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

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### Abstract

Over the 21st century, changes in CO<sub>2</sub> 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, 5 which above a certain level are harmful to animals and vegetation. In this study we use a biogenic emissions model following the empirical parameterisation of the MEGAN model, with vegetation distributions calculated by the Sheffield Dynamic Global Vegetation Model (SDGVM) to calculate potential future (2095) changes in isoprene emissions caused by changes in climate, land use, and the inhibition of isoprene emissions 10 by CO<sub>2</sub>. From the present day (2000) value of 467 Tg Cyr<sup>-1</sup>, we find that the combined impact of these factors causes a net decrease in isoprene emissions of 259 Tg Cyr<sup>-1</sup> (55%) with individual contributions of  $+78 \text{ TgCyr}^{-1}$  (climate change),  $-190 \text{ TgCyr}^{-1}$ (land use) and  $-147 \text{ Tg C yr}^{-1}$  (CO<sub>2</sub> inhibition). Using these isoprene emissions and changes in anthropogenic emissions, a series of integrations is conducted with the 15

- 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 north-
- <sup>20</sup> ern hemispheric regions due to reduced NO<sub>x</sub> transport by PAN and reductions in NO<sub>x</sub> emissions in these areas respectively. Increases of 4–6 ppb are calculated in the continental Tropics due to cropland expansion in these regions, increased CO<sub>2</sub> 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 mgm<sup>-2</sup> h<sup>-1</sup>

- (Rinne et al., 2002; Misztal et al., 2011), whilst crops such as maize and sugarcane are thought to emit much less isoprene (~ 0.09 mgm<sup>-2</sup>h<sup>-1</sup>, Guenther et al., 2006). On the other hand, much greater isoprene fluxes of up to 13.0 mgm<sup>-2</sup>h<sup>-1</sup> have been measured from fast growing plants such as oil palm (Misztal et al., 2011). Isoprene is a very reactive VOC that is readily oxidised in the atmosphere, and in the presence
- <sup>15</sup> of oxides of nitrogen (NO<sub>x</sub> = NO + NO<sub>2</sub>), it can lead to the formation of ozone (O<sub>3</sub>) (e.g. Chameides et al., 1988). However the chemical relationship between VOCs, NO<sub>x</sub> and O<sub>3</sub> is non-linear; the response of O<sub>3</sub> 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<sub>3</sub> is recognised to be damaging
- to both humans and plants (WHO, 2000), and has been shown to lead to substantial losses in global crop yield (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<sub>2</sub> (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
- <sup>10</sup> case, especially on the regional scale where some land use scenarios show increased isoprene emissions. Examples are the replacement of broad-leaved rainforest with oil palm (Hewitt et al., 2009; Ashworth et al., 2012; Warwick et al., 2013) or agricultural cropland with *Arundo donax* for biofuel production (Porter et al., 2012). In this current study we do not include such land use changes.
- <sup>15</sup> 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 componented for by increases in  $CO_2$  inhibition (Head
- increases would be more than compensated for by increases in CO<sub>2</sub> 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.
- <sup>25</sup> Due to the non-linearity of VOC-NO<sub>x</sub>-O<sub>3</sub> chemistry, the O<sub>3</sub> response to these isoprene emission changes depends on whether the environment is NO<sub>x</sub>-limited or VOClimited (Wiedinmyer et al., 2006; Zeng et al., 2008; Young et al., 2009; Wu et al., 2012; Pacifico et al., 2012). When sufficient NO<sub>x</sub> is available, isoprene reacts with OH and molecular oxygen to produce hydroxyperoxy radicals which convert NO to NO<sub>2</sub> leading



to O<sub>3</sub> formation. In low NO<sub>x</sub>, VOC-rich environments, the rate of this NO<sub>x</sub>-dependent pathway decreases, and it becomes more favourable for isoprene to be oxidised directly by O<sub>3</sub>, leading to O<sub>3</sub> removal. O<sub>3</sub> production is further limited by the removal of NO<sub>x</sub> as isoprene hydroxyperoxy radicals react with NO to form isoprene nitrates. The degree to which NO<sub>x</sub> is regenerated from isoprene nitrate degradation remains uncertain (Fiore et al., 2012), and has a significant effect on the O<sub>3</sub> response to isoprene emission changes (von Kuhlmann et al., 2004; Wu et al., 2007; Horowitz et al., 2007).

