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2 **On the response of HALOE stratospheric ozone**  
3 **and temperature to the 11-yr solar cycle forcing**  
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15 **Abstract.**

16 Results are presented on responses in 14-yr time series of stratospheric ozone and  
17 temperature from the Halogen Occultation Experiment (HALOE) of the Upper  
18 Atmosphere Research Satellite (UARS) to a solar cycle (SC-like) variation. The ozone  
19 time series are for ten, 20-degree wide, latitude bins from 45S to 45N and for thirteen  
20 “half-Umkehr” layers of about 2.5 km thickness and extending from 63 hPa to 0.7 hPa.  
21 The temperature time series analyses were restricted to pressure levels in the range of 2  
22 hPa to 0.7 hPa. Multiple linear regression (MLR) techniques were applied to each of the  
23 130 time series of zonally-averaged, sunrise plus sunset ozone points over that  
24 latitude/pressure domain. A simple, 11-yr periodic term and a linear trend term were  
25 added to the final MLR models after their seasonal and interannual terms had been  
26 determined. Where the amplitudes of the 11-yr terms were significant, they were in-  
27 phase with those of the more standard proxies for the solar uv-flux. The max minus min  
28 response for ozone is of order 2 to 3% from about 2 to 5 hPa and for the latitudes of 45S  
29 to 45N. There is also a significant max minus min response of order 1 K for temperature  
30 between 15S and 15N and from 2 to 0.7 hPa. The associated linear trends for ozone are  
31 near zero in the upper stratosphere. Negative ozone trends of 4 to 6%/decade were found  
32 at 10 to 20 hPa across the low to middle latitudes of both hemispheres. It is concluded  
33 that the analyzed responses from the HALOE data are of good quality and can be used to  
34 evaluate the responses of climate/chemistry models to a solar cycle forcing.

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## 35 1. Introduction

36 There have been a number of model studies focused on the response of middle  
37 atmosphere ozone to the 11-yr cycle of the solar ultraviolet (uv)-flux forcing (e.g., *Garcia*  
38 *et al.*, 1984; *Brasseur*, 1993; *Huang and Brasseur*, 1993; *Fleming et al.*, 1995; *Harris et*  
39 *al.*, 1998; *Shindell et al.*, 1999; *Callis et al.*, 2000; *Lee and Smith*, 2003; *Marsh et al.*,  
40 2003; *Rozanov et al.*, 2004; *Austin et al.*, 2007; *Marsh et al.*, 2007; *McCormack et al.*,  
41 2007; *Nissen et al.*, 2007; *Smith and Matthes*, 2008; *Austin et al.*, 2008). It is important  
42 to verify those modeled responses as a function of altitude, latitude, and season using  
43 high quality, global-scale observations of ozone. Analyses of the long-term satellite  
44 ozone data sets from the Stratospheric Aerosol and Gas Experiments (SAGE I/II) and  
45 from the series of Solar Backscatter Ultra-Violet (SBUV) instruments have yielded  
46 zonal-mean solar-cycle (SC) response patterns having maxima at middle latitudes from  
47 about 3 to 1.5 hPa (or ~40 to 45 km) [e.g., *Wang et al.*, 1996; *Chandra and McPeters*,  
48 1994; *McCormack and Hood*, 1996; *Lee and Smith*, 2003; *Soukharev and Hood*, 2006;  
49 *Randel and Wu*, 2007]. However, the patterns for those responses do not agree so well  
50 with many of the simulations, which tend to peak at somewhat lower altitudes and lower  
51 latitudes. In addition, the SC amplitudes derived from the observations are about twice  
52 those from many of the models. On the other hand, *Chandra and McPeters* [1994]  
53 reported very good agreement between modeled and observed responses to the uv-flux  
54 variations associated with the 27-day solar rotation cycle.

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56 *Wang et al.* [1996] found that the apparent SC response in the SAGE dataset was larger  
57 and occurred at higher latitudes for the northern hemisphere (NH) than for the southern

58 hemisphere (SH). Conversely, *Lee and Smith* [2003] found a SC response in the SBUV  
59 data that was larger in the SH, but they also cautioned that the observed responses may  
60 depend on the specific decade(s) for the given datasets. Those apparent differences have  
61 led researchers to consider the role of decadal-scale dynamical interactions for ozone,  
62 particularly for the middle and lower stratosphere [*Nedoluha et al.*, 1998; *Randel et al.*,  
63 2000; *Tian et al.*, 2006; *McCormack et al.*, 2007; *Smith and Matthes*, 2008]. Such  
64 considerations have prompted further model studies that include the effects of  
65 atmospheric interactions with the semi-annual oscillation (SAO) and quasi-biennial  
66 oscillation (QBO) cycles, as well as influences from volcanic events and from the El  
67 Nino/Southern Oscillation (ENSO). All of these forcings could alter a decadal-scale  
68 ozone response, perhaps even having a maximum that is in-phase with the SC for the  
69 stratosphere but located at middle latitudes rather than at tropical latitudes—or more like  
70 those obtained from the preceding data analysis studies [e.g., *Matthes et al.*, 2004; *Lee*  
71 *and Smith*, 2003; *Kodera and Kuroda*, 2002]. *Hood* [2004] summarized the nature of the  
72 model/data discrepancies for the 11-yr SC response.

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74 A proper characterization of the SC response in ozone is also critical to a search for a  
75 slowdown for the decline of ozone during the 1990s and/or for its recovery since then, in  
76 association with the effects of the mandated reductions for the release of  
77 chlorofluorocarbon compounds into the atmosphere [*Reinsel*, 2002; *Reinsel et al.*, 2002;  
78 *Newchurch et al.*, 2003; *Steinbrecht et al.*, 2004a; *Cunnold et al.*, 2004; *Steinbrecht et al.*,  
79 2004b; *Weatherhead et al.*, 1998; *Randel and Wu*, 2007]. For example, *Anderson and*  
80 *Russell* [2004] and *WMO* [2007, Figure 1-12] report that the total chlorine derived from

81 measurements of HCl obtained with the Halogen Occultation Experiment (HALOE)  
82 leveled-off after about 1997 and began to decline after 2001. Thus, it is reasonable that  
83 the trends for upper stratospheric ozone have been changing due to its chemical  
84 interactions, too [*Siskind et al.*, 1998]. *Rosenfield et al.* [2005] reported that the chemical  
85 response of ozone ought to be asymmetric between the northern and southern  
86 hemispheres because of their differences for the distributions of the species responsible  
87 for ozone loss.

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89 A proper characterization of the solar cycle or any other decadal-scale variation is also  
90 important for the determination of the ozone trend. For example, *Soukharev and Hood*  
91 [2006] analyzed for interannual, SC and trend effects, as part of their regression modeling  
92 of the SBUV, SAGE II, and HALOE ozone datasets. They focused primarily on the SC  
93 terms from their regression modeling, although they did show that the SC terms that they  
94 obtained from the SBUV dataset had response profiles at low latitudes that were similar  
95 for 1979-1991 and from 1992-2003—decadal periods when the trends in upper  
96 stratosphere ozone were quite different.

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98 Another important aspect of the fidelity of the observed SC response in ozone is how it  
99 relates to the SC response in temperature versus pressure, or T(p). Up until recently, that  
100 response in temperature had been obtained only with data from the NOAA operational  
101 sounding instruments, which provide relatively low vertical resolution radiance profiles  
102 for its retrieval in the stratosphere. Three distinct versions of the T(p) derived from the  
103 radiance data lead to SC responses that have a maximum at low latitudes, but which have

104 different magnitudes and are occurring over a different range of pressure-altitudes  
105 [*McCormack and Hood, 1996; Scaife et al., 2000; Crooks and Gray, 2005*]. There is also  
106 a problem with the drifting local time of the NOAA instruments, which could introduce  
107 long-term temperature variations because different times of the daily temperature cycle  
108 are sampled [*Shine et al., 2008*]. As a result, there is some uncertainty about which T(p)  
109 dataset is more appropriate for comparison with the observed SC ozone responses.

