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Influence of future climate and cropland expansion on isoprene emissions and tropospheric ozone

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Over the 21st century, changes in CO₂ levels, climate and land use are expected to alter the global distribution of vegetation, leading to changes in trace gas emissions from plants, including, importantly, the emissions of isoprene. This, combined with changes in anthropogenic emissions, has the potential to impact tropospheric ozone levels, which above a certain level are harmful to animals and vegetation. In this study we use a biogenic emissions model following the empirical parameterisation of the MEGAN model, with vegetation distributions calculated by the Sheffield Dynamic Global Vegetation Model (SDGVM) to calculate potential future (2095) changes in isoprene emissions caused by changes in climate, land use, and the inhibition of isoprene emissions by CO₂. From the present day (2000) value of 467 TgCyr⁻¹, we find that the combined impact of these factors causes a net decrease in isoprene emissions of 259 TgCyr⁻¹ (55 %) with individual contributions of +78 TgCyr⁻¹ (climate change), -190 TgCyr⁻¹ (land use) and -147 TgCyr⁻¹ (CO₂ inhibition). Using these isoprene emissions and changes in anthropogenic emissions, a series of integrations is conducted with the UM-UKCA chemistry-climate model with the aim of examining changes in ozone over the 21st century. Globally all combined future changes cause a decrease in the tropospheric ozone burden of 27 Tg (7 %) from 379 Tg in the present day. At the surface, decreases in ozone of 6–10 ppb are calculated over the oceans and developed northern hemispheric regions due to reduced NO_x transport by PAN and reductions in NO_x emissions in these areas respectively. Increases of 4–6 ppb are calculated in the continental Tropics due to cropland expansion in these regions, increased CO₂ inhibition of isoprene emissions, and higher temperatures due to climate change. These effects outweigh the decreases in tropical ozone caused by increased tropical isoprene emissions with climate change. Our land use change scenario consists of cropland expansion which is most pronounced in the Tropics. The Tropics are also where land use change causes the greatest increases in ozone. As such there is potential for increased crop

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CO₂ levels may also lead indirectly to greater isoprene emissions by extended fertilisation of the biosphere (e.g. Tao and Jain, 2005; Arneth et al., 2007). Similarly, increases in temperature may indirectly decrease isoprene emissions by decreasing soil moisture thus leading to “die-back” of isoprene-emitting vegetation (Cox et al., 2000, 2004; Sanderson et al., 2003). Changes in land use that affect the extent and distribution of vegetation also have the potential to alter isoprene emissions. Anthropogenic land use change, on the global scale, contributes a net decrease to isoprene emissions as generally this involves replacement of high isoprene emitters with lower ones (e.g. Tao and Jain, 2005; Lathièrè et al., 2005; Wu et al., 2012). However, this is not always the case, especially on the regional scale where some land use scenarios show increased isoprene emissions. Examples are the replacement of broad-leaved rainforest with oil palm (Hewitt et al., 2009; Ashworth et al., 2012; Warwick et al., 2013) or agricultural cropland with *Arundo donax* for biofuel production (Porter et al., 2012). In this current study we do not include such land use changes.

There is a fine balance between those factors that increase isoprene emissions (direct effects of temperature, CO₂ fertilisation), and those that decrease them (die-back, CO₂ inhibition, land use change). This balance may well change over the next century. Rising CO₂ levels are expected to cause rises in temperature and CO₂ fertilisation which would lead to isoprene emission increases. Some studies calculate that these increases would be more than compensated for by increases in CO₂ inhibition (Heald et al., 2009; Young et al., 2009; Pacifico et al., 2012) and anthropogenic land use change (Ganzeveld et al., 2010; Wu et al., 2012). However the magnitude of these terms and the degree to which they compensate each other is scenario dependent and still remains highly uncertain.

Due to the non-linearity of VOC-NO_x-O₃ chemistry, the O₃ response to these isoprene emission changes depends on whether the environment is NO_x-limited or VOC-limited (Wiedinmyer et al., 2006; Zeng et al., 2008; Young et al., 2009; Wu et al., 2012; Pacifico et al., 2012). When sufficient NO_x is available, isoprene reacts with OH and molecular oxygen to produce hydroxyperoxy radicals which convert NO to NO₂ leading

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to O₃ formation. In low NO_x, VOC-rich environments, the rate of this NO_x-dependent pathway decreases, and it becomes more favourable for isoprene to be oxidised directly by O₃, leading to O₃ removal. O₃ production is further limited by the removal of NO_x as isoprene hydroxyperoxy radicals react with NO to form isoprene nitrates. The degree to which NO_x is regenerated from isoprene nitrate degradation remains uncertain (Fiore et al., 2012), and has a significant effect on the O₃ response to isoprene emission changes (von Kuhlmann et al., 2004; Wu et al., 2007; Horowitz et al., 2007).

