

Effects of aerosols on tropospheric oxidants: A global model study

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Abstract. The global distributions of sulfate and soot particles in the atmosphere are calculated, and the effect of aerosol particles on tropospheric oxidants is studied using a global chemical/transport/ aerosol model. The model is developed in the framework of the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) global three-dimensional chemical/transport model (Model for Ozone and Related Chemical Tracers (MOZART)). In addition to the gas-phase photochemistry implemented in the MOZART model, the present study also accounts for the formation of sulfate and black carbon aerosols as well as for heterogeneous reactions on particles. The simulated global sulfate aerosol distributions and seasonal variation are compared with observations. The seasonal variation of sulfate aerosols is in agreement with measurements, except in the Arctic region. The calculated vertical profiles of sulfate aerosol agree well with the observations over North America. In the case of black carbon the calculated surface distribution is in fair agreement with observations. The effects of aerosol formation and heterogeneous reactions on the surface of sulfate aerosols are studied. The model calculations show the following: (1) The concentration of H_2O_2 is reduced when sulfate aerosols are formed due to the reaction of $\text{SO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ in cloud droplets. The gas-phase reaction $\text{SO}_2 + \text{OH}$ converts OH to HO_2 , but the reduction of OH and enhancement of HO_2 are insignificant ($< 3\%$). (2) The heterogeneous reaction of HO_2 on the surface of sulfate aerosols produces up to 10% reduction of hydroperoxyl radical (HO_2) with an uptake coefficient of 0.2. However, this uptake coefficient could be overestimated, and the results should be regarded as an upper limit estimation. (3) The N_2O_5 reaction on the surface of sulfate aerosols leads to an 80% reduction of NO_x at middle to high latitudes during winter. Because ozone production efficiency is low in winter, ozone decreases by only 10% as a result of this reaction. However, during summer the N_2O_5 reaction reduces NO_x by 15% and O_3 by 8–10% at middle to high latitudes. (4) The heterogeneous reaction of CH_2O on sulfate aerosols with an upper limit uptake coefficient ($\gamma = 0.01$) leads to an 80 to 90% decrease in CH_2O and 8 to 10% reduction of HO_2 at middle to high latitudes during winter. Many uncertainties remain in our understanding of heterogeneous chemical processes and in the estimate of kinetic parameters. This model study should therefore be regarded as exploratory and subject to further improvements before final conclusions can be made.

1. Introduction

Tropospheric aerosols are suspended particles, including condensed water, sulfate droplets, sea-salt particles, black carbon/soot, silicates, and organic aerosols. There has been increased recognition of the importance of aerosols in climate change and climate prediction. Aerosols affect the climate both

directly, through scattering and absorption of incoming solar radiation, and indirectly, through their ability to act as cloud condensation nuclei (CCN). Studies [Charlson *et al.*, 1991; Kiehl and Briegleb, 1993; Penner *et al.*, 1994] suggest that the globally averaged effects of aerosols may be similar in magnitude but opposite in sign to the projected warming attributed to greenhouse gas accumulation. Because aerosols are far from being uniformly distributed in the atmosphere, their radiative forcing varies considerably in space and can exceed substantially the effect of well-mixed greenhouse gases in regions of intense biomass burning and fossil fuel consumption.

Aerosol particles also have strong interactions with oxidants in the atmosphere. Multiphase and heterogeneous reactions on and

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within aerosols have the potential to play a major role in determining the composition of the gaseous atmosphere. The interaction between aerosols and gas composition is a relatively new research area. The studies of the effects of Polar Stratospheric Clouds (PSCs) and sulfate aerosols on chemical composition in the lower stratosphere have shown that heterogeneous reactions on the surface of these particles play an important role in determining ozone concentrations in the stratosphere [Solomon *et al.*, 1986; Hofmann and Solomon, 1989; Brasseur *et al.*, 1990; Pitari and Rizi, 1993; Hofmann *et al.*, 1994; Tie *et al.*, 1996]. However, it is only recently that the effects of aerosols on tropospheric chemistry have been stressed [see, e.g., Lelieveld and Crutzen, 1990; Dentener and Crutzen, 1993; Kolb *et al.*, 1995; Dentener and Crutzen, 1996; Hauglustaine *et al.*, 1996; Andreae and Crutzen, 1997; Ravishankara, 1997; Saylor, 1997; Aumont, 1999; Jacob, 2000; Thomas *et al.*, 2001], and many uncertainties remain and will need to be addressed in the future.

In this paper, we develop a coupled chemical/aerosol model to address the interaction between sulfate and black carbon aerosols and tropospheric composition. Several global sulfate and black carbon aerosol models have been developed in the past [Benkovitz *et al.*, 1996; Chin *et al.*, 1996; Cooke and Wilson, 1996; Feichter *et al.*, 1996; Lioussé *et al.*, 1996; Kasibhatla *et al.*, 1997; Barth *et al.*, 2000] in an off-line mode, with gas-phase chemical species concentrations provided as input data and the impact of aerosol particles on gas-phase compounds ignored. In this paper, we will present an interactive model which has several advantages: (1) The formation of sulfate aerosol particles depends strongly upon the diurnal variations of radical OH and NO₃, which are generally not simulated by off-line models; (2) the perturbations of gas-phase species resulting from the formation of aerosols are fully accounted for; (3) the feedbacks on the aerosol formation from changing concentrations of gas-phase compounds (resulting from heterogeneous reactions) are taken into account.

This study is not intended to be comprehensive and account for all processes affecting aerosol/gas-phase interactions. For example, suggested by Dentener *et al.* [1996], the reaction of SO₂ on calcium-rich mineral dust is likely to play an important role. The interactions of N₂O₅, O₃, and HO₂ with mineral dust are affecting to affect the photochemical oxidants, causing ozone decreases of perhaps 10% in and nearby the dust source areas. However, mineral dust is not included in the present version of the MOZART model, and the heterogeneous reactions on mineral dust will not be discussed in the present study. Furthermore, the model does not account for the impact of aerosol radiative effects on the photochemistry. For example, the presence of aerosols affect the photolysis rate of chemical species [He and Carmichael, 1999; Liao *et al.*, 1999]. This process, which could lead to changes in the concentration of tropospheric oxidants, is not considered in the present study.

The paper is divided into several sections. Section 2 provides a brief description of the chemical/aerosol/transport model that will be used in the study, Section 3 shows the simulation of particle distributions and comparison with observations, and Section 4 discusses the effects of heterogeneous reactions on the tropospheric composition.

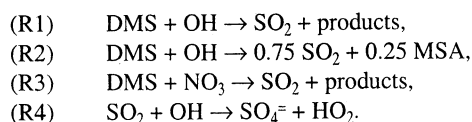
2. Description of the Model

The model providing the mass density of sulfate and black carbon particles is developed in the framework of the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) global three-dimensional chemical/transport model (Model for Ozone and

Related Chemical Tracers (MOZART), version 1). MOZART 1 [Brasseur *et al.*, 1998] is a comprehensive tropospheric chemical/transport model, calculating the global distribution of 56 gas-phase chemical species (see Table 1 of Brasseur *et al.* [1998]). In the present study the concentrations of OH, H₂O₂, NO₃, and O₃ are used to calculate the conversion of gas-phase sulfur species into sulfate aerosols. In addition, SO₂, SO₄⁻, dimethyl sulfide (DMS), and NH₃ are added to the gas-phase chemical scheme used in MOZART. The model is configured with a T42 (2.8° x 2.8°) horizontal resolution and 25 hybrid vertical levels ranging from the surface to 4 mbar. Meteorological information (i.e., winds, temperature, etc.) is provided by the NCAR Community Climate Model (CCM-2) every 3 hours based on precalculated results (off-line). The model time step for chemistry and transport is 20 minutes. Within a 3-hour period the meteorological variables are interpolated linearly with time. The chemical species are transported by advective [Rasch and Williamson, 1991], diffusive [Holtstag and Boville, 1993], and convective [Hack *et al.*, 1994] processes. Details on the treatment of gas-phase chemical mechanisms and transport processes are provided by Brasseur *et al.* [1998]. The distribution of CH₄, nonmethane hydrocarbons (NMHCs), and CO calculated by MOZART are generally consistent with observations [Hauglustaine *et al.*, 1998]. The seasonal cycle of ozone is generally well simulated in comparison with ozonesondes, although MOZART 1 tends to underestimate O₃ concentrations at middle and high latitudes of the Northern Hemisphere, especially in the upper troposphere due to the ozone flux across the tropopause being underestimated in the model. The nitric acid (HNO₃) mixing ratio and the HNO₃/NO_x concentration ratio are generally overestimated, especially over the Pacific Ocean and over North America.

2.1. Gas-Phase Sulfur and Sulfate Aerosols

The chemical scheme for gas-phase reactions implemented in MOZART 1 includes the oxidation of dimethyl sulfide (DMS) by OH and NO₃ as well as the conversion of SO₂ into sulfate by OH:



The corresponding reaction coefficients are listed in Table 1. The reactions (R1)-(R4) do not represent single reactions, but a sequence of reactions [Chin *et al.*, 1996]. Unlike previous model studies [Benkovitz *et al.*, 1994; Chin *et al.*, 1996; Feichter *et al.*, 1996; Kasibhatla *et al.*, 1997; Barth *et al.*, 2000], our approach allows for chemical feedbacks between sulfate and the oxidants included in the model. In the following sections, we show that the formation of sulfate aerosols can significantly affect OH concentrations in the polluted troposphere.

Aqueous phase conversion of SO₂ to SO₄⁻ in cloud water is represented by the following reactions which become active in the grid cells of the model where clouds are present:

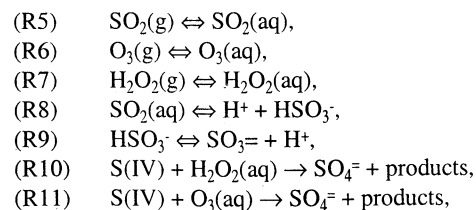


Table 1. List of Gas-Phase Reactions, Gas-Aqueous Phase Equilibria, and Aqueous Phase Reaction Constants for Sulfate Aerosols^a

Reactions	Coefficients	References
<i>Gas Phase</i>		
1 DMS + OH → SO ₂ + products	9.6x10 ⁻¹² exp(-234/T)	1
2 DMS + OH → 0.75 SO ₂ + 0.25 MSA	a1/a2 a1=1.7x10 ⁻⁴² exp(7810/T)[O ₂] a2=1+5.5x10 ⁻³¹ exp(7460/T)[O ₂]	1
3 DMS + NO ₃ → SO ₂ + products	1.9x10 ⁻¹³ exp(520/T)	2
4 SO ₂ + OH → H ₂ SO ₄	[b1/(1+b1/b2)] 0.6 ^{b3} b1=3.0x10 ⁻³¹ x(300/T) ^{3.3} [M] b2=1.5x10 ⁻¹² b3={1+[log(b1/b2)] ² } ⁻¹	1
<i>Aqueous Phase</i>		
5 O ₃ (g) ↔ O ₃ (aq)	1.1x10 ⁻² exp(2300(1/T-1/298))	3
6 H ₂ O ₂ (g) ↔ H ₂ O ₂ (aq)	7.4x10 ⁴ exp(6615(1/T-1/298))	3
7 H ₂ O(g) ↔ H ⁺ + OH ⁻	1.0x10 ⁻¹⁴ exp(-6716(1/T-1/298))	3
8 CO ₂ (g) ↔ CO ₂ (aq)	3.1x10 ⁻² exp(2423.(1/T-1/298))	3
9 NH ₃ (g) ↔ NH ₃ (aq)	5.8x10 ¹ exp(4085.(1/T-1/298))	4
10 SO ₂ (g) ↔ SO ₂ (aq)	1.23 exp(3120.*(1/T-1/298))	4
11 HNO ₃ (g) ↔ HNO ₃ (aq)	2.1x10 ⁵ exp(8700(1/T-1/298))	3
12 NH ₃ (aq) ↔ NH ₄ ⁺ + OH ⁻	1.2x10 ⁻⁴ exp(-4325(1/T-1/298))	4
13 CO ₂ (aq) ↔ H ⁺ + HCO ₃ ⁻	4.3x10 ⁻⁷ exp(-913 (1/T-1/298))	4
14 HNO ₃ (aq) ↔ H ⁺ + NO ₃ ⁻	15.4	3
15 SO ₂ (aq) ↔ H ⁺ + HSO ₃ ⁻	1.7x10 ⁻² exp(2090)(1/T-1/298))	4
16 HSO ₃ ⁻ ↔ H ⁺ + SO ₃ ⁼	6.0x10 ⁻⁸ exp(1120(1/T-1/298))	4
17 S(IV) = HSO ₃ ⁻ + SO ₃ ⁼		
18 S(IV) + H ₂ O ₂ (aq) → SO ₄ ⁼ + products	8x10 ⁴ exp(-3650(1/T-1/298))/c1 c1=0.1+[H ⁺]	5
19 S(IV) + O ₃ (aq) → SO ₄ ⁼ + products	d1 + d2/[H ⁺] d1=4.39x10 ¹¹ exp(-4131/T) d2=2.56x0 ³ exp(-996/T)	5

^aHere, 1, *Chin et al.* [1996]; 2, *Atkinson et al.* [1992]; 3, *Lelieveld* [1990]; 4, *Seinfeld* [1986]; 5, *Feichter et al.* [1996].

where (g) and (aq) correspond to gas and aqueous phase, respectively. S(IV) represents the sum of HSO₃⁻ and SO₃⁼ ions dissolved in the aqueous phase. The rate constants and equilibrium constants for these reactions are listed in Table 1. As indicated in Table 1, the formation of sulfate in clouds depends strongly on the acidity of cloud droplets. Calculations by *Seinfeld* [1986] show that when water acidity is weak (pH > 5), the formation of SO₄⁼ in the aqueous phase is dominated by (R7) whereas at low pH, sulfate is mainly formed by (R10). To explicitly calculate the formation of SO₄⁼ in clouds, the acidity of the cloud water needs therefore to be calculated. We express the pH by

$$\text{pH} = -\log[\text{H}^+],$$

where [H⁺] represents the concentration of H⁺ in the liquid phase with

$$[\text{H}^+] + [\text{NH}_4^+] = [\text{OH}^-] + [\text{HCO}_3^-] + [\text{NO}_3^-] + [\text{HSO}_3^-] + 2[\text{SO}_4^{=}]$$

Here [OH⁻] accounts for the dissociation of pure water, while [HCO₃⁻] results from the presence of dissolved carbon dioxide in the water droplets; [NO₃⁻] accounts for the effect of nitric acid, and [NH₄⁺] for the effect of ammonia on the overall acidity. *Dentener and Crutzen* [1994] have shown that ammonia is able to neutralize a great portion of the acids produced by the oxidation

of sulfur and nitrogen oxides. The presence of ammonia, therefore, has an important impact on acids in clouds. Because the heterogeneous conversion of SO₂ to SO₄⁼ depends strongly on cloud acidity (see Table 1), the presence of ammonia tends to enhance the formation of sulfate aerosols. Figure 1 shows the annually averaged surface ammonia concentrations. The highest concentrations are located in southern Asia, which is in agreement with the calculation of *Dentener and Crutzen* [1994]. The equilibrium constants for the dissolution and dissociation reactions are given in Table 1. The aqueous-phase reactions are solved separately from the gas-phase reactions.

Global emission inventories for SO_x (SO₂+SO₄⁼) and DMS are taken from the International Global Atmospheric Chemistry/Global Emissions Inventory Activity (IGAC/GEIA) [*Benkovitz et al.*, 1994, 1996]. The original data, provided as monthly mean values at 1° x 1° horizontal resolution, have been interpolated to the 2.8° x 2.8° grid of the MOZART model. The emissions of SO_x are entirely anthropogenic with a global value of 67 Tg S/yr. Two percent of the total SO_x emissions are assumed to be in the form of SO₄⁼. The global annually averaged emissions of SO₂ and DMS are shown in Plate 1. The SO_x emissions are very nonuniformly distributed, with the highest emissions located in the United States, Europe, and eastern Asia. The DMS emissions from the ocean provide a total of 15.5 Tg S/yr, and are highest in coastal areas. In the present study, the emissions of carbonyl sulfide (OCS), and the volcanic emission of SO₂ are not included

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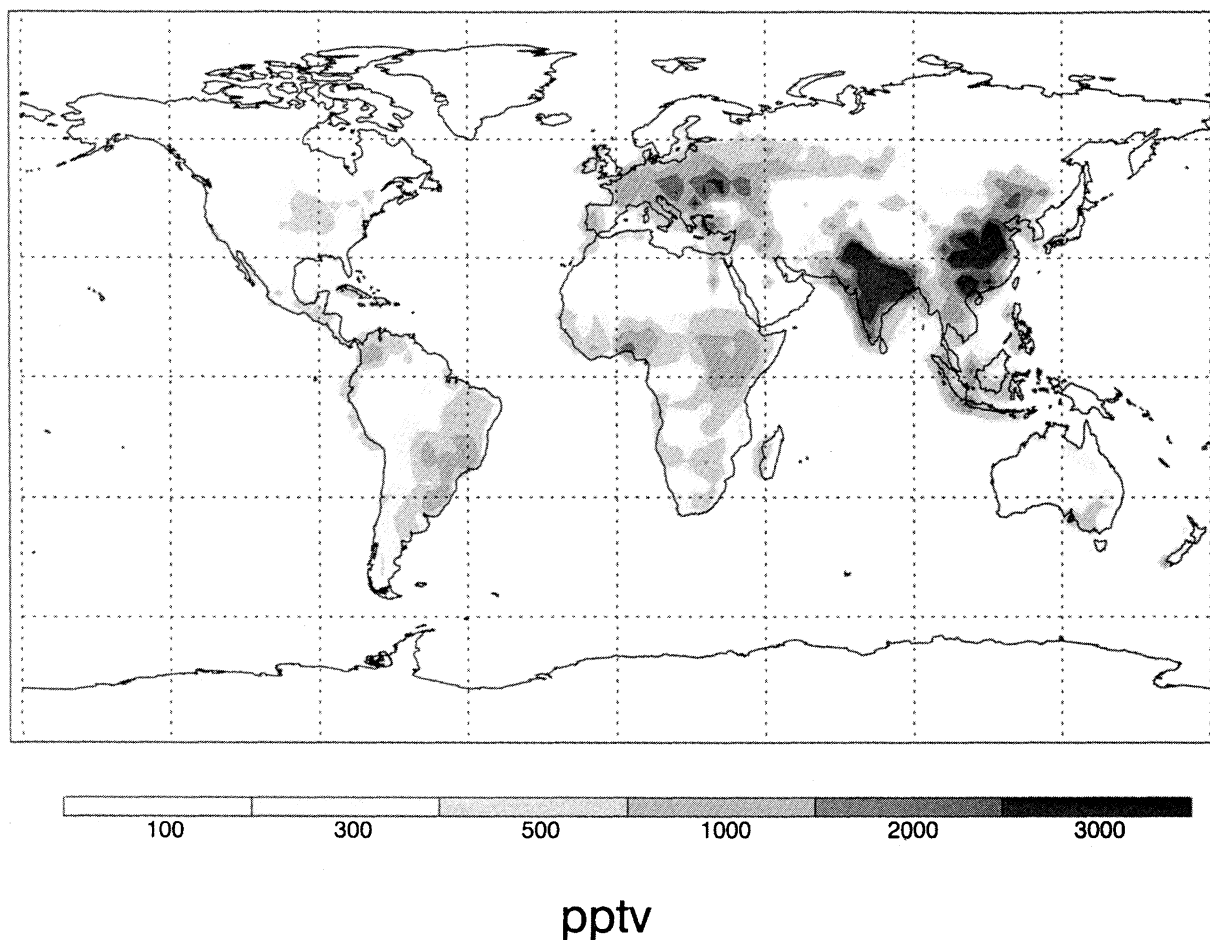


Figure 1. Calculated annually averaged surface concentrations (pptv) of ammonia.

in the model. These emissions strongly affect the formation of sulfate aerosols in the stratosphere [Crutzen, 1976; Turco *et al.*, 1979; McCormick and Swissler, 1983; Visconti *et al.*, 1988; Tie *et al.*, 1994a], but have small effects in the troposphere, especially in the boundary layer.

