

Air-Sea Exchange of Reduced Nitrogen Gases

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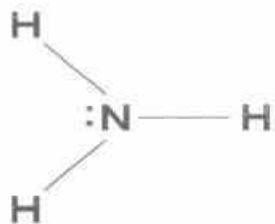
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What Gases and Why Are They
Important?

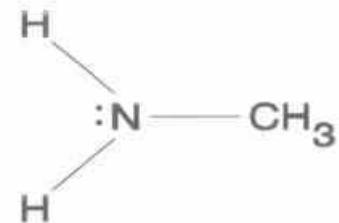
Ammonia

(n=1)



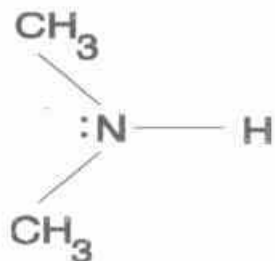
Monomethylamine
(MMA)

(n=2)



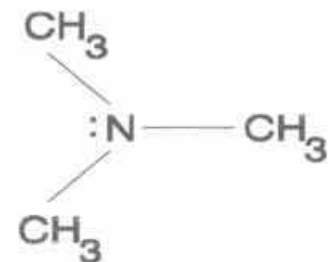
Dimethylamine
(DMA)

(n=3)



Trimethylamine
(TMA)

(n=4)



General Formula - $(\text{CH}_3)_n \text{NH}_{3-n}$

Importance of NH_3 and Methylamines:

- Atmospheric acidity
- Cloud processing
- Recycling of nitrogen
- Particle formation

Nitrous oxide

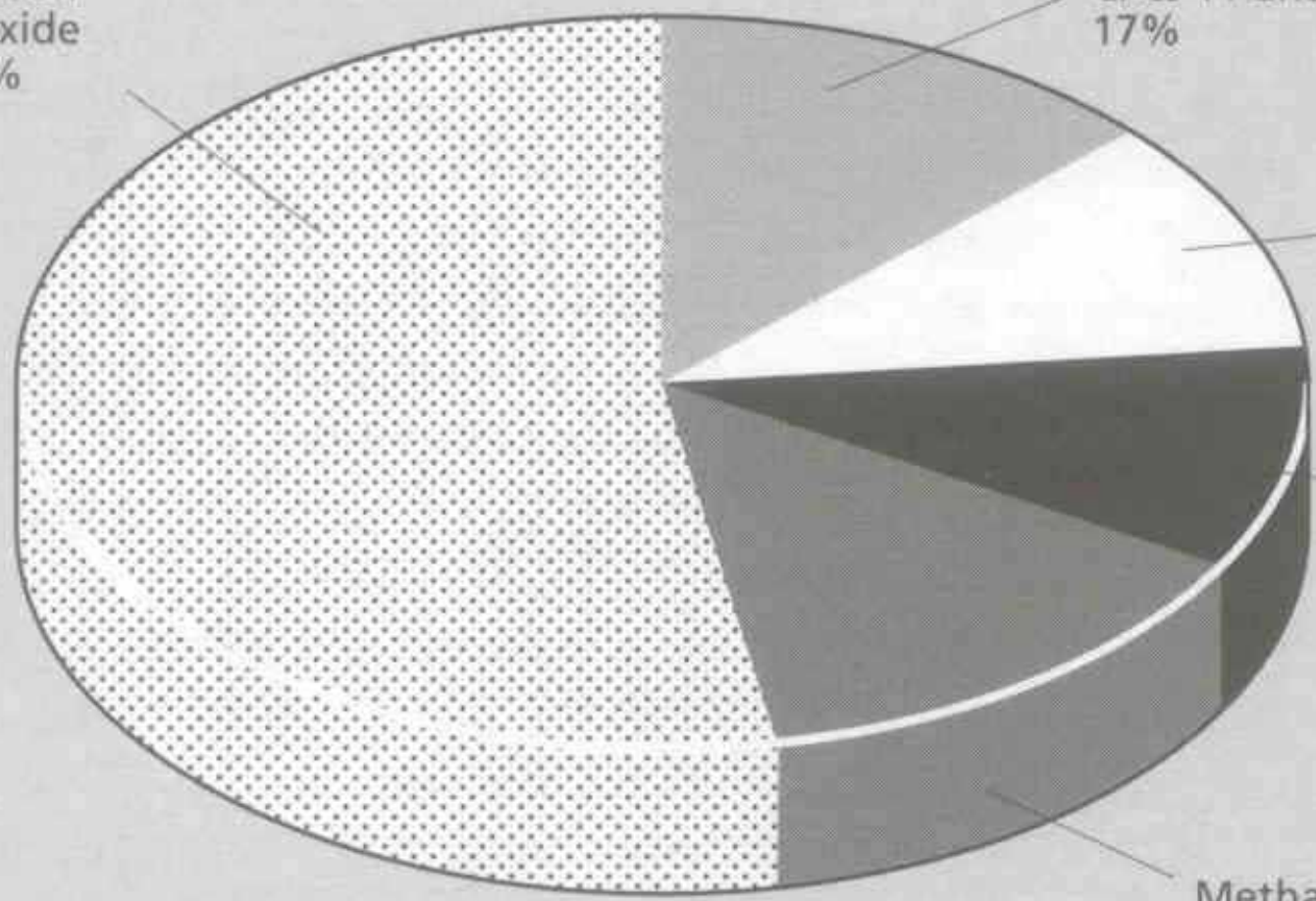
Carbon dioxide
55%

CFCs 11 and 12
17%

Other
CFCs 7%

Nitrous
oxide 6%

Methane 15%



GAS FLUX CALCULATION

$$F = K_T * \Delta C = K_T(C_a/H - C_w)$$

Where:

F = Flux

K_T = Overall Transfer Velocity

ΔC = Concentration Difference
= $C_a/H - C_w$

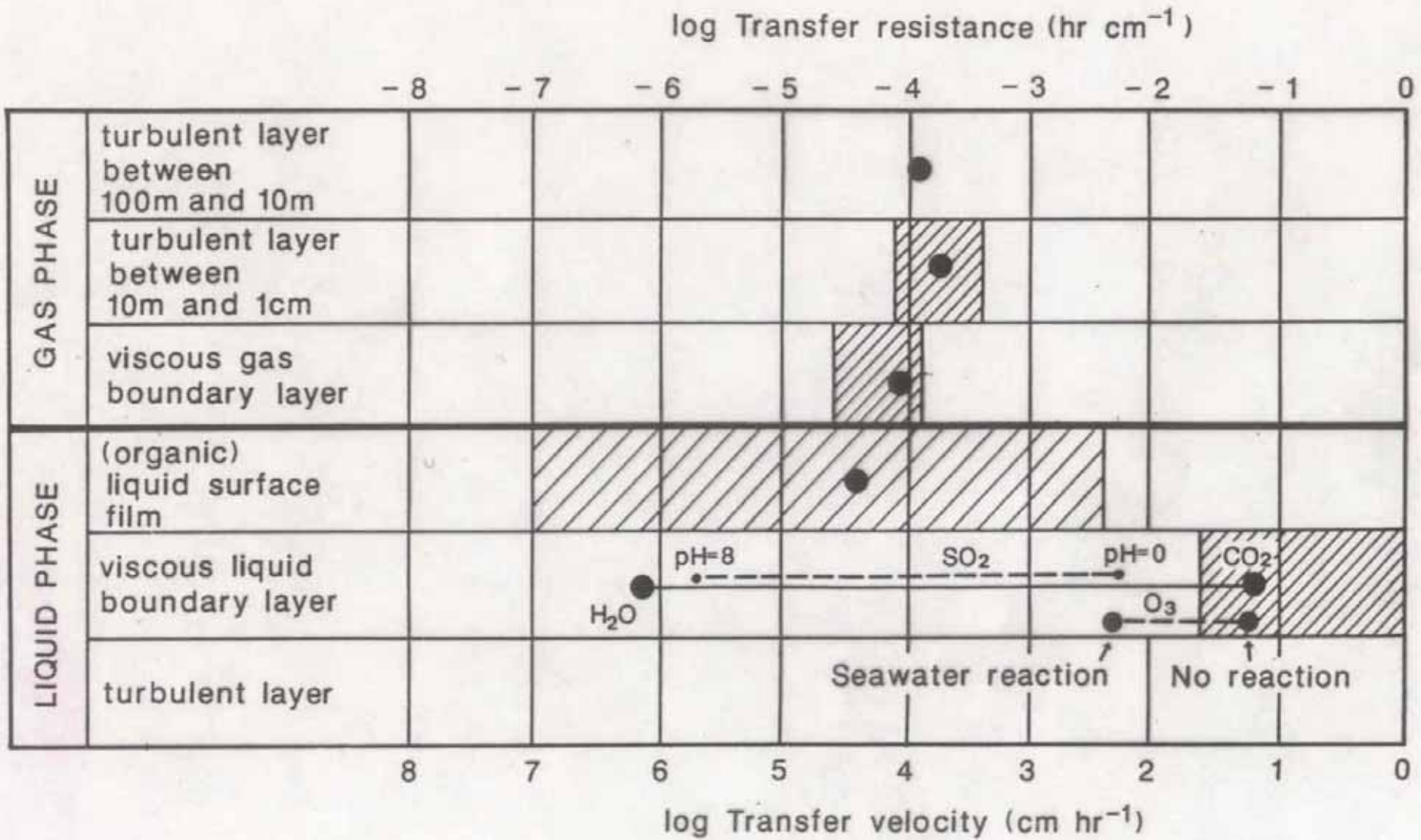
Where:

