Response to the Reviewer #1

This manuscript provides a very nice and well-written presentation of a valuable data set of marine boundary layer ozone and CO observations, spanning the full latitudinal range of the North and South Pacific Oceans. As demonstrated in the paper, the data are valuable for understanding pollutant outflow from Asia and ozone destruction in the tropics. The data are also very useful for global atmospheric chemistry model evaluation. I recommend that the paper be published after a minor revision, as described below.

We appreciate the reviewer’s careful reading and positive comments on our manuscript. Detailed point-by-point responses are given below.

1) P1, line 21 Here the authors use the term “chemical transport models” as a general term to refer to all types of models that quantify atmospheric chemistry processes. As explained in the recent TOAR paper by Young et al. [2018], the general term should be “global atmospheric chemistry models”.

The term "chemical transport models" is replaced with "global atmospheric chemistry models" to generally cover all types of model frameworks.

2) P5, line 9 Here it says that the TCR-2 chemical reanalysis relies on assimilation of TES ozone values. TES provided relatively dense global coverage from 2004 to 2010, but after 2010 the instrument slowly lost power and its observational range was steadily reduced from global coverage to just a few urban areas. How did this reduction in coverage affect the TCR-2 ozone values?

The following sentences will be added to clarify this point (page 5, lines 21-25):

"Because the number of assimilated TES O3 retrievals decreased substantially after 2010, the data assimilation performance became worse after 2010 in the previous version TCR-1 (Miyazaki et al., 2015), and it can be expected that TCR-2 has similar increases in O3 analysis errors after 2010. Nevertheless, the multi-constituent data assimilation framework provides comprehensive constraints on the chemical system and entire tropospheric O3 profiles through corrections made to precursors’ emissions and stratospheric concentrations, as demonstrated by Miyazaki et al. (2015, 2019)."

3) When reviewing previous studies of ocean surveys, the following paper should be referenced. This early study reported increasing ozone across the Atlantic Ocean, using ship-borne observations: Lelieveld, J., Van Aardenne, J., Fischer, H., De Reus, M., Williams, J. and Winkler, P., 2004. Increasing ozone over the Atlantic Ocean. Science, 304(5676), pp.1483-1487.

In the revised manuscript, we will cite the paper as "a large collection from multiple cruises (e.g., Lelieveld
et al., 2004)" (page 2, line 31)

4) In addition to the TOAR paper by Schultz et al. [2017], reference should also be made to Gaudel et al. [2018], as this is the TOAR paper that describes ozone observations at remote locations in order to understand the trends of ozone that are important for climate studies.


We will mention Gaudel et al. (2018), together with Schultz et al. (2017), in the revised manuscript (page 2, line 22).

5) P2, line 11 The radiative forcing of ozone needs to be stated with its uncertainty: 0.4+/- 0.2 W m\(^{-2}\)

We will include the uncertainty range as suggested (page 2, line 13).

6) Figure 1 It’s difficult to see the magenta dots that indicate the TOAR observations. Please make the dots a little larger. Also panel (a) is presented below panel (b). This is confusing and the order should be reversed.

The size of the magenta dots is increased. Panel (a) will be put on top in the revised manuscript.

7) Figure 2 The color scale runs from 0 to 600 which leaves most data points in the blue range of colors. This provides very little contrast and makes it difficult to see concentration gradients. Please try lowering the maximum value on the color scale from 600 to 400 or 300. This should provide greater contrast.

After revision, the scale will be from 40 to 340 ppbv for CO mixing ratio to have better contrast.

8) Figure 3 It’s difficult to distinguish between the red and magenta trajectories. Please try using different colors.

The red thin lines in Figure 3 will be dark-red, thicker lines in the revised manuscript.

9) Throughout the paper there are many instances in which an ozone or CO mixing ratio is described as a concentration. Technically, this is not correct as a concentration has units of mass/volume. To be consistent with SI metrology, any value in units of ppbv needs to be described as a mixing ratio. Furthermore, ppb needs to be listed as ppbv.

As suggested, "mixing ratio" and ppbv are used, in the revised manuscript.
Finally, we added a co-author Takashi Sekiya, who contributed significantly to development of data assimilation system and TCR-2.

We thank the reviewer again for the productive comments.

References


Response to the Reviewer #2:

We thank the reviewer very much for reading our paper carefully and giving us valuable comments. Detailed responses to the comments are given below.

This paper discusses comprehensive shipborne O3 and CO measurements covering a large oceanic region from the Arctic to the Southern Ocean over the period of 2012-2017. The dataset was thoroughly analysed and was compared to the simulation results from a tropospheric chemistry reanalysis model (TCR-2), demonstrating the usefulness of such dataset in critical model evaluation. The authors also carried out two focused analyses assessing the underlying processes causing models to underestimate Arctic O3 and to overestimate O3 in the western Pacific equatorial region, respectively, compared to observations. The paper is very well written with detailed and in-depth analyses. The dataset is a significant addition to the current surface O3 database over remote oceanic regions and is valuable for model evaluations. I recommend the paper to be published after the authors have addressed some minor comments that are detailed below.

Specific comments:

1) Page 1, L31: “less efficient dry deposition” than assumed in the model sounds very speculative. Dry deposition coefficient is generally considered very slow over the ocean, and it is unlikely that there is much room for a significant impact when adjusting the dry deposition coefficient.

The discussion on dry deposition in the Arctic is revised.

The dry deposition velocity of TCR-2 (CHASER) on the Arctic ocean surface, \( \sim 0.04 \text{ cm s}^{-1} \), is on the high side of \( \sim 0.01-0.05 \text{ cm s}^{-1} \), a range adopted into global atmospheric chemistry models. This is now clarified in the revised manuscript (first in page 5, lines 16-20 in the model description section and then in page 12, lines 7-9 in the discussion section on the Arctic processes) as follows:

"The dry deposition velocity \( (v_d) \) of O3 is computed as \( (r_a + r_b + r_s)^{-1} \), where \( r_a, r_b, \) and \( r_s \) are the aerodynamic resistance, the surface canopy (quasi-laminar) layer resistance, and the surface resistance, respectively (Wesely, 1989). 1/r_s over ocean surface was assumed to be 0.075 cm s\(^{-1}\) globally, irrespective of regions (Sudo et al., 2002). As a result, \( v_d \) was \( \sim 0.04 \text{ cm s}^{-1} \) over the Arctic open ocean in September, for instance. This will be a subject of discussion in Sect. 3.3.2."

"The \( v_d, \sim 0.04 \text{ cm s}^{-1} \) over the Arctic open ocean in September for CHASER (TCR-2), is on the high side of \( \sim 0.01-0.05 \text{ cm s}^{-1} \), a range adopted into global atmospheric chemistry models (see Fig. 4 of Hardacre et al., 2015)."

Then we cited Ganzeveld et al. (2009), having discussed potential impact of \( v_d \) change on the surface ozone concentrations in high-latitude regions (page 12, lines 9-10):
"Ganzeveld et al. (2009) discussed a sensitivity study shifting their standard $v_d$ of 0.05 cm s$^{-1}$ to 0.01 cm s$^{-1}$ substantially increased surface ozone concentrations by up to 60% in high-latitude regions."

Indeed, with $v_d = 0.04$ cm s$^{-1}$, assuming 500 m of boundary layer height, the lifetime of ozone due to dry deposition would be as low as about 14 days in a rough calculation. As the photochemical loss over the Arctic is weak, dry deposition can be an important loss process. In the future we will perform a sensitivity test with different assumption with $v_d$

On the basis of this discussion, in Abstract, the previous sentence is kept but is now clarified that the sentence is for CHASER (TCR-2) (page 1, line 33):

"For TCR-2 (CHASER), dry deposition on the Arctic ocean surface might also have been overestimated."

2) Page 1, L33: “the observed O3 level frequently decreased to . . .”: could add “more” before “frequently”

The sentence is revised accordingly.

3) Page 3, L1-5: I am not sure CO2 observations are that relevant here.

