

# Photolysis in WRF-Chem

- Ozone column density above the model top:
  - TUV: specified value above the model top (specified\_du=325)
  - fast-J: specified value at the model top for the whole domain
  - f-TUV: MOZART model climatology at the top (input file exo\_coldens.nc)
  - **New TUV: uses ozone climatology distributed from model top to 50km, and then several options available above 50km**
- Cloud optical properties:
  - Recalculated in each photolysis scheme, different from physics (e.g. RRTMG)
  - typically, COD calculated from LWP/IWP and effective drop radius (Slingo 1989, with fixed SSA = 0.9999 and  $f_{\text{assym}} = 0.85$ )
  - Various treatments of Sub-grid cloud overlap
    - Scaled by cloud fraction (fast-J)
    - Max random overlap for f-TUV (expensive)
    - Simplified ( $\text{COD}_{\text{subgrid}} = \text{COD} * \text{FCLD}^{3/2}$ , equivalent to max random overlap)
- Aerosols:

accounted for through the namelist option **aer\_ra\_feedback = .true.**

## Settings for phot\_opt = 4 (default in red)

Download the data file [TUV.phot.tar](#) from the ACOM website  
(add data directories DATAE1 and DATAJ1, and wrf\_tuv\_xsqr.nc file)

- **phot\_opt = 4, 4**
- is\_full\_tuv = .false. : use wrf\_tuv\_xsqr.nc table interpolation
- **is\_full\_tuv = .true. : use hard-coded data and formulas (updated)**
- **du\_at\_grnd = 300 : default total o3 column density**
- **has\_o3\_exo\_coldens = .false. : o3 column density above 50 km = 0.**
- has\_o3\_exo\_coldens = .true. : o3 column density above 50 km from mozart climatology
- scale\_o3\_to\_grnd\_exo\_coldens = .true. : total o3 column at ground scaled to climatology
- scale\_o3\_to\_du\_at\_grnd = .true. : scaled to the du\_at\_grnd value at the ground
- **pht\_cldfrc\_opt = 1 : grid cell cloud fraction is either 0 or 1**
- pht\_cldfrc\_opt = 2 : grid cell cloud fraction varies between 0 and 1
- **cld\_od\_opt = 1 : cloud optical depth is scaled by cloud fraction**
- cld\_od\_opt = 2 : cloud optical depth is scaled by (cloud fraction)\*\*1.5