

Supporting Information for
**Development and evaluation of E3SM-MOSAIC: Spatial distributions
and radiative effects of nitrate aerosol**

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27 **Introduction**

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 42 concentrations of NO_x against observations at AQS, EMEP, and EANET network sites.

Figures S8-S10 show the seasonal variations of simulated and observed sulfate, HNO_3 , and ammonium surface concentrations at 6 CASTNET sites. Figures S11 and S12 compare vertical profiles of HNO_3 concentrations from model simulations with observations from INTEX-B, ARCTAS, DC3, SEAC⁴RS, and ATom campaigns. Figure S13 shows the spatial distributions of RFari of ammonium aerosols.

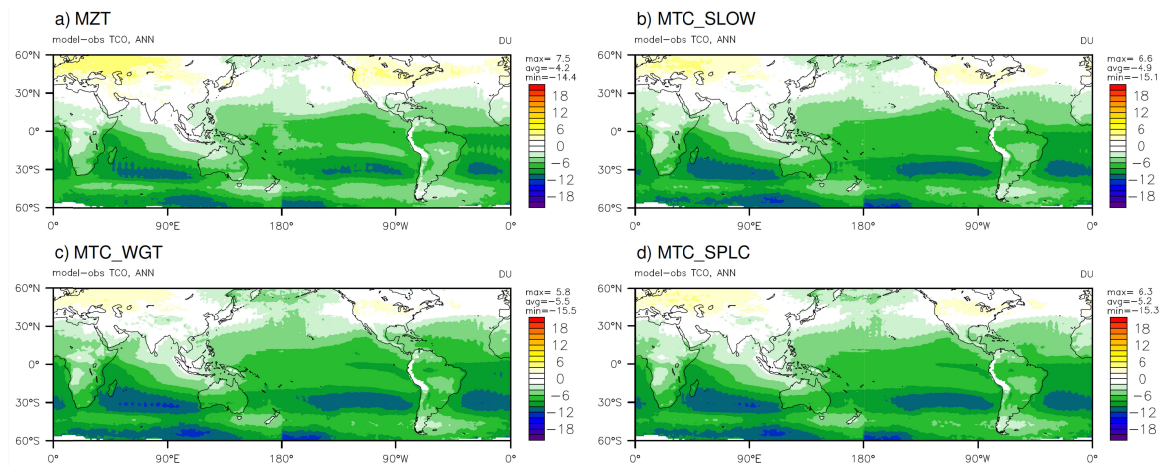


Figure S1. Spatial distributions of global annual mean tropospheric column ozone differences compared with OMI/MLS retrievals.