We agree that CO$_2$ is not that relevant to the main topic of this manuscript, i.e., analysis of reactive species. However, we still think it important to learn the strategy how the network observations are maintained and how the data are widely collected. Thus, the previous sentences are preserved.

4) Page 4, L27: please define “BC”.

We mention "black carbon" in the revised manuscript.

5) Page 5, 1st paragraph: Can you briefly describe the chemical mechanism used in the TCR-2 framework? This will inform a later discussion of photochemical production.

In the revised manuscript, we will include the following sentences (page 5, lines 14-16):

"The base forward model CHASER V4.0 used for TCR-2 has been described by Sekiya et al. (2018). Briefly, 93 species and 263 reactions (including heterogeneous reactions) represent O$_x$–NO$_x$–HO$_x$–CH$_4$–CO photochemistry and oxidation of non-methane volatile organic compounds. Tropospheric halogen chemistry is not included."

6) Page 6, L10 & 11: Suggest naming the regions where these locations are.

We mention "the western Pacific equatorial region" in the revised manuscript.
7) Page 6, L22 & 23: “South of...” & “In equatorial regions...” seem overlap in what the authors try to convey; South of 15oS implies the equatorial region as well, if it doesn’t go beyond 15oN.

This part is revised as follows in the revised manuscript (page 7, lines 2-3):
"South of 15° N, even lower levels were dominant, i.e., <15 ppbv; particularly in equatorial regions, levels less than 10 ppbv of O₃ were frequently observed."

8) Page 7, L29: Could you elaborate a bit more on “overestimate of photochemical O₃ production”?

In the revised manuscript we will mention overestimation of photochemical O₃ production during long-range transport in TCR-2 (page 8, line 7).

9) Page 9, L27, Is “less efficient production of O₃” related to the chemical mechanism used in the model?

This part is describing a single case. Considering possibilities that J values and other important parameters are also not well represented in the model, it is difficult to relate the less efficient production of O₃ specifically to the chemical mechanism.

10) Page 10, L20: Could you elaborate “Processes other than daytime photochemistry...”?

We will mention "processes other than daytime photochemistry (e.g., nocturnal chemistry)" after revision.

11) Page 11, L6: the significance can be established by Student’s t test.

Welch’s t test, allowing unequal variances in the two group, was made. In the revised manuscript, we will mention that "the reanalysis significantly underestimated this (24.6 ppbv) based on Welch’s t test (p < 0.001)."

12) Page 11, L17: “unlike large increments obtained at low and...” – what does “large increments” refer to?

The sentence will be rewritten as follows:
"The reanalysis ozone over the Arctic Ocean can be similar to the model predictions, except when poleward transports are strong enough to propagate observational information from low and mid latitudes."

13) Page 11, L29-30: what is the dry deposition coefficient over this region used in the model? How does it compare with literature values for a similar land surface type? It is unlikely that dry deposition plays a significant role here, especially over the ocean; see above.
For the Arctic, the assumed dry deposition velocity over ocean was ~0.04 cm s\(^{-1}\) for CHASER (TCR-2), at the high side of a range often used in global atmospheric chemistry models (0.01-0.05 cm s\(^{-1}\)). A rough calculation assuming 500 m of boundary layer height, the lifetime of ozone due to dry deposition over ocean is calculated to be as 14 days. For the air masses traveling over ocean for >3 days, which were typical for observations, dry deposition may have potential to reduce O\(_3\) levels by ~20%. Over the Arctic, as the photochemical loss is weak, dry deposition can be an important loss process. Indeed, Ganzeveld et al. (2009) discussed a sensitivity study shifting their standard \(v_d\) of 0.05 cm s\(^{-1}\) to 0.01 cm s\(^{-1}\) substantially increased surface ozone concentrations by up to 60% in high-latitude regions (page 12, lines 9-10). In the future we will perform a sensitivity test with different assumption with \(v_d\).

14) Page 11, L31-32: Can you put a reference here?

McClure-Begley et al., 2014 is added.

15) Page 11, L33: what is “(AMAP 2015)”?

It is a report from AMAP, Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Programme, Arctic Council, as shown in the reference list. Now the reference is given correctly as (AMAP, 2015).

16) Page 12, P14: It looks like the comparison between observations and ACCMIP models depends on the frequency ranges, and it is too general to claim the comparisons are poorer for December. Maybe you could elaborate on the seasonal difference in model performance? Is there any systematic model bias that are season dependent?

As found in the subsection title, our focus here is to compare occurrence of < 10 ppbv in the model and observational datasets. And as the observations are basically limited to the two months, it is difficult to discuss the seasonal difference in detail. Thus we will just simply add "for any of the percentiles" to explain the poor comparison for December in the revised manuscript (page 12, lines 28-30):

"For December (Fig. 12b), the performances of the models were poorer; although CESM-CAM-super fast and GISS-E2-R again captured the observed distributions in low ranges, all others, including the ACCMIP ensemble median and TCR-2, overestimated the mixing ratios for any of the percentiles."

17) Page 12, L16-17: “The large variations among the model results could be the result of different assumptions regarding the dry deposition velocity of O3” – Do you have any reference to back this up? It surprises me that differences in dry deposition among the models over the ocean would result in such a large model spread. I’d rather think that differences amongst the models in the efficiency of transport of mid-latitude polluted air to the Arctic, coupled to maybe differences in mid-latitude ozone production, is
likely the driving factor. The large model spread in the middle ranges in March might reflect the impact of large variations in transport.

For this part, discussing low O\textsubscript{3} levels at low latitudes, we will delete a previous speculative sentence regarding possible variability in the dry deposition velocity among the ACCMIP models in the revised manuscript, as the reviewer pointed out. Instead, we added that "the large variations among the model results may reflect the impact of large variations in transport, particularly in March", as suggested by the reviewer (from page 12, lines 30-31).

18) Page14, L22: again, what is the dry deposition coefficient over the ocean used in here? See my previous comments regarding the unlikely impact from dry deposition over the ocean. Many of the ACCMIP models use “off-line” dry deposition schemes characterized by prescribed, fixed dry deposition velocities over open water and ice which are documented in the literature. Hence an assertion that variations in these assumed dry deposition velocities drive the differences in the simulation of O\textsubscript{3} needs to be backed up by a discussion of this literature and does not need to be the subject of speculation.

As discussed above, we still think that the relatively fast dry deposition assumed in the CHASER (TCR-2) would at least partially explain the lower-than-observed O\textsubscript{3} levels over the Arctic. The sentence in Sect. 4 is retained but is now clarified that this sentence is for TCR-2.

19) Page14, L29: I would replace “later inter-comparisons” with “future intermodal comparisons”.

We will revise accordingly.

20) Technical comments:
Page 6, L5 & L9: may replace “namely” with “i.e.” Page 12, L5: Do you mean “studied region”? Figure 1: swap positions of (a) and (b), domain 3 is not clearly visible Figures 6 and 7: “CO” missing from the captions – should be “surface CO and O\textsubscript{3}” Figure 13: add “mixing ratios” after “maximum”

We will revise accordingly.

Finally, we added a co-author Takashi Sekiya, who contributed significantly to development of data assimilation system and TCR-2. We again thank the reviewer for the important suggestions.

