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Abstract. Measurements of important reactive nitrogen species (NO, NO₂, HNO₃, PAN, PPN, NO₃⁻, NO_y), C₁ to C₆ hydrocarbons, O₃, chemical tracers (C₂Cl₄, CO), and meteorological parameters were made in the troposphere (0 to 12 km) over the western Pacific (0°–50°N) during the Pacific Exploratory Mission-West A campaign (September–October 1991). Under clean conditions, mixing ratios of NO, NO₂, NO_y, and O₃ increased with altitude and showed a distinct latitudinal gradient. PAN showed a midtropospheric maximum, while nitric acid mixing ratios were generally highest near the surface. Measured NO_y concentrations were significantly greater than the sum of individually measured nitrogen species (mainly NO_x, PAN, and HNO₃), suggesting that a large fraction of reactive nitrogen present in the atmosphere is made up of hitherto unknown species. This shortfall was larger in the tropics (≈65%) compared to midlatitudes (≈40%) and was minimal in air masses with high HNO₃ mixing ratios (>100 ppt). A global three-dimensional photochemical model has been used to compare observations with predictions and to assess the significance of major sources. It is possible that the tropical lightning source is much greater than commonly assumed, and both lightning source and its distribution remain a major area of uncertainty in the budgets of NO_y and NO_x. A large disagreement between measurement and theory exists in the atmospheric distribution of HNO₃. It appears that surface-based anthropogenic emissions provide nearly 65% of the global atmospheric NO_y reservoir. Relatively constant NO_x/NO_y ratios imply that NO_y and NO_x are in chemical equilibrium and the NO_y reservoir may be an important in situ source of atmospheric NO_x. Data are interpreted to suggest that only about 20% of the upper tropospheric (7–12 km) NO_x is directly attributable to its surface NO_x source, and free tropospheric sources are dominant. In situ release of NO_x from the NO_y reservoir, lightning, direct transport of surface NO_x, aircraft emissions, and small stratospheric input collectively maintain the NO_x balance in the atmosphere. It is shown that atmospheric ratios of reactive nitrogen and sulfur species, along with trajectory analysis, can be used to pinpoint the source of Asian continental outflow. Compared to rural atmospheres over North America, air masses over the Pacific are highly efficient in net O₃ production. Sources of tropospheric NO_x cannot yet be accurately defined due to shortcomings in measurements and theory.

Introduction

The NASA Global Tropospheric Experiment (GTE) consists of a series of field programs designed to elucidate the

composition and chemistry of the Earth's global atmosphere [McNeal *et al.*, 1983]. The Pacific troposphere is a major region of the northern hemisphere that is relatively free of direct influences from man-made pollution. Significant industrial growth in Asia and North America in recent decades has the potential to greatly impact this pristine region. The western Pacific has the unique advantage of being alternately pristine or polluted during periods of easterly and westerly flows, respectively [Prospero and Savoie, 1989]. The period of early fall provides an opportunity to study pristine air over the Pacific as opposed to early spring when Asian continental outflow is at its peak. As part of GTE, a field experiment (Pacific Exploratory Mission (PEM)-West A) was performed in September–October 1991 to principally study the budgets and chemistry of reactive nitrogen, ozone, and sulfur. A second follow-up mission which focused on the continental outflow was completed in the spring of 1994 (PEM-West B).

The PEM-West A had a strong airborne component (DC-8 aircraft) with several complementary surface sampling sites. Aircraft sampling centered on the western Pacific covering a

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Table 1. Grouping of PEM-West A Missions With Meteorological Trajectories and Air Mass Origin

Mission	General Geographic Location	Transport Wind Flow (Trajectories)	Primary Air Mass	Air Mass Source Region
5, 7	North and Northwest Pacific (E and NE of Japan)	strong W-NW	continental polar air	North China/Siberia
6, 8	into the subtropical high (30°N) SE of Japan	E-SE-S	maritime subtropical air	subtropical high pressure (30°N 140°–160°E)
9	south of Japan, east of Typhoon "Mireille"	S-SE	maritime tropical air	W/SW Pacific
10, 11	on west side of subtropical high	SE	maritime subtropical air	subtropical high pressure (20°–30°N 130°–150°E)
12	Taiwan	polar front about to pass (NW-SE), east wind flow	maritime subtropical air	western tropical Pacific
13	around Taiwan	behind polar front in W-NW wind flow	continental polar air	China Mainland
14, 15, 16, 17	western Tropical Pacific	S-SE (tropical easterlies)	maritime tropical air	equatorial Pacific
18	western/central tropical Pacific	south of strong high-pressure system	maritime subtropical air	north central Pacific
19, 20	tropical Pacific and Hawaii	E-SE	maritime subtropical air	tropical/subtropical eastern Pacific
21	from Hawaii to Moffett	from easterlies into northwesterlies	maritime subtropical air/marine polar air	subtropical Pacific/Gulf of Alaska

latitude of 0°–50°N and a longitude of 120°–180°E. Details about the experimental plan and the general study objectives are presented in the overview paper by *Hoell et al.* [this issue]. Aircraft measurements of important reactive nitrogen species (NO, NO₂, HNO₃, PAN, PPN, NO₃⁻, NO_y), O₃, C₁ to C₆ hydrocarbons, aerosols, chemical tracers (C₂Cl₄, CO), and meteorological parameters were made. (NO_x is defined as NO + NO₂; NO_y is a measured quantity intended to measure the total of all reactive nitrogen (excluding ammonia and nitriles). PAN (R = CH₃) and PPN (R = C₂H₅) are homologues of the series RC(O)OONO₂; ppt = 10⁻¹² vol/vol; ppb = 10⁻⁹ vol/vol.) In this manuscript we analyzed these data to quantitatively describe the distribution and partitioning of measured odd nitrogen and its relationship with ozone under polluted and pristine conditions. Model and experimental data are compared to show agreements and major shortcomings in our present knowledge of photochemical theory and sources of reactive nitrogen.

Experiment, Meteorology, and Model

PEM-West A utilized a DC-8 aircraft for all airborne measurements. A total of eighteen science and transit missions were conducted from September 16 to October 22, 1991. Missions 6–9, 12–13, and 15–17 were science flights from Japan, Hong Kong, and Guam, respectively. All other flights were transit flights. Missions 6–20 (latitude 0°–42°N), located west of Hawaii, were largely used for the analysis provided in this study. Trace chemicals specifically used in this study include nitrogen species, ozone, and hydrocarbons. Details of the measurement techniques have already been published and are summarized in the overview paper. Simply stated, PAN, PPN, and C₂Cl₄ were measured by electron capture–gas chromatography (EC-GC), ozone by ethylene chemiluminescence, nitric acid by mist chamber/IC technique [Talbot et al., 1990], and hydrocarbons by grab sampling and subsequent GC-FID analysis [Blake et al., this issue]. NO, NO₂, and NO_y were measured

Table 2. Mixing Ratios of Key Species Over Western Pacific During September–October 1990

Latitude	Altitude, km	PAN, ppt	HNO ₃ , ppt	NO, † ppt	NO ₂ , ppt	NO _y , ppt	Ozone, ppb	CO, ppb	C ₂ H ₂ , ppt	C ₂ Cl ₄ , ppt
25°–42°N	0–1	8.3 ± 22.2 (2.0, 42)*	136.3 ± 171.0 (68.0, 13)	4.7 ± 3.8 (3.5, 15)	45.2 ± 56.7 (30.2, 45)	209.4 ± 115.6 (172.0, 51)	18.9 ± 10.8 (13.3, 76)	81.5 ± 13.4 (84.2, 72)	93.7 ± 79.3 (74.0, 48)	4.6 ± 1.3 (4.6, 42)
	0–3	15.0 ± 33.7 (2.0, 76)	119.6 ± 137.5 (74.0, 22)	6.0 ± 6.7 (3.6, 31)	44.9 ± 42.4 (34.1, 93)	248.9 ± 139.9 (189.0, 100)	24.8 ± 14.6 (20.8, 124)	83.4 ± 14.7 (83.7, 123)	105.1 ± 91.8 (76.0, 90)	4.8 ± 1.5 (4.5, 76)
	3–7	82.3 ± 86.2 (50.6, 108)	78.3 ± 51.3 (67.50, 26)	19.5 ± 14.6 (15.7, 66)	46.6 ± 15.2 (47.8, 134)	375.8 ± 113.1 (357.0, 141)	40.8 ± 12.0 (39.5, 211)	86.0 ± 10.5 (84.3, 205)	96.1 ± 54.1 (75.3, 103)	4.0 ± 1.6 (3.6, 103)
	7–13	78.0 ± 44.0 (78.1, 105)	34.9 ± 14.1 (31.0, 12)	58.3 ± 62.5 (40.7, 110)	65.3 ± 24.5 (63.9, 123)	527.5 ± 129.0 (536.0, 124)	50.8 ± 15.0 (51.0, 172)	90.5 ± 10.5 (91.0, 158)	115.9 ± 42.3 (121.3, 74)	3.7 ± 0.8 (3.6, 103)
0°–25°N	0–1	2.8 ± 1.7 (2.0, 83)	45.7 ± 60.2 (17.0, 19)	5.2 ± 8.1 (3.0, 68)	25.6 ± 42.7 (11.9, 93)	266.6 ± 173.6 (219.0, 88)	18.1 ± 9.6 (17.4, 140)	78.8 ± 11.5 (74.3, 135)	72.7 ± 61.7 (43.0, 83)	3.4 ± 1.2 (3.3, 83)
	0–3	3.1 ± 2.3 (2.0, 133)	47.0 ± 54.5 (21.5, 26)	4.4 ± 6.6 (2.8, 108)	21.1 ± 33.8 (11.5, 155)	25.1 ± 153.2 (219.0, 132)	19.0 ± 9.6 (17.8, 226)	79.1 ± 12.0 (74.3, 214)	69.5 ± 57.0 (54.0, 131)	3.2 ± 1.2 (3.0, 133)
	3–7	24.1 ± 30.3 (16.0, 177)	35.9 ± 26.7 (26.0, 30)	9.1 ± 6.2 (7.5, 127)	19.4 ± 9.8 (16.2, 214)	282.9 ± 127.7 (263.0, 180)	31.4 ± 11.8 (27.8, 315)	86.2 ± 11.2 (84.3, 315)	69.5 ± 34.0 (66.2, 186)	3.0 ± 1.0 (2.9, 149)
	7–13	24.3 ± 26.6 (16.3, 229)	17.6 ± 14.0 (11.5, 8)	23.9 ± 23.9 (15.5, 190)	33.7 ± 14.9 (34.1, 241)	392.0 ± 129.9 (375.0, 176)	31.5 ± 13.6 (28.3, 396)	90.4 ± 12.9 (90.5, 374)	86.3 ± 48.4 (87.0, 219)	3.1 ± 1.1 (2.9, 227)

Data are from missions 6–20. Except for HNO₃, 180-s merged data set is used. Cases with CO > 110 ppb and NO_y > 800 ppt are excluded.

*Mean ± 1σ (median, number of data points).

†NO data are for zenith angle of less than 60°.

