

# Seasonal Air-sea Atmospheric Potential Oxygen Flux Inferred from Global Airborne Observations

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# Outline

## 1. Seasonal air-sea APO flux cycle of

(1) Two hemispheres (Jin et al., 2023, *under review at GBC*);

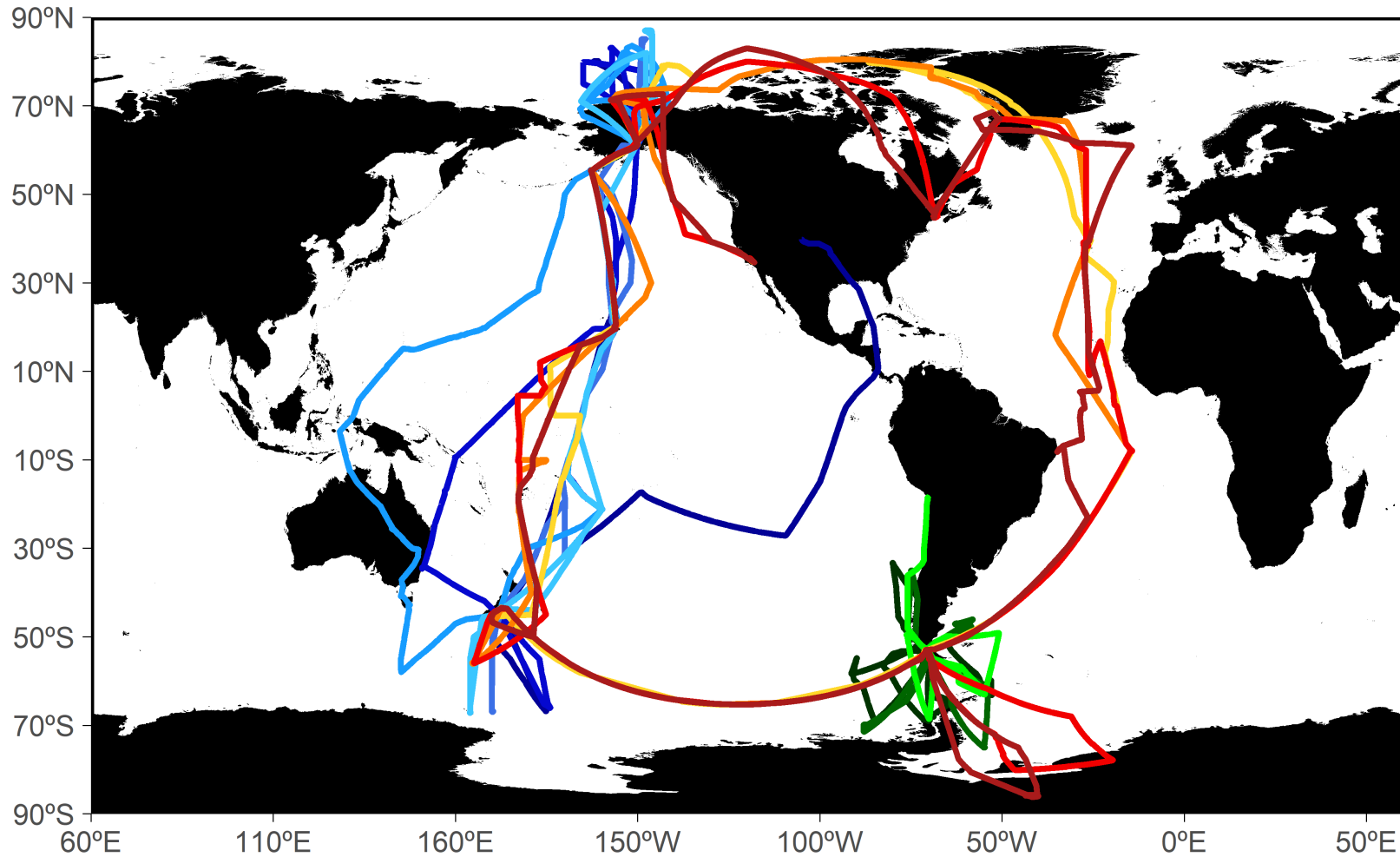
- Discuss seasonal flux patterns in each hemisphere and hemispheric asymmetries.

(2) Two coarse latitude bands over the mid- to high-latitudes Southern Ocean.

- Discuss seasonal APO flux in two bands (polar/subpolar and subtropics).
- Discuss implications for studying seasonal SO air-sea CO<sub>2</sub> fluxes.

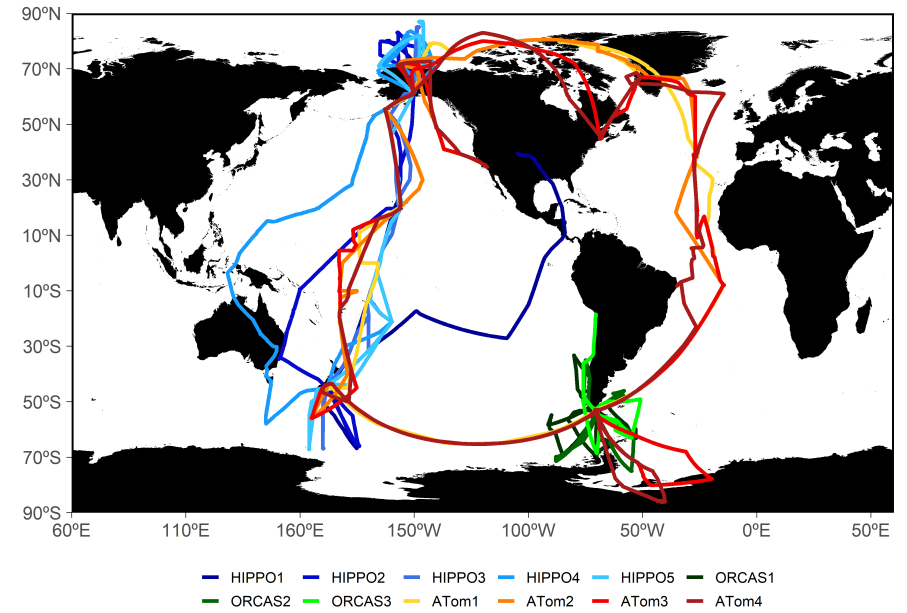
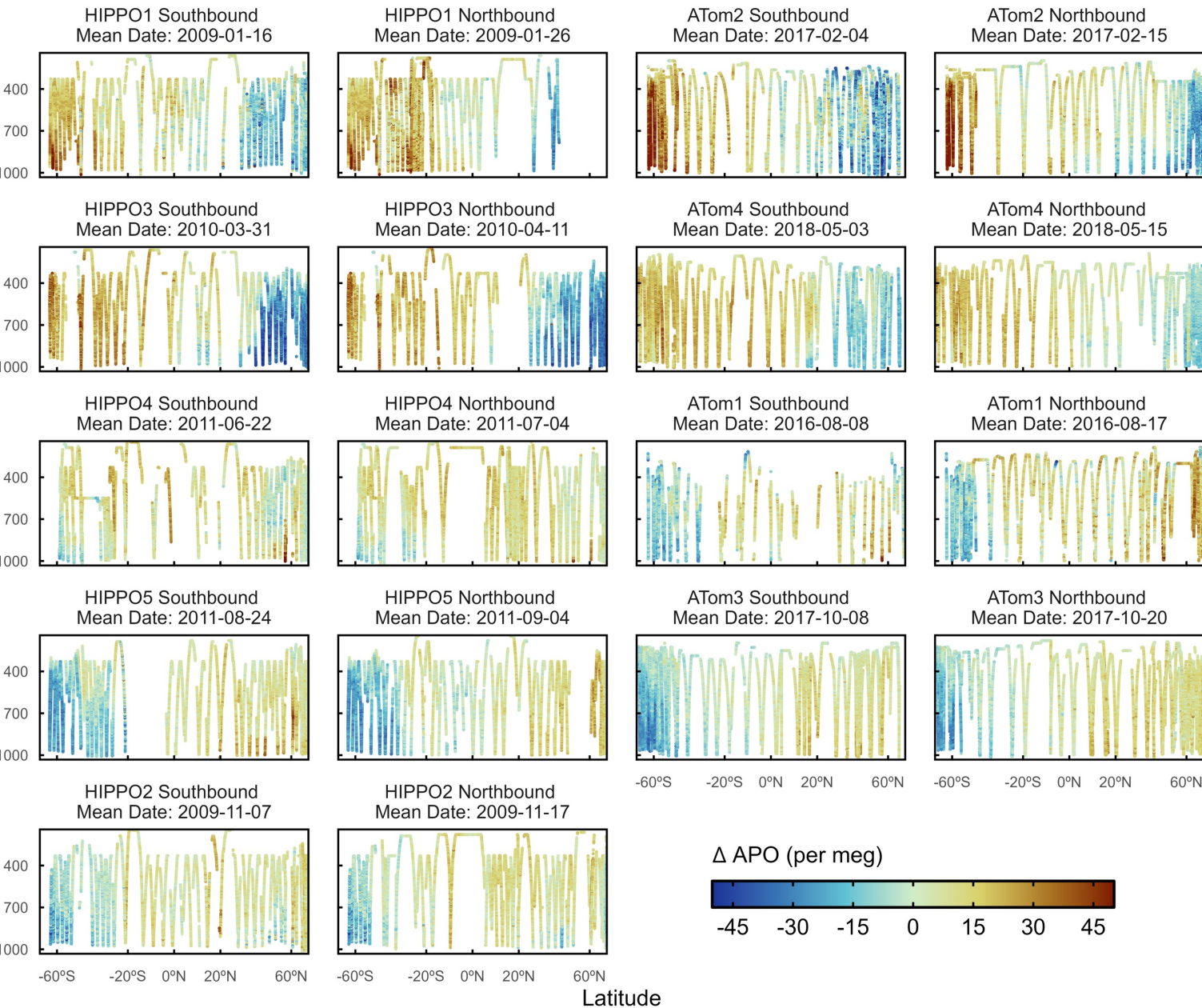
## 2. Implications for using Airborne APO observations (and derived flux) to constrain models (e.g., CESM and inversion).