The first aim of this current study is to investigate how contributions from the main factors that affect tropospheric O₃ will change over the 21st century. This is achieved by use of a global chemistry-climate model (the UK MetOffice Unified Model coupled to the UK Chemistry and Aerosol model (UM-UKCA)) as detailed in Sect. 2. One of the factors investigated is changes in isoprene emissions, and in this section we also outline the method used for calculating these isoprene emission changes. In Sect. 3 the generated isoprene emissions are analysed to show how they will change over the 21st century due to changes in climate, land use and CO₂ inhibition. In Sect. 4 we use the results of the UM-UKCA integrations to attribute future O₃ changes to changes in climate, isoprene emissions with climate, anthropogenic emissions, land use and CO₂ inhibition of isoprene emissions.

The second aim of this study is to determine whether changes in isoprene emissions due to anthropogenic land use (simulated here as cropland expansion) could cause increased exposure of those crops to harmful levels of O₃. This is addressed in Sect. 5 by calculating the effect of cropland expansion on the “Accumulated exposure (to O₃) Over a Threshold of 40 ppb” (AOT40) diagnostic. The AOT40 is recommended by the World Health Organization (WHO, 2000) as a diagnostic for quantifying harmful O₃ exposure to vegetation. The effects of changes in O₃ on crop damage have been examined in several previous studies (e.g. Ashmore, 2005; Van dingenen et al., 2009; Fuhrer, 2009; Avnery et al., 2011b), however very few studies consider specifically the contribution from isoprene emission changes (Ashworth et al., 2012, 2013), which is the focus here.

our aim is to explain the sensitivity of O₃, and O₃ feedbacks, to plausible future changes in natural and anthropogenic forcing mechanisms.

3 Future isoprene emissions

As discussed above, the main factors which affect isoprene emissions are changes in temperature, CO₂ fertilisation, land use, and CO₂ inhibition of the emissions. In this section we investigate the relative contribution of these factors to 21st century isoprene emission changes (Fig. 2). This is done by examining the differences between isoprene emissions calculated with the biogenic emissions model.

Figure 2a shows our present day calculated annual average isoprene emissions. Emissions show the expected pattern of being highest around the Tropics, and globally amount to 467 TgCyr⁻¹. This is within one standard deviation of the mean value (515 TgCyr⁻¹) for a number of different model estimates as collated in Arneth et al. (2008). In Fig. 2b we see how emissions change when all future conditions are taken together. There is a global decrease of 55% to 208 TgCyr⁻¹. In Fig. 2c–e the individual contributions to this change from climate, land use and CO₂ inhibition are given.

Figure 2c shows the difference in isoprene emissions caused by climate change. Globally we find that climate change (which includes both changes in temperature and CO₂ fertilisation) increases isoprene emissions by 78 Tgyr⁻¹ (17%). This increase is expected for the higher temperatures and CO₂ levels in 2095 which directly stimulate isoprene emissions and extend fertilisation of the biosphere respectively. This trend is corroborated by a number of studies (Sanderson et al., 2003; Lathièrè et al., 2005; Arneth et al., 2007; Heald et al., 2009; Young et al., 2009). Although isoprene emissions increase overall, in some regions (e.g. the Amazon) decreases are calculated. This is caused by a die-back of isoprene emitting vegetation and is associated with a decrease in soil moisture. Such effects have been calculated in previous studies (Cox et al., 2000; Sanderson et al., 2003; Lathièrè et al., 2005). In some other studies 2100 soil moisture is high enough to avoid large scale die-back, and subsequently their calculated

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the stratosphere (“influx”) and sink to the surface by dry deposition. Here we define O_x as the sum of O_3 , atomic oxygen and reactive nitrogen species (NO_y).

Figure 5a shows the effect of climate change on O_3 . The increased SSTs in the climate change integration cause a general warming of the boundary layer by 1–3°C.

As both O_3 production and destruction have a positive temperature dependence, the general effect is to increase O_3 in regions where O_3 production dominates (continental regions near a NO_x source), and decrease O_3 where there is net O_3 destruction (the remote ocean and low- NO_x high-VOC environments such as the rainforest). This is reflected in both the higher production (+393 Tgyr⁻¹) and loss (+546 Tgyr⁻¹) terms in the O_x budget for climate change (Table 2). The effect of higher temperatures on O_x loss is greater than on O_x production, leading to an overall decrease in the net chemical tendency. The response of the atmospheric system is to increase the O_3 burden by 7 Tg, mainly due to increased influx from the stratosphere.

Warming is significantly higher than 1–3°C over some regions, notably Brazil and high northern latitudes (6–8°C). The particularly strong warming over Brazil causes a reduction in water vapour, following a drying of the surface. This diminishes the potential for O_3 loss through the O^1D+H_2O reaction, further leading to O_3 increases. Over the oceans the opposite effect occurs, with higher temperatures leading to increased atmospheric water vapour and increased O_3 loss through O^1D+H_2O .

