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Recent Cooling and the Serious Data Integrity Issue

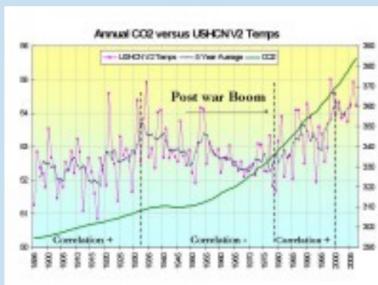
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All the data sources have updated now for June. NOAA GHCN data was a clear outlier. NOAA called this the eighth warmest June on record for the globe in the 129 years since records began in 1880 with a positive anomaly of 0.5C (0.9F) for the month. The University of Alabama, Huntsville MSU satellite based global assessment reported that this June was the the 9th coldest in the 30 years of satellite record keeping (base period 1979-1998) with a value of -0.11C (-0.19F). The other NASA satellite source, RSS had June as the 13th coldest out of the last 30 years. Hadley came in today with their CRUV3 data update. They also were in disagreement with the satellite data sets with +0.316C, the 10th warmest June. However both the Hadley and MSU do show a downtrend since 2002 of 0.15 to 0.2C with a rather strong negative correlation ($r = -0.44$ with Hadley) with CO2 which increased 3.5% over the period.



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Recall the CO2 was negatively correlated for almost 4 decades from the 1940s through the 1970s. It was positively correlated from 1900 to 1930s and again 1979 to 1998. This on-again, off-again relationship suggests CO2 is not driving the climate bus but maybe a passenger in the back.



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OK, but why the discrepancy of satellite and surface based data bases? Though there has clearly been some cyclical warming in recent decades, the global surface station based data is seriously compromised by urbanization and other local factors (land-use /land-cover, improper siting, station dropout, instrument changes unaccounted for and missing data) and thus the data bases overestimate the warming. Numerous peer-reviewed papers (referenced at end) in the last several years have shown this overestimation may be the order of 30 to 50%. I believe the recent warming is comparable or less than the warming in the 1930s and is now over. See a detailed analysis of this issue [here](#).

Even the global continental extremes show no recent decade represented. All the heat records were before 1950 with the exception of Antarctica which showed its warmest temperature in 1974. There probably was very little monitoring in prior years there.

Continent	All-time High	Place	Date
Africa	135	El Aziza, Libya	September 13, 1922
North America	134	Death Valley, CA	July 13, 1913
Asia	129	Tarat, Iran	June 21, 1948
Australia	128	Clonserry, Queensland	January 16, 1890
Europe	122	Alcala, Spain	August 4, 1881
South America	120	Rivadavia, Argentina	December 11, 1915
Oceania	118	Tapangaran, Philippines	April 23, 1912
Antarctica	99	Vanda Station, Scott Coast	January 5, 1974

