Author response to the referee reports to the paper by Barten et al.: Role of oceanic ozone deposition in explaining short-term variability of surface ozone at high-Arctic sites

We would like to thank two anonymous reviewers for their further constructive feedback on a revised version of this manuscript. All comments are addressed individually. Referee comments are given in *italic*, author response are given in normal font. This document is finalized by a markdown version of the manuscript including all the changes made to the text.

Besides the edits to address the comments by the reviewers we have corrected a typo in equation B3 in Appendix B. The new equation (below) is now the inverse of the old (incorrect) equation:

$$r_w = (a \cdot D)^{-1/2} \frac{\Psi K_1(\xi_\delta) \sinh \lambda + K_0(\xi_\delta) \cosh \lambda}{\Psi K_1(\xi_\delta) \cosh \lambda + K_0(\xi_\delta) \sinh \lambda}$$

Report #1:

I believe that with the changes made in the text and with new appendix part, the reader might appreciate more and have more feeling about the real sensitivity of the model to O3 representation. However, although the authors pretend that aerodynamic resistance could be neglected, in some cases (low winds, low water turbulence, low iodide and low halogen chemistry), the aerodynamic resistance might play a role and have a significant impact. It would be interesting to briefly mention something about it. e.g. when alpha*rw is getting of the same order of magnitude of ra+rb.

We have performed additional analysis on the role of the r_a+r_b term on O_3 deposition in the COAREG simulation. As already introduced in the results, for the runs using WRF's default dry deposition scheme the turbulent transport and diffusion term pose an additional restriction on O_3 removal for wind speeds < 5 m s⁻¹. However, in the COAREG run, the ocean surface uptake resistance ($a*r_w$ term) is larger compared to the surface uptake resistance of WRF's default dry deposition scheme. Therefore the r_a+r_b term has some impact on $V_{d,O3}$ at even lower 10m wind speeds (< 2.5 m s⁻¹). We have mentioned this in the results, updated the Appendix accordingly and mentioned the role of r_a+r_b during episodes of low wind speeds in the introduction.

Minor items

-Line 36 Helmig et al. 2007b -or 2007a ? Which one is cited first ? Helmig 2007a or b ?

The references in case of same author and year of publication are now sorted based on order of appearance instead of alphabetically (based on second Author). The references to Helmig et al. 2007a and Helmig et al. 2007b are updated throughout the text accordingly. The same goes for the references to Clifton et al. 2020a and Clifton et al. 2020b.

-When modifying text (revision) make sure the font is the same as the surrounding text. Text sometime half-cut or different size and font. e.g Line 54, 99, 256, 259, 263, 271, 300, 304, 352, 417, 418, 428, 440. 470, 480, 504, 508 and probably on more occasions (this is a bit annoying for the reader)

Is this related to the markdown version of the manuscript? In the markdown version this unfortunately happens especially when updating references. We have scanned the preprint manuscript for these lines

and have not found any inconsistencies in font/size etc. If there are still any we hope that we can address them during the typesetting.

Line 417 (sub-)tropical -> subtropical

We have changed this to "subtropical"

Line 427 (Clifton et al. 2020b) -> Clifton et al (2020b)

We have changed this to "Clifton et al. (2020a)"

Line 483. Low density of observations do not constrain models (is the opposite). Please review.

We wanted to address that low density of observations imposes limitations to modelling studies in terms of evaluation of the simulation results for other seasons and lower latitudes. We indeed did not want to address that a low density of observations helps to constrain models (with these observations). We have rephrased to: "In general, the relatively scarce Arctic observations limits evaluation of modelling studies and extrapolation of these results for Arctic summer to other seasons and lower latitudes."

Line 552 Appendix B. $(ra + ra) \rightarrow (ra + rb)$

Rewritten to $r_a + r_b$

Report #2:

I started making line-by-line comments again but then turned my focus to what the authors addressed in terms of my major comments last time. I said: "I think for this paper to have sufficient novelty for publication in ACP the authors need to expand on their analysis of short-term variability at high Arctic sites." For example, I asked "what's driving the variability in deposition velocity, in particular in periods of better agreement or disagreement with surface ozone? Is it that day-night differences are better captured? Day-to-day variability? Synoptic scale variability?" I don't see any new substantive analysis on the short-term variability, only speculation. Given this, and that I still wouldn't classify the comparison of the base to the nudging as any new science [and think the authors should cut this (and just refer to NUDGED as 'base').], and the same goes for the CAMS analysis (the comparison seems extraneous; please cut), I still recommend major revisions. There are just not enough new scientific results.

Below are the line-by-line comments that I managed. In general, the paper is excessively wordy and could be a lot more focused in terms of what the authors are analyzing and learning here.

Here we would like to respond to three of the main points addressed by the reviewer. 1) To expand on the analysis of short-term O_3 variability at High Arctic sites, 2) cut the DEFAULT simulation from the manuscript and 3) cut the comparison of CAMS with the observations from the manuscript.

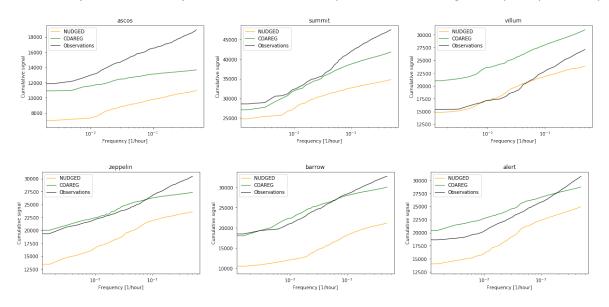
But, first of all, following the comments of the reviewer regarding the paper being excessively wordy we have again critically evaluated the text and statements in the manuscript. We have mainly removed statements that were out of context/out of scope and have made the manuscript more concise where possible. These and other edits to address specific comments given below (e.g. removing discussion on land deposition) resulted in a total reduction of the word count in the main text (excluding Appendices) of 12% compared to the previous version of the manuscript. Especially the Introduction (20%) and Discussion (14%) sections are reduced.

1. To expand on the analysis of short-term O₃ variability at High-Arctic sites

We have performed additional analysis to expand on the short-term variability at High Arctic sites. The model representation of oceanic O_3 deposition is driven by wind speeds driving both atmospheric and waterside turbulence and the chemical enhancement through oceanic Iodide, which has a temporal resolution of 1 month in our modelling setup (Sherwen et al. (2019)). Thus, we conclude that temporal variability in oceanic Iodide is not responsible for evaluated sub-monthly temporal variability in Arctic deposition and O_3 mixing ratios. For the Polar summer conditions over the ocean and sea ice there is no strong diurnal cycle in micro- and boundary layer meteorological conditions. Thus, we also conclude that there is no significant diurnal (day-night) temporal variability in O_3 deposition velocities and impact on surface O_3 but that the observed and simulated temporal variability mainly reflects the synoptic timescale (few days) variability in wind speeds affecting deposition and vertical and horizontal transport.

To find the dominating timescales of observed and simulated O_3 and to find whether the implementation of COAREG especially affects the variability at a certain timescale we have performed a wavelet analysis (Torrence & Compo (1998)), using a Morlet mother wavelet. A wavelet analysis is a well-established technique to identify relevant time scales in time series analysis. The Figures below shows the cumulative signal of the observed O_3 mixing ratios (black) and two WRF runs (NUDGED; orange & COAREG; green) at the 6 High Arctic sites (ASCOS, Summit, Villum, Zeppelin, Barrow and Alert). The low frequencies (down to $10^{-3} \ h^{-1}$) represents the long timescales (weeks) and the high frequencies (up to $0.5 \ h^{-1}$) represents the short timescales (hours). The steepness of the slope (note the logarithmic x-axis) represents the signal at each specific timescale. For all sites we find that ~55-70% of the signal is present at frequencies < $10^{-2} \ h^{-1}$ (~4 days) representing the longer timescales and synoptic variability due to e.g. advection of polluted air masses. Interestingly, we find that the observations show more variability (steeper slope) at the very short timescales (< $10^{-1} \ h^{-1}$) compared to the simulated variability arguably due to the misrepresentation of local processes on the 30 x 30 km model grid but also potentially due to uncertainty in the observations. We do not find any clear indication that the implementation of COAREG significantly affects the variability at High Arctic sites at a specific timescale

(e.g. day-night differences). Furthermore, a wavelet analysis of the bias (not shown here) also does not indicate that the variability of the bias at a specific timescale is reduced. Thus, we conclude that even though the COAREG run improves the representation of the magnitude and temporal variability in Arctic surface O₃ (Sect. 3.3 and 3.4) we can not allocate this specific timescales, e.g., hourly, daily or weekly.



Given the raised comments regarding a more in-depth analysis what explains short-term variability as well as the conducted wavelet analysis we have introduced additional modifications in our manuscript. First of all, the timescales have been introduced at an earlier stage to stress the fact that our study focuses on the impact of oceanic (and snow/ice) deposition on sub-monthly timescales where previous global modelling studies relied on evaluation using monthly mean values. We have removed the wording "short-term" in the title an manuscript and now generally refer to "temporal variability" and then indicating specifically the timescales we are referring to, e.g., "synoptic timescales". The term "short-term" has therefore also been removed from the title. In addition, we have extended the discussion with a short summary of the main results of the conducted wavelet analysis: "To find whether ... a specific timescale". Given that the manuscript is already quite lengthy we have though decided to not include the full wavelet analysis.

2. Cut the DEFAULT simulation from the manuscript

Following the reviewer's request, we have removed the results of the DEFAULT simulation from the manuscript. Compared to the latest version of the manuscript this specifically means that Figure 5 (now Fig. 4) is updated and the four panels for DEFAULT are removed. The text in Section 3.3 is updated accordingly. Furthermore, the Abstract, Methods and Conclusions are updated accordingly. Because the role of nudging is now less prominently present in the paper and to further reduce the length of the paper we have also reduced Sect. 2.1.1: 'Nudging to ECMWF ERA5' and have removed Figure 2 (that showed the increase of wind speed bias over the simulation). We did leave (the reduced version of) Sect. 2.1.1 in the manuscript given that nudging is not always considered in similar regional scale studies focused on air quality/atmospheric chemistry but in some instances might be needed to accurately represent the synoptic conditions.

3. Cut the comparison of CAMS with the observations from the manuscript

We have included additional statements in Sect. 2.4 to motivate the choice to include the comparison with CAMS in the presented manuscript. As mentioned before, the CAMS reanalysis product is a product that is widely used for air quality assessments, but also to constrain regional models such as WRF as initial and boundary conditions. We do not use the CAMS to evaluate the WRF simulations of O_3 . The quality of these higher resolution model simulations is also governed by the quality of the initial and boundary conditions. Given that the CAMS reanalysis product does not assimilate in-situ and radiosonde observations, lower tropospheric O_3 is not well constrained by observations indicating the need for an

accurate model representation of processes such as surface deposition. Hence, including in the presented analysis the performance of CAMS in the Arctic, also compared to other models such as WRF, helps to identify potential limitations such as the removal of O_3 at the (ocean/snow/ice) surface due to dry deposition. Hence, we see the evaluation of CAMS in this paper as an opportunity to formulate a research agenda for the CAMS community.

Interestingly, we also found a negative bias of -5.0 ppb in the CAMS product as well as in the NUDGED WRF setup (-3.8 ppb) for the High Arctic sites (Figure 5). Our study shows that revising the dry deposition to oceans and ice/snow results in an improved representation of High Arctic surface O_3 in the Arctic. As indicated in the conclusions: "indicating that representation of the deposition removal mechanism to oceans and snow/ice in CAMS might also be overestimated and should be reconsidered."

The introduction is excessively long. First, I disagree with the other reviewer who insisted on discussion of tropospheric ozone trends over land. The discussion really does not fit. Second, the discussion of DOM and the history of oceanic parameterization in the intro is too long, and the details on the parameterization are repeated in the methods. Third, there should be a focus on ozone. There is no need to explain nitric acid uptake or planned analyses of DMS. Fourth, there is too much discussion of halogen chemistry, especially given that the authors chose a time when halogen chem should not be important. I understand it's important to mention, but I ask the authors to be more concise.

We have removed and/or shortened multiple statements in the introduction such as the role of soluble versus insoluble gases in dry deposition to water bodies, the role of further feedback mechanisms regarding halogen release and DMS and the history of oceanic parameterization (e.g. the role of DOM).