Another factor influencing O_3 over the oceans is the change in long range transport of peroxyacetyl nitrate (PAN). PAN is produced over land where NO_x and VOCs interact. As shown in Fig. 6a major source regions are the continental Tropics, southeast USA, Europe and southeast Asia. Transport of PAN, and subsequent thermal decomposition, provides a source of NO_x (leading possibly to O_3 production) over the remote oceans. PAN decomposition is very strongly temperature dependent; in a warmer climate PAN transport to the remote ocean is reduced. The largest reductions in PAN are calculated over South America (Fig. 6b) where PAN production is high in the BASE run, and the increase in temperature under climate change is the largest. This contributes to decreases in O_3 of up to 8 ppb in the surrounding oceans.

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calculated changes in O_3 are decreases centred around those developed northern hemispheric regions, with the highest O_3 reductions occurring across eastern USA (~ 12 ppb ($\sim 22\%$)). Decreases in NO_x across Europe and USA are large and many gridcells go from being VOC-limited to NO_x -limited (we define VOC-limited and NO_x -limited as when the ratio of L_N to Q is more than 0.5 or less than 0.5 respectively, where L_N = the loss of radicals from reactions with NO and NO_2 , Q = the sum of all radical sinks, Kleinman et al., 1997; Wiedinmyer et al., 2006). Once into the NO_x -limited regime, further decreases in NO_x lead to decreases in O_3 , as seen in Fig. 5c. The large reductions in NO_x lead to a lowering of the net chemical tendency of O_3 by 81 Tg yr^{-1} (14 %) but a smaller reduction in the O_3 burden (4 Tg (1 %)).

Land use change causes a decrease in isoprene emissions across the Tropics, mainland southeast Asia and southeast USA (Fig. 2d). In the NO_x -limited VOC-rich Tropics this leads to an increase in O_3 (Fig. 5d). Isoprene oxidation produces peroxyacetyl radicals which are a precursor to PAN formation, so that the effect of reducing isoprene emissions through cropland expansion is to decrease PAN (Fig. 6c). The greatest decreases occur over South America and southeast Asia, and subsequently this reduction in PAN leads to a drop in O_3 over the remote tropical oceans by up to 6 ppb. Whilst the global reduction in isoprene emissions (-190 Tg Cyr^{-1}) leads to less O_x production, loss, and ultimately tropospheric O_3 (O_3 burden is reduced by 19 Tg), overall the O_x net chemical tendency increases by 10 Tg yr^{-1} . This is a result of reducing isoprene in the NO_x -limited Tropics where it acts as a direct sink for O_3 .

Altering land use affects the deposition velocity of O_3 (Fig. 7). In UM-UKCA O_3 is deposited to broad-leaved trees with a higher velocity (0.525 cm s^{-1}) than to crops (0.450 cm s^{-1}). Hence, in those regions where broad-leaved trees are replaced by crops (e.g. the Tropics) the deposition velocity decreases. Reduction of this O_3 sink further increases atmospheric O_3 in these regions. On the other hand, increases in the deposition velocity are modelled where crops replace bare soil (deposition velocity = 0.180 cm s^{-1}) e.g. in central Asia. Although a much smaller fraction of land is converted to crops from bare soil compared to from broad-leaved trees (see Fig. 1b, c),

proportionally the change in the deposition velocity is greater as the difference in deposition velocity between bare soil and crops (0.27 cm s^{-1}) is larger than that between crops and broad-leaved trees (0.075 cm s^{-1}).

In NO_x -limited regions changes in NO_x emissions associated with land use have the potential to alter O_3 . Despite this, for the case of cropland expansion Ganzeveld et al. (2010) calculated that the two competing effects on NO_x emissions, (i) the increase caused by more intensive fertiliser use and (ii) the decrease caused by the lower emission factor of crops compared to broad-leaved forest (Yienger and Levy, 1995), resulted in little overall change. In this study changes in NO_x emissions accompanying land use change have not been considered.

Including future changes in the CO_2 inhibition of isoprene emissions causes O_3 to increase near the isoprene source regions and decrease in remote regions (Fig. 5e). Decreases in remote regions are due to decreased PAN formation. The largest O_3 increases (3–5 ppb) are calculated in the Tropics where the NO_x : VOC ratio is lowest ($L_N/Q \approx 0.1$). In southeast Asia and southeast USA (the other high isoprene emitting regions) the NO_x : VOC ratio is higher ($L_N/Q \approx 0.3$). Whilst this ratio still categorises these regions as NO_x -limited, the higher ratio signifies that O_3 production will be less sensitive to decreases in isoprene emissions. So, increases in O_3 are much smaller (less than 1 ppb). In these regions Young et al. (2009) calculated decreases in O_3 of up to 10 ppb due to CO_2 inhibition. In their study NO_x emissions were higher in the Northern Hemisphere in line with the A2 scenario, so these regions were VOC-limited. We use the lower anthropogenic emissions of the B2 + CLE scenario, resulting instead in NO_x -limited conditions in the northern hemispheric isoprene emitting regions. The effect of CO_2 inhibition on the O_x net chemical tendency is similar to that of land use change (+14 and +10 Tgyr^{-1} respectively), with the largest changes in isoprene emissions occurring in similar areas.

