Model Calculations of the Atmospheric Effects of Supersonic Aviation Which Were Used in the IPCC Special Report on Aviation and the Global Atmosphere

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Rationale

This report is intended to expand upon the IPCC Special Report on Aviation and the Global Atmosphere. It provides additional detail regarding the supersonic emission scenario calculations presented in Chapter 4—Modeling the Future Atmosphere. Due to the space limitations in that document, detailed plots and discussion for a majority of the model calculations were omitted. This document is intended to fill that gap and has been compiled for two reasons: (1) to aid those called upon to review the IPCC Special Report, and (2) to archive and document the calculations performed by nine modeling groups for up to 50 scenarios each. This document does not attempt to provide a synthesis of the modeling results or draw conclusions regarding the impact of aircraft on the atmosphere. That function is provided by the IPCC report.

The model descriptions and model results presented in this document represent the state of those models in 1997 when the calculations were performed. Because models are continually evolving and undergoing further development, these results should be considered as a historical snapshot. Please do not cite results presented herein without first obtaining permission from the group which performed the calculations.

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