

# Atmospheric Ozone : An Historical Perspective



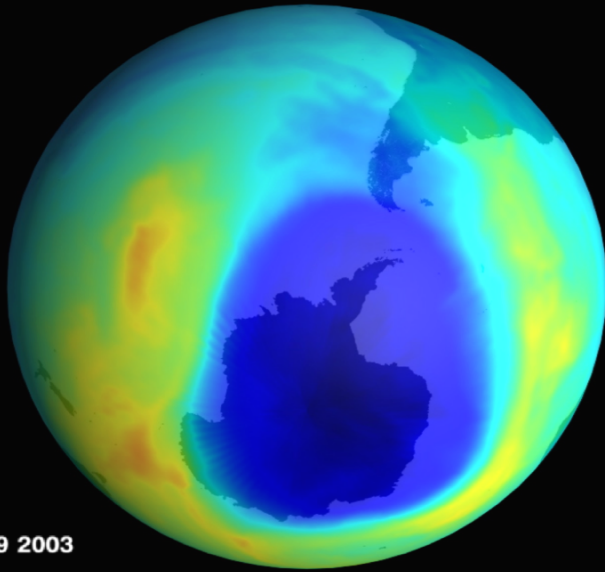
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# *1. The Discovery of Ozone*

# The Discovery of Ozone



- On March 13, 1839, **Christian Friedrich Schönbein** (1799-1868) a German Professor at the University of Basel reports to the local *Naturforschung Gesellschaft in Basel* that the electrolysis of acidulated water produces an odor at the positive electrode.

Recherches sur la Nature de  
l'odeur qui se manifeste dans  
certaines actions chimiques, *Compt. Rendus de l'Academie des Sciences*, 27  
April, 1840, Paris

- Herr Prof. Schönbein macht die Gessellschaft  
[..] aufmerksam dass bei der Electrolyse des  
Wassers ein Geruch entwickelt wird [...]
- *Ber. Verh. Nat. Ges. Basel*,, 4, 58, 1838-40



# The Discovery of Ozone

The suggestion that this odor was due to a chemical **substance** was made by **Schönbein** in **1840** at the Bavarian Academy of Sciences. In a letter to Arago read before the French Academy of Sciences, he proposes to name this substance “**ozone**” after the Greek word ὄζειν (ozein, to smell). [as suggested by **W. Vischer** Professor of Greek in Basel]

Basel, d. 8. April 1840.

- 1) Möglich ist, daß das riechende Gas durch Druck zu einer Flüssigkeit sich verdichten lasse. In diesem Falle könnte die Trennung des Sauerstoffs von unserem neuen Körper durch mechanische Mittel bewerkstelligt werden. An diese Bemerkung knüpfe ich noch den Vorschlag, das riechende Princip *Ozon* zu nennen, wenn es sich bei ferneren Untersuchungen entweder als ein elementarer oder zusammengesetzter Salzbildner verhalten sollte.



# Confusion about the Cause of the Odor

*Schönbein*



- **Schönbein** believed that the odor must be due to some gaseous substance released by the fluid due to the decomposing power of electricity.
- **Auguste Arthur de la Rive** (1801-1873) suggested that the odor might be due to finely divided particles of oxidized electrode material. **Schönbein** responded that the odor was observed during lightning storms
- Chemical tests made by **Schönbein** showed that ozone reacted with potassium iodide (KI) to produce elementary iodine ( $I_2$ ). This led to the starch-iodide paper to measure the ozone.



*de la Rive*

# Two Competing Theories

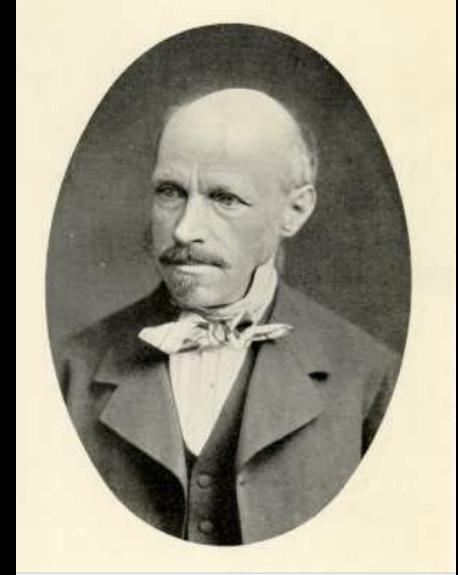
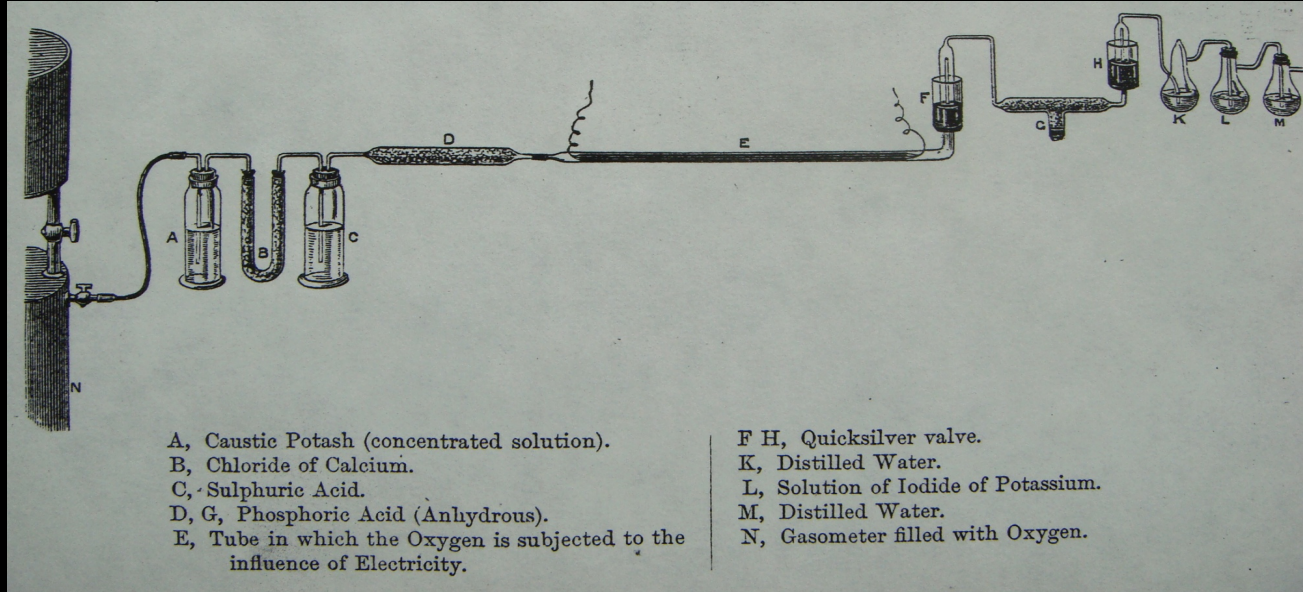
- **Christian Schönbein** (1799-1868, Basel) considers **ozone** to be a negatively electrified oxygen ( $O^-$ ), that must be compensated by a positively electrified oxygen ( $O^+$ ), which he called **antozone**. Based on this theory, oxygen ( $O_2$ ) is the association of ozone and antozone ( $O_2 = O^+ + O^-$ ).
- **Jacques-Louis Soret** (1827 – 1890, Basel) considers that ozone is an allotropic form of oxygen:  $OOO$  or  $O-O_2$  (oxygen dioxide or binoxide of oxygen).
- **Schönbein** objected to the conclusion, arguing that allotropy was reserved for solid substances. Until 1850, he maintained that ozone was a compound of hydrogen and oxygen.



# Antozone

- According to Schönbein, **ozone** is capable of assuming 3 different conditions:
  - 2 contrary active states (ozone and antozone)
  - 1 passive state (neutral oxygen)
- **Antozone** is oxygen in the positively polar state
- In 1863, **Meissner** discovered that, if dried electrified oxygen passed through moist air, mist is formed, a substance named **Atmizone** (from the Greek ατμιζω, to smoke). It was later believed to be identical of **Antozone**.
- **Antozone** was believed to be the cause of cloud in tobacco-smoke, smoke of chemineys and gun-powder

# Meissner's Apparatus for the Production of Antozone

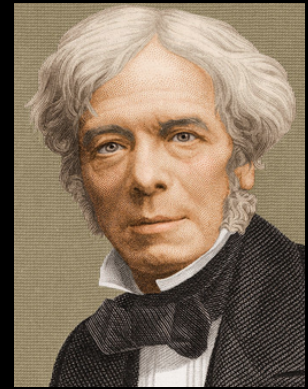


Georg C. F. Meissner, (1829-1905) Professor of Physiology, Göttingen.

G. Meissner, Untersuchungen über den Sauerstoff, Hahn, Hannover, 1863.

# M. Faraday (1791-1867) and C. Schönbein (1799-1868)

*M. Faraday*



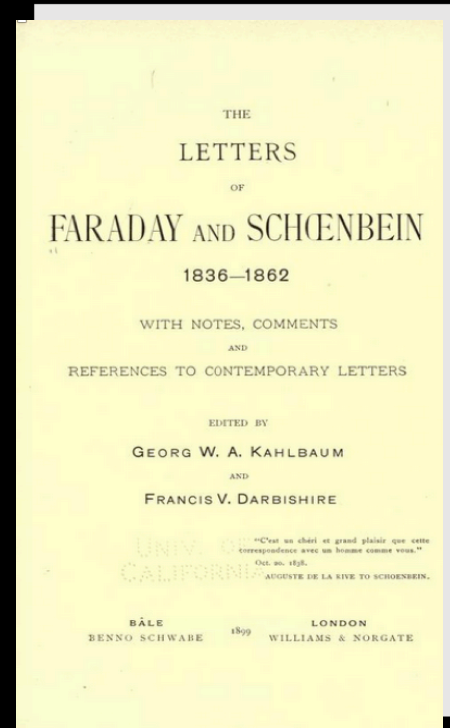
Royal Institution 13. Nov. 1858

My Dear Schoenbein,

Daily and hourly am I thinking about you and yours, and yet with as unsatisfactory a result as it is possible for me to have. I think about Ozone, about Antozone, [...] and it all ends in a giddiness and **confusion of the points that ought to be remembered.**

I want to tell our audience what your last results are upon this most beautiful investigation, and yet am terrified at the thoughts of trying to do so, from **the difficulty of remembering from the reading of one letter to that of another, what the facts in the former were.** I have never before felt so seriously the evil of loss of memory and of clearness in the head; and though I expect to fail some day at the lecture table, as I get older, I should not like to fail in ozone, or in any thing about you.

