

# Arctic Halogen Chemistry

## Part I

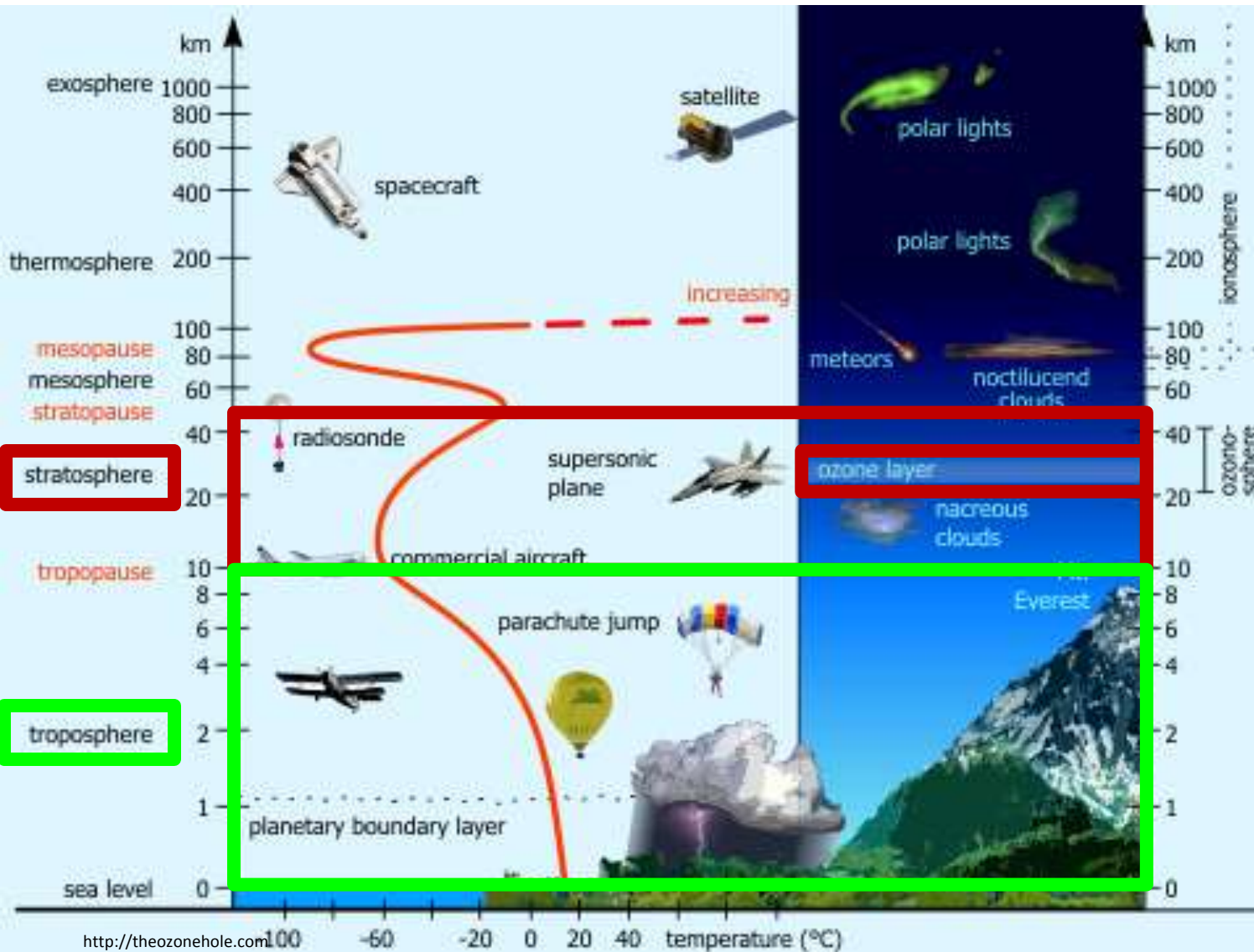
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# Layers of Earth's Atmosphere

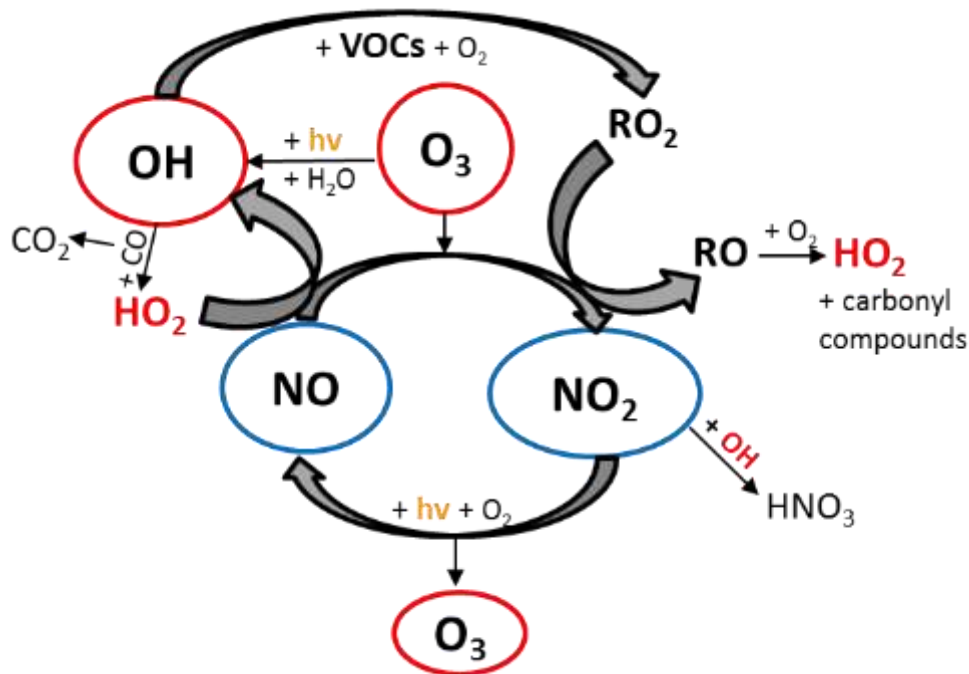
We're going to talk about ozone chemistry in the troposphere – not to be confused with the ozone layer in the stratosphere!



# Atmospheric Oxidants

- Primary atmospheric oxidants:  $\text{OH}^\cdot$ ,  $\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{NO}_3^\cdot$
- **Oxidation capacity**: the ability of the atmosphere to clean itself by chemically oxidizing (reacting with) pollutants.
  - Globally controls methane (greenhouse gas) lifetime
  - Leads to new particle and secondary aerosol formation (impacting clouds (indirect effect) and precipitation (hydrological cycle))

## Tropospheric $\text{O}_3$ Cycle

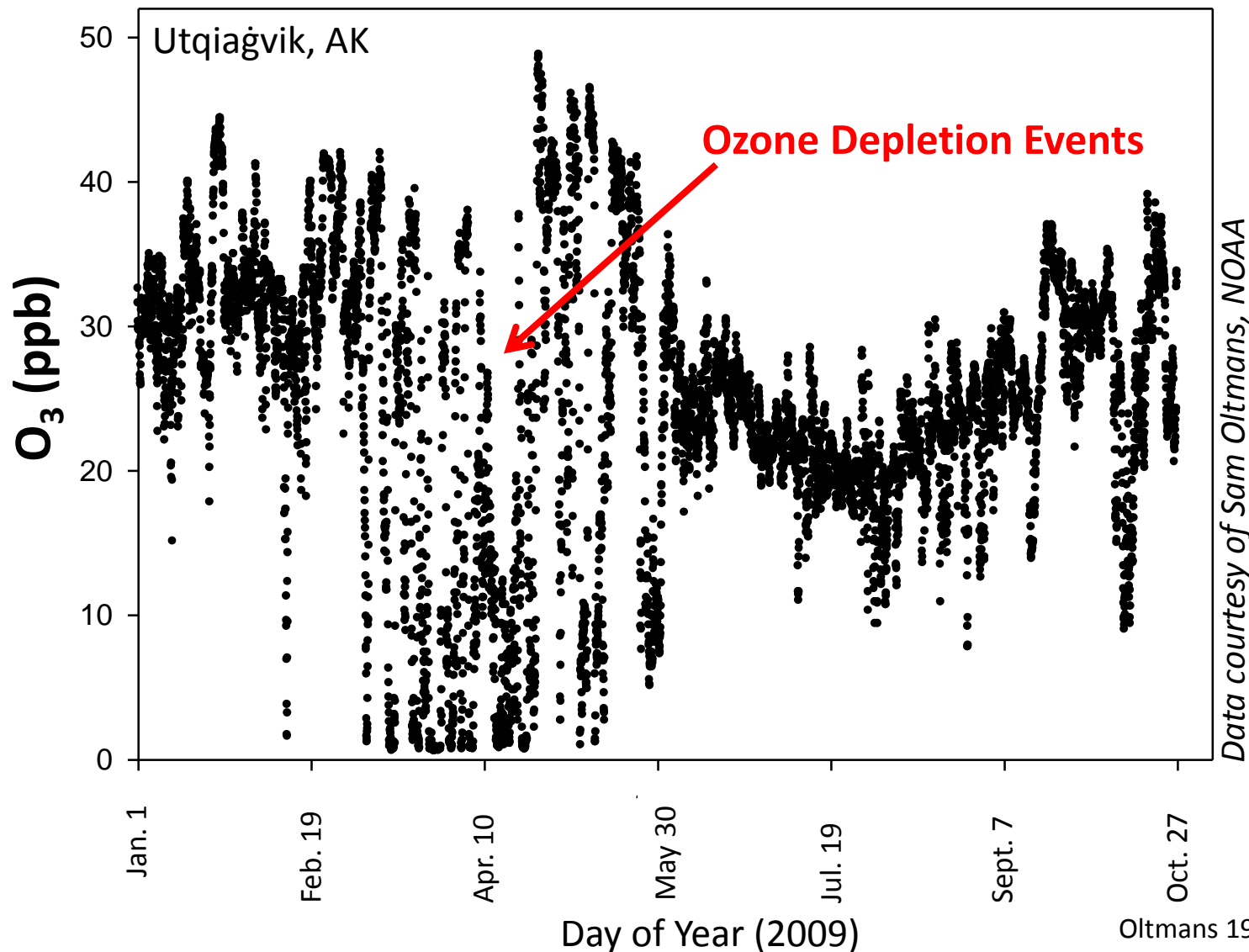


- $\text{O}_3$  photochemistry produces OH radicals (primary global oxidant)
- Therefore,  **$\text{O}_3$  is the typical indicator of oxidation capacity**

# Arctic Surface Ozone Depletion

Oxidative capacity of the atmosphere (removal of pollutants) is controlled by  $O_3$ .

