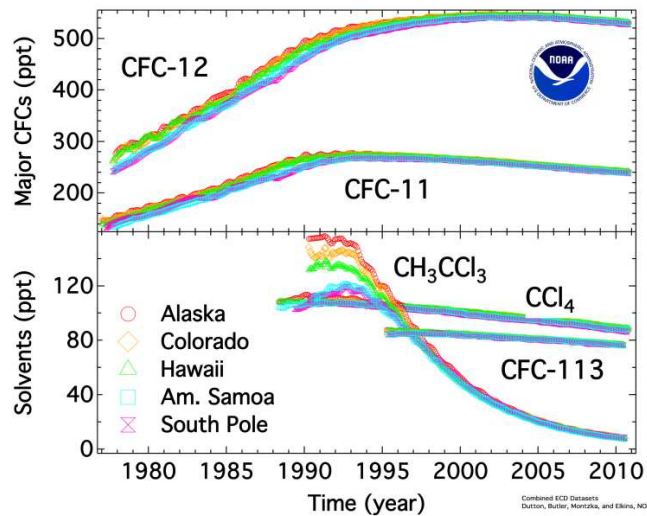


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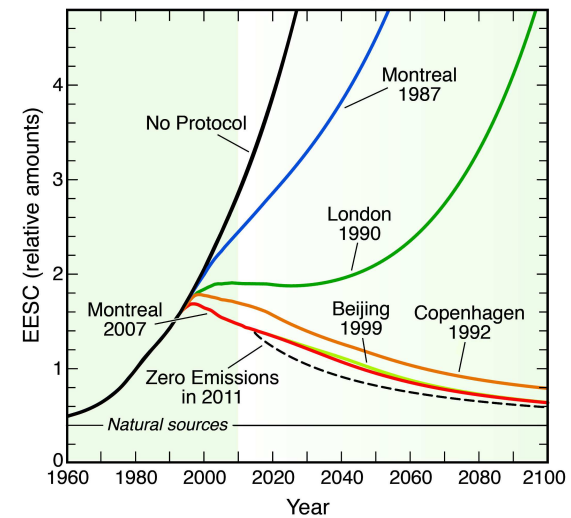
### Split-up of the Antarctic Ozone Hole in 2002



**Effect of the Montreal Protocol: CFCs are meanwhile decreasing**

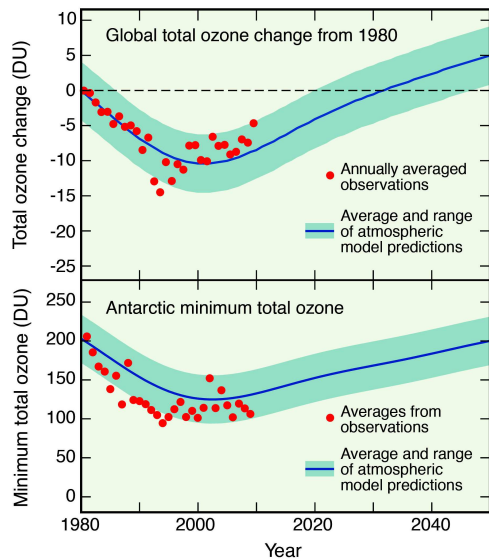


**Effect of the Montreal Protocol**  
Long-term changes in equivalent effective stratospheric chlorine (EESC)



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**Simulations of Stratospheric Ozone Depletion**  
Results from chemistry-climate models



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**Ozone Recovery expected by ~2050**

**Increased CO<sub>2</sub> leads to stratospheric cooling(!)**  
→ more PSCs, slowed Ozone recovery

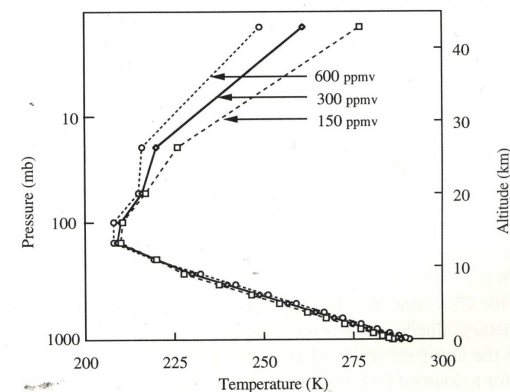


Fig. 12.7 Temperature profiles calculated with a one-dimensional radiative-convective equilibrium model for CO<sub>2</sub> at 150, 300, and 600 ppmv. [Data from Manabe and Wetherald (1967). Reprinted with permission from the American Meteorological Society.]

