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Estimating the atmospheric concentration of Criegee intermediates and their possible interference in a FAGE-LIF instrument

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2 **Assessment of the available rate coefficients for the SCI + SO₂ reaction**

3 The disagreement between the rate coefficient for the SCI + SO₂ reaction obtained by
4 Mauldin III et al. (2012) and Berndt et al. (2012), $5.0 \times 10^{-13} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$, and the one
5 obtained by a number of other groups (Welz et al., 2012; Taatjes et al., 2013; Liu et al.,
6 2014b; Sheps et al., 2014; Stone et al., 2014; Chhantyal-Pun et al., 2015; Newland et al.,
7 2015a; Newland et al., 2015b; Foreman et al., 2016; Zhu et al., 2016), $3.3 \times 10^{-11} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$, is not straightforward to explain.

9 A first factor is that Mauldin III et al. (2012) and Berndt et al. (2012) measure the rate of
10 formation of H₂SO₄ rather than the loss of SCI by SO₂. Theoretical and experimental results
11 (Carlsson et al., 2012; Ahrens et al., 2014) indicate that SO₃ is the main product of the SCI +
12 SO₂ reaction, with a yield near 100% at all reaction conditions considered. Barring secondary
13 chemistry removing SO₃ prior to its reaction with H₂O to form H₂SO₄, which seems unlikely
14 under their reaction conditions, the H₂O₄ yield should match the SCI loss. Earlier theoretical
15 work by Vereecken et al. (2012) suggested that the secondary ozonide (SOZ) formed as an
16 intermediate from the reaction between larger SCI and SO₂ could stabilize and undergo
17 bimolecular reaction without formation of SO₃; the loss of SOZ would then reduce SO₃
18 formation, explaining the difference in the rate coefficients for the different experiments.
19 However, more recent theoretical work (Kuwata et al., 2015) found additional low-lying
20 pathways that make collisional stabilization of the SOZ unlikely. Experiments by Carlsson et
21 al. (2012) and Ahrens et al. (2014) observed high yields of SO₃ close to unity suggesting that
22 the SOZ is not lost under the conditions used, i.e. in chambers with high concentrations of
23 reactants and in the absence of water.

1 A second factor is that the reaction conditions used by Mauldin III et al. (2012) and Berndt et
2 al. (2014) differ from the other studies, i.e. they were performed either at ambient air
3 conditions or with lower concentrations of reagents and in the presence of water, while the
4 remaining experiments were typically performed under lower pressures, without efficient
5 colliders present. The mechanism of the SCI+SO₂ reaction as obtained by several authors
6 (Vereecken et al., 2012;Kuwata et al., 2015;Jiang et al., 2010;Kurtén et al., 2011) all indicate
7 a barrierless formation of a pre-reactive complex or cycloadduct. This type of reactions
8 typically show faster rate coefficients at higher pressures due to lower redissociation of the
9 adduct; this is corroborated by the theoretical study on the pressure dependence by Kuwata et
10 al. (2015) who finds no pressure dependence up to 10132.5 hPa and an increase in the
11 effective rate coefficient for higher pressures. Experimental studies of the pressure
12 dependence (Liu et al., 2014b;Huang et al., 2015;Chhantyal-Pun et al., 2016) do not show
13 extensive pressure dependence up to 300 Torr, and all show a positive pressure dependence,
14 in line with the currently accepted reaction mechanism. The Carlsson et al. (2012)
15 experiments at 1013.51 hPa likewise can be fitted using a faster CI + SO₂ rate coefficient of 1
16 $\times 10^{-11} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$. This suggests that the reaction conditions used by Mauldin III et al.
17 and Berndt et al. would likely lead to faster rate coefficients, especially for larger SCI as used
18 in Mauldin III et al. due to the lower redissociation rate and hence higher thermalization yield
19 of the intermediates.

20 A third factor is that the Mauldin III et al. examine SCI formed from larger terpenoids, rather
21 than the smaller SCI examined in the remaining studies. A larger SCI should mean a longer
22 lifetime for the SOZ intermediate, especially as this longer lifetime makes collisional
23 thermalization more efficient. Hence the large SOZ might indeed live long enough to react in
24 bimolecular reactions prior to dissociation to SO₃, contrary to smaller SOZ. Unfortunately,
25 SOZ chemistry has not been studied in detail; for the current case the reaction with e.g. H₂O

could be a potential loss process. A prerequisite for this scavenging to be effective is that no H_2SO_4 precursor should be formed. This scavenging of the SOZ intermediate would however not apply to the experiments of Berndt et al., which examined CH_3CHOO and $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{COO}$ Criegee intermediates, similar in size to those used in the studies yielding higher rate coefficients. For SCI of this size, the RRKM master equation analysis of (Kuwata et al., 2015) predicts very fast SOZ decomposition.

Finally, an alternative explanation could be based on analysis of the studies by Mauldin III et al. (2012) and Berndt et al. (2012). In their experiments, the rate of the $\text{SCI} + \text{SO}_2$ reaction is derived relative to the total loss rate of SCI, L_{SCI} , as it governs the steady-state concentration of SCI with negligible SO_2 present. This L_{SCI} has a value on the order of ~ 3 to 5 s^{-1} in both experiments. Since these studies, a large body of experimental and theoretical data has become available, regarding the reactivity of SCI towards many coreactants present in the reaction mixture (Taatjes et al., 2013; Ouyang et al., 2013; Ahrens et al., 2014; Buras et al., 2014; Liu et al., 2014a; Stone et al., 2014; Sheps et al., 2014; Welz et al., 2014; Lewis et al., 2015). From this new data, we should consider that a total loss rate of about 4 s^{-1} is an underestimate. In a previous study by Novelli et al. (2014) a value of $L_{\text{SCI}} = 40 \text{ s}^{-1}$ under atmospheric conditions was proposed. A re-analysis of the study by Mauldin III et al. (2012) using $L_{\text{SCI}} = 40 \text{ s}^{-1}$ and the measured yield of SCI for α -pinene of 0.1 (Donahue et al., 2011), results in a rate coefficient for the α -pinene-derived $\text{SCI} + \text{SO}_2$ reaction of $2.6 \times 10^{-11} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$. Likewise, for the other compounds examined in the two studies (Berndt et al., 2012; Mauldin III et al., 2012), the derived rate of $\text{SCI} + \text{SO}_2$ would shift significantly towards the higher values obtained in the other studies (Welz et al., 2012; Taatjes et al., 2013; Liu et al., 2014b; Sheps et al., 2014; Stone et al., 2014). One must consider, though, that the study by Berndt et al. (2012) included a measurement of k_{loss} , based on the observed H_2SO_4 formation from the steady state SCI in the absence of SO_2 . Hence, this second explanation is only viable

1 if another source of H_2SO_4 exists in the system; this has already been suggested by Newland
2 et al. (2015a) based on their SO_2 oxidation experiments.

3 Still, as these considerations for the lower values by Mauldin III et al. (2012) and Berndt et al.
4 (2012) are merely speculative, we will consider both $3.3 \times 10^{-11} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ and 5×10^{-13}
5 $\text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ as possible rate coefficients for the $\text{SCI} + \text{SO}_2$ reaction in the current
6 budget analysis.

7 **SCI time series**

9 Time series of SCI were derived for two field campaigns, HUMPPA-COPEC 2010 and HOPE
10 2012, obtained based on different source data, i.e. the sulfuric acid budget, the speciated VOC
11 concentrations measured, and the unexplained OH reactivity.

