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Abstract. 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 explore a range of potential future (2095) changes in isoprene emissions caused by changes in climate (including natural land use changes), land use, and the inhibition of isoprene emissions by CO₂. From the present-day (2000) value of 467 Tg C yr⁻¹, we find that the combined impact of these factors could cause a net decrease in isoprene emissions of 259 Tg C yr⁻¹ (55 %) with individual contributions of +78 Tg C yr⁻¹ (climate change), –190 Tg C yr⁻¹ (land use) and –147 Tg C yr⁻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 reduc-

tions 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 exposure to harmful levels of ozone. However, we find that these ozone increases are still not large enough to raise ozone to such damaging levels.

1 Introduction

Plants emit biogenic volatile organic compounds (BVOCs) into the Earth's atmosphere, with the largest fluxes being for isoprene (2-methyl-1,3-butadiene), with annual emissions of ~ 500 TgC (Guenther et al., 2006). This value is greater than the total amount of non-methane hydrocarbons released annually due to anthropogenic activities. However, not all plants emit isoprene, and those that do, emit it in very different amounts. For example, broad-leaved rainforest has been measured to emit ~ 2.5 mg m⁻² h⁻¹ (Rinne et al., 2002; Mitztal et al., 2011), whilst crops such as maize and sugarcane are thought to emit much less isoprene (~ 0.09 mg m⁻² h⁻¹,

Guenther et al., 2006). On the other hand, much greater isoprene fluxes of up to $13.0 \text{ mg m}^{-2} \text{ h}^{-1}$ have been measured from fast-growing plants such as oil palm (Miształ et al., 2011). Isoprene is a very reactive VOC that is readily oxidised in the atmosphere, and in the presence of oxides of nitrogen ($\text{NO}_x = \text{NO} + \text{NO}_2$), it can lead to the formation of ozone (O_3) (e.g. Chameides et al., 1988). However the chemical relationship between VOCs, NO_x and O_3 is non-linear; the response of O_3 to changes in either precursor gas depends on their ratio (see the Empirical Kinetics Modeling Approach diagrams in, e.g. Dodge, 1977; Sillman and He, 2002). In sufficient quantities, O_3 is recognised to be damaging to both humans and plants (WHO, 2000), and has been shown to lead to substantial losses in global crop yields (Avnery et al., 2011a). As isoprene is a precursor to O_3 formation, changes to factors that influence isoprene emissions have the potential to alter the degree of O_3 damage to the biosphere.

There are several factors that can affect isoprene emissions. From a fixed vegetation distribution, isoprene emissions are directly stimulated by increases in temperature following an Arrhenius-like relationship (Tingey et al., 1979), and are directly inhibited under elevated concentrations of CO_2 (Rosenstiel et al., 2003). However, increased CO_2 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; Lathière 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 the 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, CO_2 fertilisation), and those that decrease them (die-back, CO_2 inhibition, land use change). This balance may well change over the next century. Rising CO_2 levels are expected to cause rises in temperature and CO_2 fertilisation, which would lead to isoprene emission increases. Some studies calculate that these increases would be more than compensated for by increases in CO_2 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 - O_3 chemistry, the O_3 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 NO_2 , leading to O_3 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 O_3 , leading to O_3 removal. O_3 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 O_3 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 explore how contributions from the main factors that affect tropospheric O_3 could 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 could change over the 21st century due to changes in climate, land use and CO_2 inhibition. In Sect. 4 we use the results of the UM-UKCA integrations to attribute future O_3 changes to changes in climate, isoprene emissions with climate, anthropogenic emissions, land use and CO_2 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 O_3 . This is addressed in Sect. 5 by calculating the effect of cropland expansion on the “Accumulated exposure (to O_3) 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 O_3 exposure to vegetation. The effects of changes in O_3 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.

Isoprene oxidation chemistry is too complex to include explicitly in a global model, so the chemistry must be parameterised. This introduces uncertainties, which we investigate in a companion paper (Squire et al., 2014) by comparing four different isoprene chemical schemes, all of which are

currently used in Earth System Models. One notable source of uncertainty is the degree to which HO_x is regenerated from isoprene degradation under low NO_x conditions. Recent studies have demonstrated biases between measured and modelled HO_2 (Fuchs et al., 2011) and OH (Mao et al., 2012) under high VOC (low NO_x) conditions. Proposals have been put forward for missing mechanistic pathways (e.g. Paulot et al., 2009; Peeters et al., 2009) that to some extent reconcile these discrepancies (Archibald et al., 2010). In the companion paper we investigate the sensitivity of our results to including these new pathways.

2 Model and Experiment

In order to establish how contributions from the main factors that affect tropospheric O_3 could change over the 21st century, a present-day (2000) integration and a range of future (2095) integrations were conducted with UM-UKCA as detailed in Sect. 2.3. For all integrations isoprene emissions were first calculated offline using a dynamic global vegetation model and a biogenic emissions model as described in Sect. 2.1. Additionally, to investigate the effect of changes in land use the distribution of land surface types in UM-UKCA had to be altered, and this process is described in Sect. 2.2.

2.1 Isoprene emission calculations

Isoprene emissions were calculated under present-day (2000) conditions and for a series of future (2095) conditions. In Sect. 3 differences in these emissions are analysed to ascertain individual contributions to future isoprene emission changes from future changes in climate, land use, CO_2 inhibition of isoprene emissions and the combined effect of all of these factors. In all cases first the vegetation distribution was determined using the Sheffield Dynamic Global Vegetation Model (SDGVM) (Beerling et al., 1997; Beerling and Woodward, 2001). The model was run in time slices, for present-day (2000) and future (2095) conditions, each time being run to vegetative equilibrium. The SDGVM calculates the potential distribution and leaf area index of six plant functional types (PFTs): C_3 and C_4 grasses, evergreen broad-leaved and needle-leaved trees, and deciduous broad-leaved and needle-leaved trees (Lathière et al., 2010). The SDGVM was driven by climate conditions generated with the HadGEM1 model (Johns et al., 1997). For calculation of the future isoprene emissions the SRES B2 climate scenario was used (Riahi et al., 2007). The vegetation distribution from the SDGVM was then used as input for a biogenic emissions model based on MEGAN (Guenther et al., 2006), as described in Lathière et al. (2010), which produced the isoprene emissions. Additionally, when future CO_2 inhibition of isoprene emissions was included, the parameterisation of Possell et al. (2005) was used in the biogenic emissions model, as in Lathière et al. (2010).