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111 This paper contains results of analyses for the decadal-scale responses and trends in  
112 ozone and T(p) based on data for 1991-2005 from the single, well-calibrated HALOE  
113 instrument. In particular, it is focused on the characterization of the response of its upper  
114 stratospheric ozone and temperature to the 11-yr SC, keeping in mind that the HALOE  
115 measurements span only one complete SC. For this reason the results herein may be  
116 considered somewhat exploratory, rather than definitive. Because the trends in upper  
117 stratospheric ozone due to its interaction with chlorine were small during the time span of  
118 the HALOE measurements [*Rosenfield et al., 2005; Yang et al., 2006*], it was felt that one  
119 could have better success with isolating a SC-like response for the time period of  
120 HALOE rather than for the datasets that included the 1980s, too. Also different from the  
121 two previous solar maxima, there was no interference from a volcanic eruption near the  
122 solar maximum of 2001 [*Solomon et al., 1996*]. Because the calculated percentage SC-  
123 like response in ozone is much larger than its percentage response in T(p) it ought to be  
124 easier to isolate an SC-like signal in ozone. Nevertheless, one must still be aware that it  
125 is easy to confound the effects of a SC term and a trend term, especially when adjacent

126 points in the time series of the zonal means are correlated, and/or when the end portions  
127 of the time series are anomalous (e.g., *Tiao et al.* [1990]).  
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129 Section 2 reviews the attributes of the HALOE ozone profiles, along with the time series  
130 approach to their analysis. Section 3 includes the findings from those analyses and  
131 describes the important similarities and differences with the SC responses from the  
132 several other published, observed and modeled studies. Section 3 also relates the SC-like  
133 responses from analyses of the HALOE temperature time series [*Remsberg and Deaver,*  
134 *2005; Remsberg, 2007; Remsberg, 2008*] and reviews how it compares with results from  
135 zonal-mean models and observations. In general, there is good agreement with the model  
136 predictions of the SC responses in ozone and T(p) of *Brasseur* [1993], *Marsh et al.*  
137 [2007], and *Austin et al.* [2008] versus those found in the HALOE data, except in the  
138 tropical upper stratosphere. Linear trends from the ozone analyses are presented in  
139 Section 4, along with similar findings for the temperature from the more restricted  
140 pressure-altitude range of 2 to 0.7 hPa. Section 4 also comments on a tropical to  
141 subtropical anomaly in the SC-like responses of the HALOE ozone in the lower  
142 stratosphere, at least as compared to the modeled responses of ozone to just the 11-yr uv-  
143 flux forcing. Summary findings are in Section 5.

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146 **2. Approach**

147 *a. Data characteristics*

148 HALOE is a solar occultation instrument that operated successfully on the Upper  
149 Atmosphere Research Satellite (UARS) from October 1991 through late November 2005.  
150 A description of the HALOE experiment is given in *Russell et al.* [1993], and a first  
151 characterization of its ozone profiles is provided in *Brühl et al.* [1996]. An update of the  
152 quality of the current operational ozone dataset is given in *Randall et al.* [2003] for the  
153 so-called Version 19 (or V19) Level 2 profiles that are used for the present study. The  
154 HALOE Project Team monitored the performance of the HALOE instrument over its  
155 mission lifetime, and they found no long-term degradation of its measurement  
156 characteristics that would impact the determination of a SC or long-term trend in ozone  
157 [*Gordley et al.*, 2006; *Hervig et al.*, 2007].

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159 The HALOE ozone profiles were obtained with excellent signal-to-noise (S/N) and with  
160 no *a priori* constraints for their retrievals. They have a vertical resolution of about 2.3  
161 km and are registered in pressure-altitude, in particular as derived from a retrieval of its  
162 own temperature profiles from about 4 hPa (near 38 km) to 0.004 hPa (near 85 km). The  
163 vertical resolution and the measurement and retrieval sensitivity of the HALOE ozone  
164 ought to be providing an accurate SC response profile, as compared with that of the more  
165 standard SBUV sounding technique, for example.

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167 The T(p) profile information in the HALOE dataset below about the 4-hPa level was  
168 obtained from the daily 12Z operational analyses provided to the UARS Project by the

169 NOAA/Climate Prediction Center (CPC) and has relatively low vertical resolution. The  
170 HALOE T(p) information above that level has a vertical resolution of 3-4 km and is  
171 representative of the local times of the occultation measurements, both of which also  
172 provide advantages when compared with the CPC T(p) data [Remsberg, 2007; Remsberg,  
173 2008]. Thus, the HALOE ozone and T(p) datasets are compatible above the 4-hPa level  
174 for obtaining SC-like responses from the upper stratosphere to the lower mesosphere and  
175 for relating them to each other.

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177 The HALOE measurements are for sunrise (SR) and sunset (SS), and there are significant  
178 variations in ozone at those two times in the low to middle mesosphere due to rapidly-  
179 changing, photochemical effects. First-order, diurnal corrections are included in the  
180 forward model for HALOE V19 ozone above about 37 km to account for those changes  
181 along the limb tangent paths for the retrieved profiles. *Natarajan et al.* [2005] re-  
182 evaluated the adequacy of those corrections and developed further modifications that  
183 ought to be applied to updated HALOE algorithms for the retrieval of its mesospheric  
184 ozone, especially for SR conditions and above about 61 km (or about 0.2 hPa). In  
185 addition, *Marsh et al.* [2003] showed that seasonal cycles for upper mesospheric ozone  
186 are small at SR, but not at SS, and that it is not a good idea to combine their SR and SS  
187 data for the mid mesosphere when searching for its SC response. For these reasons the  
188 analyses for a SC response in this study are restricted to HALOE V19 profile segments  
189 below the 0.7-hPa level (or about 53 km).

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191 Figure 1 shows the measurement pattern of the tangent point locations from HALOE for  
192 each day of 2001. One can see that the measurements were less frequent poleward of  
193 about 50 degrees latitude and are missing at 40 and 50 degrees during summer. Prior to  
194 1996, the summertime and mid latitude gaps are not as large because of the greater power  
195 availability for instrument operations during the early years of the UARS mission. The  
196 intervals for adjacent samples within a latitude zone from solar occultation measurements  
197 vary from a few days to more than a month. Although rather infrequent and variable,  
198 such sampling intervals are still adequate for resolving the seasonal and longer-term  
199 variations from the total data record and with sufficient accuracy.

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201 *b. Analysis procedure*

202 Some initial studies of the seasonal and longer-period variations in HALOE ozone were  
203 conducted for the lower stratosphere by *Remsberg et al.* [2001] using multiple linear  
204 regression (MLR) techniques, and they found that annual and quasi-biennial (QBO) terms  
205 accounted for almost all of its variations. In the current study MLR was applied to  
206 HALOE time series of averages of the ozone points for a given pressure layer and for 20-  
207 degree wide latitude bins centered every 10 degrees from 45N to 45S. Latitude bins of  
208 this width provide a high probability of having enough samples to adequately represent  
209 the zonal mean. The MLR technique also accounts for the fact that the data points from  
210 occultation measurements are inherently non-orthogonal. The HALOE Level 2 profiles  
211 are tabulated with a spacing of 300 m. However, the precision of the data points for an  
212 ozone time series was improved by linearly integrating the individual ozone profiles in  
213 log pressure over “half-Umkehr layers” (about 2.5 km thick or very near to the vertical

214 resolution of the retrieved profiles). The resulting ozone amounts for those layers are  
215 given in terms of Dobson Units (DU). Table 1 defines the half-Umkehr layers for this  
216 study. The total pressure-altitude range is 63.3 hPa to 0.70 hPa or a range of 13 half-  
217 Umkehr layers labeled from 4L to 10L, respectively.

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219 Other researchers have reported on how the SC ozone response in the lower stratosphere  
220 is confounded with and possibly dominated by decadal-scale dynamical effects [e.g.,  
221 *Dunkerton and Baldwin, 1992; Salby et al., 1997*]. Thus, the current study is focused on  
222 the middle and upper stratosphere, where the dynamical effects are weaker and hopefully  
223 more easily resolved. In most other respects the analysis approaches in *Remsberg et al.*  
224 [2001] and especially in *Remsberg [2007; 2008]* were followed. Annual (AO) and semi-  
225 annual (SAO) cycles were fit to the time series, and the time series residuals were  
226 analyzed for their remaining interannual structure. Weak quasi-biennial or QBO-like (28  
227 mo.) and sub-biennial or IA (21 mo.) terms were also found consistently in the upper  
228 stratosphere. The QBO periods became more variable in the middle and lower  
229 stratosphere (25 to 31 months), in accord with the power spectral analysis results of  
230 HALOE ozone by *Witte et al. [2008]*. The corresponding subbiennial periods changed,  
231 as well. An overall objective was to account for any significant, periodic structure in the  
232 time series before analyzing for the underlying SC-like and trend terms.