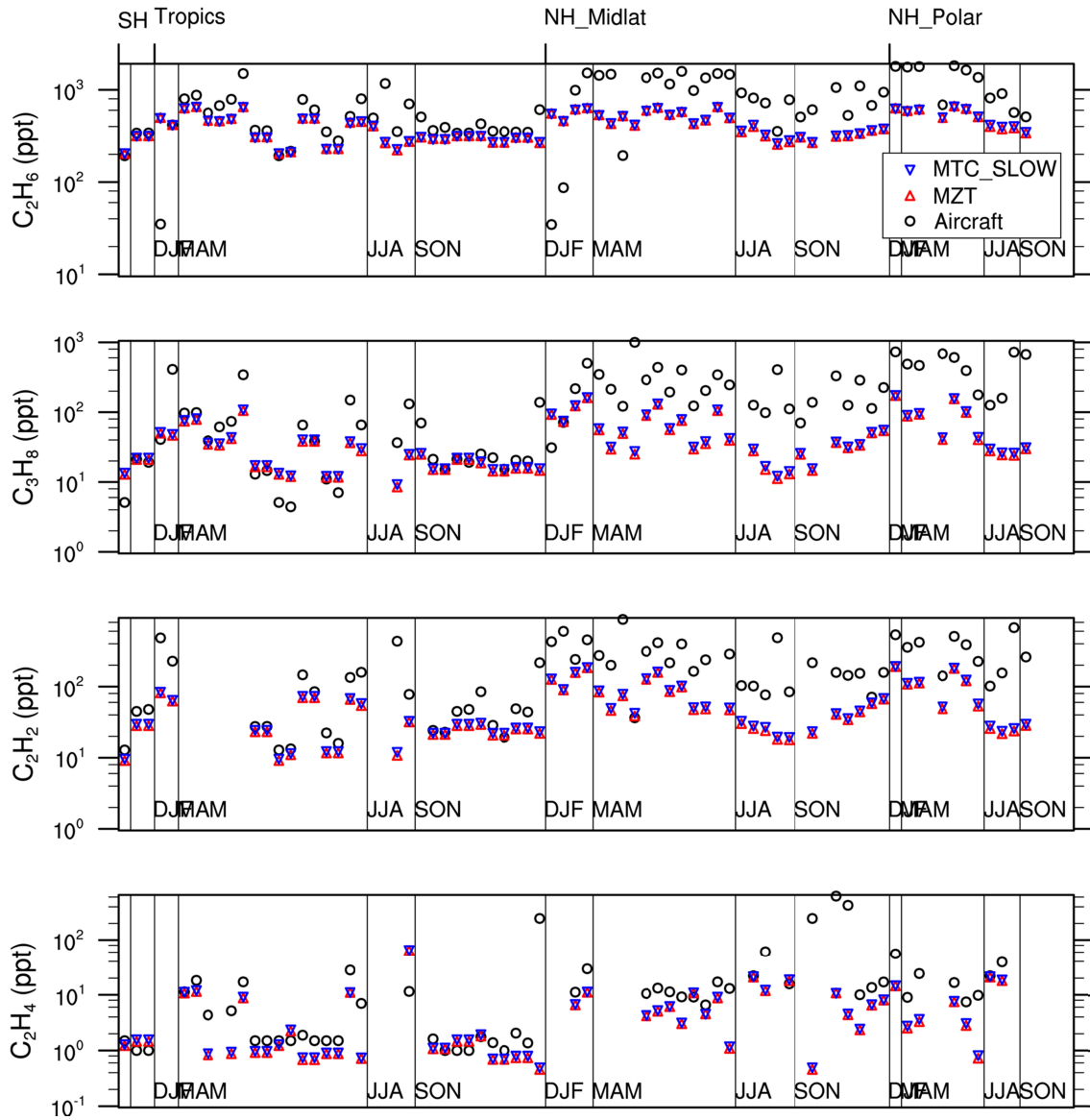


Figure S2. Evaluation of modeled tropospheric C_2H_6 , C_3H_8 , C_2H_2 , and C_2H_4 (averaged over 2005-2014) with summaries of observations from aircraft campaigns (operated during 1995-2010), averaged over 2-7 km.

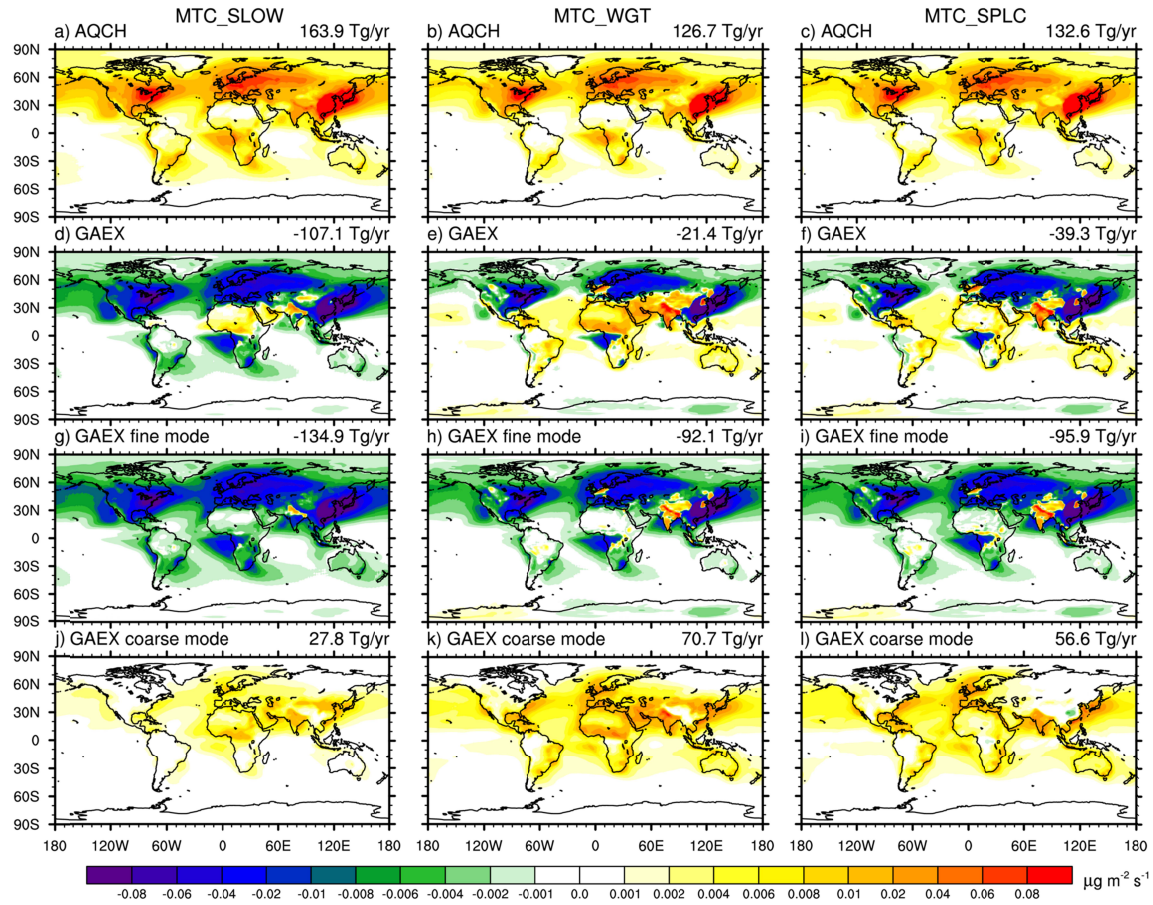


Figure S3. Spatial distributions of nitrate column mass tendencies ($\mu\text{g m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$) due to (a-c) aqueous chemistry (AQCH), (d-f) gas-aerosol exchange (GAEX), (g-i) gas-aerosol exchange in the fine mode, and (j-l) gas-aerosol exchange in the coarse mode.

