



# Tropospheric Ozone Production Pathways with Detailed Chemical Mechanisms

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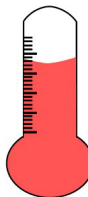
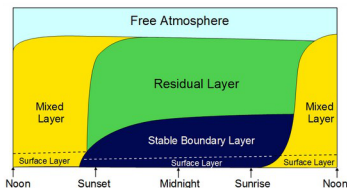
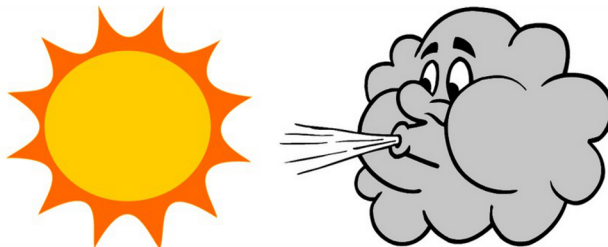
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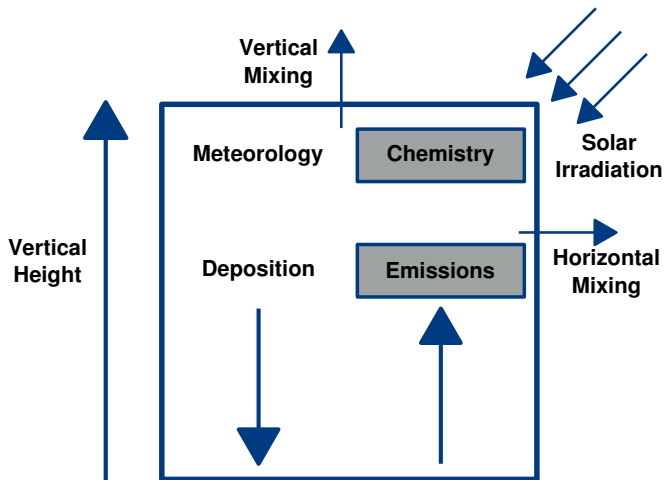
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# Tropospheric Ozone



# Meteorological impacts on O<sub>3</sub> Production





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# Action Points from Last Meeting

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- ▶ Include CB05 in mechanism comparison study. ✓
- ▶ Submit mechanism comparison paper to ACP.
- ▶ O<sub>3</sub> concentrations using different solvent sector emissions. ✓
- ▶ O<sub>x</sub> production under different conditions:  
use all mechanisms or a subset?
- ▶ Use realistic conditions from regional model.

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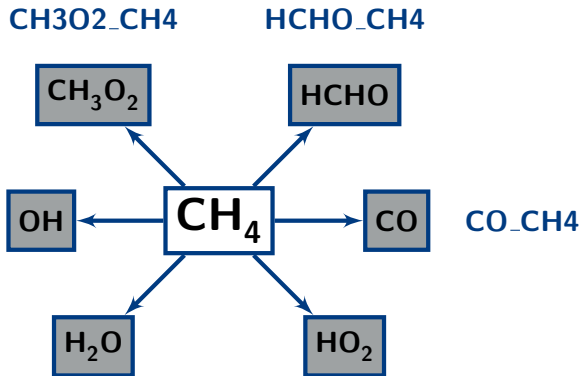
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How do the simplification techniques  
used in different chemical mechanisms  
affect  $O_x$  production?

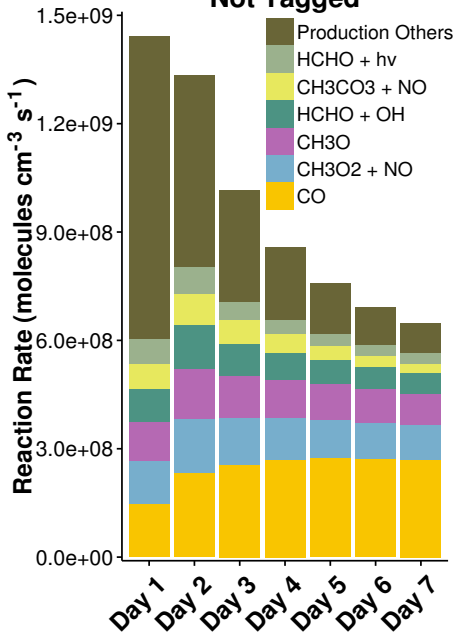
| Chemical Mechanism | Lumping Approach     | Reference   |
|--------------------|----------------------|---|
| MCM v3.2           | No lumping           | [ <a href="http://mcm.leeds.ac.uk/MCM/">http://mcm.leeds.ac.uk/MCM/</a> ] |
| MCM v3.1           | No lumping           | [Saunders et al., ACP, 2003]<br>[Jenkin et al., ACP, 2003]                |
| CRI v2             | Lumped intermediates | [Jenkin et al., AE, 2008]   |
| MOZART-4           | Lumped molecule      | [Emmons et al., GMD, 2010]  |
| RADM2              | Lumped molecule      | [Stockwell et al., JGR, 1990]   |
| RACM               | Lumped molecule      | [Stockwell et al., JGR, 1997]   |
| RACM2              | Lumped molecule      | [Goliff et al., AE, 2013]   |
| CBM-IV             | Lumped structure     | [Gery et al., JGR, 1989]  |
| CB05               | Lumped structure     | [Yarwood et al., EPA report, 2005]  |

- ▶ MECCA boxmodel over 7 days.
- ▶ Initial NMVOC typical of Los Angeles.
- ▶ Same NMVOC emissions and reactive carbon in each model run.
- ▶ NO source tuned for maximum O<sub>3</sub> production.
- ▶ Mechanisms tagged for each NMVOC.