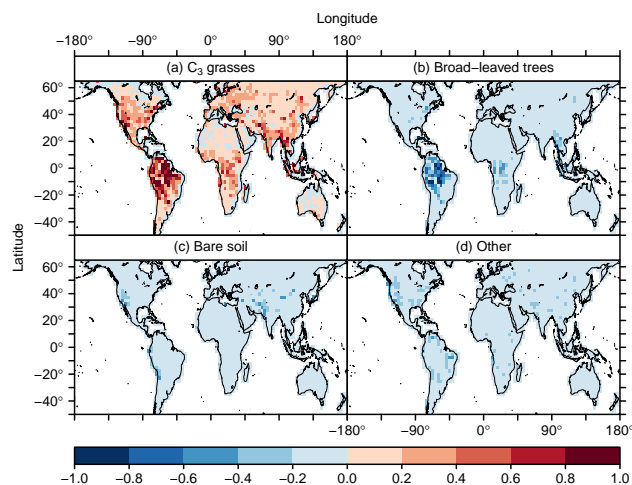


Fig. 1. Change in grid cell fraction of UM-UKCA land surface types between present-day (2000) and the anthropogenic land use scenario (cropland expansion) for 2095 (2095–2000). Changes in the crop fraction (assigned to C_3 grasses) were calculated using the IMAGE 2.1 model (Alcamo, 1999).

2.2 Land surface changes

As the SDGVM does not explicitly calculate the distribution of crops, for the inclusion of future cropland expansion the IMAGE 2.1 model (Alcamo, 1999) was used to generate a crop map in line with the A1B SRES scenario (Nakicenovic et al., 2000). This crop map was then combined with the natural vegetation distribution from the SDGVM to create a new distribution of PFTs and leaf area index, and this was used as input for the biogenic emissions model that gave the altered isoprene emissions. The new PFT distribution and leaf area index was also used in those UM-UKCA integrations that included future cropland expansion, as the PFT affects a number of model surface properties such as the chemical deposition velocity and surface roughness. In UM-UKCA there are nine land surface types (LSTs): broad-leaved trees, needle-leaved trees, C_3 grasses, C_4 grasses, shrubs, bare soil, urban, ice and inland water. These LSTs do not correspond exactly to the PFTs calculated by the SDGVM, and as such in the land use change integrations the SDGVM PFTs had to be mapped onto the UM-UKCA LSTs. As C_3 and C_4 grasses exist in both models their distributions in UM-UKCA followed that of the SDGVM, with the addition that all crops were also assigned to C_3 grasses. This simplification could be made as in UM-UKCA the deposition properties of both grass types are identical and there are only small differences in other surface properties including aerodynamic resistance. Both broad-leaved and needle-leaved categories in the SDGVM were mapped to broad-leaved and needle-leaved trees respectively in UM-UKCA. Figure 1 shows the difference in the grid cell fraction of UM-UKCA LSTs between 2000 and 2095 for the land use change scenario. The

Table 1. Model integrations conducted with UM-UKCA (BASE and Runs 1–6). 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

IMAGE model calculated an increase in croplands by 2095 of $6.34 \times 10^{12} \text{ m}^2$ (135 %), which corresponds to an increase in the fraction of C₃ grasses in UM-UKCA as shown in Fig. 1a. This expansion of crops was largely at the expense of broad-leaved trees, which show large decreases (Fig. 1b). As broad-leaved trees have a higher isoprene emission factor than crops, 12.6 and 0.09 mg isoprene $\text{m}^{-2} \text{ h}^{-1}$ respectively (Guenther et al., 2006; Lathière et al., 2010), cropland expansion resulted in a decrease in isoprene emissions. The fraction of needle-leaved trees and C₄ grasses also decreased (lumped into “Other”; Fig. 1d), as did those LSTs not included in the SDGVM. These LSTs were adapted from their present-day UM-UKCA values to account for cropland expansion such that in a grid cell where crops increased by a given percentage x , each LST was decreased by x %.

2.3 Chemistry-climate integrations

Table 1 summarises the integrations conducted with UM-UKCA. The configuration of UM-UKCA used for all integrations was the Hadley Centre Global Environment Model version 3 – Atmosphere only (HadGEM3-A r2.0) at UM version 7.3, which includes UKCA (O’Connor et al., 2013). UM-UKCA was run at a horizontal resolution of 3.75° longitude \times 2.5° latitude on 60 hybrid height levels that stretch from the surface to ~ 84 km. The model setup is similar to that described in Telford et al. (2010), with the Chemistry of the Troposphere (CheT) chemical mechanism that consists of 56 chemical tracers, 165 photochemical reactions, dry deposition of 32 species and wet deposition of 23 species. Isoprene chemistry in CheT follows that of the Mainz Isoprene Mechanism (MIM) (Pöschl et al., 2000). The Fast-JX photolysis scheme (Neu et al., 2007) is used as implemented in Telford et al. (2013). This tropospheric version of UM-UKCA employs a simplified stratospheric chemistry and, to

provide a realistic upper boundary condition for the tracers, concentrations of O₃ and NO_y are overwritten above 30 hPa from zonal mean values from the Cambridge 2-D model (Law and Pyle, 1993a,b) as in Telford et al. (2010). All integrations lasted five model years plus a “spin-up” period of 16 months. The present-day integration (BASE) was a year 2000 time slice and the future integrations were 2095 time slices, in which perpetual 2000 (BASE) and 2095 (future) sea surface temperatures (SSTs), sea ice concentrations (SICs) and greenhouse gases (GHGs) were used. Minimising year-to-year variability in this way ensured that differences between model integrations would be due only to the deliberate perturbation that was made (e.g. changing isoprene emissions).