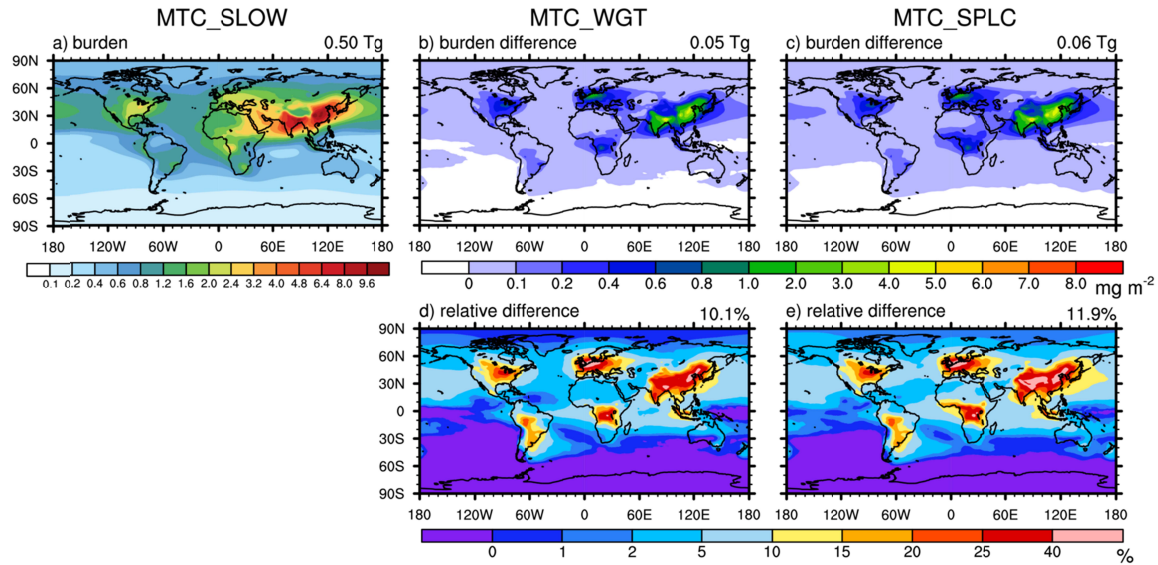


Figure S4. Spatial distributions of global annual mean (a) ammonium burden (MTC_SLOW), (b-c) ammonium burden differences (MTC_WGT and MTC_SPLC) compared to MTC_SLOW, and (d-e) relative differences of ammonium burden compared to MTC_SLOW. Numbers at the top-right of each panel are global annual mean values.

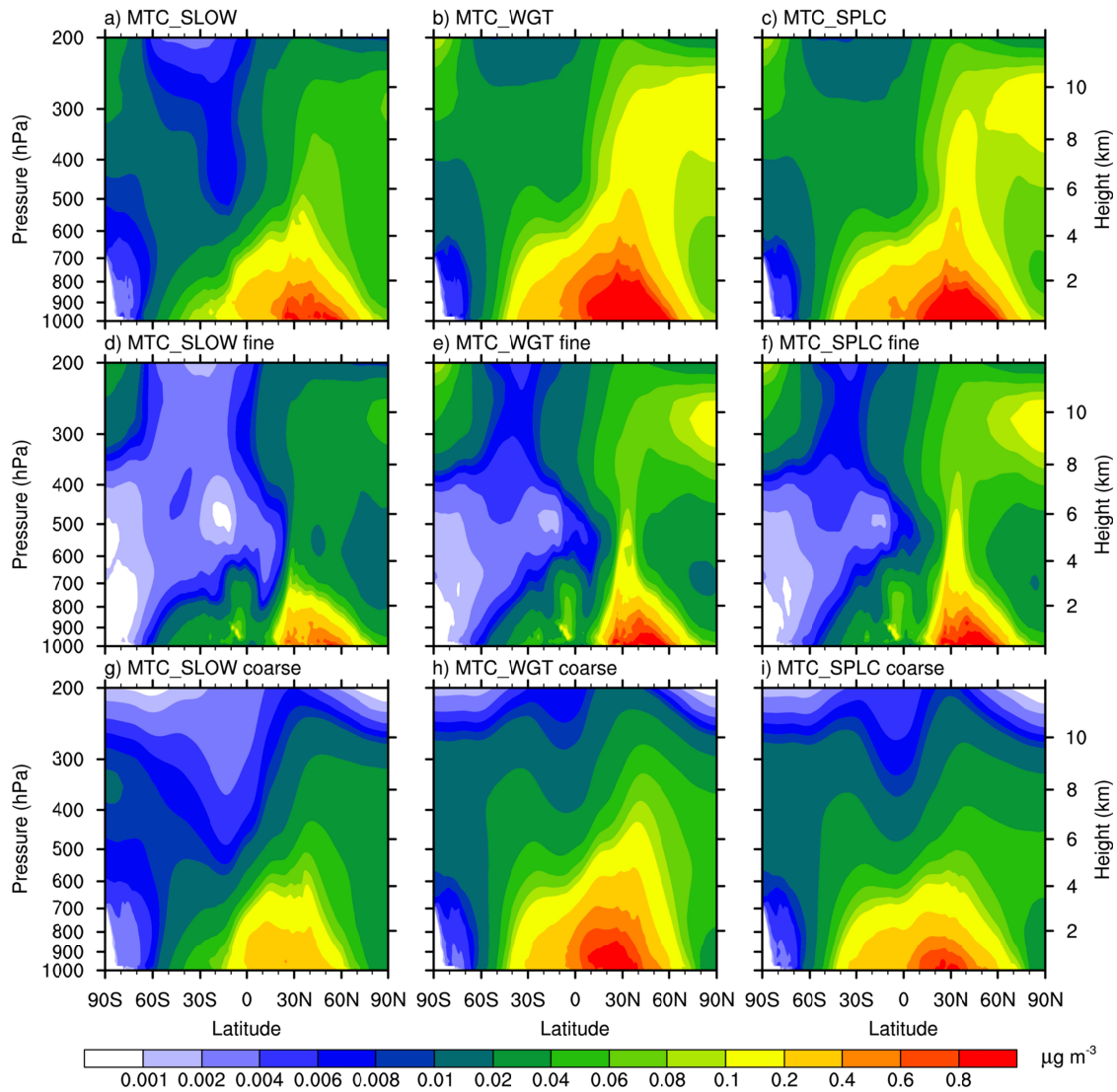


Figure S5. Latitude-altitude cross sections of annually averaged zonal mean (a-c) total, (d-f) fine mode, and (g-i) coarse mode nitrate concentrations ($\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$).