References

Ozone and carbon monoxide observations over open oceans on R/V Mirai from 67° S to 75° N during 2012 to 2017: Testing global chemical reanalysis in terms of Arctic processes, low ozone levels at low latitudes, and pollution transport

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Abstract. Constraints from ozone (O3) observations over oceans are needed in addition to those from terrestrial regions to fully understand global tropospheric chemistry and its impact on the climate. Here, we provide a large data set of ozone and carbon monoxide (CO) levels observed (for 11 666 and 10 681 h, respectively) over oceans. The data set is derived from observations made during 24 research cruise legs of R/V Mirai during 2012 to 2017, in the Southern, Indian, Pacific, and Arctic Oceans, covering the region from 67° S to 75° N. The data are suitable for critical evaluation of the over-ocean distribution of ozone derived from global atmospheric chemical transport models. We first give an overview of the statistics in the data set and highlight key features in terms of geographical distribution and air mass type. We then use the data set to evaluate ozone concentration mixing ratio fields from Tropospheric Chemistry Reanalysis version 2 (TCR-2), produced by assimilating a suite of satellite observations of multiple species into a global atmospheric chemical-chemistry transport model, namely CHASER. For long-range transport of polluted air masses from continents to the oceans, during which the effects of forest fires and fossil fuel combustion were recognized, TCR-2 gave an excellent performance in reproducing the observed temporal variations and photochemical buildup of O3 when assessed from ΔO3/ΔCO ratios. For clean marine conditions with low and stable CO concentrations, two focused analyses were performed. The first was in the Arctic (>70° N) in September every year from 2013 to 2016; TCR-2 underpredicted O3 levels by 6.7 ppbv (21 %) on average. The observed vertical profiles from O3 soundings from R/V Mirai during September 2014 had less steep vertical gradients at low altitudes (>850 hPa) than those obtained TCR-2. This suggests the possibility of more efficient descent of the O3-rich air from above, or less efficient dry deposition on the surface.
than were assumed in the model. For TCR-2 (CHASER), dry deposition on the Arctic ocean surface might also have been overestimated. In the second analysis, over the western Pacific equatorial region (125–165° E, 10° S to 25° N), the observed O₃ level more frequently decreased to less than 10 ppbpbv in comparison to that obtained with TCR-2, and also those obtained in most of the Atmospheric Chemistry Climate Model Intercomparison Project (ACCMIP) model runs for the decade from 2000. These results imply loss processes that are unaccounted for in the models. We found that the model’s positive bias positively correlated with the daytime residence times of air masses over a particular grid, namely 165–180° E and 15–30° N; an additional loss rate of 0.25 ppbpbv h⁻¹ in the grid best explained the gap. Halogen chemistry, which is commonly omitted from currently used models, might be active in this region and could have contributed to additional losses.

Our open data set covering wide ocean regions is complementary to the Tropospheric Ozone Assessment Report data set, which basically comprises ground-based observations, and enables a fully global study of the behavior of O₃.

1 Introduction

The global burden and distribution of tropospheric ozone (O₃) have changed from preindustrial times to the present, and have induced radiative forcing of +0.4 ± 0.2 W m⁻² (IPCC, 2013) by interactions with the Earth’s radiative field. The distribution of O₃ is critical for determining concentration fields of hydroxyl radicals, which control the lifetimes of many important chemical species, including methane. Changes in atmospheric chemistry and their impacts on the climate are often investigated by using O₃ distributions derived from global atmospheric chemical–chemistry transport–model simulations. Therefore the model performance determines the accuracy of the assessment, requiring model evaluation against field observations of levels of O₃ and its precursors. For example, the chemistry–climate models included in the Atmospheric Chemistry Climate Model Intercomparison Project (ACCMIP; Lamarque et al., 2013; Shindell et al., 2011) and the Chemistry–Climate Model Initiative (CCMI; Morgenstein et al., 2017) were carefully evaluated against field observations (e.g., Tilmes et al., 2016). Recently, an unprecedented comprehensive data set of O₃ measurements was systemically compiled under a community-wide activity, i.e., the Tropospheric Ozone Assessment Report (TOAR) (Cooper et al., 2014; Schultz et al., 2017; Gaudel et al., 2018), and this provided additional constraints for model simulations.

However, even with the data in the TOAR, observation data coverage over oceans is still poor; Schultz et al. (2017) reported that the true oceanic sites covered by TOAR were American Samoa (Global Atmosphere Watch, GAW), Sable Island (Canada National Air Pollution Surveillance), the Ieodo Ocean Research Station (Korea), Ogasawara (EANET), and Minamitorishima (GAW); Cape Grim, Amsterdam Island, and Mace Head were also included in other categories. For assessment of the Arctic region (AMAP, 2015), observations obtained truly over the Arctic Ocean were largely unavailable; only observations at coastal or inland sites such as Alert, Barrow, Zeppelin, Pallas–Sodankyla, Summit, and Thule were used to test simulations. Measurements from individual cruises (e.g., Boylan et al., 2015; Dickerson et al., 1999; Kobayashi et al., 2008; Prados-Roman et al., 2015), a large collection from multiple cruises (e.g., Lelieveld et al., 2004), O₃ soundings from
the SHADOZ network (e.g., Thompson et al., 2017; Oltmans et al., 2001), and those from various campaigns (e.g., Kley et al., 1996; Takashima et al., 2008; Rex et al., 2014) have provided important O3 data over oceanic regions. However, their spatio-temporal coverage over open oceans is too sparse to complete the global picture. Aircraft observations (e.g., HIAPER Pole-to-Pole Observations (HIPPO); Wofsy et al., 2011) also sampled marine boundary layer but the measurement frequency was not necessarily high. One mature example of such global observations that include the over-ocean atmosphere is that for CO2. For example, observational data at a large number of remote islands are available from the World Data Centre for Greenhouse Gases (WDCGG) database of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO)/GAW. Atmospheric CO2 measurements are now accepted by SOCAT Version 4 (https://www.socat.info/), which is a database of ship-based observations, e.g., from research vessels and voluntary ships. Similarly dense O3 observations over oceans are needed.

An understanding of the processes behind the O3 concentration-mixing ratio distribution is important. Young et al. (2018) reported that the rates of chemical processes (production and loss) and deposition/stratosphere–troposphere exchange could differ among models by factors of 2–3. More observational constraints for characterizing photochemical buildup and long-range transport events using tracers such as carbon monoxide (CO) are required. The chemical loss term under clean marine conditions should also be examined; the loss rate caused by halogen chemistry, and the regions where such chemistry is important, need to be evaluated.

Since 2010, we have conducted ship-borne observations on R/V Mirai of the atmospheric composition, including the O3 and CO levels, for more than 10 000 h. The geographical coverage was wide, namely the Arctic, Pacific, Indian, and Southern Oceans. Such observations, together with currently available data sets, will enable critical testing of model simulations that cover the entire globe. In this paper, we present our observational data set for O3 and CO for the first time.

The data were separately analyzed for cases affected by long-range transport and those under clean marine conditions. For each case, the observations were compared with independent reanalysis data from Tropospheric Chemistry Reanalysis version 2 (TCR-2). The aims are to interpret the observations and to evaluate the reanalysis data over the oceans. The reanalysis data were produced by assimilating a suite of satellite data for O3 and precursors into a global atmospheric chemical transport model, namely CHASER. The precursor emissions were simultaneously optimized. This has advantages over forward model simulations incorporating a bottom-up emission inventory because realistic emissions are taken into account, even those for recent years, for which a bottom-up emission inventory is not yet ready. TCR-2 was updated from the previous version TCR-1 (Miyazaki et al., 2015); the spatial resolution has been improved and newer satellite products are used for assimilation. For TCR-1, evaluation against surface, sonde, and aircraft observations was successful (Miyazaki et al., 2015; Miyazaki and Bowman, 2017). For TCR-2, the performance has been evaluated using the KORUS-AQ aircraft campaign measurements over East Asia (Miyazaki et al., 2018, 2019). However, insufficient evaluation against data over remote oceans has been performed and our motivation in this study was to attempt this.

In Sect. 2, field observations and the assimilation model are outlined. In Sect. 3, geographical and statistical overviews of the observational data are presented and then compared with the data from TCR-2. CO data and backward trajectories are used to classify O3 data into cases that are influenced by long-range transport of pollution from continents and other cases,
namely clean remote air masses. For the former cases, the reproducibility of the O$_3$ concentration-mixing ratio levels and whether the chemical buildup is well reproduced by the reanalysis were tested for more than 20 events. For the latter cases, a particular focus was placed on underestimation for the Arctic Ocean and overestimation for the western Pacific equatorial region by TCR-2. Similar trends to those for model members participating in the ACCMIP were observed with those for model members participating in the ACCMIP. Possible explanations for these discrepancies were investigated.