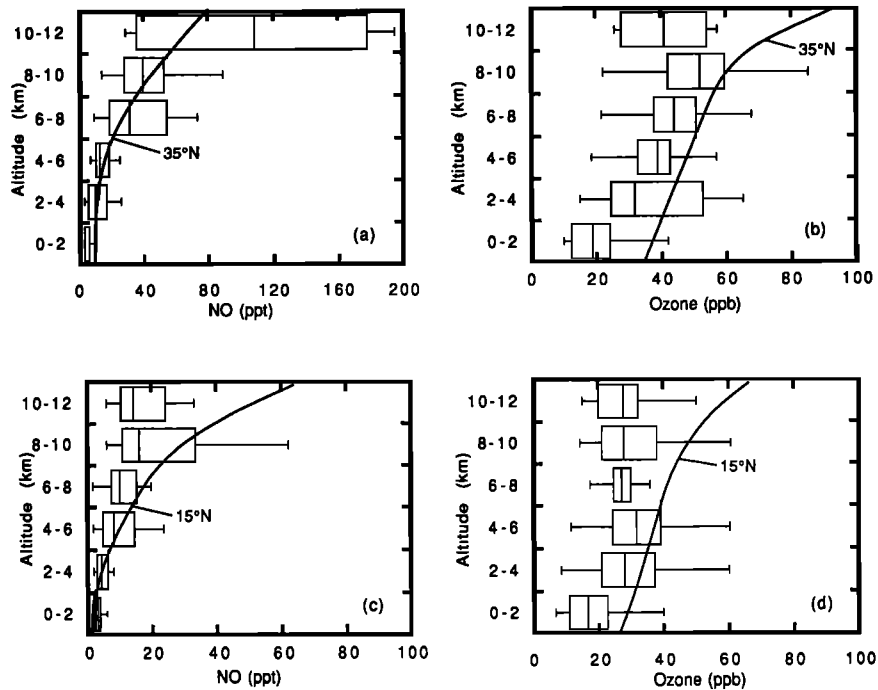


Figure 1. Vertical distribution of NO and O₃ over the (a, b) subtropical/midlatitude and (c, d) tropical/equatorial western Pacific. Data from missions 6–20 are divided in two latitude bands of 25°–42°N (midlatitude/subtropical) and 0°–25°N (tropical/equatorial) and are further filtered (CO < 110 ppb and NO_y < 800 ppt) to remove fresh sources of pollution. Data are binned in 2-km altitude bands. Line within the box shows median value, box boundaries indicate quartiles, and the lines extending from the box represent maximum and minimum within the accepted data (see text). Solid lines show the results of simulation with a three-dimensional global photochemical model for the period of September at 35°N and 15°N latitudes and 145°E longitude. Unless otherwise stated, the Georgia Institute of Technology NO_y data have been used.

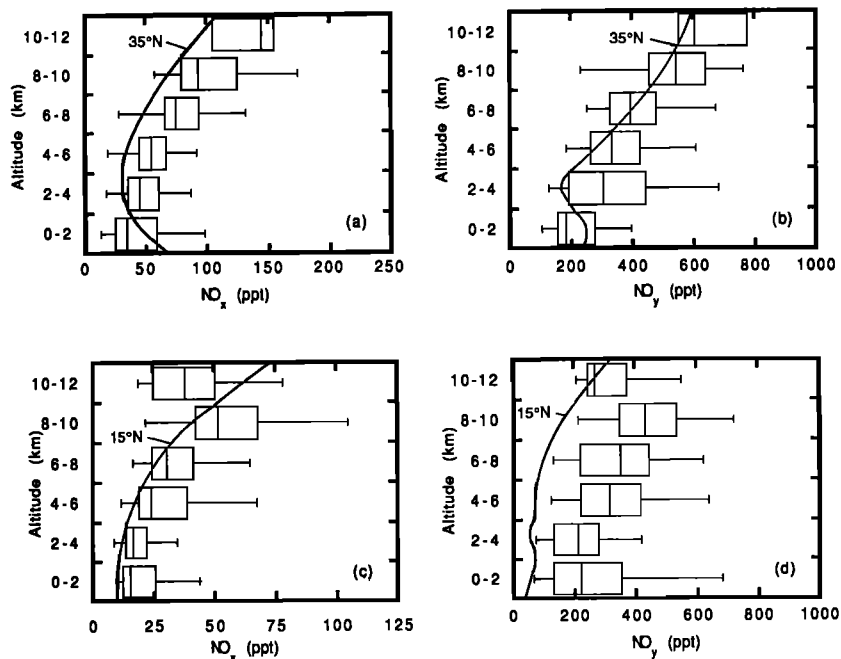


Figure 2. Vertical distribution of NO_x and NO_y over the (a, b) midlatitude/subtropical and (c, d) tropical/equatorial western Pacific. Data and model as described in Figure 1.

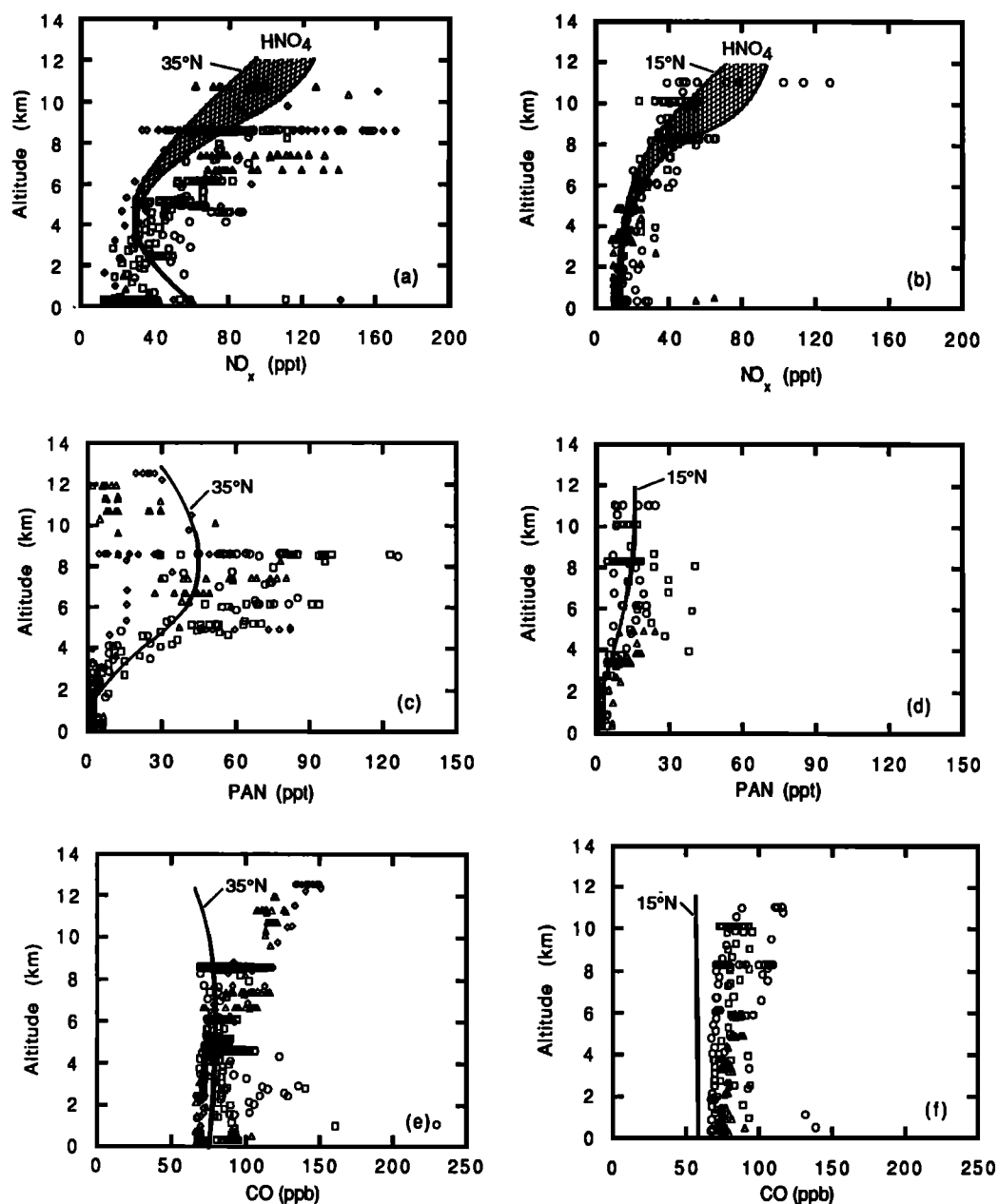


Figure 3. Vertical distribution of NO_x , PAN, and CO over subtropical/midlatitude and tropical/equatorial western Pacific. The midlatitude/subtropical set represents data from missions 6 (circle), 8 (square), 9 (triangle), and 10 (diamond) which had favorable meteorology and least continental impact. Missions 15 (circle), 18 (square), and 20 (diamond) are similarly chosen to represent clean tropical/equatorial background. Model output as in Figure 1. The dashed area in Figures 3a and 3b shows model-calculated abundance of HO_2NO_2 .

by a laser-induced fluorescence (LIF) instrument developed by Georgia Institute of Technology (GIT) [Sandholm *et al.*, 1994]. NO and NO_y were also measured by Nagoya University (NU) investigators using the chemiluminescent technique [Kondo *et al.*, this issue]. A map of the geographical extent covered during the PEM-West A missions and a summary table of individual flights as well as instrumentation used are provided in the overview papers by Hoell *et al.* [this issue].

While NO measurements showed excellent agreement, substantial differences in NO_y measurements between the two techniques were observed. Water interference was found to be a major source of uncertainty in the NU instrument causing

the data below 3 km to be largely unreliable. However, this was not the only reason for the disagreement as measurements at altitudes above 7 km, where water interference should have been negligible, also disagreed. Here the GIT NO_y measurements were typically higher than those reported by NU by about a factor of 2 with most pronounced differences in tropical air masses. A panel of experts, after careful evaluation of these data sets, concluded that the NO_y data collected by GIT using the LIF technique suffered from fewer problems and provided a preferred data set [Crosley, 1993]. Based on the panel recommendation, we have used the GIT NO_y data set in this study unless otherwise stated. We caution that in some

Table 3. Median Mixing Ratios of Select Reactive Nitrogen Species From Subarctic and Pacific Studies

Location	Date	NO _x , ppt		PAN, ppt		HNO ₃ , ppt		NO _y , ppt	
		0–3 km	3–6 km	0–3 km	3–6 km	0–3 km	3–6 km	0–3 km	3–6 km
Marine eastern Pacific, 35°–45°N	Aug./Sept. 1986	20	30	10	120	80	120	101	298
Central Pacific Hawaii, 19°N*	May/June 1988		31		16		92		253
Alaska, 50°–70°N	July/Aug. 1989	19	31	17	234	50	45	284	639
Hudson Bay, Canada, 45°–55°N	July/Aug. 1990	41	43	50	317	81	51	251	735
Labrador, Canada, 50°–60°N	July/Aug. 1990	33	45	61	298	69	45	202	394
Western Pacific, 25°–45°N	Sept./Oct. 1991	37	59	2	50	74	67	189	357
Western Pacific (0°–25°N)	Sept./Oct. 1991	15	23	2	16	21	26	219	263

*Data were collected at a fixed site (Mauna Loa) 3.4 km above sea level and are selected for downslope conditions.

companion papers the NU NO_y data have been exclusively presented and analyzed [Kondo *et al.*, this issue; Koike *et al.*, this issue]. It is also noted that measured NO₂ levels were, on the average, larger than those calculated from NO assuming photostationary state conditions [Crawford *et al.*, this issue]. One possible interpretation of this disagreement may be that the measured NO₂ (and NO_x) is too high due to possible interferences from unknown NO_y species. A possible candidate at high altitudes would be HO₂NO₂ which may dissociate in contact with surfaces within the instrument. In this study we assume that the measured NO₂ data as reported are correct to within their stated accuracy [Sandholm *et al.*, 1994].

