

Northern vs. southern hemisphere differences in the stratospheric influence on variability in tropospheric nitrous oxide

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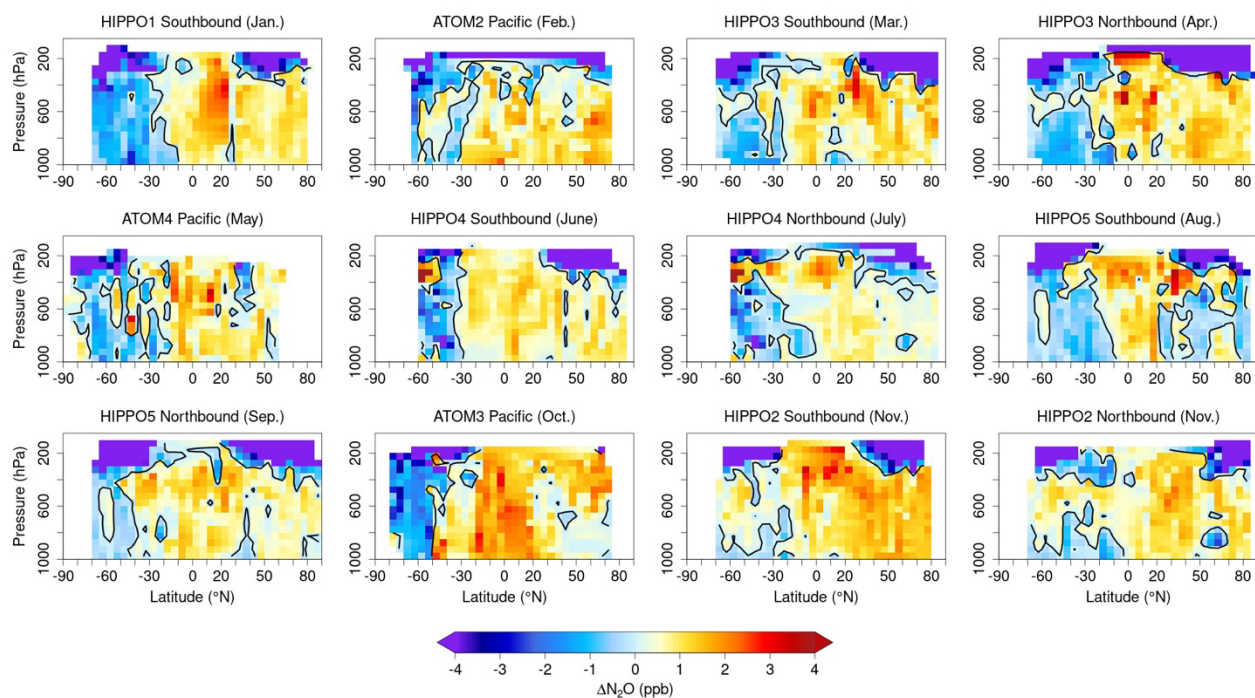
