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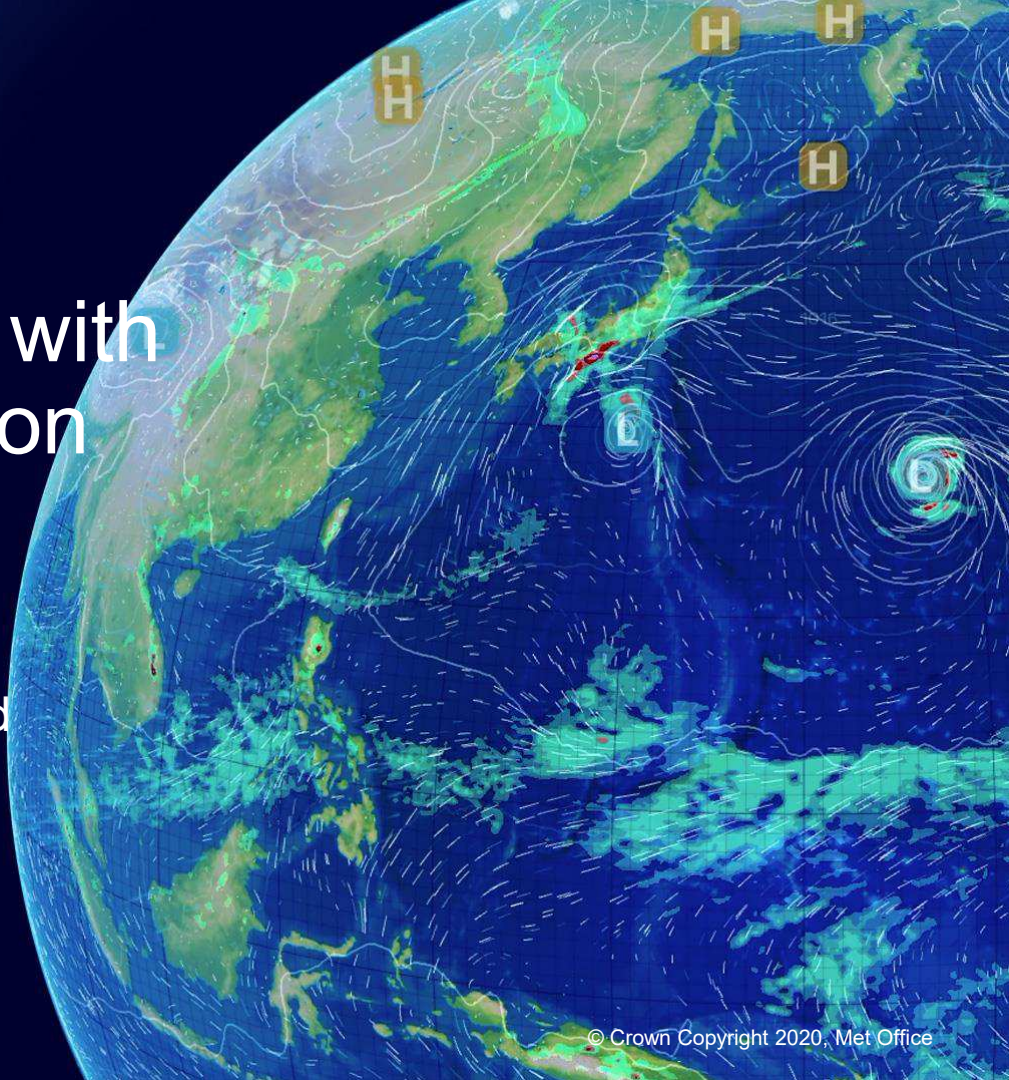
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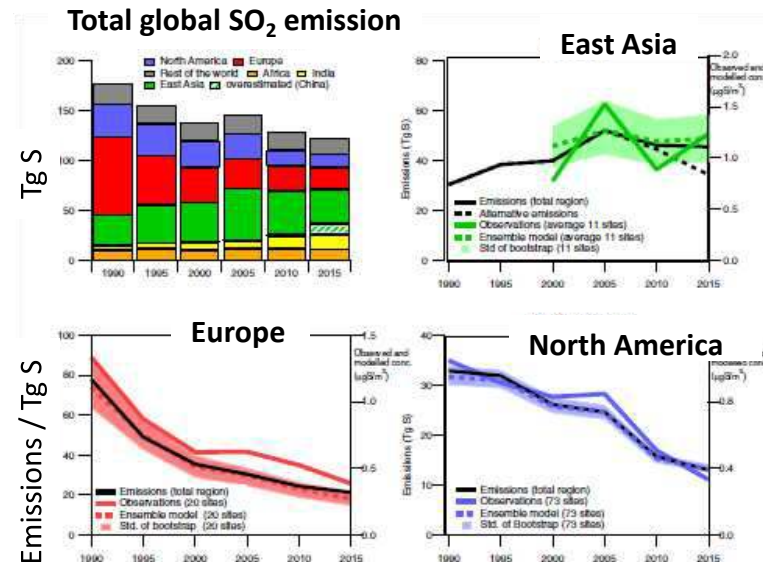
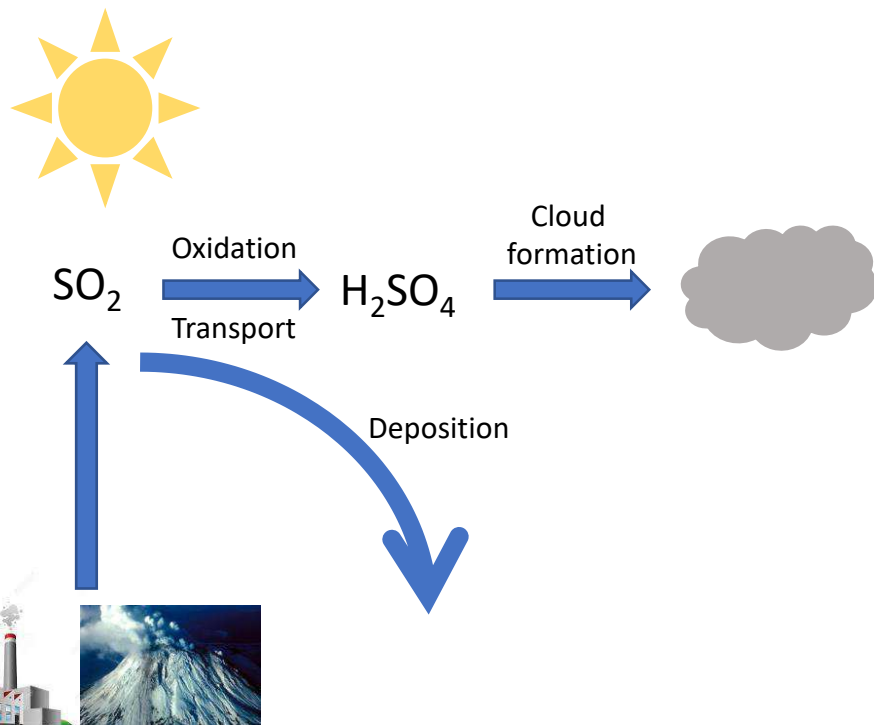


Challenging UKESM1 with observations: Evaluation of sulphur species

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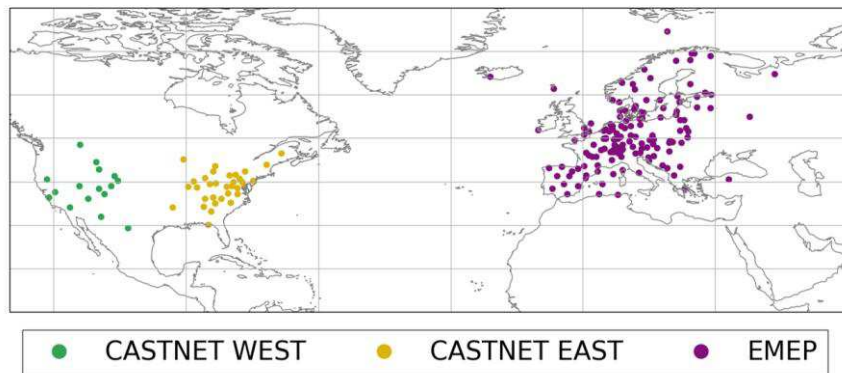
Background: Sulphur species in the atmosphere



From: Aas et al., Nature/Scientific Reports (2019) <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-018-37304-0>

Observational and model data sets

Surface measurements networks used in this study



CASTNET = Clean Air Status and Trends Network

- ~1987 – present, $[\text{SO}_2]$, $[\text{SO}_4^{2-}]$, SO_2 dry deposition
- <https://www.epa.gov/castnet>

EMEP = Environmental Monitoring and Evaluation Program

- ~1979 – present, $[\text{SO}_2]$, $[\text{SO}_4^{2-}]$
- <https://www.eea.europa.eu/themes/air/dc>



UKESM1 set up

- Four members of the CMIP6 historical ensemble*
- Fully coupled model with Strat-Trop chemistry** and GLOMAP aerosol†
- Data from ~1987 – 2014
- Surface SO_2 and SO_4^{2-} concentrations, and SO_2 dry deposition

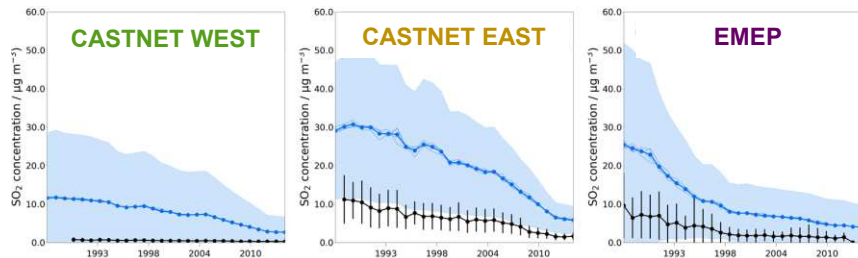
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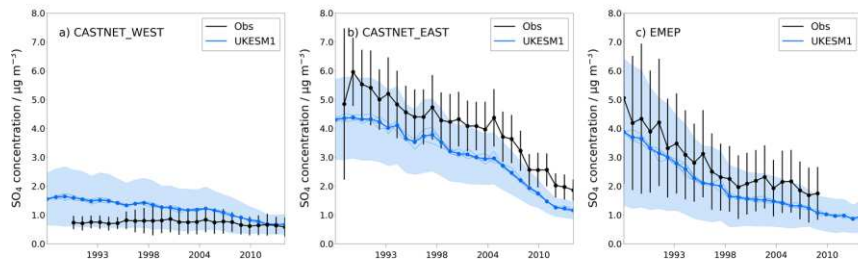
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Trends in sulphur species

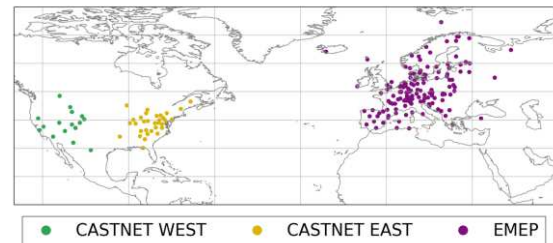
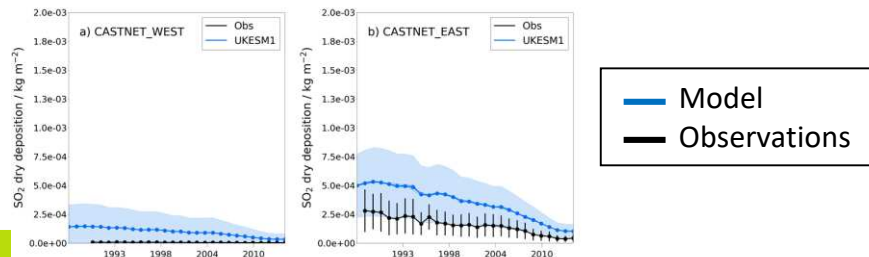
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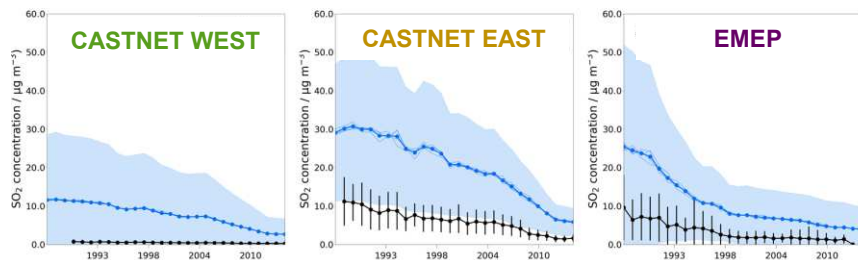


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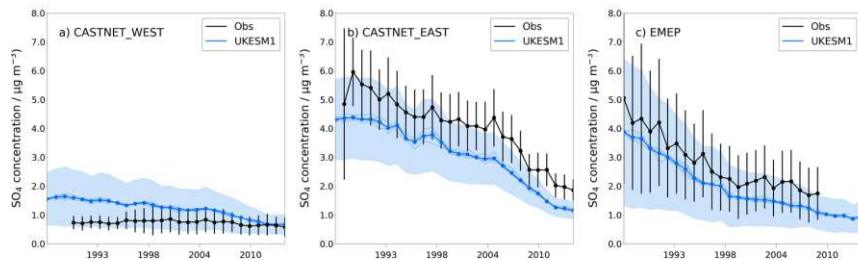


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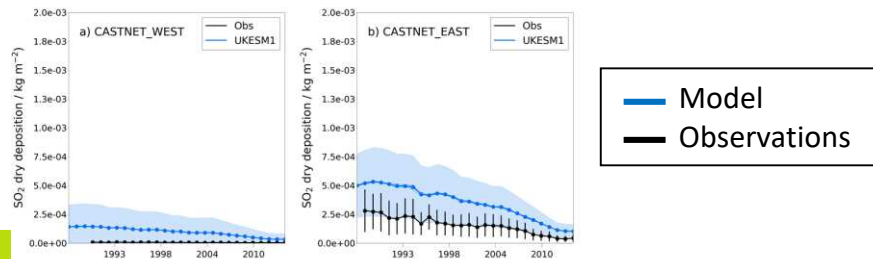
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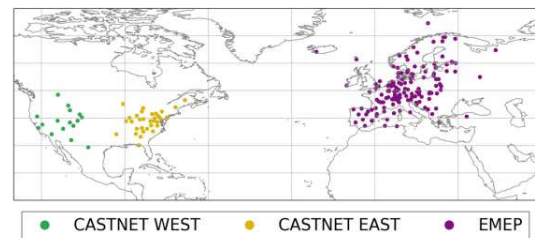


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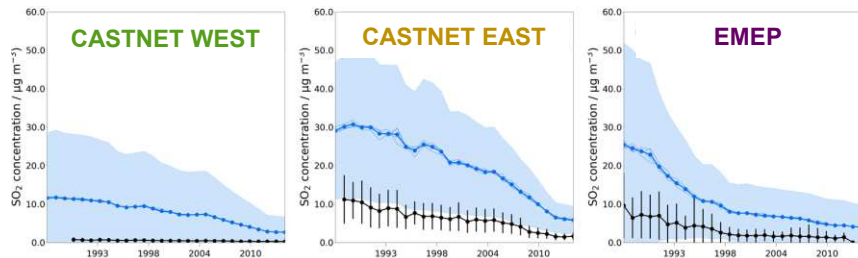
— Model
— Observations

UKESM captures long term trends in surface SO₂ concentration, surface SO₄²⁻ concentration and in SO₂ dry deposition, but there are biases!



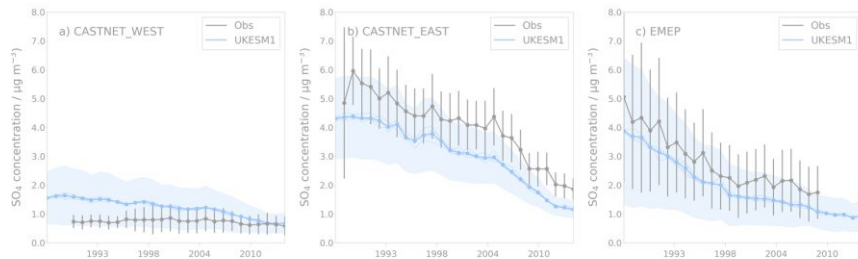
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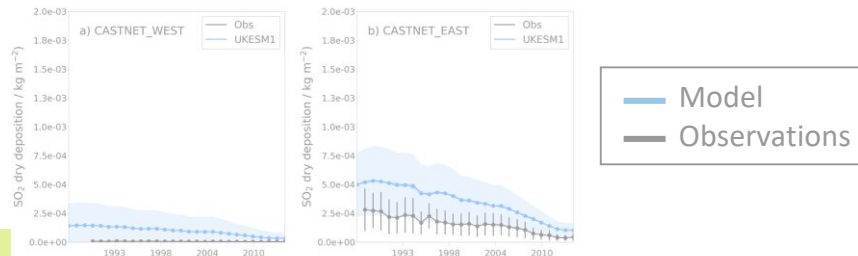


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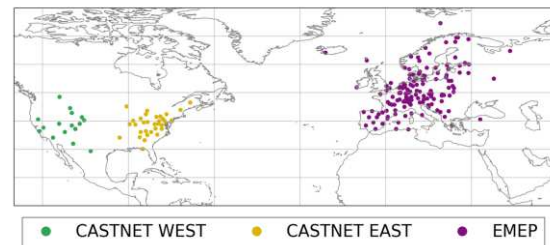
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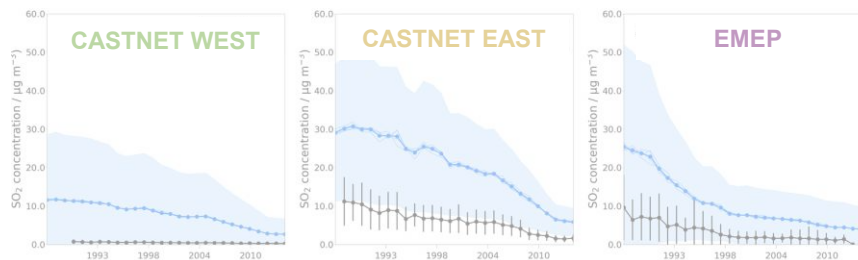


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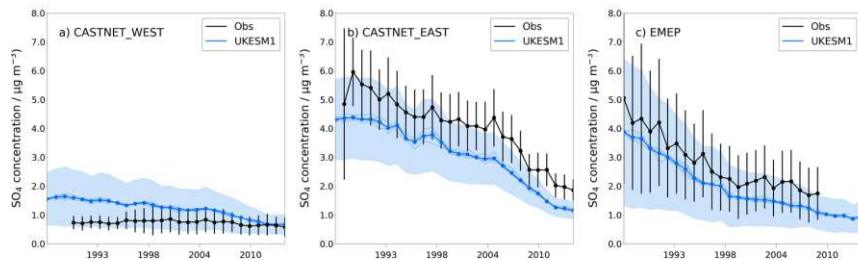