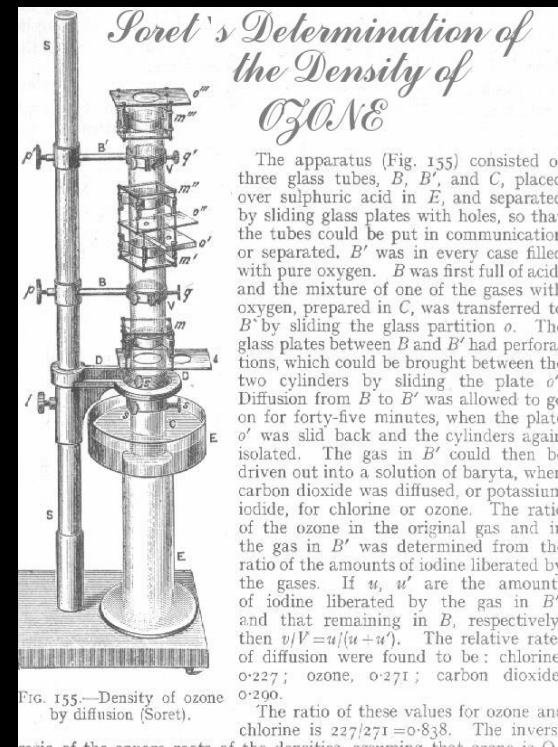
M. Faraday





# The Ozone Chemical Formula

- In 1845, **Auguste de la Rive** and **Jean-Charles de Marignac** (Geneva) announce that ozone is a form of oxygen.
- In 1852, **Becquerel** and **Frémy** (France) demonstrated that pure oxygen may be converted to ozone by prolonged action of electricity.
- In 1856, **Andrews** (England) demonstrates that ozone is oxygen in an altered or allotropic form, and is therefore denser than oxygen.
- In 1868, **Jacques-Louis Soret** (Basel) determines the density of ozone gas using Graham's law of diffusion. He establishes quantitatively that ozone is an allotropic form of oxygen:  $\text{OOO}$  or  $\text{O-O}_2$  (oxygen dioxide or bi-oxide of oxygen). [Just before the death of Schoenbein]



CHIMIE. — *Sur les relations volumétriques de l'ozone.* Note de M. J.-L. SORET, présentée par M. Regnault.

On pourrait, par exemple, concevoir que 1 molécule d'ozone fût composée de 3 atomes  $\text{OOO}$ , et constituât un bioxyde d'oxygène.

COMPTES RENDUS  
DES SÉANCES DE  
L'ACADÉMIE DES SCIENCES.  
1863

# The End of Antozone

- A. R. Leeds (1879), summarizing the purported chemistry of antozone wrote, “By far the most important fact in the long and perplexing history of antozone, is the recent discovery that there is no antozone.”
- A. R. Leeds, “The History of Antozone and Peroxide of Hydrogen,” *Ann. N.Y. Acad. Sci.*, 1879, 1, 405-417.

# Chemical Measurements in the Atmosphere

- In 1858, **Jean Auguste Houzeau** (1829-1911), Agronomist and professor of Chemistry at *École Supérieure des Sciences et des Lettres* in Rouen and at *École d'agriculture du Dept. de la Seine-inférieure.*) used a mixture of iodine and arsenic to measure ozone, and discovers that **ozone** is a permanent chemical constituent of the atmosphere.



A. Houzeau, "Nouvelle méthode pour reconnaître et doser l'ozone (**oxygène odorant, oxygène naissant**)," *Ann. Chim. Phys.* [3], 1863, 67, 466-84.

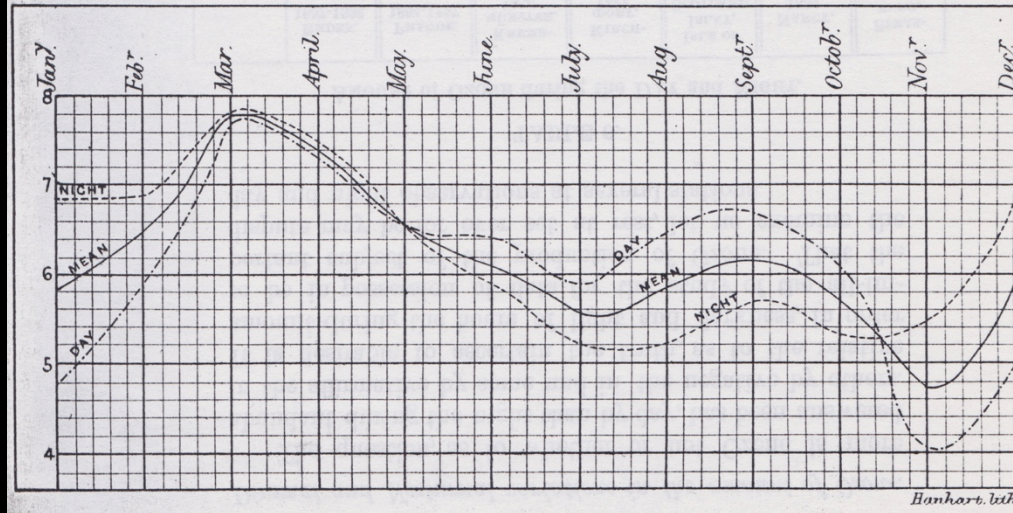


# First Systematic Ozone Observations



## Emden, Germany 1857-1863

Graphical Delineation  
of the difference between and the amount of Day and Night  
Ozonic Reaction during the various Months of the Years  
1857 - 1863.



## Paris 1866-1867

Stations.	Mean of Daily Observations during the years 1866 and 1867.
Passy . . . . .	(a) 6.39
Monceau . . . . .	4.04
Montmartre . . . . .	4.48
La Villette . . . . .	(b) .96
Charonne . . . . .	4.34
Ménilmontant . . . . .	(c) 1.16
Boulevard de Picpus . . . . .	4.49
La Boule-Rouge . . . . .	2.45
Fontaine-Molière . . . . .	(d) .38
École de Médecine . . . . .	(e) .80
Rue Racine . . . . .	(f) 1.69
Panthéon . . . . .	2.83
Saint-Victor . . . . .	4.98
Boulevard d'Italie . . . . .	3.08
Vaugirard . . . . .	.89
Réservoir de Vaugirard . . . . .	(g) 8.37
La Chapelle . . . . .	(h) 3.08
Butte-aux-Cailles . . . . .	(h) 4.79
	1866.
Batignolles . . . . .	4.75

- (a) Near resinous trees.
- (b) Close to a quay on the Seine.
- (c) Near a tallow manufactory.
- (d) A public urinal is situated almost directly underneath the test.

<sup>1</sup> Bulletin de Statistique Municipale, February 1868.

# Systematic Observations

Between 1850 and 1900, ozone became routinely measured in 300 sites in Europe and the United States, because ozone was believed to reduce epidemics (cholera).

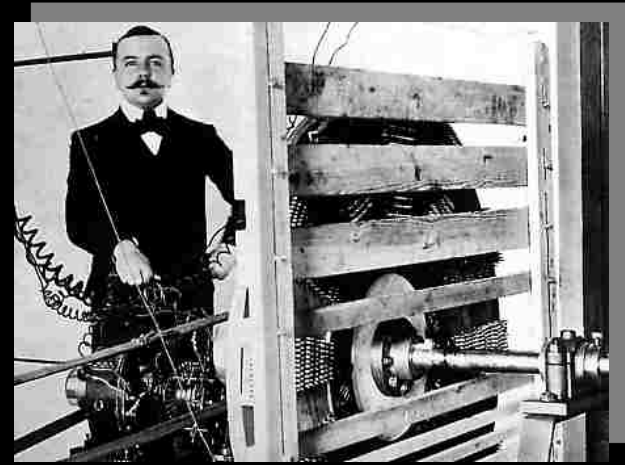
Municipal Observatory of Paris  
at Parc Montsouris where Albert  
Levy measures ozone from 1877  
to 1907  
(iodine-catalyzed oxidation of arsenate)





# Ozone for Water Disinfection

- The first ozone generator was manufactured in Berlin by **von Siemens**. This caused a number of pilot projects to take place, during which the disinfection mechanism of ozone was researched.
- The French chemist **Marius Paul Otto** after his doctorate (1907) was the first person to start a specialized company for the manufacture of ozone installations: '**Compagnie des Eaux et de l' Ozone**'.
- The first technical-scale application of ozone took place in Oudshoorn, Netherlands, in 1893, and another unit was installed in Nice in 1906.