C_a = Concentration in Air

C_w = Concentration in Water

H = Henry's Law constant
= (C_a / C_w) at equilibrium

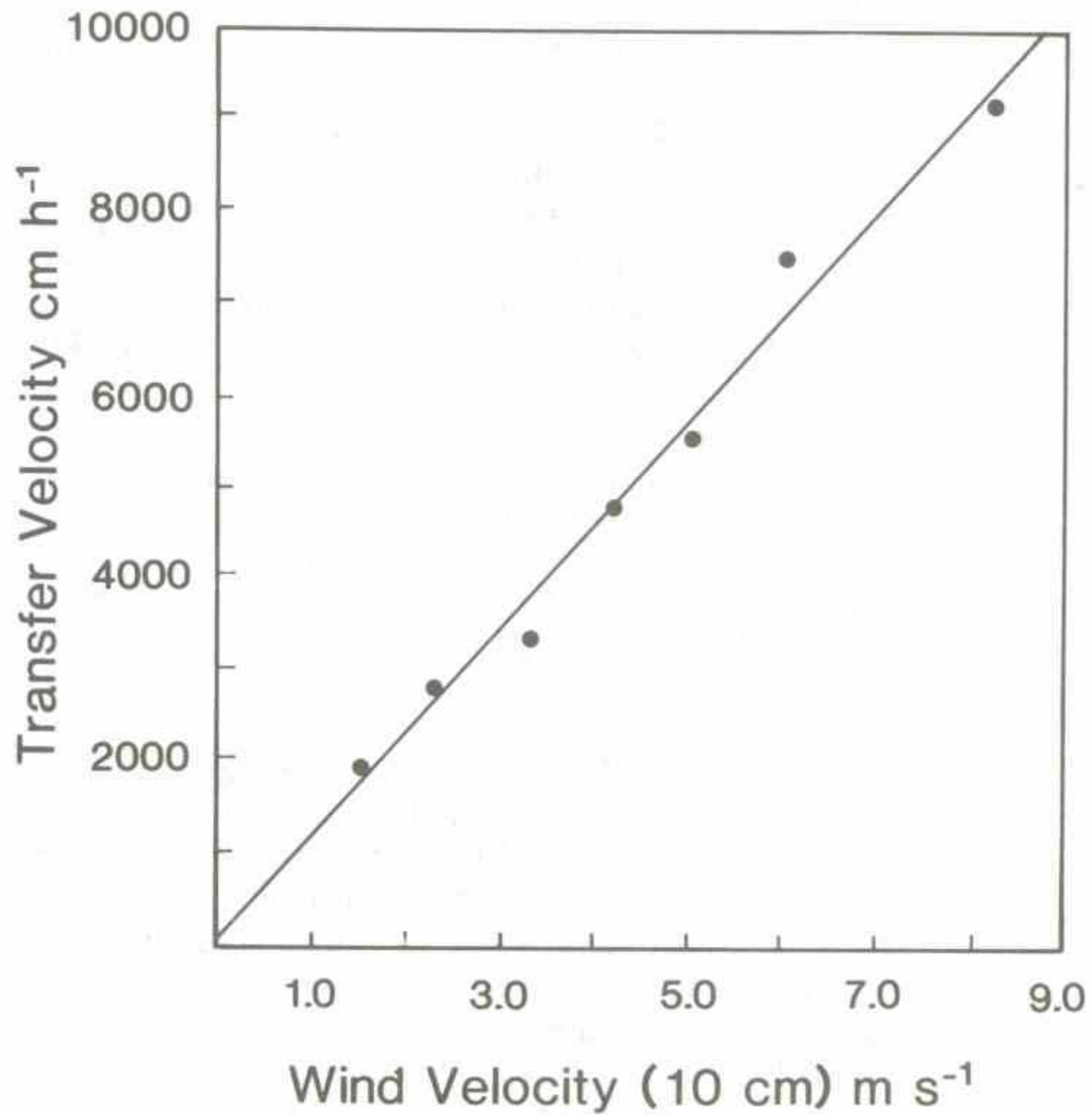
Liss & Slater 1974

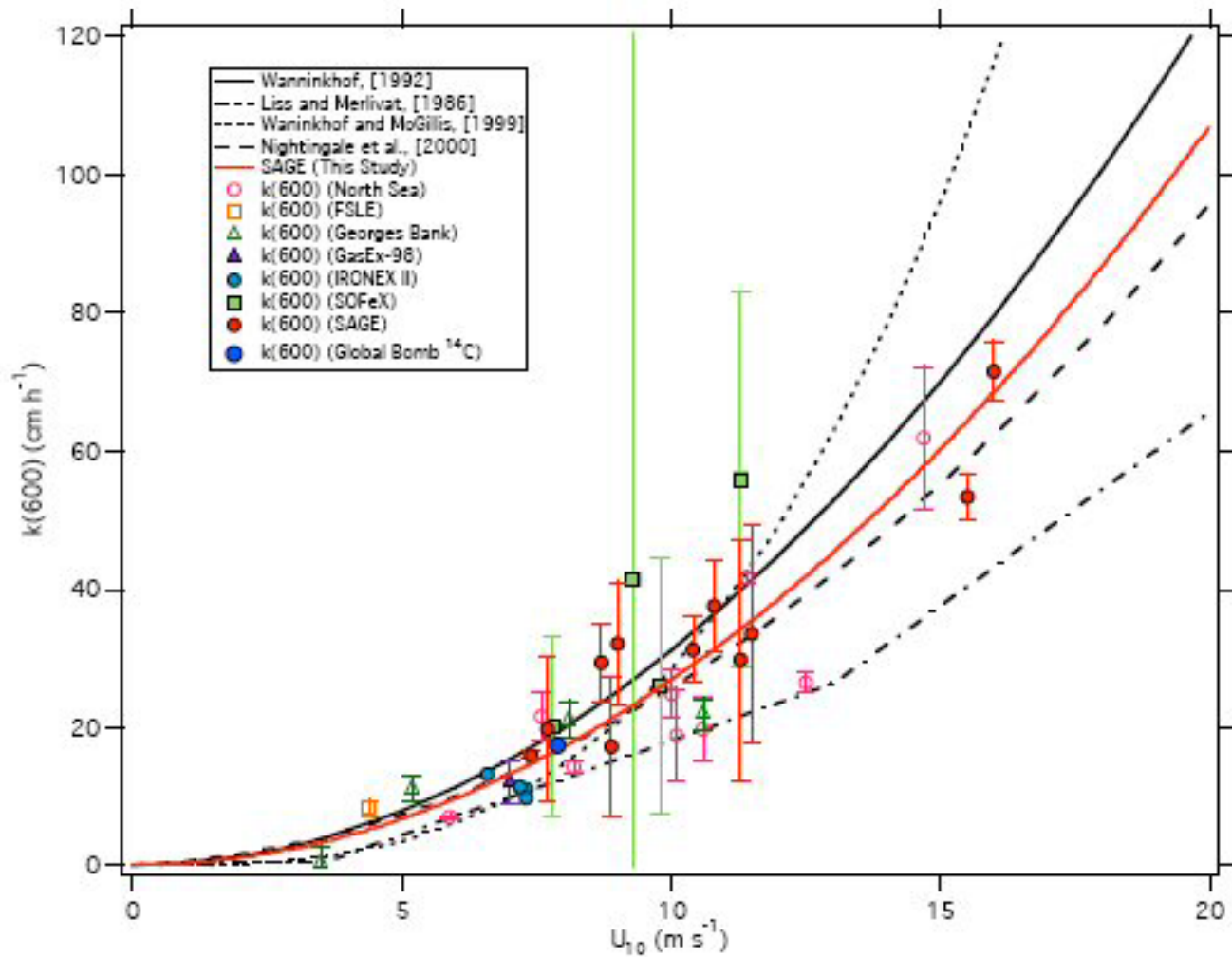


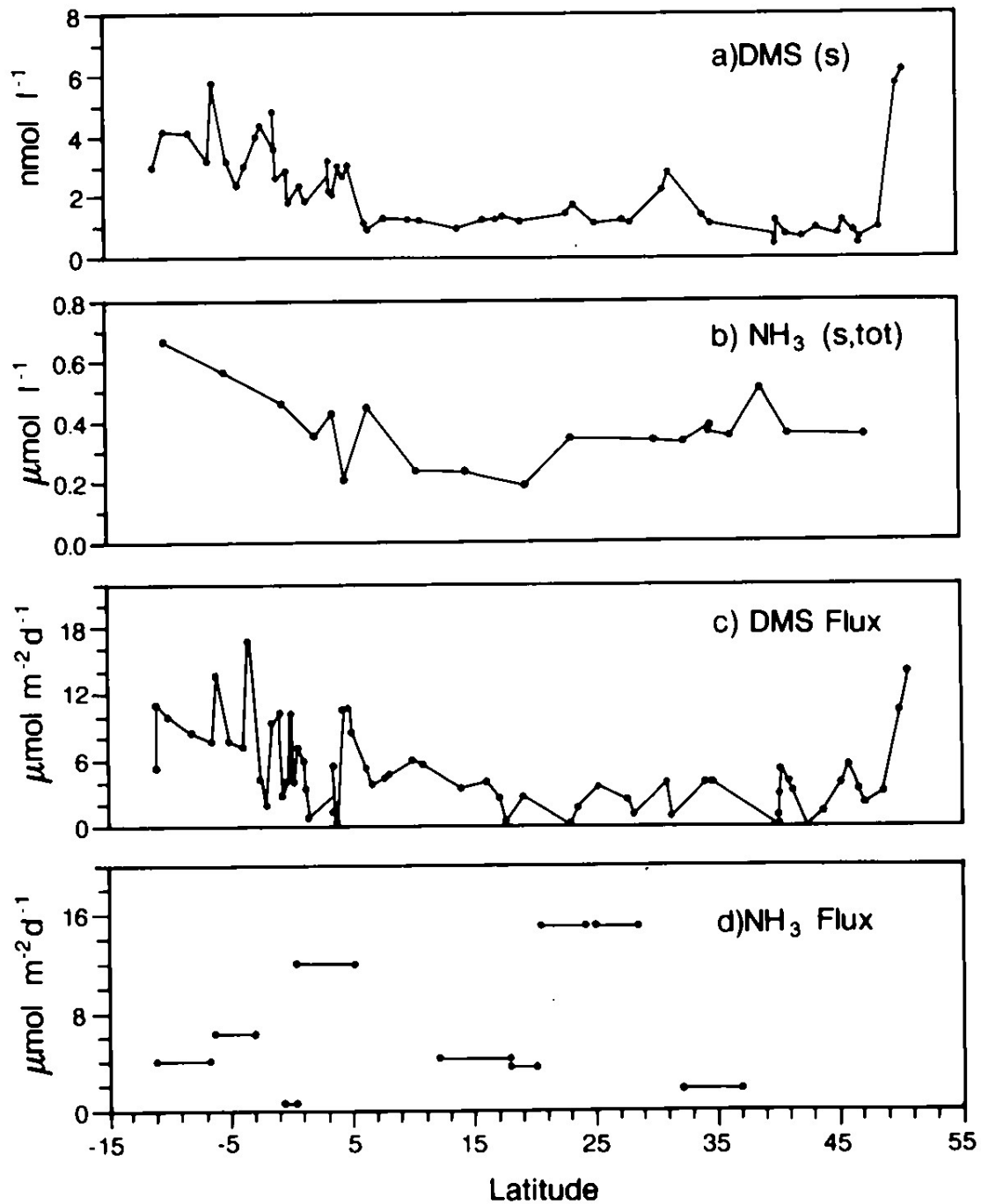
