Importance of Dry Deposition Parameterization Choice in Global Simulations of Surface Ozone

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Abstract. Dry deposition is a major sink of tropospheric ozone. Increasing evidence has shown that ozone dry deposition actively links meteorology and hydrology with ozone air quality. However, there is little systematic investigation on the performance of different ozone dry deposition parameterizations at the global scale, and how parameterization choice can impact surface ozone simulations. Here we present the results of the first global, multi-decade modelling and evaluation of ozone dry deposition velocity (v_d) using multiple ozone dry deposition parameterizations. We use consistent assimilated meteorology and satellite-derived leaf area index (LAI) to drive four ozone dry deposition parameterizations that are representative of the current approaches of global ozone dry deposition modelling over 1982-2011, such that the differences in simulated v_d are entirely due to differences in deposition model structures. In addition, we use the surface ozone sensitivity to v_d predicted by a chemical transport model to estimate the impact of mean and variability of ozone dry deposition velocity on surface ozone. Our estimated v_d from four different parameterizations are evaluated against field observations, and while performance varies considerably by land cover types, our results suggest that none of the parameterizations are universally better than the others. Discrepancy in simulated mean v_d among the parameterizations is estimated to cause 2 to 5 ppbv of discrepancy in surface ozone in the Northern Hemisphere (NH) and up to 8 ppbv in tropical rainforest in July, and up to 8 ppbv in tropical rainforests and seasonally dry tropical forests in Indochina in December. Parameterization-specific biases based on individual land cover type and hydroclimate are found to be the two main drivers of such discrepancies. We find statistically significant trends in the multiannual time series of simulated July daytime v_d in all parameterizations, driven by warming and drying (southern Amazonia, southern African savannah and Mongolia) or greening (high latitudes). The trend in July daytime v_d is estimated to be 1 % yr^{-1} and leads to up to 3 ppbv of surface ozone changes over 1982-2011. The interannual coefficient of variation (CV) of July daytime mean v_d in NH is found to be 5%-15%, with spatial distribution that varies with the dry deposition parameterization. Our sensitivity simulations suggest this can contribute between 0.5 to 2 ppbv to interannual variability (IAV) in surface ozone, but all models tend to underestimate interannual CV when compared to long-term ozone flux observations. We also find that IAV in some dry deposition parameterizations are more sensitive to LAI while others are more sensitive to climate. Comparisons with other published estimates of the IAV of background ozone confirm that ozone

dry deposition can be an important part of natural surface ozone variability. Our results demonstrate the importance of ozone dry deposition parameterization choice on surface ozone modelling, and the impact of IAV of v_d on surface ozone, thus making a strong case for further measurement, evaluation and model-data integration of ozone dry deposition on different spatiotemporal scales.

1 Introduction

Surface ozone (O_3) is one of the major air pollutants that poses serious threats to human health (Jerrett et al., 2009) and plant productivity (Ainsworth et al., 2012; Reich, 1987; Wittig et al., 2007). Ozone exerts additional pressure on global food security and public health by damaging agricultural ecosystems and reducing crop yields (Avnery et al., 2011; McGrath et al., 2015; Tai et al., 2014). Dry deposition, by which atmospheric constituents are removed from the atmosphere and transferred to the Earth's surface through turbulent transport or gravitational settling, is the second-largest and terminal sink of tropospheric O_3 (Wild, 2007). Terrestrial ecosystems are particularly efficient at removing O_3 via dry deposition through stomatal uptake and other non-stomatal pathways (Wesely and Hicks, 2000) (e.g., cuticle, soil, reaction with biogenic volatile organic compounds (BVOCs) (Fares et al., 2010; Wolfe et al., 2011). Meanwhile, stomatal uptake of O_3 inflicts damage on plants by initiating reactions that impair their photosynthetic and stomatal regulatory capacity (Hoshika et al., 2014; Lombardozzi et al., 2012; Reich, 1987). Widespread plant damage has the potential to alter the global water cycle (Lombardozzi et al., 2015) and suppress the land carbon sink (Sitch et al., 2007), as well as to generate a cascade of feedbacks that affect atmospheric composition including ozone itself (Sadiq et al., 2017; Zhou et al., 2018). Ozone dry deposition is therefore key in understanding how meteorology (Kavassalis and Murphy, 2017), climate, and land cover change (Fu and Tai, 2015; Ganzeveld et al., 2010; Geddes et al., 2016; Heald and Geddes, 2016; Sadiq et al., 2017; Sanderson et al., 2007; Young et al., 2013) can affect air quality and atmospheric chemistry at large.

Analogous to other surface-atmosphere exchange processes (e.g., sensible and latent heat flux), O_3 dry deposition flux (F_{O3}) is often expressed as the product of ambient O_3 concentrations at the surface ($[O_3]$) and a transfer coefficient (dry deposition velocity, v_d) that describes the efficiency of transport (and removal) to the surface from the measurement height:

$$F_{O_3}=-[O_3]v_d \quad (1)$$

Also analogous to other surface fluxes, F_{O3}, $[O_3]$, and hence v_d can be directly measured by the eddy covariance (EC) method (e.g. Fares et al., 2014; Gerosa et al., 2005; Lamaud et al., 2002; Munger et al., 1996; Rannik et al., 2012) with random uncertainty of about 20% (Keronen et al., 2003; Muller et al., 2010). Apart from EC, F_{O3} and v_d can also be estimated from the vertical profile of O_3 by exploiting flux-gradient relationship (Foken, 2006) (termed the gradient method, GM) (e.g. Gerosa et al., 2017; Wu et al., 2016, 2015). A recent study (Silva and Heald, 2018) complied 75 sets of ozone deposition measurement from the EC and GM across different seasons and land cover types over the past 30 years.

At the site level, ozone dry deposition over various terrestrial ecosystems can be simulated comprehensively by 1-D chemical transport models (Ashworth et al., 2015; Wolfe et al., 2011; Zhou et al., 2017), which are able to simulate the effects of vertical gradients inside the canopy environment, and gas-phase reaction with BVOCs in addition to surface sinks. Regional and global models, which lack the fine-scale information (e.g. vertical structure of canopy, in-canopy BVOCs emissions) and horizontal resolution for resolving the plant canopy in such detail, instead represent plant canopy foliage as 1 to 2 big leaves, and v_d is parameterized as a network of resistances, which account for the effects of turbulent mixing via aerodynamic (R_a), molecular diffusion via quasi-laminar sublayer resistances (R_b), and surface sinks via surface resistance (R_c):

$$v_d = \frac{1}{R_a + R_b + R_c} \quad (2)$$

A diverse set of parameterizations of ozone dry deposition are available and used in different models and monitoring networks. Examples include the Wesely parameterization (1989) and modified versions of it (e.g. Wang et al., 1998), the Zhang et al. parameterization (Zhang et al., 2003), the Deposition of O_3 for Stomatal Exchange model (Emberson et al., 2000; Simpson et al., 2012), and the Clean Air Status and Trends Network (CASTNET) deposition estimates (Meyers et al., 1998). The calculation of R_a (mostly based on Monin-Obukhov similarity theory) and R_b across these parameterizations often follow a standard formulation from micrometeorology (Foken, 2006; Wesely and Hicks, 1977, 2000; Wu et al., 2011) and thus does not vary significantly. The main difference between the ozone dry deposition parameterizations lies on the surface resistance R_c. This resistance includes stomatal resistance (R_s), which can be computed by a Jarvis-type multiplicative algorithm (Jarvis, 1976) where R_s is the product of its minimum value and a series of response functions to individual environmental conditions. Such conditions typically include air temperature (T), photosynthetically available radiation (PAR), vapour pressure deficit (VPD) and soil moisture (θ), with varying complexity and functional forms.

Such formalism is empirical in nature and does not adequately represent the underlying ecophysiological processes affect R_s (e.g. temperature acclimation). An advance of these efforts includes harmonizing R_s with that computed by land surface models (Ran et al., 2017a; Val Martin et al., 2014), which calculate R_s by coupled photosynthesis-stomatal conductance (A_n-g_s) models (Ball et al., 1987; Collatz et al., 1992, 1991). Such coupling should theoretically give a more realistic account of ecophysiological controls on R_s. Indeed, it has been shown that the above approach may better simulate v_d than the multiplicative algorithms that only considers the effects T and PAR (Val Martin et al., 2014; Wu et al., 2011). The non-stomatal part of R_c often consists of cuticular (R_{cut}), ground (R_g) and other miscellaneous types of resistances (e.g., lower canopy resistance (R_{lc}) in Wesely (1989)). Due to very limited measurements and mechanistic understanding towards non-stomatal deposition, non-stomatal resistances are often constants (e.g., R_g) or simply scaled with leaf area index (LAI) (e.g., R_{cut}) (Simpson et al., 2012; Wang et al., 1998; Wesely, 1989), while some of the parameterizations (Zhang et al., 2003; Zhou et al., 2017) incorporate the observation of enhanced cuticular O_3 uptake under leaf surface wetness (Altimir et al., 2006; Potier et al., 2015, 2017; Sun et al., 2016). Furthermore, terrestrial atmosphere-biosphere exchange is also directly affected by CO_2, as

CO_2 can drive increases in LAI (Zhu et al., 2016) while inhibiting g_s (Ainsworth and Rogers, 2007). These can have important implications on v_d, as shown by Sanderson et al. (2007), where doubling current CO_2 level reduces g_s by 0.5 – 2.0 mm s^{-1}, and by Wu et al. (2012) where v_d increases substantially due to CO_2 fertilization at 2100. Observations from the Free Air CO_2 Enrichment (FACE) experiments also CO_2 fertilization and inhibition of g_s effects, but the impacts are variable and species specific such that extrapolation of these effects to global forest cover is cautioned (Norby and Zak, 2011).

Various efforts have been made to evaluate and assess the uncertainty in modelling ozone dry deposition using field measurements. Hardacre et al. (2015) evaluate the performance of simulated monthly mean v_d and F_{O3} by 15 chemical transport models (CTM) from the Task Force on Hemispheric Transport of Air Pollutant (TF HTAP) against seven long-term site measurements, 15 short-term site measurements, and modelled v_d from 96 CASTNET sites. This work suggests that the difference in land cover classification is the main source of discrepancy between models. In this case, most of the models in TF HTAP use the same class of dry deposition parameterization (Wang et al., 1998; Wesely, 1989), so a global evaluation of *different* deposition parameterizations was not possible. Also, the focus in this intercomparison study was on seasonal, but not other (e.g. diurnal, daily, interannual) timescales. Using an extended set of measurements, Silva and Heald (2018) evaluate the v_d output from the Wang et al. (1998) parameterization used by the GEOS-Chem chemical transport model. They show that diurnal and seasonal cycles are generally well-captured, while the daily variability is not well-simulated. They find that differences in land type and LAI, rather than meteorology, are the main reason behind model-observation discrepancy at the seasonal scale, and eliminating this model bias results in up to 15% change in surface O_3. This study is also limited to a single parameterization. Using parameterizations that are explicitly sensitive to other environmental variables (e.g. Simpson et al., 2012; Zhang et al., 2003) could conceivably lead to different conclusions.

