Tropospheric ozone in UKESM1 and other CMIP6 models

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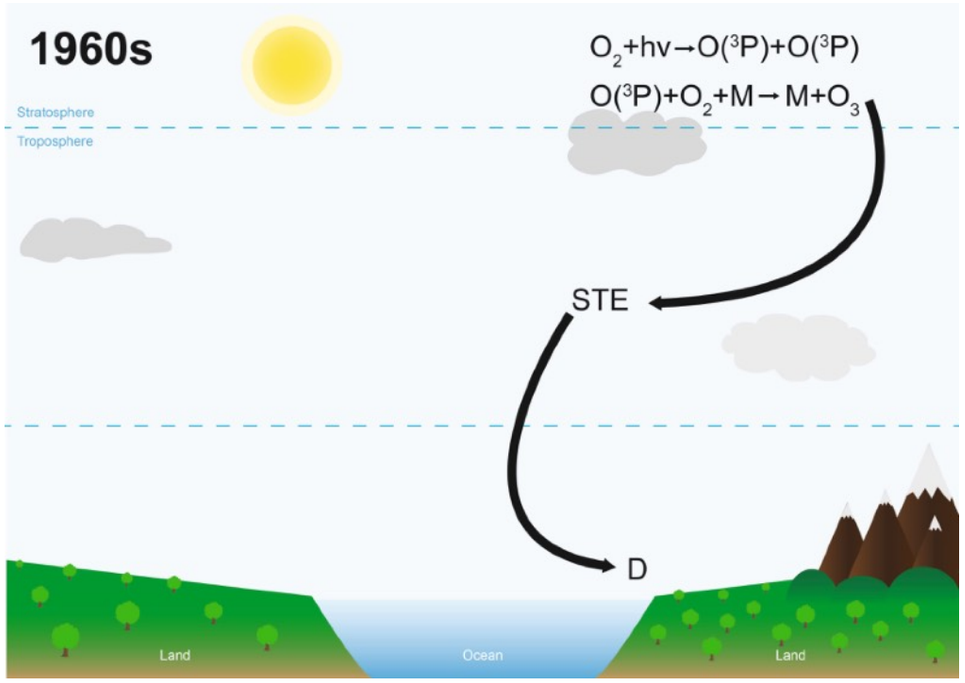
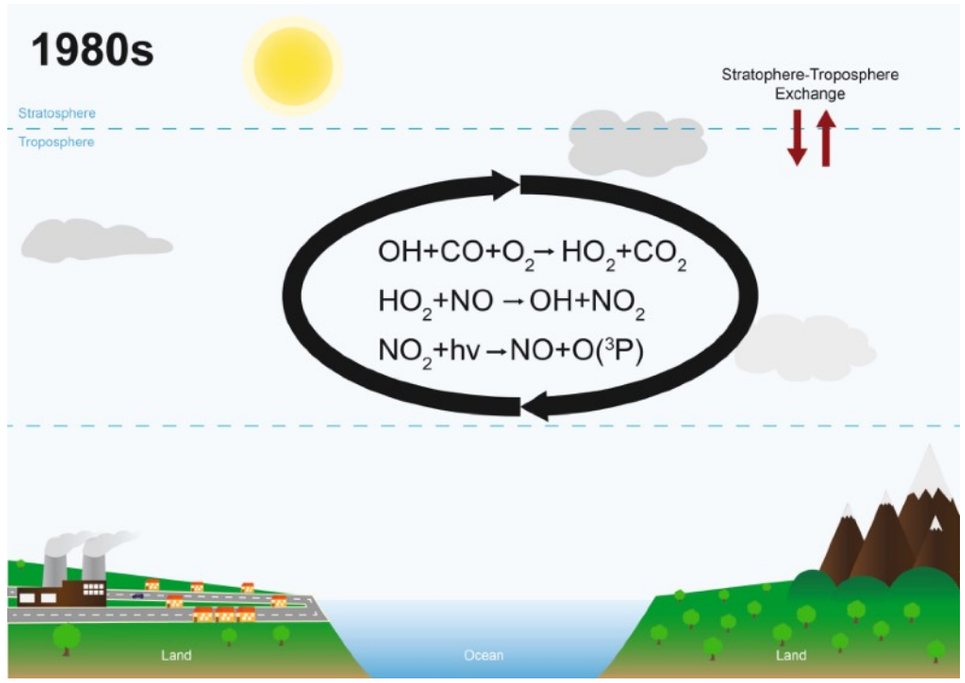
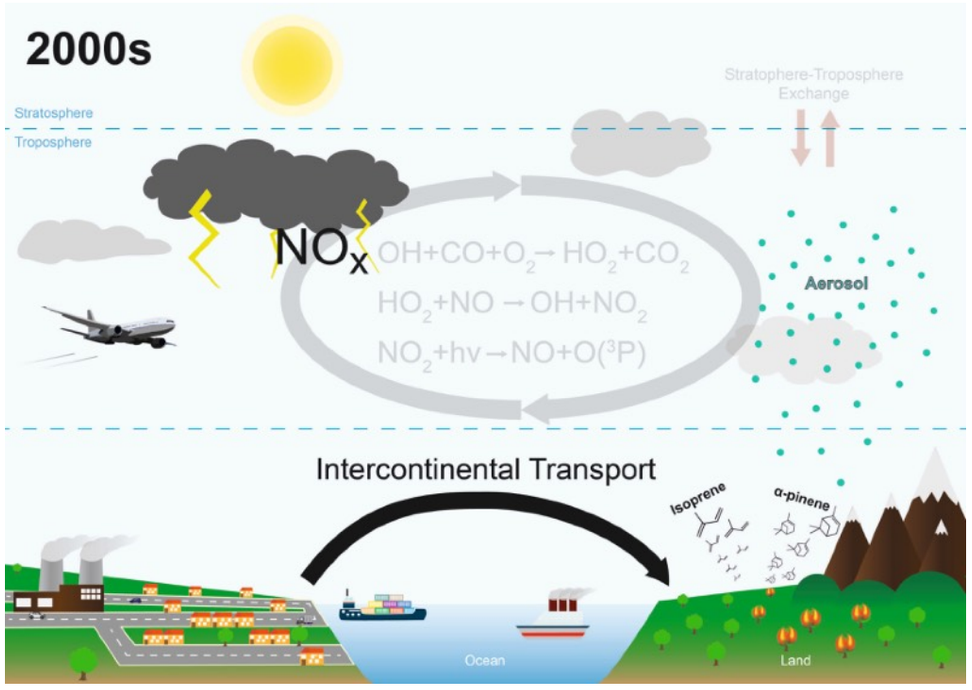
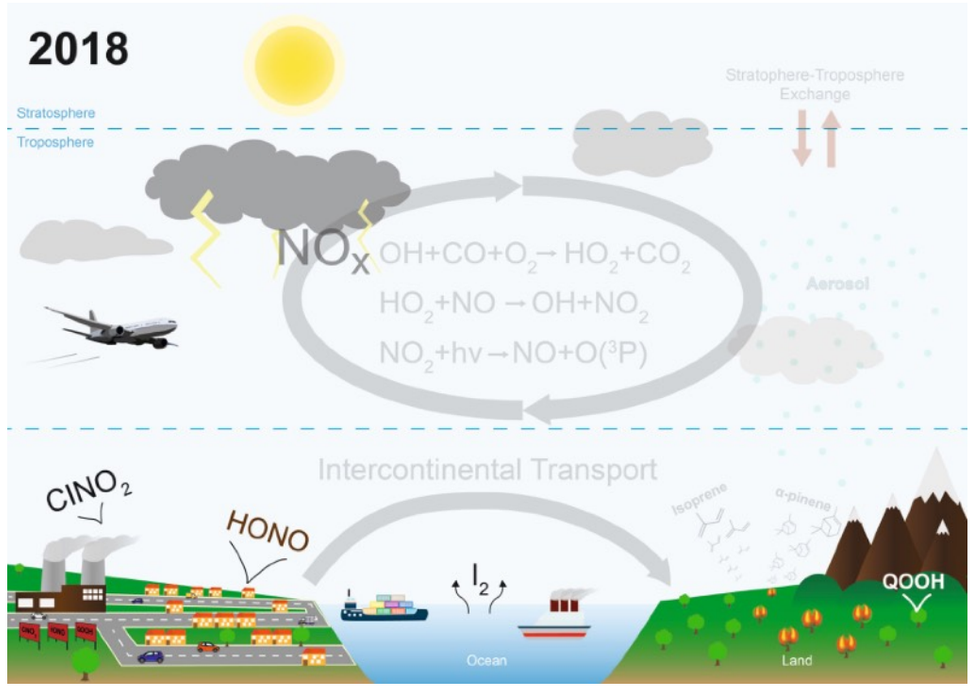
Ozone in CCMs – developing complexity









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Multimodel ozone tendency - TOAR Budget

