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Abstract:

Ozone (O₃) is formed in the troposphere by photochemical reactions involving the oxides of nitrogen (NO_x) and non-methane hydrocarbons (NMHCs). Increases in the emissions of these O₃ precursors over the Asian continent can lead to an increase in the O₃ level over the Asian region including the western Pacific. The assessment of this effect requires quantitative understanding of emissions, transport, and chemistry of precursors. In situ aircraft measurements of the O₃ precursors provide detailed information in investigating these processes, especially when combined with numerical models. The aircraft data were obtained over the western Pacific in January and April-May, 2002 during the PEACEA and PACS campaigns. Chemical and transport processes of O₃ from winter to spring have been analyzed using a box model and 3-dimensional Chemical-Transport model. Impacts of NO_x emissions from the Asian continent on O₃ over the Pacific have been assessed by the 3-D model validated by the aircraft data.

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