In the BASE integration, mixing ratios of GHGs were 370 ppm (CO₂) and 1765 ppb (CH₄). SSTs and SICs were taken from a 1998–2002 climatology following the HadISST data set (Rayner et al., 2003). For those integrations with a 2095 climate (see Table 1), GHGs were changed to 621 ppm (CO₂) and 2975 ppb (CH₄) following the SRES B2 scenario (Riahi et al., 2007), and SSTs and SICs were taken from integrations generated by the HadGEM1 model (Stott et al., 2006) in line with the A1B SRES scenario (Nakicenovic et al., 2000).

In the present-day, anthropogenic emissions of NO_x, carbon monoxide, formaldehyde, ethane, propane, acetone and acetaldehyde were taken from the Edgar3.2 data set (Olivier and Berdowski, 2001). In those 2095 integrations with future anthropogenic emissions, these emissions followed the B2 + CLE scenario (Fowler et al., 2008). This scenario is an updated version of the IPCC B2 scenario (Riahi et al., 2007) to account for Current LEGislation passed in 2002 to 2006 (Dentener et al., 2005). This scenario has only small increases in emissions from emerging economies, and large emission reductions across developed countries (USA, Europe, Japan).

We acknowledge that more than one future scenario has been followed in our experiments. However, our aim is not to produce a realistic “prediction” of future conditions, rather to investigate how O_3 responds to changes in a range of parameters. As such, our aim is to explain the sensitivity of O_3 , and O_3 feedbacks, to plausible future changes in natural and anthropogenic forcing mechanisms. The climate scenario (essentially B2) gives a climate change signal in the mid-range of the SRES scenarios. As such, we expect this to result in a moderate O_3 signal. For land use change, the primary variable of interest to this work, the A1B scenario was used, which is characterised by extensive cropland expansion. The aim was to calculate a clear signal in the O_3 response from land use change that involved a large change in isoprene emissions. This was paired with the B2+CLE anthropogenic emission scenario of stringent emission cuts which could be representative of a future which relies heavily on low isoprene-emitting bio-energy crops such as sugarcane or maize, as biofuel usage and emission cuts are often co-legislated.

We show later (see section 4.2 and Fig. 5) that, although the magnitude of changes in tropospheric O_3 could vary with the factors investigated here, the effect of the different factors (climate, isoprene emissions, etc.) on O_3 is approximately linear. So, an integration containing future climate, isoprene emissions and anthropogenic emissions produces a very similar O_3 change to the sum of three separate integrations where each parameter is changed in turn. For this reason, although the use of different scenarios would likely lead to a somewhat different magnitude of future calculated O_3 , it is unlikely that the choice of scenario could move the model into an entirely different regime of O_3 production, and with a substantially altered O_3 response.

3 Future isoprene emissions

As discussed above, the main factors that affect isoprene emissions are changes in temperature, CO_2 fertilisation, land use, and CO_2 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 Tg C yr^{-1} . This is within one standard deviation of the mean value (515 Tg C yr^{-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 Tg C yr^{-1} . In Fig. 2c–e the individual contributions to this change from climate, land use and CO_2 inhibition are given.

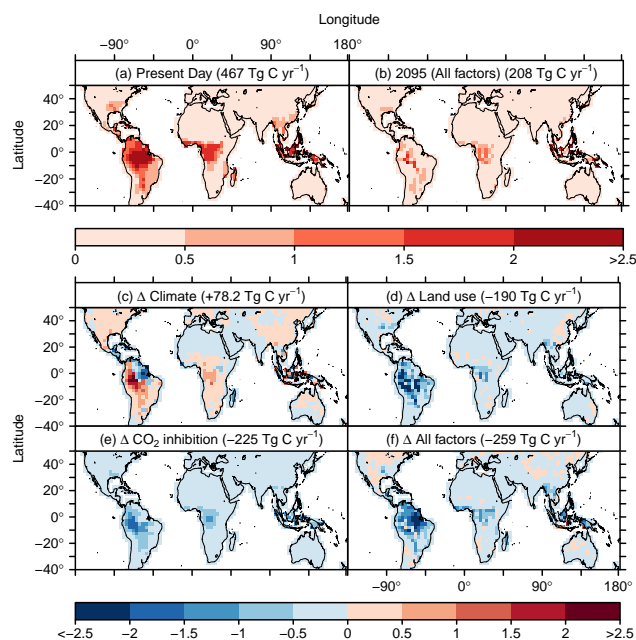


Fig. 2. Isoprene emissions ($\text{mgCm}^{-2}\text{h}^{-1}$) generated using the SDGVM and a biogenic emissions model. (a) Present-day (2000), (b) with 2095 climate, land use and CO_2 inhibition, (c–e) change caused by each factor, (f) change with all factors combined. Quoted in the plot titles are total global isoprene emissions (a–b) and the change in this value (c–e).