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234 The average separation in time for the points in the HALOE time series is about 25 days.  
235 Even so, because zonal-average ozone values at time  $n$  have considerable memory of the  
236 atmospheric state at time  $n-1$ , the time series have autoregressive characteristics. The

237 appropriate MLR result for that situation is obtained by a two-step process (see Appendix  
238 A of *Tiao et al.* [1990]). Initially, a model of the form,

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$$240 \quad O3(n) = a + bX + e \sin(Z) + f \cos(Z) + \dots + N(n), \quad (1)$$

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242 was used, where  $O3(n)$  is the sum of the components of ozone at the  $n^{\text{th}}$  point in the time  
243 series. The model has a constant term 'a' and a linear term in  $X = (t_n - t_1) / T$ , where  $t_n$  is  
244 the time of the  $n^{\text{th}}$  observation point,  $t_1$  is the first point in the time series,  $T$  is the total  
245 length of the time series, and  $b$  is the coefficient of the linear term. The model has  
246 seasonal and longer-period terms that are represented by Fourier components in  $Z$ , where  
247  $Z = 2\pi t_n / P$ , and  $P$  is the period of a given cycle. Periodic terms that were considered are  
248 AO, SAO, QBO-like, sub-biennial (or IA), and an 11-yr (4017-dy) term. Note that the  
249 seasonal terms were almost always found to have a probability of at least 99% of being  
250 present. The QBO, IA, 11-yr, and linear terms were allowed to have lower probabilities,  
251 in order to accommodate their existence in the time series across all latitudes and  
252 pressure-altitudes. Finally, the term  $N(n)$  is the autoregressive (AR) noise residual that is  
253 given by

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$$255 \quad N(n) = \varphi N(n-1) + E(n), \quad (2)$$

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257 for a first order (or AR1) process. The factor  $\varphi$  is the autocorrelation of the noise residual  
258 and  $E(n)$  is the white noise component. Thus, the MLR method consists of a fit for all the  
259 terms of Eq. (1) and the generation of its model residuals  $N(n)$ . The autocorrelation

260 coefficient  $\phi$  for this model is found from the residuals. The model terms of Eq. (1) are  
261 then transformed to those of Eq. (3),

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$$263 \quad O_3(n) - \phi O_3(n-1) = a [1 - \phi] + b [X(n) - \phi X(n-1)] + \quad (3)$$
$$264 \quad e [\sin(Z(n)) - \phi \sin(Z(n-1))] + f [\cos(Z(n)) - \phi \cos(Z(n-1))] + \dots + E(n),$$

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266 and the data time series is refit to get new coefficients. Initially,  $\phi$  was set to zero for the  
267 MLR analyses using the relevant terms of Equation (1),  $\phi$  was calculated from the model  
268 residuals, and then final coefficients for the terms were obtained with Equation (3).

269 Because MLR provides for a combined fitting of all the model terms, the absolute ozone  
270 uncertainties are nearly the same for each term of the model. Percentage deviations and  
271 the probabilities of their respective terms depend on their amplitude.

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273 Figure 2 is an example of a HALOE data time series (Layer 8U centered at about 42 km  
274 and at the latitude of 25N), where the SR and SS data have been fit with a regression  
275 model (the solid oscillatory curve) that contains the seasonal, AO and SAO terms, a  
276 QBO-like (853-dy) term, a subbiennial (640-dy) term, and an 11-yr term. The horizontal  
277 straight line is the constant term from the model, and all terms are highly significant. An  
278 11-yr term was fit to the time series rather than regressing against a proxy term for the  
279 uv-flux, to determine whether there might be other decadal-scale terms that were  
280 affecting the ozone. The 11-yr response in Figure 2 is essentially in-phase with the time  
281 series of the solar flux for SC 22 and 23 (see following subsection, too). In other words,  
282 there is a maximum in the ozone in this case that is very near to the time of a maximum

283 in the solar flux (i.e, 0.9 yr from January 1991 and 2002), as expected from increases for  
284 the uv-photodissociation of molecular oxygen [*Brasseur and Solomon, 1984*]. One can  
285 also see that the maxima for the annual cycles do not exceed the horizontal line in 1996  
286 and 1998, or near solar minimum; its 11-yr, maximum minus minimum response is 2.7%.  
287 For this layer the amplitudes of the seasonal and interannual terms are small and of the  
288 order of the amplitude of the estimated 11-yr or SC-like term. At this point it is noted  
289 that the zonal mean distribution of ozone can have significant meridional variations at  
290 mid and higher latitudes of the middle and upper stratosphere, yet Eq. (3) does not  
291 contain a term to account for variance with latitude. Such variations are embedded  
292 mainly in the coefficients of the seasonal terms. Since the latitude bins are relatively  
293 narrow (20 degrees wide) compared with the meridional gradients in the zonal-average  
294 ozone, the data time series provide good estimates of the true seasonal coefficients for  
295 zonal-mean ozone. The aperiodic ENSO or volcanic forcings were not modeled; their  
296 effects may be important for ozone in the lower stratosphere (see later).

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298 The model fit in Figure 2 does not include a linear term, although that term is included  
299 for the MLR results of Sections 3 and 4. Figure 3 is a plot of the residuals for the ozone  
300 model of Figure 2. It shows that there is no remaining apparent periodic structure, which  
301 is an important acceptance test for the set of terms of the final MLR model. There are  
302 also no significant, non-random autocorrelations in the residuals for this final model (not  
303 shown, but see *Remsberg et al. [2001]* for a diagnostic plot of this statistical test). The  
304 solid horizontal line is the linear fit to the residuals; and in this case it is not significantly  
305 different from zero. A polynomial trend term may account for a chemical response of

306 ozone to the long term changes in total reactive chlorine [e.g., *Randel and Wu*, 2007;  
307 *Yang et al.*, 2006], but it was not included in the MLR models because reactive chlorine  
308 is not the dominant loss mechanism for ozone throughout the stratosphere. Furthermore,  
309 the time series of the residuals in Figure 3 does not indicate the presence of such an  
310 underlying, polynomial trend term due to that chemical loss. However, since total  
311 reactive chlorine reached its peak value in the upper stratosphere in the late 1990s [*WMO*,  
312 2007], any enhanced chemical loss at that time would tend to reinforce the minimum  
313 response of ozone to the SC forcing. Thus, the 2.7% max minus min, SC-like response of  
314 the MLR model fit in Figure 2 may overestimate the amplitude of the true SC effect on  
315 ozone.

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317 Ozone is in photochemical equilibrium in the upper stratosphere, and its seasonal  
318 variations are anti-correlated with the corresponding seasonal variations for HALOE  
319  $T(p)$ , as shown in Figure 4 for 25N and 2 hPa. A linear trend term is included in its  
320 model, and its diagnosed value is -1.1 K/decade. The 11-yr variation in  $T(p)$  is much less  
321 apparent (max minus min is 0.6 K). That percentage response (0.23%) is smaller than for  
322 the ozone but in accord with at least some model predictions [*Austin et al.*, 2008]. Even  
323 so, the diagnosed phase for the maximum of the 11-yr term in  $T(p)$  occurs 1.7 years prior  
324 to solar max and leads the 11-yr response of ozone by 2.6 years based on its MLR model  
325 in Figure 2. The adjusted, in-phase, max minus min SC response is more like 0.3 K for  
326  $T(p)$ . Therefore, it may be that there are other effects contributing to the analyzed, 11-yr  
327 response in  $T(p)$  for this layer and latitude (see later in Section 4).

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329 Finally, one should note that the SR and SS samples in the HALOE time series of Figures  
330 2 and 4 tend to alternate, due to the sequential crossings of the orbital sampling patterns  
331 for the SR and SS measurements of Figure 1. This character for the sampling leads to  
332 largely real, diurnal variations in both the ozone and temperature data in the mesosphere.  
333 Its occurrence enhances the ‘noisy’ appearance of the HALOE time series residuals after  
334 removal of the seasonal and interannual terms. In addition, those alternating SR/SS  
335 residuals are negatively correlated, obscuring the otherwise positive autocorrelation of  
336 the residuals at lag-1 and higher lags. A first-order, average adjustment for those small,  
337 SR/SS differences was obtained for these higher altitude data; mean values of the  
338 separate time series of the SR and of the SS data were determined and half the difference  
339 of those two means was then applied to the respective SR and SS points. This step  
340 reduces the short-term, point-to-point, fluctuations in the time series and increases the  
341 significance of the AR1 term and, thus, the other small amplitude terms for the regression  
342 models of Figures 2 and 4, but it has essentially no effect on the phases of the periodic  
343 terms. Therefore, for each time series the adjusted SR and SS points were combined,  
344 giving about 200 points in all. A clearer example of this effect for the temperature tides  
345 of the mesosphere can be found in *Remsberg* [2008, their Figures 1 and 2]). On the other  
346 hand, almost no systematic, SR/SS differences were found for the time series of the  
347 HALOE ozone in the mid and lower stratosphere, as expected based on model  
348 calculations of its weak diurnal variations.