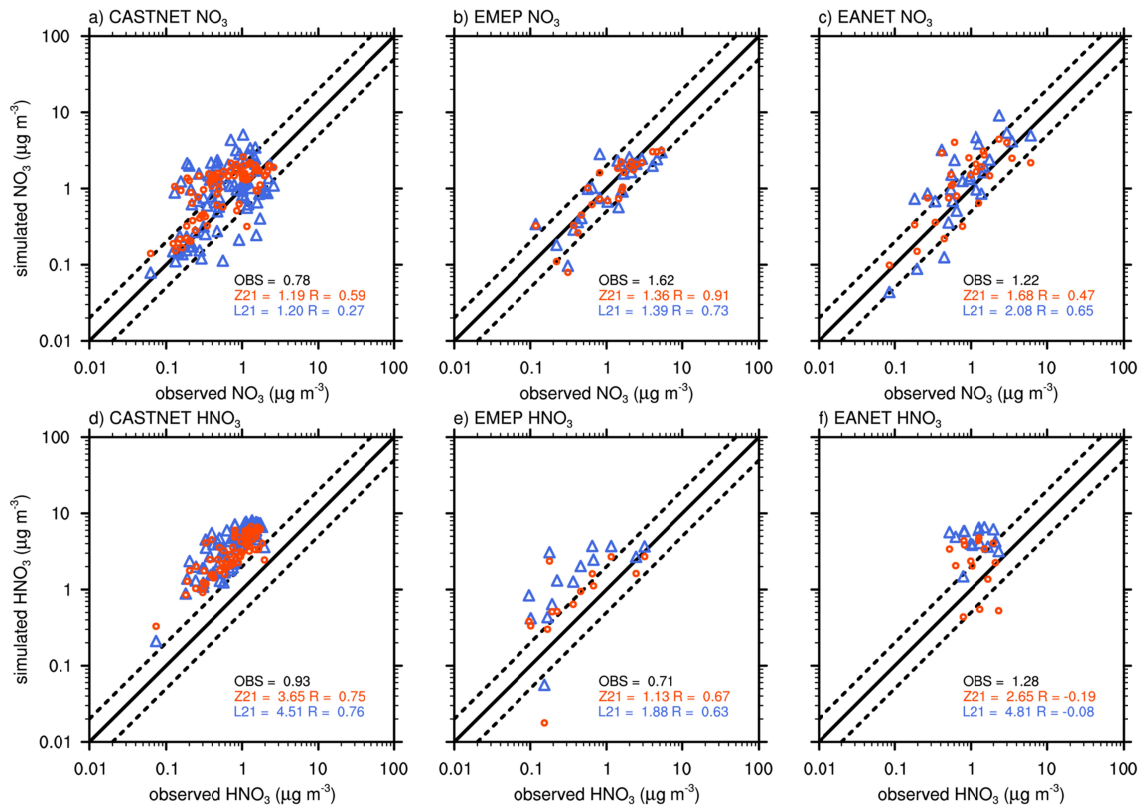


Figure S6. Scatter plots of modeled annual mean surface concentrations ($\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$) of nitrate aerosols (top row) and HNO_3 (bottom row) from Zaveri et al. (2021) (2000-2005) and Lu et al. (2021) (2005-2007) compared to observations at CASTNET (left column), EMEP (middle column), and EANET (right column) network sites during 2005-2014. The numbers are mean concentrations and correlation coefficients.

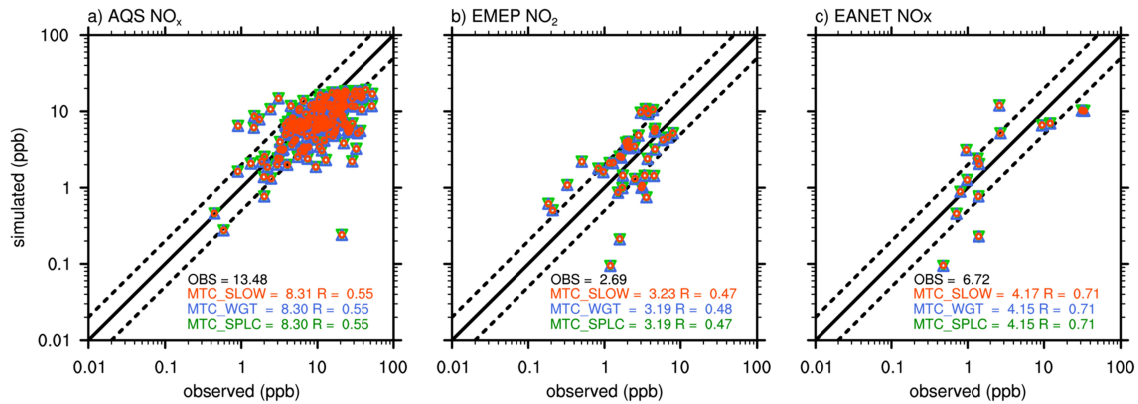


Figure S7. Scatter plots of modeled annual mean surface concentrations of NO_x (ppb) compared to observations at AQS and EANET network sites and NO₂ (ppb in STP; converted from $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$) compared to observations at EMEP network sites. We only select rural and suburban sites for AQS network. The numbers are mean concentrations and correlation coefficients.