The meteorological description for the region and for each of the missions are described by Bachmeier *et al.* [this issue]. Extensive trajectory analysis and 5- to 10-day back trajectories were available from Merrill [this issue]. Typically, 10–15 trajectories were calculated for each flight starting at altitudes

that extended from 1 to 12 km. The analysis of data presented in this paper took advantage of the overall synoptic meteorology and trajectory information in selecting missions of interest. Table 1 provides a basic summary of the meteorology that prevailed during each of the PEM-West A missions.

The data collected over the western Pacific were compared with the output of a three-dimensional global photochemical model (MOGUNTIA). This three-dimensional model contained a detailed chemical scheme describing O₃/NO_x/CO/CH₄/C₂H₆/C₃H₈ chemistry with more than 100 photochemical reactions, as described by Kanakidou *et al.* [1991]. The model used a global emission inventory with a 10° latitude × 10° longitude resolution and contained 10 vertical levels from surface to 100 hPa. Rainout of key species (e.g., HNO₃, H₂O₂, and CH₃COOH) was based on climatological rainfall rates and scavenging efficiencies described by Langner and Rodhe [1991] for in-cloud scavenging of particles and gases. The OH distri-

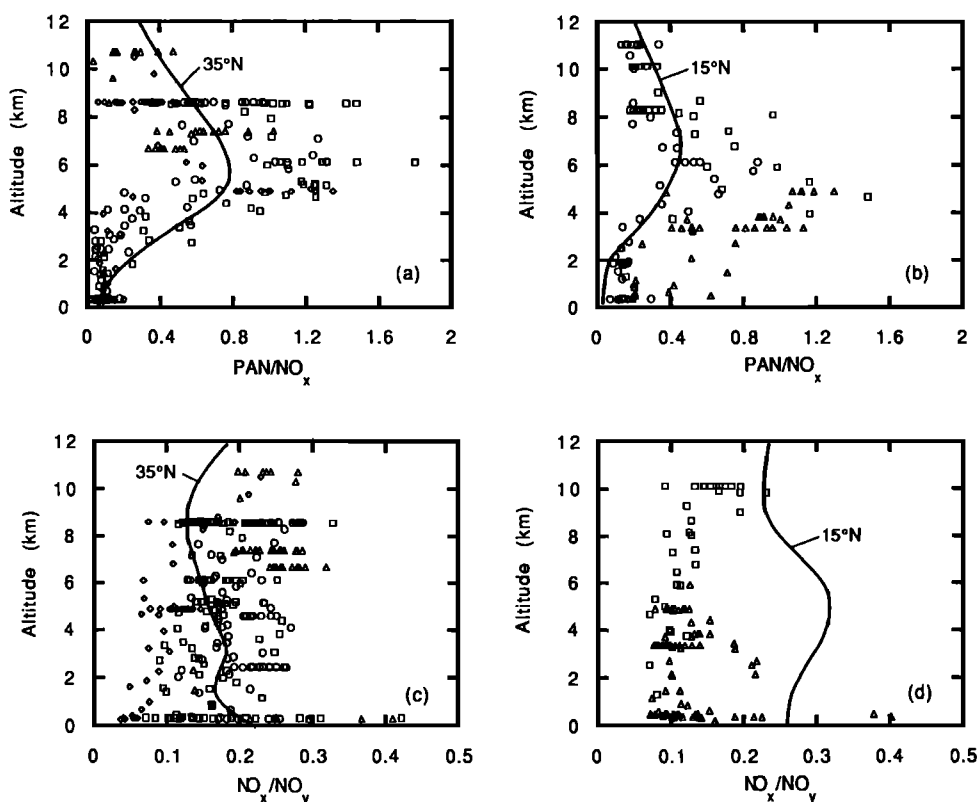


Figure 4. Vertical distribution of PAN/NO_x and NO_x/NO_y over the (a, c) midlatitude/subtropical and (b, d) tropical/equatorial western Pacific, as in Figure 3.

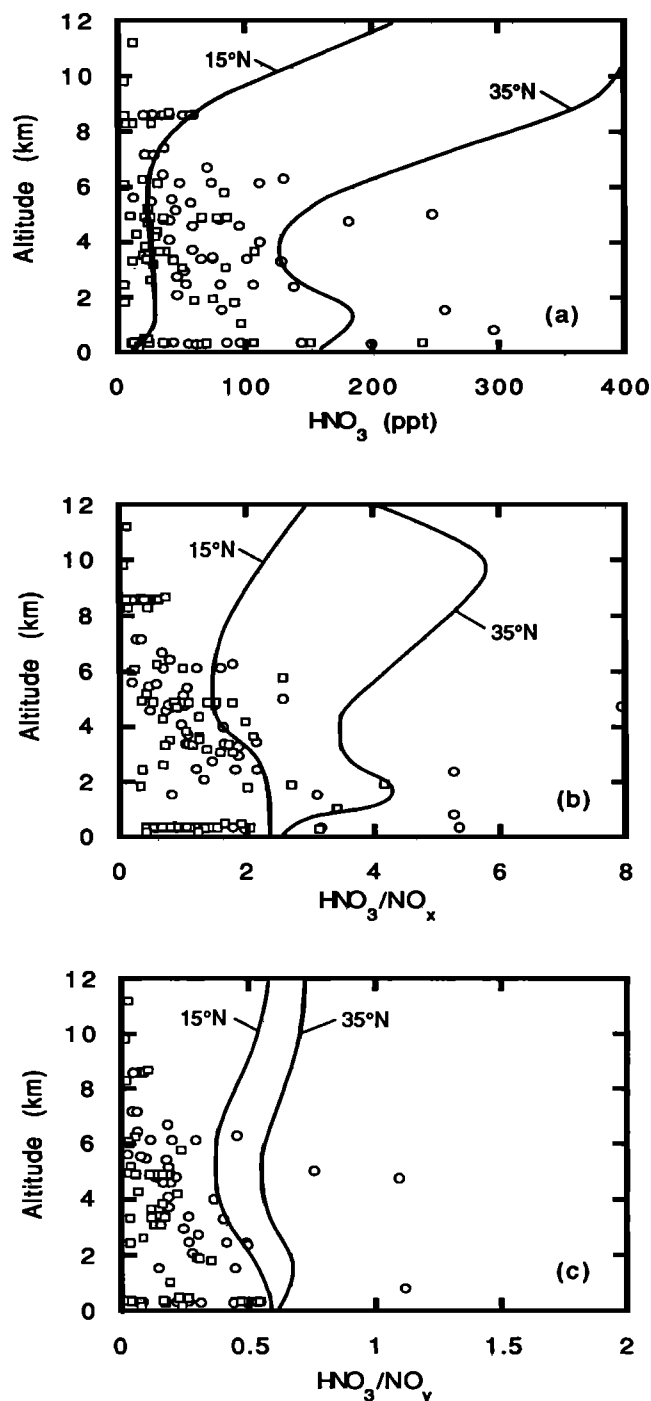


Figure 5. Vertical distribution of HNO_3 , HNO_3/NO_x , and HNO_3/NO_y over the western Pacific. Circles represent data from 25° to 42°N and squares represent data from 0° to 25°N . Lines show model results.

tribution in this model is fitted to a methyl chloroform lifetime of 5.5 years. The basic model has been described by *Crutzen and Zimmerman* [1991] and *Kanakidou et al.* [1992]. Heterogeneous reactions involving N_2O_5 and NO_3 reactions on aerosols and in-cloud N_2O_5 conversion to HNO_3 are also included [Dentener and Crutzen, 1993]. NO_x emissions totaling 38 Tg (N)/yr (20 Tg (N)/yr from fossil fuel sources, 8 Tg (N)/yr from lightning, 6 Tg (N)/yr from biomass burning, and 4 Tg (N)/yr from soils) are distributed as described by *Crutzen and Zimmer-*

man [1991]. The spatial and temporal stochastic distribution of convection events has been used for the emission distribution of NO_x by lightning. Aircraft emissions of NO_x (0.7 ± 0.4 Tg(N)/yr) were not specifically included in this model in part because it was felt that the uncertainties associated with the lightning source are probably much larger than this source. The convective transport parameterization published by *Feichter and Crutzen* [1990] has been extended to the upper layer of the model (100 hPa). Injection of O_3 from the stratosphere was 480 Tg/yr (4×10^{10} molecules $\text{cm}^2 \text{s}^{-1}$). The mixing ratios of select nitrogen species such as HNO_3 and NO_x were fixed at the upper boundary of the model and correspond to a stratospheric source of about 0.5 Tg(N)/yr (67% HNO_3 , 33% NO_x). In addition, total global sources were CH_4 , 544 Tg/yr; CO , 1550 Tg/yr; C_2H_6 , 14 Tg/yr; and C_3H_8 , 17 Tg/yr. Although results from this model were available on a global basis, model output for the month of September at 145°E longitude and the prescribed latitude (western Pacific) is used to compare with PEM-West A measurements. Sensitivity studies were also performed to assess the impact of sources such as lightning.

Results and Discussion

As stated earlier, a comprehensive set of reactive nitrogen measurements (NO , NO_2 , HNO_3 , PAN, PPN, NO_3^- , and NO_y) were made during the PEM-West A deployment. Different sampling periods were employed in these measurements. Several merged sets containing matching data averaged within the PAN, HNO_3 , and NO_y sampling windows were created for the purposes of data analysis. For NO , NO_2 , and NO_y , and O_3 , 180-s time windows were used. The HNO_3 sampling window was the longest and data merged to this window was used in all cases involving HNO_3 . Data were further segregated into mid-latitude/subtropical (42° – 25°N) and tropical/equatorial (25° – 0°N) latitude bands. To eliminate short-term local influences (e.g., ship plumes) and fresh pollution episodes, numerical filters ($\text{CO} < 110$ ppb and $\text{NO}_y < 800$ ppt) were also used where appropriate. Based on synoptic meteorology, missions 6, 8, 9, and 10 were combined to give a view of the midlatitude/subtropical ($\approx 35^\circ\text{N}$) distributions while missions 15, 18, and 20 are used to describe the tropical/equatorial latitude region ($\approx 12^\circ\text{N}$). Back trajectories showed that during previous five or so days, these air masses were only minimally impacted by fresh continental emissions. Missions 7 and 13 were used to show outflow conditions impacting the western Pacific from primarily Asian sources. Budget and partitioning of reactive nitrogen were assessed based entirely on the HNO_3 matched data set.