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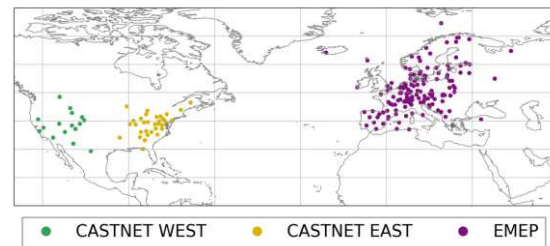
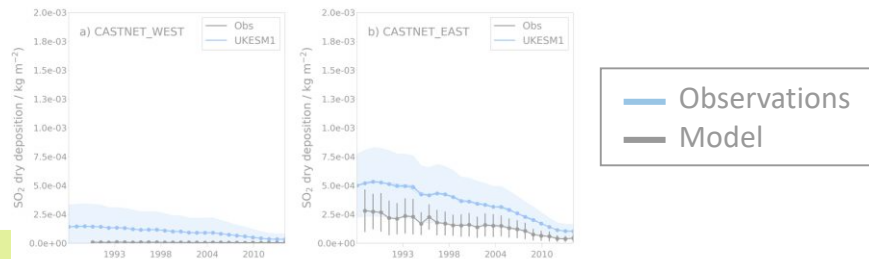


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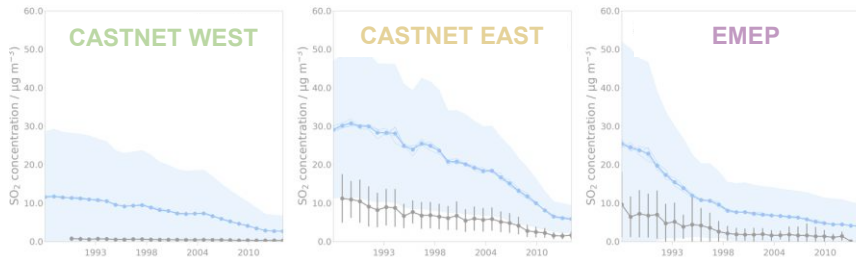
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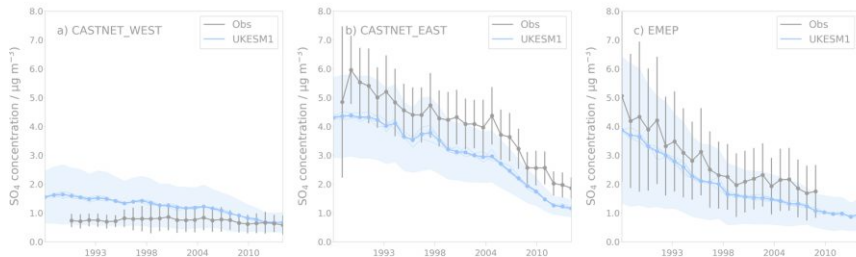


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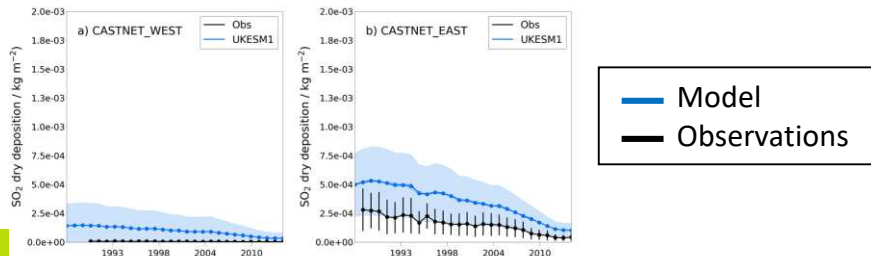
SO_2 concentration
($\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$)



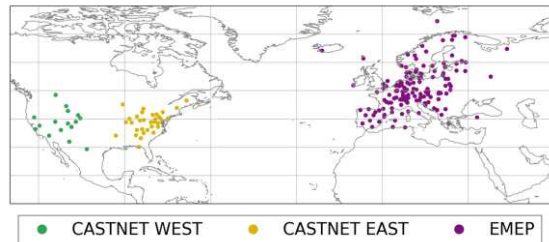
SO_4^{2-} concentration
($\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$)



SO_2 dry deposition
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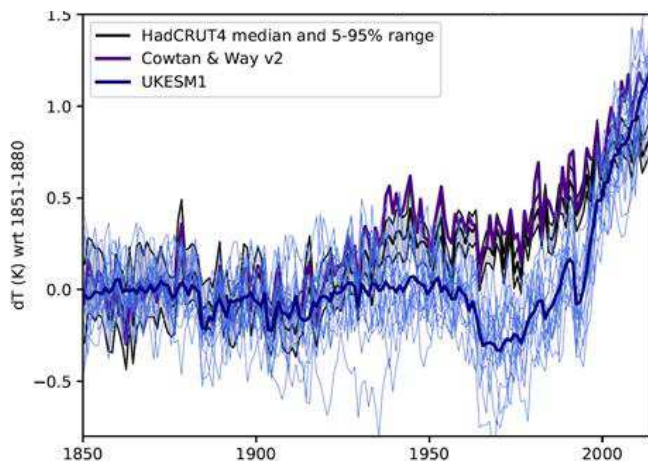


UKESM1 over predicts SO_2 dry deposition



Development of UKESM1: improvements to the SO₂ dry deposition process

Global mean surface air temperature



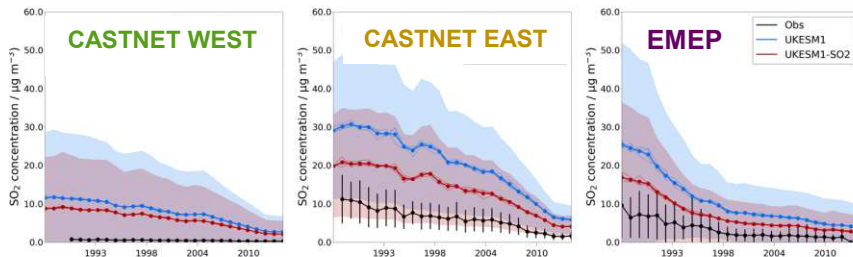
Modifications and bug fixes to SO₂ dry deposition:

- Include memory of surface wetness after rainfall
- Fix the surface resistance (R_c) parameter for SO₂ dry deposition to water
- <https://code.metoffice.gov.uk/trac/um/ticket/5167>

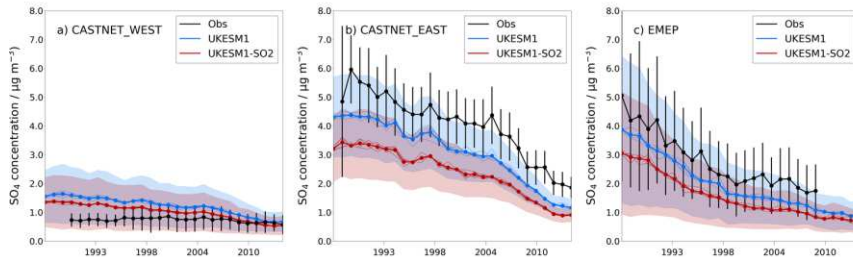
Other changes include: Strat-Trop nucleation bug fix, DMSO yield fix, vegetation quasi-laminar resistance set to 1.0, z_{ref} set at 10m and HandDeB stability terms used.

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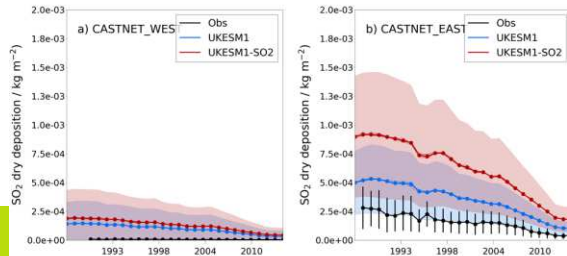
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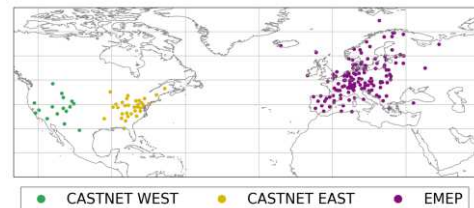
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**SO₂ dry deposition
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— UKESM1
— UKESM1-SO2
— Observations

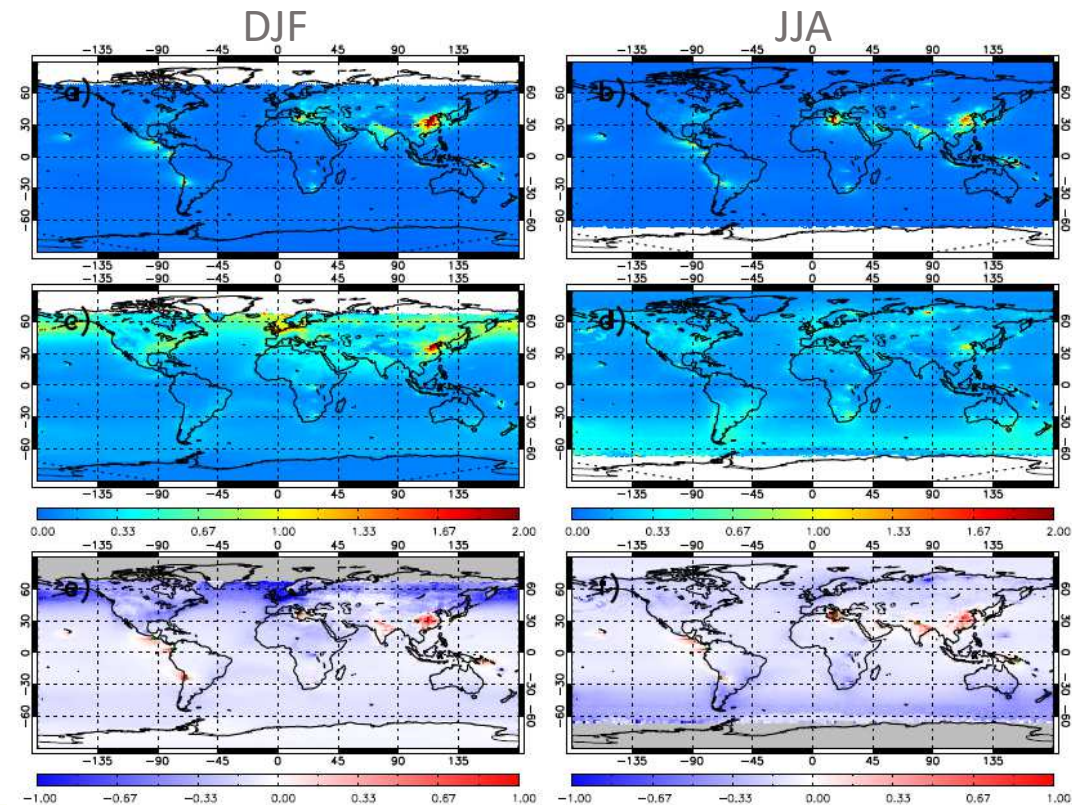


Initial satellite comparisons for SO₂*

UKESM1

OMI

UKESM - OMI



* Courtesy of Richard Pope at Leeds Uni



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BOUNDING GLOBAL AEROSOL RADIATIVE FORCING OF CLIMATE CHANGE



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Approach

Identify lines of evidence that quantify:

1. Industrial-era changes in aerosol optical depth (τ_a) and cloud droplet number (N_d)
2. Sensitivity of top-of-atmosphere radiation, atmospheric absorption, and clouds to those changes
3. Fractions of the globe where radiative forcing is exerted

Global average only, 2005-2015 with respect to 1850, 68% confidence

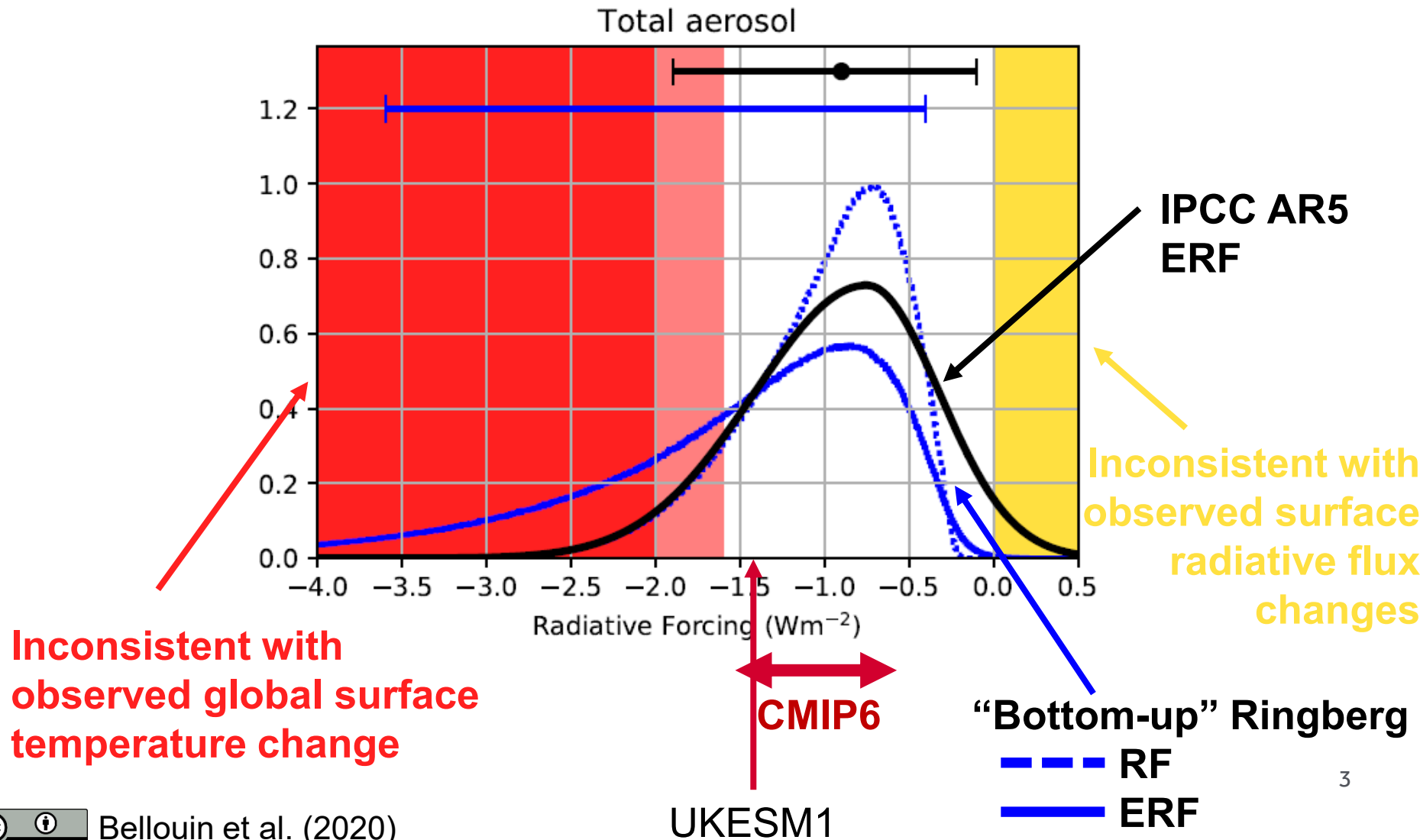
Table 4

Ranges Obtained by This Review in the 16–84% Confidence Interval for the Variables of Equations (8), (15), and (24)

Section	Variable	Lower bound	Upper bound	Line of evidence
4	τ_a^{PD}	0.13	0.17	Satellite retrievals
4	$\Delta \tau_a$	0.02	0.04	Global modeling
4	$\Delta \ln \tau_a = \Delta \tau_a / \tau_a^{PD}$	0.14	0.29	Modeling/satellite
6	$\Delta \ln N_d = \Delta N_d / N_d$	0.05	0.17	Modeling/satellite
Aerosol-radiation interactions				
5	$S_r^{clear} [W m^{-2} \tau_a^{-1}]$	−27 (0.08)	−20 (0.06)	Global modeling
5	c_r	0.59	0.71	Global modeling
5	$S_r^{cloudy} c_r [W m^{-2}]$	−0.1	+0.1	Global modeling
5	$RF of ari [W m^{-2}]$	−0.37	−0.12	
7	dR/dR_{atm}	−0.3	−0.1	Global modeling
7	$dR_{atm}/d\tau_a [W m^{-2} \tau_a^{-1}]$	17	35	Global modeling
7	$RA of ari [W m^{-2}]$	−0.25	−0.06	
7	$ERF of ari [W m^{-2}]$	−0.58	−0.23	
Aerosol-cloud interactions				
6	$\beta_{\ln N - \ln \tau}$	0.3	0.8	Modeling/satellite
6	$S_N [W m^{-2}]$	−27 (0.079)	−26 (0.076)	Satellite retrievals
6	c_N	0.19	0.29	Modeling/satellite
6	$RF of aci [W m^{-2}]$	−1.10	−0.33	
8	$\beta_{\ln c - \ln N}$	−0.36	−0.011	Satellite analyses
8	$S_{C,N} [W m^{-2}]$	−54	−56	Mixed
8	c_c	0.21	0.29	Mixed
8	$RA of aci (liquid water path) [W m^{-2}]$	0.01	+0.56	
8	$\beta_{C - \ln N}$	0	0.1	Global modeling, LES
8	$S_{C,N} [W m^{-2}]$	−91	−153	Satellite analysis
8	c_c	0.59	1.07	Mixed
8	$RA of aci (cloud fraction) [W m^{-2}]$	−1.14	0.0	
8	$ERF of aci [W m^{-2}]$	−1.73	−0.27	
11	Total aerosol ERF $[W m^{-2}]$	−2.19	−0.61	
11	(constrained by observational inferences)	−1.60	−0.61	

Bellouin, N., et al. (2020). Bounding global aerosol radiative forcing of climate change. *Rev Geophys*, 58, e2019RG000660. <https://doi.org/10.1029/2019RG000660>

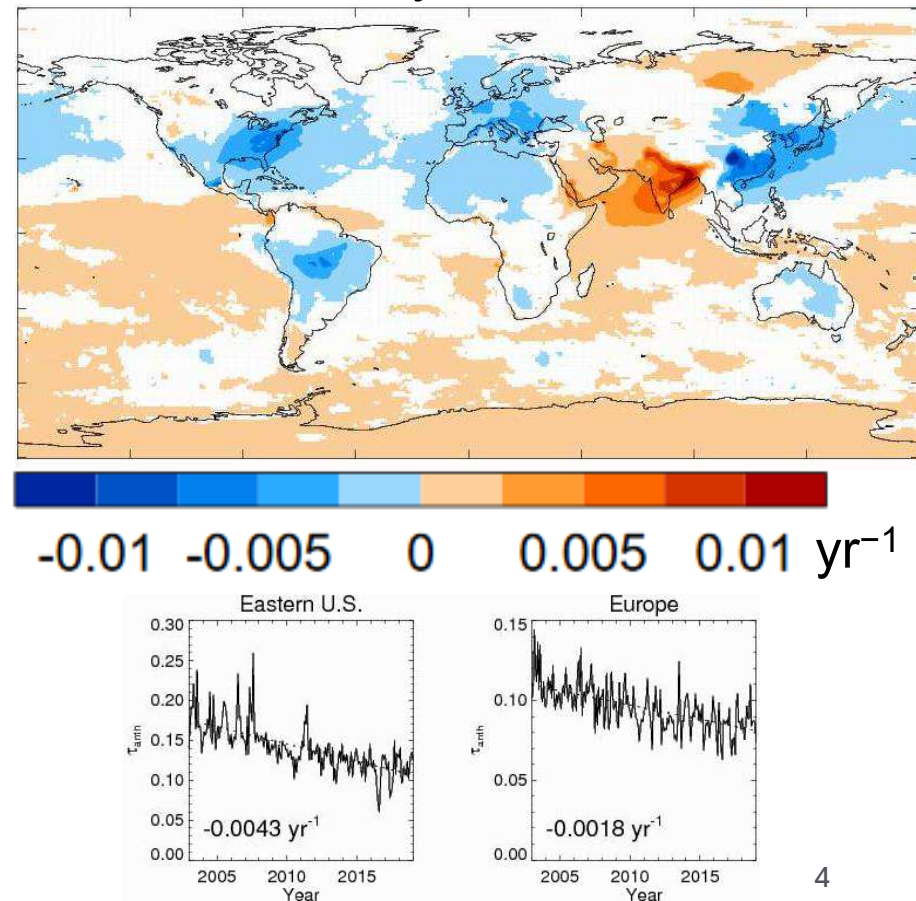
Bounding aerosol ERF



Promising avenues

- Scale effects are increasingly being considered in model development. Global large eddy simulation is now becoming possible.
- Cloud responses to regional aerosol trends, and volcanic eruptions and ship tracks may provide insights into cloud regime shifts and ice cloud responses.
- Observational inferences are promising but their uncertainties need to be better understood. Large regional trends (right) may provide strong constraints.
- Models of all scales involve a large number of poorly known parameters, and statistical methods to explore model uncertainties are being adopted.

