

Investigation of the Ozone Enhancement during the 2019 Sudden Stratospheric Warming in the Southern Hemisphere

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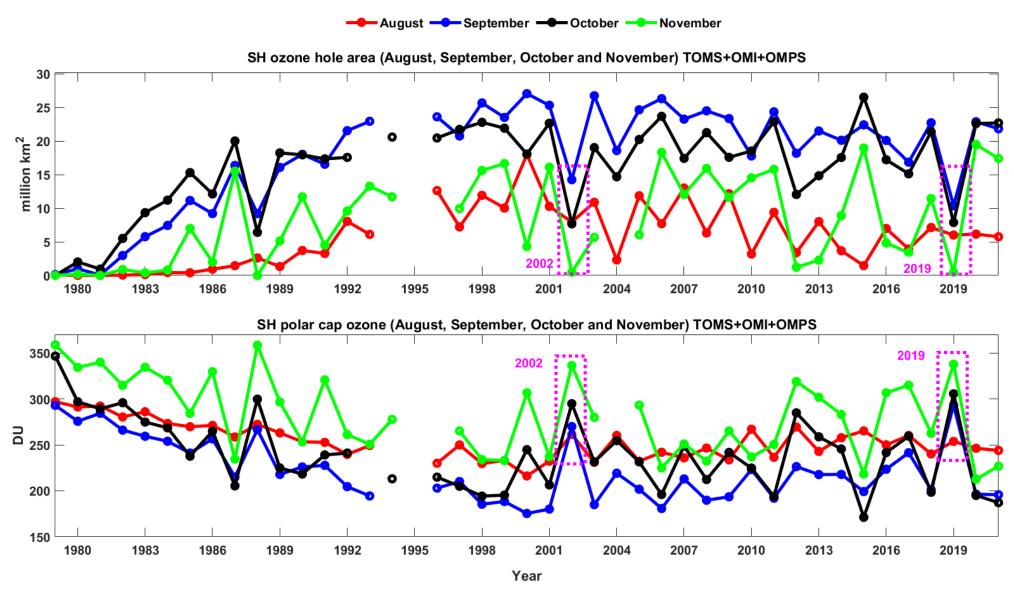
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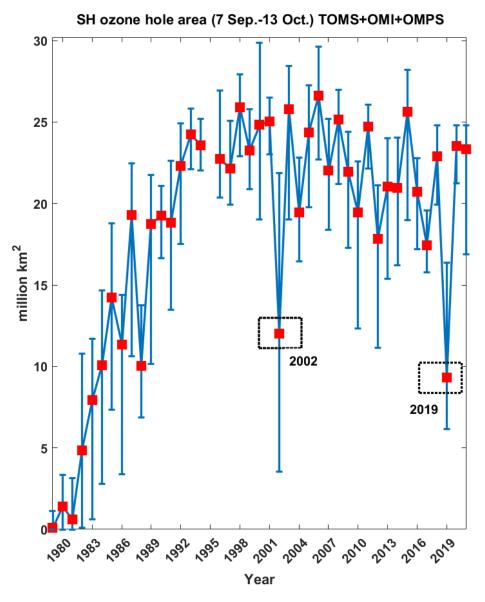