Removal of chemical compounds from the atmosphere is represented by dry deposition and wet scavenging. Dry deposition varies with surface characteristics and meteorological conditions near the surface [Wesely and Hicks, 2000]. In this model we use the simple parameterization suggested by Feichter *et al.* [1996], with a dry deposition velocity for SO_2 of 0.6 cm/s on the continents, 0.8 cm/s on the oceans, and 0.1 cm/s on snow. The dry deposition velocity for SO_4^{2-} [Feichter *et al.*, 1996] is assumed to be 0.2 cm/s on all surfaces. The dry deposition velocity of DMS is assumed to be zero. The wet deposition scheme includes in-cloud as well as below-cloud scavenging. The in-cloud scavenging is formulated according to the parameterization of Giorgi and Chameides [1985]. The rate of scavenging is a function of rainwater tendency and of the effective Henry's law constants. Very soluble species are also removed efficiently through below-cloud scavenging [Levine and Schwartz, 1982], using the formulation described by Brasseur *et al.* [1998]. For gas scavenging, the effective Henry's law constants are calculated according to the rate of uptake by raindrops, and the rate of

dissociation inside the raindrop. According to the study of Giorgi and Chameides [1985], the scavenging rate for a gas with a low effective Henry law's constant is strongly dependent upon the solubility of this gas. However, for gases with high effective Henry's law constants (such as HNO_3 and H_2O_2), changes in solubility produce only very small changes in the rate of scavenging. In this case, the rate of wet scavenging is controlled primarily by the strength of rainfall. sulfate aerosols are assumed to be very soluble in raindrops [Feichter *et al.*, 1996], and their rate of scavenging is assumed to be the same as the rate of scavenging derived for HNO_3 . The wet scavenging time constant for aerosol particles is of the order of a few days in the lower and middle troposphere (see Brasseur *et al.*, 1998), with a minimum scavenging time constant of 1 to 2 days in the tropics.

2.2. Black Carbon Particles

Black carbon is produced by the combustion of hydrocarbons [Cooke and Wilson, 1996; Liousse *et al.*, 1996]. Fossil fuel and biomass burning are therefore primary emissions of these particles. The global emissions of black carbon have been estimated by various authors to be 12 Tg C/yr [Liousse *et al.*, 1996], 18 Tg C/yr [Cooke and Wilson, 1996] to 24 Tg C/yr [Penner *et al.*, 1993]. The total emission used in this study is 12

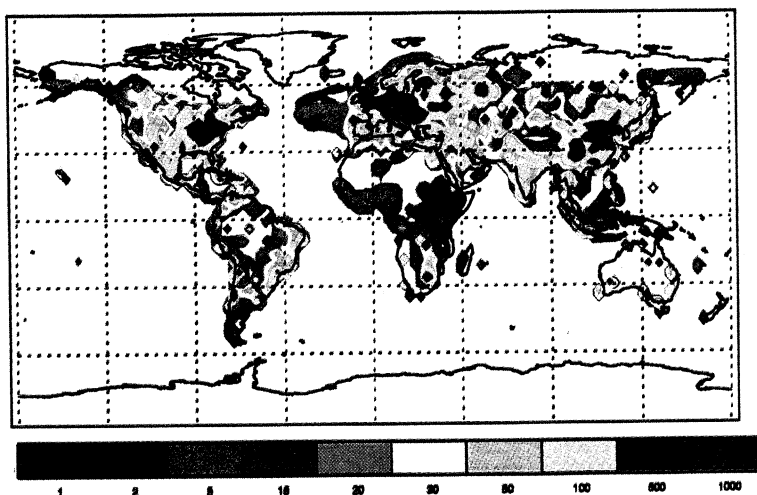
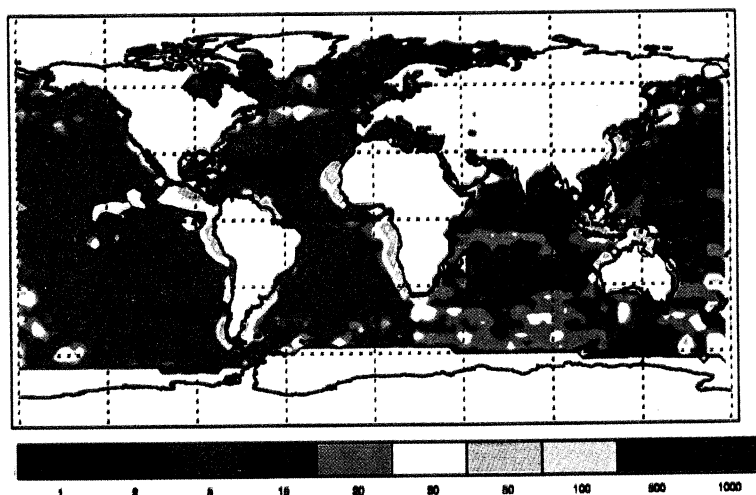
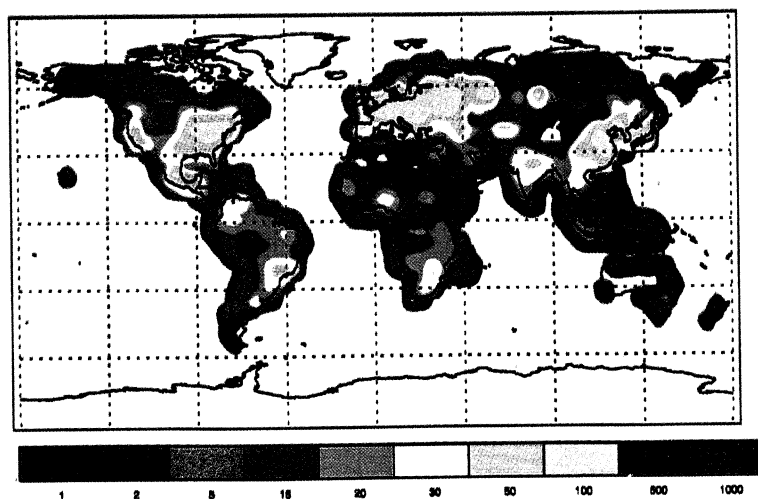
SO₂ (Kg S/Km²/yr)**DMS (Kg S/Km²/yr)****BC (Kg C/Km²/yr)**

Plate 1. Annually averaged (top) SO₂, (middle) DMS, and (bottom) black carbon emissions (kg C km⁻² y⁻¹) of the model.

Tg C/yr, which is on the low end of the previous studies, and is similar to the results recently suggested by *Lioussé et al.* [1996]. *Ward et al.* [1996] and *Ferek et al.* [1998] suggest that black carbon emissions resulting from biomass burning are correlated with those of carbon monoxide (CO) produced by fires. In this study, we use the geographical and temporal distribution of CO emissions as implemented in the MOZART 1 model, with a black carbon emission scaled to 12 Tg C/yr. The annual average geographical distributions of black carbon emission are shown in Plate 1 (bottom panel). These emissions are large in Europe, eastern United States, and East Asia where large amounts of fossil fuel are burned. In Europe and in the eastern United States, emissions are highest. The contribution due to biomass burning is largest in the tropics, and its geographical distribution varies with season. Substantial black carbon emissions from large fires also occur in the boreal regions. The geographical distributions of the emissions adopted in this study are similar to the distributions proposed by *Cooke and Wilson* [1996] and by *Lioussé et al.* [1996]. The study by *Black and Kato* [1995] suggests that aircraft fuel combustion is a substantial source of black carbon in the upper troposphere and lower stratosphere. At high latitudes, commercial aircraft usually fly above the tropopause, and a large fraction of the particles are injected into the lower stratosphere. At present, the source of black carbon from aircraft is not included in the model.

Laboratory measurements of heterogeneous reactions occurring on the surface of black carbon suggest that reactions take place primarily on hydrophobic particles [*Golden and Manion*, 1992; *Fendel et al.*, 1995; *Rogaski et al.*, 1997]. However, black carbon is often present as a heterogeneous mixture of carbon, sulfate, and other components whose behavior is hydrophilic [*Ogren*, 1984; *Hagen et al.*, 1992; *Parungo et al.*, 1994; *Lioussé et al.*, 1993]. It is believed that black carbon is coated by sulfate and other components, and the initial hydrophobic properties of black carbon are progressively lost as the age of particles increases, and hence the reactivity on elemental black carbon is gradually reduced, as suggested by *DeMore et al.* [1997]. A recent study by *Aumont et al.* [1999] suggests that the reaction of NO₂ on black carbon particles occurs only on the young black carbon particles (hydrophobic carbon). To simulate the heterogeneous reactions occurring on elemental black carbon, we have separated the black carbon particles into two types of aerosols. The first type is assumed to represent new and fresh particles, which are directly emitted from the surface. These particles with high heterogeneous reactivity are assumed to be hydrophobic (i.e., not mixed with other aerosols and not coated by water and acids). These particles are not subject to wet scavenging but are subject to dry deposition with a deposition velocity of 0.1 cm/s as suggested by *Cooke and Wilson* [1996]. For convenience, hydrophobic black carbon is named BC-1. The second type of black carbon particles represent aged particles, that are assumed to be coated with other aerosols including liquid water and sulfates, and therefore, are hydrophilic. With these surface properties the heterogeneous reactivity of the particles is substantially reduced. This type of aerosol is subject to both wet and dry deposition. The removal rate for wet scavenging is assumed to be the same as for sulfate aerosols. For convenience, hydrophilic black carbon particles are named BC-2. BC-2 is not directly emitted, but is converted from BC-1 with a rate of 1 day as suggested by *Cooke and Wilson* [1996].

3. Simulation of Particle Distributions

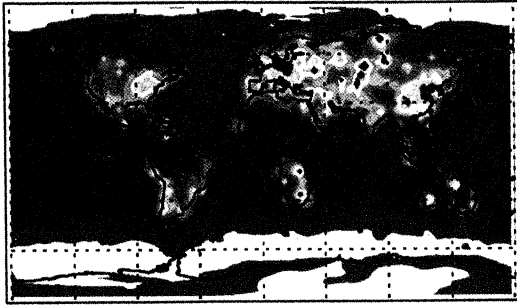
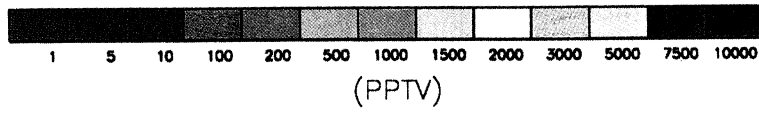
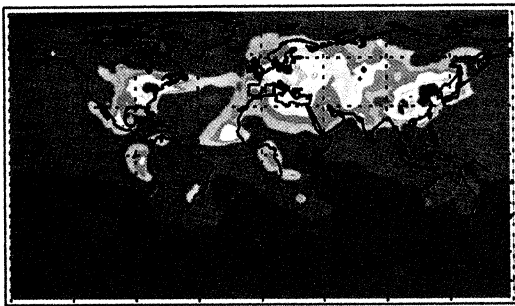
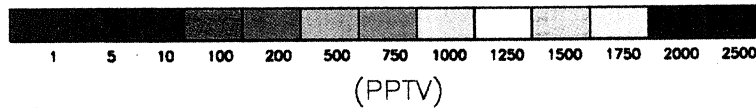
All the distributions of sulfate and black carbon particles are obtained after 3 years of model integration. Only the results of the last year are used in the present analysis.

3.1. Global Distribution of SO₂ and Sulfate Aerosol Particles

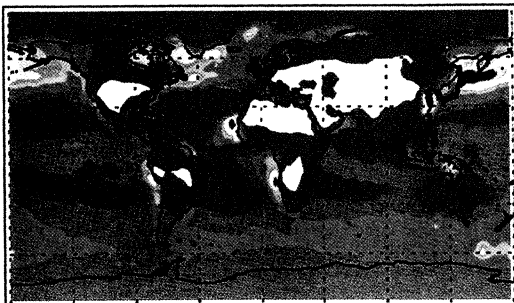
Plate 2 illustrates the surface distributions of gas-phase dimethyl sulfide (DMS) and sulfur dioxide (SO₂), as well as of sulfate aerosols (SO₄⁻). The calculated surface concentration of SO₂ highlights the large impact of the anthropogenic sources of SO₂ in Europe, Asia, and North America. The SO₂ concentration decreases rapidly away from the source regions due to the short chemical lifetime of SO₂ (~1 day). Over the ocean, where SO₂ is mainly produced by the oxidation of DMS, its concentration is generally less than 100 pptv, i.e., 10 to 100 times smaller than the concentration predicted over the continents. The seasonal variability near the source regions is visible. Because the seasonal cycle of SO₂ emission in the model is relatively small based on IGAC/GEIA [*Benkovitz et al.*, 1994, 1996], the seasonal variation of SO₂ oxidation plays an important role in the calculated seasonal cycle of SO₂ and SO₄⁻ densities. During winter the chemical sink of SO₂ is low (low OH and H₂O₂ concentrations), and the boundary layer ventilation is weak, leading to high SO₂ and low SO₄⁻ concentrations. The simultaneous measurements of sulfur emissions, SO₂ and SO₄⁻ concentrations, in New York and Los Angeles [*Hidy et al.*, 1979] show that SO₂ concentrations are indeed highest during winter, and that sulfate aerosol concentrations are lowest during this season. The distribution of sulfate aerosols however, has a geographic pattern similar to SO₂, suggesting conversion of SO₂ to SO₄⁻.

A comparison between the calculated and the observed seasonal variation of SO₄⁻ in Europe and North America is presented in Figure 2a. Table 2 provides the latitude, longitude, and the annual mean concentration at each of these locations. In this region the calculated SO₄⁻ concentrations are generally within 30% of the observed values except at three locations (Langenbrugge, Ispra, and Union County). A strong seasonal cycle is shown in both the calculated and observed results. During summer the surface SO₄⁻ is typically high, while during winter it is usually low, suggesting that strong oxidation of SO₂ takes place during summer.

The observed seasonal variation in SO₄⁻ in the Arctic and sub-Arctic regions (see Figure 2b) is substantially different from the seasonal variability in midlatitude Europe and North America. The maximum concentration occurs in March in contrast to the maximum found in July over Europe and the United States. Since the sulfur emissions at high latitudes are small, SO₂ concentrations are relatively low in these regions (see Plate 2). The direct in situ chemical production of SO₄⁻ by oxidation of SO₂ is not significant here. SO₄⁻ particles in the Arctic are therefore originating mainly from midlatitudes and their concentration is likely influenced by the dynamical exchanges between the source regions and the polar regions. The calculated seasonal variability does not reproduce the observations. The calculated maximum often occurs in July, which is ~ 4 months later than the measured maximum. The discrepancy is probably due to differences between CCM and actual winds during the

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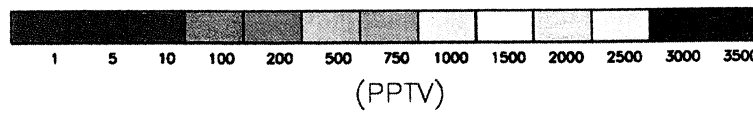
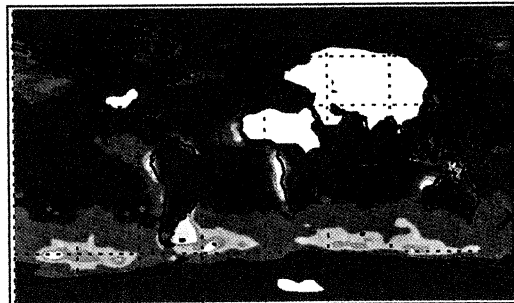


Plate 2. Calculated June and December surface concentrations (pptv) of (top) SO₂, (middle) SO₄, and (bottom) DMS.

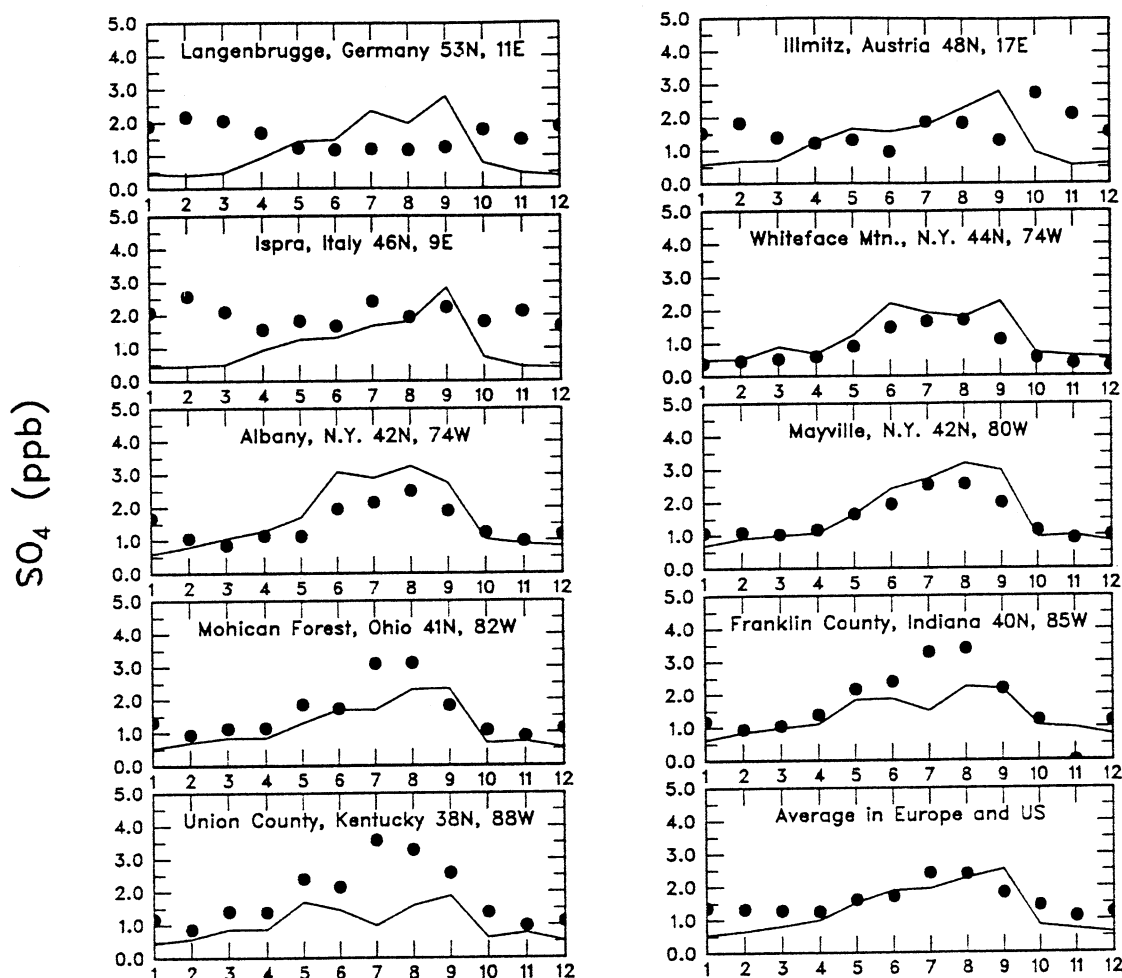


Figure 2a. Monthly-averaged seasonal variation of SO_4^- mixing ratio (ppbv) in Europe and North America. Solid circles are the observations, and solid lines are the model results. Measurements are obtained from *Chin et al.* [1996], and the measurement sites are listed in Table 2.

measurements in the representation of winds by the general circulation model (CCM2).

Over the oceans (Figure 2c), both calculated and measured seasonal variabilities of SO_4^- are not significant, and concentrations are very small (10 times smaller than the values in Europe and the United States) (see Figure 2c). It indicates at these locations, SO_4^- is not significantly affected by transport from polluted source regions. In the Southern Hemisphere at high latitudes, SO_4^- concentrations are high during summer and low during winter, indicating that the seasonal cycle of the oxidizing of DMS has a large effect on SO_4^- over this region. The calculated seasonal variability is generally consistent with the observations, except at two locations (Mace Head and Bermuda) where sulfate aerosols are transported from the polluted European and American continents (see Plate 2).

A comparison between the calculated and the observed seasonal variation of SO_2 is presented in Figure 3. Table 3 provides the latitude, longitude, and the annual mean concentration at each of these locations. The measured SO_2 concentrations are widely spread, ranging from 18 to 8500 pptv. Typical surface concentrations in heavily polluted western Europe and eastern United States range from 3 to 8 ppbv. For relatively clean rural sites of Europe, measured values vary from 0.2 to 0.9

ppbv. The SO_2 concentrations are very low over oceans in the Southern Hemisphere, with mixing ratios of only 18 pptv observed at Amsterdam Island. Such large spatial variations are well reproduced by the model (see Figure 3).

It is shown in Figure 2a and Figure 3 that SO_2 and SO_4^- exhibit strong seasonal cycles in North America, where most measurement sites are near the sources of SO_2 . As a result, chemical conversion of SO_2 to SO_4^- plays an important role in controlling the concentrations of SO_2 and SO_4^- at these sites. During summer, OH and H_2O_2 concentrations are highest because of the strong sunlight, resulting in fast chemical conversion of SO_2 to SO_4^- . The predicted seasonalities of SO_2 and SO_4^- are consistent with the measurements, with highest concentrations of SO_2 and lowest SO_4^- during winter and lowest concentrations of SO_2 and highest SO_4^- during summer.