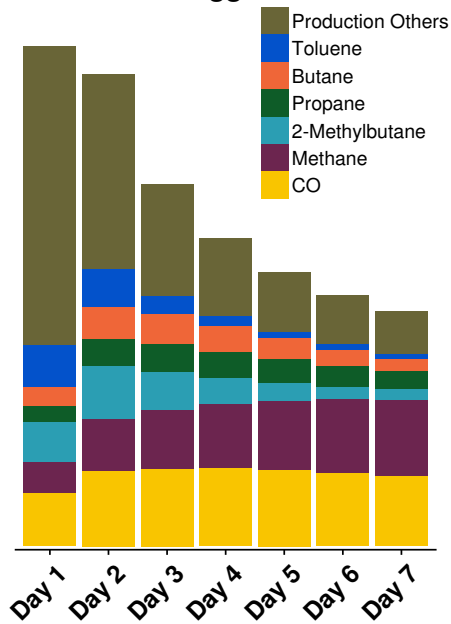


# O<sub>x</sub> Production Budgets

## Not Tagged

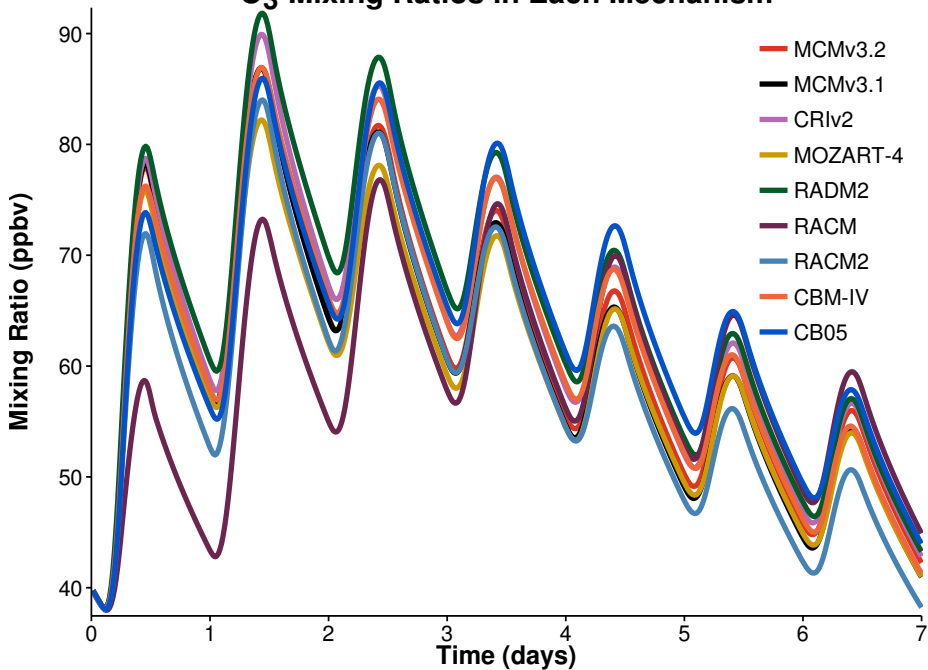


## Tagged



- ▶ Attribute daily  $O_x$  production to each NMVOC.
- ▶ Sum daily  $O_x$  production from each NMVOC.
- ▶ Normalise by total emissions of the NMVOC on day 1.

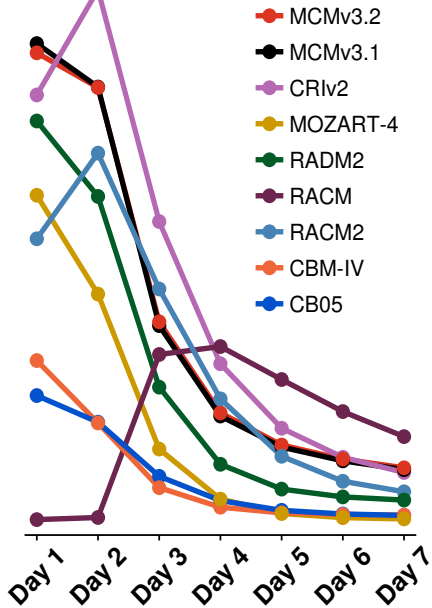
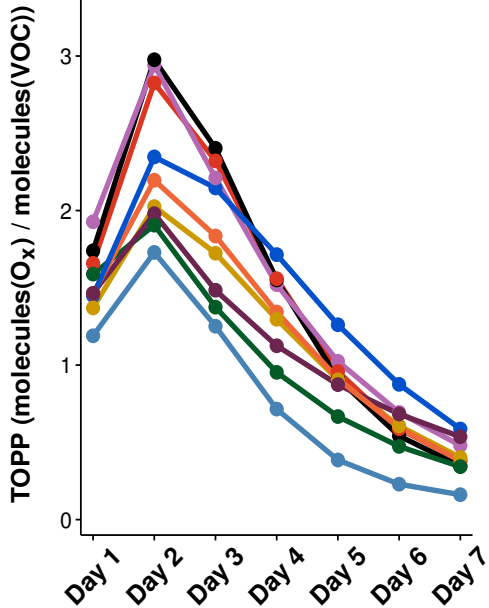
# O<sub>3</sub> Mixing Ratios in Each Mechanism