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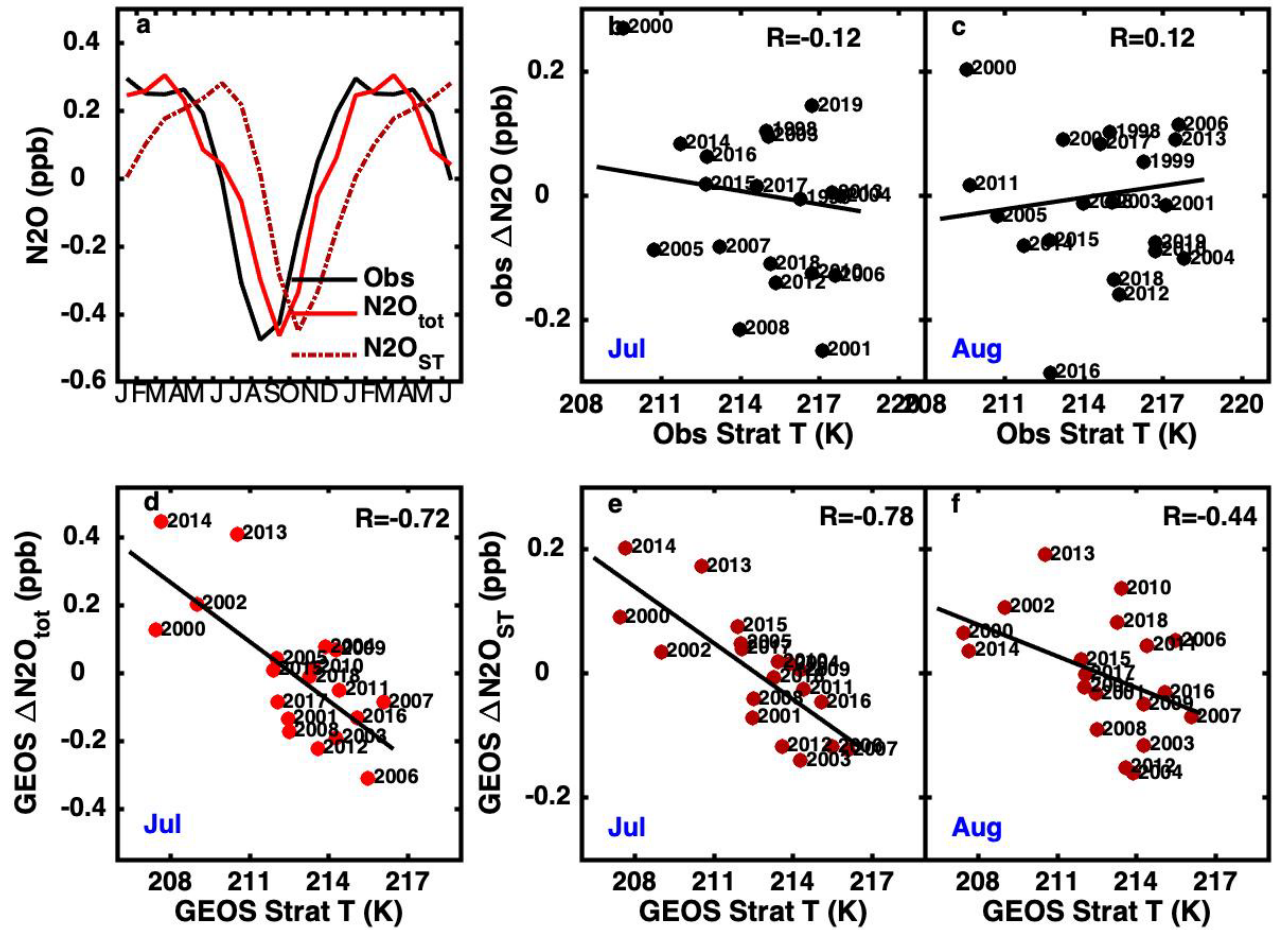
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Supplementary Figures S1-S3



