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2005-2006 Ammonium Nitrate from IMPROVE Network

Jan 2006 Ammonium Nitrate Fraction of PM2.5

Pitchford et al. JAWMA (2009)







Science Questions for the Study

Composition: Typical chemical composition during episodes and non-episodes?

Urban-rural contrast: Differences in PM_{2.5} concentrations (frequency and severity), chemical composition, and source regions?

Meteorology: What meteorological conditions favor winter-time episodes? How can we best use this information to improve wintertime episode forecasting?

Nitrate formation chemistry: What do the data tell us the nitrate formation chemistry leading to events?

Sensitivity of episodes:

- How sensitive are concentrations to hypothetical changes in total nitrate, total ammonia, and total sulfate?
- What sources categories have leverage on episodes? Do local sources have influence?

3D Model skill: Can photochemical modeling accurately predict $PM_{2.5}$ concentrations during the observed winter-time episodes?

OBSERVATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS





5th Highest Jan-Mar PM_{2.5} Concentration





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Parameter	Milwaukee (Urban)	Mayville (Rural)
PM _{2.5} (μg m ⁻³)	17.1	11.7
Total nitrate (µg m ⁻³)	5.6	4.8
Total ammonia (µg m ⁻³)	3.8	4.0
Gas ammonia (ppb)	2.3	2.4
Nitrate aerosol / total nitrate	78%	69%
NO _v (ppb)	27	6.3
Temperature (°C)	-3	-5
Ozone (ppb)	22	31
OC (μg m ⁻³)	3.6	3.2
EC (μg m ⁻³)	0.5	0.3

Composition and Urban-Regional Differences



- Gas ratios (ammonia availability) ranged from 1.2-3.1. Lowest at the rural site during episodes.
- Evidence of gas ratio \downarrow during episodes at multiple sites in the region.
- Secondary species mainly regional (small urban excess)
- OC, EC, and NOy have strong urban excess

INSIGHTS FROM MODELING



U of I	Network	Species	Observed	Model
Model Skill	AQS	Ozone	29.8	35.0
	Improve	PM _{2.5}	7.0	8.6
		SO ₄	1.8	2.6
	STN	PM _{2.5}	12.1	15.4
		NO ₃	3.0	3.0
		NH ₄	1.7	2.0
		SO ₄	2.4	3.6



Model Skill



- Total ammonia underprediction during almost all periods and sites.
- Shows as deficit in gas phase ammonia.
- Nitrate underprediction during episodes.
- Systematic OC underprediction (not shown) but offset by CMAQ other inorganics

Model Skill

		No.	CMAQ	OBS	MB	ME	NB	NE	FB(%)	FE(%)	R
Base	Jan	548	11.97	12.87	-0.90	6.49	0.06	0.53	-13	52	0.30
case	Feb	384	15.05	12.71	2.34	6.77	0.72	0.99	11	47	0.37
	Mar	453	19.79	10.73	9.06	10.58	1.02	1.18	39	60	0.57

Table 3.8.2. Performance analyses of simulated PM $_{2.5}$ in the 12km domain at STN sites.

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		No.	CMAQ	OBS	MB	ME	NB	NE	FB(%)	FE(%)	R
Base	Jan	311	6.49	6.64	-0.15	2.96	0.15	0.53	-4	46	0.52
case	Feb	253	8.45	6.96	1.50	2.95	0.34	0.53	15	38	0.62
	Mar	289	11.00	7.31	3.69	5.14	0.62	0.81	28	52	0.57

Diurnal Patterns – $NH_3(g)$







Predictability of PM2.5 Episodes

	Number of Observed Episodes	Number of Observed Episodes with Modeled Episode	Number of Modeled False Positive Episodes
Milwaukee	13	10	2
Mayville	7	4	4

PROCESS ANALYSIS



$\mu g \ / \ m^3$

Nitrate formation analysis by process analysis



RH and composition dependent accommodation coefficient, uncertain

Reactio	Reactants	Products
II R1	NO + hy	NO + O
R3	$\Omega_2 + N\Omega$	NO-
R4	$O + NO_2$	NO
R5	$O + NO_2$	NO
R6	O + NO	NO
R7	$NO_{2} + O_{2}$	NO
R14	NO ₂	$NO_{2} + O$
R15	NO ₂	NO
R16	$NO_{2} + NO$	2 NO ₂
R17	$NO_{2} + NO_{2}$	$NO + NO_2$
R18	$NO_3 + NO_2$	N ₂ O ₅
R19	$N_2O_5 + H_2O$	2 HNO ₂
R20	$N_{2}O_{3} + H_{2}O + H_{2}O$	2 HNO ₃
R21	N_2O_5	$NO_3 + NO_2$
R22	$NO + NO + O_2$	2 NO ₂
R23	$NO + NO_2 + H^2O$	HONO
R24	NO + OH	HONO
R25	HONO	NO + OH
R26	OH + HONO	NO ₂
R27	HONO + HONO	$NO + NO_2$
R28	$NO_2 + OH$	HNO ₃
R29	OH + HNO ₃	NO ₃
R30	$HO_2 + NO$	$OH + NO_2$
R31	$HO_2 + NO_2$	PNA
R32	PNA	$HO_2 + NO_2$
R33	OH + PNA	NO ₂
R46	NO ₃ + O	NO ₂
R47	NO ₃ + OH	$HO_2 + NO_2$
R48	$NO_3 + HO_2$	HNO ₃
R49	$NO_3 + O_3$	NO ₂
R50	$NO_3 + NO_3$	2 NO ₂
R51	PNA	0.61HO ₂ + 0.61NO ₂ + 0.39OH + 0.39NO ₃
R52	HNO ₃	$OH + NO_2$
R53	N ₂ O ₅	$NO_2 + NO_3$
R89	PĀN	$C_2 \overline{O_3} + N \widetilde{O_2}$
R90	PAN	$C_2O_3 + NO_2$