Other efforts have been made to compare the performance of different parameterizations. Centoni (2017) find that two different dry deposition parameterizations, Wesely (1989) versus Zhang et al. (2003), implemented in the same chemistry-aerosol model (United Kingdom Chemistry Aerosol model, UKMA), result in up to a 20% difference in simulated surface O_3 concentration. This study demonstrates that uncertainty in v_d can have large potential effect on surface O_3 simulation. Wu et al. (2018) compare v_d simulated by five North-American dry deposition parametrizations to a long-term observational record at a single mixed forest in southern Canada, and find a large spread between the simulated v_d, with no single parameterization uniformly outperforming others. They further acknowledge that as each parameterization is developed with its own set of limited observations, it is natural that their performance can vary considerably under different environments, and advocate for an "ensemble" approach to dry deposition modelling. This highlights the importance of parameterization choice as a key source of uncertainty in modelling ozone dry deposition. Meanwhile, in another evaluation at a single site, Clifton et al. (2017) show that the GEOS-Chem parameterization largely underestimates the interannual variability (IAV) of v_d in Harvard Forest based on the measurement from 1990 to 2000, although they do not show how the IAV of v_d may contribute to the IAV of O_3.

These developments have made a substantial contribution to our understanding of the importance of O_3 dry deposition in atmospheric chemistry models. Still, pertinent questions remain about the impact of dry deposition model on simulations of the global distribution of ozone and its long-term variability. Here, we build on previous works by posing and answering the following questions:

1) How does the global distribution of mean v_d vary with different dry deposition parameterizations, and what drives the discrepancies among them? How much might the choice of deposition parameterization affect spatial distribution of surface ozone concentration simulated by a chemical transport model?
2) How are the IAV and long-term trends of v_d different across deposition parameterizations, and what drives the discrepancies among them? Do they potentially contribute different predictions of the long-term temporal variability in surface ozone?

The answers to such question could have important consequences on our ability to predict long-term changes in atmospheric O_3 concentrations as a function of changing climate and land cover characteristics. In general, there is a high computational cost to thorough and large-scale evaluations of different dry deposition parameterizations embedded in CTMs. In this study, we explore these questions using a strategy that combines an offline dry deposition modelling framework incorporating long-term assimilated meteorological and land surface remote sensing data, in combination with a set of CTM sensitivity simulations.

2 Method

2.1 Dry deposition parameterization

Here we consider several "big-leaf" models commonly used by global chemical transport models. More complex multilayer models require the vertical profiles of leaf area density for different biomes which are generally not available for regional and global models. From the wide range of literature on dry deposition studies, we observe that R_s is commonly modelled through one of the following approaches:

1) Multiplicative algorithm that considers the effects of LAI, temperature and radiation (Wang et al., 1998).
2) Multiplicative algorithm that considers the effects of LAI, temperature, radiation and water stress (e.g. Meyers et al., 1998; Pleim and Ran, 2011; Simpson et al., 2012; Zhang et al., 2003).
3) Coupled A_n-g_s model, which exploit the strong empirical relationship between photosynthesis (A_n) and stomatal conductance (g_s) (e.g. Ball et al., 1987; Lin et al., 2015) and to simulate A_n and $g_s = 1/R_s$ simultaneous (e.g. Ran et al., 2017b; Val Martin et al., 2014).

Similarly, their functional dependence of non-stomatal surface resistances can be classified into two classes:

1) Mainly scaling with LAI, with in-canopy aerodynamics parameterized as function of friction velocity (u_*) or radiation (Meyers et al., 1998; Simpson et al., 2012; Wang et al., 1998)
2) Additional dependence of cuticular resistance on relative humidity (Pleim and Ran, 2011; Zhang et al., 2003)

With these considerations, we identify four common parameterizations that are representative of the types of approaches described above:

1) The version of Wesely (1989) with the modification from Wang et al. (1998) (hereafter referred to as W98), which is used extensively in global CTMs (Hardacre et al., 2015) and comprehensively discussed by Silva and Heald (2018). This represents Type 1 in both stomatal and non-stomatal parametrizations.
2) The Zhang et al. (2003) parameterization (hereafter referred to as Z03), which is used in many North American air quality modelling studies (e.g. Huang et al., 2016; Kharol et al., 2018) and Canadian Air and Precipitation Monitoring Network (CAPMoN) (e.g. Zhang et al., 2009). This represents Type 2 in both stomatal and non-stomatal parameterizations
3) W89 with R_s calculated from a widely-used coupled A_n-g_s model, the Ball-Berry model (hereafter referred to as W98_BB*)* (Ball et al., 1987; Collatz et al., 1992, 1991), which is similar to that proposed by Val Martin et al. (2014), and therefore the current parameterization in Community Earth System Model (CESM). This represents Type 3 in stomatal and Type 1 in non-stomatal parametrization.
4) Z03 with the Ball-Berry model (Z03_BB), which is comparable to the configuration in Centoni (2017) implemented in United Kingdom Chemistry and Aerosol (UKCA) model. This represents Type 3 in stomatal and Type 2 in non-stomatal parametrization.

Another important consideration in choosing Z03 and W98 is that they both have parameters for all major land types over the globe, making them widely applicable in global modelling. We extract the source code (Wang et al., 1998) and parameters (Baldocchi et al., 1987; Jacob et al., 1992; Jacob and Wofsy, 1990; Wesely, 1989) of W98 from GEOS-Chem CTM (http://wiki.seas.harvard.edu/geos-chem/index.php/Dry_deposition). The source code of Z03 are obtained through personal communication with Zhiyong Wu and Leiming Zhang, which follows the series of papers that described the development and formalism of the parameterization (Brook et al., 1999; Zhang et al., 2001, 2002, 2003). The Ball-Berry A_n-g_s model (Ball et al., 1987; Collatz et al., 1992, 1991; Farquhar et al., 1980) and its solver are largely based on the algorithm of CLM (Community Land Model) version 4.5 (Oleson et al., 2013), which is numerically stable (Sun et al., 2012). We use identical formulae of R_a and R_b (Paulson, 1970; Wesely and Hicks, 1977) for each individual parameterizations, allowing us to focus our analysis on differences in parameterizations of R_c alone. Table S1 gives a brief description on the formalism of each of the dry deposition parameterizations.

2.2 Dry deposition model configuration, inputs, and simulation

The above parameterizations are re-implemented in R language (R core team, 2017) in the modeling framework of the Terrestrial Ecosystem Model in R (http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/sci/essc/tgabi/tools.html), and driven by gridded surface meteorology and land surface data sets. The meteorological forcing chosen for this study is the Modern-Era Retrospective

Analysis for Research and Application-2 (MERRA-2) (Gelaro et al., 2017), an assimilated meteorological product at hourly time resolution spanning from 1980 to present day. MERRA-2 contains all the required surface meteorological fields except *VPD* and *RH*, which can be readily computed from T, specific humidity (q) and surface air pressure (P). We use the CLM land surface dataset (Lawrence and Chase, 2007), which contains information for land cover, per-grid cell coverage of each plant functional type (PFT) and PFT-specific LAI, which are required to drive the dry deposition parameterizations, and soil property, which is required to drive the A_n-g_s model in addition to PFT and PFT-specific LAI. CLM land types are mapped to the land type of W98 following Geddes et al. (2016). The mapping between CLM and Z03 land types are given in Table S2. Other relevant vegetation and soil parameters are also imported from CLM 4.5 (Oleson et al., 2013), while land cover specific roughness length (z_0) values follow Geddes et al. (2016). Leaf is set to be wet when either latent heat flux < 0 W m^{-2} or precipitation > 0.2 mm hr^{-1}. Fractional coverage of snow for Z03 is parameterized as a land-type specific function of snow depth following the original manuscript of Z03, while W98 flags grid cells with albedo > 0.4 or permanently glaciated as snow-covered.

As the IAV of LAI could be an important factor in simulating v_d, the widely-used third generation Global Inventory Modelling and Mapping Studies Leaf Area Index product (GIMMS LAI3g, abbreviated as LAI3g in this paper) (Zhu et al., 2013), which is a global time series of LAI with 15-day temporal frequency and 1/12 degree spatial resolution spanning from late 1981 to 2011, is incorporated in this study. We derive the interannual scaling factors that can be applied to scale the baseline CLM-derived LAI (Lawrence and Chase, 2007) for each month over 1982 to 2011. All the input data are aggregated into horizontal resolution of 2°×2.5° to align with the CTM sensitivity simulation described in the next sub-section. To represent sub-grid land cover heterogeneity, grid cell-level v_d is calculated as the sum of v_d over all sub-grid land types weighted by their percentage coverage in the grid cell (a.k.a tiling or mosaic approach, e.g. Li et al., 2013). This reduces the information loss when land surface data is aggregated to coarser spatial resolution, and allows us to retain PFT-specific results for each grid box in the offline dry deposition simulations.

We run three sets of 30-years (1982-2011) simulations with the deposition parameterizations to investigate how v_d simulated by different parameterizations responds to different environmental factors over multiple decades. The settings of the simulations are summarized in Table 1. The first set, [Clim], focuses on meteorological variability alone, driven by MERRA-2 meteorology and a multiyear (constant) mean annual cycle of LAI derived from LAI3g. The second set, [Clim+LAI], combines the effects of meteorology and IAV in LAI, driven by the same MERRA-2 meteorology plus the LAI time series from LAI3g. As the increase in atmospheric CO_2 level over multidecadal timescales may lead to significant reduction in g_s as plants tend to conserve water (e.g. Franks et al., 2013; Rigden and Salvucci, 2017), we introduce the third set of simulation, [Clim+LAI+CO_2], which is driven by varying meteorology and LAI, plus the annual mean atmospheric CO_2 level measured in Mauna Loa (Keeling et al., 2001) (for the first two sets of simulations, atmospheric CO_2 concentration held constant at 390 ppm). Since W98 and Z03 do not respond to changes in CO_2 level, only W98_BB and Z03_BB are run with [Clim+LAI+CO_2] to evaluate this impact. We focus on the daytime (solar elevation angle > 20°) v_d, as both v_d and surface O_3 concentration typically peak around this time. We calculate monthly means, filtering out the grid cells with monthly total daytime < 100 hours, which would be an indication of dormant biosphere.

In summary, we present for the first time a unique set of global dry deposition velocity predictions over the last 30 years driven by identical meteorology and land cover, so that discrepancies (in space and time) among the predicted v_d are a result specifically of dry deposition parameterizations alone.

2.3 Chemical transport model sensitivity experiments

We quantify the sensitivity of surface O_3 to variations in v_d using a global 3D CTM, GEOS-Chem version 11.01 (www.geos-chem.org), which includes comprehensive HO_x-NO_x-VOC-O_3-BrO_x chemical mechanisms (Mao et al., 2013) and is widely used to study tropospheric ozone (e.g. Hu et al., 2017; Travis et al., 2016; Zhang et al., 2010). The model is driven by the assimilated meteorological data from the GEOS-FP (Forward Processing) Atmospheric Data Assimilation System (GEOS-5 ADAS) (Rienecker et al., 2008), which is jointly developed by National Centers for Environmental Prediction (NCEP) of National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the Global Modelling and Assimilation Office (GMAO). The model is run with a horizontal resolution of 2°×2.5°, and 47 vertical layers. The dry deposition module, which has been discussed above (W98), is driven by the monthly mean LAI retrieved from Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer (MODIS) (Myneni et al., 2002) and the 2001 version of Olson land cover map (Olson et al., 2001). Both of the maps are remapped from their native resolutions to 0.25°×0.25°.