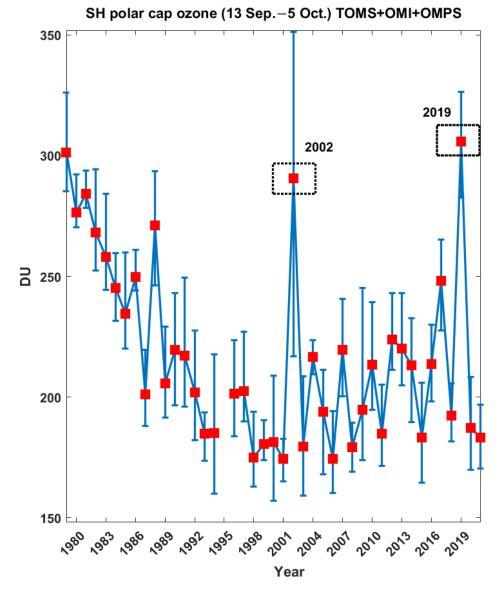






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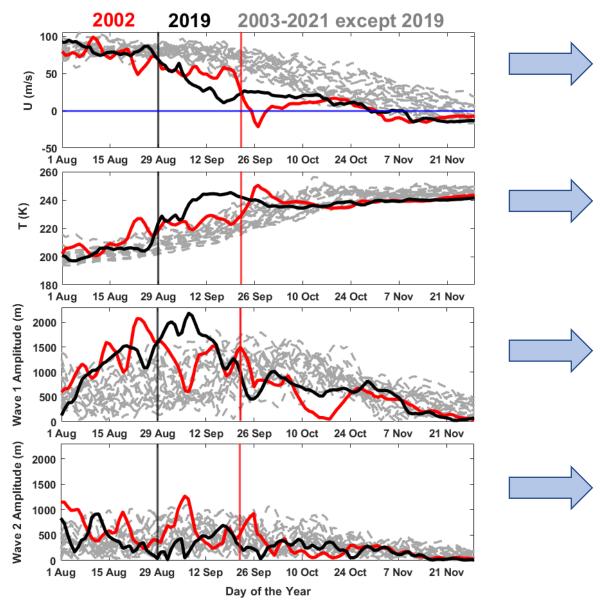








2019 Sudden Stratospheric Warming Event from MERRA-2



U_{60S, 10 hPa}

Wind weakening with no reversal was observed in 2019, unlike in 2002.

Temperature_{60S-90S}

- Sudden rise in 2019 temperature that attained peak value in mid-September.
- ➤ Higher temperature increment in 2019 than 2019 during the warming period.

Z1_{60S, 10 hPa} and **Z2**_{60S, 10 hPa}

- Anomalous PW1 amplification in 2019 > 2002 during 1-7 September.
- During this time, PW2 amplification in 2019 < 2002.</p>
- ➤ The state of the 2019 Antarctic stratosphere was unusual.

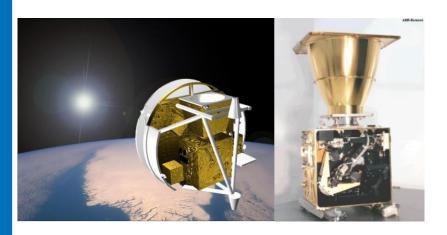


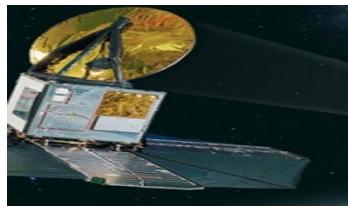


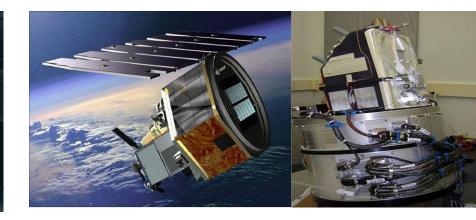


Satellite Instruments

Different satellite instruments are used to complement each other.







ACE- Atmospheric Chemistry Experiment

- Solar Occultation method
- Measures at Sunrise/Sunset
- ➤ Latitude = 80°N-80°S
- \triangleright Vertical field-of-view = \sim 3-4 km.
- ▶ Data Temperature, ClONO₂, HCl, ClO, HNO₃, and O₃.

Odin/Sub Millimeter Radiometer

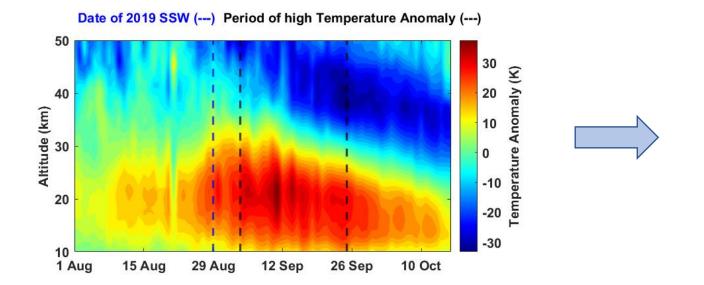
- Latitude = 82°N-82°S
- Vertical resolution = ~ 2 km, typically and ~ 7 km during upwarddownward scanning.
- \triangleright Data ClO, HNO₃, and O₃.

SOFIE- Solar Occultation for Ice Experiment

- Solar Occultation method
- Measures at Sunrise/Sunset
- \triangleright Latitude = 65° 85° N/S (typically)
- ➤ Vertical resolution = ~ 1.8 km.
- Data Temperature, NO, H_2O , and O_3 .
- *SOFIE viewed lower latitudes than usual during 2019 due to the change in SR/SS hemispheres.



