

Interactive comment on “The Impact of Volcanic Eruptions of Different Magnitude on Stratospheric Water Vapour in the Tropics” by Clarissa Alicia Kroll et al.

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Thank you for posting this interesting study. It may be useful to make the link with the literature on stratospheric aerosol injection. In Boucher et al. (2017), we showed that stratospheric water vapour (SWV) responds to aerosol heating in the tropical tropopause layer. We also quantified the contribution of this fast adjustment to the effective radiative forcing by stratospheric aerosols. For 10 Tg S yr⁻¹ emitted as SO₂ at 17 km altitude, we found a radiative effect from SWV of +0.19 Wm⁻², which represents 7.2% of the ERF or 13.2% of the IRF (see Table 1 in Boucher et al., 2017). Note that the radiative effect from the stratospheric heating itself is larger. I suspect however

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the heating due to stratospheric aerosols in our model to be too high.

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