The combined effect of all factors on near surface O_3 (Fig. 5f) is to cause increases of up to 9 ppb over the tropical land masses, and decreases in remote regions, as well as over eastern USA and Japan, of more than 10 ppb. Changes in climate, land

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use and CO₂ inhibition of isoprene emissions contribute most to the increases in the Tropics and the decreases in remote regions. Anthropogenic emission changes are largely responsible for the reductions calculated over eastern USA and Japan. Over the entire troposphere the lowering of chemical O_x production caused by changes in anthropogenic emissions, land use and CO₂ inhibition is not compensated for by the increases caused by changes in climate and isoprene emissions with climate (change in net production = −263 Tgyr^{−1}, Table 2), but this is practically the case for O_x loss (−33 Tgyr^{−1}). Accordingly, net chemical production is down by 230 Tgyr^{−1} compared to the BASE case. Overall, compared to the BASE integration the O₃ burden decreases by 27 Tg to 352 Tg.

5 Changes in ozone-induced vegetation damage

As shown in Fig. 1, in our land use change scenario there is widespread cropland expansion largely at the expense of broad-leaved trees. The change in isoprene emissions that this causes led to higher O₃ in some locations, most notably in the Tropics (Fig. 5d). The tropical regions (the Amazon, central Africa and the Maritime Continent) were also the areas with the largest increases in cropland. In this section we investigate whether the increases in O₃ caused by cropland expansion are sufficient to lead to an increase in O₃ oxidation damage to the crops. If this is the case, then cropland expansion in these regions may not be an efficient solution to feeding the world's growing population.

We examine all regions where cropland expansion is large: the three tropical regions of the Amazon, central Africa and the Maritime Continent where O₃ increases are calculated, and regions of cropland expansion in the Northern Hemisphere (USA, Europe and China). Crop exposure to harmful levels of O₃ is quantified using the AOT40. The World Health Organization recommend that over the daylight hours of a three-month growing season (when stomatal uptake of O₃ typically occurs), the AOT40 should not exceed 3 ppm h in total (WHO, 2000). Figure 8 shows the change in the daylight

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AOT40 above this threshold caused by cropland expansion following this guideline for the primary three month growing season for each region. Daylight hours are defined as 06:00–18:00 LT. Growing seasons are established from maps of planting and harvest dates compiled by Sacks et al. (2010). We assume that growing seasons will not change with climate change, although we acknowledge that this is a probability. For this reason, we have also calculated changes in the AOT40 over the rest of the year (not shown), but this had little effect on the overall trends.

In Fig. 8, the coloured areas which contain no symbol are above the threshold both with and without cropland expansion. Blue areas are where exposure to harmful levels of O_3 has become less severe but is still over the threshold, and red areas are where it has become worse. Around coastal southeast USA there are increases in the AOT40 above 3 ppm h of up to 3 ppm h, however globally there are more gridcells where a decrease is calculated (e.g. coastal regions of China). In all domains, Fig. 8 is dominated by large areas where the AOT40 is below the threshold both in the cases with and without cropland expansion (white). From this it is clear that in most areas cropland expansion does not increase crop exposure to harmful levels of O_3 in the integrations. In fact it is only in those gridcells that are marked by gold triangles (signifying where the AOT40 crosses from below to above the threshold) where this is the case. This only occurs in a very small number of gridcells in southeast USA and across the Maritime Continent. If anything, cropland expansion has a small positive impact on air quality, as there are more gridcells marked with a green circle which signifies that cropland expansion has caused the AOT40 to drop below the threshold. These areas are however generally coastal or over the open ocean and so away from areas of crops.

From Fig. 8 we can conclude that the increases in O_3 calculated over the tropical regions (see Fig. 5d) where the greatest cropland expansion occurs, are actually changes from very low O_3 levels to higher values that are still below the threshold above which O_3 exposure is considered damaging. As such, we can state that under the conditions used in these model runs, cropland expansion over the 21st century does not cause a widespread increase in crop exposure to harmful levels of O_3 . It should be noted

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Table 1. Model integrations conducted with UM-UKCA (BASE and Runs1–6). PD = present day (2000), Fut = Future (2095). The lower section of the table indicates how changes due to each perturbation are calculated.

