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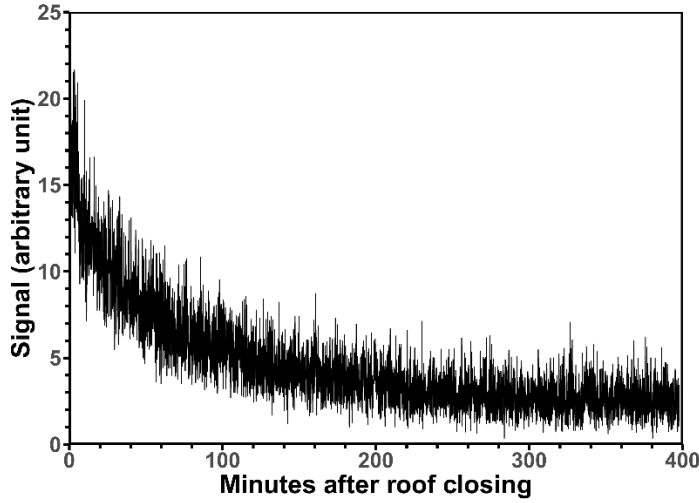
**Investigation of the limonene photooxidation by OH at different NO concentrations in the atmospheric simulation chamber SAPHIR (Simulation of Atmospheric PHotochemistry In a large Reaction Chamber)**

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## 1. Nitrate wall loss rate



30 **Figure S1.** Nitrate ion CIMS signal for the compounds  $C_{10}H_{17}NO_6$  ( $m/z$  310) during a high NO (10 ppbv) limonene oxidation experiment (Zhao et al., 2018). The rate constant of this loss process is  $8.46 \times 10^{-3} \text{ min}^{-1}$ .

## 2. Calculation of product yield

To calculate the time series of the product yield, chamber source and chemical loss processes have to be considered to correct the measured formaldehyde (HCHO) and limonene concentration (Rolletter et al., 2019). Both species are subject to dilution loss as a result of replenishing flow, this can be expressed as:

$$\Delta[x] = -k_{\text{dil}}[x]\Delta t \quad (\text{S1})$$

where  $[x]$  is the concentration of the chemical species;  $k_{\text{dil}}$  is the dilution constant measured during the experiment. HCHO has additional losses from photolysis and the reaction with OH. The calculation of these chemical loss processes ( $\Delta[\text{HCHO}]_{\text{chem}}$ ) follows the description in the Master Chemical Mechanism version 3.3.1 (MCM v.3.3.1):

$$\Delta[\text{HCHO}]_{\text{chem}} = -(j_{\text{HCHO}} + 5.4 \times 10^{-12} \exp\left(\frac{135}{T}\right) [\text{OH}]) [\text{HCHO}] \Delta t \quad (\text{S2})$$

where  $j_{\text{HCHO}}$  is the photolysis rate of HCHO. The corrected concentration is then iteratively calculated by using Eq. S1 and Eq. S2:

$$[\text{LIM}]_{\text{corr}_{t+1}} = [\text{LIM}]_t + k_{\text{dil}_t} [\text{LIM}]_t \Delta t \quad (\text{S3})$$

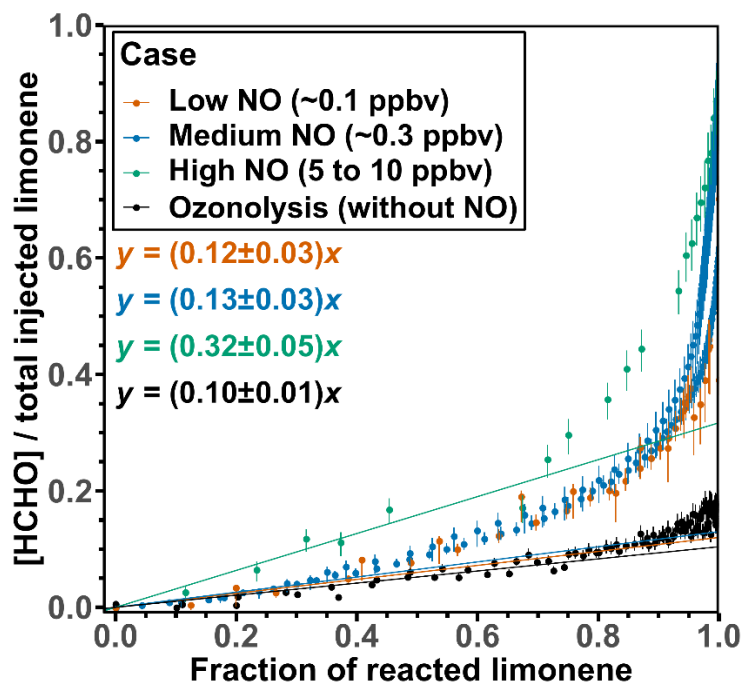
$$45 \quad [\text{HCHO}]_{\text{corr}_{t+1}} = [\text{HCHO}]_t + (k_{\text{dil}_t} + j_{\text{HCHO}_t} + 5.4 \times 10^{-12} \exp\left(\frac{135}{T}\right) [\text{OH}]_t) [\text{HCHO}]_t \Delta t \quad (\text{S4})$$