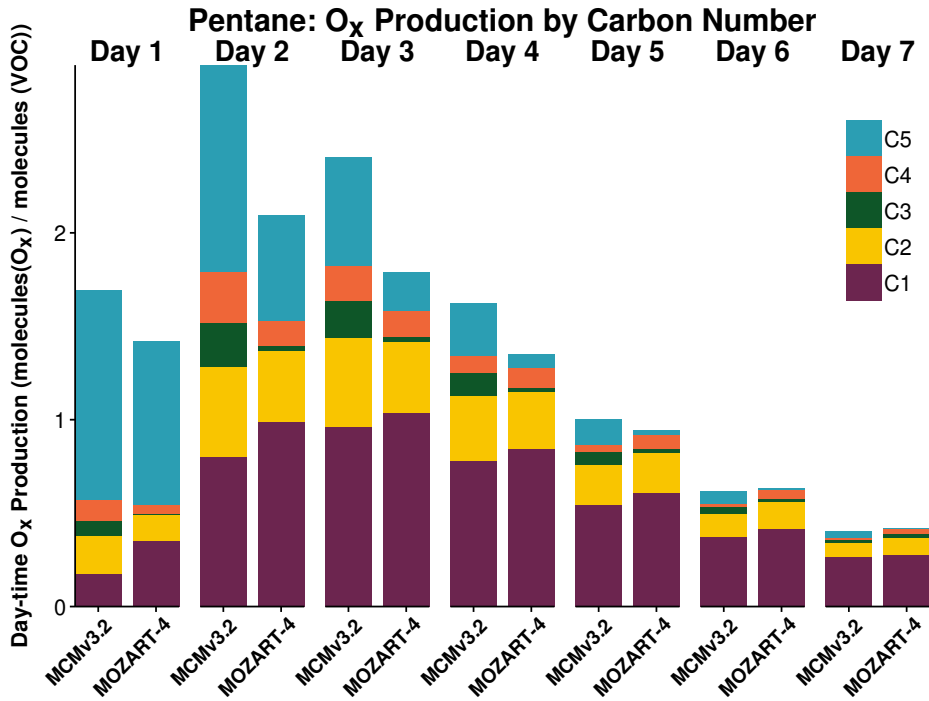
# Daily O<sub>x</sub> Production

Pentane

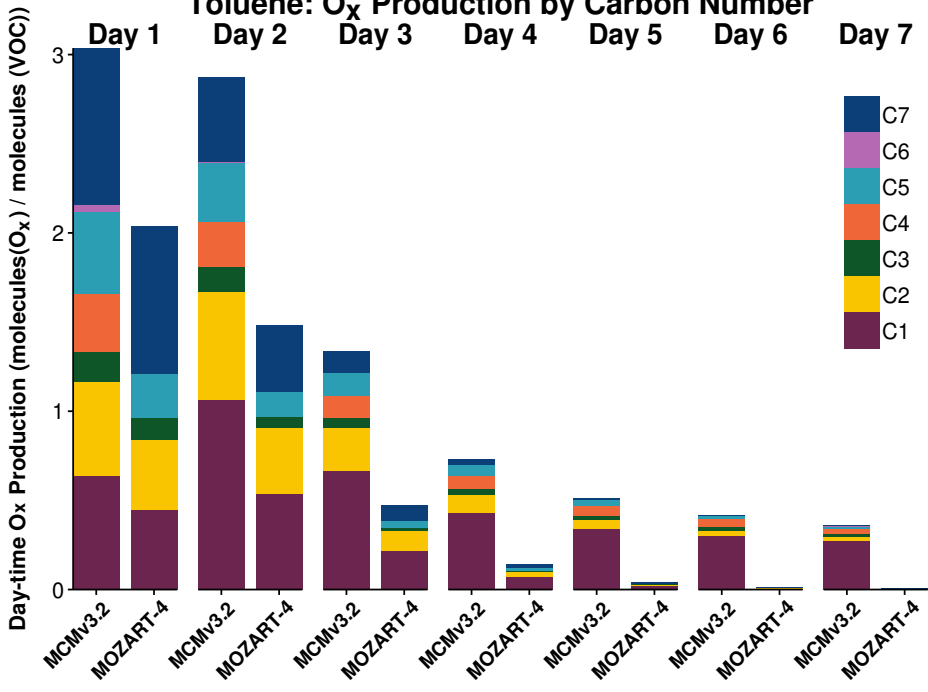
Toluene

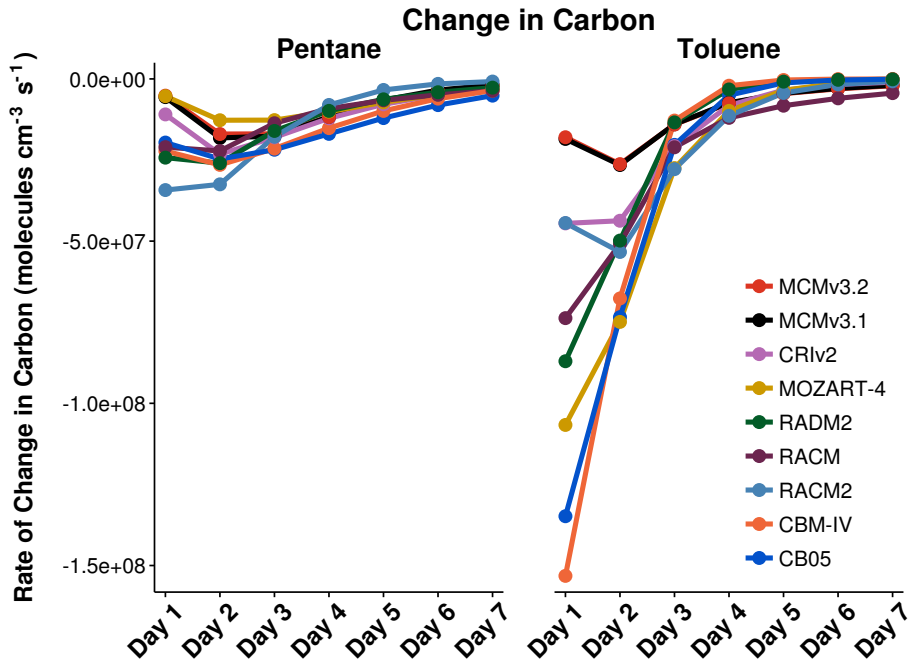




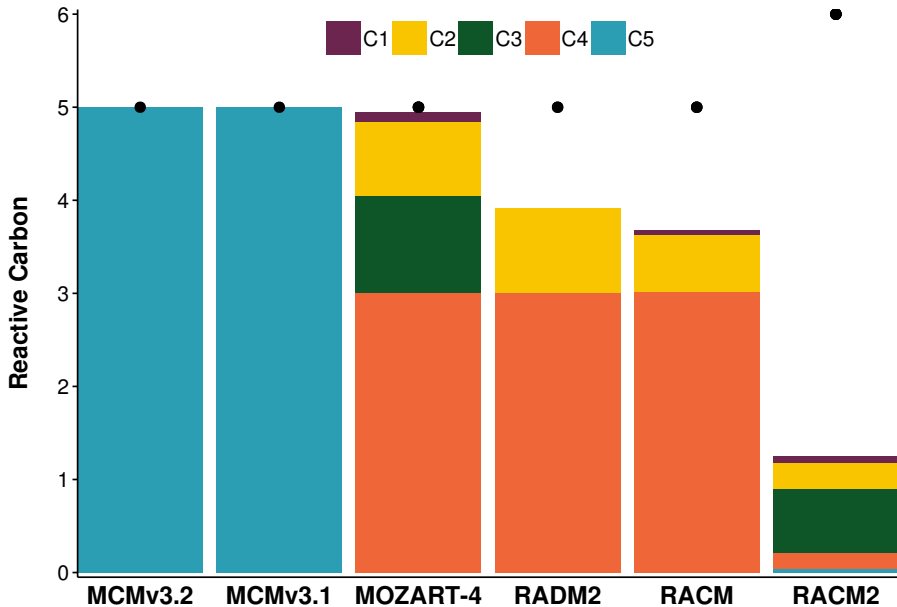


### Toluene: O<sub>x</sub> Production by Carbon Number

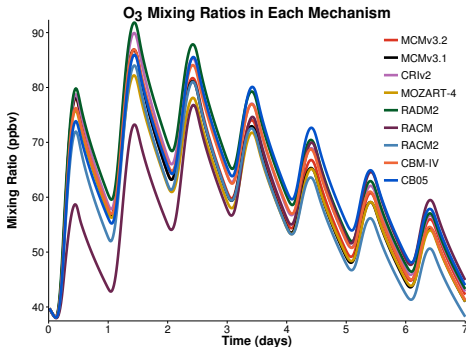




## Reactive Carbon in NO + C<sub>5</sub>O<sub>2</sub> Reaction



# Conclusions



- ▶ Reduced mechanisms break down many VOC faster than MCM.
- ▶ Many VOC produce similar Ox to MCM on first day, but not subsequent days.

- ▶ Advanced draft of paper sent for internal review.
- ▶ Discuss draft as part of this meeting.