Thompson 1992, *Science*



Oltmans 1981, *J. Geophys. Res.*;  
Barrie et al. 1988, *Nature*

# Ozone Depletion Events (ODEs) are Unique to the Polar Regions (*and salt lakes*)

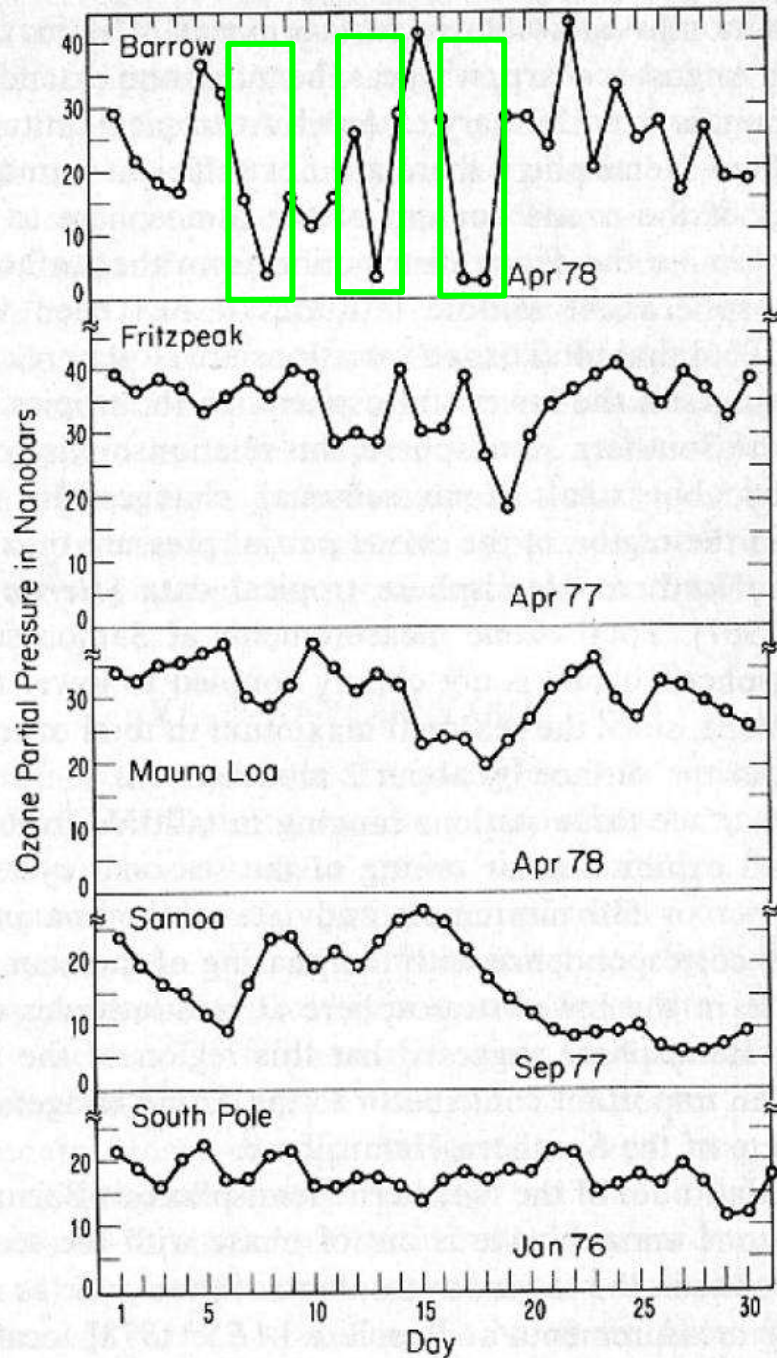
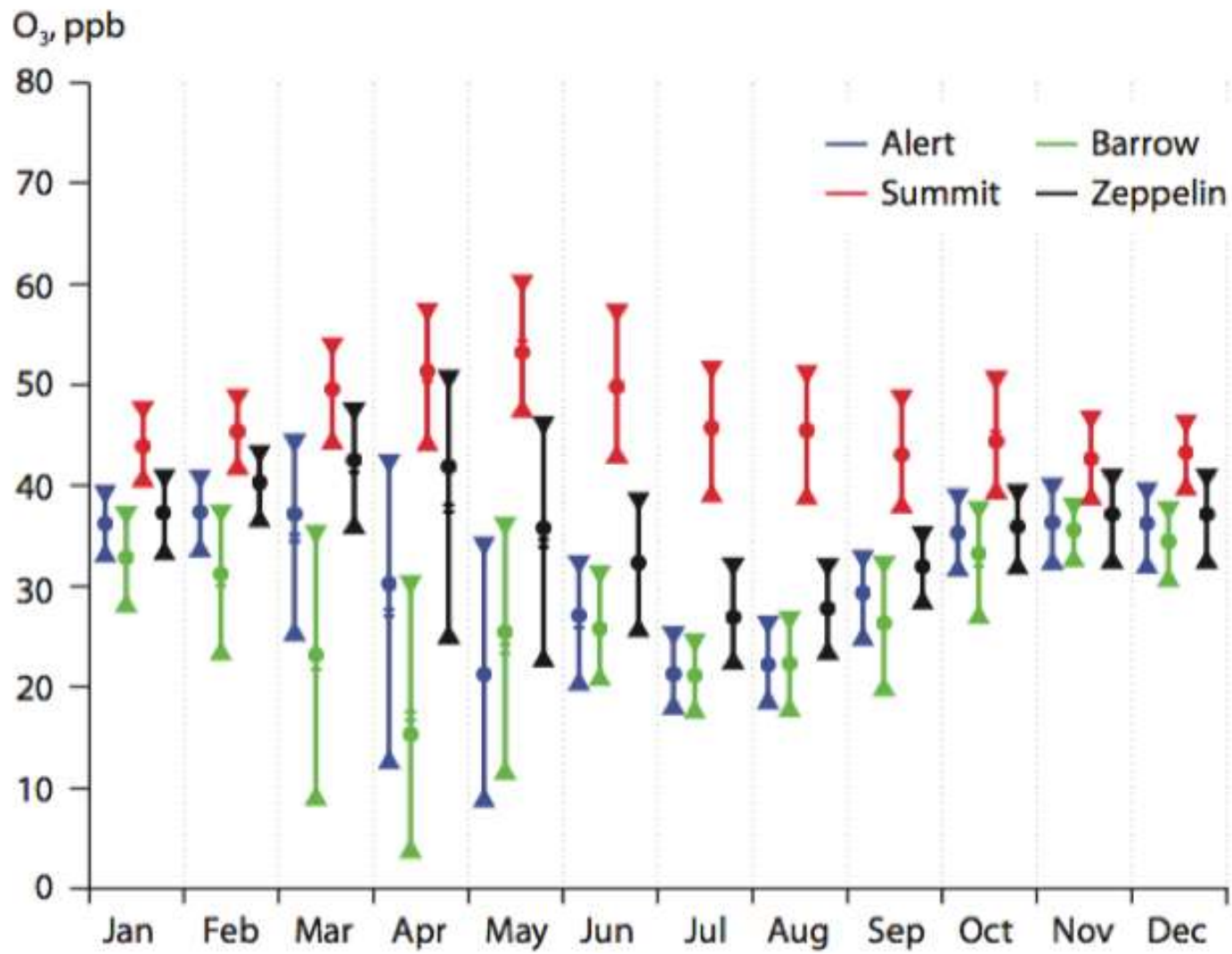
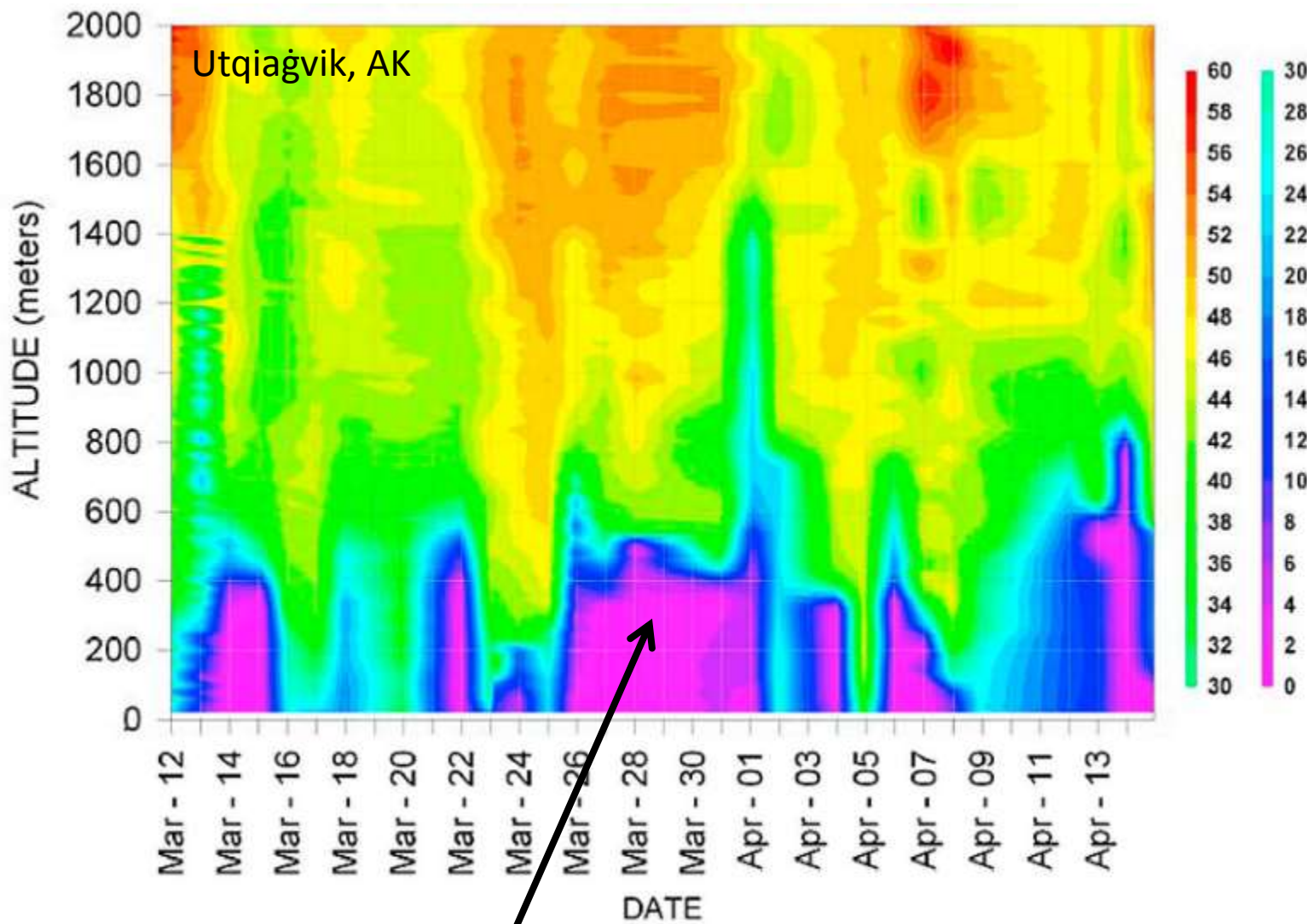


Fig. 4. Example of day-to-day variations of surface ozone.