After K.O. Munnich

Often One Resistance Controls:

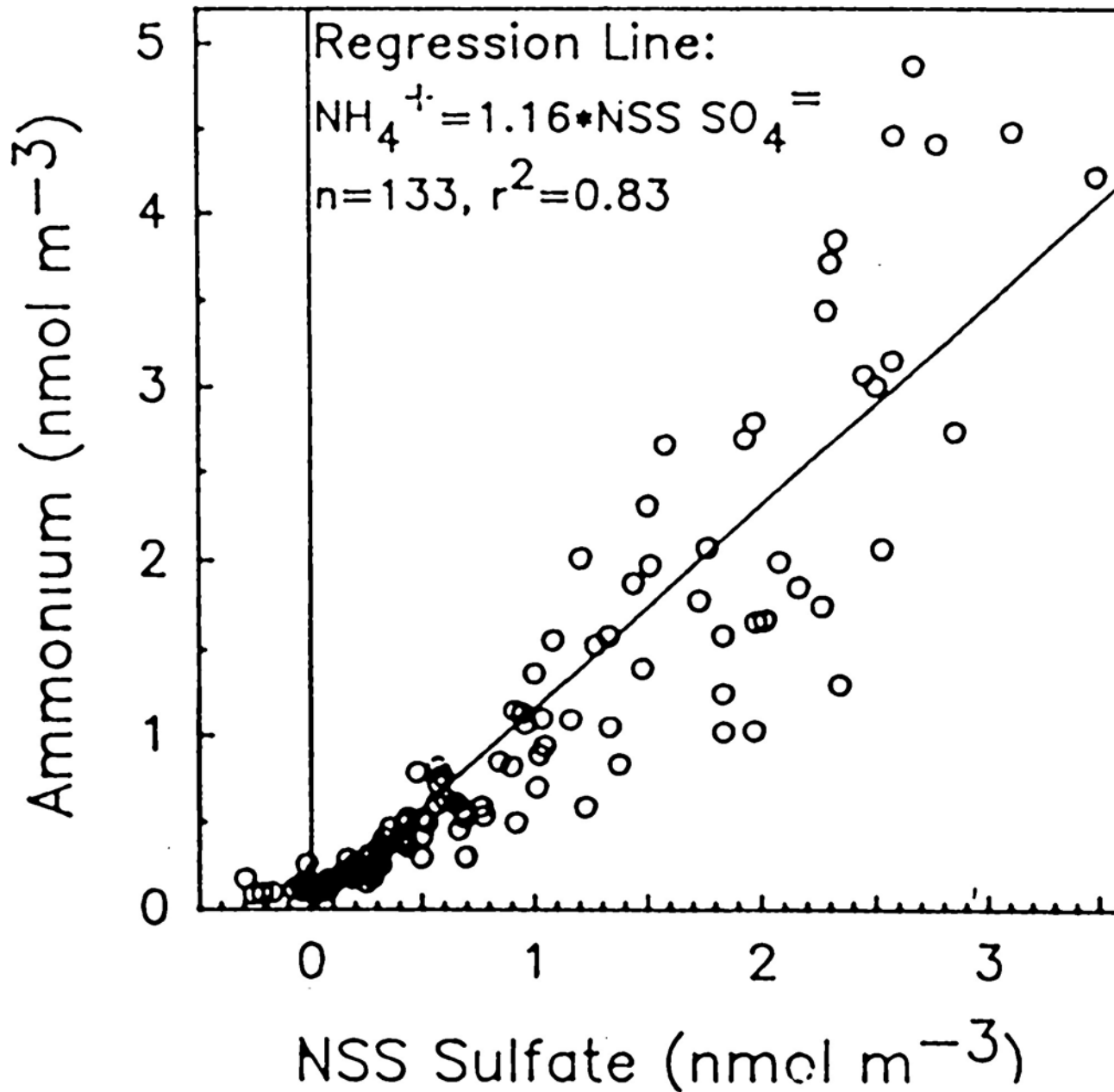
$r_a \gg r_w$	$r_w \gg r_a$
H ₂ O	O ₂
HCl	N ₂
SO ₂	Inert Gases
MSA (methane sulphonic acid)	CO ₂
SO ₃	CO
NH ₃	CH ₄
HNO ₃	N ₂ O
	CH ₃ I etc.
	DMS (dimethyl sulphide)