In the discussion section we have removed a large part of the discussion on surface O_3 over land. However, also based on comments by the other reviewer calling for a more extensive discussion on land deposition in the first review cycle we still shortly discuss the role of land deposition and have rephrased these statements to: "This analysis also shows a discrepancy in the representation of simulated O_3 at sites having a terrestrial footprint (e.g. Norway, Sweden, Finland). However, the model representation of O_3 deposition to vegetation and land, including diurnal and seasonal variability (Lin et al. (2019)) is out of scope for this study."

Furthermore, we have removed the statements around line 465 regarding halogen chemistry: "However, in springtime ... being less important". The role of halogen chemistry is however still included at the end of the discussion.

Line 35 – can the authors be clearer as to what they mean by 'excellent indicators' for global trend analysis? I find this argument unconvincing as is

Due to the absence of anthropogenic sources and sinks the Arctic O_3 observations have been used for (global) trend analysis in the past. We agree that these observations are not 'excellent indicators' per se, but rather can be used as a tool to further understand large-scale O_3 trends. We have rephrased to "This implies that these Arctic O_3 observations allow to determine large-scale trends in tropospheric O_3 "

Line 40 – current trend is not driven by heatwaves and droughts; Lin et al 2020 only show the impact on interannual variability

As the first section in the introduction is intended to sketch the trend of Arctic O_3 and its main contributors we have decided to remove this statement.

Line 46-7 – Kavassalis & Murphy and Lin et al. references here seem extraneous. This is a sentence that does not need a reference (it is 'textbook').

We agree with this comment and have therefore removed the references.

Line 59 - what is "it"?

"It" refers to " O_3 deposition to oceans" from the previous sentence. We have rephrased to "However, oceanic O_3 deposition is relevant for the global O_3 deposition budget due to the large surface area of water bodies."

Line 65—can the authors be clearer here? Do they mean that the wind speed dependence should be due to turbulence in addition to mean wind?

Wind speed does not only affect the r_a and r_b terms as introduced earlier in the Introduction but also the waterside turbulence driven enhancement (as represented in COAREG). This section in the introduction intends to introduce the main dependencies of oceanic O_3 before getting in much detail (as described in methods and Appendix). Also to shorten the introduction we have combined Line 65 with the next sentence to: "The turbulence driven enhancement by wind speed (Fairall et al. (2007)) is complemented by a strong chemical enhancement of oceanic O_3 deposition associated with its chemical destruction through oxidation of ocean water reactants such as dissolved iodide and dissolved organic matter (DOM) (Chang et al. (2004))."

Line 98—"This evaluation of Arctic spatiotemporal o3 concentrations aims to better understand sinks, processes, feedbacks and impacts of Arctic air pollution (Arnold et al., 2016) and the role of long-range transport (e.g. Thomas et al., 2013; Marelle et al., 2018) versus local sources (e.g. Marelle et al., 100 2016; Law et al., 2017; Schmale et al., 2018)." This is a huge goal and one that the authors do not achieve with this work.

The work of Arnold et al. (2016) described (dry) deposition as one of the key uncertainties in Arctic air pollution modelling. We believe that this work helps to better understand the sinks of Arctic O_3 and in that turn the representation/predictions of Arctic air quality. We have removed the statements regarding the role of long-range transport versus local sources and have rephrased to: "This evaluation of Arctic spatiotemporal O_3 concentrations aims to better understand the role of ocean and sea-ice deposition as a potentially important but also uncertain sink impacting Arctic air pollution (Arnold et al. (2016))."

Line 180 – why does Sherwen et al. (2018) being most accurate on the global scale matter here? The authors are only looking at the Arctic. It feels like the authors are just saying this as an excuse to reduce the Arctic deposition velocities and get the model ozone bias better. I think they need to develop a stronger argument for their hypothesis or reframe.

As far as the authors are aware, the work by Sherwen et al. (2019) is currently the most comprehensive and accurate representation of oceanic Iodide by not only accounting for Sea Surface Temperature, but also other predictors such as Nitrate, Salinity, Mixed Layer Depth. Furthermore, this product will be updated with newly available measurements which are expected to further refine/improve the predictions for future studies. Especially those performed during the Multidisciplinary drifting Observatory for the Study of Arctic Climate (MOSAiC) field campaign are expected to further improve the Arctic oceanic Iodide predictions.

Line 193 -- where did Helmig et al. look? This is a rather general statement. Based on the range given by Clifton, the new snow deposition velocities might be overestimated, and the old ones might be better.

The analysis of Helmig et al. (2007b) was performed using a regional chemistry and tracer transport model and the evaluation with observations was conducted at four Arctic sites: Barrow, Summit, Zeppelin and Pallas-Sammaltunturi. We have updated the text to: "Helmig et al. (2007b) investigated the sensitivity of a global chemistry and tracer transport model to the prescribed O_3 deposition velocity and found best agreement between modelled and observed O_3 concentrations at four Arctic sites by applying deposition velocities in the order of 0.00-0.01 cm s⁻¹."

Line 207 – is a citation necessary to say that ozone dep to terrestrial surfaces has a diurnal cycle? Generally, I don't think speculating as to why there is a diel cycle in ozone is a good idea. Can the authors just leave it as there is one?

The references in this section have been added based on one of the comments in the previous round to give examples of the controls of the diurnal cycle for High Arctic vs Terrestrial vs Remote sites. However, we agree with the reviewer comment that this can be assumed being common knowledge. We have removed the reference to Chen et al. (2018) for diurnal cycle controls at 'Terrestrial' cites and have removed the statements on the contrast of diurnal cycle (or the lack thereof) controls for the Terrestrial vs. High Arctic sites.

Line 210 - criterion for what?

This refers to the criterion to classify sites as 'Terrestrial' or 'Remote' based on the magnitude of the diurnal cycle in observed O_3 . For clarity, we have rephrased to: "Sites are characterized as Terrestrial when the average observed minimum nighttime mixing ratio is > 8 ppb smaller than the average observed maximum daytime mixing ratio during the \sim 1 month of simulation."

Line 231 – total ozone deposition budget of what? The arctic?

We have rephrased to "simulated O_3 deposition budget" to make clear that this deals with the simulated deposition budget specifically for this modelling setup.

References:

Torrence, Christopher, and Gilbert P. Compo. "A practical guide to wavelet analysis." Bulletin of the American Meteorological society 79.1 (1998): 61-78.

Role of oceanic ozone deposition in explaining short-term temporal variability of in surface ozone at high-Arctic sites

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Abstract. Dry deposition is an important removal mechanism for tropospheric ozone (O₃). Currently, O₃ deposition to oceans in atmospheric chemistry and transport models (ACTMs) is generally represented using constant surface uptake resistances. This is despite the fact that considering the occurs despite the role of solubility, waterside turbulence and O₃ reacting with ocean water reactants such as iodide results in substantial spatiotemporal variability in O₃ deposition and concentrations in marine boundary layers. We hypothesize that O₃ deposition to the Arctic ocean, having a relatively low reactivity, is overestimated in current models with consequences for tropospheric concentrations, lifetime and long-range transport of O₃. In this study, we We investigate the impact of the representation of oceanic O₃ deposition to the simulated magnitude and spatiotemporal variability in Arctic surface O₃.

We have integrated the Coupled Ocean-Atmosphere Response Experiment Gas transfer algorithm (COAREG) into the mesoscale meteorology and atmospheric chemistry model Polar-WRF-Chem (WRF) which introduces a dependence of O₃ deposition on physical and biogeochemical drivers of oceanic O₃ deposition. We have also Also, we reduced the O₃ deposition to sea ice and snow. Here, we evaluate the performance of WRF and the WRF and CAMS reanalysis data against hourly-averaged surface O₃ observations at 25 sites (latitudes > 60 °N)including the Arctic Summer Cloud Ocean Study (ASCOS) campaign observations. This is the first time such a coupled modelling system has been evaluated against hourly observations at Pan-Arctic sites to study the sensitivity of the deposition scheme to the magnitude and short-term magnitude and temporal variability in Arctic surface O₃. We also analyze the impact of nudging on the deposition scheme. We find that it is important to nudge WRF to the synoptic conditions from the ECMWF ERA5 reanalysis data on simulated Arctic meteorology and comparison of observed and simulated O₃concentrations to ensure adequate meteorological conditions to evaluate surface O₃.

We show that the more-mechanistic representation of O_3 deposition over oceans and reduced snow/ice deposition improves simulated Arctic O_3 mixing ratios both in terms of magnitude but also regarding observed temporal variability. Using the newly implemented approach magnitude and temporal variability compared to the constant resistance approach. Using COAREG, O_3 deposition velocities have been simulated are in the order of 0.01 cm s^{-1} compared to $\sim 0.05 \text{ cm s}^{-1}$ in the constant surface uptake resistance approach. The simulated monthly-mean spatial variability in the mechanistic approach $(0.01 \text{ to } 0.018 \text{ cm s}^{-1})$ expresses the sensitivity to chemical enhancement with dissolved iodide whereas the temporal variability (up to $\pm 20\%$ around the mean) expresses mainly differences in waterside turbulent transport. The bias for all observational mean bias for 6 sites above 70 °N reduced from $\frac{-7.7}{-3.8}$ ppb to 0.3 ppb with nudging and the revision to ocean and snow/ice deposition. Our study

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confirms that O_3 deposition to high-latitude oceans and snow/ice is generally overestimated in ACTMs. We recommend that a mechanistic representation of oceanic O_3 deposition should be used is preferred in ACTMs to improve the representation of modelled Arctic surface O_3 concentrations in terms of magnitude and short-term temporal variability.

30 1 Introduction

Tropospheric Ozone (O₃) is the third most important greenhouse gas and a secondary air pollutant negatively affecting human health (Nuvolone et al., 2018), and plant growth (Ainsworth et al., 2012) and artificial materials such as rubber (Lee et al., 1996) due to its oxidative character. O₃ shows a large spatiotemporal variability due to its relatively short lifetime (3-4 weeks) in the free troposphere compared to other greenhouse gases. Its main sources are chemical production and entrainment from the stratosphere. Its main sinks are chemical destruction and deposition to the Earth's surface (Young et al., 2018; Tarasick et al., 2019). Understanding the Arctic O₃ budget is of particular interest because its remote location implies that anthropogenic sources and sinks are generally absent. This makes implies that these Arctic O_3 observations excellent indicators for global trend analysis allow to determine large-scale trends in tropospheric O₃ (Helmig et al., 2007a; Gaudel et al., 2020; Cooper et al., 2020). In the Arctic, routine tropospheric O₃ observations indicate an increasing trend up to the early 2000s which is leveling off (Oltmans et al., 2013; Cooper et al., 2014) or decreasing at individual sites (Cooper et al., 2020) in the last decade. This upward trend can be attributed to increased emissions of precursors in the mid-latitudes (Cooper et al., 2014; Lin et al., 2017), but also changes in O₃ deposition to vegetation as a result of droughts and heatwayes (Lin et al., 2020) and but also stratosphere-to-troposphere transport may have played a role (Pausata et al., 2012). Local emissions of precursors are expected to become an important source of Arctic O₃ concentrations due to the warming Arctic climate and increasing local economic activity (Marelle et al., 2016; Law et al., 2017). This underlines the need for understanding the sources and sinks of Arctic tropospheric O₃ and to accurately represent them in atmospheric chemistry and transport models (ACTMs). On the global scale, dry deposition accounts for \sim 25% of the total sink term (Lelieveld and Dentener, 2000) in ACTM simulations and is especially important for the O₃ budget in the Atmospheric Boundary Layer (ABL) because it occurs at the Earth's surface (Kavassalis and Murphy, 2017; Lin et al., 2019, 2020). Dry deposition in ACTMs is often represented as a resistance in series approach (Wesely, 1989). In this approach Herein, the total resistance r_t is the sum-consists of three serial resistances: the aerodynamic resistance (r_a) representing turbulent transport to the surface, the quasi-laminar sub layer resistance (r_b) representing diffusion close to the surface and the surface resistance (r_s) expressing the efficiency of removal by the surface. The dry deposition velocity (V_d) is then evaluated as the reciprocal of r_t . The r_a term is independent of the chemical species and-mainly depends on the stability of the atmosphere and friction velocity (u*) (Padro, 1996; Toyota et al., 2016). The r_b term also scales with u* and varies with the diffusivity of the chemical species (Wesely and Hicks, 2000). For very soluble or reactive species such as nitric acid uptake by the ocean water is very fast (i.e r_s of ~ 0 s m⁻¹) implying that the other resistances determine r_t and thus V_d . Less soluble Low solubility gases like O_3 have a high r_s , in comparison to the relatively small r_a + r_b term, that dominates the magnitude of the O_3 dry deposition velocity (V_{d,O_3}) . Thus, accurately representing the surface uptake efficiency of O_3 is crucial. During episodes of low wind speeds, the $r_a + r_b$ term can pose an additional restriction on 60 the exchange of O_3 with oceans (Fairall et al., 2007).