UM-UKCA integration	Climate	Isoprene emissions with climate	Anthropogenic emissions	Land use	CO ₂ inhibition
BASE	PD	PD	PD	PD	PD
Run1	Fut	PD	PD	PD	PD
Run2	Fut	Fut	PD	PD	PD
Run3	Fut	Fut	Fut	PD	PD
Run4	Fut	Fut	Fut	Fut	PD
Run5	Fut	Fut	Fut	PD	Fut
Run6	Fut	Fut	Fut	Fut	Fut
Δ Climate	Δ Isoprene emissions with climate	Δ Anthropogenic emissions	Δ Land use	Δ CO ₂ inhibition	Δ All factors
Run1 – BASE	Run2 – Run1	Run3 – Run2	Run4 – Run3	Run5 – Run3	Run6 – Run1

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Table 2. Changes in the O_x budget ($Tgyr^{-1}$) from the present day BASE integration caused by the change in various environmental factors between present day and 2095. Also quoted are changes in the O_3 burden (Tg).

$Tgyr^{-1}$	Prod	Loss	Net Chem	Influx	Dry Dep	Burden (Tg)
BASE	6188	5602	586	673	1259	379
Δ Climate	+393	+546	-153	+144	-8	+7
Δ Isoprene Ems (with Δ climate)	+56	+64	-8	+15	+6	+3
Δ Anthrop Ems	-199	-118	-81	+33	-48	-4
Δ Land Use	-286	-296	+10	-45	-35	-19
Δ CO_2 Inhibition	-270	-284	+14	-46	-32	-16
Δ All factors	-263	-33	-230	+116	-115	-27

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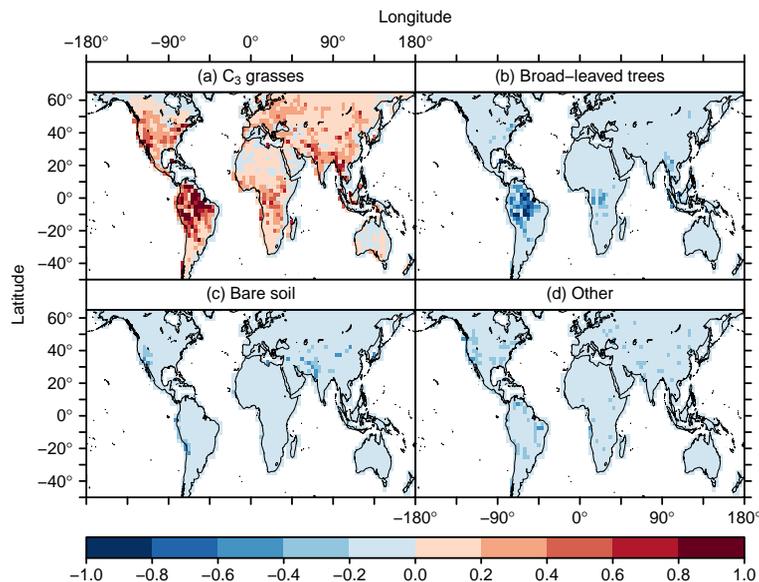


Fig. 1. Change in gridcell fraction of UM-UKCA land surface types between present day (2000) and the land use scenario for 2095 (2095–2000). Changes in the crop fraction (assigned to C₃ grasses) were calculated using the IMAGE 2.1 model (Alcamo, 1999).

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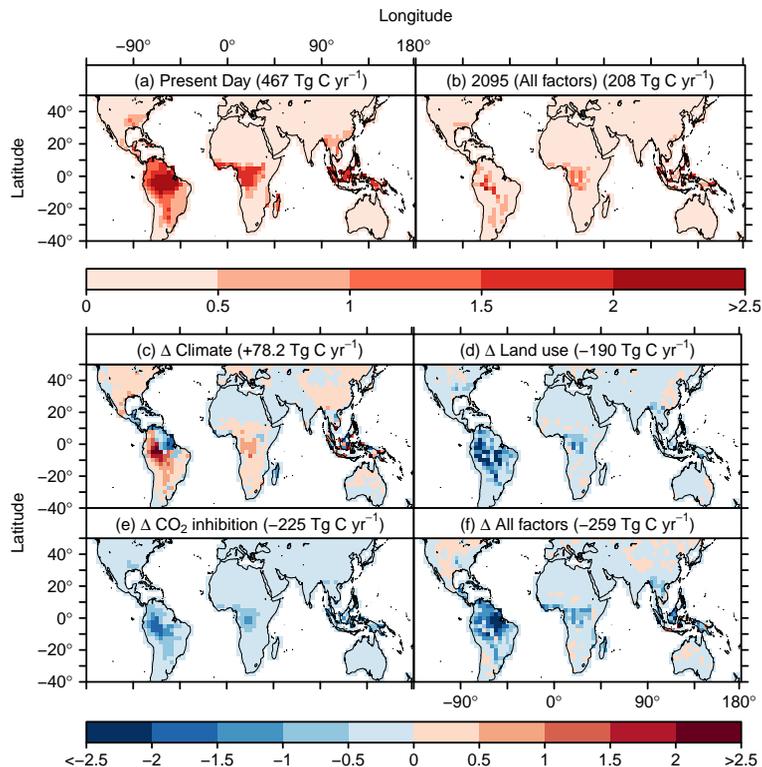


