
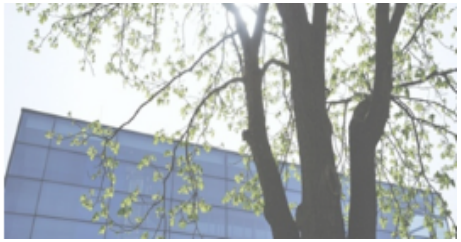

# Tropospheric Ozone Production Pathways with Detailed Chemical Mechanisms

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# Outline

Previous Meeting Re-cap

Comparison of $O_3$ Production in Chemical Mechanisms

Impact of Solvent Speciations on $O_3$

Sensitivity of $O_3$ Production on Modelled Conditions

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# Action Points from Last Meeting

- Submit mechanism comparison paper to ACP. ✓
- Analysis for second paper outlining differences in $O_3$ production when using different VOC speciations for solvent sector emissions. ✓
- Modelling work for third paper. **In progress**
- Action plan timeline for finishing PhD. ✓

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# Paper Status

- Submitted to ACP on 10th April.
- Editing of the manuscript by Robert Harley.
- Accepted for discussion phase on 13th April.
- Manuscript appeared in ACPD forum till 24th June.
- Currently viewed **207** times.

# Referee (William Stockwell) Comments

- Generally positive review.
- Commented that the older versions of the mechanisms should be considered as “relics of the past”.
- Manuscript gives the impression that we consider the MCM to be “correct”.
- Question on how much we learn about ozone production from more explicit versus less chemical mechanisms.

# Referee #2 Comments

- Generally positive review.