We propose to estimate the sensitivity of surface O_3 concentrations to uncertainty/changes in v_d by the following equation:

$$\Delta O_3 = \beta \frac{\Delta v_d}{v_d}$$

where ΔO_3 is the response of monthly mean daytime surface O_3 to fractional change in v_d ($\Delta v_d/v_d$), and β accounts for the sensitivity of surface O_3 concentration in a grid box to the perturbation in v_d within that grid box. To estimate β, we run two simulations for the year 2013, one with default setting and another where we perturb v_d by +30%. Thus, this approach could represent a conservative estimate of O_3 sensitivity to v_d if the impacts on other species result in additional effects on O_3. We use this sensitivity to identify areas where local uncertainty and variability in v_d is expected to affect local surface O_3 concentration, and we use the assumption of linearity to estimate those impacts to a first order (e.g. Wong et al. 2018). In the Supplemental Methods, we justify this first order assumption mathematically, as well as demonstrate the impact of using a second order approximation, and estimate the uncertainty using an assumption of linearity to be within 30%. However, we note this first-order assumption may not be able to capture the effects of chemical transport, changes in background ozone and non-linearity in chemistry, which can contribute to response of O_3 concentration to v_d. Our experiment could help identify regions where more rigorous modelling efforts could be targeted in future work. We limit our analysis to grid cells where the monthly average v_d is greater than 0.25 cm s^{-1} in the unperturbed GEOS-Chem simulation, since changes in surface O_3 elsewhere are expected to be attributed more to change in background O_3 rather than the local perturbation of v_d (Wong et al., 2018).

3. Evaluation of Dry Deposition Parameterizations

We first compare our offline simulations of seasonal mean daytime average v_d that result from the four parameterizations in the [Clim] and [Clim+LAI] scenarios with an observational database largely based on the evaluation presented in Silva and Heald (2018). We do not include the evaluation of v_d from [Clim+LAI+CO_2] scenario as we find that the impact of CO_2 concentration on v_d is negligible over the period of concern, as we will show in subsequent sections. We use two unbiased and symmetrical statistical metrics, normalized mean bias factor (*NMBF*) and normalized mean absolute error factor (*NMAEF*), to evaluate our parameterizations. Positive *NMBF* indicates that the parameterization overestimates the observations by a factor of 1 + *NMBF* and the absolute gross error is *NMAEF* times the mean observation, while negative *NMBF* implies that the parameterization underestimates the observations by a factor of 1 - *NMBF* and the absolute gross error is *NMAEF* times the mean model prediction (Yu et al., 2006). We use the simulated subgrid land type-specific predictions of v_d that correctly match the land type and the averaging window indicated by the observations. We exclude instances where the observed land type does not have a match within the model grid box. While this removes 1/3 of the original data sets used in Silva and Heald (2018), this means that mismatched land-cover types can be ignored as a factor in model bias.

Figure 1 shows the fractional coverage within each grid cell and the geographic locations of O_3 flux observation sites for each major land type. Nearly all the observations are clustered in Europe and North America, except three sites in the tropical rainforest and one site in tropical deciduous forest in Thailand. For most major land types, there are significant mismatches between the locations of flux measurements and the dominant land cover fraction, which may hinder the spatial representativeness of our evaluation. The resulting *NMBF* and *NMAEF* for five major land type categories are shown in Table 2, and the list of sites and their descriptions are given in Table S3. In general, the numerical ranges of both *NMBF* and *NMAEF* are similar to that of Silva and Heald (2018), and no single parameterization of the four parameterizations outperforms the others across all five major land types.

The performance metrics of each parameterization at each land type are summarized in table 2. Comparing the two multiplicative parameterizations (W98 and Z03), we find that W98 performs satisfactorily over deciduous forests and tropical rainforests, while strongly underestimating daytime v_d over coniferous forests. In contrast, Z03 performs better in coniferous forests but worse in tropical rainforests and deciduous forests. The severe underestimation of daytime v_d by Z03 over tropical rainforests has previously been attributed to persistent canopy wetness, and hence stomatal blocking imposed by the parameterization (Centoni, 2017). We also note that even for the same location, v_d can vary significantly between seasons (Rummel et al., 2007) and management practices (Fowler et al., 2011), which models may fail to capture due to limited representations of land cover. Given the small sample size (N = 5), diverse environments, and large anthropogenic intervention in the tropics, the disparity in performance metrics may not fully reflect the relative model performance. Baseline cuticular resistances in Z03 under dry and wet canopy are 1.5 and 2 times that of coniferous forests, respectively (Zhang et al., 2003), such that the enhancement of cuticular uptake by wetness may not compensate the reduced g_s over tropical rainforests, and, to a lesser extent, deciduous forests.

Over grasslands, W98 has higher positive biases, while Z03 has higher absolute errors. This is because for datasets at high latitudes, the dominant grass PFT is arctic grass, which is mapped to “tundra” land type (Geddes et al., 2016). While tundra is parameterized similarly to grasslands in W98, this is not the case in Z03. Combined with the general high biases at other sites for these parameterizations, the large low biases for “tundra” sites in Z03 lower the overall high biases but leads to higher absolute errors.

Over croplands, the positive biases and absolute errors are relatively large for both W98 and Z03 (with Z03 performing worse in general than W98). The functional and physiological diversity with the “crop” land type also contributes to the general difficulty in simulating v_d over cropland. Even though Z03 has individual parameterizations for 4 specific crop types (rice, sugar, maize and cotton), this advantage is difficult to fully leverage as most global land cover data sets do not resolve croplands into such detail. Having land cover maps that distinguish between more crop types could potentially improve the performance of Z03. The evaluation for herbaceous land types also suggests that as CLM PFT do not have exact correspondence with W98 and Z03 land types, our results over herbaceous land types are subject to the uncertainty in land type mapping (e.g. tundra vs grassland, specific vs generic crops, C3 vs C4 grass).

Substituting the native g_s in W98 and Z03 by that simulated by Ball-Berry model (the W98_BB and Z03_BB runs) generally, though not universally, leads to improvement in model performance against the observations. W98_BB has considerably smaller biases and absolute errors than W98 over grassland. While having little effect on the absolute error, W98_BB improves the biases over coniferous forest and cropland compared to W98, but worsens the biases over rainforests and deciduous forests. In contrast, Z03_BB is able to improve the model-observation agreement over all 5 land types when compared to Z03. This finding echoes that from Wu et al. (2011), who explicitly show the advantage of replacing the g_s of Wesely (1989) with the Ball-Berry model in simulating v_d over a forest site, and in addition shows the potential of Ball-Berry model in improving spatial distribution of mean v_d. The different responses to substituting native g_s with that from Ball-Berry model highlight the significant differences in parameterizing non-stomatal uptake between W98 and Z03, which further suggests that the uncertainty in non-stomatal deposition should not be overlooked.

The minimal impact that results from using LAI that matches the time of observation is not unexpected, since the meteorological and land cover information from a 2°×2.5° grid cell may not be representative of the typical footprint of a site measurement (on the order of 10^{-3} to 10^{1} km^2, e.g. Chen et al., 2009, 2012). The mismatch between model resolution and the footprint of site-level measurements has also been highlighted in previous evaluation efforts in global-scale CTMs (Hardacre et al., 2015; Silva and Heald, 2018). Furthermore, the sample sizes for all land types are small ($N \leq 16$) and the evaluation may be further compromised by inherent sampling biases.

In addition to the evaluation against field observation, we find good correlation ($R^2 = 0.94$) between the annual mean v_d from GEOS-Chem at 2013 and the 30-year mean v_d of W98 run with static LAI, providing further evidence that our implementation of W98 is reliable. Overall, our evaluation shows that the quality of our offline simulation of dry deposition across the four parameterizations in this work is largely consistent with previous global modelling evaluation efforts.

4. Impact of Dry Deposition Parameterization Choice on Long-Term Averages

Here we summarize the impact that the different dry deposition parameterizations may have on simulations of the spatial distribution of v_d and on the inferred surface O_3 concentrations. We begin by comparing the simulated long-term mean v_d across parameterizations, then use a chemical transport model sensitivity experiment to estimate the O_3 impacts.

Figure 2 shows the 30-year July daytime average v_d simulated by W98 over vegetated surfaces (defined as the grid cells with >50% plant cover), and Figure 3 shows the difference between the W98 and the W98_BB, Z03, Z03_BB predictions respectively. We first focus on results from July because of the coincidence of high surface O_3 level, biospheric activity and v_d in the Northern Hemisphere (NH), and will subsequently discuss the result for December, when such condition holds for the Southern Hemisphere (SH). W89 simulates the highest July mean daytime v_d in Amazonia (1.2 to 1.4 cm s^{-1}), followed by other major tropical rainforests, and temperate forests in northeastern US. July mean daytime v_d in other temperate regions in North America and Eurasia typically range from 0.5 to 0.8 cm s^{-1}, while in South American and African savannah, and most parts of China, daytime v_d is around 0.4 to 0.6 cm s^{-1}. In India, Australia, western US, and polar tundra Mediterranean region, July mean daytime v_d is low (0.2-0.5 cm s^{-1}).

The other three parameterizations (W98_BB, Z03, Z03_BB) simulate substantially different spatial distributions of daytime v_d. In North America, we find W98_BB, Z03 and Z03_BB produce lower v_d (by -0.1 to -0.4 cm s^{-1}) compared to W98 in deciduous forest-dominated northeastern US and slightly higher v_d in boreal forest-dominated regions of Canada. Z03 and Z03_BB produce noticeably lower v_d (by up to -0.2 cm s^{-1}) in arctic tundra and grasslands in western US. In southeastern US, W98_BB and Z03_BB simulate a slightly higher v_d (by up to +0.1 cm s^{-1}), while Z03 suggests a slightly lower v_d (by up to -0.1 cm s^{-1}). W98_BB simulates a lower (-0.1 to -0.4 cm s^{-1}) v_d in tropical rainforests, with larger reductions concentrated in southern Amazonia, where July is within the dry season, while the northern Amazonia is not (Malhi et al., 2008). Z03 and Z03_BB simulate much smaller (-0.4 to -0.6 cm s^{-1}) v_d in all tropical rainforests.

Over the midlatitudes in Eurasia, Australia and South America except Amazonia, W98_BB, Z03 and Z03_BB generally simulate a lower daytime v_d by up to 0.25 cm s^{-1}, possibly due to the dominance of grasslands and deciduous forests, where W98 tends to be more high-biased than other parameterizations when compared to the observations of v_d. In southern African savannah, W98_BB and Z03_BB suggest a much lower daytime v_d (by -0.1 to -0.4 cm s^{-1}) because of explicit consideration of soil moisture limitation to A_n and g_s (demonstrated by the spatial overlap with soil moisture stress factors shown in Fig. S2). Z03_BB simulates a particularly high daytime v_d over the high-latitude coniferous forests (+0.1 to +0.3 cm s^{-1}). W98_BB and Z03_BB produce higher daytime daytime v_d (up to +0.15 cm s^{-1}) in India and South China due to temperature acclimation (Kattge and Knorr, 2007), which allows more stomatal opening under the high temperature that would largely shut down the stomatal deposition in W98 and Z03, as long as the soil does not become too dry to support stomatal opening. This is guaranteed by the rainfall from summer monsoon in both regions. Low v_d is simulated by Z03 and Z03_BB in the grasslands near Tibetan plateau because the grasslands are mainly mapped to tundra land type, which typically has low v_d as discussed in section 3.

