

Stratospheric Ozone and NDACC

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Overview

Projects:

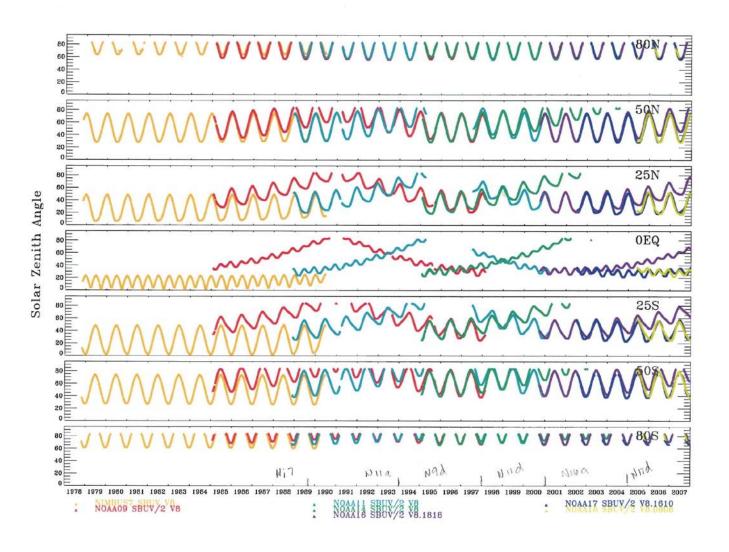
- Cohesive SBUV(/2) Total and Profile Ozone data set
- Data Host Facility for the NDACC
 - Network for Detection of Atmospheric Composition Change
- Goals:
 - Create/maintain a trend quality data set for total and profile ozone using the SBUV(/2) instrument for use by the scientific community to research variability of ozone on multiple climate scales
 - Provide convenient/reliable/secure means for NDACC Scientists to ingest their observations and convenient/ reliable means for researchers to access this data.



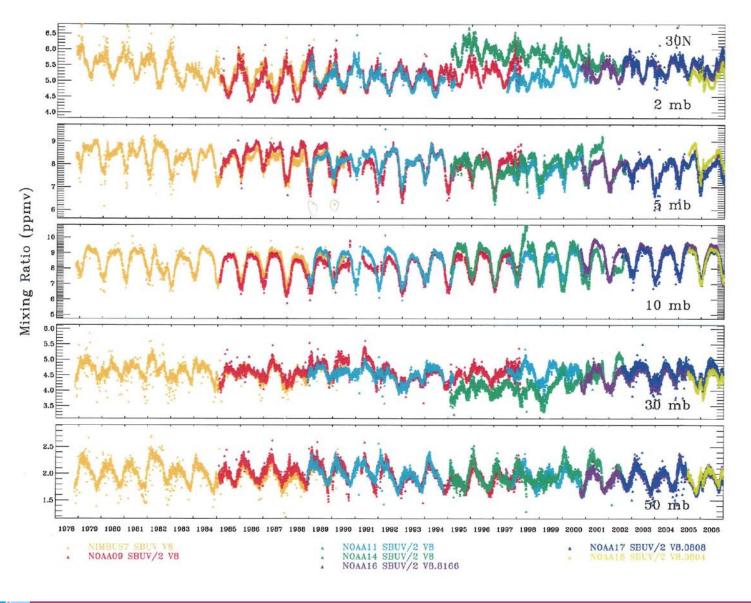
Overview

- Source Data:
 - SBUV and SBUV/2 V8 data from level 2 PMF files
 - NDACC observers provide data from:
 - radiosonde, microwave, lidar, UV/Vis, UV spectral, FTIR, and Dobson/Brewer
- Deliverables:
 - Data set of bias adjusted zonal monthly mean total ozone and profile ozone mixing ratios from 1979 to present and into the future.
- User communities:
 - Ozone depletion/recovery
 - Climate Change & Variability
 - Air Quality

