

# Chemistry-Climate Working Group

Overview of what's new in Chemistry/Aerosol

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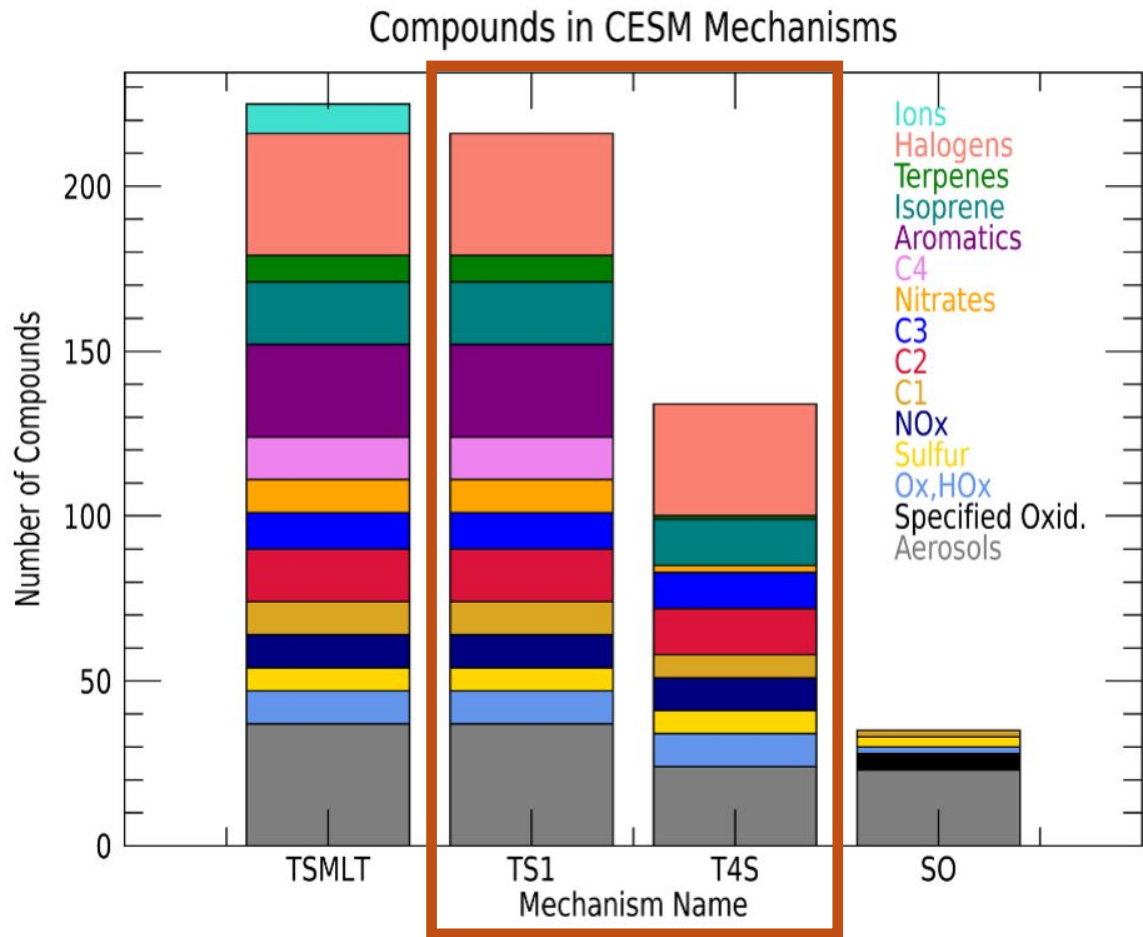
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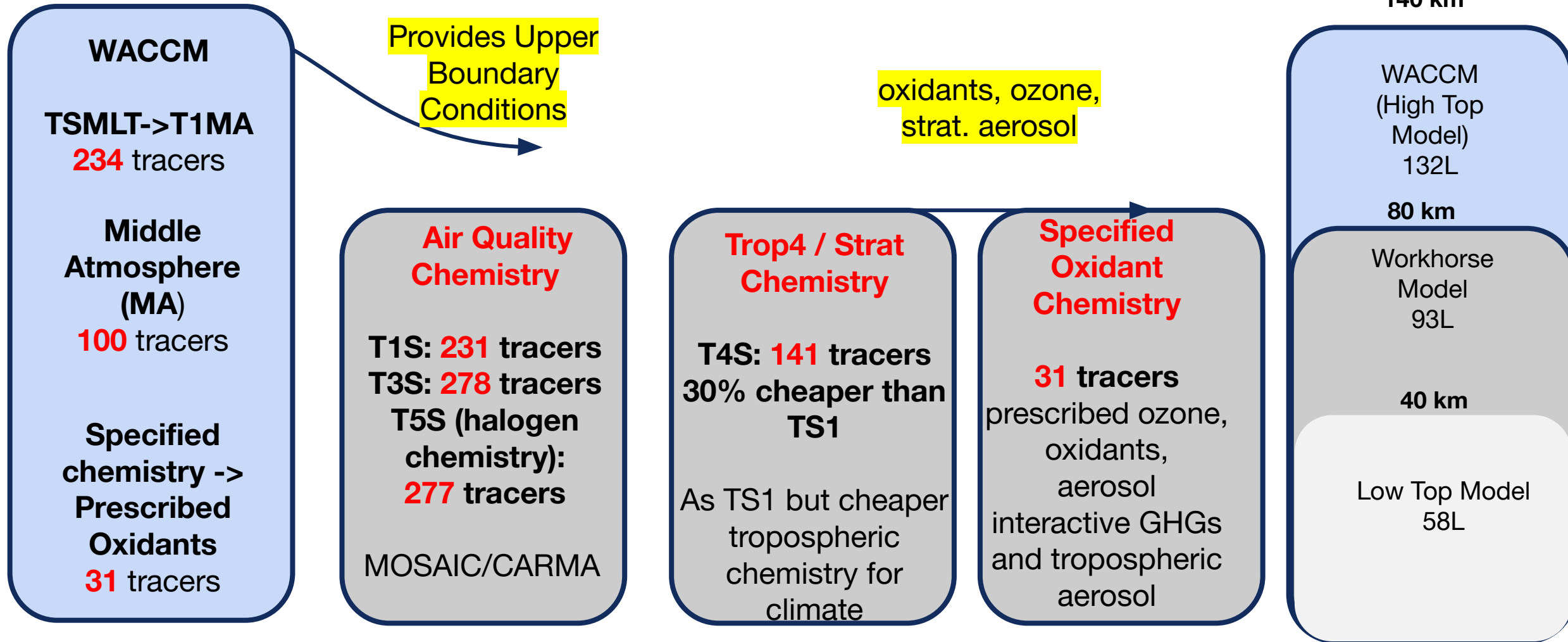
# MOZART Chemistry Options in CESM3



Name	Description	# tracers	# reactions
<b>T1MA (TSMLT)</b>	T1 with stratosphere, mesosphere, lower thermosphere chemistry	234	583
<b>T1S (TS1)</b>	T1 with comprehensive stratospheric chemistry and full sulfur chemistry	231	528
<b>T4S</b>	T4 with comprehensive stratospheric chemistry, no odd F, C>3 hydrocarbons simplified	141	364
<b>SO</b>	Specified Oxidants, with GHGs	31	12

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# CESM Configurations with Chemistry



Fully coupled simulations with chemistry are required for GHG chemistry runs

# Chemistry-Climate Production Experiments for CMIP7

## Mid-top model configuration with T4S chemistry with MAM5 aerosol scheme

- Comprehensive interactive tropospheric (T4) and stratospheric (S) chemistry for long climate simulations
- Interactive aerosols in troposphere and stratosphere (including volcanoes)
- Production of oxidants, aerosol, nitrogen deposition fields for prescribed oxidant chemistry
- Required for AerChemMIP and GeoMIP contribution for CMIP7 and other MIPS (CCMI, HTAP)

## Mid-top model configuration with T1S and Short-Lived Halogen chemistry (Tier 2)

- Improved chemistry and halogen representation for improved air quality and climate purposes. **Impact on tropospheric oxidants and GHGs.**
- AerChemMIP and GeoMIP contributions
- Baseline for more detailed chemistry climate studies