Atmospheric Distributions Over the Western Pacific: Mixing Ratios, Variabilities, and Vertical Structures

In this section we look at the distribution key reactive nitrogen (NO , NO_x , PAN, HNO_3 , and NO_y) measured during this experiment. Table 2 provides concentrations of O_3 , key reactive nitrogen, and tracer (C_2Cl_4 , CO , C_2H_2) species as a function of altitude for two select latitude bands. NO data are restricted to zenith angle of less than 60° . Box plots of the vertical distribution of NO , O_3 (Figure 1), and NO_x , NO_y (Figure 2) at midlatitude/subtropical and tropical/equatorial latitudes are shown. Standard statistical techniques were used to prepare these box plots. Line within the box shows median value, box boundaries indicate lower and upper quartiles, and the lines extending from the box represent maximum and min-

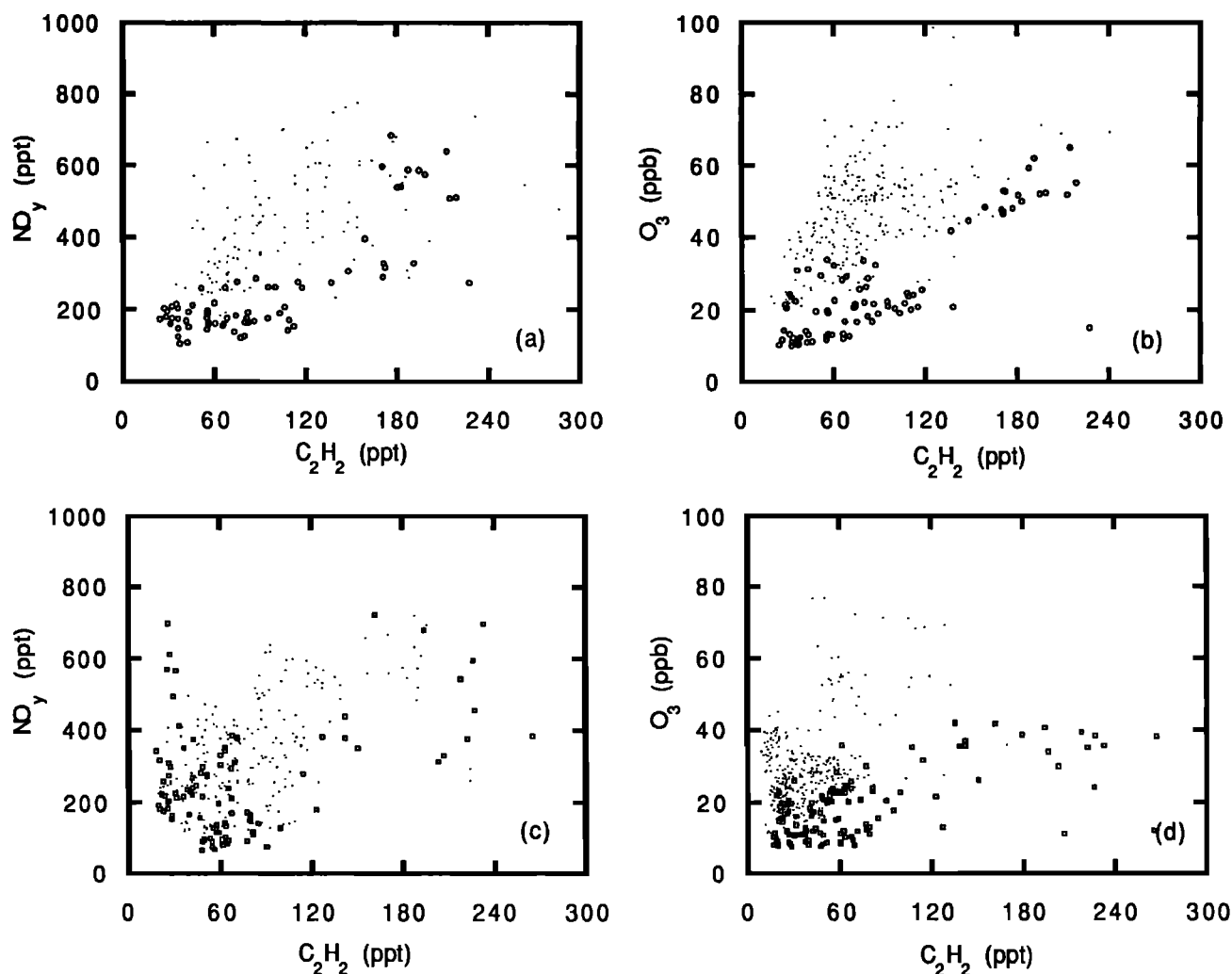


Figure 6. Correlation of NO_y and O_3 mixing ratios with those of C_2H_2 over the (a, b) midlatitude/subtropical and (c, d) tropical/equatorial western Pacific. Data as described in Figure 1. Open symbols represent surface (0–3 km) and dots represent the free troposphere (3–12 km).

imum values that fall within the statistically acceptable range which is defined as data bounded by robust lower (lower quartile $- 1.5 \times$ interquartile distance) and upper (upper quartile $+ 1.5 \times$ interquartile distance) limit. Outlying data points excluded by this procedure (0–10% of data) are not shown in Figures 1 and 2. Solid line shows the results of simulation by the MOGUNTIA model at 35°N and 15°N latitudes and 145°E longitude. One of the key inputs to ozone formation is the amount of NO available [Davis *et al.*, this issue]. Extremely low NO concentrations were observed in the boundary layer at all latitudes with a median of about 4 ppt (Table 2). NO concentrations predicted by the model are somewhat larger than those observed, resulting in a slight overprediction of the mean ozone content. Perhaps the largest discrepancy between measurements and model output is in the NO_y levels at tropical latitudes (Figure 2d). A possible reason for this may be that the tropical lightning source may be larger than that used in the model. Additionally, as we shall see later, this is also a region where there is a great discrepancy between measured NO_y and its accounting by known species.

Figure 3 shows the distribution of NO_x , PAN, and CO for select midlatitude/subtropical missions (missions 6, 8, 9, and

10) and tropical/equatorial latitude missions (missions 15, 16, and 20). While the measured and modeled NO_x values, in general, appear in agreement, there are important differences. At midlatitudes (Figure 3a), measured NO_x values are below those predicted near the surface and are higher aloft. The higher NO_x values predicted within the first 2 km are directly related to the higher NO predicted. It is possible that pernitric acid (HO_2NO_2), when present, may be converted in instruments via surface-catalyzed processes and measured as NO_2 . Model-predicted values of HO_2NO_2 are also shown in shaded areas (Figures 3a, 3b). Addition of the HO_2NO_2 mixing ratios to calculated NO_x does improve the agreement above 7 km. Figure 3c shows the vertical distribution of PAN for midlatitude air with a clear indication of a maximum between 6–8 km in reasonable agreement with that predicted by the model. This PAN midtropospheric maximum is a likely result of both convective outflow at the 6- to 8-km altitudes and a balance between its formation and destruction rates which are strong functions of altitude. Such a maximum was less evident at subtropical latitudes because of the extremely low mixing ratios (10–15 ppt). It is noted that the free-tropospheric PAN abundance over the western Pacific under clean conditions is

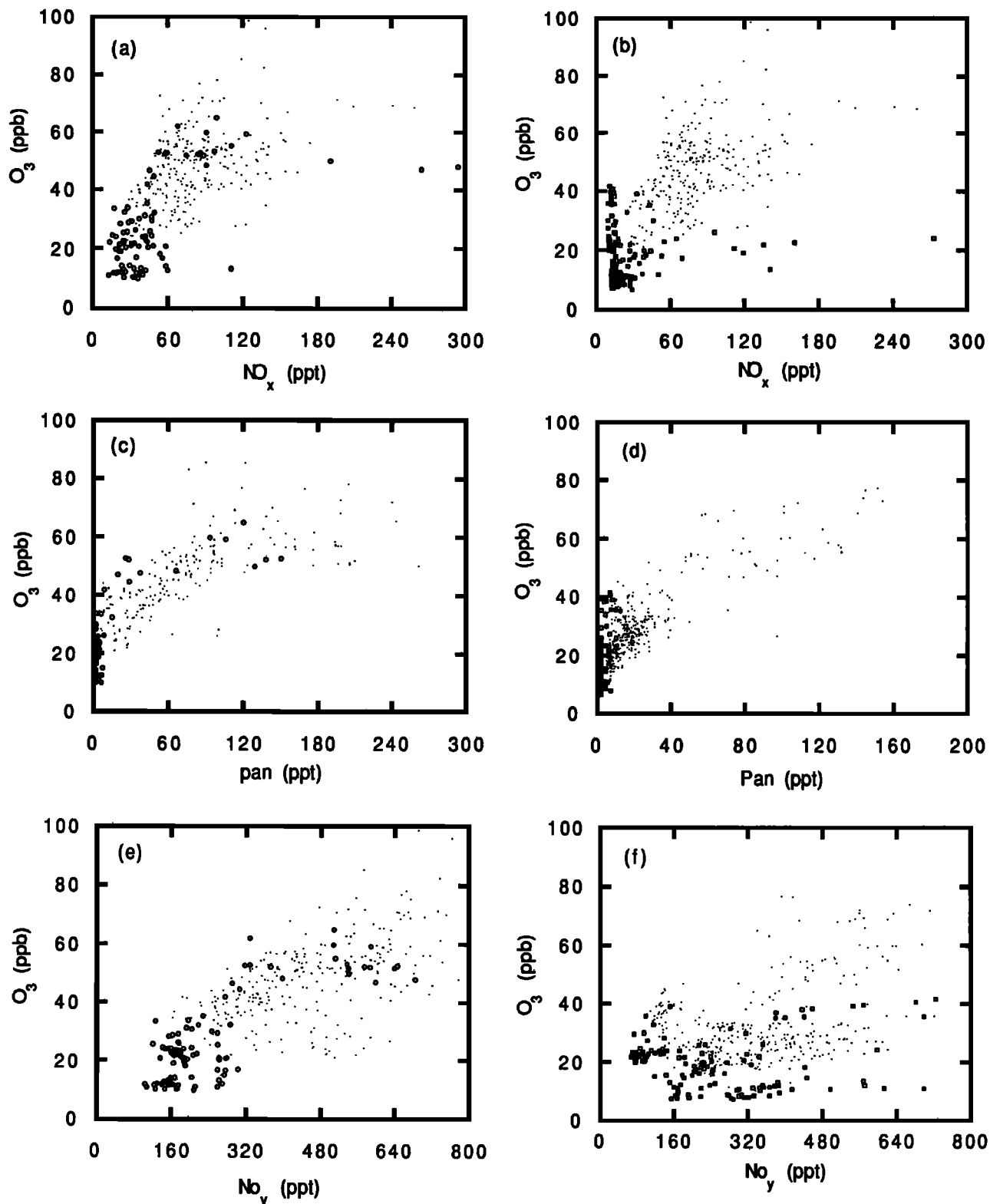


Figure 7. Correlation of O_3 mixing ratios with those of NO_x , PAN, and NO_y over the (a, c, e) midlatitude/subtropical and (b, d, f) tropical/equatorial western Pacific. Same as in Figure 6.