Observed O₃ deposition to oceans (e.g. Chang et al., 2004; Clifford et al., 2008; Helmig et al., 2012) and coastal waters (e.g. Gallagher et al., 2001) is relatively slow (\sim 0.01-0.1 cm s⁻¹), especially compared to observed maximum V_{d,O_3} for forests up to 2 cm s⁻¹ (Fan et al., 1990). However, it plays a large role in the total oceanic O₃ is relevant for the global O₃ deposition budget due to the large surface area of water bodies (Ganzeveld et al., 2009; Hardacre et al., 2015). Recent experimental and modelling studies indicate the spatiotemporal variability in oceanic O₃ uptake efficiency (Ganzeveld et al., 2009; Helmig et al., 2012; Luhar et al., 2018). However, most ACTMs often still-use a constant O₃ surface uptake efficiency of 2000 cm s⁻¹ to water bodies, proposed by Wesely (1989), resulting in a simulated ocean V_{d,O_3} of ~ 0.05 cm s⁻¹. The observed V_{d,O_3} shows a larger variability including also a dependency on wind speed and Sea Surface Temperature (SST) (Helmig et al., 2012). The dependency on wind speed also expresses an enhancement of O₃ deposition due to waterside turbulence (Fairall et al., 2007) . This turbulence driven enhancement turbulence driven enhancement by wind speed (Fairall et al., 2007) is complemented by a strong chemical enhancement of oceanic O₃ deposition associated with its chemical destruction through oxidation of ocean water reactants such as dissolved iodide and dissolved organic matter (DOM) (Chang et al., 2004). Mechanistic O₃ deposition representations in models include the physical and biogeochemical processes related to the exchange and destruction drivers of the exchange of O₃ in surface waters (Fairall et al., 2007, 2011; Ganzeveld et al., 2009; Luhar et al., 2017, 2018). Dissolved iodide is deemed to be the main reactant of O₃ in surface waters (Chang et al., 2004) and therefore often applied in these representations. Some studies only consider dissolved iodide as a reactant (Luhar et al., 2017; Pound et al., 2019) whereas Ganzeveld et al. (2009) also included DOM as one reactant contributing to the chemical enhancement of oceanic O₃ deposition. However, the role of DOM in oceanic O₃ deposition remains difficult to quantify which appears to be mainly addressed by controlled laboratory experiments or O₃ flux measurements at sites with elevated DOM water concentrations. Nevertheless, application of these more mechanistic ocean O₃ deposition representations illustrated the importance of a more explicit representation of O₃ dry deposition in ACTMs, not only regarding the impact on These mechanistic deposition representations appeared to be crucial for O₃ dry deposition modelling, the marine ABL O₃ concentrations and budget, but also to consider potentially important feedback mechanisms. For instance, consideration of the mechanisms that ultimately determine the efficiency of uptake and destruction of O₃ in ocean surface waters might also explain the the potentially involved feedback mechanisms such as the release of halogen compounds into the ABL (Prados Roman et al., 2015). These halogens, in turn, are involved in O₃ depletion and therefore reduce further uptake and destruction as a function of O₃ in ocean surface waters implying existence of a negative feedback mechanism deposition (Prados Roman et al., 2015). Up until now, earlier studies on global scale oceanic O₃ deposition (Ganzeveld et al., 2009; Luhar et al., 2017) mainly relied

on the evaluation of evaluated monthly mean surface O_3 observations (Pound et al., 2019). The implementation of these mechanistic exchange methods in ACTMs, in particular the method proposed by Luhar et al. (2018) using a two-layer model representation (compared to a bulk layer version by Ganzeveld et al. (2009)), results in a \sim 50% reduction of the global mean V_{d,O_3} which affects the tropospheric O_3 burden (Pound et al., 2019). The mechanistic representation in Pound et al. (2019) especially results in a simulated decrease in V_{d,O_3} to cold polar waters with relatively low reactivity. Simulated V_{d,O_3} can be as low as 0.01 cm s⁻¹ compared to the commonly applied V_{d,O_3} of 0.05 cm s⁻¹ in the constant surface uptake resistance approach

(Pound et al., 2019). However, the hypothesized deposition reduction to cold waters is expected to substantially affect Arctic ABL O₃ concentrations on shorter timescales relatively short timescales (sub-monthly) and potentially improve operational Arctic O₃ forecasts, e.g. the air quality forecasts by the Copernicus Atmosphere Monitoring Service (CAMS) (Inness et al., 2019).

The evaluation Evaluation of simulated oceanic O₃ deposition in the Arctic is hampered by a lack of O₃ ocean-atmosphere flux 100 observations. Hence, evaluation of simulated O₃ deposition relies on evaluation of which consequently relies on comparison of simulated and observed surface O₃ concentrations not only regarding the simulated and observed magnitude but in particular on the highly resolved temporal variability. We hypothesize that on the daily and diurnal synoptic timescales these concentrations are largely controlled by temporal variability in the main physical drivers of oceanic O₃ deposition, e.g. atmospheric and waterside turbulence mainly as a function of wind speed. Chemical enhancement of, e.g., iodide to O₃ deposition is anticipated to control more the long-term (weeks-months) baseline level of V_{d,Q_2} associated with an-105 ticipated long-term (e.g. seasonal) changes in ocean water biogeochemical conditions (Sherwen et al., 2019). This evaluation of Arctic spatiotemporal O₃ concentrations aims to better understand sinks, processes, feedbacks and impacts of the role of ocean and sea-ice deposition as a potentially important but also uncertain sink impacting Arctic air pollution (Arnold et al., 2016)and the role of long-range transport (e.g. Thomas et al., 2013; Marelle et al., 2018) versus local sources (e.g. Marelle et al., 2016; Law et al., 2017; Schmale et al., 2018). Furthermore, the projected opening of the Arctic ocean, as a 110 result of climate change, urges to improve our understanding of Arctic ocean-atmosphere exchange. This study focuses on the ocean-atmosphere exchange of O₃, but follow-up studies are planned with a focus on ocean-atmosphere exchange and ABL concentrations of other trace gases such as dimethylsulfide (DMS), which enhances cloud formation and is involved in many feedback mechanisms (Mahmood et al., 2019).

We aim to identify and quantify the impact of a mechanistic representation of O₃ deposition in explaining observed hourly Arctic surface O₃ concentrations, both in terms of magnitude and temporal variability. A mesoscale coupled meteorology-atmospheric chemistry model is evaluated against a large dataset of pan-Arctic O₃ observations at a high resolution (hourly) timescale for the end-of-summer 2008. Having a much higher spatial and temporal resolutions compared to other global modelling studies we aim to better capture evaluate to what extent the role of spatiotemporal variability in O₃ deposition in explaining explaining observed surface O₃ concentrations particularly regarding temporal variability. We also indicate the role of meteorology in simulating these O₃ concentrations by nudging the simulated synoptic conditions towards an atmospheric reanalysis dataset. Section 2 describes the adjustments to the deposition scheme in the mesoscale ACTM, further model setup and observational datasets. Section 3 presents the main results of the study which are further discussed in Sect. 4. This manuscript is finalized with the conclusions in Sect. 5.

125 2 Methods

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2.1 Regional coupled meteorology-chemistry model

We use the Weather Research and Forecasting model (v4.1.1) coupled to chemistry (Chem) (Grell et al., 2005) and optimized for Polar regions (Hines and Bromwich, 2008). Polar-WRF-Chem (hereafter: WRF) is a non-hydrostatic mesoscale numerical weather prediction and atmospheric chemistry model used for operational and research purposes. Figure 1 shows the selected study area including the locations of surface O_3 observational sites selected for this study (more information in Sect. 2.3). WRF is set up with a polar projection centered at 90° N, 250×250 horizontal grid points (30×30 km resolution) and 44 vertical levels up to 100 hPa, with a finer vertical grid spacing in the ABL and lower troposphere. The simulation period is 08-August-2008 to 2008 including three days of spin-up. This end-of-summer 2008 period is chosen: 1) to limit the role of active halogen chemistry during springtime (Pratt et al., 2013; Thompson et al., 2017; Yang et al., 2020) and 2) the additional availability of 2008 observations in the high Arctic over sea ice from the ASCOS campaign (Paatero et al., 2009). The ECMWF ERA5 meteorology (2008) (Hersbach et al., 2009) and CAMS reanalysis chemistry (2008) (Inness et al., 2009) products are used for the initial and boundary conditions. Boundary conditions, SSTs and sea ice fractions are updated every three hours to these reanalysis products to allow for the sea ice retreat during the simulation. Other relevant parameterization schemes and emission datasets have been listed in Tab. A1 and are mostly based on Bromwich et al. (2013).

140 2.1.1 Nudging to ECMWF ERA5

The first WRF simulation, without any adjustments to O₃ deposition, indicated that WRF was misrepresenting the temporal variability in surface O₃ observations, most prominently starting from a few days into the simulation. We hypothesize that this misrepresentation is caused by deviations in the synoptic conditions in the free running WRF simulation. Hence, WRF results are compared against the observations from the Advanced Microwave Scanning Radiometer - Earth Observing System (AMSR-E) sensor on NASA's Agua satellite. The near surface This was confirmed with a comparison of simulated and satellite observed wind speeds above oceans from the Daily Level-3 data product are used with at a spatial resolution of 0.25°×0.25° (Wentz and Meissner, 2004). Figure ?? shows the temporal evolution in the bias (WRF minus AMSR-E) and Mean Absolute Error (MAE) of the daily and ocean grid box averaged 10-m wind speeds. Although the first days there is no clear bias, later in the simulation we find a persistent positive wind speed bias indicating that WRF overestimates the wind speeds above the Arctic ocean. During the first days the MAE amounts to ~1.5 m s⁻¹, while later in the simulation the MAE reaches 2.5-3.0 m s⁻¹. To overcome the impact of this deficiency on our O₃ budget study, nudging is applied to ensure a fair an optimal model evaluation with observations. Hence, WRF is nudged every three hours to the ECMWF ERA5 specific humidity, temperature and wind fields in the free troposphere with nudging coefficients of $1 \cdot 10^{-5}$ s⁻¹, $3 \cdot 10^{-4}$ s⁻¹ and $3 \cdot 10^{-4}$ s⁻¹, respectively. In Sect. 3.3 the impact of nudging on simulated surface O₂ is further analysed. Temporal evolution of the bias (WRF minus AMSR-E₂) black) m s⁻¹ and Mean Absolute Error (MAE, red) m s⁻¹ of 10-m wind speeds above oceans for the period of 11-Aug to 6-Sep 2008. Note that the right y-axis starts at 1.4 m s⁻¹.



Figure 1. WRF domain including sea ice and snow cover at the start of the simulation. Locations with surface observations O₃ are indicated in green (High Arctic), magenta (Remote) and cyan (Terrestrial) (see Sect. 2.3). The drifting path of the ASCOS campaign during the simulation is indicated with the black line.

2.2 Representation of ocean-atmosphere gas exchange

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The Coupled Ocean-Atmosphere Response Experiment (COARE) (Fairall et al., 1996) has been developed to study physical exchange processes (sensible heat, latent heat and momentum) at the ocean-atmosphere interface. Later, COARE has been extended to include the exchange of gaseous species such as O₃, dimethyl sulfide (DMS) and carbon dioxide (CO₂) (Fairall et al., 2011). Many studies have used the COARE Gas transfer algorithm (COAREG) in combination with eddy covariance measurements to study the effects of wind speed and sea state on ocean-atmosphere gas exchange (e.g. Helmig et al. (2012), Blomquist et al. (2017), Bell et al. (2017), Porter et al. (2020)). Furthermore, the COAREG algorithm has also been previously used in global O₃ modelling studies Ganzeveld et al. (2009)(Ganzeveld et al., 2009). The choice for COAREG as ocean-atmosphere exchange parameterization is further motivated by the consistent coupling with other species such as DMS.