# Global airborne campaigns and airborne APO observations



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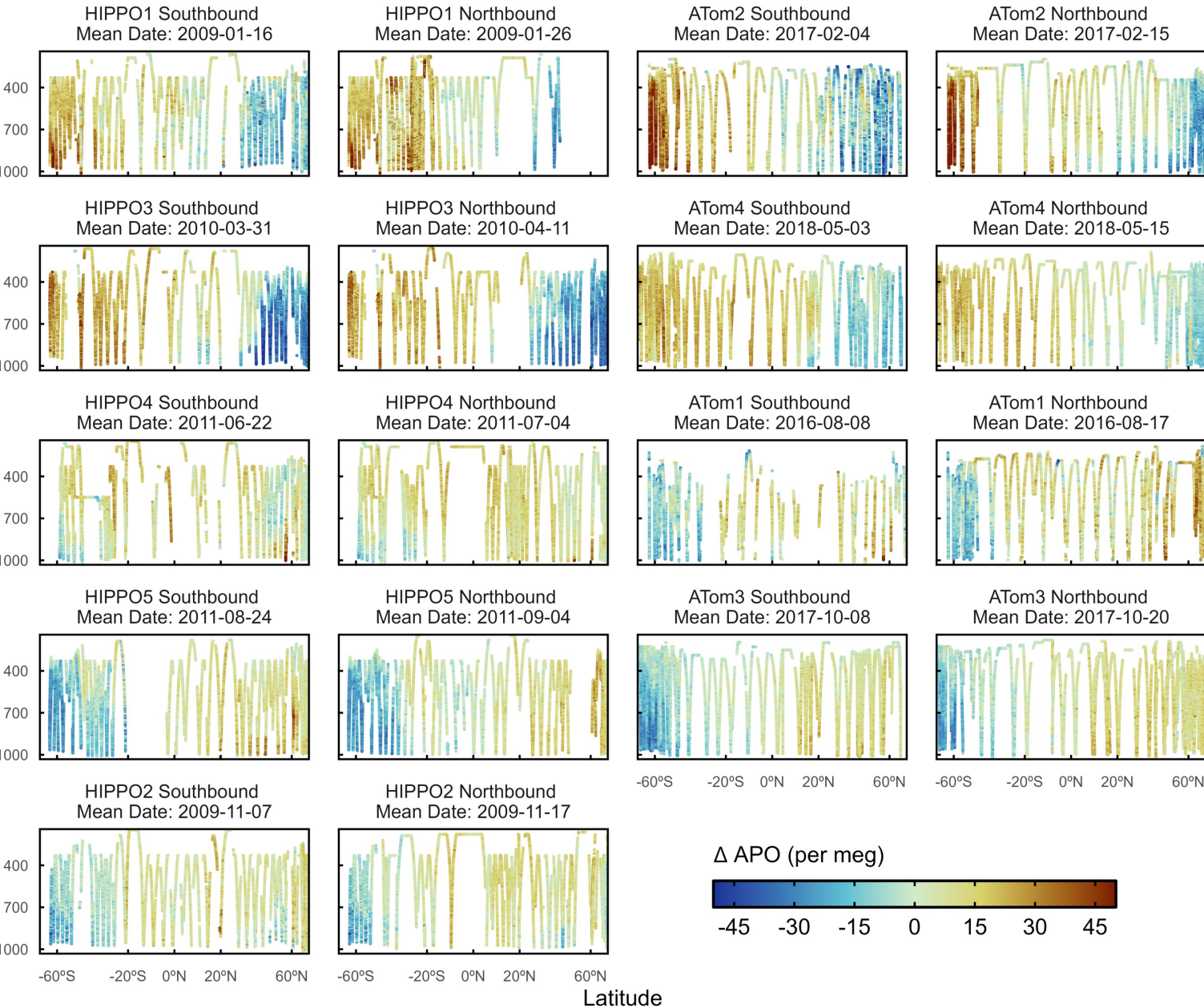
# Global airborne campaigns and airborne APO observations



- Almost Pole-to-Pole coverage
- Surface to above tropopause
- Observations in every month (different years) except December.



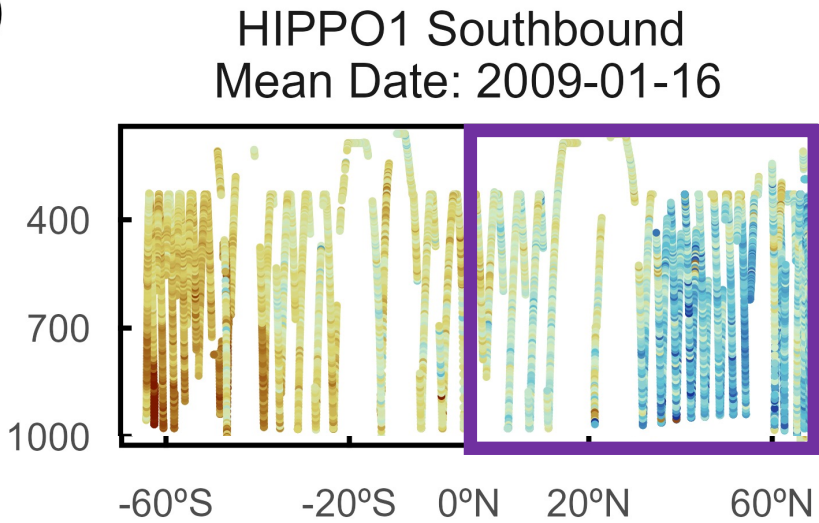
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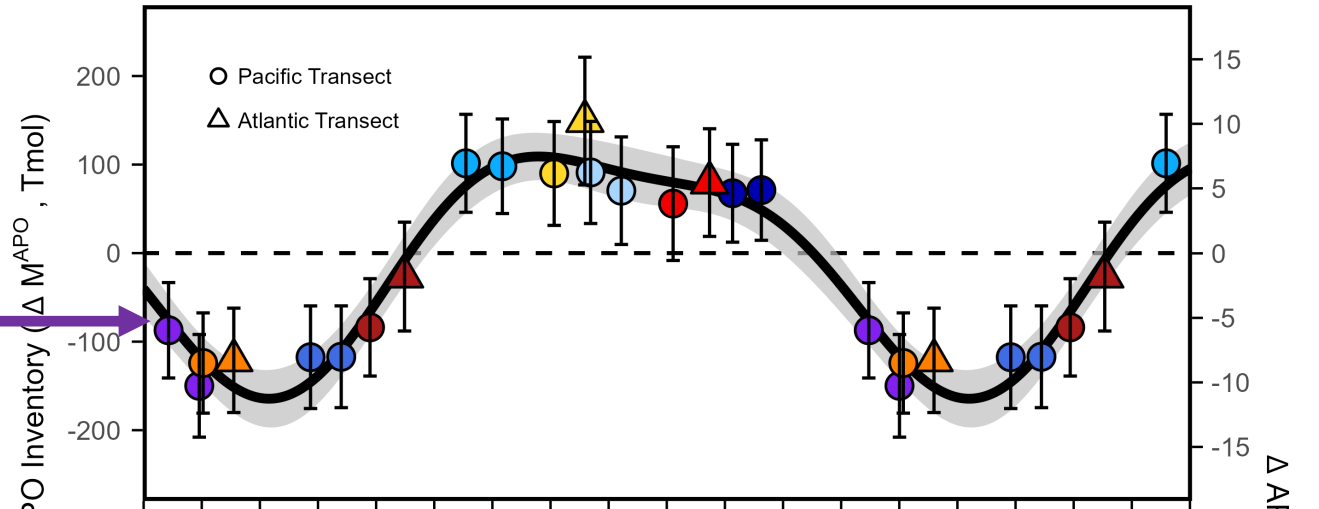
Deriving hemispheric flux from sparse atmosphere observations:

1. Resolving seasonal troposphere APO inventory cycles of each hemisphere.
2. Inverting inventory to flux using a 3-box model.