# Arctic Ozone Seasonal Cycle



# Ozone Depletion occurs near the Surface

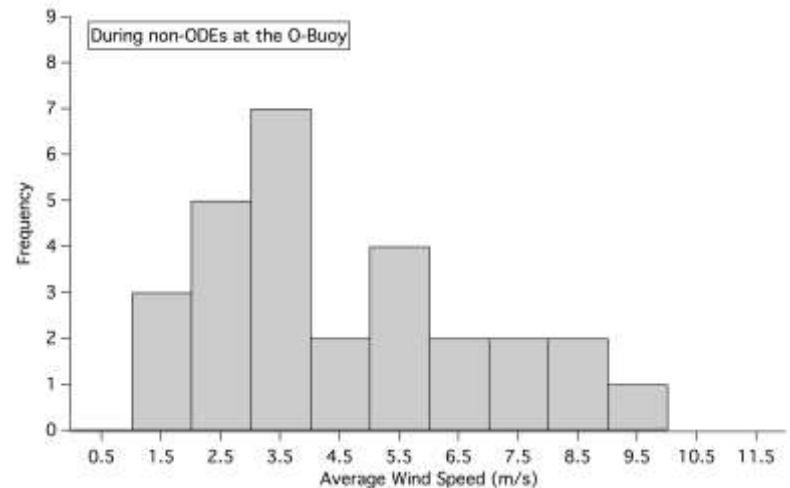
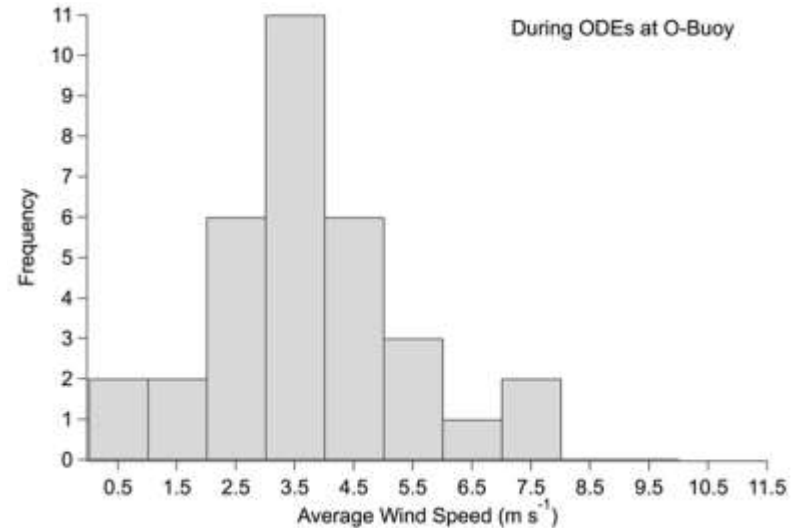


O<sub>3</sub> depletion

# Arctic ODEs: Observed at Lower Wind Speeds; No Clear Dependence on Temperature



O-buoy deployments in Arctic sea ice



# Ozone Recovery driven by Convective Mixing associated with Sea Ice Leads

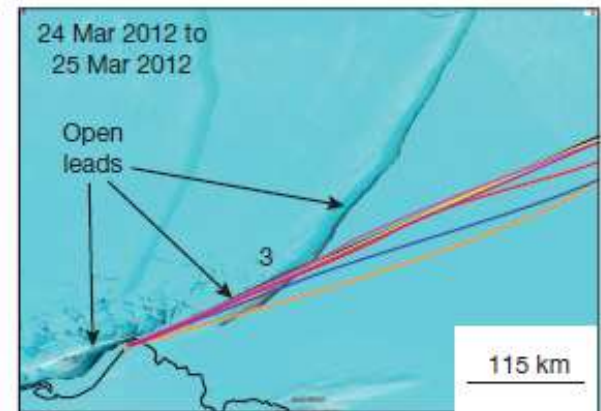
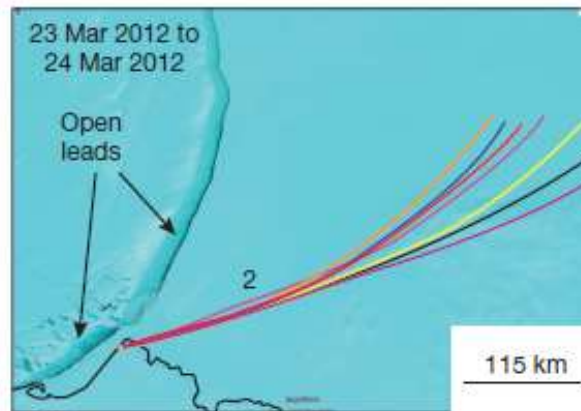
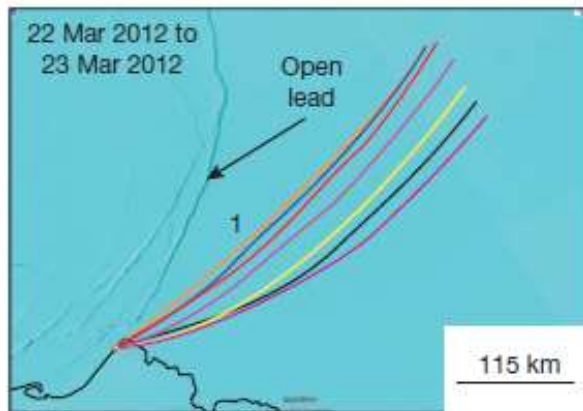
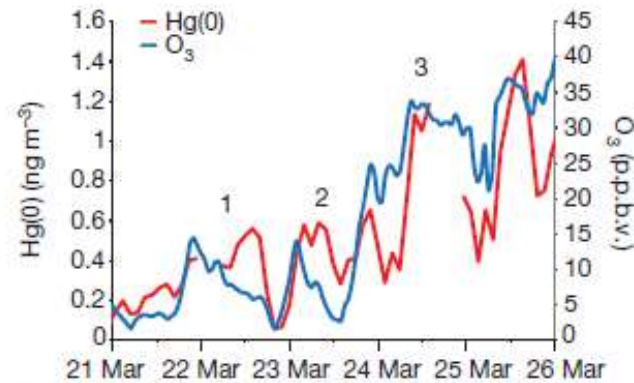
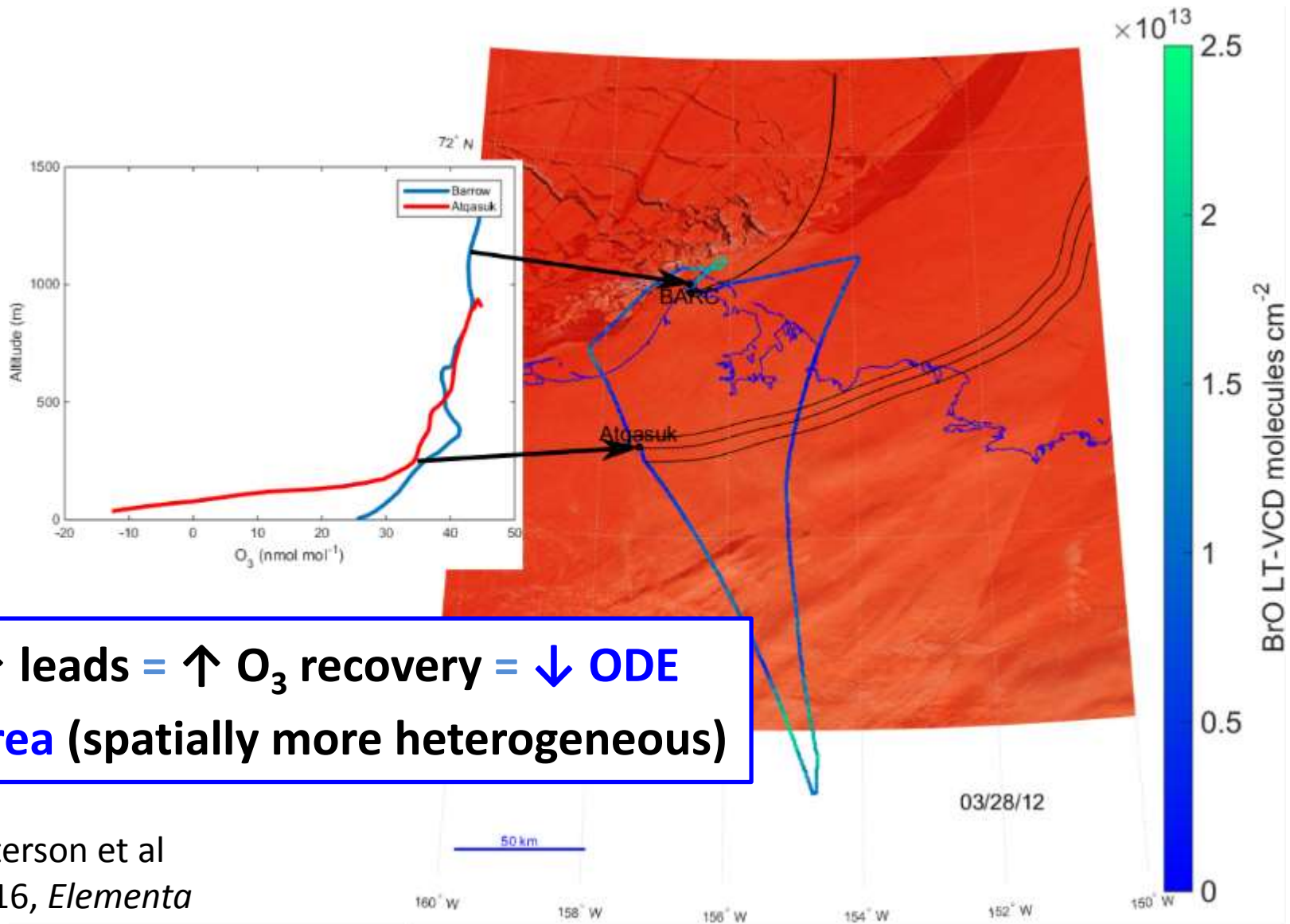


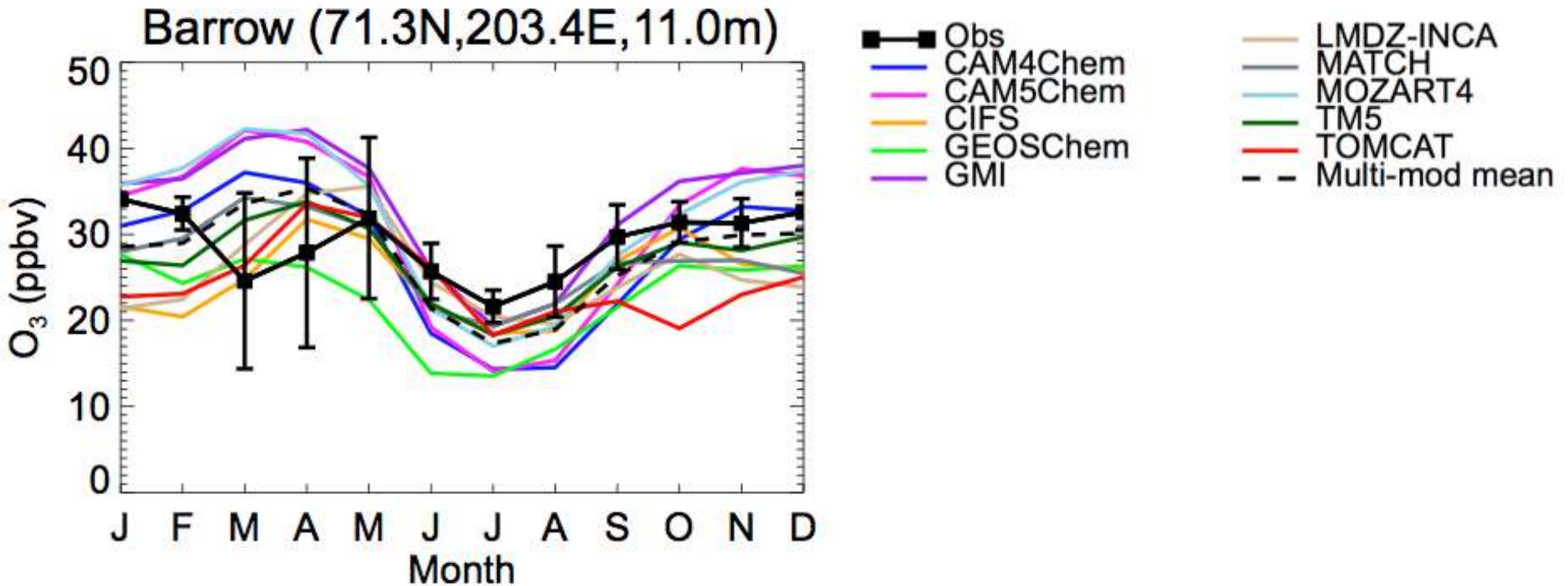
Figure 2 | Impact of sea-ice leads on Hg(0) and O<sub>3</sub> in 2012. Hg(0) and O<sub>3</sub> concentrations between 21 March 2012 and 26 March 2012. Bold numbers correspond to time periods as numbered on the corresponding satellite images. Satellite images were taken at approximately 16:00 UTC (Coordinated Universal

Time) each day. Colours represent 24-hour HYSPLIT back-trajectory arrival times near Barrow: orange, 04:00 UTC; blue, 08:00 UTC; red, 12:00 UTC; pink, 16:00 UTC; yellow, 20:00 UTC; black, 00:00 UTC (the next day); and purple, 04:00 UTC (the next day). Original satellite images from Google Earth, Terrametrics.

