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Sources Contribution to Ozone in Connecticut

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Objective

Connecticut continues to have ozone Air Quality Index (AQI) levels of Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups (USG), or worse (Department of Energy and Environmental Protection forecasted ozone 2021)

Month	Total Unhealthy Days	
May	26	
June	18	





CAMx v6.50: Comprehensive Air QualityModel with ExtensionOSAT: Ozone Source Apportionment TechnologyDDM: The Decoupled Direct Method

CMAQ v5.3.1: Community Multiscale Air Quality **ISAM:** The Integrated Source Apportionment Method

Spatial Domain & Resolution: 12US2, 396X246 grid cells; 12 x 12 *km*

Temporal Domain & Resolution: 2016; *Hourly* **Inputs:** NEIC 2016 beta (2016ff) - Beta version of the

National Emission Inventory Collaborative's 2016 modeling platform.

Selected Sources





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Model evaluation

	САМх		CMAQ	
	April to October	June to August	April to October	June to August
Mean Bias (ppb)	+1.81	+4.43	+2.86	+6.09
Mean Error (ppb)	9.06	9.00	9.84	10.84
Mean Fraction Bias	+0.12	+0.19	+0.11	+0.19
Mean Fraction Error	0.37	0.34	0.39	0.38

Observed ozone data for model evaluation is from U.S. EPA (AQS Data, 2016)

Comment	excellent	good	average	fundamental problem
Mean Fraction Bias	≤±15%	≤±30%	≤±60%	>±60%
Mean Fraction Error	≤±35%	≤±50%	≤±75%	>±75%

Morris, R. E. et al. J. Air Waste Manag. Assoc. 55, 1694–1708 (2005).

CAMx OSAT Summertime Average Fractional Source Apportionment



- Boundary conditions have largest impact to the edge of US domain.
- Unapportioned sources have largest impact in southern part of the Northeastern US.
- Selected sources have high impact in nearby vicinity.

Unapportioned sources: all emissions within the domain except for the nine selected grid cells

CMAQ ISAM Summertime Average Fractional Source Apportionment



Boundary Conditions







- Boundary conditions have largest impact in the Northern part of the Northeastern US.
- Unapportioned sources have largest impact in southern part of the Northeastern US.
- Selected sources have high impact in ocean areas.

Unapportioned sources: all emissions within the domain except for the nine selected grid cells

CAMx DDM Summertime Average Fractional Source Apportionment

0.00080

0.00040

0.00007

0.00001

-0.01000



- Boundary conditions have largest impact in the western and have smallest impact in coastal areas of the Northeastern US.
- Unapportioned sources have largest impact over ocean and coastal areas.
- Selected sources have low or negative sensitivity in the areas nearest to the source and have highest positive sensitivities in surrounding areas.

Unapportioned sources: all emissions within the domain except for the nine selected grid cells

CAMx OSAT Summertime Average Fractional Source Apportionment



Unapportioned sources: all emissions within the domain except for the twelve states

Ozone Monitoring Sites in CT



Time Series Plots of MDA8 ozone for April through October 2016











Conclusion

- Boundary conditions and Unapportioned Sources contribute the most to ozone concentration.
- Boundary conditions contribute to a baseline of ozone around 20ppb, (20-40ppb by US EPA)
- The contribution of boundary conditions to ozone is relative constant. But Unapportioned Sources and Selected Sources contribute a lot more when ozone concentration is in a very high level.
- Nine selected sources add up contribute to very less ozone concentration in CT. Unapportioned Sources and twelve States (CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, OH, PA, RI, VT) contribute a lot more when ozone concentration is in a very high level.

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Thank you