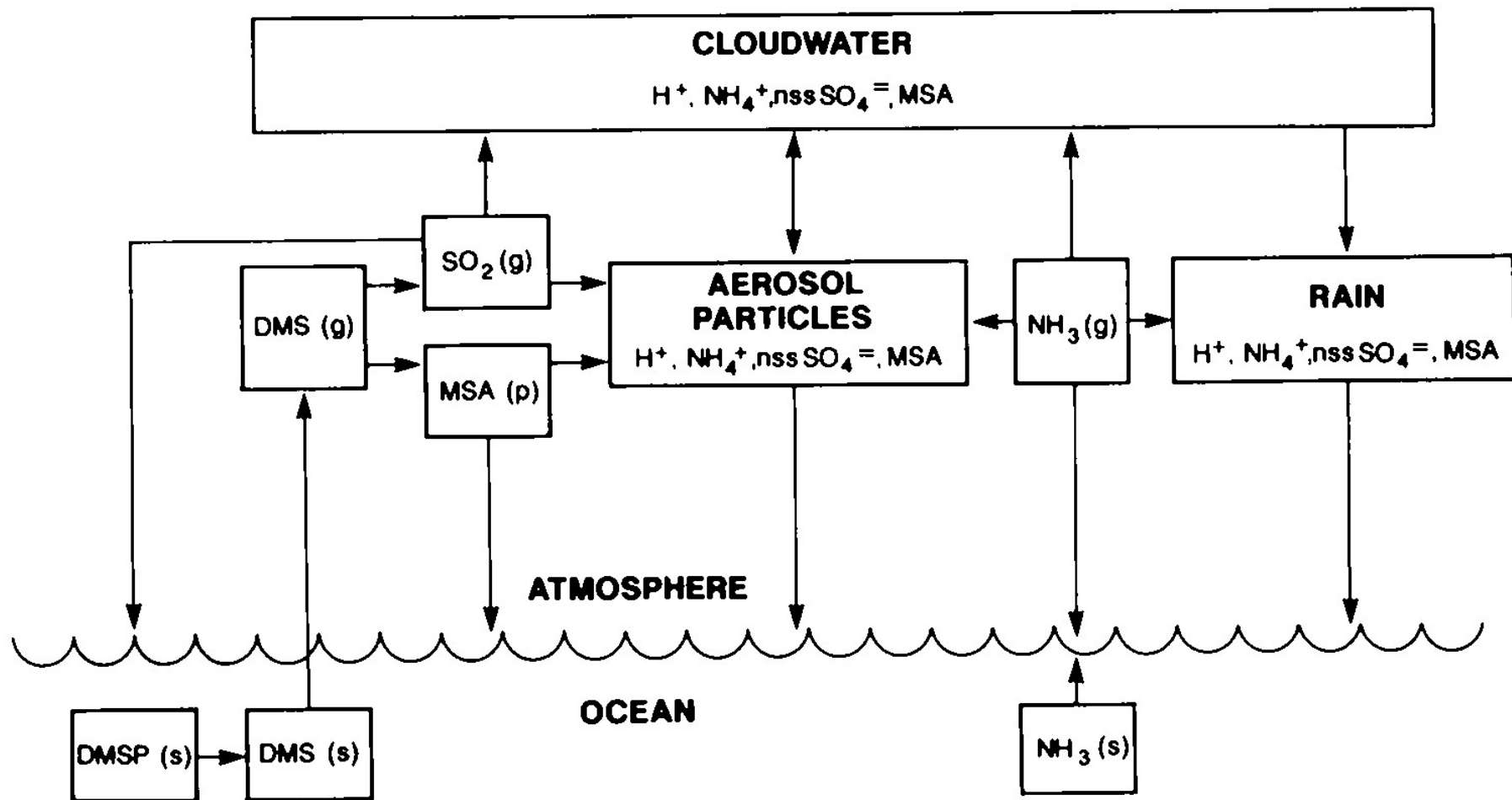




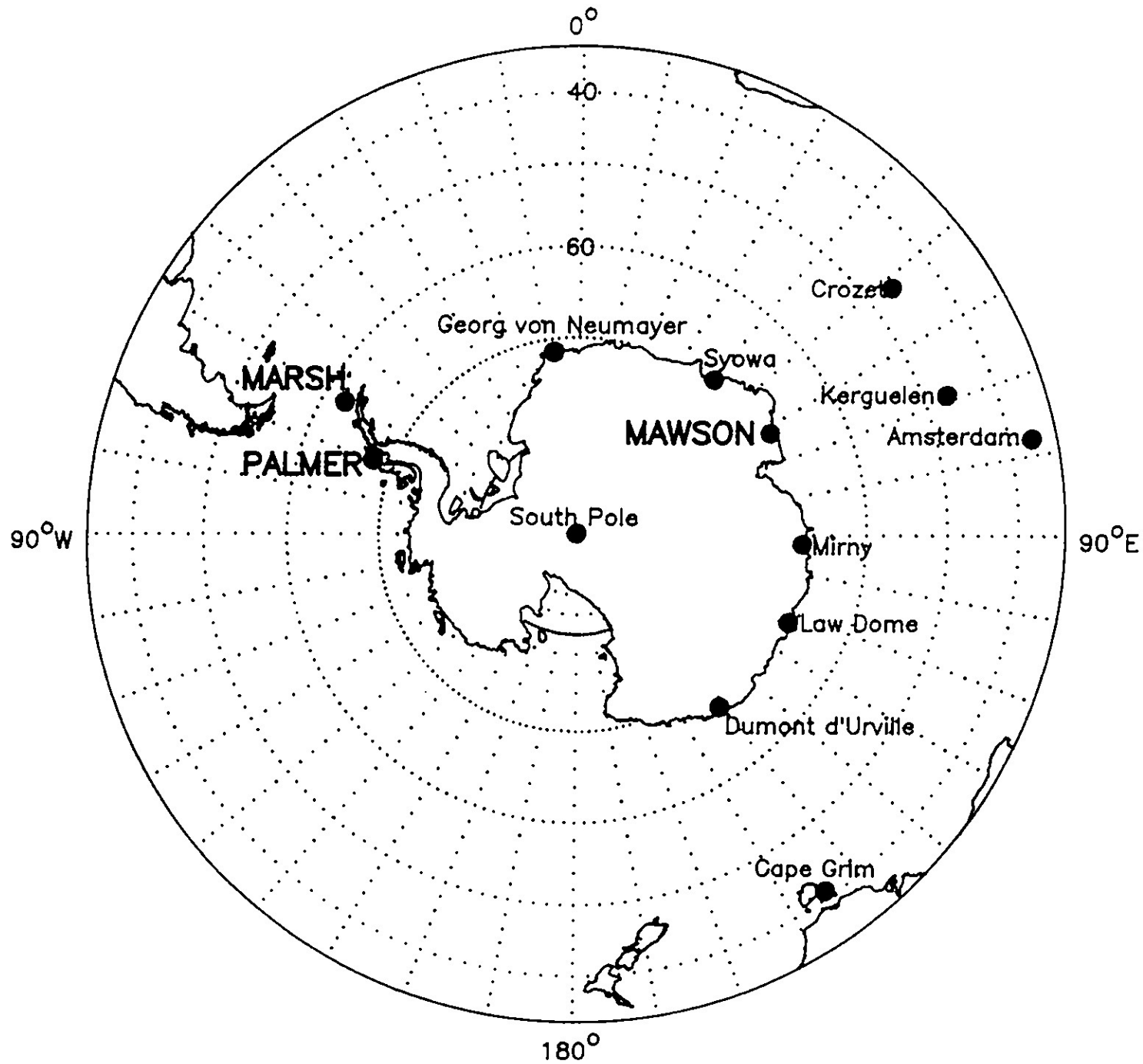


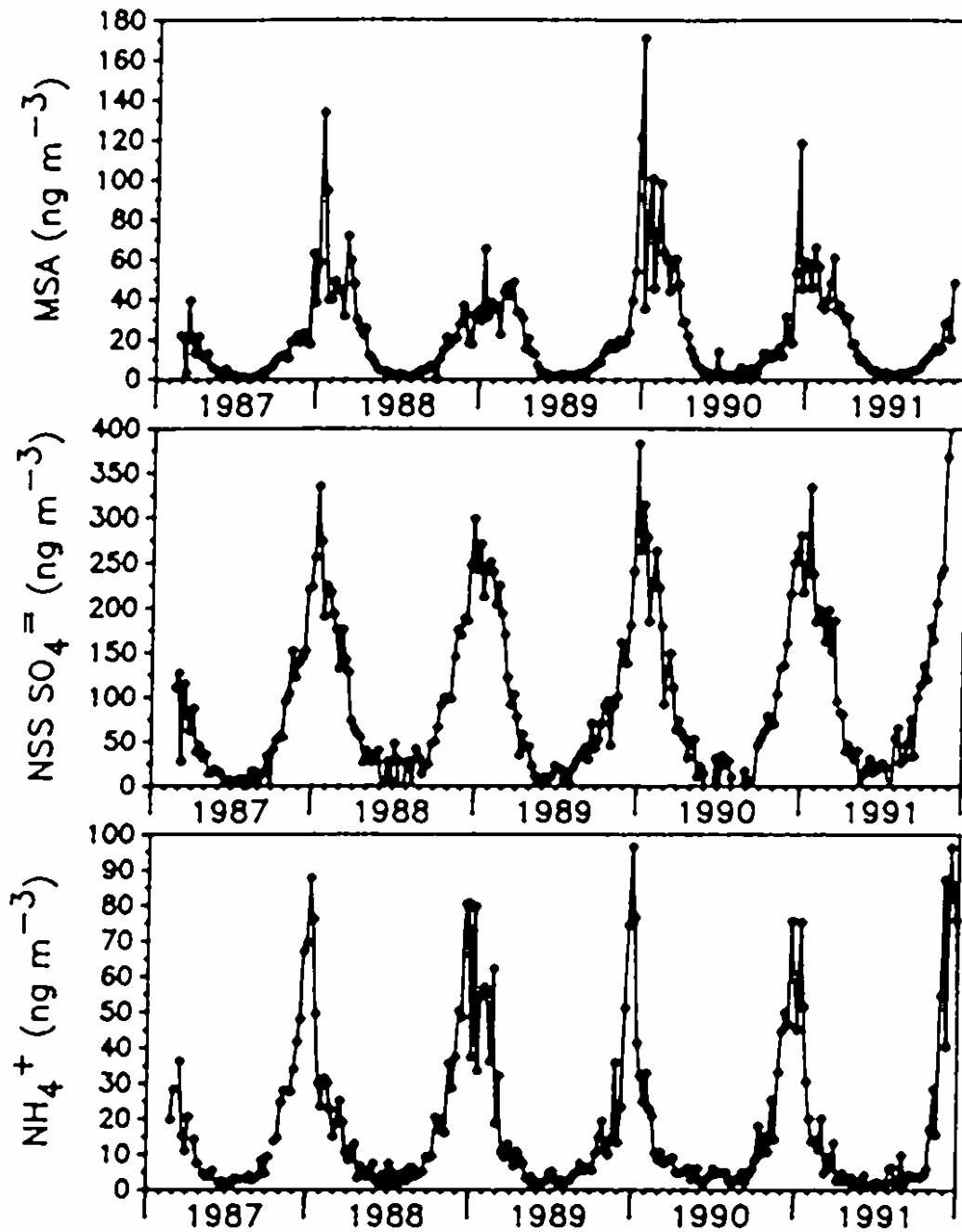
Quinn *et al.*