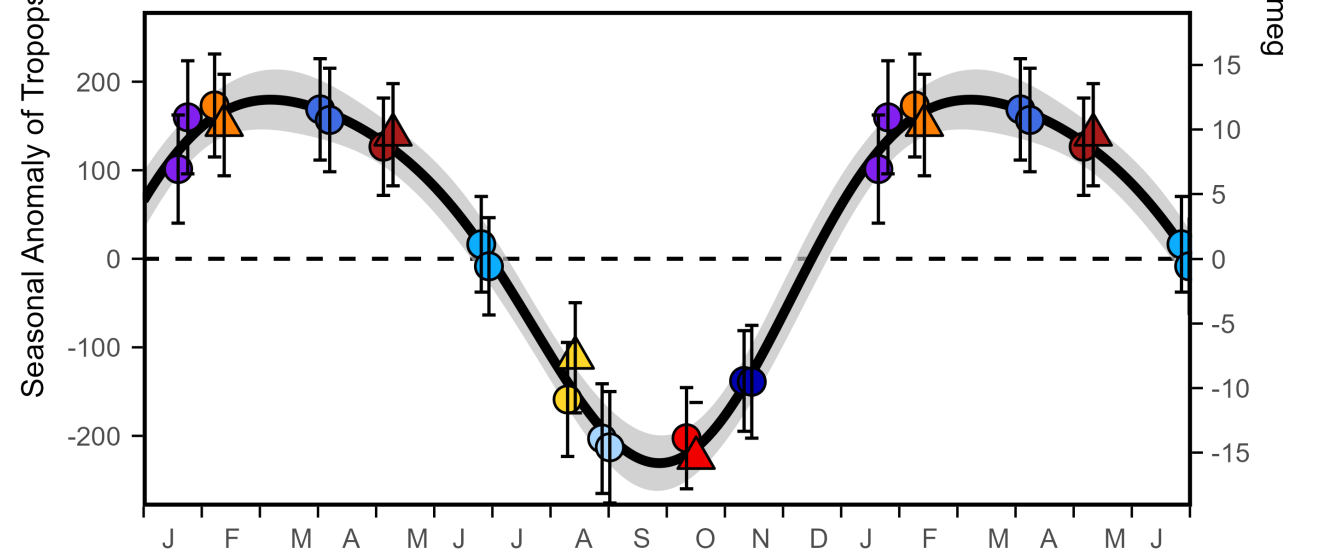
# Troposphere APO seasonal cycles



(a) Northern Hemisphere



(b) Southern Hemisphere

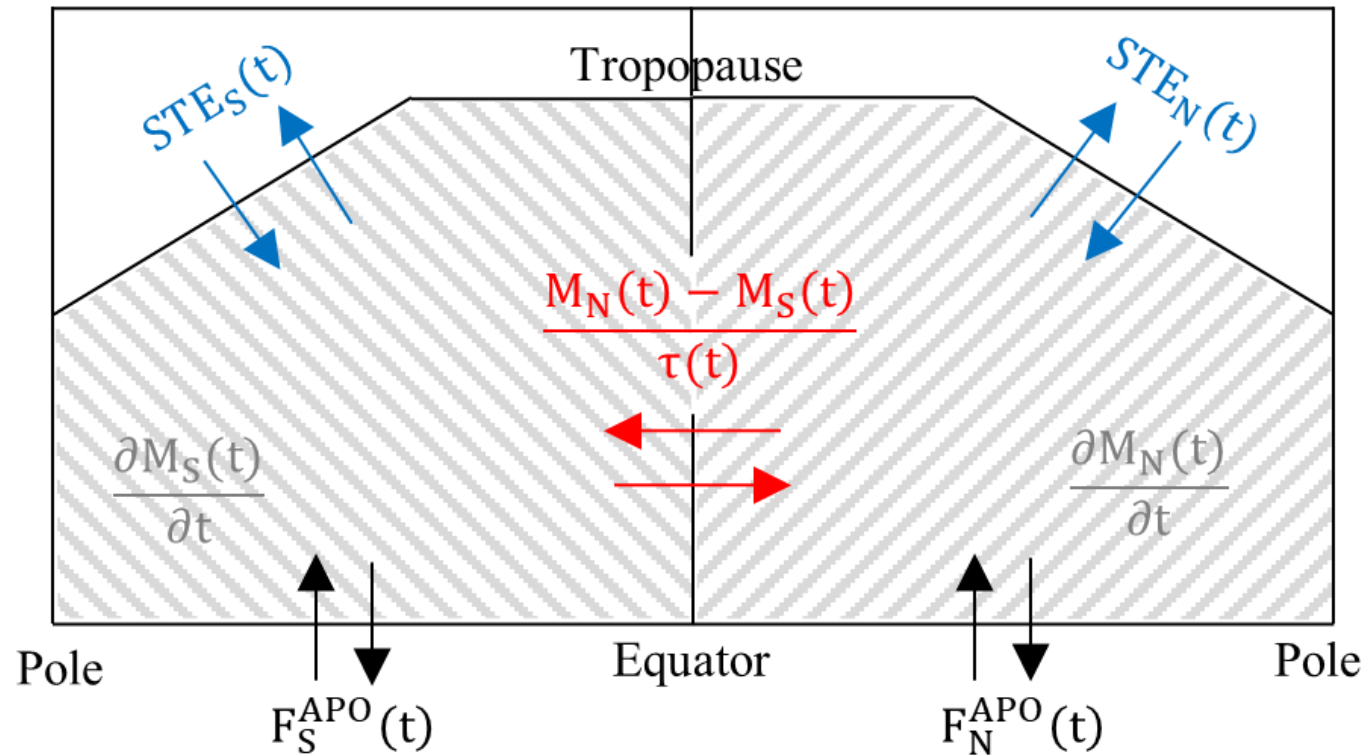


Integrating  $\Delta APO$  along moist isentropes in each hemisphere to yield detrended APO inventory estimate

● HIPPO1  
 ● HIPPO2  
 ● HIPPO3  
 ● HIPPO4  
 ● HIPPO5  
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 ● ATom3  
 ● ATom4

Method see Jin et al., 2021, Atom. Phys. Chem.

# Box-model for inverting hemispheric-scale APO flux



APO troposphere  
inventory change

= Surface flux +

Inter-hemispheric  
Exchange

+

Stratosphere-  
Troposphere  
Exchange

$$\frac{\partial M_N(t)}{\partial t}$$

=

$$F_N(t)$$

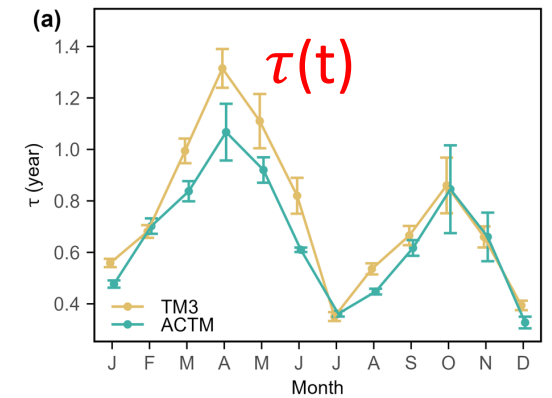
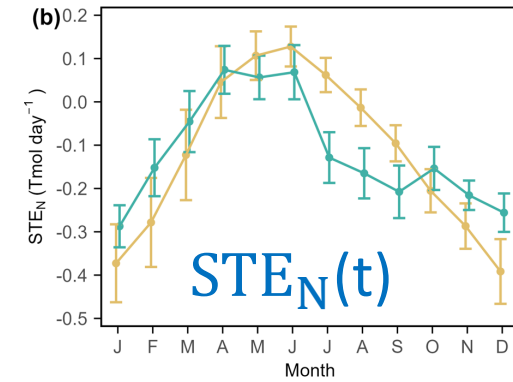
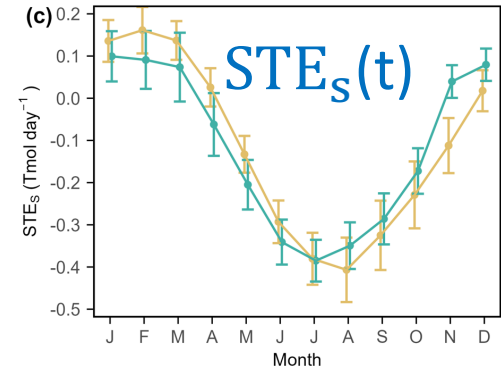
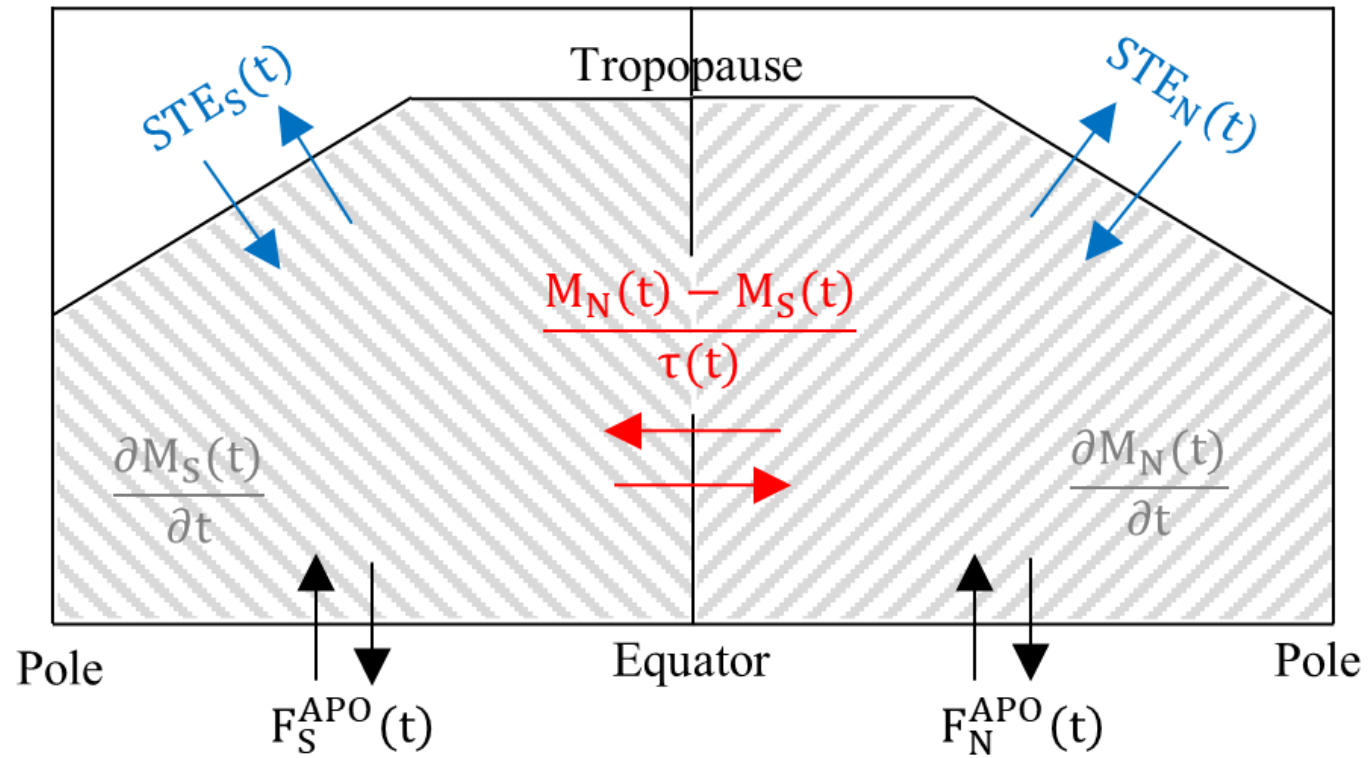
+

