TROPOSPHERIC OZONE FROM TOMS: PROVIDING THE FIRST DEPICTIONS OF THE EXTENT OF GLOBAL POLLUTION

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The Origin of Using Satellite Data to Study Tropospheric Ozone Can be Linked to Nobel-Prize Winning Research

from Nobel Prize press release:

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences has decided to award the 1995 Nobel Prize in Chemistry to **Paul Crutzen, Mario Molina** and **F. Sherwood Rowland** for their work in atmospheric chemistry, particularly concerning **the formation** and decomposition **of ozone**.







In his search for understanding the OZONE DISTRI TROPICAL LATITUDES sources of ozone in the troposphere, 10 Observed during burning season. 300 Crutzen et al. Crutzen made the first (1985) 400 Pressure (mb) Height (km ·MSL) Fishman et al. (1979) comprehensive measurements trace 500 Routhier et al. Seiler and Fishman 600 gases where tropical biomass (1981) 10 - 20 DU 700 800 burning was occurring and found 900 1000 considerably higher concentrations 50 60 70 80 Ozone (ppb) than what had been published (from Fishman, Minnis & Reichle, JGR, 91, 1986) previously

- Can the 10-20 Dobson Unit Enhancement Be Identified from TOMS Total Ozone Measurements?
- Such Enhancements are Better Observed at Low Latitudes Due to Less Stratospheric Variability
- TOMS Precision is 1% (~ 3 DU)

Enhanced Total Ozone Observed in Conjunction with Biomass Burning in 1980 Episode



(from Fishman, Minnis & Reichle, JGR, 91, 1986)



High Surface Ozone Concentrations During Pollution Episode Also Observed in TOMS Total Ozone





(from Fishman et al., J. Clim. Appl. Met., 26, 1987)

Separate Stratosphere from Troposphere to Compute Tropospheric Ozone Residual (TOR)



First Separation of TOMS Total Ozone to Derive Tropospheric Ozone Residual Used SAGE Measurements to Determine Stratospheric Ozone:

- Seasonal Climatologies Produced
 - Highest TOR in NH Summer
 - Tropical Enhancement in

Austral Spring

• Data Too Sparse to Examine Interannual Variability



Fishman et al., JGR, 95, 1990

Other Techniques Use TOMS to Measure Tropospheric Ozone

• Thompson and Hudson:

Isolate "tropical" air in region of wave-one and then separate strat. & tropo. ozone using sonde data

Chandra and Ziemke

TOR calculations using MLS and HALOE for stratosphere

Convective Cloud Differential (CCD)/Cloud Slicing

Newchurch and co-workers

Scan-angle dependence method

Terrain-dependence to determine lower tropospheric ozone

Daily Maps: Modifiedresidual Method, Thompson & Hudson, 1999

Isolate "tropical" air in region of wave-one; separate strat. & tropo. ozone using sonde data
TOMS image, 10 Sept. 1997, resolves smoke from fires (gray), ozone (colors) during ENSO-related Indonesian fires



Scientific results: (1) smoke, ozone transport traveling in different layers; (2) upper plume – Indonesian origin; lower plume – African;
(3) two plumes merged, 22 Oct. 1997 [Thompson et al., *Science*, 291, 2128, 2001]

Ziemke and Chandra Developed TOR and CCD Methods

• 1. Tropospheric Ozone Residual (TOR) Method

TOR = Total Column Ozone – Stratospheric Column Ozone

- Total column ozone is measured by the TOMS instrument.
- Stratospheric column ozone is measured by SAGE, **HALOE** or **MLS**.
- 2. Cloud Slicing/CCD Method
- UV radiation measured by TOMS is opaque to the dense water vapor clouds in the troposphere. This allows measurement of stratospheric column from high reflecting clouds near the tropopause and total column ozone from nearby high reflecting scenes. Again,

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TOR = Total Column Ozone – Stratospheric Column Ozone
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Using Cloud Tops To Obtain Mean O3 Volume Mixing Ratio





Shown is the effect of El Nino on tropical TOR. Top: TOMS CCD TOR change from October 1996 to October 1997 (i.e., shown is October 1997 minus October 1996 TOR). Bottom: Same as top frame but instead based on GEOS-CHEM model TOR. The high degree of consistency between the two suggests that the GEOS-CHEM model provides a useful tool to separate the influence of dynamics and biomass burning on TOR. The model suggests that about half of El Nino-induced ozone arises from dynamics and half from biomass burning. (For more details, please see the paper *Chandra et al.*, JGR, July, 2002.)