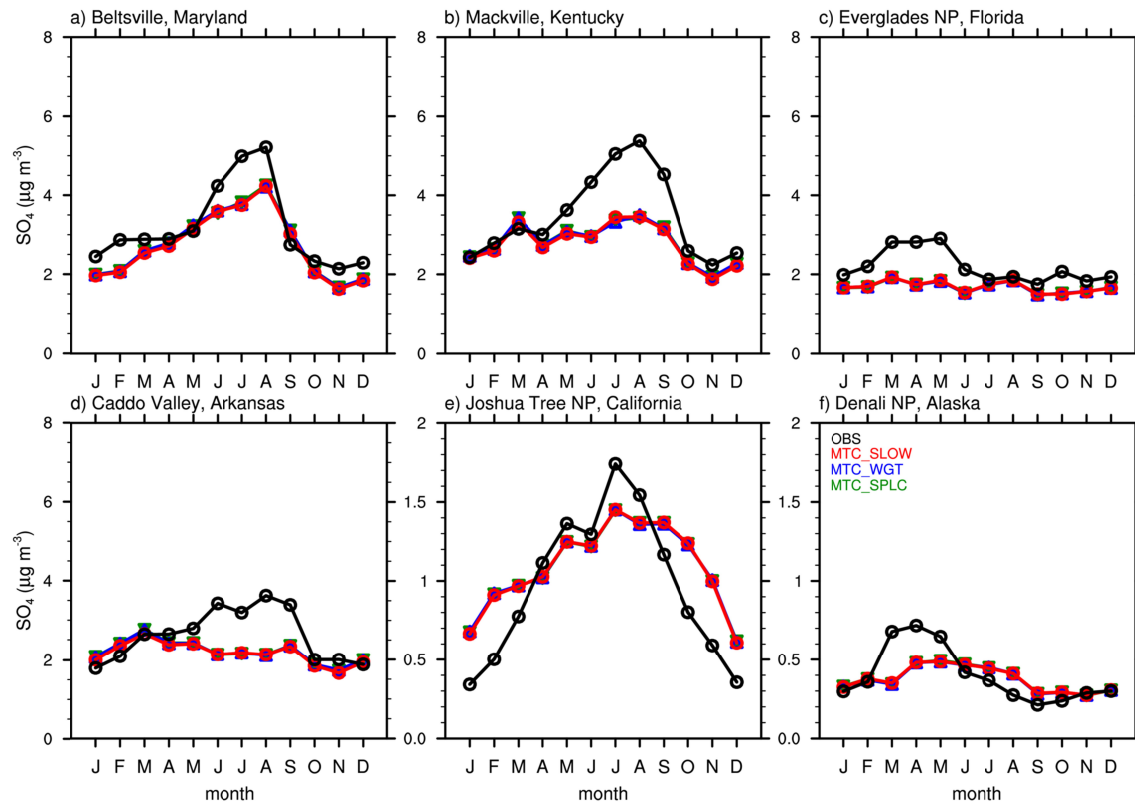


Figure S8. Seasonal variations of simulated (color lines and symbols) and observed (black lines and circles) sulfate surface concentrations ($\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$) at six CASTNET sites.