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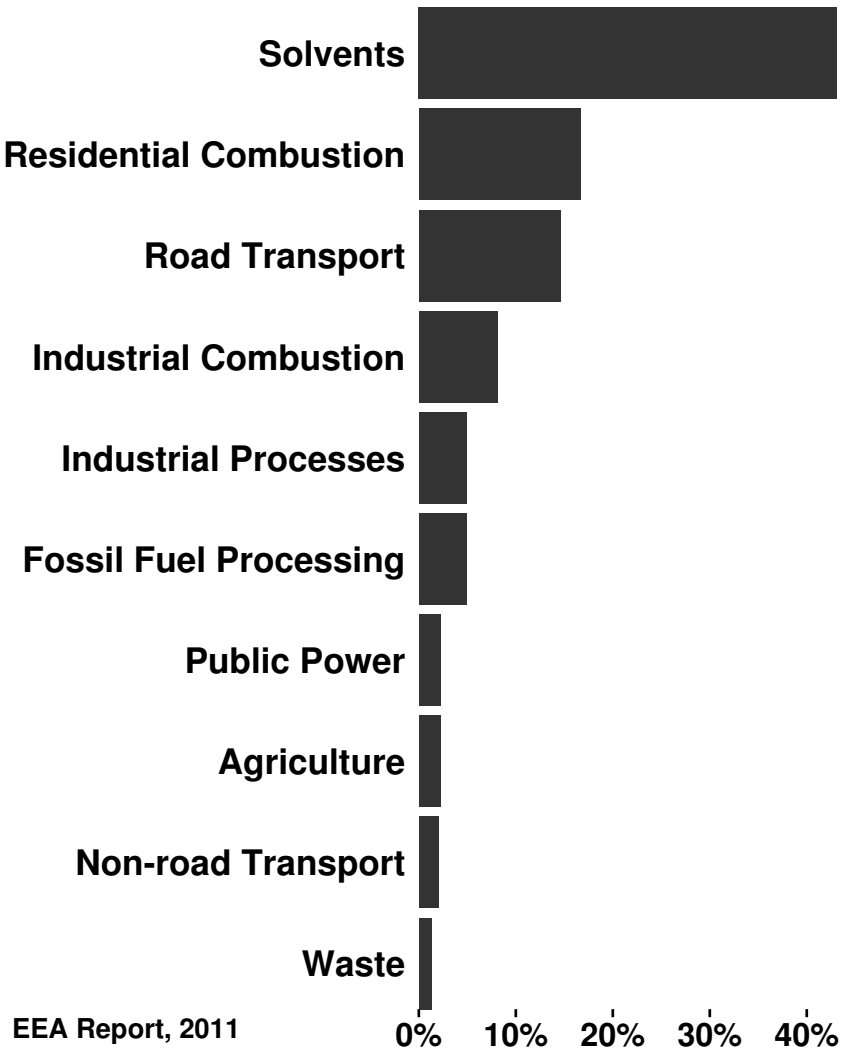
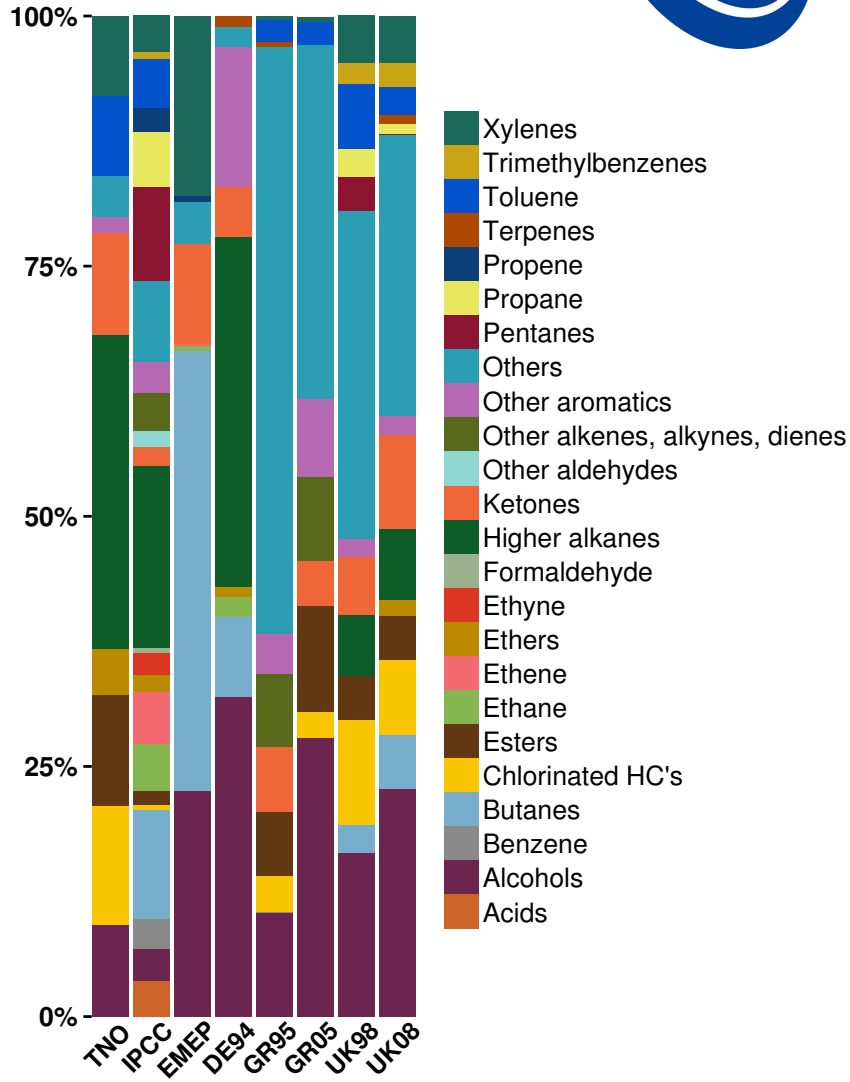
How does VOC speciation affect

$O_3$ concentrations in models?