# Chemistry-Climate Production Experiments for CMIP7

## Included in standard CMIP7 simulations

- T4S climate chemistry, includes interactive aerosol and oxidants
- MAM5 aerosol scheme, independent stratospheric aerosol mode
- New dust emissions based on Leung et al., 2024
- Online DMS emissions based on Online Air-Sea Interface for Soluble Species (OASIS)

## Not Included in initial CMIP7 (potentially in later simulations / VSL halogen runs)

- New Photolysis scheme (TUV-x) (-> Tier 2 simulations)
- Short-Lived Halogen emissions and chemistry (-> Tier 2 simulations)
- Updated Soil NO<sub>x</sub> emissions (-> Tier 2 simulations)
- Marine Organic Aerosol Emissions
- MEGAN3 biogenic emissions
- CARMA aerosol / cloud (including nitrate implementation)
- HEMCO emissions (processing emissions online)

# Status and Next Steps for CMIP 7 (in progress)

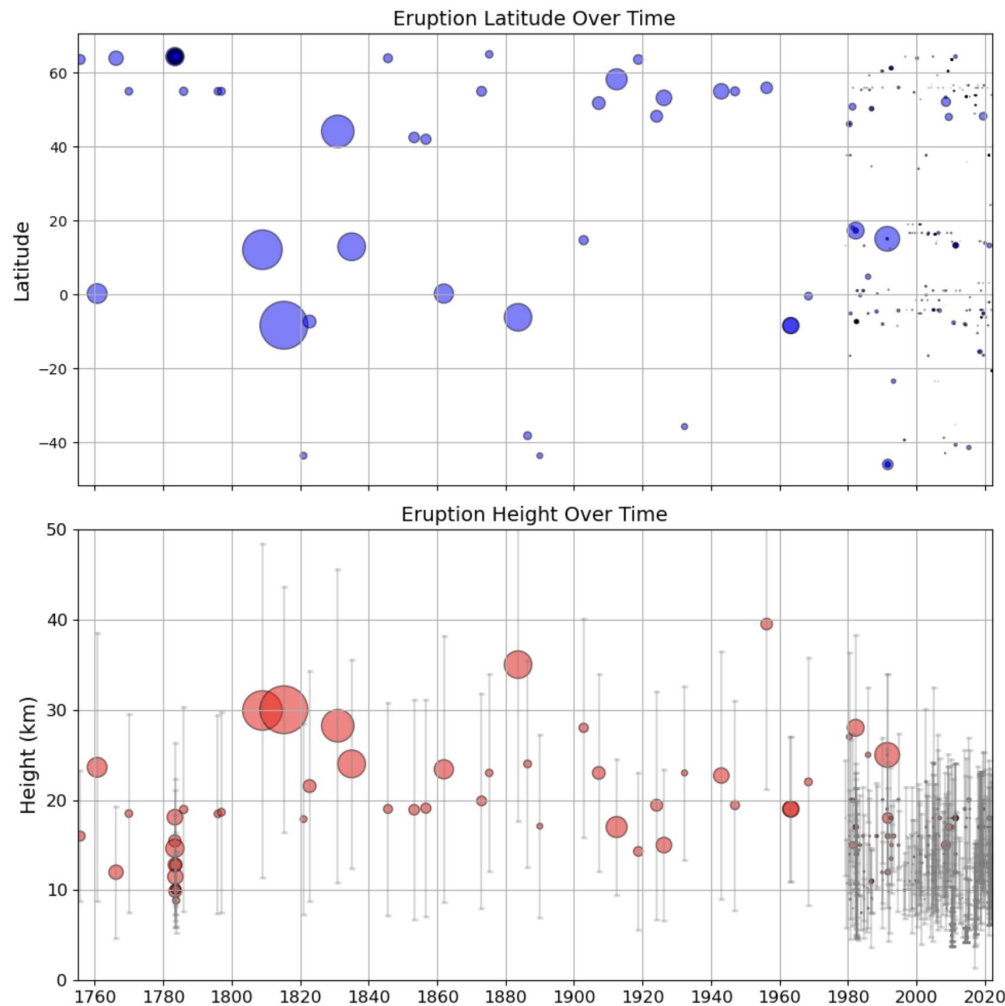
## In Progress:

- Production of T4S MT HIST simulations (fixed SSTs) 1980-2015 (CMIP6 emissions)
- Production and testing of new CMIP7 volcanic forcing files, surface emissions, and other forcings (-> currently using WACCM 2deg), see Ben Gaubert's talk
- Production of new forcing files from the T4S MT HIST simulation, to be integrated in the MT Specified Oxidant simulations

## Next Steps:

- Run a 1850 MT T4S simulation to produce forcing files for the next set of 1850 runs  
-> as soon as the new tag is available
- Test historical simulations
- Prepare for Tier 2 simulations

# Volcanic SO<sub>2</sub> emissions Data Set to be finalized for CMIP7

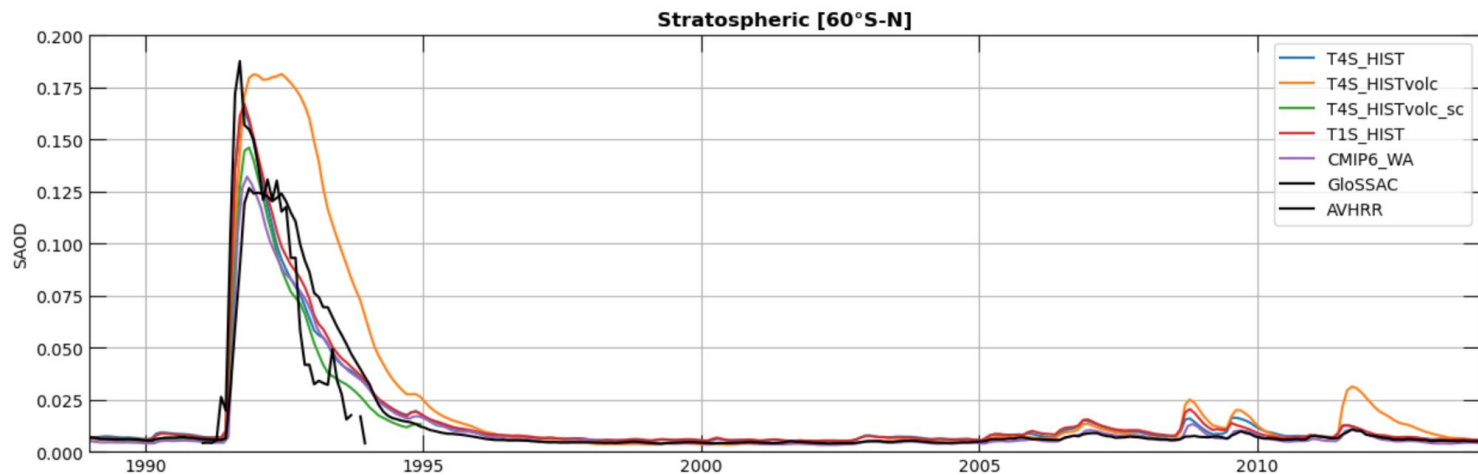
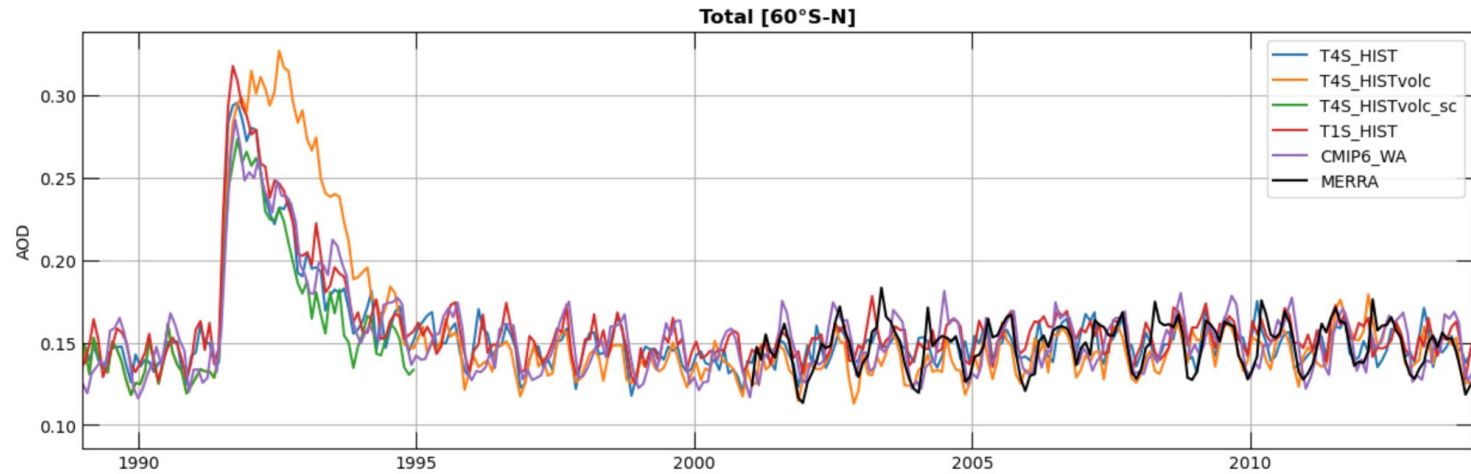


