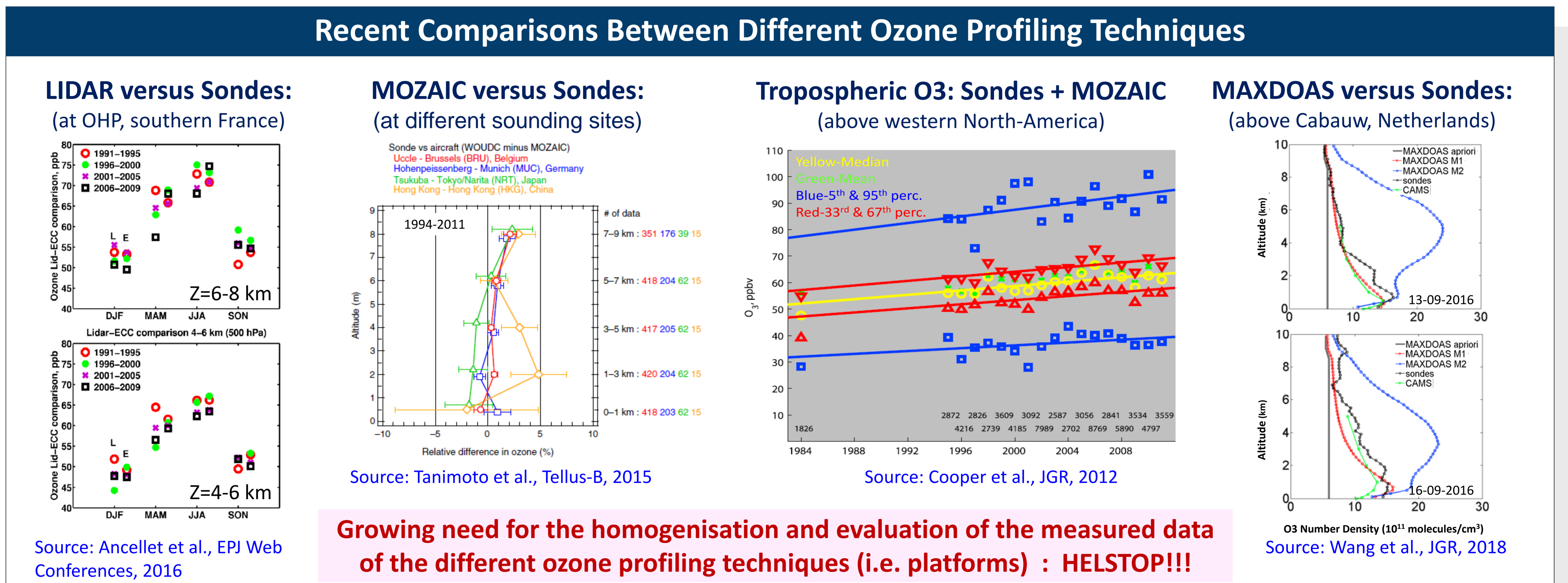
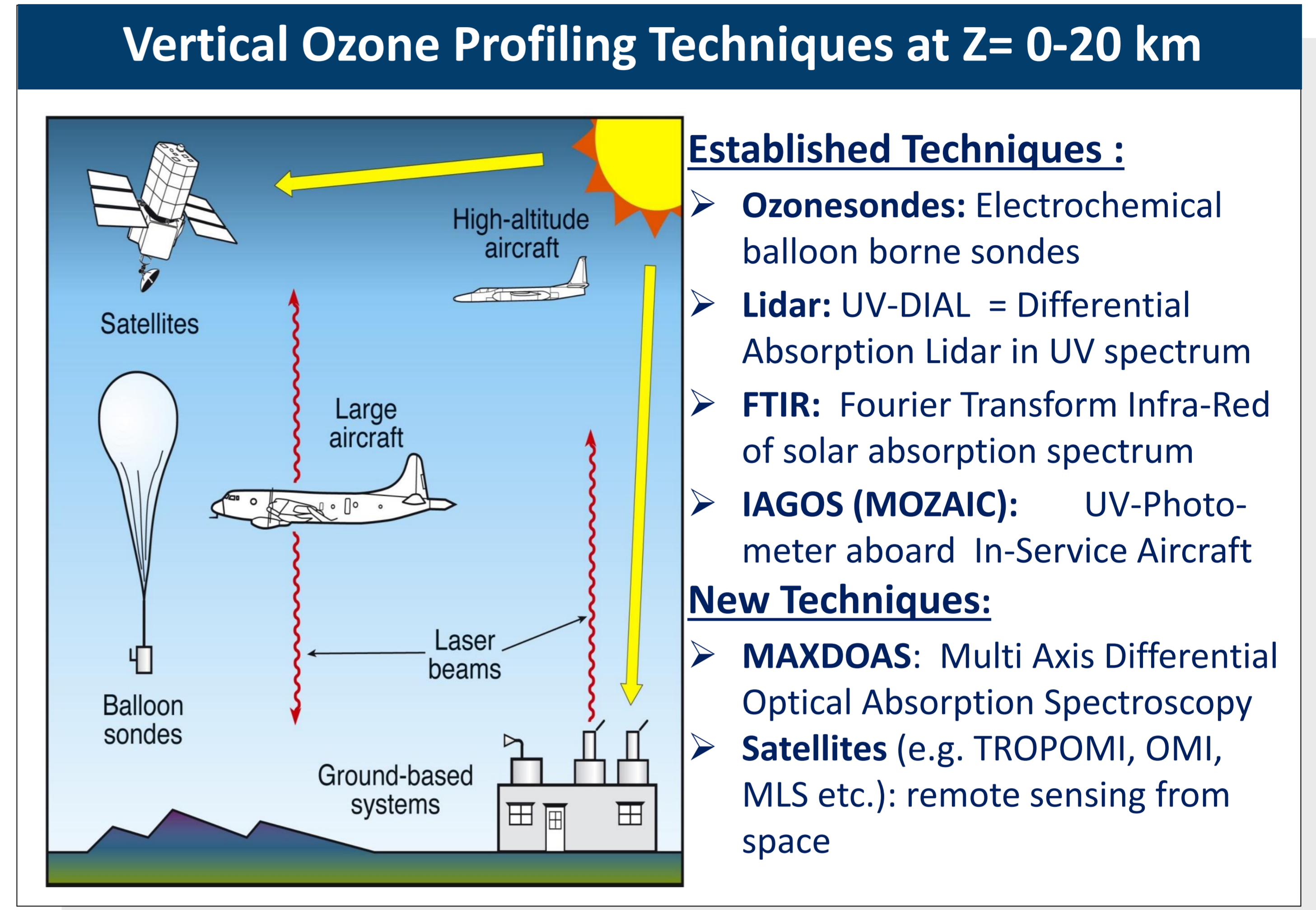