Here we use COAREG version 3.6, which is extended with a two-layer scheme for surface resistance compared to the previous version described by Fairall et al. (2007, 2011). The two-layer scheme is similar to Luhar et al. (2018) building upon a first application of a 1-layer version of COAREG by Ganzeveld et al. (2009). In that study, chemical enhancement of ocean O_3 deposition by its reaction with iodide was considered using a global climatology of ocean surface water concentrations of nitrate serving as a proxy for oceanic iodide concentrations (Γ_{aq}), the compound that is generally deemed to be the most significant reactant for O_3 in ocean water (Chang et al., 2004). Besides nitrate, satellite-derived chlorophyll- α concentrations have been

used as a proxy for Γ_{aq} (Oh et al., 2008). Since then, alternative parameterizations of oceanic Γ_{aq} have been proposed (e.g. MacDonald et al., 2014) using SST as a proxy for this reactant. In COAREG, chemical reactivity of O_3 with Γ_{aq} is present through the depth of the oceanic mixing layer. O_3 loss by waterside turbulent transfer is negligible in the top water layer (few micrometers), but is accounted for in the underlying water column. The waterside turbulent transfer term is especially relevant for relatively cold waters because the chemical enhancement term is then relatively low (Fairall et al., 2007; Ganzeveld et al., 2009; Luhar et al., 2017). The last two important waterside processes that determine the total O_3 deposition are molecular diffusion and solubility of O_3 in seawater which both depend on the SST. In Appendix B we list the formulation of the air- and waterside resistance terms in the COAREG routine applied in this study and show the sensitivity to the environmental factors wind speed, SST and Γ_{aq} for typical Arctic conditions.

In this study, the The COAREG algorithm is coupled such that WRF provides the meteorological and SST input for the COAREG routine. In turn, the COAREG calculated ocean-atmosphere exchange velocities are used in the WRF model to calculate the oceanic O₃ deposition flux replacing the default oceanic O₃ deposition fluxes calculated by the Wesely (1989) scheme reflecting use of the default constant r_s of 2000 s m⁻¹. For grid boxes with fractional sea ice cover, COAREG replaces the Wesely deposition scheme for the fraction that is ice free. Note that in this study, only O₃ ocean-atmosphere exchange is represented by COAREG not having modified simulations of ocean-atmosphere exchange of other compounds (e.g. DMS). Moreover, we apply the monthly-mean I_{aq} distribution by Sherwen et al. (2019) (0.125° × 0.125° resolution) which applies a machine learning approach, namely the Random Forest Regressor algorithm (Pedregosa et al., 2011), using various physical and chemical variables such as SST, nitrate and chlorophyll- α , salinity and mixed layer depth. This distribution replaces the previously applied I aq estimations only using SST (Chance et al., 2014; MacDonald et al., 2014). At high latitudes, these Γ_{aq} distributions are highly uncertain due to the limited number of observations. However, the The choice for Sherwen et al. (2019) is motivated by the most accurate representation of observed Γ_{aq} on the global scale. by introduction of other predictors besides SST. Furthermore, this product will be further updated with newly available measurements. Figure C1 shows the spatial distribution of I aq used in the calculation of the O₃ deposition velocities of COAREG coupled to the WRF model. Using the Sherwen et al. (2019) distribution for August/September we found relatively high I aq concentrations ranging between 30 nM and 80 nM for the open oceans up to 130 nM in coastal waters. In MacDonald et al. (2014) and Chance et al. (2014), I ag is solely a function of SST which leads to I_{ad} in the order of 5 to 50 nM and thus low reactivity and O₃ deposition velocities.

2.2.1 Deposition to snow and ice

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Reported atmosphere-snow gas exchange spans a wide range of observed O_3 deposition velocities. Some studies even report episodes of negative deposition fluxes (emissions) over snow or sea ice (Zeller, 2000; Helmig et al., 2009; Muller et al., 2012). Clifton et al. (2020a) recently summarized observed O_3 deposition velocities to snow having a range of -3.6 to 1.8 cm s⁻¹ with most of the observations indicating a deposition velocity between 0 and 0.1 cm s⁻¹ for multiple snow covered surfaces (e.g. grass/forest/sea-ice). Generally, ozone O_3 concentrations in the interstitial air of the snowpack is lower than in the air above making it a not a direct source of O_3 in terms of emissions (Clifton et al., 2020a). However, the emissions of O_3 precursors from the snowpack can enhance O_3 production in the very stable atmosphere above the snowpack (Clifton et al.,

2020a). Helmig et al. (2007b) investigated the sensitivity of a global chemistry and tracer transport model to the prescribed O_3 deposition velocity and found best agreement between modelled and observed O_3 concentrations at four Arctic sites by applying deposition velocities in the order of 0.00-0.01 cm s⁻¹. Following Helmig et al. (2007b) we have increased the O_3 surface uptake resistance (r_s) for snow and ice land use classes to 10^4 s m⁻¹. This corresponds to total deposition velocities of ≤ 0.01 cm s⁻¹, which is a reduction of $\sim 66\%$ compared to the Wesely deposition routine that is the default being applied in WRF (Grell et al., 2005). Effects of this modification are further examined in Sect. 3.1.

2.3 Observational data of surface ozone

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The new modelling setup, including nudging to ECMWF ERA5 and the revised O₃ deposition to snow, ice and oceans, is evaluated against observational data of pan-Arctic surface O₃ concentrations. We expect that the different representation of O₃ deposition mostly affects O₃ concentrations in the ABL. Therefore, we evaluate our simulations against hourly averaged surface O₃ observations from 25 measurement sites above 60 °N. These sites are further categorized in three site selections: 'High Arctic', 'Terrestrial' and 'Remote'. High Arctic refers to sites having latitudes > 70 °N and for which we expect that the deposition footprint is a combination of ocean and sea-ice (e.g. Helmig et al., 2007a). The Terrestrial sites are located below 70 °N and show a clear diurnal cycle in observed O₃(e.g. Chen et al., 2018). These diurnal cycles are governed by a combination of emissions of precursors, but also the anticipated larger diurnal cycle in O₃ deposition (Zhou et al., 2017) to, e.g., vegetated surfaces and a stronger diurnal cycle in turbulent mixing conditions and ABL dynamics. These are in all aspects different from sites that have an ocean/sea-ice footprint where we expect low emissions of precursors, no clear diurnal cycle in O₃ deposition and a weaker diurnal cycle in ABL dynamics (Van Dam et al., 2015). In this study, the criterion is that the. Sites are characterized as Terrestrial when the average observed minimum nighttime mixing ratio is > 8 ppb smaller than the average observed maximum daytime mixing ratio during the ~ 1 month of simulation. This criterion is based on a preparatory analysis of the observational data, footprint and site characteristics. The Remote sites have been identified as such based on their location below 70 $^{\circ}$ N and showing no clear diurnal cycle in O_3 concentrations. The analysis also includes the observations during the Arctic Summer Cloud Ocean Study (ASCOS) campaign, when the icebreaker Oden was located in the Arctic sea ice (Tjernstrom et al., 2012). In total, 25 surface O₃ measurement sites are included (Fig. 1) of which 6, 8 and 11 sites are characterized High Arctic, Remote and Terrestrial sites, respectively. A full list of available measurement sites is available in Tab. D1.

2.4 Overview of performed simulations

In total, we perform three two simulations. The first WRF simulation (DEFAULTNUDGED) is a run without any adjustments to the code as having the setup described in Sect. 2.1. The second simulation (NUDGED) includes mudging of and nudged the synoptic conditions to the ECMWF ERA5 product as described in Sect. 2.1.1. The third second simulation (COAREG) includes nudging, but also includes the adjustments to the O₃ deposition to oceans as described in Sect. 2.2 and the O₃ deposition to snow and ice as described in Sect. 2.2.1. Furthermore, we also compare our results with the state-of-the-art CAMS global reanalysis data product (Inness et al., 2019). This product has a temporal resolution of 3 hours, a spatial resolution of

 $0.75^{\circ} \times 0.75^{\circ}$ and does not include a mechanistic representation of ocean-atmosphere O_3 exchange. CAMS assimilates satellite observations of O_3 but it does not assimilate O_3 observations from radiosondes or in situ measurement sites such as the 25 sites used in the here presented evaluation. This implies that the lower tropospheric O_3 is weakly constrained by observations in this CAMS product making an accurate model representation of the sources and sinks important. We opted to include the CAMS reanalysis data as another tool to study Arctic surface O_3 and to address potential limitations in its model setup. Moreover, CAMS is being widely used for air quality forecasts and assessments but also to constrain regional scale modelling experiments such as presented in this study. Therefore, an analysis of the performance of the CAMS reanalysis data might also benefit future Arctic air quality assessments.

3 Results

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First, we will present the spatial and temporal variation in O_3 dry deposition velocities (V_{d,O_3}) of the NUDGED and COAREG modelling setup including the effect on the total O_3 deposition budget. Subsequently we will discuss the resulting effect on the spatial distribution of the mean surface O_3 mixing ratios. Then, we will present the comparison of all WRF simulations and CAMS data with the hourly surface observations for the three site selections (High Arctic , Remote and Terrestrial). This section is finalized by the simulated and observed time series for the six High Arctic sites.

3.1 Dry deposition budgets and distribution

Figure 2a and Fig. 2b show the mean deposition velocities for the NUDGED and COAREG runs, respectively. As expected, in the NUDGED run (Fig. 2a) the mean V_{d,O_3} to oceans are in the order of 0.05 cm s⁻¹. Furthermore, the spatial distribution shows a relatively low heterogeneity and no increase in deposition velocities towards the warmer waters. The COAREG run (Fig. 2b) provides a mean V_{d,O_3} in the order of 0.01 cm s⁻¹ for the Arctic ocean > 70°N up to 0.018 cm s⁻¹ for oceans with high I_{aq} concentrations (Fig. C1). Simulated oceanic O_3 deposition is elevated in coastal waters (e.g. Baltic Sea and around the Bering Strait) with I_{aq} concentrations reaching up to 130 nM compared to 30-50 nM for the open Arctic ocean waters (Fig. C1). This highlights the sensitivity of the COAREG scheme to chemical enhancement with dissolved iodide.

Figure 2c shows the temporal variability in V_{d,O_3} for one of the grid boxes, which is in terms of temporal variability representative for the whole domain. The temporal variability in the NUDGED run is mainly governed by temporal variability in r_a . During episodes with high wind speeds (> 10 m s⁻¹), r_a becomes so small that it is negligible over the constant surface uptake resistance of 2000 s m⁻¹, corresponding to a maximum V_{d,O_3} of 0.05 cm s⁻¹. During episodes with low wind speeds (< 5 m s⁻¹), reduced turbulent transport poses some additional restriction on O_3 removal with increasing r_a which reduces the V_{d,O_3} to \sim 0.04 cm s⁻¹. In the COAREG run, temporal variability in V_{d,O_3} is also governed by wind speeds that controls the waterside turbulent transport of O_3 in seawater besides atmospheric turbulent transport. For high wind speeds, the waterside turbulent transport increases (Fig. B1) and more O_3 is transported through the turbulent layers. For our simulation, we found that the temporal variability in O_3 deposition due to waterside turbulent transport can be up to \pm 20% around the mean. Only during episodes of very low wind speeds (< 2.5 m s⁻¹) the $r_a + r_b$ term poses an additional restriction on O_3 deposition in the

COAREG run. Overall, the V_{d,O_3} to oceans in the COAREG run is reduced by \sim 60-80% compared to the NUDGED run. The mean V_{d,O_3} to snow and ice is reduced by \sim 66%, from \sim 0.03 cm s⁻¹ in the NUDGED run to \sim 0.01 cm s⁻¹ in the COAREG run.