$$\frac{M_N(t) - M_S(t)}{\tau(t)}$$

+

$$STE_N(t)$$

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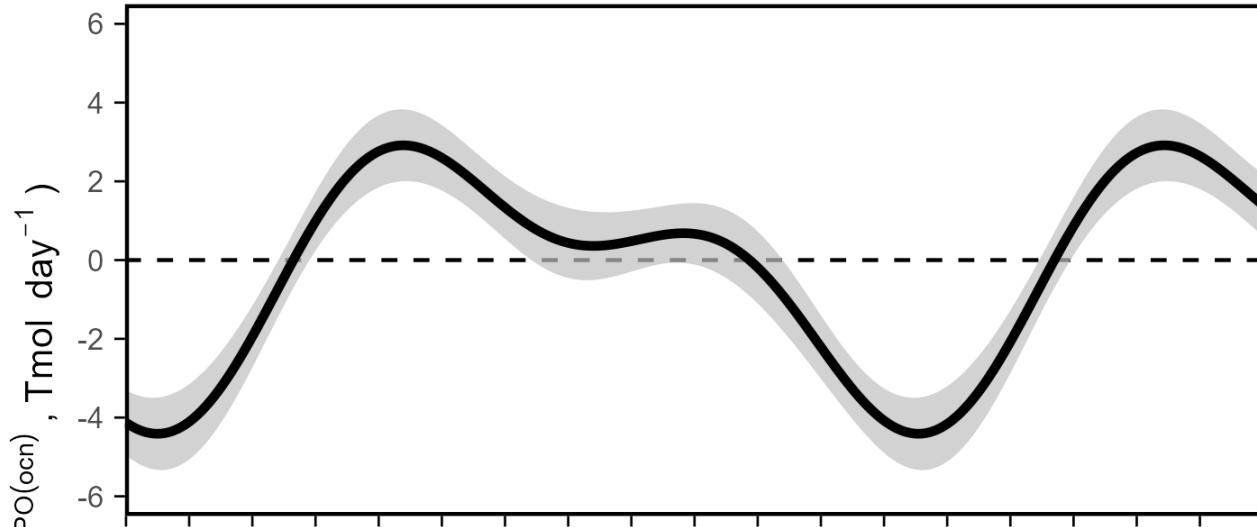
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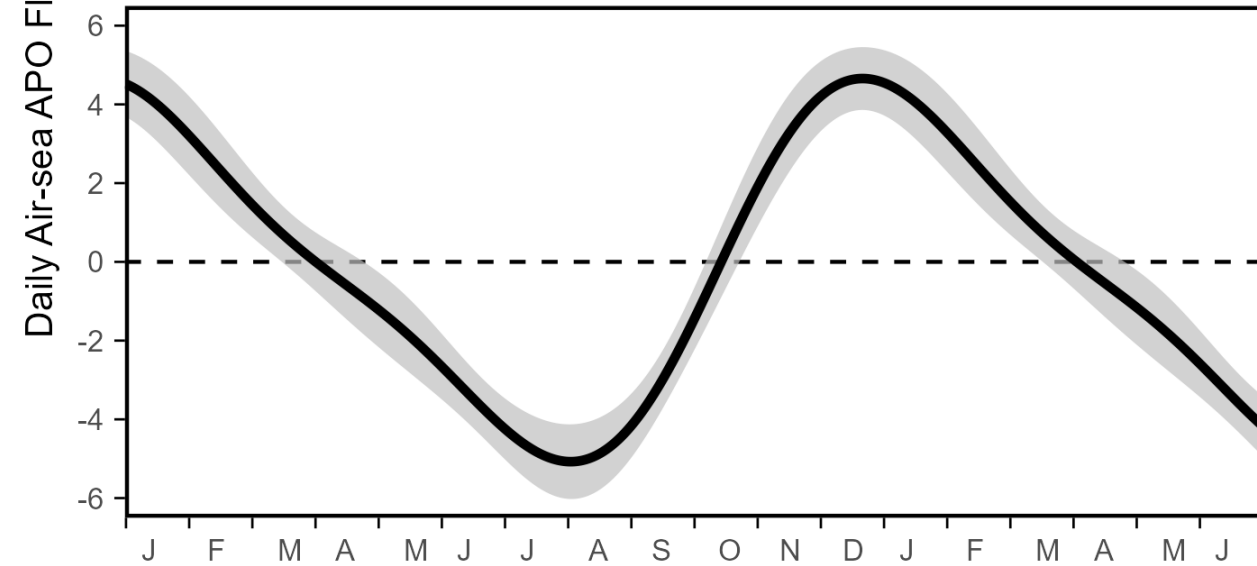
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# Air-sea APO flux cycles

(a) Northern Hemisphere

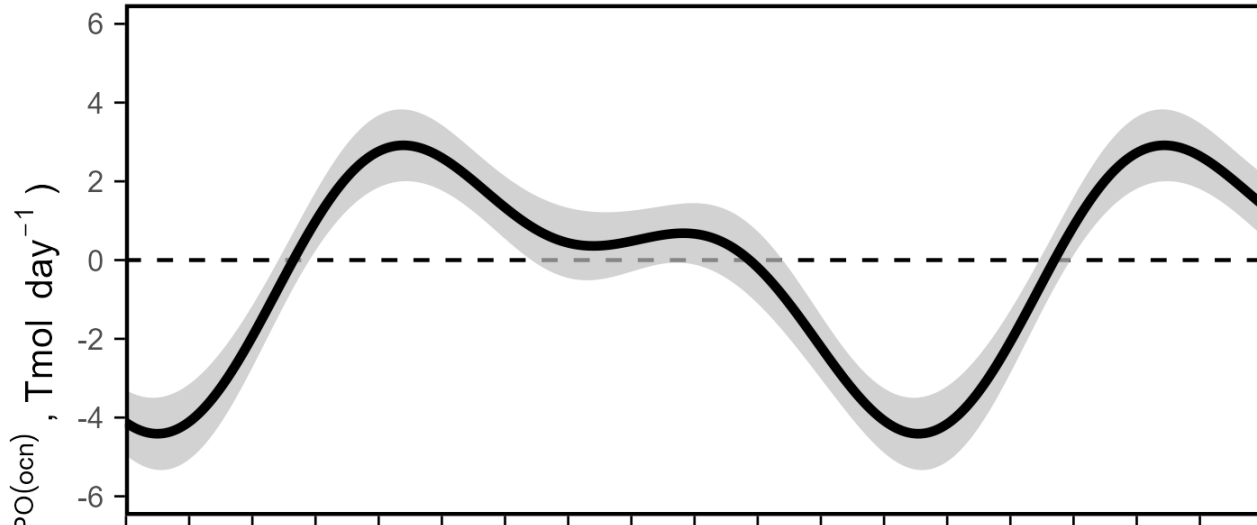


(b) Southern Hemisphere

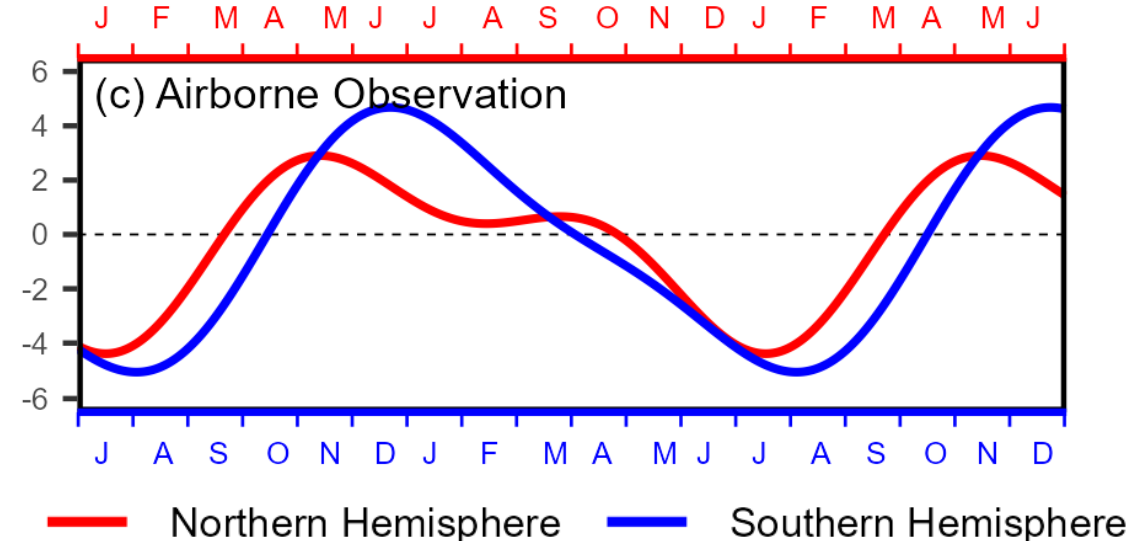
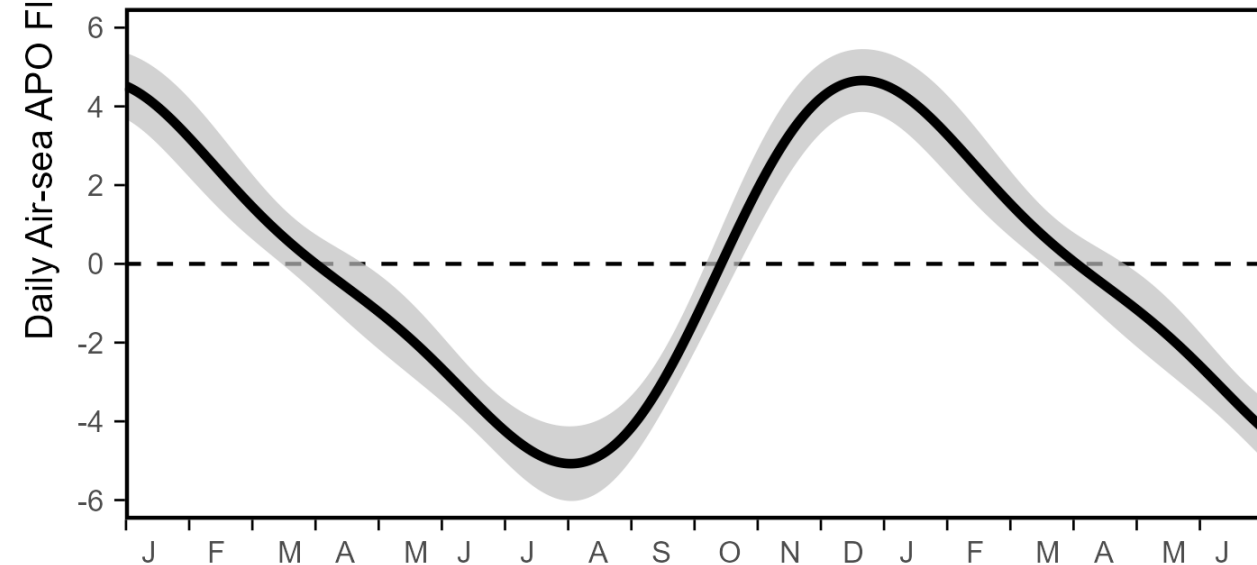


