

5th German SCIAMACHY Validation Team (GSVT) Meeting, Dec 7th, 2004, Bremen

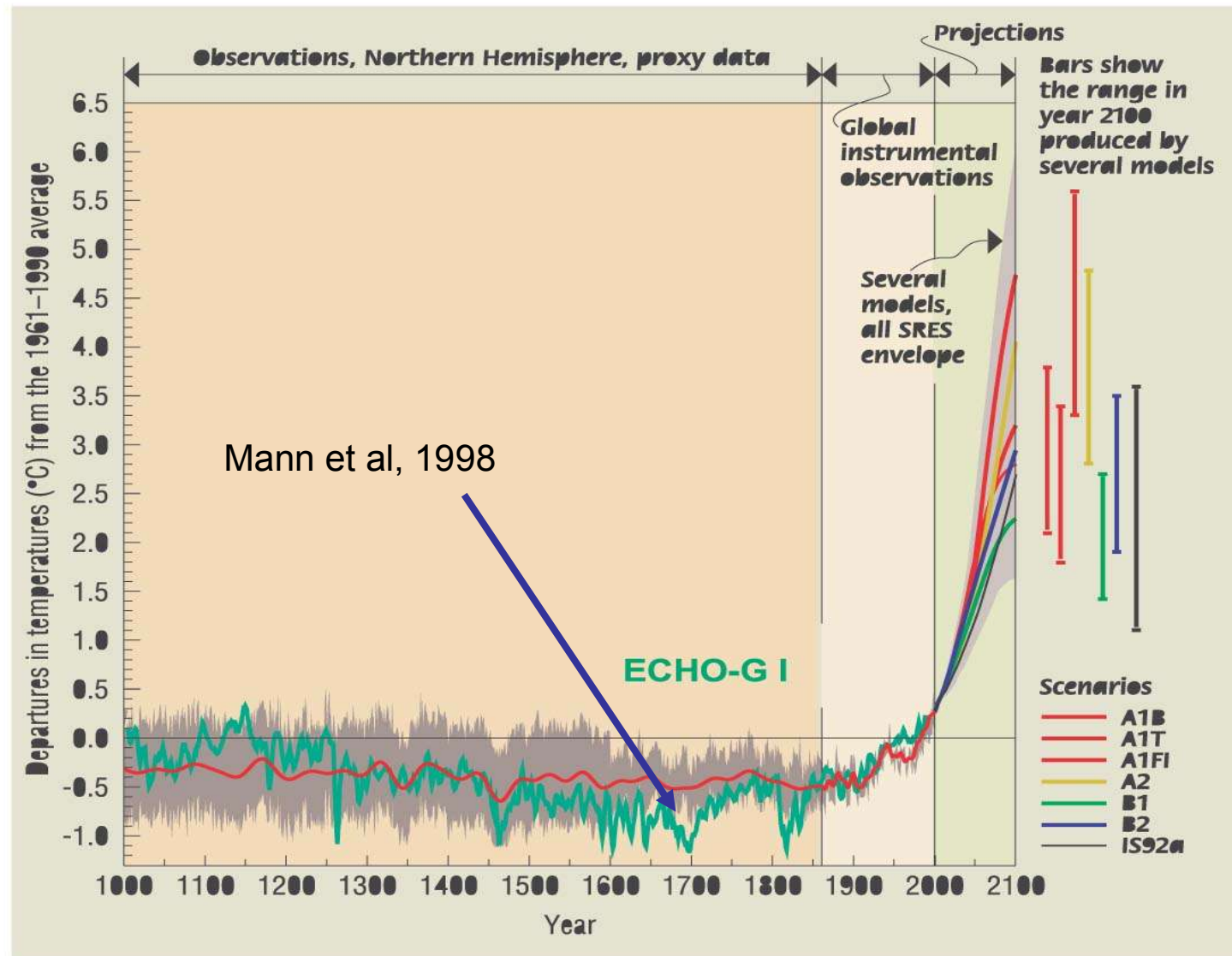


Why are we here?