# Inland Depletion of Ozone due to Transport & Lack of Lead Influence



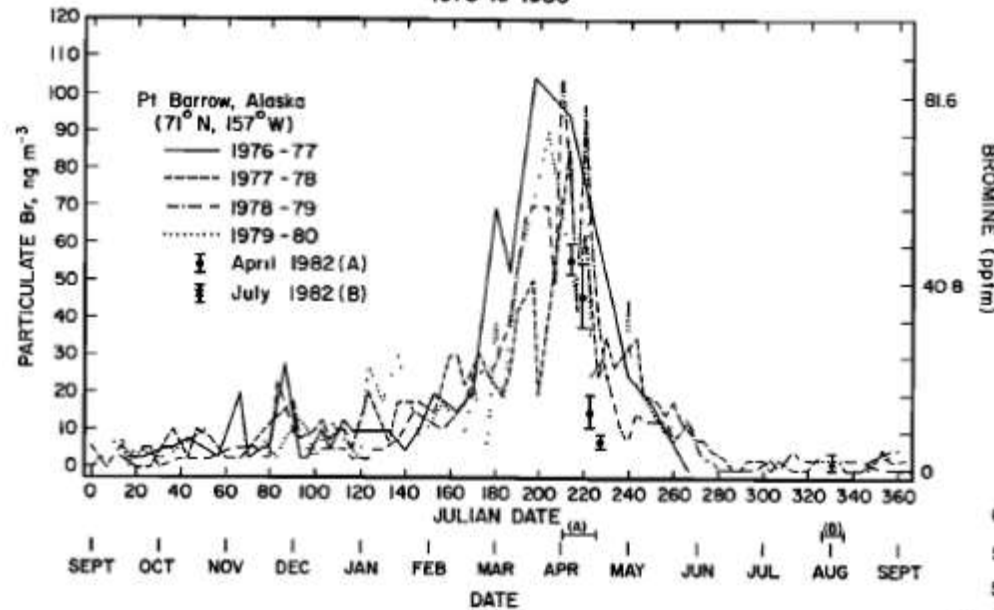
# Global Models unable to Properly Simulate Polar Seasonal Ozone Cycle



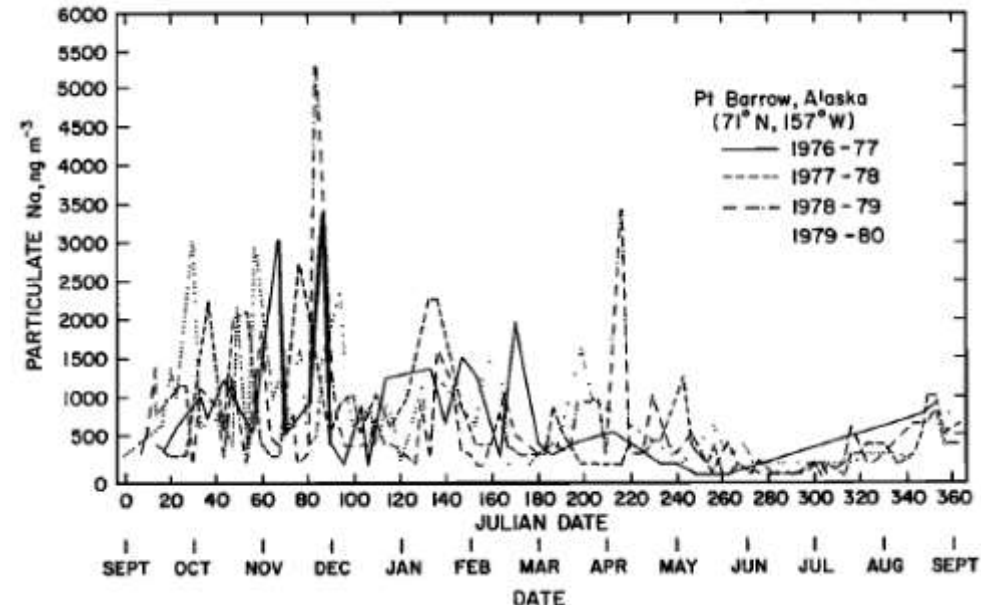
This illustrates our limited understanding and ability to simulate Arctic oxidation capacity.

# Springtime Maximum in Particulate Bromide ( $\text{Br}^-$ ) – Not Correlated with Sea Spray Aerosol

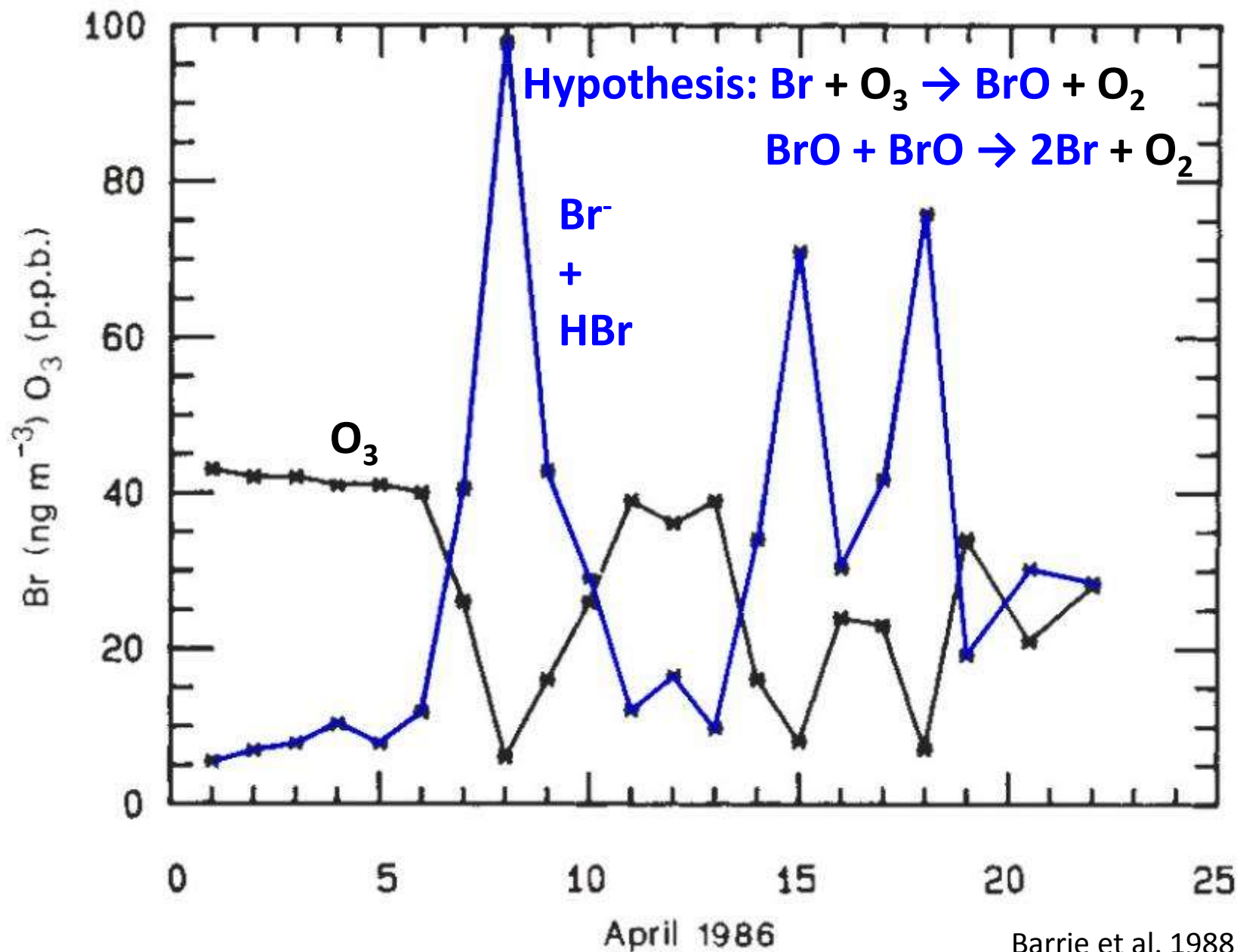
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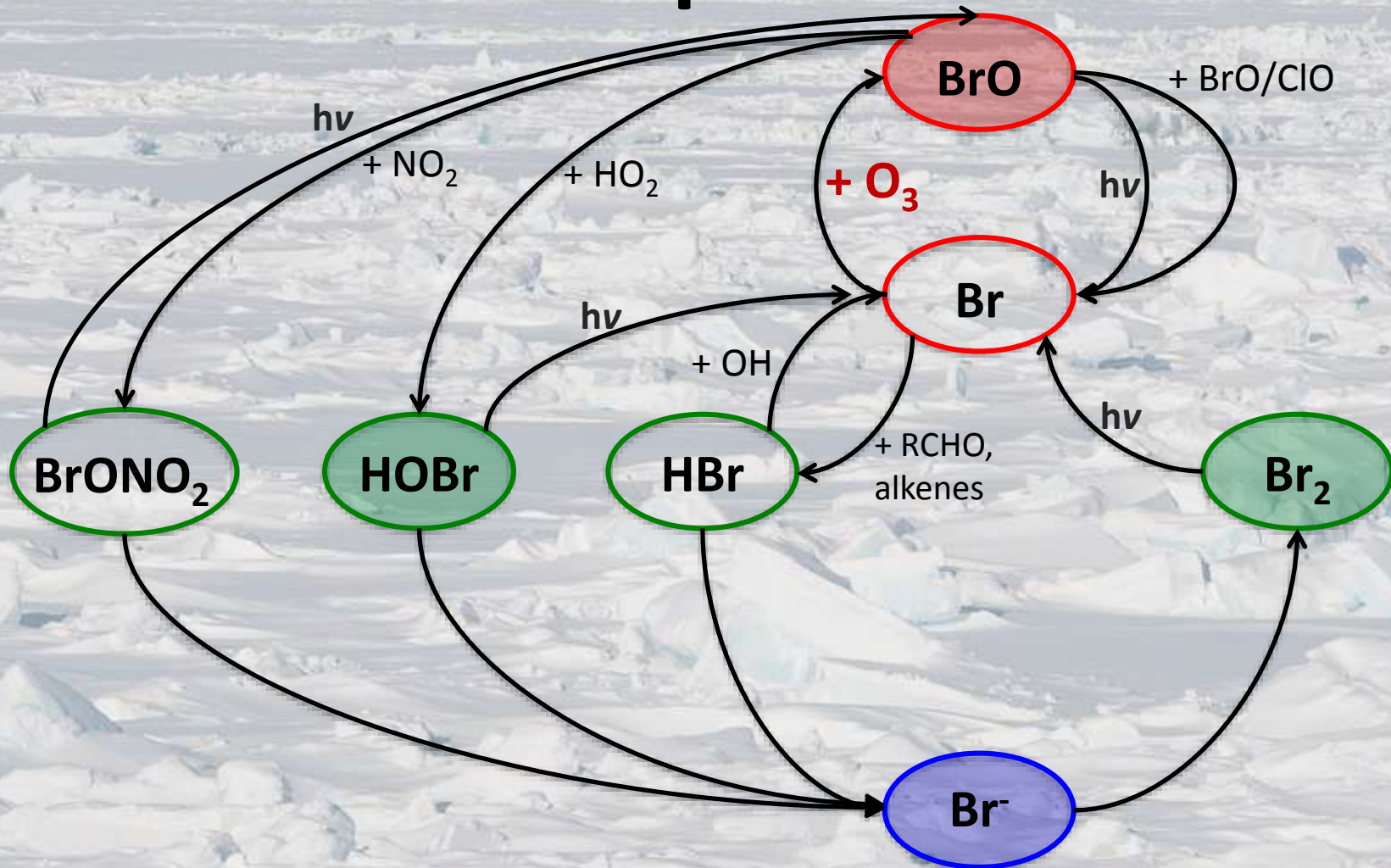
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# Anti-correlation between Ozone and Bromine