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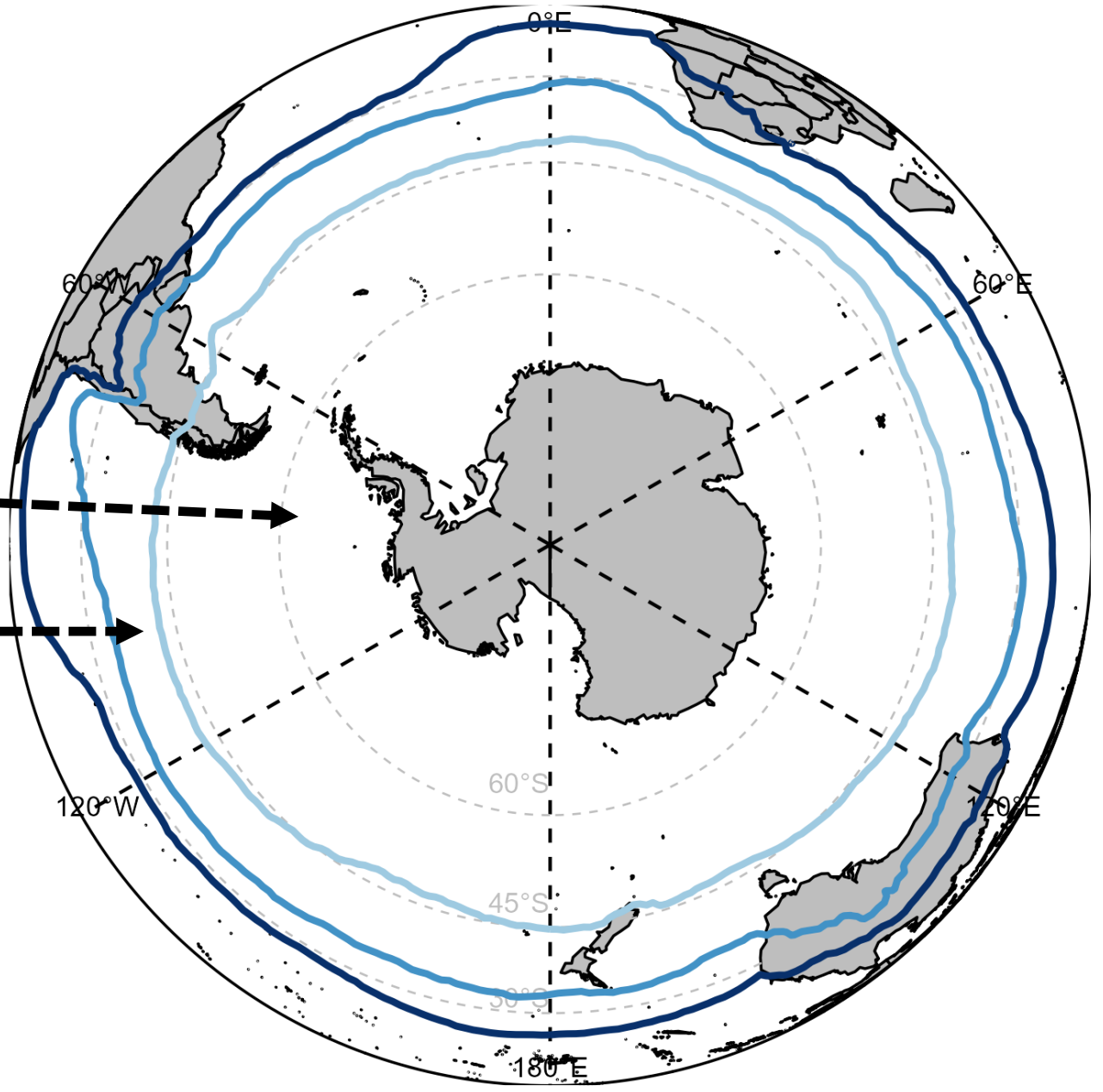
(b) Southern Hemisphere



The NH features (relative to the SH):

1. Smaller flux seasonal amplitude and seasonal net outgassing
2. A summer plateau and fall outgassing
3. Earlier seasonal APO outgassing by  $\sim$  a month





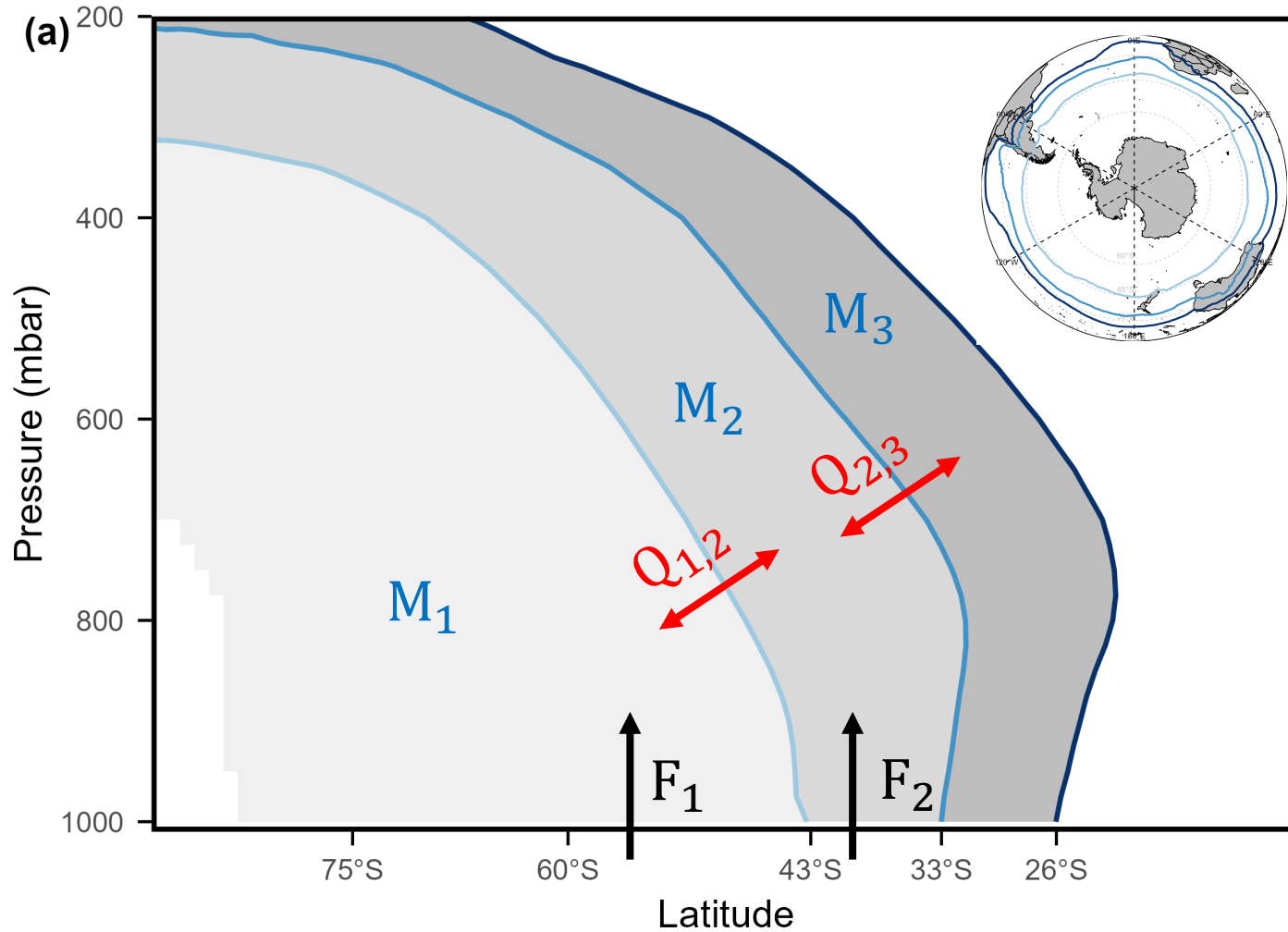
Band 1 (~90°S to 43°S)



Band 2 (~43°S to 33°S)



# Box-model for inverting SO APO flux



APO inventory change = Surface Flux + Diabatic Transport

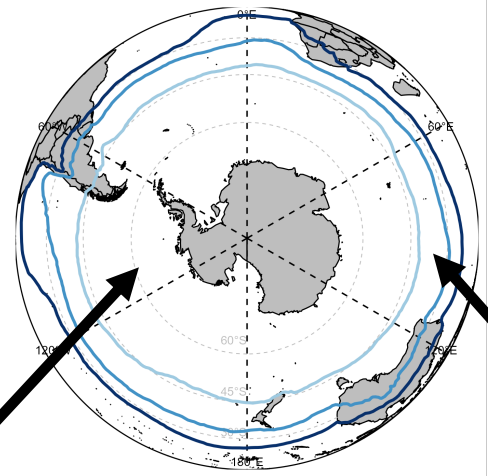
$$\frac{\partial M_i}{\partial t} = \begin{cases} \mathbf{F}_i + Q_{i,i+1} & i = 1 \\ \mathbf{F}_i + Q_{i,i+1} - Q_{i-1,i} & i = 2 \end{cases}$$

$$Q_{i,i+1} = \mathbf{D}_{i,i+1} \cdot (\chi_{i+1} - \chi_i)$$

Diabatic Mixing Rate ( $\text{kg yr}^{-1}$ )

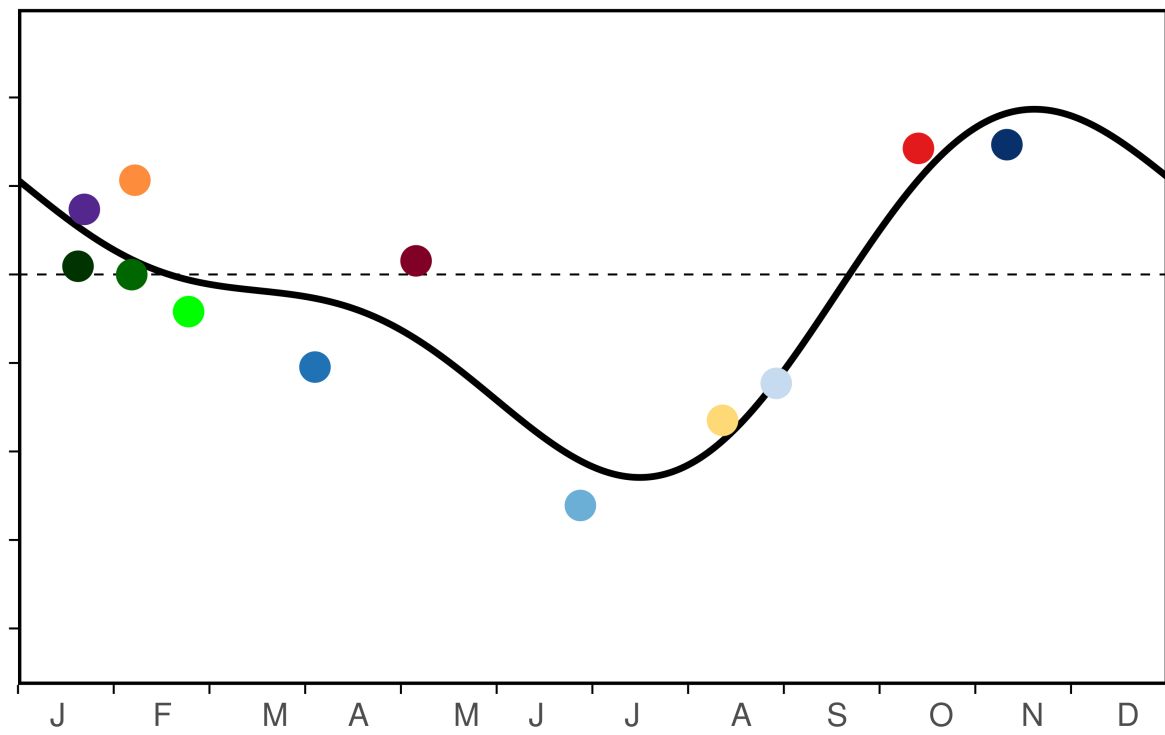
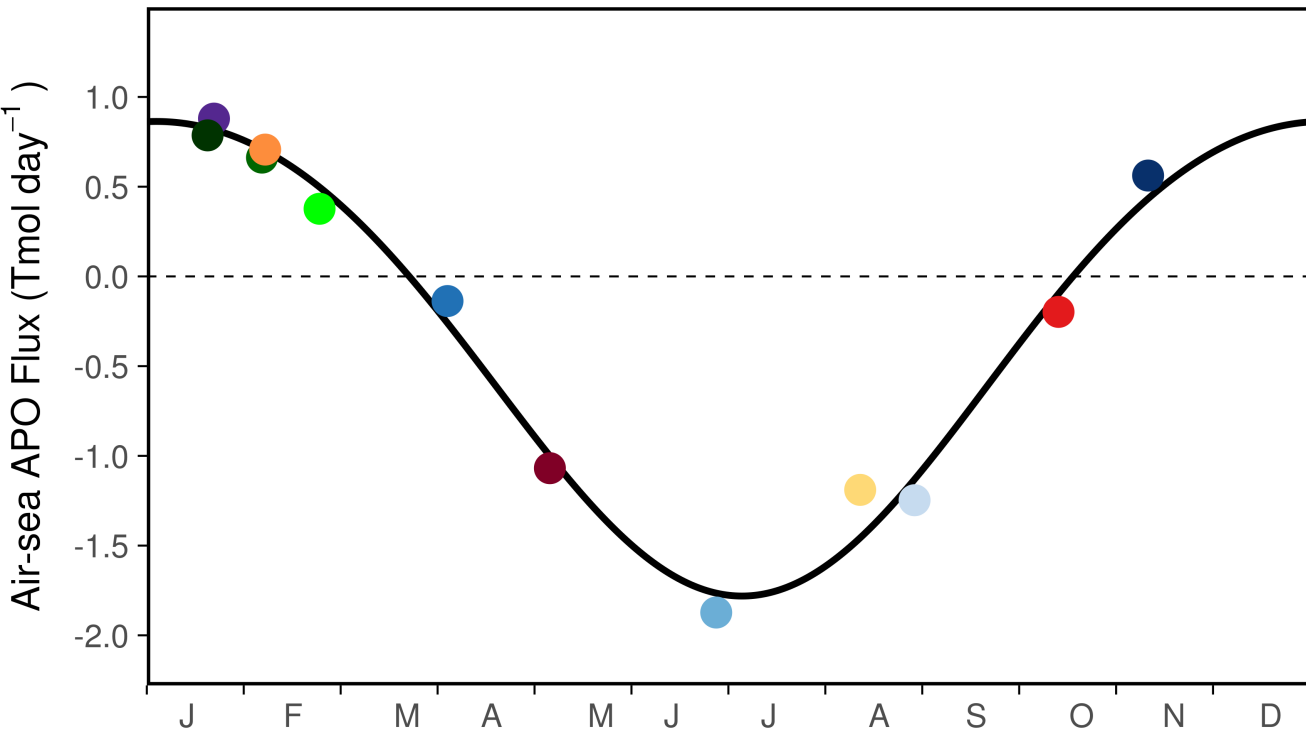
APO gradient (mol)