12 The time series for the HUMPPA-COPEC 2010 campaign (Figures SI-2, SI-4, and SI-7) are
13 fairly well defined, at least in view of intrinsic uncertainty of the underlying data; as detailed
14 in the main text, this is the campaign with the highest expected SCI concentrations. Fig SI-2,
15 using the H_2SO_4 budget as data source, shows a less pronounced diurnal cycle, but figure SI-4
16 and SI-7 both show a clear diurnal cycle of the predicted SCI concentration, as well as some
17 daily differences. These plots both link [SCI] to VOC concentrations, and the SCI
18 concentration follows the diel variation of these VOCs, as expected from the ozonolysis
19 chemistry as a source of SCI. Our analysis is not able to account for different yields or
20 lifetimes of SCI as a function of VOC speciation differences from day to night, due to lack of
21 data. In principle this could superimpose an additional SCI concentration diel variation, but
22 we anticipate this to be minor considering that the VOC speciation does not change drastically
23 between day and night. Both plots also show clear daily differences.

1 The [SCI] time series for the HOPE 2012 campaign are characterized mostly by their
2 statistical noise. As discussed in the main paper, the SCI concentration during this campaign
3 was expected to be low, and the SCI concentration estimates are typically derived from a
4 small difference between large numbers, each with their own statistical noise, leading to
5 highly variable data with very large relative uncertainties even when the absolute numbers
6 remain small. Under these conditions, neither diurnal cycles, day-to-day variations, nor even
7 minimum and peak values carry strong significance, and no meaningful in-depth analysis can
8 be done beyond stating that the concentrations are predicted to be low indeed.

9 Across all SCI time series, we find that the minimum and maximum values of the predicted
10 SCI concentration remains within a relatively modest factor of the median and the average
11 [SCI], only exceeding a factor of 5 for a handful of data points. Considering the uncertainties
12 already incurred through the analysis methodology itself, and the variability and uncertainties
13 on the source data underlying these studies, secondary effects such as day-to-day variability,
14 diurnal cycles, or multi-day variations have only a moderate to small impact on the overall
15 uncertainty of the CI estimates proposed in the main paper, where we indicate uncertainties
16 that exceed an order of magnitude.

18 **Sensitivity study on the unexplained OH reactivity SCI estimate**

19 The estimate of SCI from the unexplained OH reactivity data contains larger uncertainties
20 compared to the previous estimates as the rate coefficient for ozonolysis of unsaturated
21 compounds varies by up to three orders of magnitude. In addition, the rate coefficient between
22 OH and unsaturated compounds, depending on whether these are unsaturated NMHC or
23 OVOC, primary emissions, or secondary oxidation products, varies by an order of magnitude.
24 A sensitivity study was done on the SCI estimates from the unexplained OH reactivity to

attempt to account for this uncertainty in rate coefficients. It is possible to calculate a lower limit for the SCI concentration by using the highest rate coefficient between OH and unsaturated compounds, $1.0 \times 10^{-10} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ (Atkinson et al., 2006) combined with a slow rate coefficient for the unsaturated compounds and ozone, $1.0 \times 10^{-17} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ (Atkinson et al., 2006), leading to a $[\text{SCI}] = (8.7 \pm 8.0) \times 10^3 \text{ molecules cm}^{-3}$. For the upper limit, a slower rate coefficient for OH and unsaturated OVOC, $\sim 3.0 \times 10^{-11} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ (Atkinson et al., 2006; Teruel et al., 2006) together with a higher rate coefficient with O_3 , $1.0 \times 10^{-16} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ (Atkinson et al., 2006) results in a concentration of $[\text{SCI}] = (3.0 \pm 3.0) \times 10^5 \text{ molecules cm}^{-3}$. These are the values obtained for the HUMPPA-COPEC 2010 campaign. For the HOPE 2012 campaign, the same assumptions would yield a lower and an upper limit of $(1.0 \pm 0.2) \times 10^3 \text{ molecules cm}^{-3}$ and $(2.9 \pm 0.7) \times 10^4 \text{ molecules cm}^{-3}$, respectively.

Table SI-1. Average concentrations with 1σ standard deviation of measured unsaturated VOC during the HUMPPA-COPEC 2010 and HOPE 2012 campaigns, together with the rate coefficients of the reaction with ozone (IUPAC recommended values) (Atkinson et al., 2006).

Compound	[molecule cm ⁻³]		Rate coefficient with O ₃ [cm ³ molecule ⁻¹ s ⁻¹]
	HUMPPA- COPEC 2010	HOPE 2012	
isoprene	$(1.8 \pm 1.8) \times 10^9$	$(2.2 \pm 2.2) \times 10^9$	$1.0 \times 10^{-14} \exp(-1995/T)$
α-pinene	$(2.7 \pm 3.0) \times 10^9$	$(1.5 \pm 1.5) \times 10^9$	$8.1 \times 10^{-16} \exp(-640/T)$
β-pinene	$(1.9 \pm 6.6) \times 10^8$	$(9.0 \pm 9.0) \times 10^8$	$1.4 \times 10^{-15} \exp(-1270/T)$
3-carene	$(1.7 \pm 2.0) \times 10^9$	$(5.6 \pm 4.7) \times 10^8$	$4.8 \times 10^{-17, b}$
myrcene	$(2.6 \pm 2.7) \times 10^8$	$(2.2 \pm 1.6) \times 10^8$	$2.7 \times 10^{-15} \exp(-520/T)$
limonene	n.a.	$(2.9 \pm 2.1) \times 10^8$	$2.8 \times 10^{-15} \exp(-770/T)$
sabinene	n.a.	$(9.2 \pm 9.6) \times 10^8$	$8.2 \times 10^{-17, b}$
γ-terpinene	n.a.	$(1.0 \pm 1.0) \times 10^8$	$1.5 \times 10^{-16, b}$
2-methylpropene	n.a.	$(4.2 \pm 2.5) \times 10^8$	$2.7 \times 10^{-15} \exp(-1630/T)$
but-1-ene	n.a.	$(1.4 \pm 4.2) \times 10^8$	$1.2 \times 10^{-17, a, b}$
propene	n.a.	$(4.7 \pm 3.7) \times 10^8$	$5.5 \times 10^{-15} \exp(-1880/T)$
cis-2-butene	n.a.	$(6.1 \pm 3.0) \times 10^7$	$3.2 \times 10^{-15} \exp(-965/T)$
ethene	n.a.	$(7.3 \pm 9.0) \times 10^9$	$9.1 \times 10^{-15} \exp(-2580/T)$

a, rate coefficient from Adeniji et al. (1981).

b, at 298 K

1 ppbv = 2.46×10^{10} molecules cm⁻³ at 295K and 1013 hPa.

1 Table SI-2. Average concentrations with 1 σ standard deviation of measured trace gas during
2 the HUMPPA-COPEC 2010 and HOPE 2012 campaigns, with the rate coefficients of the
3 reaction with OH (IUPAC recommended values) (Atkinson et al., 2006;Atkinson et al., 2004)

