

Constants or equations that you might need

$PV = nRT$ for all gases discussed in this test
 R (gas constant) = $8.314 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$, $0.082 \text{ L atm mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$
 k (Boltzmann constant) = $1.381 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J K}^{-1}$
 $N_{av} = 6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ molecule mol}^{-1}$
 $\text{Pa} = \text{Nm}^{-2}$

$1 \text{ atm} = 760 \text{ Torr} = 101300 \text{ Pa} = 1013 \text{ hPa}$
 The radius of the Earth : 6400 km
 $1 \text{ ppmv} = 1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ mol/mol} = 1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ atm/atm}$
 $1 \text{ ppbv} = 1 \times 10^{-9} \text{ mol/mol} = 1 \times 10^{-9} \text{ atm/atm}$
 $1 \text{ pptv} = 1 \times 10^{-12} \text{ mol/mol} = 1 \times 10^{-12} \text{ atm/atm}$

1. Atmospheric ozone plays different roles based on the location as shown in Figure 1-1. However, the formation of ozone at stratosphere and troposphere is very different.

- a) (12 pts) The ozone formation over the stratosphere is based on the Chapman mechanism. Please describe in detail the major four reactions of Chapman mechanism.
- b) (20 pts) Figure 1-2 shows the temporal profile for several given parameters related to the formation of the ozone hole. With all information provided in Figure 1-2, please describe in detail where, when and how the ozone hole is formed. All required conditions and the chemical reactions for the formation of the ozone hole should be described.
- c) (10 pts) The sources of tropospheric ozone can be contributed via transferring from the stratosphere and chemical reactions happening in the troposphere. For transport part, it can be estimated using a two-box model as shown in Figure 1-3. The residence time of air in the stratosphere is $\tau_{ST} = 1/k_{ST} = 1.3$ years. Please use the two-box model as shown in Figure 1-3 to estimate the residence time ($1/k_{TS}$) of air in the troposphere (hints: mass balance equations for two boxes for air mass).

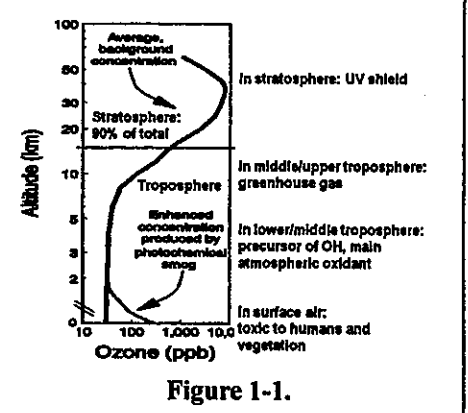


Figure 1-1.

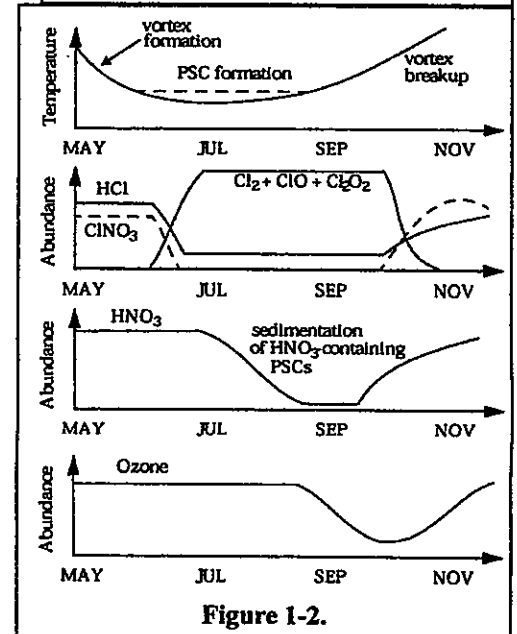


Figure 1-2.

2. Ozone and PM2.5 are major two air pollutants globally and are reported every hour as shown in Figure 2-1. EPA-Taiwan provides the emission data at the website for the whole Taiwan. The total emission is $1.2 \times 10^8 \text{ Kg/yr}$ for SO_2 and $4.3 \times 10^8 \text{ Kg/yr}$ for NO_x (assuming as NO_2 for this exam) over the Taiwan island (此為台灣總排放量)(Atomic weight: S(32 g/mole), N (14 g/mole), O (16 g/mole), H (1 g/mole)).

