Interactive comment on “An evaluation of the SAGE III Version 4 aerosol extinction coefficient and water vapor data products” by L. W. Thomason et al.

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This reviewer makes an excellent point regarding the long standing MLS/HALOE differences and SAGE III’s contribution as an independent data point. We have modified the text in the conclusion to bring this point into focus as well as point out the bias between HALOE/SAGE II and SAGE III/MLS/POAM III.

Thank you for an insightful comment.

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