substantially lower than that measured over the eastern Pacific and in the arctic/subarctic environments. Data collected over the eastern Pacific were close to the North American continent and perhaps more impacted by pollution sources. Median mixing ratios of key reactive nitrogen species from many of these

studies have been summarized in Table 3 [Atlas *et al.*, 1992; Carroll *et al.*, 1990; Huebert *et al.*, 1990; Sandholm *et al.*, 1992, 1994; Singh *et al.*, 1990, 1992, 1994]. Also shown in Figure 3e and 3f are measured and modeled CO concentrations. This and many other models [e.g., Liu *et al.*, this issue], in general,

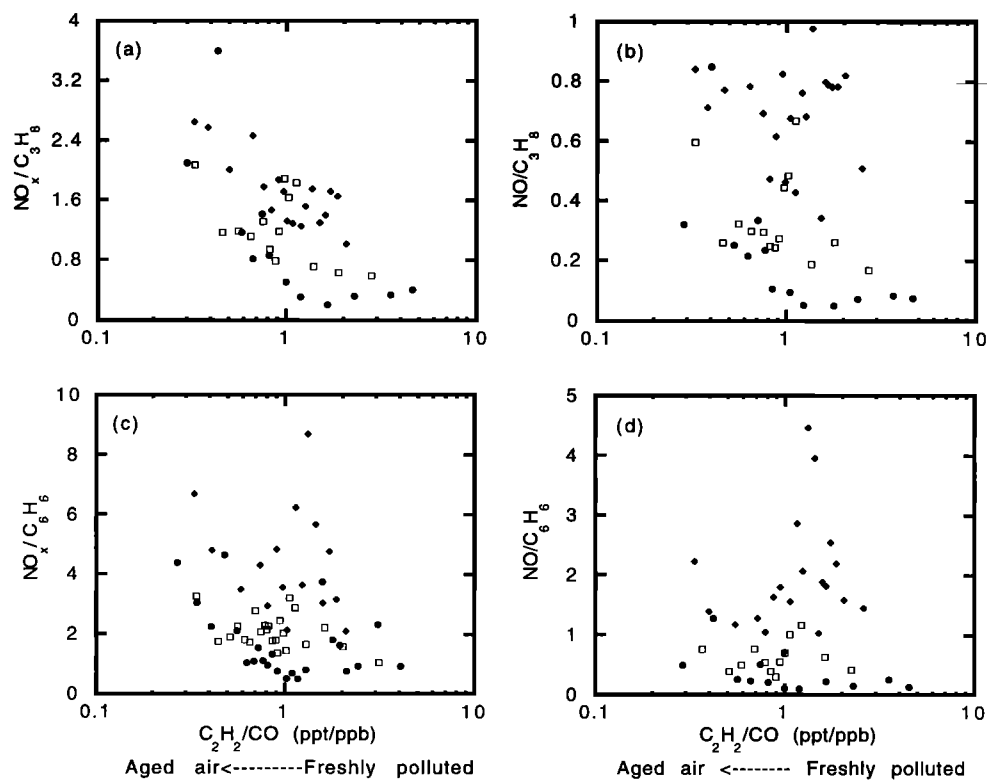


Figure 8. $\text{NO}_x/\text{hydrocarbon}$ and $\text{NO}/\text{hydrocarbon}$ ratios as a function of air mass age and altitude; 0–3 km (circle); 3–7 km (square), 7–12 km (diamond). Each symbol is an average of 10 data points. Hydrocarbons selected are propane (C_3H_8) and benzene (C_6H_6).

are unable to correctly simulate the increasing concentrations of long-lived tracers (CO and hydrocarbons) with altitude, possibly due to inadequate treatment of convective processes.

Figure 4 shows the ratios of PAN/ NO_x and NO_x/NO_y at the two selected latitude bands. Although there is substantial scatter in the data, the general profile of the PAN/ NO_x ratio is predicted by this model with a maximum that is near 6- to 8-km altitudes. This PAN/ NO_x ratio measured over the western Pacific is significantly lower than observed at previous midlatitude or arctic/subarctic experiments (Table 3). Over the eastern Pacific, PAN/ NO_x ratios at about 5-km altitudes were 4–5 and extremely high ratios (5–10) were measured at the arctic/subarctic regions [Ridley *et al.*, 1990; Singh *et al.*, 1992]. The NO_x/NO_y ratio over the midlatitude western Pacific (Figure

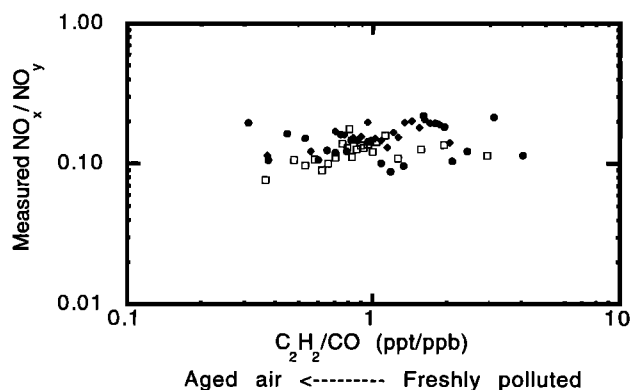


Figure 9. NO_x/NO_y ratio as a function of air mass age and altitude. Same as in Figure 8.

4c) is in reasonable accord with the model and with the observed median values of 0.1–0.2 over the eastern Pacific [Carroll *et al.*, 1990]. The NO_x/NO_y measured ratio deviates from the model at tropical/equatorial latitudes (Figure 4d) largely due to the underprediction of NO_y mixing ratios (Figure 2d). In general, the abundance and vertical structures of NO_x and PAN over the western Pacific do not deviate greatly from predictions. This is not true of NO_y mixing ratios, especially at tropical latitudes.

Measurements describing the distribution of HNO_3 , HNO_3/NO_x , and HNO_3/NO_y at the two selected latitude bands are shown in Figure 5. The measured HNO_3 mixing ratios are, in general, lower than those predicted, especially at midlatitude, and the differences are greatest at higher altitudes. The synthesis of HNO_3 largely occurs from reaction between NO_2 and OH (during the day) and N_2O_5 heterogeneous conversion (at night). The model-predicted HNO_3/NO_x ratio of 3–5 is much larger than that calculated from measurements during PEM-West A but in reasonable agreement with that found at Mauna Loa and over the eastern Pacific [Huebert *et al.*, 1990; Norton *et al.*, 1992; Atlas *et al.*, 1992]. Below 6 km the predicted HNO_3/NO_x is in better agreement with the tropical data. Similarly, HNO_3/NO_y measured ratio is much lower than predicted.

The possibility cannot be ruled out that there may be problems with both HNO_3 measurements and/or with the simulation of the removal processes and chemistry of HNO_3 . Since NO_x is a major precursor of HNO_3 and the rate of formation is relatively fast (a few days), a direct relationship between NO_x and HNO_3 mixing ratios is reasonable to expect [e.g., Norton *et al.*, 1992]. It was found that in the boundary layer (0–3 km), NO_x and HNO_3 were correlated ($R = 0.77$) and

Table 4. Reactive Nitrogen Budget and Distribution As a Function of Latitude and Altitude Over Western Pacific

Latitude	Altitude, km	PAN/NO _y	NO _x /NO _y	HNO ₃ /NO _y	NO ₃ ⁻ /NO _y	NO _y _i /NO _y	NO _y -NO _y _i , ppt
25°–42°N	0–1*	0.02 ± 0.02 (0.02, 9)‡	0.20 ± 0.07 (0.17, 10)	0.42 ± 0.29 (0.37, 10)	0.11 ± 0.05 (0.10, 6)	0.63 ± 0.33 (0.50, 9)	64.5 ± 62.4 (88.8, 9)
	0–3*	0.05 ± 0.07 (0.02, 19)	0.19 ± 0.06 (0.18, 20)	0.38 ± 0.22 (0.31, 19)	0.11 ± 0.08 (0.09, 9)	0.62 ± 0.24 (0.57, 18)	84.7 ± 65.5 (89.6, 18)
	3–7*	0.20 ± 0.16 (0.16, 25)	0.18 ± 0.07 (0.17, 27)	0.25 ± 0.23 (0.18, 26)	0.13 ± 0.10 (0.16, 8)	0.63 ± 0.27 (0.56, 24)	142.0 ± 111.0 (143.2, 24)
	7–12*	0.17 ± 0.06 (0.17, 16)	0.21 ± 0.05 (0.20, 16)	0.07 ± 0.02 (0.06, 11)	0.02 ± 0.02 (0.02, 5)	0.41 ± 0.07 (0.41, 11)	305.5 ± 67.7 (308.9, 11)
	7–12†	0.26 ± 0.07 (0.26, 17)	0.35 ± 0.14 (0.33, 16)	0.12 ± 0.06 (0.10, 12)	0.04 ± 0.04 (0.01, 5)	0.71 ± 0.18 (0.57, 11)	106.0 ± 77.7 (93.7, 11)
0°–25°N	0–1*	0.01 ± 0.01 (0.01, 18)	0.16 ± 0.11 (0.14, 19)	0.20 ± 0.17 (0.17, 15)	0.15 ± 0.13 (0.14, 18)	0.33 ± 0.26 (0.28, 13)	216.9 ± 179.6 (260.6, 13)
	0–3*	0.02 ± 0.02 (0.01, 27)	0.14 ± 0.10 (0.12, 29)	0.20 ± 0.16 (0.17, 21)	0.13 ± 0.12 (0.13, 21)	0.32 ± 0.22 (0.27, 18)	212.0 ± 160.4 (190.7, 18)
	3–7*	0.09 ± 0.07 (0.09, 34)	0.10 ± 0.03 (0.10, 35)	0.11 ± 0.06 (0.12, 24)	0.10 ± 0.06 (0.08, 11)	0.31 ± 0.11 (0.29, 23)	214.2 ± 100.0 (218.9, 23)
	7–12*	0.06 ± 0.04 (0.04, 22)	0.15 ± 0.04 (0.15, 21)	0.05 ± 0.04 (0.03, 5)	0.05 ± 0.05 (0.04, 13)	0.32 ± 0.06 (0.30, 5)	302.6 ± 37.3 (293.2, 5)
	7–12†	0.15 ± 0.07 (0.13, 37)	0.38 ± 0.13 (0.35, 31)	0.10 ± 0.09 (0.04, 8)	0.20 ± 0.25 (0.10, 17)	0.60 ± 0.11 (0.64, 8)	80.9 ± 40.7 (62.0, 8)

*Georgia Institute of Technology (GIT) NO_y data. Data are for missions 6–20 and are filtered for CO < 110 ppb and NO_y < 800 ppt.

†Nagoya University NO_y data valid for only 7–12 km.