- Earth's atmosphere changes by natural variability and anthropogenic impact are a key issue of geophysical research
- Prominent examples of global changes are
 - the dramatic loss of stratospheric ozone in polar spring (ozon hole)
 - global warming caused by increasing greenhouse gases such as CO₂ and CH₄
- Global Observation of Earth's atmosphere is a prerequisite for understanding atmospheric processes

**and therefore a prerequisite for political decisions
about consequences**

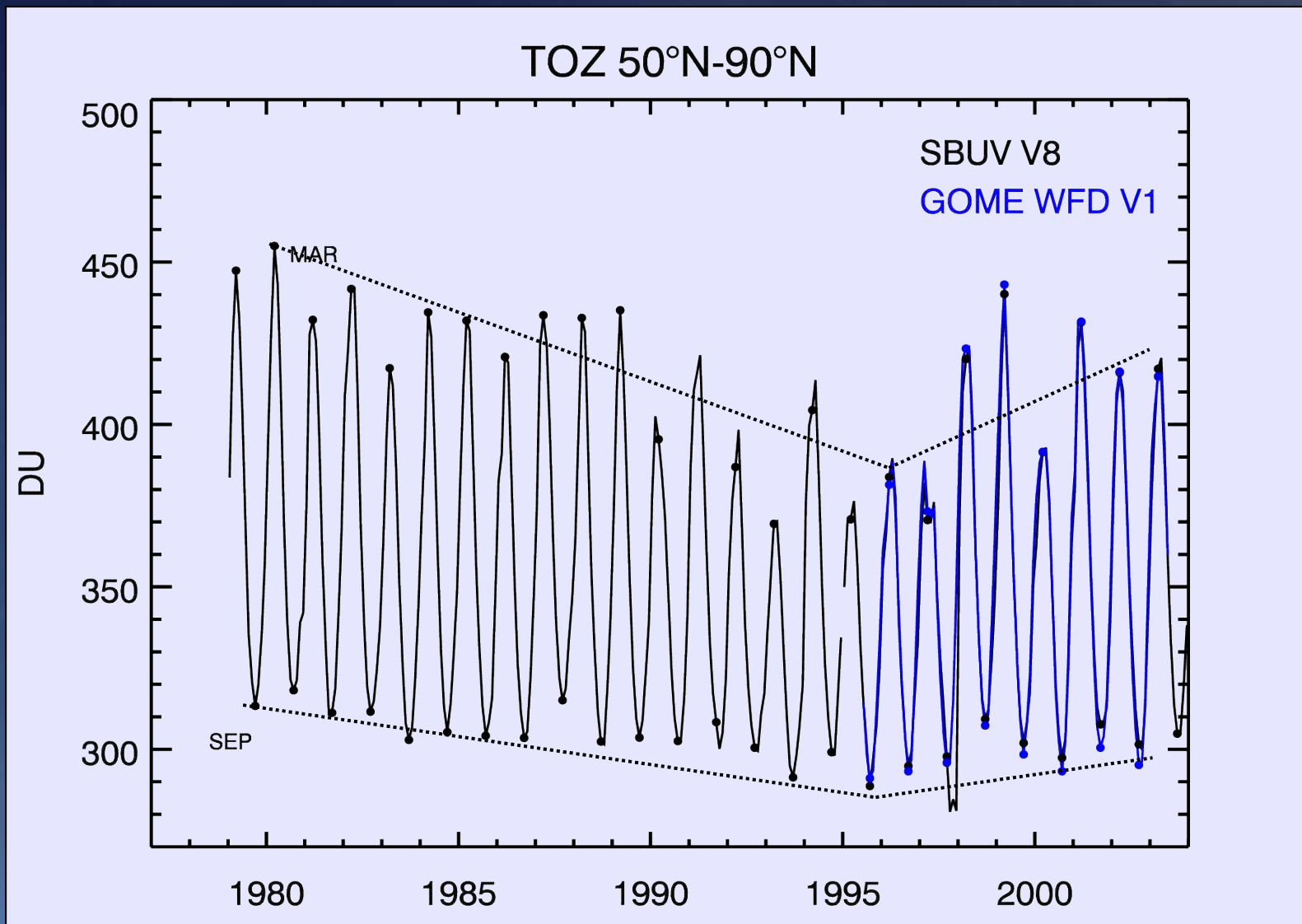
Observed and expected changes of global temperature