Our results suggest that the global distribution of simulated mean v_d depends substantially on the choice of dry deposition parameterization, driven primarily by the response to hydroclimate-related parameters such as soil moisture, VPD and leaf wetness, in addition to land type-specific parameters, which could impact the spatial distribution of surface ozone predicted by chemical transport models. To estimate the impact on surface ozone of an individual parameterization "i" compared to the W98 predictions (which we use as a baseline), we apply the following equation:

$$\Delta O_{3,i} \approx \beta \frac{\Delta \overline{v_{d,i}}}{\overline{v_{d_{W98}}}} \quad (3)$$

where $\Delta O_{3,i}$ is the estimated impact on simulated O_3 concentrations in a grid box, $\Delta\overline{v_{d,i}}$ is the difference between parameterization i and W98 simulated mean daytime v_d in that grid box, $\overline{v_{d_{W98}}}$ is W98 output mean daytime v_d for that grid box, and β is the sensitivity of surface ozone to v_d calculated by the method outlined in Section 2.3

Figure 4 shows the resulting estimates of ΔO_3 globally. We find ΔO_3 is the largest in tropical rainforests for all the parameterizations (up to 5 to 8 ppbv).Other hotspots of substantial differences are boreal coniferous forests, eastern US, continental Europe, Eurasian steppe and the grassland in southwestern China, where ΔO_3 is either relatively large or the signs disagree among parameterizations. In India, Indochina and South China, ΔO_3 is relatively small but still reaches up to up to -2 ppbv. We find that ΔO_3 is not negligible (1-4 ppbv) in many regions with relatively high population density, which suggests that the choice of dry deposition parameterization can be relevant to the uncertainty in the study of air quality and its implication on public health. We note that we have not estimated ΔO_3 for some regions with low GEOS-Chem-predicted v_d (< 0.25 cm s-

^{1}, as described in section 2.3), but where the disagreement in v_d between parameterizations can be large (e.g., southern African savannah, see Figure 3). Given this limitation, the impacts on O_3 we have summarized may therefore be spatially conservative.

To explore the impact of different prediction of v_d on surface O_3 in different seasons, , we repeat the above analyses for December. Figure 5 shows the 1982-2011 mean December daytime v_d predicted by W98, while Figure 6 shows the difference between W98 and the Z03, W98_BB, Z03_BB respectively. High latitudes in the NH are excluded due to the small number of daytime hours. Z03 and Z03_BB simulate substantially lower in daytime v_d at NH midlatitudes because Z03 and Z03_BB allow partial snow cover but W98 and W98_BB only allow total or no snow cover. At midlatitudes, the snow cover is not high enough to trigger the threshold of converting vegetated to snow covered ground in W98 and W98_BB, resulting in lower surface resistance, and hence higher daytime v_d comparing to Z03 and Z03_BB; in Amazonia, the hotspot of difference in daytime v_d shifts from the south to the north relative to July, which is in the dry season (Malhi et al., 2008). These results for December, together with our findings from July, suggest that the discrepancy in simulated daytime v_d between W98 and other parameterizations is due to the explicit response to hydroclimate in the former compared to the latter. Given that field observations indicate a large reduction of v_d in dry season in Amazonia (Rummel et al., 2007), the lack of dependence of hydroclimate can be a drawback of W98 in simulating v_d in Amazonia.

Figure 7 shows the resulting estimates of ΔO_3 globally for December using Equation 3. In all major rainforests, ΔO_3 is smaller in December due to generally lower sensitivity compared to July. A surprising hotspot of both daytime Δv_d and ΔO_3 is the rainforest/tropical deciduous forest in Myanmar and its eastern bordering region, which also has distinct wet and dry season. The proximity of December to the dry season, which starts at January (e.g. Matsuda et al., 2005), indicates that the consistent Δv_d between W98 and other parameterizations is driven by hydroclimate as in Amazonia. Comparison with field measurements (Matsuda et al., 2005) suggests that the W98_BB and Z03_BB capture daytime v_d better than W98, while Z03 may overemphasize the effect of such dryness. The above reasoning also explains some of the Δv_d in India and south China across the three parameterizations. These findings identify hydroclimate as a key driver of process uncertainty of v_d over tropics and subtropics, and therefore its impact on the spatial distribution of surface ozone concentrations, independent of land type-based biases, in these regions.

Overall, these results demonstrate that the discrepancy in the spatial distribution of simulated mean daytime v_d resulting from choice of dry deposition parameterization can have an important impact on the global distribution of surface O_3 predicted by chemical transport models. We find that the response to hydroclimate by individual parametrization not only affects the mean of predicted surface ozone, but also has different impacts in different seasons, which is complementary to the findings of Kavassalis and Murphy (2017) that mainly focus on how shorter-term hydrometeorological variability may modulate surface O_3 through dry deposition.

5. Impact of Dry Deposition Parameterization Choice on Trends and Interannual Variability

Here we explore the impact that different dry deposition parameterizations may have on predictions of IAV and trends in v_d and on the inferred surface O_3 concentrations. We use the Theil-Sen method (Sen, 1968), which is less susceptible to outliers than least-square methods, to estimate trends in July daytime v_d (and any underlying meteorological variables), and use p-value < 0.05 to estimate significance.

Figure 8 shows the trend in July mean daytime v_d from 1982-2011 predicted by each of the parameterizations and scenarios ([Clim], [Clim + LAI], and [Clim + LAI + CO_2]). Figure 9 shows the potential impact of these trends in v_d on July daytime surface ozone, which we estimate to a first order using the following equation:

$$\Delta O_{3_{30\mathrm{y},i}} \approx \beta \times m_{v_{d,i}} \times 30 \quad (4)$$

where $\Delta O_{3\ 30\mathrm{y},i}$ and $m_{vd,i}$ are the absolute change in ozone inferred to a first order as a result of the trend of v_d and the normalized Theil-Sen slope (% yr^{-1}) of v_d, for parameterization *i* over the 30-years (1982-2011).

In [Clim] simulations (where LAI is held constant), significant decreasing trends in July daytime v_d are simulated by the Z03, W98_BB and Z03_BB Mongolia, where significant increasing trend in *T* (warming) and decreasing trend in *RH* (drying) detected in the MERRA-2 surface meteorological field in July daytime. This trend is not present in the W98 parameterization as this formulation does not respond to the long-term drying. We find some decreasing trends in v_d across parts of central Europe and the Mediterranean to varying degrees across the parameterizations. In the SH, we find consistent decreasing trends across all four parameterizations in southern Amazonia and southern African savannah due to warming and drying, which we estimate could produce a concomitant increase in July mean surface ozone of between 1 to 3 ppbv (Figure 9).

In [Clim+LAI] scenario, all four parameterizations simulate a significant increasing trend of v_d over high latitudes, which is consistent with the observed greening trend over the region (Zhu et al., 2016). We estimate this could produce a concomitant decrease in July mean surface ozone of between 1 to 3 ppbv. The parameterizations generally agree in terms of the spatial distribution of these trends in O_3. Exceptions include a steeper decreasing trend in most of Siberia predicted by W98, while the trend is more confined in the eastern and western Siberia in the other three parameterizations. Including the effect of CO_2-induced stomatal closure ([Clim+LAI+CO_2] runs) partially offset the increase of v_d in high latitudes, but does not lead to large changes in both the magnitudes and spatial patterns of v_d trend. We find negligible trends in daytime v_d for December in all cases. These results show that across all dry deposition model parameterizations, LAI and climate, more than increasing CO_2, can potentially drive significant long-term changes in v_d and should not be neglected when analyzing the long-term change in air quality over 1982-2011. We note that the importance of the CO_2 effect could grow as period of study further extend to allow larger range of atmospheric CO_2 concentration (Hollaway et al., 2017; Sanderson et al., 2007).

We go on to explore the impact of parameterization choice in calculations of IAV in v_d. Figure 10 shows the coefficient of variation of linearly detrended July daytime v_d (CV_{vd}). Figure 11 shows the potential impact this has on IAV in surface ozone, which we estimate to a first order by the following equation:

$$\sigma_{O_{3,i}} \approx \beta \times CV_{v_{d,i}} \quad (5)$$

where $\sigma_{O3,i}$ is the estimated interannual standard deviation in surface ozone resulting from IAV in v_d given predicted by dry deposition parameterization *i*. In both cases, we show only the [Clim] and [Clim+LAI] runs, since IAV in CO_2 has negligible impact on interannual variability in v_d.

Using the W98 parameterization, IAV in predicted v_d and O_3 is considerably smaller in the [Clim] run than that for the [Clim + LAI] run, since both the stomatal and non-stomatal conductance in W98 are assumed to be strong functions of LAI rather than meteorological conditions. This implies that long-term simulations with W98 and constant LAI can potentially underestimate the IAV of v_d and surface ozone. In contrast, IAV in v_d calculated by the Z03 parameterization is nearly the same for the [Clim] and [Clim+LAI] runs. In Z03, g_s is also directly influenced by *VPD* in addition to temperature and radiation, and non-stomatal conductance in Z03 is much more dependent on meteorology than W98, leading to high sensitivity to climate. Though the Ball-Berry model also responds to meteorological conditions, it considers relatively complex A_n-g_s regulation and includes temperature acclimation, which could dampen its sensitivity to meteorological variability compared to the direct functional dependence on meteorology in the Z03 multiplicative algorithm. Thus, the climate sensitivity of W98_BB and Z03_BB is in between Z03 and W98, as is indicated by more moderate difference between $\sigma_{O3,i}$ from [Clim] and [Clim+LAI] runs in Figure 11.

For regional patterns of CV_{vd} and σ_{O3}, we focus on the [Clim+LAI] runs (Fig. 10e to 10h and Fig. 11e to 11h) as they allow for a comparison of all 4 parameterizations and contain all the important factors of controlling v_d. In North America, we estimate modest IAV in v_d across all 4 parameterizations (CV_{vd} < 15%) in most places. We find this results in relatively low σ_{O3} in northeastern US, and larger σ_{O3} in central and southeast US (in the range of 0.3 to 2 ppbv). These results are of a similar magnitude to the standard deviation of summer mean background ozone suggested by Fiore et al. (2014) over similar time period, sugggesting that IAV of dry deposition can be a potentially important component of the IAV of surface ozone in summer over North America.