2 Methodology

2.1 Observations on R/V Mirai

Atmospheric composition observations were conducted on R/V Mirai (8706 gross tons) of the Japan Agency for Marine–Earth Science and Technology (JAMSTEC) from 2010. The O$_3$ and CO levels were determined by UV and IR absorption methods (Models 49C and 48C, Thermo Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA), respectively. The instruments were located in an observational room on the top floor. Two Teflon tubes (6.35 mm o.d.) of length ~20 m were used to sample air near the bow to best avoid contamination from the ship’s exhaust. The exhaust effect was clearly discerned in the 1 min O$_3$ data record as high concentrations of NO in the exhaust titrated O$_3$. Minute data exceeding 3-sigma of the standard deviation in an hour were eliminated before producing hourly averages. The CO data for the same minutes were removed. The CO instrument alternately measured the ambient (for 40 min) and zero (for 20 min) levels. For the zero-level observations, CO was removed from the ambient air by using a zero-air generator equipped with a heated Pt catalyst (Model 96, Nippon Thermo, Uji, Japan). The O$_3$ instrument was calibrated twice per year in the laboratory, before and after deployment, using a primary standard O$_3$ generator (Model 49PS, Thermo Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA). The CO instrument was calibrated on board twice per year, on embarking and disembarking of the instrument, using a premixed standard gas (CO/N$_2$, 1.02 ppm, Taiyo-Nissan, Tokyo, Japan). The reproducibility of the calibration was to within 1 % for O$_3$ and 3 % for CO.

The 24 cruise legs during which the two instruments were operated are listed in Table 1. During MR12-02 Legs 1 and 2, the CO instrument did not work well and only the O$_3$ data were used for analysis. The cruise regions ranged widely, from the Arctic, the North, equatorial, and South Pacific Ocean, the eastern part of the Indian Ocean, to the Southern Ocean. The Arctic cruises took place every year during the period 2013 to 2016 (specifically during the MR13-06, 14-05, 15-03, and 16-06 cruises). Other cruises aimed to study geology, meteorology, and oceanography, and took place in the Pacific, Indian, and Southern Oceans. The western Pacific equatorial region and Indian Oceans were also frequently visited for operation of the TRITON buoy. Regions near Japan were frequently observed because the departure/arrival ports were often in that country. Our data basically did not include observations made while the vessel was anchored in ports; exceptions were the inclusion of short on-port data when the ports were visited during cruise legs (see the far-right-hand column in Table 1). During many cruises, other instruments, i.e., for performing black carbon (BC) and fluorescent aerosol measurements, and multi-axis differential optical absorption spectroscopy (MAX-DOAS), were operated together (e.g., Taketani et al., 2016; Takashima et al., 2016). These data will be reported in future publications.
2.2 Reanalysis and chemistry-climate ACCMIP models

The first version of tropospheric chemistry reanalysis from JAMSTEC, i.e., TCR-1, which used an ensemble Kalman filter (EnKF) approach with a global atmospheric chemical transport model (CHASER) as a base forward model, has been previously described (Miyazaki et al., 2015). Here, the updated version, TCR-2, was used (Miyazaki et al., in preparation, 2018). The detailed description of the basic data assimilation framework and the evaluation results using the KORUS-AQ aircraft measurements over East Asia are available in Miyazaki et al. (2018), while detailed global evaluations are ongoing (Miyazaki et al., in preparation, 2019). The major aspects of the update of TCR-1 were a finer horizontal resolution (1.1°, compared with 2.8° in TCR-1), assimilation of newer satellite data products [OMI NO₂ (QA4ECV), GOME-2 NO₂ (TM4NO2A v2.3), TES O₃ (v6), MOPITT CO (v7 NIR), and MLS O₃, NO₃ (v4.2)], and extension of the period to 2017 (from 2005). A priori emissions were obtained from EDGAR v4.2 for anthropogenic sources, GFED v3.1 for open-fire emissions, and GEIA for biogenic sources. In addition to concentration fields of chemical species, NOₓ emissions (surface and lightning, separately) and CO were included in the state vector and were simultaneously optimized. An advantage was that analysis for recent years (e.g., 2017) was possible before development of a bottom-up emission inventory. The base forward model CHASER V4.0 used for TCR-2 has been described by Sekiya et al. (2018). Briefly, 93 species and 263 reactions (including heterogeneous reactions) represent Oₓ–NOₓ–HOₓ–CH₄–CO photochemistry and oxidation of non-methane volatile organic compounds. Tropospheric halogen chemistry is not included. The dry deposition velocity (v_d) of O₃ was computed as \((r_a + r_b + r_s)^{-1}\), where \(r_a\), \(r_b\), and \(r_s\) are the aerodynamic resistance, the surface canopy (quasi-laminar) layer resistance, and the surface resistance, respectively (Wesely, 1989). \(1/r_s\) over ocean surface was assumed to be 0.075 cm s⁻¹ globally, irrespective of regions (Sudo et al., 2002). As a result, \(v_d\) was ~0.04 cm s⁻¹ over the Arctic open ocean in September, for instance. This will be a subject of discussion in Sect. 3.3.2.

Because the number of assimilated TES O₃ retrievals decreased substantially after 2010, the data assimilation performance became worse after 2010 in the previous version TCR-1 (Miyazaki et al., 2015), and it can be expected that TCR-2 has similar increases in O₃ analysis errors after 2010. Nevertheless, the multi-constituent data assimilation framework provides comprehensive constraints on the chemical system and entire tropospheric O₃ profiles through corrections made to precursors’ emissions and stratospheric concentrations, as demonstrated by Miyazaki et al. (2015, 2019).

We also used the monthly ACCMIP ensemble simulations for the present day (Shindell et al., 2011), which were represented as simulation results for a decade from 2000 (Stevenson et al., 2013; Young et al., 2013). The monthly mean O₃ field from an ensemble member, MIROC-Chem, with a modeling framework similar to that of TCR-2, provided corresponding climatological mixing ratio levels at a given location. These values were used to evaluate the performance of TCR-2, which uses meteorological data and estimated emissions in those particular years. Seven other ACCMIP ensemble members that provide hourly O₃ concentrations at the Earth’s surface (CESM-CAM-superfast, CMAM, GEOSCCM, GFDL-AM3, GISS-E2-R, MOCAGE, and UM-CAM) were also used for comparative analysis,
in terms of frequency distribution of O3 concentrations mixing ratios in the Arctic region (domain 1, 72.5–77.5° N, 190–205° E) and in a narrow western Pacific equatorial region (domain 3, 0–15° N, 150–165° E). The ACCMIP results were chosen for the latest intercomparison exercises whose data were publicly available.

### 2.3 Backward trajectory

Five-day backward trajectories from an altitude of 500 m above sea level (a.s.l.) were calculated every hour from the position of R/V Mirai by using NOAA’s Hybrid Single-Particle Lagrangian Integrated Trajectory (HYSPLIT) model (Draxler and Rolph, 2013) to trace the origin areas of the observed air masses. GDAS1 three-dimensional meteorological field data with a resolution of 1.0° were used. Cases that did not involve traveling over land regions (at altitudes lower than 2500 m a.s.l.) during the five days were extracted as marine air mass cases. Here, the landmask data from NASA (https://ldas.gsfc.nasa.gov/gldas/data/0.25deg/landmask_mod44w_025.asc) at a resolution of 0.25° were used for making judgments.

### 3 Results and Discussion

#### 3.1 Overview of geographical distributions of O3 and CO

Figure 1a shows the entire O3 data set from observations on R/V Mirai from 2012 to 2017. The covered latitudinal range was wide, from 67.00° S (at 06:00 UTC on 16 February 2017 during MR16-09 Leg 3) to 75.12° N (at 06:00 UTC on 6 September 2014 during MR14-05). The highest hourly concentration mixing ratio, namely i.e. 66.6 ppbpbv, was recorded twice; first at 35.89° N, 141.95° E, about 70 km east off the coast of the Kanto area, Japan, at 04:00 UTC on 6 July 2012, and secondly at 32.29° N, 146.04° E, about 500 km southeast of the Kanto area at 14:00 UTC on 18 March 2014. During 57 h, the hourly values exceeded 60 ppbpbv (which corresponds to the environmental standard in Japan) in a similar region off the coast of Japan, under the influence of Asian regional air pollution. The lowest hourly mixing ratio concentration, namely i.e. 4.3 ppbpbv, was recorded twice on the western Pacific equatorial region; first at 5.86° N, 156.00° E and secondly at 7.96° N, 156.02° E at 09:00 and 21:00 UTC, respectively, on 11 March 2014. Values lower than 10 ppbpbv were recorded for a total of 800 h; this will be discussed in the following section.