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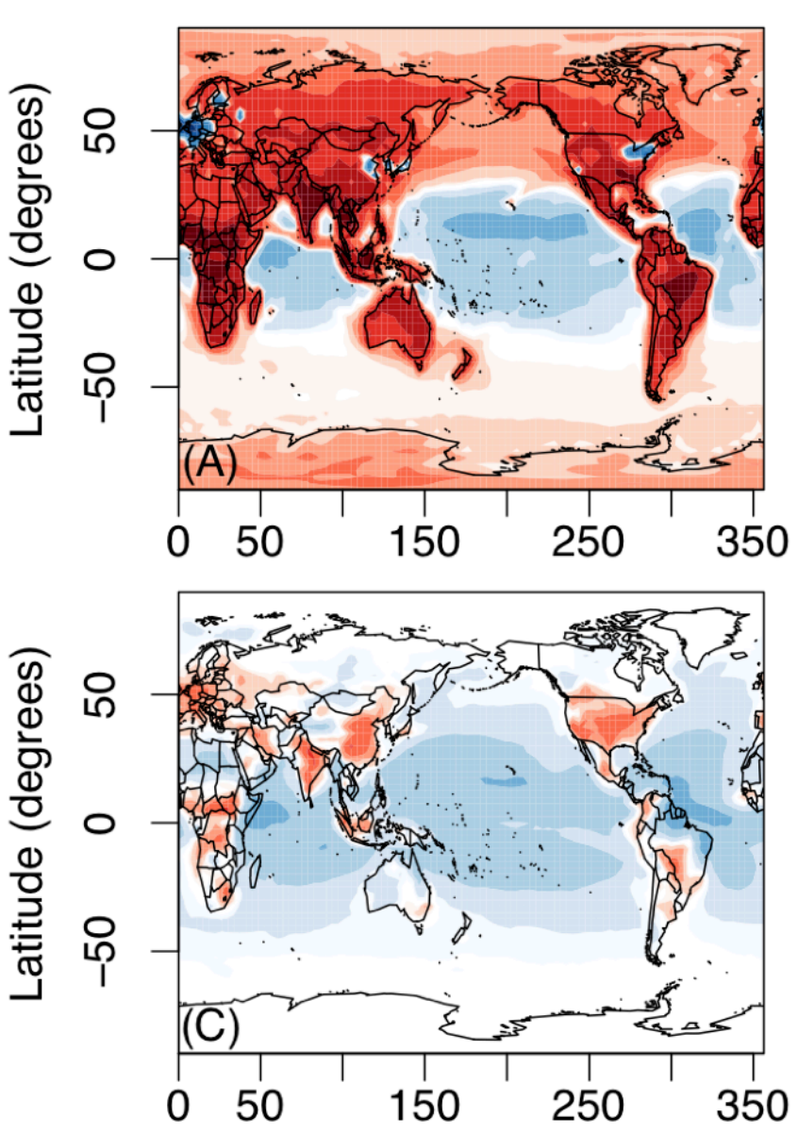

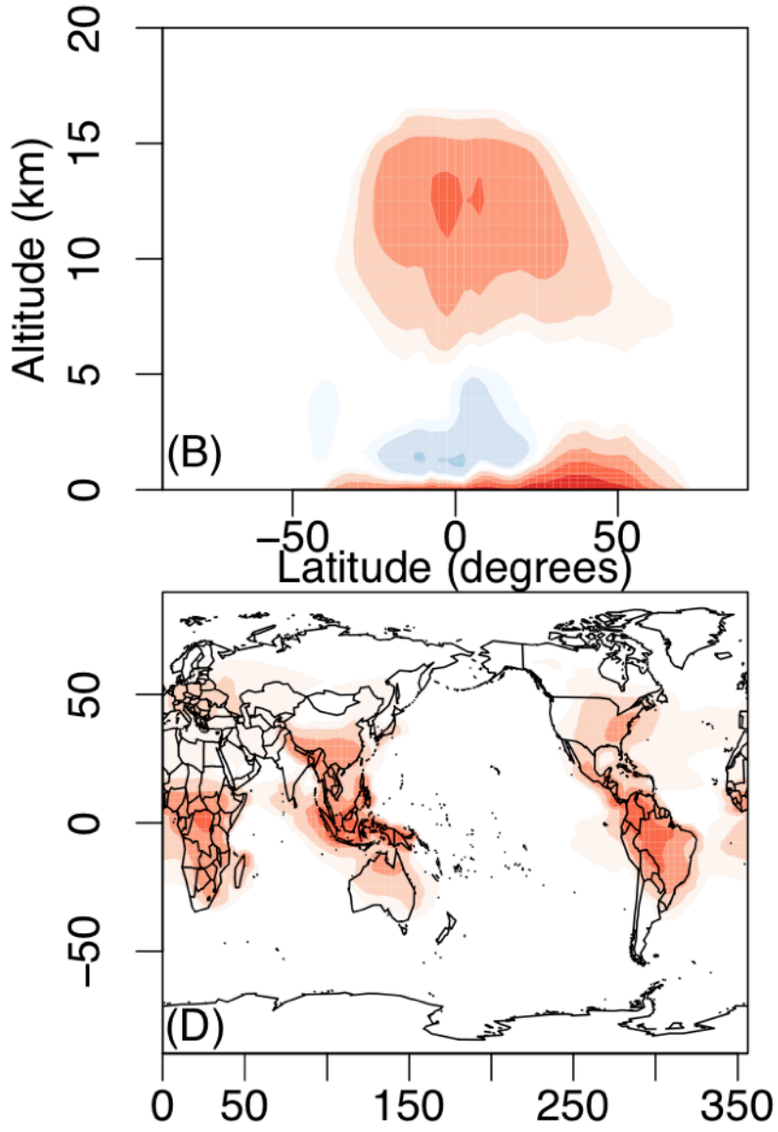

ZM

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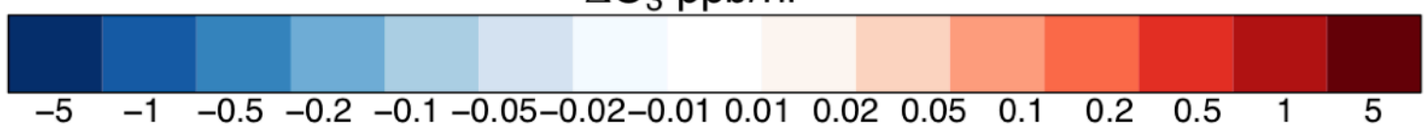
Longitude (degrees)