Fig. 2. Isoprene emissions ($\text{mg C m}^{-2} \text{hr}^{-1}$) generated using the SDGVM and a biogenic emissions model. **(a)** Present day (2000), **(b)** with 2095 climate, land use and CO₂ inhibition, **(c–e)** change caused by each factor, **(f)** change with all factors combined. Quoted in the plot titles are total global isoprene emissions **(a–b)** and the change in this value **(c–e)**.

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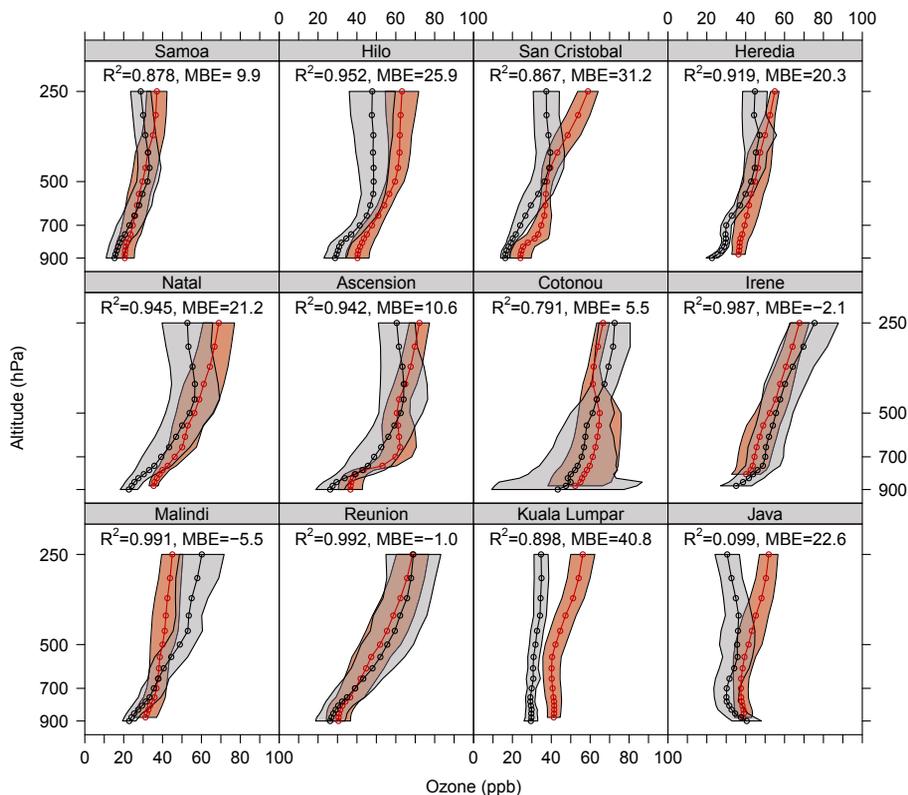


Fig. 3. Five year mean O_3 (ppb) from the BASE run (red) compared to O_3 sonde data from the SHADOZ Network (Thompson et al., 2003) (black). Polygons show extent of monthly variability. Correlation coefficients (R^2) are calculated using the Pearson method. Mean bias errors (MBE) are in %; positive values indicate the model is biased high with respect to the measurement data.

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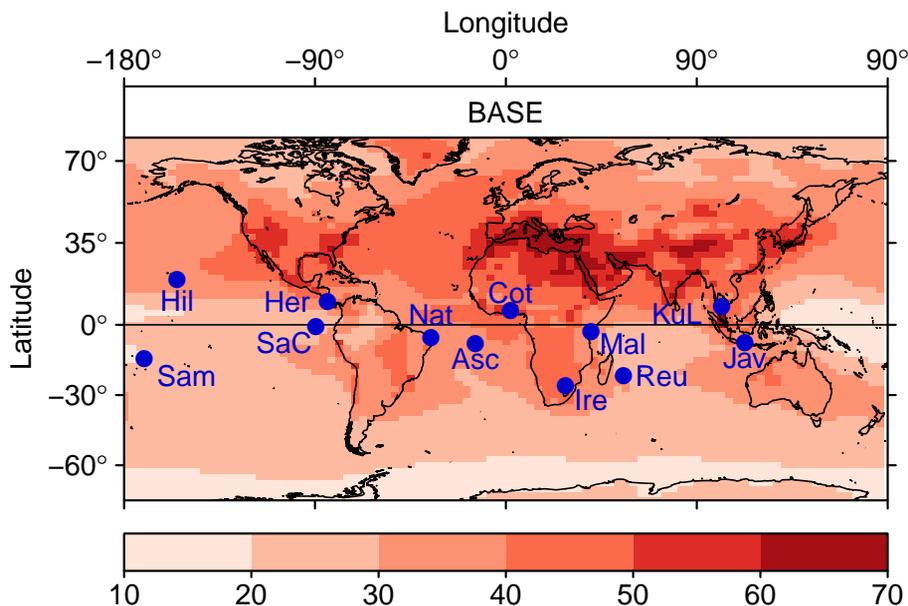


