Hydrofluorocarbon Emissions in China: An Inventory for 2005–2013 and Projections to 2050

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## CFCs/HCFCs/HFCs



- MP successfully phased out CFCs and is phasing out HCFCs.
- Phase out done via use of substitute chemicals or other approaches.

Burkholder, Cox, and Ravishankara, 2015







Spray foam installation





Steel-faced panel



sol configuration

Refrigerated trailer with dedicated diesel engine and cooling system





Intermodal container with dedicated cooling system



Flake ice making system for a fishing trawler



Small refrigerated truck, compressor located by main vehicle engine

Integral skin foam products



#### Velders, 2009



### **Business-as-usual consumption**



#### Are observed changes happening as expected?



A) Recent projections: accurate for HFC-134a, overestimating other HFCs... B) Shortfall: ~100 Mt CO<sub>2</sub>-eq for HFC-134a

#### ~150 Mt CO<sub>2</sub>-eq for other HFCs

This result has been noted independently by results from both networks

Observations and trends of Hydrofluorocarbons, S. Montzka

## Data

- Production and sales data for 2005-2010 collected from enterprises
- Production and sales data after 2010 bought from POL





### **Acceptability Metric**



# Estimation of Emissions from Consumption

 Emissions are calculated as constant fractions of HFCs released annually from identified banks. The annual bank of HFCs is equal to the sum of the bank and consumption in the previous year, minus the emissions in the previous year. The methodology is shown in Equations 1 and 2.

$$E_t = f \times (B_t + C_t) \tag{1}$$

$$B_t = B_{t-1} + C_{t-1} - E_{t-1}$$
(2)

Here,  $B_t$  and  $B_{t-1}$  represent the HFC banks in the year t and t-1, respectively,  $C_t$  and  $C_{t-1}$  are HFC consumption in the year t and t-1, respectively,  $E_t$  and  $E_{t-1}$  are HFC emissions in the year t and t-1, respectively, and f is emission factor for each HFC.





# Estimation of mixing ratio and radiative forcing

 The surface global mean mixing ratio of specific HFC *i* in year *j* was calculated from global annual HFC emissions, HFC lifetime, HFC molecular weight, number of molecules in the global atmosphere, and other input data (see equations (1), (2) and (3)). Atmospheric surface global mean mixing ratios of HFC were multiplied by their radiative efficiency values (Table S1) to obtain radiative forcing (equations (4)).





$$\frac{dC_i}{dt} = F_i \times E_i - \frac{C_i}{\tau_i} \tag{1}$$

Integrate the equation, which yields:

$$C_{i,j} = C_{i,j-1} \times \exp\left(-\frac{1}{\tau_i}\right) + F_i \times E_{i,j-1} \times \tau_i \times (1 - \exp\left(-\frac{1}{\tau_i}\right))$$
(2)

Here  $C_{i,j}$  and  $C_{i,j-1}$  are the mean surface mixing ratios (ppt),  $\tau_i$  is the lifetime (years),

 $E_{i,j-1}$  is the global annual emissions (kg yr<sup>-1</sup>), and  $F_i$  (ppt kg<sup>-1</sup>) is a factor that relates the

mass emitted to the global mean surface mixing ratios.

$$F_{i} = \left(\frac{N_{A}}{N_{a}}\right) \frac{F_{surf}}{M_{i}} = 5.68 \times 10^{-9} \frac{F_{surf}}{M_{i}}$$
(3)

Here  $M_i$  is the molecular weight (kg mole<sup>-1</sup>),  $N_A$  is the Avogadro constant,  $N_a$  is the

number of molecules in the global atmosphere, and  $F_{surf}$  is a factor relating the global

mean surface mixing ratio to the global mean atmospheric mixing ratio.  $F_{surf}$  was taken

to be 1.07 for all HFCs.<sup>25, 26</sup>

 $RF_{i,j} = C_{i,j} \times RE_i / 1000 \tag{4}$ 

Here  $RF_{i,j}$  (W m<sup>-2</sup>) is the radiative forcing, and  $RE_i$  is the radiative efficiency (W m<sup>-2</sup> ppb<sup>-1</sup>; listed in Table S1).

#### **HFCs consumption and emission in China**





a), b), c) and d) show proportions of China's HFC CO<sub>2</sub>-eq emissions to China's ODS CO<sub>2</sub>-eq emissions,<sup>27</sup> China's CO<sub>2</sub> emissions,<sup>28</sup> global HFC CO<sub>2</sub>-eq emissions<sup>6</sup> and global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions,33 respectively. China's emissions for HFC-227ea, HFC-236fa and HFC-245fa were not estimated for 2010-2013

# **BAU Scenario**

- the HCFC consumption in China during 2011–2050 is assumed to grow in proportion to the gross domestic product (GDP) scenarios from Shared Socioeconomic Pathway (SSP)projections.<sup>21</sup>
- The high and low ends of the range for GDP growth follow the SSP5 and SSP3 scenarios (the five datasets (SSP1 to 5) quantified by the OECD as illustrative SSPs),<sup>21</sup> respectively.
- Due to the Montreal Protocol, HCFC consumption in China was frozen in 2013 at the baseline of an average of the 2009–2010 level, and will be reduced by 10% in 2015, 35% in 2020, 67.5% in 2025, and 97.5% by 2030.<sup>22</sup> We assume that the HFCs and not-in-kind replacements (the replacement pattern is shown in Table S4) make up for the differences between the HCFC demand and the lower HCFC consumption to comply with the Montreal Protocol.





# Scenario for mitigation of HFCs

- BAU
- NAP Consumption cap
  - $-\ 2018\ 100\%,\ 2025\ 75\%,\ 2030\ 40\%,\ 2043\ 15\%$
  - liner reduction in practise
- 2024 reduction scenario

in 2024 freeze production and consumption at 2023 level 4% per year (2025-2044), keep 20% of the baseline liner reduction

2044-2050, keep 20% of the baseline







#### Key data by 2050 (million tons CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent)

	Accumulated consumption	Accumulated emission	Avoided consumption	Avoided emission
<b>BAU</b> (基线)	74 000 (63 000–85 000)	59 000 (51 000– 67 000)	China's annual Co 10, billion tons ? 4-5 years	O <sub>2</sub> emissions:
2024	31 000	29,000	43,000	30,000
	(29 000–34 000)	(27 000- 31 000)	(34 000–51 000)	(24 000- 36 000)
NAP(北美)	8100	8200	66,000	51,000
	(8000–8100)	(8100–8200)	(37,000-91,000)	(27,000-67,000)

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