# “Bromine Explosion” → Ozone Depletion Events



Barrie et al. 1988, *Nature*

Finlayson-Pitts et al. 1990, *Nature*

Fan & Jacob 1992, *Nature*

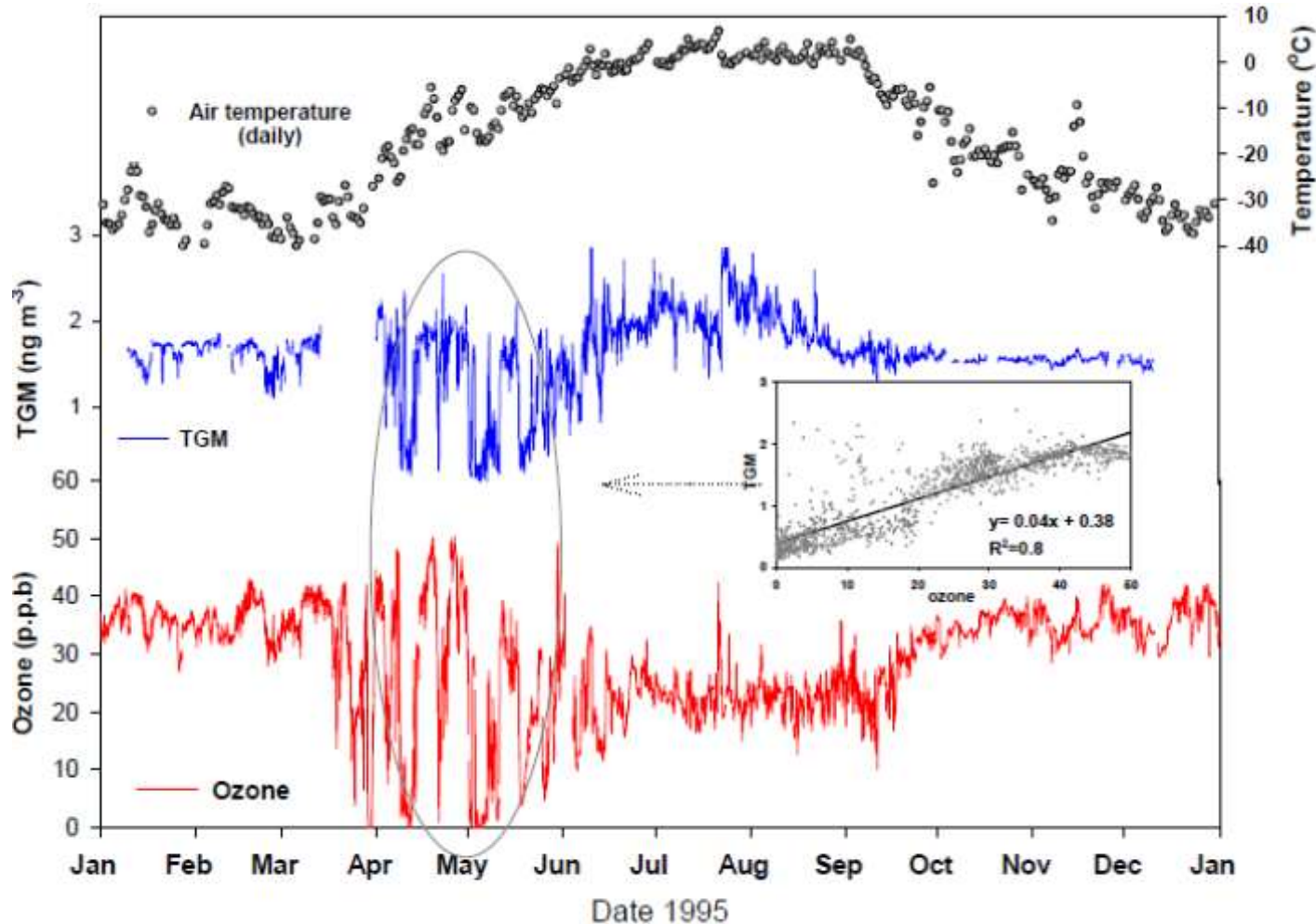
McConnell et al. 1992, *Nature*

Abbatt et al. 2012, *Atmos. Chem. Phys.*

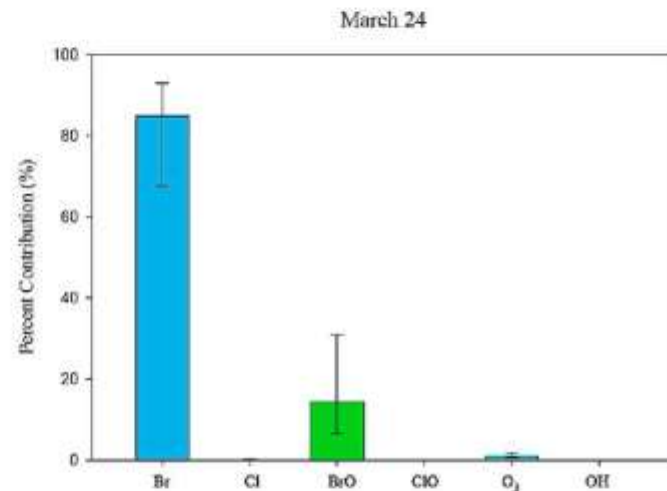
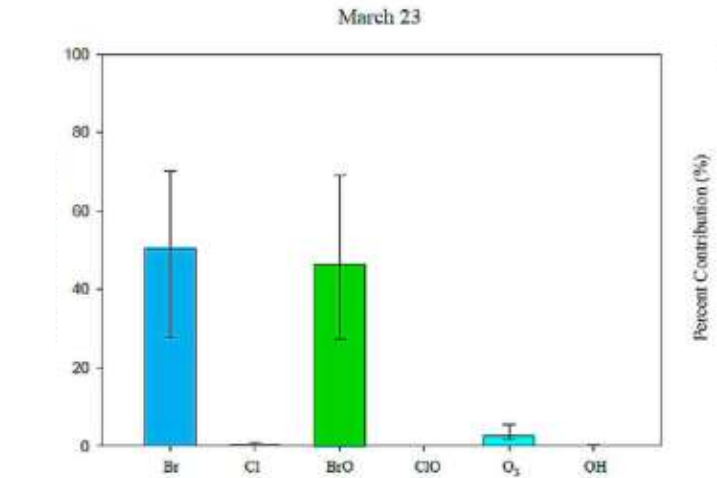
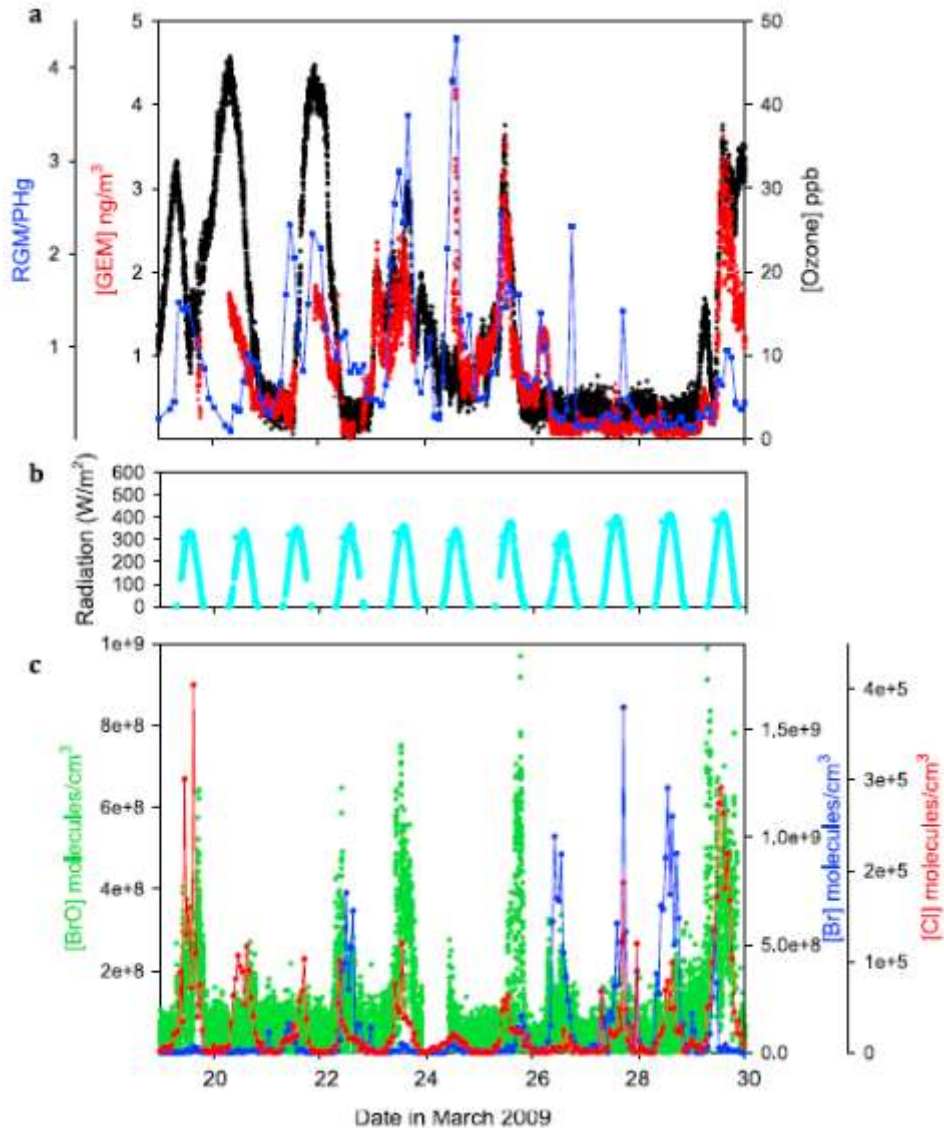
Pratt et al. 2013, *Nature Geoscience*