# Motivation




EEA Report, 2011

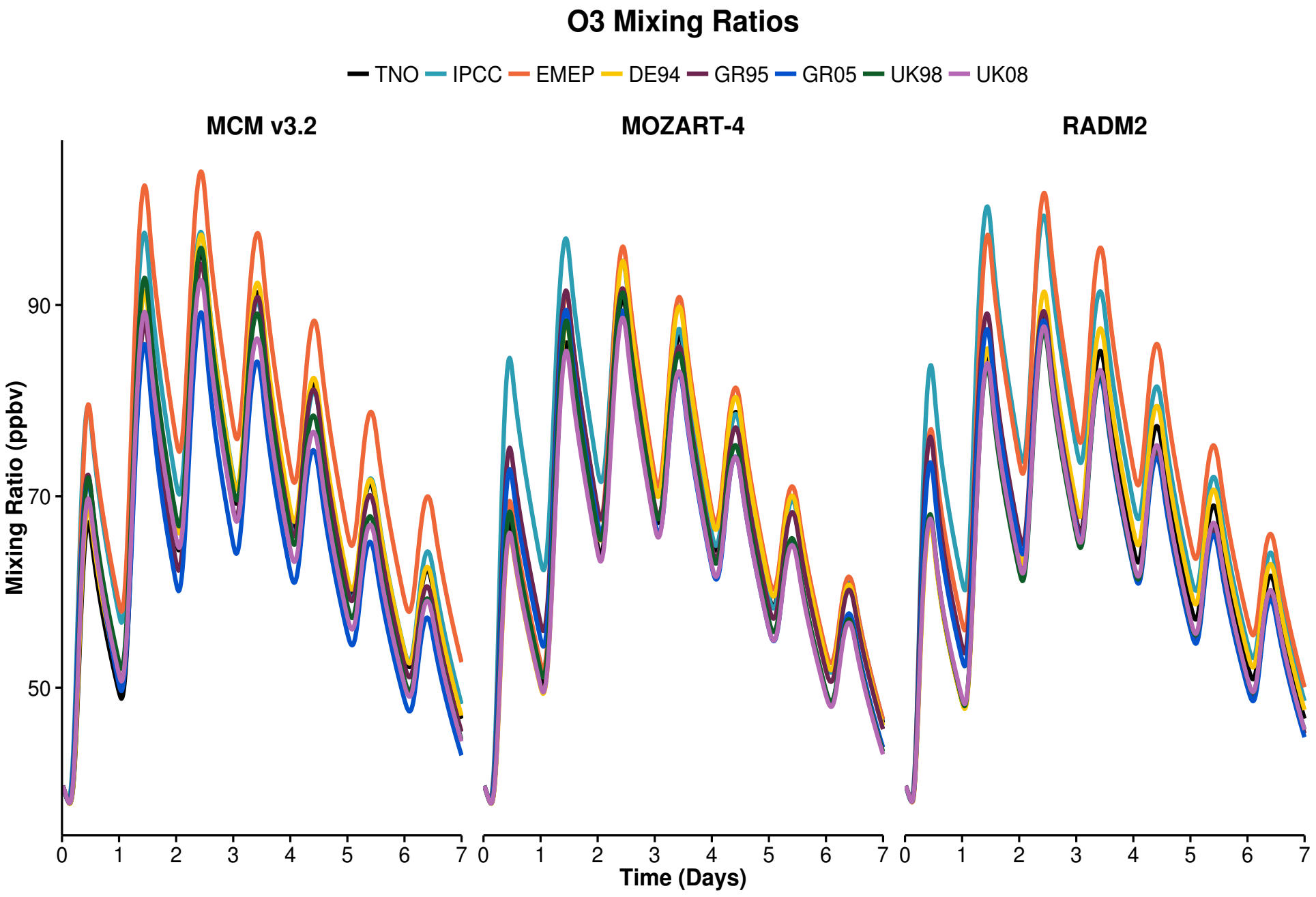


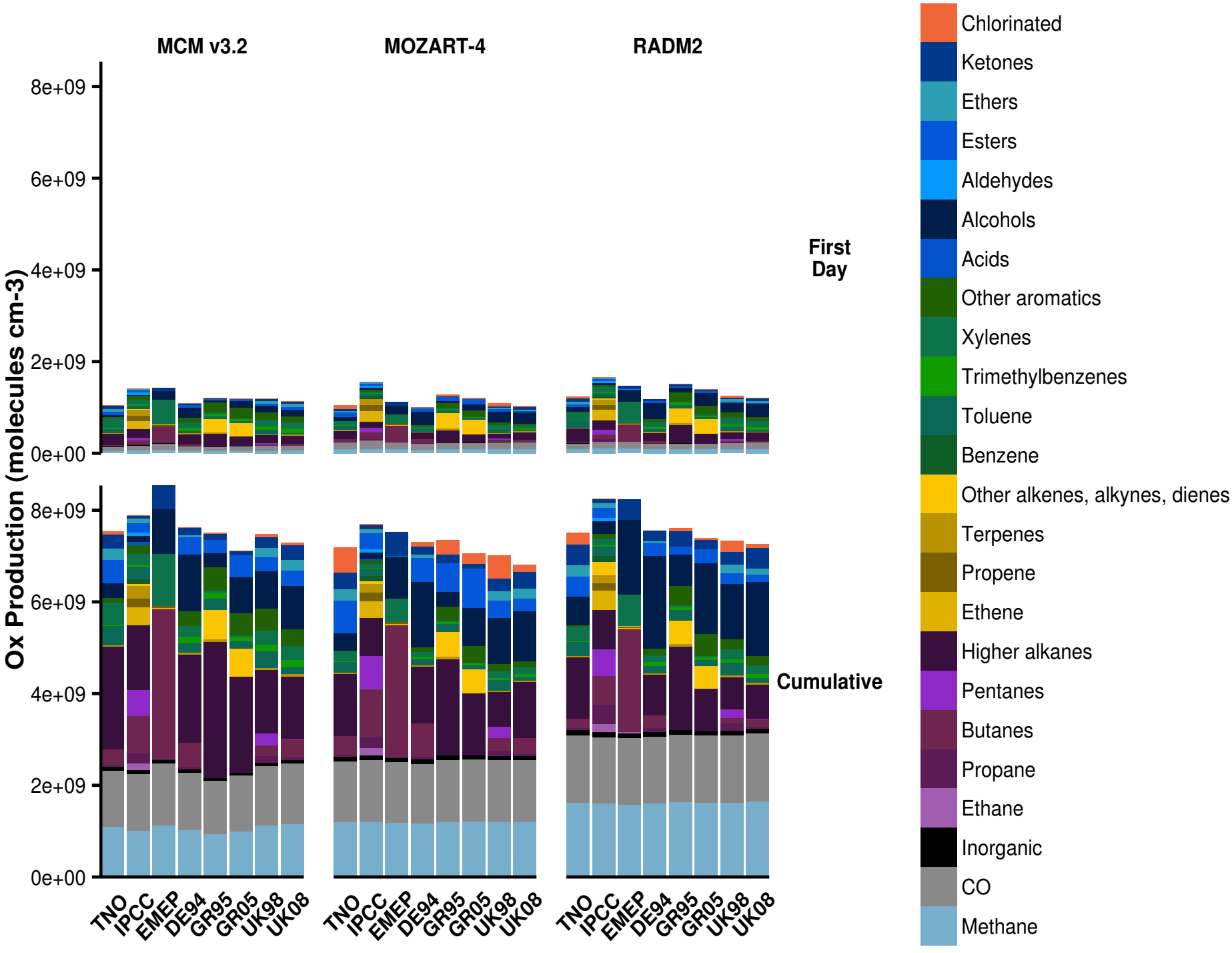
# Compared Solvent Speciations

| **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] |

# Boxmodel Setup

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


O3 Mixing Ratios
TNO
IPCC
EMEP
DE94
GR95
GR05
UK98
UK08
MCM v3.2
MOZART-4
RADM2
Mixing Ratio (ppbv)
90
70
50
0
1
2
3
4
5
6
7
Time (Days)