Key differences between the VolcanEESM database and the CMIP6plus dataset include:

- **Injection height variability:** CMIP6plus exhibits greater variability in injection heights, while pre-satellite eruptions (before ~1970) are generally modeled with injections around 17–18 km altitude.
- **Eruption locations:** Some adjustments have been made to the locations of eruptions in CMIP6plus.
- **Inclusion of missing eruptions:** CMIP6plus includes eruptions that were missing from earlier versions of the dataset.
- **Satellite era improvements:** More eruptions are included in the post-1970 satellite era in CMIP6plus.
- **Plans to include more eruptions throughout the dataset**

# T4S MT Performance: AOD and Volcanic Forcing

Stratospheric Aerosol optical depth at 550 nm



T4S MT HIST

T1S MT HIST

T4S MT HIST new CMI7 volc

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scaled (1989-1994)

CMIP6 WACCM

MERRA2 / GloSSAC and  
AVHRR

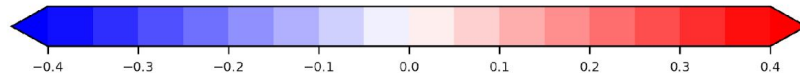
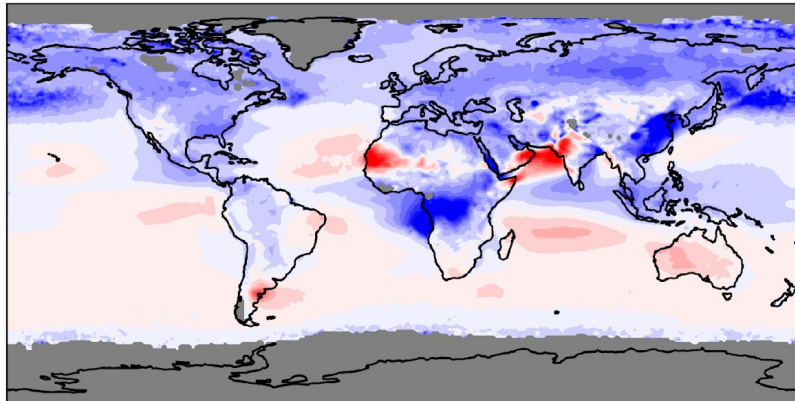


# T4S MT Performance: Using new Dust Emissions

Aerosol Optical Depth: Model minus MODIS Data

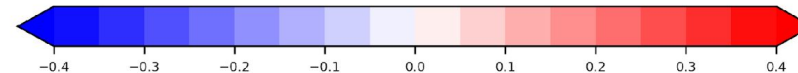
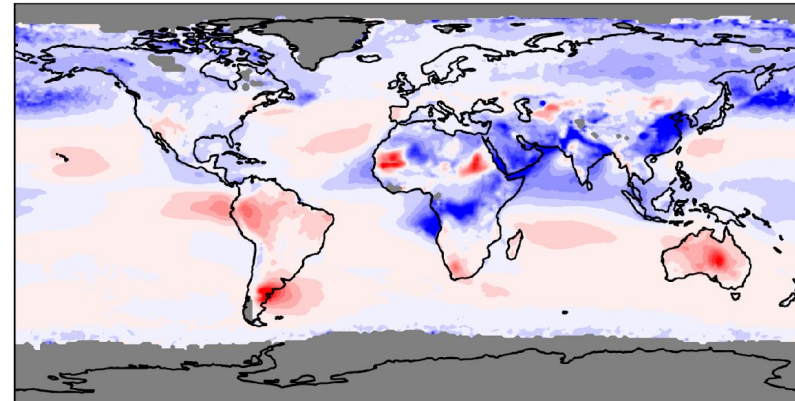
## New Dust and Changes in Land

TS4 - TERRA MODIS  
AOD 550 nm - Jun-Jul-Aug Mean -0.062



## Old Dust and Land

TS1 - TERRA MODIS  
AOD 550 nm - Jun-Jul-Aug Mean -0.035



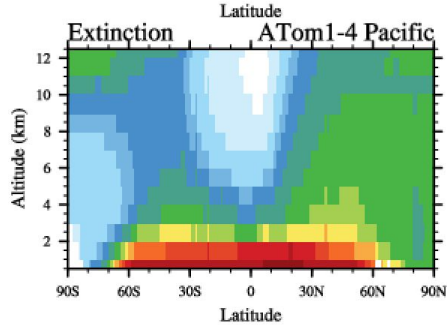
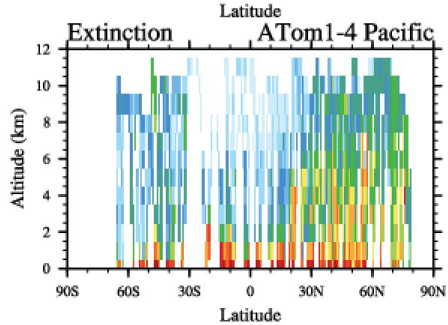
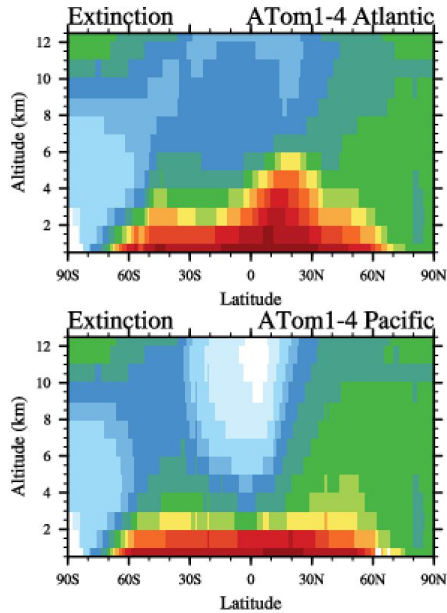
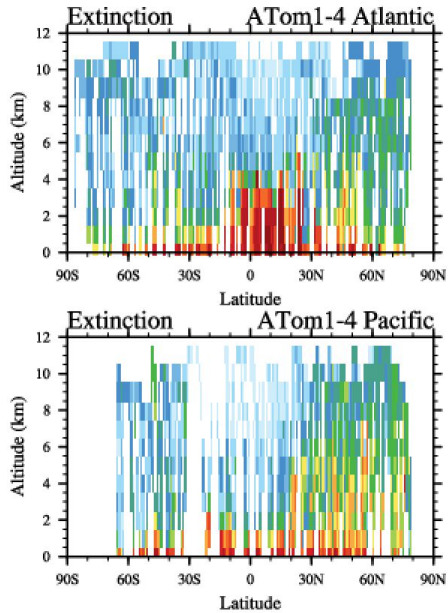
- Significant improvement in AOD over the SH (Australia, South America)
- Currently potential issues with biogenic emissions from the land for SOA formation. This may cause some underestimation of AOD over land (Central Africa, Eastern China, etc.)

