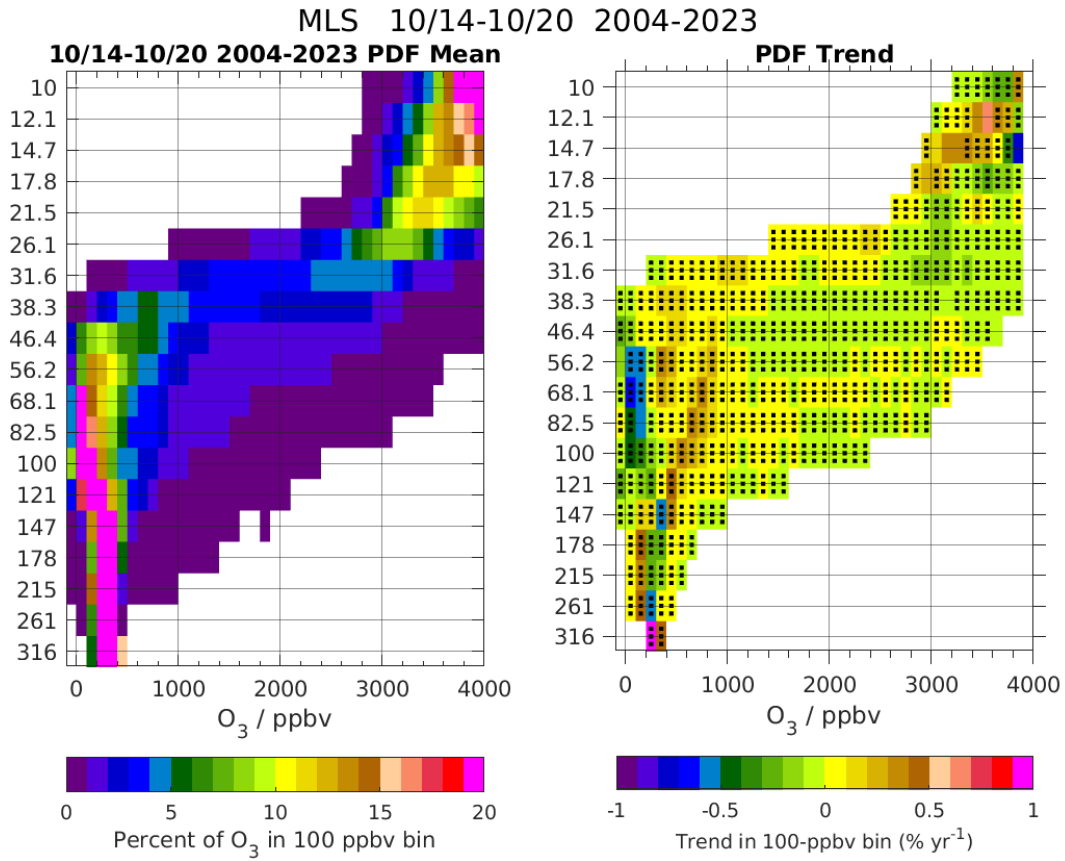


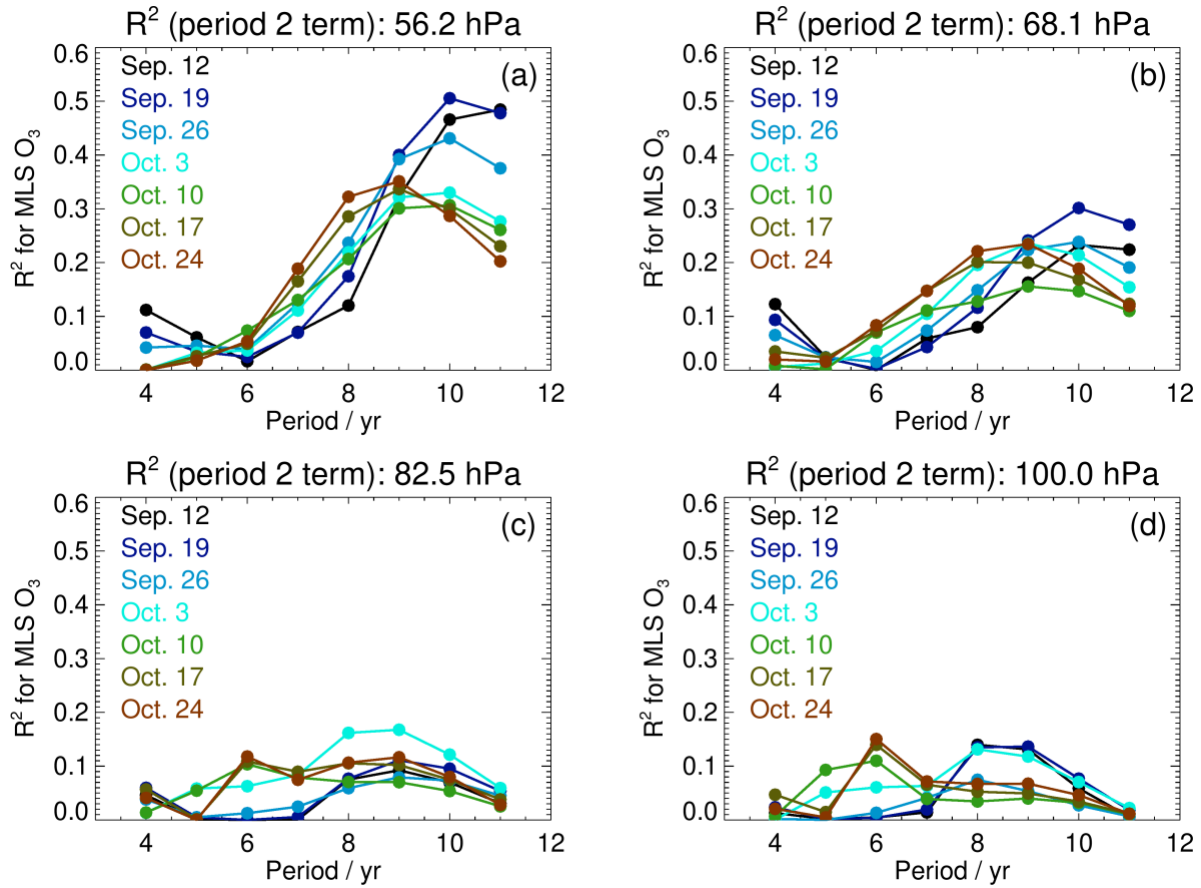
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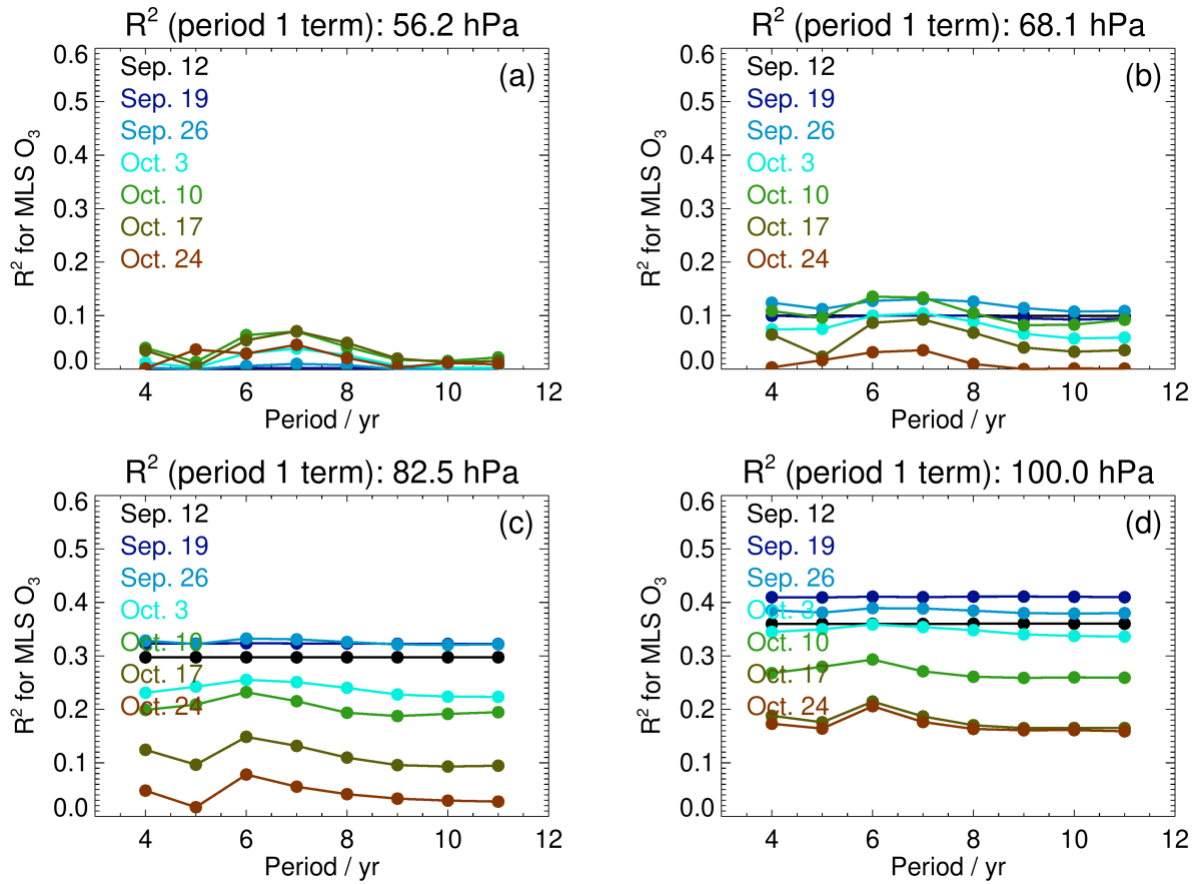
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