Otto

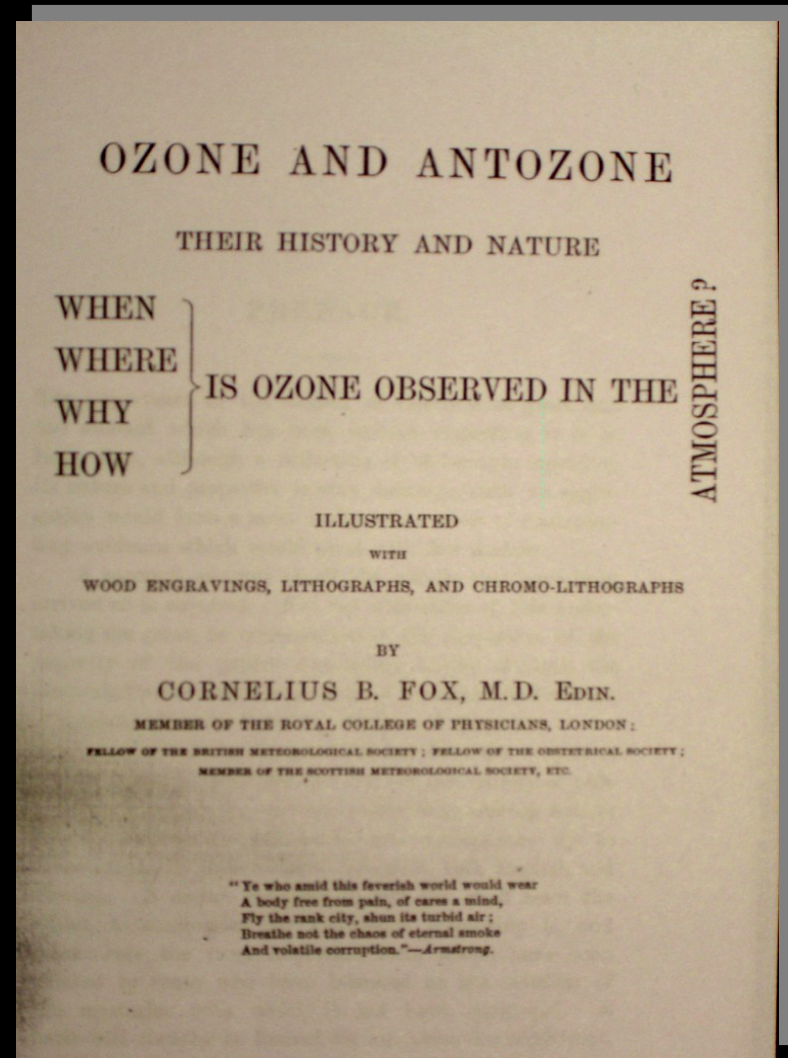


## *2. Ozone and Human Health*

# Ozone and Health

Starting in the 1870's ozone is believed to be provide a powerful therapy against diphtheria, cholera, and later to treat tuberculosis, anemia, pneumonia, diabetes and even cancer and now AIDS.

*A book entitled: **Ozone and Antozone** published by B. Cornelius Fox, MD. in 1873.*



# Ozone and Health: Many Hypotheses in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century

- **Cholera** is coincident with an absence or diminution of ozone (Glaisher, Moffat, Hunt).
- In Lyon (France), the “**city without ozone**”, cholera is more frequent and more severe than elsewhere (M. Fournet)
- **Malarial fever** only reigns when the ozononmeter indicates zero (Dr. T. Boeckel).
- **Ozone minima** coincide with periods when **fever** is most severe (M. Pouriau).
- Presence of ozone in the air corresponds to the appearance of **bilious remittent fevers** (Dr. E.S. Gaillard).
- No connection between the proportion of atmospheric ozone and the number of cases of **pulmonary affections** (Dr. Prosper de Pietra Santa)

# Ozone Therapy

- From **1880**, the first **American therapeutic use** of ozone against **diphtheria** is provided by John Kellogg in ozone steam saunas at a sanitarium in Battle Creek, Michigan.
- In **1898**, the **Institute for Oxygen Therapy Healing** is started in Berlin by Thauerkauf and Luth. In **1926**, **Otto H. Warburg** (Kaiser Wilhelm Institute in Berlin) suggests that the cause of **cancer** is a **lack of oxygen** at the cellular level. For this discovery, he was awarded the Nobel Prize of Medicine in **1931** (and again in **1944**)



*Otto Heinrich Warburg*



***Was a true cancer cure  
LOST during WWII?***

**Found! A priceless war relic COVERED UP  
by our US government for 70 years.**

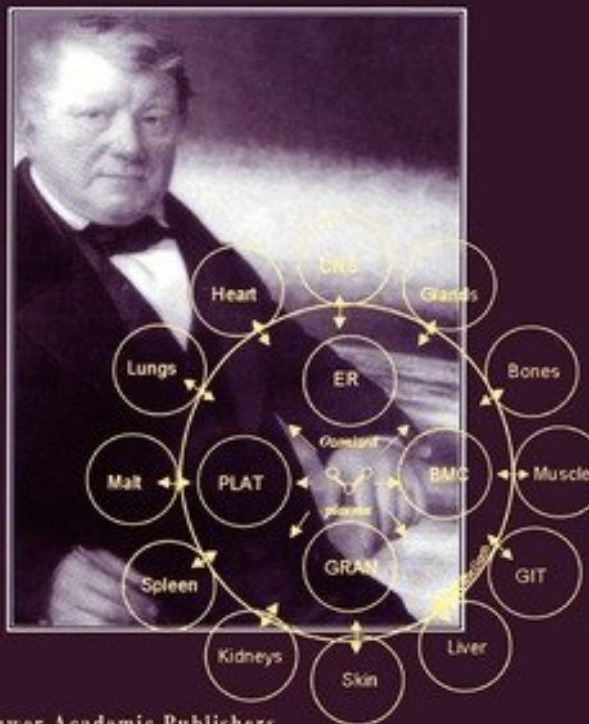
**WARNING: CONTROVERSIAL CONTENT**

**the Warburg Method  
is the life-saving  
CANCER TREATMENT  
we've been seeking.**



# Oxygen-Ozone Therapy A Critical Evaluation

Velio Bocci




2002

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# OZONE. A New Medical Drug

*2nd Edition*

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### *3. Determination of the Vertical Distribution of Ozone*

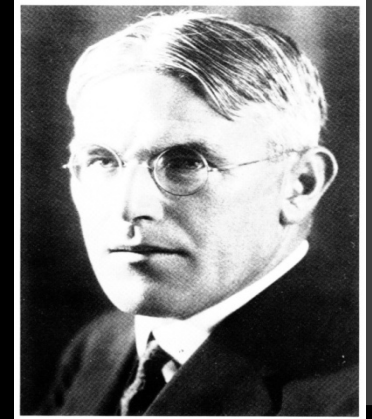
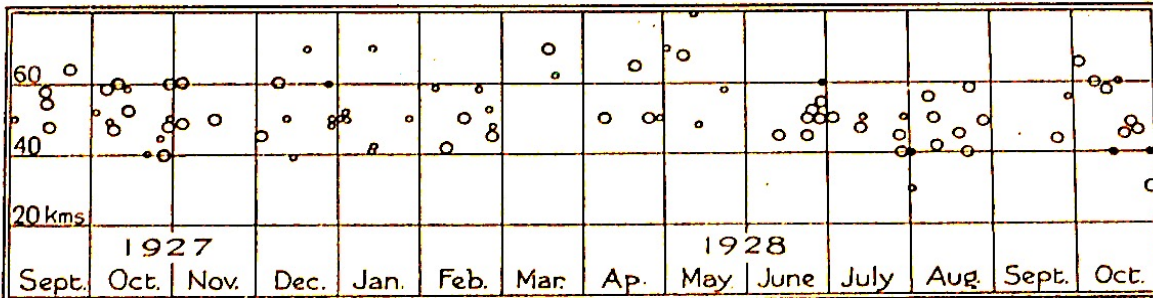
# Determination of the Height of the Ozone Layer

In **1928**, **Jean Cabannes** and **Jean Dufay** in France note that the 300 DU of ozone observed by **Dobson** can only be explained if there is an ozone layer in the upper atmosphere. From the measurement of ozone absorption at 3 different wavelengths, they locate this layer near **50 km** altitude.

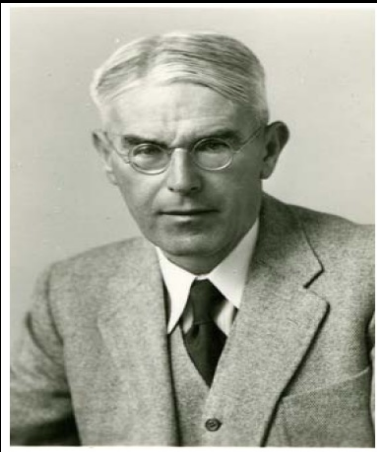


*Cabannes and his family*

In **1928-1929**, **Paul Götz** and **Dobson** first confirm from measurements made in **Arosa** that this layer is located near **40-50 km**.



*Götz*



# Determination of the height of the ozone layer: The Umkehr Effect

- During a Spitzbergen expedition in 1929, **Paul Götze** (by inverting Dobson spectrophotometer measurements at high solar zenith angles) shows that the maximum ozone concentration is located near **25 km** altitude.