Zonally averaged distributions of DMS, SO_2 , and SO_4^- are shown in Figure 4 for June and December conditions. DMS exhibits a strong seasonal variation in the vertical distribution at high latitudes. There are two major source regions for DMS, which are the oceans at high latitudes of the northern and southern hemispheres, respectively. Coastal regions around Africa, South America and Indonesia provide additional large sources of DMS (see Plate 1). In these source regions the level of OH and hence

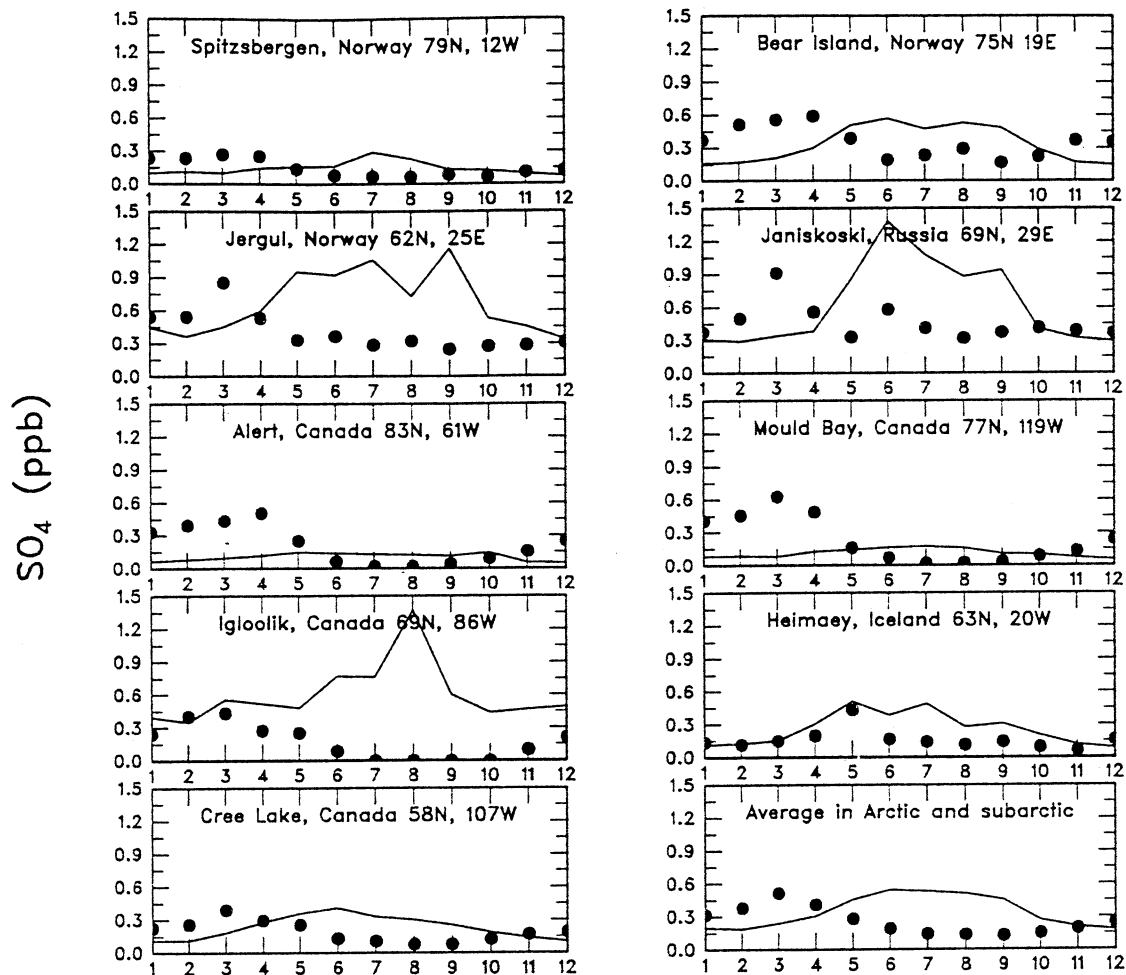


Figure 2b. Same as Figure 2a except in Arctic region.

the destruction rate of DMS vary substantially with season. OH concentrations are highest during summer, resulting in the shortest chemical lifetime of DMS (less than 1 day). The highest DMS concentrations are located in the boundary layer of the source regions, and low concentration values are located in the middle troposphere, where DMS is efficiently removed by OH. During winter, however, OH concentrations are very low, and the chemical destruction is small, so that DMS is more likely to be transported from the boundary layer into the free troposphere. The zonally averaged SO_2 concentration has a maximum in the boundary layer at midlatitudes in the Northern Hemisphere (source region), and decreases rapidly with altitude. The distribution of SO_4^- exhibits less vertical gradient than SO_2 because on the one hand SO_2 concentrations are highest in the boundary layer, and on the other hand, the SO_2 to SO_4^- conversion is facilitated by the cloudiness of the free troposphere. In addition, horizontal and vertical mixing is more extensive for SO_4^- than for SO_2 because the lifetime of SO_4^- (a few days) is larger than the lifetime of SO_2 (1 day). The maximum concentration of SO_4^- located at 45°N in the boundary layer during summer is displaced southward to 25°N during winter because of the shift in the concentration of chemical oxidants (OH and H_2O_2).

Measurements of vertical profiles of sulfur gases are limited, and are far from representing climatologically averaged profiles needed to validate the model. Vertical profiles of SO_2 and SO_4^-

were measured during the EMEFS-II and NARE airborne experiments [Leitch, 1998]. The EMEFS-II measurements were obtained from March 22 to April 29, 1990 in Egbert and Lake Traverse (46.3°N , 79.5°W) and the NARE samples were collected from August 12 to September 8, 1993 along the east coast of the United States (43.8°N , 66.5°W). The number of profiles is relatively large (71 SO_2 profiles and 24 SO_4^- profiles in the case of EMEFS-II, and 46 SO_2 and SO_4^- profiles in the case of NARE). Averaged vertical profiles can reduce or eliminate the effects of mesoscale disturbances which are not represented by the climatological model results. Comparisons between calculated and measured vertical profiles of SO_2 and SO_4^- are shown in Figure 5. During the EMEFS-II experiments, which took place in a polluted continental region, SO_2 concentrations at the surface were very high (6 ppbv), and rapidly decreased with altitude. The calculated vertical profiles are quite consistent with the measurements. However, a large concentration at 6 km (11 ppbv) appears in the measurements, but is not reproduced by the model. This single large concentration may have been associated with a small scale dynamical perturbation such as a strong convection event. The decrease of SO_4^- with altitude is not as rapid as the decrease of SO_2 . The measured surface concentration of SO_4^- was ~ 0.25 to 1.0 ppbv, and decreased to 0.25 ppbv at 6 km. The calculated vertical profile of SO_4^- reproduces the observed vertical profile well. In the NARE experiment which was not

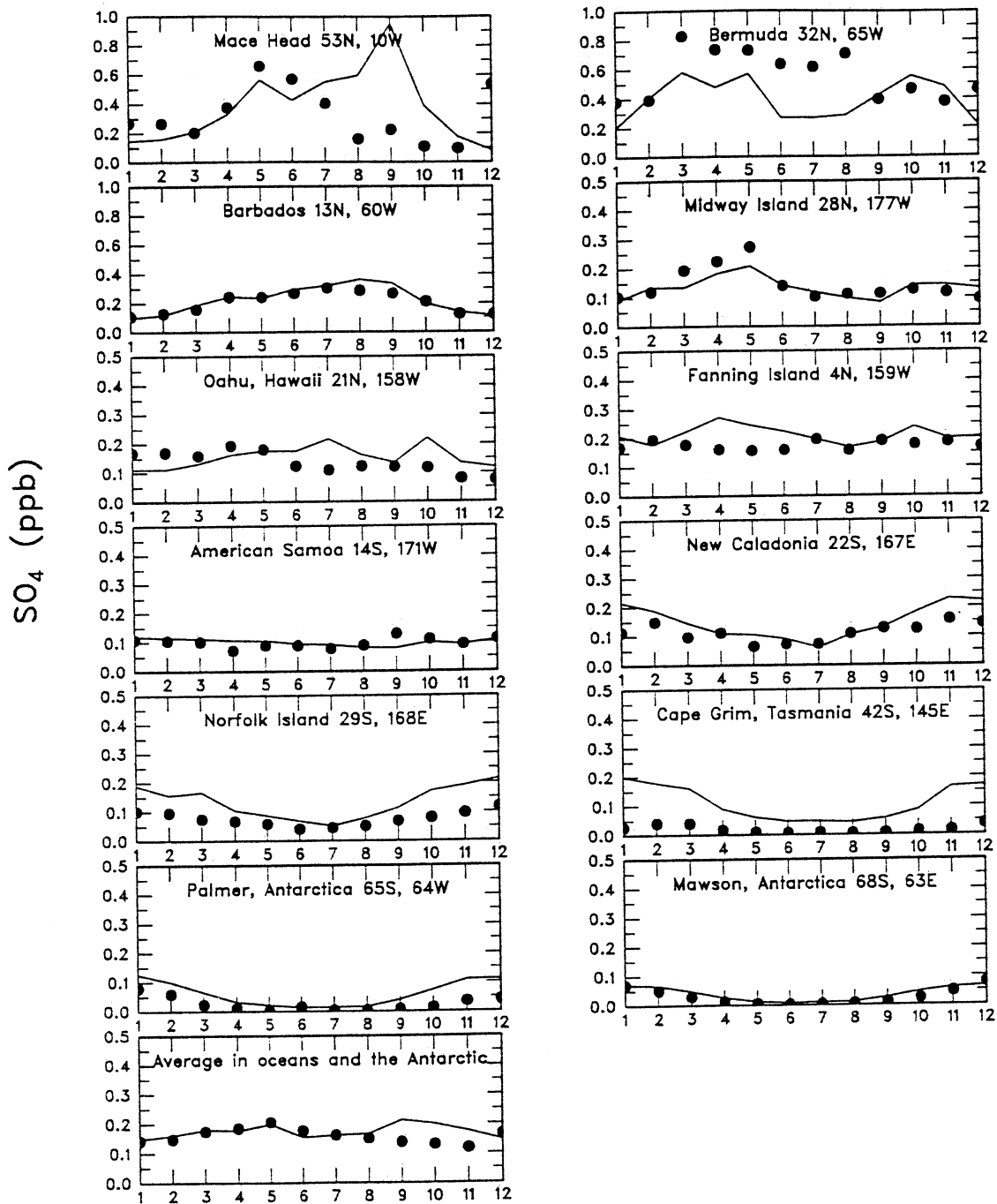


Figure 2c. Same as Figure 2a except over the oceans.

directly located over the source region of SO_2 but was very close to the coast of the United States, the maximum concentrations of SO_2 and SO_4^{2-} appeared in the boundary layer, suggesting that polluted air had been transported from adjacent source regions. Both observed SO_2 and SO_4^{2-} concentrations decreased rapidly with altitude in this region. The calculation reproduces the measurements well, although the calculated maximum of SO_4^{2-} density is slightly larger than the measured value.

3.2. Global Distributions of Black Carbon

The surface distributions of black carbon concentration (ng/m^3) calculated for June and December conditions are shown in Plate 3.

As described above, distinguishing between the hydrophobic and hydrophilic particles is important for considering heterogeneous reactions on the surface of the particles. The concentrations of hydrophobic, hydrophilic, and total black carbon are shown in the upper, middle, and lower panels, respectively. Hydrophobic black carbon aerosols are directly emitted at the surface. Because their conversion to hydrophilic black carbon occurs in ~ 1 day, hydrophobic black carbon particles cannot be transported over a long distance, and therefore remain confined primarily to continental regions. The highest concentration values are well correlated with anthropogenic and biomass burning emissions. Hydrophilic black carbon particles are removed by wet

Table 2. Comparison of the Calculated and the Observed Annually Averaged Surface Sulfate Concentrations^a

Location	Observed	Calculated
<i>Europe and United States</i>		
Langenbrugge, Germany (53N,11E)	1577.	1158.
Illmitz, Austria (48N,17E)	1639.	1276.
Ispra, Italy (46N,9E)	1915.	1065.
Whiteface Mtn., N.Y. (44N,74W)	1083.	1155.
Albany, N.Y. (42N,74W)	1312.	1678.
Mayville, N.Y. (42N,80W)	1510.	1611.
Mohican Forest, Ohio (41N,82W)	1576.	1183.
Franklin County, Indiana (40N,85W)	1690.	1335.
Union County, Kentucky (38N,88W)	1784.	1022.
<i>Arctic and Subarctic</i>		
Spitzbergen, Norway (79N,12W))	144.	143.
Bear Island, Norway (75N,19E))	298.	332.
Jergul, Norway (62N,25E)	376.	666.
Janiskoski, Russia (69N,29E)	436.	622.
Alert, Canada (83N,61W)	215.	105.
Mould Bay, Canada (77N,119W)	190.	112.
Igloolik, Canada (69N,86W)	143.	599.
Heimaey, Iceland (63N,20W)	164.	256.
Cree Lake, Canada (58N,107W)	171.	231.
<i>Oceans and Antarctic</i>		
Mace Head (53N,10W)	322.	381.
Bermuda (32N,65W)	560.	393.
Barbados (13N,60W)	204.	219.
Midway Island (28N,177W)	143.	133.
Oahu, Hawaii (21N,158W)	135.	154.
Fanning Island (4N,159W)	174.	211.
American Samoa (14S,171W)	98.	100.
New Caladonia (22S,167E)	112.	149.
Norfolk Island (29S,168E)	75.	133.
Cape Grim, Tasmania (42S,145E)	20.	109.
Palmer, Antarctica (65S,64W)	25.	60.
Mawson, Antarctica (68S,63E)	29.	38.

^aConcentrations are in pptv.

deposition. Their residence time is on average about a few days which is longer than the lifetime of the hydrophobic carbon particles. As a result, the concentrations of hydrophilic black carbon are higher than those of hydrophobic black carbon. Specifically, the maximum concentration of hydrophilic black carbon is greater than 2000 ng/m³, while it is ~1000 ng/m³ in the case of hydrophobic particles. The total concentration of black carbon is therefore heavily weighted towards the hydrophilic particles, although the surface distribution is similar for the two types of particles. The patterns produced by the MOZART model are quite similar to the distributions calculated by *Lioussse et al.* [1996]. The model also shows that significant amounts of black carbon are transported from biomass burning sources in both Africa and South America to the remote regions of the tropical Atlantic Ocean, which is consistent with the measurements of *Andreae et al.* [1984]. The seasonal variations are visible for both the hydrophilic and hydrophobic particles. The surface concentrations of black carbon in Europe, eastern United States, and eastern China are higher during winter than during summer because of the seasonal variation in the anthropogenic emissions of black carbon.

Figure 6 shows the vertical and latitudinal distributions of the zonally averaged mass of hydrophobic and hydrophilic black carbon for June and December conditions. The mass of hydrophobic black carbon is largest in the boundary layer, and decreases rapidly in the free troposphere. The heterogeneous reactions associated with black carbon aerosols are therefore

limited to the lower troposphere. The model shows that the concentration of hydrophilic black carbon is significant in the lowest levels of the free troposphere although it drops gradually above the boundary layer. Above 10 km, the abundance of black carbon becomes very low as shown experimentally by *Blake and Kato* [1995]. These authors have indicated that the presence of black carbon in the upper troposphere and lower stratosphere results primarily from aircraft emissions. In the tropics, upward motion brings black carbon into the free troposphere. The peak of the black carbon mass concentration is located at 20°S in June, and 20°N in December, as expected from the seasonal variation in convective activity.

Table 4 compares measured and calculated black carbon mass concentrations for ocean and continental sites, respectively. The data are divided into four groups (continental rural, continental remote, Atlantic ocean, and Pacific ocean sites) as suggested by *Lioussse et al.* [1996]. Because the observations are often single measurements in which large variations associated with small scale perturbations are exhibited, some disagreement between the model and measurements is expected. The comparison of model calculations with observations is generally consistent: both the calculated and measured total black carbon masses are highest (> 1000 ng/m³) in the regions of anthropogenic sources (Northern Hemisphere), and lowest (< 1 ng/m³) in the Antarctic region.

The measured data points shown in Table 4 are plotted against the calculated values in the upper panel of Figure 7. From this comparison, we see that the model values are quite well correlated with the observations, especially when the mass of black carbon is large. However, when the mass of black carbon is low, the correlation is weaker. The lower panel represents the observation-calculation relationship for the four groups of sites (Atlantic Ocean, Pacific Ocean, continental rural, and continental remote). This comparison reveals a systematic difference between observed and calculated values in each individual group; probably associated with the crude resolution of the global model (see Plate 1). Over the ocean the calculated mass of black carbon is higher than the observed values, perhaps due to the fact that observation sites over the ocean are often located in coastal areas. The ocean grid boxes of the model located near the coasts are often contaminated by continental sources, producing an overestimation of the black carbon mass. Similarly, grid cells located in rural continental areas are often affected by local air pollution sources. In a model with limited spatial resolution the averaged emission rates within a grid cell underestimate the emissions near the source regions and overestimate the emissions in the coastal regions. An underestimation of black carbon emissions in

Table 3. Comparison of the Calculated and the Observed Annually Averaged Surface SO₂ Concentrations^a

Location	Observed	Calculated
Langenbrugge, Germany (53N,11E)	4884.	7306.
Illmitz, Austria (48N,17E)	8029.	7486.
Ispra, Italy (46N,9E)	3485.	4520.
Mohican Forest, Ohio (41N,82W)	7978.	4858.
Franklin County, Indiana (40N,85W)	8523.	8055.
Union County, Kentucky (38N,88W)	7516.	5247.
Spitzbergen, Norway (79N,12W)	157.	37.
Bear Island, Norway (75N,19E)	205.	207.
Jergul, Norway (62N,25E)	699.	2417.
Janiskoski, Russia (69N,29E)	899.	1654.
Cree Lake, Canada (58N,107W)	242.	347.
Amsterdam Island (38S,78E)	18.	7.

^aConcentrations are in pptv.

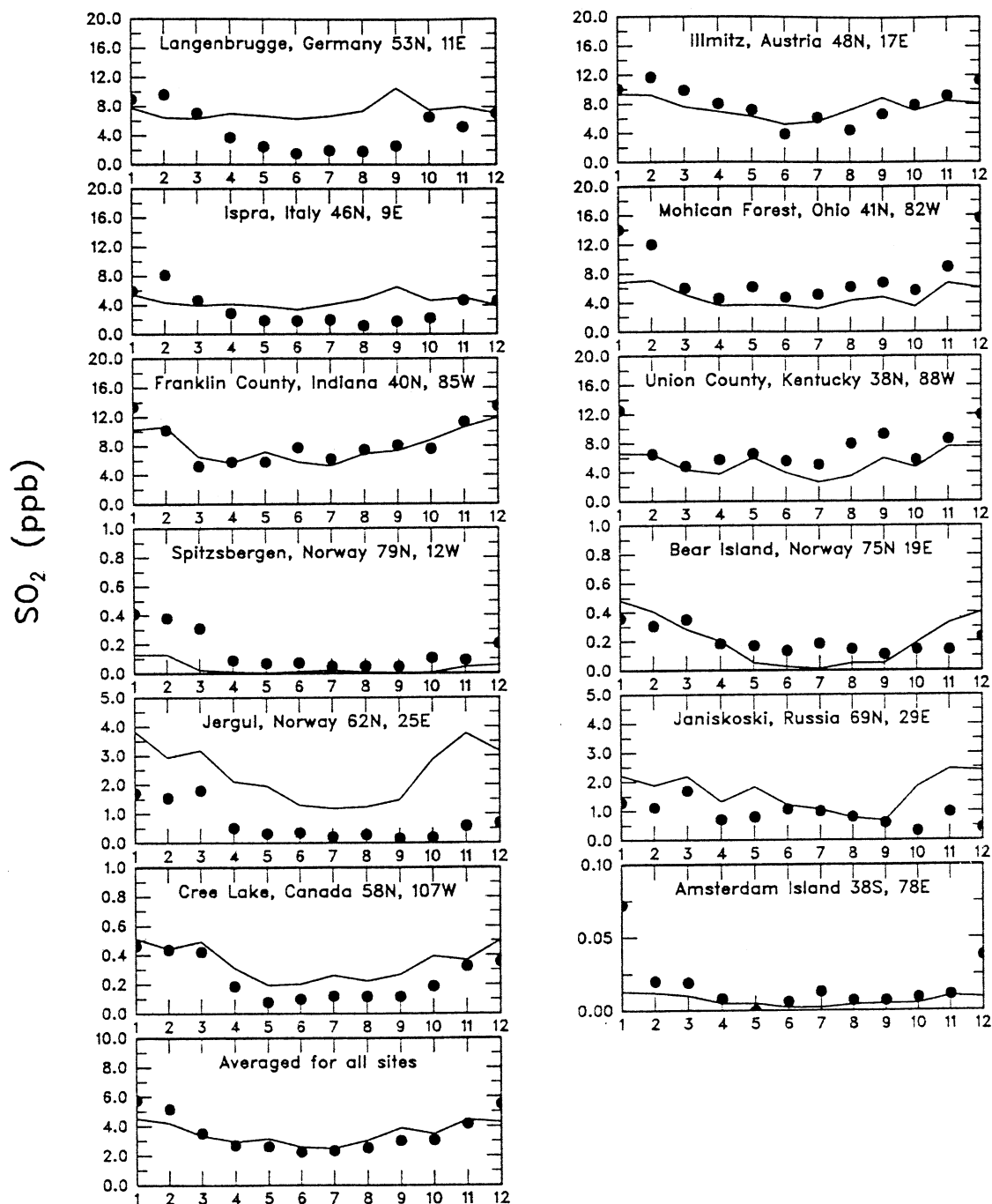


Figure 3. Monthly-averaged seasonal variation of SO_2 mixing ratio (ppbv). Solid circles are the observations, and solid lines are the model results. Measurements are obtained from *Chin et al.* [1996], and the measurement sites are listed in Table 3.

continental rural regions was noted by *Lioussé et al.* [1996] in their model calculations.