The temporal evolution in oceanic O₃ deposition velocities simulated by the COAREG run appears to be on the low side of observed and elsewhere simulated V_{d,O_3} (e.g. Chang et al., 2004; Oh et al., 2008; Ganzeveld et al., 2009). Chang et al. (2004) showed that V_{d,O_3} can increase by a factor of 5 with wind speed increasing from 0 to 20 m s⁻¹. Luhar et al. (2017) (Figure 7) shows a wide range of observed and simulated sensitivities to wind speed. Observations from the TexAQS06 summer campaign in the Gulf of Mexico show a large sensitivity to 10-meter wind speeds even though the model seems unable to capture these high deposition velocities at high wind speeds (Luhar et al., 2017). However, Luhar et al. (2017) also shows that for the GasEx08 campaign in the cold Southern Ocean the sensitivity of observed and simulated V_{d,O_3} to 10-meter wind speeds is very limited. This limited sensitivity is most accurately represented by the newer-modified two-layer reactivity scheme compared to the older one-layer scheme due to a more limited interaction between chemical reactivity and waterside turbulent transport (Luhar et al., 2017). Furthermore, the variability around the mean presented in Tab. 1 (0.012 \pm 0.002 cm s⁻¹) seems to correspond to Oh et al. (2008) (0.016 \pm 0.0015 cm s⁻¹) 1 month simulation including O_3 removal by I_{aq} . In this study we show the intramonthly variability in oceanic O₃ deposition which is expected to be relatively low compared to the seasonal variability which will also be driven by temporal changes in solubility and reactivity due to the seasonal changes in SST and Γ_{aa} . By estimating the total deposition flux for the water, snow/ice and land surfaces we can quantify the total simulated O₃ deposition budget (Tab. 1) for the Arctic modelling domain. Land, not covered with snow or ice, is with 48% the dominant surface type for this specific domain setup in summer. Combined with a relatively high simulated V_{d,O_3} of \sim 0.45 cm s⁻¹ this is the most important sink, in terms of deposition, of simulated O_3 with ~ 135 Tg O_3 yr⁻¹. The simulated O_3 deposition budget to water bodies, covering 37% of the total surface area, contributes in the NUDGED run \sim 10% (15.4 Tg O₃ yr⁻¹) to the total O₃ deposition sink. In the COAREG run, this reduces to only $\sim 3\%$ (4.6 Tg O₃ yr⁻¹) of the total O₃ deposition sink. Simulated O₃ deposition to snow and ice, covering 15% of the total surface area, is the least important deposition sink removing 4.1 and 1.7 Tg O₃ yr⁻¹ in the DEFAULT-NUDGED and COAREG runs, respectively.

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Table 1. Mean simulated O_3 deposition velocity (\pm Standard deviation) [cm s⁻¹] and total simulated deposition budget [Tg O_3 yr⁻¹] for the NUDGED and COAREG runs to water, snow/ice and land each representing 37%, 15% and 48% of the total surface area respectively. The standard deviation gives an indication of the spatiotemporal variability in simulated O_3 deposition velocities.

		Water (37%)	Snow/Ice (15%)	Land (48%)	Total (100%)
NUDGED	Deposition velocity (±Std.) [cm s ⁻¹]	0.047 (±0.003)	$0.030~(\pm 0.000)$	$0.449\ (\pm0.225)$	
	Deposition budget [Tg O ₃ yr ⁻¹]	15.4	4.1	133.4	152.9
COAREG	Deposition velocity (±Std.) [cm s ⁻¹]	0.012 (±0.002)	0.010 (±0.000)	0.448 (±0.251)	
	Deposition budget [Tg O ₃ yr ⁻¹]	4.6	1.7	135.8	142.1

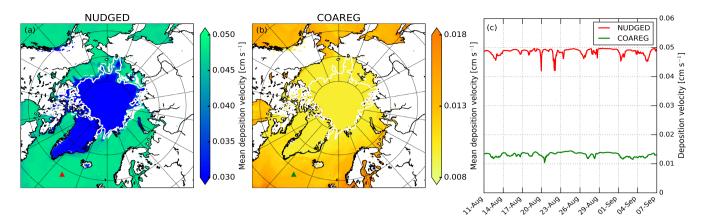


Figure 2. Spatial distribution of the mean simulated O_3 deposition velocity to snow/ice and oceans [cm s⁻¹] for the (a) NUDGED and (b) COAREG simulations and (c) temporal variation in O_3 deposition velocity [cm s⁻¹] for the NUDGED (red) and COAREG (green) simulations. The red and green markers in (a) and (b) indicate the location of the time series shown in (c). To give an indication of the sea ice extent, the white contours show the sea ice fraction of 0.5 at the start of the simulation.

3.2 Simulated and observed monthly mean surface ozone

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Figure 3 shows the spatial distribution in the simulated mean surface O_3 mixing ratios overlain with the observed mean surface O_3 mixing ratios. In the NUDGED and COAREG runs (Fig. 3a and Fig. 3b respectively) we find similar surface O_3 mixing ratios of \sim 15-20 ppb over the Russian and Canadian/Alaskan land masses. Over Scandinavia, slightly higher surface O_3 mixing ratios of \sim 20-25 ppb are simulated due to more anthropogenic emissions of precursors in the EDGAR emission inventory and advection of O_3 and its precursors from outside the domain. As expected, we find a limited effect of reduced deposition to water and snow/ice to the simulated mean O_3 mixing ratios over land. In general, the model appears to simulate the mean observed surface O_3 mixing ratios for the Remote and Terrestrial sites (all sites < 70 °N) generally well without clear positive or negative bias. Due to the altitude effect higher relatively high surface O_3 concentrations are simulated over Greenland even though the deposition velocity to snow and the surrounding oceans is of similar magnitude (\sim 0.01 cm s⁻¹).

The reduced O_3 deposition to water and snow/ice surfaces, comparing the NUDGED and COAREG simulation results (Sect. 3.1, Tab. 1), appears to be limited in terms of relative changes in V_{d,O_3} and the total simulated O_3 deposition budget. However, these relatively small changes do substantially affect the simulated spatial distribution of surface O_3 mixing ratios over oceans and sea ice as indicated in Fig. 3. We find that the NUDGED run (Fig. 3a) systematically underestimates the mean observed surface O_3 mixing ratios for the High Arctic sites (all sites > 70 °N) by \sim 5-10 ppb which appears to be caused by an overestimated deposition to ocean, snow and ice surfaces, also further substantiated by the following analysis of short-term temporal variability in O_3 concentrations (Sect. 3.3). Over the Arctic sea ice and oceans the ABL is typically very shallow and atmospheric turbulence is relatively weak. This suppresses vertical mixing and entrainment of O_3 rich air from the free troposphere. Dry deposition of O_3 to the ocean or snow/ice surfaces appears to be an important removal mechanism that has a large impact on O_3 concentrations in these shallow ABLs (Clifton et al., 2020b) both in terms of magnitude but also temporal

variability as we will show in (see Sect. 3.4). In the COAREG run, the surface O₃ mixing ratios over oceans and Arctic sea ice have increased up to 50%. Furthermore, the reduced deposition to snow/ice has also clearly affected simulated surface O₃ mixing ratios over Greenland. Most importantly, the negative bias in simulated surface O₃ mixing ratios is reduced in the COAREG run with respect to the NUDGED run (see Sect. 3.3).

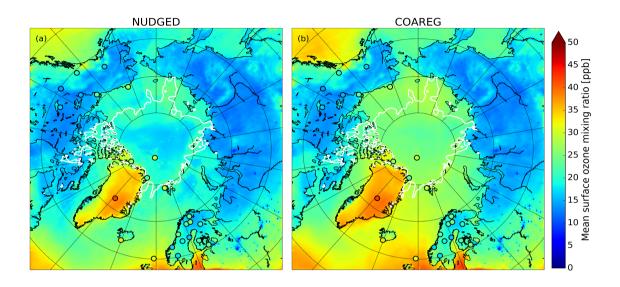


Figure 3. Spatial distribution of the simulated mean surface O₃ mixing ratio [ppb] for the (a) NUDGED and (b) COAREG runs. The filled circles indicate the mean observed ozone mixing ratios [ppb] for the simulated period. To indicate the sea ice extent, the white contours show the sea ice fraction of 0.5 at the start of the simulation.

3.3 Simulated and observed hourly surface ozone

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In this section we show how both nudging and the application of the revised deposition scheme improves the model prediction scores of surface O₃ concentrations reflected in a comparison of the simulated and observed hourly surface O₃ mixing ratios at the three site selections (High Arctic, Remote and Terrestrial). This is according to our knowledge the first time such an oceanic O₃ deposition scheme coupled to a meteorology-chemistry model is evaluated against a large dataset of hourly surface O₃ observations. Figure 4 shows a comparison between observed and simulated hourly surface O₃ mixing ratios subdivided in the three site selections: High Arctic, Remote and Terrestrial. As expected, for the High Arctic sites (Fig. 4, top row) we find that the DEFAULT_NUDGED run is underestimating the observed surface O₃ mixing ratios with a mean bias of -7.7 ppb. Interestingly, nudging to ERA5 wind, temperature and humidity appears to already reduce some of the bias in the High Arctic by better representing the temporal variability in surface O₃. This is further examined in Sect. 3.4. However, the NUDGED run appears to still underestimate High Arctic surface O₃ with a bias of -3.8 ppb which is also consistent with the findings in Fig. 3, where the NUDGED run appears to underestimate surface O₃ mixing ratios in the High Arctic region. The COAREG run,

having a reduced O_3 deposition sink to oceans and snow/ice appears to better represent the surface O_3 observations with a slight positive bias of 0.3 ppb. The MAE in the COAREG run is reduced to 4.7 ppb from 8.5 and 6.4 for the DEFAULT and NUDGED runs respectively ppb for the NUDGED run. Furthermore, we find that the CAMS reanalysis data also underestimates surface O_3 in the High Arctic with a bias of -5.0 ppb and a MAE of 6.8 ppb. Note that the performance for all the WRF runs and CAMS reanalysis product is varying for each observational site which is further examined in Sect. 3.4.

For the Remote sites (Fig. 4, middle row), having no clear diurnal cycle in surface O_3 , we find again an improvement by nudging the WRF model to ERA5 and also by including the mechanistic ocean deposition routine and reduced snow/ice deposition. This improvement appears to be most pronounced for coastal sites like Storhofdi ($63.4^{\circ}N,20.3^{\circ}W$) and Inuvik ($68.4^{\circ}N,133.7^{\circ}W$) with a reduction in the MAE of 57% and 3632% and 19% respectively (not shown here). Overall, the improvement for the NUDGED and COAREG runs COAREG compared to the DEFAULT NUDGED run in the Remote site selection is not as significant compared to the High Arctic sites, also because of the larger role of O_3 deposition to land and vegetation, which remained unchanged in this study. We find that the CAMS data shows the best performance for the Remote sites with no bias and with a MAE of 5.6 ppb.

For the Terrestrial sites (Fig. 4, bottom row), having a clear diurnal cycle in surface O₃, all the WRF runs slightly overestimate the observed surface O₃ mixing ratios with a mean bias up to mean biases of 0.1 ppb and 1.0 ppb . By nudging WRF to ERA5 the bias is reduced from 7.0 ppb to 6.0 ppb for the NUDGED and COAREG runs, respectively. Reducing the O₃ deposition to oceans and snow/ice increases the bias, but the MAE of 6.0 ppb remains unchanged. The CAMS reanalysis data appears to perform worst for the Terrestrial sites with a bias of 6.4 ppb and a MAE of 8.0 ppb. This might be explained by the lower spatial and temporal resolution of CAMS specifically at these sites having a relatively strong diurnal cycle in ABL dynamics, O₃ deposition to vegetation and O₃ concentrations. Also a misrepresentation of emissions of precursor emissions and concentrations and the O₃ deposition to vegetation (Michou et al., 2005; Val Martin et al., 2014) might explain some of the differences.

3.4 Short-term temporal Temporal variability of surface ozone in the High Arctic

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In Sect. 3.3 we have shown how nudging the WRF model to ERA5 synoptic conditions and revising the O_3 deposition scheme to oceans and snow/ice can improve the model's capability to represent the observed hourly surface O_3 mixing ratios, especially for the High Arctic sites. In this section we show how the NUDGED and COAREG runs and CAMS represent the temporal variation in High Arctic surface O_3 observations, focusing on a 6 out of the 25 measurement sites. These 6 High Arctic sites have been selected due to their deposition footprint being dominated by transport over, and deposition to, ocean and sea-ice covered surfaces. Figure 5 shows the observed and simulated surface O_3 time series for ASCOS, Summit, Villum, Zeppelin, Barrow and Alert. Furthermore, Tab. 2 shows the model skill indicators for the High Arctic sites. These skill indicators include the Mean Absolute Error (MAE) that represents the systematic error, the Standar Standard Deviation of Observation minus model Prediction σ_{o-p} that represents the random error and the Pearson-R correlation coefficient (R) that represents the degree of correlation.