# Atmospheric Mercury Depletion Events (AMDEs)

## Hg(0) depletion correlated with O<sub>3</sub> loss

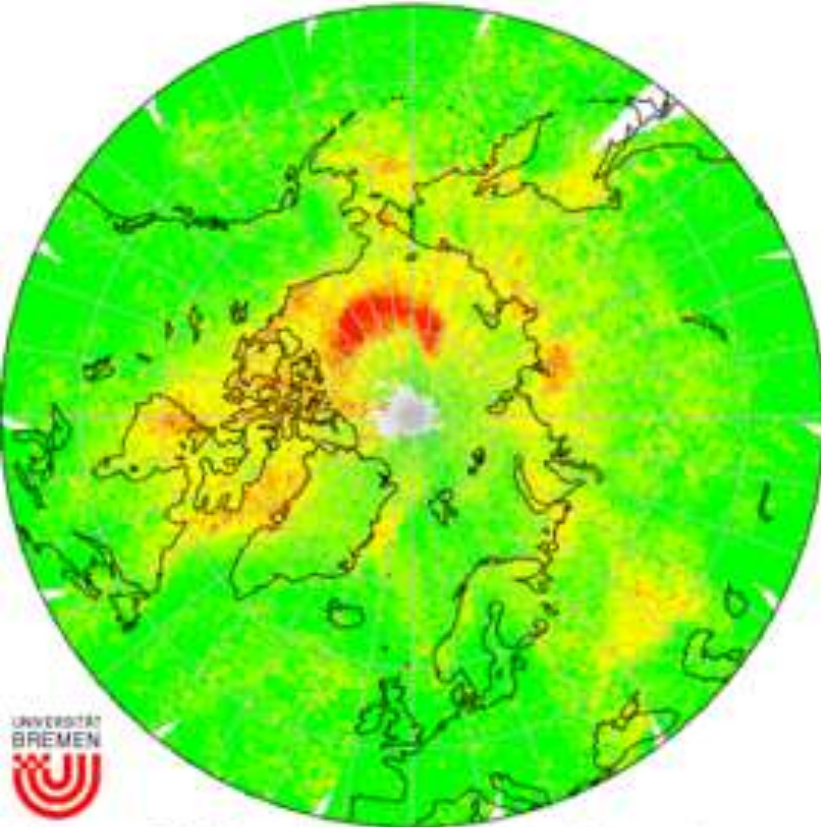


# Mercury Depletion driven by Bromine Chemistry



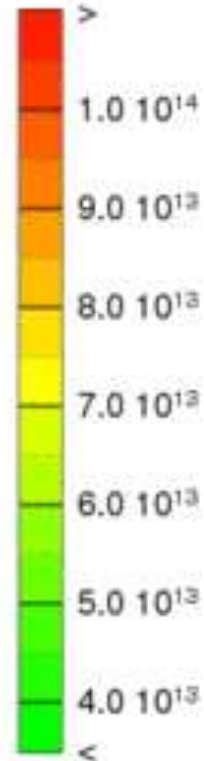
# Satellite-Based BrO<sup>•</sup> Observations

GOME-2 BrO 2012/03/28

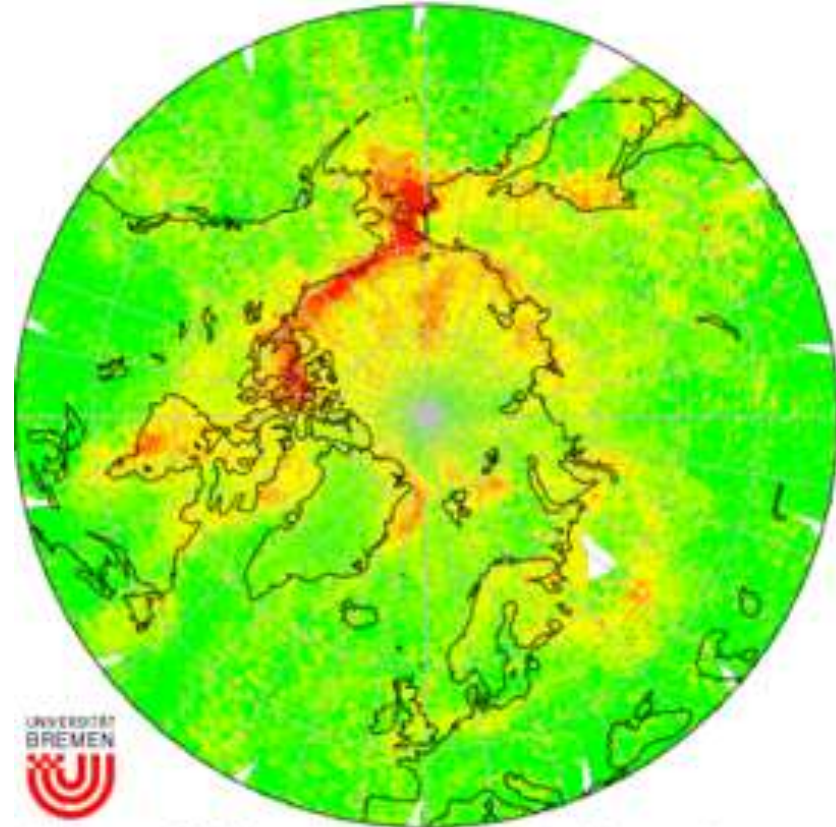


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VC BrO  
[molec cm<sup>-2</sup>]



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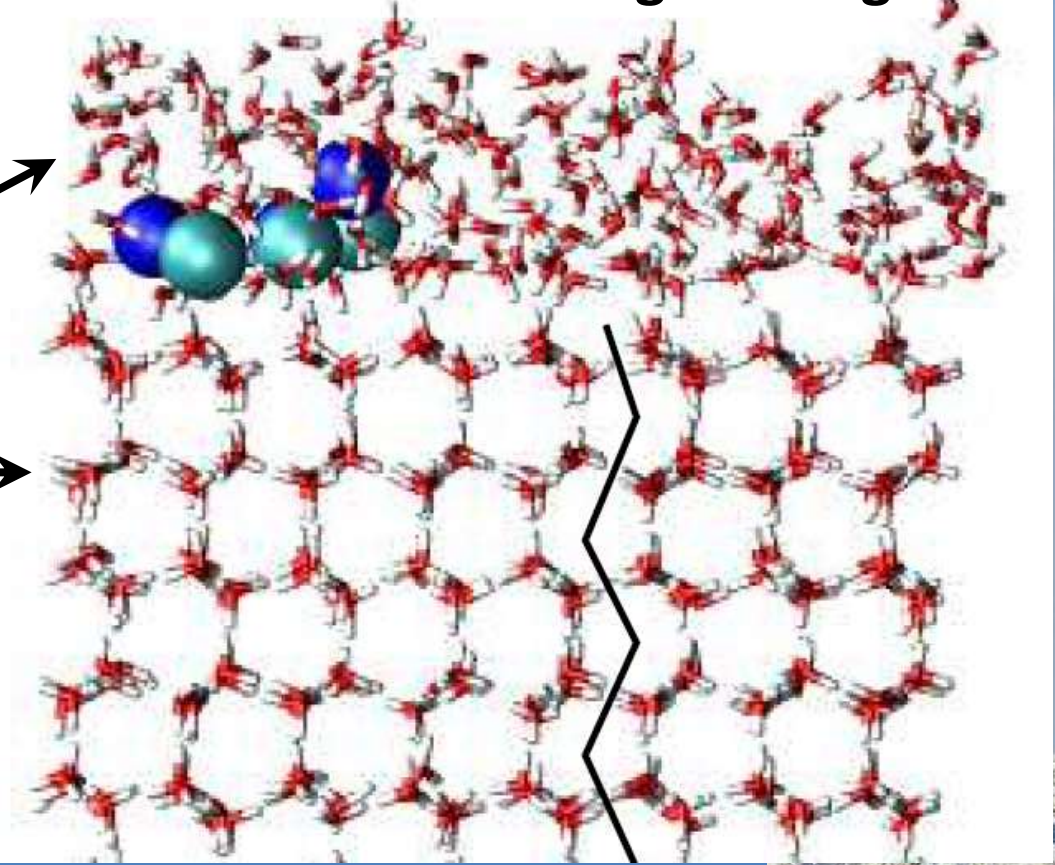


# Chemistry of Ice Surfaces

Solute enrichment during freezing

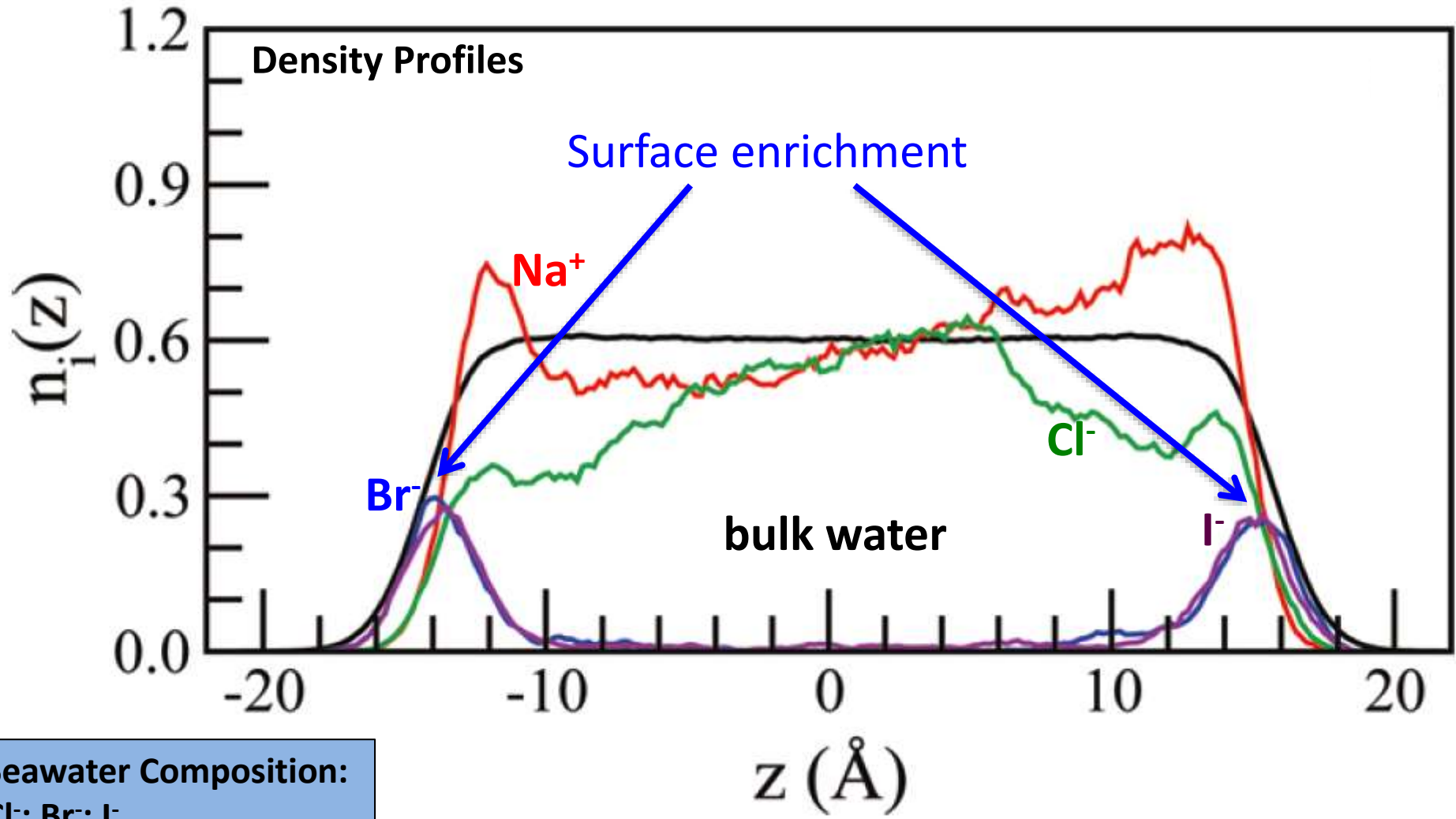
Quasi-Liquid Layer

Ice



# Surface Enrichment of Bromide

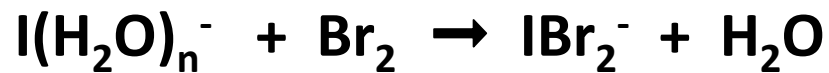
Molecular dynamics simulation of aqueous mixture of  $\text{Na}^+$ ,  $\text{Cl}^-$ ,  $\text{Br}^-$ , and  $\text{I}^-$