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Figure 2a shows the entire CO data set. The highest mixing ratio concentration was 556 ppbpbv, which was recorded at 58.00° N, 179.23° E, at 01:00 UTC on 26 September 2016 during the MR16-06 cruise, where a dense plume from severe forest fires in Russia reached as far as the Bering Sea. All 8 h in which the mixing ratio concentration exceeded 500 ppbpbv were recorded on the same day. There were 59 other hours when the CO mixing ratio concentration exceeded 300 ppbpbv, when anthropogenic emissions from East Asia and/or biomass burning were important.

Figure 3 shows an example of O3 variations for data from MR14-06 Leg 1 with backward trajectories. The vessel started from Mutsu port (41.37° N, 141.24° E), stayed for about 32 h at Yokohama port (35.45° N, 139.66° E), and then headed to the western Pacific equatorial region. A latitudinal gradient was apparent; north of 27° N was dominated by air masses
originating from the Asian continent, as shown by violet trajectory lines. During some hours, high levels, i.e., greater than 50 ppb, were recorded (points with red trajectory lines). In contrast, marine air masses from the east were dominant south of 27° N and the mixing ratio levels decreased to less than 30 ppb. South of 15° N, even lower levels were dominant, i.e., <15 ppb; particularly in equatorial regions, levels less than 10 ppb of O3 were frequently observed. The latitudinal gradient, air mass exchange, and transport of photochemically produced O3 are the three important factors determining distributions. Figure S1 shows the spatial distributions of O3 and backward trajectories for each cruise leg, and their time series. All three factors listed above for the MR14-06 Leg 1 had major effects on the variations. The classification of air masses as marine and other cases was satisfactory for identifying cases of long-range transport of pollutants from continents, although some events with continental effects with traveling times longer than 120 h were probably wrongly categorized. Because longer trajectories may not be reliable, we will use this criterion (i.e., 120 h) in the following sections with a notice of such limitations. Stratospheric influences were not identified; we did not find any events with reasonable O3-level enhancement accompanied by descent of air masses from 8 km or higher altitudes within 72 h prior to observations.

3.2 Comparisons between observations and TCR-2 data: Global features

Figures 1b and 2b show the geographical distributions of O3 and CO obtained from TCR-2 along the cruise track. The nearest grid and time (2 h resolution) at the lowest layer were sampled to achieve the best possible comparison with the observations shown in Figs. 1a and 2a. Most features were in agreement with the observations, in terms of areas with high mixing ratio concentrations and latitudinal gradients. This comparison indicates a reasonably high quality of reanalysis data over the oceans. This is partly because the NOx and CO emissions rates were optimally estimated during the data assimilation cycle and were reflected in the mixing ratio concentration field. The emission changes provide substantial influences on ozone forecasts over many regions. Assimilation of the TES ozone measurements has limited impacts on near surface ozone owing to its weak sensitivity to the lower troposphere.

In Fig. S1, the comparisons are shown as time-series plots. Excellent matches in the evolution with time of O3 and CO mixing ratio concentrations were found for the latter period of MR14-02, i.e., during the period 12–22 March 2014, in the time series (Fig. S1g). The blue lines show plots of monthly climatological mean mixing ratio concentrations, which were obtained from MIROC-Chem. Although the monthly means sometimes followed the observed baseline trend for O3, the performance of TCR-2 was superior, particularly for reproducing detailed peak patterns for CO. This case will be analyzed in Sect. 3.3.1 on photochemical buildup. A similarly excellent performance was obtained for MR15-05 Leg 2 (Fig. S1r) and MR16-09 Leg 4 (Fig. S1w), when the ship returned to Japan from the south.

Clear gaps were also sometimes observed. These are probably related to limited reproducibility in the meteorological field and errors in the emission estimation and other physicochemical processes that were taken into account in the model system. A large gap was observed during the latter half of the MR14-01 cruise (Fig. S1f); the predictions produced by TCR-2 for CO and O3 in the eastern Indian Ocean were too high. The climatological mean from MIROC-Chem reproduced the observed
level better, which suggests that false information was introduced from satellite observations to the surface mixing ratios, for instance, associated with the use of total column measurements and errors in vertical transport, or that the position of ITCZ was too far south in the simulation. During other cruises, smaller gaps in the peak occurrence times and peak mixing ratios levels were found. For example, during MR14-04 Leg 2 (Fig. S1i), the peak times for O$_3$ and CO during the period 27 July to 6 August 2014 were out of phase by about one to two days. This was probably caused by a small displacement of pollution air masses after long-range transport. High O$_3$ mixing ratios, i.e., >70 ppb by (off the scale in the time-series plot) for 23 h were predicted by TCR-2, which was an overestimation compared with the observed concentrations. Except for 2 h on 9 October 2014, these were always in July (in 2012, 2013, and 2014). All were found within 200 km east of Japan’s main islands, suggesting overestimation of photochemical O$_3$ production during long-range transport in TCR-2.

With such case-dependent reproducibility in mind, Fig. 1c summarizes the overall geographical distribution of the reanalysis/observation concentration ratios for O$_3$ mixing ratios. For clarity, the data were limited to cases of marine origins, where the differences between the TCR-predicted and observed CO mixing ratios were less than 50 ppb by ($N = 5662$), in contrast to Fig. 1a and b, where all data ($N = 11666$) were included. The model’s underestimation in the Arctic Ocean and overestimation over the oceans south of Japan (western Pacific equatorial or subtropical regions) are clearly shown. These features will be discussed in Sect. 3.3.

Figure 4 shows the latitudinal distribution of the observed and TCR-2 O$_3$ concentrations mixing ratios and their ratios. In Fig. 4a, the data were again limited to cases of marine origins, where the differences between the model-derived and observed CO mixing ratios were less than 50 ppb by ($N = 5662$). The variability shown here reflects seasonality and cases of long-range transport from continents over 120 h. The range of TCR-2/observation ratios (shown in red in Fig. 4b) narrowed when TCR-2 successfully captured the variability. Data selection ($N = 5662$) also contributed to narrowing of the range (grey points indicate without data selection). The ratios binned by latitudes indicate that TCR-2 tended to give underestimations in high northern latitudes and overestimations in low latitudes. The 10th, 50th (median), and 90th percentiles (range shown as bars) of the ratios at high latitudes (>70° N) were 0.62, 0.81, and 0.94 ($N = 876$); the range was off unity. The medians for low latitudes (0–10° N, 10–20° N, and 20–30° N) were 1.12 ($N = 1061$), 1.28 ($N = 268$), and 1.28 ($N = 195$), respectively.

