Radiative forcing from tropospheric and stratospheric ozone 1850-2100

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ACCENT intercomparison: Stevenson et al. (2006)

## **Progress since AR4**

- Tropospheric RFs rely on model simulations of O<sub>3</sub>
  - 'Present-day' model simulations compare well to observations
  - But very little pre-industrial O<sub>3</sub> data
  - Model simulations of pre-industrial rely on emissions
  - Much of the uncertainty in O<sub>3</sub> RF comes from poorly constrained pre-industrial O<sub>3</sub> levels
- New emissions database (Lamarque et al., 2010) created for CMIP5 simulations: historical and merged with future RCP scenarios
  - Significant differences in pre-industrial biomass burning emissions
  - These emissions used in ACCMIP
- New AC&C/SPARC ozone database uses ACCMIP models in the troposphere and uses observations/regressions based on observations for the historical stratosphere, and CCMVal models for the future stratosphere:
- Cionni et al. (2011) 'Ozone database in support of CMIP5 simulations: results and corresponding radiative forcing', Atmos. Chem. Phys. Discuss., 11, 10875-10933

## **Construction of the AC&C/SPARC O<sub>3</sub> database: Stratosphere**

#### Historical data (1850-2009)

Stratospheric data (Zonal means):

- Multiple linear regression analysis of SAGE I+II satellite and polar ozonesonde measurements for the period 1979-2005 (Randel and Wu, JGR, 2007).
- Regression includes terms representing equivalent effective stratospheric chlorine (EESC) and 11-year solar cycle variability.
- Extended backwards to 1850 based on the regression fits combined with extended proxy times series of EESC and solar variability.



Randel and Wu, 2007

## **Construction of the AC&C/SPARC O<sub>3</sub> database: Stratosphere**

#### Future data (2010-2099)

# Stratospheric ozone projections are taken from the future reference simulations (REF-B2) of 13 CCMs that performed this simulation to 2099 in CCMVal-2. (SPARC CCMVal, 2010)

	Model	Group and Location	Horiz. resolution	Vert. Layers / Upper Boundary
1	AMTRAC3	GFDL, USA	2° (lat) x 2.5°(lon)	48 L / 0.002 hPa
2	CAM3.5	NCAR, USA	1.9(lat)x2.5(lon)	26 L / 2.2 hPa
3	CCSRNIES	NIES, University of Tokyo, Japan	T42	34 L / 0.012 hPa
4	CMAM	MSC, Univ. of Toronto, York Univ., Canada	T31	71 L / 0.000637 hPa
5	CNRM-ACM	Meteo-France, France	T42(GCM),T21(CHEM)	60L / 0.07 hPa
6	GEOSCCM	NASA/GSFC, USA	2° x 2.5°	72 L / 0.01hPa
7	LMDZrepro	IPSL, France	2.5° x 3.75°	50 L / 0.07 hPa
8	MRI	MRI, Japan	T42	68 L / 0.01 hPa
9	SOCOL	PMOD/WRC and IAC ETHZ, Switzerland	Т30	39 L / 0.01 hPa
10	ULAQ	University of L'Aquila, Italy	10° x 22.5° (CHEM)	26 L / 0.04 hPa
11	UMSLIMCAT	University of Leeds, UK	2.5° x 3.75°	64 L / 0.01 hPa
12	UMUKCA-UCAM	University of Cambridge, UK	2.5° x 3.75°	64 L / 84 km
13	WACCM (v.3)	NCAR, USA	4° x 5°	66 L / 4.5 x 10 <sup>-6</sup> hPa

## **Construction of the AC&C/SPARC O<sub>3</sub> database: troposphere**

#### Historical data (1850-2009)

Tropospheric data (3D decadal averages):

- Average from the Community Atmosphere Model v3.5 (CAM3.5) and the NASA-GISS PUCCINI model.
- Both models simulate tropospheric and stratospheric chemistry with feedback to the radiation and were driven by the recently available historical (1850-2000) emissions described in *Lamarque et al., ACP,* 2010.