Deseasonalised linear trends in anthropogenic aerosol optical depth 2003—2019, based on CAMS Reanalysis



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CH₄ Surface Mole Fraction – 1850 to 2100

CH₄ concentration-driven configuration

CH₄ emissions-driven configuration

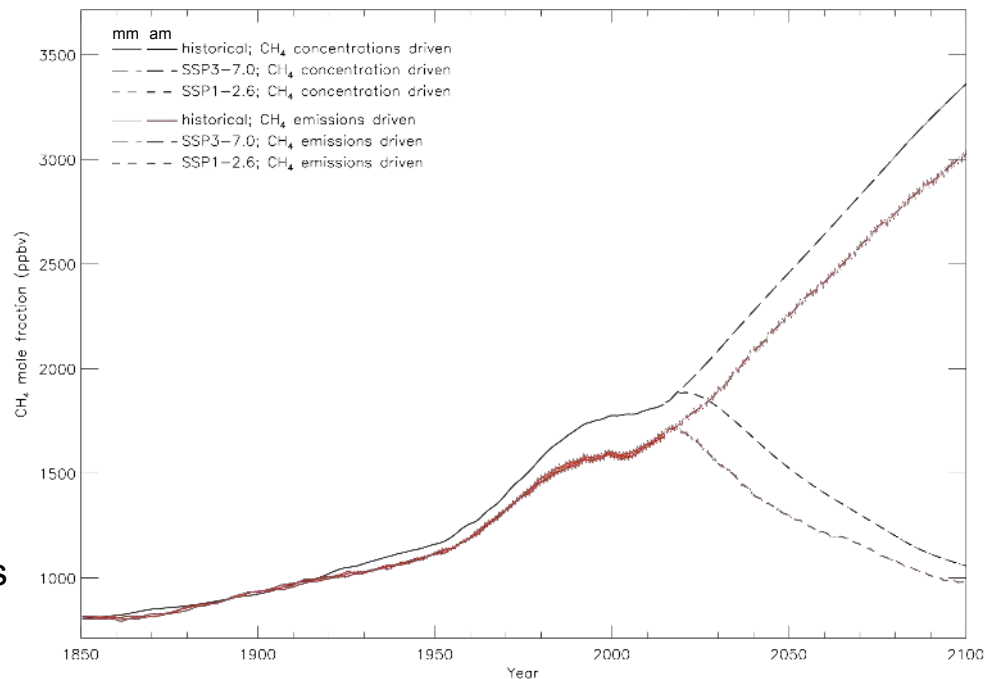
$\Delta\text{CH}_4(\text{PI} \rightarrow \text{PD}) = \sim 1,100 \text{ ppbv}$

$\Delta\text{CH}_4(\text{PI} \rightarrow \text{PD}) = \sim 900 \text{ ppbv}$

Error _{$\Delta(\text{PI} \rightarrow \text{PD})$} in 2014: approx. -200 ppbv

%Error _{$\Delta(\text{PI} \rightarrow \text{PD})$} in 2014: approx. -20%

similar CH₄ auto-feedback in both configurations

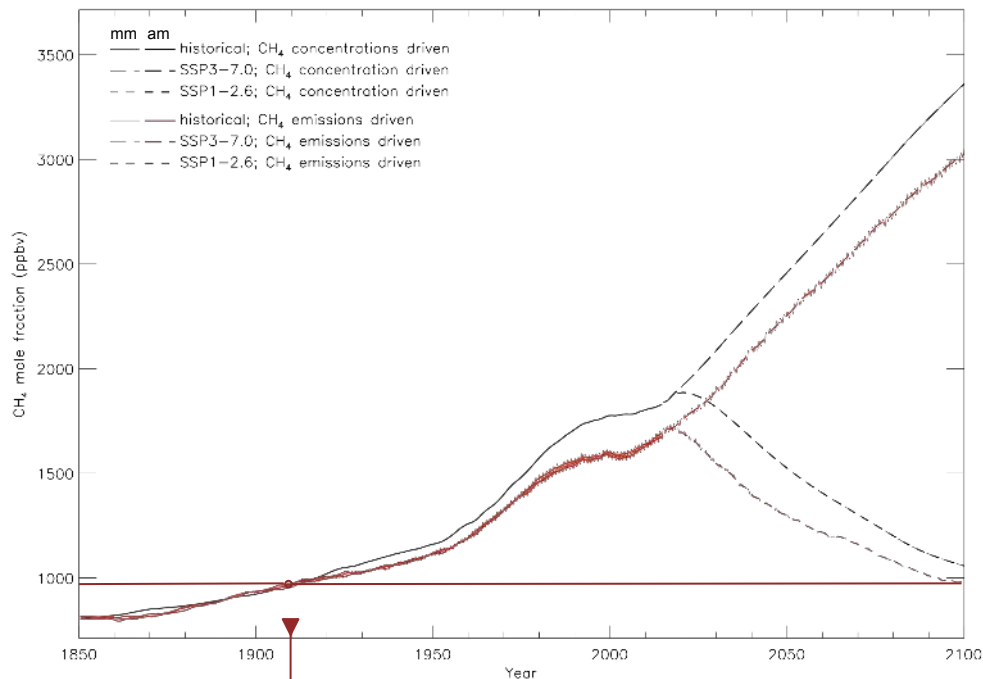


CH₄ Recovery under SSP1-2.6

Atmospheric Methane Content		
	surface mole fraction	whole atmosphere burden
1910s	986 ppbv	2675 Tg
2090s*	992 ppbv (+1%)	2750 Tg (+3%)

Main Methane Sources (Tg/yr)		
	wetlands	anthropogenic
1910s	169.3	91.6
2090s*	219.4 (+30%)	118.9 (+30%)

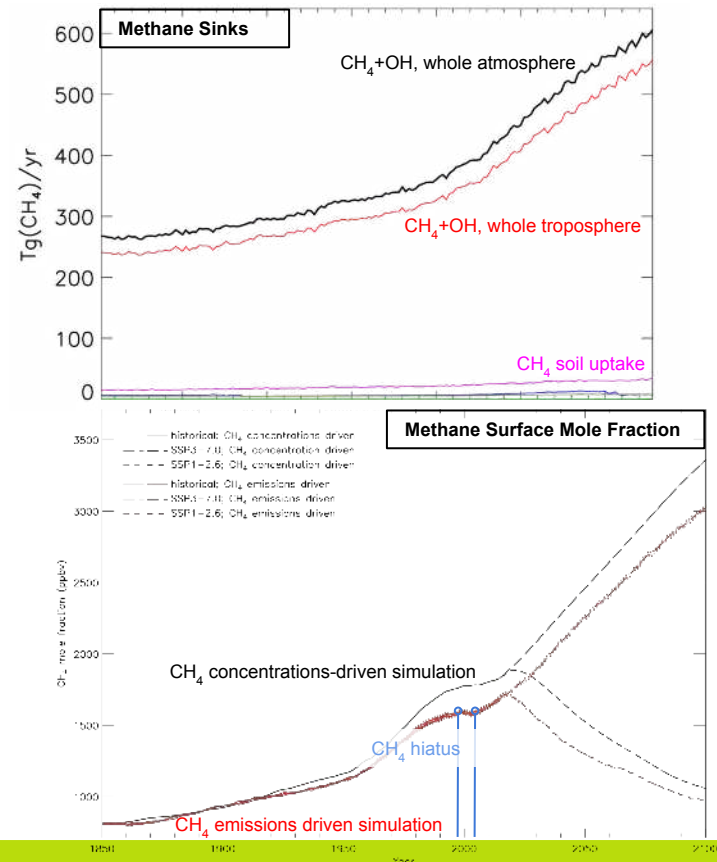
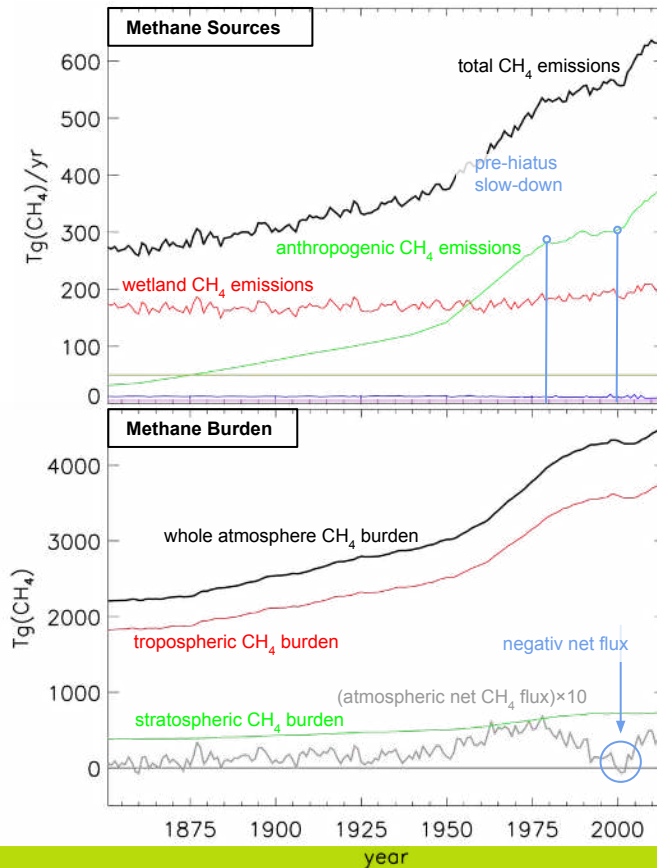
Main Methane Sinks (Tg/yr)		
	CH ₄ +OH [†]	Soil Uptake
1910	-287.7	-18.7
2090s*	-384.1 (+34%)	-20.7 (+11%)



*for SSP1-2.6
†whole atmosphere

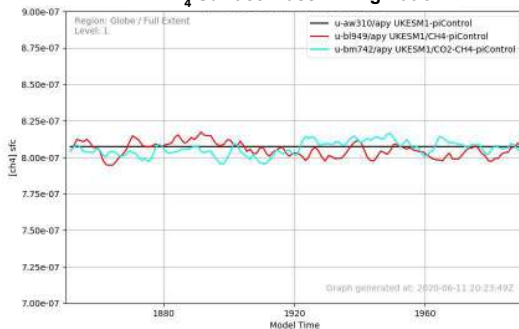
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Simulating The Hiatus

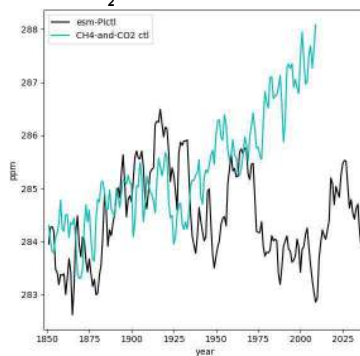


CO₂/CH₄ Emission-Driven UKESM1

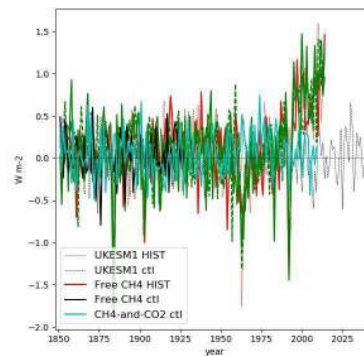
CH₄ Surface Mass Mixing Ratio



CO₂ Surface Concentrations

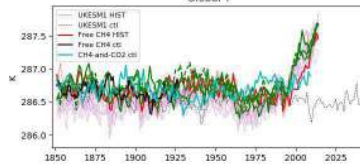


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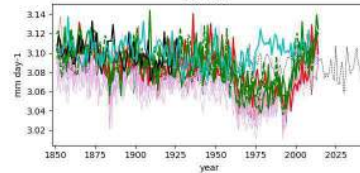


- UKESM1.0 release configuration (CMIP6 piControl)
- UKESM1.0 CH₄ emission-driven configuration
- UKESM1.0 CO₂/CH₄ emissions-driven configuration

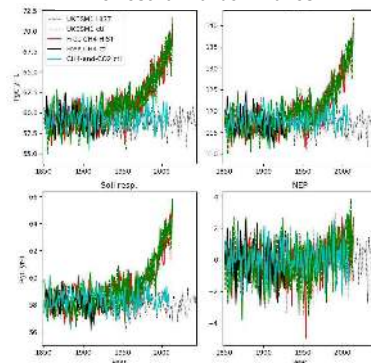
Global T



Global P



Terrestrial Carbon Fluxes



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Evaluation of aerosol in the UKESM against an ensemble of satellite observations

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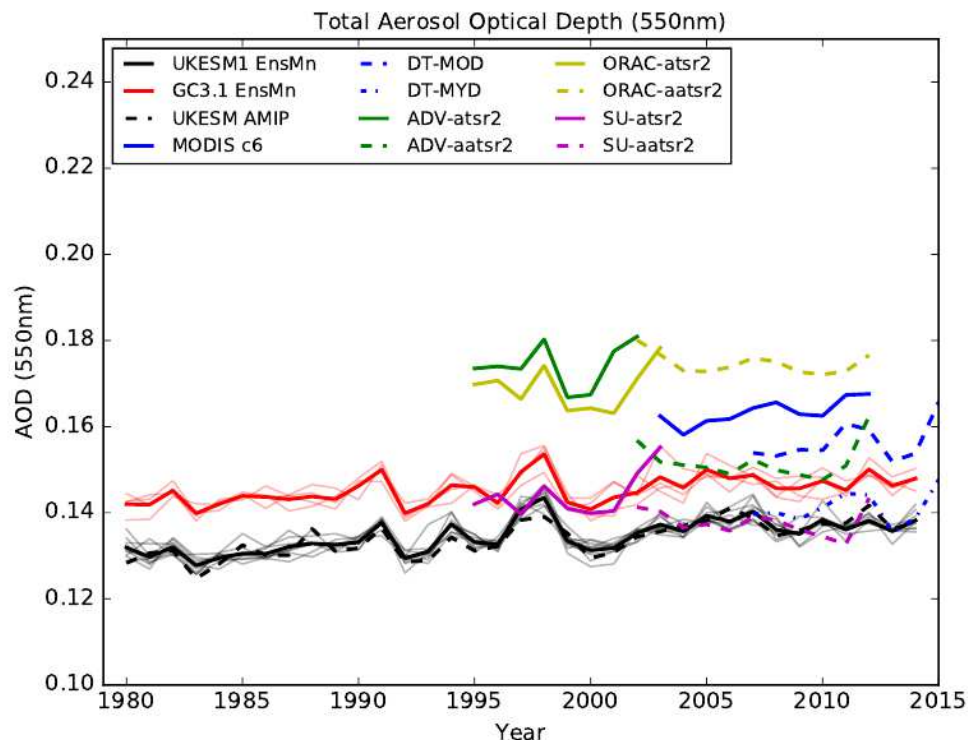


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(under review in Geosci. Model Devel.)

- Aerosol in models is traditionally evaluated by comparing monthly averages to those from MODIS or AERONET.
 - It's a simple comparison to perform but glosses over differences between the all-time average output by a model and the clear-sky, time-limited average from data.
- We can do a little better by comparing against a range of satellite observations.
 - Shown opposite are global, annual means from UKESM (black), GC3.1 (red), MODIS (blue), and three AATSR algorithms (green, purple, yellow).
 - While the magnitudes differ significantly, the tendency is quite similar. For example, all time series shown capture the El Niño in 1998.