The first aim of this current study is to investigate how contributions from the main factors that affect tropospheric  $O_3$  will change over the 21st century. This is achieved

- <sup>10</sup> by use of a global chemistry-climate model (the UK MetOffice Unified Model coupled to the UK Chemistry and Aerosol model (UM-UKCA)) as detailed in Sect. 2. One of the factors investigated is changes in isoprene emissions, and in this section we also outline the method used for calculating these isoprene emission changes. In Sect. 3 the generated isoprene emissions are analysed to show how they will change over the
- <sup>15</sup> 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<sub>3</sub>. This is addressed in Sect. 5 by calculating the effect of cropland expansion on the "Accumulated exposure (to O<sub>3</sub>) 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<sub>3</sub> exposure to vegetation. The effects of changes in O<sub>3</sub> 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., 2013) 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<sub>x</sub>) conditions. Proposals have been put forward for missing mechanistic pathways (e.g. Paulot et al., 2009; Peeters et al., 2009) which 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

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In order to establish how contributions from the main factors that affect tropospheric O<sub>3</sub> will 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.

### 20 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), which 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 (Lath-

- ière 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<sub>2</sub> 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).

### 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 which gave the altered isoprene emissions. The

- <sup>20</sup> 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, needleleaved trees,  $C_3$  grasses,  $C_4$  grasses, shrubs, bare soil, urban, ice and inland water.
- These LSTs don't 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<sub>3</sub> 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 needleleaved trees respectively in UM-UKCA. The remaining LSTs, which do not appear in the SDGVM, were adapted from their present day UM-UKCA values to account for cropland expansion as detailed below. Figure 1 shows the difference in the gridcell fraction of UM-UKCA LSTs between 2000 and 2095 for the land use change scenario. The IMAGE model calculated an increase in croplands by 2095 which corresponds to an increase in the fraction of C<sub>3</sub> 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 m<sup>-2</sup> h<sup>-1</sup> 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 C<sub>4</sub> grasses also decreased (lumped into "Other" – Fig. 1d), as did those LSTs not included in the SDGVM. For these LSTs (Fig. 1c–d), in a gridcell where crops increased by 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 × 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  $O_3$  and  $NO_y$  are overwritten above 30 hPa from zonal mean values from the Cambridge 2-D model (Law and

- <sup>5</sup> 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
   <sup>10</sup> 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).

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In the BASE integration, mixing ratios of GHGs were 370 ppm ( $CO_2$ ) and 1765 ppb ( $CH_4$ ). 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 ( $CO_2$ ) and 2975 ppb ( $CH_4$ ) 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<sub>x</sub>, carbon monoxide, formalde-<sup>20</sup> hyde, ethane, propane, acetone and acetaldehyde were taken from the Edgar3.2 dataset (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.

### 3 Future isoprene emissions

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

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

Figure 2c shows the difference in isoprene emissions caused by climate change. Globally we find that climate change (which includes both changes in temperature and  $CO_2$  fertilisation) increases isoprene emissions by 78 Tg yr<sup>-1</sup> (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. This trend is corroborated by a number of studies (Sanderson et al., 2003; Lathière et al., 2005; Arneth et al., 2007; Heald et al., 2009; Young et al., 2009). Although isoprene emissions increase overall, in some regions (e.g. the Amazon) decreases are calculated. This is caused by a die-back of isoprene emitting vegetation and is associated with a decrease
- in soil moisture. Such effects have been calculated in previous studies (Cox et al., 2000; Sanderson et al., 2003; 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 Tg C yr<sup>-1</sup> (365 %)). Spatially, our changes in isoprene emissions due to climate change are similar to those calculated by Young et al. (2009).

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 broadleaved 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<sub>3</sub> 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). The global decrease in isoprene emissions caused by land use (-190 TgCyr<sup>-1</sup>) is slightly greater than that of Wu et al. (2012) (-67 TgCyr<sup>-1</sup>) where the A1B scenario was used.

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<sup>-1</sup>, 48%) than for land use change (-190 Tgyr<sup>-1</sup>). 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  $(-259 \text{ TgC yr}^{-1})$ . Land use change  $(-190 \text{ TgC yr}^{-1})$  and  $CO_2$  inhibition  $(-147 \text{ TgC yr}^{-1})$  both contribute significantly to the net change in isoprene emissions. These contributions outweigh those of increased temperatures and  $CO_2$  fertilisation  $(+78 \text{ TgC yr}^{-1})$ . 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. 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.