Compound	[molecule cm ⁻³]		Rate coefficient with OH [cm ³ molecule ⁻¹ s ⁻¹]
	HUMPPA- COPEC 2010	HOPE 2012	
isoprene	(1.8 \pm 1.8) x 10 ⁹	(2.2 \pm 2.0) x 10 ⁹	2.7 x 10 ⁻¹¹ exp(390/T)
α-pinene	(2.7 \pm 3.0) x 10 ⁹	(1.5 \pm 1.5) x 10 ⁹	1.2 x 10 ⁻¹¹ exp(440/T)
β-pinene	(1.9 \pm 6.6) x 10 ⁸	(9.0 \pm 9.0) x 10 ⁸	7.4 x 10 ⁻¹¹ , a,b
3-carene	(1.7 \pm 2.0) x 10 ⁹	(5.6 \pm 4.7) x 10 ⁸	8.8 x 10 ⁻¹¹ , a,b
myrcene	(2.6 \pm 2.7) x 10 ⁸	(2.2 \pm 1.6) x 10 ⁸	3.3 x 10 ⁻¹⁰ , b,c
limonene	n.a.	(2.9 \pm 2.1) x 10 ⁸	3 x 10 ⁻¹¹ exp(515/T), ^d
sabinene	n.a.	(9.2 \pm 9.6) x 10 ⁸	1.2 x 10 ⁻¹⁰ , a,b
γ-terpinene	n.a.	(1.0 \pm 1.0) x 10 ⁸	1.7 x 10 ⁻¹⁰ , b
MACR	(1.0 \pm 0.9) x 10 ¹⁰	(1.4 \pm 0.9) x 10 ⁹	8 x 10 ⁻¹² exp(380/T)
ethanol	(3.6 \pm 2.2) x 10 ¹⁰	(1.8 \pm 1.1) x 10 ¹⁰	3.2 x 10 ⁻¹² exp(20/T)
methanol	(1.0 \pm 1.4) x 10 ¹¹	(9.0 \pm 3.4) x 10 ¹⁰	9.0 x 10 ⁻¹³ , b
ozone	(1.1 \pm 0.2) x 10 ¹²	(1.1 \pm 0.3) x 10 ¹²	1.7 x 10 ⁻¹² exp(-940/T)
SO₂	(1.4 \pm 1.7) x 10 ¹⁰	(2.3 \pm 2.2) x 10 ⁹	2.0 x 10 ⁻¹² , b
H₂O₂	(1.1 \pm 1.0) x 10 ¹⁰	n.a.	1.7 x 10 ⁻¹² , b
HO₂	(9.0 \pm 9.5) x 10 ⁸	(1.4 \pm 8.6) x 10 ⁸	4.8 x 10 ⁻¹¹ exp(250/T)
NO	(6.5 \pm 7.0) x 10 ⁸	(3.8 \pm 5.0) x 10 ⁹	1.3 x 10 ⁻¹¹ , b
NO₂	(9.5 \pm 5.0) x 10 ⁹	(3.8 \pm 2.4) x 10 ¹⁰	1.1 x 10 ⁻¹¹ , b
CO	(3.0 \pm 1.2) x 10 ¹²	(2.8 \pm 0.4) x 10 ¹²	2.1 x 10 ⁻¹³ , b
HONO	(3.4 \pm 3.1) x 10 ⁹	n.a.	6.0 x 10 ⁻¹² , b
propanal	n.a.	(5.8 \pm 3.0) x 10 ⁹	4.9 x 10 ⁻¹² exp(405/T)

acetaldehyde	$(1.8 \pm 1.0) \times 10^{10}$	$(2.9 \pm 1.4) \times 10^{10}$	$1.5 \times 10^{-11, b}$
formaldehyde	$(1.4 \pm 1.6) \times 10^{10}$	$(2.1 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{10}$	$8.5 \times 10^{-12, b}$
acetone	$(8.2 \pm 3.8) \times 10^{10}$	$(6.0 \pm 2.2) \times 10^{10}$	$1.8 \times 10^{-13, b}$
CH₄	$(4.4 \pm 0.07) \times 10^{13}$	$(4.3 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{13}$	$6.4 \times 10^{-15, b}$
2-methylpropene	n.a.	$(4.2 \pm 2.5) \times 10^8$	$6.1 \times 10^{-11, a, b}$
but-1-ene	n.a.	$(1.4 \pm 4.2) \times 10^8$	$3.1 \times 10^{-11, a, b}$
propene	n.a.	$(4.7 \pm 3.7) \times 10^8$	$2.9 \times 10^{-11, b}$
cis-2-butene	n.a.	$(6.1 \pm 3.0) \times 10^7$	$6.4 \times 10^{-11, b}$
ethene	n.a.	$(7.3 \pm 9.0) \times 10^9$	$7.8 \times 10^{-12, b}$
p-xylene	n.a.	$(7.2 \pm 5.2) \times 10^8$	$2.0 \times 10^{-11, a, b}$
benzene	$(2.1 \pm 1.9) \times 10^9$	$(8.0 \pm 4.0) \times 10^8$	$1.2 \times 10^{-12, a, b}$
ethylbenzene	n.a.	$(2.3 \pm 2.1) \times 10^8$	$7.0 \times 10^{-12, a, b}$
Toluene	$(6.1 \pm 3.0) \times 10^9$	$(1.2 \pm 0.7) \times 10^9$	$5.6 \times 10^{-12, a, b}$
ethane	n.a.	$(1.8 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{10}$	$4.8 \times 10^{-11} \exp(250/T),^a$
propane	n.a.	$(5.6 \pm 3.6) \times 10^9$	$1.1 \times 10^{-12, a, b}$
methylpropane	$(1.8 \pm 2.3) \times 10^9$	$(1.4 \pm 0.9) \times 10^9$	$2.1 \times 10^{-12, a, b}$
butane	$(1.8 \pm 1.6) \times 10^9$	$(2.0 \pm 1.2) \times 10^9$	$2.3 \times 10^{-12, a, b}$
2-methylbutane	$(1.6 \pm 1.2) \times 10^9$	n.a.	$3.6 \times 10^{-12, a, b}$
n-pentane	$(1.0 \pm 0.9) \times 10^9$	$(5.6 \pm 5.0) \times 10^9$	$3.8 \times 10^{-12, a, b}$

a, rate coefficient from (Atkinson and Arey, 2003).

b, at 298 K.

c, rate coefficient from (Hites and Turner, 2009)

d, rate coefficient from (Braure et al., 2014)

1 ppbv = 2.46×10^{10} molecules cm⁻³ at 295K and 1013 hPa.

Table SI-3. Average sum of concentrations with 1 σ standard deviation of BVOC (isoprene, α -pinene, β -pinene, 3-carene, myrcene, limonene, sabinene, γ -terpinene) and temperature for the entire HOPE 2012 field campaign excluding the period between 26th to 28th of July 2012.

	$\Sigma[\text{VOC}] [\text{molecules cm}^{-3}]$	Temperature [$^{\circ}\text{C}$]
HOPE 2012 campaign	$(5.0 \pm 4.0) \times 10^9$	16 ± 3.0
26 th to 28 th of July 2012	$(1.3 \pm 0.9) \times 10^{10}$	22 ± 3.0

1 ppbv = 2.46×10^{10} molecules cm^{-3} at 295K and 1013 hPa.