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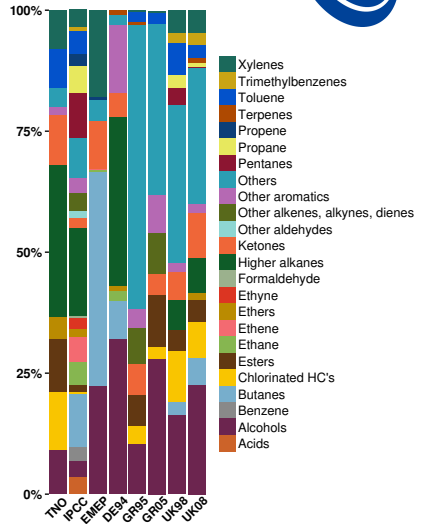
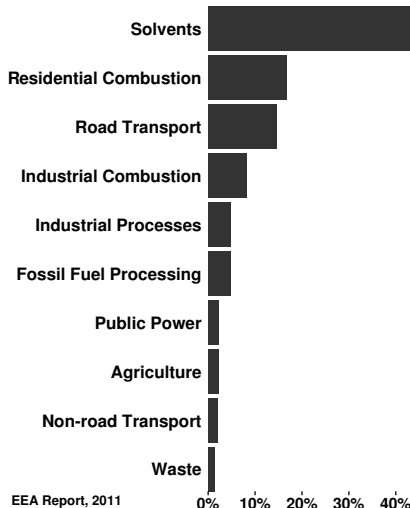
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How does VOC speciation affect  
 $O_3$  concentrations in models?



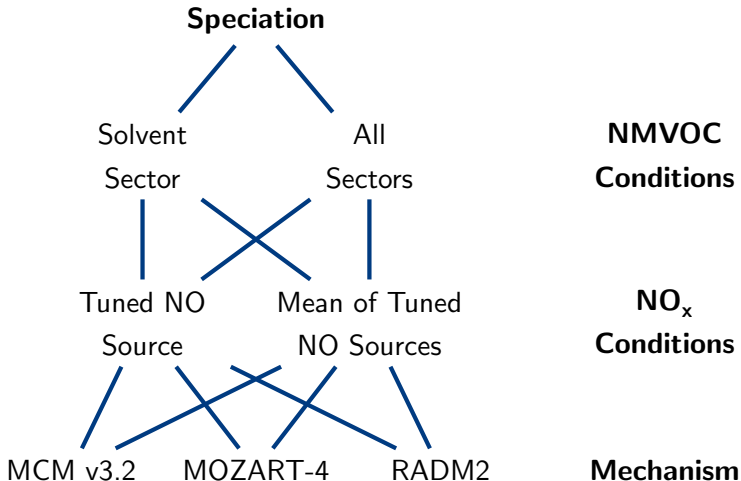
# Motivation



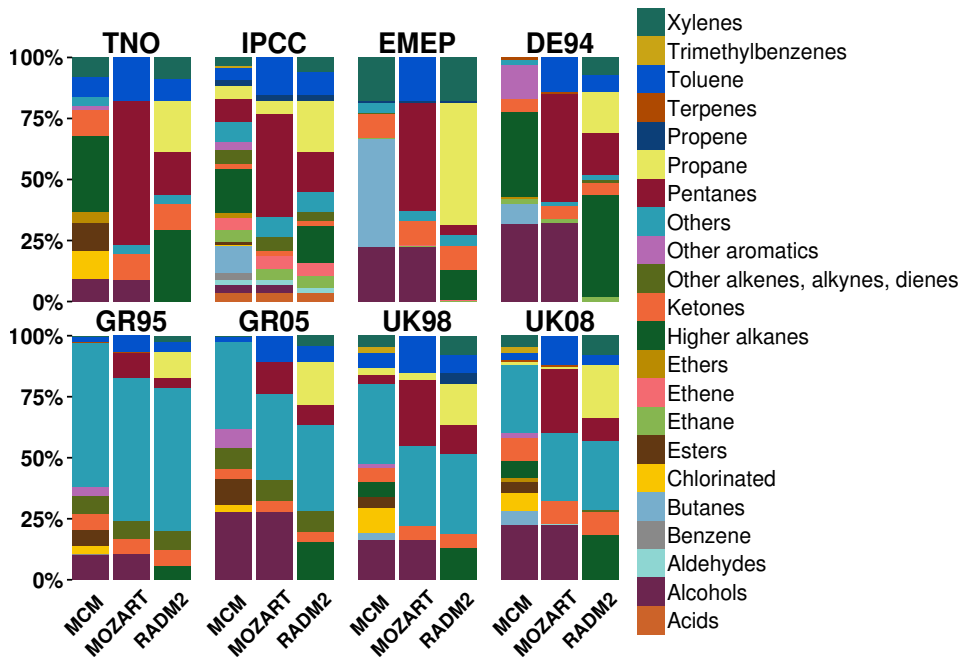
# Compared Solvent Speciations

| Speciation | Reference                                   |
|------------|---|
| TNO        | [Builtjes et al., TNO Report, 2002]         |
| IPCC       | [Ehhalt et al., IPCC Report, 2001]          |
| EMEP       | [Simpson et al., ACP, 2010]                 |
| DE94       | [Friedrich et. al., JAC, 2002]              |
| GR95       | [Sidiropoulos and Tsilingiridis, FEB, 2007] |
| GR05       | [Sidiropoulos and Tsilingiridis, FEB, 2007] |
| UK98       | [Goodwin, UK NAEI report, 2000]             |
| UK08       | [Murrells et al., UK NAEI Report, 2010]     |

- ▶ MECCA boxmodel over 7 days.
- ▶ Idealised urban area of 1000 km<sup>2</sup>.
- ▶ Total NMVOC emissions of 1000 ton/day [Warnecke et al., JGR, 2007].
- ▶ NMVOC emissions constant until noon of day 1.