MCM v3.2
MOZART-4
RADM2
First Day
Cumulative
Ox Production (molecules cm-3)
0e+00
2e+09
4e+09
6e+09
8e+09
TNO
IPCC
EMEP
DE94
GR95
GR05
UK98
UK08
Chlorinated
Ketones
Ethers
Esters
Aldehydes
Alcohols
Acids
Other aromatics
Xylenes
Trimethylbenzenes
Toluene
Benzene
Other alkenes, alkynes, dienes
Terpenes
Propene
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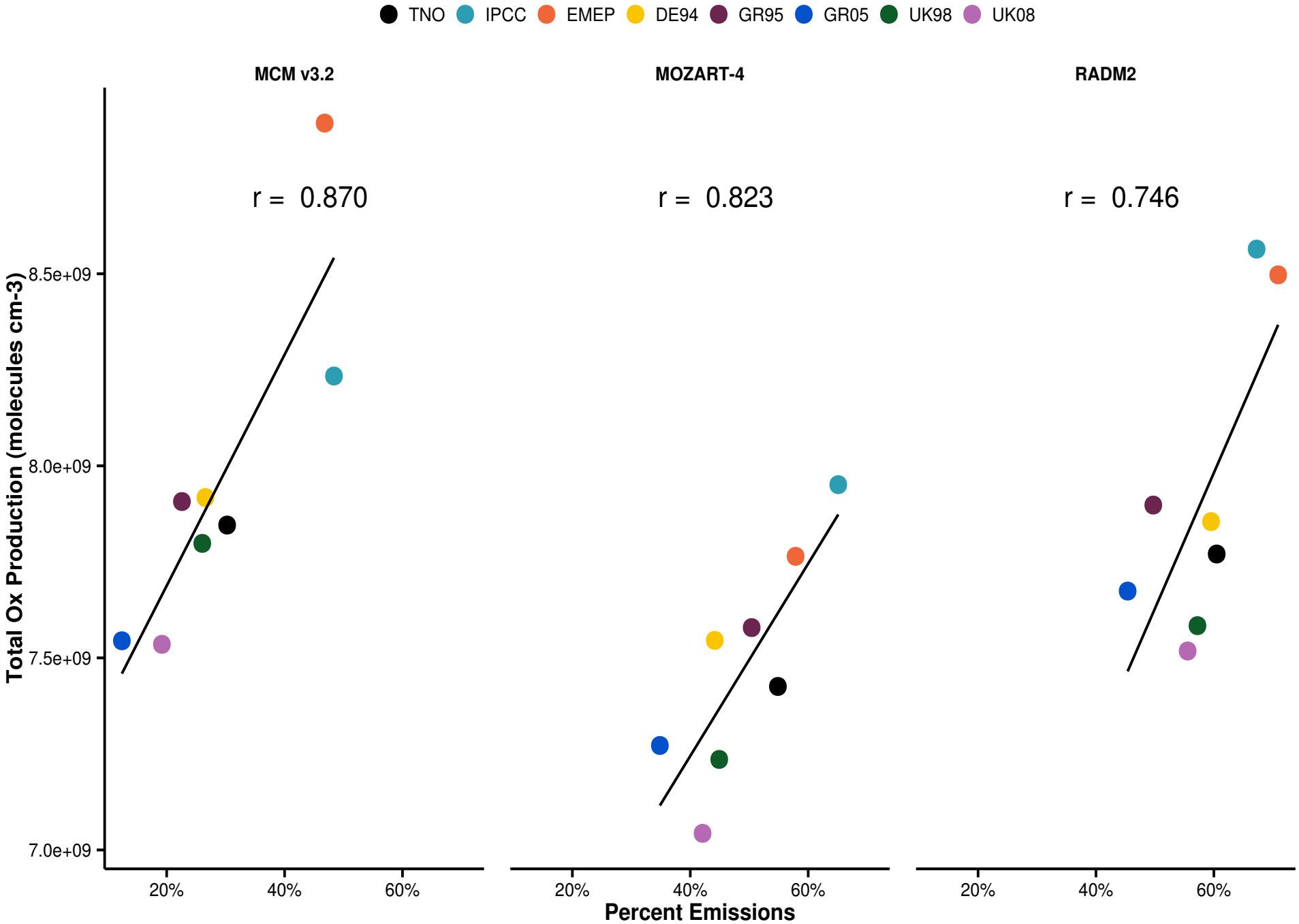
TNO
IPCC
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UK08
MCM v3.2
MOZART-4
RADM2
r = 0.870
r = 0.823
r = 0.746
Total Ox Production (molecules cm-3)
8.5e+09
8.0e+09
7.5e+09
7.0e+09
20%
40%
60%
Percent Emissions

