OZONE AND CLIMATE

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THE PROCESSES



CLIMATE CHANGE ALTER THE STRATOSPHERIC OZONE DISTRIBUTION

- CHEMICAL REACTIONS ARE TEMPERATURE DEPENDENT: COOLING OF THE STRATOSPHERE SLOWS DOWN OZONE DESTRUCTION
- COOLING OF THE WINTERTIME POLAR LOWER STRATOSPHERE INCREASES THE OCCURRENCE OF POLAR STRATOSPHERIC CLOUDS WITH ENHANCED POLAR OZONE DESTRUCTION
- CHANGES IN STRATOSPHERIC CIRCULATION AFFECT TRANSPORT OF OZONE DEPLETING SUBSTANCES AND THEIR LIFETIMES.
- CHANGES IN TRANSPORT AND TEMPERATURES AFFECTS WATER VAPOR INPUT TO THE STRATOSPHERE AS WELL AS TRANSPORT OF OZONE IN THE STRATOSPHERE AND THROUGH THE TROPOPAUSE



OZONE ABSORBS SOLAR ULTRAVIOLET RADIATION AND INTERACT WITH INFRARED TERRESTRIAL RADIATION





THE CHAPMAN MECHANISM (1929)

 $(J_{O2}); O_2 + UV \sqcup GHT (< 242 NM) \rightarrow O + O$ $(K_2); O + O_2 + M \rightarrow O_3 + M$ $(J_{O3}); O_3 + UV \sqcup GHT \rightarrow O + O_2$ $(K_3); O + O_3 \rightarrow 2 O_2$

The LOSS REACTION $O + O_3$ is strongly sensitive to temperature

THE RELATION BETWEEN TEMPERATURE AND OZONE IN THE UPPER STRATOSPHERE (CHAPMAN MECHANISM)

$$\Delta T = \frac{Heating}{\alpha} \frac{\Delta O_3}{O_3}$$

where Heating (solar) = 10 K/day and radiative relaxation rate (infrared) α = 0.2/day

An ozone reduction of 20% leads to a temperature decrease of 10 K

$$\frac{\Delta O_3}{O_3} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\Delta (k_2/k_3)}{k_2/k_3} = -\frac{1400}{T^2} \Delta T$$

A temperature increase of 10 K produces a decrease of 20% in ozone



RESPONSE OF OZONE TO SOLAR VARIABILITY



EARLY STUDIES OF THE EFFECT OF SOLAR VARIABILITY ON STRATOSPHERIC OZONE



Dutsch

EVOLUTION OF OZONE AT DIFFERENT ALTITUDES BASED ON SPACE OBSERVATIONS AND ON MODEL SIMUALATIONS



RESULTING RESPONSE OF OZONE TO11-YEAR SOLAR CYCLE



SIMULATED RESPONSE OF OZONE TO THE SOLAR CYCLE [PERCENT]



THE RESPONSE OF OZONE TO HUMAN ACTIVITIES





Scientific Findings





ODS production

ODS in the atmosphere

Ozone levelsmeasured and predicted

UV levelsmeasured and predicted

"There is even stronger evidence since the 2002 Assessment that the Montreal Protocol is working"

Radiative Forcing

- Positive direct forcing due to all halocarbons: 0.34 ± 0.03 W/m²
- Positive direct forcing due to ODSs only: 0.33 ± 0.03 W/m²
- Negative indirect forcing due to ozone depletion:
 -0.15 ± 0.10 W/m²
- Different types of gases make different contributions to positive and negative forcing



IPCC/TEAP 2005



The Montreal Protocol net reduction in ODS radiative forcing in 2010 will be equivalent to about 7-12 years of growth in radiative forcing of CO₂ from human activities.

> The Montreal Protocol will have **reduced** net radiative forcing from ODSs in 2010 by about 0.23 Wm⁻², which is about 13% of that due to the accumulated emissions of CO_2 from human activities.