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350 *c. Signatures of interannual terms from the MLR models*

351 Traditional proxies for the QBO term were tried during the early development of the  
352 MLR models for this study. However, QBO cycles based on the tropical lower  
353 stratospheric winds did not provide for a highly significant fit of the interannual  
354 variations in upper stratospheric ozone, particularly for the subtropics of the NH. Similar  
355 deficiencies for those QBO-proxies were reported for time series analyses of SC effects  
356 in temperature by *Crooks and Gray* [2005]. In the present study the QBO-like terms that  
357 were fitted to the ozone residuals for the low latitudes had significant changes of phase  
358 from 50 to 10 hPa, not unlike that reported by *Pascoe et al.* [2005] for the zonal winds.  
359 Thus, a QBO wind proxy that is averaged over that pressure range may not be so  
360 representative of the true forcings of that term. Furthermore, the effect of a QBO forcing  
361 in ozone is a bit more complicated because it also depends on the zonal-mean ozone  
362 distribution and its gradients, which change in magnitude and sign for the vertical range  
363 of the subtropical stratosphere. Instead, the periods and phases of the dominant  
364 interannual terms were obtained for the present study from a Fourier analysis of the  
365 points of each of the time series.

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367 Figure 5 shows the time series of HALOE ozone observations for 25N and Layer 6L  
368 (11.2 - 15.8 hPa). The combination of the AO and SAO terms of the MLR model  
369 provides a very good fit to the seasonal variations for this layer. Amplitudes for the  
370 interannual and SC-like terms are weaker, although it is obvious that there are significant  
371 interannual variations in the data. Those variations are fit well by a combination of a 26-  
372 month QBO-like term and a 22-month subbiennial term.

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374 The ozone of Figure 5 for 1991-92 is clearly elevated compared with that of the other  
375 years, most likely a result of physical processes associated with the major volcanic  
376 aerosol layer from the Mt. Pinatubo eruption of June 1991. In fact, the ozone is  
377 somewhat anomalous during this period for other low to middle stratospheric layers in  
378 the tropics and subtropics of both hemispheres, and Section 4 contains some discussion  
379 about possible causes of the excess ozone of 1991-92. A model fit of the entire time  
380 series of Figure 5 was attempted, including both a linear trend term and a periodic term of  
381 11-yr period. However, the excess ozone of 1992 represents an “endpoint anomaly” for  
382 the analysis. It leads to a rather large, decreasing trend and affects the nature of the  
383 associated 11-yr term. Instead, for those layers that showed anomalies in this early  
384 period, it was found that much more reasonable results were obtained for those two terms  
385 by starting the MLR model in early September 1992 or in January 1993. That  
386 modification was applied to the analyses of the layers 6U through 4L. The solid  
387 oscillating curve in Figure 5 is the MLR model fit to the data using all terms, but  
388 beginning in September 1992. Note also that the solid curve actually begins several  
389 points later because of the need to allow for the autoregressive nature of the time series.

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391 The 11-yr term of the model fit in Figure 5 has a “max minus min” value of 2.7%, but the  
392 phase of its maximum occurs 1.0 year prior to January 1991 (or 2002). A decreasing  
393 trend of 5.1%/decade was also realized from the analysis. The results for the 11-yr terms  
394 from each of the 130 ozone time series are presented in Section 3. Results from similar  
395 analyses of the HALOE T(p) are given there, as well, but only for the pressure layers of

396 0.7 to 2.0 hPa. Findings for the linear trend terms are presented and discussed in Section  
397 4. The rest of this subsection considers the QBO-like terms and their interactions with  
398 the seasonal terms.

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400 A typical example of the zonal mean ozone distribution is shown in Figure 6 from a  
401 sequence of HALOE SS observations that eventually covered most latitudes during the  
402 period of February 26 to April 5, 1995. The QBO cycle has its largest effect on the zonal  
403 mean ozone at the tropical latitudes and at those pressure altitudes where the vertical  
404 ozone gradient is large. In fact, one can check on the realism of the current QBO signal  
405 in ozone by examining its amplitudes from the analyses of the 130 separate time series, as  
406 shown in Figure 7. QBO amplitudes are nearly hemispherically-symmetric throughout  
407 the stratosphere. The largest amplitudes (in %) occur in the tropical stratosphere near 7  
408 hPa and 30 to 40 hPa. Photochemistry controls the distribution of ozone above about the  
409 5-hPa level and thus dampens the effect of the QBO on the vertical ozone gradient of the  
410 upper stratosphere. Its amplitudes are also relatively weak at about 20 hPa for the  
411 latitudes of 15 to 45 degrees of both hemispheres, which is where the meridional  
412 gradients of ozone are weak, as well (c.f., Figures 6 and 7).

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414 *Dunkerton* [2001] explained that a subbiennial term occurs in ozone due to the difference  
415 interaction of the annual and QBO cycles. Figure 8 is a plot of the amplitudes of the  
416 subbiennial terms. Again there is good continuity for the features of their distribution,  
417 and their amplitudes decrease with altitude in the region of transition from dynamical to  
418 photochemical control. Maximum amplitudes occur in the subtropics of the middle

419 stratosphere, where the combined effects due to the annual cycle and the QBO are largest  
420 for ozone. In the tropics near 30 hPa and 7 hPa the subbiennial amplitudes are weaker  
421 than that for the QBO forcing alone because the annual cycle is weak at low latitudes.  
422 The subbiennial amplitudes are somewhat larger in the northern than the southern  
423 hemisphere subtropics at about 10 hPa. The annual cycle amplitude is also larger for the  
424 northern hemisphere in this region, presumably an indication of the zonal mean effects of  
425 the more vigorous and sustained net transport during winter and springtime for the  
426 northern hemisphere. The region of maximum values near 50 hPa and 30 degrees of  
427 latitude is also where the annual cycle in ozone is relatively large.  
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### 428 3. Solar Cycle Responses in HALOE Data

#### 429 a. Ozone

430 Initially, the time series of F10.7 cm solar radio flux data was employed as a proxy for  
431 the SC term, but its fit to the HALOE ozone was not significant at the 90% confidence  
432 level. That proxy term exhibited shorter period structure that was not present in the  
433 ozone time series of HALOE even after applying a smoothing to the daily values of the  
434 proxy with an 81-dy running mean to avoid the effects of the 27-dy solar rotation cycle in  
435 the daily fluxes. As mentioned earlier, there may also have been a confounding of the  
436 effects of the solar uv-flux with those from reactive chlorine during 1991-2005, at least in  
437 the upper stratosphere. Therefore, it was decided that it would be instructive to fit an  
438 11-yr periodic term to the time series but to allow its phase to be determined simply from  
439 its best fit to the data.

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441 Figure 9 shows the max minus min ozone values (in percent) for its 11-yr terms over the  
442 domain of latitude and pressure-altitude. Maximum responses of order 2 to 3% were  
443 found in the upper stratosphere at subtropical to middle latitudes, and they are somewhat  
444 asymmetric between the two hemispheres. The dark shading shows where the 11-yr  
445 terms have a confidence interval (CI) of greater than 90% for their partial rank order  
446 correlations [*Remsberg et al.*, 2001], and the lighter shading indicates where they have a  
447 CI value between 70 and 90%. Max minus min values of up to 2% extend through the  
448 tropics near 3 hPa, and they remain significant at the 90% level. This finding indicates  
449 that the sampling from HALOE was adequate for representing the zonal average ozone in  
450 the tropics. In the lower stratosphere the largest percentage responses occur in the

451 subtropics of the southern hemisphere and in the tropical latitudes (although larger than  
452 expected at 50 hPa). Smaller and much less significant responses occur in the tropics  
453 near 1 hPa (0.5%) and from 7 to 30 hPa (1%), at low to middle latitudes of the southern  
454 hemisphere near 7 hPa (1 to 1.5%), and at middle latitudes of the northern hemisphere at  
455 40 hPa (1%). However, it is stressed that the estimates of significance assume that all the  
456 relevant structure in the time series has been accounted for.

