

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 that should be specified.
- **`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

(*) See the next page for the bug fix in v3.9.1

Bug fix for WRFV3.9 and WRFV3.9.1

WRFV3.9 and WRFV3.9.1 when using phot_opt=4 with scale_o3_to_grnd_exo_coldens=.true.

These versions had:

```
if( config_flags%scale_o3_to_grnd_exo_coldens ) then  
dobsi = real( o3_exo_col_at_grnd(i,j),4 )  
endif
```

This should be changed to (and this is corrected for in V4.0):

```
if( config_flags%scale_o3_to_grnd_exo_coldens ) then  
dobsi = real( o3_exo_col_at_grnd(i,j),4 )/2.687e16  
endif
```