# Solvent Speciations in Different Mechanisms



# O<sub>3</sub> Mixing Ratios: Solvents Only and All Sectors

— TNO — IPCC — EMEP — DE94 — GR95 — GR05 — UK98 — UK08

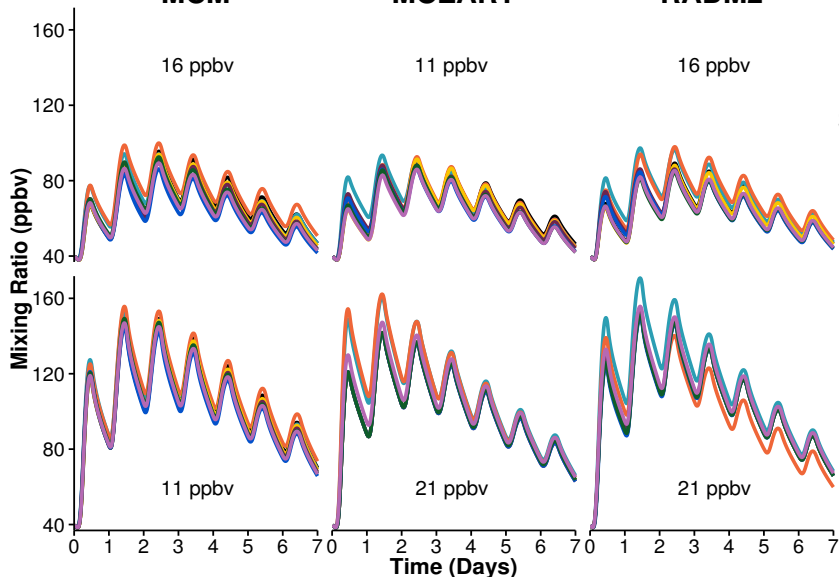
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**MOZART**