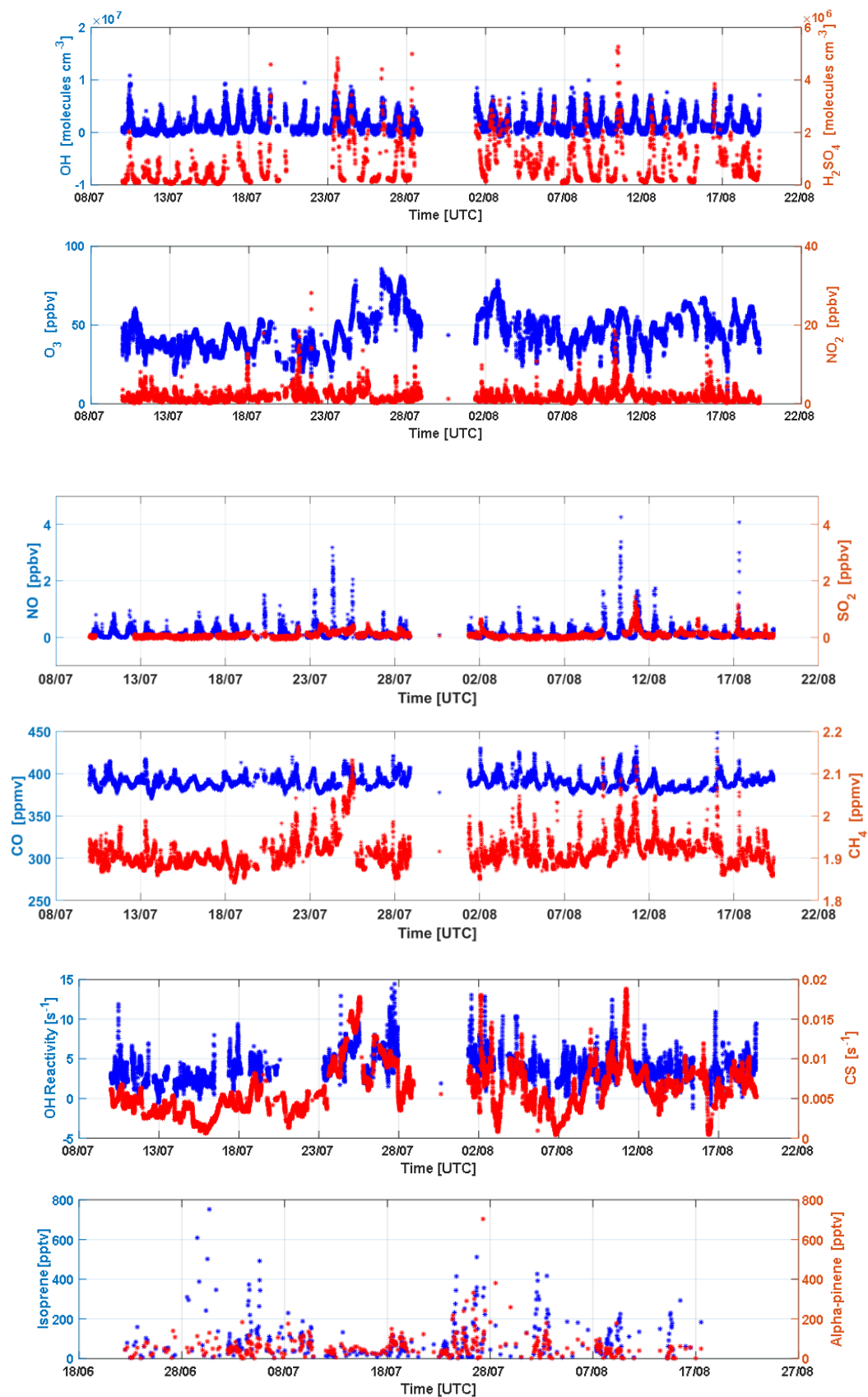
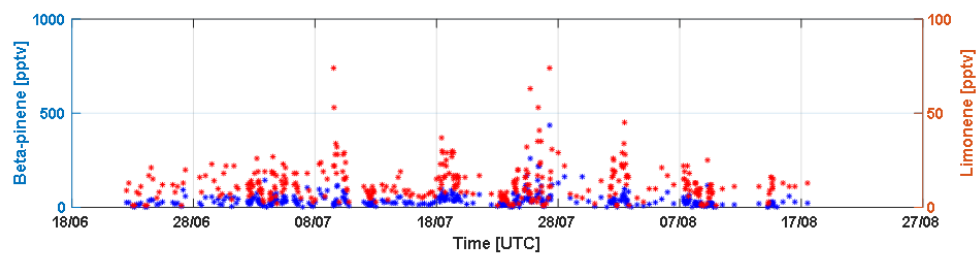
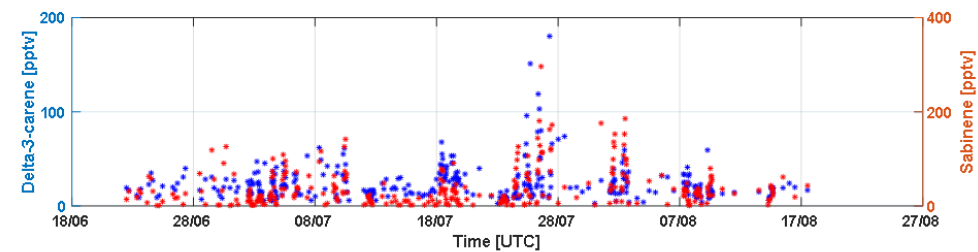


Figure SI-1. Time series of trace gases measured during the HOPE 2012 campaign.

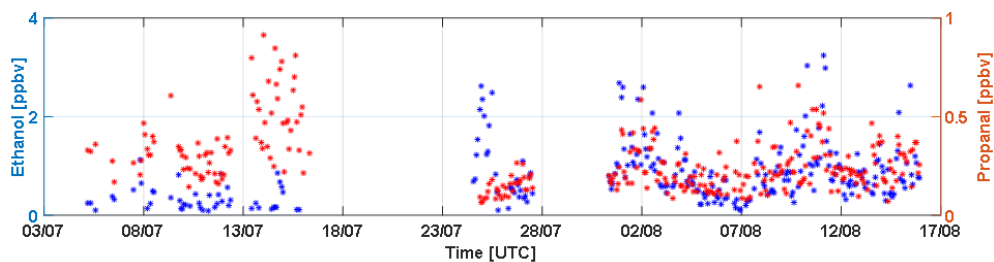
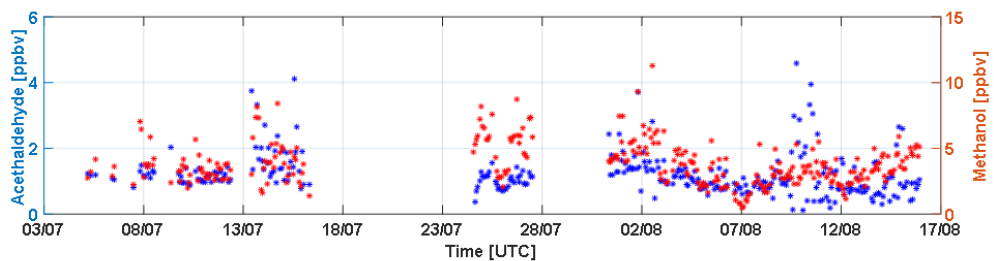
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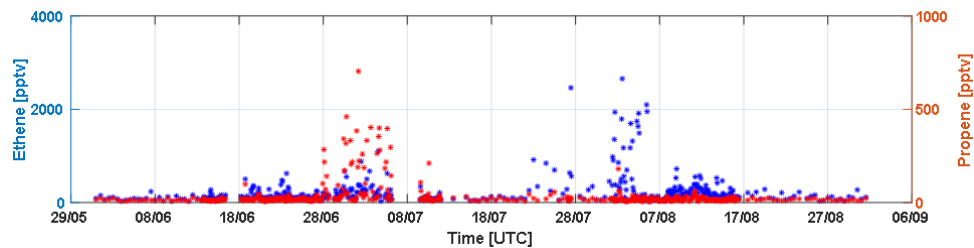
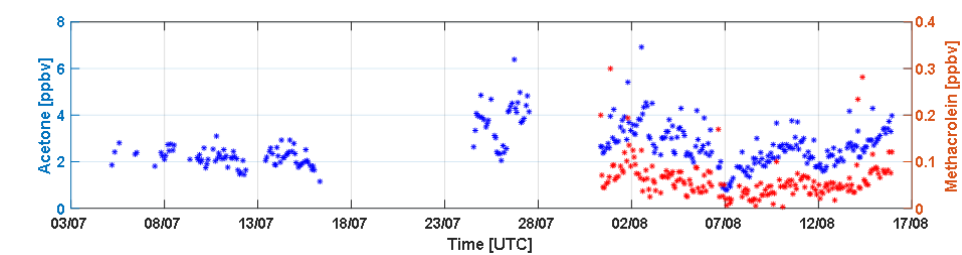
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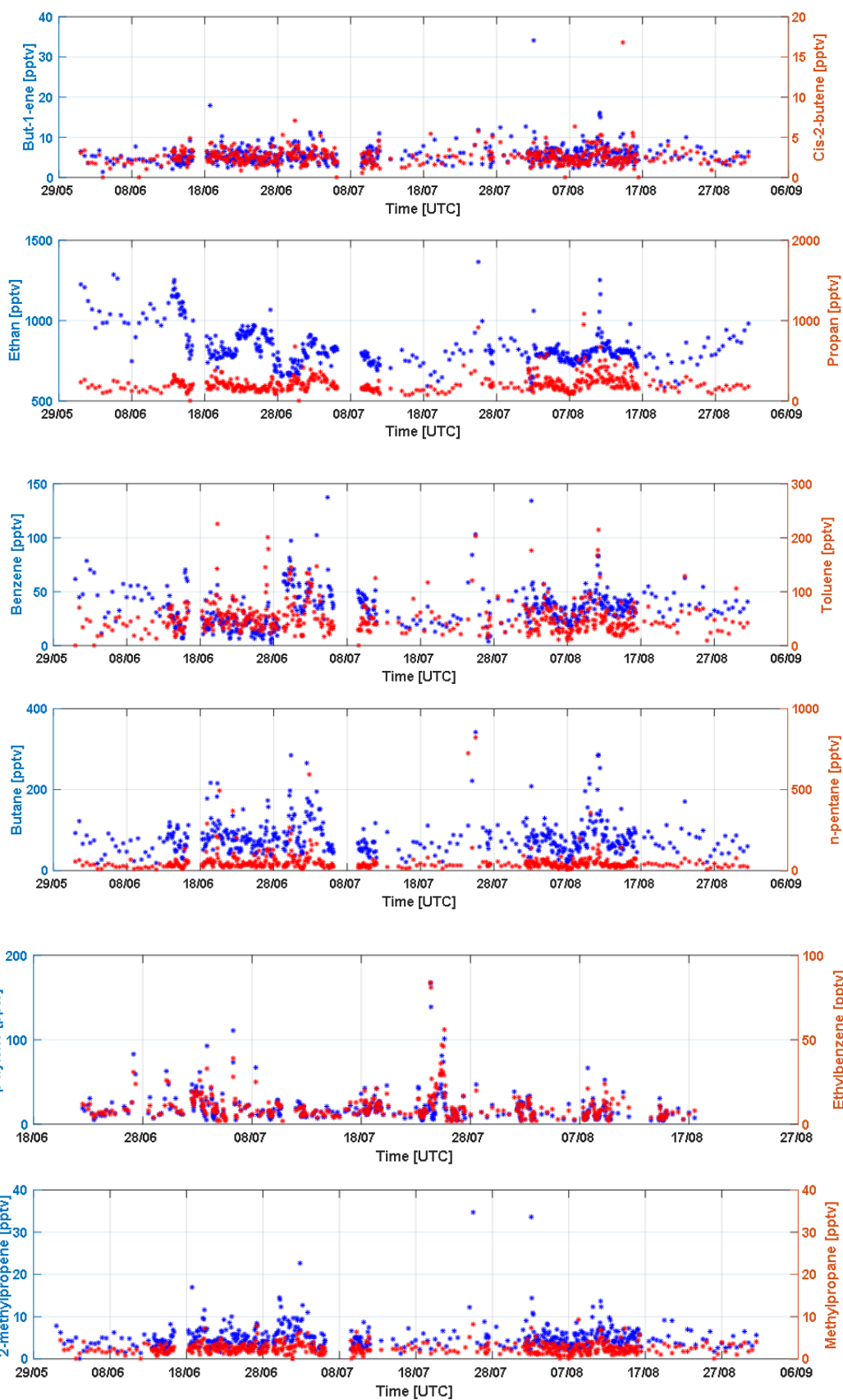