# T4S MT performance: Comparisons to Aircraft Data

## Extinction

### ATom data

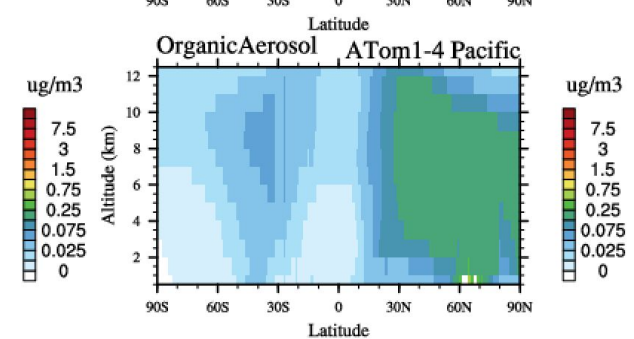
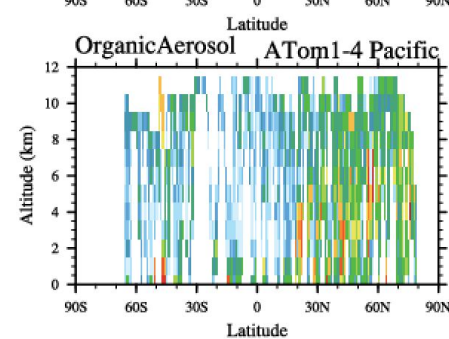
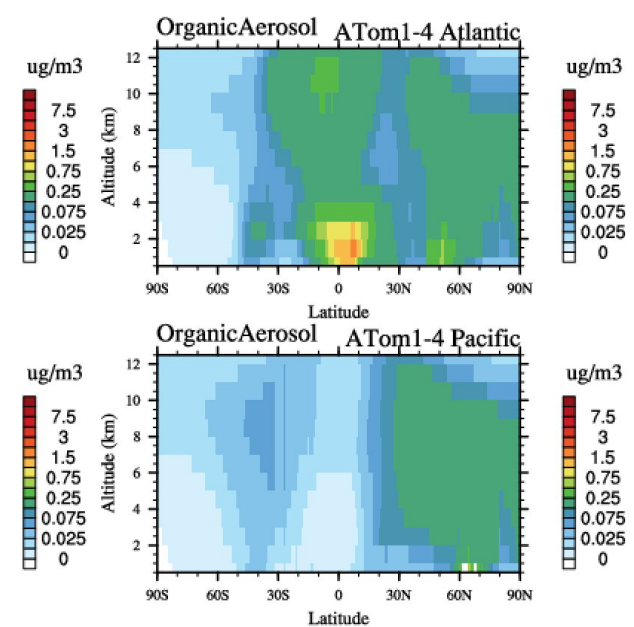
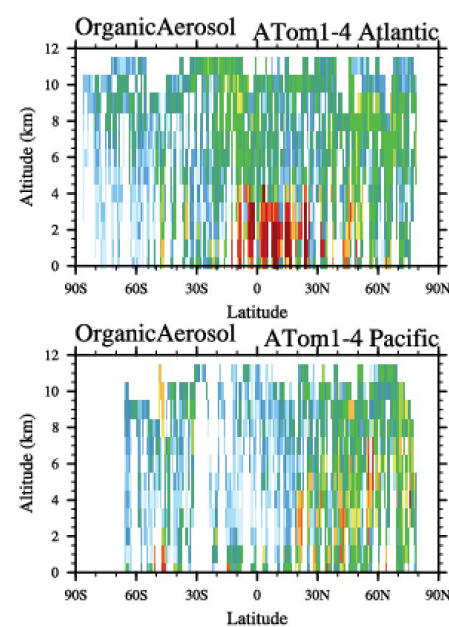
### T4S MT new dust



## Organic Aerosol

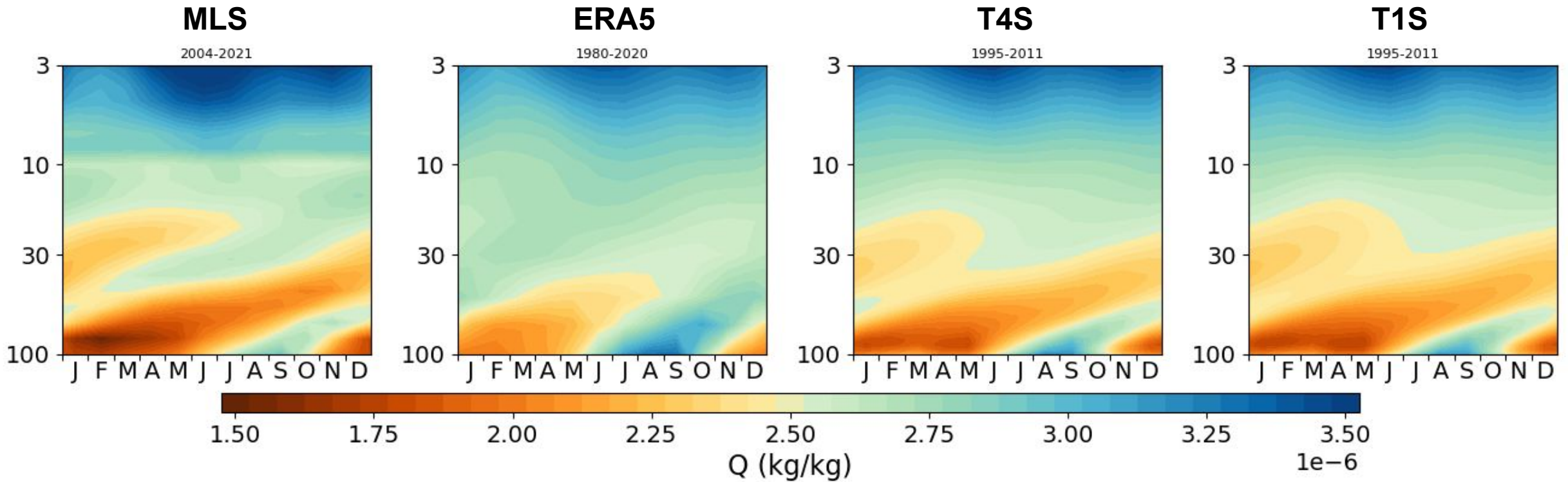
### ATom data

### T4S MT new dust



- Extinction is reasonable, some underestimation over the Pacific mid-to high latitudes
- Underestimation of Organic Aerosol (possible due to reduced biogenetic precursor emissions)