ΔO_3 ppb/hr



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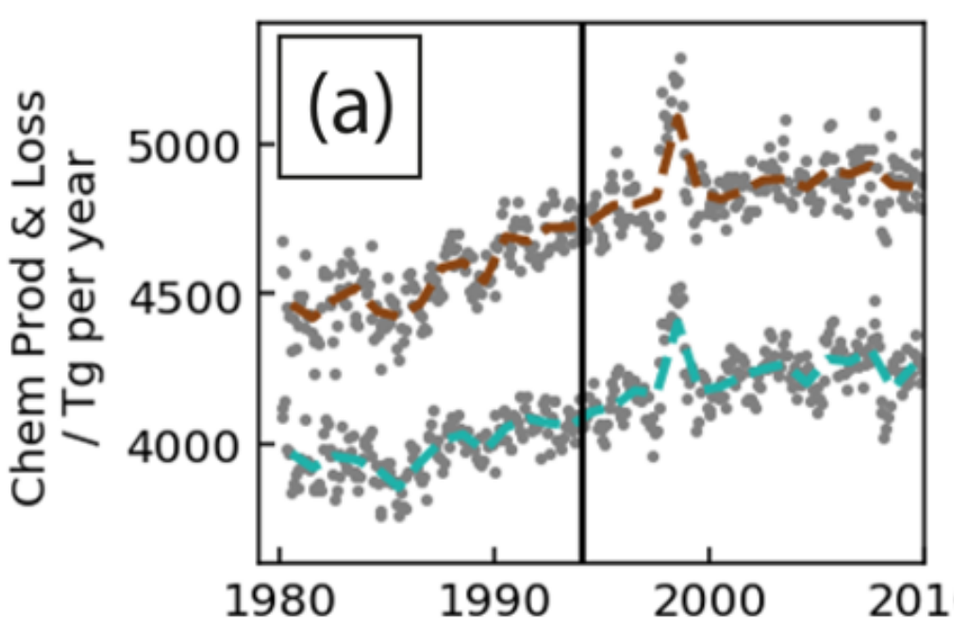
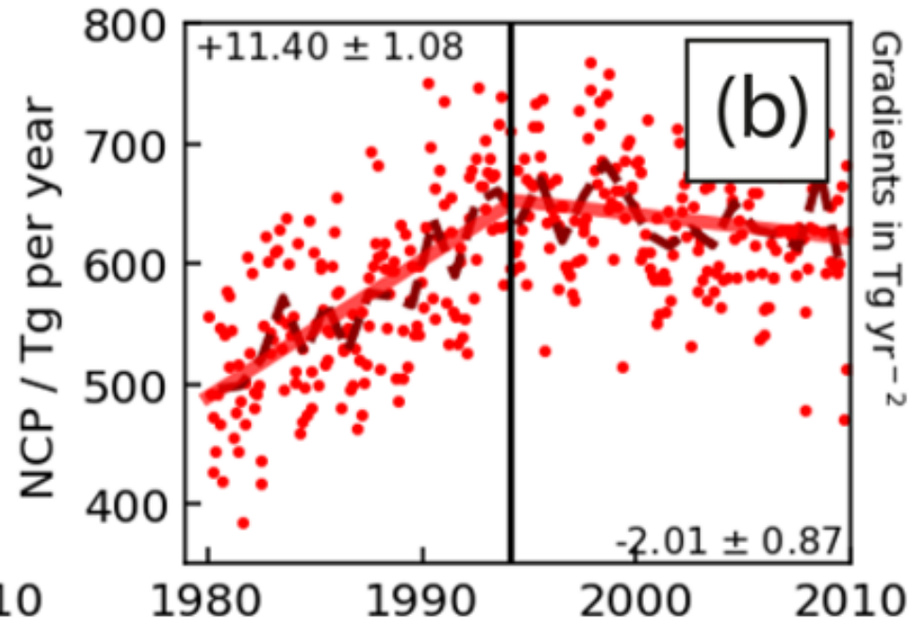
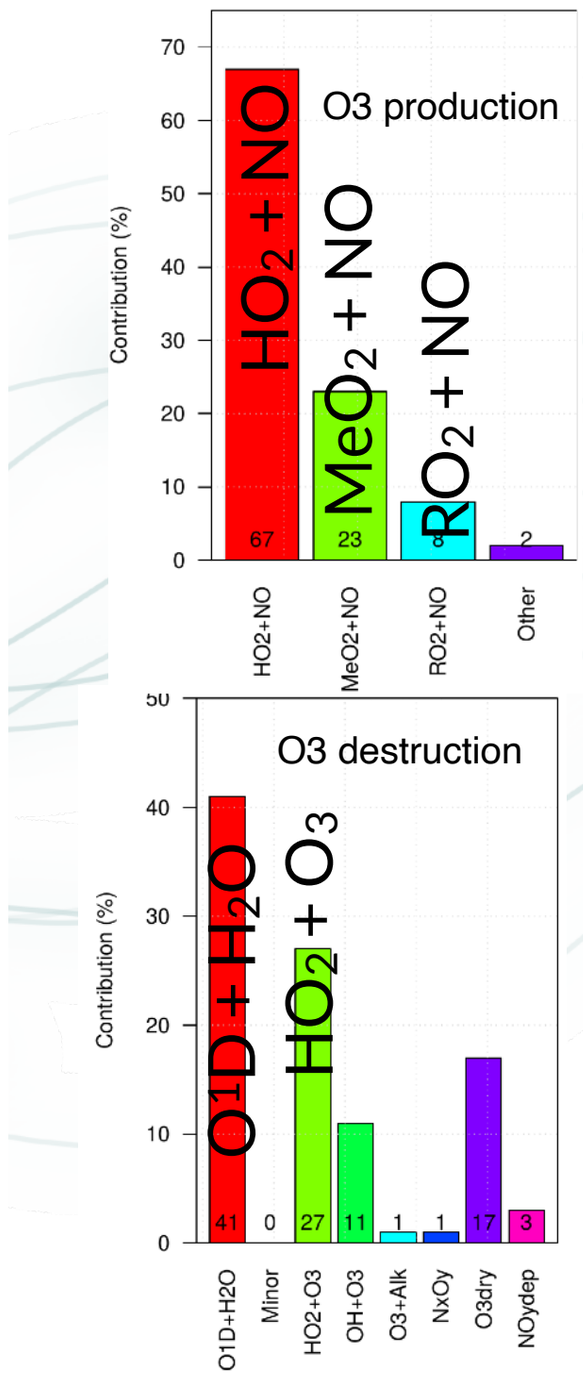
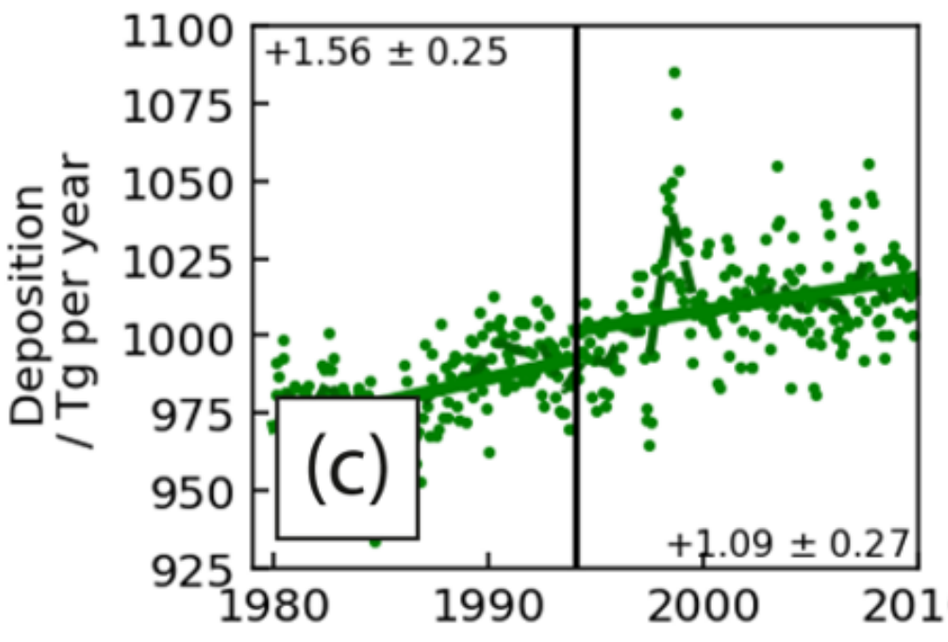
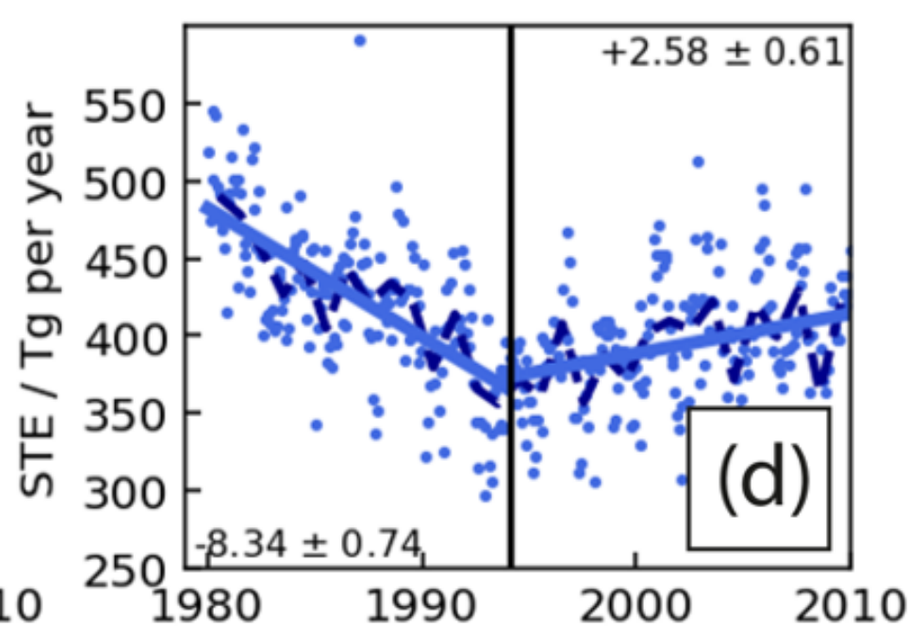
Tropospheric ozone budget in CCMs - large, opposing terms











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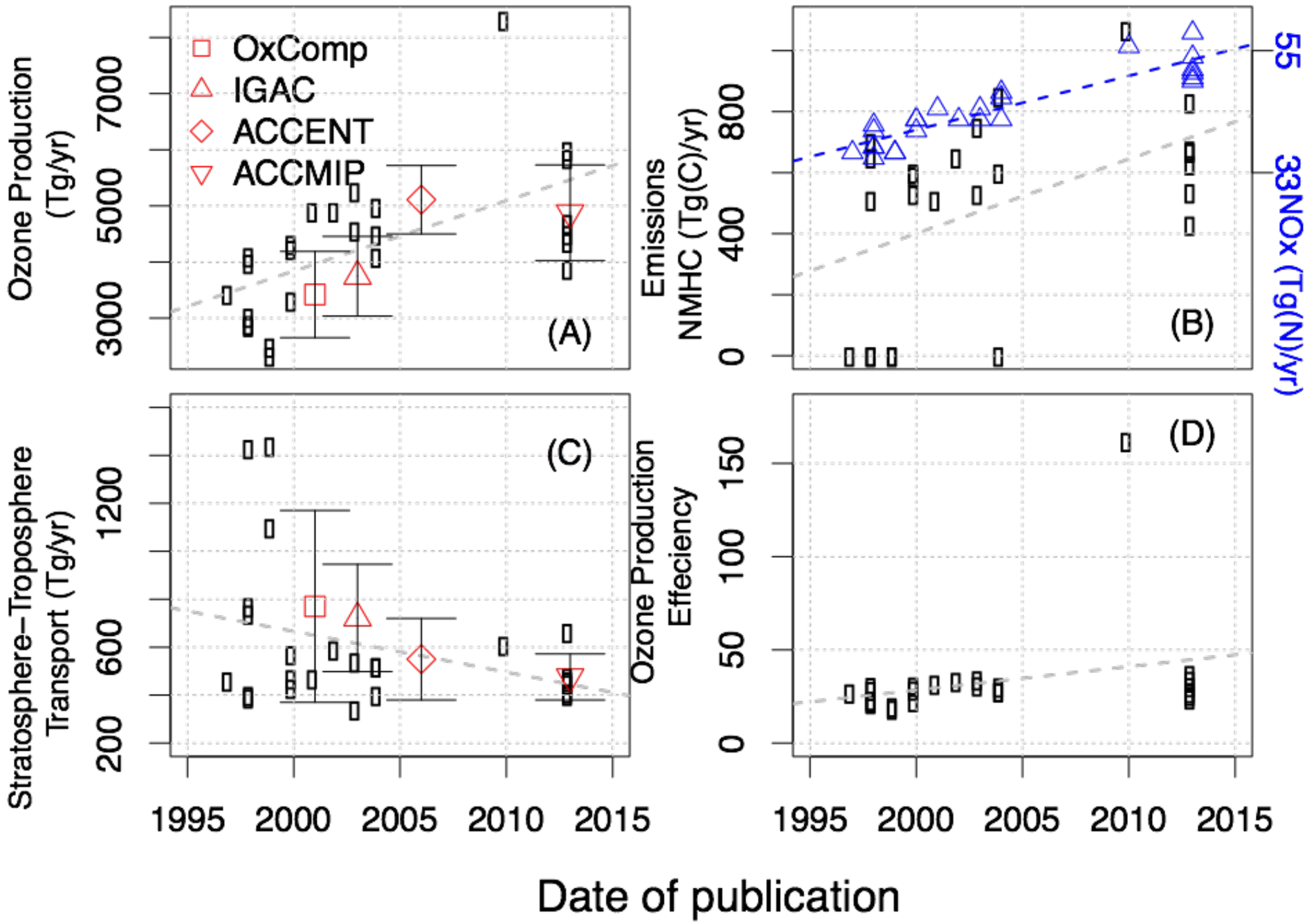