Various Techniques Have Used Terrain Information to Derive Tropospheric Information:

Confirmation that TOMS Sees into the Lower Troposphere

•Jiang and Yung (1996) Used Data Adjacent to Andes to Produce Tropospheric Ozone Trend



- Newchurch and Co-workers Examined Many Locations to Examine Seasonality
- Fishman et al. (2003) Used Northern Africa Measurements to Infer Profile for Validation

Currently Published in Atmospheric Chemistry and Physics:

Problems regarding the Tropospheric O₃ Residual method and its interpretation in Fishman et al. [2003] A.T.J. de Laat and I. Aben

"We will show that it is possible to obtain a tropospheric O_3 column that is very similar to what is being presented in Fishman et al. [2003], solely based on the Logan [1999] tropospheric O_3 climatology and an estimate for the tropopause heights without using satellite data."

The Above Statement is grossly erroneous and can be seen through a simple visual comparison of the data sets!

Newchurch and co-workers: Terrain-height differences, Scan Angle Method (SAM), and Clear Cloudy Pairs (CCP)





Lower Tropospheric ozone near Mountain ranges.

Good agreement with sondes and fire counts.

Seasonal variation computed. [Kim and Newchurch, GRL, 1996; Kim and Newchurch, JGR, 1998; Newchurch et al., JGR, 2001]

Scan Angle kernel peak at ~5km. Good agreement w/ sondes, MOPPITT CO, ATSR fire counts, GEOS-Chem model. Resolves N. Atlantic paradox. Monthly tropical, lower-tropospheric ozone columns. [Kim et al, JAS, 2001; Kim et al., JGR, submitted, 2003]



CCP: Use all high-alt clouds (low THIR temp or high TOMS 380 nm reflectivity); stratosphere constrained by all clouds, not necessarily zonal flat. Good agreement with sondes $(3 \pm 1 DU)$. [Newchurch et al., ACP, 2003.]

All data and references are available on nsstc.uah.edu/atmchem

Newchurch et al.: Cloud anomalies, retrieval accuracy, and comparison of all tropospheric methods



Cloud anomalies (ozone/reflectivity correlation, positive and negative) in TOMS: Frequency of occurrence, morphology, explanation. [Liu, UAH Dissertation, 2003; Liu et al., ACP, 2003]



Retrieval accuracy. Explanation of retrieval errors above clouds. [Newchurch et al., JGR, 2001a; Newchurch et al., JGR, 2001b; Liu et al., JQSRT, 2003]



Figure 1 Tropical tropospheric ozone derived by six different methods along with the range and mean in September 1997. CCP results from Clear-cloudy Pairs of observations, CCD results from our calculation of the Convective Cloud Differential method prescribed by [Ziemk et al., 1998], 5Du subtraction is applied as suggested by the author. TOR results from our calculation of the Tropospheric Ozone Residual (TOMS-SAGE) prescribed by [Fishman and Larsen, 1987]. SAGE-CCP results from a hybrid of the CCP method where high clouds are present and SAGE stratospheric ozone where clouds are absent. MR method are described in [Thompson and Hudson, 1999], SAM results from differences of TOMS clear-sky total ozone columns taken at high scan angles and nadir scan angles as prescribed by [Kim et al., 2000].

Comparison of 6 methods: CCP, CCD, TOR, SAGECCP, Modified Residual, SAM, sondes, GOME, lidar, model. Statistics: Monthly RMS diff 4 – 12 DU Pacific, 6 – 18 DU Atlantic. Each method has strengths/weaknesses. No single method best over all times/locations w.r.t. sondes. [Sun, UAH Dissertation, 2003]

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Tropospheric Ozone From TOMS



Tropospheric column ozone from TOMS and MLS which shows large enhancement over eastern U.S. and North Atlantic in July 1992

Tropospheric Ozone Residual from TOMS/SBUV for July 1992



EQ. 15 NW 14 NW 13 NW 12 NW 11 NW 10 NW 90 W 80 W 70 W 60 W 50 W 40 W 30 W 20 W 10 W



Improvement of Spatial Resolution Using TOMS/SBUV Residual

- Apply "Empirical Correction" to SBUV Profile
- Enough Information to Examine Interannual Variability

Other Satellite Data Sets Are Required To Separate Tropospheric Ozone from Total Ozone Measurements

- SAGE: Good Vertical Resolution; Poor Spatial Coverage
- HALOE: Good Vertical Resolution; Poor Spatial Coverage
- MLS: Vertical Resolution Only >68 mb; Relatively Good Spatial Coverage Only One Archived Layer below 100 mb
- SBUV: Poor Vertical Resolution; Good Spatial Coverage Archived Layers: 1000–253 mb; 253-126 mb; 126-63 mb Stratospheric Fields Generated from 5 Days of Data
 - SAGE/TOMS TOR: ~ 30,000 Coincident Observations 1979-1991 [Fishman & Brackett, 1997]
 ~ 10 data points per 5° x 10° grid box for seasonal climatology
 SAGE/SBUV TOR: Use Every TOMS Observation (up to 28,800 per day)

~ **1500 data points per 1**° **x 1.25**° **grid box** for seasonal climatology

Seasonal Depictions of Climatological Tropospheric Ozone Residual (TOR) 1979-2000