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 CO_2 fertilisation, increases isoprene emissions by 78 Tg C yr^{-1} (17 %). This increase is expected for the higher temperatures and CO_2 levels in 2095, which directly stimulate isoprene emissions and extend fertilisation of the biosphere respectively. A number of studies that also include both temperature and CO_2 fertilisation effects similarly calculate an increase in total global isoprene emissions with climate change over the 21st century (Sanderson et al., 2003; Lathière et al., 2005; Arneth et al., 2007; Heald et al., 2009; Young et al., 2009), but the magnitude of the increase varies considerably between studies. Four studies (this present study (+17 %, +78 Tg C yr^{-1}), Sanderson et al. (2003) (+21 %, +131 Tg C yr^{-1}), Lathière et al. (2005) (+27 %, +136 Tg C yr^{-1}) and Wu et al. (2012) (+25 %, +103 Tg C yr^{-1})) calculate moderate increases. The three other studies calculate significantly higher values. The main source of discrepancy is the extent to which, in certain regions, models simulate a die-back of isoprene emitting vegetation associated with a decrease in soil moisture under the elevated temperatures of climate change. In this current study, although isoprene emissions increase overall, this die-back is calculated in areas such as the Amazon and parts of the Maritime continent. Such effects have been calculated in

previous studies (Cox et al., 2000; Sanderson et al., 2003; Lathière et al., 2005). In some other studies 2100 soil moisture is high enough to avoid large-scale die-back, and subsequently their calculated increases in isoprene emissions are much higher (e.g. Heald et al., 2009, calculate increases of 1344 TgCyr^{-1} (265 %)).

Figure 2d shows the effect of future land use change on isoprene emissions. In those areas most affected by land use change, a decrease in isoprene emissions is calculated. This is a result of the cropland expansion scenario we employ in which broad-leaved trees are replaced with lower isoprene emitting crops. The spatial distribution of these vegetation changes is shown in Fig. 1.

Figure 1a shows the change in C_3 grasses (to which crops were assigned) calculated using the IMAGE model for 2095. The main areas of cropland expansion are the Amazon, central Africa, Southeast Asia, USA, and northern Eurasia. However only the tropical regions and southeast USA show decreases in isoprene emissions. In these regions cropland expansion occurs at the expense of broad-leaved trees (Fig. 1b). Little change in isoprene emissions is calculated over the rest of the USA and northern Eurasia, as here one low isoprene emitting LST (crops) is replaced by another (largely bare soil – Fig. 1c). Wu et al. (2012) also calculate that future land use following the A1B scenario causes a decrease in end of 21st century isoprene emissions compared to the future case with present-day land use. However they calculate a smaller decrease of only -67 TgCyr^{-1} globally. The use of a different vegetation model (LPJ-DGVM) is a potential source of discrepancy.

The inhibition of isoprene emissions by CO_2 (Fig. 2e) increases by 2095 due to the greater CO_2 levels in the atmosphere in the B2 scenario (+251 ppm, +60 %). Decreases in isoprene emissions occur wherever isoprene is emitted, and are largest where emissions are highest. Globally this leads to greater decreases in isoprene emissions (-225 TgCyr^{-1} , 48 %) than for land use change (-190 TgCyr^{-1}). It should be noted though that the value of -225 TgCyr^{-1} is calculated for the case with future climate change but not land use, i.e. under a scenario where isoprene emissions and CO_2 are high. It is for this reason that the values quoted in Fig. 2c–e do not add up to the value for the combined impact in Fig. 2f. When land use change is also taken into account, the effect of CO_2 inhibition is reduced to -147 TgCyr^{-1} and the values do add up to the combined impact.

The combined effect of changes in climate, land use, and CO_2 inhibition of isoprene emissions is shown in Fig. 2f. Overall there is a decrease in global isoprene emissions (-259 TgCyr^{-1}). Land use change (-190 TgCyr^{-1}) and CO_2 inhibition (-147 TgCyr^{-1}) both contribute significantly to the net change in isoprene emissions. These contributions outweigh those of increased temperatures and CO_2 fertilisation ($+78 \text{ TgCyr}^{-1}$). Other studies have found that land use change (e.g. Wu et al., 2012) or CO_2 inhibition (e.g. Heald et al., 2009; Young et al., 2009; Arneth et al.,

2007b) can separately compensate for the isoprene emission increase caused by temperature and CO_2 fertilisation over the 21st century, leaving little overall change in global isoprene emissions since present-day. Assuming, as in our study, that the land use scenario projects an overall decrease in isoprene emitters, it follows that the combined effect of both land use change and CO_2 inhibition should lead to a decrease in global isoprene emissions as found here. It is important to note though that as calculating future global isoprene emission changes involves a number of terms, each of which is uncertain, the overall balance between these terms has a high degree of uncertainty.

4 Attribution of changes in future ozone

In this section the results of the UM-UKCA integrations are analysed in order to attribute changes in O_3 over the 21st century to changes in climate, isoprene emissions with climate, anthropogenic emissions, land use and CO_2 inhibition of isoprene emissions. Prior to the analysis we briefly evaluate the tropospheric O_3 calculated by UM-UKCA by comparison to measurements.

4.1 Model evaluation

As shown in Fig. 2, the largest changes in isoprene emissions are in the tropics. We therefore expect this region to show large changes in O_3 . To have confidence in any calculated changes, it is important that tropical O_3 compares favourably with measurements, and this is examined in Fig. 3. Figure 3 shows vertical profiles of O_3 at selected sites, and calculated by UM-UKCA. Additionally, Fig. 4 shows calculated present-day near-surface O_3 and the locations of the measurement sites used in Fig. 3. The measurements in Fig. 3 were taken from the Southern Hemisphere Additional OZonesondes (SHADOZ) network (Thompson et al., 2003). Quoted are the correlation coefficients calculated by the Pearson method (R^2), and the mean bias error (MBE). The MBE is given as a percentage and calculated as in Eq. (1).

$$\text{MBE} = \left(\frac{\overline{\text{MOD}} - \overline{\text{MES}}}{\overline{\text{MES}}} \right) \times 100 \quad (1)$$

Here $\overline{\text{MOD}}$ and $\overline{\text{MES}}$ are the mean of the modelled and measured data respectively. Although there are some locations where R^2 is low (Java) or MBE is high (Kuala Lumpur), in general our modelled results compare favourably. Correlation is generally good, with most R^2 values lying between 0.9 and 1. The average MBE is +23 %, suggesting a weak positive model bias consistent with Telford et al. (2013), however the MBE is within the monthly variability of the data in all but one site (Kuala Lumpur). In some locations there tends to be a divergence in the O_3 trend at altitudes above