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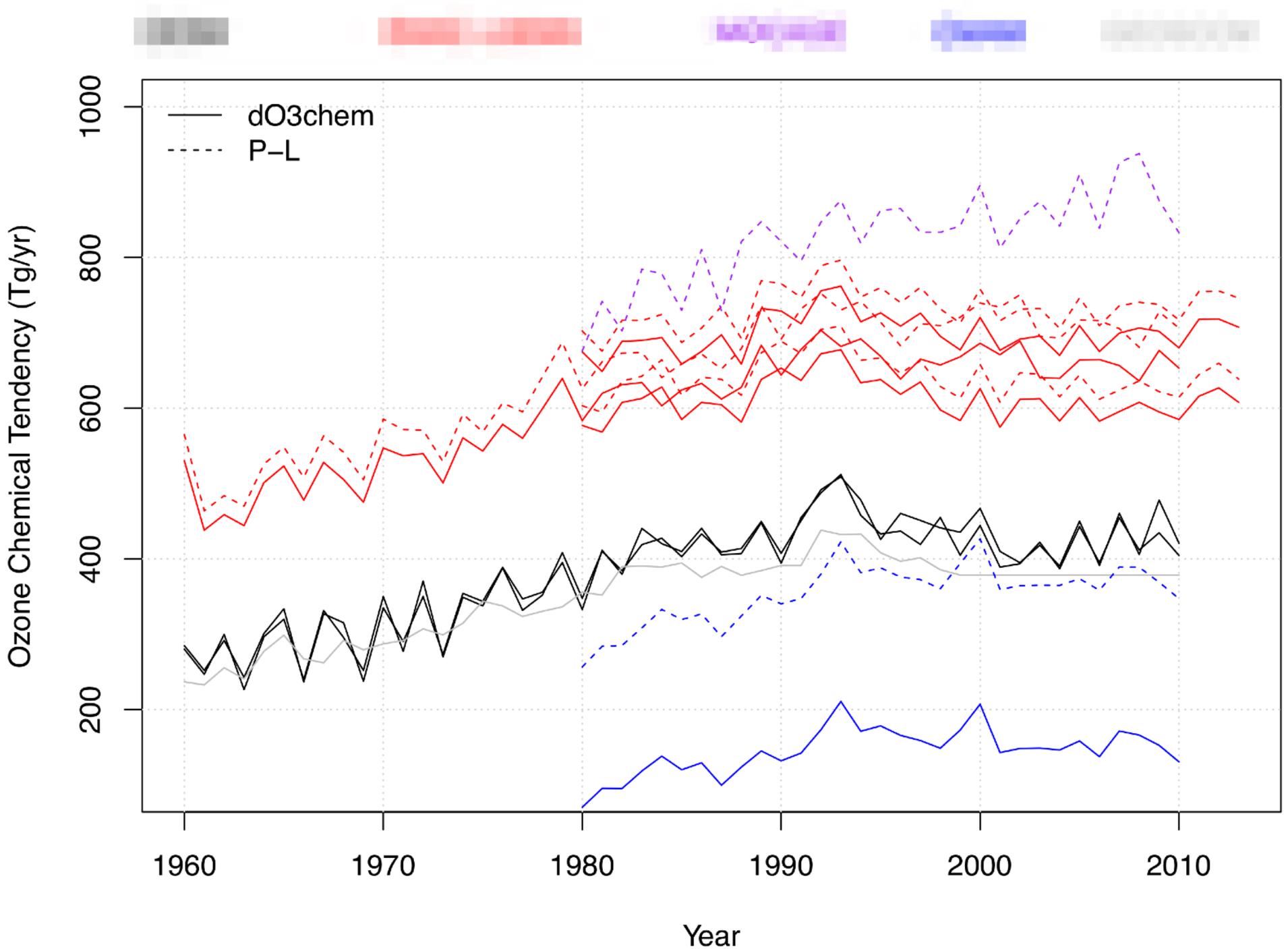
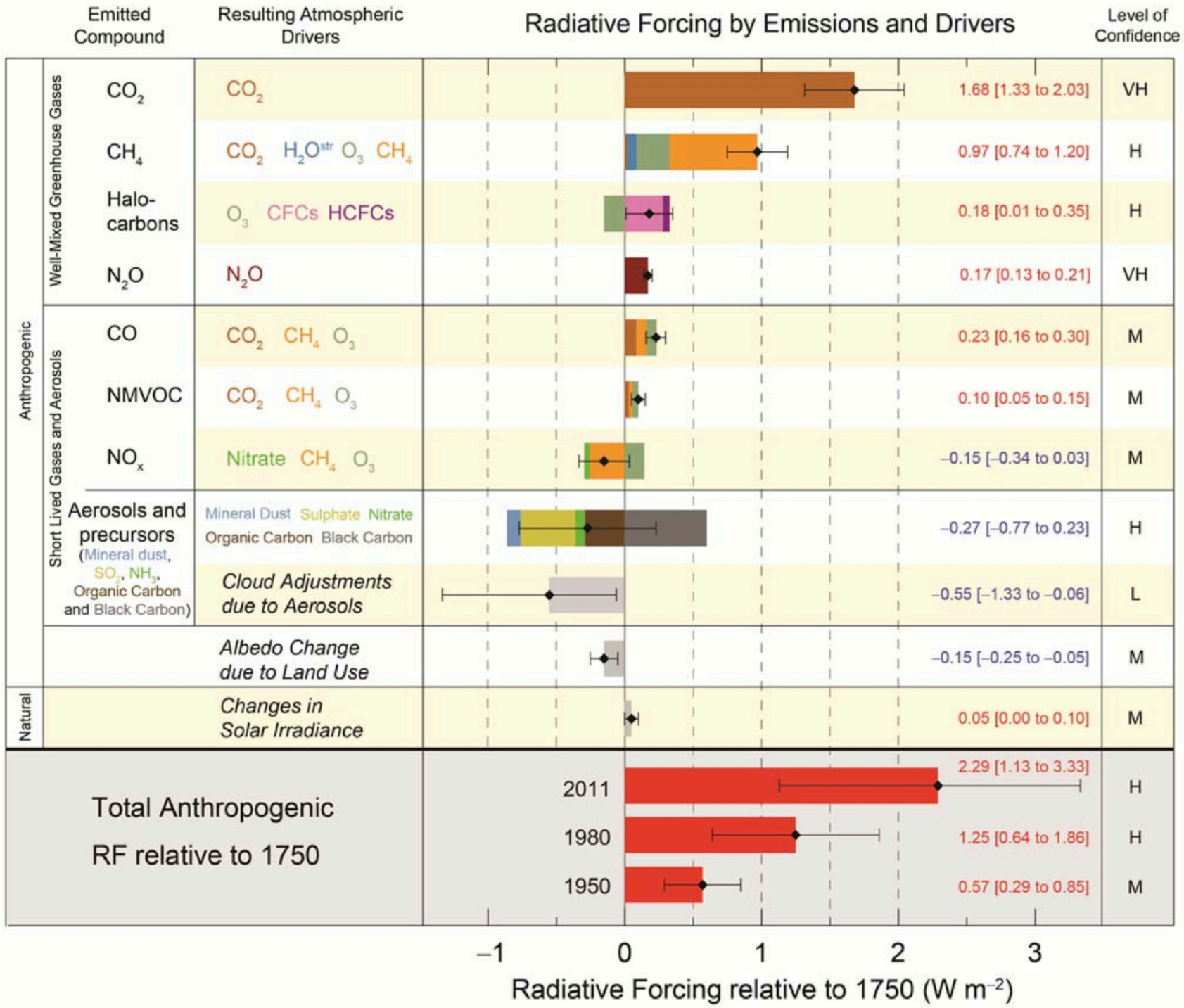
P-L in CCMI models - don't always agree!