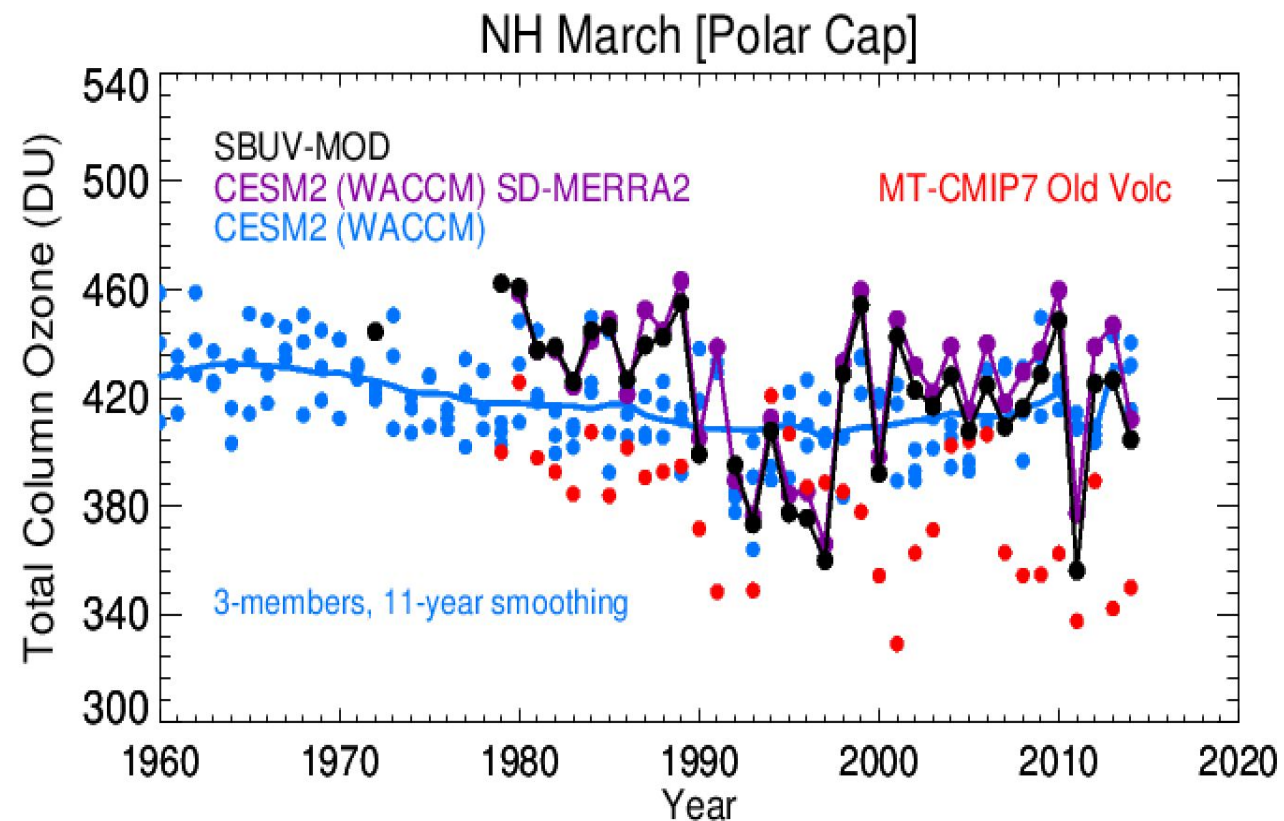
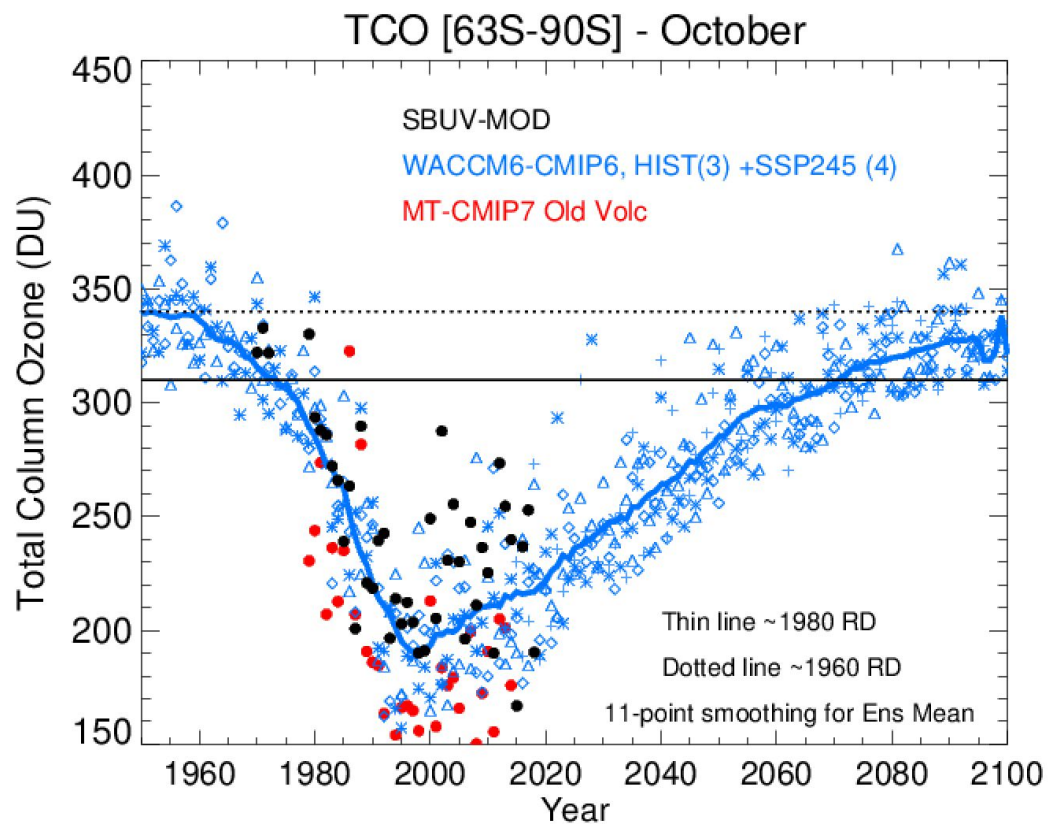
# T4S MT performance: Tape Recorder



Climatology of zonal mean seasonal cycle water vapor in the tropical band

- Tape Recorder minimum and maximum look reasonable
- Peak in April/May is not realistic

# T4S MT performance: Total Column Ozone



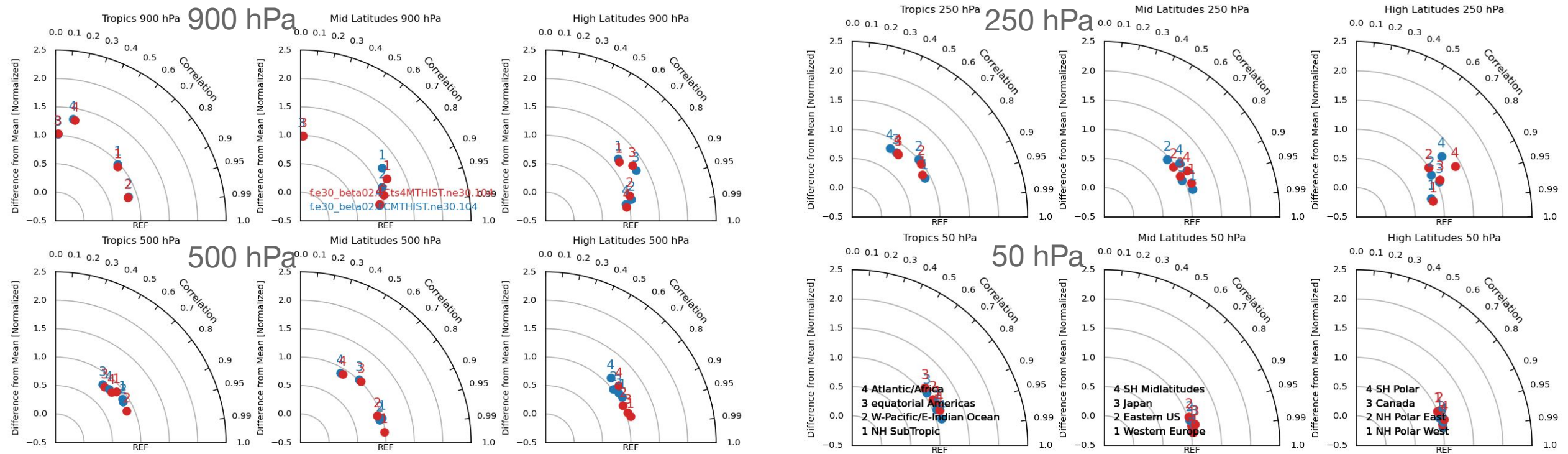
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- Total Column Ozone Evolution for SH October looks reasonable
- Values are too low, especially for NH March. Need to check temperatures, winds, SSW.