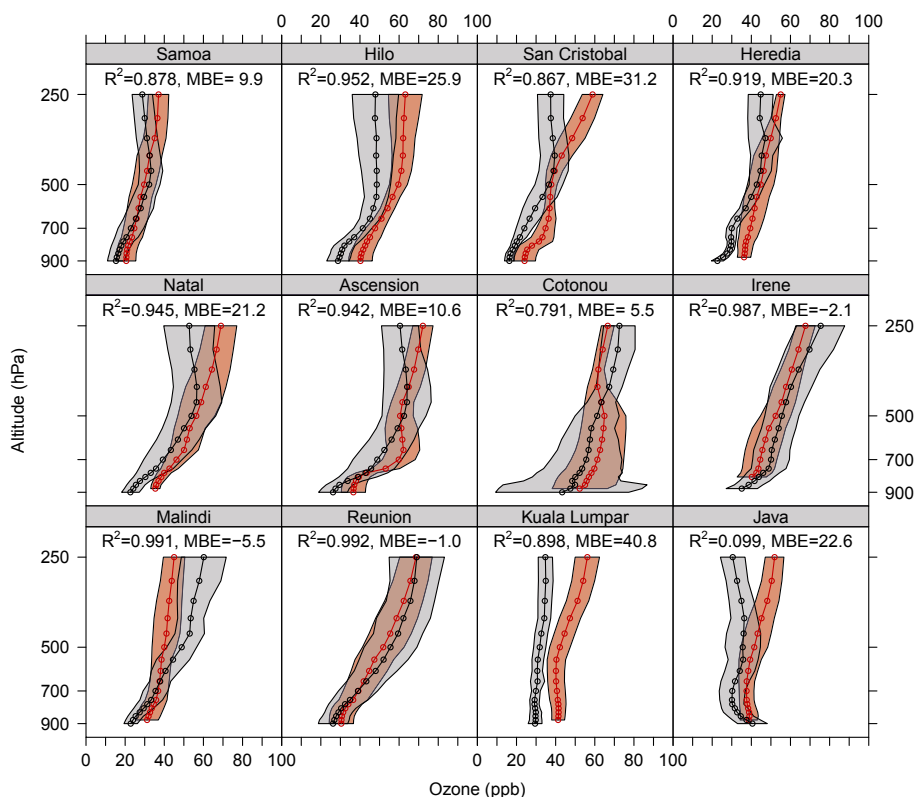


Fig. 3. Five-year mean O_3 (ppb) from the BASE run (red) compared to O_3 sonde data from the SHADOZ Network (Thompson et al., 2003) (black). Polygons show extent of monthly variability. Correlation coefficients (R^2) are calculated using the Pearson method. Mean bias errors (MBE) are in %; positive values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

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

$Tgyr^{-1}$	Prod	Loss	Net Chem	Influx	Dry Dep	Burden (Tg)
BASE	6188	5602	586	673	1259	379
Δ Climate	+393 (+6)	+546 (+10)	-153 (-26)	+144 (+21)	-8 (-1)	+7 (+2)
Δ Isoprene Ems (with Δ climate)	+56 (+1)	+64 (+1)	-8 (-1)	+15 (+2)	+6 (0)	+3 (+1)
Δ Anthrop Ems	-199 (-3)	-118 (-2)	-81 (-14)	+33 (+5)	-48 (-4)	-4 (-1)
Δ Land Use	-286 (-5)	-296 (-5)	+10 (+2)	-45 (-7)	-35 (-3)	-19 (-5)
Δ CO_2 Inhibition	-270 (-4)	-284 (-5)	+14 (+2)	-46 (-7)	-32 (-3)	-16 (-4)
Δ All factors	-263 (-4)	-33 (-1)	-230 (-39)	+116 (+17)	-115 (-9)	-27 (-7)

~ 500 hPa, however this is not generally the case at lower altitudes, which are more pertinent to this study.

The near-surface O_3 modelled by UM-UKCA in Fig. 4 generally shows higher O_3 in the Northern Hemisphere with peaks over the Mediterranean and Middle East, coastal USA, Tibetan Plateau and the region of the East China Sea. Lows are over remote oceanic regions, most pronounced over the Western Pacific, and the rainforests (most notably the Amazon). This spatial pattern and the magnitude of tropospheric O_3 compares favourably to the ACCMIP ensemble mean in

Young et al. (2013). For a more extensive evaluation of UM-UKCA see Telford et al. (2010) and O'Connor et al. (2013).

4.2 Ozone changes

Figure 5 shows how the near-surface tropospheric O_3 mixing ratio changes between 2000 and 2095 in the UM-UKCA integrations as caused by the different environmental variables mentioned previously. In Table 2 we report O_x budgets for the integrations, which compare tropospheric chemical production and loss of O_x with its source from the stratosphere

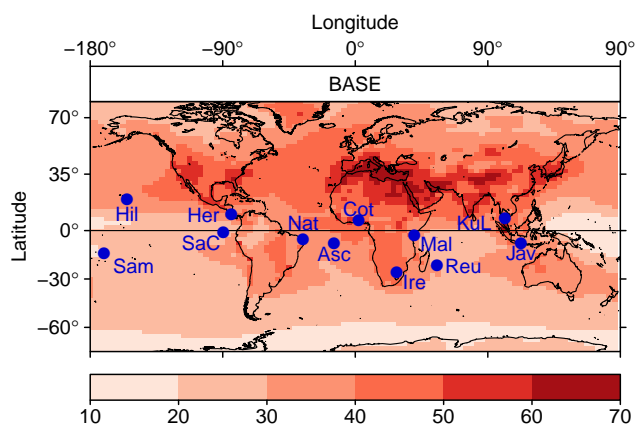


Fig. 4. Modelled five-year mean near-surface (< 720 m) O₃ (ppb) for the year 2000 (BASE). Locations of measurement sites used in Fig. 3 are shown. Sam = Samoa, Hil = Hilo, SaC = San Cristobal, Her = Heredia, Nat = Natal, Asc = Ascension, Cot = Cotonou, Ire = Irene, Mal = Malindi, Reu = Reunion, KuL = Kuala Lumpur, Jav = Java.