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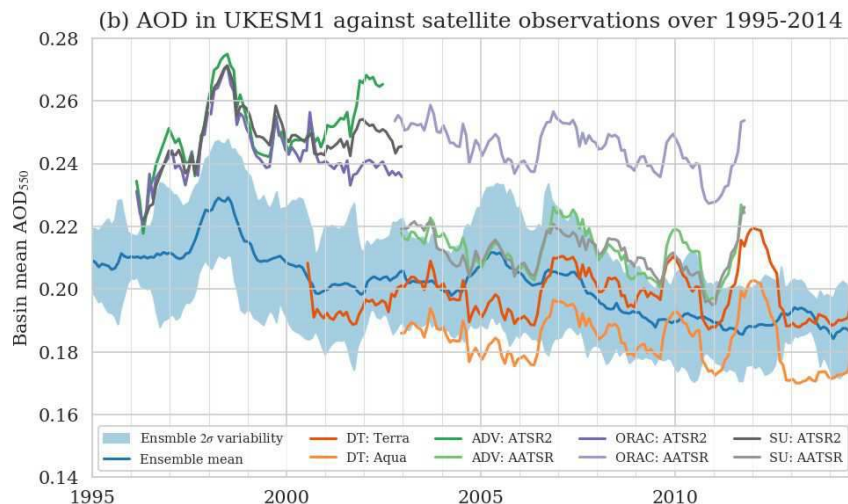
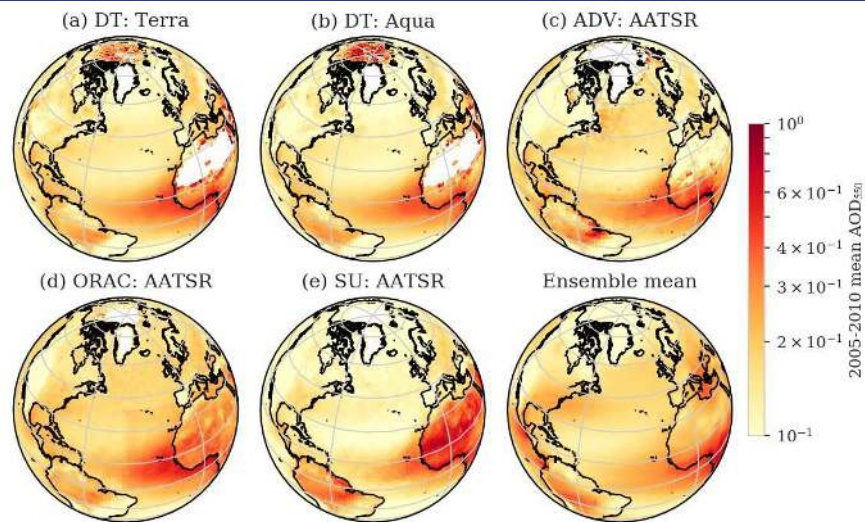


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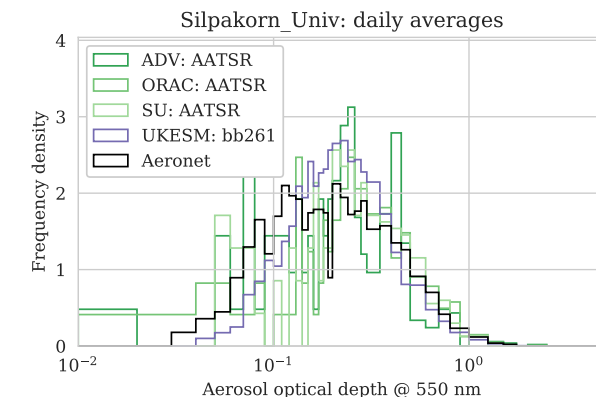
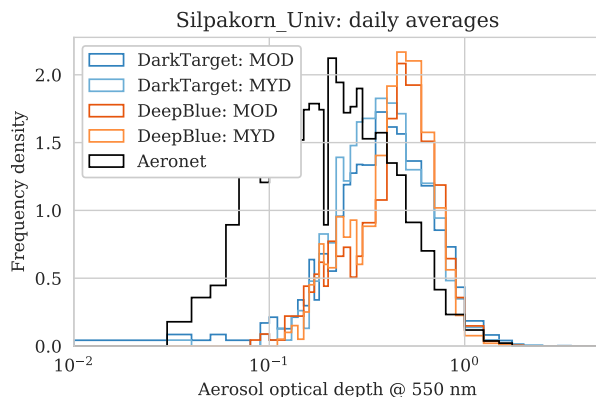
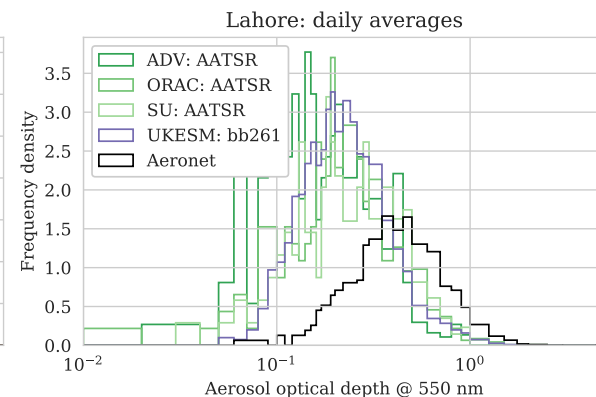
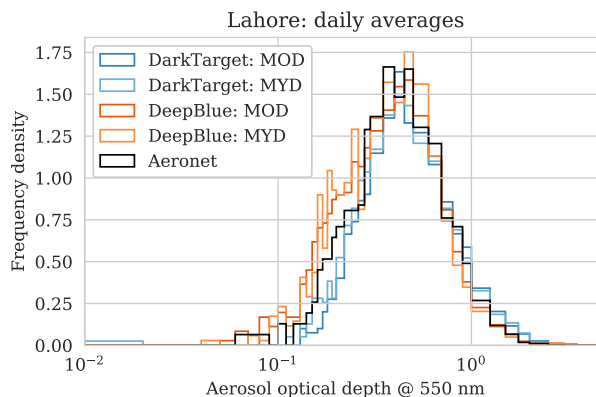
- We can do a little better still by focusing on a particular region and/or shorter time steps.
 - Here we highlight monthly mean AOD over the north Atlantic. The time series (left) average over the basin, showing that the model captures the decrease in AOD from 2008 but has missed something in 2012. The fields (right) average 2005-2010, showing disagreement over the difference in AOD between the mid and northern Atlantic.
 - The regional focus better isolates the cause of differences between datasets, such as the position of the Saharan outflow.

Evaluation of aerosol in the UKESM against an ensemble of satellite observations

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- Using the dedicated UKESM run with high temporal resolution output, we can look at the distribution of daily averages and concentrate on specific ground sites.
 - Shown opposite are the histograms of daily average AOD from AERONET (black), MODIS (left), AATSR, and the UKESM (right).

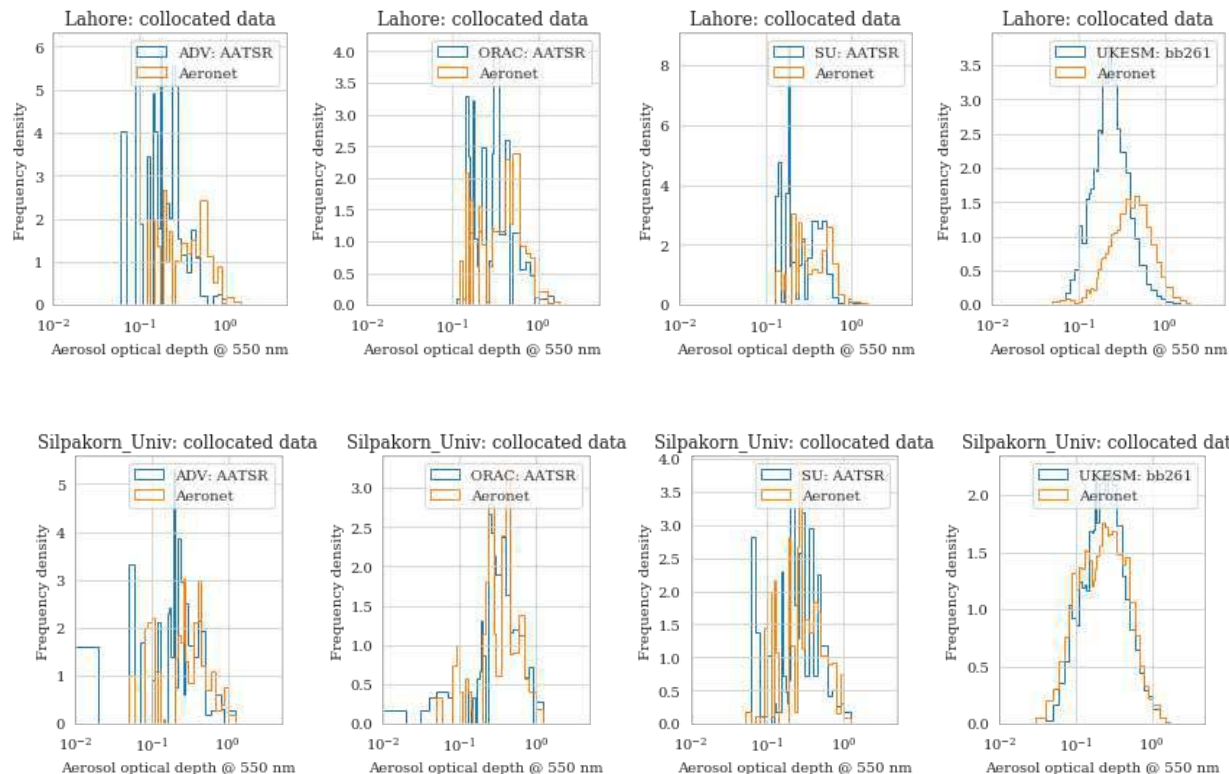


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- Using the dedicated UKESM run with high temporal resolution output, we can look at the distribution of daily averages and concentrate on specific ground sites.
- We can also precisely collocate the model with observations, showing that it agrees with AERONET about as well and any of the satellites do.



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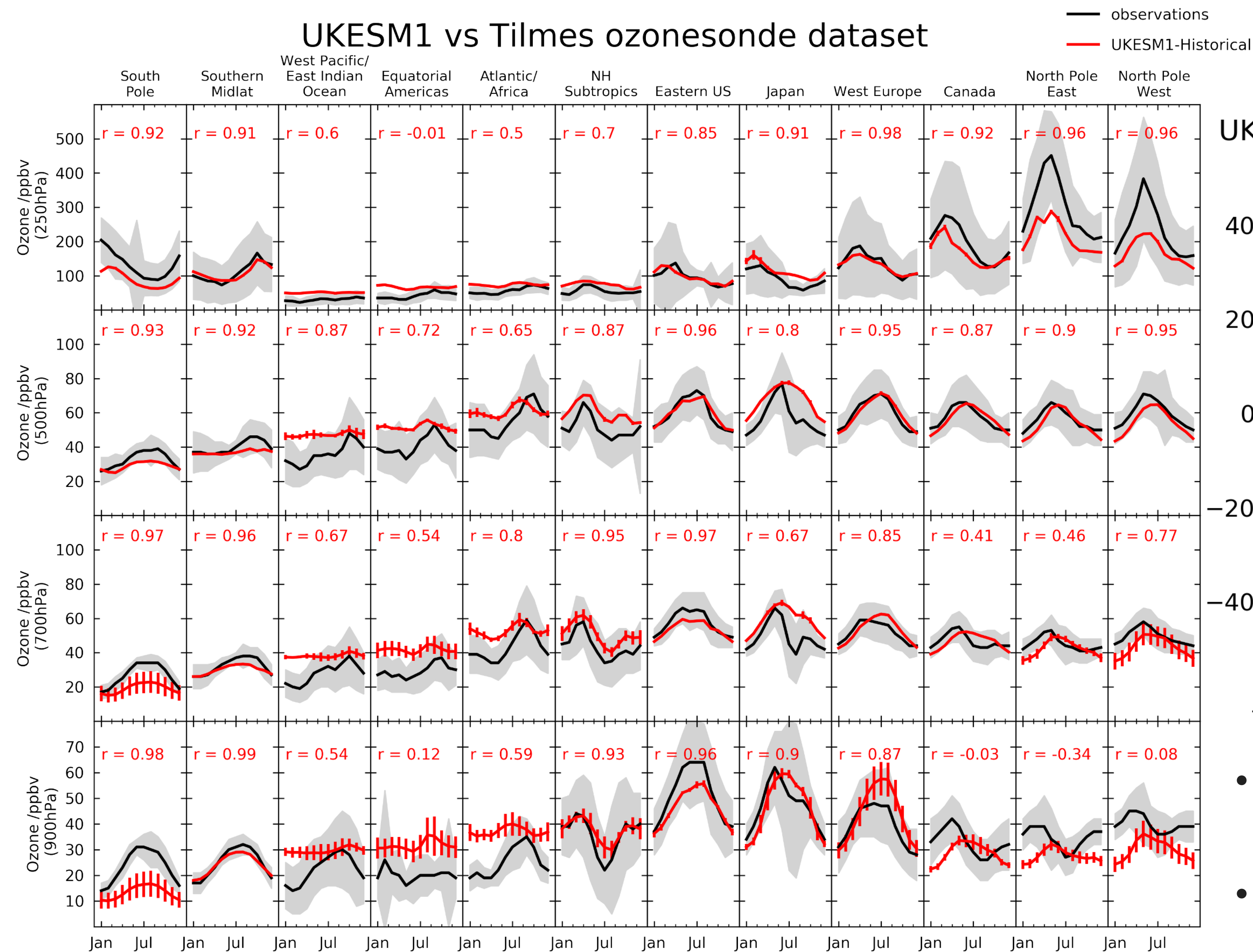
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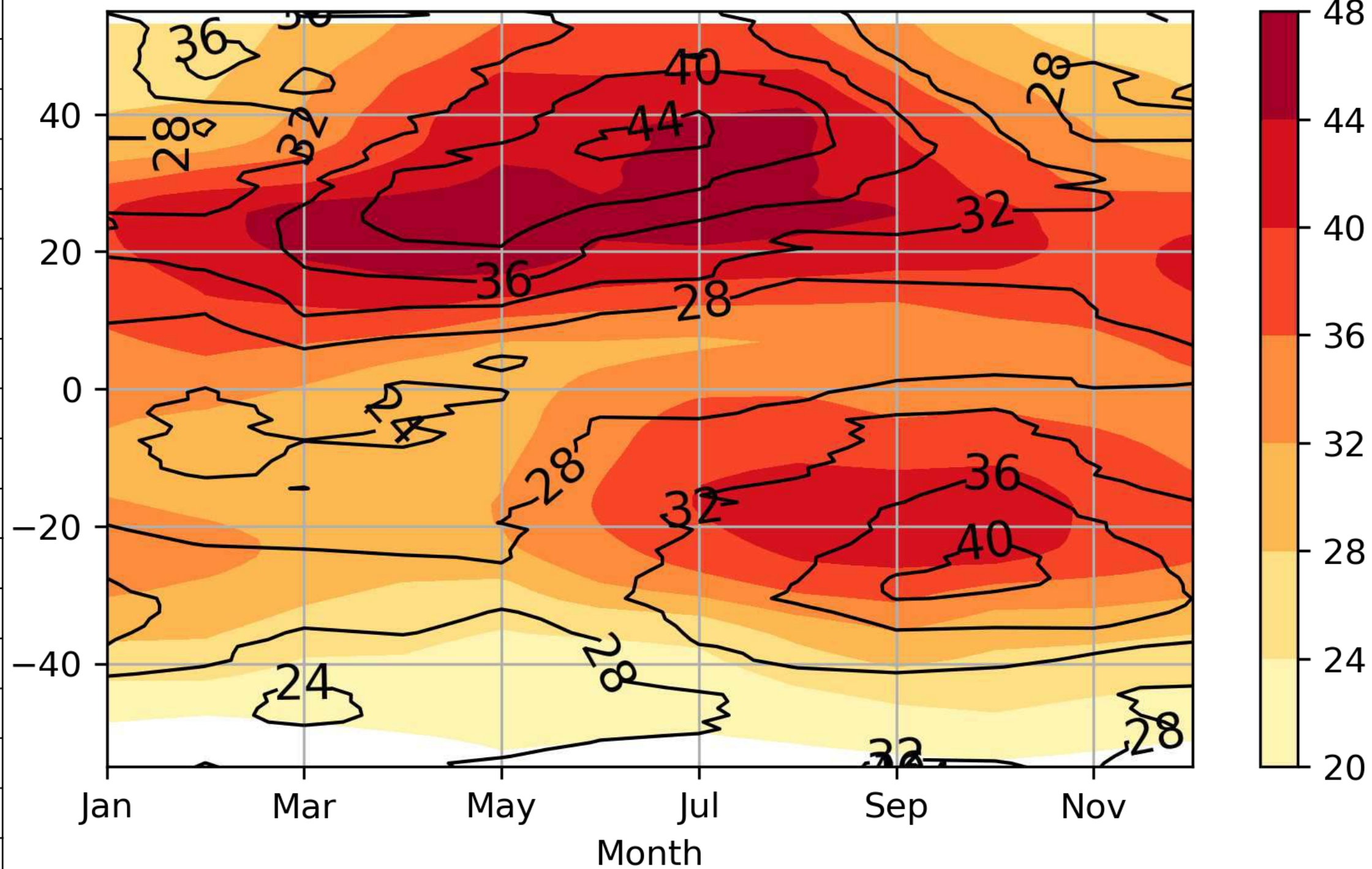
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(CMIP6 paper co-authors)

How does UKESM1 tropospheric ozone compare against observations?