‡Mean ± 1σ (median, number of data points). NO_y_i = NO_x + PAN + PPN + HNO₃.

higher HNO₃ levels, in general, coexisted with higher NO_x levels. However, this was not found to be the case in the middle (3–7 km) and the upper troposphere (7–12 km) where HNO₃ mixing ratios were largely independent of the NO_x present. Collectively, the lack of correlation with NO_x and other tracers, disagreement with theory, and an extremely low HNO₃/NO_x ratio may a hint at some HNO₃ measurement problem. However, special tests designed to verify the validity of this technique have uncovered no identifiable instrumental problems (R. Talbot, University of New Hampshire, private communication, 1994). There are also persuasive arguments to suggest that severe shortcomings in the simulation of HNO₃ transport and chemistry currently exist. The removal processes involving rainout and washout are often localized and sporadic and difficult to simulate accurately in a climatological model. It is also possible that there are unknown processes (surface catalyzed?) that rapidly convert HNO₃ to NO_x and these are neither well known nor simulated in current models. Based on very limited information [Travagli, 1938], it has been speculated that nitric acid could react with formaldehyde on concentrated sulfuric acid aerosols to form intermediate organic species (such as HOCH₂ONO₂, CH₂(ONO₂)₂) which may provide both a reservoir of reactive nitrogen and a possible in situ source of NO_x [Chatfield, 1994; Fan *et al.*, 1994]. Such proposals need to be further studied under controlled experimental conditions.

Relationships Between Reactive Nitrogen, Ozone, and Tracer Species: Sources of Tropospheric NO_x and NO_y

The relationships among reactive nitrogen, ozone, and select tracer species were explored to see if these could shed any light on the nature of their sources. Hydrocarbons (e.g., C₂H₂) and halocarbons (e.g., C₂Cl₄) are generally considered good tracers of anthropogenic activity. Figure 6 shows the relationship of NO_y and O₃ with C₂H₂ for boundary layer and free-tropospheric conditions. It is evident from Figure 6 that in general, high NO_y and O₃ values, both in the boundary layer

and aloft, are associated with correspondingly high values of C₂H₂, suggesting an impact from continental combustion sources. There were occasional instances when high NO_y levels coexisted with extremely low C₂H₂ mixing ratios, but these were nearly exclusively associated with shipboard plumes in the boundary layer and the influences of the stratosphere at high altitudes. We must, however, emphasize that such direct correlations cannot be used to establish a conclusive cause and effect. There are strong latitudinal gradients in the mean distributions of a number of tracer species largely as a result of greater sources at northern midlatitudes and greater sinks in the tropics. Dynamical processes thus can be responsible for some of observed correlations which may be related only indirectly to the impact of sources. For very high C₂H₂ concentrations (>100 ppt) however, a direct impact is reasonably inferred. In general, correlations of NO_y and O₃ with a variety of tracers indicated the substantial impact of continental sources at all altitudes.

Figure 7 shows the relationship between O₃ and its direct (NO_x) and possible indirect precursors (PAN and NO_y). In the middle/subtropical latitudes there is a direct correlation between the mixing ratios of O₃ and those of NO_x, PAN, and NO_y. The NO_y-O₃ correlations are comparable to previous studies but are not so strong as observed in the stratosphere [Sandholm *et al.*, 1992; Murphy *et al.*, 1993; Singh *et al.*, 1994]. The situation in tropical/equatorial latitude is more difficult to comprehend. Here O₃ appeared uncorrelated with NO_y, except at very high altitudes when NO_y exceeded 400 ppt and stratospheric influences were present. The boundary layer data were probably impacted by ship emissions but even in the free troposphere the correlation is extremely weak. This lack of correlation in the subtropics makes sense only if NO_y here is largely composed of oxidized species such as HNO₃ and organic nitrates even though very low HNO₃ levels were actually observed. Also in this region there is a net photochemical sink of O₃ [Davis *et al.*, this issue], causing such a correlation to

break down. These tracer and reactive nitrogen relationships are consistent with the photochemical control of ozone by reactive nitrogen species and the impact of continental emissions on the latter. Correlations with other anthropogenic tracers (e.g., C_2Cl_4) and surface-based tracers (e.g., ^{210}Pb) are in concert with the view that surface emissions are relatively rapidly lofted into the free troposphere and spread globally [Dibb *et al.*, this issue]. As stated earlier, in virtually all cases the distribution of tracer species is sufficiently complex that the mean reservoir of reactive nitrogen cannot be neatly partitioned into source categories.

Figure 8 shows a plot of the NO_x/HC ratio as a function of air mass age, indicated by the C_2H_2/CO ratio, with data segregated by altitude. The C_2H_2/CO ratio is a measure of the relative processing (age!) of the air mass since its last contact with fresh sources. High values suggest relatively recent contact with fresh sources and low values are indicative of an aged air mass, as discussed in greater detail by Smyth *et al.* [this issue]. Propane (C_3H_8) and benzene (C_6H_6) are selected because these have distinct surface sources (combustion and natural gas emissions) and well-defined lifetimes (3 weeks for C_3H_8 and 2 weeks for C_6H_6) that are significantly longer than the NO_x lifetime which can be calculated to be about 0.5–2 days in the lower troposphere increasing to about 5–7 days in the upper troposphere [Ehhalt *et al.*, 1992; Singh and Zimmerman, 1992]. All known sources of these hydrocarbons occur

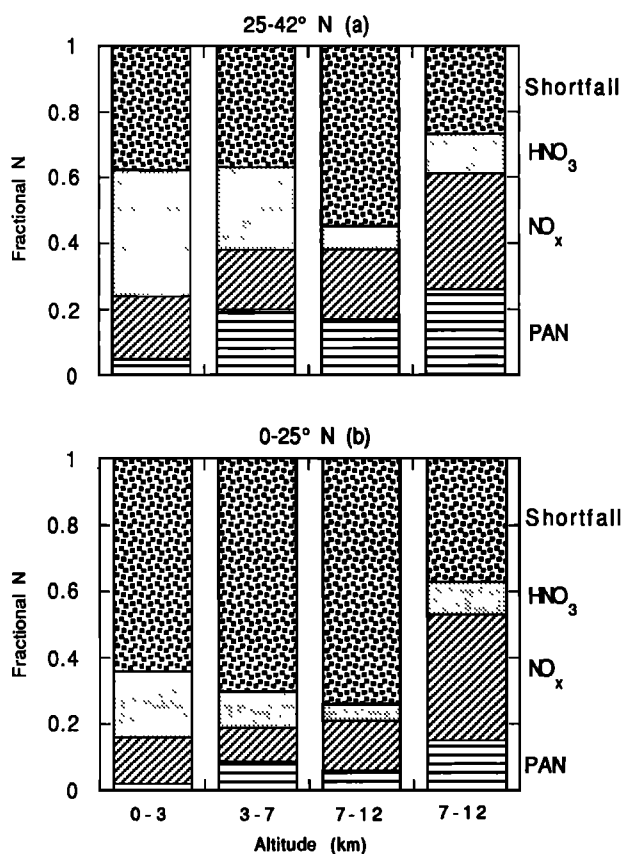


Figure 10. Reactive nitrogen budget for the (a) midlatitude/subtropical and (b) tropical/equatorial western Pacific. Y axis (from bottom to top) shows PAN/ NO_y , NO_x/NO_y , HNO_3/NO_y , and the fractional shortfall. The 7- to 12-km bin is repeated to show the difference when the Nagoya University NO_y data are used.

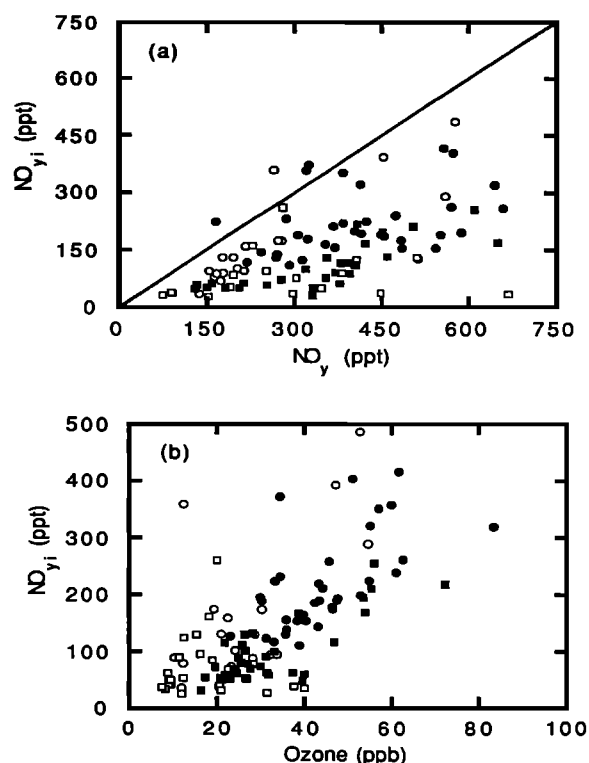


Figure 11. Relationship of NO_{y1} mixing ratios with those of NO_y and O_3 over the western Pacific. Circles and squares represent data from 25°–42°N and 0°–25°N, respectively. Open symbols represent surface (0–3 km) data, while solid symbols represent the free troposphere (3–12 km). NO_{y1} is defined as the sum of $NO + NO_2 + PAN + PPN + HNO_3$.

near the Earth's surface. The dominant combustion sources of NO_x (fossil fuel, 20 Tg(N)/yr; biomass burning, 6 Tg(N)/yr) also originate near the Earth's surface and hydrocarbons and NO_x are generally coemitted. In general, the NO_x/HC ratio should be at its highest near-surface source regions and decline with time because of the shorter lifetime of NO_x . Figure 8 shows that exactly opposite is the case and both the NO_x/HC and the NO/HC ratios are the largest for the most aged air masses and at higher altitudes. This is only possible if large amounts of atmospheric NO_x is coming from nonsurface (free tropospheric) sources. NO_x/HC ratio for relatively fresh air masses (say, C_2H_2 (ppt)/CO (ppb) ≈ 2) is some 4–5 times larger at 7–12 km than at 0–3 km. Figure 8 implies that surface NO_x sources contribute less than 20% to the upper tropospheric (7–12 km) NO_x burden, while the remaining 80% or so is added from its free-tropospheric sources. This result is not altered when model-calculated values of NO_x are used, as has been shown by Davis *et al.* [this issue]. The presence of freshly impacted air masses in the upper troposphere implies efficient convective transport. It is probable that processes of convection coexist with lightning which provides an important source of free-tropospheric NO_x . Satellite images showed considerable deep convection over the western Pacific during the period of this experiment [Bachmeier *et al.*, this issue]. Onboard storm scope indicated strong lightning activity in the area. NO_y/HC ratios also increased with altitude although to a lesser degree than NO_x . The NO_y/HC ratio cannot be easily interpreted as the lifetime of NO_y cannot be accurately defined.