Figure 5 shows a scatterplot of the comparison. The data set was re-expanded by removing the criteria of marine air mass selection and CO differences (i.e., $N = 11666$) to show the overall correlation between the observed and TCR-2 data over the full range. The square of the correlation coefficient ($R^2$) was 0.59; this increased to 0.62 when clear outliers (latter half of MR14-01 and cases when TCR-2 exceeded 70 ppb by) were omitted (red, $N = 11305$). The excellent performance of TCR-2 was assured by a resolution of 2 h in reproducing O$_3$ mixing ratio variations. When the data were further binned to a resolution of one day (with observations for 6 h or more), $R^2$ improved to 0.66; this suggests that the original variability was partly derived from small shifts in the peak times by less than a day. In the past, reanalysis data were not used for such detailed diagnoses, but were normally compared with observations after monthly averaging or binning to
coarse latitudinal bands. Recently, Akritidis et al. (2018) evaluated stratosphere-to-troposphere transport processes represented by the Copernicus Atmosphere Monitoring Service (CAMS) system, but evaluation of transport and transformation processes for tropospheric O₃ over oceans has not been reported with reanalysis. Here, a successful comparison was made for the first time at the daily or finer time-scale. The regression line for the data set, i.e., \[ TCR-2, \text{ppb} \times \text{ppb} \] = \((6.90 \pm 0.15) + (0.71 \pm 0.01) \times \text{obs}, \text{ppb} \times \text{ppb} \), suggests a statistically significant positive intercept on the y-axis (i.e., TCR-2) and a slope of less than unity. The result was unchanged even when MR14-01 and cases with >70 ppb/ppb in TCR-2 were included. The green circles in Fig. 5 represent data from the Arctic region (>70° N), and clearly suggest an underestimation by TCR-2. In contrast, the blue circles from the western Pacific equatorial region (125–165° E, 10° S to 25° N) fell on the opposite side, with respect to the 1:1 line, indicating an overestimation by TCR-2. These two aspects will be discussed in detail in the following sections.

3.3 Specific analysis with event or regional focuses: Implications for processes

In this section, more detailed comparisons between observations and simulations are made, to shed light on the underlying mechanisms determining O₃ mixing ratio/concentration levels and distributions.

3.3.1 Long-range transport events with photochemical production

We selected events with simultaneous increases in CO and O₃ levels or those with at least evident CO peaks. We then assessed the reproducibility of the peak mixing ratios/concentrations and \( \Delta \text{O}_3/\Delta \text{CO} \) ratios in TCR-2; the \( \Delta \text{O}_3/\Delta \text{CO} \) ratio is an index of the efficiency of photochemical production of O₃ from CO as a precursor. In total, 23 cases were selected (Table 2 and magenta rectangles in Fig. 2a). The two cases discussed below were studied in depth.

Figure 6 shows the time evolution of the O₃ and CO mixing ratios/concentrations from observations and TCR-2 during the period 16–19 March 2014, when the vessel returned to Japan from the equatorial Pacific during MR14-02. The observational data along the entire track are shown, with the exact position of R/V Mirai at that time marked by a black circle. This part of the cruise has already been briefly mentioned in Sect. 3.2; here, the origins of pollution and the photochemical states for three episodes with increased mixing ratio/concentrations are discussed. First, at 09:00 UTC on 16 March 2014, at 23.69° N, 149.72° E, the CO mixing ratio/concentration peaked at around 284 ppb/µg, in TCR-2 implied that this was a tongue-shaped pollution event originating from the Indochina peninsula and extending to the east; however, it was not. Instead, as inferred from the backward trajectories (Fig. S1g), weather charts, and time evolution of CO distributions from TCR-2 (Fig. 6), it should be interpreted as a belt of pollution originating from East Asia, present at the south edge of a high-pressure system moving toward the southeast. An O₃ peak of 54.2 ppb/µg occurred 10 h later, which was also captured by TCR-2. A second CO peak occurred the next day, at 19:00 UTC on 17 March 2014, at 28.56° N, 147.68° E; in this case an O₃ peak of 66.2 ppb/µg occurred just 1 h before. TCR-2 suggested that the plume originated from East Asia and was transported to the east from the continent and then to the south, under the influence of another high-pressure system traveling over Japan and a low-pressure system that followed (see the 2nd row panel in Fig. 6.
for 01:00 UTC on 17 March 2014). The timing and location of the third peak were also well predicted; a CO peak of 273 ppbvpv occurred at 17:00 UTC on 18 March 2014, at 32.88° N, 145.77° E, 3 h after the O3 peak of 66.6 ppbvpv (the highest in the data set). In this case, the air mass traveled directly from Central East China, with a large precursor emission (see the distribution of grids with high CO emissions in the panel for 01:00 UTC on 19 March 2014) via a quick westerly flow under the influence of passage of a cold front. The ΔO3/ΔCO ratio, calculated as the slope of the regression line in a scatterplot of hourly mixing concentrations of O3 and CO between 00:00 UTC on 17 March 2014 and 00:00 UTC 19 on March 2014, was 0.11 ± 0.01 ppbvpv/ppbvpv (R = 0.83) for observations and 0.06 ± 0.01 ppbvpv/ppbvpv (R = 0.75) for TCR-2 (Table 2, case G). The underestimation of O3 peaks by TCR-2 (maximum 56.3 ppbvpv) is attributable to a combination of less efficient production of O3 and underestimation of CO peaks by TCR-2 (maximum 219 ppbvpv).

Figure 7 shows a similar time evolution during MR14-04 Leg 2, when a plume reached the central Pacific from the Asian continent about 5000 km away. The ΔO3/ΔCO ratio from 00:00 UTC on 2 August 2014 to 00:00 UTC on 4 August 2014 was 0.11 ± 0.01 ppbvpv/ppbvpv (R = 0.90) for observations and 0.14 ± 0.01 ppbvpv/ppbvpv (R = 0.93) for TCR-2; the maximum CO and O3 mixing concentrations were 249 and 38.0 ppbvpv, respectively, for observations, and 220 and 37.2 ppbvpv, respectively, for TCR-2 (Table 2, case I). The pollution source was probably forest fires in the far east of Russia (shown by plus signs in the upper left panel of Fig. 7) with a smaller contribution from anthropogenic emissions from East Asia. Specifically, on 26 July 2014, the head of a plume extending from the forest fires arrived at northern Japan (see Zhu et al., submitted, 2018 2019 and references therein for details) and affected our ship observations. The main body of the plume arrived from the west and traveled with a migrating high-pressure system until 6 August 2014. The observed CO and O3 mixing concentrations decreased during the period 29 July to 1 August 2014, when the vessel was located at the center of a low-pressure system traveling to the east. After the low-pressure system had weakened, the plume was still present in its southern part and was pushed northeast under the influence of the high-pressure system in the south, which again affected the ship observations during 2 and 3 August 2014, in the middle of the North Pacific.

Table 2 summarizes the results from all 23 cases, including the two events discussed above (cases F and G from MR14-02 and cases H and I from MR14-04 Leg 2). The span of the study area was from the Indian Ocean in the southern hemisphere, and the central equatorial Pacific Ocean to the Bering Sea (see magenta rectangles in Fig. 2a). In most cases, the observed ΔO3/ΔCO slopes were positive, suggesting photochemical buildup of O3 with emissions of CO. The ranges were well reproduced by TCR-2. It is interesting to note that negative slopes for ΔO3/ΔCO were found for at least three cases and that these were also well captured by TCR-2. These were the cases where very high CO levels were recorded (479, 358, and 556 ppbvpv for cases N, S, and T, respectively). The strong negative correlation for case N was influenced by the low O3 mixing concentrations (11.2 ppbvpv) recorded with high CO levels. When such irregular points were removed, the observed slope was 0.01 ± 0.01 ppbvpv/ppbvpv. For case S, a strong CO peak occurred in the south of Japan (~200 km off the coast) on 23 January 2016, without an O3 increase (Fig. S1r). For case T, a plume from a Russian forest fire affected the observations over the Bering Sea (Fig. S1s). Relatively fresh air pollution from nearby ships or weak UV in January and
February for cases N and S, and weak co-emission of NO\textsubscript{x} from forest fires for case T, could cause the observed negative slopes. Processes other than daytime photochemistry (e.g., nocturnal chemistry) might also have been important.

Figure 8 shows the correlation between the observed and reanalysis ΔO\textsubscript{3}/ΔCO ratios. The reasonable correlation, with a slope of 1.15 ± 0.29 and $R^2 = 0.42$, suggests that TCR-2 reproduced the state of O\textsubscript{3} production fairly well for various cases in different geographical domains in different seasons. Case B is an outlier in terms of correlation; observations and TCR-2 yielded ΔO\textsubscript{3}/ΔCO ratios of 0.28 ± 0.03 and −0.12 ± 0.06 ppb/ppbv, respectively. This was recorded at the center of the Bering Sea, where TCR-2 failed to reproduce the coinciding increases in the observed O\textsubscript{3} and CO mixing ratios.

