Anonymous nature of Solar Cycle Signal in the Stratospheric Ozone

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- Stratosphere exists $\rightarrow O_3$ is produced/destroyed by UV
- Recent Understanding → <u>"Double-Peak" structure</u>
- Improvements in satellite data, new instruments (MLS)
- Improved chemistry models → Here we use TOMCAT CTM
- Here we show how ozone solar cycle signal (SCS) estimates vary with quality of ozone & atmospheric data sets used to quantify the signal



Top Down Mechanism (Gray et al., 2010)



Self-healing effect

Processes Controlling **Stratospheric** Ozone

variability



Oscillation

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TOMCAT/SLIMCAT CTM

Off-line 3-D global chemical transport model with many different options.

Key points here:

- Extends from surface to ~60km using hybrid σ - θ (SLIMCAT), σ -p (TOMCAT) levels.
- Horizontal winds and temperatures from analyses (e.g. ECMWF ERA-40, ERA-Int).
- Vertical motion from diagnosed heating rates (SLIMCAT)
- Tropospheric physics: convection, PBL mixing etc
- Chemistry: 'Full' stratospheric chemistry scheme (64 species, 160 reactions)
- More than 300 published papers

Model Set up and Observational Data (Dhomse et al, 2011)

Experiments	Solar fluxes (NRL V1)	Dynamics
Run A	time-varying	time-varying (ERA-40)
Run B	time-varying	time-varying (ERA-Int)
Run C	time-varying	fixed (year 2004)

Satellite Data Sets

- Stratospheric Aerosol and Gas Experiment (SAGE I+II, 1979-2005)
- Solar Backscatter Ultraviolet Radiometer (SBUV, 1979-2005)
- Halogen Occultation Experiment (HALOE, 1992-2005)
- Total Ozone Mapping Spectrometer (TOMS)

Comparison with satellite data



Some inhomogeneities in ECMWF reanalysis data sets → Corrected using step function in a regression model

Solar response in tropical stratospheric O₃



SAGE and SBUV type estimates → only if there are no dynamical variability

➢Positive solar response in ECMWF temp.

➢HALOE/Model peak – 30 to 40 km



Solar response in CCMVal-2

- 1. UMSLIMCAT simulates large solar response in upper stratospheric temp
- 2. Ozone response in lower and middle stratosphere is well simulated
- 3. None of the models could reproduce upper stratospheric ozone response \rightarrow

Models missing something?

SPARC - CCMVAL-2 report 2010

SORCE data & O₃ response – a 2D model



Figure 1 | Difference in solar spectrum between April 2004 and November 2007. The difference (2004–2007) in solar spectral irradiance (W m⁻² nm⁻¹) derived from SIM data⁴ (in blue), SOLSTICE data⁸ (in red) and from the Lean model⁵ (in black). Different scales are used for values at wavelengths less and more than 242 nm (see left and right axes respectively).



Figure 2 Modelled difference in ozone between December 2004 and December 2007. Estimates of the percentage difference (2004–2007) in zo

Day time ozone

Model Set up & Observational Data (Dhomse et al., 2013)

Experiments	Solar fluxes	Dynamics
Run A_NRL	time-varying (NRL)	time-varying (ERA-Int)
Run B_SAT	time-varying (SATIRE)	Same as Run A_NRL
Run C_FIX	Fixed (mean 2001-2010)	Same as Run A_NRL
Run D_S2004	SORCE (2004)	Same as Run A_NRL
Run E_S2007	SORCE (2007)	Same as Run A_NRL

Ozone Data (Satellite)

• Sounding of the Atmosphere using Broadband Emission Radiometry (SABER, 2002-2010)

• Microwave Limb Sounder (MLS, 2004-2010)



TOMCAT, MLS & SABER

Good agreement with MLS → realistic dynamics is the key

ΔO3 (%) 2004 minus 2007



SORCE, as in Haigh et al., 2010)

Slight differences in day & night time solar signal

(Dhomse et al., 2013)

Regression analysis (Dhomse et al., 2013)



b)Solar response (regres) SABER A MLS _SLIM A SLIM C 5 dO3%

• MLS & SABER show middle strat. signal that is larger than SAGE, SBUV or HALOE

• Negligible signal in the upper stratosphere

• Large error bars in upper strat./ lower mesosphere, but look close to HALOE



New SAGE V7 data was released in 2014

O₃ /Temp relationship improved in SAGE V7 data



Solar signal in tropical O₃ (Dhomse et al., 2016)



SAGE 7 (vmr-black solid line) shows good agreement with model simulated SCS (NRL or SATIRE) → Reduced signal in the upper stratosphere

(hPa)

Key diffs. between SAGE 7 and SAGE 6.2 data are discussed in Damadeo et. al, 2014



Temporal variation in solar signal Dhomse et al., 2016

- SORCE-type SCS model simulates negative SCS in the upper strat
- If model simulations are correct, then analysing it over different time period gives different SCS
- Significant inter-hemispheric differences in SCS over MLS period (2004-2013) due to changes in stratospheric circulation (Mahieu et al., 2014): Internal variability or solar induced?