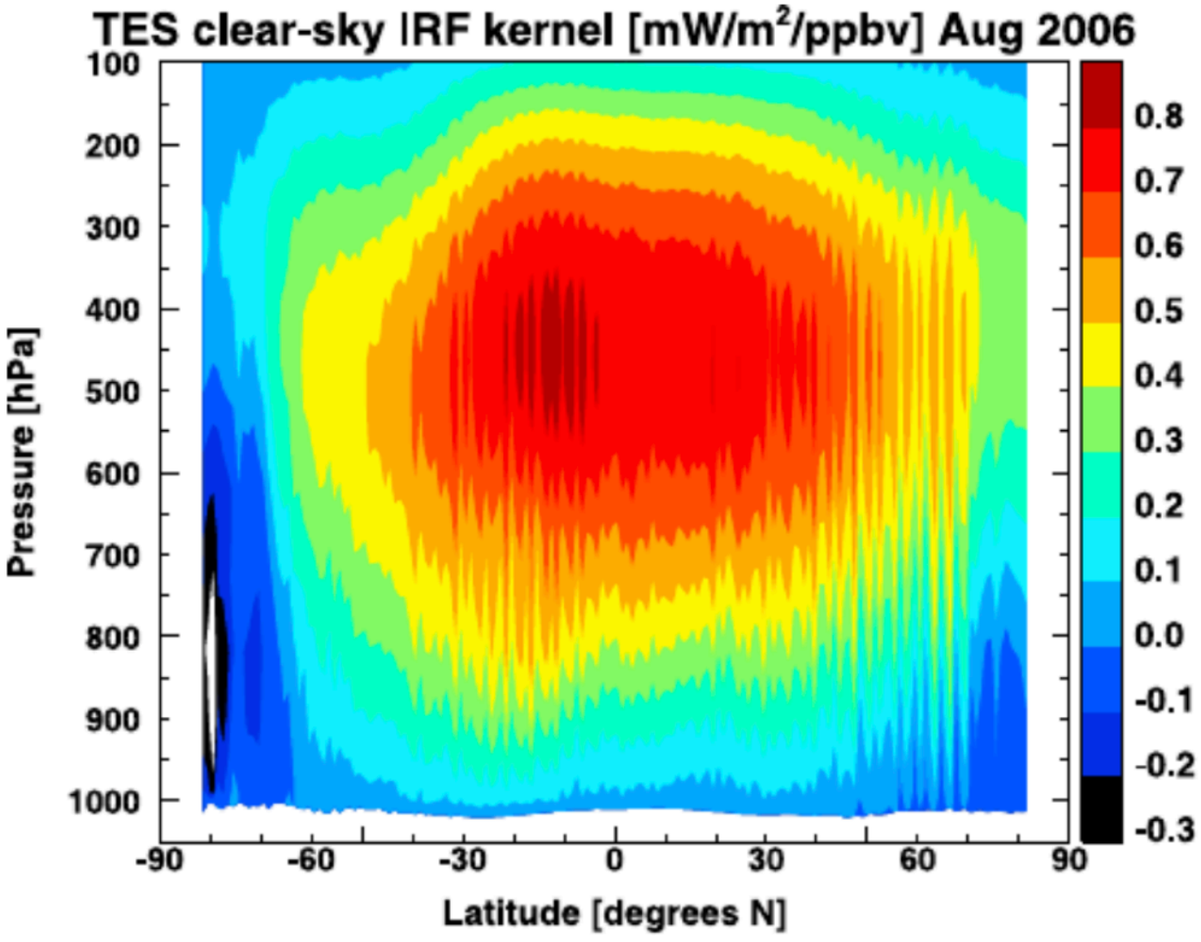


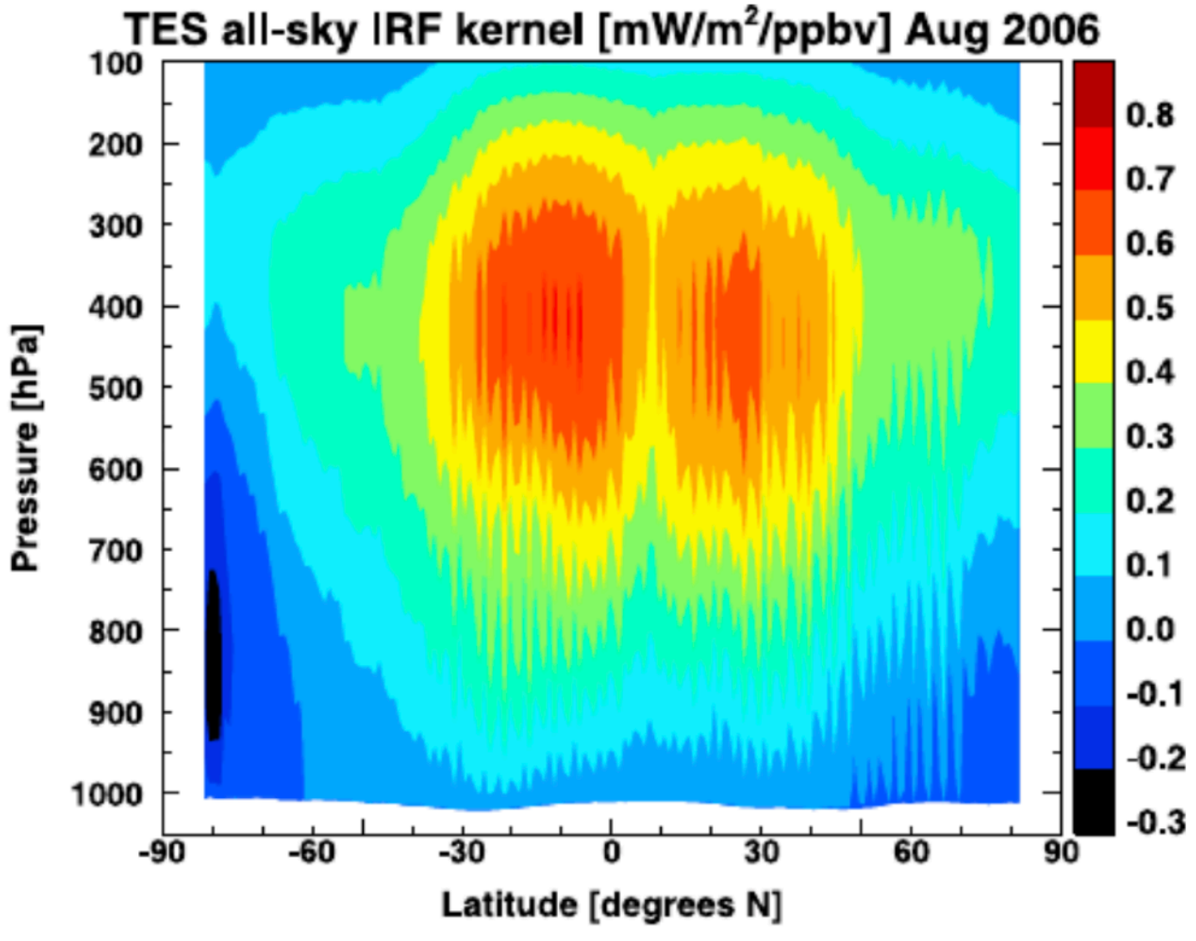
Effective radiative forcing - CMIP5 picture



- The radiative forcing can be used to estimate the resulting global temperature change via $\Delta F = \lambda \Delta T$

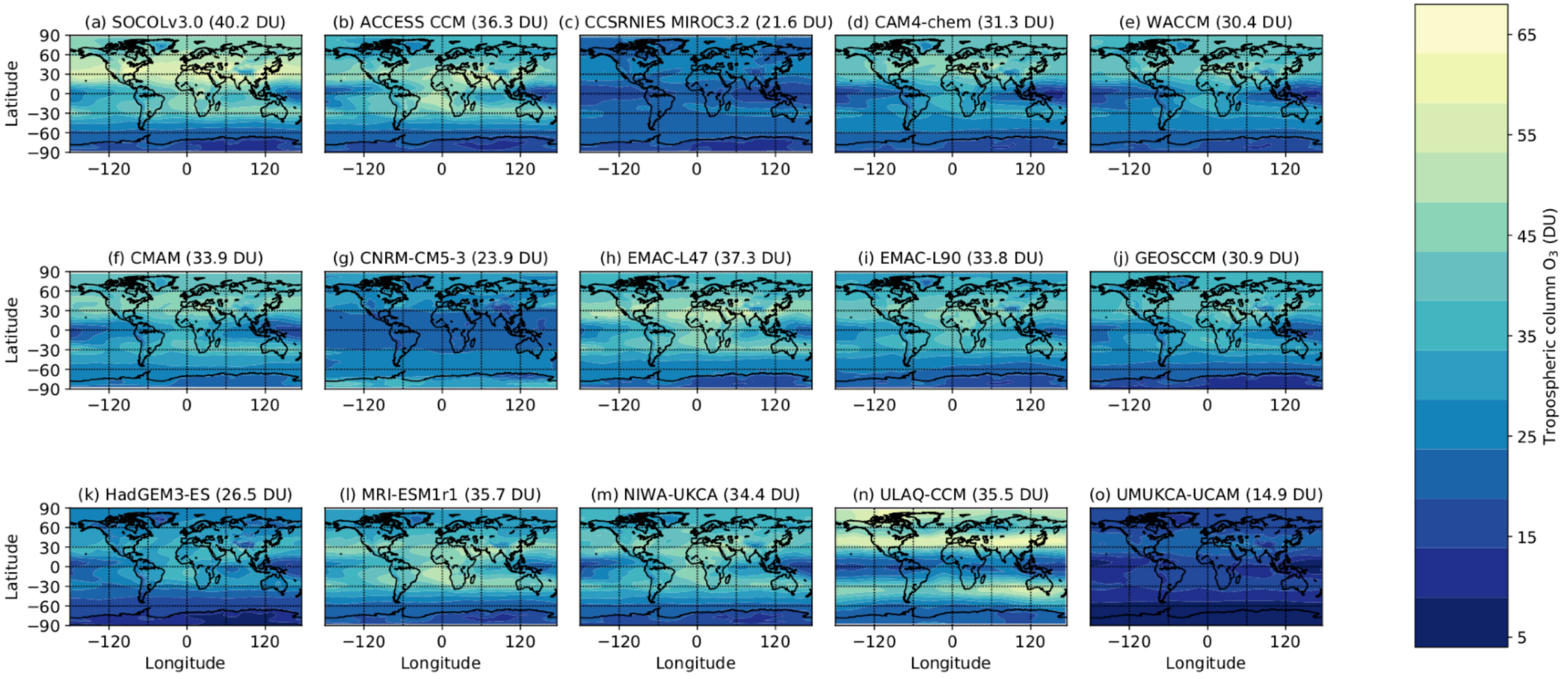
Ozone IRF - depends on altitude





Aghedo et al. (2012), “Vertical distribution of ozone IRF from satellite…”

UKCA Tropospheric ozone column in CCMI (2018)