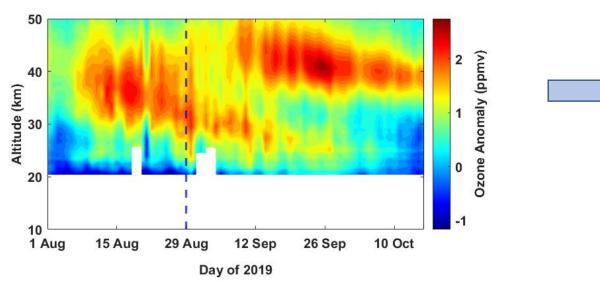
Temperature and Ozone Anomalies from SOFIE



Temperature Anomaly (2019-Average

(2008-2014))

- Average increase in stratospheric temperature was ~ 34 ° in mid-September.
- Large temperature anomaly observed between 6 Sep - 25
 Sep.



Ozone Anomaly (2019-Average (2008-2014))

Positive Ozone anomaly recorded during hightemperature anomaly.

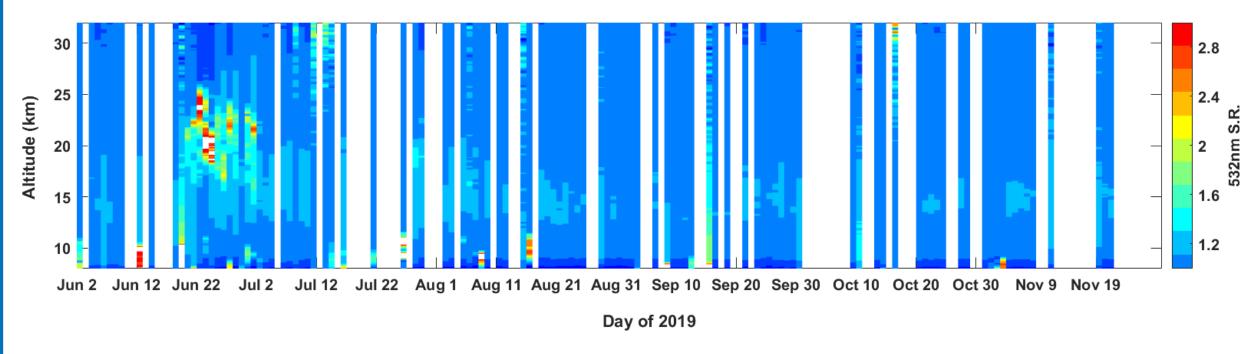






Polar Stratospheric Cloud Detection

532-nm attenuated backscatter, Dumont d'Urville (DDU) station (66°S to 140°E)



- > The 532-nm backscatter ratio is used as a measure of the PSC occurrence at DDU from June to November.
- > The backscatter ratio when higher than 1 PSC presence during stratospheric winters.
- > PSC season is a key indicator of ozone depletion with an unusual PSC season recorded in 2019.
- > High PSC was reported in mid-June with the PSC episodes extending to July and August.





Ozone Loss Mechanism

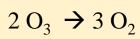
Reservoir Species

HCI (Hydrogen Chloride)
CIONO₂ (Chlorine
Nitrate)

Heterogenous Reaction on PSC surface

$$CIONO_2 + HCI(C) \rightarrow HNO_3(C) + CI_2$$

(C = Condensed Phase)



Net reaction

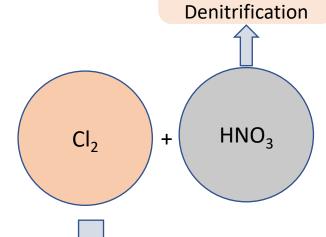
$$ClO + ClO + M \rightarrow Cl_2O_2 + M$$