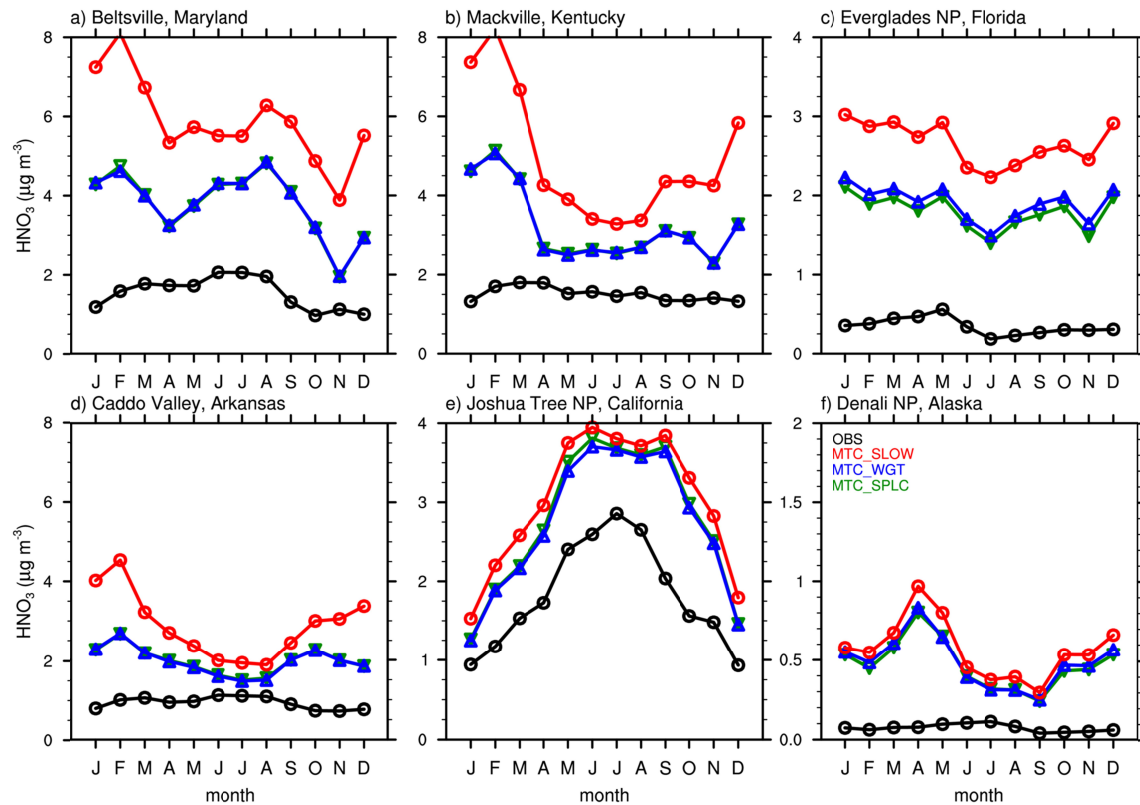


Figure S9. Seasonal variations of simulated (color lines and symbols) and observed (black lines and circles) HNO_3 surface concentrations ($\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$) at six CASTNET sites.