# T4S vs T1S MT performance: Comparisons to Ozone Sondes

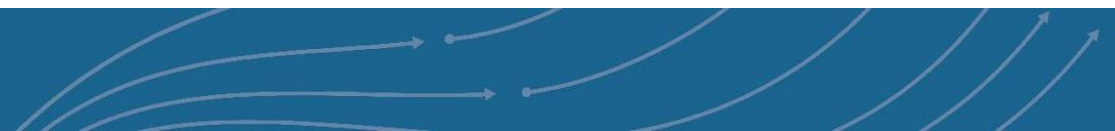
Comparison to Ozonesondes

T1S / T4S

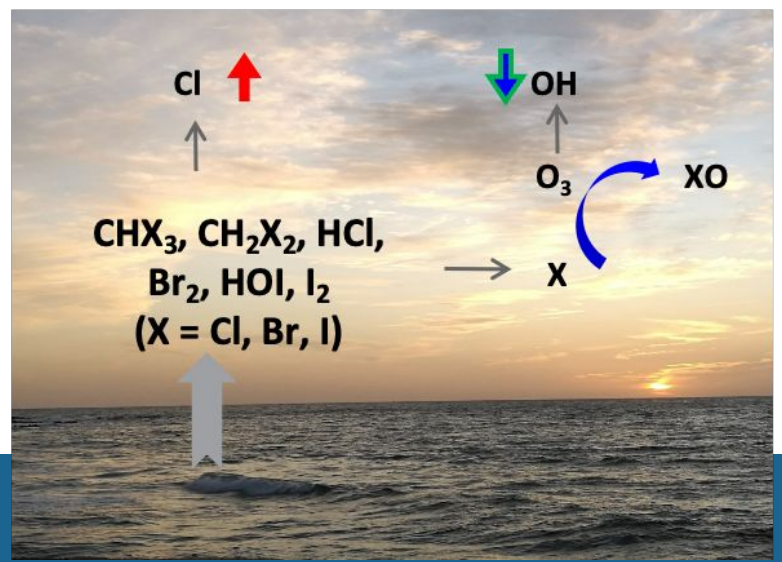
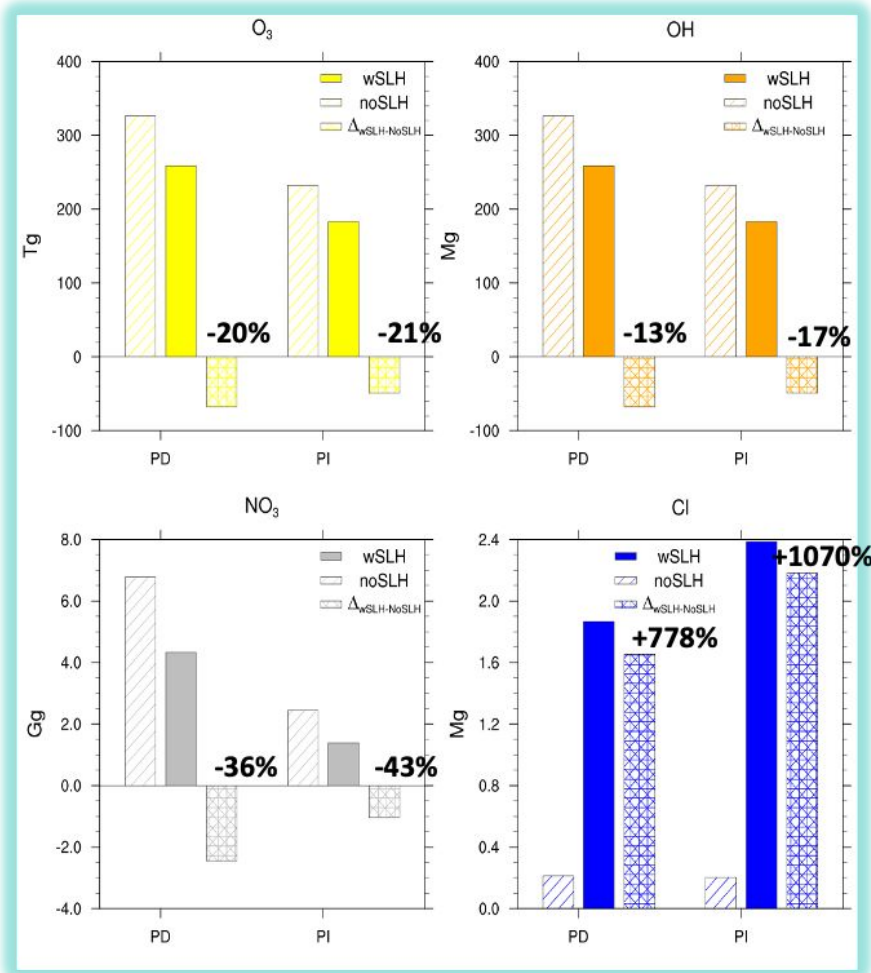
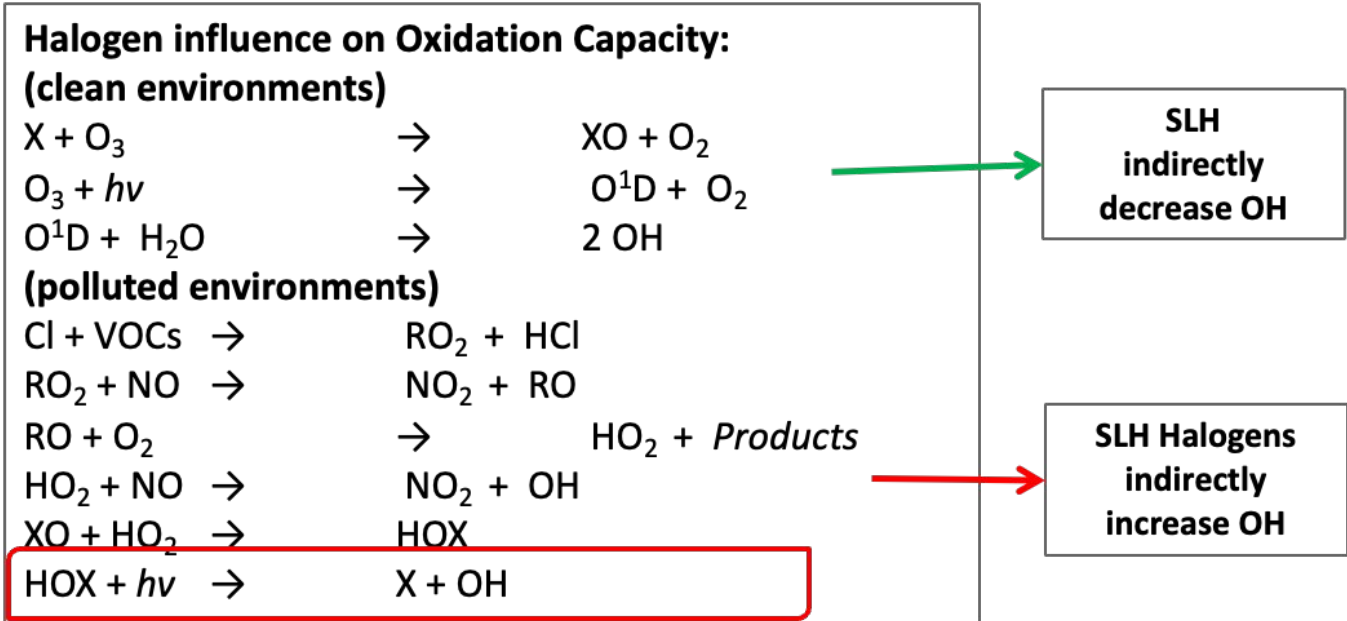


- Reasonable performance of ozone compared to ozonesonde observations
- T4S is very similar to T1S performance