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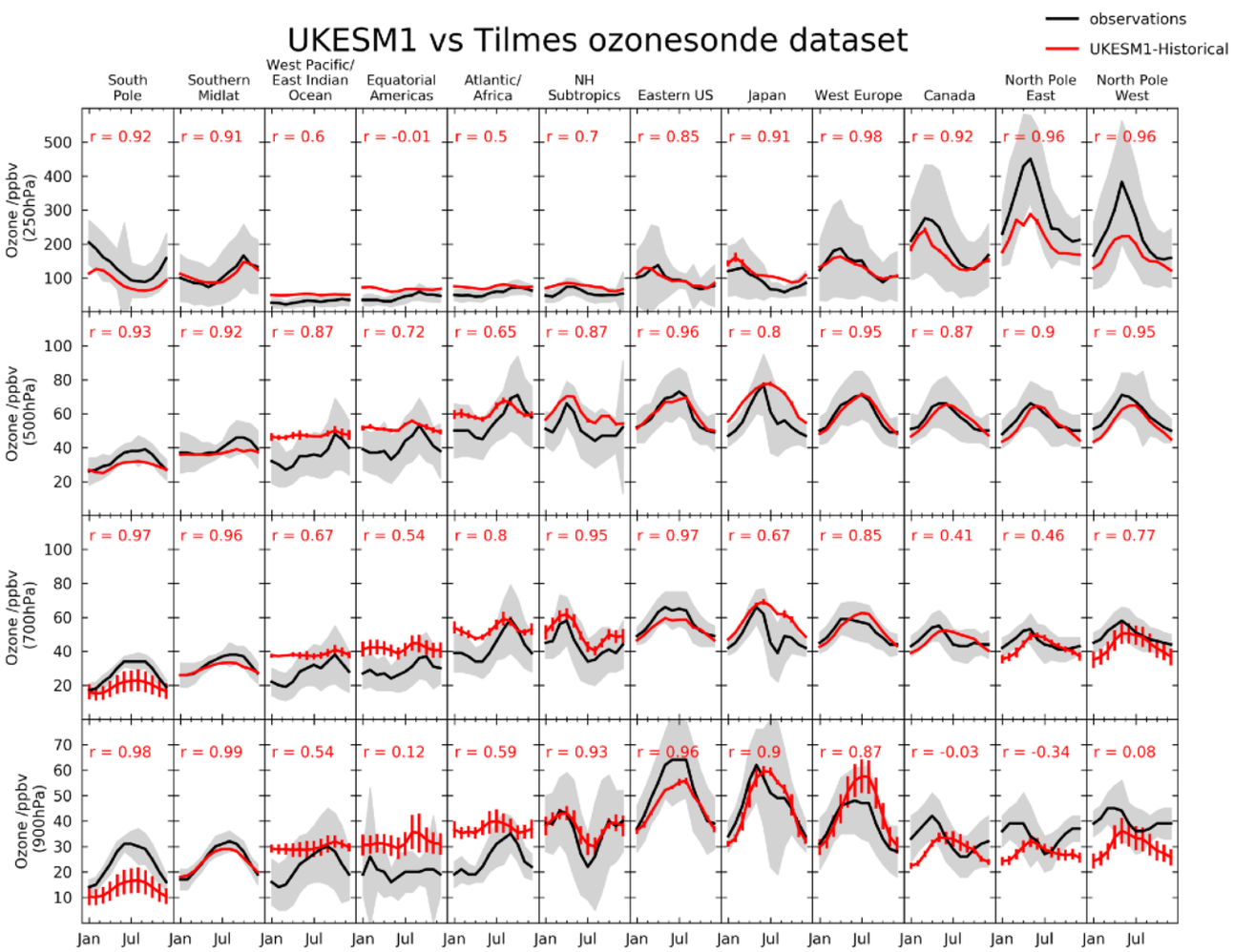
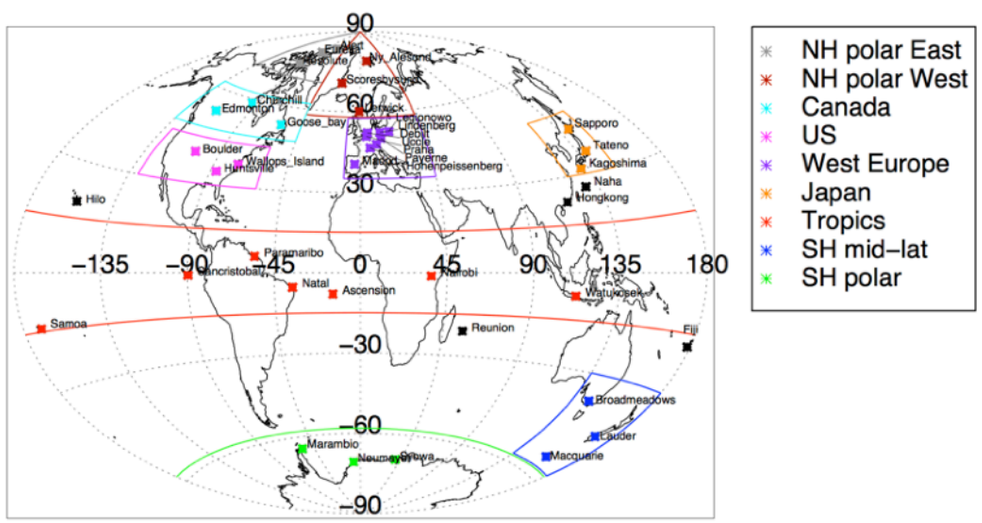
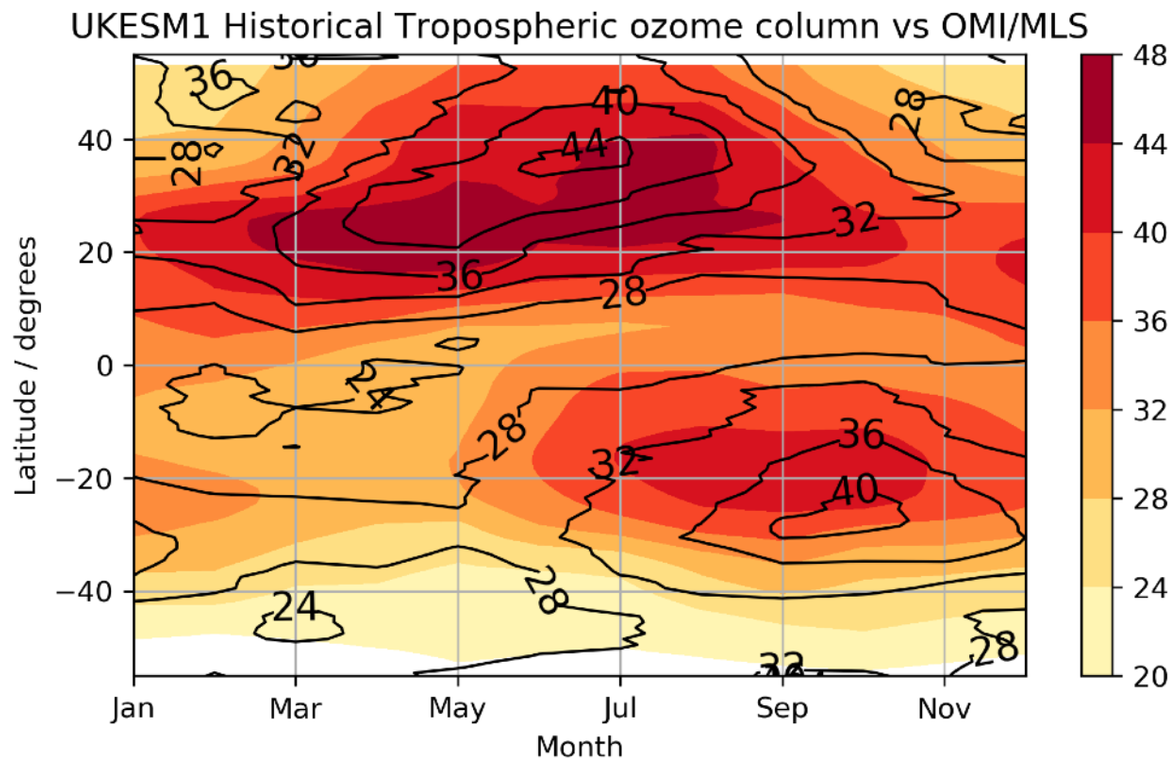
How does UKESM1 tropospheric ozone compare against observations?







- UKCA tropospheric ozone compares well with observations, particularly in-situ measurements.
- Integrated quantities, such as column amounts, sensitive to tropopause definition.

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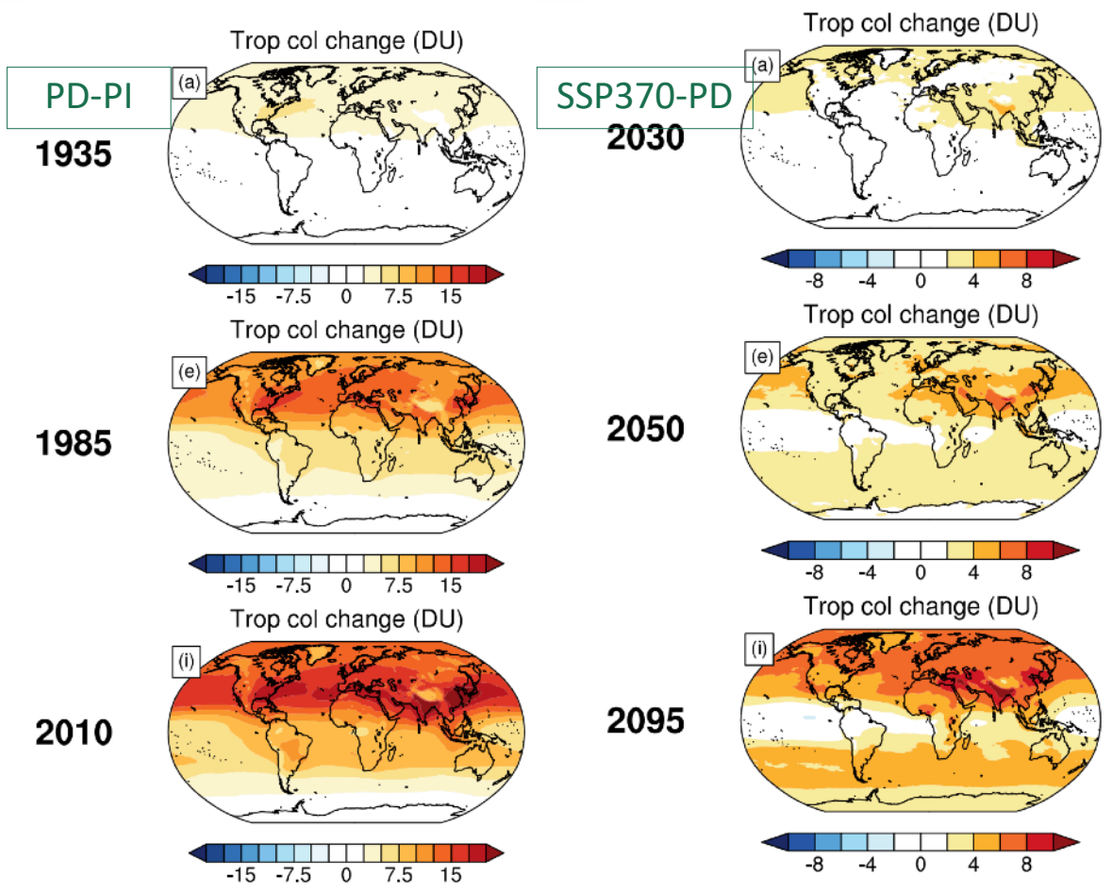