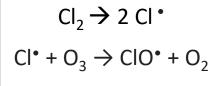
$$Cl_2O_2 + hf \rightarrow ClOO + Cl$$

$$ClOO \rightarrow Cl + O_2$$

$$2 (Cl+O_3 \rightarrow ClO + O_2)$$

hf = PhotonM = Third-body molecule





Denoxification and

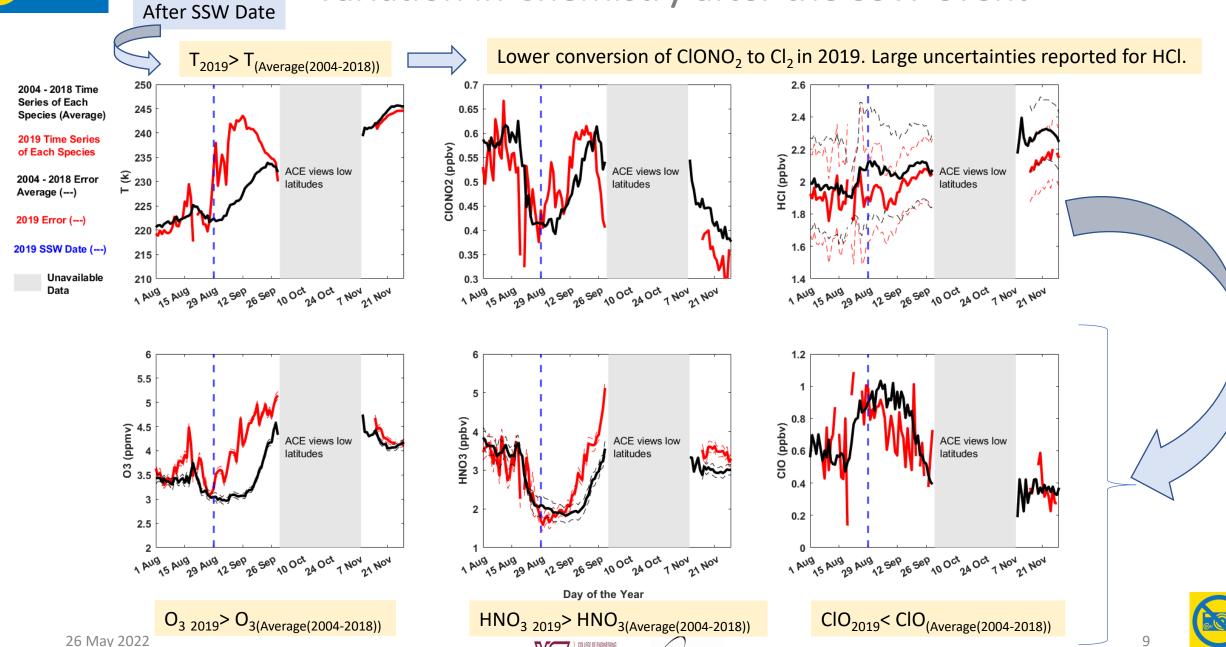






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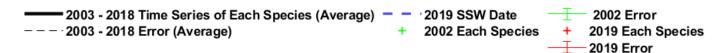
Variation in Chemistry after the SSW event

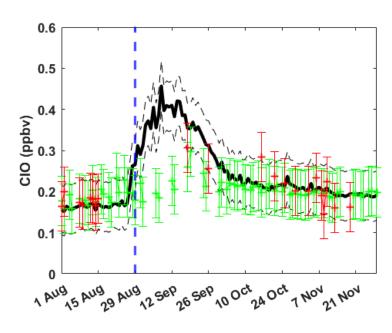


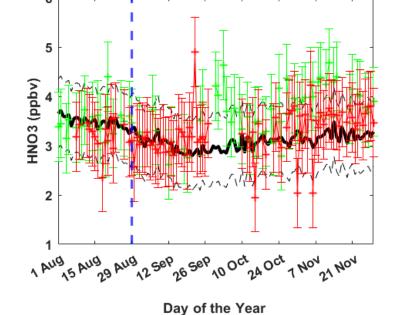


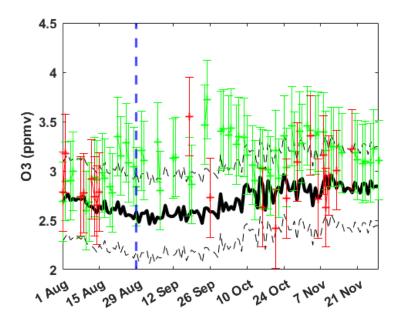
Results from SMR

Fewer datapoints in2019 than other years.









- CIO 2019 < CIO (Average(2003-2018)), typically after the SSW date.</p>
- Similar CIO decrease observed in 2002.

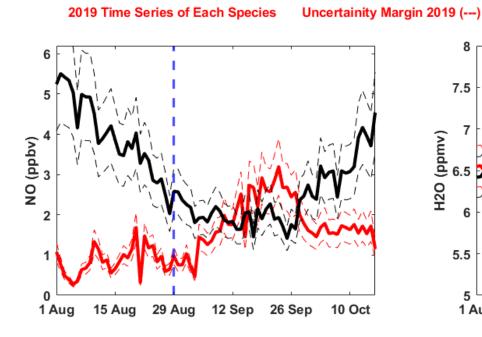
- → HNO_{3 2019} > HNO_{3(Average(2003-2018))},
 typically after the SSW date.
- > Low denitrification observed.
- ➤ Similar HNO₃ enhancement observed in 2002.