1990





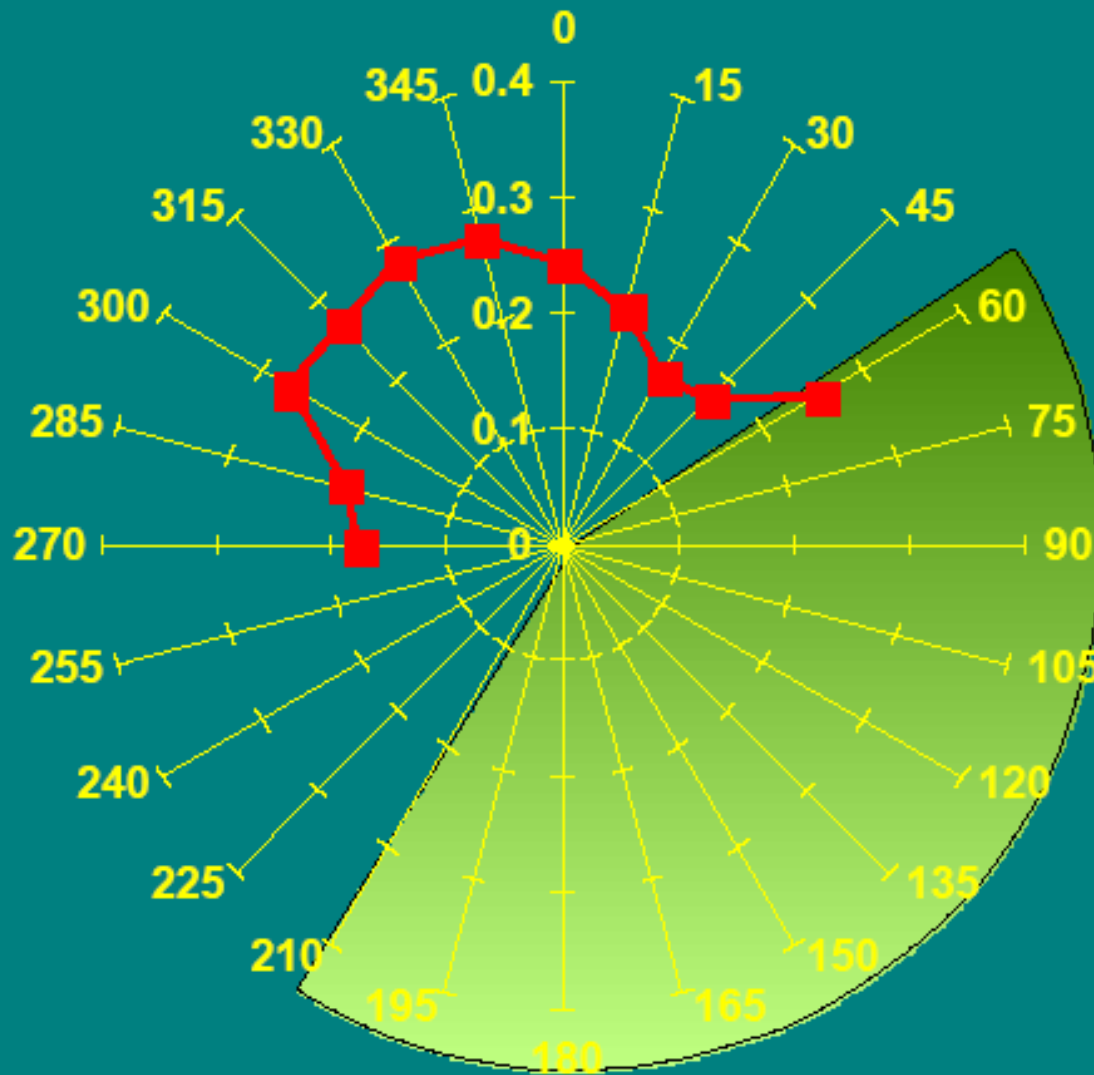
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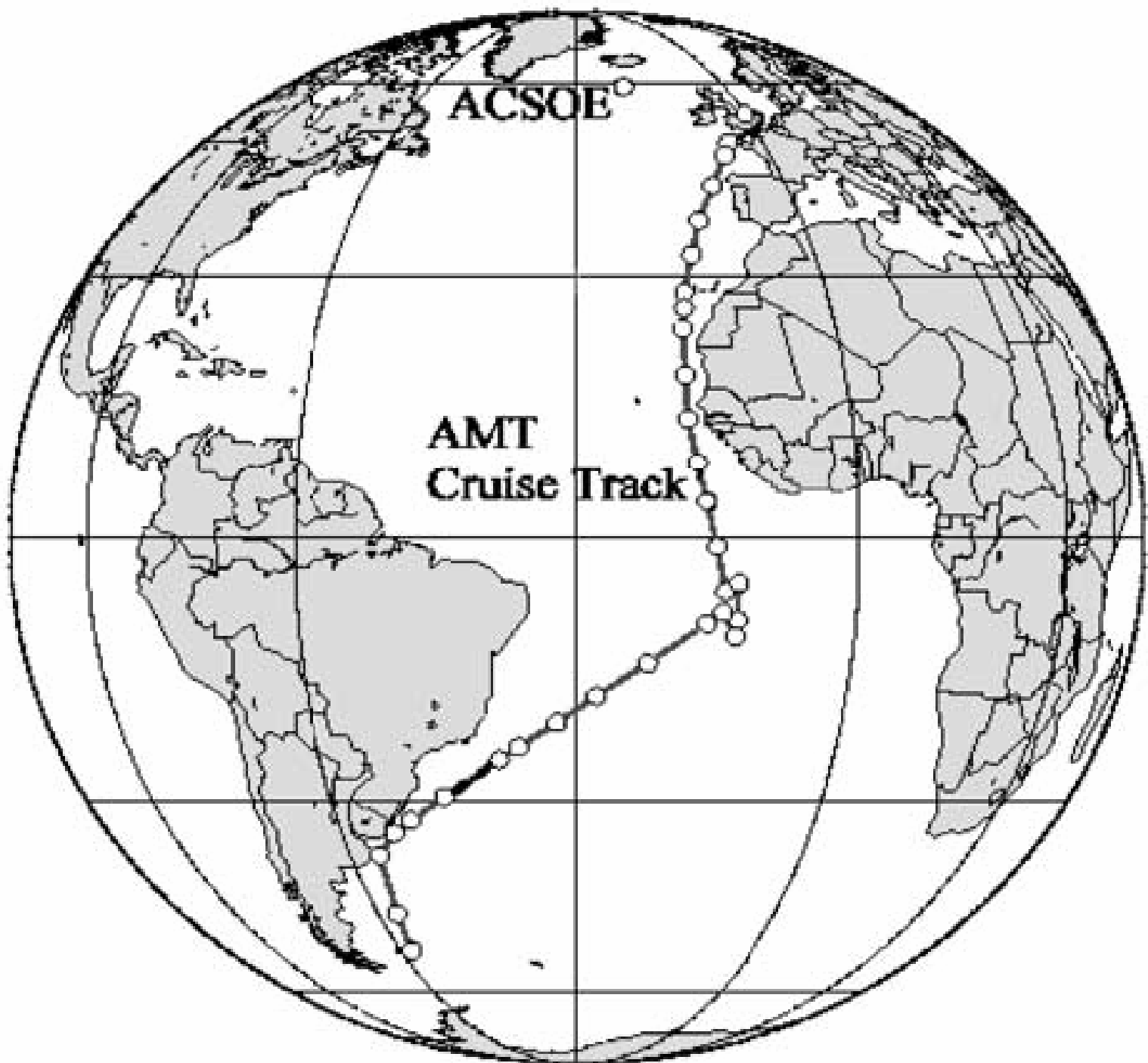