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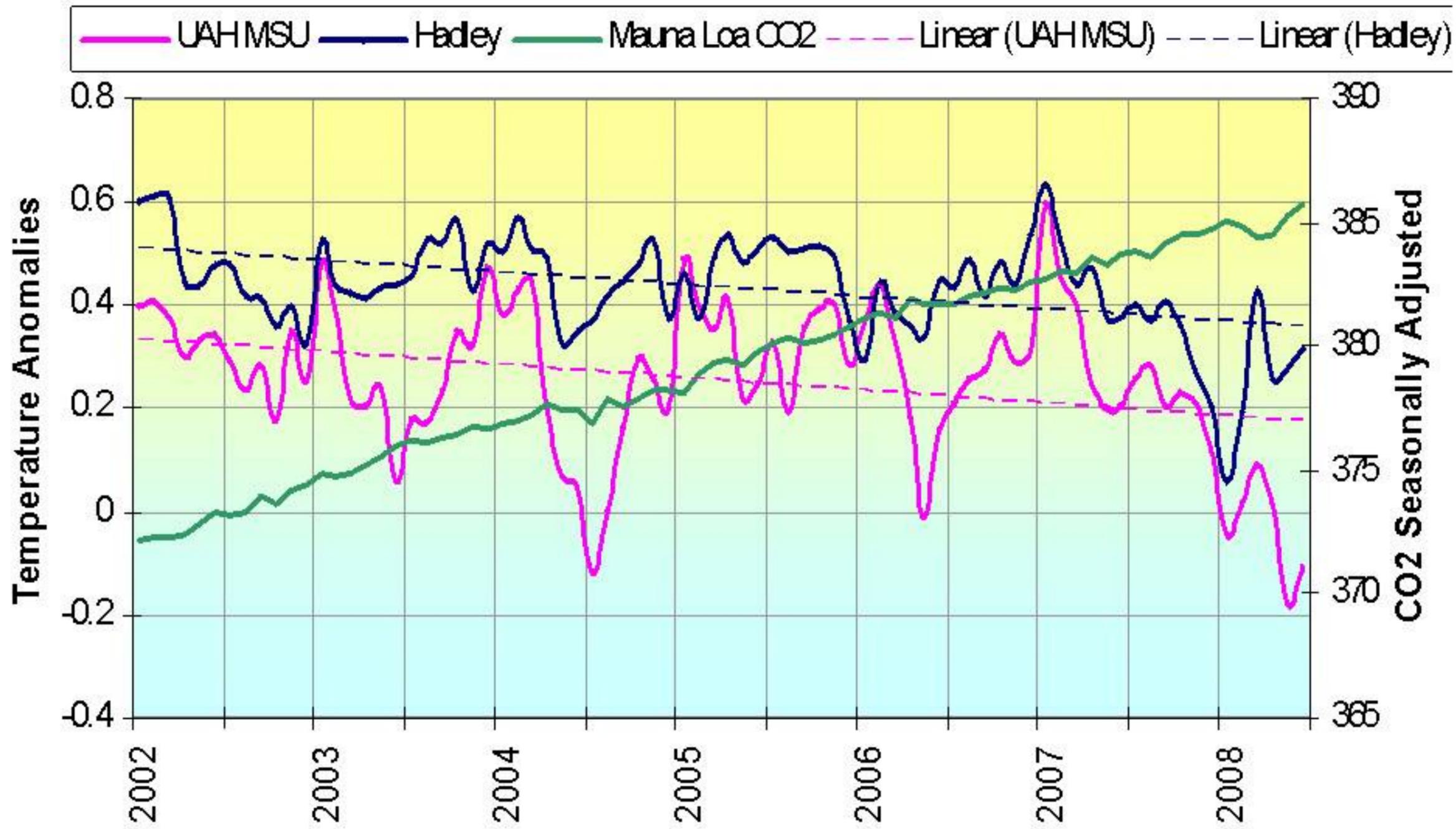
MSU for "Microwave Sounding Unit", genauer "Advanced MSU" [AMSU] Die Auswertung der Satellitendaten wird von der UAH (Univ.of.Alabama, Huntsville) betreut, Sie hostet in Kooperation mit Regierungsstellen die DISCOVER-website "<http://discover.itsc.uah.edu>".

Erklärung:

"Hadley" für "Met Office Hadley", einritisches meteo-Center. CRUV3 für [Had]CRUT3, d.h. vermutlich ein Schreibfehler (engl. "typo").