- $ightharpoonup O_{3 \text{ (Average(2003-2018))'}}$ typically after the SSW date.
- Similar O₃ enhancement observed in 2002.

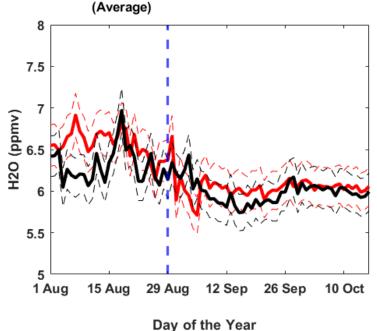


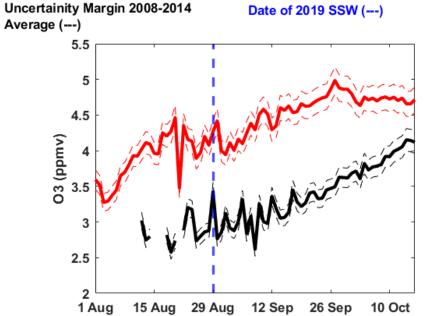


Results from SOFIE



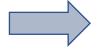






Nitric Acid Formation

$$2 NO + O2 \rightarrow 2 NO2$$
$$3 NO2 + H2O \rightarrow 2 HNO3 + NO$$



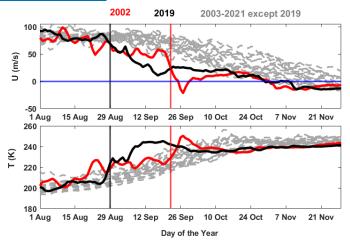
- We use NO and H_2O as proxies for HNO₃.
- Increase in NO and H₂O in 2019 after the SSW indicates an enhancement in HNO₃ (i.e., low HNO₃ uptake by PSCs).
- Enhancement in O₃ is observed in 2019 with a strong increase just after the SSW date.
- Fewer data points poleward of 60°S in 2019 than other years. Thus, data poleward of 50°S is used (assuming less variation between 50°S 60°S). (Limited data during 2015-2018 due to SOFIE's SR/SS hemisphere switch are not included)
- This is a work in progress.



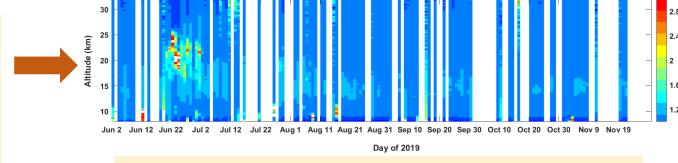




Summary

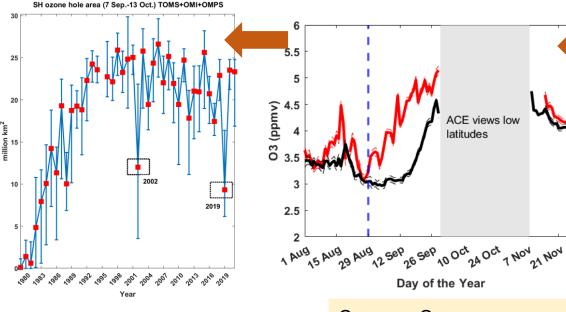


2019 SSW in the SH is indicated by zonal mean zonal wind reversal and temperature increase at 60°S, 10 hPa

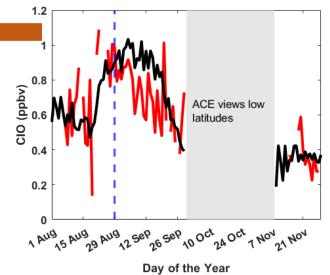


Gradual reduction in PSC concentration after mid-august

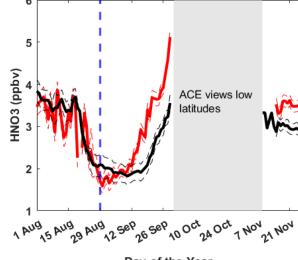




Smaller O_3 hole area $O_{3 (2019)} > O_{3 (2004-2018Average)}$ Ozone Enhancement



CIO₂₀₁₉< CIO_{2004-2018Average} Low Chlorine Activation



Day of the Year

HNO_{3 (2019)} > HNO_{3 (2004-2018Average)} Lower Denitrification



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