4. Effects of Heterogeneous Reactions on Tropospheric Chemical Compounds

4.1. Implementation of Heterogeneous Reactions

Heterogeneous chemical kinetics and its application to the troposphere is a relatively new and a rapidly developing field. Currently, more than 40 reactions occurring in various aerosol

particles are listed in the compilation of chemical reactions established by *DeMore et al.* [1997]. It is therefore important to determine which heterogeneous reactions are likely to occur on the surface of aerosols, and have the potential to affect tropospheric composition. This requires that the probability of occurrence (uptake coefficient) of potentially important reactions be sufficiently high.

According to *DeMore et al.* [1997], the measured uptake coefficient (γ) is between 0.1 and 1.0 for HO_2 on sulfate aerosols. However, *Mozurkewich et al.* [1987] show that only when sulfate

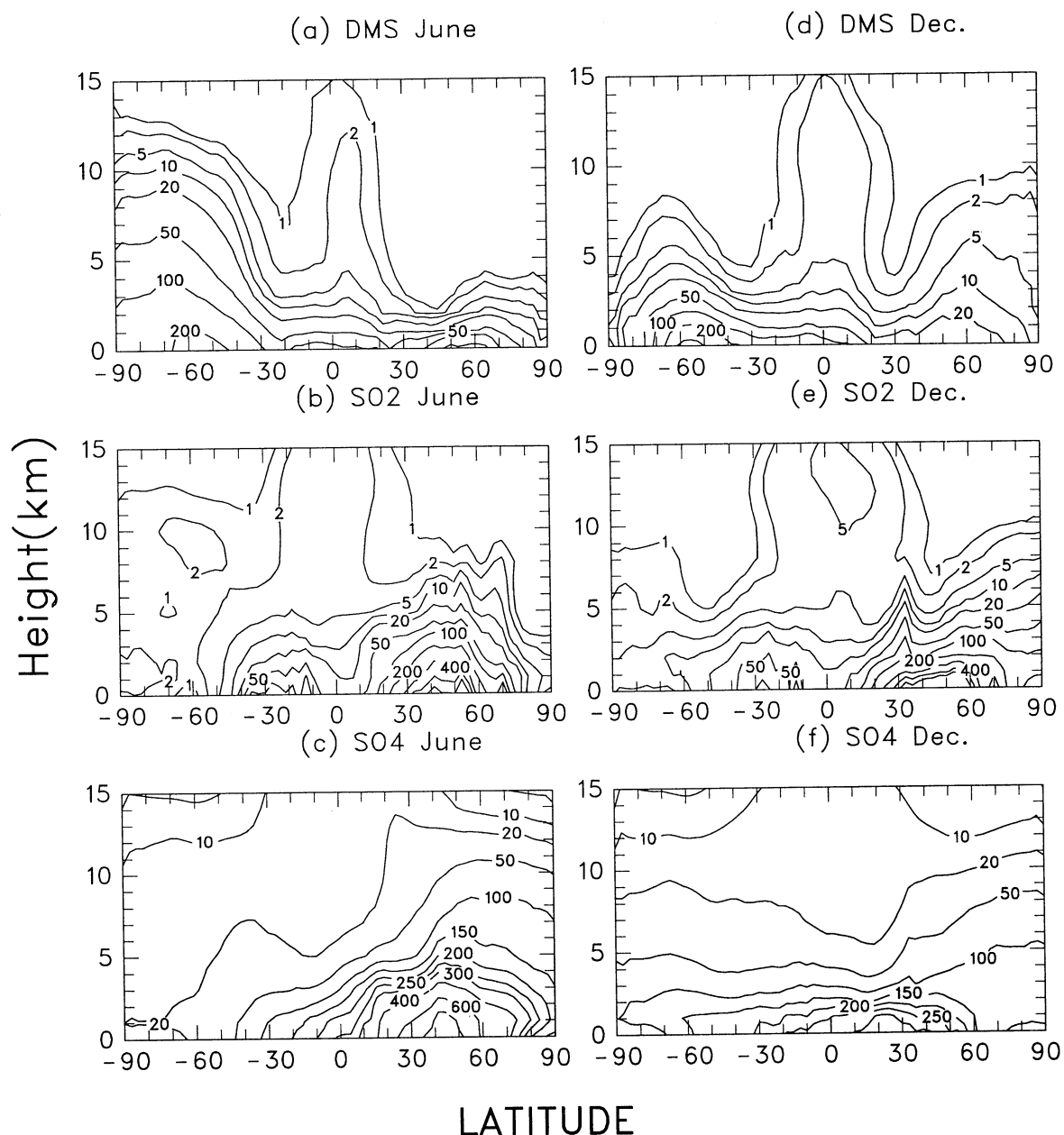


Figure 4. Zonal-averaged mixing ratios (pptv) of (top) DMS, (middle) SO_2 , and (bottom) SO_4^- in June and December conditions.

aerosols contained a sufficient amount of Cu ions, reaction of HO_2 with sulfate aerosols was observed. Otherwise, the reaction of HO_2 with sulfate aerosols was not important for atmospheric conditions. The reaction of N_2O_5 on sulfate aerosol which produces HNO_3 has been measured by several groups who have found values of γ ranging from 0.02 to 0.20 [Van Doren *et al.*, 1991; Hanson and Ravishankara, 1992; Fried *et al.*, 1994; George *et al.*, 1994; Hanson and Lovejoy, 1994; Zhang *et al.*, 1995; Robinson *et al.*, 1997]. The lowest uptake coefficient is observed by George *et al.* [1994], who report values decreasing from 0.03 to 0.013 with the increasing in temperature. The study by Hu and Abbatt [1997] shows that the uptake coefficient of N_2O_5 is a function of relative humidity (RH) and ionic composition. For low RH the uptake coefficient on sulfate aerosols varies from 0.05 to 0.06, while for higher RH it decreases

to 0.02. The uptake of gas-phase formaldehyde, CH_2O , by sulfate aerosols has been measured by Jayne *et al.* [1996]. Their measurement shows that the uptake coefficient for CH_2O by sulfate aerosols ranges from 0.012 to 0.025 when the weight percentage of sulfate varies from 55 to 70% and the temperature changes from 240K to 280K. Their measurement should be regarded as solubility-determined upper limits.

The reactions of HNO_3 , O_3 , and NO_2 on the surface of soot have been measured in a number of laboratory experiments, and the measured values are very different from each other. The rate at which HNO_3 reacts on black carbon (HNO_3+BC) to produce NO_x has been measured by Thlibi and Petit [1994], Rogaski *et al.* [1997], Choi and Leu [1998], and Saathoff *et al.* [1999]. The measurements by Thlibi and Petit [1994] and Rogaski *et al.* [1997] suggest that the uptake coefficient γ is of the order of 10^{-2} .

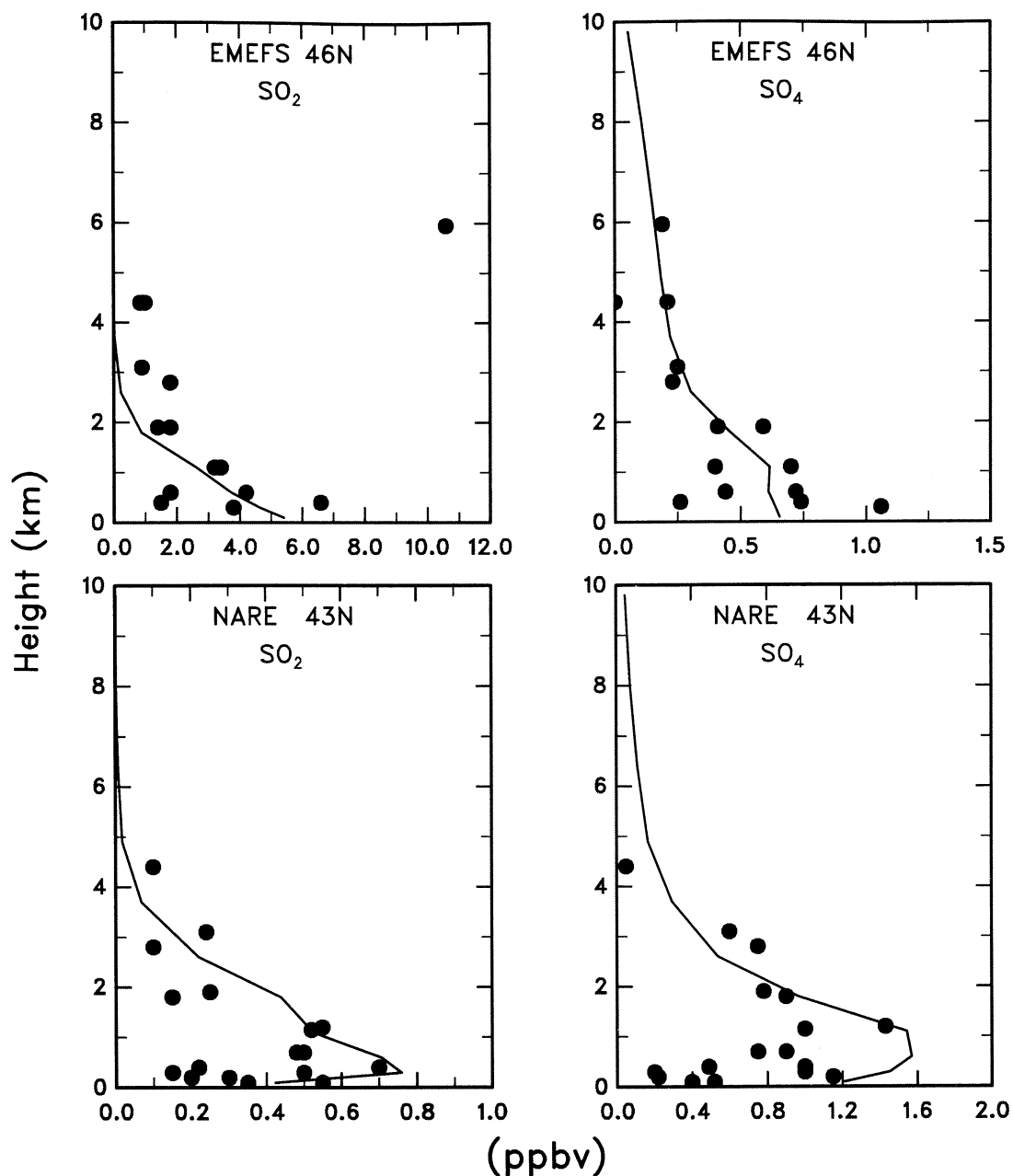


Figure 5. Vertical profiles of SO_2 and SO_4 for the (top) EMEFS and the (bottom) NARE measurements [Leitch, 1998]. Solid lines are the model results, and solid circles are the observations.

However, Choi and Leu [1998] show that the decomposition of HNO_3 to NO_x does not take place at 220K but does occur at 296K. Their results suggest that the heterogeneous conversion of HNO_3 to NO_x on soot should not be included in atmospheric models of the upper troposphere and of the lower stratosphere. The recent measurement by Saathoff et al. [1999] shows that the coefficient is much smaller than derived from the previous measurements and is probably of the order of 10^{-6} .

The various measurements for the uptake of O_3 on soot particles are also very scattered. Fendel et al. [1995], Fendel and Ott [1993], and Rogaski et al. [1997] report that O_3 reacts on black carbon particles with an uptake coefficient ranging from 2×10^{-4} to 3.3×10^{-3} , but the recent study by Saathoff et al. [1999]

shows that the uptake coefficient is only on the order of 10^{-5} . Saathoff et al. [1999] argue that the reason for the smaller reaction coefficients for HNO_3 and O_3 on soot surface is that their measurements address the heterogeneous processes on a longer timescale (hours).

Tabor et al. [1993], Rossi et al. [1995], and Rogaski et al. [1997] report that NO_2 can react on the surface of soot particles, with an uptake coefficient ranging from 0.04 to 0.11, but a recent measurement by Kleffmann et al. [1999] shows that the uptake coefficient is only of the order of 10^{-6} . As suggested by Aumont et al. [1999], the sites on the surface of soot may be deactivated as a result of NO_2 reactions. Therefore the high initial rates of the reactions do not persist for long timescales. The large scatter in

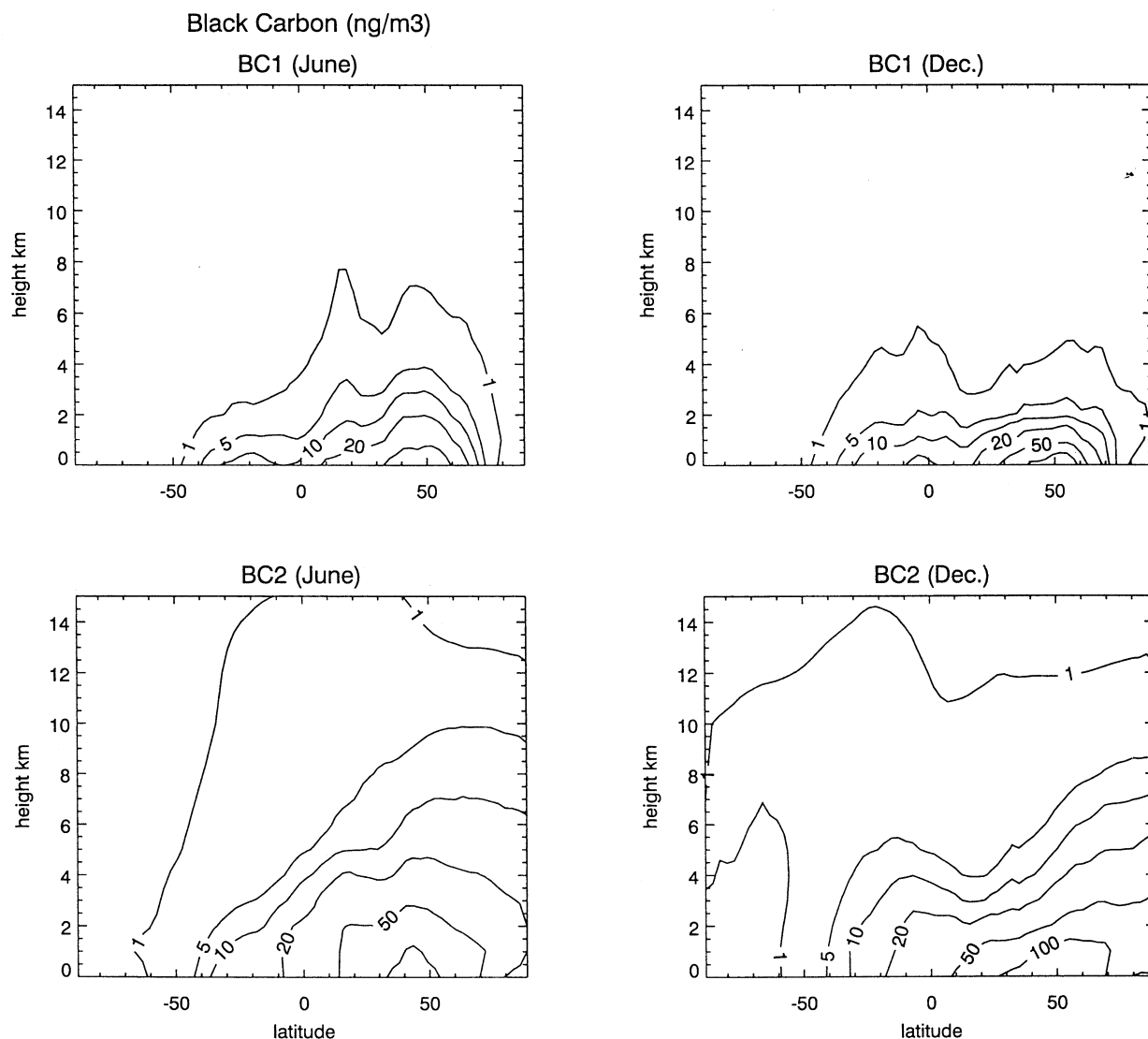
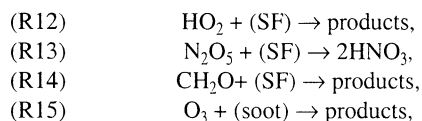


Figure 6. Zonally averaged mixing ratios (pptv) of (top) hydrophilic black carbon and (bottom) hydrophobic black carbon in June and December.

the data reported for these reactions points to the need for further laboratory studies. Longfellow *et al.* [1999] and Goodman *et al.* [1999] discuss the heterogeneous reaction of NO_2 on soot particles, which is believed to produce HONO. HONO chemistry is not included in the MOZART model, and therefore this heterogeneous reaction will not be considered in the present study.

Considering the large uncertainty associated with the heterogeneous reactions, we have conducted the following studies to estimate the potential effects of aerosols on atmospheric chemical constituents: (1) The measured uptake coefficient for HO_2 and OH on sulfate aerosols ranges from 0.1 to 1.0 [DeMore *et al.*, 1997]. In this study we arbitrarily chose the uptake coefficient to be 0.2 and 0.5. According to the study by Mozurkewich *et al.* [1987], these values should be regarded as upper limit. (2) The reaction coefficient for N_2O_5 on sulfate aerosols is less uncertain, so that $\gamma = 0.1$ is used in the model. (3) The measured reaction coefficient for CH_2O on sulfate aerosols ranges from 0.011 to 0.022 [Jayne *et al.*, 1996] so that we use the

value of 0.011 as an lower limit and 0.022 as a upper limit. (4) The measured reaction coefficients on soot particles differ by several orders of magnitude. We will consider the calculated effects of reactions on soot aerosols solely in sensitivity studies. We have used the uptake coefficient of 3.3×10^{-3} as an upper limit value and 7×10^{-5} as a lower limit value for the reaction O_3 on hydrophobic soot. The heterogeneous reactions included in the model are therefore the following:



where SF and soot represent the surface of sulfate and soot aerosols, respectively. In reactions of (R12), (R14), and (R15) the reaction products are unknown according to current laboratory measurements. In our model calculations those reactions are considered as chemical losses for the reactants. This assumption

Table 4a. Comparison of the Calculated and the Observed Black Carbon (BC1+BC2) Surface Concentration at Ocean Sites

Location	Concentration ng C/m ³	
	Observed	Calculated
<i>Atlantic Ocean</i>		
North Atlantic 1 (68.0N, 8.0W)	112.0	100.9
North Atlantic 2 (42.5N, 14.0W)	50.0	84.9
North Atlantic 3 (20.0S, 40.0W)	30.0	146.2
Bermuda (32.2N, 64.5W)	60.0	60.9
Sargasso Sea (30.0N, 50.0W)	20.0	47.5
<i>Pacific Ocean</i>		
Pacific 1 (45.0N, 160.0W)	20.0	14.4
Pacific 2 (20.0N, 160.0W)	7.0	19.4
Pacific 3 (0, 160.0W)	3.0	11.0
Pacific 4 (20.0S, 160.0W)	8.0	3.1
Mauna Loa (19.3N, 155.4W)	7.5	25.4
East Pacific (0, 120.0W)	10.0	10.9
Pacific 5 (30.0N, 128.0E)	355.0	320.1
Pacific 6 (30.0N, 125.0E)	505.0	529.6
Pacific 7 (30.0N, 126.0E)	133.0	362.6
Pacific 8 (10.0N, 165.0E)	25.0	3.9
Enewetak (11.3N, 162.1E)	50.0	11.9
China Sea (10.0N, 113.0E)	33.0	71.3
West Pacific (0, 150.0E)	9.0	9.6
Samoa (13.6S, 172.0W)	19.0	3.6

will result in an overestimate of the chemical loss if the products regenerate the chemical reactants.

Most chemical species removed by heterogeneous reactions can also be lost through gas-phase reactions. If gas-phase removal is fast, heterogeneous reactions are unlikely to play a significant role. The lifetime associated with heterogeneous reactions τ_{het} is provided by the inverse of the pseudo first-order heterogeneous rate constant [Schwartz, 1986]:

$$k_{\text{het}} = [r/Dg + 4/(c\gamma)]^{-1} A \times 10^{-8}, \quad (1)$$

where $c = [8kT/\pi m]^{1/2}$ (cm/s) is the mean molecular speed of the gas at temperature T , A ($\mu\text{m}^2/\text{cm}^3$) is the surface area density of the particles, γ is the uptake coefficient, m (g) is the molecular mass of the gas-phase molecule under consideration, k is the Boltzmann constant, D_g (cm^2/s) is the gas-phase diffusion coefficient, and r is the mean radius of the aerosol particles. According to the calculation of Perry and Green [1984], D_g is close to $0.1 \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$.