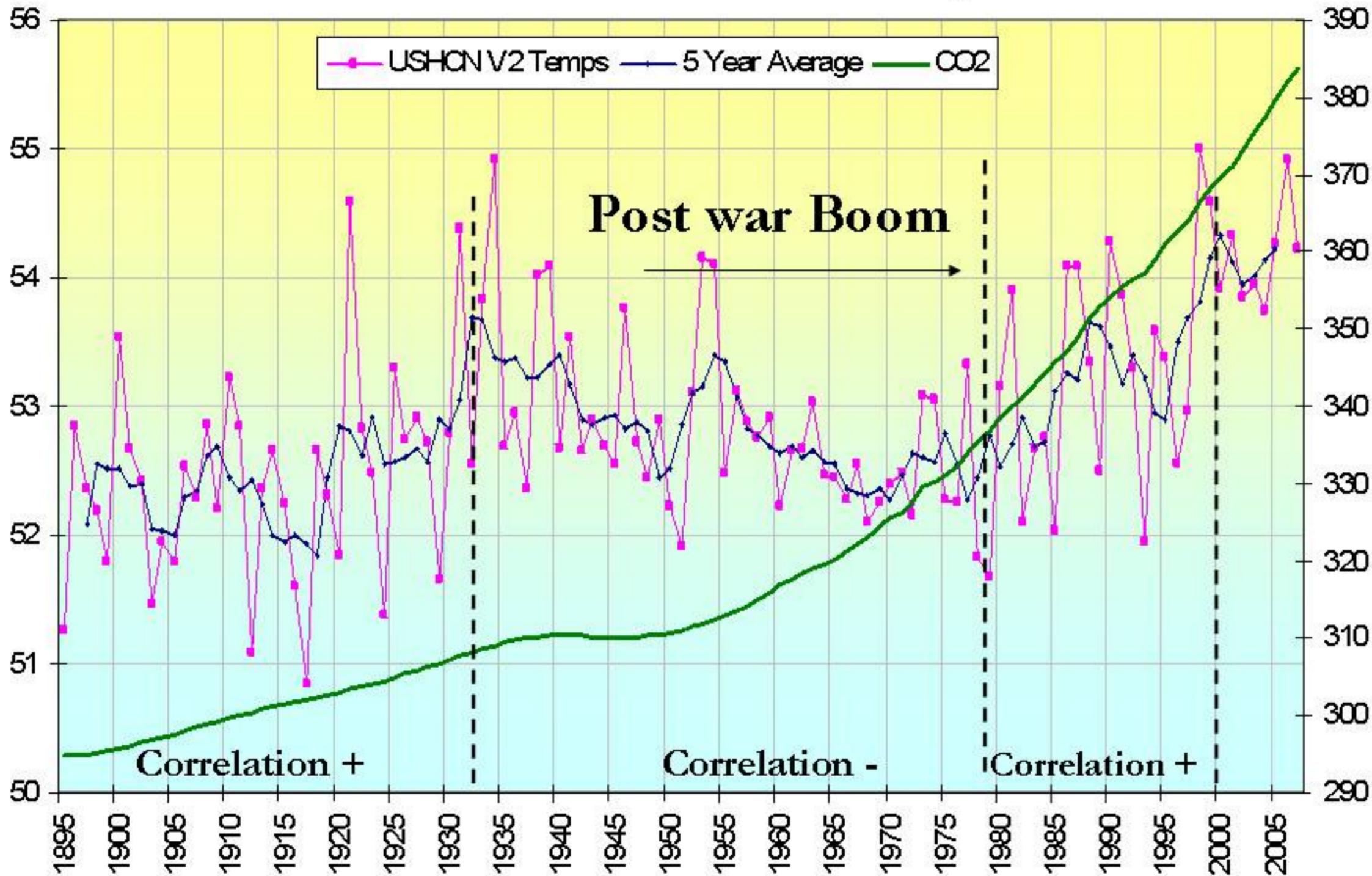
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MSU and Hadley Monthly Temps vs Mauna Loa CO2



Negative correlation since 2002
R = - 0.44 with Hadley, - 0.30 with MSU

Annual CO2 versus USHCN V2 Temps



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North America	134	Death Valley, CA	July 10, 1913
Asia	129	Tirat Tsvi, Israel	June 22, 1942
Australia	128	Cloncurry, Queensland	January 16, 1889
Europe	122	Seville, Spain	August 4, 1881
South America	120	Rivadavia, Argentina	December 11, 1905
Oceania	108	Tuguegarao, Philippines	April 29, 1912
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