### 4 Attribution of changes in future ozone

In this section the results of the UM-UKCA integrations are analysed in order to attribute thanges 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<sub>3</sub>. To have confidence in any calculated changes, it is important that tropical O<sub>3</sub> compares favourably with measurements, and this is examined in Fig. 3. Figure 3 shows vertical profiles of O<sub>3</sub> at selected sites, and calculated by UM-UKCA. Additionally, Fig. 4 shows calculated present day
 near surface O<sub>3</sub> and the locations of the measurement sites used in Fig. 3. The mea-



surements 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).

$${}_{5} \text{ MBE} = \left(\frac{\overline{\text{MOD}} - \overline{\text{MES}}}{\overline{\text{MES}}}\right) \times 100$$

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 Lumpar), 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 Lumpar). In some locations there tends to be a divergence in the O<sub>3</sub> trend at altitudes above ~ 500 hPa, however this is not generally the case at lower altitudes which are more pertinent to this study.

The near surface O<sub>3</sub> modelled by UM-UKCA in Fig. 4 generally shows higher O<sub>3</sub> 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<sub>3</sub> 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

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Fig. 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



(1)

the stratosphere ("influx") and sink to the surface by dry deposition. Here we define  $O_x$  as the sum of  $O_3$ , atomic oxygen and reactive nitrogen species (NO<sub>v</sub>).

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

- <sup>5</sup> As both  $O_3$  production and destruction have a positive temperature dependence, the general effect is to increase  $O_3$  in regions where  $O_3$  production dominates (continental regions near a NO<sub>x</sub> source), and decrease  $O_3$  where there is net  $O_3$  destruction (the remote ocean and low-NO<sub>x</sub> high-VOC environments such as the rainforest). This is reflected in both the higher production (+393 Tgyr<sup>-1</sup>) and loss (+546 Tgyr<sup>-1</sup>) terms <sup>10</sup> in the  $O_x$  budget for climate change (Table 2). The effect of higher temperatures on
- $O_x$  loss is greater than on  $O_x$  production, leading to an overall decrease in the net chemical tendency. The response of the atmospheric system is to increase the  $O_3$  burden by 7 Tg, mainly due to increased influx from the stratosphere.
- Warming is significantly higher than 1–3 °C over some regions, notably Brazil and high northern latitudes (6–8 °C). The particularly strong warming over Brazil causes a reduction in water vapour, following a drying of the surface. This diminishes the potential for  $O_3$  loss through the  $O^1D+H_2O$  reaction, further leading to  $O_3$  increases. Over the oceans the opposite effect occurs, with higher temperatures leading to increased atmospheric water vapour and increased  $O_3$  loss through  $O^1D + H_2O$ .
- <sup>20</sup> Another factor influencing O<sub>3</sub> over the oceans is the change in long range transport of peroxyacetyl nitrate (PAN). PAN is produced over land where NO<sub>x</sub> 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<sub>x</sub> (leading possibly to O<sub>3</sub> production) over the remote oceans.
- PAN decomposition is very strongly temperature dependent; in a warmer climate PAN transport to the remote ocean is reduced. The largest reductions in PAN are calculated over South America (Fig. 6b) where PAN production is high in the BASE run, and the increase in temperature under climate change is the largest. This contributes to decreases in O<sub>3</sub> of up to 8 ppb 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 O<sub>3</sub> is shown in Fig. 5b. The tropical lower troposphere is NO<sub>x</sub>limited and VOC-rich. Accordingly, where isoprene emissions increase in the Tropics, decreases in O<sub>3</sub> are calculated. This is due to increased ozonolysis of isoprene by O<sub>3</sub> and greater sequestration of NO<sub>x</sub> as isoprene nitrates. Where isoprene decreases in the Tropics the opposite effects occur, and O<sub>3</sub> increases. In contrast, the increases in isoprene emissions in the VOC-limited eastern USA cause O<sub>3</sub> to increase by 2–4 ppb. Similar regionally heterogeneous O<sub>3</sub> responses to isoprene emissions were calculated in 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<sub>3</sub> wherever isoprene increased regardless of whether the environment was NO<sub>x</sub> or