THE OZONE HOLE

 \Rightarrow Ozone depletion over Antarctica of more than 50% compared to 1980 levels

⇒ Predominantly in spring months, impact on surface climate in summer

⇒ Recovery of the ozone hole projected by mid-late 21st Century

⇒ Stratospheric ozone has only a minor impact on global surface temperatures





Simulation of the ozone hole by WACCM

THE SH DYNAMICAL RESPONSE TO THE OZONE HOLE

OZONE HOLE AND CLIMATE

- WHAT IS THE IMPACT OF THE STRATOSPHERIC OZONE HOLE IN THE ANTARCTIC ON THE DYNAMICS (VORTEX) AND TEMPERATURE OF THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE?
- HOW WILL THE EXPECTED OZONE RECOVERY AFFECT CLIMATE CHANGE?



Ozone hole 2006, measured by OMI on EOS-Aura Veefkind et al., 2006

IMPACTS OF ANTHROPOGENIC CHANGES ON STRATOSPHERIC DYNAMICS IN THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE

The most prominent features of climate change in the southern hemisphere over the second half the the 20th century have been:

- A POLEWARD SHIFT OF THE MID-LATITUDE SH JET AND THE RELATED STORM TRACKS
- A POLEWARD SHIFT OF THE EDGE OF THE HADLEY CIRCULATION
- A POLEWARD EXPANSION OF THE SUBTROPICAL DRY ZONES

THESE CHANGES ARE ATTRIBUTED TO STRATOSPHERIC OZONE DEPLETION AND TO GREENHOUSE GAS INCREASES. THE RELATIVE CONTRIBUTION OF THESE TWO EFFECTS IS DEBATED.

Stratospheric Dynamics: Circulation and Waves



Ozone Depletion

Increase in GHGs

9

6

5

3

2

0

-0

-2

-31

-5

-6

-7.

-8

-9.



CHANGES (1960 - 2000) IN **TEMPERATURES DUE** TO OZONE **DEPLETION AND INCREASE IN** GREENHOUSE GASES

POLVANI ET AL. J. CLIMATE 2011

CHANGES (2000-1960) IN THE MEAN ZONAL WIND AND IN THE MERIDIONAL CIRCULATION (STREAM FUNCTION) POLVANI ET AL. J. CLIMATE 2011.

Ozone Depletion



600

700

800

900

-70

-80

-60 -50

-40

latitude

-30

-20 -10

Increase in GH

b: GHG2000 – REF1960

100

200

300

400

Ozone Depletion

Increase in GH



600 700 800 900 -80 -70 -60 -50 -40 -30 -20 -10 latitude d: c - a 100 200 300 (hPa) 400 500 œ 600 700 800 900 -80 -70 -60 -50 -40 -30 -20 -10 latitude

Ozone depletion and Southern Hemisphere atmospheric circulation

Depletion =>

cooling in Antarctic stratosphere =>

changes in atmospheric circulation and rainfall





What of the future?



Son et al 2010

Future changes in the Southern Hemisphere





Years

Years per decade

Future climate change scenarios

 a poleward shift in the SH extratropical circulation (*westerly jet, SAM*) is one of the most robust responses to global warming

 ozone recovery will offset this shift in austral summer to some extent

 which forcing dominates in future climate change scenarios?



=> low-emissions scenario RCP2.6: ozone recovery wins and SH winds shift equatorward

=> high-emissions scenario RCP8.5: GHGs wins and SH winds poleward

Meehl et al. J Climate 2012

CONCLUSIONS

- THE **STRATOSPHERE** PLAYS A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THE NATURAL VARIABILITY AND THE FORCED RESPONSE OF THE EARTH SYSTEM.
- INCLUDING STRATOSPHERIC PROCESSES IN ATMOSPHERIC MODELS PROVIDES
 ADDITIONAL SKILLS ON SEASONAL FORECASTS.
- Stratospheric ozone loss has considerably influenced climate trends in the last decades, in addition to its impacts on UV radiation.
- STRATOSPHERIC OZONE CHANGE WILL CONTINUE TO AFFECT CLIMATE CHANGE INTO THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY.
- RECENT RESEARCH HAS IDENTIFIED A CHAIN OF PROCESSES: HALOGEN COMPOUNDS ON OZONE CHEMISTRY, OZONE CHANGES ON STRATOSPHERIC TEMPERATURE CHANGE AND STRATOSPHERIC PERTURBATIONS ON TROPOSPHERIC CIRCULATION ANOMALIES