440 F. W. P. Götze, A. R. Meetham and G. M. B. Dobson.

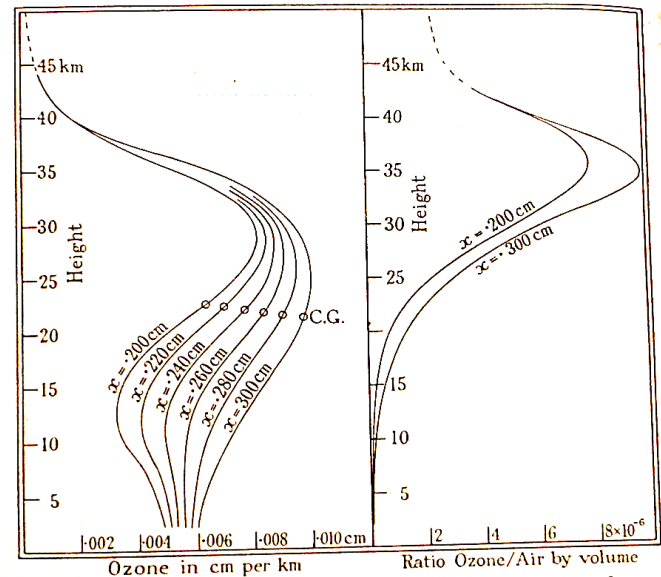
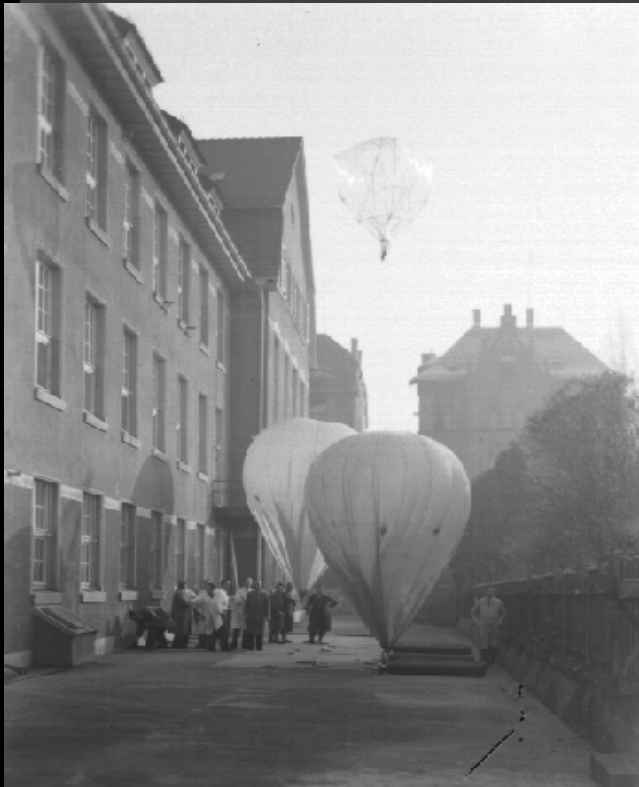


FIG. 8.—Distribution of ozone, (a) in cm. per km. of height, and (b) as ratio of ozone to air. (Method B.)

# Height of the Ozone Layer



Stuttgart, Germany 1934



*Erich Regener*  
*1881-1955*

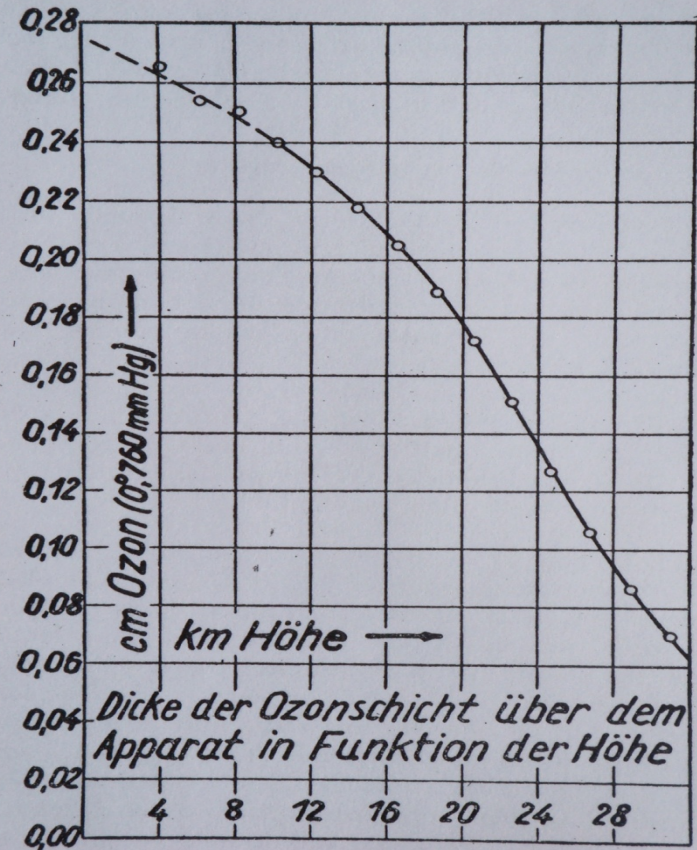
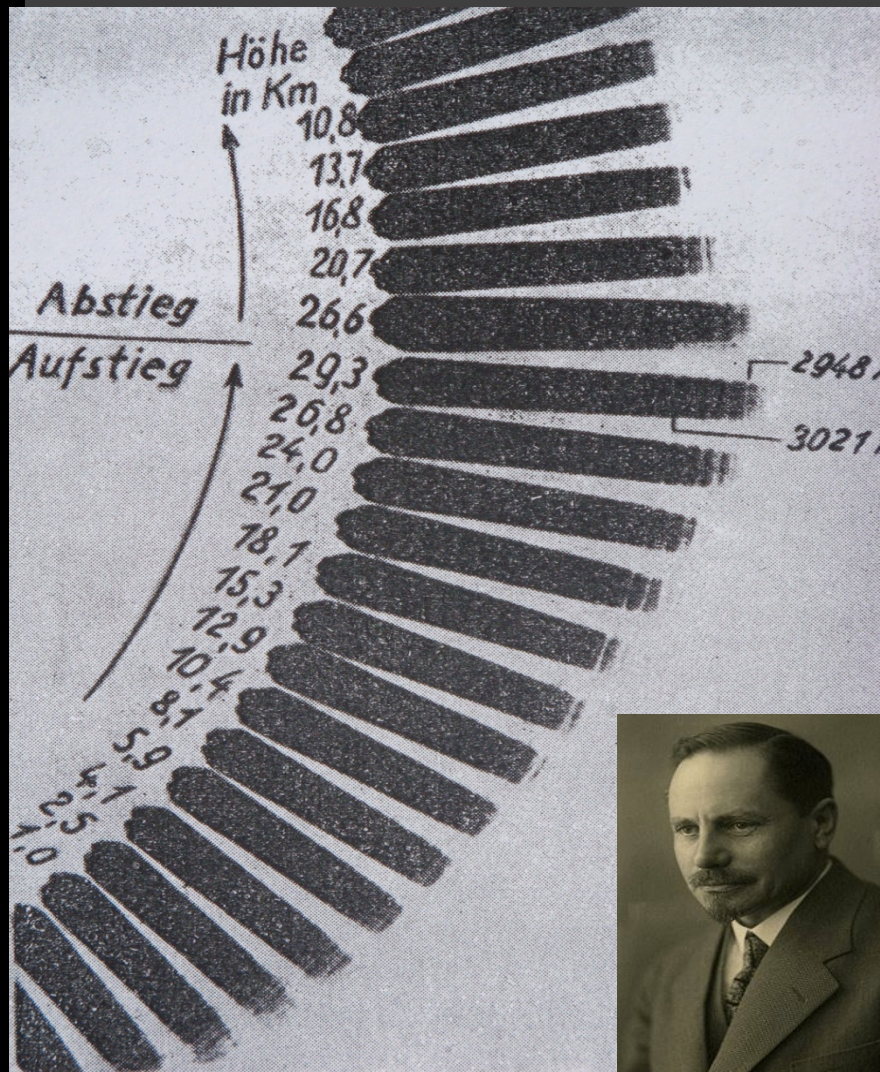


*Victor Regener*  
*1913-2006*

**Erich Regener** and his son **Victor** who measure the solar ultraviolet absorption from a stratospheric balloon in **1934**, show that the ozone maximum is located near **25 km**.



# Regener's Data



# Explorer I (1934)



- With funding from the National Geographic Society, **Explorer I** was launched on July, 28, **1934** from Rapid City, Iowa to explore the stratosphere, and to measure the penetration of cosmic rays and ultraviolet solar radiation. This provided an opportunity to derive the **vertical ozone profile**.





## Explorer I (1934)

- The Explorer I flight ended in **disaster** when the balloon ripped and its hydrogen mixed with air **exploded**. After a harrowing few moments while Stevens had trouble escaping through the manhole, he and his two fellow aeronauts **parachuted to safety**.



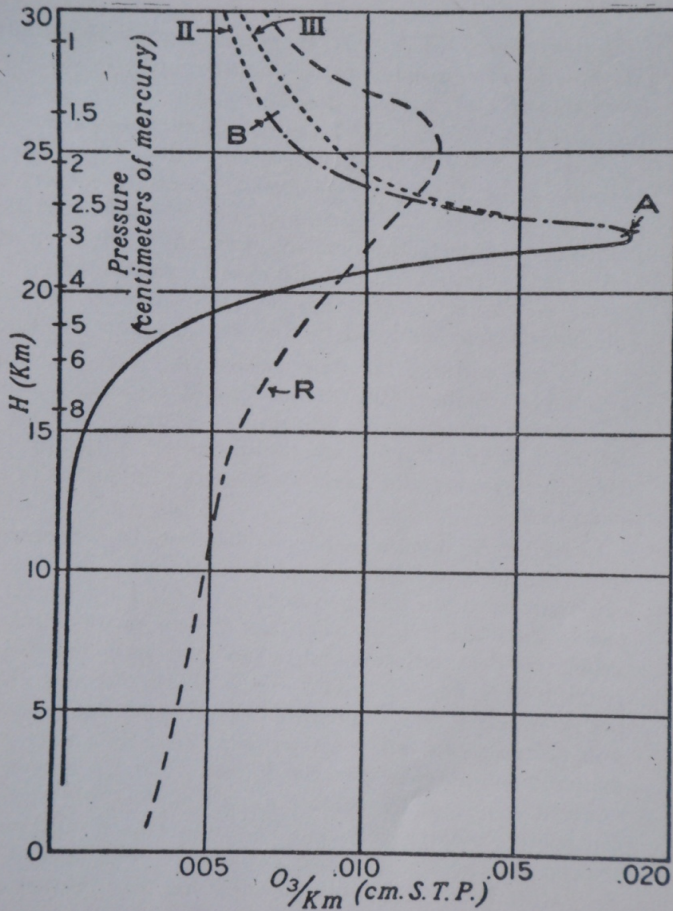
# Explorer II (1935)



- Launched on November 11, **1935**, from the Stratobowl near Rapid City, South Dakota, **Explorer II** carried Captain **Albert Stevens**, Captain **Orvil Anderson**, and an assortment of instruments to a world record altitude of **22,066 kilometers** (72,395 feet).