The observations at ASCOS (Fig. 5a) show a sudden increase of surface O₃ mixing ratios from 20 to over 30 ppb around the

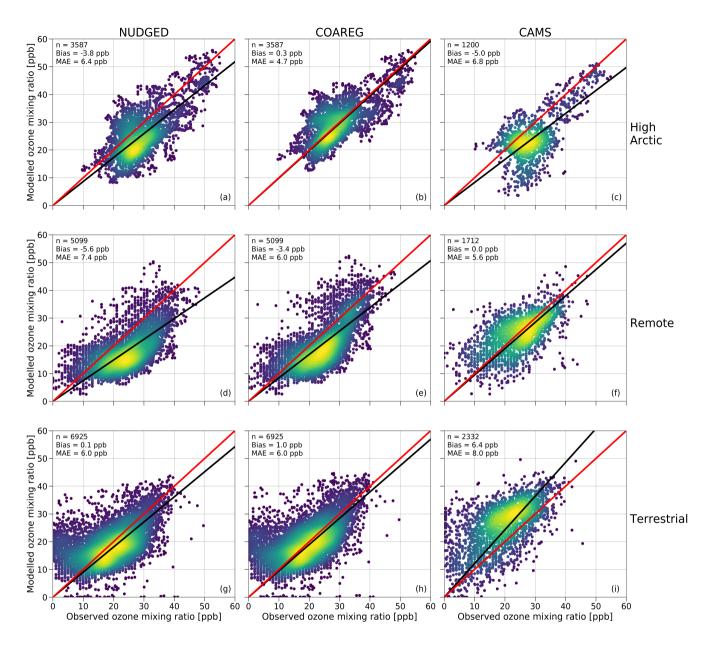


Figure 4. Comparison of the hourly observed and simulated ozone mixing ratios [ppb] for the DEFAULT_NUDGED (a,ed,ig), NUDGED and COAREG (b,fe,jkh), COAREG (e,g,k) runs and CAMS data (dc,hf,li) for the High Arctic (HAa-c)(a-d), Remote (REd-f) (e-h) and Terrestrial (TE) (i-lg-i) sites. The red line indicates the 1:1 line and the black line indicates the Ordinary Least Squares regression line through the origin. The number of data points (n), Bias [ppb] and Mean Absolute Error (MAE) [ppb] are shown in the top left corner. The colors represent the multivariate kernel density estimation with yellow colors having a higher density.

17th of August due to advection of relatively ozone O₃ rich air during a synoptically active period (Tjernstrom et al., 2012). Only the COAREG run appears to be able to simulate a similar increase in surface O₃ while NUDGED and CAMS show a minor increase in simulated surface O₃. From the 17th of August onwards, the observations show mixing ratios between 25 and 35 ppb. The WRF simulations indicate advection of air over ocean and ice surfaces during this time period (not shown here). In the COAREG simulation, with less deposition to these surfaces, surface O₃ mixing ratios are less depleted. Only the COAREG run is able to represent these observed mixing ratios with a bias of -2.0 ppb whereas the NUDGED and CAMS are clearly biased towards lower mixing ratios.

At Summit (Fig. 5b), we find a large temporal variability in observed surface O_3 between 30 and 55 ppb. From the 11^{th} of August onwards we find a decreasing trend in observed surface O_3 down to 30 ppb before increasing to 40 ppb around the 17^{th} of August. All models capture this specific event in terms of temporal variability even though NUDGED and COAREG are still biased at the observed minimum of 30 ppb. Furthermore, we find that the CAMS reanalysis data represents this specific period very well, also in terms of magnitude. At Summit, the increase of surface O_3 in the COAREG run relative to the NUDGED run mostly reflects the reduction of deposition to snow and ice due to the prevailing katabatic wind flow (Gorter et al., 2014). During episodes with low wind speeds the ABL becomes very stable and shallow during which deposition to snow and ice becomes an important process in removing O_3 in the ABL. In the period between the 14^{th} and 26^{th} of August this reduction in deposition can increase the surface O_3 mixing ratios up to 10 ppb (e.g. 23^{th} of August). In contrast, during episodes with higher wind speeds and deeper ABLs the reduced O_3 deposition to snow hardly affects the simulated surface O_3 concentrations. Interestingly, we find that the NUDGED and COAREG simulations show a larger negative bias (\sim 5-10 ppb) during the period with low wind speeds and shallow ABLs. Over the entire simulated period, CAMS performs best at Summit with a MAE of 3.9 ppb followed by COAREG with a MAE of 6.1 ppb.

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Villum (Fig. 5c) is the only site for which the NUDGED and COAREG runs as well as the CAMS reanalysis data all systematically overestimate the observed mixing ratios, especially later into the simulation. The observations show an increase in O₃ mixing ratios from 10 to 20 ppb in the first three days of the simulation where after it remains between 20 and 30 ppb with relatively low temporal variability compared to some of the other sites (e.g. Summit, Barrow). Both the NUDGED and COAREG runs simulate mixing ratios up to 40 ppb and CAMS simulates maximum surface O₃ mixing ratios of 35 ppb. In terms of representing the magnitude of surface O₃ mixing ratios CAMS performs best with a MAE of 4.5.

Zeppelin (Fig. 5d) and Barrow (Fig. 5e) show similar behaviour in terms of observation-model comparison. For both locations the CAMS reanalysis data systematically underestimates observed ozone O₃ mixing ratios with a biases > 10 ppb. In the NUDGED run the bias equals -6.9 and -4.6 ppb for Zeppelin and Barrow, respectively. In the COAREG run the bias is reduced to -1.0 and -0.2 ppb for Zeppelin and Barrow respectively. This reduction in bias is, together with ASCOS, the largest among the 6 High Arctic sites and shows the large sensitivity to the representation of O₃ deposition. At Barrow, the dominant wind directions during the simulation period are NW-NE giving-reflecting a footprint mostly from the Arctic sea ice and ocean. Especially in the period from the 23th of August onward the COAREG run is very accurate in representing the magnitude as well as the temporal variability in observed surface O₃. During this period, the NUDGED run simulates surface O₃ mixing ratios up to 5 ppb lower due to the overestimated deposition to oceans and sea ice. At both sites, the model performance of

400 COAREG is in the same order of magnitude with an MAE, σ_{o-p} and R of \sim 3.5 ppb, 4.2 ppb and 0.65, respectively.

At Alert (Fig. 5f), we find a relatively steady increase in observed surface O_3 from 20 ppb at the start of the simulation to 30 ppb at the end of the simulation. The temporal variability, both in observed and simulated surface O_3 appears to be lower compared to some of the other High Arctic sites. Again, the statistical parameters such as MAE, σ_{o-p} and R improve in the COAREG run with respect to the NUDGED run. At Alert, we find that CAMS has the lowest MAE and σ_{o-p} of 3.0 ppb and 3.4 ppb, respectively.

The model performance in terms of temporal variability in surface O_3 observations is diagnosed by using the Pearson-R correlation coefficient. The model performance improved for all six sites in the COAREG run with respect to the NUDGED run. The COAREG run includes temporal variability in O_3 deposition due to variability in waterside turbulent transport which can explain additional improvements in representing the temporal variability of surface O_3 . The COAREG simulation performs best for 5 out of the 6 observational sites in terms of Pearson-R correlation coefficient and is only outperformed by CAMS at Summit. Overall, we find that coupling the WRF model to the mechanistic COAREG ocean-atmosphere exchange representation decreases the MAE and σ_{o-p} for all High Arctic sites except for Villum by better representing the magnitude of, but also temporal variability in observed surface O_3 . The CAMS reanalysis data is performing well for some locations (e.g. Summit, Alert) while for Zeppelin and Barrow the discrepancy is among the largest we found in the observation-model comparison.

Table 2. MAE [ppb], σ_{o-p} [ppb] and Pearson-R correlation coefficient (R) [-] for the NUDGED and COAREG runs and CAMS reanalysis data at the ASCOS, Summit, Villum, Zeppelin, Barrow and Alert observational sites. The lowest model error and highest correlation have been made bold for every site.

	ASCOS		Summit		Villum		Zeppelin			Barrow			Alert					
	MAE	$\sigma_{ ext{o-p}}$	R	MAE	$\sigma_{ ext{o-p}}$	R	MAE	$\sigma_{ ext{o-p}}$	R	MAE	$\sigma_{ ext{o-p}}$	R	MAE	$\sigma_{ ext{o-p}}$	R	MAE	$\sigma_{ ext{o-p}}$	R
NUDGED	9.4	4.3	0.46	7.5	7.0	0.62	5.4	5.7	0.46	7.4	4.8	0.62	5.5	4.6	0.49	4.4	5.1	0.68
COAREG	3.1	3.2	0.67	6.1	5.8	0.67	7.8	4.5	0.6	3.6	4.3	0.69	3.4	4.2	0.6	3.6	4.3	0.74
CAMS	7.5	4.5	0.07	3.9	4.3	0.78	4.5	4.5	0.38	11.1	5.3	0.4	11.1	4.9	0.56	3.0	3.4	0.65

415 4 Discussion

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This study demonstrates the impact of a mechanistic representation of ocean-atmosphere O₃ exchange to simulate the magnitude and temporal variability of hourly surface O₃ concentrations in the Arctic at 25 sites. We show that the modelled sensitivity of the surface O₃ concentrations to the representation of O₃ to ocean, ice and snow surfaces is high, even though the total deposition budget is an order of magnitude smaller than the deposition budget to land and vegetation. Using a mechanistic oceanic O₃ deposition representation and reduced O₃ deposition to snow and ice greatly reduced the negative bias in surface O₃, especially in the high Arctic. Furthermore, the short-term temporal variability in surface O₃ was also better represented by the mechanistic representation of oceanic O₃ deposition by also accounting for temporal variations in the driving processes of oceanic O₃ deposition such as waterside turbulent transport. Our main objective was to address the

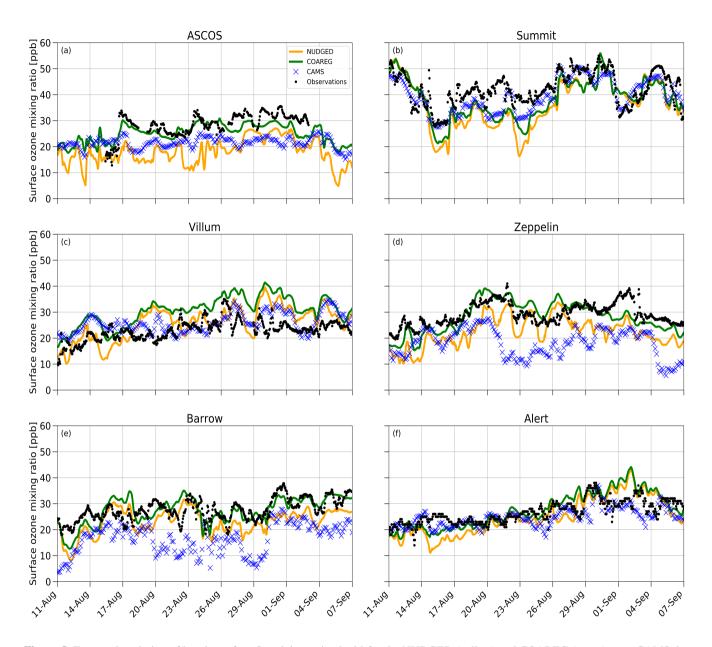


Figure 5. Temporal evolution of hourly surface O_3 mixing ratios [ppb] for the NUDGED (yellow) and COAREG (green) runs, CAMS data (blue crosses) and observations (black dots) at ASCOS (\sim 87.4°N, \sim 6.0°W), Summit (72.6°N,38.5°W), Villum (81.6°N,16.7°W), Zeppelin (78.9°N,11.9°E), Barrow (71.3°N,156.6°W) and Alert (82.5°N,62.3°W).

impact of a mechanistic oceanic O₃ deposition representation, including spatial and temporal variability, on the magnitude and temporal variability of surface O₃ concentrations and to evaluate this with a large dataset of 25 observational sites in and around the Arctic. We show that Arctic surface O₃ concentrations are sensitive to the representation of O₃ deposition to oceans and sea-ice especially at coastal sites and sites with latitudes >70°N. At sites with a more This analysis also shows a discrepancy in the representation of simulated O₃ at sites having a terrestrial footprint (e.g. Norway, Sweden, Finland), the comparison of modelled and observed surface O₃ concentrations also shows a discrepancy. As expected, this discrepancy has not been resolved introducing the more mechanistic. However, the model representation of O₃ deposition oceans and modified snow/sea-ice deposition rate. In terms of deposition, these sites are mostly influenced by O₃ deposition to vegetation and land(e.g. Silva and Heald, 2018; Wong et al., 2019; Clifton et al., 2020a). In the WRF simulations, dry deposition of O₃ to vegetation (mostly land-use class: 'wooded tundra') amounts to ~0.2-1.0 cm s⁻¹ with a clear diurnal cycle. Dry deposition of O₃ to 'bare tundra' is in the order of 0.1-0.15 cm s⁻¹ which is slightly higher than observed by Van Dam et al. (2015). A detailed analysis of, including diurnal and seasonal variability (Lin et al., 2019) is out of scope for this study. To find whether the implementation of a mechanistic representation of oceanic O₃ deposition to land and vegetation is beyond the scope of this study and would require a different strategy, e.g. direct comparison with O₃ flux measurements (e.g. Van Dam et al., 2016) . However, a better understanding and model representation of the drivers of O₃ deposition to vegetation and land, including the diurnal and seasonal variability of these drivers (Lin et al., 2019), is anticipated to also result in a better representation of short-term specifically affects the variability of surface O_3 at certain timescales we have performed an additional wavelet analysis (Torrence and Compo, 1998). For the 6 High-Arctic sites we found that ~55-70% of the simulated and observed signal is present at timescales > 4 days representing the longer timescales and synoptic variability in wind speeds and vertical and horizontal mixing conditions. Interestingly, we found that the observations show more variability compared to the model simulations at timescales of hours, arguably due to the misrepresentation of some sub-grid processes. We do not find any clear indication that the implementation of COAREG significantly affects the variability of surface O₃ over land at High Arctic sites at a specific timescale.