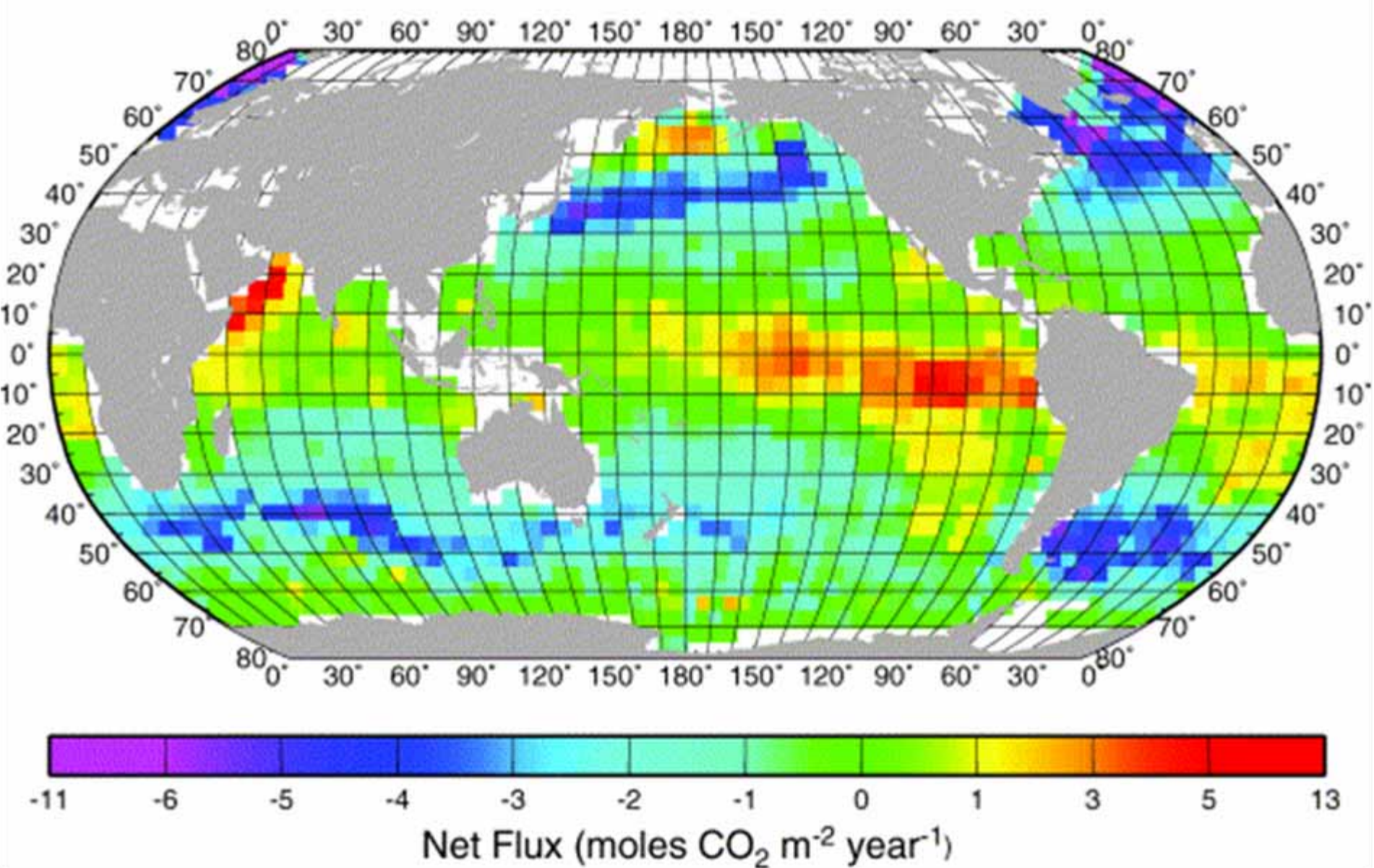


Sea



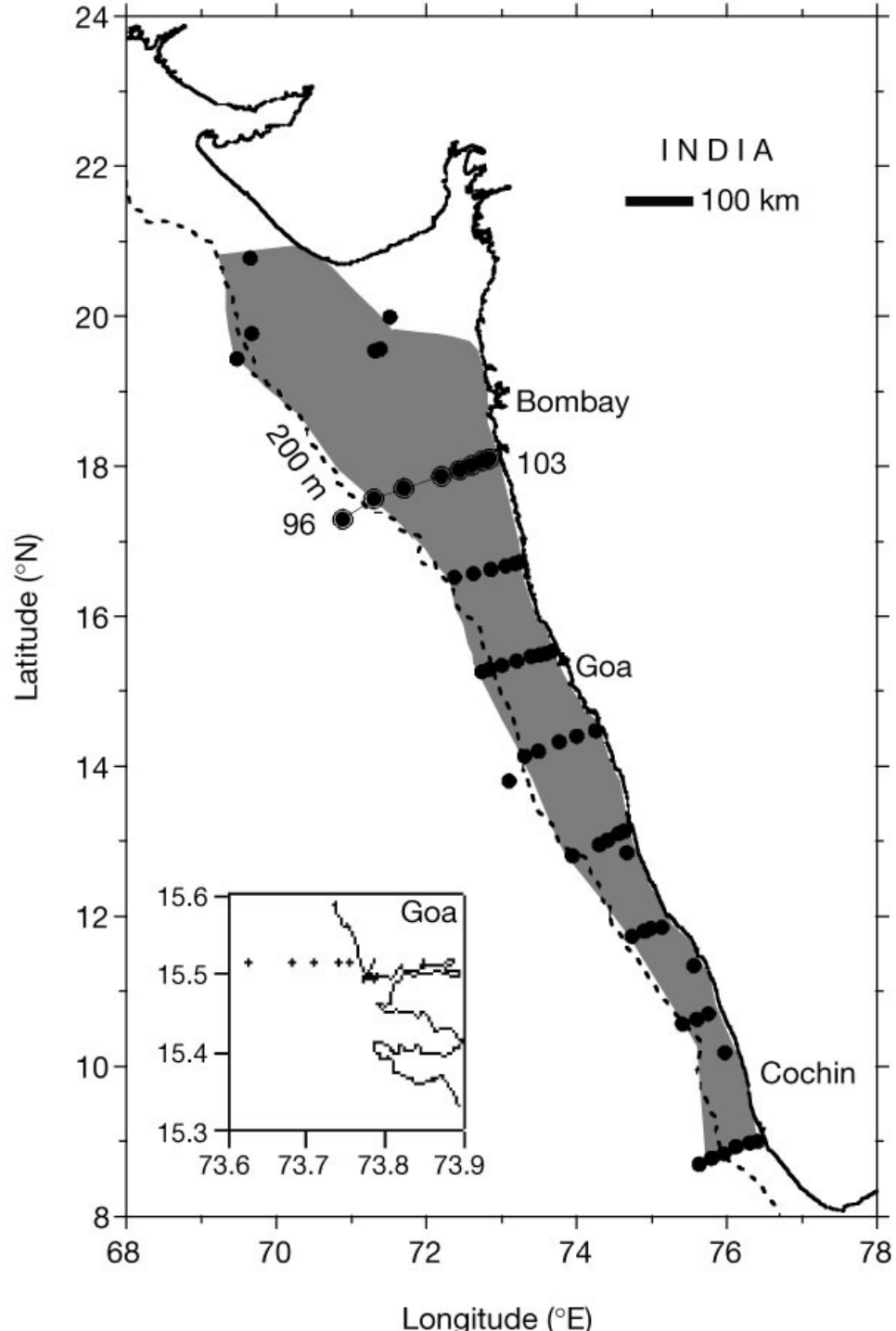
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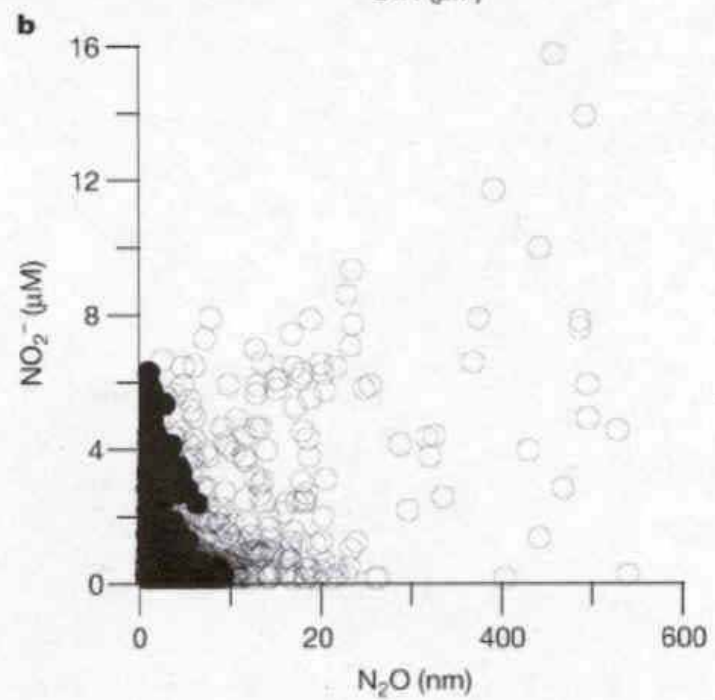
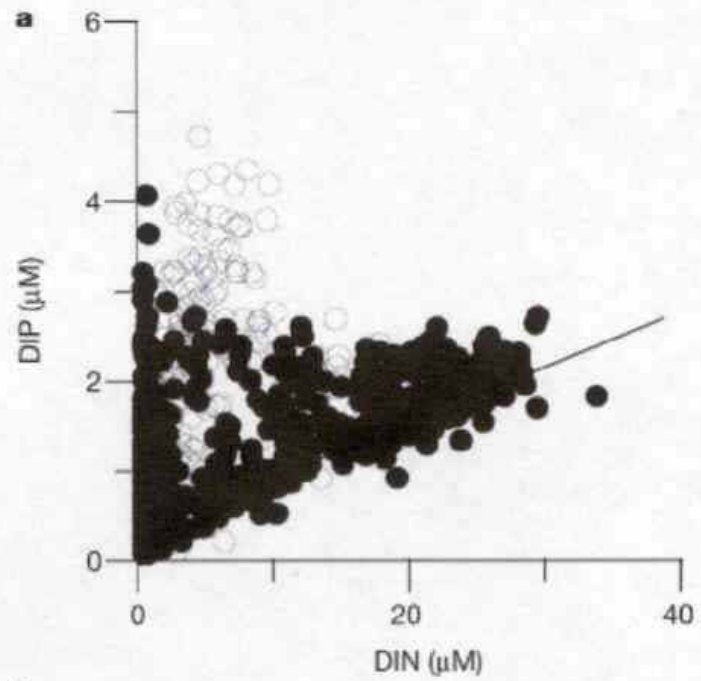




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	NH ₃	MMA	DMA	TMA
CONDITIONS	Concentrations (nmol m ⁻³)			
Atmospheric Max.	20	0.052	0.240	0.100
Atmospheric Min.	4	0.011	0.093	0.030
Seawater max.				
Ct	1440000	38000	58000	25000
Cl	108759	125	140	557
Seawater min.				
Ct	22000	0	1000	0
Cl	1662	0	3	0
RESULTS	Flux (pmolm ⁻² s ⁻¹)			
Atmospheric Max.				
Seawater max.	-1511	-0.86	0.31	-5.44
Seawater min.	1462	0.33	1.26	0.46
Atmospheric Min.				
Seawater max.	-1649	-1.12	-0.47	-5.76
Seawater min.	8.68	0.07	0.48	0.14
Flux range	-1649 to 1462	-1.12 to 0.33	-0.47 to 1.26	-5.76 to 0.46
Van Neste <i>et al.</i> (1987)	-900 to 130	-1.8 to -0.11	0.46 to 0.49	-3.2 to -0.2