The observed and simulated ranges of the ΔO\textsubscript{3}/ΔCO ratios are in accordance with previously reported data. On the Azores in the central Atlantic (38.73° N) in spring and on Sable Island (43.93° N) in Atlantic Canada in summer, the ΔO\textsubscript{3}/ΔCO ratios were uniform, at 0.3–0.4 ppb/ppbv (Parrish et al., 1998). For TRACE-P aircraft measurements, Hsu et al. (2004) reported smaller values, i.e., 0.08 ppb/ppbv in the tropics and 0.03 ppb/ppbv in the extratropics, with CO > 200 ppb/ppbv. Weiss-Penzias et al. (2006) reported 0.22 ppb/ppbv in April and May 2004 for two long-range transport events that reached a mountain on the west coast of the United States from Asia. Tanimoto et al. (2008) summarized the range as being from slightly negative to −0.4 ppb/ppbv when observing Siberian fire plumes at Rishiri Island. Zhang et al. (2018) documented the ΔO\textsubscript{3}/ΔCO ratios at Pico Mountain in the Atlantic Ocean and found that the ratios for anthropogenic pollution were higher (0.45–0.71 ppb/ppbv) than those for observations affected by wildfires (0.12–0.71 ppb/ppbv). They suggested that the low ratios from wildfires could be the result of lower NO\textsubscript{x}/CO emission ratios compared with those for anthropogenic sources.

### 3.3.2 Arctic processes

In the Arctic Ocean (>70° N), the CO mixing ratios were regularly close to the background and stable (101 ± 10 ppb), suggesting that the measurements were not affected by strong pollution events. The average observed O\textsubscript{3} mixing ratio was 31.3 ppb (N = 1804) and the reanalysis significantly underestimated this (24.6 ppb) based on Welch’s $t$ test ($p < 0.001$). The magnitude of the relationship was common for all four years of measurements (Fig. 9). A low bias with TCR-2 was also clear for cumulative frequency distributions of hourly O\textsubscript{3} mixing ratios from observations (black, N = 1031) and TCR-2 (red) in domain 1 [72.5–77.5° N and 190–205° E (155–170° W)] in September (Fig. 10). The frequency distributions for eight model members of ACCMIP and their ensemble median (magenta) are also included in Fig. 10. The median was close to that for TCR-2, and similarly significantly underestimated, although three members (GEOSCCM, GFDL-AM3, and GISS-E2-R) showed better agreement with observations. These analyses suggest that in the simulations, the sources were too weak or the losses were too strong. The average diurnal variations were generally almost flat (the variability was within 5% of the average) for observations and TCR-2 (not shown), suggesting that the missing processes did not show significant diurnal variability. At high latitudes, the assimilated measurements have either low quality or low sensitivity in the troposphere, while the optimization of precursors...
emissions generally has limited impacts on ozone. The reanalysis ozone over the Arctic Ocean can be similar to the model predictions, unlike large increments obtained at low and mid latitudes, except when poleward transports are strong along low altitude enough to propagate observational information from low and mid latitudes.

During the MR14-05 cruise, 10 O₃ sondes were launched every other day at 22:00 UTC during the period 6–24 September 2014 (Inoue et al., 2018). The average vertical profile was compared with that from TCR-2 at the nearest grid (Fig. 11), to investigate the altitude to which this low bias of TCR-2 continued. At the lowest altitude near the surface, the underestimation by TCR-2 against the O₃ sonde observations was evident. However, the gap only continued to about 850 hPa, at which the two mixing ratios concentrations crossed over, and TCR-2 gave higher mixing ratios concentrations at higher altitudes. This suggests that the missing process was only important for the boundary layer, not for the entire troposphere. Inoue et al. (2018) compared the O₃ sonde profiles with ERA-Interim (ERA-I) products, with a focus on troposphere–stratosphere exchange. They found that in the upper troposphere ERA-I had a high bias against observations, similarly to the case for TCR-2; this confirms that the underestimation by the model for the surface did not continue into the tropopause. One possibility is that the model’s vertical (downward) mixing near the top of the boundary layer was too weak; this mixing would otherwise have effectively carried the O₃-rich air mass from higher altitudes. Another possibility is that dry deposition on the surface of the Arctic Ocean by the model was too fast. The value of defining maximum of $v_d$, is on the high side of $0.01–0.05$ cm s⁻¹, a range adopted into global atmospheric chemistry models (see Fig. 4 of Hardacre et al., 2015) in the model is chemistry.

Ganzeveld et al. (2009) discussed a sensitivity model run shifting their standard $v_d$ of 0.05 cm s⁻¹ to 0.01 cm s⁻¹ substantially increased surface ozone concentrations by up to 60% in high-latitude regions.

At Barrow (71.32° N, 156.6° W), the nearest ground-based site, the monthly average O₃ mixing ratios concentrations in September were 29.8 and 29.1 ppbpbv, in 2013 and 2014, respectively (McClure-Begley et al., 2014). These values are close to our observations over oceans, and the model ensemble tended to underestimate mixing ratios concentrations in September (AMAP, 2015), similarly to our case.

### 3.3.3 O₃ levels below 10 ppbpbv at low latitudes

Figures 1c, 4, and 5 show that TCR-2 tended to overestimate O₃ mixing ratios concentrations over the western Pacific equatorial region. For the whole global data set, TCR-2 predicted O₃ levels below 10 ppbpbv during 262 h, which is much less than the observed duration, i.e., 800 h. The occurrence frequencies in the region 125–165° E, 10° S to 25° N (defined as domain 2, $N = 2258$) were large, namely 295 and 205 h for observations and TCR-2 predictions, respectively. When the study region was further narrowed to 150–165° E and 0–15° N (defined as domain 3, $N = 657$), the discrepancy increased again, i.e., 199 and 80 h for observations and predictions, respectively. In March and December, observations were frequently conducted in domain 3 ($N = 211$ and 321, respectively). Figure 12 shows the cumulative relative frequency distributions for observations, and the TCR-2 and ACCMIP models for these two months. In March (Fig. 12a), the observed O₃ mixing ratios concentrations in the low ranges (<30th percentiles) were as low as 5 ppbpbv; these
were overestimated by TCR-2. The shape of the distribution was in better agreement for higher ranges (30th to 100th percentiles). The ensemble medians for the ACCMIP runs were higher than the observations for any of the percentiles, whereas CESM-CAM-super fast, GISS-E2-R, GEOSCCM, and MOCAGE better captured features of the observed low mixing ratios concentrations (at higher percentiles GEOSCCM and MOCAGE gave too-high mixing ratios concentrations).

For December (Fig. 12b), the performances of the models were poorer. Although CESM-CAM-super fast and GISS-E2-R again captured the observed distributions in low ranges, all others, including the ACCMIP ensemble median and TCR-2, significantly overestimated the mixing ratios concentrations for any of the percentiles. The large variations among the model results could be the result of different assumptions regarding the dry deposition velocity of O₃ may reflect the impact of large variations in transport, particularly in March. Because of the lack of direct constraints over the remote oceans on near surface mixing ratios concentrations in the current satellite observing systems, the systematic mismatches imply requirements for exploring model error sources to improve the reanalysis quality.

The average relative diurnal variations normalized to the maximum mixing ratios concentrations during these two months (Fig. 13, x-axis is UTC + 11 h, adjusted to local time for the selected region) showed a pattern of daytime decreases, suggesting photochemical destruction. However, the observed decrease was stronger (15%) and earlier than those simulated in the TCR-2 and ACCMIP runs, in which the HO₃ cycle was primarily responsible for photochemical destruction. This feature may indicate O₃ loss via a different process, e.g., halogen chemistry, which is not included in any of the model simulations considered in this study.