- <sup>15</sup> 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. 2013). Over
- <sup>20</sup> changes in the isoprene mechanism in a companion paper (Squire et al., 2013). Overall the addition of  $78 \text{ Tg} \text{ Cyr}^{-1}$  of isoprene into UM-UKCA causes both production and destruction rates of O<sub>3</sub> to increase (Table 2). The net chemical tendency is a decrease of  $8 \text{ Tg} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ , which is to be expected as the largest increases in isoprene emissions are in the Tropics where isoprene acts as an O<sub>3</sub> 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<sub>3</sub> are decreases centred around those developed northern hemispheric regions, with the highest O<sub>3</sub> reductions occurring across eastern USA (~ 12 ppb (~ 22 %)). Decreases in NO<sub>x</sub> across Europe and USA are large and many gridcells go from being VOC-limited to NO<sub>x</sub>-limited (we define VOC-limited and NO<sub>x</sub>-<sup>5</sup> 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<sub>2</sub>, Q = the sum of all radical sinks, Kleinman et al., 1997; Wiedinmyer et al., 2006). Once into the NO<sub>x</sub>limited regime, further decreases in NO<sub>x</sub> lead to decreases in O<sub>3</sub>, as seen in Fig. 5c. The large reductions in NO<sub>x</sub> lead to a lowering of the net chemical tendency of O<sub>3</sub> by <sup>10</sup> 81 Tgyr<sup>-1</sup> (14 %) but a smaller reduction in the O<sub>3</sub> 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<sub>x</sub>-limited VOC-rich Tropics this leads to an increase in O<sub>3</sub> (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 de-

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<sub>3</sub> over the remote tropical oceans by up to 6 ppb. Whilst the global reduction in isoprene emissions (-190 Tg Cyr<sup>-1</sup>) leads to less O<sub>x</sub> production, loss, and ultimately tropospheric O<sub>3</sub> (O<sub>3</sub> burden is reduced by 19 Tg), overall the O<sub>x</sub>
 net chemical tendency increases by 10 Tg yr<sup>-1</sup>. This is a result of reducing isoprene in

the NO<sub>x</sub>-limited Tropics where it acts as a direct sink for O<sub>3</sub>. Altering land use affects the deposition velocity of O<sub>3</sub> (Fig. 7). In UM-UKCA O<sub>3</sub> is deposited to broad-leaved trees with a higher velocity  $(0.525 \text{ cm s}^{-1})$  than to crops  $(0.450 \text{ cm s}^{-1})$ . Hence, in those regions where broad-leaved trees are replaced by crops (e.g. the Tropics) the deposition velocity decreases. Reduction of this O<sub>3</sub> sink further increases atmospheric O<sub>3</sub> 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<sup>-1</sup>) 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  $(0.27 \text{ cm s}^{-1})$  is larger than that between crops and broad-leaved trees  $(0.075 \text{ cm s}^{-1})$ .

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

Including future changes in the CO<sub>2</sub> inhibition of isoprene emissions causes O<sub>3</sub> 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<sub>3</sub> increases (3–5 ppb) are calculated in the Tropics where the NO<sub>x</sub>: VOC ratio is lowest ( $L_N/Q \approx 0.1$ ). In southeast Asia and southeast USA (the other high isoprene emitting regions) the NO<sub>x</sub>: VOC ratio is higher ( $L_N/Q \approx 0.3$ ). Whilst this ratio still categorises these regions as NO<sub>x</sub>-limited, the higher ratio signifies that O<sub>3</sub> production will be less sensitive to decreases in isoprene emissions. So, increases in O<sub>3</sub> are much smaller (less than 1 ppb). In these regions Young et al. (2009) calculated decreases in O<sub>3</sub> of up to 10 ppb due to CO<sub>2</sub> inhibition. In their study NO<sub>x</sub> emissions were higher in the

<sup>20</sup> up to 10 ppb due to  $CO_2$  inhibition. In their study  $NO_x$  emissions were higher in the Northern Hemisphere in line with the A2 scenario, so these regions were VOC-limited. We use the lower anthropogenic emissions of the B2 + CLE scenario, resulting instead in  $NO_x$ -limited conditions in the northern hemispheric isoprene emitting regions. The effect of  $CO_2$  inhibition on the  $O_x$  net chemical tendency is similar to that of land use change (+14 and +10 Tg yr<sup>-1</sup> respectively), with the largest changes in isoprene emissions occurring in similar areas.

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





use and CO<sub>2</sub> 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<sub>2</sub> inhibition is not compensated for by the 5 increases caused by changes in climate and isoprene emissions with climate (change in net production =  $-263 \text{ Tgyr}^{-1}$ , Table 2), but this is practically the case for O<sub>x</sub> loss  $(-33 \text{ Tgyr}^{-1})$ . Accordingly, net chemical production is down by  $230 \text{ Tgyr}^{-1}$  compared to the BASE case. Overall, compared to the BASE integration the O<sub>3</sub> burden decreases by 27 Tg to 352 Tg.

### Changes in ozone-induced vegetation damage 5

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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<sub>3</sub> in some locations, most notably in the Tropics (Fig. 5d). The tropical regions (the Amazon, central Africa and the Maritime Continent) 15 were also the areas with the largest increases in cropland. In this section we investigate whether the increases in O<sub>3</sub> caused by cropland expansion are sufficient to lead to an increase in O<sub>3</sub> 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. 20

We examine all regions where cropland expansion is large: the three tropical regions of the Amazon, central Africa and the Maritime Continent where O<sub>3</sub> 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 25 growing season (when stomatal uptake of O<sub>3</sub> 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.