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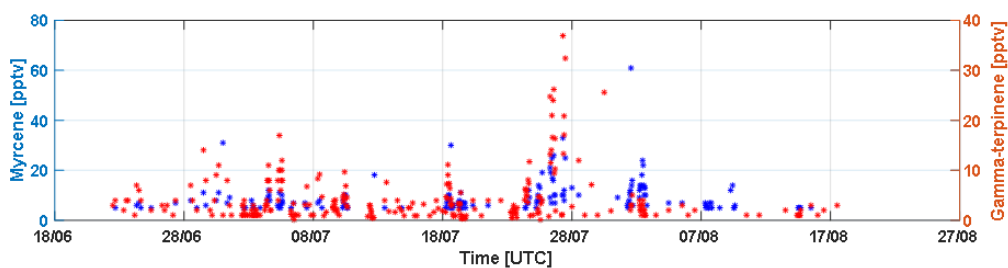


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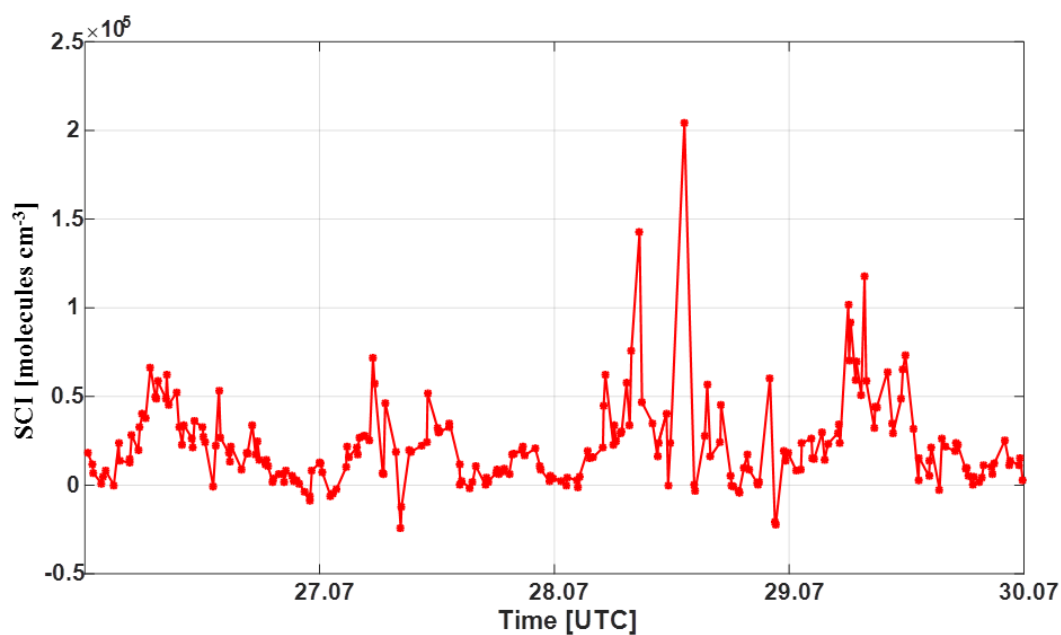


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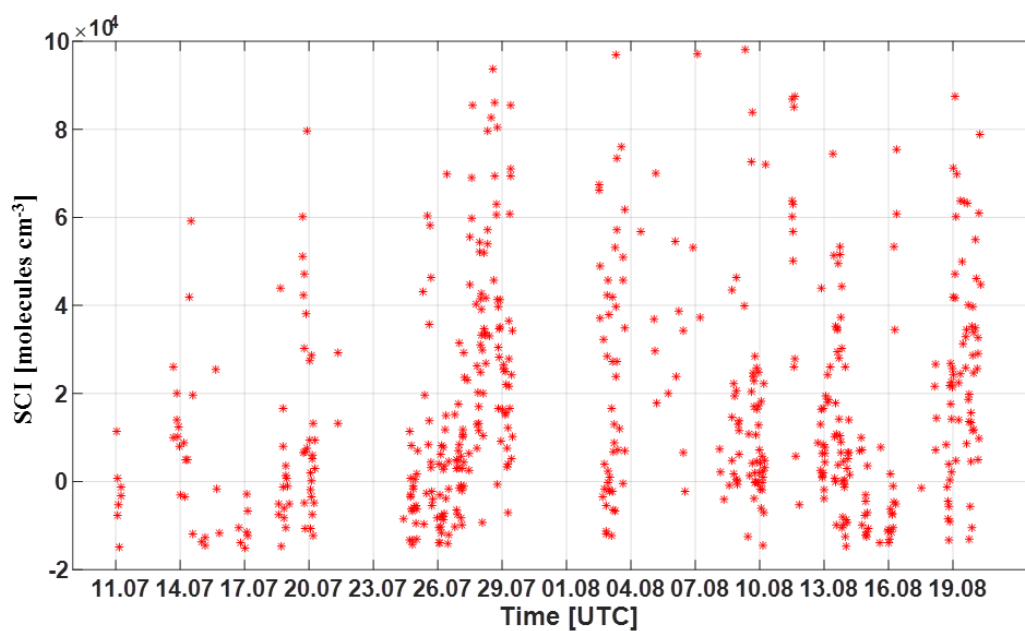