# Highlights of other CAMchem Development



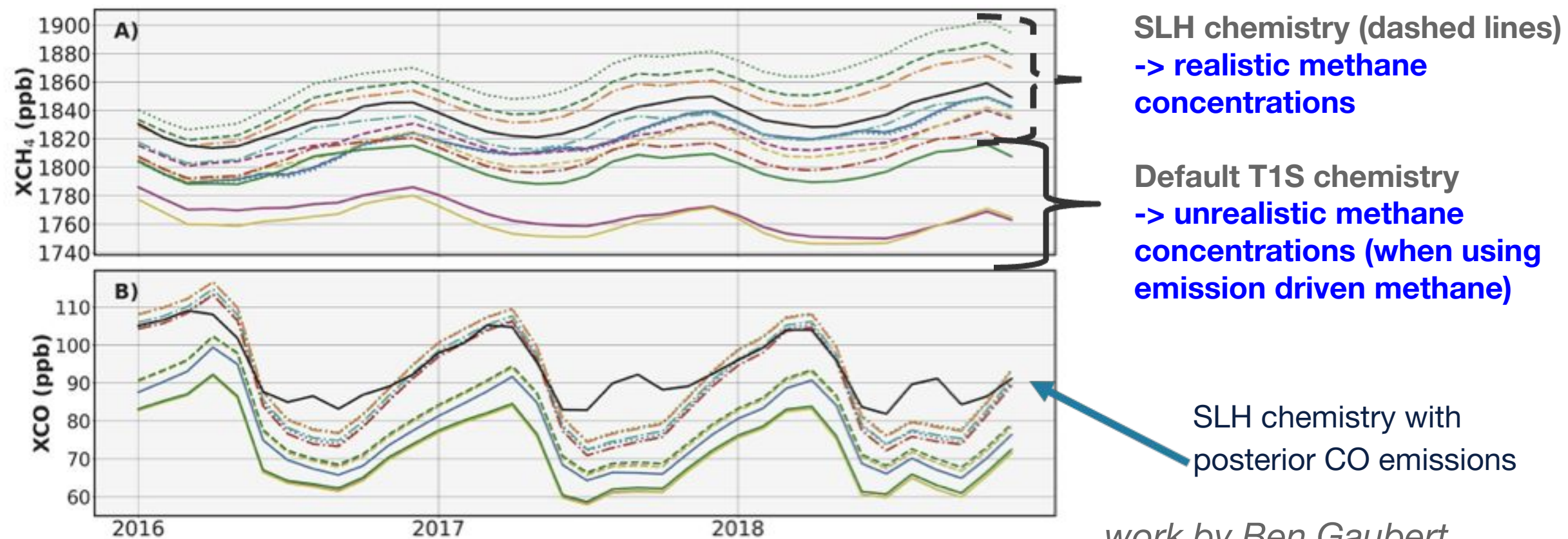
# Improve knowledge of Short Lived Halogens (SLH) on the atmospheric oxidation capacity



- Implications for main oxidants (OH, O<sub>3</sub>, NO<sub>3</sub>, Cl)

# Importance of Short Lived Halogen Chemistry with Interactive Methane

Comparison of CESM2.2 with GOSAT CH<sub>4</sub> and MOPITT CO (2016-2018 monthly means)



- Updated halogen representation in CESM2.2 Improves OH, CO and CH<sub>4</sub>:
- Net OH reduction with most profound impact over the ocean
- Result in an increase in CO and CH<sub>4</sub> due to a longer lifetime with respect to OH



## MUSICA: configurations of CESM

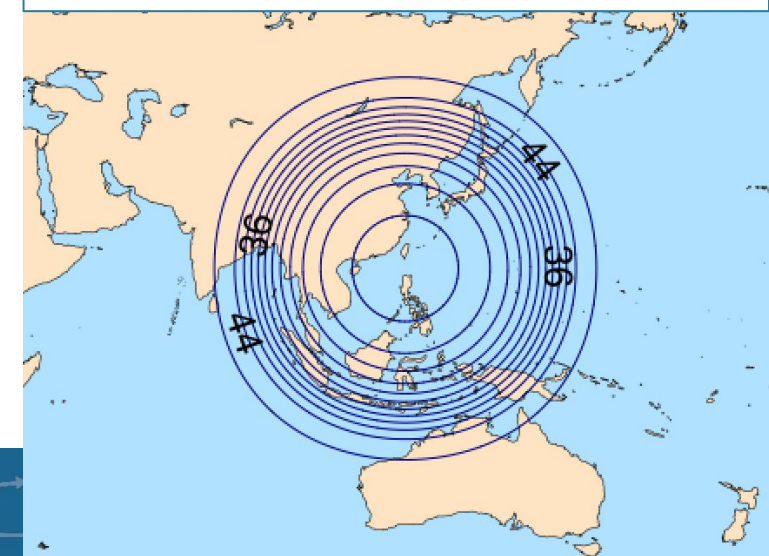
### **MUSICAv0:** Regionally refined grids in CAM-chem (Spectral Element)

- Australia (Rebecca Buchholz)
- Michigan (Noribeth Mariscal, Wayne State Univ.)
- Simultaneous N.America, Europe, Asia refined regions (Louisa Emmons)
- numerous studies with CONUS grid (Alma Hodzic, Ben Gaubert, ...)
- Dynamical downscaling work (Kwesi Quagraine)

### **MUSICAv1:**

- CAM-chem with MPAS dynamical core, allowing refined grid down to 1-km resolution
- Currently testing grid with 3 km refined region, 60 km globally
- Centered over Asian Summer Monsoon (ACCLIP analysis; Ren Smith, Mary Barth)
- over Philippines-Taiwan (ASIA-AQ analysis; Wenfu Tang)

MPAS 60->3 km grid for ASIA-AQ



# New ADF Chemistry Options in Development

## CAM Diagnostics

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### Test Case:

f.cam6\_3\_160.FCMT\_climate\_chemistry\_ne30.moving\_mtn.001

- years: 1996 - 2000

### Baseline Case:

f.cam6\_3\_160.FCMT\_ne30.moving\_mtn.002

- years: 1996 - 2000

### New Plots:

- Ozone Climatology
- Chemistry/Aerosol comparisons/budgets
- AODVIS comparisons
- CO MOPITT

## Special Plots

**Log-P**

Q_logp	U_logp	T_logp
RELHUM_logp	O3_logp	CH4_logp
CO_logp	N2O_logp	NO_logp
NO2_logp	NOX_logp	SO2_logp
BIGALK_logp	C2H4_logp	C2H5O2_logp
C2H5OH_logp	C2H5OOH_logp	C2H6_logp
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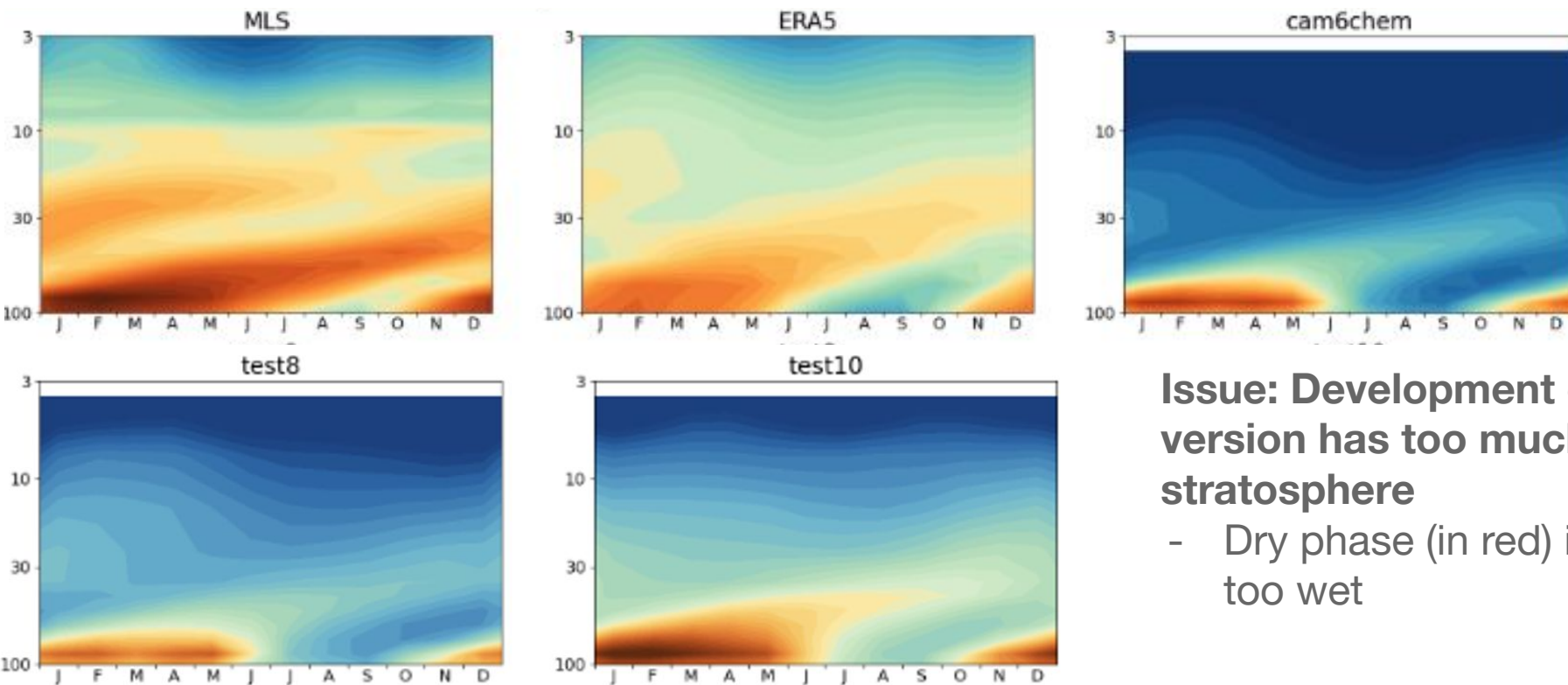
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**O3 DIAGNOSTICS**