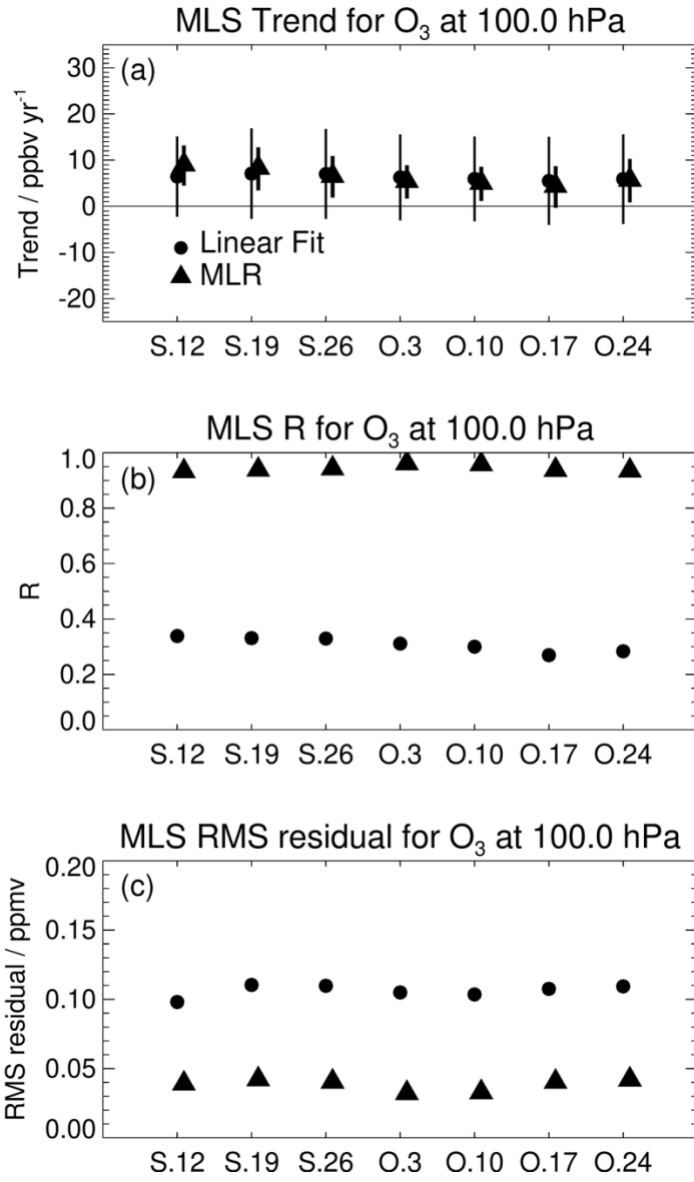
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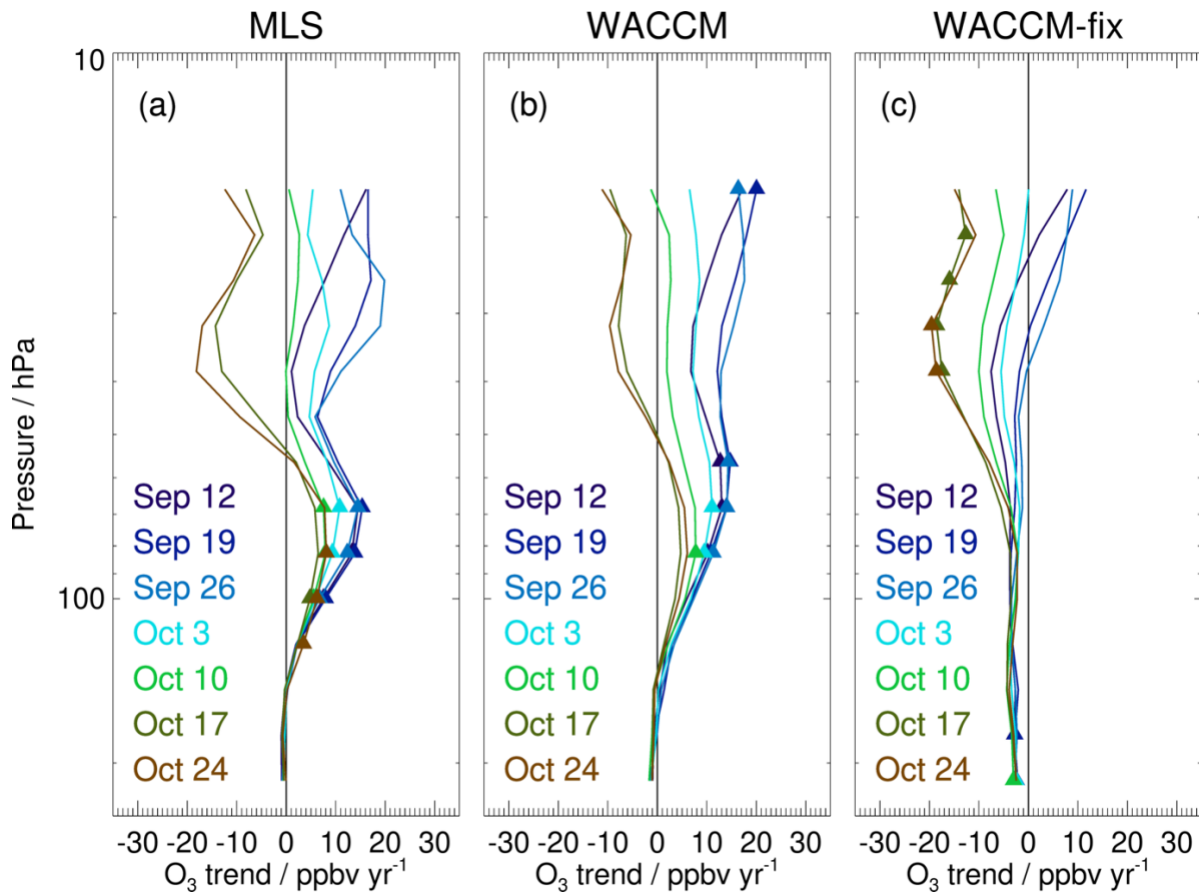
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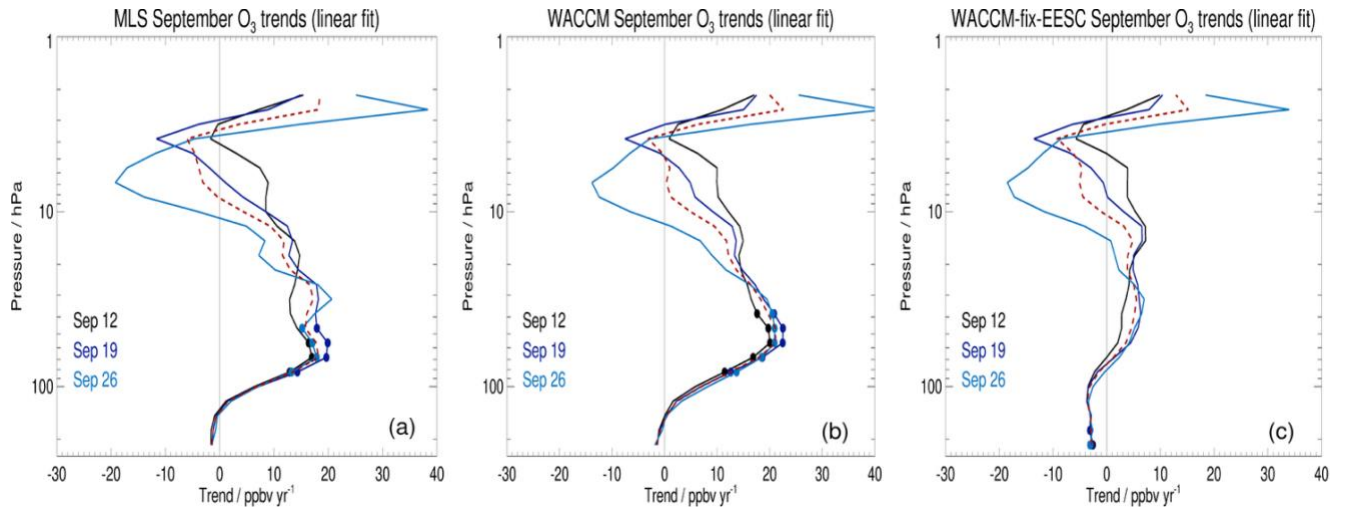