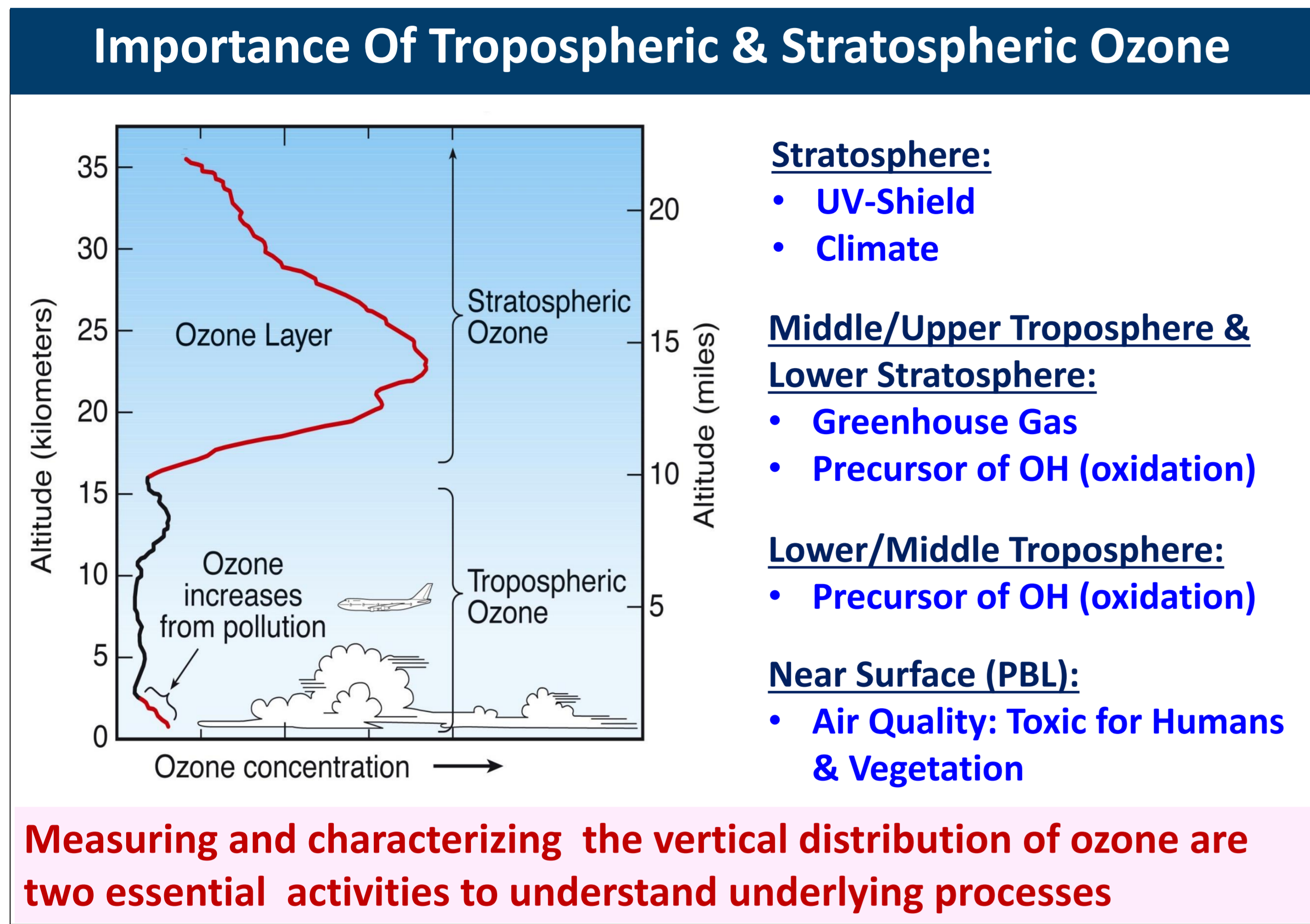