### Lessons Learned

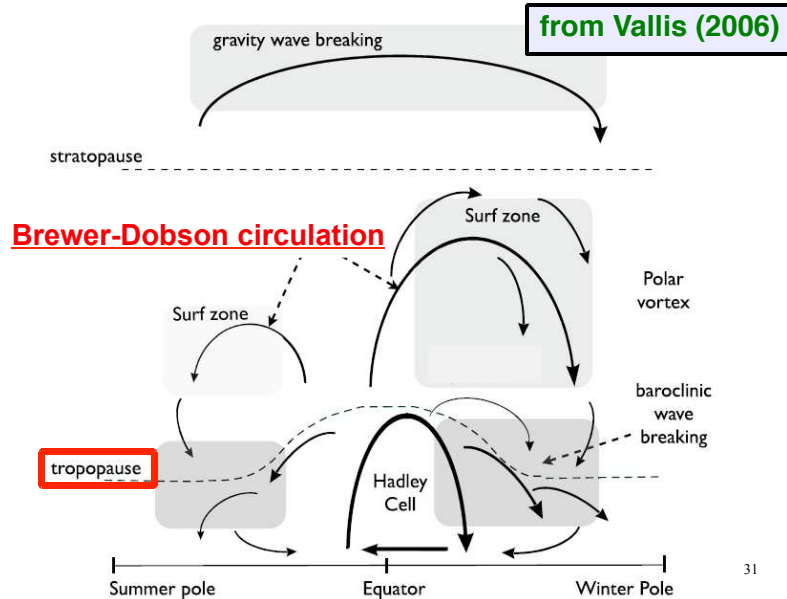
- Adding trace gases to the atmosphere with long lifetimes can be dangerous
- Monitor atmospheric constituents, double-check data
- Montreal Protocol (and its successors) worked based on international scientific assessments
- Don't underestimate human ability to invent new technology if needed (without running into economical crisis)
- A model for dealing with Climate Change?

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### Bonus Material: Stratospheric Transport Circulation

- How can CFCs, which are emitted by human activity (mostly in Northern Mid-latitudes) reach the Antarctic Stratosphere?
- How does Water Vapor (needed to produce PSCs) enter the Stratosphere?
- Why is there less Ozone in the tropics (despite more incoming solar radiation) than in the polar regions?

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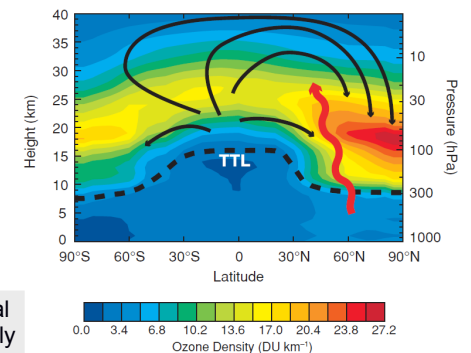
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### Discovering the Stratospheric Circulation

**Dobson, Harrison, Lawrence (1929):** "The only way in which we can reconcile the observed high ozone concentration in the Arctic in spring and the low concentration in the tropics ... would be to suppose a general slow poleward drift in the highest atmosphere with a slow descent of air near the poles ..."



**But:** Dobson didn't have vertical ozone profiles then and basically discarded this possibility.



IPCC/TEAP special report, 2005



## Discovering the Stratospheric Circulation

**Dobson, Brewer, Cwiling (1946, Bakerian Lecture):** showed some of the first frost point profiles (obtained by Brewer and Cwiling) measured by a frost point hygrometer → the stratosphere was found to be very dry.

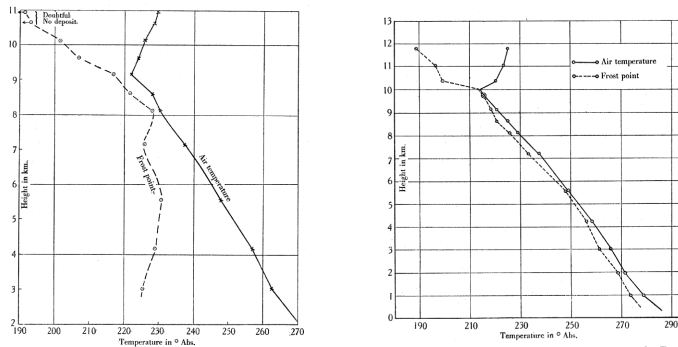


FIGURE 4. Frost-points and air temperatures observed on the first ascent when humidities were measured in the stratosphere, Boscombe Down, 22 December 1943. 0 a.m.t. The frost-point at the top is the lowest yet observed.

## Discovering the Stratospheric Circulation

**Brewer (1949):** "... dryness is maintained by a slow circulation of the air in which air rises at the equator moves poleward in the stratosphere and then descends into the troposphere in temperate and polar regions ..."

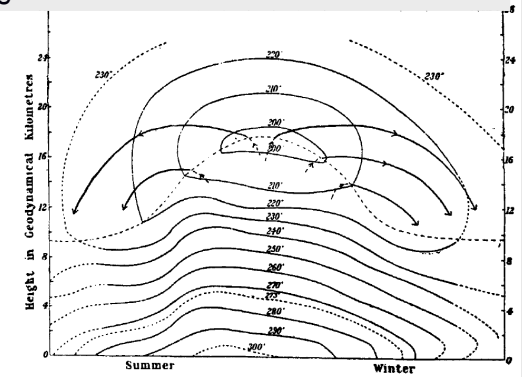


FIG. 5. A supply of dry air is maintained by a slow mean circulation from the equatorial tropopause.