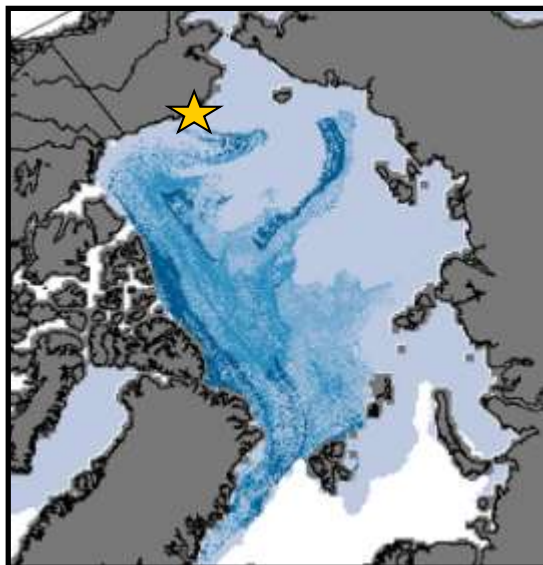
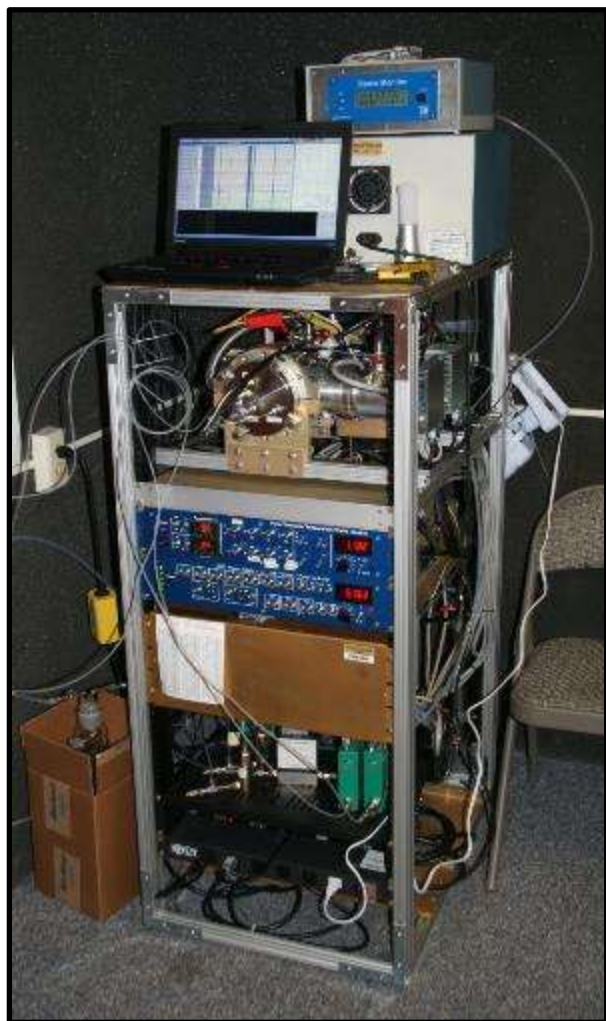
Seawater Composition:  
 $\text{Cl}^-$ :  $\text{Br}^-$ :  $\text{I}^-$   
890,000: 1,300: 1

# Focus: Arctic molecular halogen production

## Approach: Chemical Ionization Mass Spectrometry (CIMS)

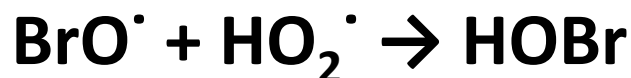
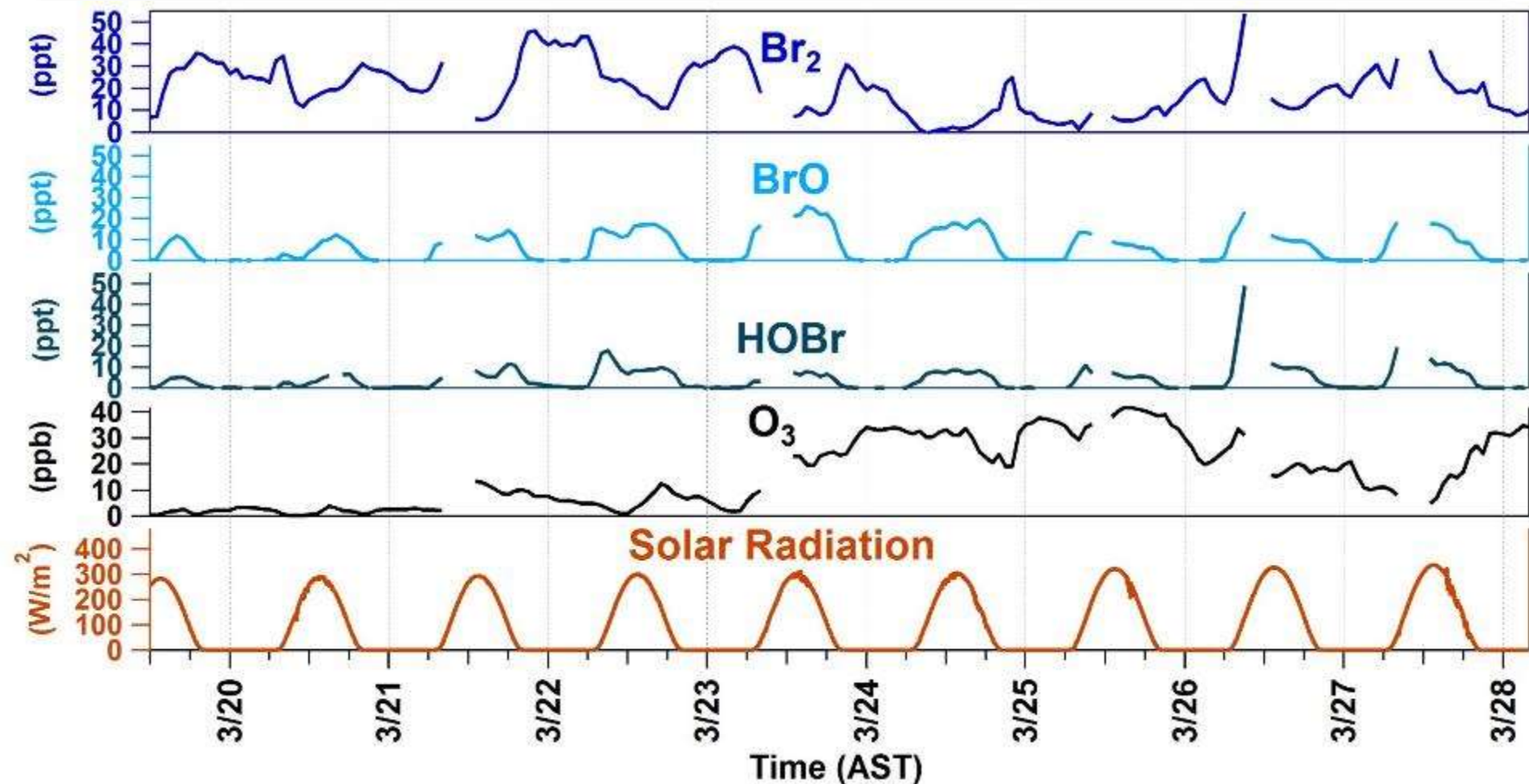


- **<1 ppt** limits of detection (LOD) for  $\text{Br}_2$ ,  $\text{BrO}$ ,  $\text{HOBr}$ ,  $\text{Cl}_2$ ,  $\text{BrCl}$ , **ClO**
- Automated field calibration using  $\text{Br}_2$  and  $\text{Cl}_2$  permeation sources
- Utqiagvik (Barrow), AK – Mar. 2012, Feb. 2014, Mar. – May 2016



Liao et al. 2011, *JGR*;  
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# Bromine Chemistry Measurements