Fig. 4. Modelled five year mean near surface ($< 720\text{ m}$) O_3 (ppb) for the year 2000 (BASE). Locations of measurement sites used in Fig. 3 are shown. Sam = Samoa, Hil = Hilo, SaC = San Christobal, Her = Heredia, Nat = Natal, Asc = Ascension, Cot = Cotonou, Ire = Irene, Mal = Malindi, Reu = Reunion, KuL = Kuala Lumpur, Jav = Java.

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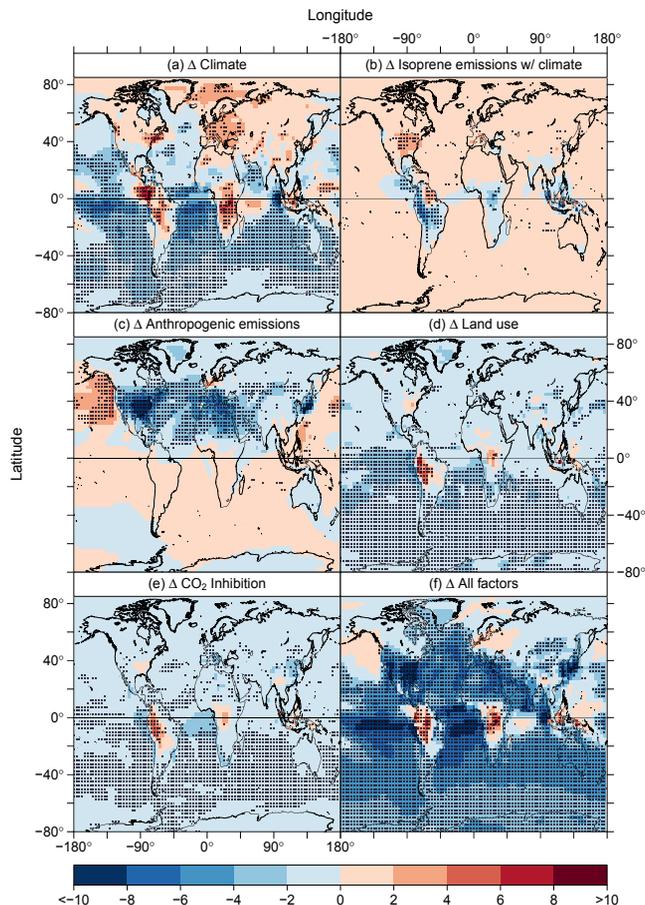


Fig. 5. Changes in five year mean near surface (< 720 m) O_3 (2095 – 2010) caused by different environmental variables. Changes are considered significant (stippled) if they are greater than 2 times the standard deviation for the five year mean (i.e. approximately the 5 % level).

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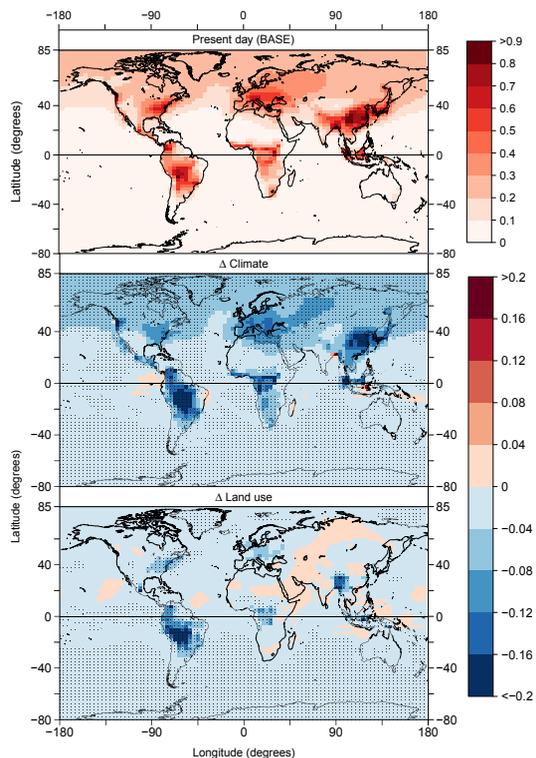


Fig. 6. Five year mean near surface (< 720 m) PAN (ppb) in **(a)** BASE. **(b–c)** give the change in PAN due to **(b)** climate and **(c)** land use between future and present day (2095–2000). The changes in **(b–c)** are considered significant (stippled) if they are greater than 2 times the standard deviation for the five year mean (i.e. approximately the 5% level).