#### Total CH4 concentration Total CO2 concentration -historical RCP2.6 CO2 [ ppm ] RCP4.5 CH4 [ ppb ] RCP6.0 RCP8.5 Years Years **Total NOx emissions Total CO emissions** VOx [ TgNO2/year ] CO [ TgCO/year Years Years

#### Future data (2010-2099)

• CAM3.5 only simulations driven by emissions from the 4 RCP scenarios

## **Comparison with observations: Total/tropospheric column O<sub>3</sub>**





## **Tropospheric O<sub>3</sub> columns**







(b) Percentage changes in meridional cross section

% changes in annual zonal mean  $O_3$ , 2000s-1960s **Definition of radiative forcing (IPCC-TAR):** 

'The change in the net (down minus up) irradiance (solar plus longwave) at the tropopause after allowing for stratospheric temperatures to readjust to radiative equilibrium, but with surface and tropospheric temperatures and state held fixed at unperturbed values.'

## **Radiative Forcing Calculations**

Offline Edwards & Slingo (1996) code

Two versions of this code have been used

- Use decadal mean  $O_3$  fields on 5°x 5° grid, 64 vertical levels
- Use background meteorological fields from 64L HadAM3 run
- Include clouds (distributions from HadAM3; some properties from GRAPE)
- Separate trop/strat using climatological tropopause
- Adjust stratospheric temperatures using 'fixed dynamical heating' approximation



### **Baseline SW and LW fluxes for Colorado grid box in October**



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## **Results from two versions of the Edwards-Slingo radiation code**

- 'Old' version HadCM3 vintage
  - as used in Cionni et al. (2011) ACPD paper
- 'New' version HadGEM2 vintage
  - Updated ozone absorption cross-sections
  - More detailed treatment of scattering (clouds)
  - More detailed treatment of ocean albedoes
  - Stratospheric temperature adjustment method differs
- Different versions produce significantly different O<sub>3</sub> RFs

## **Radiative forcing results: Tropospheric O<sub>3</sub>**

## Global annual mean forcings (1850s-2000s) at the tropopause, after stratospheric temperature adjustment, taking an area weighted average over all months

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## **Tropospheric O<sub>3</sub> RF Components**

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**SW** 0.06 W m<sup>-2</sup>

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#### Radiative forcing results: Stratospheric O<sub>3</sub> Global annual mean forcings (1850s-2000s) at the tropopause, after stratospheric temperature adjustment, taking an area weighted average over all months

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Old radiation code -0.08 W m<sup>-2</sup>

New radiation code +0.05 W m<sup>-2</sup>

## **Stratospheric O<sub>3</sub> RF Components**

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**Figure 4-17.** Stratospheric ozone global-mean radiative forcing (W/m<sup>2</sup>) for shortwave (top), longwave (middle) and net (shortwave plus longwave) compared to the 1970s average, evaluated from the CCMVal REF-B1 scenario ozone fields (colored lines) and from the Randel and Wu (2007) observation-based data set (thick black line). See Table 3-1 in Chapter 3 of this Assessment for a description of the chemistry-climate models shown in the figure. Based on Chapter 10 of SPARC CCMVal (2010).

WMO (2011) Chapter 4 (Forster et al., 2011)

Stratospheric  $O_3$  RFs from 1960-2005

RFs based on observations in black: +0.03 W m<sup>-2</sup>

RFs based on models in colour: -0.03 W m<sup>-2</sup>

WMO chose to retain the IPCC-AR4 assessment value.

These calculations all use the Edwards-Slingo radiation code, as used here.

Calculations are for clear skies and use the SEFDH <200 hPa.

## **ACCMIP** models tropospheric O<sub>3</sub> RF (1850s-2000s) (preliminary)

cmip5 Tropospheric O3 RF 2000s-1850s Glob Ann Mean (LW+SW): 0.314 W/m2

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gfdla Tropospheric O3 RF 2000s-1850s Glob Ann Mean (LW+SW): 0.452 W/m2

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## **Conclusions / Actionable Items**

**Tropospheric O<sub>3</sub> RFs:** 

- AC&C/SPARC database: 0.23 W m<sup>-2</sup> (old radiation code)
- AC&C/SPARC database: 0.32 W m<sup>-2</sup> (new radiation code)
- ACCMIP models (preliminary): 0.3-0.49 W m<sup>-2</sup>
- Similar to AR4 range

Stratospheric O<sub>3</sub> RFs:

- AC&C/SPARC database: -0.08 W m<sup>-2</sup> (old radiation code)
- AC&C/SPARC database: +0.05 W m<sup>-2</sup> (new radiation code)
- WMO/CCMVal report: -0.03 / +0.03 W m<sup>-2</sup>
- Within AR4 range, but new calculations suggest positive rather than negative

Time evolutions of forcings available

Significant uncertainties due to:

• applied  $\Delta O_3$ , radiation code, tropopause height, FDH methods

More calculations needed to fully characterise uncertainty range