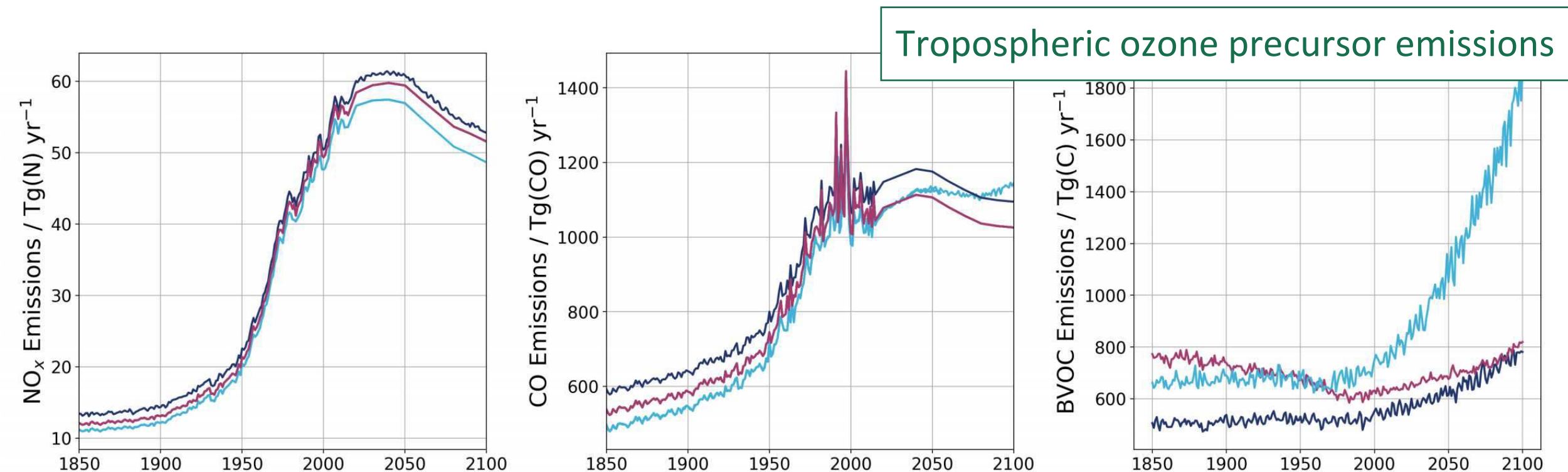
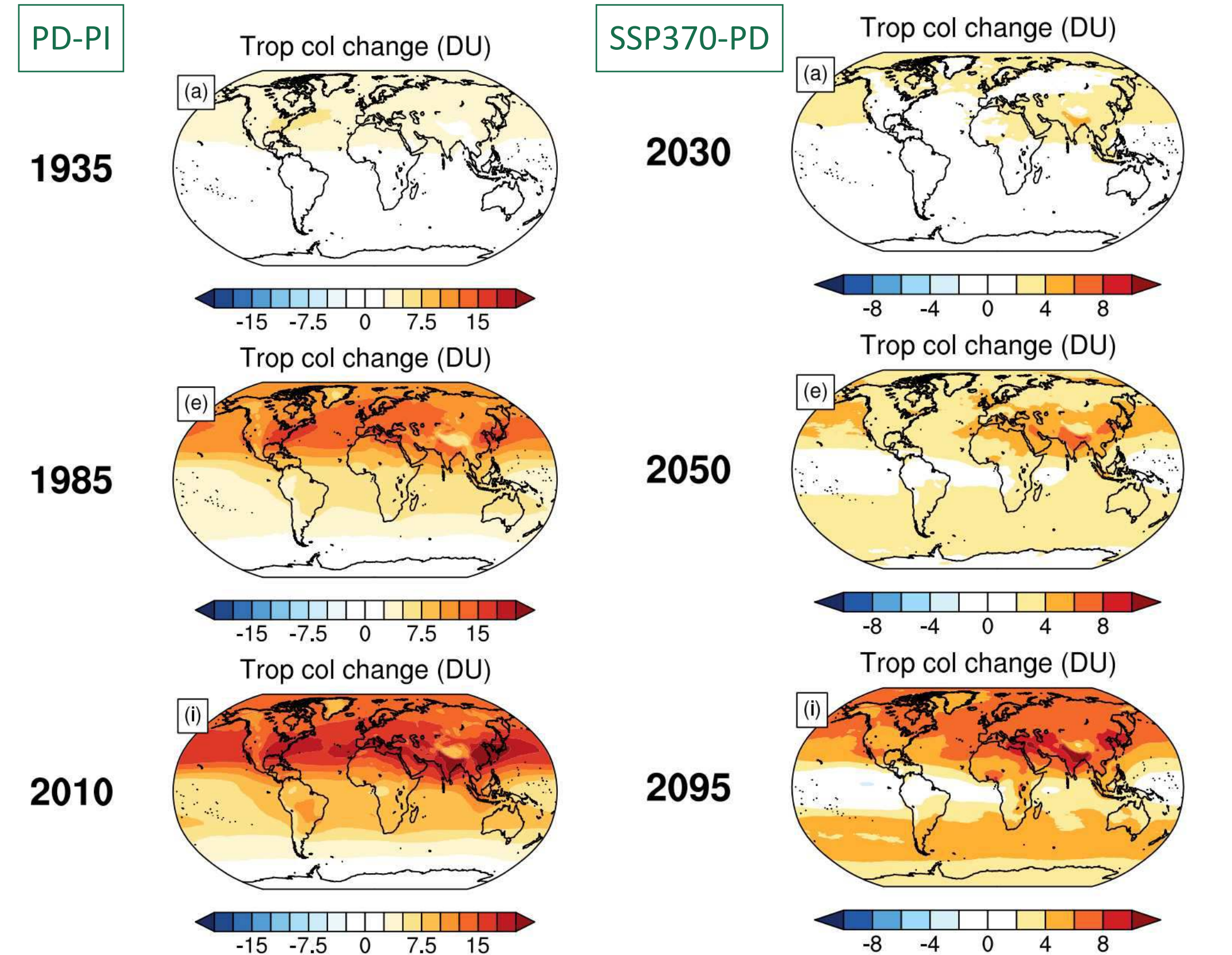
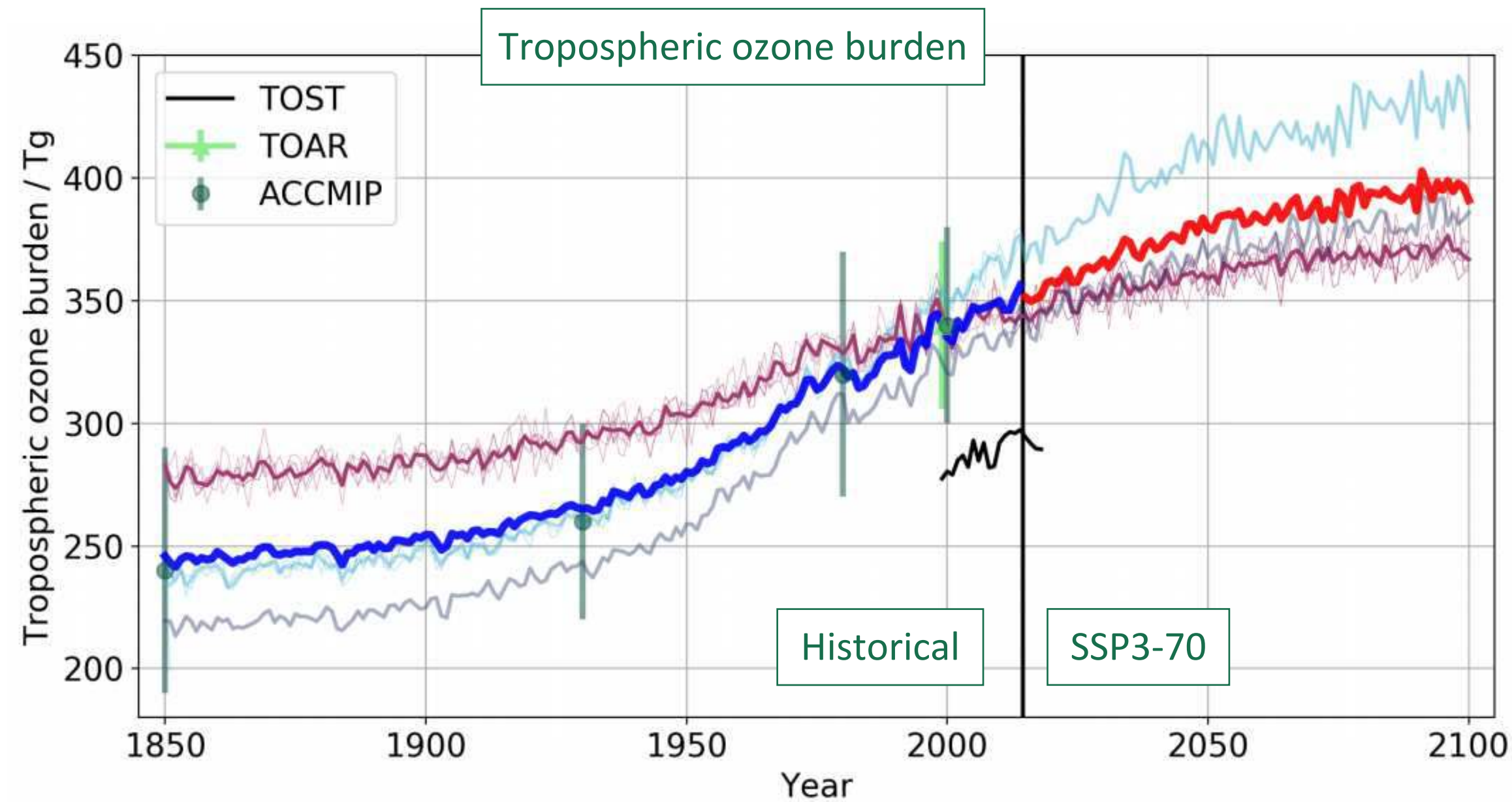
UKESM1 Historical Tropospheric ozone column vs OMI/MLS



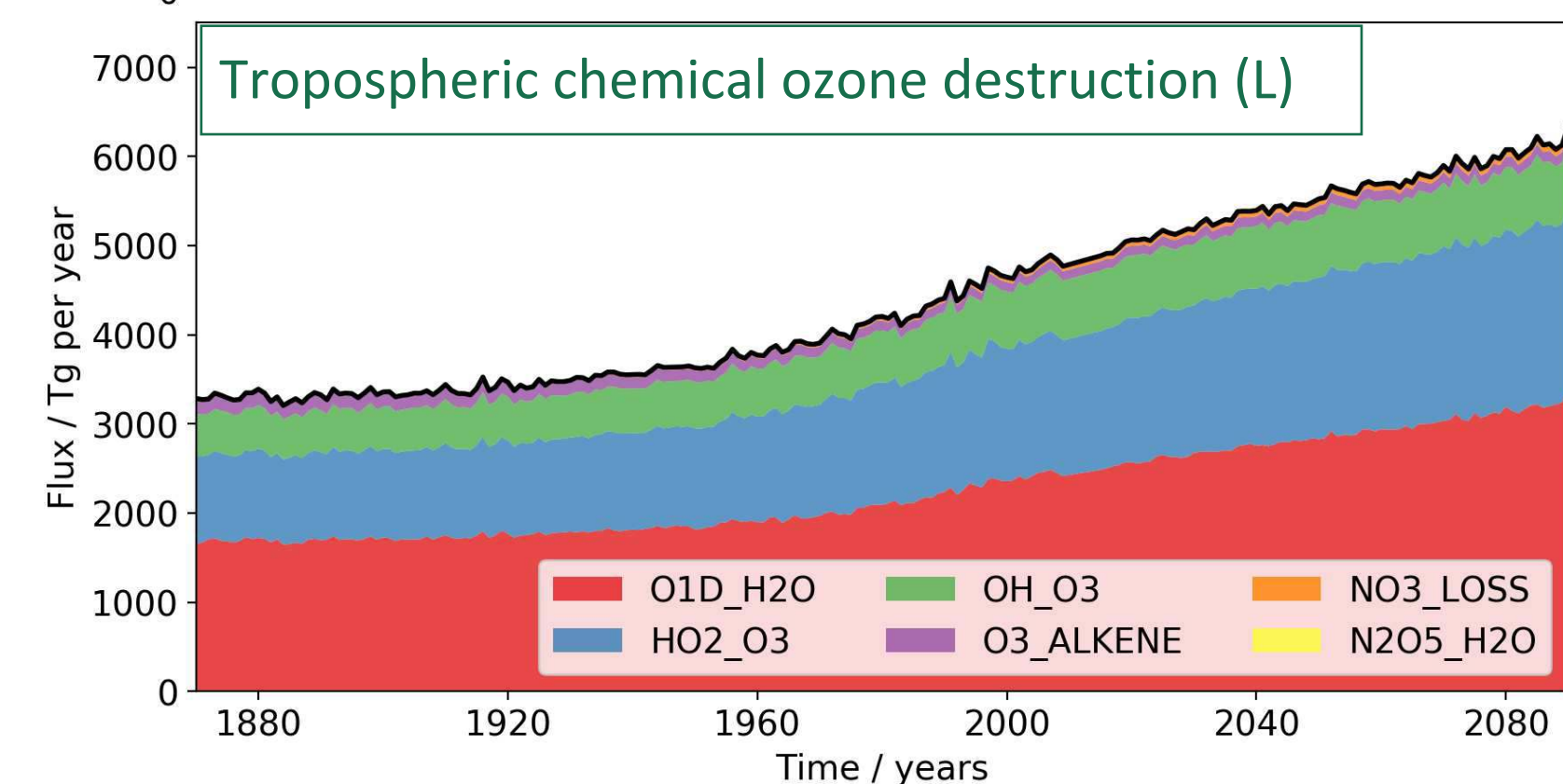
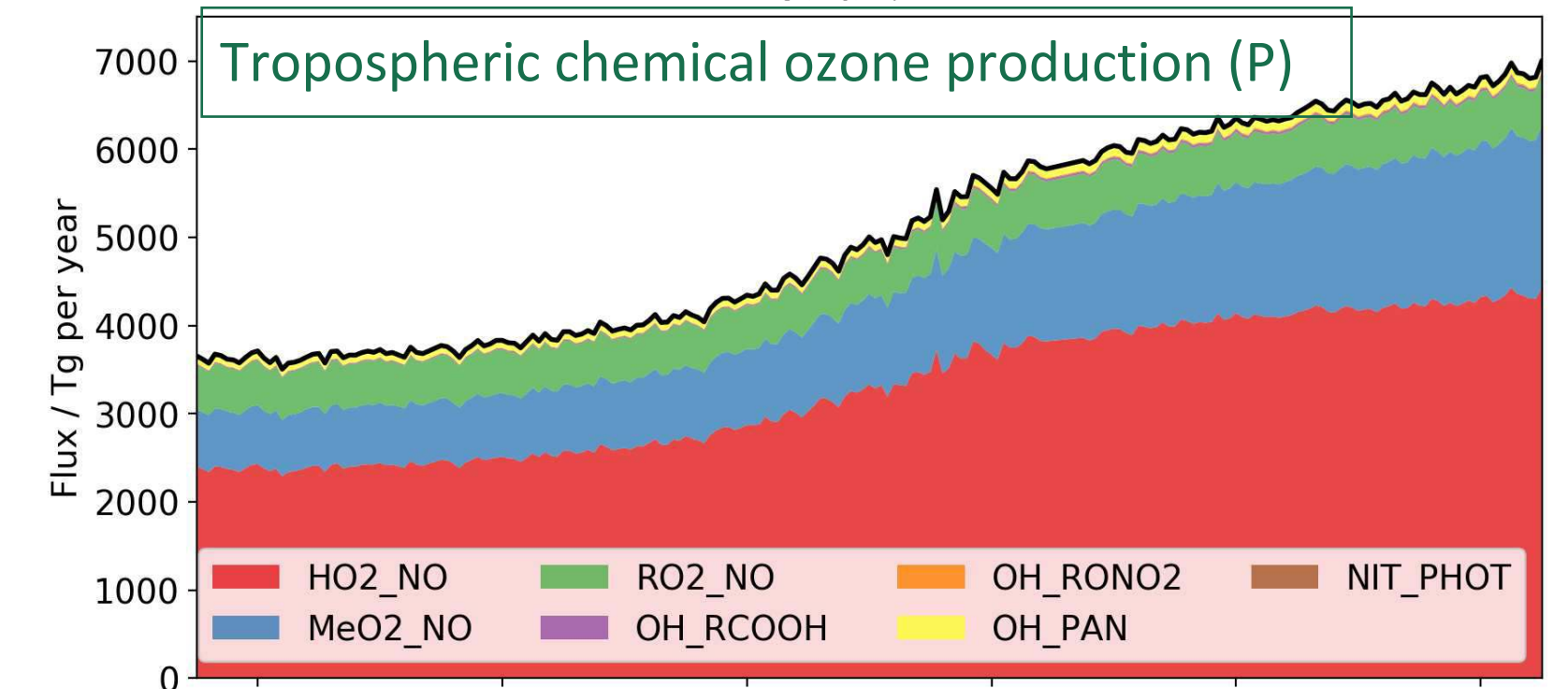
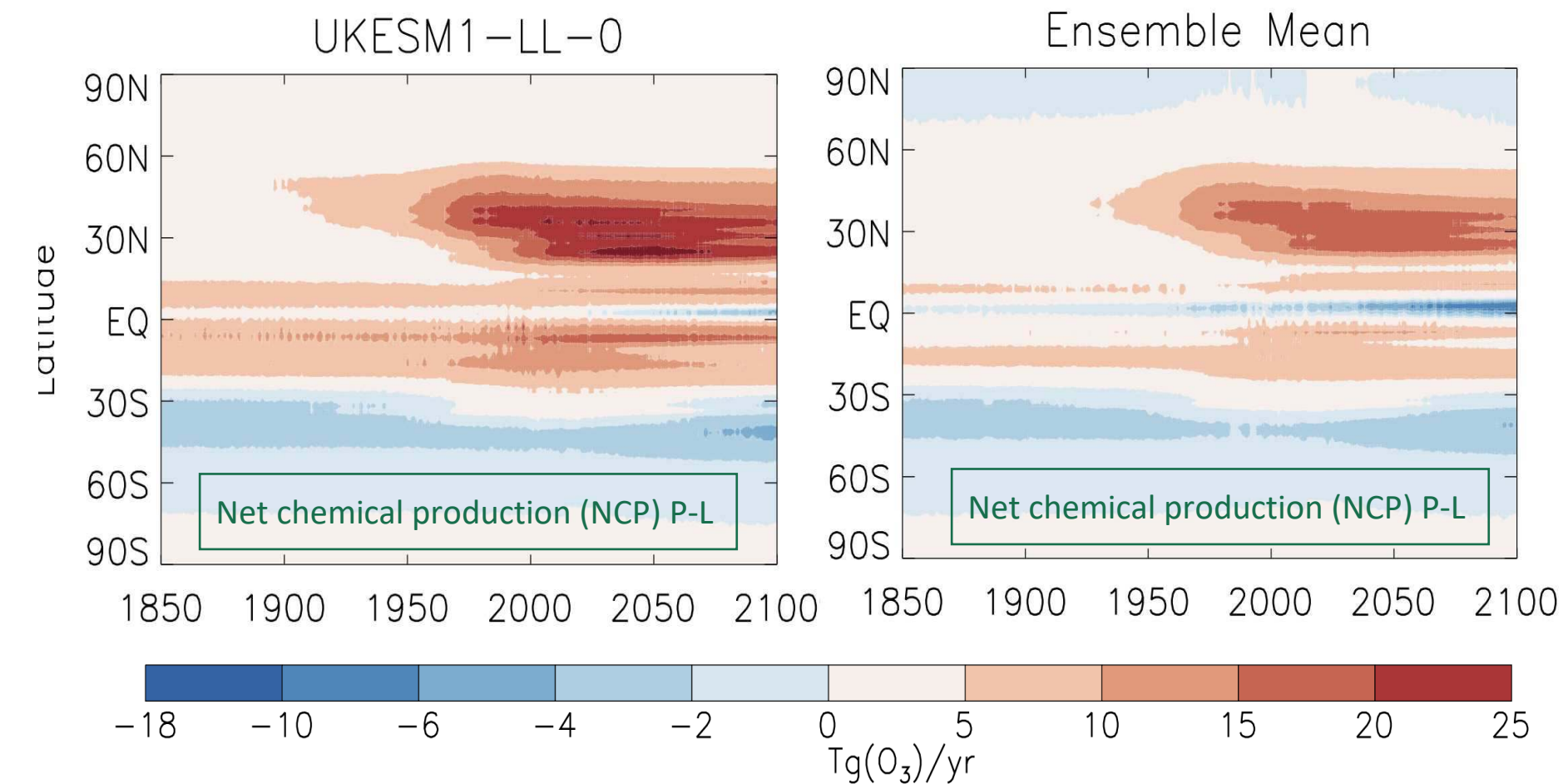
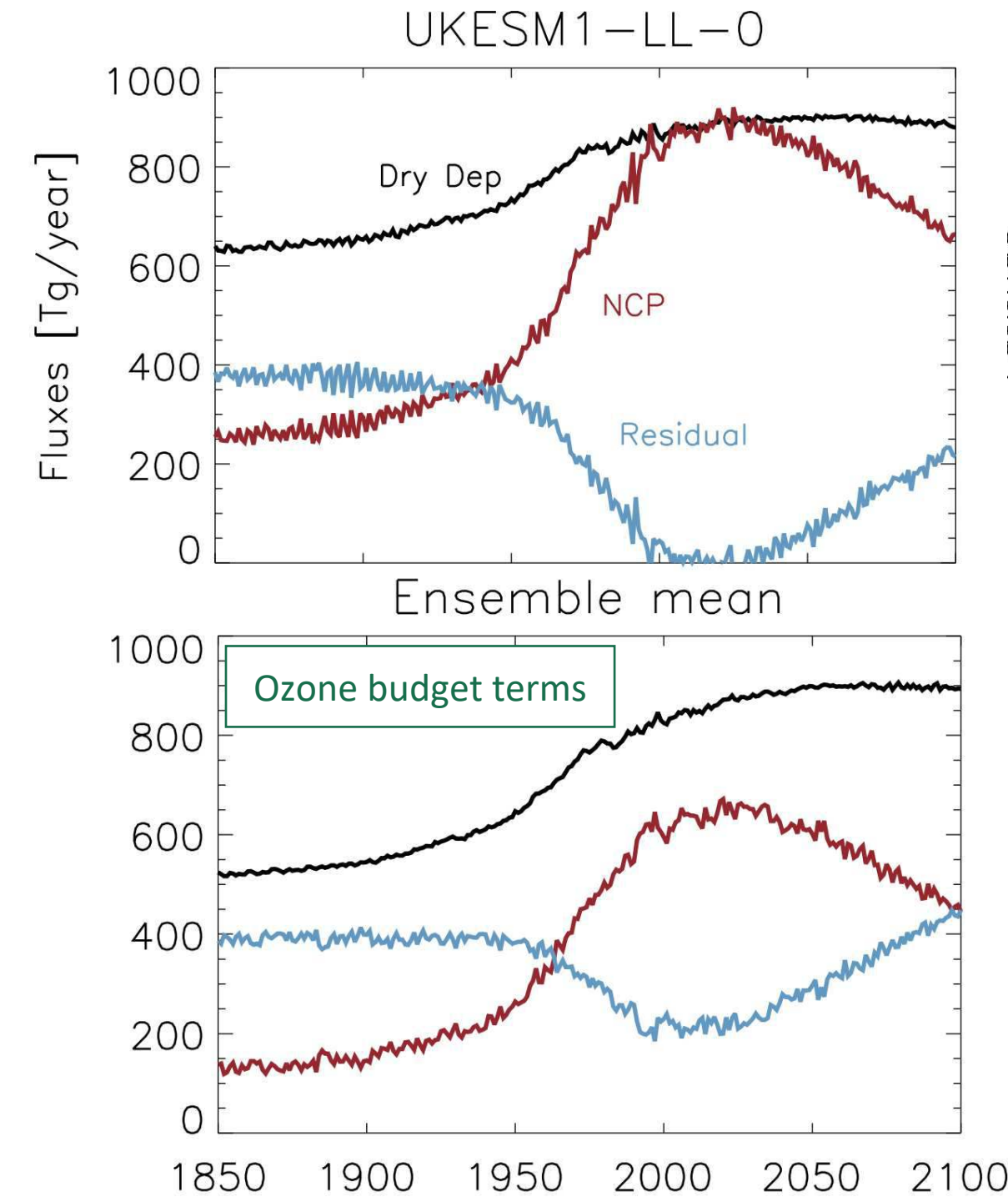
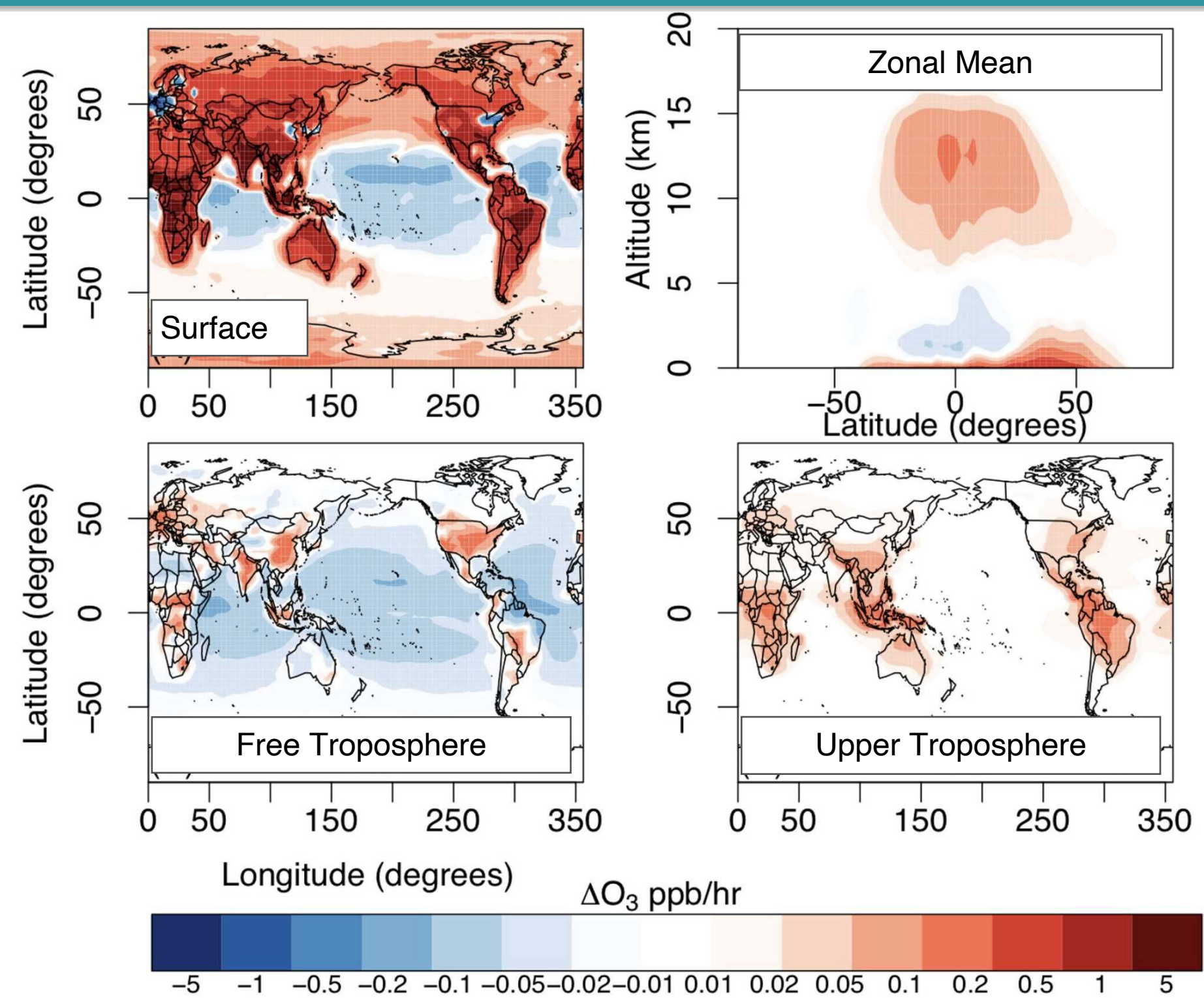
- UKCA tropospheric ozone compares well with observations, particularly in-situ .
- Integrated quantities, such as column amounts, sensitive to tropopause definition.