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458 To see how well the diagnosed, 11-yr terms are related to the solar cycle flux, their  
459 phases are given in Figure 10 in units of years from January, 1991. Due to the fact that  
460 the maximum for SC 22 was broad and nearly flat over 2 years, it was assumed that the  
461 11-yr signal in ozone was in-phase if it was within  $\pm 1$  yr of solar uv-flux maximum (the  
462 regions delineated by shading in Figure 10). SC 22 had its final peak in early 1992  
463 followed by a sharp decline, and it has been argued by some that phase maximum for the  
464 uv-flux occurred at that time rather than a year earlier in January 1991. But in order to be  
465 consistent with the estimates of the phase of the SC maximum for T(p) of *Remsberg*  
466 [2007; 2008], that January 1991 time of reference was kept for the ozone results, too.  
467 Generally, the 11-yr terms for ozone are in-phase with that of the uv-flux, with the  
468 exception of the upper stratosphere at tropical latitudes and near 30 hPa from the tropics  
469 to northern hemisphere middle latitudes. It is presumed that the lower stratosphere  
470 anomaly is indicative of an interannual, dynamical forcing mechanism that is dominating  
471 the effects of the uv-forcing. In fact, *Marsh and Garcia* [2007] reported ozone at 52 hPa  
472 that was anti-correlated with a lagged ENSO index; they found that this dynamical  
473 forcing tended to reduce the response of ozone to a solar forcing in the lower stratosphere

474 during 1991 to 2005. Still, the results from Figure 10 indicate that the presumed ENSO  
475 forcing does not seem to be affecting southern hemisphere ozone in the same way.  
476  
477 Figure 10 is showing that the 11-yr term has a maximum that lags that of the uv-flux by  
478 several years in the tropical stratosphere from 4 to 1 hPa. This anomaly may be an  
479 indication of an enhanced chemical loss of ozone due to reactive chlorine, sometime after  
480 solar minimum. It is noted that such losses for annual-averaged ozone ought to be most  
481 clearly evident in the upper tropical stratosphere because that is where the effects of the  
482 chlorine would begin to compete with those of the uv-flux [*Brasseur and Solomon*,  
483 1984]. In support of this idea, it is noted that the largest values of total chlorine, as  
484 inferred from the HALOE measurements, occurred from 1997 to 2002 (see Figure 1-12  
485 of *WMO* [2007]). In this instance the inclusion of a simple linear, rather than a  
486 polynomial, trend term in the MLR models may not adequately represent the changing  
487 effects of the chlorine. Indeed, if this process is contributing to the out-of-phase, 11-yr  
488 ozone response, it would be unique to the time span of the HALOE observations; that is,  
489 total chlorine reached its maximum values in the upper stratosphere in the middle of its  
490 14-yr period.

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#### 492 *b. Temperature*

493 A test of the fidelity of the ozone results is an assessment of the analogous 11-yr response  
494 in temperature from HALOE, even though model simulations indicate that the percentage  
495 change for T(p) ought to be much smaller than that for ozone (e.g., *Smith and Matthes*  
496 [2008]). *Remsberg and Deaver* [2005] analyzed for that response using 10-degree

497 latitude bins for the upper stratosphere, as well as the mesosphere. Their MLR analysis  
498 approach was essentially the same as that used here. However, they were not confident  
499 of their results at and below the 3-hPa level because of concerns about the long-term  
500 accuracy of the temperature time series from the NOAA/CPC to which the HALOE T(p)  
501 retrievals were merged. As a result, the HALOE findings for the 11-yr and trend terms in  
502 T(p) are only appropriate above the 3-hPa level for comparisons with those of ozone  
503 [*Remsberg, 2007; 2008*].

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505 The 11-yr temperature responses were obtained for 20-degree wide latitude bins in the  
506 present study, in order to be compatible with the ozone results. Those responses are  
507 shown in Figure 11 along with their phase deviations (in years) from January 1991 in  
508 Figure 12, but only for the pressure levels of 0.7 to 2.0 hPa. The 11-yr temperature  
509 maximum is in phase (within  $\pm 1$  yr) with the uv-flux forcing from about 25S through  
510 15N. There are transitions to somewhat out-of-phase values at 35S and at 25N, but  
511 where the responses in Figure 11 are weaker and not very significant.

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513 The HALOE 11-yr response is smaller than reported from several analyses of the long-  
514 term temperature data sets from the operational satellites [*Hood, 2004*]. On the other  
515 hand, the magnitude and variation with latitude and altitude for the HALOE terms at 2  
516 and 1 hPa agree very well with the observed responses based on the recent findings of  
517 *Crooks and Gray* [2005, their Fig. 2] for the period 1979-2001, as based on the ERA-40  
518 reanalysis dataset.

519 The response in HALOE T(p) near the tropical stratopause is about two-thirds that found  
520 from the simulations of *Brasseur* [1993, their Figure 14b] and about half that from the  
521 fixed dynamical heating model of *McCormack and Hood* [1996]. However, the variation  
522 with latitude of the HALOE response compares favorably with the model results of  
523 *Marsh et al.* [2007] and of *Smith and Matthes* [2008], at least after a scaling of the latter  
524 results to the actual max minus min values of the solar flux. The solar cycle response  
525 from the AMTRAC model of *Austin et al.* [2008] most closely matches that reported  
526 here.

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528 The temperature response in the HALOE data is in-phase with the solar uv-flux near the  
529 tropical stratopause. Thus, it is the HALOE ozone response that appears anomalous in  
530 that region. However, the amplitude of the 11-yr term in ozone is becoming small and is  
531 not significant at the Equator at 1 hPa. It is also noted that there was a peak in the uv-  
532 flux in about January 1992, rather than January 1991. An allowance for that fact reduces  
533 the phase discrepancy for ozone by 1 year without affecting the phase agreement of the  
534 temperature response noticeably.

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### 536 *c. Solar cycle (or SC-like) responses of HALOE ozone and temperature*

537 In order to obtain estimates of the actual response of atmospheric ozone and temperature  
538 to a proxy for the direct forcing from the uv-flux, their sets of responses from Figures 9  
539 and 11 have been adjusted by the amount that they were not exactly in-phase from  
540 Figures 10 and 12. Those adjustments were made by multiplying the responses by the  
541 factor,  $\cos [2\pi p / 11]$ , where  $p$  is the deviation of phase of the maximum (in years) from

542 January 1991. Even after applying the adjustments, there is good continuity among the  
543 ozone responses from the 130 separate time series.

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545 The separate, 11-yr responses for ozone of Figure 9 have been averaged for the latitude  
546 bins that extend from 25S and 25N, and those profiles are shown in Figure 13. The  
547 corresponding, SC-like response profile is shown as well, but there is very little  
548 difference between the two. There is good similarity between the results in Figure 13 and  
549 the SC response profile obtained from the seasonally-averaged HALOE data points over  
550 the same latitude range in *Soukharev and Hood* [2006, their Figure 14], if one excludes  
551 their analyzed value at about 35 km. The magnitude and variation of the HALOE  
552 response profiles agree very well with the response at low latitudes from the  
553 representative, zonal-mean models of *Brasseur* [1993, his Figures 9a and Figure 14a] and  
554 of *Huang and Brasseur* [1993, their Figure 8a]. They also agree qualitatively with the  
555 results of *Austin et al.* [2007] and of several other models, as shown in *Soukharev and*  
556 *Hood* [2006, their Figure 14]. In addition, there is no discrepancy for this HALOE ozone  
557 response across most of the stratosphere versus the responses from the chemistry/climate  
558 models, AMTRAC and WACCM, in *Austin et al.* [2008].

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560 *Lee and Smith* [2003] analyzed both the SAGE II and SBUV data for a solar cycle  
561 response. Their results from SAGE II are similar to the zonal mean contour values of  
562 Figure 9, at least for the upper stratosphere at most latitudes; their results from SBUV do  
563 not agree as well though, especially in the tropics (see also the analyzed results from  
564 SAGE and SBUV in *Soukharev and Hood* [2006]). *Lee and Smith* [2003] conducted

565 model studies of the SC response, but modified to account for the relative phases of the  
566 QBO over specific decades. The interaction with the QBO in their model leads to larger  
567 positive responses in the subtropical upper stratosphere of both hemispheres, but their  
568 results are also sensitive to the QBO indexes that they employed. However, it is noted  
569 that for the present HALOE analyses the interactions with the QBO and its associated  
570 subbiennial term have been accounted for to first order based on the structure of those  
571 terms in the HALOE time series. *Austin et al.* [2007] were able to simulate the minimum  
572 ozone response at about 20 to 30 hPa, but not the analyzed, sharply increasing response at  
573 about 50 hPa in Figure 13. The model simulations reported in *Marsh et al.* [2007, their  
574 Figure 8] indicated a positive ozone response near 50 hPa at low latitudes for the period  
575 of 1979 to 2003, but not for the longer period of 1950 to 2003. It is presumed that the  
576 large response diagnosed from the HALOE data is not strictly related to the solar cycle.

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578 The SC-like, max minus min responses for ozone (in percent) and for temperature (in K)  
579 are summarized in Table 2 for the region of the stratopause and for three distinct latitude  
580 zones, 45S to 35S, 15S to 5N, and 25N to 45N. For the tropical latitude zone the adjusted  
581 ozone response is small and not significant, while the associated temperature response is  
582 1.0 K and highly significant. For the middle latitude zones the ozone response varies  
583 between 1.9 and 2.8% and is highly significant, while the temperature response decreases  
584 to near zero.

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585 **4. Trends in HALOE ozone**

586 Figure 14 shows the linear trends (in %/decade) obtained from the MLR analyses of the  
587 HALOE ozone. Darker shading is where those terms have a CI of greater than 90%;  
588 lighter shading denotes a CI between 70 and 90%. The trends are near zero in the upper  
589 stratosphere across most of the latitude domain and for this 14-yr time span, when the  
590 total chlorine levels had leveled off and started to decline slowly [*WMO, 2007*]. The  
591 trends are decreasing by 4 to 6 %/decade across most latitudes of the middle stratosphere,  
592 and they are significant. There are net increases in the ozone of the lower stratosphere in  
593 the subtropics of both hemispheres, but slight decreases in the tropics. Those trends are  
594 not significant, however. Overall, there is very good continuity in the patterns of the  
595 trends for the latitude and pressure-altitude domain of Figure 14.