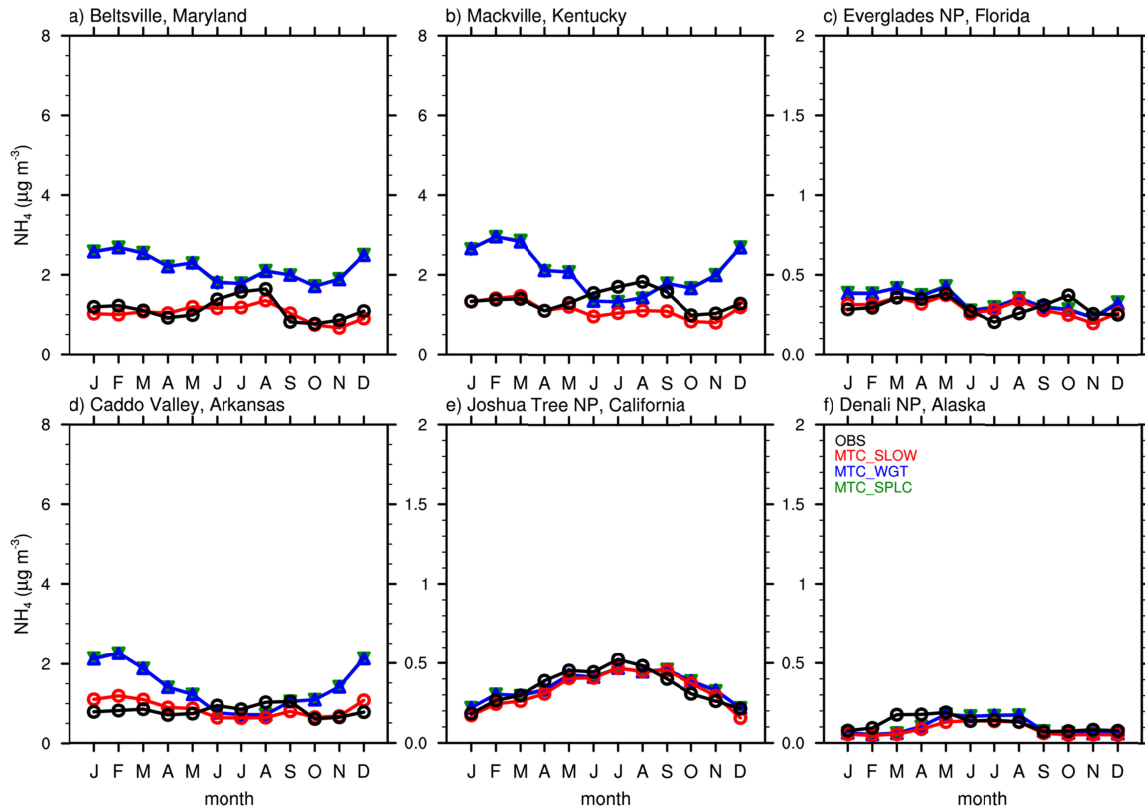


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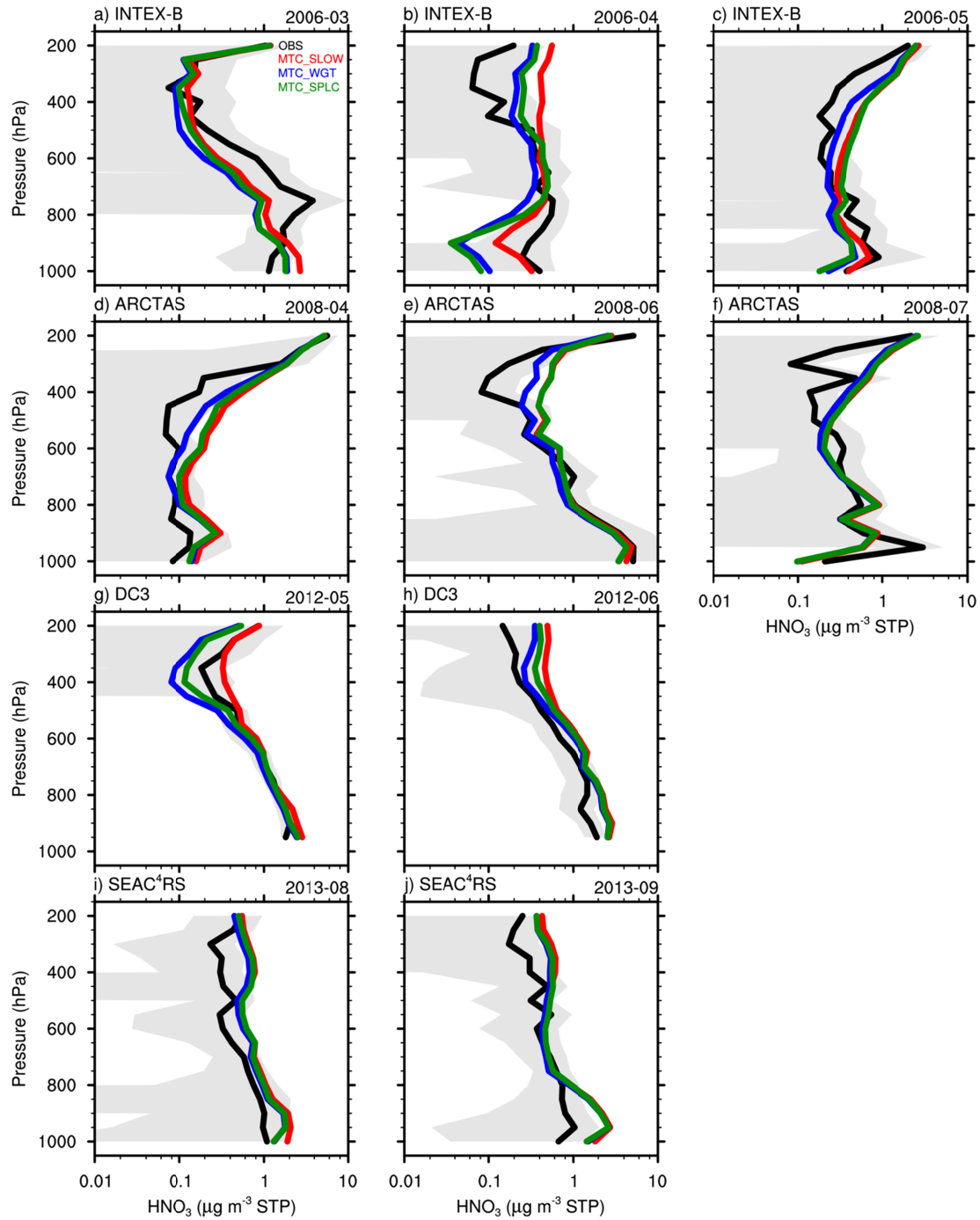


Figure S11. Vertical profiles of HNO_3 concentrations ($\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ in STP) from model simulations (colored lines) and four aircraft campaigns (dark solid lines for mean values; shaded areas for plus/minus one standard deviation of observations).

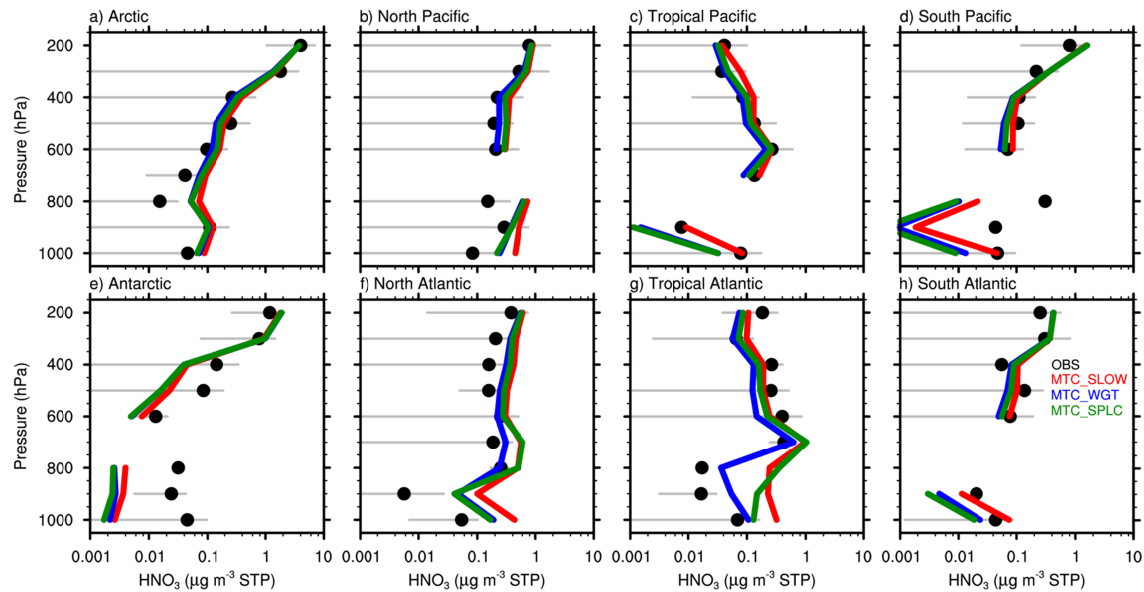


Figure S12. Vertical profiles of HNO_3 concentrations ($\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ in STP) from model simulations (colored lines) and ATom campaign (black dots for mean values; grey lines for plus/minus one standard deviation of observations).

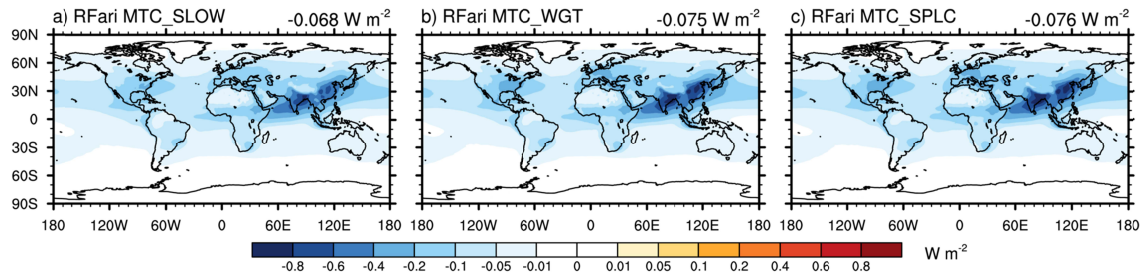


Figure S13. Spatial distributions of RFari of ammonium aerosols between 1850 and 2010.