Supplementary Figure S1: Similar to Figure 6 in the main text but including a larger collection of north and southbound HIPPO and ATom transects arranged to form an annual sequence. A deseasonalized fit to the NOAA time series at Mauna Loa has been subtracted from all data.



Supplementary Figure S2: a) Mace Head, Ireland (MD) mean seasonal cycle in N₂O for observed N₂O and GEOSCCM total N₂O and N₂O_{ST}. NOAA surface N₂O seasonal anomalies in b) July and c) August for data spanning 1997-2020, plotted vs. mean lower stratospheric MERRA-2 temperature at 100 hPa averaged over 60-90°N over the previous winter (January-March). Bottom row shows GEOSCCM seasonal anomalies at MHD spanning 2000-2019 for d) total N₂O in July and N₂O_{ST} in e) July and f) August plotted vs. mean GEOS lower stratospheric temperature at 100 hPa averaged over 60-90°N over the previous winter. N₂O is descending into its seasonal minimum in July and August in the NH.

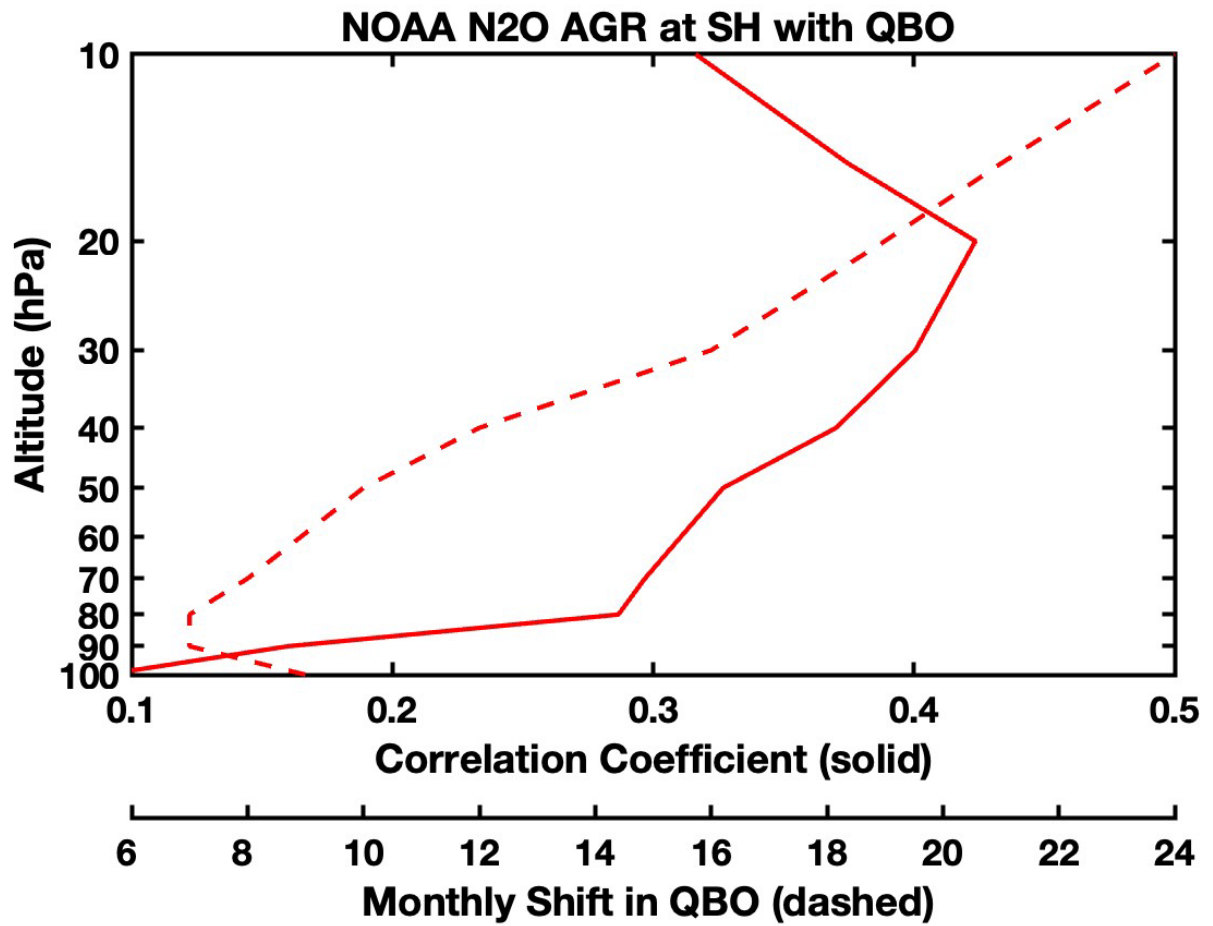


Figure S3: Southern Hemisphere N₂O atmospheric growth rate (AGR) for NOAA plotted vs. the QBO index ranging from 100 to 10 hPa with the optimal correlation coefficient (solid) and monthly forward shift in the index (dashed).