# Vertical Ozone Profile

- The vertical ozone profiles deduced from the measurements of solar ultraviolet radiation during the Explorer experiment (A and B) showed a maximum in the ozone concentration near **22 km**, and were different from the profile (R) retrieved by Regener in Germany (maximum at **26 km**).



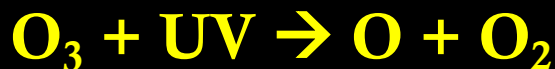
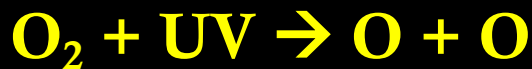
## *4. The Theory*

# The First Photochemical Theory (1929, Paris)



*S. Chapman*

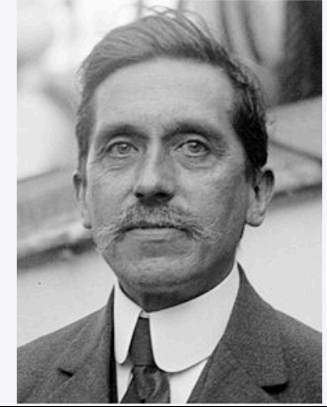
- **Sydney Chapman** introduces the first scheme that describes the photochemistry of ozone by considering only 5 reactions:



# The view of Charles Fabry in 1945

- Il est un peu décevant de constater qu'après 30 ans de recherches, on ne soit pas arrivé à construire une théorie cohérente [...] de l'ozone atmosphérique
- On a fait une théorie en admettant que l'ultraviolet solaire est seul en jeu comme agent producteur, avec l'ultraviolet moyen comme agent destructeur, et l'on s'efforce de croire à l'exactitude de cette théorie; mais en fait, on y réussit mal et l'on pousse la théorie jusqu'au bout presque sans croire à son exactitude.

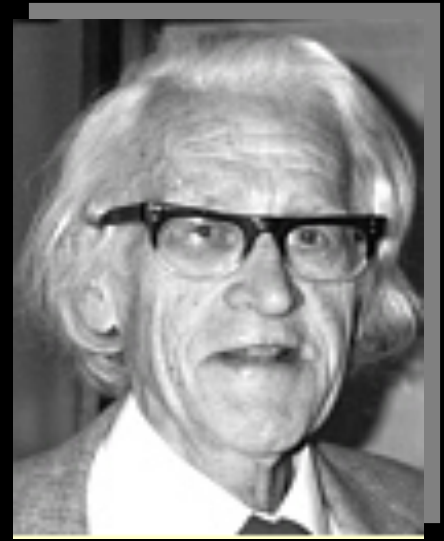
Maurice Paul Auguste Charles Fabry





# Ozone and Hydrogen (1950) *Bates*

- In 1950, during a sabbatical at CalTech in Pasadena, Sir **David Bates** (Belfast) and Baron **Marcel Nicolet** (Brussels) suggest that hydrogen radicals (H, OH, HO<sub>2</sub>) produced by photolysis of water vapor and methane provide a major ozone destruction mechanism in the *mesosphere*.



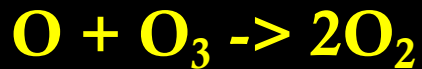
*Nicolet*

Crutzen



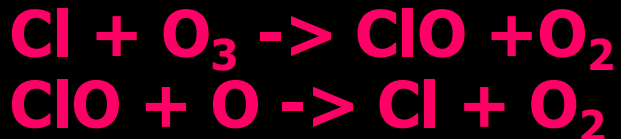
# Ozone and Nitrogen (1970)

- **Paul Crutzen** shows that the major ozone loss in the stratosphere is provided by a catalytic cycle involving the presence of nitric oxide (NO).
- The solar proton event of 1972 confirms that ozone is depleted by NO<sub>x</sub>
- Nitric oxide is produced in the stratosphere by oxidation of nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O). This gas is produced by bacteria in soils.



# Ozone and Chlorine (1974)

- In 1974, **Richard Stolarski** and **Ralph Cicerone**, then at the University of Michigan, suggested that **chlorine** could also catalytically destroy ozone in the stratosphere. They had been studying for NASA the possible impacts of the **Space Shuttle**. They also identified **volcanoes** as a natural source of atmospheric chlorine



*Stolarski*



*Cicerone*



## *5. Ozone: A Vulnerable Layer in the Stratosphere*

# Purposeful Damage to Stratospheric Ozone

- In 1934 S. Chapman proposed making a temporary “*hole in the ozone layer*” for the benefit of astronomers.
- In the 1960’s. there is a *military interest* in *attacking the ozone layer* over a rival nation.

# *The Cold War*

"MODIFICATION OF THE EARTH'S UPPER  
ATMOSPHERE BY MISSILES"

10 September 1961

***"The subject of weather and  
climate control is now becoming  
respectable to talk about."***

GEOPHYSICS CORPORATION OF AMERICA  
Bedford, Massachusetts

**"Modification Of The Earth's Upper Atmosphere by Missiles"**

Geophysics Corporation of America - 9/10/1961



Bumper V-2 and WAC  
Corporal, 24 July 1950

**Harry Wexler**

Father of weather satellites  
and proponent of climate  
control





Hw 12/61 - 2/62

# Modification of the Earth's Atmosphere by Missiles

## SUMMARY OF SOME ARTIFICIAL INFLUENCES ON RADIATION BALANCE

Material added	Particle Radius	Q <sub>0</sub> Required (Millions of Tons)	Geographical Distribution	Region or Ht. of Dispersion	Effect on Radiation or Albedo	Effect on Temperature
Powder	0.2μ (optimum)	10 <sup>2</sup>	Equatorial orbit, 10°N to 10°S	1200 km (belt 60 km thick)	10% decr. in insolation 10°N-10°S or 1.2% pt.-incr. in Earth albedo	World Temperature decrease by 1.2°C
<del>Chlorine</del> or Bromine	-	50 <sup>0.1</sup> 200 <sup>0.4</sup>	65° - 90°N 10°N - 10°S	Ozonosphere	Ozone hole and decreased ultra-violet absorption	Raises tropopause Strat. temp. decreases 10°C at 12 km 45°C at 20 km (Spring) 80°C at 32 km (35°N)

From James Fleming, Colby College

Wulf

## On the possibilities of climate control, 1962

Between December 1961 and April 1962, **Wexler** got advises from Calth Professor **Oliver R. Wulf** (1897-1987) on how to cut a “hole” in the ozone layer. The conclusion was that **bromine** and **chlorine** might act as a catalyst to destroy ozone.





Meteorologist  
Wexler 1962:

Prevent all  $O_3$   
from forming

UV decomposes  $O_3 \rightarrow O$   
In presence of a halogen  
like Br, Cl  $O \rightarrow O_2$   
+ so prevents  $O_3$  from  
forming.

100,000 tons Br. could then  
prevent all  $O_3$  north of  $65^\circ N$   
from forming.

# *Ozone Destruction by Supersonic Aircraft*



# The Impact of Stratospheric Transport (Water vapor emissions)

- Already in **1963**, chemist and meteorologist **Jerry Pressman** suggests that supersonic aircraft may have an effect on the global stratosphere, especially **water vapor** from exhaust.
- In **1970**, **Halsted Harrison** (Boeing's Scientific Research Laboratories) calculates a **3.8% ozone reduction** from water vapor injected by a proposed fleet of **500 American SSTs**. Published in *Science* in November 1970
- During the early 1970's there was intense **political debate** in the US whether the SST program should continue.
- In Europe, 16 **Concorde** were operating, and the Russians had developed the **Tupolev 144**.

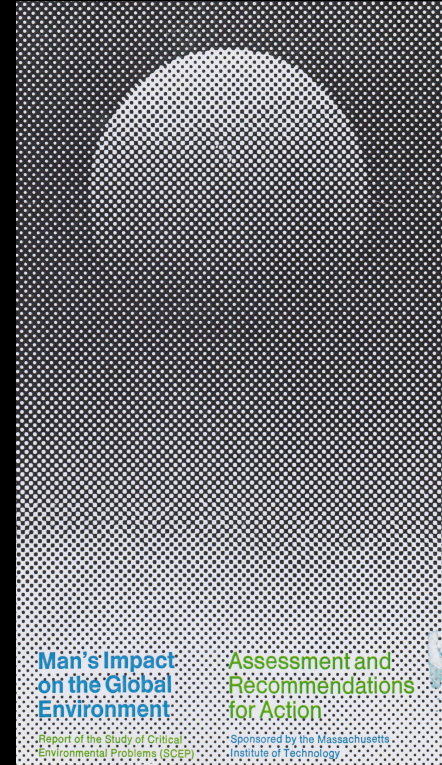
*Concorde*





# The SCEP Report on Man's Impact on the Global Environment (1970) examines the potential impact of supersonic aviation

- “We have concluded that **no problem** should arise from the introduction of carbon dioxide and that the **reduction of ozone** due to the interaction by water vapor or other exhaust gases should be **insignificant**.”
- “Both carbon monoxide and **nitrogen oxides** can also play a role in stratospheric photochemistry, but these contaminants would be **much less significant than the added water**, and may be **neglected**.”
- “A feeling of **genuine concern** has emerged from these conclusions. The projected SSTs can have a clearly measurable effect in a large region of the world and quite possibly on a global scale.”