# SO Air-sea APO flux cycles



Approximate Latitudes:  
90°S - 43°S

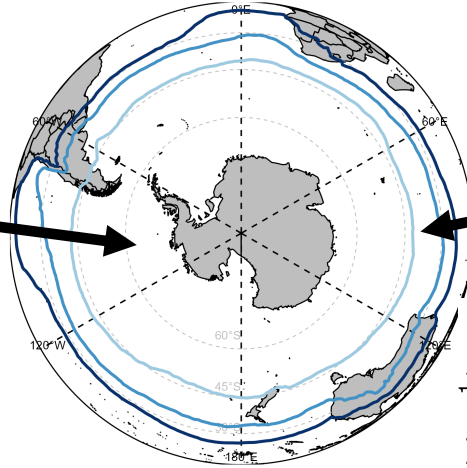
Approximate Latitudes:  
43°S - 33°S



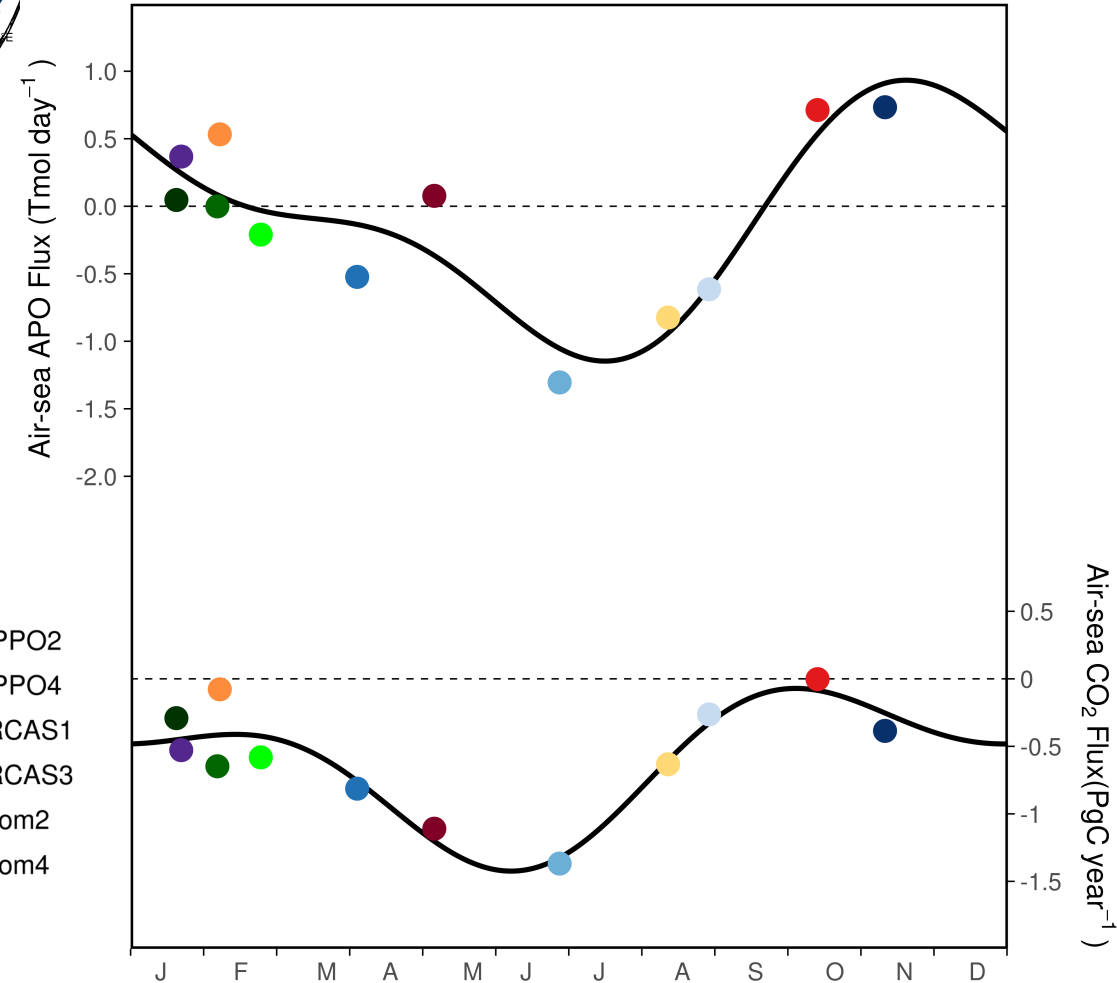
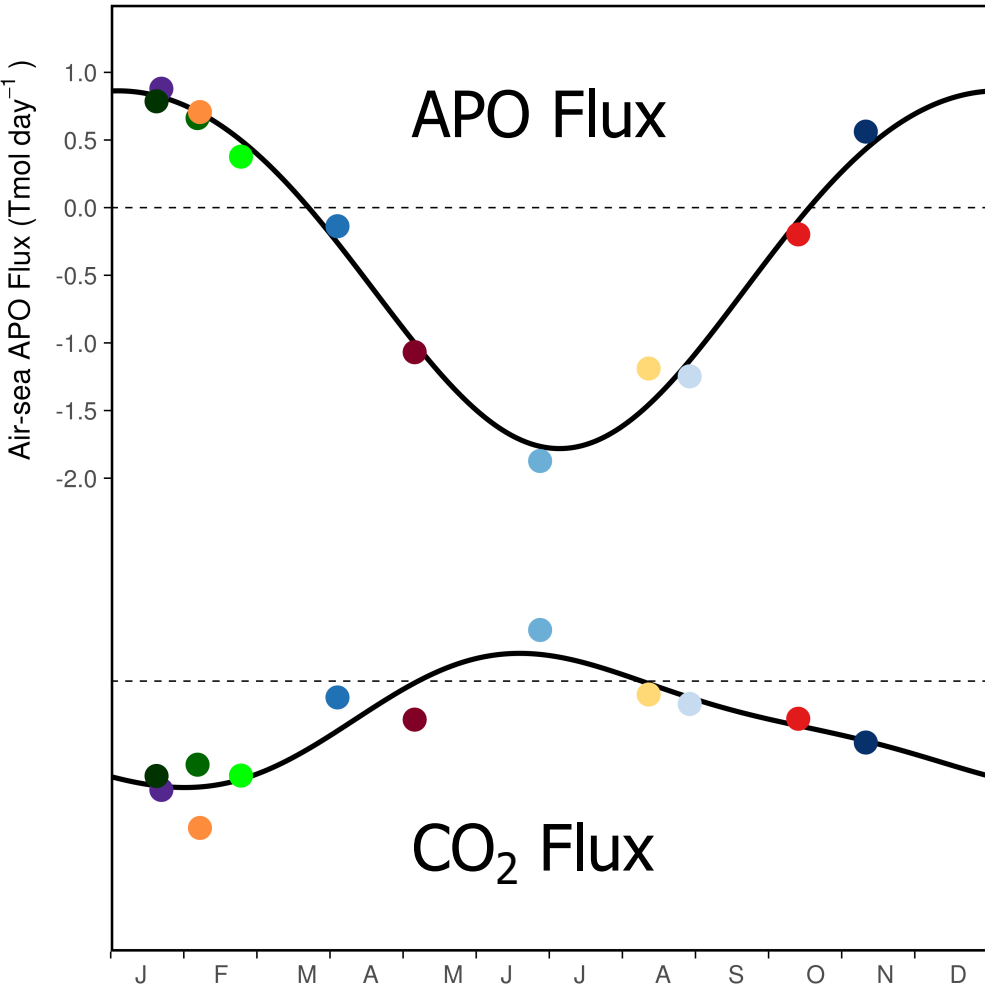
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# SO Air-sea APO and CO<sub>2</sub> flux cycles