The Challenge: Multiple satellites that drift with time



Examples of Unadjusted SBUV/2 profile data sets

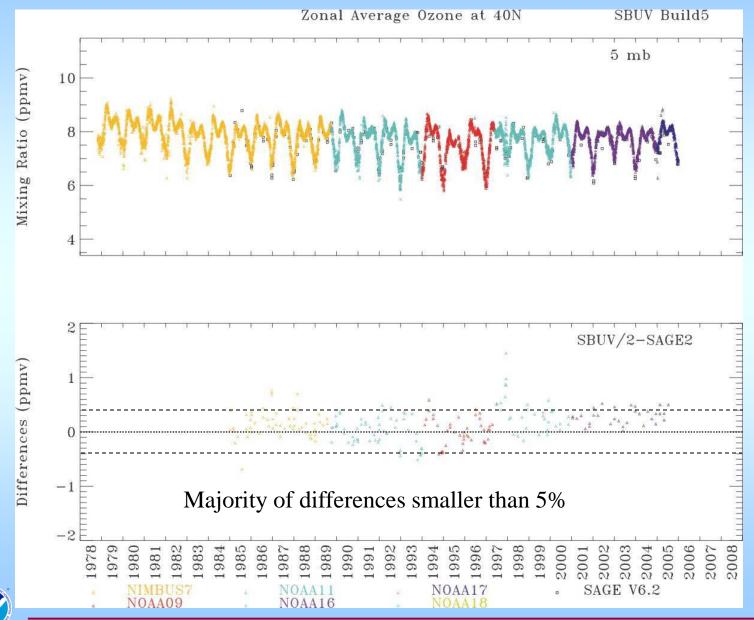


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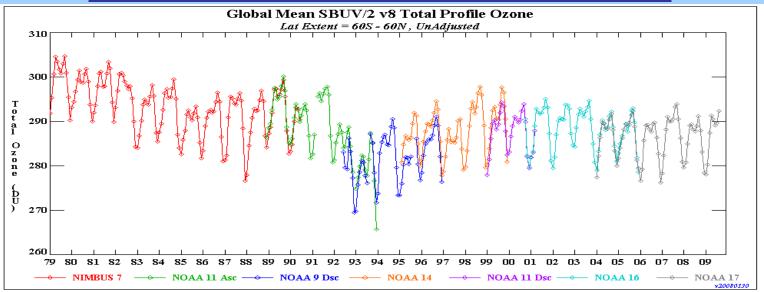
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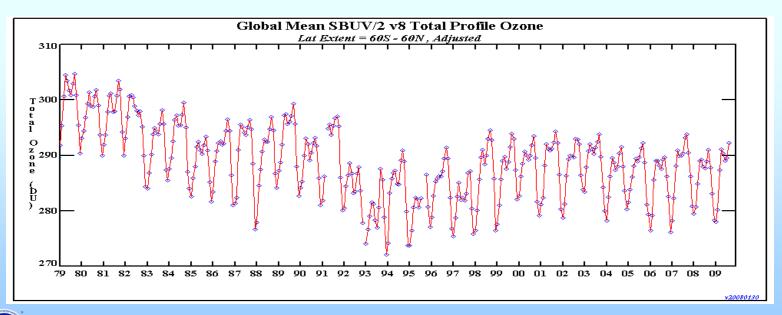
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Adjusted Profile Data Set and Differences from SAGE II