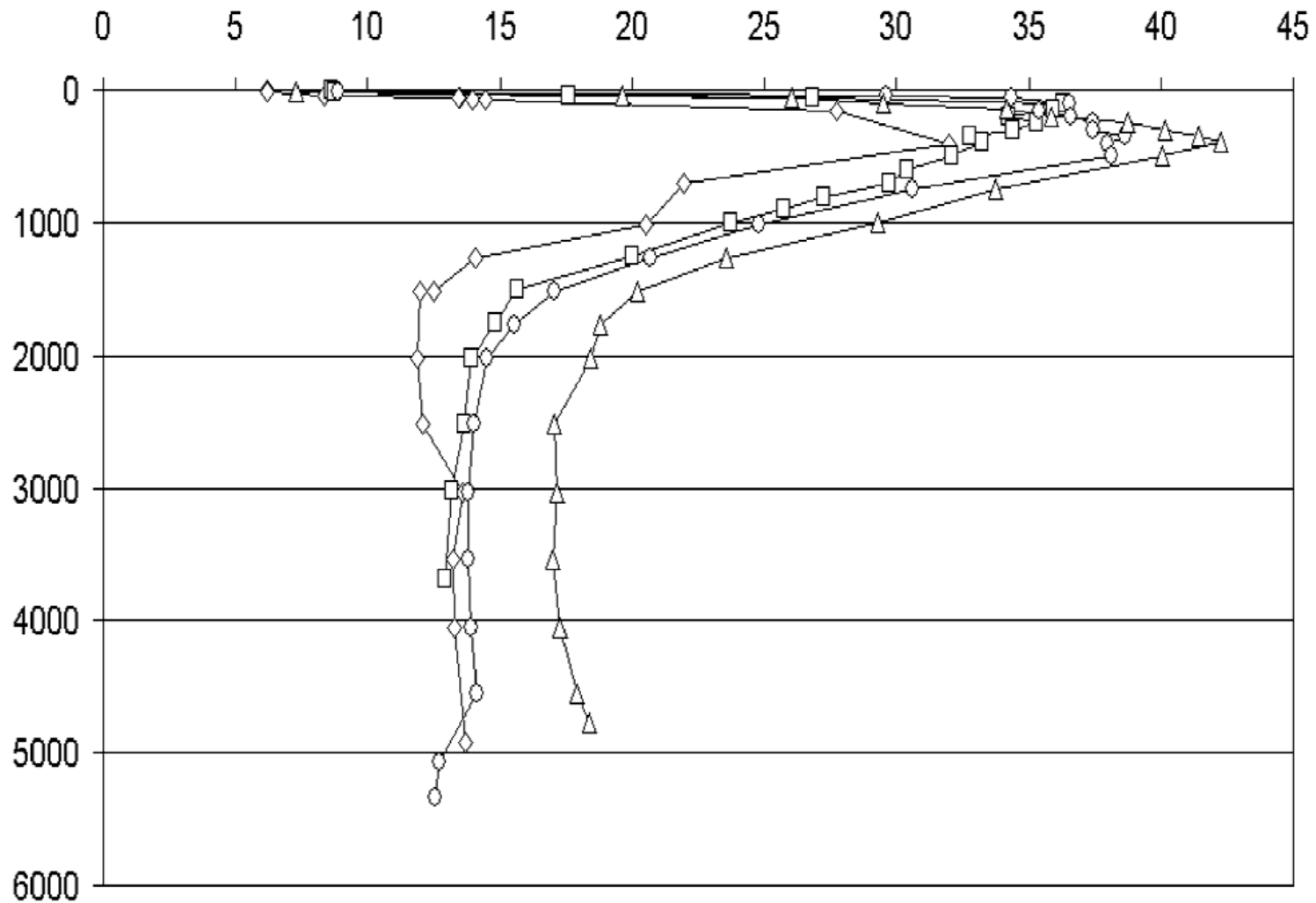




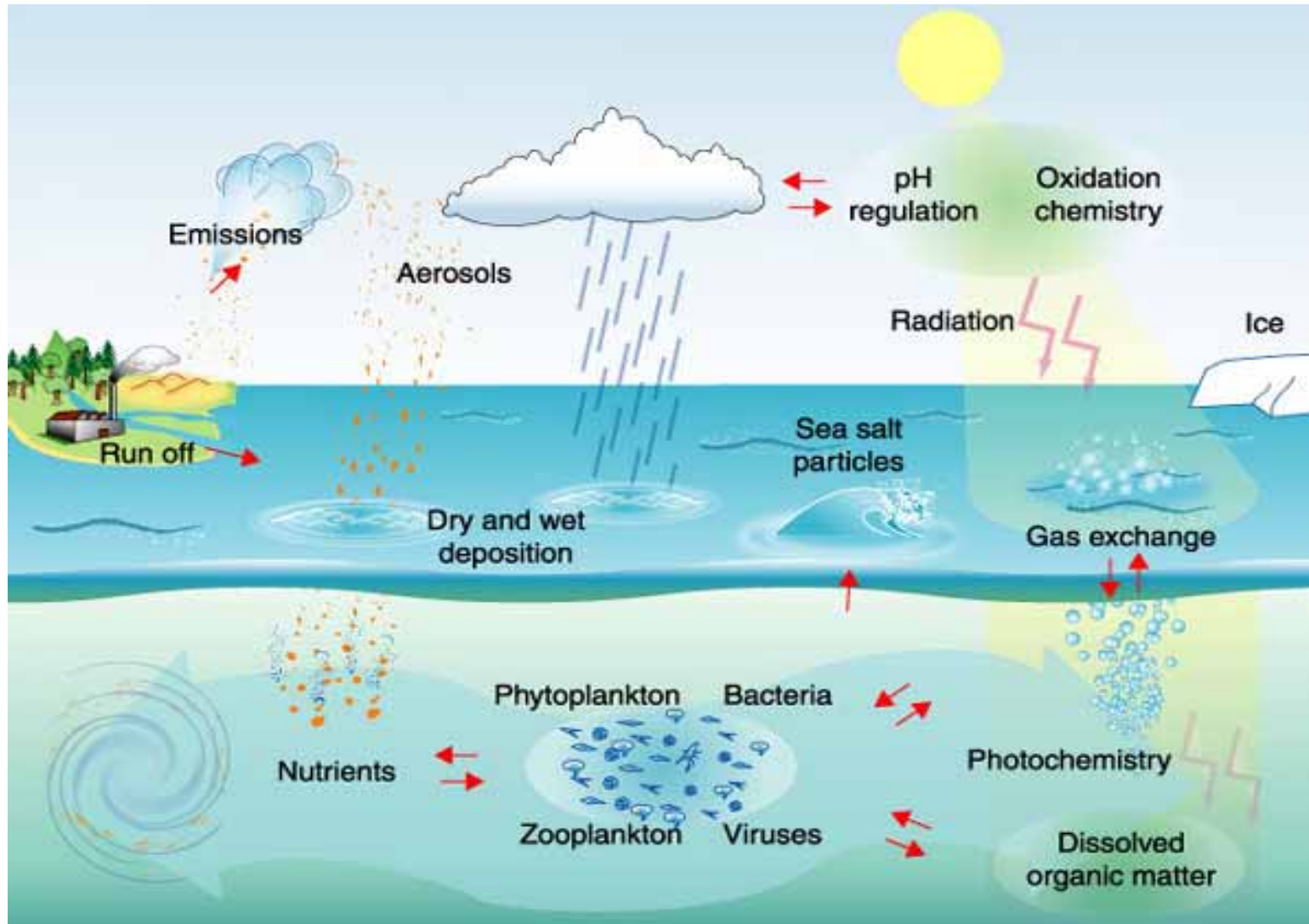
Naqvi *et al.* 2000

N₂O in the water column at various sites in the equatorial Atlantic (Walter, Bange and Wallace, 2003)

M55: N₂O in nmol/L



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