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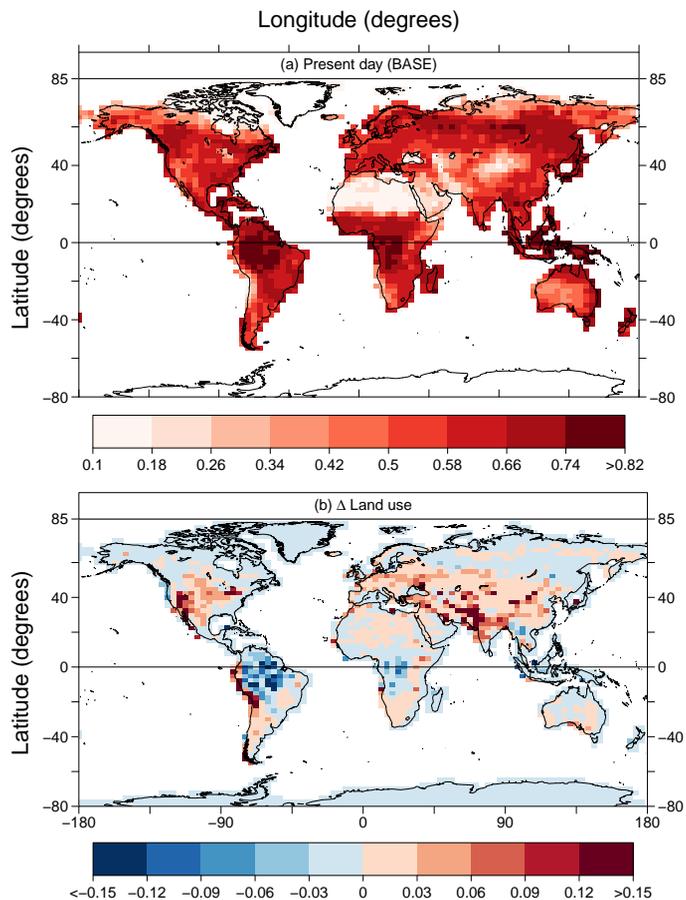


Fig. 7. O_3 deposition velocity over land ($cm\ s^{-1}$) for (a) present day (i.e. without land use change), and (b) with future land use change. Negative values indicate a decrease in the deposition velocity due to land use change.

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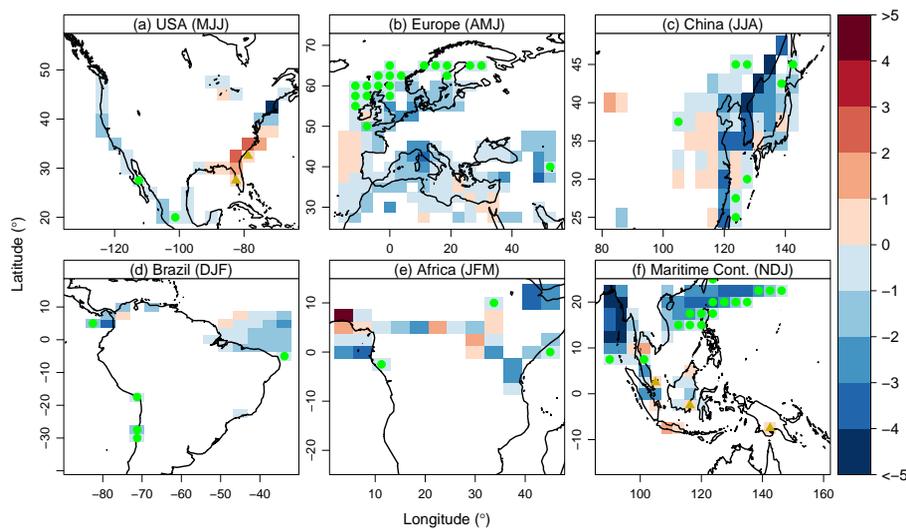


Fig. 8. Change in AOT40 > 3 ppm h during the daylight hours of the regional 3 month growing season caused by cropland expansion. Growing seasons are quoted e.g. MJJ = May, June, July. White areas are where both without and with cropland expansion the AOT40 is below the threshold. Green circles indicate crossing to below the threshold. Gold triangles indicate crossing to above the threshold.

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