Figure 8 compares the characteristic time constant for the heterogeneous reaction OH+SF (uptake coefficient $\gamma = 0.2$) with the time constant due to gas-phase loss reactions. Figure 8 shows that although the heterogeneous destruction of OH is relatively fast (τ_{het} is ~ 1000 seconds at northern midlatitudes near the surface), it can be neglected compared to gas-phase photochemical destruction ($\tau_{\text{gas}} = 1$ to 2 s).

To study the heterogeneous reactions on the surface of aerosols requires that the surface area of aerosols be known. The aerosol quantity that is calculated in the model is the aerosol mass. To convert mass to surface area, the mean radius of the aerosol particles must be determined or assumed. The measured properties of sulfate and black carbon particles are summarized by Blake and Kato [1995]. Their study suggests that the average radius is $\sim 0.1 \mu\text{m}$ in the case of black carbon particles, and $\sim 0.15 \mu\text{m}$ in the case of sulfate aerosols. Because the detailed

microphysical processes of aerosols are not included in the model, the size distribution of aerosols is unknown. To convert the mass into surface area, we assume that (1) aerosols are spherical, and (2) a mean radius is used to represent the detailed size distribution. With these assumptions, the aerosol surface area density ($\mu\text{m}^2/\text{cm}^3$) can be calculated from the aerosol mass (g/cm^3) as follows:

$$\text{Area} = 3 \text{ Mass}/(\rho r_m) \times 10^8, \quad (2)$$

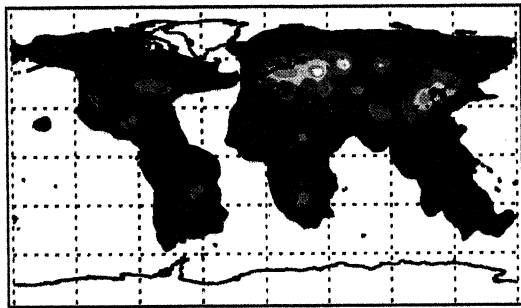
where ρ (g/cm^3) is the mass density of the aerosol, r_m (cm) is mean radius, and Mass is the total mass. Black carbon aerosol density is assumed to be $2.0 \text{ g}/\text{cm}^3$ [Blake and Kato, 1995], and sulfate aerosol density is calculated according to the weight percentage of sulfuric acid [Tie et al., 1994a]. However, the spherical assumption cannot be applied to black carbon. Typical geometries for these particles range from compact spheroidal shapes to chain aggregates [Blake and Kato, 1995]. With the same aerosol mass, different shapes of particles result in very different aerosol surface areas. To account for this effect, Blake and Kato [1995] assume that a particle of black carbon is a cluster of small spherical particles ($0.02 \mu\text{m}$ in radii). From (2) we see that the surface area of a cluster of small spherical particles is 5 times larger than the surface area calculated for larger spherical particles ($0.1 \mu\text{m}$ radius), for the same total mass.

Figure 9 shows the zonally averaged surface area densities ($\mu\text{m}^2/\text{cm}^3$) calculated for sulfate, black carbon, and hydrophobic black carbon in June, indicating that the highest sulfate surface area density is located in the boundary layer of the Northern Hemisphere midlatitudes with a maximum value of above 50

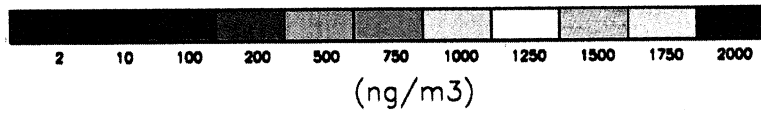
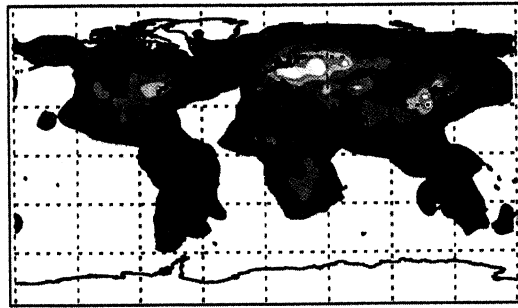
Table 4b. Comparison of the Calculated and the Observed Black Carbon (BC1+BC2) Surface Concentration at Continental Sites

Location	Concentration ng C/m ³	
	Observed	Calculated
<i>Rural Sites</i>		
Mace Head (53.3N, 9.8W)	168.5	153.2
Florida (28.0N, 82.0W)	400.0	342.1
SouthWest (34.3N, 106.0W)	185.0	188.0
North Carolina (35.3N, 80.0W)	520.0	532.2
Abisko (68.2N, 18.3E)	520.0	371.2
Hemsby (52.4N, 1.4E)	466.0	380.2
Abstumani (41.4N, 42.5E)	980.0	743.2
Dogo (36.2N, 133.2E)	623.0	719.8
Isenbai (38.3N, 68.4E)	1000.0	475.4
BeJing (40.0N, 116.0E)	1710.0	1144.6
Lin An (30.5N, 119.5E)	2070.0	1051.1
Ecuador (2.0S, 77.3W)	310.0	196.0
Brazil (10.0N, 55.0W)	410.0	333.5
Peru (10.0S, 76.0W)	24.0	20.2
Cape Grim (40.7S, 144.4E)	3.0	13.1
<i>Remote Sites</i>		
Greenland (70.0N, 40.0W)	30.0	28.9
Barrow (71.2N, 156.3W)	43.0	43.6
Arctic Point (74.0N, 25.0E)	148.0	208.1
Spitsbergen (79.0N, 12.0E)	66.0	57.6
Alert Summer (82.5N, 62.5W)	15.0	18.1
Alert Winter (82.5N, 62.5W)	75.0	86.4
Amsterdam Island (37.5N, 77.3E)	5.5	5.5
New Zealand (41.0S, 174.0E)	2.2	6.1
Halley Bay (75.4S, 27.0W)	1.7	.7
South Pole 1 (87.0S, 102.0W)	.3	.6
South Pole 2 (87.0S, 102.0W)	1.3	.6

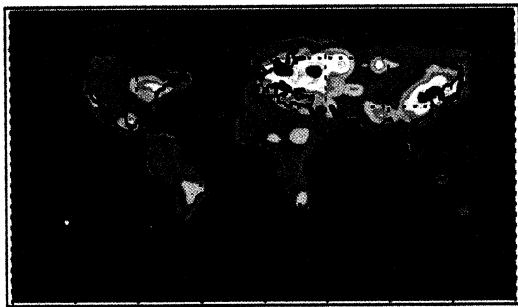
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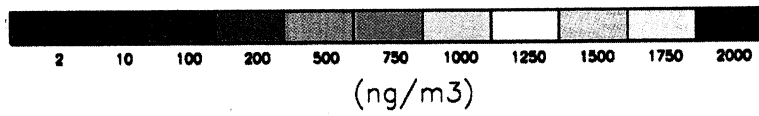
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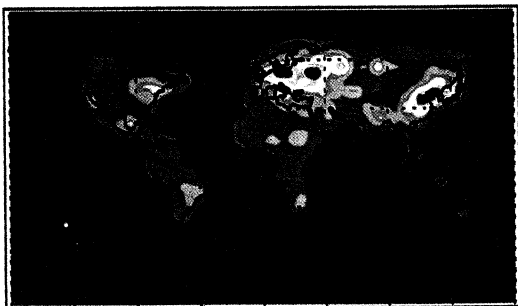
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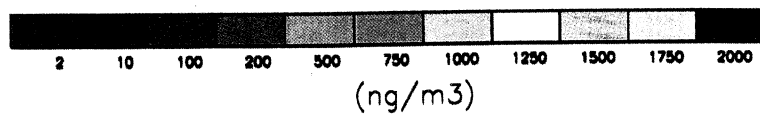
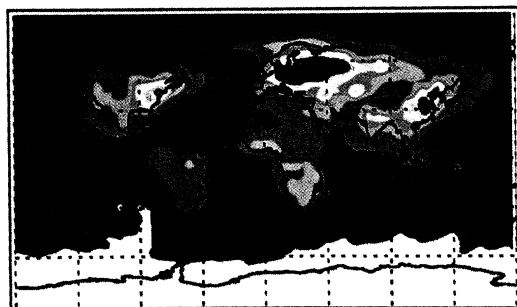


Plate 3. June and December surface mixing ratios (pptv) of (top) hydrophobic black carbon, (middle) hydrophilic black carbon, and (bottom) total black carbon.

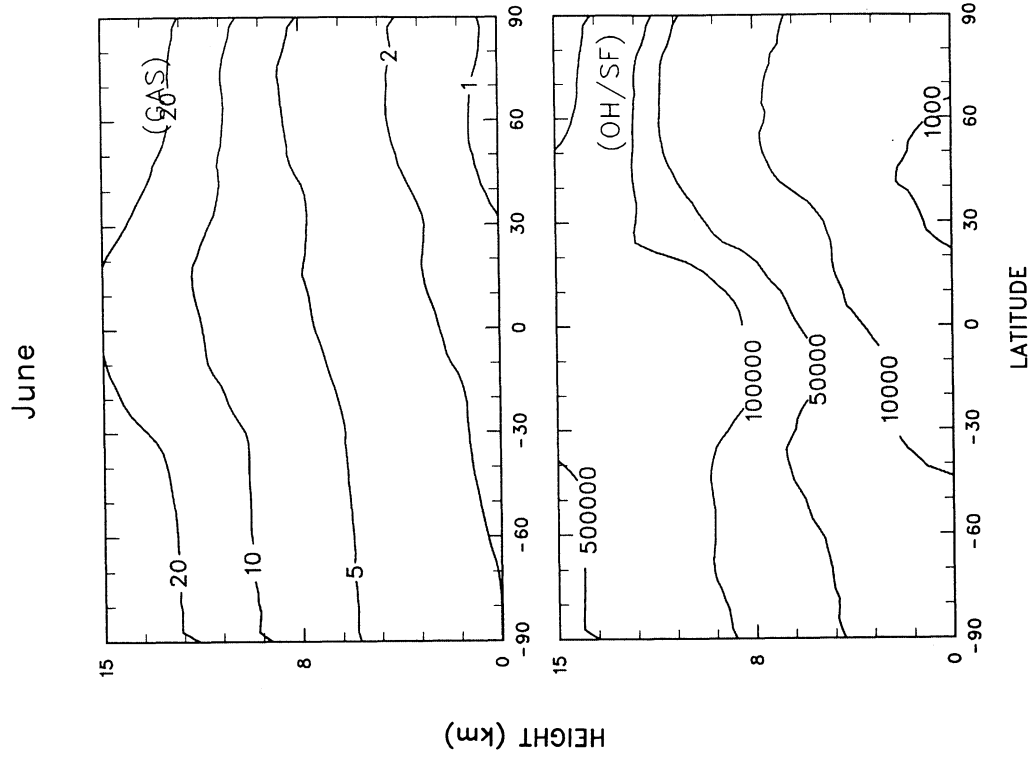


Figure 8. (top) Zonally-averaged lifetime of OH (seconds) due to gas-phase chemical destruction and heterogeneous chemical destruction on sulfate aerosol particles in June.

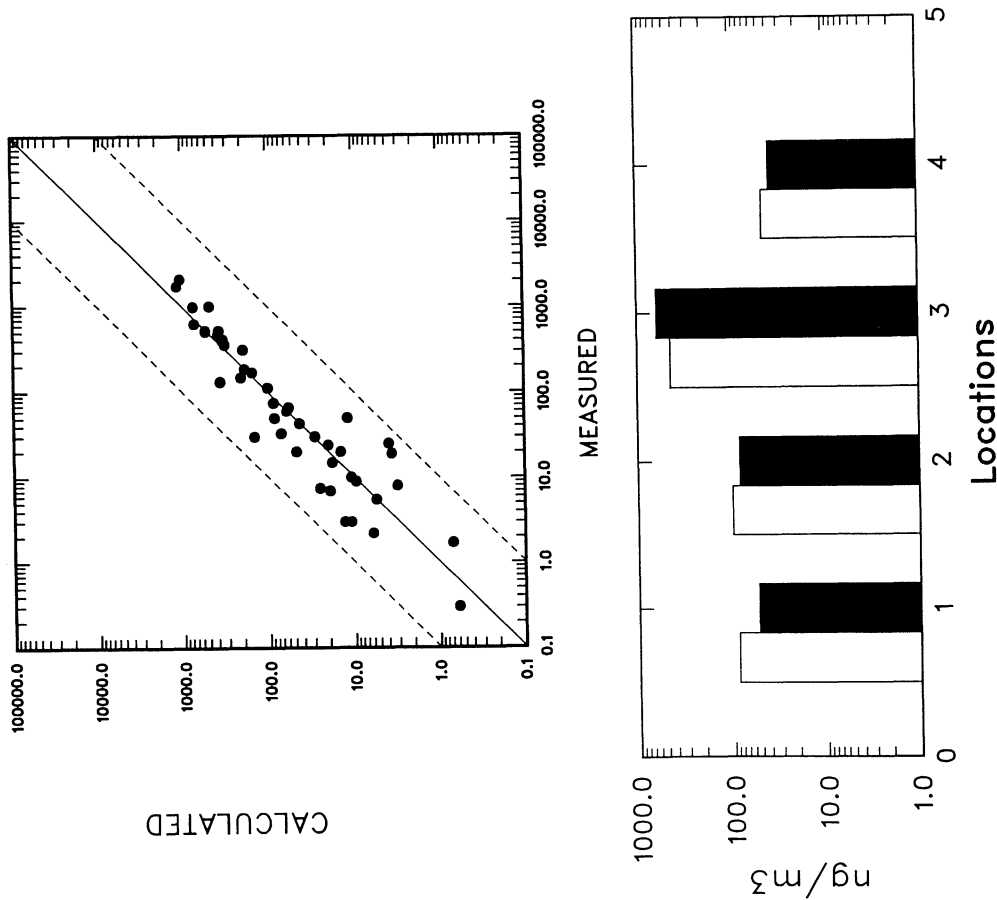


Figure 7. (top) Observed versus calculated black carbon mixing ratios (ng/m^3). Solid line denotes the one-to-one correspondence between model and observations; dotted lines denote a factor of ten departure. The data are given in Table 4 [Liouise *et al.*, 1996]. (bottom) Observed versus calculated black carbon mixing ratios averaged in four groups (1, Atlantic ocean; 2, Pacific ocean sites; 3, continental rural; and 4, continental remote). Solid bars are the observations and open bars are the model results.

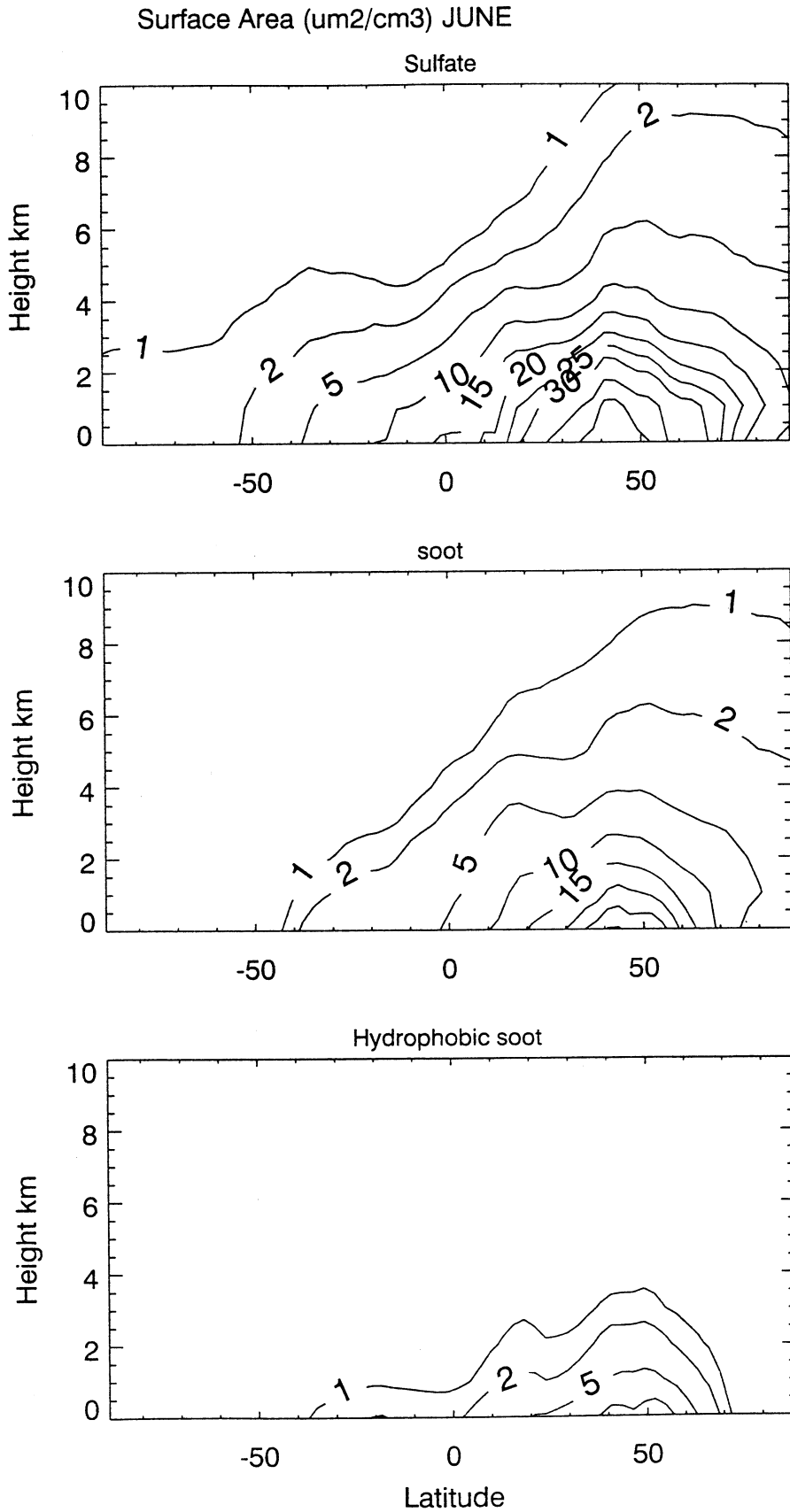
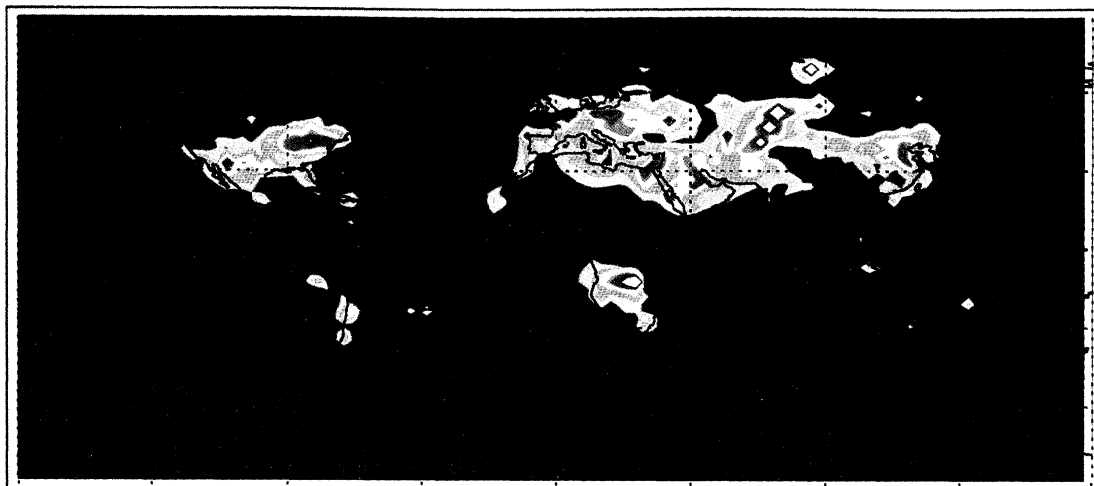


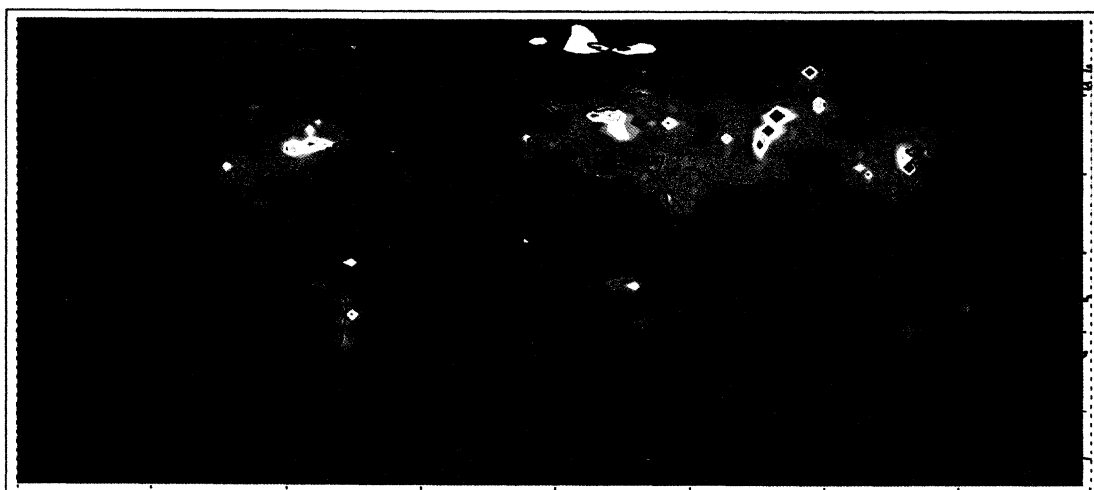
Figure 9. Zonally-averaged surface areas of (top) sulfate aerosols ($\mu\text{m}^2/\text{cm}^3$), (middle) total black carbon aerosols, and (bottom) hydrophobic black carbon aerosols in June.