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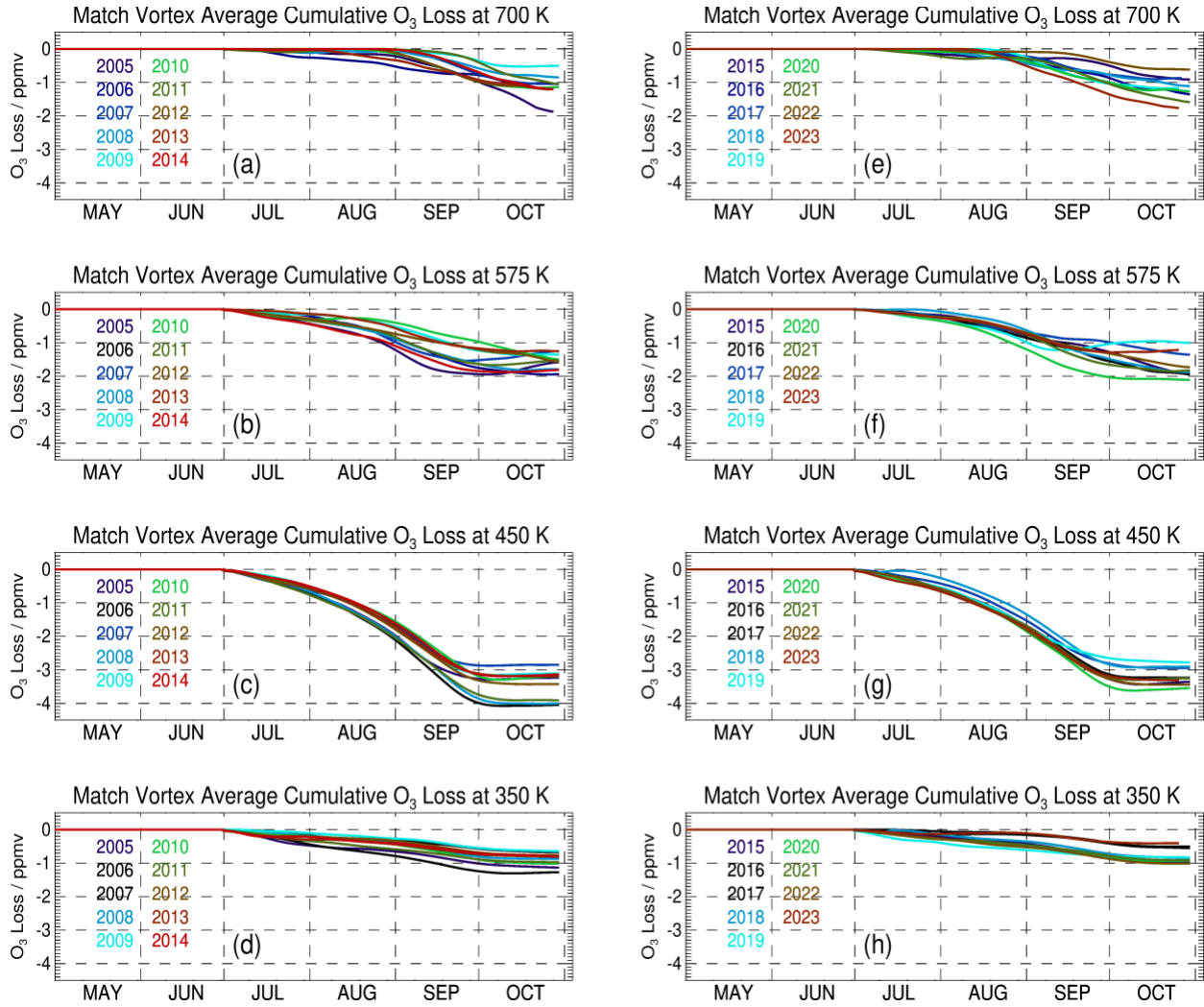
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Figure S5. Same as Fig. 17 in the main text, but for trend