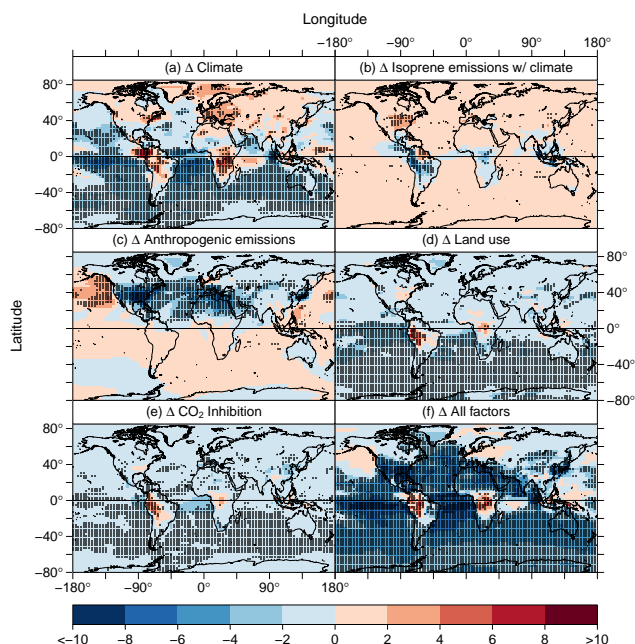


Fig. 5. Changes in five-year mean near-surface (< 720 m) O₃ (2095–2000) caused by different environmental variables. Changes are considered significant (stippled) if they are greater than 2 times the standard deviation for the five-year mean (i.e. approximately the 5% level).

(“influx”) and sink to the surface by dry deposition. Here we define O_x as the sum of O₃, atomic oxygen and reactive nitrogen species (NO_y).

Figure 5a shows the effect of climate change on O₃. The increased SSTs in the climate change integration cause a general warming of the boundary layer by 1–3 °C. As both O₃ production and destruction usually have a positive temper-

ature dependence, the expected effect would be an increase in O₃ in regions where O₃ production dominates (continental regions near a NO_x source), and a decrease in O₃ where there is net O₃ destruction (the remote ocean and low-NO_x high-VOC environments such as the rainforest). This is reflected in both the higher production (+393 Tg yr⁻¹ (+6%)) and loss (+546 Tg yr⁻¹ (+10%)) 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 O₃ burden by 7 Tg (2%), 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 water vapour to decrease, following a drying of the surface. Even though this rainforest-covered region is an area where O₃ destruction dominates, the reduction in water vapour diminishes the potential for O₃ loss through the O¹D + H₂O reaction, leading to O₃ increases. Over the oceans the opposite effect occurs, with higher temperatures leading to increased atmospheric water vapour and increased O₃ loss through O¹D + H₂O.

Another factor influencing O₃ 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 O₃ 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 O₃ of up to 8 ppb (~ 23%) in the surrounding oceans.

The largest changes in isoprene emissions due to climate change (Fig. 2c) occurred in the tropics and may be summarised as generally elevated emissions except in the northeast Amazon and parts of the Maritime Continent. Isoprene emissions are also heightened to a smaller degree over southeast USA. The effect of these isoprene emission changes on O₃ is shown in Fig. 5b. The tropical lower troposphere is NO_x-limited and VOC-rich. Accordingly, where isoprene emissions increase in the tropics, decreases in O₃ are calculated. This is due to increased ozonolysis of isoprene by O₃ and greater sequestration of NO_x as isoprene nitrates. Where isoprene decreases in the tropics the opposite effects occur, and O₃ increases. In contrast, the increases in isoprene emissions in the VOC-limited eastern USA cause O₃ to increase by 2–4 ppb (~ 5%). Similar, regionally heterogeneous O₃ responses to isoprene emissions were calculated in

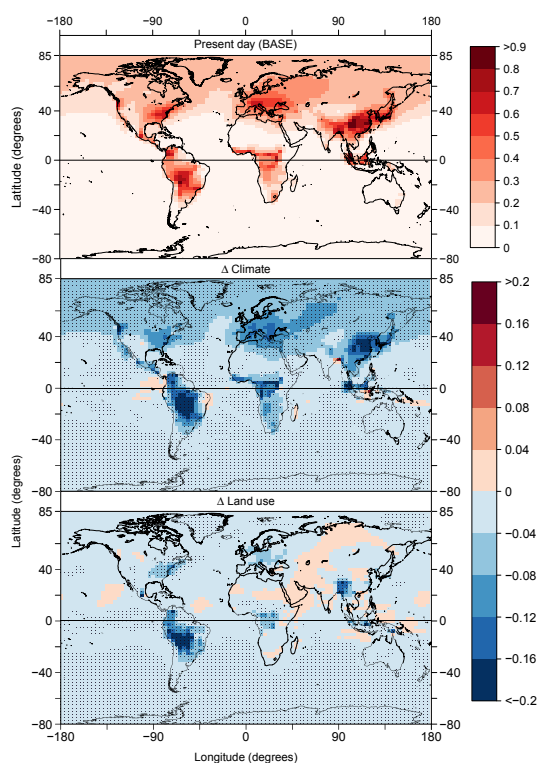


Fig. 6. Five-year mean near-surface (< 720 m) PAN (ppb) in (a) BASE. (b–c) give the change in PAN due to (b) climate and (c) land use between future and present-day (2095–2000). The changes in (b–c) are considered significant (stippled) if they are greater than 2 times the standard deviation for the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

