Impacts of Future Land Use and Land Cover Change on Mid-21st-Century Surface Ozone Air Quality: Distinguishing between the Biogeophysical and Biogeochemical Effects

Abstract:
Surface ozone (O$_3$) is an important air pollutant and greenhouse gas. Land use and land cover (LULC) is a critical factor impacting on ozone, on the top of anthropogenic emissions and climate. LULC change can alter regional- to large-scale climate through its biogeophysical effect of albedo and evapotranspiration changes on surface temperature, water cycle and atmospheric circulation changes that can substantially impact ozone over local and remote areas. However, the biogeophysical effect of LULC on ozone is lack of thorough study. This study investigates the biogeophysical effect of LULC on ozone, as well as the biogeochemical and the integrated effect for explicitly examining the critical pathway for how LULC change impacts ozone air pollution. Results reveal that biogeophysical effect of LULC is the important pathway for how LULC change impact ozone over both local and remote regions. Overlooking the impact of biogeophysical effect may cause evident underestimation of LULC change effect on ozone air pollution.

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