Table S1. Mass Budgets of Nitrate in MTC_SPLAC and MTC_FAST

NO ₃	MTC_FAST	MTC_SPLAC
Aqueous Chemistry (Tg N a ⁻¹)	26.8 (26.8, 0.1)	29.4 (29.3, 0.1)
Gas-aerosol Exchange (Tg N a ⁻¹)	-0.4 (-19.7, 19.2)	-7.9 (-21.0, 13.1)
Net Chemistry Production (Tg N a ⁻¹)	26.4 (7.1, 19.3)	21.1 (8.3, 13.2)
Dry Deposition (Tg N a ⁻¹)	11.3 (1.5, 9.8)	8.4 (1.7, 6.7)
Wet Deposition (Tg N a ⁻¹)	15.0 (5.6, 9.5)	13.1 (6.6, 6.5)
Burden (Tg N)	0.256 (0.061, 0.194)	0.191 (0.080, 0.111)
Lifetime (day)	3.54 (3.18, 3.68)	3.25 (3.51, 3.08)

Note. Values in parentheses are for the fine (accumulation and Aitken mode) and coarse modes, respectively.

Table S2. Mass Budgets of nss-Sulfate

nss-SO ₄	Default	MZT	MTC_SLOW	MTC_WGT	MTC_SPLC
Emission (Tg S a ⁻¹)	1.81	1.81	1.81 (61.89)	1.81 (61.92)	1.81 (61.89)
Aqueous chemistry (Tg S a ⁻¹)	24.18	19.29	20.08	20.09	19.41
Gas-aerosol exchange (Tg S a ⁻¹)	15.80	12.93	12.65	12.51	12.60
Dry deposition (Tg S a ⁻¹)	8.79	8.11	8.37 (52.88)	8.24 (52.82)	8.24 (52.80)
Wet deposition (Tg S a ⁻¹)	33.12	26.36	26.99 (42.58)	26.96 (42.53)	27.01 (42.57)
Burden (Tg S)	0.784	0.703	0.706 (0.844)	0.702 (0.840)	0.705 (0.843)
Life time (day)	6.83	7.45	7.29 (3.23)	7.27 (3.22)	7.29 (3.23)

Note. Values in parentheses are for total sulfate, including ss-sulfate.

Table S3. Tropospheric HNO₃ burden in the Three E3SM Experiments Compared with Other Studies

	Burden (Tg N) ^a
MTC_SLOW	0.425
MTC_WGT	0.353
MTC_SPLC	0.389
Bian et al. (2017)	0.56 [0.15, 1.3] ^b
	0.39 [0.15, 0.69] ^c
Lu et al. (2021)	0.637
Zaveri et al. (2021)	0.422
Xu & Penner (2012)	0.30
Feng & Penner (2007)	0.37

^aValues are calculated as pressure > 100 hPa for Bian et al. (2017), Lu et al. (2021), Zaveri et al. (2021), and this study; pressure > 150 hPa for Xu and Penner (2012); and pressure > 200 hPa for Feng and Penner (2007). ^bValues in brackets are minimum and maximum values, respectively. ^cWe select 4 GCMs which simulate the formation of nitrate aerosols in both the fine and coarse modes and consider the heterogeneous reactions on dust and sea salt particles.

Table S4. Mean Surface Molar Concentrations (ppb in STP; converted from $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$) of Aerosols and Precursor Gases for Figures 4 and 5.

Region	Specie	Observation	MTC_SLOW	MTC_WGT	MTC_SPLC
U.S.	NO ₃	0.28	0.43	1.01	1.01
	HNO ₃	0.33	1.30	0.97	0.97
	NO ₃ +HNO ₃	0.61	1.72	1.98	1.98
	NH ₄	0.97	0.92	1.54	1.54
	NH ₃	2.17	1.90	1.47	1.47
	NH ₄ +NH ₃	3.14	2.82	3.01	3.02
	SO ₄	0.49	0.46	0.46	0.46
	SO ₂	0.72	1.32	1.33	1.33
Europe	NO ₃	0.56	0.53	1.18	1.17
	HNO ₃	0.25	0.70	0.44	0.44
	NO ₃ +HNO ₃	0.82	1.23	1.62	1.61
	NH ₄	1.06	0.77	1.60	1.60
	NH ₃	1.70	2.45	1.87	1.87
	NH ₄ +NH ₃	2.76	3.22	3.47	3.47
	SO ₄	0.42	0.34	0.35	0.35
	SO ₂	0.47	1.00	1.00	1.00
East Asia	NO ₃	0.44	0.53	1.21	1.19
	HNO ₃	0.45	1.92	1.37	1.38
	NO ₃ +HNO ₃	0.89	2.44	2.58	2.57
	NH ₄	1.28	1.43	2.16	2.19
	NH ₃	2.48	2.13	1.69	1.69
	NH ₄ +NH ₃	3.76	3.56	3.84	3.87
	SO ₄	0.87	0.83	0.84	0.84
	SO ₂	2.46	2.37	2.38	2.39