Changes in OH (June)



(PPTV * 1e-4)

Changes in HO2 (June)



(PPTV * 1e-2)

Plate 4. Changes in (top) OH and (bottom) HO₂ at the surface due to the formation of sulfate aerosols in June.

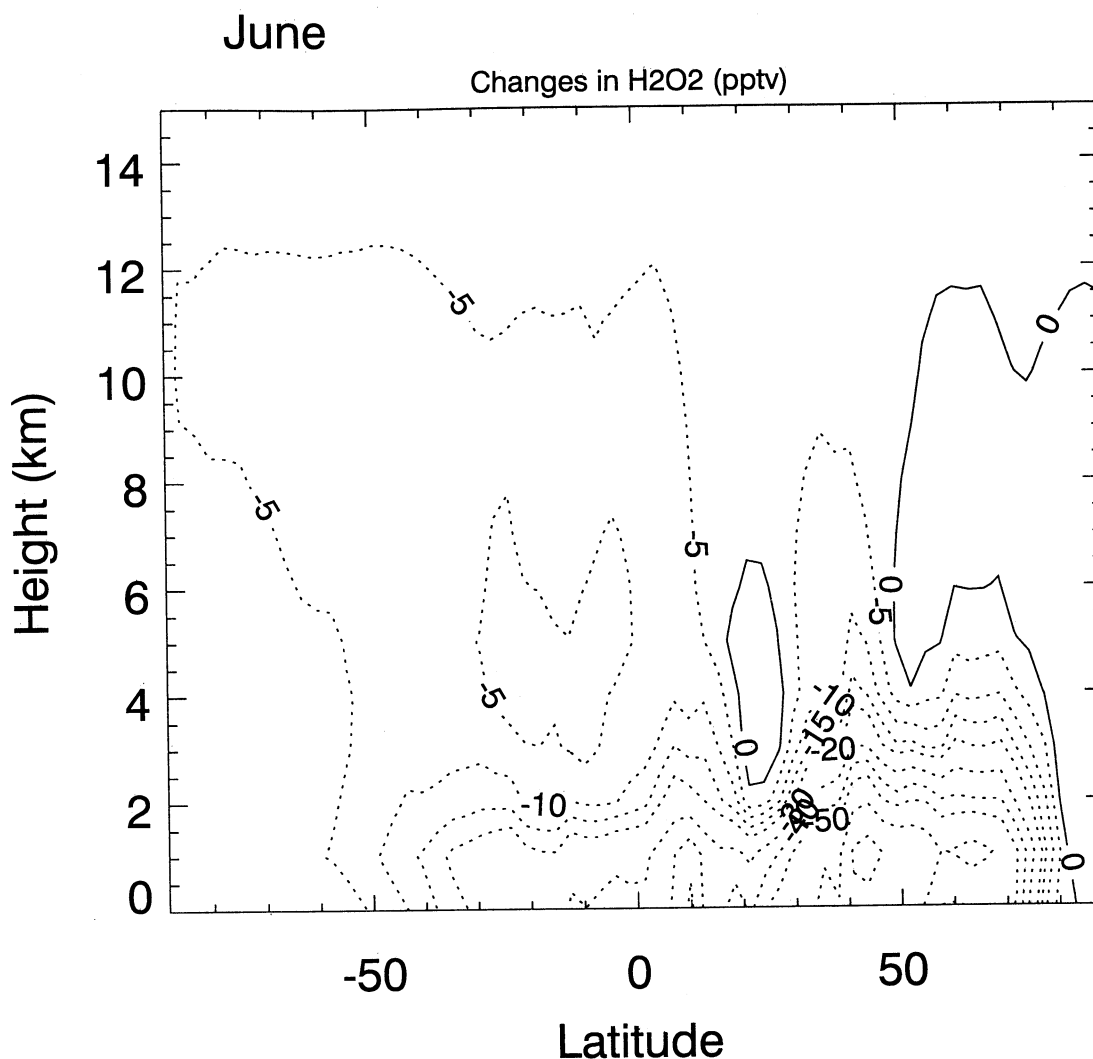


Figure 10. Zonally-averaged changes in H₂O₂ (pptv) due to the formation of sulfate aerosols in June.

$\mu\text{m}^2/\text{cm}^3$. The area density decreases rapidly with altitude. The surface area of black carbon has a geographical distribution similar to sulfate aerosols at midlatitudes in the Northern Hemisphere. However, a secondary maximum associated with biomass burning in the tropics is also visible. The highest values in the boundary layer of the northern midlatitudes are close to $30 \mu\text{m}^2/\text{cm}^3$ and hence are smaller than in the case of sulfate aerosols. As described in section 2.5, heterogeneous reactions on black carbon are only occurring on the surface of hydrophobic particles. Figure 9 shows that the surface area density of the hydrophobic black carbon particles is substantially smaller than either of sulfate or hydrophilic black carbon particles. The highest surface area is $\sim 10 \mu\text{m}^2/\text{cm}^3$ near the surface at midlatitudes in the Northern Hemisphere, and is well confined to the lower troposphere. The emissions from aircraft in the upper troposphere are not included in the present model study, so that the surface area of hydrophobic black carbon is probably underestimated in the upper troposphere.

4.2. Effects of Oxidation of Sulfate Aerosols

The concentrations of oxidants is changed when chemical conversion of SO_2 to SO_4^- occurs. The oxidants (OH, HO_2 , and

H_2O_2) are affected in the following ways: (1) Gas-phase OH is converted to HO_2 through the reaction of $\text{SO}_2 + \text{OH}$. As shown in Plate 4 (top) the largest reduction in the OH concentration occurs during northern summertime in the regions that are most heavily influenced by anthropogenic emissions of sulfur (eastern United States, Europe, and eastern China). As a result, the concentration of HO_2 increases in the same regions (see Plate 4 (bottom)). However, the changes in OH and HO_2 due to this reaction are very small (less than a few percent). (2) The oxidation of SO_2 by H_2O_2 in the aqueous phase tends to reduce the H_2O_2 abundance in the gas phase. Figure 10 shows that the reduction in the H_2O_2 mixing ratio ranges from 5 to 60 pptv in the Northern Hemisphere during summer. In areas with high sulfur emissions (eastern United States, Europe, and eastern China), this H_2O_2 reduction is ~ 5 to 10%. Overall, the calculation shows that the effect of SO_2 oxidation on the oxidants (OH, HO_2 , and H_2O_2) in the troposphere is not very significant.

4.3. Reaction of HO_2 on Sulfate Aerosols

Even though the uptake of OH by sulfate aerosol is very efficient ($\gamma > 0.2$), the direct changes in the OH concentration resulting from heterogeneous processes are small due to the short

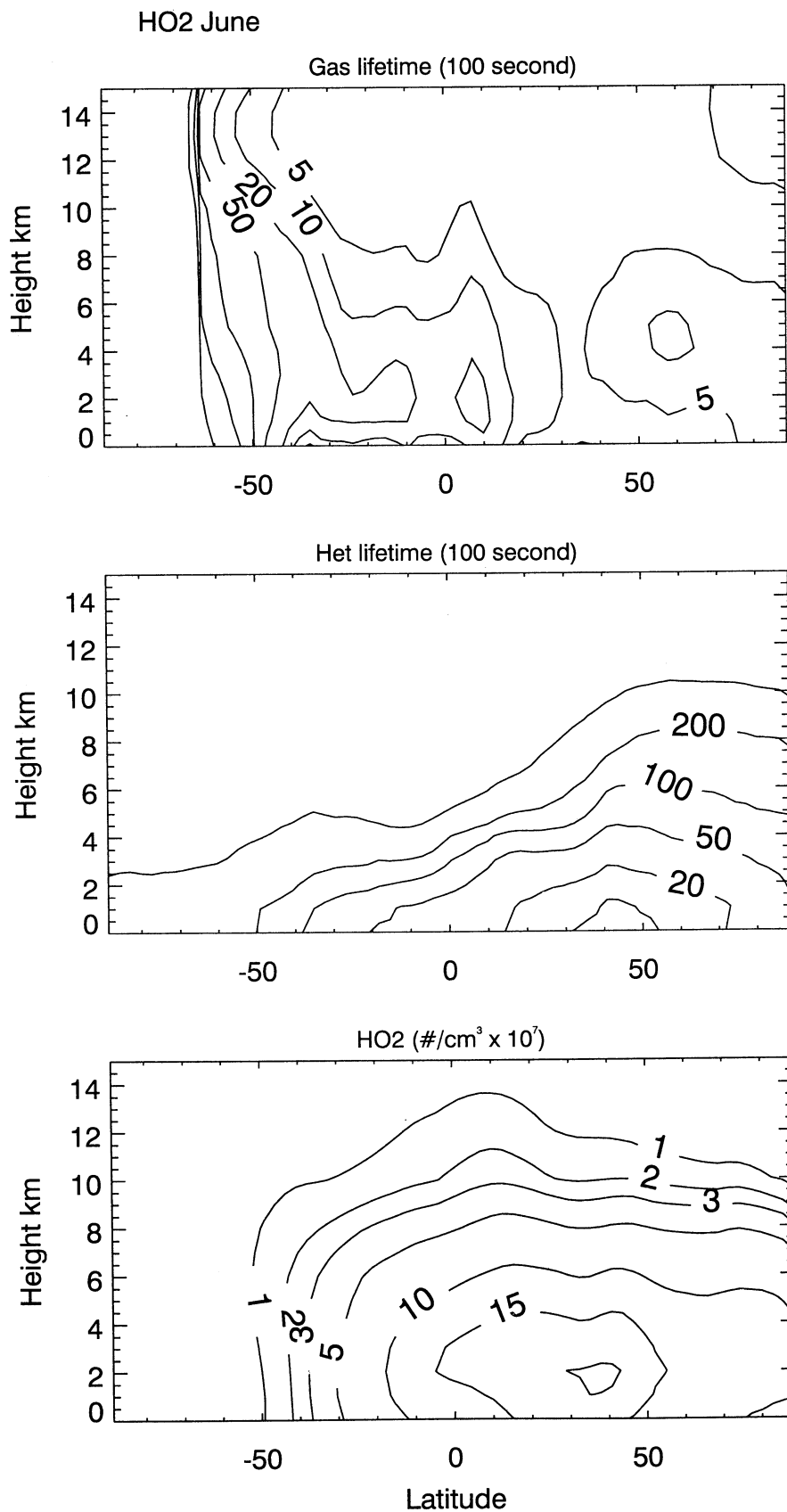


Figure 11. (top) Zonally-averaged time constants of HO₂ (100 s) due to gas-phase chemical destruction and (middle) heterogeneous chemical destruction on sulfate aerosol particles. (bottom) The number density of HO₂ (#/cm³ × 10⁷) in June.

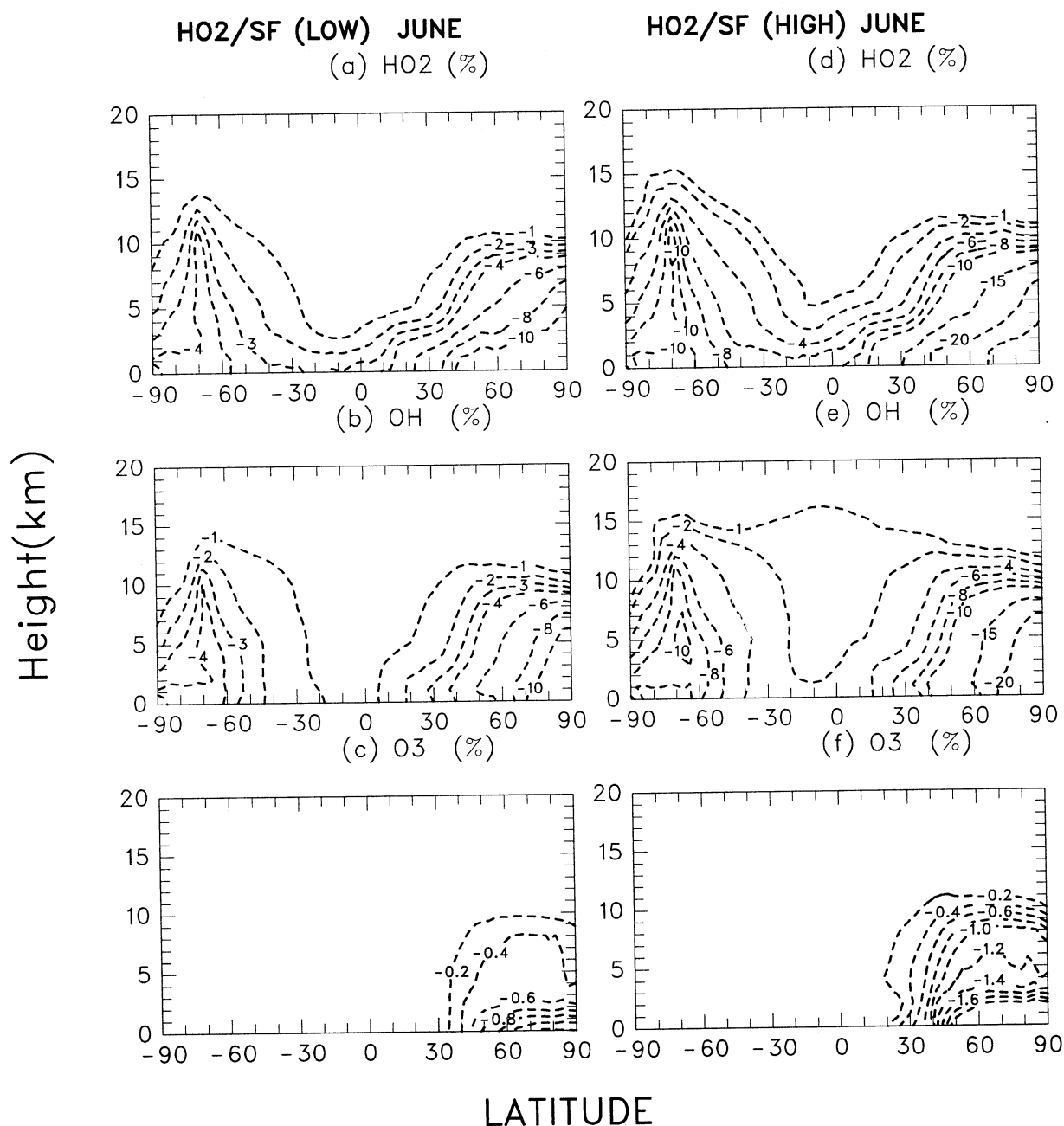


Figure 12. Changes (percent) due to the heterogeneous chemical reaction of HO_2 on (top) sulfate aerosols in HO_2 , (middle) OH , and (bottom) O_3 with (left) $\gamma = 0.2$ and with (right) $\gamma = 0.5$ in June.

photochemical lifetime of OH . In contrast, the lifetime for HO_2 associated with gas-phase processes is longer than that of OH in the lower troposphere, so that heterogeneous uptake by sulfate aerosol can be comparable to photochemical destruction. Figure 11 shows that the photochemical lifetime of HO_2 is between 100 and 1000 s, while the time constant associated with heterogeneous uptake by sulfate aerosols is about 500 to 5000 s in the lower troposphere (Northern Hemisphere) during summer. Above 10 km, however, heterogeneous destruction is much slower than photochemical gas-phase destruction, and hence the presence of sulfate aerosols should not significantly affect HO_2 in the upper troposphere. During winter in the Antarctic the density of HO_2 is

so small that the heterogeneous reaction does not play an important role in this region.

Figure 12 (top) shows the calculated changes (percent) in HO_2 due to uptake by sulfate aerosols (with uptake coefficients of 0.2 in left panels and 0.5 in right panels) in June. It indicates that HO_2 is reduced in the lower troposphere. The highest decrease ($> 10\%$) occurs in northern mid- and high latitudes. The chemical lifetime (minutes) of HO_2 at these latitudes during summer is much smaller than the time constants associated with horizontal mixing and deposition. For steady-state conditions, the mass conservation of HO_2 can be expressed by

$$P = L = X/\tau, \quad (3)$$

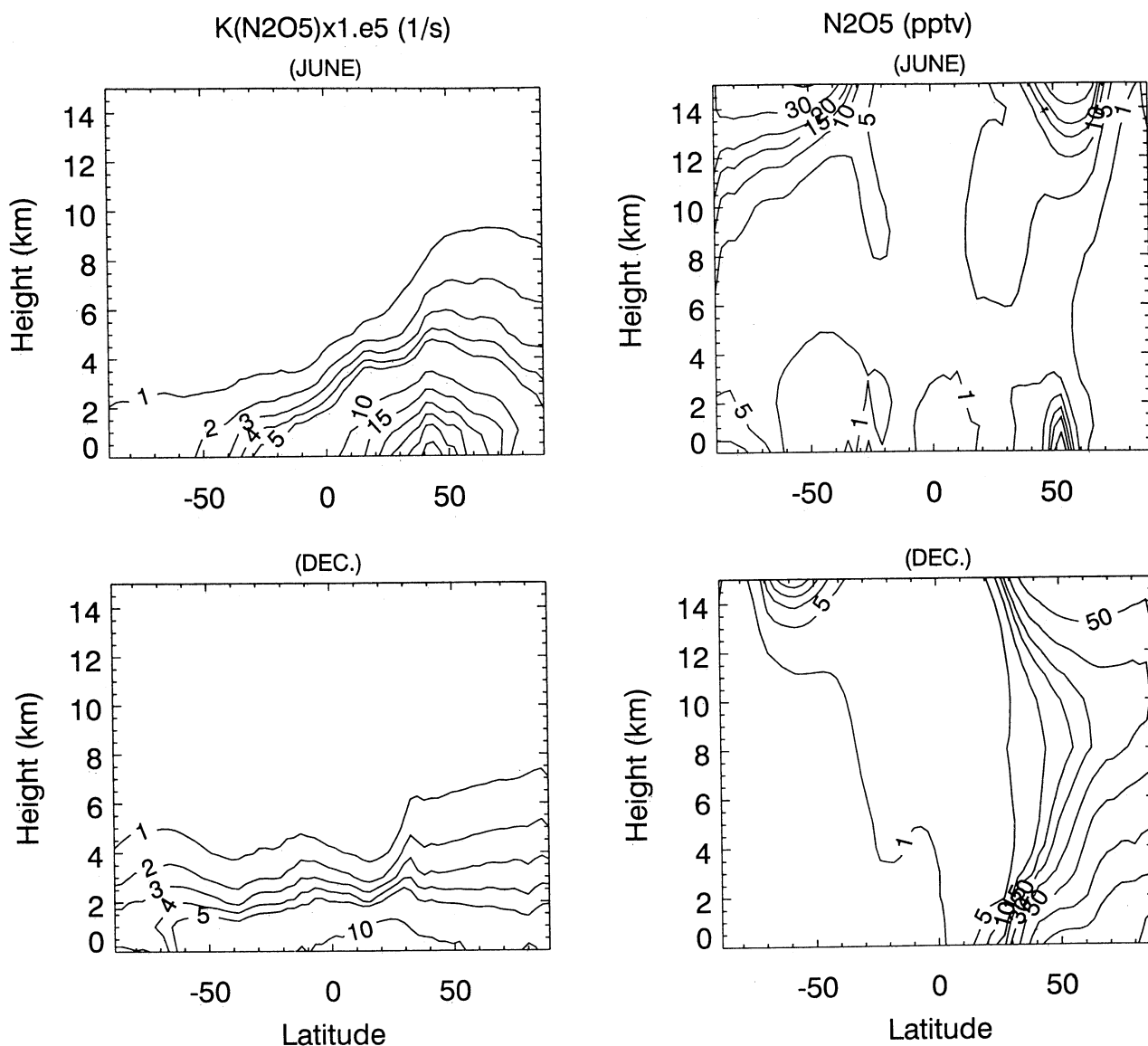


Figure 13. Zonally averaged reaction coefficient for N_2O_5 on sulfate aerosols (1/s) in (left) June and December, and zonally-averaged N_2O_5 mixing ratio (pptv) in (right) June and December.

where X is the mixing ratio of HO_2 , P is its chemical production rate, L is its chemical loss rate, and τ is its chemical lifetime. The percentage change in the modeled HO_2 mixing ratio due to the addition of heterogeneous uptake is given by changes in its chemical lifetime can be estimated from (3):

$$\frac{\Delta X}{X} = -\frac{\tau_g}{\tau_g + \tau_h} \times 100\%, \quad (4)$$

where τ_g and τ_h are the photochemical and heterogeneous chemical lifetimes of HO_2 , respectively. For example, for τ_g and τ_h equal to 500 and 5000 seconds respectively at 4 km at 80°N latitude, the estimated change in HO_2 is about -10% which is close to the model results shown in Figure 12.