To obtain further insights into the regions in which this additional loss could be important, the differences between the O₃ levels predicted by TCR-2 and the observed levels were calculated and the correlations with the residence times (in the daytime) of back trajectories in 15°× 15° grid regions around domain 3 were examined. Use of the residence time during the day can be justified because the destruction probably occurred in the daytime (Fig. 13). Figure S2 shows the results for 17 regions, covering 120–195° E and 15° S to 45° N. We found that the residence time in the grid region 165–180° E and 15–30° N, located northeast of domain 3, had the largest positive correlation coefficient (Fig. 14). This suggests that this region is a possible “hot spot” for additional loss. It is worth noting that data from all five cruises contributed to the positive correlation, which suggests that the relationship is reproducible. The slope of the regression line was 0.25 ppb/ppbv h⁻¹. This corresponds to the possible loss rate in the grid that best explains the discrepancy between observations and TCR-2 predictions. If the rate is attributed to dry deposition on the sea surface, a deposition velocity as high as 0.33 cm s⁻¹ is required, assuming a boundary layer height of 1000 m and an average O₃ mixing ratio concentration of 17.4 ppb/ppbv. This high velocity is not supported by previous studies (e.g., Ganzeveld et al., 2009; Hardacre et al., 2015). Such a loss rate can be more easily explained by bromine and/or iodine chemistry in the atmosphere (e.g., Saiz-Lopez et al., 2012, 2014). We observed elevated IO radical concentrations with a MAX-DOAS instrument aboard R/V Mirai during the cruises included in the analysis in Fig. 14. Further analysis will be reported in a future publication (Takashima et al., in preparation, 2018–2019).

Substantially reduced O₃ levels (<10 ppb/ppbv) have been reported in the marine boundary layer over the equatorial Pacific. Johnson et al. (1990) found near-zero (3 ppb/ppbv or less) O₃ mixing ratios concentrations in the central equatorial Pacific
during April and May. Kley et al. (1996) observed similar events in March 1993, with mixing ratios from O₃ soundings in a region between the Solomon Islands (9.4° S, 160.1° E) and Christmas Island (2° N, 157.5° W). Takashima et al. (2008) reported substantially reduced O₃ events throughout the year on Christmas Island. Rex et al. (2014) used a combination of O₃ sounding data from the TransBrom cruise of R/V Sonne in October 2009, atmospheric chemical-chemistry transport models, and satellite observations to identify a region with strong O₃ depletion in the marine boundary layer at 0–10° N along the north–south cruise track (at around 150° E). This is in good agreement with our observations. Hu et al. (2010) reported that average O₃ mixing ratios at Kwajalein Island (8.72° N, 167.73° E), Republic of the Marshall Islands, located near our “hot spot” grid, during July, August, and September 1999, were lower than 10 ppbV throughout 24 h, with an afternoon decrease of about 1 ppbV. Gómez Martín et al. (2016) reported year-round continuous observations of surface O₃ at San Cristóbal (0.90° S, 90.97° W) and at Puerto Villamil, Isabela Island (0.96° S, 90.97° W), in the Galápagos Islands in the equatorial eastern Pacific. Daily averages as low as 5–6 ppbV were observed during the period February to May. During the Malaspina circumnavigation in 2010, O₃ mixing ratios as low as 3.4 ppbV were detected around the central Pacific equatorial region (Prados-Roman et al., 2015). During PEM-West A in October 1991, Singh et al. (1996) reported O₃ levels as low as 8–9 ppbV from aircraft measurements at altitudes of 0.3–0.5 km in the region 0–20° N in the western and central Pacific. It is worth noting that the O₃ levels over the Atlantic were typically higher, e.g., 30–35 ppbV (Read et al., 2008), even when halogen-mediated destruction was considered. In these studies, detailed statistical comparisons of the observed O₃ levels with chemistry-climate model simulations or reanalysis data as focused here have not been achieved. Conducting continuous observations of O₃ during a large number of cruise legs was useful for obtaining a large data set for performing detailed statistical analysis.

The influence of halogen (bromine and/or iodine) chemistry on O₃ levels has been studied using model simulations at assumed (e.g., Davis et al., 1996; Hu et al., 2010) and observed levels of halogen compounds (Mahajan et al., 2012; Großmann et al., 2013; Dix et al., 2013; Prados-Roman et al., 2015; Koenig et al., 2017) over the Pacific. For example, for bromine chemistry, Hu et al. (2010) estimated a photochemical loss rate of up to 0.12 ppbV h⁻¹. A loss of about 0.4 ppbV d⁻¹ can be attributed to halogen chemistry in the marine boundary layer south of Hawaii (Dix et al., 2013). From CAM-Chem-based global model simulations, Saiz-Lopez et al. (2012) estimated an annually integrated rate of surface O₃ loss through halogen chemistry as ~0.15 ppbV h⁻¹ in the daytime, over the region 20° S to 20° N. On the basis of GEOS-Chem, Sherwen et al. (2016) suggested that halogen chemistry would reduce surface O₃ levels by ~3–5 ppbV over our domain 3. These loss rates caused by halogen chemistry are in fair agreement with the required additional loss rate, i.e., ~0.25 ppbV h⁻¹, estimated in this study.

Our observational O₃ data set with a large geographical coverage will be useful for evaluating up-to-date model simulations with inclusion of halogen chemistry. Analysis at mid-latitude regions over the Pacific are also of interest because the importance of halogen chemistry in this region has been indicated (e.g., Nagao et al. 1999; Galbally et al. 2000; Watanabe et al., 2005).
4 Summary and outlook

We compiled a large data set of shipborne in situ observations of O3 and CO levels with a 1 h resolution, which were recorded on R/V Mirai over the Arctic, Bering, Pacific, Indian, and Southern Oceans from 67° S to 75° N, during the period 2012 to 2017. We used the data set to evaluate tropospheric chemistry reanalysis data from TCR-2 and ACCMIP model simulations. TCR-2 captured the basic features of the observations, including the latitudinal gradient and air mass exchange, and therefore enabled interpretation of observations regarding transport and pollution sources. Correlations with observations were sufficient ($R^2$ up to 0.62 for hourly data and 0.67 for daily data). This suggests an excellent performance by TCR-2 in representing the temporal and geographical distributions of surface O3. For over 23 long-range transport events with CO and/or O3 buildup, variations in the $\Delta$O3/$\Delta$CO ratios were well reproduced by TCR-2. This suggests that the nature of photochemical evolution during transport of pollution plumes was also well captured. However, two major discrepancies were identified; in the Arctic (>70° N) in September, TCR-2 and the ensemble median of model runs of ACCMIP tended to underestimate O3 levels. From analysis of O3 sonde measurements, we concluded that the gap was related to processes relevant to the boundary layer; downward mixing from the free troposphere, with a higher O3 abundance, might have been stronger in the models, or dry deposition on the sea Arctic Ocean surface might have been weaker than assumed in the models. Conversely, in the western Pacific equatorial region, TCR-2 and ACCMIP simulations significantly overestimated the observed O3 levels, which were often less than 10 ppbpbv. The minimum in the observed diurnal pattern occurred earlier than those in the models. The concentration gap of mixing ratios correlated with the residence time of trajectories over a particular grid, i.e., 165–180° E and 15–30° N. These analyses indicate the importance of halogen chemistry, which is not accounted for in the models, and the region in which it is active. The data set from our observations (which will continue) is open and complements the TOAR data collection and will be useful for critically evaluating global-scale atmospheric chemistry–climate and chemical transport model simulations, including those from CCMI, AerChemMIP (Collins et al., 2017), and later future inter-model comparisons.

Data availability


Author contribution

YK (Kanaya) designed the study, conducted analyses, wrote the manuscript, managed the instruments and created the observational data set. KM, TS and KS (Sudo) created TCR-2 data. FT, TM, HT, YK (Komazaki), XP and SK substantially contributed to shipborne observations and preparation. HT and SK also provided supporting data from MAX-DOAS
observations. JI, KS (Sato) and KO conducted shipborne ozone soundings and provided the data. All co-authors provided professional comments to improve the manuscript.

**Competing interest**

The authors declare that they have no conflict of interest.

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