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The COAREG scheme has been developed and validated against eddy-covariance measurements over mostly (sub-)tropical waters (Bariteau et al., 2010; Helmig et al., 2012) and has been applied to study the effects of wind speed and sea state on ocean atmosphere ocean-atmosphere gas transfer (Blomquist et al., 2017; Bell et al., 2017; Porter et al., 2020). We do expect that these main drivers, being waterside turbulent transfer and chemical enhancement with dissolved iodide, also controls oceanic O₃ deposition at high latitudes. Indirect evaluation of oceanic O₃ deposition through comparison of surface O₃ observations instead of direct oceanic O₃ flux measurements indicates that including this mechanistic representation of O₃ deposition improves both the modelled magnitude and temporal variability in surface O₃ observations. However, a lack of oceanic O₃ deposition flux measurements hampers the direct model evaluation of the high-latitude O₃ deposition flux. This is expected to be soon resolved by getting access to O₃ flux observations collected in the Multidisciplinary drifting Observatory for the Study of Arctic Climate (MOSAiC) 1-year field campaign.

Furthermore, we have reduced the deposition to snow and ice following Helmig et al. (2007b) and (Clifton et al., 2020a) Clifton et al. (2020a). Results of Helmig et al. (2007b) also motivated follow-up observational and modelling studies aiming

at the development of more mechanistic representations of O₃ deposition to snow/ice covered surfaces. For example, efforts have been made to simulate O₃ dynamics in and above the snowpack using a 1D model setup to explain observations of O₃ and NO_x concentrations measured above and inside the Summit snowpack (Van Dam et al., 2015). This 1D modelling study showed the main suggested the role of aqueous-phase oxidation of O₃ with formic acid in the snowpack (Murray et al., 2015). Comparable 1D modelling studies focused on assessing the role of catalytic ozone O_3 loss via bromine radical chemistry in the snowpack interstitial air (Thomas et al., 2011; Toyota et al., 2014). However, these studies mainly addressed the role of some of this snowpack chemistry in explaining, partly observed, O₃ concentrations and not so much on snow-atmosphere O₃ fluxes and derived deposition rates that would corroborate the inferred very small O₃ deposition rates by Helmig et al. (2007b). Clifton et al. (2020a) summarized that accurate process-based modelling of O₃ deposition to snow requires better understanding of the underlying processes and dependencies. An eddy-covariance system has been set up that has been deployed as part of the MOSAiC campaign and will provide year-round O₃ deposition fluxes to several land surface types such as open ocean and sea ice with fluctuating snow cover. These measurements will will further enhance our understanding of O₃ deposition in shallow ABLs at high latitudes (Clifton et al., 2020b) and the further role in regional atmospheric chemistry. In this study we used the COAREG transfer algorithm version 3.6 which is extended with a two-layer scheme for surface resistance compared to the previous versions (Fairall et al., 2007, 2011) and similar to Luhar et al. (2018). Our WRF simulations excluded the additional role of chlorophyll, Dissolved Organic Matter (DOM) or other species such as DMS on chemical enhancement of O₃ in surface waters. Experimental studies have shown that DMS, chlorophyll, or other reactive organics, may enhance the removal of O₃ at the sea surface (Chang et al., 2004; Clifford et al., 2008; Reeser et al., 2009; Martino et al., 2012). The global modelling study by Ganzeveld et al. (2009) included a chlorophyll-O₃ reactivity that increased linearly with chlorophyll concentration as a proxy for the role of DOM in oceanic O₃ deposition. Including this reaction substantially enhances O₃ deposition to coastal waters such that actually observed O₃ deposition to these coastal waters is well reproduced (Ganzeveld et al., 2009). Other studies such as Luhar et al. (2017); Pound et al. (2019) ignored the potential role of DOM-O₃ chemistry in oceanic O₃ deposition. Luhar et al. (2018), which did not explicitly consider coastal waters, even suggested that including such a reaction deteriorates the comparison with O₃ flux observations above open oceans. A considerable uncertainty in the DOM-O3 reaction is the second-order rate coefficient but also the magnitude and variability in oceanic DOM concentrations (Luhar et al., 2018). To test the sensitivity of our model setup to other reactants in the surface water we have performed an additional sensitivity analysis including the chlorophyll-O₃ and DMS-O₃ reactions from Ganzeveld et al. (2009). Oceanic chlorophyll concentrations have been retrieved from the 9×9 km resolution MODIS chlorophyll- α dataset available at https://modis.gsfc.nasa.gov/data/dataprod/chlor_a.php (last access: 14 Aug 2020). Chlorophyll- α concentrations are typically < 3 mg m⁻³ for open oceans up to 25 mg m⁻³ for coastal waters. For oceanic DMS concentrations, we use the monthly climatology from Lana et al. (2011). The sensitivity study with chlorophyll as extra reactant indicated a slight increase (up to 5%) in deposition to coastal waters with chlorophyll concentrations up to 25 mg m⁻³. However, the resulting effect on surface O₃ concentrations was not significant due to the large fraction of oceans with very low ($< 3 \text{ mg m}^{-3}$) chlorophyll- α concentrations. Also the reactions with oceanic DMS appear to be weak due to relatively low DMS concentrations in August/September. These

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sensitivity studies indicate that Γ_{aq} is the main driver of chemical reactivity of O_3 in the Arctic ocean in summer. However a

potential sensitivity of these reactants on Arctic O₃ deposition could especially be expected in the spring to summer transition following from algal blooms (Stefels et al., 2007; Riedel et al., 2008). However, in springtime the removal of Arctic O₃ near the surface is also largely affected by halogen chemistry (Pratt et al., 2013; Thomas et al., 2013; Yang et al., 2020) and which is known to explain observed surface O₃ mixing ratios dropping to 0 ppb (Halfacre et al., 2014). However, this feature is of less relevance for the presented study with the evaluation being focused on August/September and when the role of halogen chemistry is deemed being less important (Yang et al., 2020).

We nudged the WRF model to the ECMWF ERA5 reanalysis product to ensure a fair model evaluation with observations due to a better representation of the synoptic conditions. This indicated the important role of the model representation of meteorology, e.g. advection of polluted air and mixing/entrainment of O_3 in the ABL, in representing the observed surface O_3 concentrations. The model evaluation was set up at a resolution of 30×30 km which is in the order of the ERA5 reanalysis data $(0.25^{\circ} \times 0.25^{\circ})$ used for initial conditions, boundary conditions and nudging. Here, we opted for a 30 km grid spacing because we expect that the main drivers of tropospheric O_3 (chemical production and destruction, stratosphere-troposphere transport, dry deposition and mixing/advection processes) can be sufficiently resolved at this grid spacing especially over the relatively homogeneous ocean, ice and snow surfaces. However, we do realize that such a coarse grid spacing may have hampered representing local air flow phenomena such as katabatic winds (Klein et al., 2001) which could explain some of the mismatch at sites like Villum (Nguyen et al., 2016). Another justification for the 30 km grid spacing was to limit computational time and to have a large enough domain to cover the entire region above $60^{\circ}N$ to conduct a large pan-Arctic evaluation while at the same time having all observational sites far enough from the domain boundaries to limit the effect of the imposed meteorological and chemical boundary conditions.

In general, the relatively scarce Arctic observations introduces constraints to limits evaluation of modelling studies and limits the potential extrapolation of these results to be extrapolated to for Arctic summer to other seasons and lower latitudes. In this case, this includes the uncertainty in the magnitude and distribution of driving factors of oceanic O_3 deposition such as Γ_{aq} (Sherwen et al., 2019) or DOM. New Γ_{aq} measurements at high latitudes, for example those performed during the year-round MOSAiC expedition, will be very useful to better constrain the global Γ_{aq} distributions as well as mechanistic oceanic O_3 deposition representations. Measurements of O_3 concentrations and deposition fluxes to the Arctic ocean can assist to better constrain these modelling setups in terms of magnitude and temporal variability and potentially indicate of the sensitivity to other environmental factors such as wind speed in waters with low reactivity. Furthermore, including the role of halogen chemistry (Pratt et al., 2013; Thompson et al., 2017) might give an indication of the combined role of halogens and oceanic deposition in removing O_3 and explaining the magnitude and short—but also long-term-temporal variability of O_3 concentrations in the High Arctic.

5 Conclusions

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The mesoscale meteorology-chemistry model Polar-WRF-Chem was coupled to the Coupled Ocean-Atmosphere Response Experiment Gas transfer algorithm (COAREG) to allow for a mechanistic representation of ocean-atmosphere exchange of O₃.

This scheme represents effects of molecular diffusion, solubility, waterside turbulent transfer and chemical enhancement of O_3 uptake through its reactions with dissolved iodide. The GOAREG scheme replaces the constant surface uptake resistance approach often applied in ACTMs. Furthermore, we have increased the modelled O_3 surface uptake resistance to snow and ice. In total, three-two simulations were performed: 1) default WRF setup (DEFAULT), 2)-nudged to ERA5 synoptic conditions (NUDGED) and 32) with adjustments to O_3 surface uptake resistance as described above (COAREG). Furthermore, the CAMS global reanalysis data product has also been included in the presented evaluation on High Arctic surface O_3 . This CAMS product is widely used in air quality assessments and to constrain regional scale modelling experiments. This provides additional information on the quality of the CAMS data products but also on potential issues in the representation of O_3 sources and sinks, e.g., oceanic and snow/sea-ice deposition, for the High Arctic. The modelling approach was set up for one month at the end-of-summer 2008 and evaluated against hourly surface O_3 at 25 sites for latitudes > $60^{\circ}N$ including observations over the Arctic sea ice as part of the ASCOS campaign.

Using the mechanistic representation of ocean-atmosphere exchange, O_3 deposition velocities were simulated in the order of 0.01 cm s⁻¹ compared to \sim 0.05 cm s⁻¹ in the constant surface uptake resistance approach. In the COAREG run, the spatial variability (0.01 to 0.018 cm s⁻¹) in the mean O_3 deposition velocities expressed the sensitivity to chemical enhancement with dissolved iodide. The temporal variability of O_3 deposition velocities (up to \pm 20% around the mean) is governed by surface wind speeds and expressed differences in waterside turbulent transport. In the constant surface uptake resistance approach, there is no spatial variability in O_3 deposition velocities and the temporal variability is determined by the aerodynamic resistance term that can be significant at low wind speeds. Using the mechanistic representation of ocean-atmosphere exchange reduced the total simulated O_3 deposition budget to water bodies by a factor of 3.3 compared to the default constant ocean uptake rate approach and the increase in surface uptake resistance to snow and ice reduced the deposition budget by a factor of 2.4.