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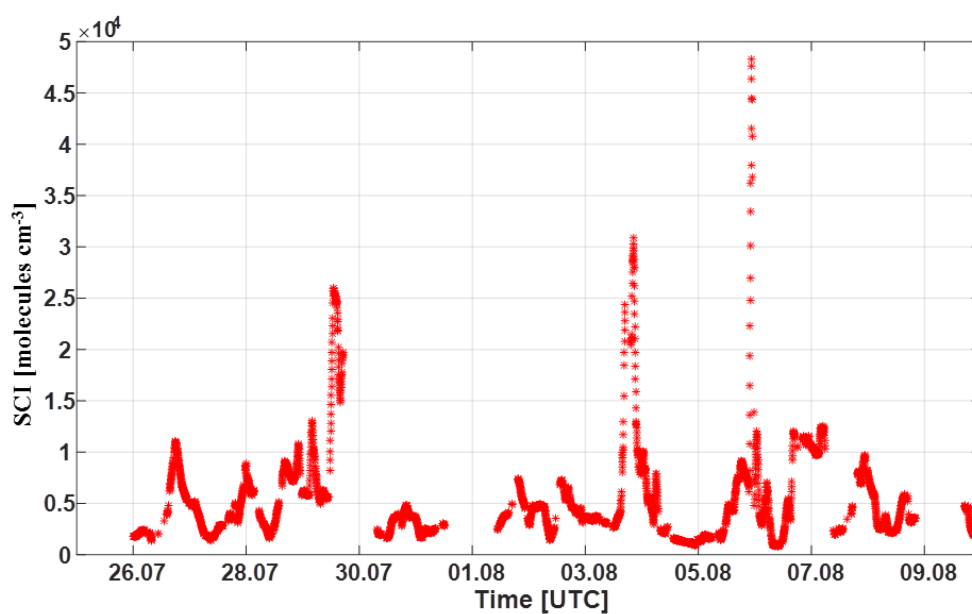


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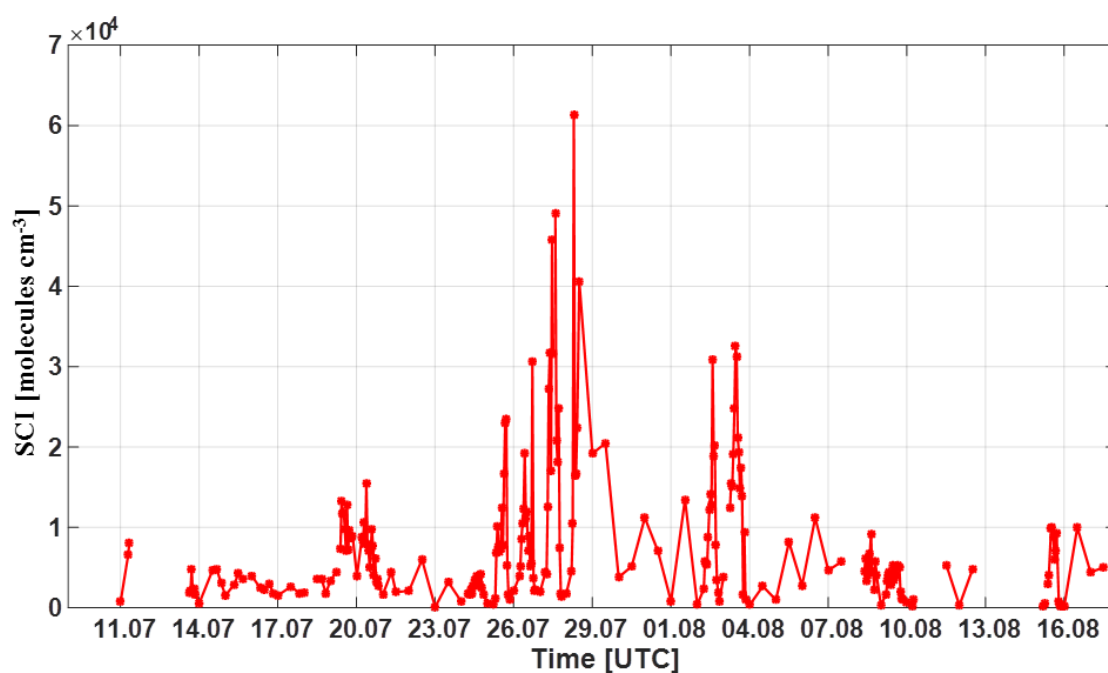