$$[\text{HCHO}]_{\text{LIM}_{\text{oxd}}} = [\text{HCHO}]_{\text{corr}_{t+1}} - Q_{\text{HCHO}} \quad (\text{S5})$$

where  $[\text{LIM}]_{\text{corr}}$  and  $[\text{HCHO}]_{\text{corr}}$  are the corrected limonene and HCHO concentration respectively. To determine the amount of HCHO emitted from the chamber wall during the experiment, the chamber roof is opened to allow the chamber to be irradiated before limonene is injected into the chamber (zero-air phase). The production rate of chamber HCHO is then determined using the HCHO measurement during the zero-air phase. With this production rate, a control simulation in which no limonene is injected into the chamber is conducted, the resulting HCHO concentration is corrected using equation S4 to yield the HCHO concentration attributed from chamber source ( $Q_{\text{HCHO}}$ ). The amount of HCHO produced from the oxidation of limonene ( $[\text{HCHO}]_{\text{LIMoxd}}$ ) could be calculated by subtracting the corrected chamber-emitted HCHO concentration from  $Q_{\text{HCHO}}$ . To calculate the amount of reacted limonene, the following equation is followed:

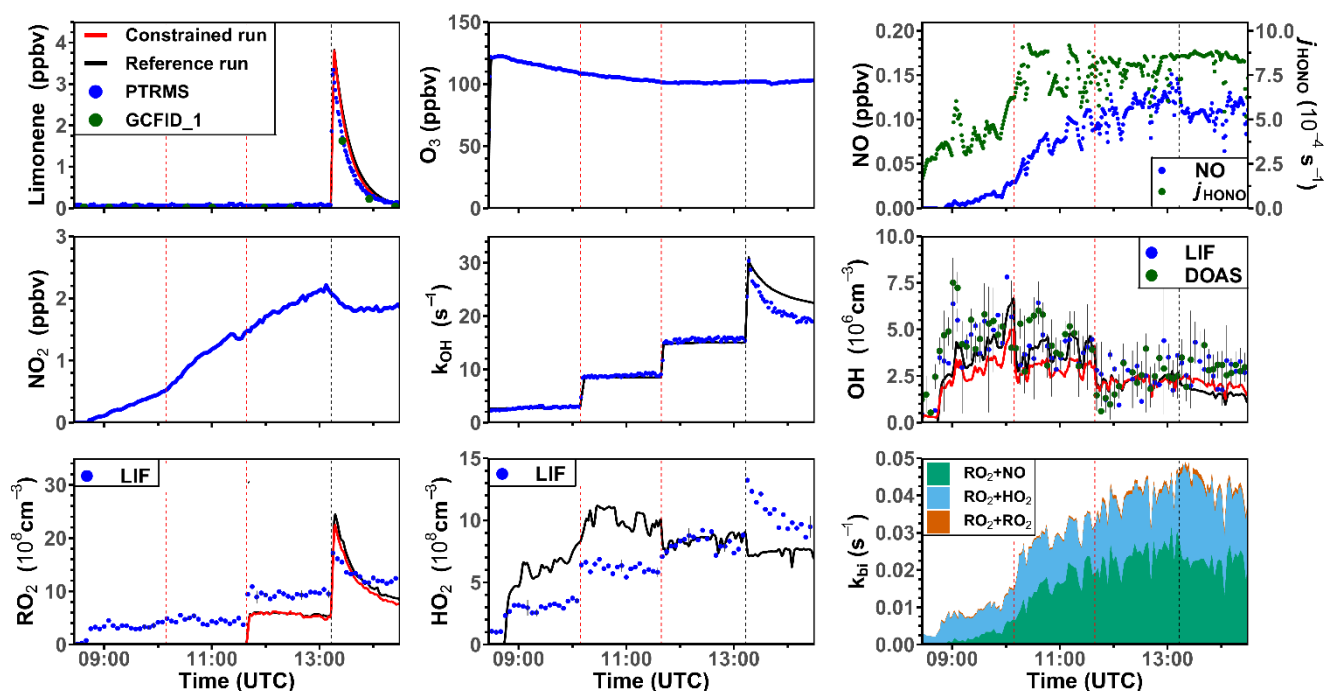
$$\text{LIM}_{\text{reacted}_t} = \sum_{t=0}^{t=t'} ([\text{LIM}] \times (k_{\text{LIM}+\text{O}_3} \times [\text{O}_3] + k_{\text{LIM}+\text{OH}} \times [\text{OH}])) \quad (\text{S6})$$