It has been proposed that reservoir species such as PAN are

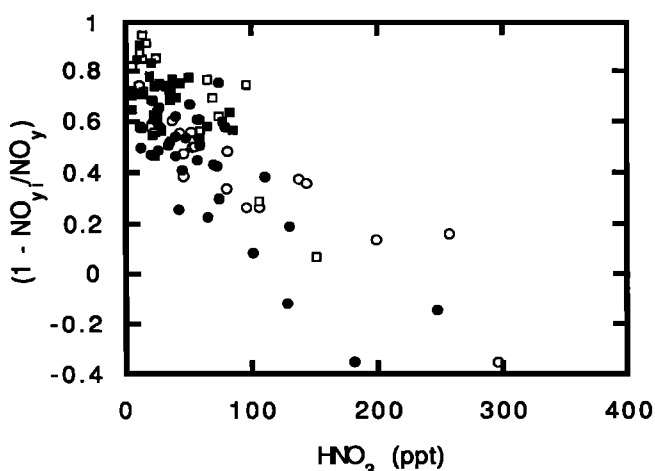


Figure 12. Relationship between reactive nitrogen shortfall and measured HNO_3 , as in Figure 11.

a major source of NO_x in remote atmospheres [Singh and Hanst, 1981; Jacob et al., 1992; Singh et al., 1992]. This appeared to be the case in the arctic/subarctic regions where high PAN and NO_y values were observed. Over the western Pacific, substantial concentrations of NO_x were present in the absence of large amounts of PAN. Figure 9 shows a plot of the NO_x/NO_y ratio as measured over the western Pacific as a function of the corresponding $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2/\text{CO}$ ratio. It is evident from Figure 9 that the mean NO_x/NO_y ratio lies between 0.1 to 0.2 and is relatively independent of altitude as well as the air mass age. A likely explanation for this is that the NO_y reservoir exerts a strong influence on NO_x and a $\text{NO}_y \leftrightarrow \text{NO}_x$ equilibrium may be present. Both HNO_3 and PAN are known to exert such influences, but here we propose that the remainder of the reactive nitrogen reservoir, made up of largely unknown species, may also be helping to sustain the tropospheric abundance of NO_x . Using a box model, Davis et al. [this issue] calculate that measured PAN and HNO_3 could account for about 20% of the observed NO_x in the lowest troposphere steadily falling to about 5% in the upper troposphere. However, as has been discussed in detail in the next section, some 40–70% of NO_y is made up of unknown species. If these species behaved in a manner similar to HNO_3 , then some 50–100% of the NO_x could be due to recycling from the NO_y reservoir. Assuming all NO_y to be HNO_3 , an equilibrium NO_x/NO_y ratio of about 0.1–0.2 can be calculated for the upper troposphere, although this ratio would be less than 0.1 in the lower troposphere. The nature of NO_y , and therefore its contribution to NO_x , remains a matter of both uncertainty and speculation.

Additional insights into sources are possible from model simulations as well. Model sensitivity runs were made with and without the lightning source as it appeared to be a large but uncertain source of reactive nitrogen in the free troposphere. In the western Pacific at 35°N in October, lightning contributed about 100–200 ppt NO_y in the upper troposphere (UT) (400–300 mbar), 40 ppt in the middle troposphere (MT) (500 mbar), and 5–10 ppt in the lower troposphere (LT) (800 mbar). The corresponding NO_y mixing ratios at 15°N were 30–70 ppt, 12 ppt, and 5 ppt, respectively. Results from the study by Kasibhatla et al. [1991] show that in October, stratosphere contributed about 50–100 ppt (UT), 30 ppt (MT), and 5 ppt (LT) NO_y

at 35°N and 15–20 ppt (UT), 10 ppt (MT), and 2 ppt (LT) NO_y at 15°N . Together, lightning and stratosphere could contribute about 150–300 ppt NO_y in the upper troposphere and 10–15 ppt NO_y in the lower troposphere at 35°N . In the upper troposphere, 30–50% of the NO_y could be accounted for from these two natural sources. However, in the middle and lower troposphere, where a bulk of the reactive nitrogen mass resides, these contributions are much smaller. Overall model results suggest that in the NH, some 60–70% of the NO_y reservoir can be attributed to surface emissions from anthropogenic and biogenic sources. Although MOGUNTIA did not include an explicit source due to aircraft emissions, this contribution to NO_y is expected to be small and well within other uncertainties. The suggestion by Liu et al. [this issue] that a major NO_y source due to aircraft emissions was present is most likely a consequence of their acknowledged underestimation of vertical convection in the region.

The MOGUNTIA model also showed that in the upper troposphere of the western Pacific, lightning contributed about 15 ppt NO_x at 35°N and some 8 ppt NO_x at 15°N . Here lightning and the stratosphere together contributed about 40 ppt NO_x at 35°N and 20 ppt NO_x at 15°N . The remainder is contributed by the NO_y reservoir species (such as PAN, organic nitrates, and HNO_3). Addition of HO_2NO_2 (≈ 25 ppt at 11 km), a possible interferent in NO_x measurements, helps to improve the agreement between model predictions and measurements. Thus it appears that surface-based anthropogenic emissions contribute predominately to the global NO_y reservoir. Lightning, release of NO_x from the NO_y reservoir, and some direct transport from the surface collectively help to maintain the NO_x balance in the atmosphere. As stated earlier, subsonic aircraft release small but important quantities of NO_x (0.7 ± 0.4 Tg(N)/yr) at high altitudes, where it can have a long lifetime (5–7 days). It has been claimed that at high latitudes as much as 30% of upper tropospheric NO_x may be contributed by this source [Ehhalt et al., 1992]. No direct evidence of subsonic aircraft impact could be confirmed from these measurements. It is emphasized that accurate knowledge

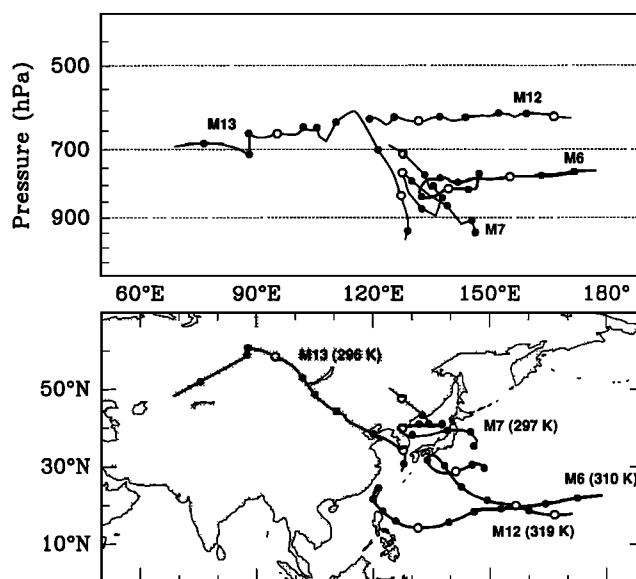


Figure 13. Example 10-day back trajectories showing possible continental (missions 7 and 13) and marine (missions 6 and 12) influences.

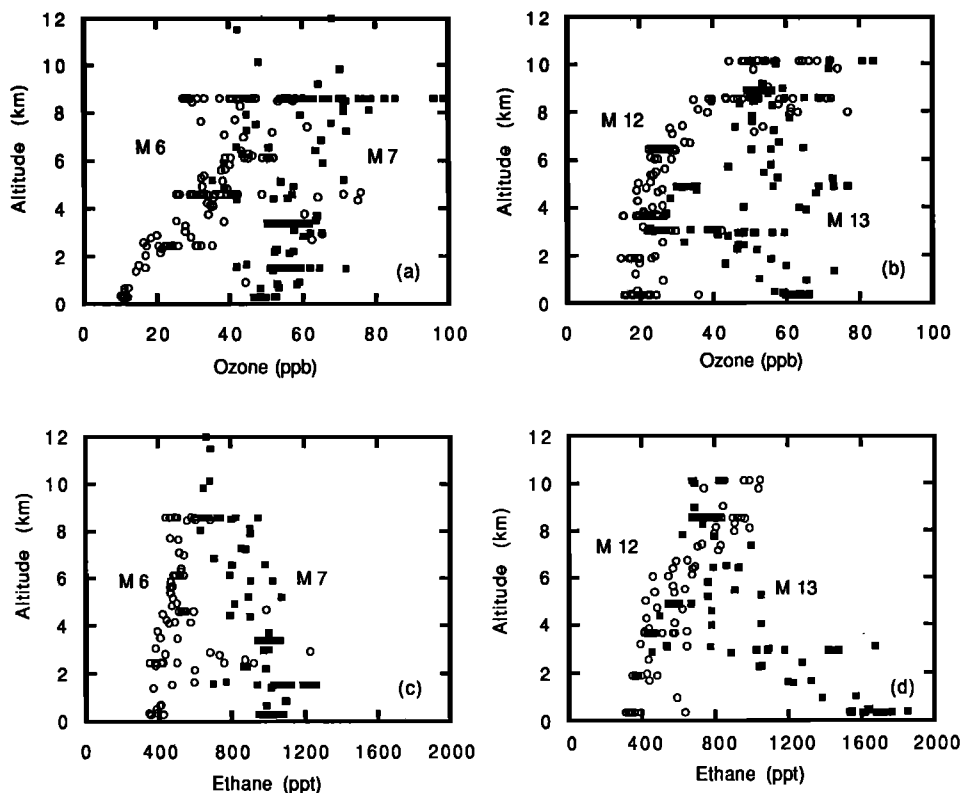


Figure 14. A comparison of the mixing ratios of O_3 and C_2H_6 during marine (missions 6 and 12, circles) and continental outflow (missions 7 and 13, squares) conditions.

of the lightning source and its distribution is a major source of uncertainty in the budget of NO_y and NO_x .

Partitioning and Budget of Reactive Nitrogen

Table 4 provides the fractional partitioning of each of the key species relative to NO_y , along with the fraction of reactive nitrogen accounted and missing (mean, σ , median, and N) for four altitude bands and two latitude bands. The 0–1 km altitude is included specifically for the boundary layer air. The

quantity $NO_{y,r}$ is defined as the sum of the observed gaseous odd nitrogen species ($NO_{y,r} = NO + NO_2 + PAN + PPN + HNO_3$). PPN was present in extremely small and often undetectable concentrations (<2 ppt). Although aerosol nitrates were present ($\approx 10\%$ of NO_y), only the fine aerosol fraction would have some chance of being sampled by the aircraft NO_y instrument. No size-fractionated aerosol measurements were done, but previous studies from remote clean air have shown that a substantial fraction of nitrate aerosols are generally found in the coarse fraction (e.g., crustal materials). Hence aerosol NO_3^- is not included in the definition of $NO_{y,r}$. We note here that aerosol nitrate, as a fraction of NO_y , was higher in the western Pacific compared to other pristine places such as the subarctic. To the extent that some aerosol nitrate may be sampled as NO_y , a small error is possible. As has been discussed above, there were large differences in the NO_y measurements of GIT and NU even at high altitudes (above 7 km), where moisture-related interference is negligible. To illustrate the nature of these differences, results from the 7- to 12-km band are provided with both GIT and NU NO_y data.