# The Tense SST debate

- Environmental opposition to the planned SST became prominent in the late 1960's and early 1970's. One major issue was the effects on the ozone layer of **water vapor** injected by the aircraft at 20 km altitude.
- **Congressional hearings** were organized in 1971.
  - **James McDonald** (U. of Arizona), a proponent of the extra-terrestrial hypothesis to explain the presence of **UFO**, told the House Appropriation Committee that 800 SST would cause 10,000 new cases of skin cancers in the United States.
  - **Will Kellogg** (NCAR) stated to the Senate Appropriation Committee that natural climate variations were historically of grater magnitude than any change that might result from SST operations

# The Role of James McDonald



*James E. McDonald  
professor of Meteorology  
University of Arizona,  
Tucson.*



*Republican Congressman  
from Massachusetts  
Silvio Ottavio Conte*

- In 1970, **James McDonald**, who was convinced that the SST could potentially harm the Earth's ozone layer, suffered a public humiliation when testifying in front of a committee of the US Congress.
- During his testimony Congressman **Silvio O' Conte** tried to discredit McDonald's SST testimony by switching the hearing to a discussion of McDonald's UFO research.
- Conte bluntly stated that anyone who "believes in little green men" was, in his opinion, not a credible witness.
- McDonald was deeply humiliated by Conte's mocking attitude, and by the open laughter of some committee members.
- He committed suicide on 13 June 1971 in the Arizona Desert.

# The 18-19 March 1971 Meeting in Boulder

- In September 1970, the Department of Commerce Technical Advisory Board established a “SST Panel” to address environmental concerns about the operations of a fleet of supersonic aircraft.
- In 1971, the Panel called a meeting in Boulder that included prominent scientists such as Will Kellogg (NCAR), James McDonald (University of Arizona), Harold Johnston (Berkeley), Julius London (University of Colorado), Fred Kaufmann (Penn State) and representatives from Boeing (e.g., Arnold Goldberg, Chief Scientist at Boeing’s SST Division)

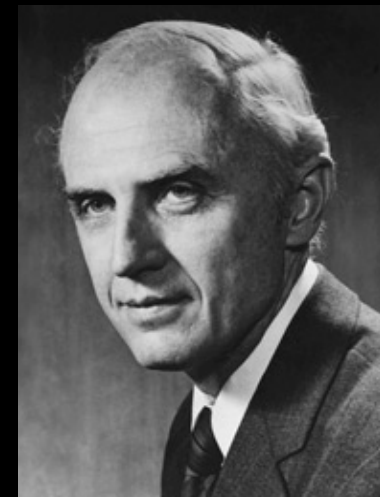


# Water Vapor or Nitrogen Oxides?

- At the **NCAR** meeting (18-19 March, **1971**), **Julius London** (U. of Colorado) presented model estimates of the impact of a fleet of 500 SSTs: **1.2%** of ozone reduction from SST **water** and **1.8%** from SST **nitrogen oxides** (with an increase in the lower stratosphere).
- **Fred Kaufman** (Pennsylvania) insisted that many rate constants used by London were very poorly known.
- **Harold Johnston** (Berkeley) showed in one of the 4 NO<sub>x</sub> reactions used by London, the rate constant had been overestimated by a factor of **13,000**.
- Johnston, H. Atmospheric Ozone, *Annu. Rev. Phys. Chem.* 1992, 43, 1-32



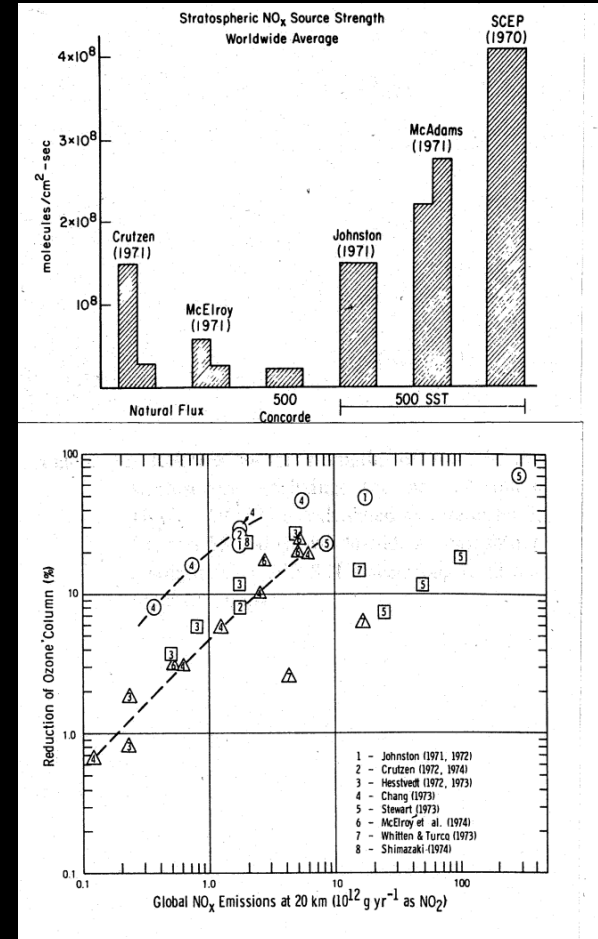
*London*



*Johnston*

# Assessment of the Impacts of Supersonic Transport (1972-1974)

- The US establishes a 4 year DOT **Climatic Assessment Program** (CIAP) led by **Alan J. Grobecker** to assess the impact of climatic changes resulting from the perturbation of the upper atmosphere by the propulsion effluents of a world high-altitude fleet as projected to 1990.
- France establishes the **COVOS** chaired by **E. Brun** (Académie des Sciences) and the UK establishes **COMESA** chaired by **R. Murgatroyd** (Met Office).



# Is Concorde allowed to land in the US? (1976)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION



## CONCORDE SUPERSONIC TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT

FINAL  
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT  
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### ADDENDUM

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SOURCE	OZONE REDUCTION	SKIN CANCER INCREASE (cases/year)	COMMENTS
"Normal Rate"	"Normal Level"	250,000 cases	Today's level with no ozone reduction
Present Subsonic Fleet	0.1%	500	DOT/CIAP estimate
Concorde SST 12 transatlantic ops/day 40 aircraft, 7.5 hrs/day in	0.04% 0.29%	200 1500	EIS: requested action EIS: worst-case forecast
Formerly proposed U.S. SST (500 aircraft)	15%	75,000	1971 "SST debate"
Present USAF Fleet	0.0033%	17	Assumes FY76-FY80 ops remain constant
Present World Military Ops	0.01%	50	Assume 3 times USAF
"Freons" Today's impact	0.5 to 2%	2,500 to 10,000	Builds up very slowly to maximum ozone reduction in 100 years
Continue release at present rate	~ 8%	~ 40,000	Effect felt in 100-150 years and persists many decades
60 Space Shuttles/yr	< 0.5%	< 2,500	Estimate being revised by NASA
Fertilizer Use	Possibly very large		Needs much additional study

Note: Figures for "Freons" represent a global average; all others are Northern Hemisphere averages, assuming all releases take place in the Northern Hemisphere and are not dispersed across the Equator.

BEST CURRENT ESTIMATES OF ANTICIPATED OZONE REDUCTION FROM  
CURRENT HUMAN ACTIVITIES ACCORDING TO CIAP CALCULATION METHODS

TABLE 1

# *Ozone Destruction by Chlorofluorocarbons*



# The First Synthesis of CFCs

- The first synthesis of chlorofluorocarbons was performed in 1892 by Belgian chemist **Frédéric Swarts** (Sept. 2, 1866 - Sept. 6, 1940). He prepared  $\text{CFCl}_3$  (CFC-11) by  
$$\text{SbF}_3\text{Br}_2 + \text{CCl}_4 \rightarrow \text{CFCl}_3 + \text{SbF}_2\text{Br}_2\text{Cl}$$



*Swarts*

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PREMIER CONSEIL DE CHIMIE. • BRUXELLES, 21-27 AVRIL 1922.



# The Invention of Chlorofluorocarbons

The pioneering work of **Frederic Swarts** prompted American scientists **Thomas J. Midgley Jr.** (1889-1944) and his assistants **Albert L. Henne** (1901-1967) and **Robert R. McNary** (1903-1988) at the Thomas and Hochwalt Laboratory in Dayton, Ohio to develop in **1928** chlorofluorocarbons as refrigerants.



*Midgley*

- Midgley demonstrated the **nontoxic** and **nonflammable** properties of the CFCs at a meeting of the American Chemical Society in April **1930** by inhaling CFC-12, then blowing it over a candle flame, extinguishing the flame.
- *"It is demonstrated that even under the worst possible circumstances life is not endangered."*
- Midgley also invented the **leaded gasoline**.

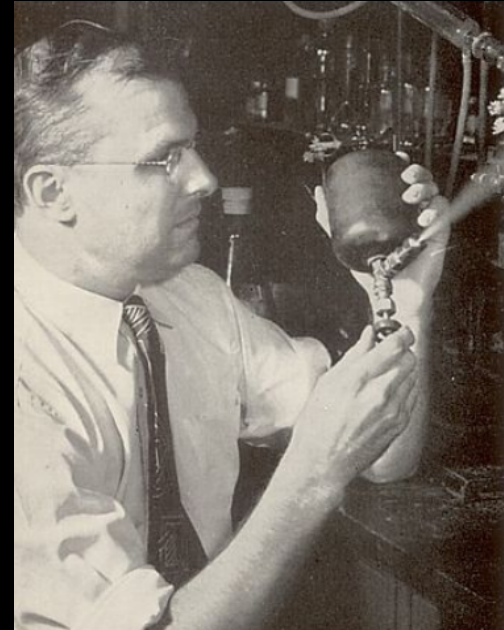
# The Invention of Chlorofluorocarbons

- In **1931**, CFC-12 was produced by the DuPont chemical manufacturer under the trade name of **Freon**.
- The first use of CFC-12 was in small ice cabinets.
- CFC-11 was first produced in 1932 and adopted in **air conditioning** units.
- In **1934**, the Frigidaire Department of General Motors used in its **refrigerators**.
- In **1943**, CFC-11 and -12 were introduced as propellants in **spray cans** by **Goodhue** and **Sullivan** (D. of Agriculture).