How does tropospheric ozone burden evolve in CMIP6?

- Analysis so far has focused on CMIP Historical and ScenarioMIP SSP3-70 experiments, for which suitable diagnostic output was available.
- Picture has changed little since CMIP5, MM range is also similar.
- Ozone burden increased by about 40% from 1850 levels of 240 Tg (MMM) with steepest rate of increase around 1960.
- In SSP3-70, the rate of growth of the burden declines further, as NO_x emissions start to fall along this pathway after 2050.
- Nevertheless, strong local changes in ozone seen regionally at the end of the century.



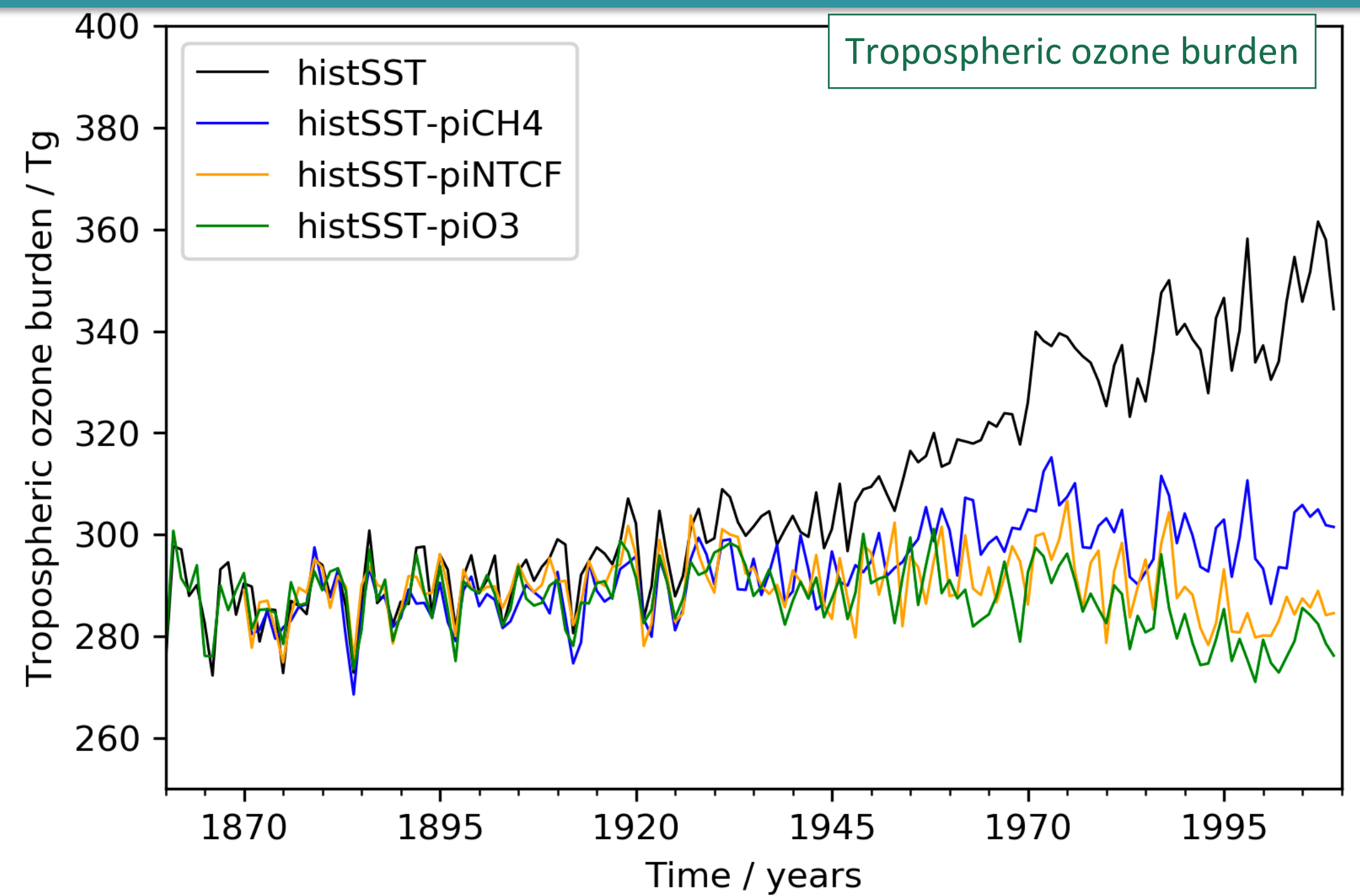
How does tropospheric ozone budget evolve in CMIP6?



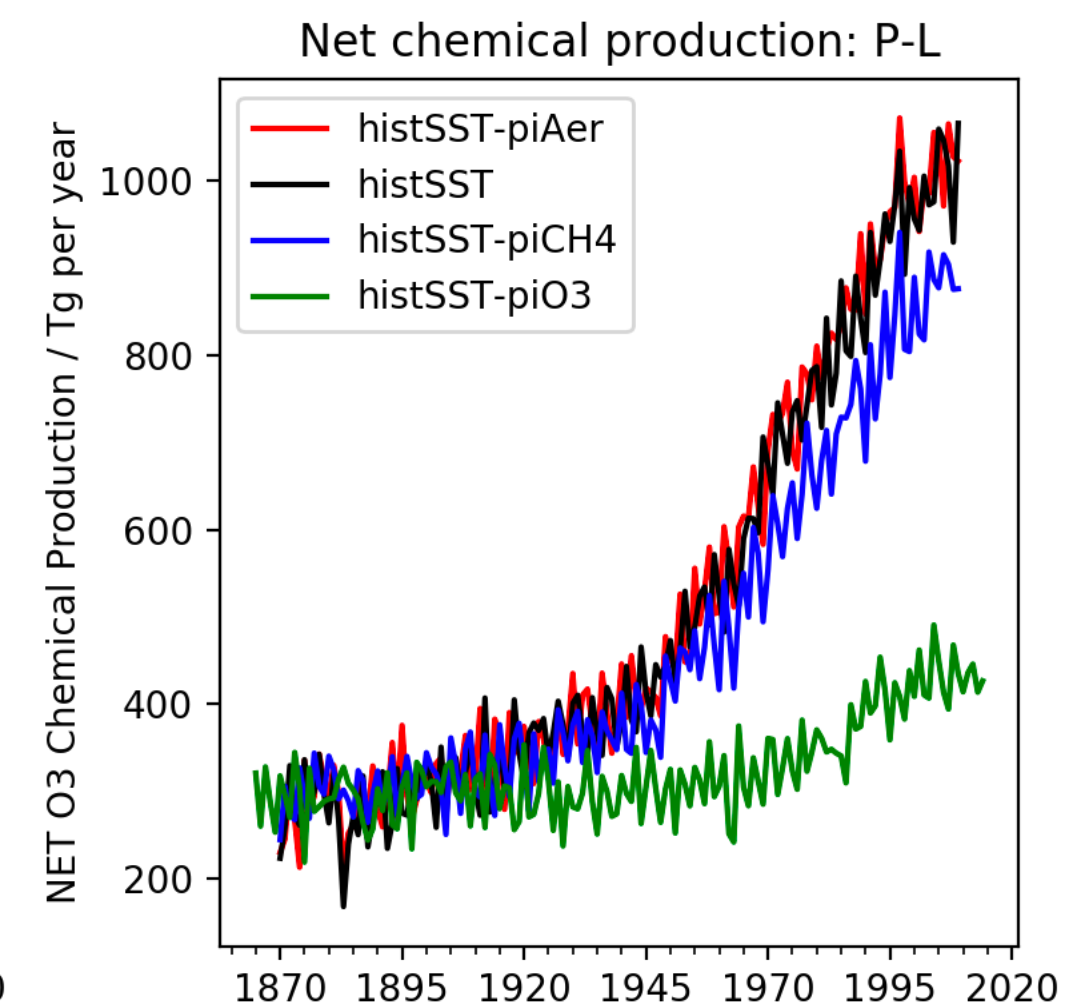
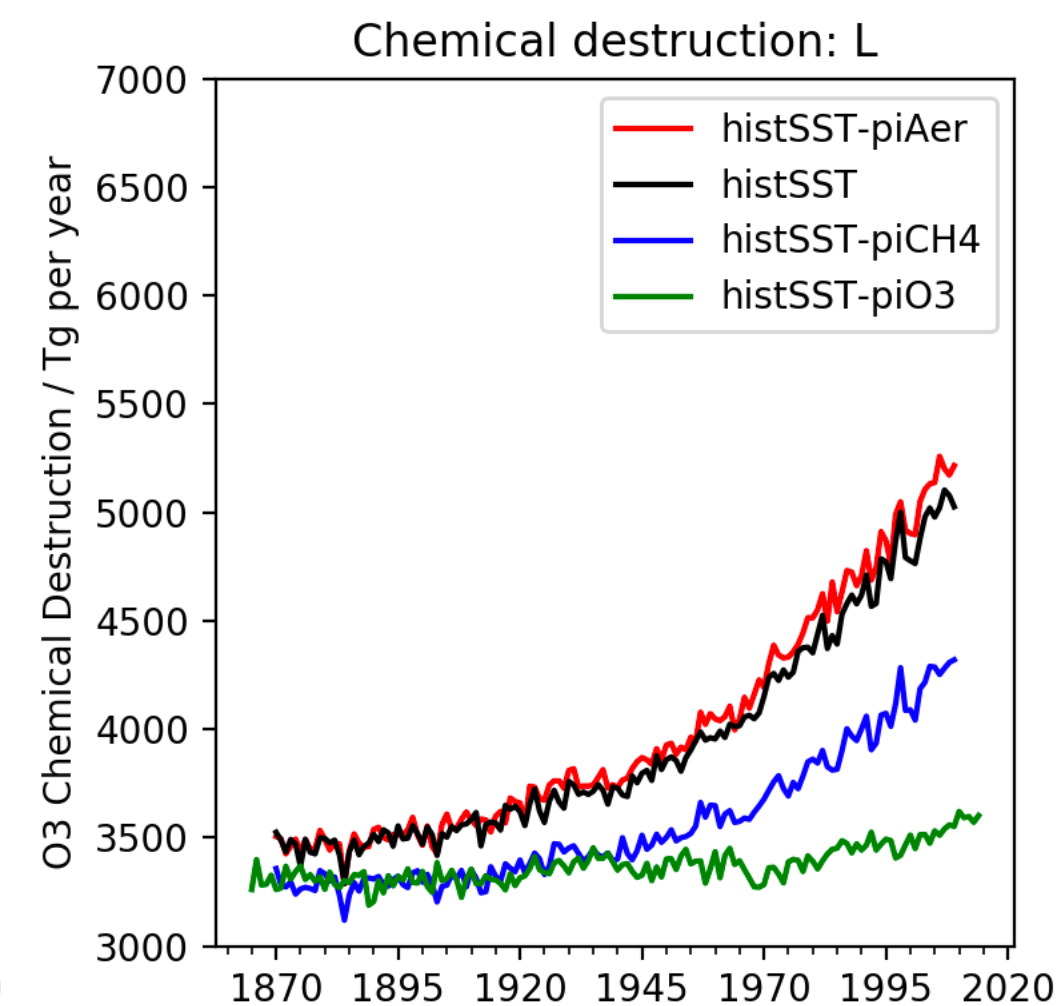
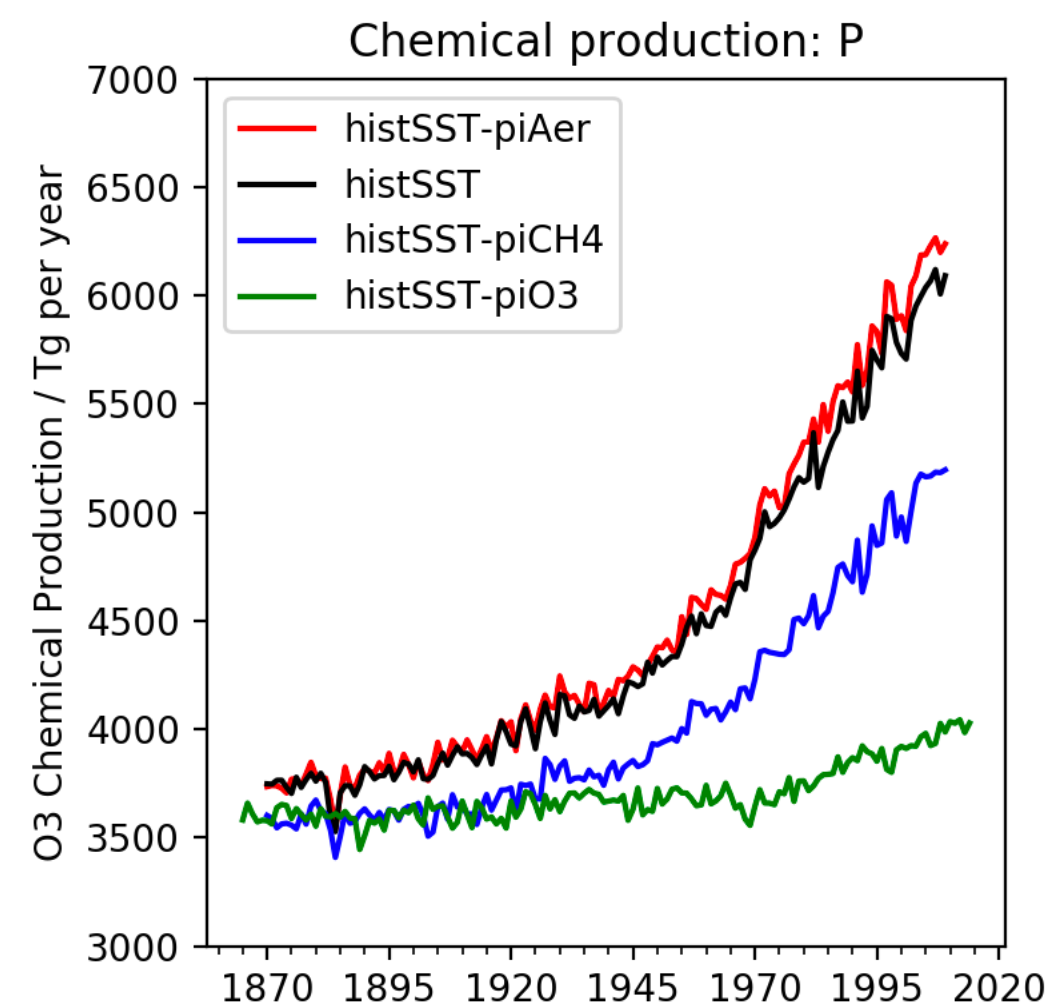
- Ozone burden is controlled by balance between chemical production and loss, transport from the stratosphere and deposition at the surface. Production and loss occur in different regions.
- Significant changes in all these terms, CMIP6 diagnostics limit analysis somewhat
 - Increased emissions of VOCs, including BVOCs, contribution of methane increasing.
 - More NO_x , including LNO_x .
 - Location of emissions in NH shifting southwards at end of 20th century
- Different drivers for O_3 production over the 21st century with an important contribution from CH_4 .