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In Fig. 8, the coloured areas which contain no symbol are above the threshold both with and without cropland expansion. Blue areas are where exposure to harmful levels

- <sup>10</sup> of O<sub>3</sub> has become less severe but is still over the threshold, and red areas are where it has become worse. Around coastal southeast USA there are increases in the AOT40 above 3 ppm h of up to 3 ppm h, however globally there are more gridcells where a decrease is calculated (e.g. coastal regions of China). In all domains, Fig. 8 is dominated by large areas where the AOT40 is below the threshold both in the cases with and
- <sup>15</sup> without cropland expansion (white). From this it is clear that in most areas cropland expansion does not increase crop exposure to harmful levels of  $O_3$  in the integrations. In fact it is only in those gridcells that are marked by gold triangles (signifying where the AOT40 crosses from below to above the threshold) where this is the case. This only occurs in a very small number of gridcells in southeast USA and across the Maritime
- <sup>20</sup> Continent. If anything, cropland expansion has a small positive impact on air quality, as there are more gridcells marked with a green circle which signifies that cropland expansion has caused the AOT40 to drop below the threshold. These areas are however generally coastal or over the open ocean and so away from areas of crops.

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





however that this conclusion is dependent on the land use change scenario employed. The degree of  $O_3$  damage could be different if, for example, broad-leaved rainforest was replaced instead with higher isoprene emitting species such as oil palm.

### 6 Conclusions

- <sup>5</sup> 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 CO<sub>2</sub> levels), land use and CO<sub>2</sub> inhibition to changes in isoprene emissions over the 21st century. When all future conditions are taken together isoprene emissions decrease globally by 259 TgCyr<sup>-1</sup> (55%). In this case the net decrease was due to the larger reductions in emissions caused by anthropogenic land use change (-190 TgCyr<sup>-1</sup>) and CO<sub>2</sub> inhibition change (+78 TgCyr<sup>-1</sup>). We note that the climate
   <sup>15</sup> change impact is particularly sensitive to changes in tropical soil moisture (the "die-back" effect) and that this differencient backward back backward backward
- back" effect) and that this differs significantly between models (e.g. Heald et al., 2009 vs. Sanderson et al., 2003). Resolving this uncertainty is a critical issue for chemistryclimate 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 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). 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 trop-



ical 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 which are driven by decreases in future anthropogenic  $NO_x$  emissions in these regions in the 2 + CLE scenario. Increases in  $O_3$  of 4–8 ppb 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  $O_3$ .

<sup>10</sup> 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., 2013) we will examine the sensitivity of these conclusions to the choice

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

UM-UKCA integration	Climate	Isoprene emissions with climate	Anthrop- ogenic emissions	Land use	CO <sub>2</sub> inhibition
BASE	PD	PD	PD	PD PD	
Run1	Fut	PD	PD PD		PD
Run2	Fut	Fut	PD	PD	PD
Run3	Fut	Fut	Fut	PD Fut	PD PD
Run4	Fut	Fut	Fut		
Run5	Fut	Fut	Fut	PD	Fut
Run6	Fut	Fut	Fut	Fut	Fut
Δ Climate	Δ Isoprene emissions with climate	Δ Anthrop- ogenic emissions	$\Delta$ Land use $\Delta$ CO <sub>2</sub> inhibition		Δ All factors
Run1 – BASE	Run2 – Run1	Run3 – Run2	Run4 – Run3	Run5 – Run3	Run6 – Run1



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

Тg	gyr <sup>−1</sup>	Prod	Loss	Net Chem	Influx	Dry Dep	Burden (Tg)
BA	ASE	6188	5602	586	673	1259	379
Δ Δ (w	Climate Isoprene Ems ith Δ climate)	+393 +56	+546 +64	-153 -8	+144 +15	-8 +6	+7 +3
Δ Δ Δ	Anthrop Ems Land Use CO <sub>2</sub> Inhibition All factors	-199 -286 -270 -263	-118 -296 -284 -33	-81 +10 +14 -230	+33 -45 -46 +116	-48 -35 -32 -115	-4 -19 -16 -27







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







**Fig. 2.** Isoprene emissions (mgCm<sup>-2</sup>hr<sup>-1</sup>) 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).









## **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.



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



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**Fig. 5.** Changes in five year mean near surface (< 720 m)  $O_3$  (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).







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



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