Figure 12 (left) (with a lower uptake coefficient of 0.2) show that the changes in HO_2 lead to changes in OH and O_3 concentrations in the lower troposphere of the Northern

Hemisphere during summer. Because HO_2 rapidly reacts with NO to produce OH and NO_2 , the amount of HO_2 converted to OH is reduced when HO_2 is taken up by sulfate aerosols. The pattern of the OH decrease is similar to that of HO_2 , with the highest reduction (10%) occurring at high northern latitudes below 5 km altitude. As the rate of $\text{HO}_2 + \text{NO}$ reaction is reduced, the photochemical production of tropospheric ozone is also reduced. However, this process is in competition with the $\text{HO}_2 + \text{O}_3$ reaction which destroys ozone. As a result the net change in O_3 concentration associated with heterogeneous uptake of HO_2 is very small (less than 1% reduction).

A high uptake coefficient is suggested by Cantrell *et al.* [1996]. According to their study, this uptake coefficient could be as high as 0.5 to 1.0. Figure 12 (right) shows the model results when the adopted uptake coefficient is 0.5. Compared to the results with uptake coefficient of 0.2, the decrease in HO_2 density calculated in this case is approximately twice as large with a 20%

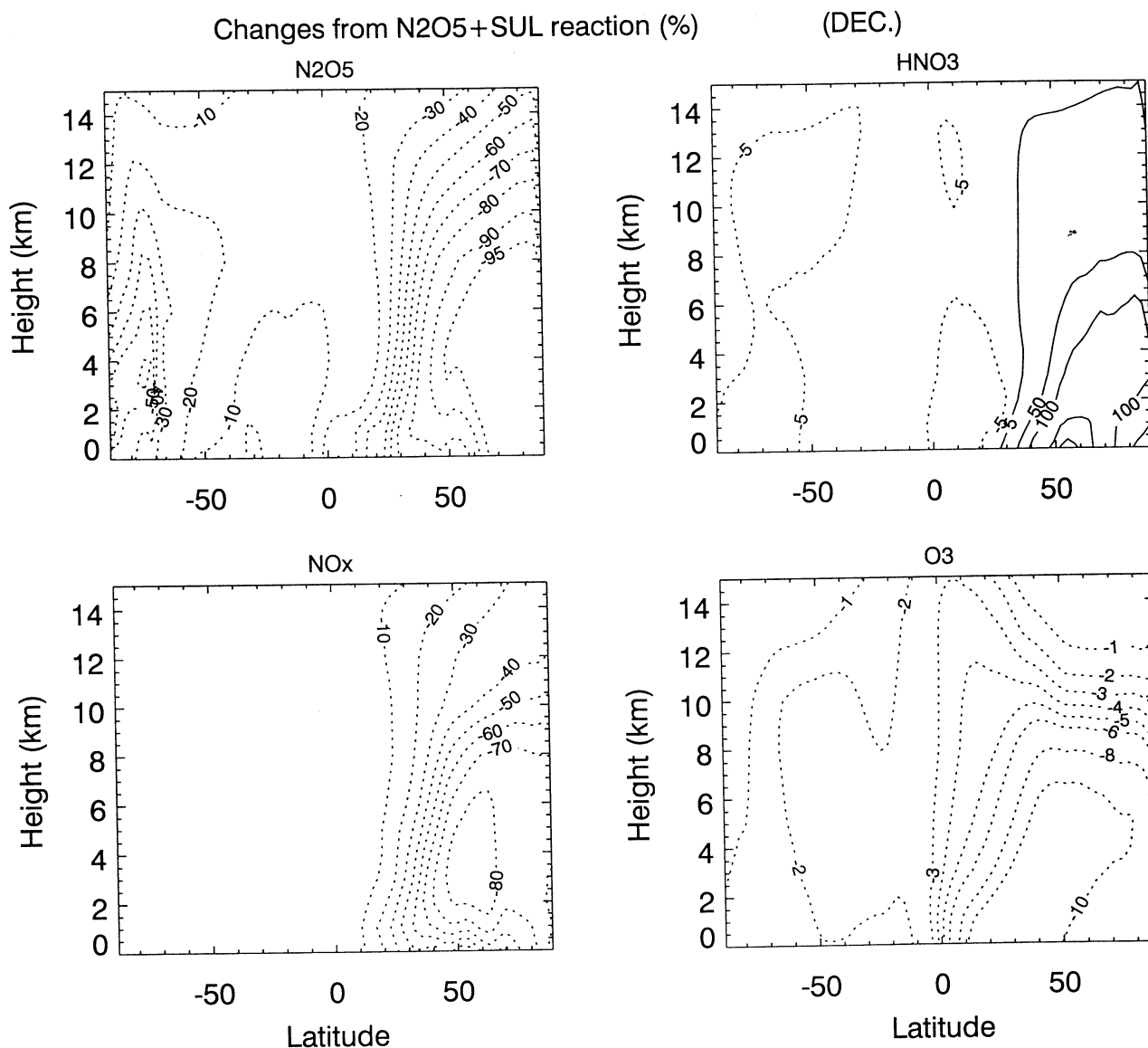


Figure 14. Calculated changes (percent) due to the heterogeneous chemical reaction of N₂O₅ on sulfate aerosols for (a) N₂O₅, (b) HNO₃, (c) NO_x, and (d) O₃ in December.

reduction in the lower troposphere of the northern hemisphere during summer. Since the heterogeneous chemical lifetime τ_h is inversely proportional to the uptake coefficient γ (see (1)), a 2.5 times increase in γ leads to a maximum of a 25% decrease in the HO₂ density. With an uptake coefficient reaching its upper limit of 1.0, the reduction in HO₂ predicted from (4) could be as large as 50% in the lower troposphere of the Northern Hemisphere during summer.

4.4. Reaction of N₂O₅ on Sulfate Aerosols

The reaction of N₂O₅ on the surface of sulfate aerosols (N₂O₅ + SF) plays an important role in the lower stratosphere, as highlighted by Hofmann and Solomon [1989], Brasseur et al. [1990], Rodriguez et al. [1991], Fahey et al. [1993], and Tie et al. [1994b]. These studies show that this process is efficient in converting N₂O₅ into HNO₃ during wintertime at middle to high latitudes. Because N₂O₅ is formed by the reaction of NO₂ + NO₃,

NO_x concentrations are also significantly reduced by this mechanism. The study by Tie et al. [1994b] suggests that NO₂ was reduced by as much as a factor of 2 at midlatitudes in the lower stratosphere after the volcanic eruption of Mount Pinatubo in 1991. However, the effects of this reaction in the troposphere have not yet been completely assessed.

According to the (R13) and (1), the heterogeneous conversion of N₂O₅ to HNO₃ depends strongly on the first-order rate coefficient for the heterogeneous reaction and the concentration of gas-phase N₂O₅. Figure 13 shows the zonal mean rate coefficient for heterogeneous reaction (R13) and the N₂O₅ mixing ratio in June and December. The highest reaction coefficients are found with a maximum of 40×10^{-5} (1/s), corresponding to a lifetime of N₂O₅ of ~ 40 min in northern midlatitudes in June. During northern hemispheric winter (December) the maximum of the reaction rate is reduced to 10×10^{-5} (1/s), corresponding to a lifetime for N₂O₅ of ~ 3 hours, because of the smaller loading of

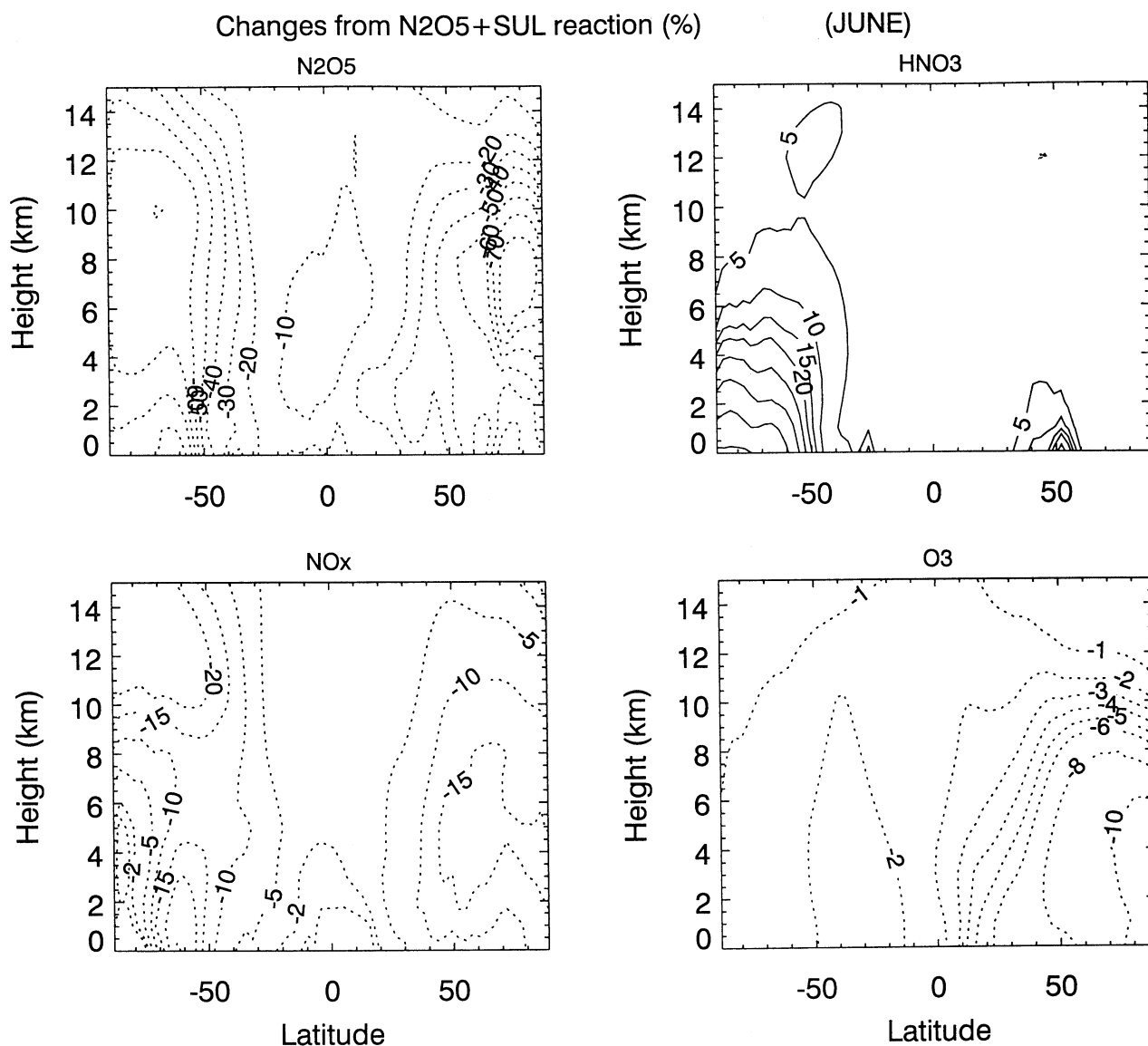
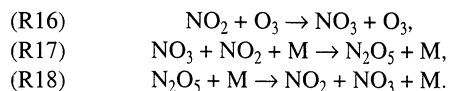


Figure 15. Same as Figure 14, but in June.

sulfate aerosols (see Figure 4). The concentration of N₂O₅ has a maximum in midlatitudes in the boundary layer in the same location as the elevated sulfate aerosols from anthropogenic emissions. However, the strong temperature dependent thermal decomposition of N₂O₅ in the boundary layer produces a strong seasonal variability of N₂O₅ in the boundary layer of the middle latitudes of the Northern Hemisphere where large sulfate aerosol loading is located. During summer the concentration of N₂O₅ in the region is generally ~ 1 pptv, while in the winter it is ~ 50 to 100 pptv.

Without the heterogeneous conversion of N₂O₅ into nitric acid, N₂O₅ is mainly formed and destroyed by the following reactions:



The rate-limiting step provided by the rate of (R16). The reactions (R17) and (R18) are cycling reactions between NO₂, NO₃, and

N₂O₅. The heterogeneous reaction (R13) provides a chemical destruction for N₂O₅ and NO_x as well as a chemical production for HNO₃. The rate of (R13) is dependent upon the reaction coefficient of (R13) and the background concentration of N₂O₅ shown in Figure 13. During winter the background concentration of N₂O₅ is much higher than during summer, and a large decrease in the N₂O₅ and NO_x concentrations is expected. Figure 14 shows that in northern middle to high latitudes, the heterogeneous conversion of N₂O₅ to HNO₃ plays a very important role during winter. In December the decrease in northern hemispheric N₂O₅ is ~ 95%, and the decreases in NO_x is ~ 70 to 80% in the Northern Hemisphere, while, in June, the decrease in N₂O₅ is ~ 50 to 70%, and in NO_x is ~ 10 to 15% (see Figure 15). Since tropospheric ozone is produced by the oxidation of hydrocarbons and CO catalyzed by hydrogen oxide radicals (HO_x = OH + HO₂) and nitrogen oxide radicals (NO_x = NO + NO₂), changes in NO_x in the troposphere lead to changes in the production of O₃. At midlatitudes in the Northern Hemisphere the decrease in NO_x (10 to 15% reduction) in June produces an 8 to 10% ozone reduction

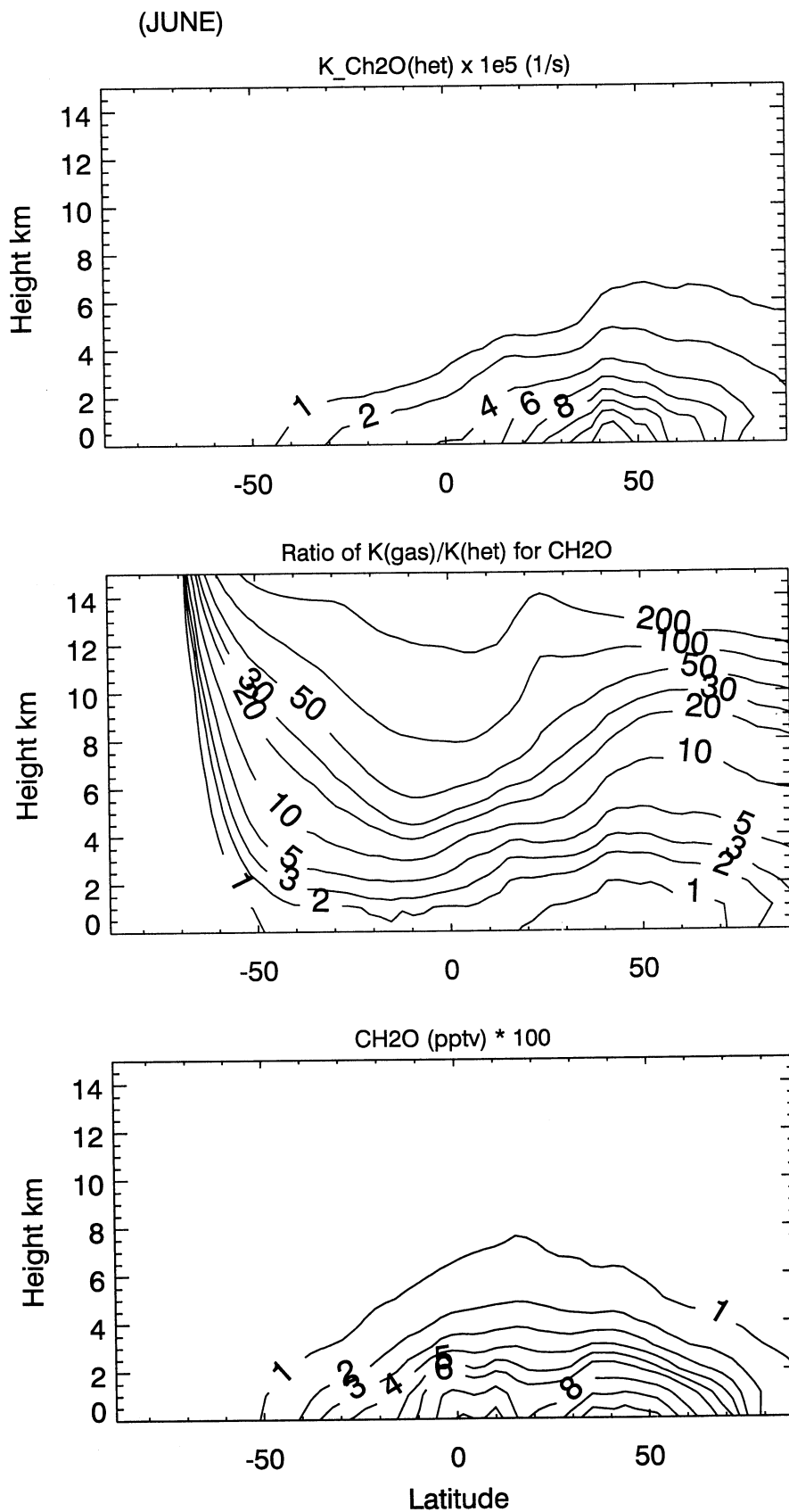


Figure 16. (top) Zonally-averaged reaction coefficient for CH₂O on sulfate aerosols (1/s), the ratio of the gas-phase reactions (R19), (R20), and (R21) to the (middle) heterogeneous reaction (R13), and (bottom) CH₂O mixing ratio (pptv) in June.

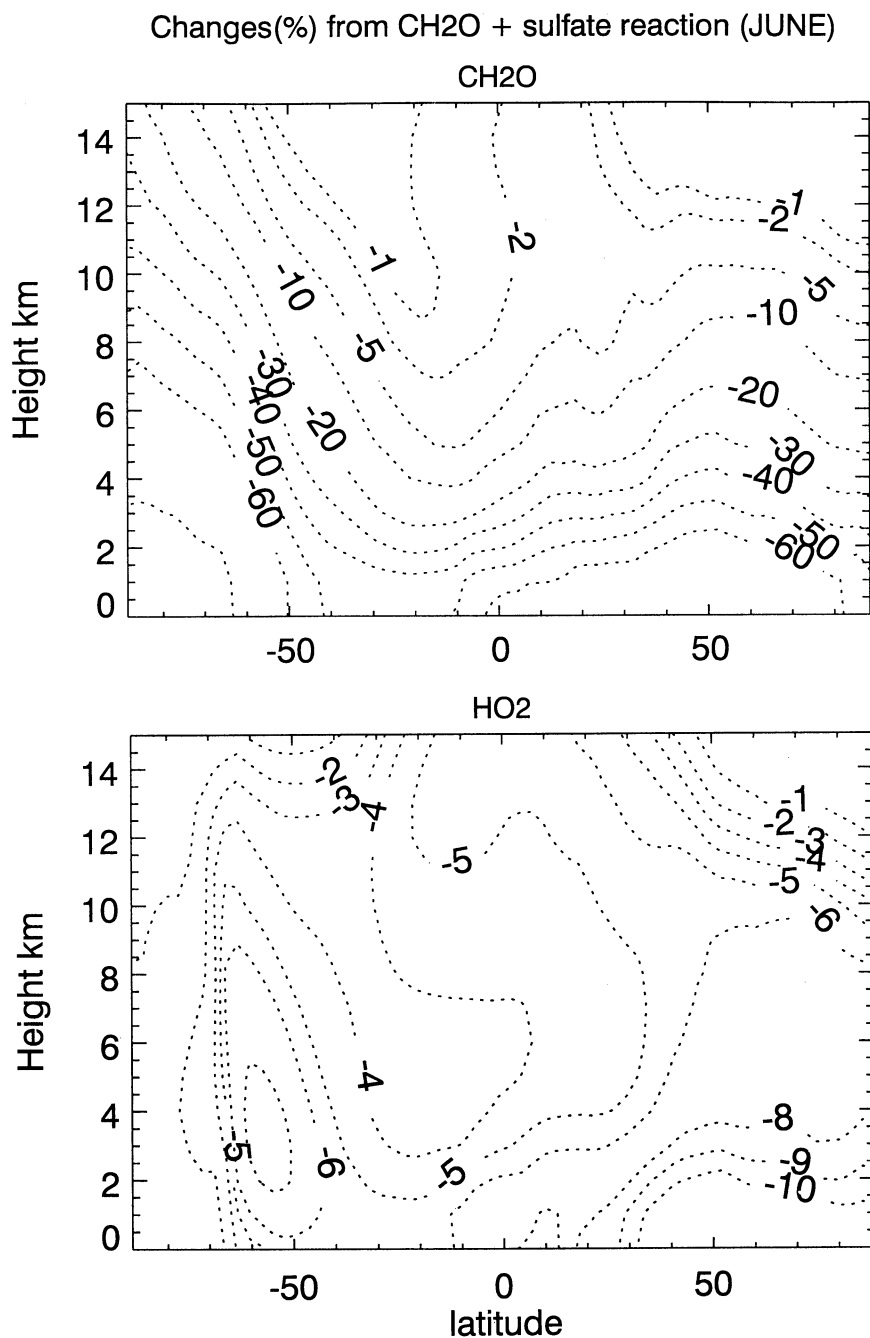


Figure 17. Calculated changes (percent) due to the hetero-geneous chemical reaction of CH₂O with uptake coefficient of $\gamma = 0.022$ on sulfate aerosols for (top) CH₂O and (bottom) HO₂ in June.