Wiedinmyer et al. (2006); Zeng et al. (2008); Young et al. (2009); Ganzeveld et al. (2010); Wu et al. (2012). Conversely, Sanderson et al. (2003) calculated increases in O_3 wherever isoprene increased regardless of whether the environment was NO_x or VOC-limited. As noted by Young et al. (2009) this may be attributed to the lack of an isoprene-nitrate NO_x sink in the Sanderson et al. (2003) study. With such a chemical scheme, increasing isoprene emissions in a NO_x -limited environment would not decrease NO_x and the effects of increased isoprene + OH could dominate, leading overall to an increase in O_3 production. We discuss the sensitivity of our results to such changes in the isoprene mechanism in a companion paper (Squire et al., 2014). Overall the addition of 78 Tg C yr^{-1} of isoprene into UM-UKCA causes both production and destruction rates of O_3 to increase (Table 2). The net chemical tendency is a decrease of 8 Tg yr^{-1} (1 %), which is to be expected as the largest increases in isoprene emissions are in the tropics, where isoprene acts as an O_3 sink.

Figure 5c illustrates the change in O_3 between 2000 and 2095 solely due to changes in anthropogenic emissions. The O_3 changes generally follow those of NO_x emissions. In the

B2 + CLE scenario large emission cuts occur across North America, Europe and Japan, whilst the emerging economies increase emissions, but by a much smaller amount than the decreases in the developed countries. Accordingly, the largest calculated changes in O_3 are decreases centred around those developed northern hemispheric regions, with the highest O_3 reductions occurring across eastern USA ($\sim 12 \text{ ppb}$ ($\sim 22 \%$)). Decreases in NO_x across Europe and USA are large and many grid cells 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 ($\sim 24 \%$). Whilst the global reduction in isoprene emissions ($-190 \text{ Tg C yr}^{-1}$) leads to less O_x production, less O_x loss, and ultimately less tropospheric O_3 (O_3 burden is reduced by 19 Tg (5 %)), overall the O_x net chemical tendency increases by 10 Tg yr^{-1} (7 %). 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

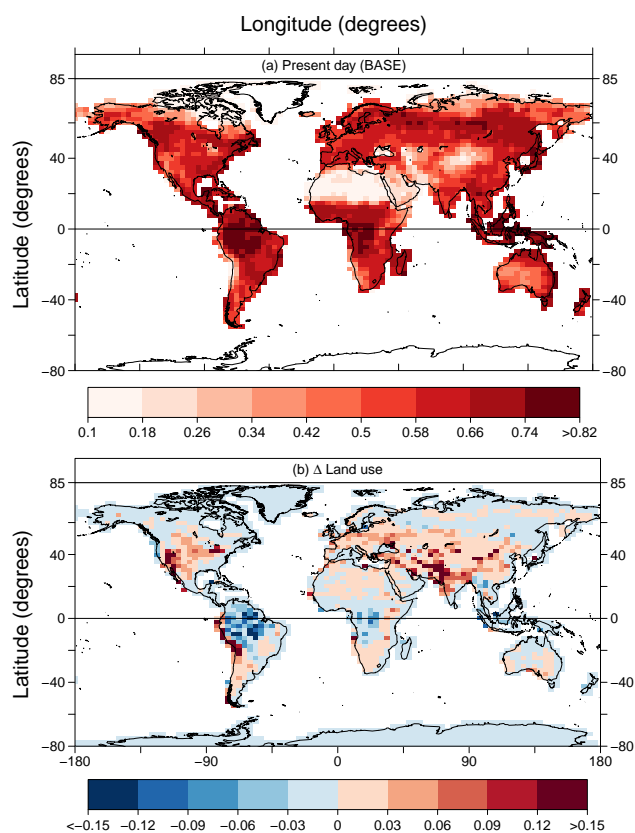


Fig. 7. O_3 deposition velocity over land (cm s^{-1}) for (a) present-day (i.e. without land use change), and (b) with future land use change. Negative values indicate a decrease in the deposition velocity due to land use change.

(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 ($\sim 27\%$)) are calculated in the tropics where the $\text{NO}_x : \text{VOC}$ ratio is lowest ($L_N/Q \approx 0.1$). In Southeast Asia and southeast USA (the other high isoprene emitting regions) the $\text{NO}_x : \text{VOC}$ 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 ($+14 \text{ Tg yr}^{-1}$ (1.7%) and $+10 \text{ Tg yr}^{-1}$ (2.4%) 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 ($\sim 30\%$) over the tropical land masses, and decreases in remote regions, as well as over eastern USA and Japan, of more than 10 ppb ($\sim 18\%$). Changes in climate, land use and CO_2 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 CO_2 inhibition is not compensated for by the increases caused by changes in climate and isoprene emissions with climate (change in net production = -263 Tg yr^{-1} (4%), Table 2), but this is practically the case for O_x loss (-33 Tg yr^{-1} ($< 1\%$)). Accordingly, net chemical production is down by 230 Tg yr^{-1} (39%) compared to the BASE case. Overall, compared to the BASE integration the O_3 burden decreases by 27 Tg (7%) to 352 Tg. In conclusion, future climate, land use and CO_2 inhibition of isoprene emissions lead to increases in tropospheric O_3 of up to 8 ppb ($\leq 50\%$) in the tropics. Climate and land use also drive oceanic O_3 decreases of up to 10 ppb ($\leq \sim 40\%$), and anthropogenic emission changes cause O_3 reductions of more than 10 ppb ($\sim 18\%$) in the industrialised northern hemispheric regions.