Mann et al., 1998:
temperature proxy
data

ECHO-G1: climate
model result

Mean total ozone from 50N-90N : trend 1980 - 2004



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- Satellites instruments provide very important contributions to the global observation of Earth's atmosphere
- SCIAMACHY is a UV/vis/near-IR spectrometer onboard Envisat observing the atmosphere in nadir, limb and occultation geometry

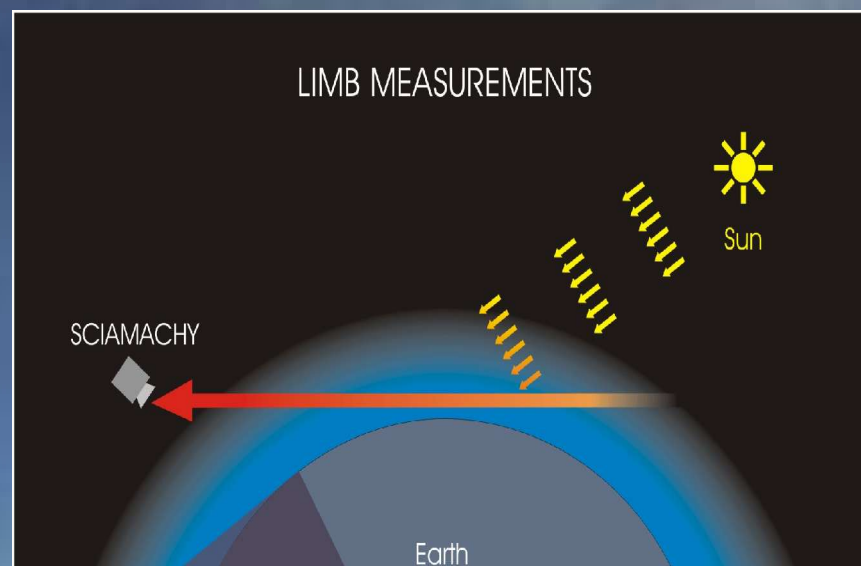
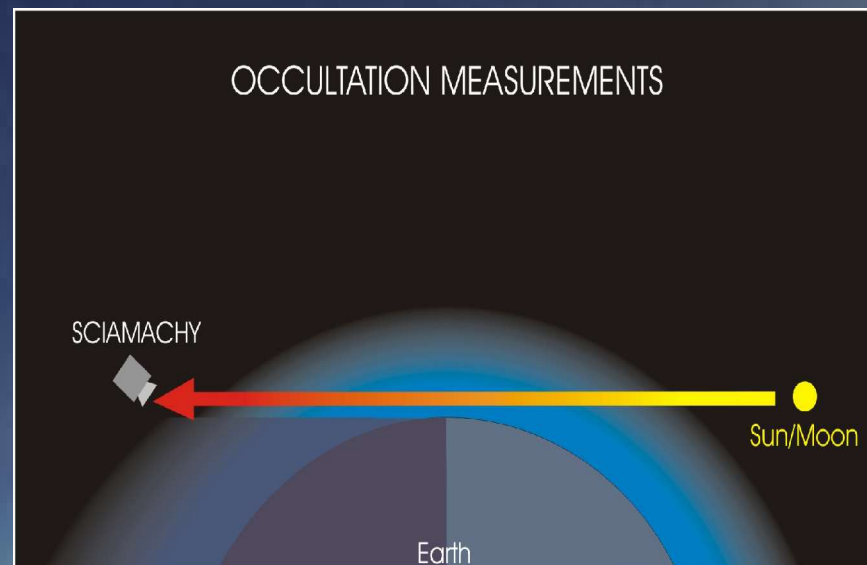
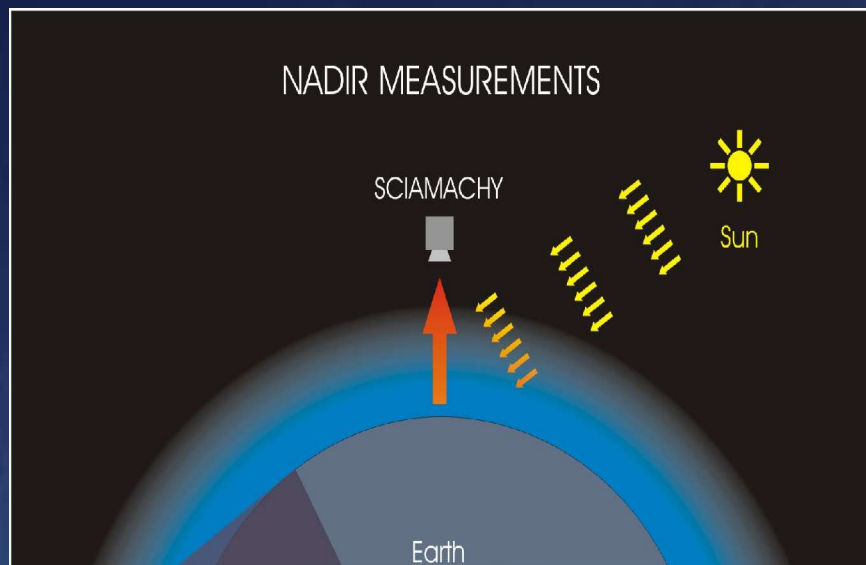
Validation of atmospheric parameters from SCIAMACHY with independent measurements of are a prerequisite for scientific use of SCIAMACHY data