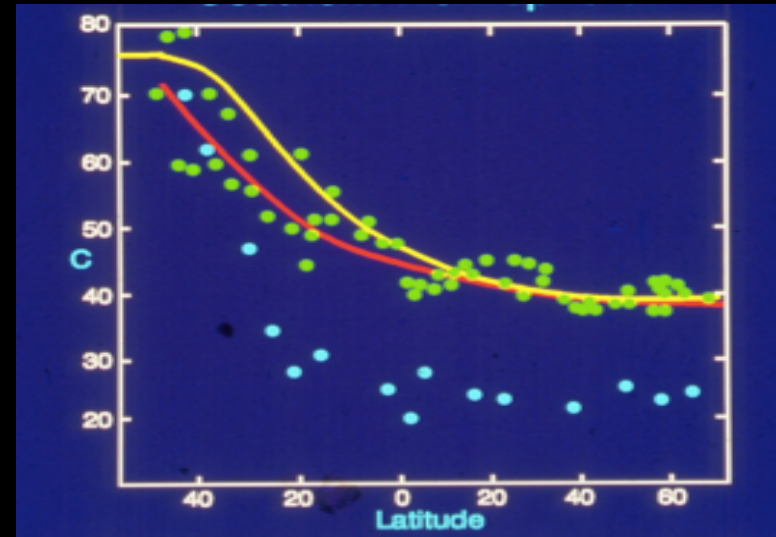
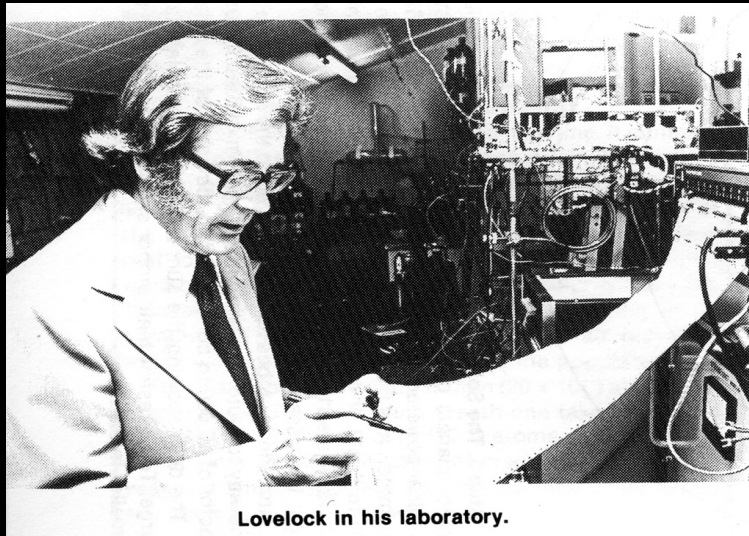
*Midgley*

*Goodhue*





# In 1971, James Lovelock detects the presence of Chlorofluorocarbons in the Northern and Southern Hemisphere



- Distribution of CFC-11 mixing ratio (pptv) in the air over the Atlantic Ocean (Measurements using an electron capture detector during a cruise on the RRS Shackelton in November 1971).

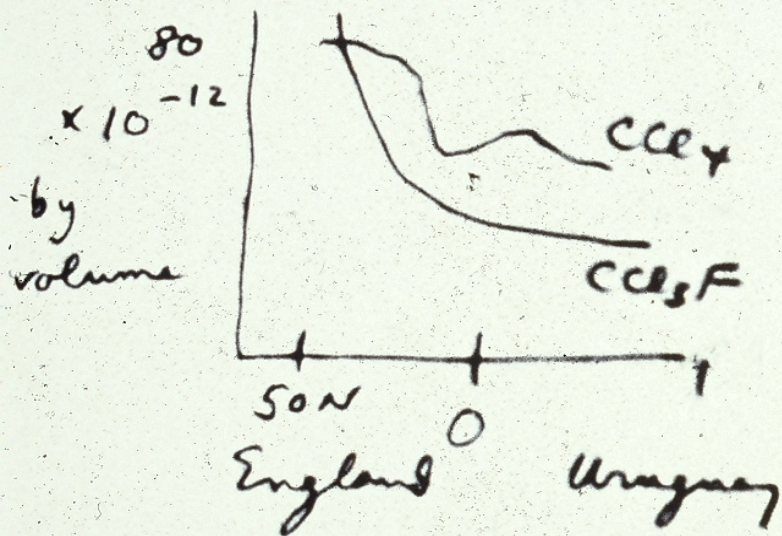


# Lovelock's data

Lester Machta reports on  
Lovelock's measurements

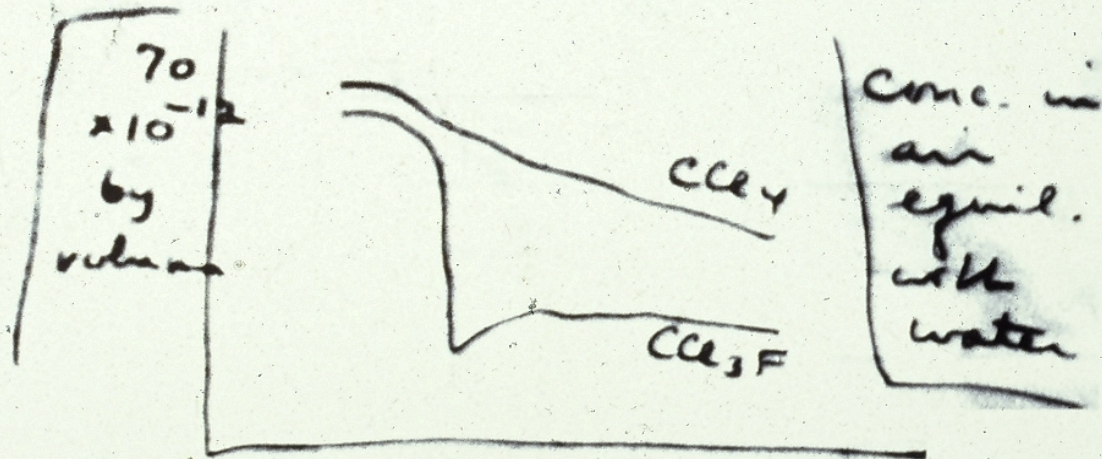
Lecture notes,  
F. S. Rowland,  
Fort Lauderdale,  
Florida, Feb. 1972

$\text{CCl}_3\text{F}$  - Freon-11 inert gas in spray cans.



Dr. J. Lovelock

$\text{CCl}_4$  - appreciably different



De Pont's estimates  
most put out  
since 1960

Cruise of R. R. Shackleton  
Nov. 1971



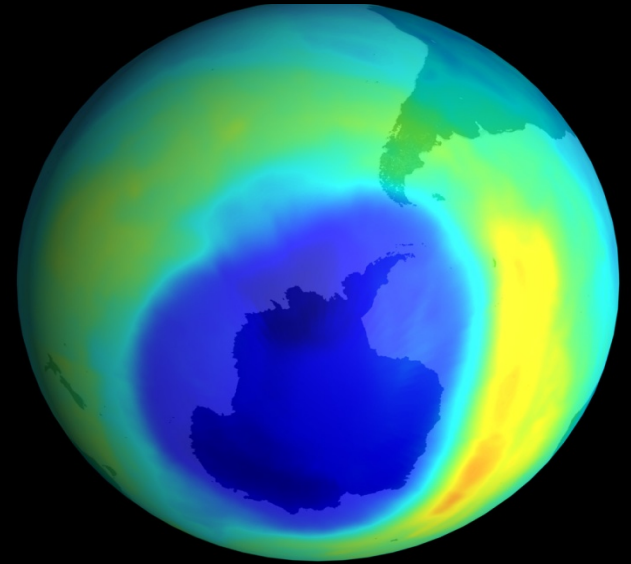
# Chlorofluorocarbons and Ozone



Mario Molina and F. Sherwood Rowland

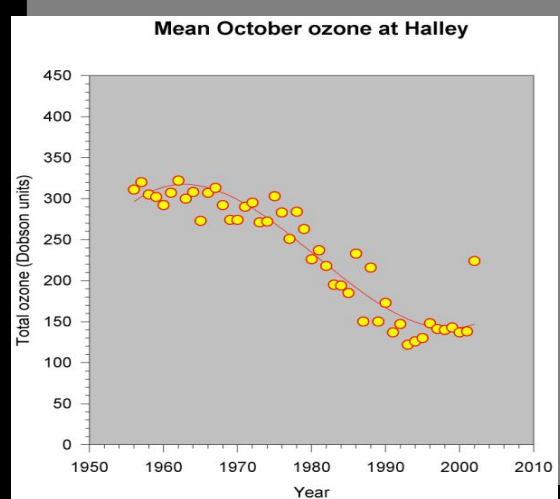
- In 1974, **Mario Molina** and **Sherry Rowland** at the University of California, Irvine, show that industrially manufactured **chloro-fluorocarbons** provide the major source of stratospheric chlorine and therefore are a major threat to the ozone layer.