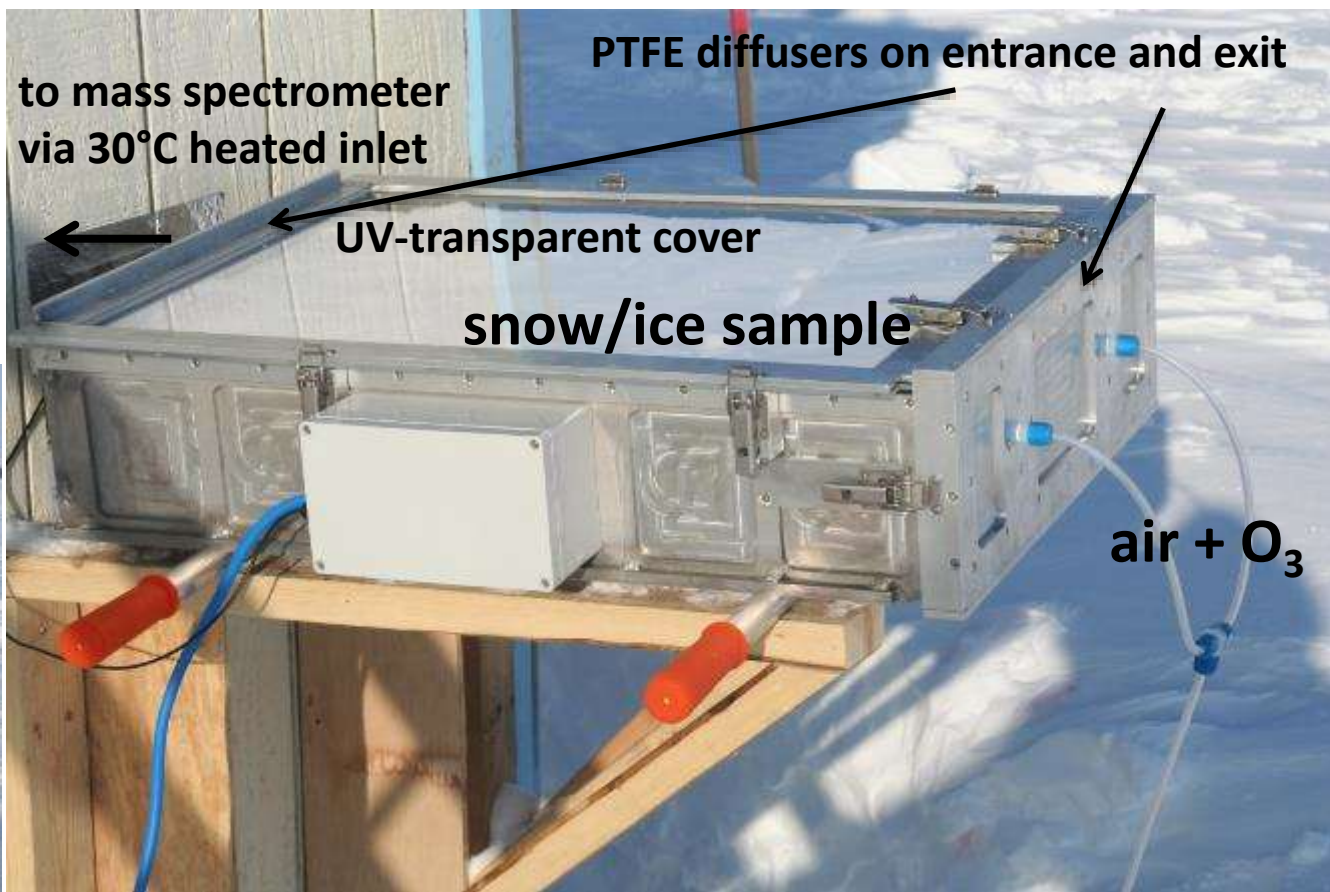


# Photochemical production of molecular bromine in Arctic surface snowpacks

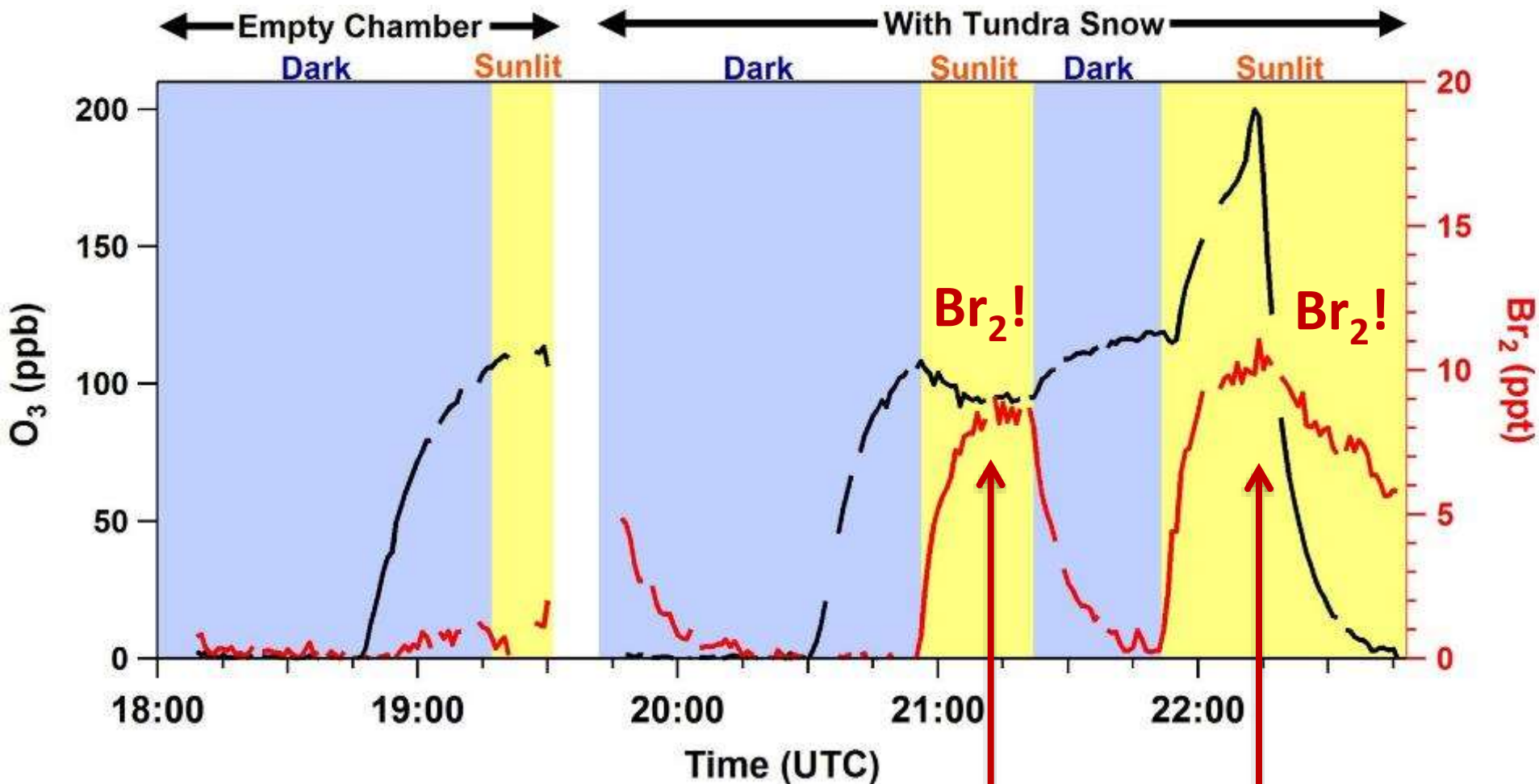
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## Snow Chamber

What is the initial source of Br<sub>2</sub> to the Arctic troposphere?

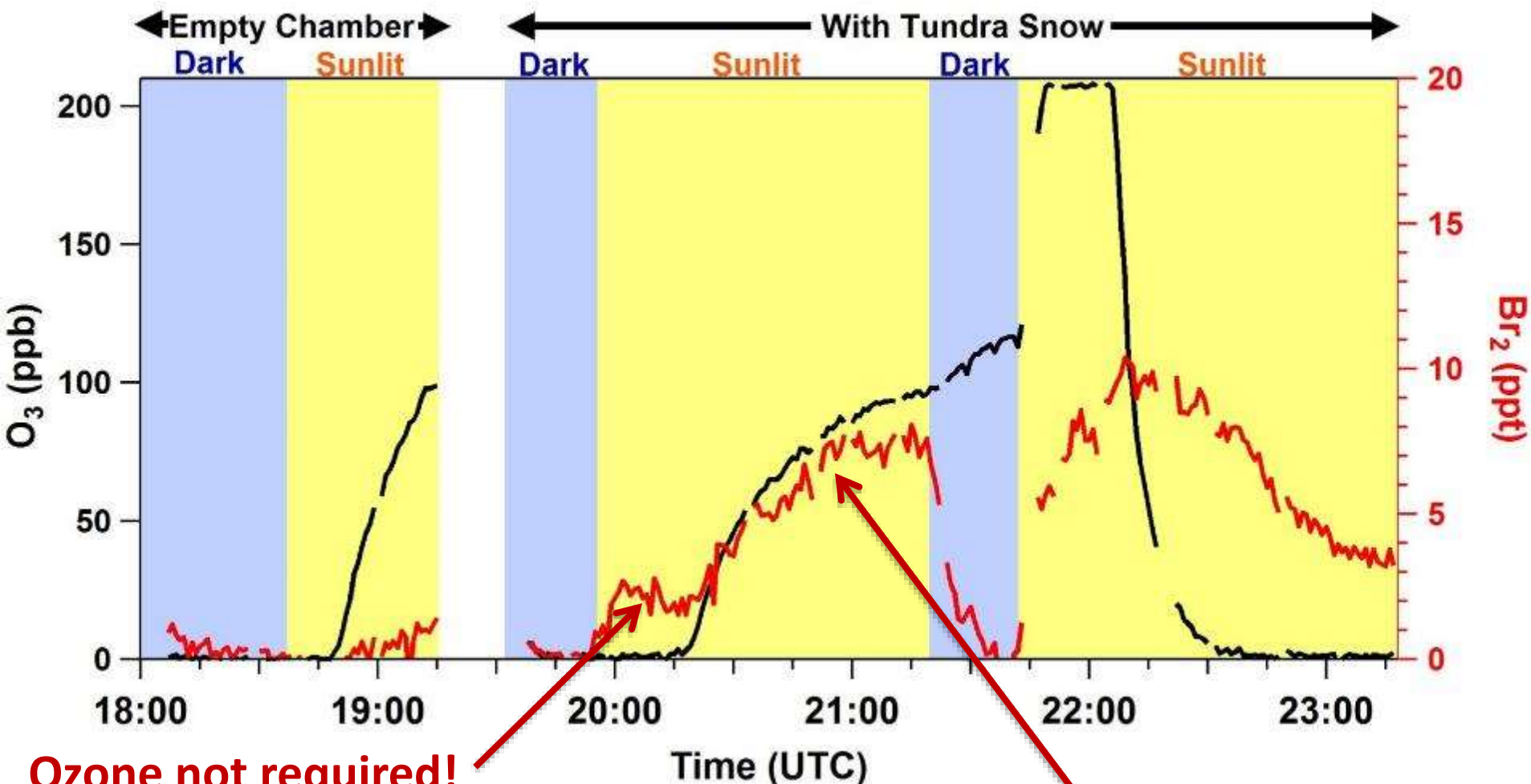


# Photochemical Snowpack Production of Br<sub>2</sub>



Sunlight required for Br<sub>2</sub> production

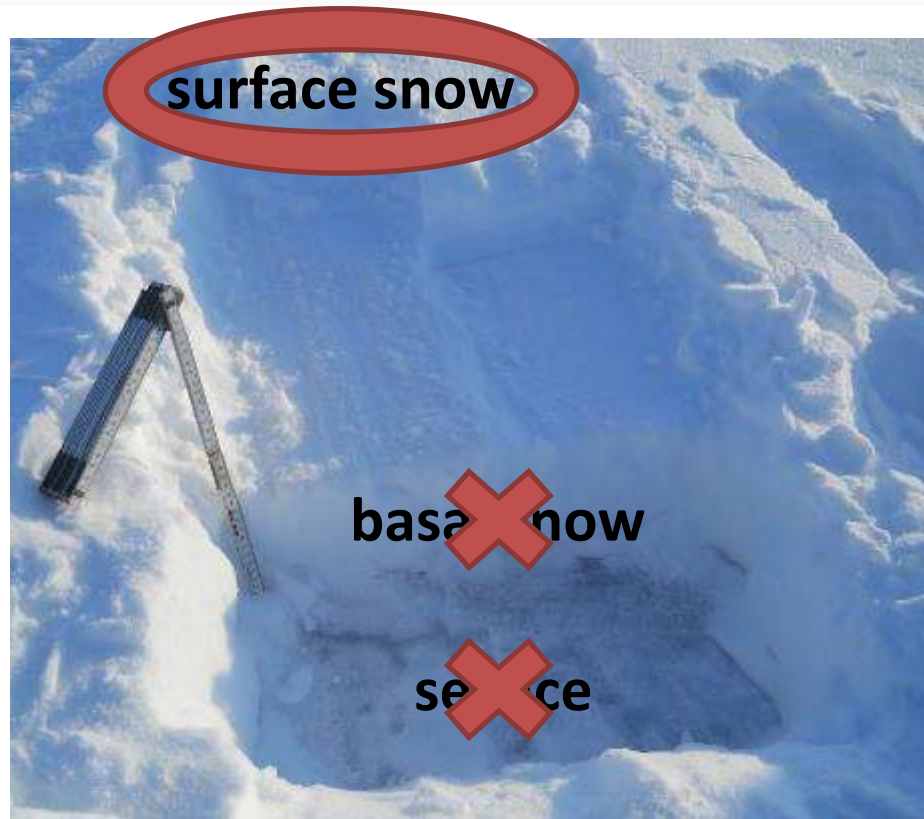
# Bromine Activation: *In-situ* Oxidant



**Ozone not required!**  
**(*In-situ*, condensed-phase oxidant)**

**Br<sub>2</sub> enhanced with ozone addition**

# Br<sub>2</sub> Production: Acidic Snow Enriched in Bromide



10 snow/ice  
samples tested

- Bromine efficiently produced from **both tundra & FYI surface snow** with **pH < 7 & [Br<sup>-</sup>]/[Cl<sup>-</sup>] > 1/200** (enriched in bromine compared to sea ice)
- Surface snow above multi-year sea ice not tested
- **Not first-year sea ice:** pH 7.3 , Br<sup>-</sup>/Cl<sup>-</sup> ~1/500