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597 The trends shown in Figure 14 appear to be somewhat weaker than those reported from  
598 HALOE, SAGE II, and lidar in *WMO [2007]*. However, those analyses were for data  
599 time series on constant altitude surfaces, and it is noted that the effects of a long-term  
600 cooling of the atmosphere will lead to a lowering in altitude of a pressure surface and its  
601 ozone [*Rosenfield et al., 2005*]. For example, the temperature trends reported by  
602 *Remsberg [2007; 2008]* for 25S to 25N are of order -0.8 to -1.2 K/decade for the pressure  
603 surfaces of 0.7 to 2.0 hPa, respectively, or for those levels where it is possible to conduct  
604 reliable analyses for a temperature trend from retrievals of the HALOE measurements  
605 themselves. Thus, a negative ozone trend at an altitude level will appear as a weaker  
606 trend at a corresponding pressure level.

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608 There may also be slight biases in the analyzed trends from the HALOE zonal-averaged  
609 ozone versus pressure profiles at all latitudes for the layers 7L to 4U. This prospect is  
610 because the HALOE T(p) profiles for those layers were based on the data from the  
611 NOAA operational temperature sounders that were not corrected for the trends in the  
612 atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>, as they affect the vertical weighting functions of their several  
613 measurement channels [*Shine et al.*, 2008]. However, any such effects should not alter  
614 the trends with latitude in Figure 14 for a given pressure layer.

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616 A number of investigators have wondered to what extent the eruption of Mt. Pinatubo  
617 may have affected the SC-like and trend terms for ozone [e.g., *Lee and Smith*, 2003; *Al-*  
618 *Saadi et al.*, 2001]. Furthermore, *Crooks and Gray* [2005] point out that there were  
619 interactions between the QBO and ENSO that were altering the zonal winds of the  
620 subtropical middle stratosphere both prior to and just following the eruption of Mt.  
621 Pinatubo. Recall from Figure 5 that there was an excess of ozone in layer 6L at 25N  
622 during late 1991 to mid 1992. That excess may be related to atmospheric effects due to  
623 the presence of the Pinatubo aerosol layer [*Mickley et al.*, 1997]. For example, the  
624 radiative heating at the top boundary of the aerosol layer (near 20 hPa) can lead to an  
625 enhanced, net ascent at the low latitudes. As a result, air having a relatively low mixing  
626 ratio of NO<sub>y</sub> would have been transported upward from the lower stratosphere, and the  
627 associated chemical loss of ozone due to the reactive, NO<sub>x</sub> component of the NO<sub>y</sub> would  
628 have been diminished at that time. There are similar excess ozone anomalies in the layers  
629 6U through 5U (or about 10 to 20 hPa), at least for the latitude bins of 25S through 25N,  
630 and they lead to excessively negative linear trends when the time series analyses are

631 started at October 1991 rather than September 1992 or January 1993. In addition, there  
632 are greater uncertainties for the ozone signals that were attenuated by the aerosols of the  
633 lower layers of the low latitudes during this early period, so the analyses of their time  
634 series were begun at those later times, too. A further diagnosis of the true cause of the  
635 enhanced HALOE ozone in 1991-92 at 10 to 20 hPa is outside the scope of this study, but  
636 that ozone excess represents an “end point anomaly” for the determination of the trend  
637 terms (and for the coefficients of the associated 11-yr terms to a lesser extent). By  
638 delaying the start date of the time series analyses by at least one year after the eruption  
639 but only for layers 6U to 4U of the lower latitudes, the effects from the volcanic aerosol  
640 layer have been reduced for the results of this present study.

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642 The narrow pressure-altitude zone of rather large negative trends at 10 to 20 hPa in  
643 Figure 14 may have contributions from structures in those time series that were not  
644 accounted for. To understand that possibility, it is useful to refer to the representative  
645 zonal mean cross section of the HALOE ozone mixing ratio in Figure 6. In the low to  
646 middle stratosphere the ozone mixing ratio should be very nearly conserved during  
647 transport. Any change for its net transport at those altitudes ought to be most noticeable  
648 where the meridional gradients of the ozone mixing ratio are greatest, or in the subtropics  
649 near 10 hPa. The latitudes of 15 to 25 degrees are where the diagnosed 11-yr ozone  
650 responses of Figure 9 are larger. That region is also where the amplitudes of both the  
651 QBO and subbiennial terms are pronounced (see Figures 7 and 8). It may be that the  
652 larger negative trends and the enhanced SC-like responses in that region have a  
653 contribution from a decadal-scale, dynamical forcing. On the other hand, because the

654 meridional gradients for the ozone mixing ratio are nearly flat at about 20 hPa, the  
655 presence of a similar dynamical forcing would be much less apparent in the ozone at that  
656 level. There are also larger negative trends that are marginally significant at 45S and 45N  
657 and from 30 to 50 hPa. Perhaps those trends are indicating an extension of so-called  
658 “polar ozone hole” effects to lower latitudes during this 14-yr period. If that is the case,  
659 it is noted that the effects of the QBO term for the lower stratospheric ozone distributions  
660 have already been accounted for as part of the present MLR analyses.  
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661 **5. Summary and Conclusions**

662 This study has been based on ozone and temperature data from a single, well-  
663 characterized instrument, HALOE, and for slightly more than one complete solar cycle.  
664 An exploratory search for a solar cycle response was performed, but only for those  
665 latitudes where HALOE provided good seasonal sampling. This consideration is  
666 important for the accurate accounting of the generally, larger-amplitude seasonal terms in  
667 the time series. The HALOE ozone profiles have good S/N and a relatively high vertical  
668 resolution, both of which are important for resolving the vertical response of ozone to the  
669 relatively, small amplitude of the 11-yr, max minus min, uv-flux forcing. Analyses of  
670 temperature time series were restricted to the upper stratosphere and lower mesosphere,  
671 2.0 to 0.7 hPa.

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673 The analyzed QBO terms for ozone have their largest amplitudes at the low latitudes and  
674 in the lower stratosphere, and their amplitudes are nearly symmetric with latitude across  
675 the two hemispheres. On the other hand, there is some asymmetry for the amplitudes of  
676 the sub-biennial terms, in accord with the small differences for its associated annual  
677 cycles in the two hemispheres. There may also be interactions between the QBO and  
678 sub-biennial terms, but their longer-period terms were not included in the analyses.

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680 A simple, 11-yr periodic term was fit to the ozone residuals, and its phase was noted.  
681 Where the amplitude of that term was significant, its phase fit with that of the SC flux  
682 proxies, or at least within about one year of January 1991 (or 2002)—the approximate  
683 midpoint for the flux maximum of SC 22 (or SC 23). Because the effects of trend terms

684 can be confounded with those of the 11-yr terms, linear trend terms were included in the  
685 MLR analysis model. Generally, there is very good continuity for the analyzed trends  
686 with latitude and pressure-altitude, and their signs and magnitudes are reasonable for the  
687 time period of 1991-2005 from the HALOE measurements. However, it is noted that  
688 there may still be decadal-scale processes that were important, but not accounted for—  
689 particularly in the upper stratosphere of the tropics and in the lower stratosphere across  
690 all latitudes.

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692 There is a significant SC-like, max minus min response of order 2 to 3% in the HALOE  
693 ozone from about 2 to 5 hPa and for the latitudes of 45S to 45N. Weaker and much less  
694 significant responses occur in the tropics near 1 hPa and from 7 to 30 hPa. There is a  
695 significant max minus min, SC-like response of order 1 K in the HALOE temperatures  
696 between 15S and 15N and from 2 to 0.7 hPa. The temperature response at mid latitudes  
697 is about half that value and much less significant. Several chemistry/climate models are  
698 yielding response profiles for both ozone and temperature that are very similar to those  
699 analyzed here [*Austin et al.*, 2008].