December - February





June - August

September - November



Comparison of TOMS/SAGE TOR with TOMS/SBUV TOR: Regional Enhancements Not Previously Seen Now Found

TOMS/SAGE TOR: June-July-August Climatology (1979-1991)



TOMS/SBUV TOR: June-July-August Climatology (1979-1991)



Lower TOR over North African Desert Regions Coincident with Higher Elevations



December-February TOR



Implications:

• TOMS Capable of Isolating Small (Regional) Scale Features

• ~3 DU for $\int^{2km} dz \Rightarrow ~20$ ppb in pbl

• Information can be used to validate O_3 backscatter sensitivity in boundary layer over cloudless unpolluted area

Higher Elevation Differences (3-4 km) Coincident with Greater O₃ Deficits (5-7 DU)



• Inferred Ozone Profile over North Africa Desert Region:

$$\int^{2 \text{ km}} [O_3] dz = ~3 \text{ DU}$$
$$\int^{4 \text{ km}} [O_3] dz = ~6 \text{ DU}$$
$$\int^{\text{Trop. } (~17 \text{ km})} [O_3] dz = ~25 \text{ DU}$$



SBUV/TOMS TOR Provides Much Greater Spatial Resolution than Climatology Combined with Model Tropopause Heights



Future Satellite Measurements Will Improve Upon Techniques Developed with TOMS Measurments

- OMI and Other Aura Instruments Will Improve Data Resolution
- Data Assimilation and New "Smart" Interpolation Schemes Will Resolve Daily Stratospheric Ozone Distribution Better
- Eventual Goal is Geostationary TOMS-like Measurement Capability to Resolve Tropospheric Transport

HIRDLS Daily Profile Coverage Will Provide Sufficient Information to Derive 3-Dimensional Stratospheric Ozone Distribution Down to 1 km Below Tropopause



Longitude (-180 to 180 deg.)

Geostationary Observations Will Provide Hourly Observations with 5-km Resolution



Geostationary Observations Capture Diurnal Variability



Stars indicate typical times for LEO measurements. Circles indicate individual GeoTRACE measurements.

Summary

• TOMS Not Designed to Make Tropospheric Measurements

• But It DID!!!

- Tribute to How Well It Worked and the Dedication of the Team Providing and Maintaining the Quality of the Data
- Not Perfect: But Provided Unimaginable Global Insight into How Regional Processes Affect Tropospheric Trace Gas Distributions
- Issues to Be Adderssed
 - What is TOMS Sensitivity in Lower Atmosphere?
 - How Can the Stratosphere Be Removed from the Total Ozone Column?

BACK-UP SLIDES

Effects of spatial resolution: North America

GOME (SCIA pixels) NO₂ ex.: August 2002



Maximum values

GOME 7E15 molec/cm2

SCIA 17E15 molec/cm2

Match GOME and SCIA Pixels

Resolution GOME SCIA OMI





GOME Data from U of Heidelberg Bierle Atmos. Chem. Phys. Discuss, 2003

International Cooperation

Complementary Coverage



ESA has received geostationary proposals. NASDA is doing studies.

Calculation of TOMS/SBUV Tropospheric Ozone Residual

Part I: Calculate Stratospheric Column Ozone (SCO)



Note: γ and β are values between 0 and 1 and are determined by NCEP/NCAR Reanalysis tropopause height

Define fractional coefficients (β and γ) for TOR calculation



Part II: Calculate TOR from TOMS Total O₃ and SCO

(2a) SCO = SBUV Total O₃ - γ C* - β B* - A* (2b) TOR = TOMS Total O₃ - SCO

Note: γ and β are values between 0 and 1 if Z_{trop} is in Layer A, TOR is not calculated

Satellite Study Demonstrates Synoptic-Scale Pollution Transport



Pollution from northern states pools off North Carolina coast





Unique transport situation carries offshore pollution to southern states



Dobson Units

60 65 70 75

40 45

July 1988 Monthly TOR Captures High Ozone During Major Pollution Episode



July 1988 Monthly TOR Captures High Ozone During Major Pollution Episode



- Lower TOR within box due to terrain artifact
- Use terrain information for global validation

GOME NO₂ Measurements Also See Enhancements over India and China



Average Tropospheric NO₂ Column Density During 1997, GOME

Global TOR Averages Change with TOMS Archive

• Fishman et al. [1990]: 32.7 DU (pseudo-Version 6/SAGE)

Version 6 corrected for instrument drift

• Fishman & Brackett [1997]: 27.5 DU (Version 7/SAGE)

Version 7 incorporates ISCCP cloud climatology for correction

• Fishman et al [2003]: 31.5 DU (pseudo-Version 8/SBUV)

Version 8 includes aerosol and scan-angle dependence corrections

Why do we need time resolution?

Boston Morning

Boston Afternoon



Emissions and Ozone/Aerosol production change.

Air Quality changes during the day.