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# CAM6-Physics Water Vapor Tests (Development Version)



**Issue: Development cam6 physic's default version has too much water vapor in the stratosphere**

- Dry phase (in red) is about right, wet phase is too wet

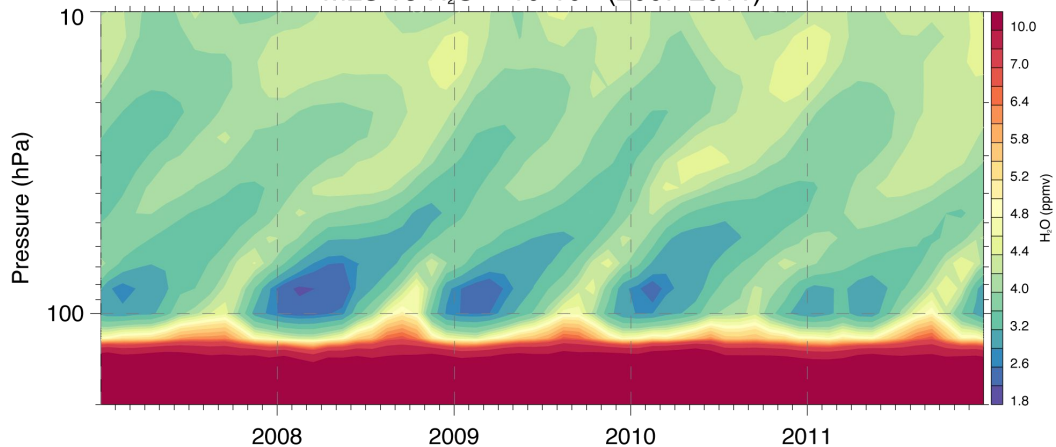
## 2 tests H<sub>2</sub>O tests helped to dehydrate the stratosphere

- Increase of ice formation in the stratosphere -> change stratospheric ice formation from 100%RH to 80%RH -> faster ice formation
- Increase of fall velocity of small slow ice -> faster removal of ice

# CAM6-Physics Water Vapor Tests

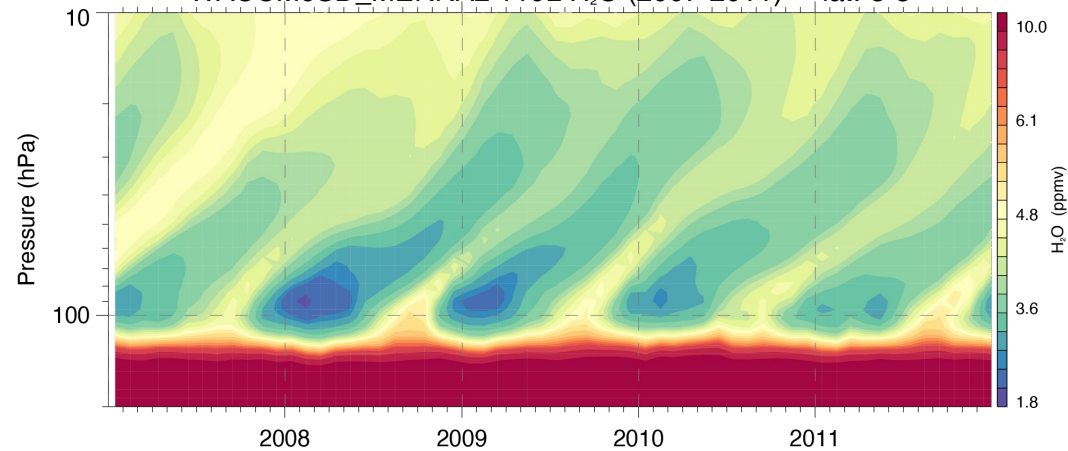
MLS

MLS v5 H<sub>2</sub>O -10-10 (2007-2011)



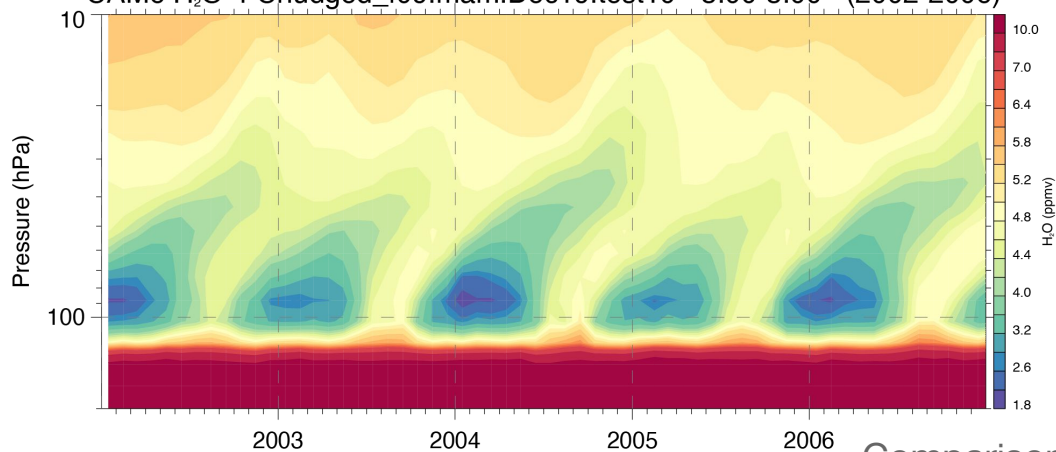
CESM2.2 WACCM6 110L model

WACCM6SD\_MERRA2 110L H<sub>2</sub>O (2007-2011) lat:-5-5



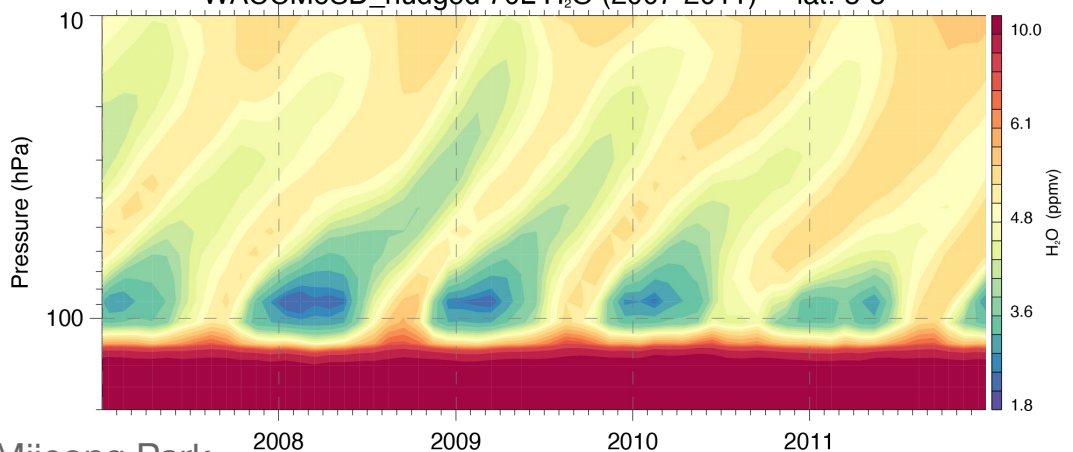
CESM3 cam6-physics CAMchem 32L model

CAM6 H<sub>2</sub>O FCnuded\_f09.mam.Dec19.test10 -5.00-5.00 (2002-2006)



CESM2.2 WACCM6 70L model

WACCM6SD\_nudged 70L H<sub>2</sub>O (2007-2011) lat:-5-5



Comparisons by Mijeong Park