All parameterizations produce larger CV_{vd} (and therefore larger σ_{O3}) in southern Amazonia compared to northern and central Amazonia, but we find substantial discrepancies across parameterizations. The estimated impact on IAV in O_3 (σ_{O3}) in southern Amazonia ranges from less than 1 ppbv predicted by the W98 and W98_BB parameterizations, to exceeding 1.5 - 2.5 ppbv predicted by the Z03 parameterization. IAV is also relatively large in central Africa. We find that the parameterizations which include a Ball-Berry formulation (W98_BB and Z03_BB) estimate higher IAV in this region (with σ_{O3} varying between 1 to 4 ppbv), compared to the W98 and Z03 parameterizations (σ_{O3} up to 2ppbv). We also note that the Ball-Berry formulations show more spatial heterogeneity compared to W98 and Z03. In our implementation of the Ball-Berry model, impact of soil moisture on g_s is parameterized as a function of root-zone soil matric potential, which makes g_s very sensitive to variation in soil wetness when the its climatology is near the point that triggers limitation on A_n and g_s. Given the large uncertainty in global soil property map (Dai et al., 2019), such sensitivity could be potentially artificial, which should be taken into consideration when implementing Ball-Berry parameterizations in large-scale models despite their relatively good performance in site-level evaluation (Wu et al., 2011).

Across Europe, the magnitude of IAV predicted by all four parameterizations show relatively good spatial consistency. Simulated CV_{vd} is relatively low in western and northern Europe (<10%), which we estimate translates to less than 1 ppbv of σ_{O3}. We find larger CV_{vd} (and therefore large σ_{O3}) over parts of southern Russia and Siberia (σ_{O3} up to 2.5 ppbv) from all parameterizations except W98. The local geographic distribution of CV_{vd} and σ_{O3} also significantly differs among the parameterizations. Z03 and Z03_BB simulate larger CV_{vd} in eastern Siberia than W98_BB, while W98 BB and Z03_BB predict larger CV_{vd} over the southern Russian steppe then Z03. Finally, all four parameterizations estimate relatively low CV_{vd} and σ_{O3} in India, China and Southeast Asia.

We compare the simulated IAV July CVv_d from all four deposition parameterizations with those recorded by publicly available long-term observations. Hourly v_d is calculated using eq. (1) from raw data. We filter out the data points with extreme (> 2 cm s^{-1}) or negative v_d, and without enough turbulence ($u_* < 0.25$ m s^{-1}). As v_d in each daytime hours are not uniformly sampled in the observational datasets, we calculate the mean diurnal cycle, and then calculate the daytime average July of v_d for each year from the mean diurnal cycle, from which CV_{vd} can be calculated.
The IAV predicted by all four parameterizations at Harvard Forest is between 3% to 7.9%, which is 2 to 6 times lower than that presented in the observations (18%). We find similar underestimates by all four parameterizations compared to the long-term observation from Hyytiala (Junninen et al., 2009; Keronen et al., 2003; https://avaa.tdata.fi/web/smart/smear/download), where observed CV_{vd} (16%) is significantly higher than that predicted by the deposition parameterizations (3.5% - 7.1%). In Blodgett Forest we find that the models underestimate the observed annual CV_{vd} more seriously (~1% – 3% compared to 18% in the observations). This suggests that the IAV of v_d may be underestimated across all deposition parameterizations we investigated (and routinely used in simulations of chemical transport). Clifton et al. (2019) attribute this to the IAV in deposition to wet soil and dew-wet leaves, and in-canopy chemistry under stressed condition for forests over northeastern U.S. Some of these processes (e.g. in-canopy chemistry, wetness slowing soil ozone uptake) are not represented by existing parameterizations, contributing to their difficulty in reproducing the observed IAV. The scarcity of long-term ozone flux measurements (Fares et al., 2010, 2017; Munger et al., 1996; Rannik et al., 2012) limits our ability to benchmark the IAV in our model simulations with observational datasets.

In summary, when both the variability in LAI and climate are considered, the IAV in simulated v_d translates to IAV in surface O_3 of 0.5 – 2ppbv in July for most region. Such variability is predicted to be particularly strong in southern Amazonian and central African rainforest, where the predicted IAV in July surface O_3 due to dry deposition can be as high as 4 ppbv. This suggests that IAV of v_d can be an important part of the natural variability of surface O_3. The estimated magnitude of IAV is also dependent of the choice of v_d parameterization, which highlights the importance of v_d parameterization choice on modelling IAV of surface O_3.

6 Discussion and Conclusion

We present the results of multidecadal global modelling of ozone dry deposition using four different ozone deposition parameterizations that are representative of the major types of approaches of gaseous dry deposition modelling used in global chemical transport models. The parameterizations are driven by the same assimilated meteorology and satellite-derived LAI, which minimizes the uncertainty of model input across parameterization and simplifies interpretation of inter-model differences. The output is evaluated against field observations and shows satisfactory performance. One of our main goals was to investigate the impact of dry deposition parameterization choice on long-term averages, trends, and IAV in v_d over a multidecadal timescale, and estimate the potential concomitant impact on surface ozone concentrations to a first order using a sensitivity simulation approach driven by the GEOS-Chem chemical transport model.

We find that the performance of the four dry deposition parameterizations against field observations varies considerably over land types, and these results are consistent with other evaluations, reflecting the potential issue that dry deposition parameterizations can often be overfit to a particular set of available observations, requiring caution in their application at global scales. We also find that using more ecophysiologically realistic output g_s predicted by the Ball-Berry model can generally improve model performance, but at the cost of high sensitivity to relatively unreliable soil data. However, the number of available datasets of ozone dry deposition observation are still small and concentrated in North America and Europe. We know of only one multi-season direct observational record in Asia (Matsuda et al., 2005) and none in Africa, where air quality can be an important issue. To better constrain regional O_3 dry deposition, effort must be made in making new observations of gaseous dry deposition (Fares et al., 2017) especially in the under-sampled regions. Evaluation and development of ozone dry deposition parameterizations will continue to benefit from publicly available ozone flux measurements and related micrometeorological variables that allow for partitioning measured flux into individual deposition pathways (e.g. Clifton et al., 2017, 2019; Fares et al., 2010; Wu et al., 2011, 2018)..

We find substantial disagreement in the spatial distribution between the mean daytime v_d predicted by the different parameterizations we tested. We find that these discrepancies are in general a function of both location and season. In NH summer, v_d simulated by the 4 parameterizations are considerably different in many regions over the world. We estimate that this could lead to around 2 to 5 ppbv in uncertainty of surface ozone concentration simulations over a vast majority of land in the NH. In tropical rainforests, where leaf wetness is prevalent and the dry-wet season dynamics can have large impact on v_d (Rummel et al., 2007), we estimate the uncertainty due to dry deposition model choice could even lead to an uncertainty in surface ozone of up to 8 ppbv. We also find noticeable impacts in parameterization choice during SH summer, but we note that due to the unreliability of β at low v_d, we have not assessed its impact on surface ozone in many high-latitude regions of the NH. In general, we find hydroclimate to be an important driver of the uncertainty. This demonstrates that the potential impact of parameterization choice (or, process uncertainty) of v_d is neither spatiotemporally uniform nor negligible in many regions over the world. More multi-seasonal observations are especially needed over seasonally dry ecosystems where the role of hydroclimate in deposition parameterizations need to be evaluated. Recently, standard micrometeorological measurements have been used to derive g_s and stomatal deposition of O_3 over North America and Europe (Ducker et al., 2018), highlighting the potential of using global networks of micrometeorological observation (e.g. FLUXNET (Baldocchi et al., 2001)) to benchmark and calibrate g_s of drydeposition parameterizations, which could at least increase the spatiotemporal representativeness, if not the absolute accuracy, of dry deposition parameterizations, since it would be difficult to constrain non-stomatal sinks with this method. Further research is required to more directly verify whether better constrained g_s leads to improved v_d simulation.

Over the majority of vegetated regions in the NH, we estimate the IAV of mean daytime v_d is generally on the order of 5 to 15% and may contribute between 0.5 to 2 ppbv of IAV in July surface O_3 over the thirty-year period considered here, with each parameterization simulating different geographic distribution of where IAV is highest. The predicted IAV from all four models is smaller than what long-term observations suggest, but its potential contribution to IAV in O_3 is still comparable to the long-term variability of background ozone over similar timescales in U.S. summer (Brown-Steiner et al., 2018; Fiore et al., 2014). This would seem to confirm that v_d may be a substantial contributor to natural IAV of O_3 in summer, at least in U.S. In the southern Hemisphere, the IAV mainly concentrates in the drier part of tropical rainforests. The Ball-Berry parameterizations simulate large and spatially discontinuous CV_{vd} and σ_{O3} due to their sensitivity to soil wetness. Globally, we find that IAV of v_d in W98 is mostly driven by LAI, while in other parameterizations climate generally plays a more important role. We therefore emphasize that temporal matching of LAI is important for consistency when W98 is used in long-term simulations. While our results show notable impacts across the globe, in many regions there are no available long-term observation to evaluate the model predictions over interannual timescales. This information is helpful in designing and identifying sources of error in model experiments that involve variability of v_d.

We are also able to detect statistically significant trends in July daytime v_d over several regions. The magnitudes of trends are up to 1% per year and both climate and LAI contribute to the trend. All four deposition parameterizations identify three main hotspots of decreasing July daytime v_d (southern Amazonia, southern African savannah, Mongolia), which we link mainly to increasing surface air temperature and decreasing relative humidity. Meanwhile, extensive areas at high latitudes experience

LAI-driven increasing July daytime v_d, consistent with the greening trend in the region (Zhu et al., 2016). We don't find a strong influence of CO_2-induced stomatal closure in the trend over this time period. Over the 30-years we estimate the trend in July daytime v_d could translate approximately to 1 to 3 ppbv of ozone changes in the areas of impact, indicating the potential effect of long-term changes in v_d on surface ozone. This estimate should be considered conservative, since we are unable to reliably test the sensitivity of ozone to regions with low v_d with our approach.

While the approach we have presented here allows us to explore the role of dry deposition parameterization choice on simulations of long-term means, trends, and IAV in ozone dry deposition velocity, there remain some limitations and opportunities for development. First, we only used one LAI and assimilated meteorological product. The geographic distribution of trend and IAV of v_d may vary considerably as the LAI and meteorological products used due to their inherent uncertainty (e.g. Jiang et al., 2017). While we expect the qualitative conclusions about how LAI and climate controls the modelled trend and IAV of v_d to be robust to the choice of data set, the magnitude and spatial variability could be affected. Second, the estimated effects on surface O_3 are a first-order inference based on a linear approximation of the impact that v_d has directly on O_3. We have not applied our analysis to regions with low GEOS-Chem v_d, where other components of parameterization (e.g. definition and treatment of snow cover, difference in ground resistance) may have major impact on v_d prediction (Silva and Heald, 2018), nor accounted for the role that v_d variability can have on other chemical species which would have feedbacks on O_3. Moreover, the sensitivity of surface ozone to v_d may be dependent on the choice of chemical transport model (here, the GEOS-Chem model has been used), and possibly the choice of simulation year for the sensitivity simulation. Finally, we have neglected the effect of land use and land cover change on global PFT composition at this stage, which can be another source of variability for v_d, and even long-term LAI retrieval (Fang et al., 2013). Nevertheless, the relatively high *NMAEF* of simulated v_d and the inherent uncertainty in input data (land cover, soil property, assimilated meteorology and LAI) are considered as the major source of uncertainty in our predictions of v_d.