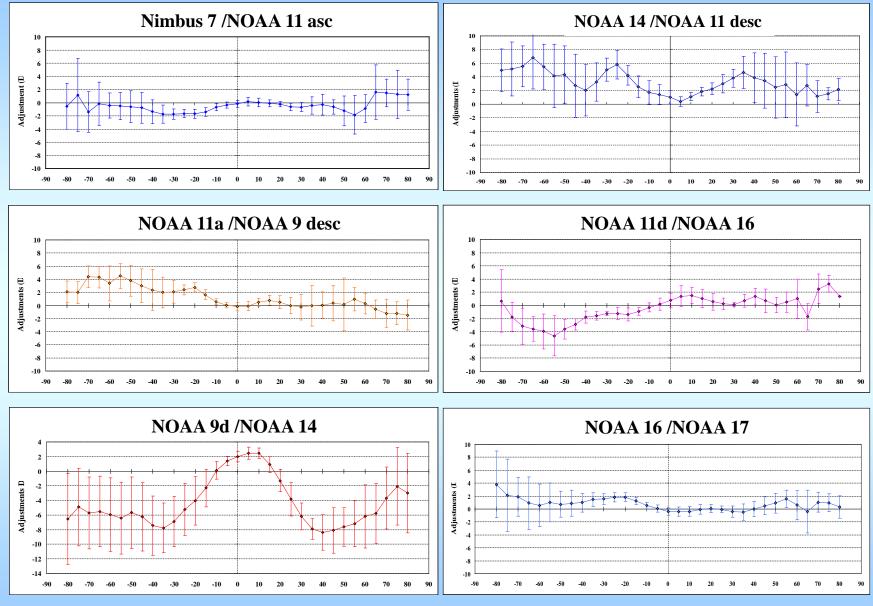


Similar Situation for Total Ozone Data Set





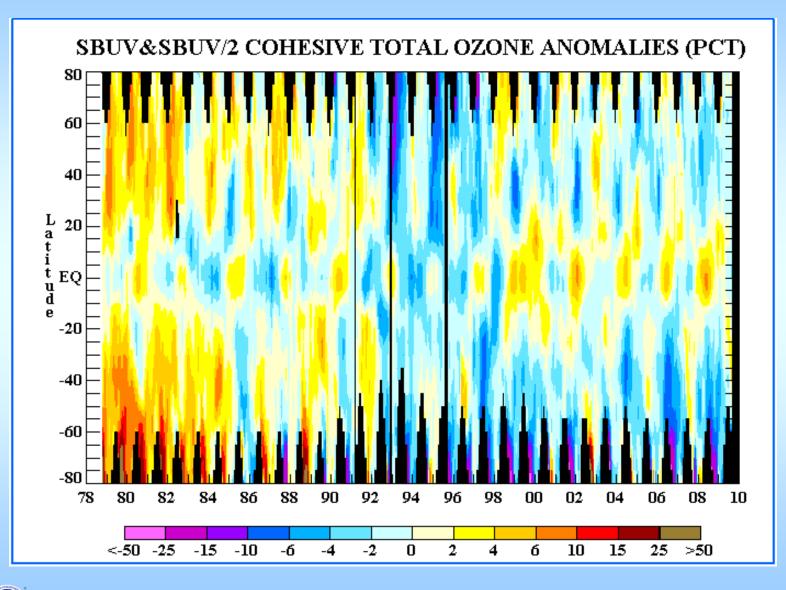
Overlap Adjustments Between Consecutive Satellites



Overlaps range from 4 months to 2 years

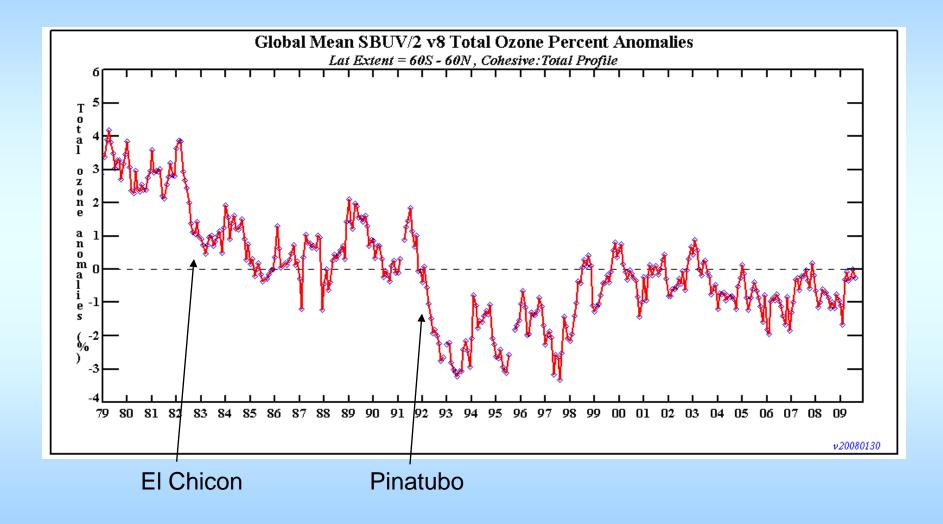
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Results



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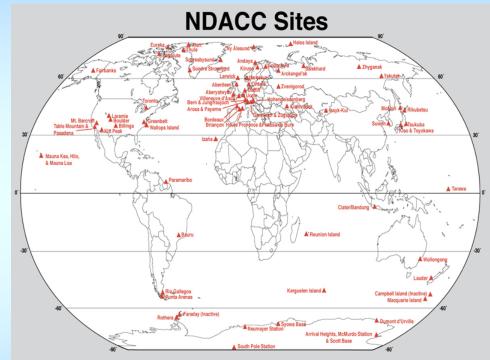
Results





NDACC

- Collection of highest quality observations suitable for trend detection
- Established in mid 1990s
- Over 70 Sites
- DHF has strong relationship w/ scientists submitting data.
- Collaborating with other international data facilities to make data even more accessible.