**RADM2**

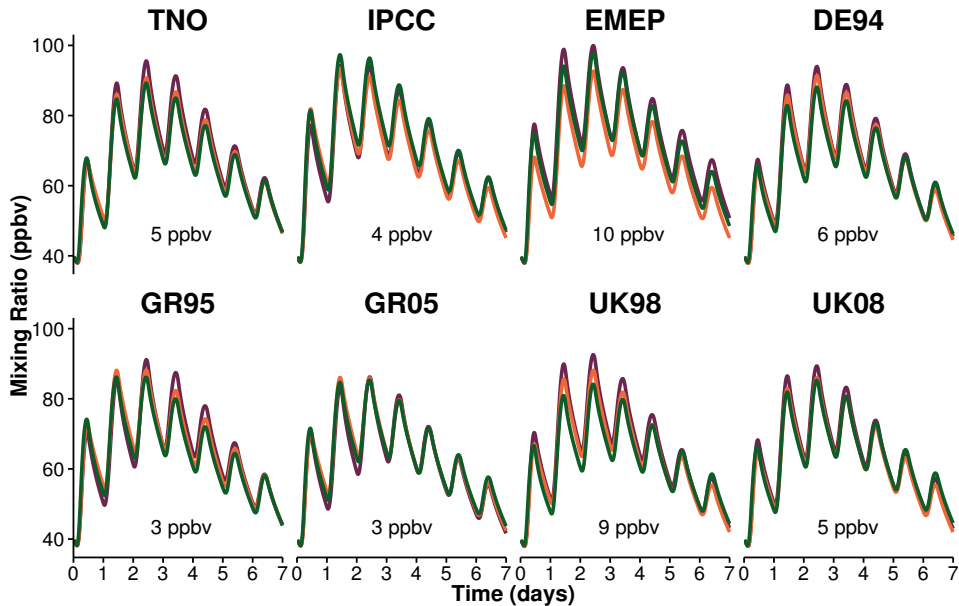
**Solvents Only**

**All Sectors**



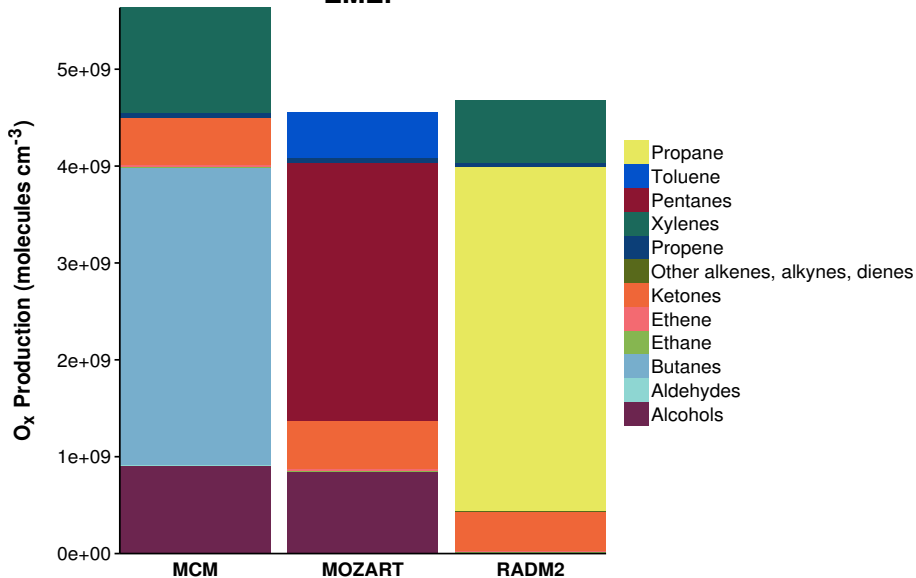
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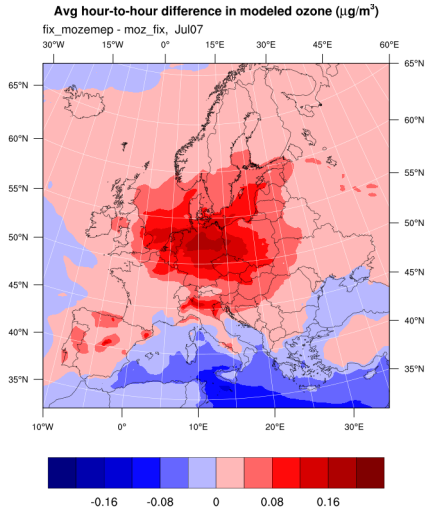
# Solvents Only: Cumulative O<sub>x</sub> Production Budget

EMEP





# Further Analysis



- Representation of VOC between mechanisms, e.g. chlorinated VOC.
- Reasons for large differences in boxmodel results, given the regional modelling results.

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**Other Contributions**

Future Pathways

## ► Presentations and Posters

- Poster and presentation at PhD Conference on Earth System Science, Mar 2014.
- Poster at IASS Evaluation, May 2014.
- Poster at Our Climate Our Future (REKLIM) Conference, Oct 2014.
- Presentation at OH Reactivity Specialists Uniting Meeting (ORSUM), Oct 2014.

## ► Courses

- Atmospheric Science in Context of Global Change at Potsdam Universität by Prof. Mark Lawrence, Oct 2013 – Jan 2014.
- Presenting Data and Information by Edward Tufte, Feb 2015.

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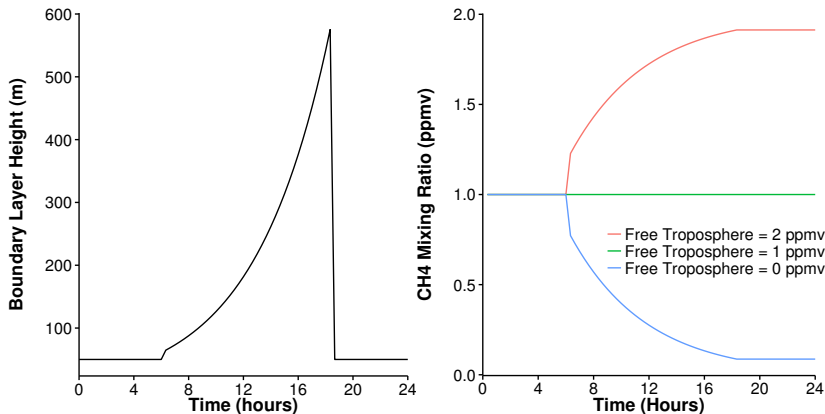
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Other Contributions

**Future Pathways**

- ▶ Realistic Conditions
  - ▶ Include diurnal cycle of boundary layer height and vertical mixing.
  - ▶ CARES data for  $\text{NO}_x$  and VOC conditions?
- ▶ Variable meteorological parameters (temperature, solar radiation).
- ▶  $\text{O}_x$  production in different atmospheric regimes.
- ▶ Tagging approach used in global model.

# Future Modelling: Vertical Mixing



- ▶ Attending 'Scientific Writing for Advanced Doctoral Students' course organised by Galina Churkina.
- ▶ Solvent speciations paper with Erika von Schneidemesser.
- ▶ Final paper.
- ▶ Thesis.

# Extra Slides

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# Mean NO source: Solvents Only and All Sectors