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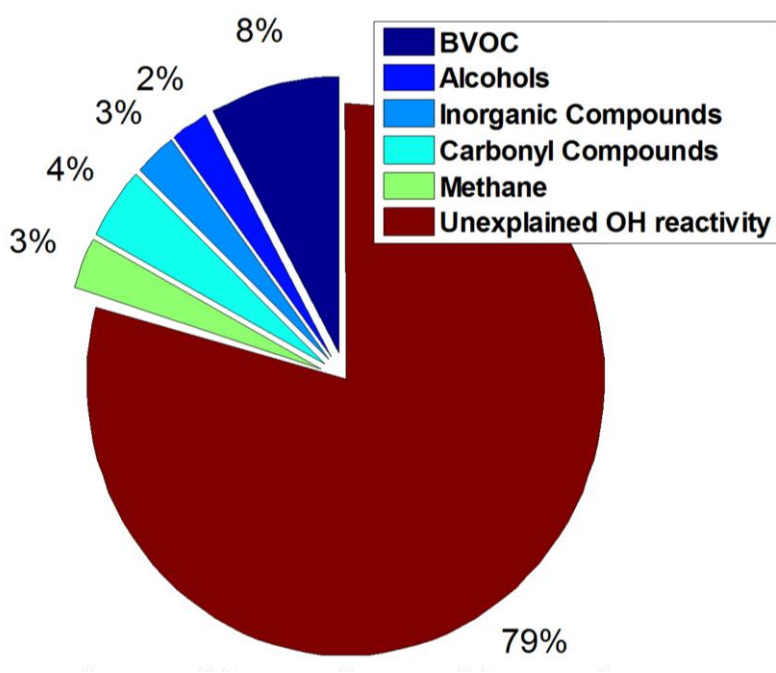
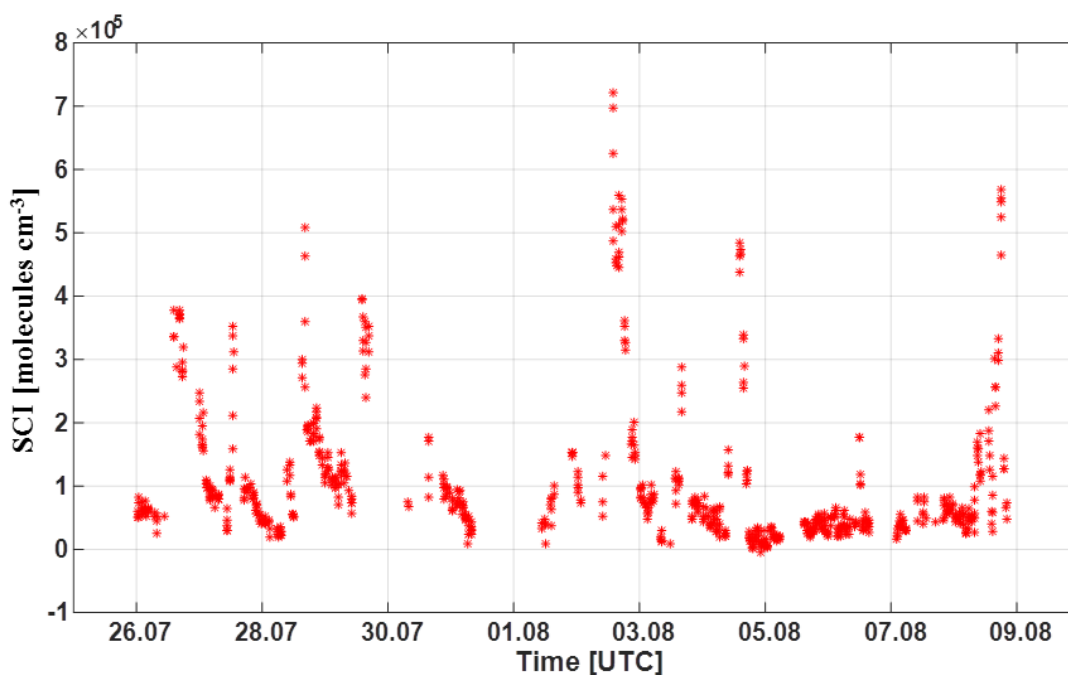
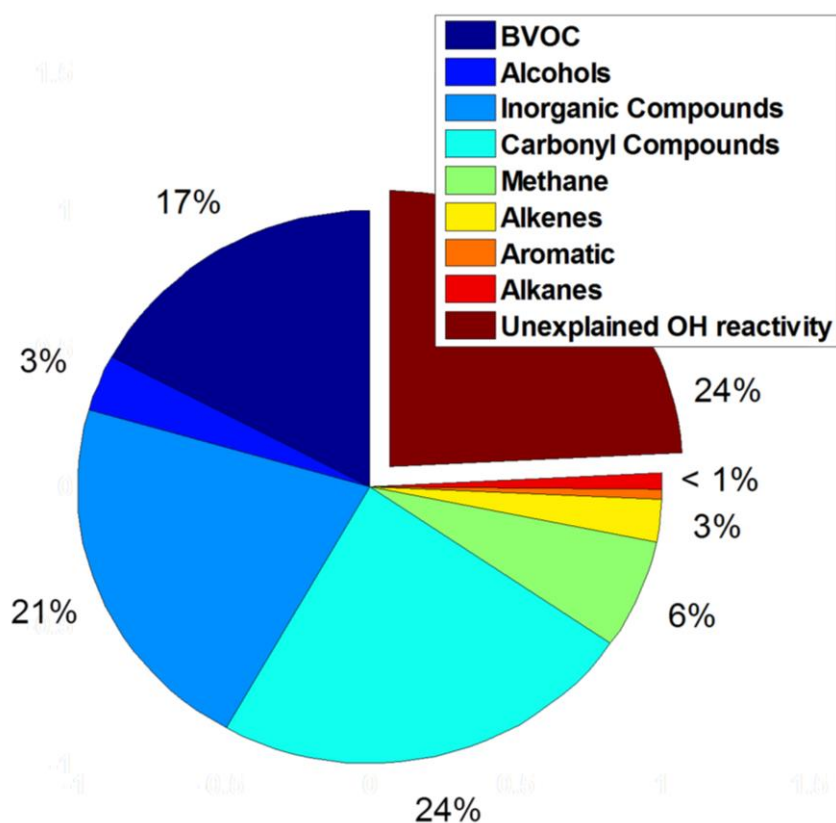