Table 4 shows that for 25° – $42^\circ N$ and in the free troposphere the contribution of PAN and NO_x to NO_y is about equal. This is a major departure from the eastern Pacific where PAN concentrations were typically 4–5 times NO_x [Ridley *et al.*, 1990]. Similarly, HNO_3 constituted a large fraction ($\approx 40\%$) of NO_y in the boundary layer declining to extremely low values ($\approx 7\%$) in the upper troposphere. The fractional presence of individually measured species was significantly lower in the tropical/equatorial latitudes (0° – $25^\circ N$). In the middle troposphere (3–7 km), PAN, NO_x and, HNO_3 were each about 10% of the measured NO_y . As expected, PAN was a minor contrib-

Table 5. Median Concentrations (0–4 km) During Conditions of Little and Substantial Continental Outflow

Compound	Mission		Δ^*	Mission		Δ
	6	7		12	13	
O_3 , ppb	20	53	33	21	52	31
PAN, ppt	2	141	139	2	120	118
NO_y , ppt	204	502	298	258	660	402
NO_x , ppt	42	85	43	30	70	40
C_2H_6 , ppt	410	1014	604	413	1417	1004
C_3H_8 , ppt	15	108	153	21	283	262
CO , ppb	69	109	40	72	128	56
SO_2 , ppt	50	162	112	44	121	77
SO_4^{2-} , ppt	66	123	57	283	940	657
NO_3^- , ppt	13	67	54	73	161	88
C_2Cl_4 , ppt	4	7	3	3	6	3
H_2O_2 , ppt	1526	1304	–222	1770	2209	–439
CH_3OOH , ppt	1452	582	–870	844	761	–83
R^\dagger			2.1–2.7			0.5–0.7

* Δ is the difference between the median mixing ratios.

$\dagger R = (\Delta NO_y + \Delta NO_3^-) / (\Delta SO_2 + \Delta SO_4^{2-})$. The range in R is due to the interpretation of sparse SO_4^{2-} and NO_3^- aerosol measurements.

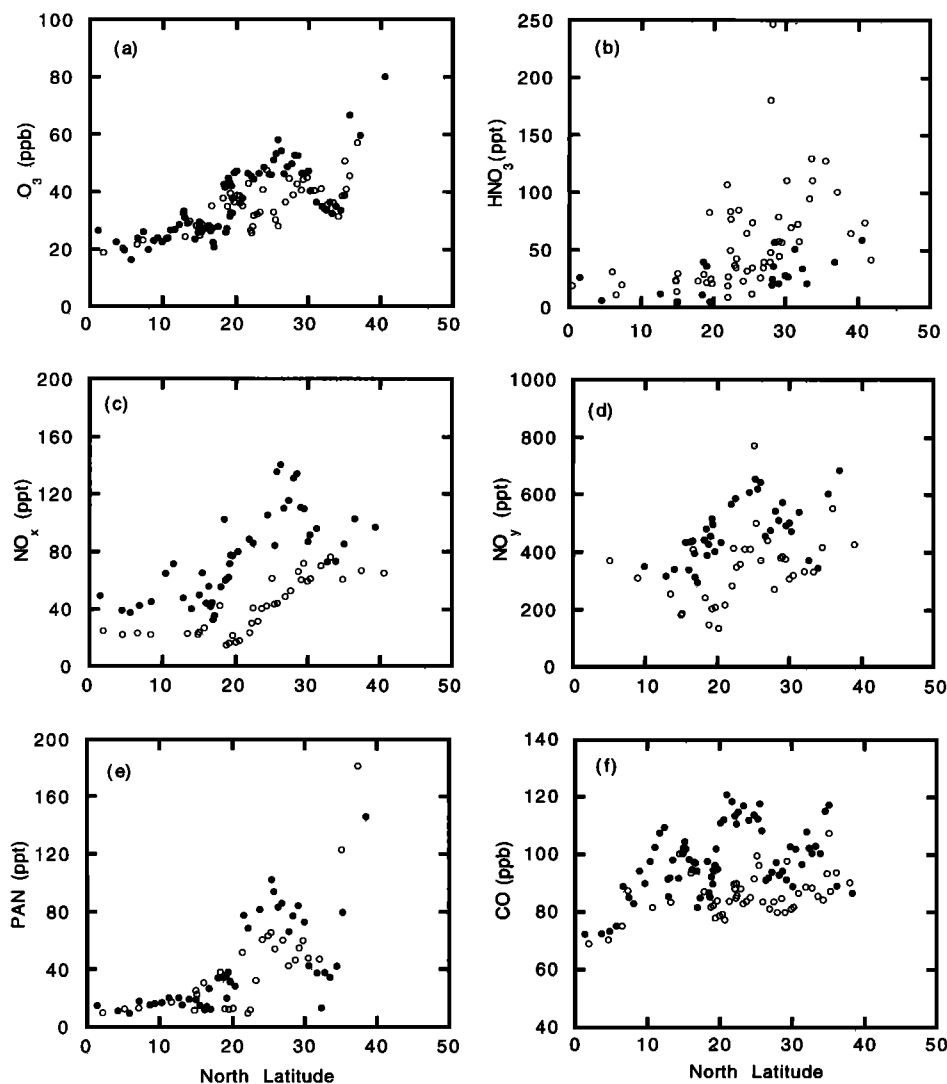


Figure 15. Latitudinal distribution of O_3 , select reactive nitrogen (NO_x , PAN, HNO_3 , and NO_y) and tracer (CO) species over the western Pacific; 3–7 km (open circles), 7–12 km (solid circles). Each symbol is an average of 10 data points.

utor to the NO_y budget in the boundary layer because of its short lifetime there. Similarly, HNO_3 was relatively more important in the boundary layer where it can be both easily synthesized from rapid NO_x oxidation and destroyed by surface deposition.

Figure 10 shows a plot of the mean fractional contribution of each of the species to the total nitrogen budget for the two selected latitude bands. It is evident from Figure 10 (also Table 4) that about 60% of the reactive nitrogen could be accounted for (40% shortfall) for midlatitude/subtropical latitudes and only 30% (70% shortfall) for tropical/equatorial latitudes. This shortfall is substantially larger than that noted from the ground sites in the Pacific as well as from other regions of the troposphere [Fahey *et al.*, 1986; Ridley, 1991; Atlas *et al.*, 1992; Sandholm *et al.*, 1992, 1994; Singh *et al.*, 1992, 1994]. The situation is a bit more reasonable when the NU NO_y data are used (only 7–12 km) resulting in mean shortfalls of 30 and 40% for the two latitude bands. This amounts to some 300 ppt versus 100 ppt of missing reactive nitrogen for 7–12 km. Clearly, instrumental errors are a major source of uncertainty in defining

and understanding this shortfall. Figure 11 shows the relationship of $NO_{y,t}$ with that of NO_y and O_3 . As expected, $NO_{y,t}$ is nearly always higher than NO_y , and a linear relation with O_3 is present. We studied the relationship of the reactive nitrogen shortfall with that of other species such as ozone, reactive nitrogen species, tracers, and parameters that might indicate the air mass age (C_2H_2/CO ratio). High shortfalls could be seen both under conditions of low and high C_2H_2/CO ratios. Generally, no special relationships were evident except in the case of HNO_3 . Figure 12 shows a plot of the reactive nitrogen shortfall as a function of HNO_3 and an inverse relationship is present; that is, the shortfall is modest when HNO_3 concentrations are 100 ppt or larger and increases with decreasing HNO_3 concentrations. This inverse relationship between nitrogen shortfall and HNO_3 abundance is contrary to the linear relationship observed by Atlas *et al.* [1992]. These measurements strongly indicate that a dominant fraction of the global nitrogen is made up of hitherto unknown species, especially in the tropics. The possibility cannot be ruled out that at least in some cases, measurement difficulties may also be present.

Impact of Continental Outflow on Western Pacific

Figure 13 shows example trajectories from four missions which were alternately minimally or strongly impacted by continental emissions. Trajectory analysis indicated that missions 7 and 13 provide instances where continental outflow from Japan or China may have occurred, while missions 6 and 12 were relatively unimpacted by Asian emissions. The vertical distribution of O_3 and C_2H_6 during missions 6 and 7 and 12 and 13 is shown in Figure 14 and the continental impact is evident from the enhanced mixing ratios. Table 5 summarizes the median concentrations of a large number of species for the 0–4 km altitude for these missions. In general, the differential (Δ) due to Japan outflow (mission 7) is very similar to that from China outflow (mission 13). For example, in both instances a Δ of some 30–35 ppb O_3 , 120–140 ppt PAN, and 300–400 ppt NO_y was observed. This $\Delta O_3/\Delta NO_y$ of about 100 is an order of magnitude higher than what was encountered over North America [Olszyna *et al.*, 1994]. The large $\Delta O_3/\Delta NO_y$ is indicative of the very high efficiency with which O_3 is produced over the Pacific, when compared to typical rural sites over North America. Emission inventories compiled for Asia [Kato and Akimoto, 1992] suggest that the nitrogen to sulfur ratio (vol/vol) is about 2.5 for Japan and 0.5 for China. This ratio is calculated as R in Table 5. Indeed R is much higher for the Japanese-influenced air ($R = 2.1$ – 2.7) compared to the Chinese-influenced air ($R = 0.5$ – 0.7). The bulk of the extra sulfur from China appears to be in the form of sulfate aerosols. It is perhaps important to note that in the case of peroxides the reverse was found to be true and the mixing ratios were lower in the air impacted by continental emissions. This is expected since continental outflow often involves convective processes during which peroxides could be scavenged.

Figure 15 shows the latitudinal profile for key species measured in the western Pacific free troposphere (3–7 km, 7–12 km) during PEM-West A. In virtually all cases a north/south gradient is evident. Elevated O_3 , precursor and tracer concentrations are nearly always encountered between 20° and 30°N latitude where a great deal of the Asian continental outflow occurs. The impact of this outflow is greater at high altitudes. This is evident from the distribution of C_2H_2 (Figure 15f) which is a relatively inert hydrocarbon tracer. These data clearly show that convective processes are at work and pollutants are carried aloft relatively rapidly and then transported via fast winds in the upper troposphere. Species such as HNO_3 , which are easily scavenged during convective processes, do not show such behavior (Figure 15b). The vertically increasing concentrations of hydrocarbons [Blake *et al.*, this issue] and CO (e.g., Figure 3e) are in large part a result of this upper tropospheric transport phenomenon. In remote marine atmospheres the upper troposphere in many ways acts as a source for pollutants to the boundary layer. Detailed statistics and modeling results on the impact of continental outflow can be found in the works of Liu *et al.* [this issue] and Talbot *et al.* [this issue].

Conclusions

The distribution of reactive nitrogen and ozone has been studied in the atmosphere over the western Pacific Ocean. Observations are in general accord with model results, but there appear to be important disagreements in some cases (e.g., HNO_3). The reservoir of atmospheric NO_y is strongly influenced by anthropogenic sources. This NO_y reservoir is probably an indirect source of atmospheric NO_x at all alti-

tudes. It is inferred that surface sources of NO_x only minimally impact its upper tropospheric abundance in a direct way and here nonsurface sources dominate. These may include lightning, stratospheric injections, aircraft emissions, and rapid conversion of NO_y to NO_x via as yet unknown mechanisms. The budget of reactive nitrogen is poorly accounted for and if these measurements are accurate, large quantities of reactive nitrogen present in the atmosphere are made up of hitherto unknown species. During conditions involving westerly flow, the western Pacific is strongly impacted by Asian continental sources at all altitudes. The continental impact at the upper tropospheric levels is the strongest, but the sources are probably global and not limited to the Asian continent. Trajectory analysis and a comparison of measurements with source inventories can be used to identify recent source regions. The impacted air masses are highly efficient in ozone formation. Sources of atmospheric reactive nitrogen cannot yet be accurately defined due to shortcomings in measurements and theory.

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