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### RESPONSES OF OZONE TO CHANGES OF EMISSIONS UNDER THE REPRESENTATIVE CONCENTRATION PATHWAY 4.5 SCENARIO OVER BRAZIL

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#### Introduction

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"What will air quality look like in the future?"

**OBJECTIVE**: How future changes in **emissions** will affect  $O_3$  for Brazil

#### Experiment Design: Models and Inputs



(Bruyère et al., 2015)

#### Experiment Design: Scenarios

AR5 climate scenario for 2020

**RCP 4.5** is a Representative Concentration Pathway climate scenario, with GHG radiative forcing reaching 4.5 W m<sup>-2</sup> by 2100 considering low-to-moderate GHG emissions (2000-2100)

Eclipse-v5a emission scenarios

- **CLE** (current legislation scenario):

- Baseline emissions/reference emissions (existing legislation frozen by the year 2015)
- Higher emissions
- Available for 2020, 2030, 2040 and 2050

- **MIT** (mitigation):

- Technological improvements on key sectors
- Available for 2020, 2030, 2040 and 2050
- MFR (maximum feasible reduction):
  - Unconditional implementation of technologies with the lowest emission factors
  - Lower emissions
  - Available for 2030 and 2050

#### **Experiment Design: Emission Scenarios**

Total emission for Brazil for Eclipse scenarios for 2020-2050



#### Experiment Design: Model Setup



WRF domains for Brazil (36km) and Midwest region (09km)

WRF-Chem versoin 4.0.2	
Parameterization	Option
Radiation	RRTMG scheme (longwave and shortwave) [Clough et al., 2005]
Surface layer	Revised MM5 Monin-Obukhov scheme [Jiménez et al., 2012]
Land surface	Unified Noah land-surface model [Chen and Dudhia, 2001]
Boundary layer	YSU scheme [Hong et al., 2006]
Cumulus clouds	Grell 3D Ensemble scheme [Grell et al., 2002]
Cloud microphysics	Morrison 2-moments [Morrison et al., 2009]
Gas-phase chemistry	CBMZ [Zavari and Peters, 1999]
Photolysis	Fast-J photolysis [Barnard et al. 2004; Wild et al., 2000]
Aerosol chemistry	MADE [Ackermann et al., 1998]
Secondary organic aerosol	SORGAN [Schell et al., 2001]

<sup>a</sup> RRTMG: Rapid Radiative Transference Model; MM5: Fifth-Generation Penn State/ National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) Mesoscale Model; NOAH LSM: NOAH: N—National Centers for Environmental Prediction, O—Oregon State University, A—Air Force, H—Hydrologic Research Lab, now Office of Hydrologic Dev, LSM: Land Surface Model,; YSU: Yonsei University Scheme; CBMZ: Carbon Bond mechanism version Z; MADE: modal aerosol dynamics model for Europe; SORGAM: secondary organic aerosol model.

Simulation period: 31 July to 10 August (2 days for model *spin-up*)

#### Experiment Design: Ozone Changes

Changes (%) in surface O<sub>3</sub> concentrations:

 $\Delta C = 100 \times (\text{sensitivity run/reference run} - 1)$ 

• Reference run: RCP 4.5 and CLE for 2020

• Sensitivity runs: RCP 4.5 for 2020 and CLE, MIT or MRF for 2030-2050

#### Ozone Changes: 36km Domain

#### Changes (%) in surface O<sub>3</sub> concentrations



#### Ozone Changes: 09km Domain

Changes (%) in surface O<sub>3</sub> concentrations



#### Ozone Changes: Comparison



Average / Maximum  $O_3$  change for CLE, MIT and MFR (2030 to 2050).

#### Conclusions

- Non-linear and non-homogeneous responses of  $O_3$  concentration to emission changes
- Spatial patterns linked to emissions from big urban centers such as São Paulo, Rio de Janeiro and Northeast region
- MFR is the scenario with the greatest improvement of O<sub>3</sub> covering a significant area, São Paulo/Mato Grosso do Sul states presented an average reduction of 4.5%
- MIT presented reduction of 15% MASP / 11% MARJ
- The CLE presented the worst air quality, increasing up to 3% in  $O_3$  for two large areas

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