(see Figure 15). However, in December, although a large decrease in NO_x is calculated (70 to 80%), the change in O₃ is ~ 10% because the oxidation of hydrocarbons and CO is small (see Figure 14). The calculation by *Dentener and Crutzen* [1993] suggests a very large decrease (80%) in NO_x in the lower troposphere during winter due to this heterogeneous process, which is consistent with our calculation, but the change in O₃ (25% decrease) is some what larger than our calculation.

4.5. Reaction of CH₂O on Sulfate Aerosols

Photolysis of formaldehyde (CH₂O) provides a source of HO_x radicals. Field measurements show that CH₂O concentrations

calculated from gas-phase models have a tendency to overestimate the observed CH₂O at Mauna Loa, Hawaii [*Liu et al.*, 1992]. Reaction of CH₂O in sulfate aerosols has been proposed as a possible explanation [*Chatfield*, 1994]. The MOZART calculation of CH₂O without the reaction of CH₂O on sulfate aerosols tends to overestimate the observed concentrations of CH₂O in the continental boundary layer during summer [*Hauglustaine et al.*, 1998]. The uptake of gas-phase CH₂O by sulfate aerosol particles has been measured as a function of temperature and acid concentration by *Jayne et al.* [1996]. Their measurements show that the uptake coefficient of CH₂O on sulfate aerosols varies from 0.01 to 0.022 according to acid concentrations and temperatures. These uptake coefficients should

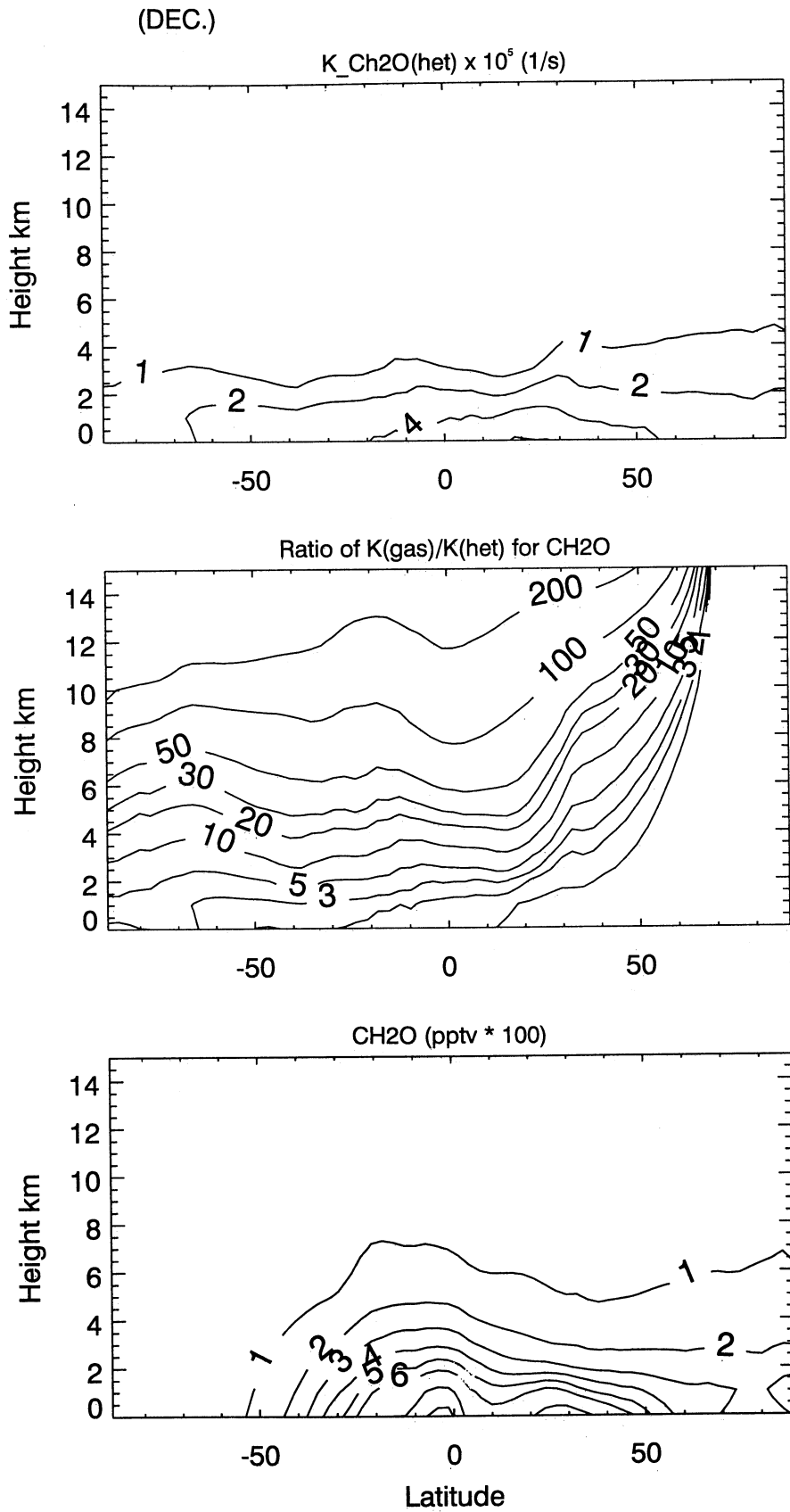


Figure 18. Same as Figure 17, but in December.

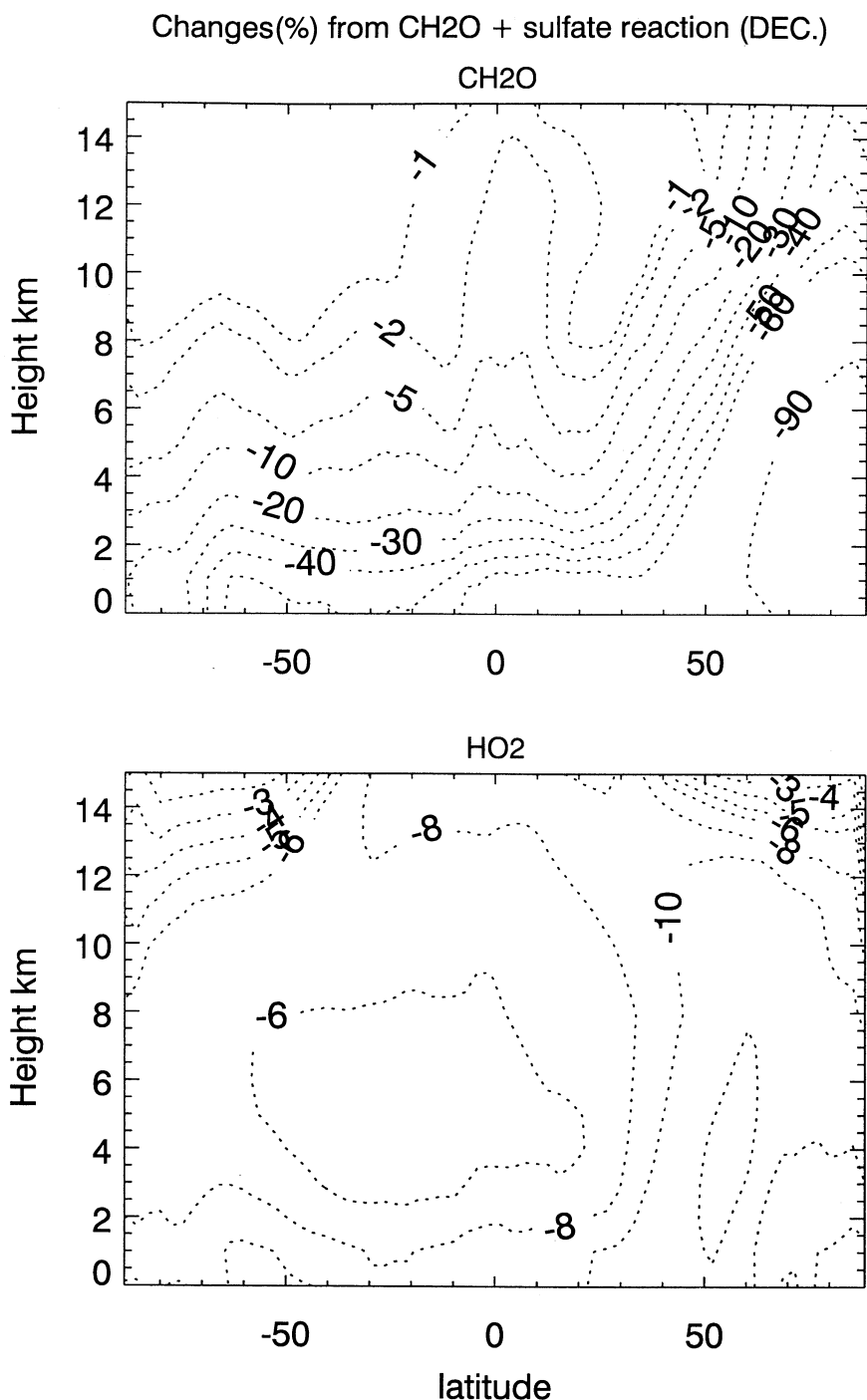
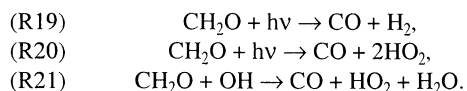


Figure 19. Same as Figure 17, but in December.

be regarded as solubility-determined upper limits, so that the calculated reduction in the CH₂O concentration should be considered as upper limits.

Without the heterogeneous uptake of CH₂O on sulfate aerosols, CH₂O would be destroyed by



Reaction (R20) leads to the production of HO_x. With the heterogeneous uptake of CH₂O into sulfate aerosols, the HO_x

concentrations are reduced. Figure 16 shows that the rate of heterogeneous reaction of CH₂O is highest (with a uptake coefficient of 0.022) at northern midlatitudes in the boundary layer in June, where the ratio of the rate of the gas-phase reactions (R19), (R20), and (R21) to the rate of the heterogeneous reaction (R14) is significantly less than one, and hence heterogeneous reaction (R14) plays a very important role in this region. As a result, the concentration of CH₂O is reduced by 60% and HO₂ is reduced by 10% in this region in June (see Figure 17). Furthermore the effect of (R14) on CH₂O and HO_x has a very strong seasonal variation. As indicated in Figure 18, in December, the rate of heterogeneous reaction of CH₂O decreases due to the

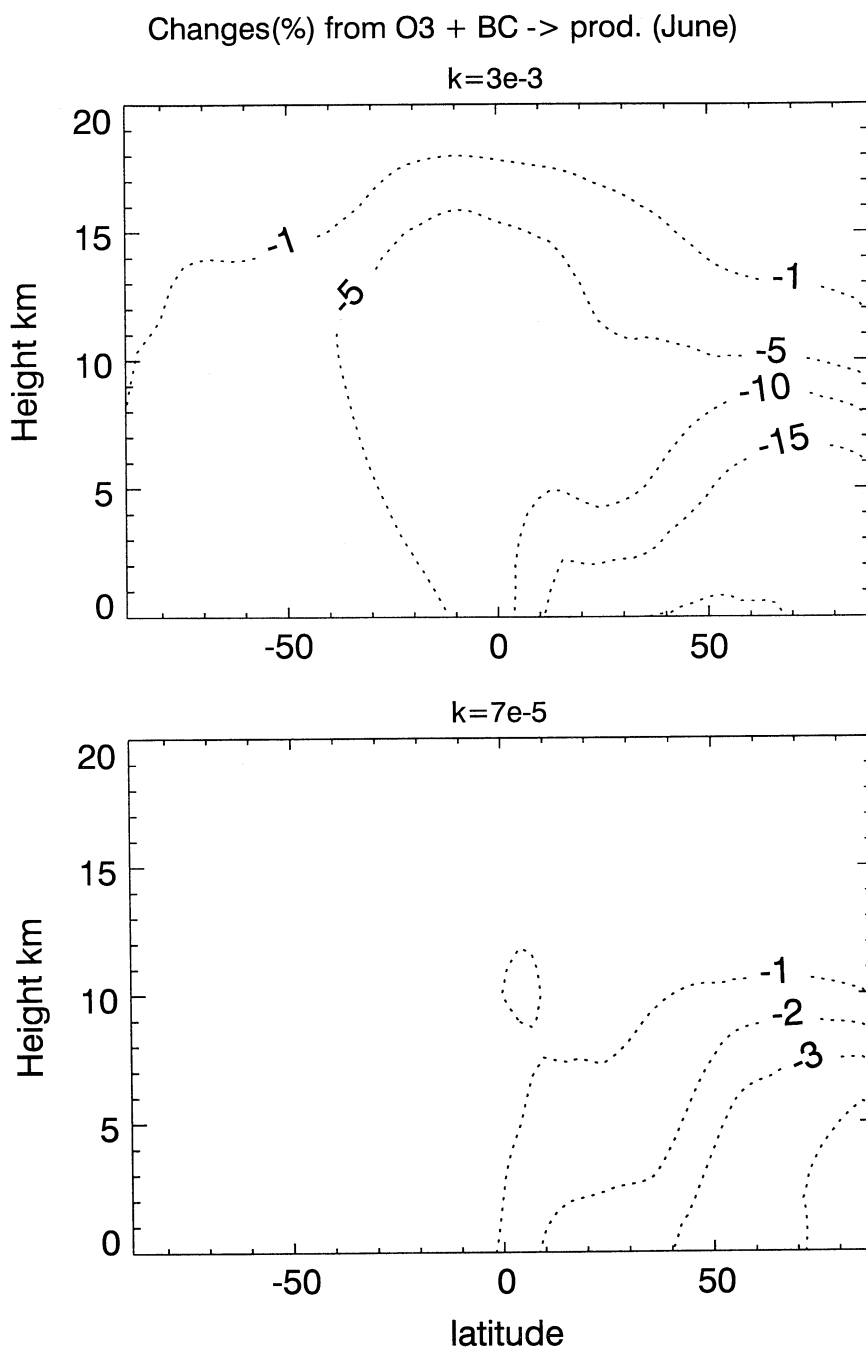


Figure 20. Calculated changes in O₃ (percent) due to the heterogeneous chemical reaction of O₃ on soot with (top) uptake coefficient of 3×10^{-3} and (bottom) uptake coefficient of 7×10^{-5} in June.

smaller sulfate aerosol loading in northern midlatitudes in the boundary layer. However, the rates of the gas-phase photochemical reactions (R19), (R20), and (R21) are also significantly reduced during winter in this region. As a result, the heterogeneous reaction (R14) plays a very important role in the Northern Hemisphere during winter, producing a 90% decrease in CH₂O and a 10% decrease in HO₂ in northern middle and high latitudes (see Figure 19). With a lower uptake coefficient for CH₂O ($\gamma = 0.011$), the changes in CH₂O and HO₂ are slightly reduced, but the impact of (R14) remains important with reductions in CH₂O and HO₂ of 50 and 8% in northern midlatitudes in the boundary layer during June.

4.6. Reaction of O₃ on Black Carbon

The effects of O₃ uptake by black carbon particles on the tropospheric ozone budget have not yet been addressed by global chemical models. On the basis of laboratory studies, *Fendel et al.* [1995] and *Rogaski et al.* [1997] have shown that the uptake coefficient for ozone on black carbon particles occurs with an uptake coefficient of the order of 2×10^{-4} to 3.3×10^{-3} . On the other hand, *Saathoff* [1999] shows the reaction coefficient is only on the order of 7×10^{-5} . The reason for the smaller reaction coefficients is that their measurements were made over a longer timescale than in the previous studies, and thus the sites on the surface of soot

Table 5. Summary of the Effects of Heterogeneous Reactions on Chemical Oxidants Calculated by the Model at 5 km in June^a

Reactions		Changes, %		
		45°N	Equator	45°S
<i>June</i>				
(1) N ₂ O ₅ + sulfate ($\gamma = 0.1$)	NO _x	-7	-2	-2
	HNO ₃	8	0	-17
	O ₃	-7	-2	-2
(2) HO ₂ + sulfate ($\gamma = 0.5$)	HO ₂	-10	-1	-6
	OH	-11	-2	-7
	O ₃	-3	-1	-1
(3) CH ₂ O + sulfate ($\gamma = 0.011$)	CH ₂ O	-31	-8	-25
	HO ₂	-7	-3	-6
<i>December</i>				
(1) N ₂ O ₅ + sulfate ($\gamma = 0.1$)	NO _x	-73	-3	-6
	HNO ₃	30	-4	-4
	O ₃	-11	-3	-2
(2) HO ₂ + sulfate ($\gamma = 0.5$)	HO ₂	-9	0	-1
	OH	-16	-5	-7
	O ₃	0	0	-2
(3) CH ₂ O + sulfate ($\gamma = 0.011$)	CH ₂ O	-6	-9	-46
	HO ₂	-6	-5	-12

^aThe values represent the zonally averaged changes (percent) in the indicated oxidant when heterogeneous reactions are included with the gas-phase chemistry only.

are deactivated as suggested by Aumont *et al.* [1999]. The uptake coefficient for O₃ on soot particles is relatively low compared to the uptake coefficient of HO₂ and N₂O₅ on sulfate aerosols, and compared to the uptake of HNO₃ on soot reactions. However, since the destruction of O₃ due to gas-phase reactions in the lower troposphere is relatively slow (weeks to months) [Liu, 1988], the heterogeneous reaction of O₃ on soot could potentially enhance the destruction of O₃ in the lower troposphere. We have used the uptake coefficient of 3.3×10^{-3} for an upper limit value and 7×10^{-5} for a lower limit value for the reaction of O₃ on soot in the model. Only hydrophobic soot surface area will be used for this reaction. Once the soot surface is coated by other aerosols, the reaction will not take place.

Figure 20 shows the impact of this reaction on O₃ concentrations. If the high value of the uptake coefficient ($\gamma = 3 \times 10^{-3}$) is adopted, the O₃ destruction rate at midlatitudes and high latitudes of the Northern Hemisphere is dominated by the heterogeneous reaction with black carbon, producing very large O₃ destruction in the lower troposphere. The maximum reduction in O₃ concentration reaches 15% in June (see Figure 20 (top)). However, with the low value of the uptake coefficient ($\gamma = 7 \times 10^{-5}$), the decrease in the O₃ concentration is modest. The maximum O₃ reduction is 3 to 4% in midlatitudes to high latitudes of the Northern Hemisphere (see Figure 20 (bottom)). Because this calculation suggests that the effect of the soot surface reaction on O₃ depends strongly upon the uptake coefficient, further laboratory measurements for this reaction are needed.

5. Summary

A global interactive chemical and aerosol model has been developed to study the distribution of sulfate and soot aerosol particles and their effects on tropospheric oxidants. The simulated

global sulfate aerosol distributions and seasonal variation have been compared with observations. The seasonal variation of sulfate aerosols is in agreement with measurements, except in the Arctic region. The calculated vertical profiles of sulfate aerosols agree with the observations over North America. In the case of black carbon, the calculated surface distribution is in fair agreement with observations. We have conducted the following studies to calculate the potential effects of aerosols on atmospheric chemical constituents; (1) the impact on the oxidant level of the chemical conversion of SO₂ to SO₄²⁻; (2) the effects of N₂O₅, HO₂, and CH₂O reactions on chemical composition taking place on sulfate aerosols. The effect of heterogeneous reactions on tropospheric oxidants at different regions is briefly summarized in Table 5. The results indicate that with an uptake coefficient of 0.5, the heterogeneous reaction of HO₂ on the surface of sulfate aerosols produces a significant loss of HO₂ and OH. The largest reduction in the OH abundance occurs at high northern latitudes in the lower troposphere, with a 10% decrease during summer and a 15% decrease during winter. However, this result should be regarded as an upper limit estimation. The N₂O₅ reaction on the surface of sulfate aerosols produces a 80% reduction of NO_x at midlatitudes to high latitudes during winter. Because ozone production efficiency is low in winter, this decrease in NO_x leads to less than 10 percent decrease in ozone in the model. The heterogeneous reaction of CH₂O on sulfate aerosols produces a significant decrease in the concentrations of CH₂O and HO₂. Further laboratory measurements of the reaction coefficients are needed to reduce the uncertainties on the calculated effects of heterogeneous reactions on tropospheric oxidants.

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