The impact of dry deposition parameterization choice may also have impacts which we have not explored in this study on other trace gases with deposition velocity controlled by surface resistance, and for which stomatal resistance is an important control of surface resistance (e.g. NO_2). As v_d has already been recognized as a major source of uncertainty in deriving global dry deposition flux of NO_2 and SO_2 (Nowlan et al., 2014), systematic investigation on the variability and uncertainty of v_d for other relevant chemical species does not only contribute to understanding the role of gaseous dry deposition on air quality, but also to biogeochemical cycling. Particularly, gaseous dry deposition has been shown to be a major component in nitrogen deposition (Geddes and Martin, 2017; Zhang et al., 2012), highlighting the potential importance of understanding the role of v_d parameterization in modelling regional and global nitrogen cycles.

Here we have built on the recent investigations of modelled global mean (Hardacre et al., 2015; Silva and Heald, 2018) and observed long-term variability (Clifton et al., 2017) of O_3 v_d. We are able to demonstrate the substantial impact of v_d

parameterization on modelling the global mean and IAV of v_d, and their non-trivial potential impact on simulated seasonal mean and IAV of surface ozone. We demonstrate that the parameterizations with explicit dependence on hydroclimatic variables have higher sensitivity to climate variability than those without. Difficulties in evaluating predictions of v_d for many regions of the world (e.g. most of Asia and Africa) persist due to the scarcity of measurements. This makes a strong case for additional measurement and model studies of ozone dry deposition across different timescales, which would be greatly facilitated by an open data sharing infrastructure (e.g. Baldocchi et al., 2001; Junninen et al., 2009).

Code Availability

The source code and output of the dry deposition parameterizations can be obtained by contacting the corresponding author (jgeddes@bu.edu).

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AYHW and JAG developed the ideas behind this study, formulated the methods, and designed the model experiments. AYHW wrote the dry deposition code and ran the chemical transport model simulations. Data analysis was performed by AYHW, with input and feedback from JAG. APKT provided the photosynthesis model code, and co-supervised the dry deposition code development. SJS compiled the dry deposition observations used for evaluation. Manuscript preparation was performed by AYHW, reviewed by JAG, and commented, edited, and approved by all authors.

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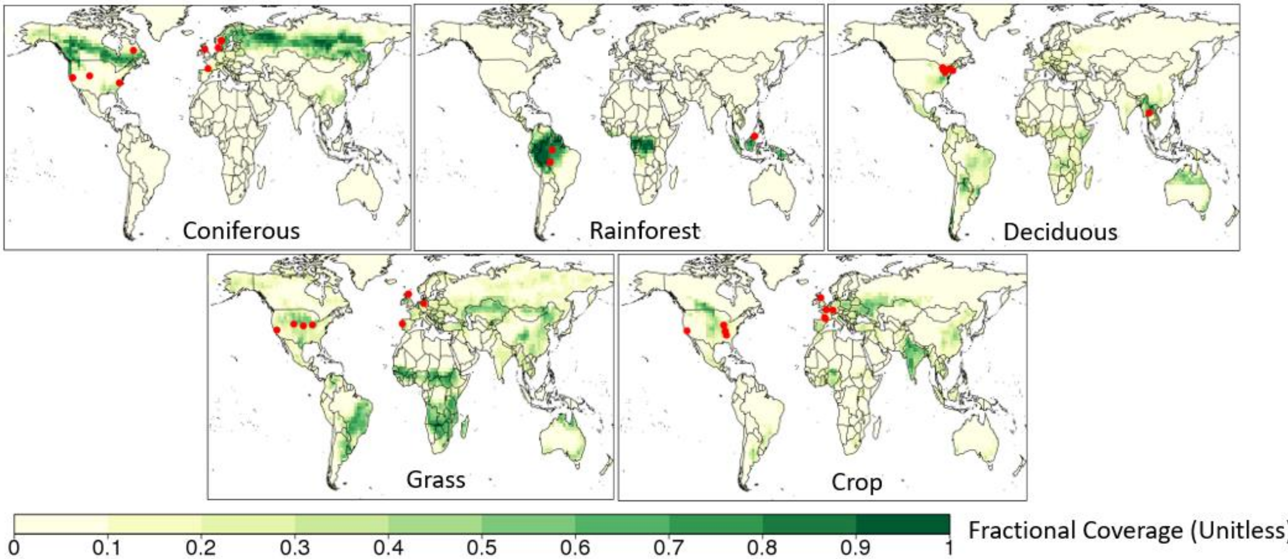


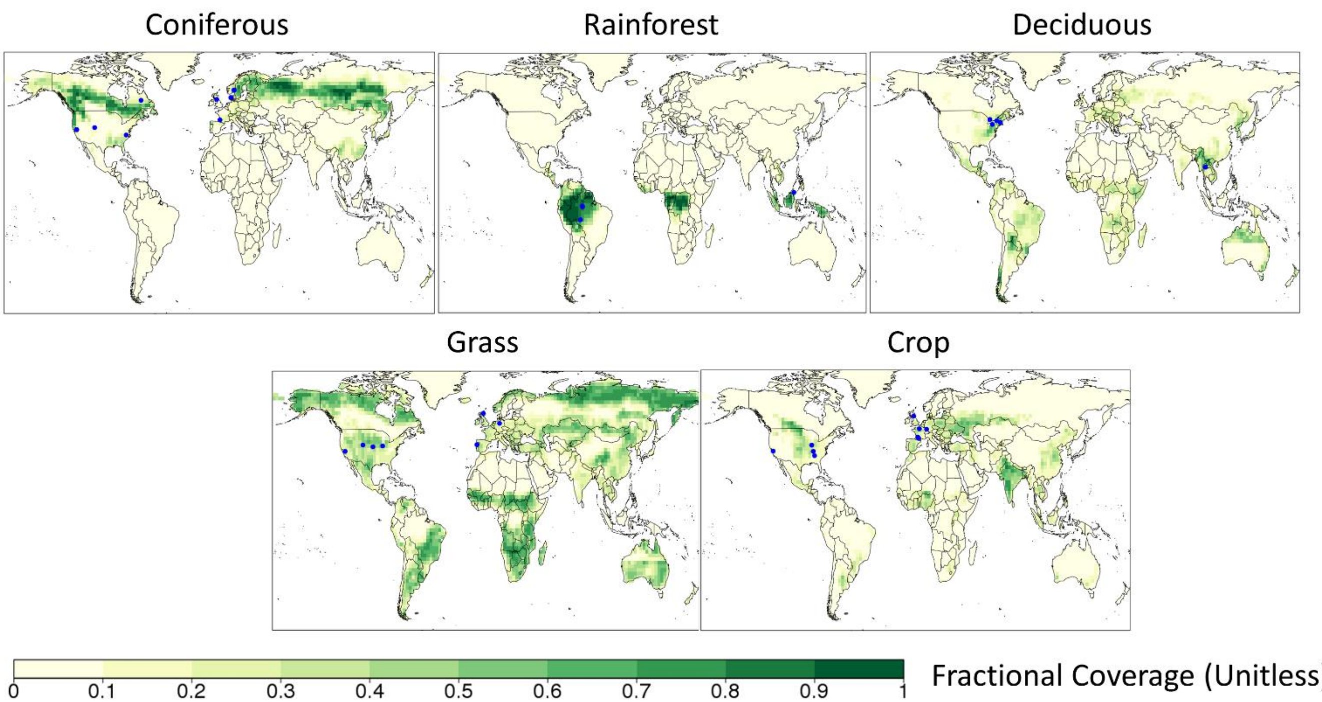


Figure 1: Fractional coverage of each major land type at each grid cell. Blue dots indicate the locations of the observational sites.

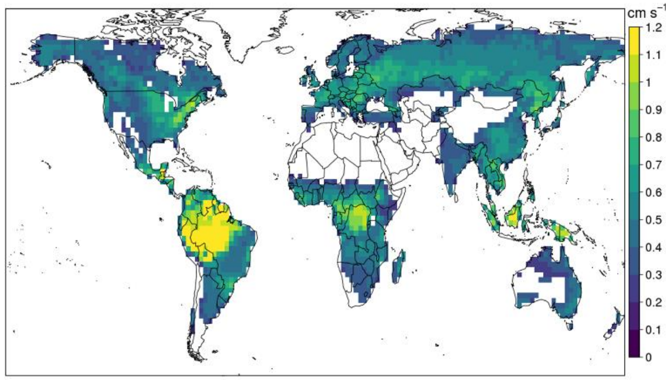


Figure 2: 1982-2011 July mean daytime v_d (solar elevation angle > 20°) over vegetated land surface simulated by W98.

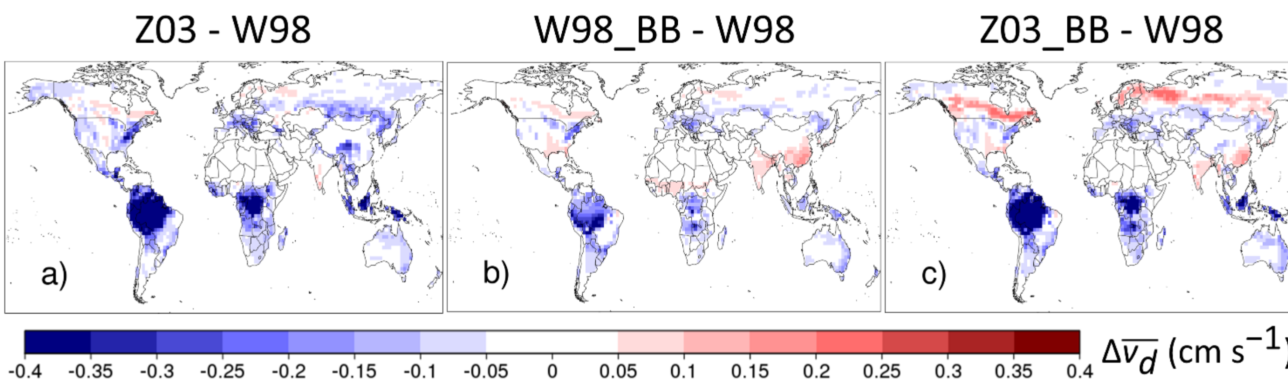
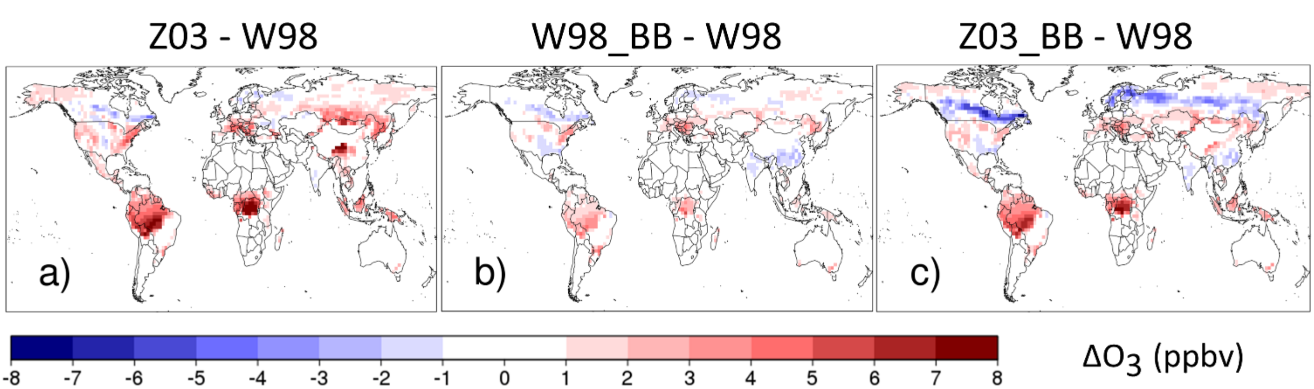


Figure 3: Differences of 1982-2011 July mean daytime v_d ($\Delta\overline{v_d}$) between three other parameterizations (Z03, W98_BB and Z03_BB) and W98 over vegetated land surface.