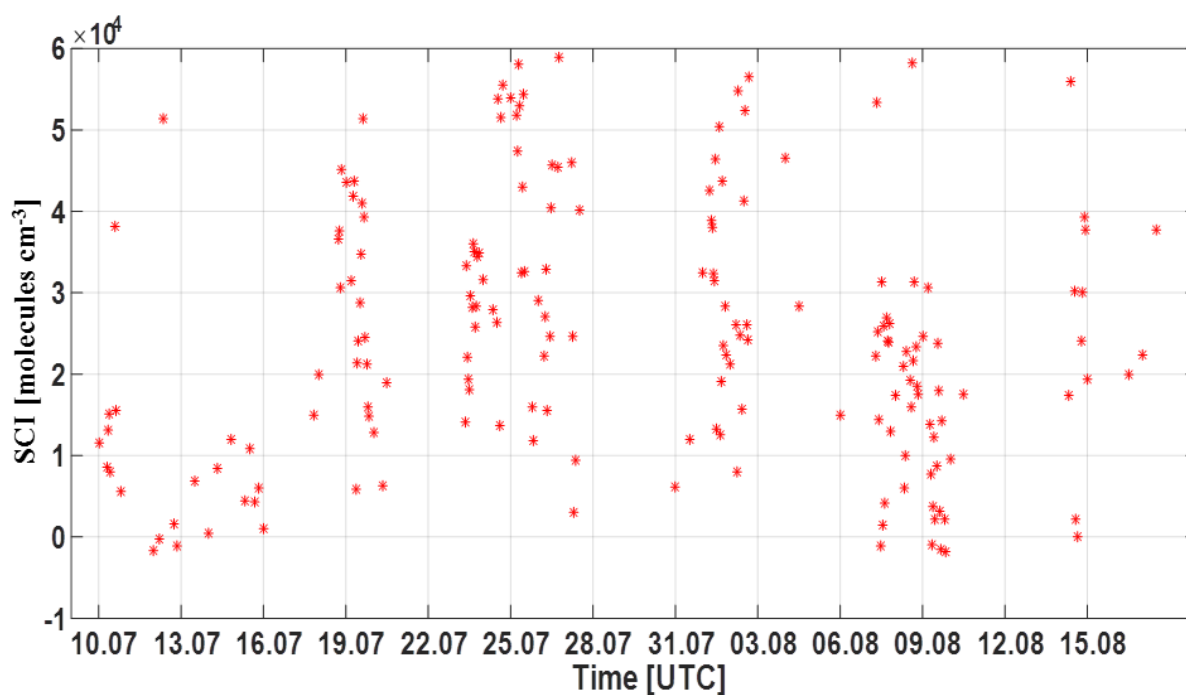
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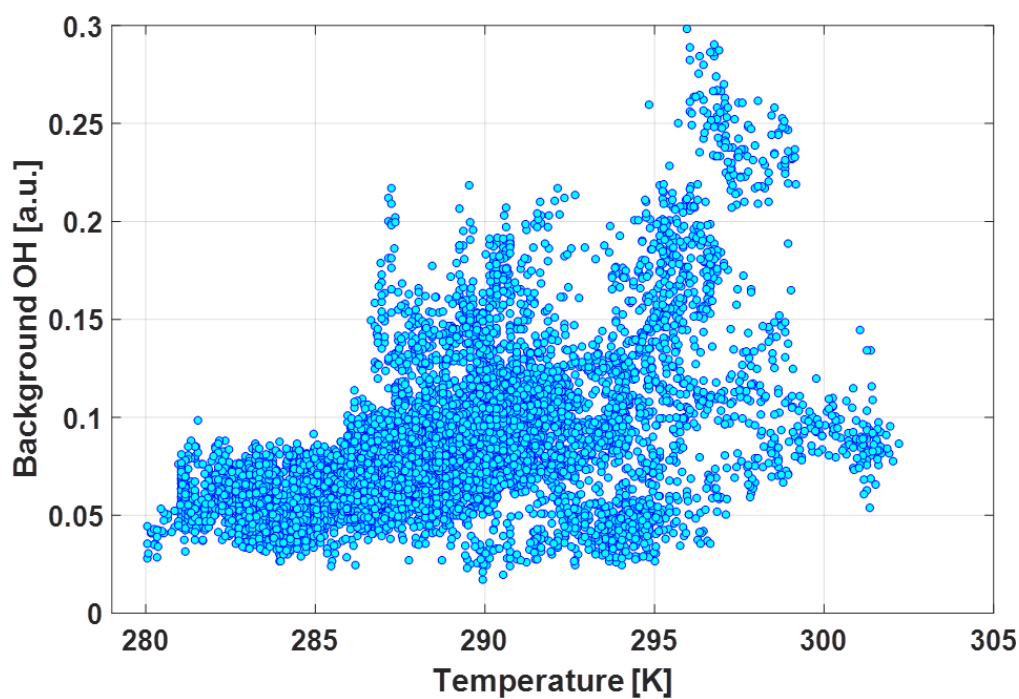
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2 Figure SI-7. SCI time series as calculated from the unexplained OH reactivity during the
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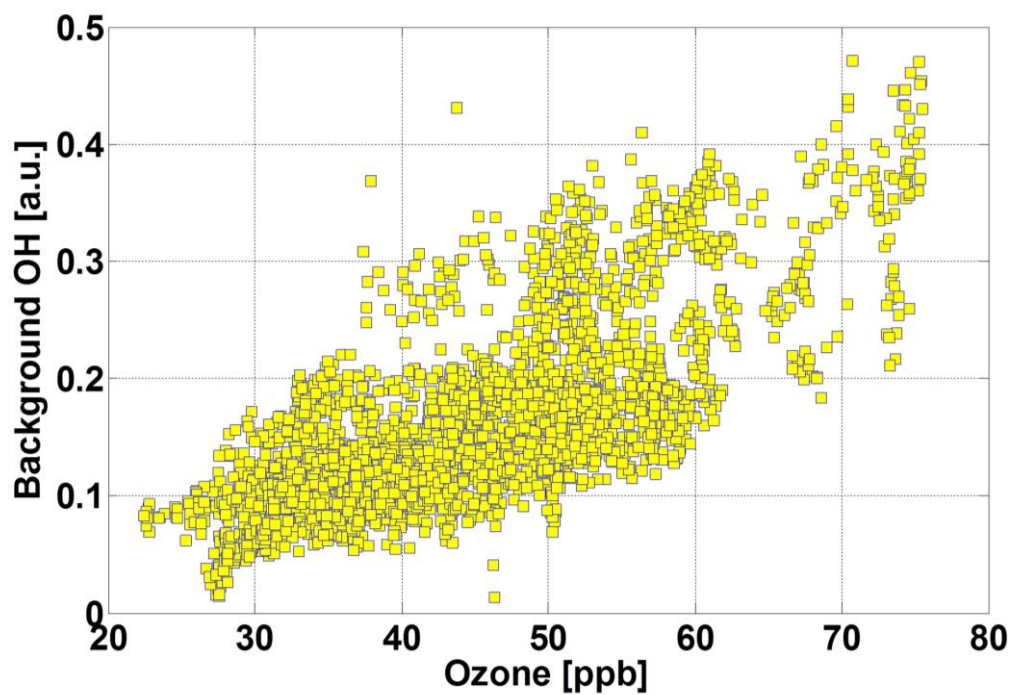
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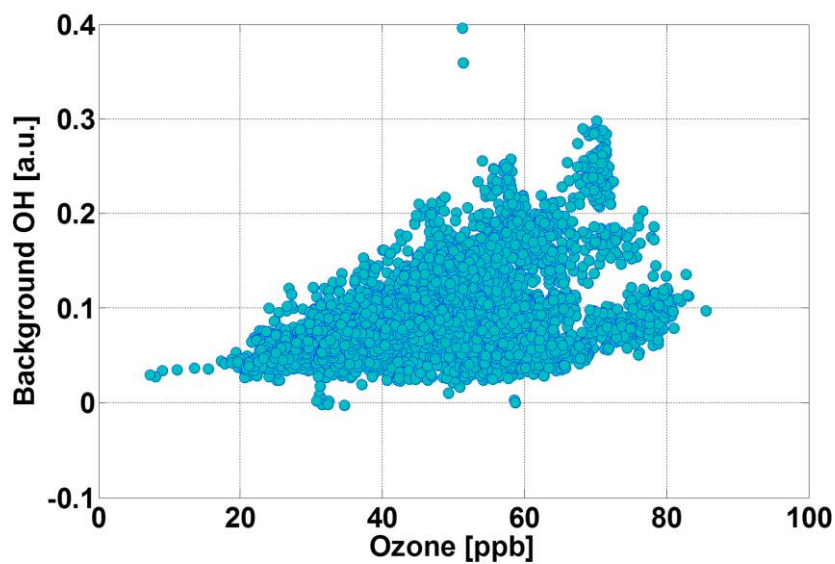
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2 Figure SI-9. SCI time series as calculated from the unexplained OH reactivity during the
3 HOPE 2012 campaign.



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5 Figure SI-10. Background OH as a function of temperature during the HOPE 2012 campaign.



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2 Figure SI-11. Background OH as a function of the ozone concentration during the HUMPPA-
3 COPEC 2010 campaign.



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5 Figure SI-12. Background OH signal as a function of ozone concentration during the HOPE
6 2012 campaign.

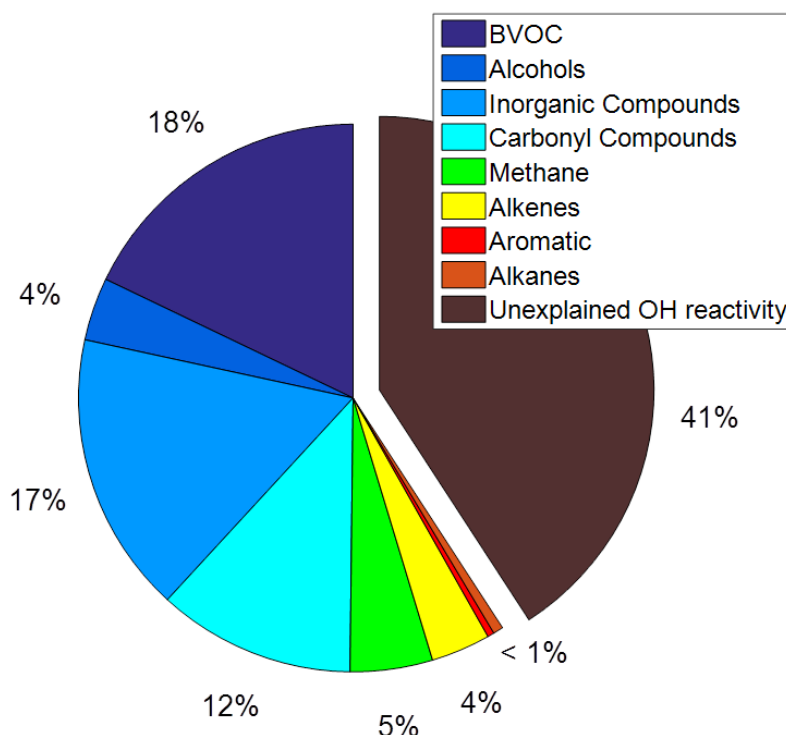


Figure SI-13. Contribution of measured trace gases to the measured OH reactivity during HOPE 2012 between the 1st and 3rd of August 2012.

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