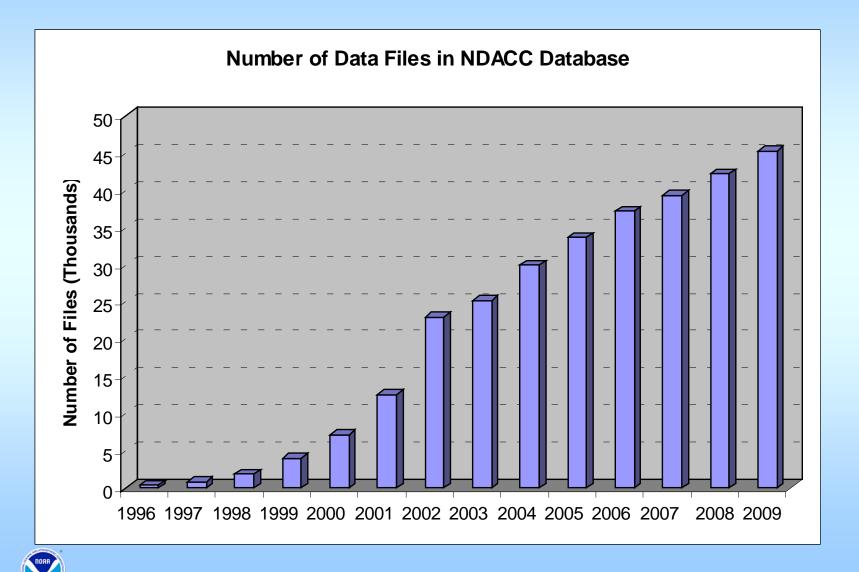
NDACC

Goals of NDACC

- Detecting trends in overall atmospheric composition and understanding their impacts on the stratosphere and troposphere,
- Studying atmospheric composition variability at various time scales,
- Establish links and feedbacks between climate change and atmos composition,
- Calibrating and validating space-based measurements of the atmosphere,
- Supporting process-focused scientific field campaigns, and
- Testing and improving theoretical models of the atmosphere.



Number of files contained in NDACC DHF



SBUV/2 Cohesive Total and Profile Product Maturity

Maturity	Sensor Use	Algorithm stability	Metadata & QA	Documentation	Validation	Public Release	Science & Applications
1	Research Mission	Significant changes likely	Incomplete	Draft ATBD	Minimal	Limited data availability to develop familiarity	Little or none
2	Research Mission	Some changes expected	Research grade (extensive)	ATBD Version 1+	Uncertainty estimated for select locations/times	Data available but of unknown accuracy; caveats required for use.	Limited or ongoing
3	Research Missions	Minimal changes expected	Research grade (extensive); Meets international standards	Public ATBD; Peer- reviewed algorithm and product descriptions	Uncertainty estimated over widely distribute times/location by multiple investigators; Differences understood.	Data available but of unknown accuracy; caveats required for use.	Provisionally used in applications and assessments demonstrating positive value.
4	Operational Mission	Minimal changes expected	Stable, Allows provenance tracking and reproducibility; Meets international standards	Public ATBD; Draft Operational Algorithm Description (OAD); Peer- reviewed algorithm and product descriptions	Uncertainty estimated over widely distribute times/location by multiple investigators; Differences understood.	Data available but of unknown accuracy; caveats required for use.	Provisionally used in applications and assessments demonstrating positive value.
5	All relevant research and operational missions; unified and coherent record demonstrated across different sensors	Stable and reproducible	Stable, Allows provenance tracking and reproducibility; Meeting international standards	Public ATBD, Operational Algorithm Description (OAD) and Validation Plan; Peer-reviewed algorithm, product and validation articles	Consistent uncertainties estimated over most environmental conditions by multiple investigators	Multi-mission record is publicly available with associated uncertainty estimate	Used in various published applications and assessments by different investigators
6	All relevant research and operational missions; unified and coherent record over complete series; record is considered scientifically irrefutable following extensive	Stable and reproducible; homogeneou s and published error budget	Stable, Allows provenance tracking and reproducibility; Meeting international standards	Product, algorithm, validation, processing and metadata described in peer-reviewed literature	Observation strategy designed to reveal systematic errors through independent cross-checks, open inspection, and continuous interrogation	Multi-mission record is publicly available from Long-Term archive	Used in various published applications and assessments by different investigators

Issues:

Ozone Data Set

- "Living" data set
 - > intend to extend using OMPS data
- Need to redetermine adjustments with each new calibration change and version
 - Version 9 coming in 2010
- Need to do better job validating and publishing data set.
- Shared with Vitali Fioletov
 - > editor WMO Quadrennial Assessment
- Keep at CPC



Issues:

• NDACC Data Host Facility

- Input/Output/Query of DHF is working well.
- Duplication/Backup procedures are working well
- Data sets are screened before being put into DHF
 - Gets hectic several weeks before big meetings
- Push to convert to HDF has been tabled.
- PC holding data set is old and needs to be replaced. (rack mounted – NCO requirement)
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Resources

Personnel :

- ½ time Contractor all NDACC
- 3/5 time Contractor split evenly between NDACC and Ozone
- Equipment:
 - Dell PC w/700Gb storage for NDACC
 - > Will be upgraded in FY10 for rack mounting for NCEP/NCO

Collaborators:

- Ozone: Larry Flynn, NESDIS/STAR & Donna McNamarra, NESDIS/OSDPD
- Vitali Fioletov, EC & Don Wuebbles, UIUC
- Ozone: GPO/ACCP also provides funding
- NDACC: NASA and NDACC Steering Committee
- NOAA Data Center: CPC



Concluding Remarks

- Cohesive Ozone data sets and NDACC DHF provide quality data for studies of the variability of the atmosphere over multiple time scales.
 - Seasons -> Years -> Decades
- Fits within CPC's mission to provide inter-seasonal to inter-annual climate information.
- CPC's base should be adjusted so as to incorporate the costs of these projects.