Lower stratospheric ozone still declining \rightarrow Ball et al. (2018)



-4 -2 0 2 4

Data and methodology

• Data : MLS level 2 (daily profile data) v5 data (2005-2020) from

https://search.earthdata.nasa.gov/search?q=ML2O3_005

- MLS L2 data is binned onto TOMCAT latitude bins (2.8°)
- Calculate zonal mean monthly mean percentage anomalies 2005-2020 (model and MLS)
- Multivariate regression model is modified version of that used in Dhomse et al., (2016)

dOzone = linear trends (12) + QBO terms (Q30 and Q50, 24) + Age of Air (12) + + Solar + SOI + AO + AAO (total 52 terms)

 QBO, Southern Oscillation, AO and AAO indices from Climate Prediction Center, Solar (Mg ii index) from IUP Bremen, Age-of-Air is from TOMCAT simulation

Dhomse et al., 2022

Historically Multivariate Regression Models with Ordinary Least Square Fit (OLS) method are used to estimate solar cycle signal



- Complicated to find suitable proxies that control ozone variations at all the levels
- Hence, here we use regularised multivariate regression models (Lasso, Ridge, ElasticNet)

TOMCAT CTM Simulations: good agreement with MLS data

Setup is similar to: Feng et al., (GRL, 2021), Weber et al., (JGR, 2021) Bognar et al., (JGR, 2021)

Simulation	Solar Irradiance data
A_NRL2	NRL v2
B_SATIRE	SATIRE
C_SORCE	SORCE satellite (SIM/SOLSTICE)
D_SFix	Fixed (year 2004)
E_DFix	Same as A_NRL2 but annually repeating dynamics



SCS in the tropical strat. - different than earlier estimates



Current Status:

New data: newer version of homogenized data sets
SWOOSH (NOAA, Davies et al., 2016),
MLTOMCAT (Dhomse et al., 2021)

• Lower stratospheric ozone not recovering??

Multivariate regression models (1984-2020)

- Transport differences between two versions of ECWMF reanalyses
- Fz, vertical component of Eliassen-Palm Flux that drives stratospheric circulation (2-month average)
- Data during 1991-1992 are removed (Mt. Pinatubo eruption)

Solar cycle signals in the tropical stratosphere:

• 1984-2020/18, Fz at 50hPa

- Upper stratospheric signal still small
- Lower stratospheric signal is back





Solar cycle signals in the tropical stratosphere:

• 2005-2020/18, Fz at 50hPa

- Upper stratospheric signal bit larger
- Lower stratospheric signal is back



Dynamical proxy -> age of air Vs Fz

• 2005-2020/18, AoA from ERA5

- Upper stratospheric signal bit larger
- Lower stratospheric signal is gone

Li et al., in preparation



Dynamical proxy -> age of air Vs Fz

• 2005-2018, AoA from ERA-int

- Upper stratospheric signal bit larger
- Lower stratospheric signal is back



Relevant Publications

Effects of reanalysis forcing fields on ozone trends and age of air from a chemical transport model

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Summary & Outlook

- □ Used various satellite data sets & TOMCAT CTM simulations with different solar fluxes & dynamical forcings to estimate SCS
- □ "Double-Peak"-structured signal still there analysis period matters
- □ SAGE V7 → Upper stratospheric signal moved from 50 km to 35 km
- □ Still large uncertainty in the lowermost stratospheric signal
- ❑ Ongoing search for constraining lower stratospheric ozone variability using different dynamical proxies → Careful with observation-based SCS estimates (they are reanalysis data dependent)

OLS regression-SWOOSH

Ridge regression-SWOOSH



SCS using Multivariate linear regression models : OLS/Ridge/Lasso/ElasticNet

- Consistent SCS between MLS and modelled ozone
- Large region with positive SCS in the tropical mid-upper stratosphere
- Simulation with fixed solar variations show much smaller SCS
- Negative SCS in the Arctic lower strat.
- Positive SCS in the Antarctic lower stra.



Summary & Conclusions: A Single-peak structured SCS

- We have used four types of linear regression models (OLS, Ridge, Lasso, ElasNet) to estimate SCS from MLS satellite data and TOMCAT CTM simulations and all of them show consistent SCS
- Updated analysis shows significantly different (single peak structured) SCS compared earlier(double-peak structured) SCS estimates.
- Simulation with fixed solar fluxes suggest much smaller implicit SCS in ERA5 dynamical fields.
- Lack of secondary peak in the lower stratosphere might be due to a) almost linear changes in Cl, b) no volcanic eruptions, …



SORCE Fluxes - Haigh et al, 2010



Choice of spectra λ < 240 nm

	λ < 200	200 < λ < 240	λ > 240
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a Lean	SIM	SIM
b SOLSTICE	SIM	SIM
c SOLSTICE	SOLSTICE	SIM

Ozone difference (%) 2004-2007





Solar coupling & planetary waves



•extra solar heating during solar max strengthens subtropical stratopause jet (SJ) in early winter

radiative response

•Strengthening of westerlies (SJ) means reduced wave progation and reduced BD circulation /warming of tropical tropopause region in early winter

- dynamical response
- weak BD circulation in early winter

•Deflection of planetary waves away from subtropics (towards pole) while SJ descends downwards and polewards leading to weakening of polar night jet (polar vortex) in mid- to late winter

• strong BD circulation

•warmer polar stratospheric temperatures with reduced polar ozone loss in late winter

chemical response

Kodera and Kuroda (2002)