results obtained with the addition of an AAO index term to the basic MLR analysis (see text) of vortex-average ozone over Antarctica for 2005–2023.



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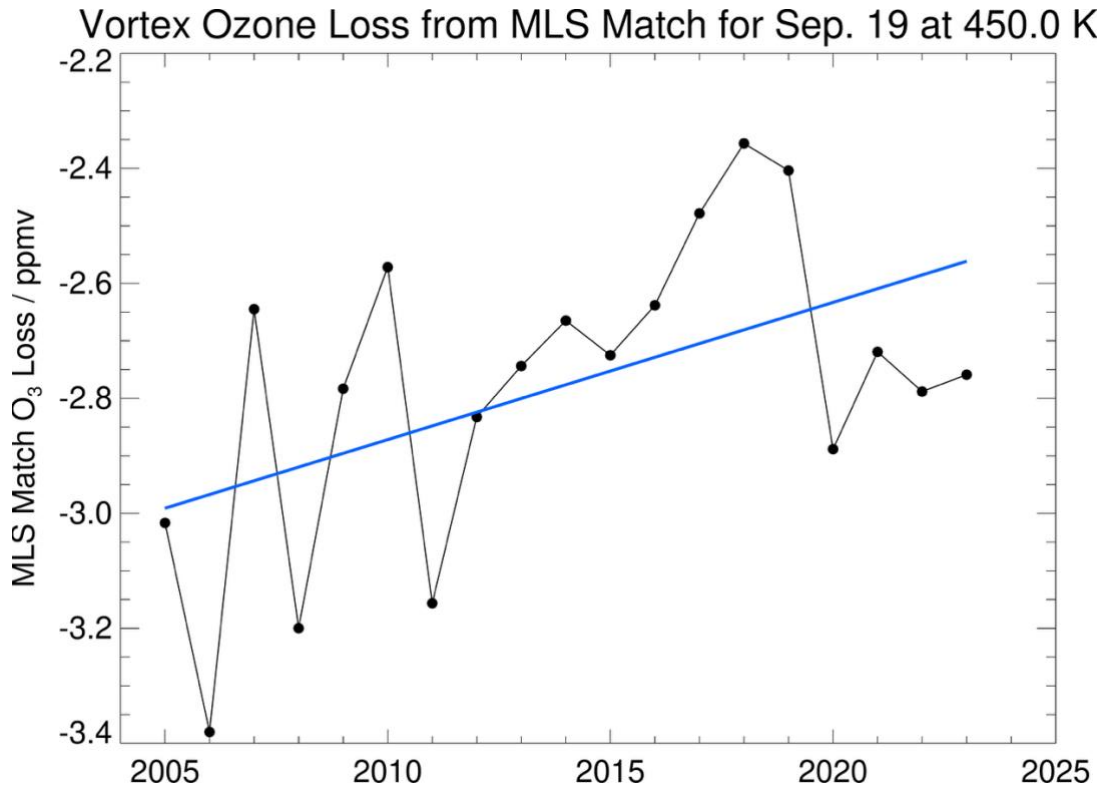
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Figure S7. Cumulative ozone losses from the Match technique inside the Antarctic vortex as a function of day, from May to October, at four different θ levels; (a), (b), (c), and (d) show results for 700K, 575K, 450K, and 350K, respectively, for 2005 through 2014, while (e), (f), (g), and (h) show results for the same levels, respectively, for 2015 through 2023.