# Paper Status

- Initial draft focussing on modelling work.
- Erika will be first author, paper will focus on comparison of solvent sector VOC speciations performed by Erika with the modelling results supporting.
- Updates from Erika.
- Journal
- Deadline for submission

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# Main Research Question

How sensitive are $O_3$ concentrations to non-chemical variables?

# 1. Tagging Approach

- VOC tagging approach implemented in global model by Shuai and Tim.
- Allows allocation of $O_3$ mixing ratios to source rather than comparing $O_x$ production.
- Tagged MOZART-4 mechanism that was implemented in boxmodel for mechanism comparison study.
- Same boxmodel set-up as in mechanism comparison study.

# Comparison of mixing ratios between old and new tag

# Allocation of O3 mixing ratios

# 2. Low and High $NO_x$ Conditions

- Modelling rural (low) and polluted urban (high) $NO_x$ conditions.
- MOZART-4 mechanism with VOC tagging approach.
- Same VOC emissions and boxmodel set-up as in mechanism comparison study.
- NO emissions calculated for maximum $O_3$ production scaled by
  - 0.5 for Low $NO_x$
  - 1.5 for High $NO_x$

# Comparison of O3 mixing ratios

# Comparison of allocated O3 mixing ratios

# 3. Vertical Mixing

- Same boxmodel set-up as VOC tagging approach.
- Initial VOC are kept constant till noon of the first day.
- Included diurnal cycle for PBL height.
- Vertical mixing with free troposphere approach as in Sandra Louren's thesis.
- Free troposphere mixing ratios for $O_3$ and CO from MATCH-MPIC model.

# current results

# 4. Horizontal Mixing

- Same boxmodel set-up as VOC tagging approach.
- Implement horizontal mixing approach as in Sandra Louren's thesis.
- ??? what is the modelling case?

# 5. Temperature

- Current boxmodel setup uses constant temperature (293 K).
- Run boxmodel at 295 K, future scenario of a warmer climate.
- Compare $O_3$ between lower and higher temperatures.
- Based on recent review by Pusede et al., temperature impacts $O_3$ production through chemistry of alkyl nitrates (RONO2) and peroxy nitrates (RO2NO2).
- See which chemical mechanisms reflect the temperature dependance of this chemistry and its effect on $O_3$.

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# Finishing PhD

- Submit paper on Solvents Sector emissions by end-August 2015. TBC
- Finish paper on Sensitivity study by end-Dec 2015.
- Present Sensitivity study at AGU in December 2015.
- Hand in cumulative thesis to reviewers by end-April 2016.
- Six weeks for reviewers to assess thesis.
- Display graded thesis at FU Examinations Office for 2 weeks prior to thesis defense.
- Defend thesis in July 2016.