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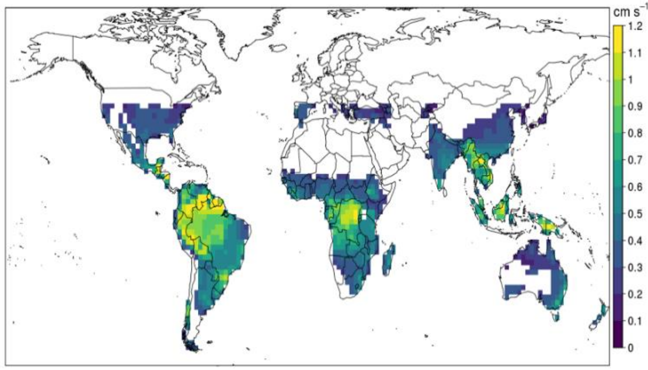

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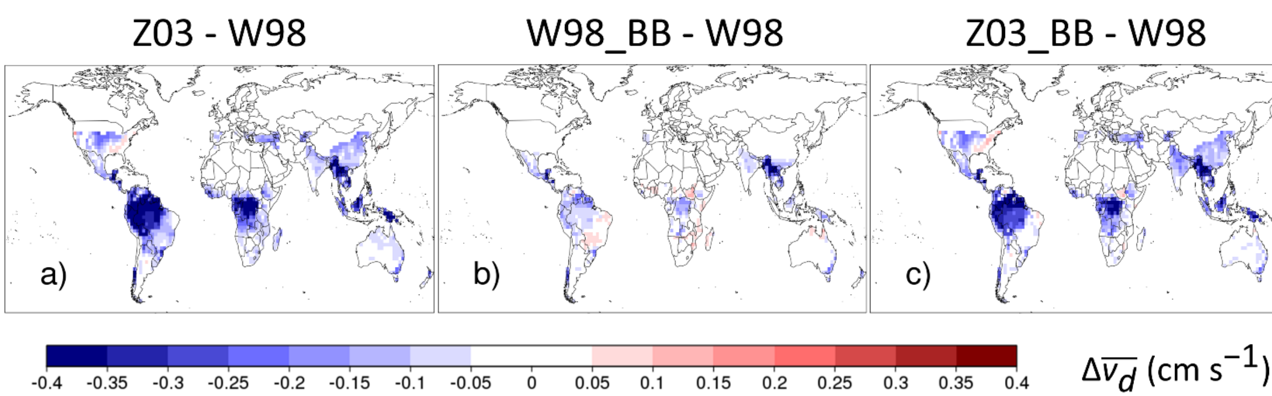

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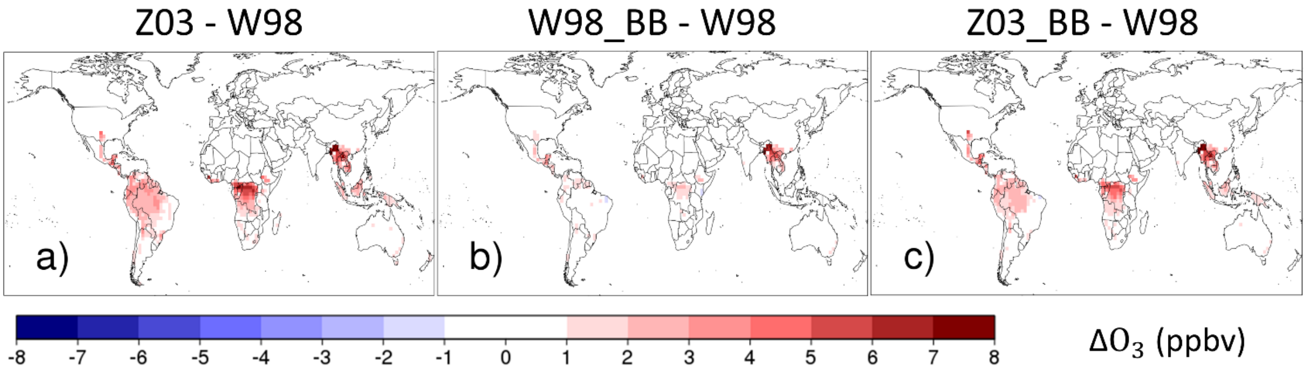

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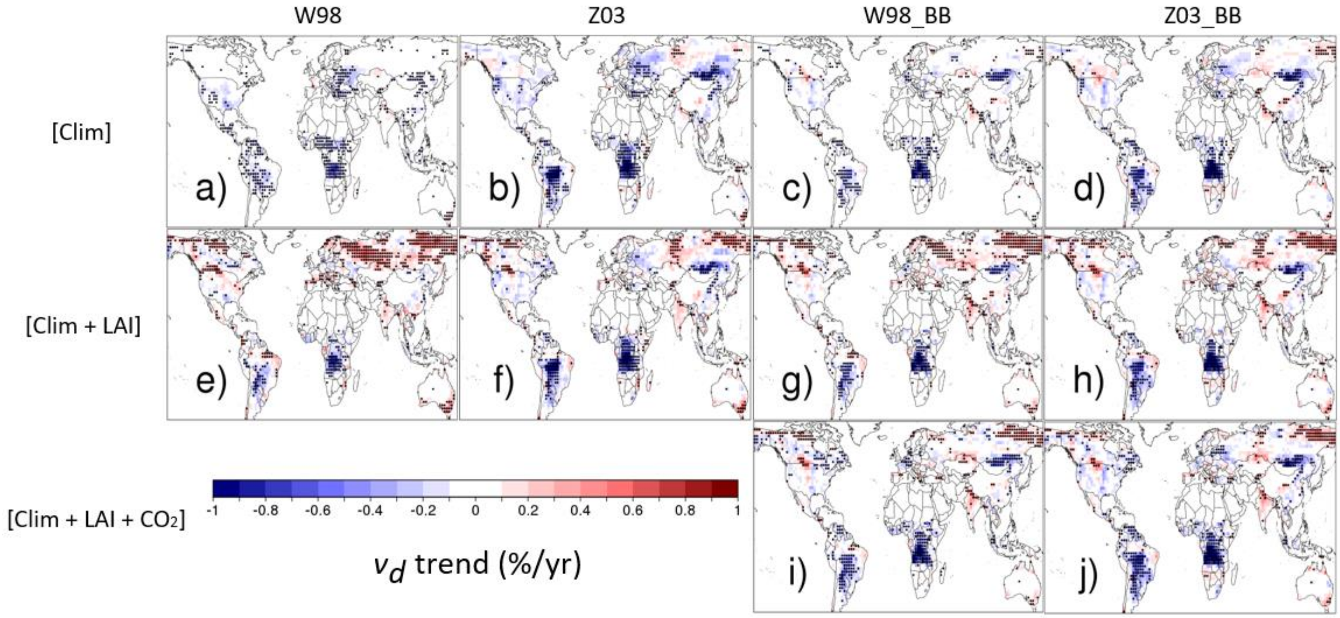


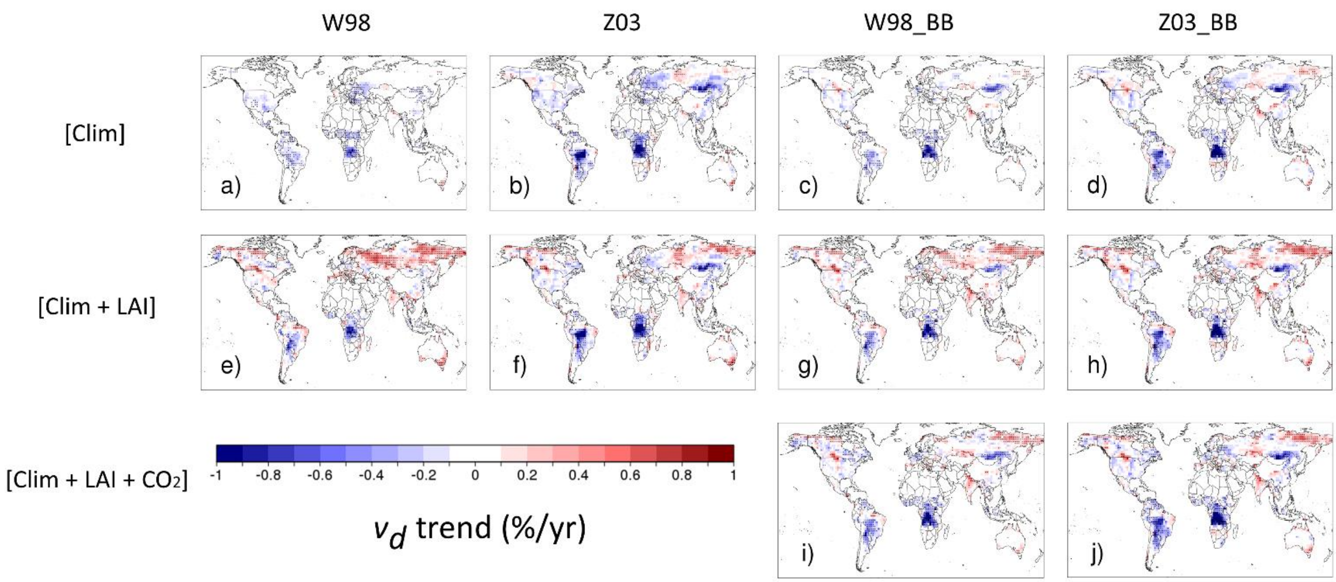
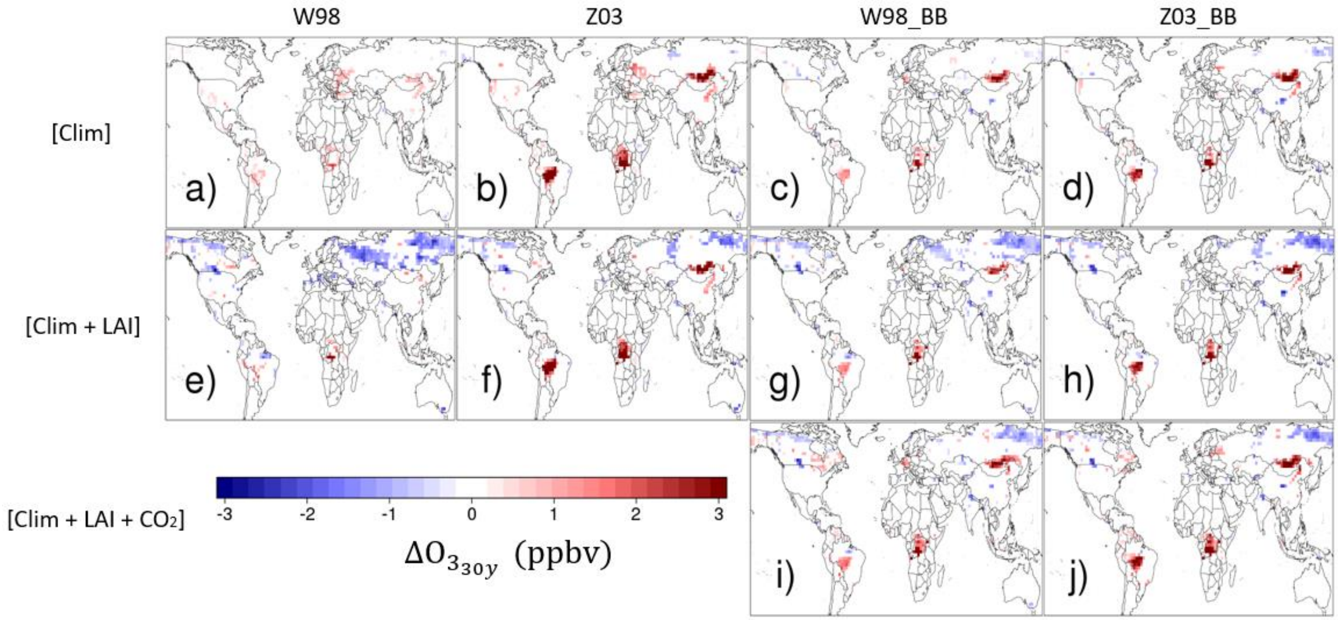