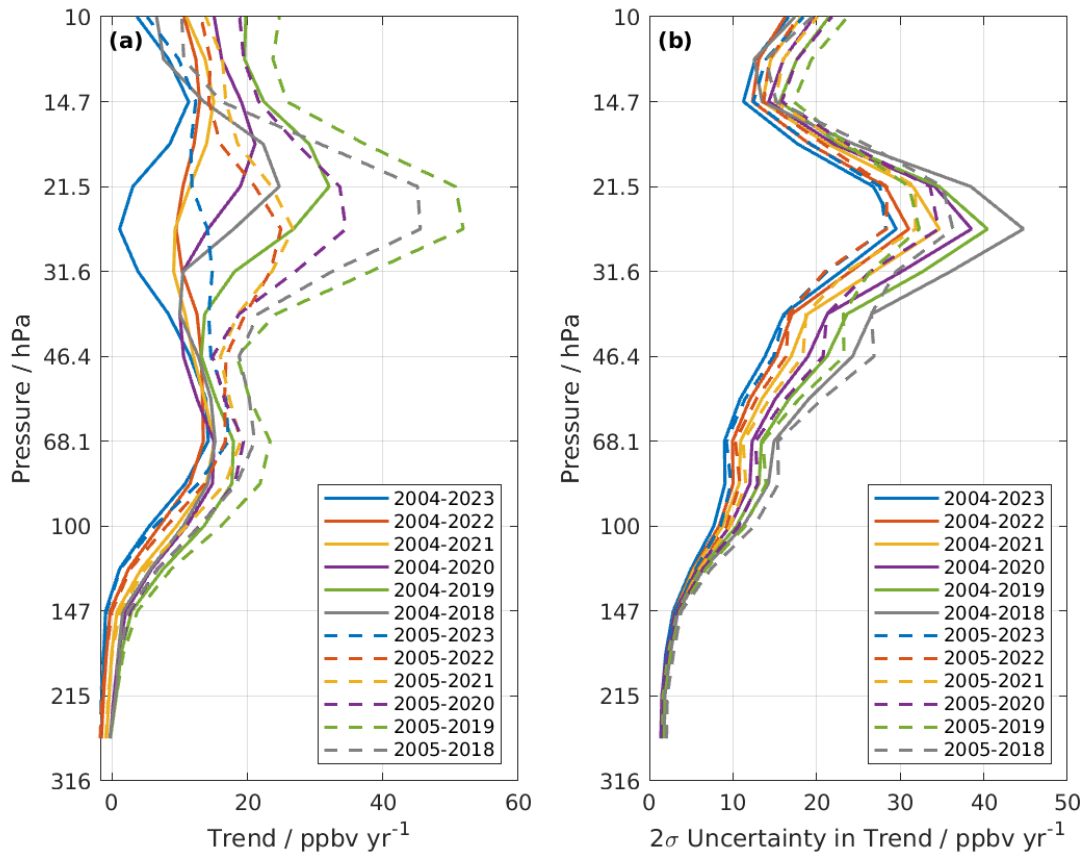
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Figure S8. Match-derived weekly average ozone loss values centered on September 19 at 450 K for 2005–2023, based on MLS data inside the Antarctic vortex. The blue line shows a simple linear fit.

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85 **Figure S9.** (a) Linear trends from fits to September means of MLS v5 ozone daily vortex averages
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