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701 As noted above, linear trends were diagnosed along with the other terms of the MLR  
702 analyses of the HALOE ozone, and they were near zero throughout the upper  
703 stratosphere. Negative trends of order 4 to 6%/decade were found at 10 to 20 hPa across  
704 the low to middle latitudes of both hemispheres. Weak, positive trends were found in the  
705 lower stratosphere for the subtropics of both hemispheres. Conversely, there were weak,

706 negative trends from 30 to 50 hPa in the tropics and poleward of about 25 degrees  
707 latitude of both hemispheres.  
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709 It is concluded that there is no real discrepancy between the SC-like response profiles  
710 from some current models and from the stratospheric ozone from the HALOE  
711 observations, at least where its SC-like terms are significant. The MLR analysis  
712 approach used herein has made it possible to separate that response from those of the  
713 expected interannual forcings and to first order from the confounding effects of any long-  
714 term trends. The precision, calibration, vertical resolution, spatial sampling , and  
715 retrieval approach of the HALOE solar occultation experiment along with the MLR  
716 analysis techniques used herein appear to be quite adequate for future determinations of  
717 the middle atmosphere responses of both ozone and temperature to the uv-flux forcing of  
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**Table 1**—Pressure Intervals and Half-Umkehr Layer Designations

Pressure Range in (hPa)	Half-Umkehr Layer
0.7- 1.0	10L
1.0- 1.4	9U
1.4- 2.0	9L
2.0- 2.8	8U
2.8- 4.0	8L
4.0- 5.6	7U
5.6- 7.9	7L
7.9-11.2	6U
11.2-15.8	6L
15.8-22.4	5U
22.4-31.7	5L
31.7-44.8	4U
44.8-63.3	4L

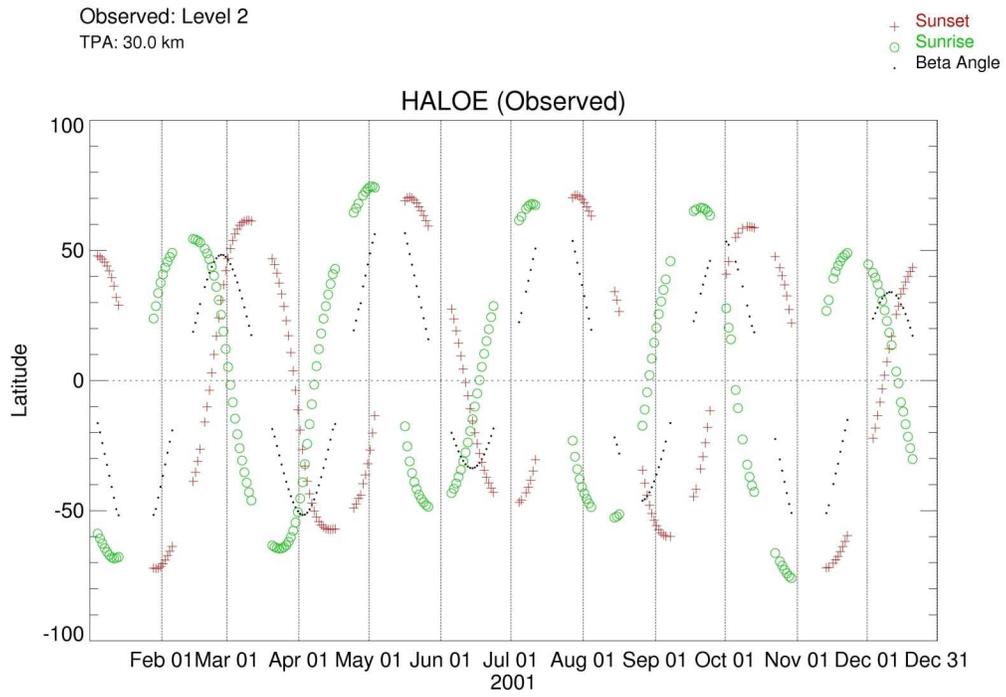
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**Table 2**—SC-like, max minus min responses for ozone (%) and temperature (K)

P(hPa)	35S to 45S		15S to 5N		25N to 45N	
	Ozone	T(p)	Ozone	T(p)	Ozone	T(p)
0.85	1.9	0.1	0.0	0.9	2.1	0.1
1.2	2.0	0.1	-0.2	1.1	2.8	-0.1
1.7	2.7	-0.2	0.1	1.0	2.6	0.1

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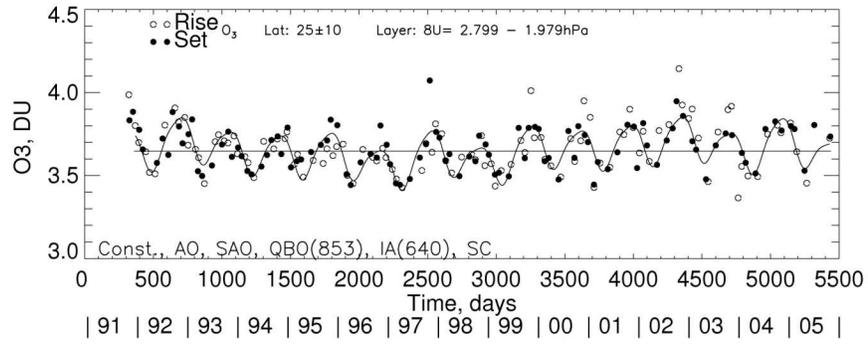
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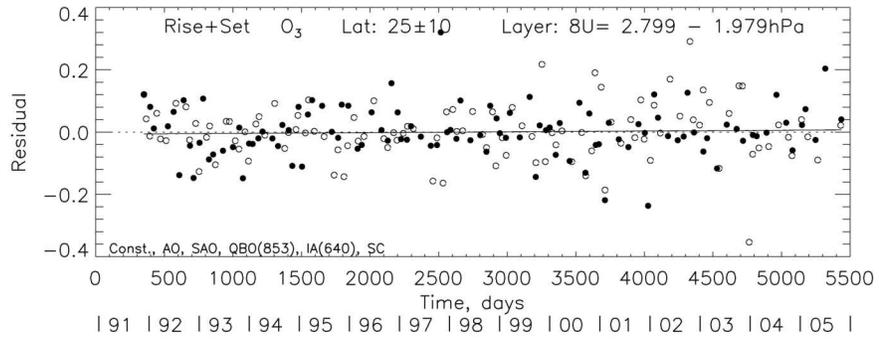
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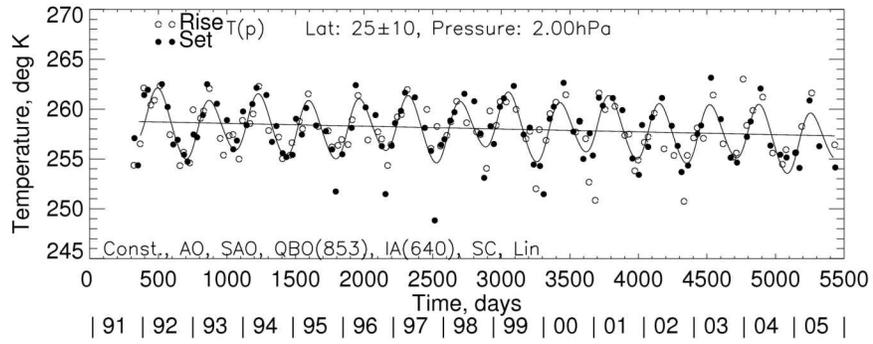