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 O_3 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 O_3 caused by cropland expansion are sufficient to lead to an increase in O_3 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 O_3 increases are calculated, and regions of cropland expansion in the Northern Hemisphere (USA, Europe and China). Crop exposure to harmful levels of O_3 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

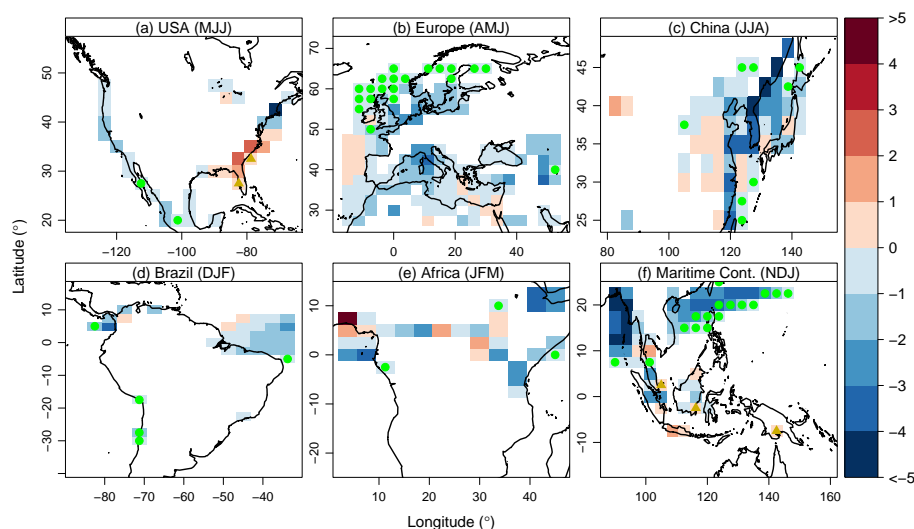


Fig. 8. Change in AOT40 > 3 ppm h during the daylight hours of the regional three-month growing season caused by cropland expansion. Growing seasons are quoted, e.g. MJJ = May, June, July. White areas are where both without and with cropland expansion the AOT40 is below the threshold. Green circles indicate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

O₃ typically occurs), the AOT40 should not exceed 3 ppm h in total (WHO, 2000). Figure 8 shows the change in the daylight 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 that contain no symbol are above the threshold both with and without cropland expansion. Blue areas are where exposure to harmful levels of O₃ has become less severe but is still over the threshold, and red areas are where it has become worse. Around coastal south-east USA there are increases in the AOT40 above 3 ppm h of up to 3 ppm h, however globally there are more grid cells 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 O₃ in the integrations. In fact it is only in those grid cells 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 grid cells in southeast USA and across the Maritime Continent. If anything, cropland expansion has a small positive impact on air quality, as there are more grid cells 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 O₃ calculated over the tropical regions (see Fig. 5d) where the greatest cropland expansion occurs, are actually changes from very low O₃ levels to higher values that are still below the threshold above which O₃ 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 O₃. It should be noted however that this conclusion is dependent on the land use change scenario employed. The degree of O₃ damage could be different if, for example, broad-leaved rainforest was replaced instead with higher isoprene emitting species such as oil palm.

6 Conclusions

Future (2095) isoprene emissions were calculated with a biogenic emissions model based on MEGAN (Guenther et al., 2006) using vegetation distributions generated by the SDGVM (Beerling et al., 1997; Beerling and Woodward, 2001; Lathière et al., 2010). These allow us to examine the contribution of changes in climate (temperature and CO₂ levels), land use and CO₂ inhibition to changes in isoprene emissions over the 21st century. When all future conditions are taken together, isoprene emissions decrease globally by 259 TgCyr⁻¹ (55%). In this case the net decrease was due to the larger reductions in emissions caused by anthropogenic land use change (−190 TgCyr⁻¹ (41%)) and CO₂ inhibition change (−147 TgCyr⁻¹ (31%))

compared to the amplification of emissions due to climate change ($+78 \text{ TgCyr}^{-1}$ (17 %)). We note that the climate change impact is particularly sensitive to changes in tropical soil moisture (the “die-back” effect) and that this differs significantly between models (e.g. Heald et al., 2009 vs. Sander et al., 2003). Resolving this uncertainty is a critical issue for chemistry-climate modelling.

Using these isoprene emissions, a series of chemistry-climate integrations were conducted with UM-UKCA in order to attribute changes in O_3 over the 21st century to changes in climate, isoprene emissions with climate, anthropogenic emissions, cropland expansion, and CO_2 inhibition of isoprene emissions. Globally we calculate a decrease in the tropospheric O_3 burden of 27 Tg (7 %) from 379 Tg in the present-day to 352 Tg in 2095 when all future changes are combined. At the surface, decreases in O_3 are calculated over the oceans and are greatest in the tropical oceans (6 to > 10 ppb (maximum ~ 41 %)). The oceanic O_3 reduction was caused by decreases in NO_x transport to the oceans by PAN as a result of (i) higher temperatures due to climate change and (ii) a reduction in tropical isoprene emissions due to changes in land use and CO_2 inhibition. There are also decreases calculated in O_3 over the USA, southern Europe and Japan of 6–10 ppb (~ 18 %) which are driven by decreases in future anthropogenic NO_x emissions in these regions in the B2 + CLE scenario. Increases in O_3 of 4–8 ppb (maximum ~ 50 %) are calculated over the tropical regions of the Amazon, central Africa and the Maritime Continent. Isoprene acts as an O_3 sink in the tropics, so these increases are attributable to the reduction in isoprene emissions caused by cropland expansion and increased CO_2 inhibition. Higher temperatures and lower water vapour due to climate change, as well as die-back of isoprene-emitting vegetation in some tropical regions, also contributes to increased O_3 . Our land use change scenario consists of cropland expansion, which is largest in the tropics, and this is also where land use causes the greatest increases in O_3 . As such, there is potential for increased crop exposure to harmful levels of O_3 . However, we find that these O_3 changes are generally small and not large enough to raise O_3 levels over the threshold above which O_3 is considered harmful, though we acknowledge that this conclusion depends on the land use change scenario employed. In a companion paper (Squire et al., 2014) we will examine the sensitivity of these conclusions to the choice of isoprene chemical mechanism used.

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