What does AerChemMIP add to CMIP6?

- 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 CH₄ 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.



Experiment_ID	CH4	N2O	Aerosol Precursors	Ozone precursors	CFC/HCFC	Tier
histSST	Hist	Hist	Hist	Hist	Hist	1
histSST-piNTCF	Hist	Hist	1850	1850	Hist	1
histSST-piAer	Hist	Hist	1850	Hist	Hist	2
histSST-piO3	Hist	Hist	Hist	1850	Hist	2
histSST-piCH4	1850	Hist	Hist	Hist	Hist	1
histSST-1950HC	Hist	Hist	Hist	Hist	1950	1
histSST-piN2O	Hist	1850	Hist	Hist	Hist	2





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University of Leeds

“UKESM volcano-climate experiments:

Comparing impacts from satellite-based (CMIP6-GloSSAC) and microphysically-consistent (SMURPHS-UKCA) Pinatubo volcanic forcing datasets”

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<http://www.volmip.org>

(Davide Zanchettin,
Claudia Timmreck,
Myriam Khodri)

VolMIP — Model Intercomparison Project on the climate response to volcanic forcing

Co-ordinated multi-model experiments to quantify short-term and long-term climate response to the radiative forcings from volcanic aerosol clouds from major tropical eruptions.

“Initial conditions ensemble” climate model experiments apply the same volcanic forcing in a protocol to enact volcanic forcing across different modes of climate variability within CMIP6 control integrations.

Short-term response explored in “volc-pinatubo experiment” -- idealized climate model experiments off CMIP6 pre-industrial control integration – clean volcano-climate response experiment (no other forcings)

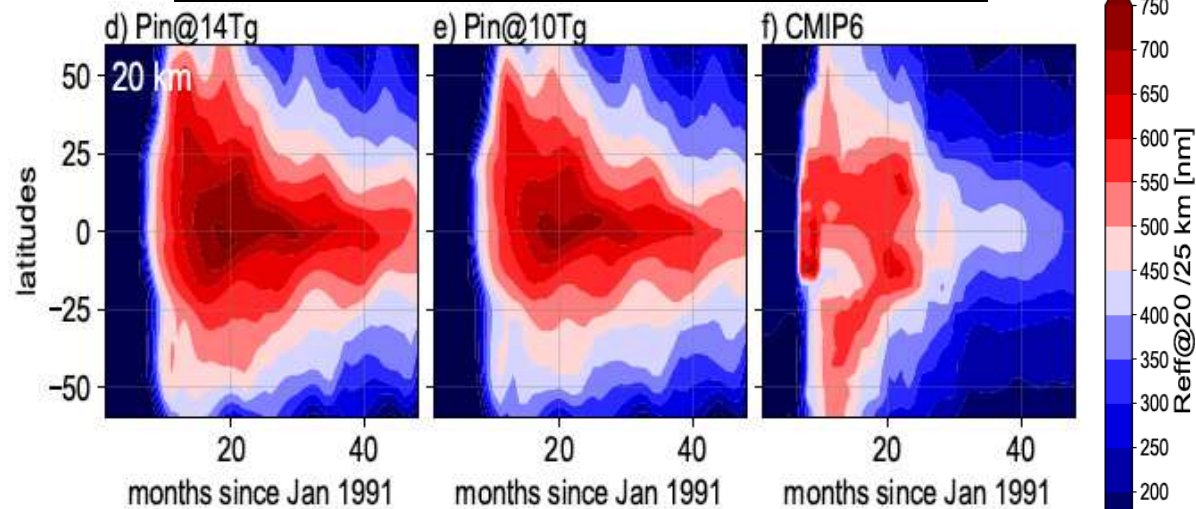
-- **models apply the CMIP6-GloSSAC forcing dataset for Pinatubo**, applying this same volcanic forcing in 27-member ensemble: 3 members in each of warm/neutral/cold ENSO and +ve/neutral/-ve NAO to explore variation in short-term response e.g. re: winter-warming effect (Robock and Mao, 1992)

One part of NCAS contribution to NERC long-term science programme on the North Atlantic climate (ACSIS) is to assess the influences of major volcanic eruptions on climate and stratospheric composition.

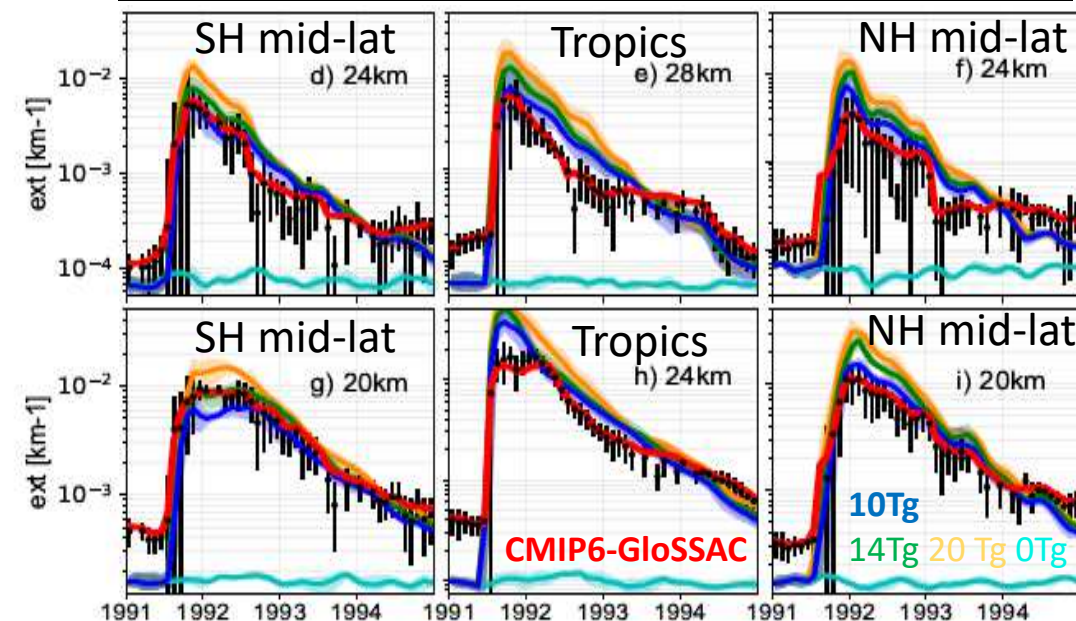
NCAS researchers at Leeds (Wuhu Feng, Graham Mann) have run the UKESM volc-pinatubo experiment and have generated a new “microphysically-consistent” Pinatubo aerosol dataset from GA4 UM-UKCA interactive stratospheric aerosol simulations for the NERC highlight topic on the hiatus (SMURPHS)

For ACSIS, running 2nd UKESM volc-pinatubo ensemble with SMURPHS microphysically-consistent forcing.

Volcanic aerosol particle size (effective radius)



Volcanic aerosol extinction in stratosphere (at 550nm)



Dhomse et al. (2020, in review, ACP Discussions)

<https://doi.org/10.5194/acp-2020-344>
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Evaluating the simulated radiative forcings, aerosol properties and stratospheric warmings from the 1963 Agung, 1982 El Chichón and 1991 Mt Pinatubo volcanic aerosol clouds

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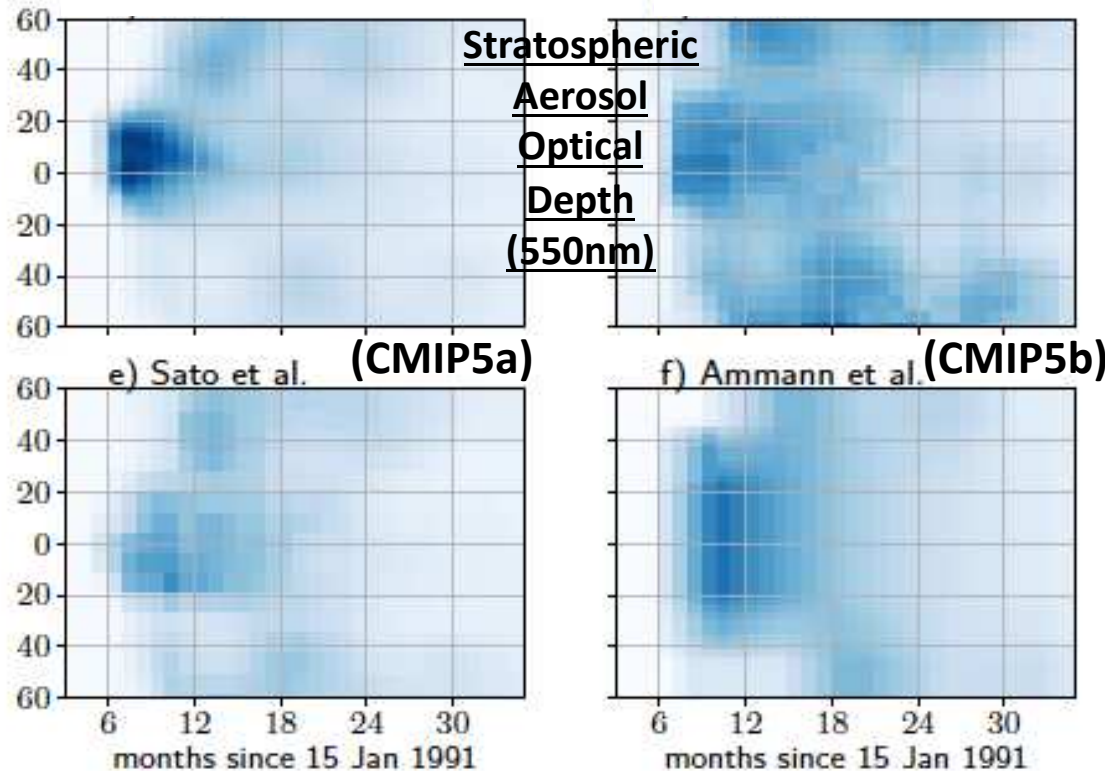
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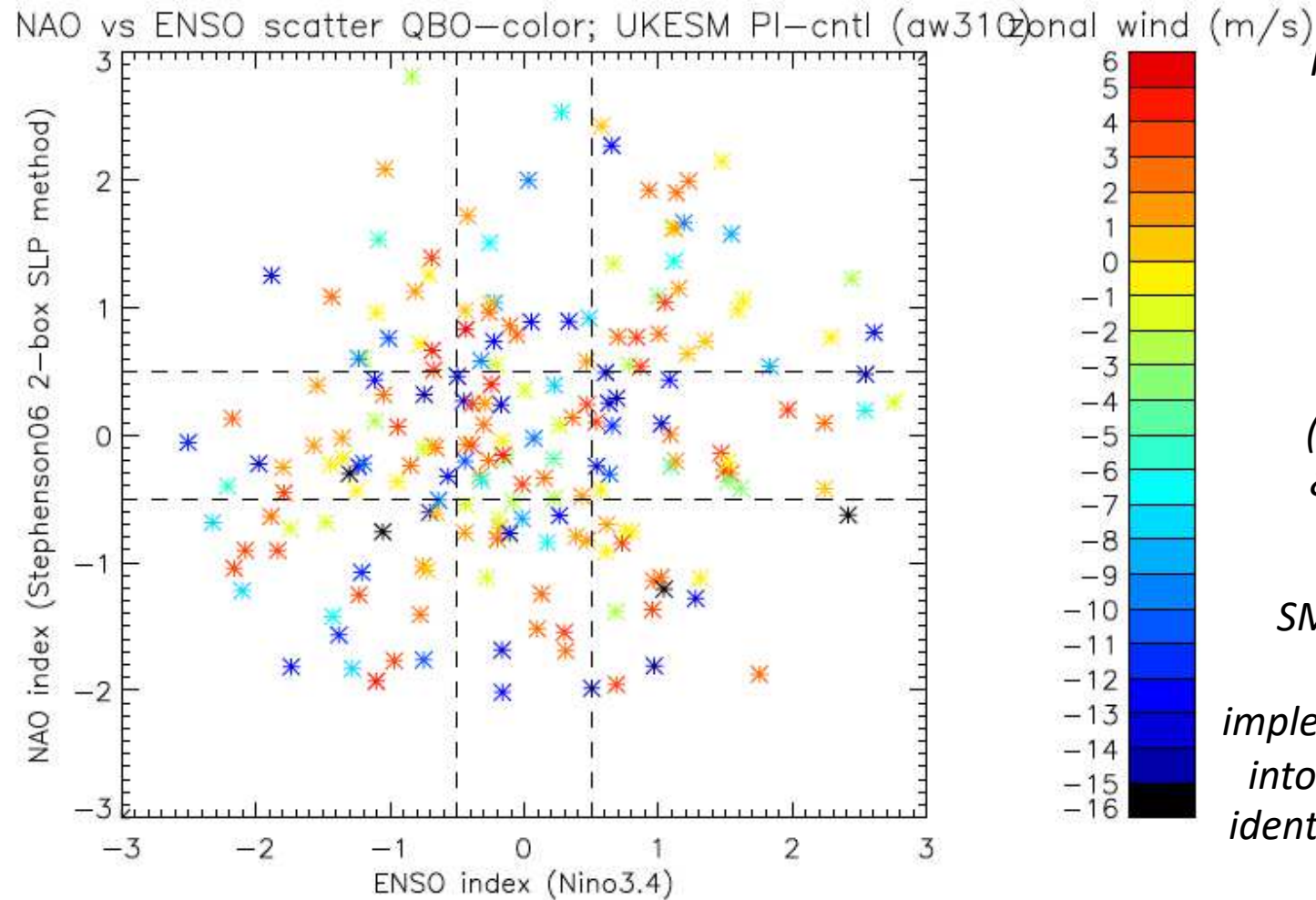
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Stratospheric
Aerosol
Optical
Depth
(550nm)

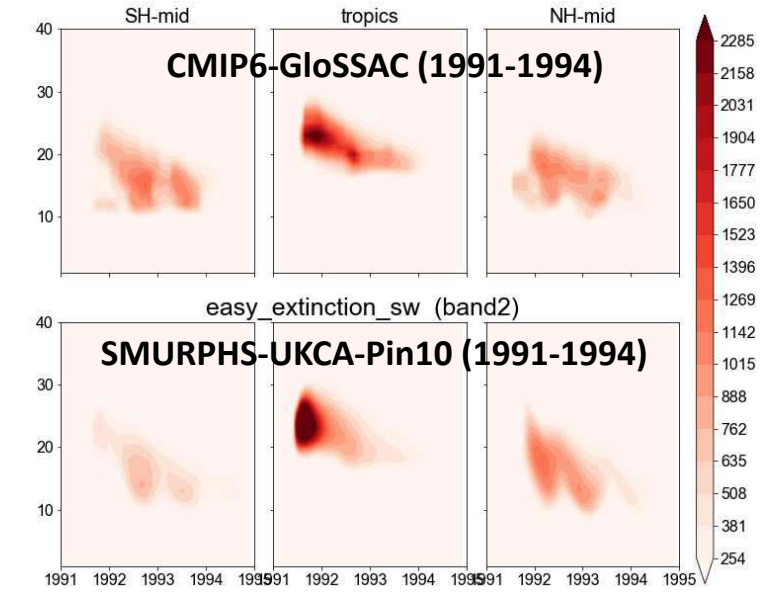


Initial conditions analysis of UKESM PI-control for volc-pinatubo experiments (each years' seasonal ENSO and NAO indices for DJF and "QBO-index" for July-Dec)

extinction in SW band 2 (320nm to 690nm) (i.e. solar dimming in mid-visible)

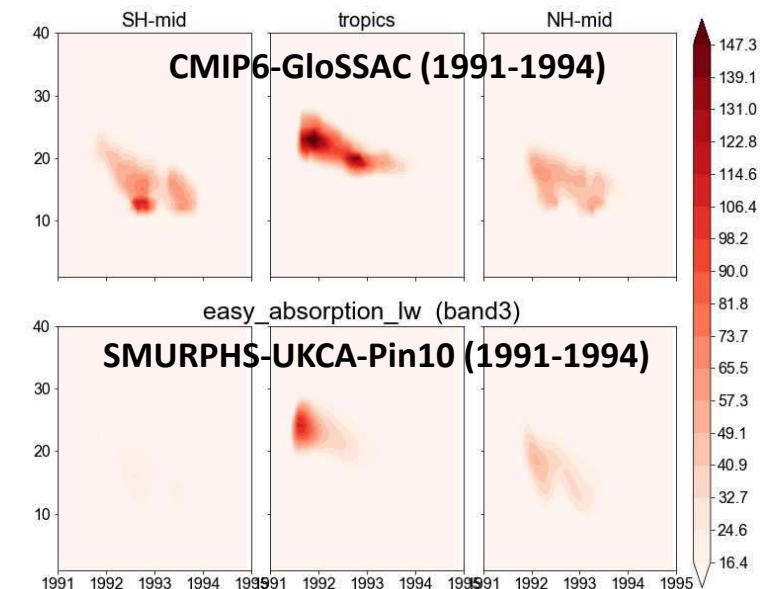


offline
RADAER
used to
convert
UKCA
aerosol
to easy
aerosol
(ext, abs
& asym)



absorption in LW band 3 (12.5μm to 18.2μm)

SMURPHS
dataset
implemented
into UKESM
identically to
CMIP6



Wuhu Feng (NCAS, Leeds) ran 27-member UKESM ensemble from easterly-QBO (blue)
Potential to analyse westerly-QBO ensemble & contrast vortex & climate response.