# *The Ozone Hole*



# The Ozone Hole: A challenge for the scientific community

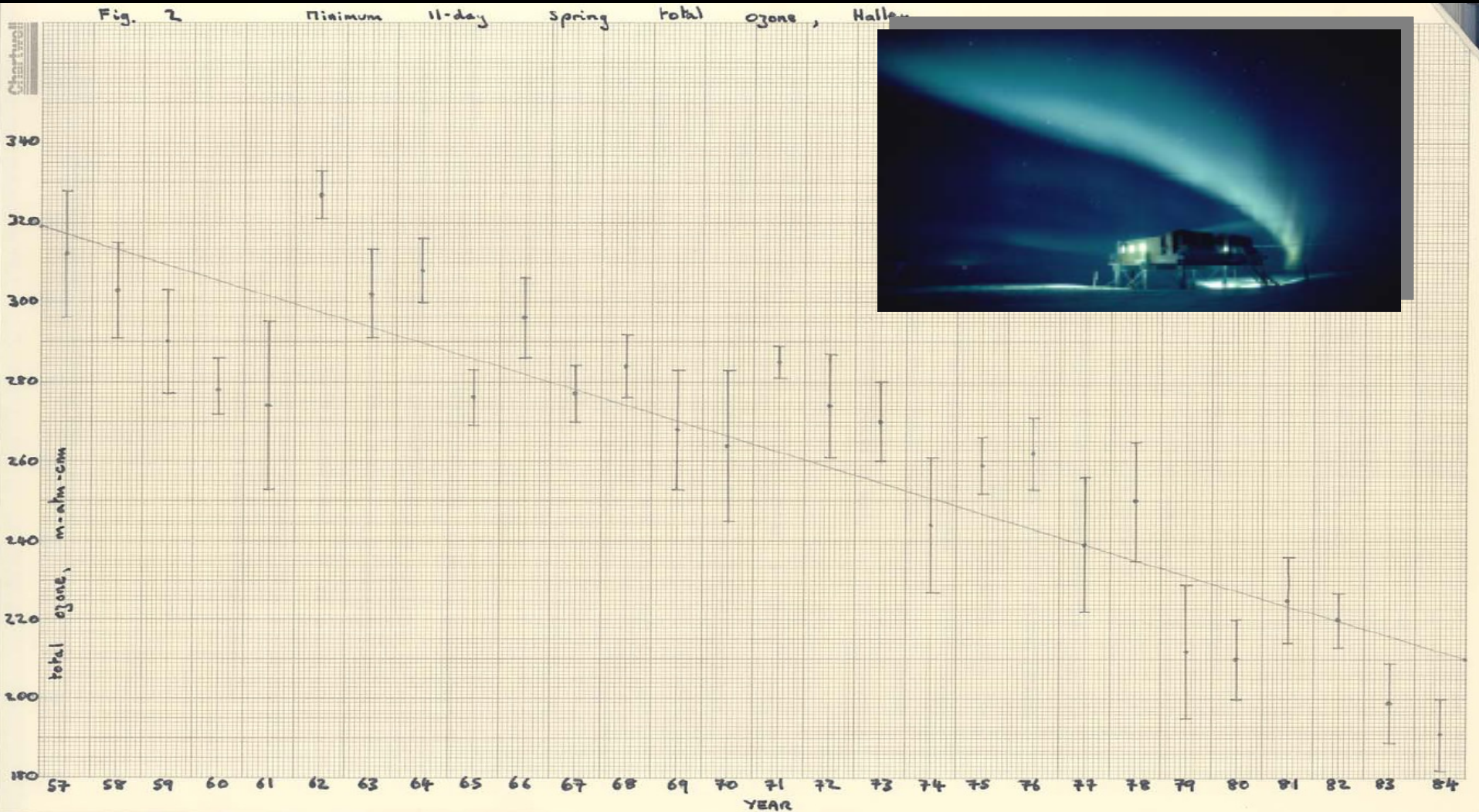
Observations by **Farman** and coworkers at the British Antarctic station of Halley Bay show a dramatic decrease in the ozone column during the 1970's that is *not simulated* by atmospheric models. **Chubachi** also observed a large ozone decrease at the Japanese station Syowa.



*J. C. Farman, B. G. Gardiner, J. D. Shanklin*



# Minimum Ozone at Halley Bay



# A letter from the British Antarctic Survey and the response of NASA (1983)

Mr Harry Bloxom,  
Ozone onde Mission Manager,  
NASA Wallops Flight Center,  
Wallops Island,  
Virginia,  
UAA 23337

1983 October 10

Dear Mr. Bloxom,

Our base at Halley Bay, Antarctica is currently reporting rather low values of ozone. Values are around 200 Dobson units, which is considerably lower than our 1957 - 72 average. We would be interested to know if this is confirmed by satellite data. If so, is it possibly connected with the El Chichon eruption - there is some evidence that an increased aerosol load has been detected by turbidity measurements with an angstrom pyrheliometer.

Yours sincerely,

National Aeronautics and  
Space Administration  
Goddard Space Flight Center  
Wallops Flight Facility  
Wallops Island, Virginia 23337

NASA

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Reply to Attn of 1001

British Antarctic Survey  
Attention: Mr. Jonathan D. Shanklin  
High Cross Madingley Road  
Cambridge, England CB3 0ET

Subject: Request for Ozone Data

Your request of October 10, 1983, for ozone data has been forwarded to Mr. Alfred C. Holland (Code 963) of the Applications Directorate at this Facility. Our group is no longer involved in this activity.

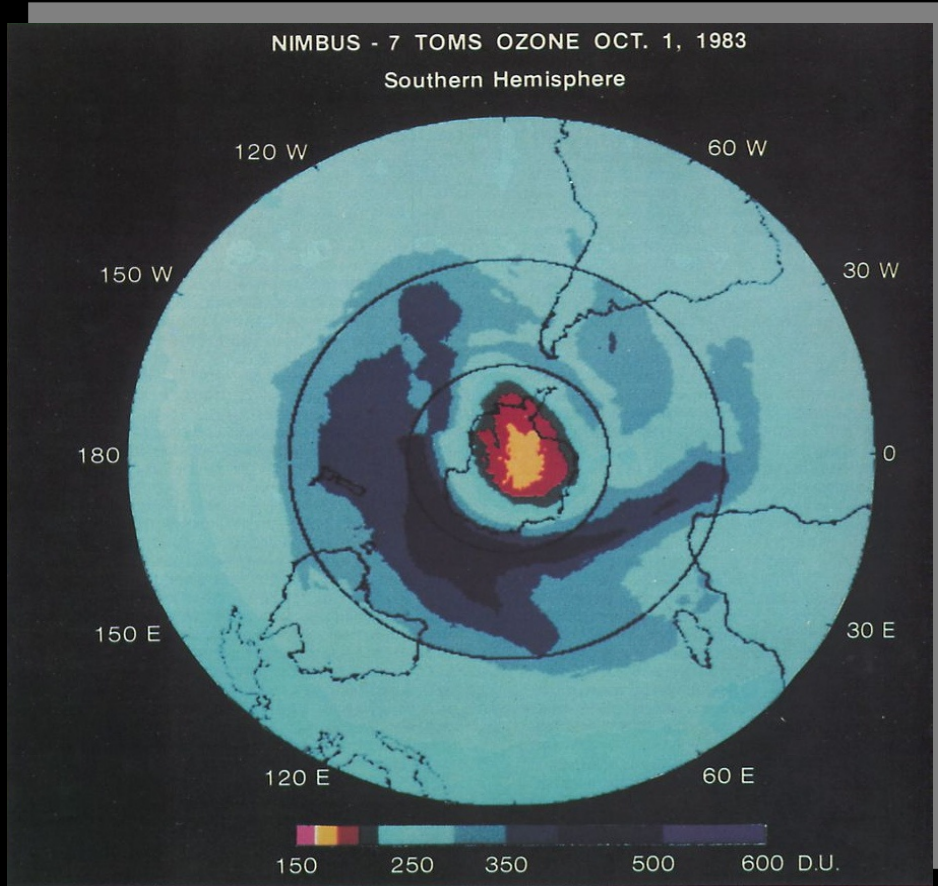
Mr. Holland may be reached at telephone (804) 824-3411, extension 328.

  
Harvey C. Needelman, Head  
Balloon Projects Branch



# The First Satellite View of the Ozone Hole (1985)

- Total Ozone observed on October 1, 1983 by Nimbus-7 TOMS



- P. K. Bhartia et al., 1985.



# What causes the ozone hole?

## Theories

- **Dynamical theory (Tung et al., 86)**  
vertical lifting of low ozone from lowest stratosphere and troposphere. Invalid  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  from  $\text{ER}_2$  during AAOE show low values associated with  $\text{O}_3$  loss.
- **Solar theory (Callis and Natarajan, 86)**  
production of reactive nitrogen ( $\text{NO}_x$ ). Invalid  $\text{ER}_2\text{NO}_x$  measurements, ozone hole should have disappeared in late 80s.
- **Heterogeneous Chemistry (Solomon et al., 86; McElroy et al., 86a; Toon et al., 86; Crutzen and Arnold, 86; McElroy et al., 86b)**  
heterogeneous chemical processes free Cl from reservoir species via reactions on surfaces of PSCs.



# The Explanation

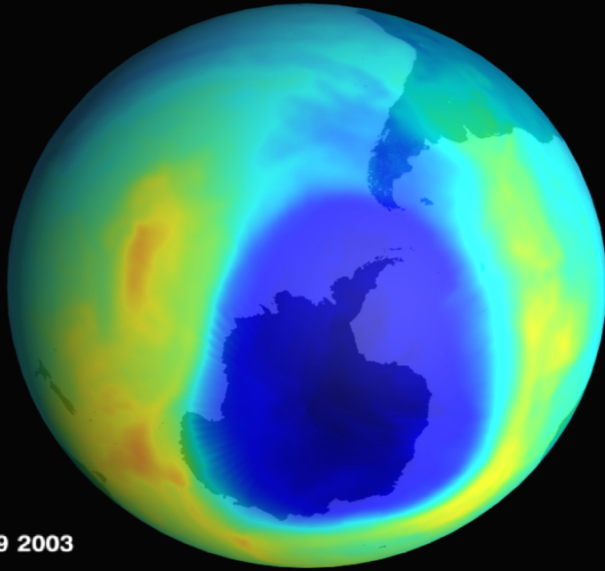
- **Susan Solomon** and colleagues suggest that *chlorine can be activated* on the surface of **polar stratospheric cloud (PSC)** particles observed over Antarctica, and can destroy most of the lower stratospheric polar ozone in a few weeks.
- Considerable experimental work is initiated to study heterogeneous chemical processes and **field campaigns** take place in Antarctica. They confirm the role of *anthropogenic chlorine*.

**Paul Crutzen, Mario Molina, and Sherry Rowland receive the  
1995 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for their seminal discoveries  
concerning the chemistry of ozone**





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