Integrated Reaction Rate Analysis



Through model layer 20 (~3.15 km)



Daytime pathway	Nighttime pathway	Homogeneous nighttime	Heterogeneous nighttime
(µmole/m²-day)	(µmole/m²-day)	pathway (µmole/m²-day)	pathway (µmole/m²-day)
29.8	78.3	16.7	61.6







Elevated daytime production, mainly at the surface, in high NOx locations









Milwaukee Day



Reservoir in μ mole N / m². Fluxes are in μ mole N / m²-hr.

Black lines Aerosol process Horizontal advection and diffusion Vertical advection and diffusion Emissions DDEP

a: net NO₃ radical formation
c: net N₂O₅ formation
g: HNO₃ formation from the NO₃ radical

<u>Colored lines</u> b: $NO_2 + OH \rightarrow HNO_3$ d: homogenous formation of HNO_3 from N_2O_5 Flux e: heterogeneous formation of HNO_3 from N_2O_5

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2.8 μ mole N / m²-hr for the daytime pathway

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4.4 μ mole N / m²-hr for the nighttime pathway

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Urban nighttime titration of O3 by high NOx forces net NO3 decomposition at surface at night

Mayville Night



NO3 formation continues at night at all layers in the rural cell (less NOx, O3 remains higher)

Emissions Sensitivity Methods

Direct Sensitivity

Inorganic PM_{2.5} in sensitivity CMAQ run

Inorganic $PM_{2.5}$ in base CMAQ run

Hybrid Box Model Sensitivity

 $\frac{Sensitivity \ case \ inorganic \ PM_{2.5} \ in \ predicted \ by \ ISORROPIA}{Inorganic \ PM_{2.5} \ from \ ISORROPIA \ with \ all \ measured \ inputs}$

- Input to sensitivity case box model?
- Measured T and RH
- Measured total sulfate, ammonia, and nitrate x fractional reduction in these species predicted by CMAQ model

Thermodynamic Sensitivity / Model Skill



Take Home Points

- LADCO Winter Nitrate Study Combined 3 months of observations with CMAQ and CAMx model runs
- Rural / Urban Patterns Identified and Quantified
- Raw Data, 2 Reports, and 2 Pubs Available
- Model Improvements?
 - Urban Locations
 - Boundary layer meteorology > NO_y chemistry, emissions, deposition > Organic aerosols
 - Rural Locations
 - NO_y chemistry, emissions, deposition > Organic aerosols ~ Sulfate aerosols
- Negative model bias for ammonia
- 72% of nitrate formation can be attributed to the nighttime pathway.
- Model treatment of heterogeneous nitrate should be a key factor in modelmodel differences.



Review of Take Home Points

- The NO_y system: large NO_x reservoir, resistant to depositional removal, that undergoes gradual transformation into nitrate, often (but not always) passing through the reactive intermediate forms of the NO₃ radical, N₂O₅, and other forms of NO_y such as HONO and PAN.
- Nitrate production is mainly a regional phenomenon, with rates greater than 100 µmole/m²-day for most of the domain.
- Urban enhancements in the daytime formation pathway are balanced by urban deficiencies in nighttime pathway leading to minimal urban / rural contrast in nitrate production.
- High concentrations of nitric acid extend spatially over a broad region with a peak near the Ohio River Valley. The southern Great Lakes and the Ohio River Valley have the most intense nitrate formation rates according to the model.
- In Wisconsin, emissions sensitivity to NH₃ is greater than sensitivity to NO_x



Some thoughts on future questions

- Deposition velocities over the Great Lakes are important
- Deposition velocities over open water, ice, and snow-covered ice may need to be considered
- $N_2O_5 \rightarrow$ nitrate rates presented here may be upper limit, as $N_2O_5 \rightarrow CINO_2$ may consume a fraction of the N_2O_5 , and organic coatings will depress the heterogeneous reaction rate



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Additional slides



Model Configuration U of Iowa

- Community Multiscale Air Quality Model (CMAQ) v4.7.1
 - CB05 gas phase / AERO5 aerosol module
 - ACM2 PBL closure
 - Mass-conserving advection
 - 35 vertical layers
- LADCO's 12 km regional modeling grid
 - Hourly boundary conditions from a 36 km simulation (with the same configuration) covering the continental United States.