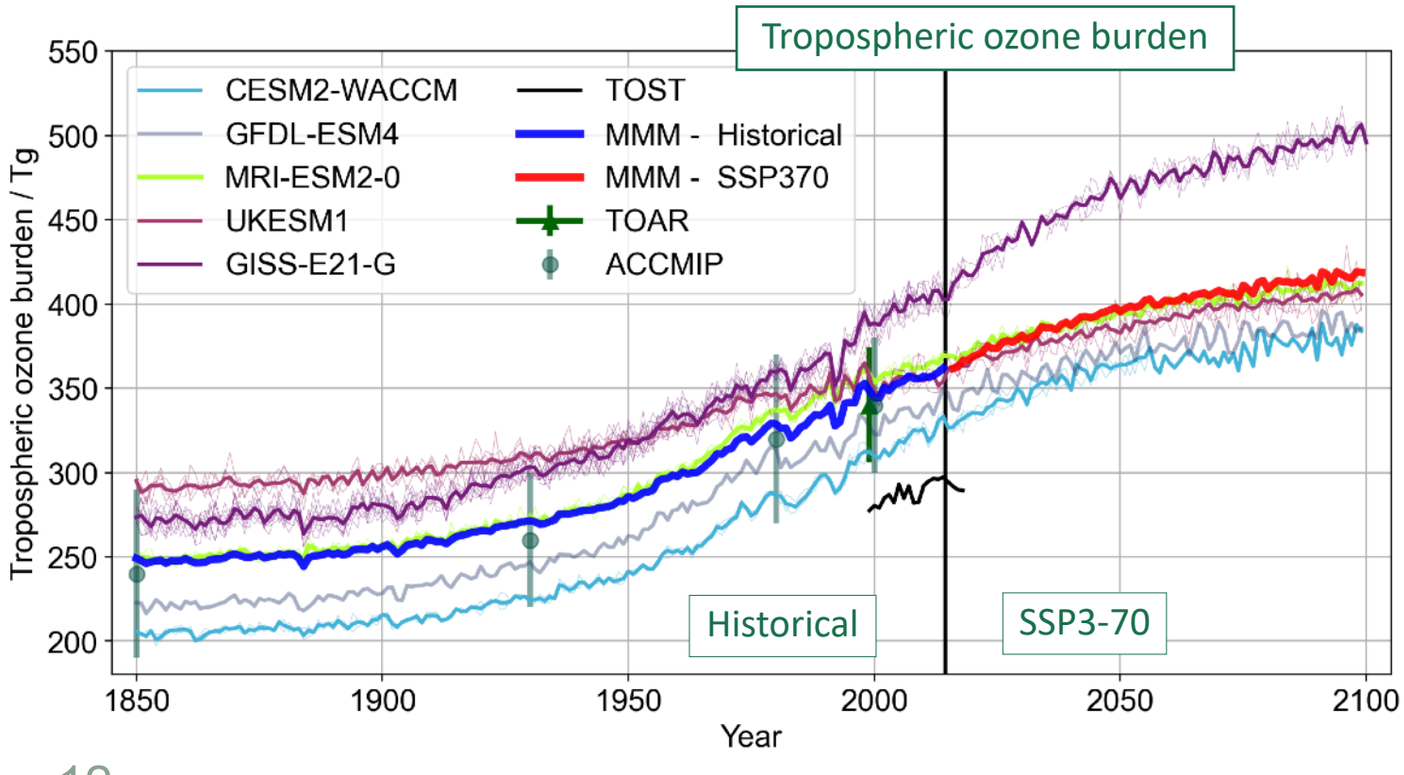

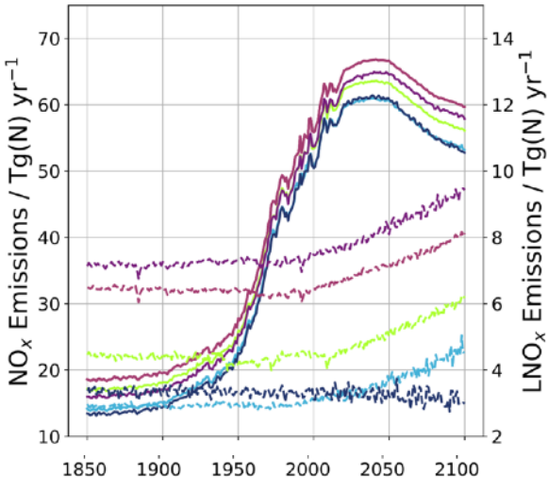

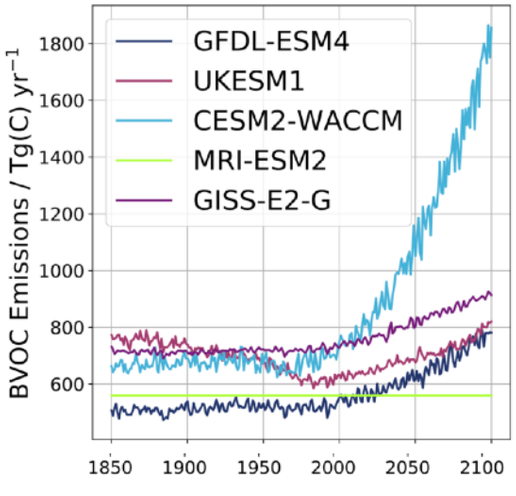

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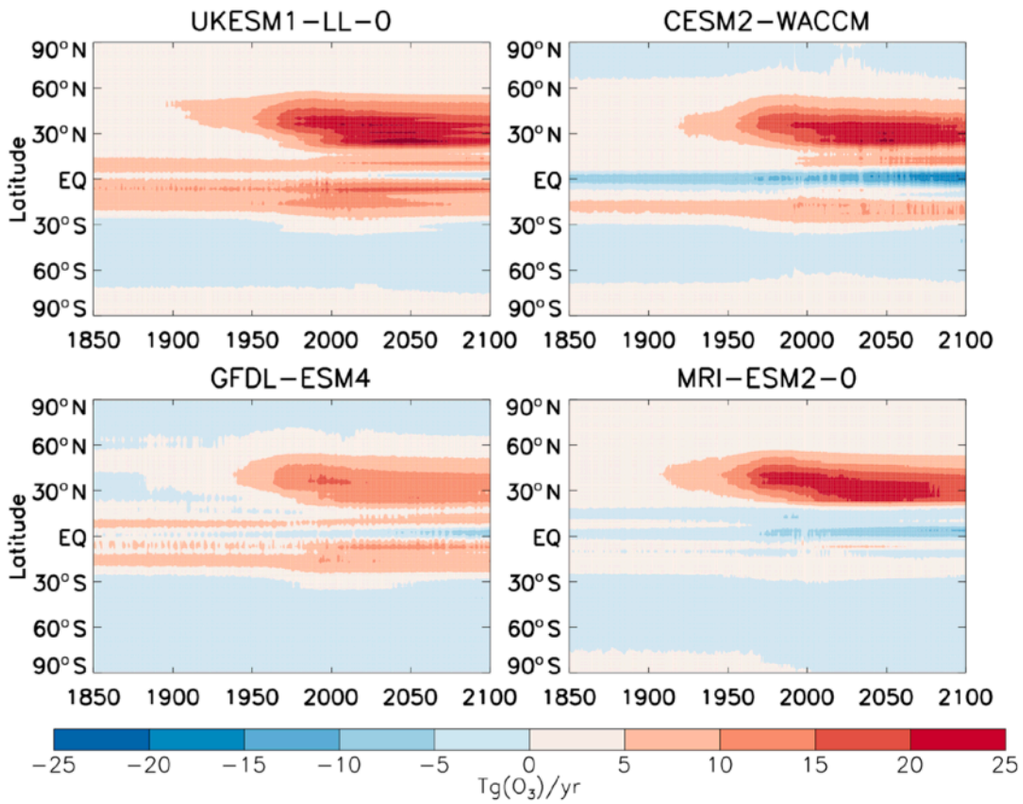
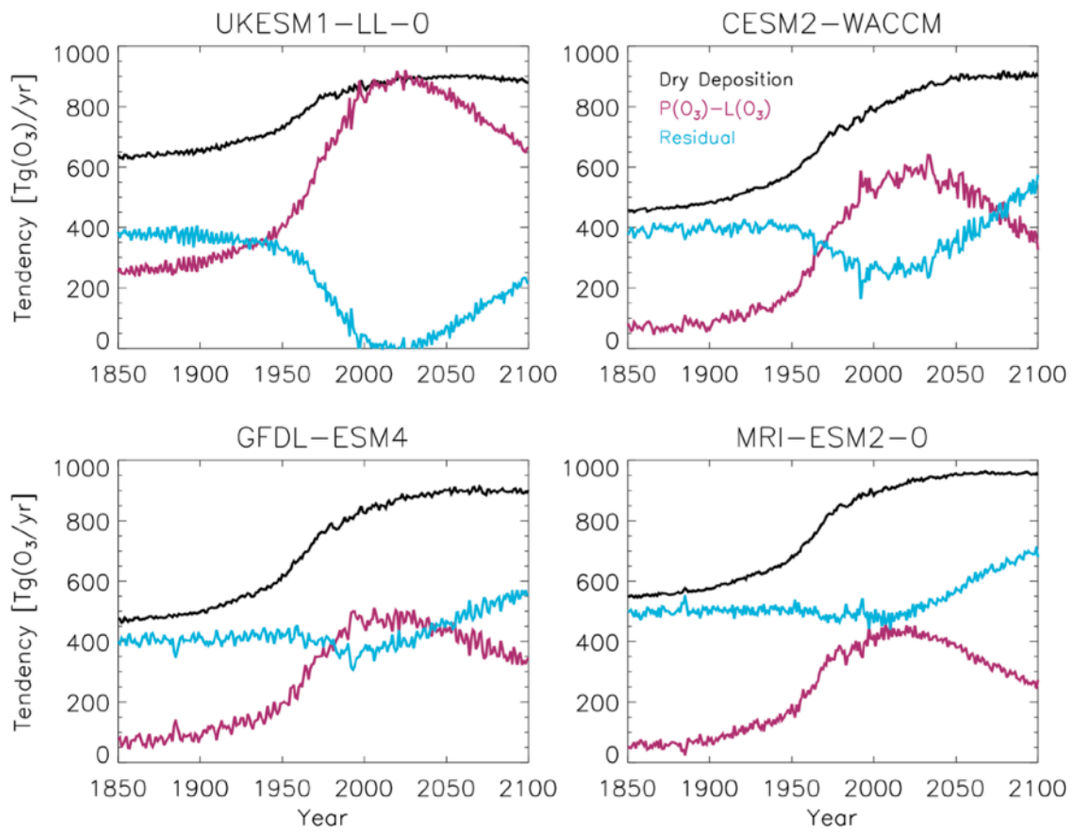
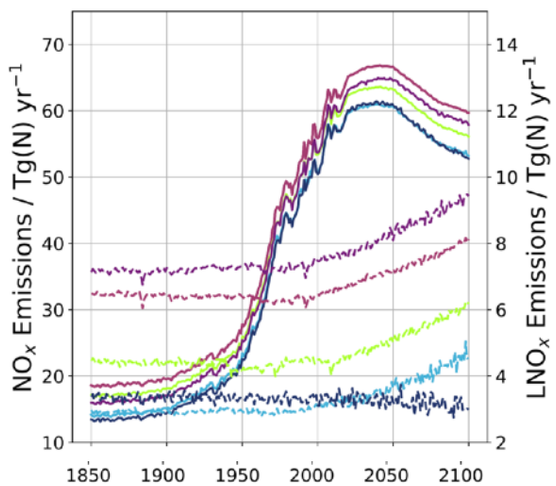
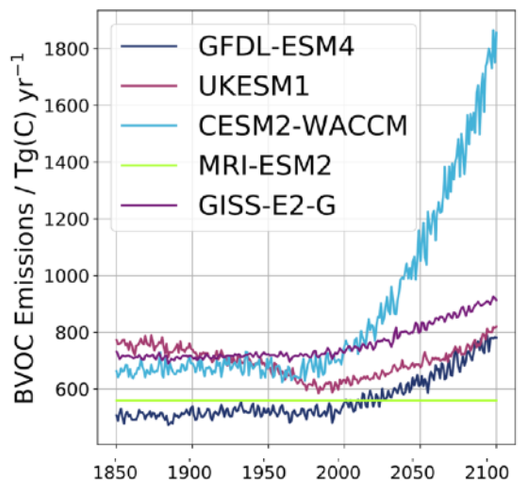




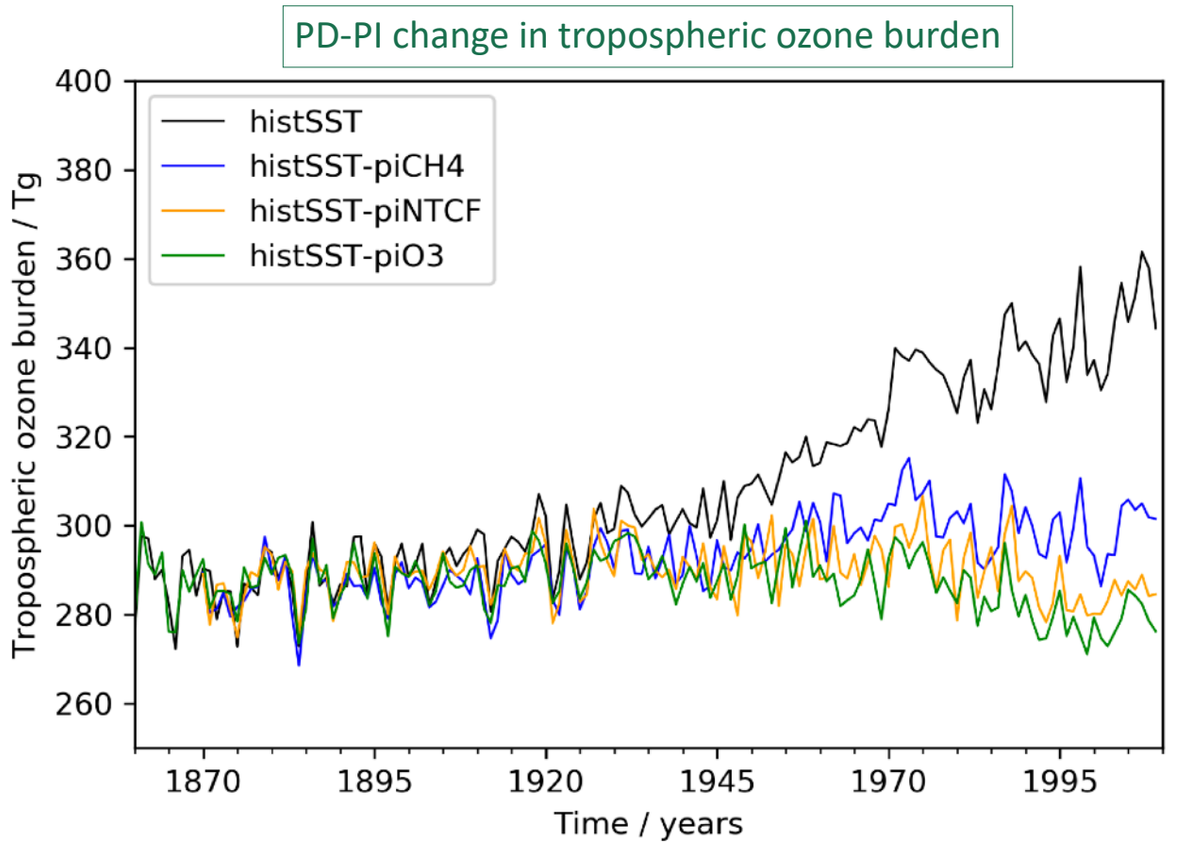
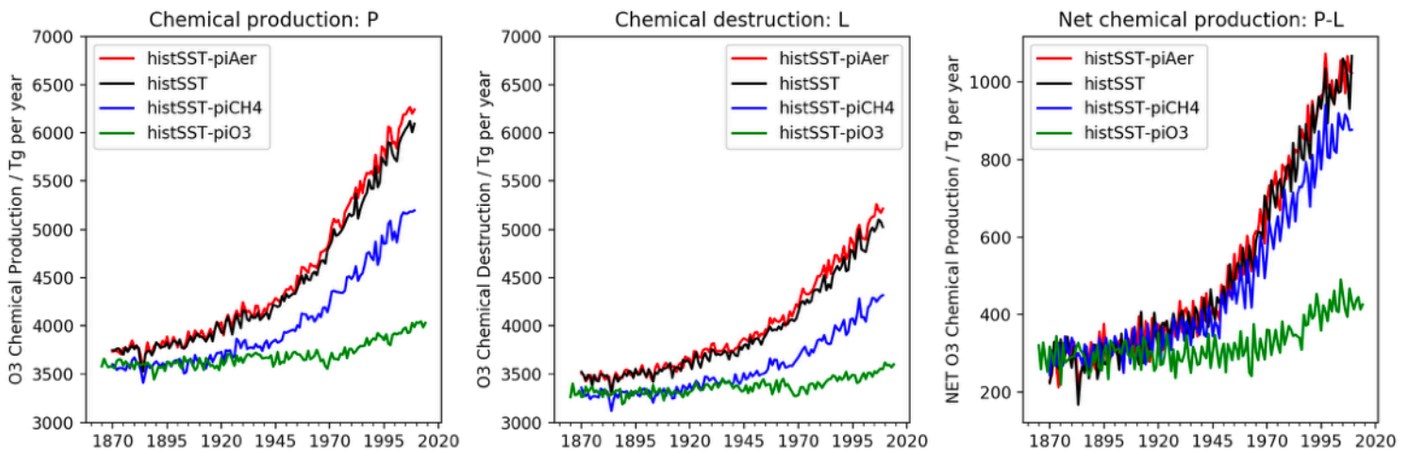




Tropospheric ozone precursor emissions

Attribution of tropospheric ozone burden changes

- AerChemMIP is a CMIP6 sub-project aimed at isolating effect of chemically active gases and aerosol on climate via tiered attribution experiments.
  - Selected components held at 1850 levels, other forcings evolve along historical trajectories.
  - Using atmosphere-only configuration with SSTs from historical experiments
- Initial results – 10% change in ozone burden when CH_4 held at PI levels, with larger changes to individual terms in chemical ozone budgets; 20% change when ozone precursors held at 1850 levels. P-L only part of the story.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