— TNO — IPCC — EMEP — DE94 — GR95 — GR05 — UK98 — UK08

**MCM**

**MOZART**

**RADM2**

16 ppbv

11 ppbv

16 ppbv

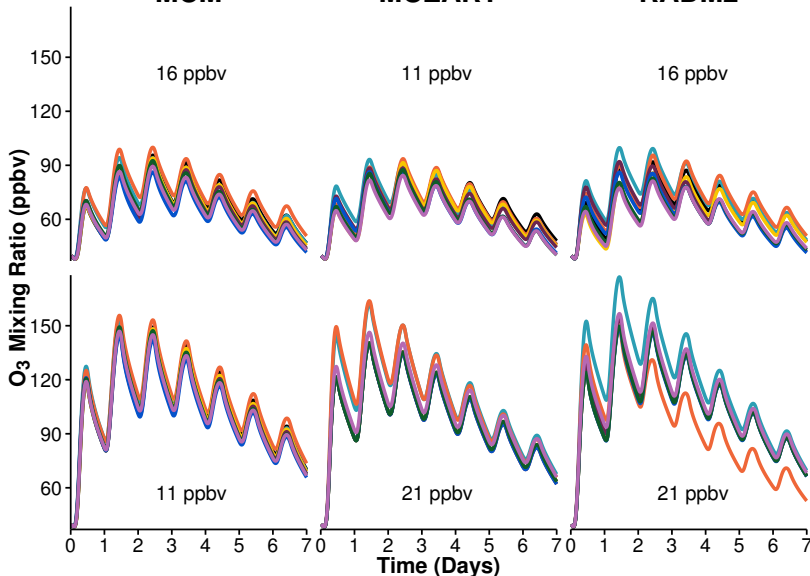
**Solvents Only**

11 ppbv

21 ppbv

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**All Sectors**



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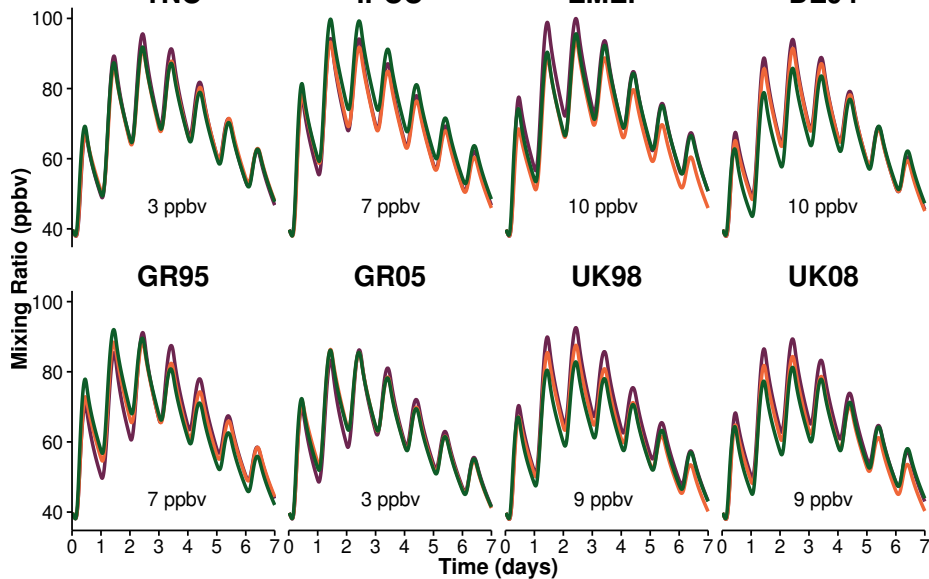
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# Total O<sub>x</sub> Production after 7 Days

MCM

MOZART

RADM2

Total O<sub>x</sub> Production (molecules cm<sup>-3</sup>)

2e+11

1e+11

0e+00

TNO

IPCC

EMEP

DE94

GR95

GR05

UK98

UK08

TNO

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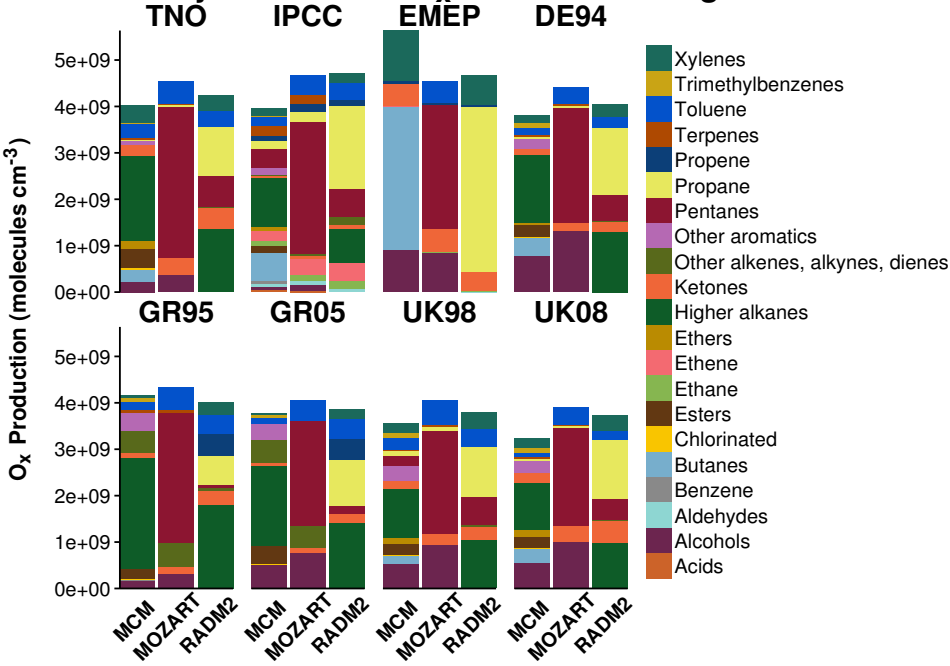


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# Solvents Only: Cumulative O<sub>x</sub> Production Budget



- ▶ Created base structure based on Andrea's thesis.
- ▶ Started introduction using literature review.
- ▶ Planning structure using mind map.