SCIAMACHY-GOME History

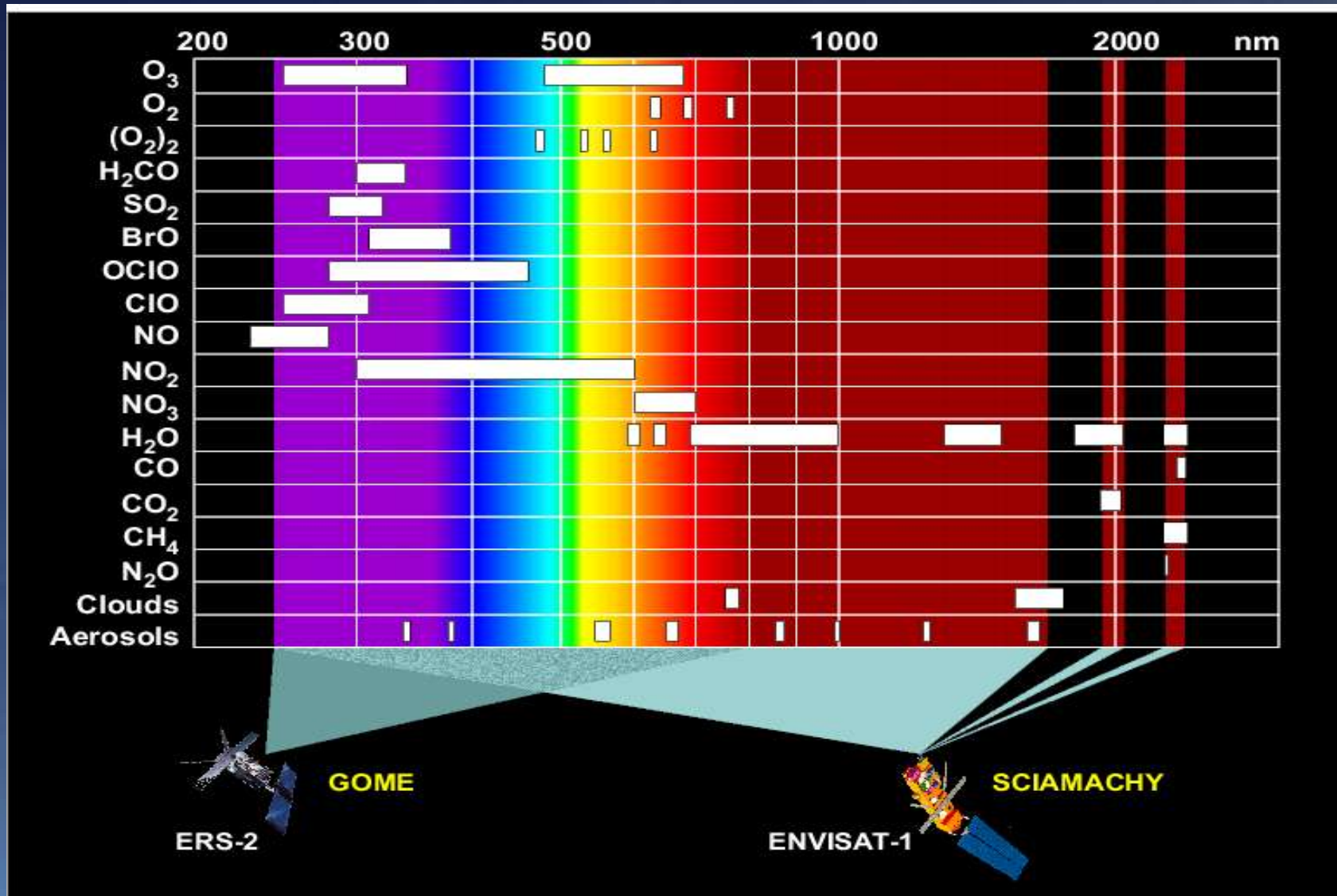
- 05-1985** **Stratospheric Ozone hole observed by Farman et al (Nature).**
- 1985–1988** **Development and submission of the *SCIAMACHY (Scanning Imaging Absorption Spectrometer for atmospheric CHartographY)*, supported by Germany to ESA for the Polar Platform now ENVISAT.**
- 1988** **Proposal of SCIA-mini for ERS-2**
- 1989** **Descope of *SCIA-mini to GOME (Global Ozone Monitoring Experiment)***
- 20-04-1995** **Launch of ERS-2 with GOME**
- 1997-2000** **Selection of GOME-2 for the EUMETSAT/ESA operational series Metop**
- 28.02-2002** **Launch of ENVISAT with SCIAMACHY on board.**
- since 07. 2002 **Almost continuously measurement of SCIAMACHY**
- since 07. 2002 **Collection of correlative measurements by the validation**

community

SCIAMACHY measurement modes



SCIAMACHY data products



SCIAMACHY Validation

Aim of Validation:

- Determine quantitative values for accuracy and precision by comparison with independent measurements.

General Requirements:

- Show dependency of data quality from geophysical parameters
- Independent measurements have to cover
 - all latitude bands
 - all seasons

Types of independent measurements

- ground-based instrument
- air-borne instruments
- balloon-borne instruments
- comparison with other satellite instruments

Final meeting of the German SCIAMACHY validation team (GSVT)

- 18 month of preparation and 28 month of collecting correlative data for the core validation of SCIAMACHY by the GSVT are finished.
- More than 60 scientists in 23 individual projects have been funded by DLR.
- A unique dataset with a huge amount of independent measurements for all SCIAMACHY products have been collected
- First validation of operational and scientific products are performed
- Dataset is used for geophysical research
(ACP special issue "Probing the atmosphere in three dimensions for SCIAMACHY")

The dataset will be used through the lifetime of SCIAMACHY for validation!

Partners in the SCIAMACHY Project