Figure 8: Trends of July mean daytime v_d during 1982-2011 over vegetated land surface. Black dots indicate statistically significant trends ($p < 0.05$)



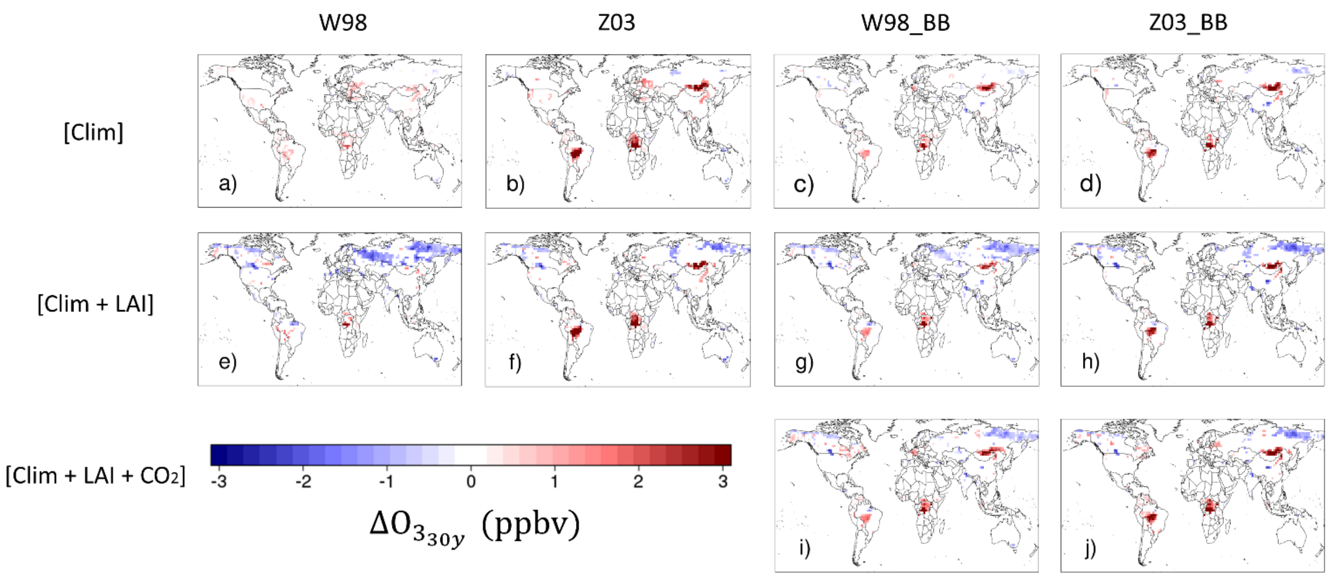


Figure 9: Estimated impact of trends of July mean daytime v_d on July mean surface ozone during ($\Delta O_{3\ 30y}$) 1982-2011 over vegetated land surface. Only grid points with statistically significant trends ($p < 0.05$) in July mean daytime v_d are considered.

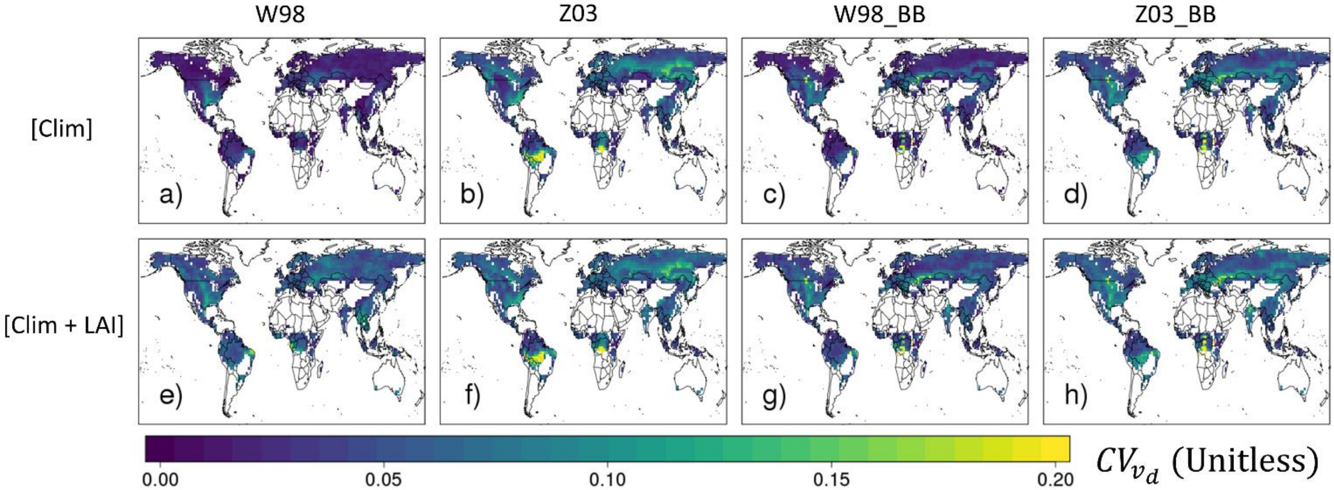


Figure 10: Interannual coefficient of variation of linearly detrended July mean daytime v_d (CV_{vd}) during 1982-2011 over vegetated land surface.

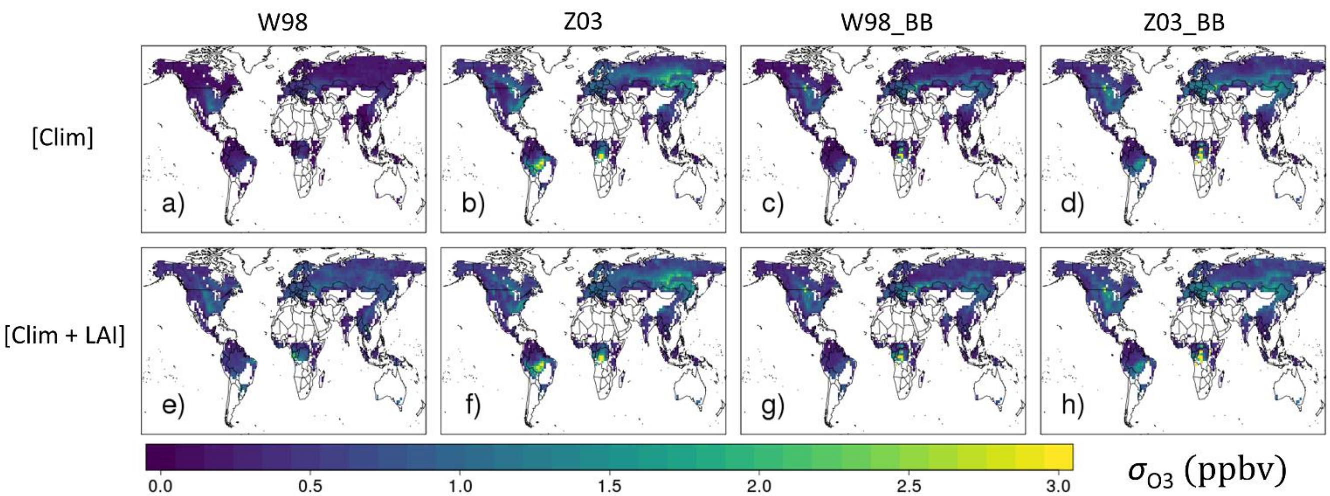


Figure 11: Estimated contribution of IAV in July mean daytime v_d to IAV of July mean surface ozone (σ_{O3}) during 1982-2011 over vegetated land surface.

v_d simulation	Meteorology	LAI	Atmospheric CO_2 concentration
[Clim]	MERRA-2 meteorology	LAI3g monthly climatology	390 ppm
[Clim+LAI]		LAI3g monthly time series	
[Clim+LAI+CO_2]			Manoa Loa time series

Table 1: List of v_d simulations with input data

Land types	Metrics	Static LAI				Dynamic LAI			
		W98	Z03	W89-BB	Z03_BB	W98	Z03	W89-BB	Z03_BB
Dec (N=8)	*NMBF*	**0.134**	-0.367	-0.287	-0.142	**0.119**	-0.376	-0.299	-0.153
	NMAEF	0.322	0.369	0.305	**0.215**	0.319	0.376	0.321	**0.226**
Con (N=16)	*NMBF*	-0.362	-0.217	-0.252	**-0.025**	-0.355	-0.209	-0.248	**-0.023**
	NMAEF	0.448	0.455	0.483	**0.399**	0.427	0.458	0.470	**0.394**
Tro (N=5)	*NMBF*	**0.080**	-0.808	-0.086	-0.438	**0.075**	-0.813	-0.090	-0.441
	NMAEF	0.423	0.831	**0.404**	0.569	0.422	0.832	**0.399**	0.567
Gra (N=10)	*NMBF*	0.276	**0.015**	0.175	0.097	0.294	**0.011**	0.186	0.110
	NMAEF	0.392	0.479	**0.307**	0.318	0.396	0.467	**0.302**	0.311
Cro (N=11)	*NMBF*	0.297	0.360	**0.241**	0.282	0.318	0.371	**0.255**	0.292
	NMAEF	**0.473**	0.541	0.474	0.570	0.485	0.550	**0.480**	0.576

Table 2: Performance metrics (*NMBF* and *NMAEF*) for daytime average v_d simulated by the four dry deposition parameterizations, with N referring to number of data points (1 data points = 1 seasonal mean). "Static LAI" is the result from [Clim] run, which uses 1982-2011 AVHRR monthly climatological LAI, while "Dynamic LAI" is the result from [Clim+LAI], which uses 1982-2011 AVHRR LAI time series. Dec = deciduous forest, Con = coniferous forest, Tro = tropical rainforest, Gra = grassland, Cro = cropland. N indicates the number of observational datasets involved in that particular land type. The best performing parameterization for each land type has its performance metrics bolded.

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