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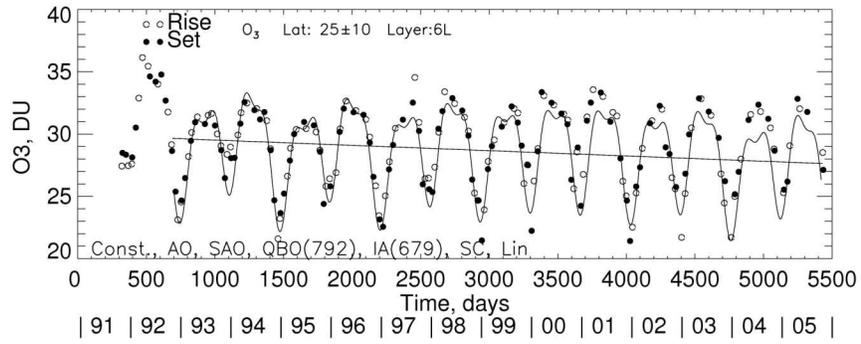
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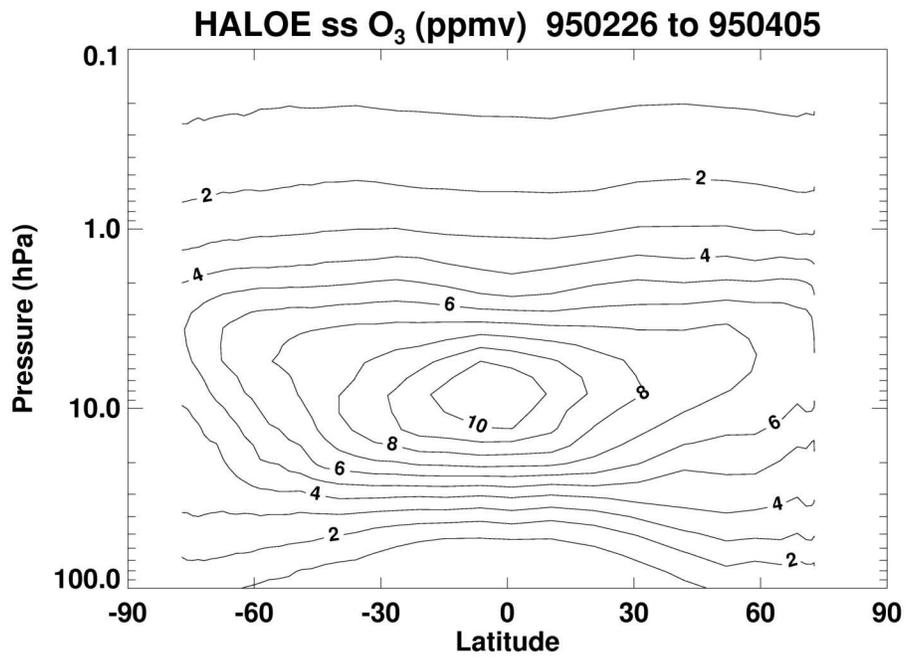
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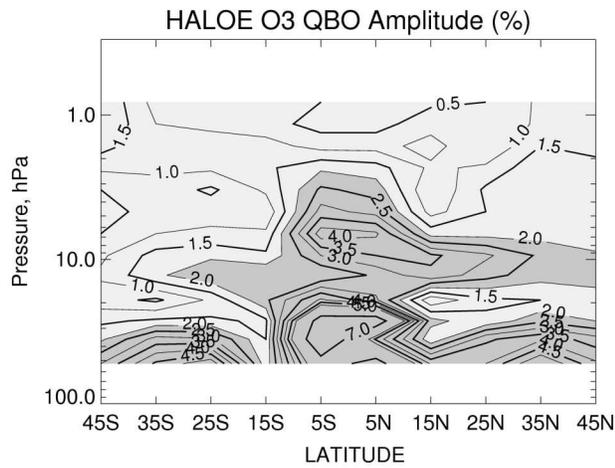
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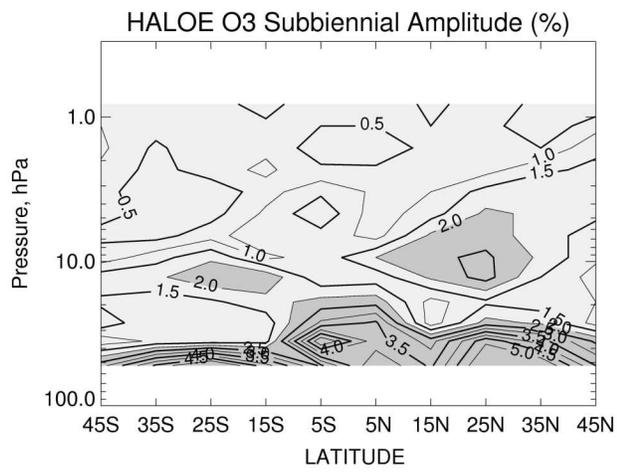
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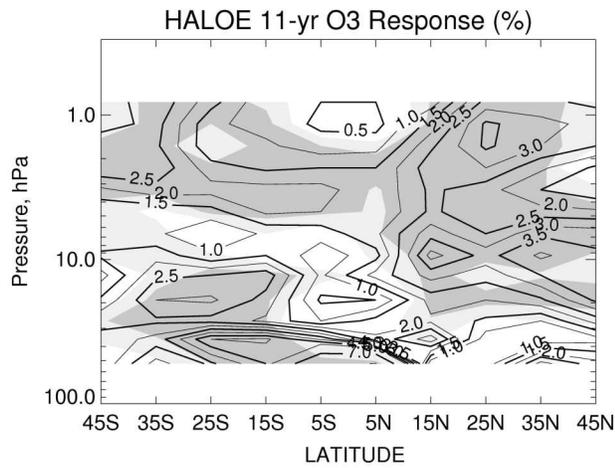
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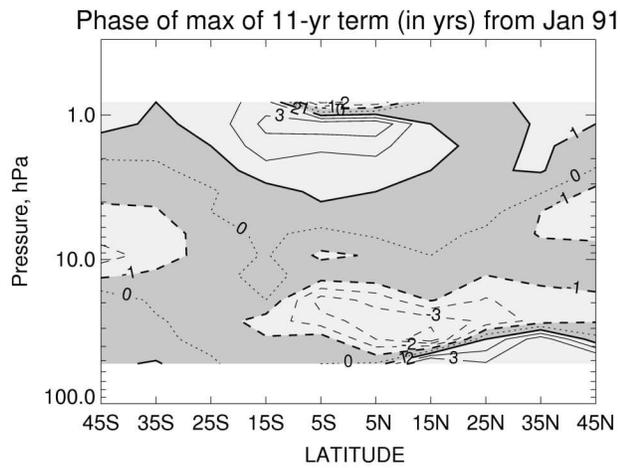
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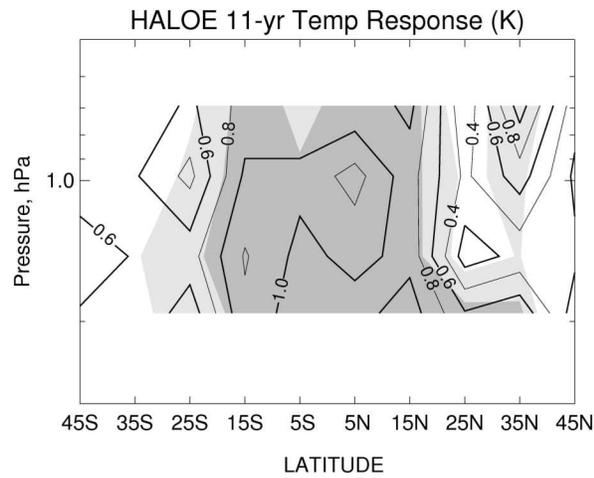
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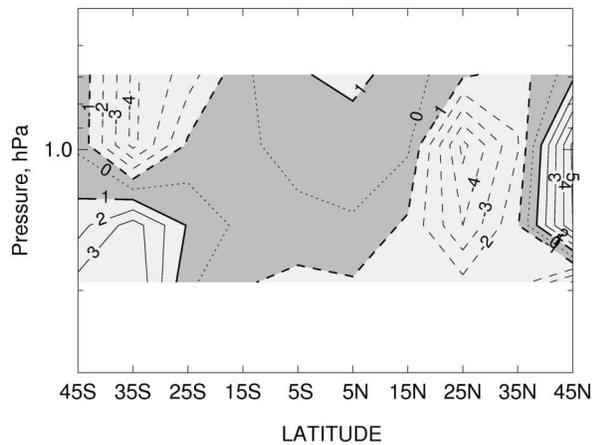
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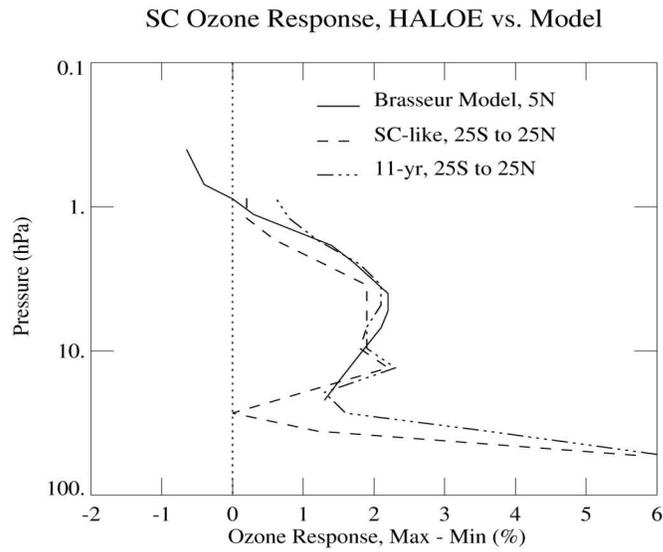
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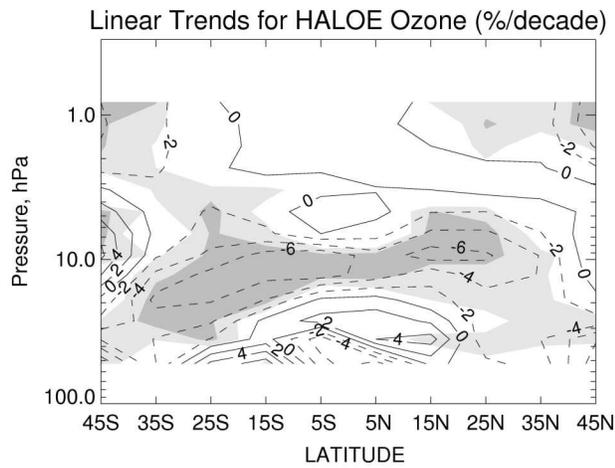
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