Approximate Latitudes:  
90°S - 43°S



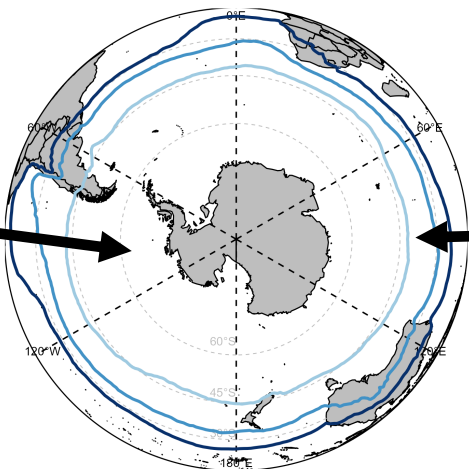
Approximate Latitudes:  
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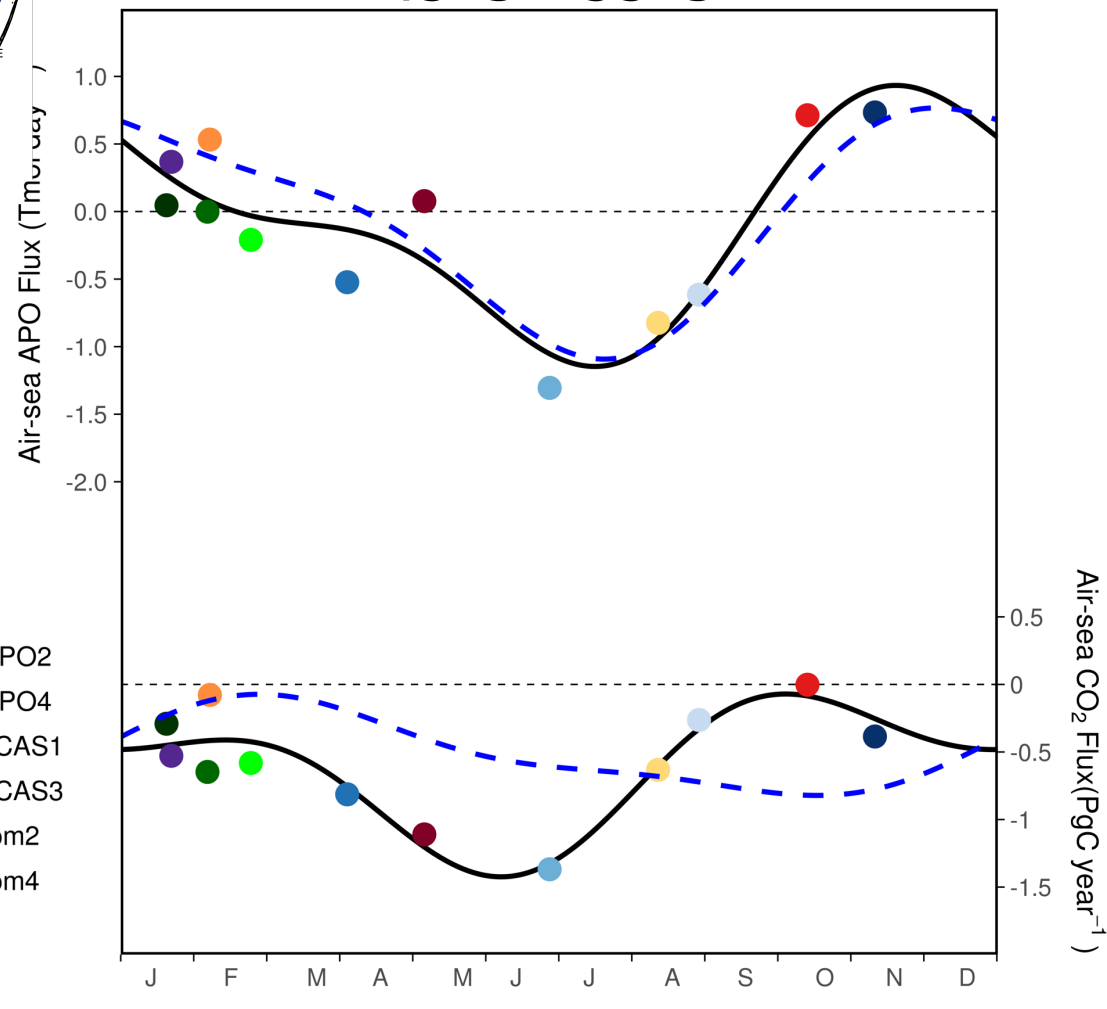
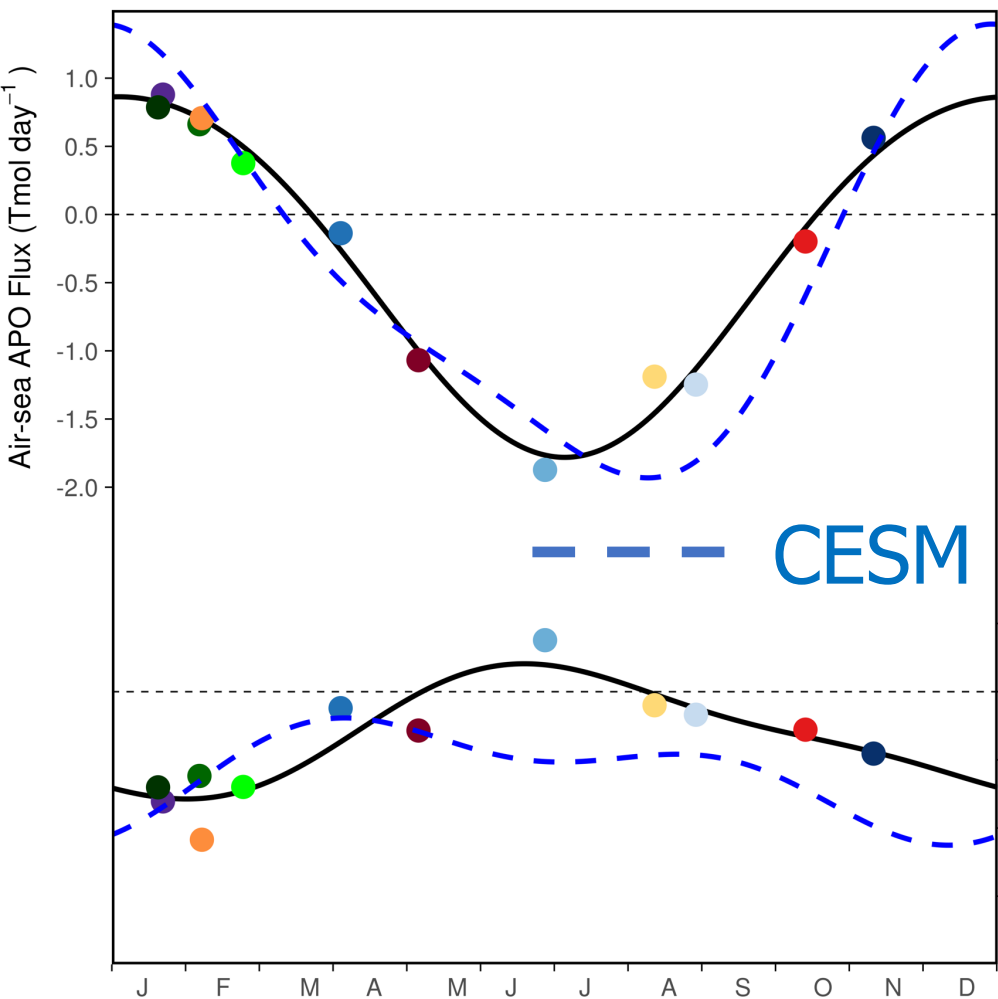
- HIPPO1
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Application 1:  
Constraining model simulated SO  
air-sea APO and CO<sub>2</sub> flux (e.g., CESM)

Approximate Latitudes:  
90°S - 43°S



Approximate Latitudes:  
43°S - 33°S

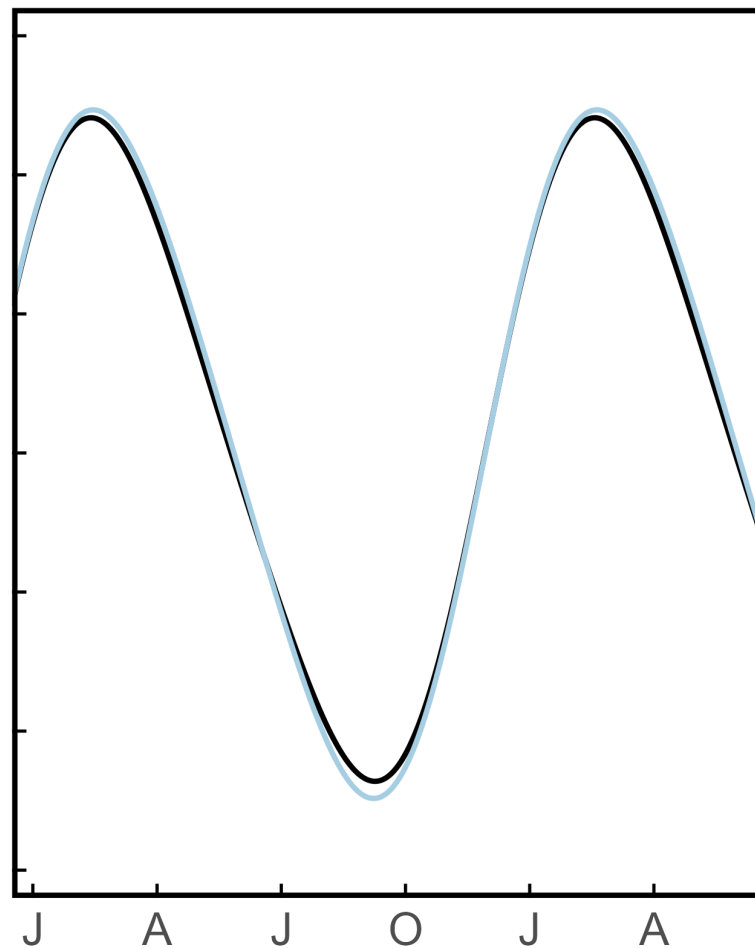
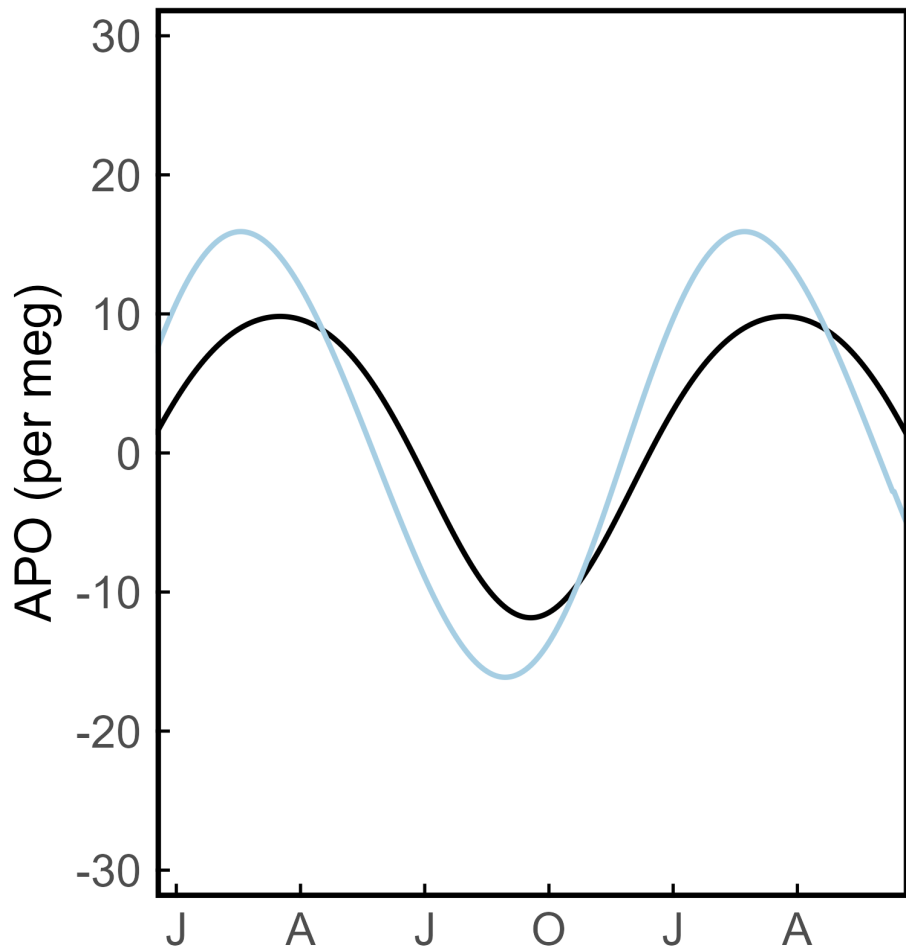