- (a) (12 pts) Figure 2-2 shows the cycling of HO_x and O_3 production in a polluted atmosphere. Please describe in detail how the ozone is formed in the troposphere.
- (b) (6 pts) Using Taipei center as a site, please plot how the ozone concentration will change with time from 0:00 to 23:00 in a summer day and explain what causes the trend you draw.
- (c) (8 pts) Please provide at least two major compositions of $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ and how they become or enter the $\text{PM}_{2.5}$.
- (d) Consider only local emission. We assume that all of the emitted NO_x and SO_2 are precipitated back over Taiwan as HNO_3 (1 mole of NO_x forms 1 mole of HNO_3) and H_2SO_4 (1 mole of SO_2 forms 1 mole of H_2SO_4), respectively. The area of Taiwan is 36200 km^2 and the mean precipitation rate is 7 mm day^{-1} (based on CWB data). Assume that HNO_3 and H_2SO_4 are the only impurities in the rainwater,
 - (i) (4 pts) please calculate the total amount of rain over the whole Taiwan per day (in a unit of liter day^{-1}).
 - (ii) (6 pts) please calculate the concentration of HNO_3 and H_2SO_4 in the rain respectively (in a unit of M, 體積莫爾濃度).
 - (iii) (4 pts) please calculate the resulting rainwater pH (assuming equilibrium with H_2SO_4 and HNO_3 , H_2SO_4 and HNO_3 are strong acids and dissociate completely).
 - (iv) (6 pts) In general, the pH of rain over Southern Taiwan is higher than Northern Taiwan. Please explain the possible reasons by considering only local emission.
- (e) (12 pts) Please describe at least two impacts of ozone, $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ and acid rain on the environment and ecosystem, respectively.

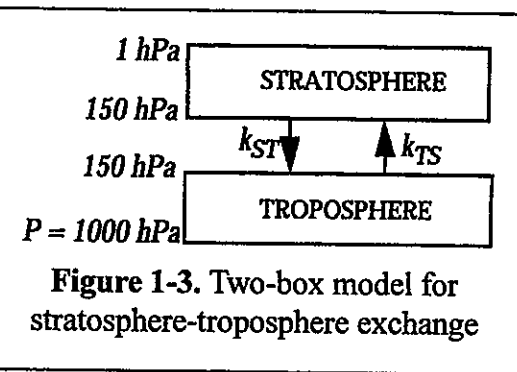


Figure 1-3. Two-box model for stratosphere-troposphere exchange

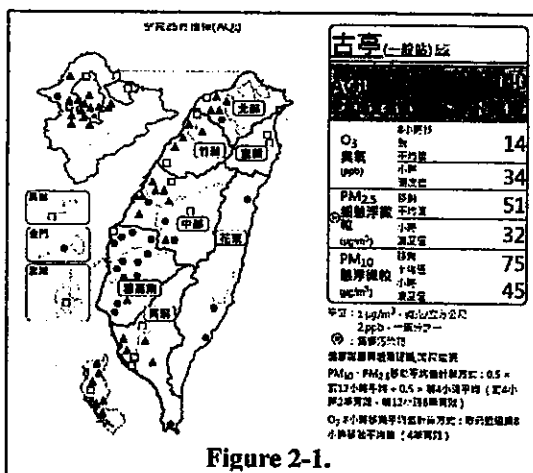


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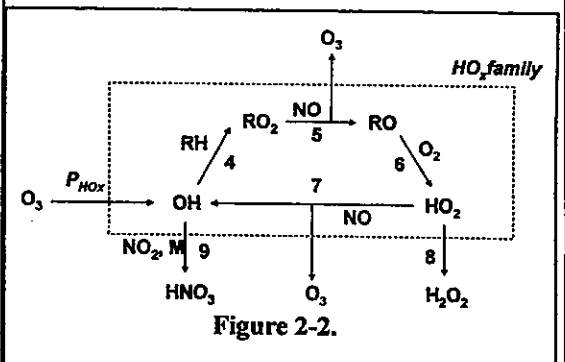


Figure 2-2.