

# Use of hyperspectral thermal IR measurements to constrain and attribute climate forcing.

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#### Radiative forcing from atmospheric composition



Wallington T J et al. PNAS 2010;107:E178-E179

Carbon dioxide, methane, and tropospheric ozone are the 3 most important greenhouse gases resulting from anthropogenic activities

As a consequence, the Earth is estimated to absorb  $0.58 \pm 0.15$  watts per square meter more energy from the Sun than it is emitting to space (2005-2010) Hansen *et al*, 2011, Atm Chem. Phys.





# What is an air pollutant?

"Because greenhouse gases fit well within the Clean Air Act's capacious definition of "air pollutant," we hold that EPA has the statutory authority to regulate the emission of such gases from new motor vehicles."

MASSACHUSETTS *v. EPA* Opinion of the Court, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007 Justice Stevens

Air pollutants now include Greenhouse Gases (GHG)
Air quality constituents, e.g., ozone and black carbon, are also GHGs
Air quality can effect both human and environmental health, with implications for carbon cycle feedbacks



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### Chemistry-climate coupling: ozone



Inter-model radiative forcing from ozone:
.35 [0.25-.65] W/m<sup>2</sup>
(IPCC AR4)

Radiative Forcing uncertainties:

- Pre-industrial background
   ozone
- Spatial distribution
- Vertical distribution

1.5

1.0

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The regional temperature response is a function of the forcing location

BC

BC w/o AIE





## Instantaneous Radiative Kernels



## OLR bias in chemistry-climate models







The Atmospheric Chemistry-Climate Model Intercomparison Project (ACCMIP) estimated historic radiative forcing (RF) and future response using consistent emissions for the IPCC 5<sup>th</sup> assessment. (Lamargue et al, 2013)



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In the tropics, discrepancies lead to over 300 mWm<sup>-2</sup> for individual models and up to 100 mWm<sup>-2</sup> for the ACCMIP ensemble.





#### y-axis:

Absolute deviation of model ozone RF from ensemble mean RF

#### x-axis:

Magnitude of TES-model OLR bias

#### **IPCC AR5**



# ACCMIP/TES ozone RF incorporated into IPCC AR5

- Significant correlation for ACCMIP OLR bias and ozone RF: R<sup>2</sup>=0.59
- Removing MOCAGE and CESM reduces correlation to R<sup>2</sup>=0.18
- ACCMIP/TES ozone RF = 394 ± 42 mWm<sup>-2</sup>
- About 28% reduction compared ACCMIP RF=389 ± 60 mWm<sup>-2</sup>

## What are the spatial drivers of mean OLR?



### Reducing pollution to mitigate climate change: location matters



#### **Key Findings:**

- The top 15 regional contributors to global ozone greenhouse gas levels were predominantly located in China and the United States, including regions that encompass New Orleans, Atlanta and Houston.
- There is significant regional variability –by more than a factor of 10-- in how efficiently emitted chemicals lead to heat-trapping ozone in Earth's atmosphere.
- For example, reducing ozone precursor emissions in the Atlanta region has three times the impact on climate as an equivalent reduction of emissions in Chicago.

## Implications for CrIS



Fu et al, in preparation

- Joint CrIS+OMPS-NP retrievals have similar information content as TES following approach in Worden et al, 2007, Hasekampf and Landgraf, 2007, Fu et al, 2013, Cuesta et al, 2013
- Preliminary IRKs produced for IASI in a joint CNRS/ULB Brussells/ NCAR/JPL collaboration



Doniki et al, 2014

### Toward an Air Quality-Climate Constellation



- IASI+GOME-2 will provide UV+IR ozone products for more than a decade as a part of METOP-(A,B,C).
  - Continued investments in UV+IR algorithms.
  - LEO observations to integrate GEO platforms
  - Opportunity to cross-calibrate observations
- Combined UV+IR ozone products from GEO-UVN and GEO-TIR aboard Sentinel 4 (Ingmann et al, 2012 Atm. Env.)
- CrIS+OMPS could provide critical afternoon ozone and OLR observations

## Conclusions and Future Directions

- Monitoring of short-lived climate pollutants (SLCP), including tropospheric ozone, is a critical need for chemistry-climate science and climate mitigation strategies
- TES observations have quantified the greenhouse gas effect of ozone at unprecedented spatio-temporal scales (Worden *et al*, 2012)
- ACCMIP/TES studies have documented presented day bias of OLR and refined ozone RF estimates (Bowman *et al*, 2013)
- GISS/TES studies have quantified the balance of ODS in whole atmosphere radiative forcing (Shindell *et al*, 2013)
- GEOS-Chem/TES have attributed ozone RF to spatially-resolved precursor emissions at unprecedented scales. (Bowman and Henze, 2012)
- CrIS/OMPS shows considerable promise in continuing TES ozone and IASI has shown the potential of IRK products from other sounders.
- CrIS algorithms and products need to be developed in the context of a broader AQ-SLCP constellation and assimilation system (Bowman, 2013)



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#### Spectral sensitivity of OLR to ozone and water vapor



# Attribution of historical ozone forcing to anthropogenic emissions

#### **Key Science Facts:**

- Positive ozone changes lead to positive radiative forcing (RF) in the troposphere or negative RF in the stratosphere.
- Ozone depleting substances (ODS), e.g., CFCs, HFCs, remove ozone but are also important greenhouse gases (GHG).

Shindell *et al*, Nature Climate Change, 2013 used the the GISS chemistry-climate model *biased-corrected with TES ozone* (~30% reduction in ODS RF) to compute the "whole-atmosphere" ozone radiative forcing from ozone precursor emissions like  $NO_2$  and ODS

The GISS/TES analysis found that

- ozone RF from industrial precursor emissions was 0.47 W/m<sup>2</sup>, about 35% higher than reported in the IPCC AR4 (0.35 W/m<sup>2</sup>).
- ozone RF from ODS by reducing *both* tropospheric and stratospheric ozone was -0.23 W/m<sup>2</sup>, much lower than previous studies
- Positive RF from ODS as a GHG (0.32 W/m<sup>2</sup>) is almost compensated by the ODS as a negative ozone RF







Figure 3 | Difference in annual average radiative forcing (W m<sup>-2</sup>) between the GISS-E2-R model's ozone and observed TES ozone throughout the atmosphere.