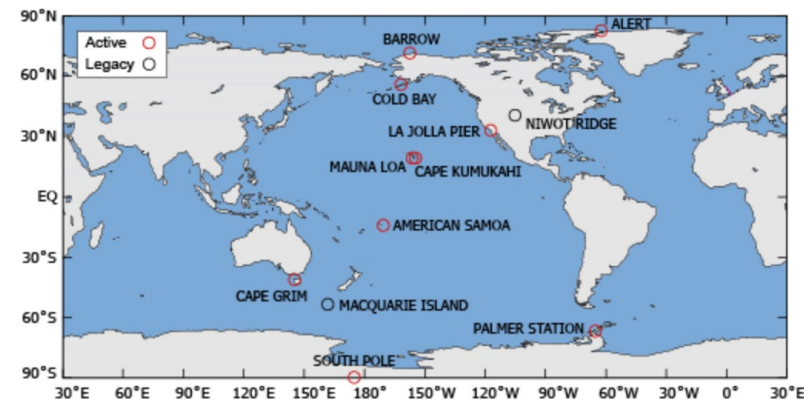
Application 2:  
Constraining APO inversion products  
(e.g., Jena APO inversion)

Low-latitudes SH  
( $\sim 10-35^\circ\text{S}$ )

Mid- to high-latitudes SH  
( $\sim 35-90^\circ\text{S}$ )



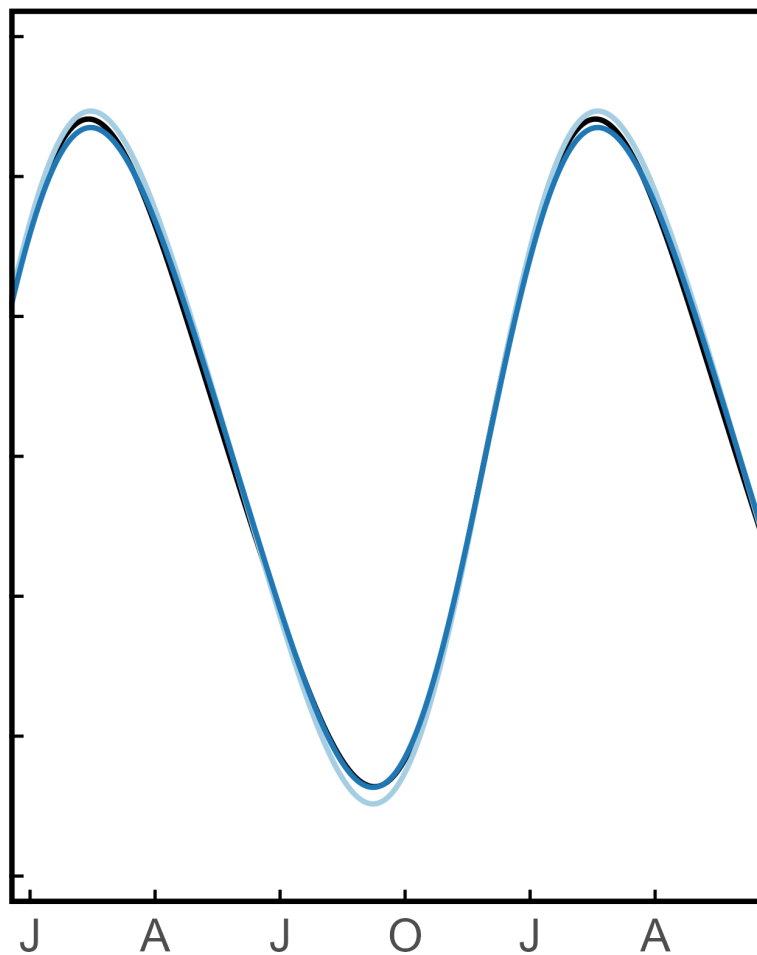
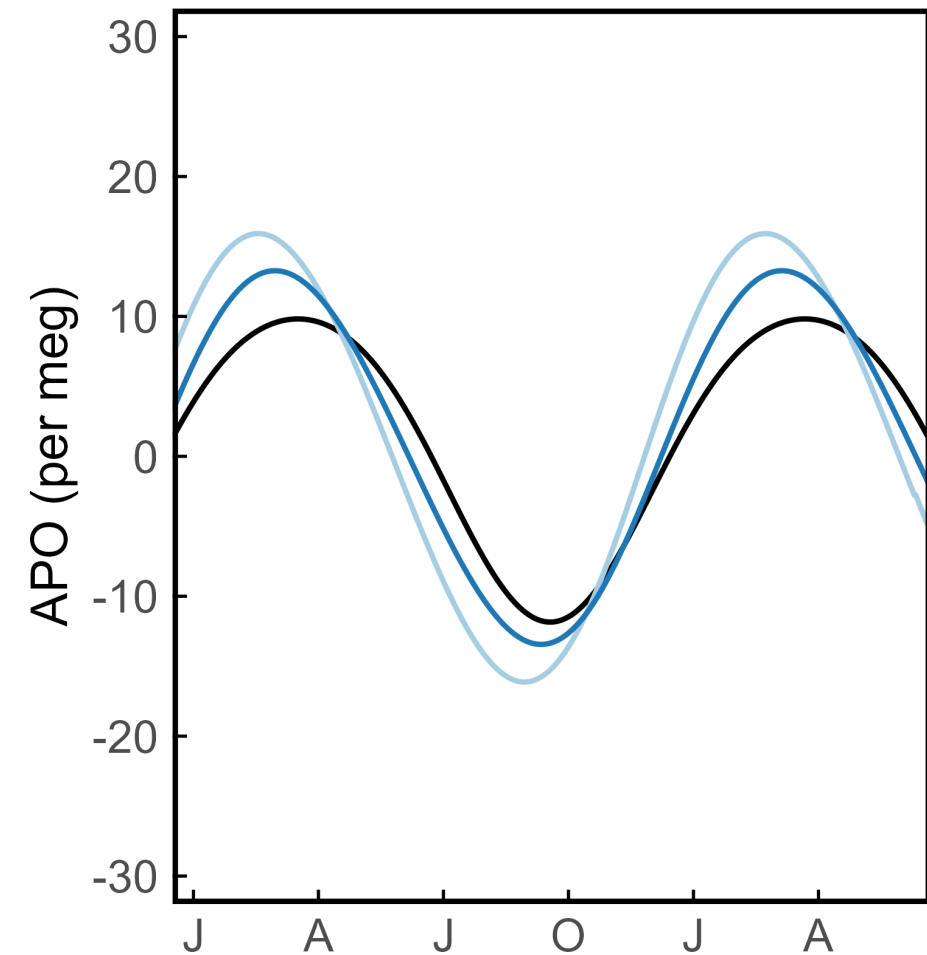
— Observation — Jena Inversion apo99



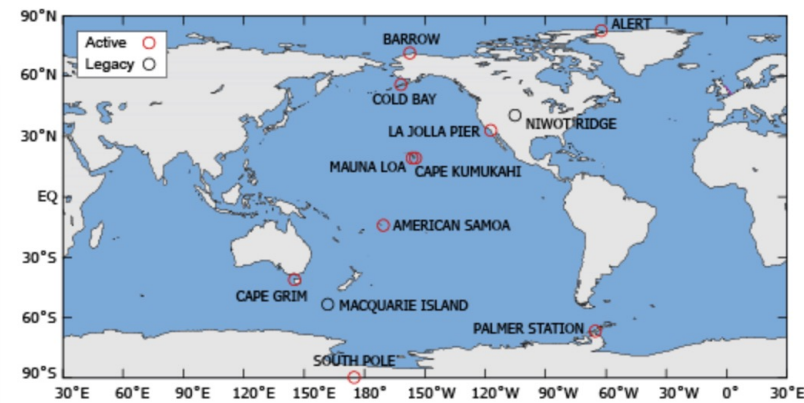
Jena inversion apo99 uses  $\text{O}_2$   
data from  
**Scripps network**

### Low-latitudes SH ( $\sim 10\text{-}35^\circ\text{S}$ )

### Mid- to high-latitudes SH ( $\sim$ south of $35^\circ\text{S}$ )



— Observation — Jena Inversion apo99 — Jena Inversion apo99XS



Jena inversion apo99XS uses  $\text{O}_2$  data from Scripps network + HAT ( $24.05^\circ\text{N}$   $123.8^\circ\text{E}$ ) + **Western pacific ship data ( $40^\circ\text{S}$  -  $30^\circ\text{N}$ , Tohjima et al. 2019)**