

Interactive comment on “Extrapolating future Arctic ozone losses” by B. M. Knudsen et al.

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I was interesting to follow the intensive discussion about the Knudsen et al. paper. Whereas the delivered review was generally positive, the comments made by Gianni Pitari and John Austin were very critical. Personally, I agree with some of their comments, but on the other hand I also understand the authors responses. It is a pity that the second referee did not send the review.

Due to the fact that Knudsen and colleagues have significantly revised the manuscript and have considered several points of the critical discussion about the "danger" of employing an extrapolation to estimate the future development of the ozone layer, I think that it is reasonable to publish the manuscript in ACP, although the opinions about the applicability of the presented method is debatable. "In doubt for the defendant!"

I hope that the controversial discussion will be continued elsewhere and that we all will benefit from it, i.e. to get more reliable estimates of possible future changes of the

stratospheric ozone layer.

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