Meteorology

- WRF 3.1.1 with the RPO configuration selected by Iowa DNR, SESARM, and LADCO
- ACM2 PBL closure
- Pleim-Xu land surface module
- RRTM radiation
- Morrison microphysics
- Kain-Fritsch cumulus
- NARR 3-hourly met for initial and boundaries
- Analysis nudging on NARR above the PBL, horizontal winds used for observational nudging in the PBL

Emissions

- LADCO's 2007 emissions inventory used for 12km domain.
- Day-specific biomass burning emissions from MODIS fire detection products.



Process Analysis

 Chemical and process rates stored for all layers up to 550 m, with focus on NOy processing and N2O5 heterogeneous chemistry





Figure 4. 2007 annual emissions by pollutant and source sector (LADCO States)

Emissions Details

- Emissions represent 2007/2008 conditions, although 2009 was modeled.
- Emissions were based on the May 2011 version of the LADCO 2007/2008 Base C anthropogenic inventory (*LADCO*, 2010), resolving monthly average emissions and their diurnal profiles for each emissions sector.
 - Upper Midwest, which comprise a large part of the 12 km modeling domain, LADCO's 2007 emissions data were used for EGU point, non-road, and on-road sources, and 2008 emissions data were used for non-EGU point and area sources.
 - For other states in the modeling domain, data representing 2005 conditions were provided by RPOs.
- The 2007/2008 inventories for on-road, off-road, and ammonia, emissions were estimated using a range of emission models. EPA's new MOVES2010a model was used with national default inputs to produce on-road emissions for the country.
- EPA's NMIM2008 model was used to produce emissions for most off-road sources. The emissions for three other off-road categories (commercial marine, aircraft, and rail) were developed separately.
- Agricultural ammonia emissions were based on Carnegie Mellon University's Ammonia Emission Inventory for the Continental United States. Specifically, the CMU annual emissions for 2002 were first grown to reflect 2007 conditions.
 - A new process-based ammonia emissions model developed for LADCO (*Zhang, et al.*, 2005; *Mansell et al.*, 2005) was then used to develop monthly and hourly temporal allocation factors.
- The Upper Midwest 2007/2008 inventory for area and point sources was based on data supplied by states. 2007 emissions were supplied for EGU point sources, while 2008 data were supplied for area and non-EGU point sources.
- Emissions for Canada were based on the 2005 Canadian National Pollutant Release Inventory, Version 1.0 (NPRI). A subset of the NPRI data (emissions and stack parameters) relevant to air quality modeling were reformatted and used in the regional modeling. Canadian area sources were allocated from provincial totals to the modeling grid using population as the primary spatial surrogate, which leads to artifacts in agricultural and non-road emissions
- Hourly biogenic emissions from the Model of Emissions of Gases and Aerosols from Nature (MEGAN) version 2.04 (*Guenther et al.*, 2004), were processed to both grids from 1 km resolution input fields and hourly WRF meteorology, and speciated for CB05 as in *Wilkerson* (2006).
- Daily gridcell-specific point fire emissions were taken from the 1 km x 1 km resolution Fire INventory from NCAR (FINN; Wiedinmyer et al., 2011), based on MODIS fire detection retrievals. Emissions were processed for CMAQ by estimating hourly rates and vertical plume rise using a local fire size and intensity clustering technique (WRAP, 2005) as applied to a prior version of this inventory by Tai et al. (2008). Speciated VOC emissions rates for the CB05 mechanism were allocated from total VOC emissions as in Tai et al. (2008).



JAN

FEB

MAR



CAMx







Detailed view of an episode

Agreement between multiple independent measurements

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Urban-Rural Contrast During Episodes

Secondary species mainly regional (small urban excess)

OC, EC, and NOy have strong urban excess.

Mayville Day

Mayville Night

Layer 1 DDEP_ANO3[1]*(-1) + DDEP_HNO3_UGM3[1]*(-1)

Min (122, 134) = 0.069, Max (108, 68) = 31.531

Layer 1 DDEP_HNO3_UGM3[1]*(-1)

[1]=Drydeposition_IPR_AVG.ncf

January 1, 2009 01:00:00 UTC Min (5, 132) = 0.000, Max (108, 68) = 27.806

Layer 1 DDEP_ANO3[1]*(-1)

[1]=Drydeposition_IPR_AVG.ncf

January 1, 2009 01:00:00 UTC Min (125, 20) = 0.008, Max (108, 68) = 3.725

Layer 1 VD_HNO3[2]

[2]=METCR02D_LADC012_DD_Vel_AVG.ncf

HNO3 Deposition Velocity

January 1, 2009 00:00:00 UTC

Emissions Sensitivity: Emissions Scenarios

- $30\% NO_x$ from base case
- 30% NH₃ from base case
- 2015 Proxy Case
 - Simulate near-term changes in mobile NO_x & simulate approximation of implementation of Cross State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR) effect on coal-fired power plant NO_x & SO_x emissions
 - -70% EGU SO₂
 - -10% EGU NO_x
 - -30% mobile NO_x
- Additional scenarios: add all-sector reductions to the 2015 Proxy Case
 - 30% NH₃
 - 30% NO_x
 - 30% NH₃ & 30% NO_x