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HELSTOP: Harmonization and Evaluation of Lower Stratospheric and Tropospheric Ozone Profiles

HELSTOP is a networking activity with the overarching aim:

- I. To provide a harmonized and consistent dataset of vertical ozone profiles in the troposphere and lower stratosphere, retrieved by different techniques
- II. To bring together different communities of ozone profiling networks (e.g. GAW, NDACC, SHADOZ, IAGOS etc.), satellite retrieval groups, chemistry-climate model groups to enhance international research collaborations

- ✓ Evaluation of standard operating procedures and definition of best practices with respect to calibration, quality control and quality assurance procedures and reports, data processing for well-established tropospheric ozone profiling techniques (ozonesondes, IAGOS, LIDAR, FTIR) (WG1. Internal Consistency)
- ✓ Improved and/or new techniques for tropospheric ozone vertical profile retrieval (MAXDOAS) (WG2: New data products)
- ✓ Cross-comparison of vertical profiles of different techniques (WG3: Consistency, Homogenisation, Evaluation)
 - Validation and traceability of ozone profile techniques
 - Better characterization of the complementarity between the different techniques in terms of vertical sensitivity
 - Improvement of vertical ozone profiling instruments
 - Validation of air quality models
- ✓ Knowledge transfer towards policy makers and other stakeholders with an interest in tropospheric ozone (hence climate change and air quality) (WG4: Interaction with Stakeholders).
- ✓ Capacity Building (WG1, WG2, WG3, and WG4):
 - Workshops, Scientific training, Summer schools
 - Dissemination (e.g. publications, flyer(s), web-portal etc....)
 - Participation in future activities, e.g. second phase of TOAR (Tropospheric Ozone Assessment Report)

WG1: Homogenisation of Ozone data from well-established ground based profiling techniques

WG2: Optimisation of new tropospheric Ozone products from remote sensing techniques

WG3: Cross-comparison of the different ozone profiling techniques

WG4: Users, public outreach and applications

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