We encourage members of the UKESM community to work with us to evaluate the
broad range of simulated responses effected in the UKESM VolMIP runs.

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Listen to the ocean

Earth System Music: the creation and reach of music generated from UKESM1

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Earth System Music - pilot study

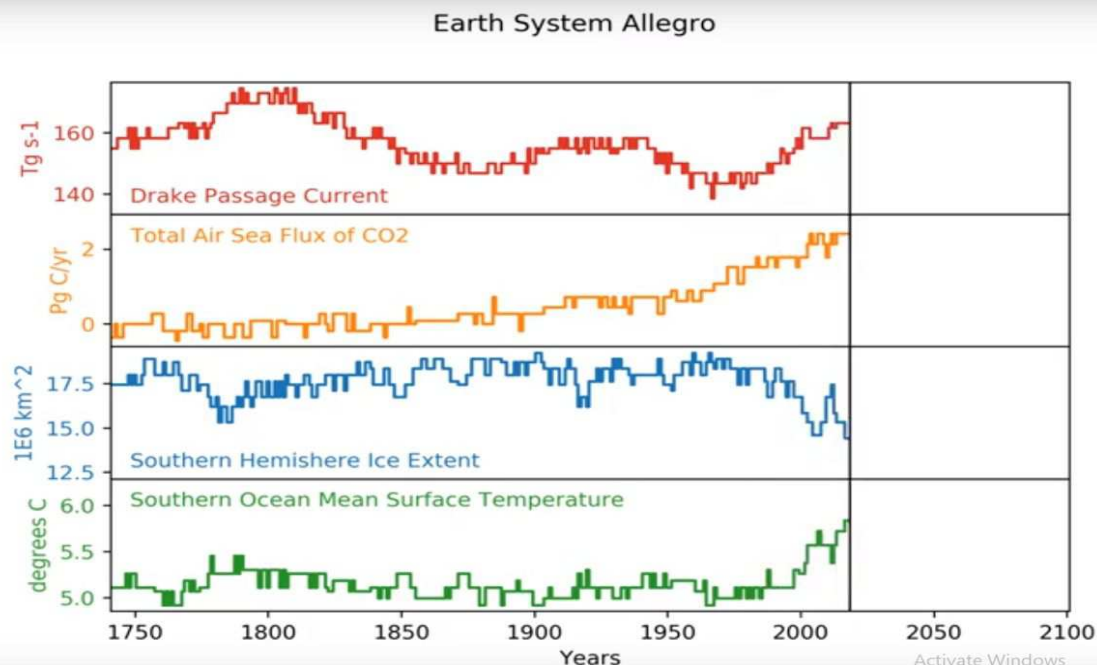
Sonification: The use of non-speech audio to convey information.

UKESM1 ocean time series data used to generate eight musical pieces and videos.

Diverse behaviors of modelling, scientific and musical contexts:

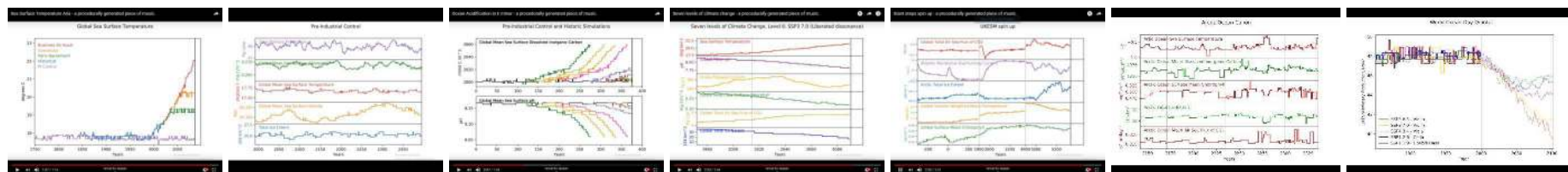
- UKESM Spin up, Pre-industrial control, Historical, future scenarios
- Circulation, Marine carbon cycle, sea ice extent Sea surface temperature, Ocean Acidification, primary production.
- Allegro, Vivaci, "4 chord song", 12-bar blues, Minor aria, Lizzo's juice, Pachelbel's Canon, string quintet

Earth System Allegro - a procedurally generated piece for piano



0:41 / 1:01

Scroll for details



Model Data and Pre-processing

UKESM1
Model data in
NetCDF format

BGC-val
Python based
model evaluation
toolkit

**Time series
shelves**
BGC-val processed
output data



Legend

File
Box with thick border

Process
Arrow with no border

Earth System Music Processor

**Convert
data to MIDI
pitch**
Uses data
range
provided

**Apply smoothing
window**
Removes some of
the temporal
variability

Load shelf data
Access UKESM1
data as time series

Load settings
Includes data selection
criteria and artistic
choices.

**Earth system music processor
settings**
Python dictionary containing all
required settings, artistic choices
and paths to data.

**Enforce scale
or chord**
Uses artistic
choice

**Set MIDI
velocities**
Adjust note
loudness

**Remove
duplicate
notes**

**Extend
final
note**

**Process MIDI
and model
data into
images**

**Output
notes as
MIDI**

Post Processing



Final Video
Audio and video in mpeg format

**Ffmpeg
video
processor**
Combines
images and
audio to
produce
video

**Video frame
images**
png format

MP3 audio
Performance by
piano synth

**Musical
Instrument
Digital
Interface
(MIDI) file**

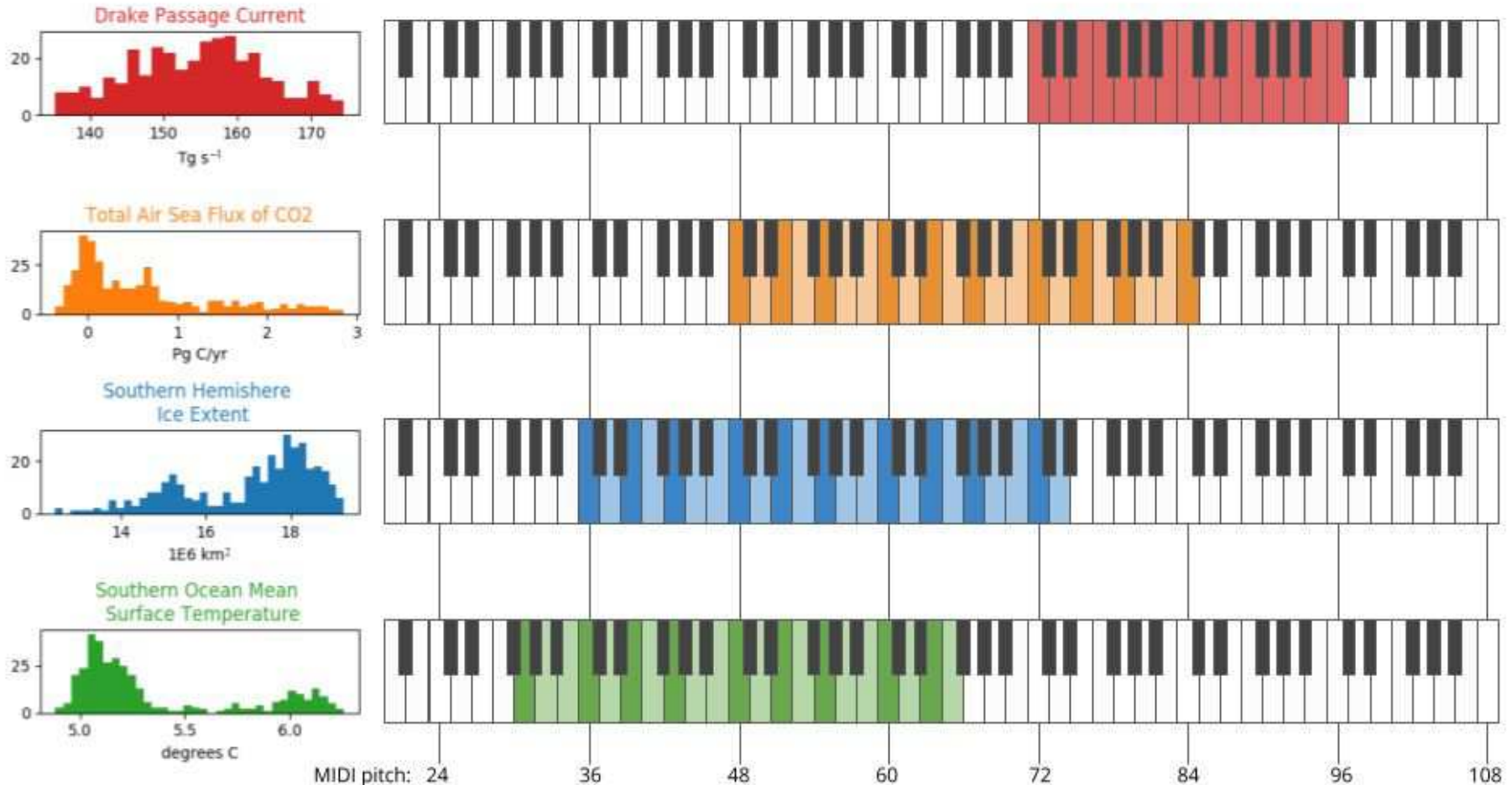
**Timidity++
Piano
player**
Piano
synthesizer

Muscore
Loads MIDI as sheet
music.



Sheet music
pdf format

Musical range and artistic decisions



- The choice of datasets used to determine pitch and velocity
- The pitch and velocity ranges
- Width of the smoothing window
- Tempo & the number of notes per beat

- Key and chord progressions
- The choice of instruments
- Title
- Style
- Mastering

These choices allow the composer to attempt to define the emotional context of the piece. ie:

SSP1 1.9: optimistic & free

SSP5 8.5: uneasy & foreboding

Quantifying the reach

Videos posted on YouTube, shared via author's personal & professional social media networks, or shown at conferences (NCEO, UKESM, EGU, UK-CMIP6)

View count & demographics tracked using YouTube Studio.

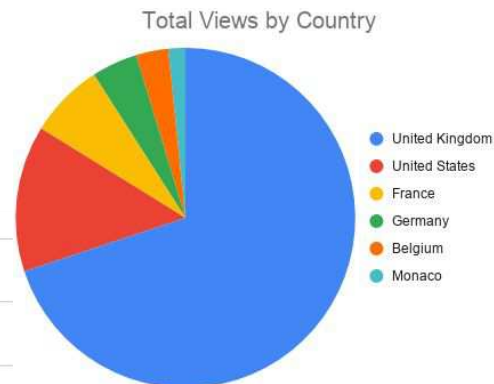
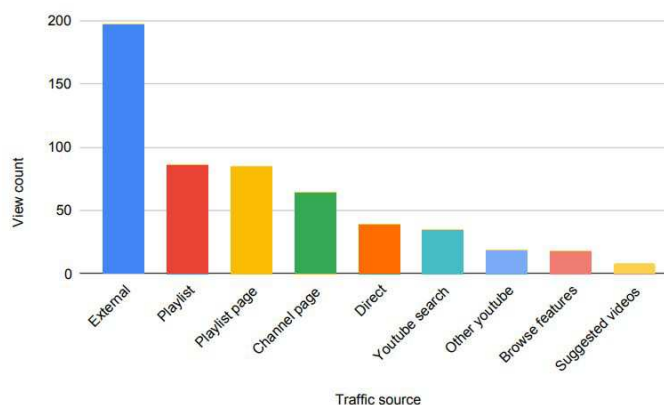
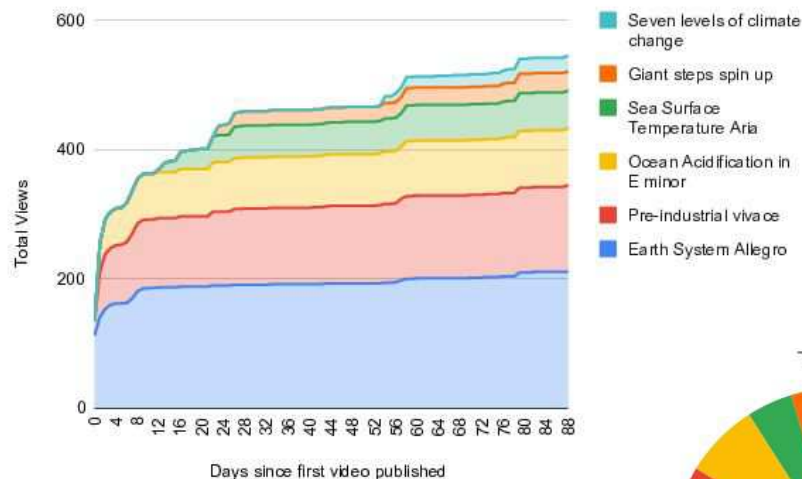
Audience comments also recorded.

First 90 days: 525 views, 247 unique viewers, 465 minutes watch time.

Overall:

2.3K views, 35 hours watch time, many positive comments.

Possible Extensions: Live performance; additional instruments, musical styles, models, domains; ESMValTool instead of BGC-val; include observations, create a viewer survey; additional in-video descriptions.

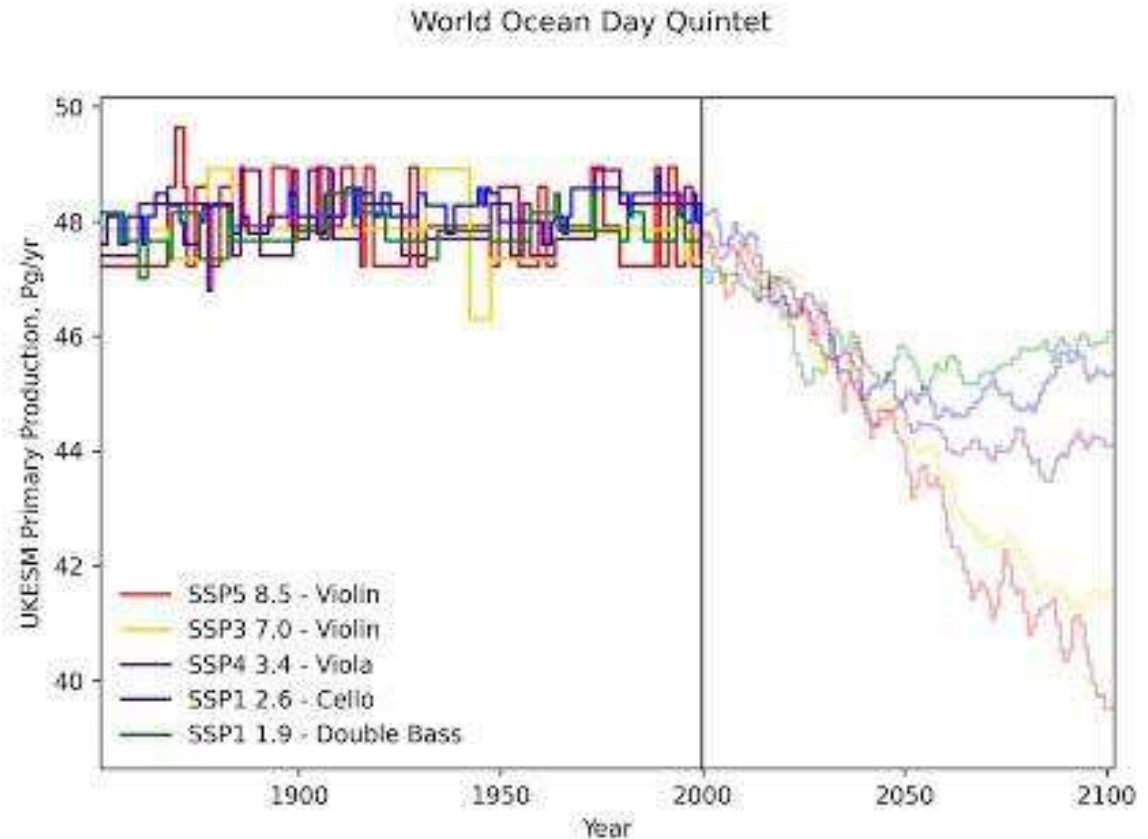


More details in Geoscientific Communications manuscript **GC-2019-28**:
<https://www.geosci-commun-discuss.net/gc-2019-28>

Extra slide - latest video

New musical toolkit developed during lockdown, with many improvements:

- Faster and more transparent processing methods.
- Updated visual style.
- Higher frame rate & smoother video.
- Improved MIDI generation.
- Higher quality performance sampling.
- Studio effects (reverb, compression etc...)
- Improved audio mastering.
- Wide range of virtual instruments available.



[Earth System Music Playlist](#)