Despite the fact that O₃ deposition to oceans, snow and ice surfaces only constitutes a small term in the total O₃ deposition budget (> 90% of the deposition is to land), we find a substantial sensitivity to the simulated surface O₃ mixing ratios. In the COAREG run, the simulated mean monthly surface O₃ mixing ratios have increased up to 50% in the typically shallow Arctic ABL above the oceans and sea-ice relative to the NUDGED run. The mechanistic representation of O₃ deposition to oceans, but also nudging to ERA5 synoptic conditions, resulted in a substantial improved representation of surface O₃ observations, especially for the High Arctic sites having latitudes > 70 °N. The DEFAULT NUDGED run underestimated the observed surface O₃ mixing ratios with a bias of -7.7 -3.8 ppb whereas the NUDGED and COAREG run surface COAREG run had a bias of -3.8 ppb and 0.3 ppb, respectively. The evaluation of the WRF runs at individual High Arctic sites showed that using the mechanistic representation of O₃ deposition to oceans and nudging the model to ERA5 better represents the results in a better representation of surface O₃ observations both in terms of magnitude as well as short-term and temporal variability. Similar to the NUDGED run, CAMS underestimated High Arctic observed surface O₃ with a bias of -5.0 ppb indicating that for this product representation of the deposition removal mechanism to oceans and snow/ice in CAMS might also be overestimated and should be reconsidered.

This study highlights the impact of a mechanistic representation of oceanic O_3 deposition on Arctic surface O_3 concentrations at a high (hourly) temporal resolution. It mostly corroborates the findings of global scale studies (e.g. Ganzeveld et al., 2009;

Luhar et al., 2017; Pound et al., 2019) and recommends that the representation of O₃ deposition to oceans and snow/ice in global and regional scale ACTMs should be revised. This revision is needed not only to better quantify the O₃ budget at the global scale, but also to better represent the observed magnitude and short-term temporal variability of surface O₃ at the regional scale. In addition, explicit consideration of the mechanisms involved in O₃ removal by the oceans (and sea-ice/snow pack) are essential to also evaluate the role of potentially important feedback mechanisms and future trends in- and the role of O₃ in Arctic climate change as a function of declining sea ice cover, increasing emissions and changes in oceanic biogeochemical conditions. On the regional scale, this study also has implications for methods to quantify future trends in Arctic tropospheric O₃, Arctic air pollution and climate in a period of declining sea ice and increasing local emissions of precursors.

570 Code availability. The COAREG algorithm is available at ftp://ftp1.esrl.noaa.gov/BLO/Air-Sea/bulkalg/cor3_6/gasflux36/, last access: 10 September 2020. The coupled Polar-WRF-Chem model, model output and post-processing scripts are available upon request.

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Table A1. WRF physical and chemical parameterization schemes.

WRF option	Configuration					
Physical parameterizations						
Microphysics	WSM5 (Hong et al., 2004)					
Long wave radiation	RRTMG (Iacono et al., 2008)					
Short wave radiation	RRTMG (Iacono et al., 2008)					
Surface layer	Monin-Obukhov (Janjić, 2001)					
Land surface	Noah (Chen and Dudhia, 2001)					
Boundary layer	MYJ (Janjić, 1994)					
Cumulus	Kain-Fritsch (Kain, 2004)					
Chemistry						
Gas-phase	CBM-Z (Gery et al., 1989; Zaveri and Peters, 1999)					
Photolysis	Fast-J (Wild et al., 2000)					
Emissions						
Anthropogenic	EDGAR (Janssens-Maenhout et al., 2017)					
Biogenic	MEGAN (Guenther et al., 2012)					
Boundary conditions						
Meteorology	ERA5 $(0.25^{\circ} \times 0.25^{\circ})$ (Hersbach et al., 2020)					
Chemistry	CAMS $(0.75^{\circ} \times 0.75^{\circ})$ (Inness et al., 2019)					

Appendix B: Formulation of the air- and waterside resistance terms

The exchange velocity, in this case deposition, of ozone (V_{d,O_3}) [m s⁻¹] is calculated from the waterside resistance (r_w) [s m⁻¹] and air side resistance terms $(r_a + r_a r_b)$ [s m⁻¹] as follows:

$$V_{d,O_3} = \frac{1}{\alpha r_w + r_a + r_b}.\tag{B1}$$

Here, α [-] is the dimensionless solubility of O₃ in sea water calculated from SST [K] following Morris (1988) as

$$\alpha = 10^{-0.25 - 0.013(SST - 273.16)}$$
(B2)

and the waterside resistance term (r_w) is calculated as

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$$r_w = \sqrt{a*D} \frac{\Psi K_1(\xi_{\delta}) \cosh \lambda + K_0(\xi_{\delta}) \sinh \lambda}{\Psi K_1(\xi_{\delta}) \sinh \lambda + K_0(\xi_{\delta}) \cosh \lambda} (a \cdot D)^{-1/2} \frac{\Psi K_1(\xi_{\delta}) \sinh \lambda + K_0(\xi_{\delta}) \cosh \lambda}{\Psi K_1(\xi_{\delta}) \cosh \lambda + K_0(\xi_{\delta}) \sinh \lambda}.$$
(B3)

Here, a [s⁻¹] is the chemical reactivity of O₃ with I_{aq} calculated with the second order rate coefficient [M⁻¹ s⁻¹] from Magi et al. (1997) and the I_{aq} concentrations [M] from Sherwen et al. (2019):

$$a = k \cdot [I_{aq}^{-}] = \exp(\frac{-8772.2}{SST} + 51.5) \cdot [I_{aq}^{-}].$$
(B4)

In Eq. B3, D [m² s⁻¹] is the molecular diffusivity of O₃ in ocean water and is calculated from the kinematic viscosity ν [m² s⁻¹] and the waterside Schmidt number (S_{cw}) [-] as

$$D = \frac{\nu}{S_{cw}} = \frac{\mu}{\rho} / [\sqrt{44/48 \cdot \exp(-0.055 \cdot SST + 22.63)}]$$
(B5)

where μ [kg m⁻¹ s⁻¹] is the dynamic viscosity of seawater and ρ [kg m⁻³] is the density of seawater.

Finally, the air side resistance terms $(r_a + r_b)$ [s m⁻¹] of the deposition velocity in Eq. B1 are calculated as

$$r_a + r_b = \left[C_d^{-1/2} + 13.3 S_c^{1/2} - 5 + \frac{\log(S_c)}{2\kappa}\right] / u_{*,a}$$
(B6)

where C_d [-] is the momentum drag coefficient, S_{ca} [-] is the Schmidt number for ozone in the atmosphere, κ is the Von Karman constant (0.4) and $u_{*,a}$ [m s⁻¹] is the friction velocity in the atmosphere. The $r_a + r_b$ term is typically in the order of 100 s m⁻¹ (Fairall et al., 2011).

Compared to COAREG version 3.1 (Fairall et al., 2007, 2011), COAREGv3.6 is extended with a two-layer scheme based on Luhar et al. (2018). This extension is included in the second term of the waterside resistance term (Eq. B3). Here, $\Psi = \sqrt{1 + (\kappa \, u_{*,w} \, \delta_m/D)}$, $\xi_{\delta} = \sqrt{2 \, a \, b \, (\delta_m + b \, D/2)}$, and $\lambda = \delta_m \sqrt{a/D}$ with $b = 2/(\kappa \, u_{*,w})$. This part of the equation is a function of the chemical reactivity $a \, [s^{-1}]$ (Eq. B4), the waterside friction velocity $u_{*,w} \, [m \, s^{-1}]$, the molecular diffusivity of O₃ in ocean water (Eq. B5) and $\delta_m \, [m]$ representing the depth of the interface between the top water layer and the underlying turbulent layer. In this study we have applied $\delta_m = c_0 \sqrt{D/a}$ with $c_0 = 0.4$ based on Luhar et al. (2018). $K_0(\xi_{\delta})$ and $K_1(\xi_{\delta})$ are the modified Bessel functions of the second kind of order 0 and 1, respectively. For more information on the derivation of

the formulas please visit Fairall et al. (2007, 2011); Luhar et al. (2018).

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Figure B1 shows the sensitivity of the COAREG routine coupled to WRF to the environmental factors wind speed, SST and Iodide concentration. The sensitivity to wind speeds (Fig. B1a) expresses the role of waterside turbulent transport and aerodynamic resistance. For low wind speeds waterside turbulent transport is limited and therefore limits the exchange of O_3 from the atmosphere to the ocean. At high wind speeds, the dry deposition of O_3 is limited by chemical reactivity of O_3 with I_{aq} at typical Arctic SSTs of 5 °C and I_{aq} concentrations of 60 nM (see also Fig. C1). At very low wind speeds (< 3-2.5 m s⁻¹) the aerodynamic resistance poses an extra restriction on the ocean-atmosphere exchange of O_3 . The sensitivity to SST (Fig. B1b) mostly represents the role of solubility (Eq. B2) with warmer waters having a lower solubility. In contrast to Luhar et al. (2018), the SST is not used to calculate the I_{aq} concentrations and does therefore not show a positive correlation. The sensitivity to I_{aq} (Fig. B1c) represents the role of chemical enhancement which is stronger than the generally compensating effect of solubility in warmer waters for typical Arctic conditions.

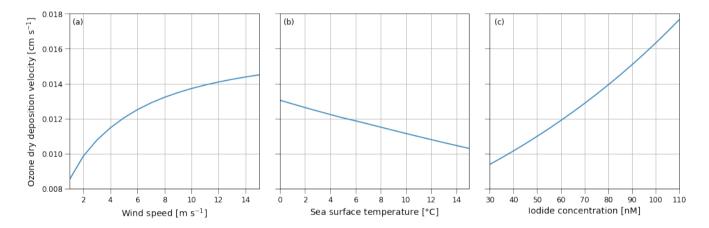


Figure B1. Sensitivity of the ozone dry deposition velocity from COAREG to the environmental factors 10-meter wind speed [m s⁻¹] (a), sea surface temperature [$^{\circ}$ C] (b) and sea surface Iodide concentration [nM] (c) using typical values of 10-meter wind speed, sea surface temperature and Iodide concentration of 5 m s⁻¹, 5 $^{\circ}$ C and 60 nM respectively. Note that the sensitivity to sea surface temperature does not include effects of increasing reactivity but mostly represents the effect of reduced solubility (Eq. B2).

Appendix C: Spatial distribution of oceanic Iodide

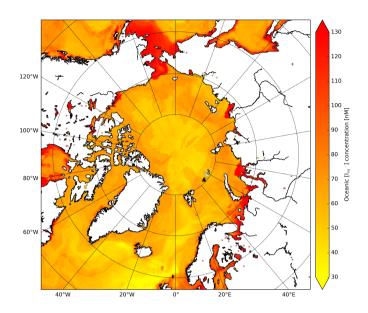


Figure C1. Spatial distribution of Sherwen et al. (2019) oceanic Iodide concentrations [nM] at the start of the simulation.

Table D1. Surface ozone measurement sites subdivided in the 'High Arctic', 'Remote' and 'Terrestrial' site selections.

Name	Abbreviation	Group	Latitude [°N]	Longitude [°E]
Alert	ALT	High Arctic	82.5	-62.3
ASCOS	ASC	High Arctic	~ 87.4	~ -6.0
				-156.6
Barrow	BRW	High Arctic	71.3	
Zeppelin	NYA	High Arctic	78.9	11.9
Summit	SUM	High Arctic	72.6	-38.5
Villum	VIL	High Arctic	81.6	-16.7
Denali NP	DEN	Remote	63.7	-149.0
Esrange	ESR	Remote	67.9	21.1
Karasjok	KAS	Remote	69.5	25.2
Inuvik	INU	Remote	68.4	-133.7
Lerwick	SIS	Remote	60.1	-1.2
Pallas	PAL	Remote	68.0	21.1
Storhofdi	ICE	Remote	63.4	-20.3
Yellowknife	YEL	Remote	62.5	-114.4
Ahtari	AHT	Terrestrial	62.6	24.2
Bredkalen	BRE	Terrestrial	63.9	15.3
Fort Liard	FOR	Terrestrial	60.2	-123.5
Hurdal	HUR	Terrestrial	60.4	11.1
Karvatn	KRV	Terrestrial	62.8	8.9
Norman Wells	NOR	Terrestrial	65.3	-123.8
Oulanka	OUX	Terrestrial	66.3	29.4
Tustervatn	TUV	Terrestrial	65.8	13.9
Vindeln	VDI	Terrestrial	64.3	19.8
Virolahti	VIR	Terrestrial	60.5	27.7
Whitehorse	WHI	Terrestrial	60.7	-135.0

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