where  $\text{LIM}_{\text{reacted}_t}$  is the total amount of reacted limonene at time  $t'$ ,  $[\text{O}_3]$  and  $[\text{OH}]$  are the measured  $\text{O}_3$  and OH concentrations respectively.

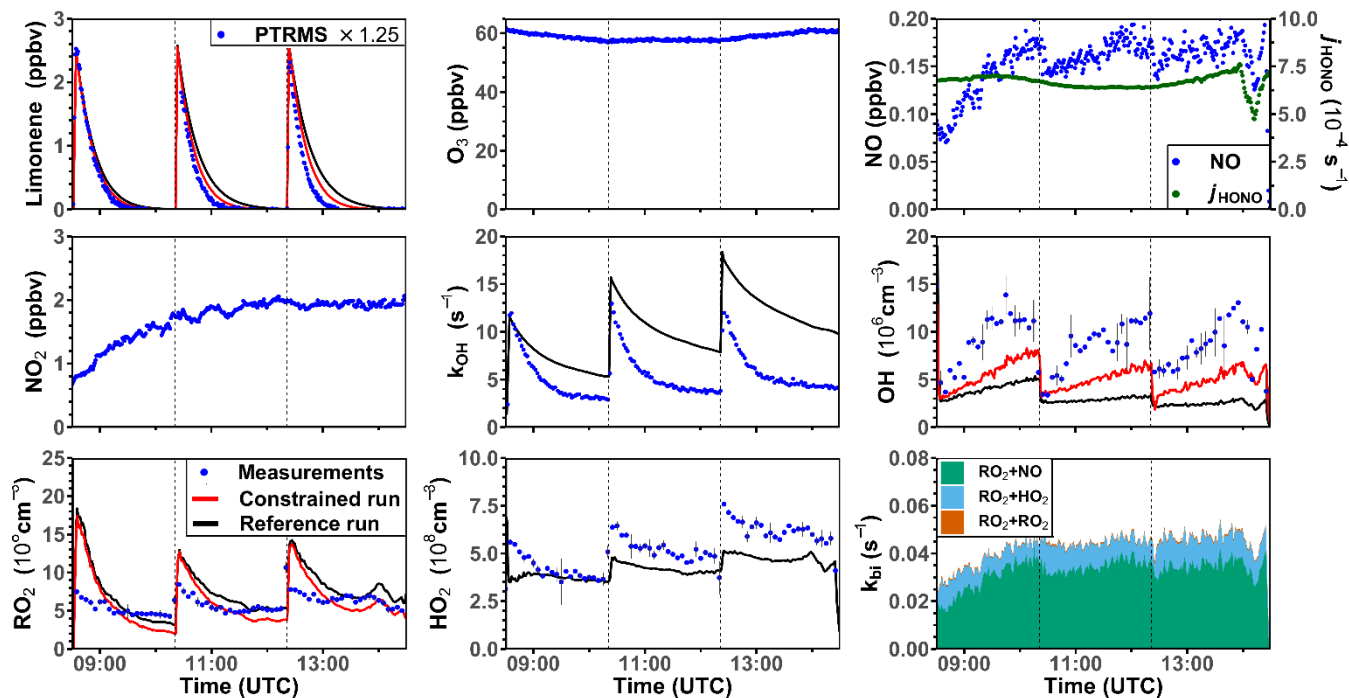


**Figure S2.** HCHO concentrations divided by the injected limonene concentration plotted versus the fraction of reacted limonene for the first injection in the experiments with different NO levels.

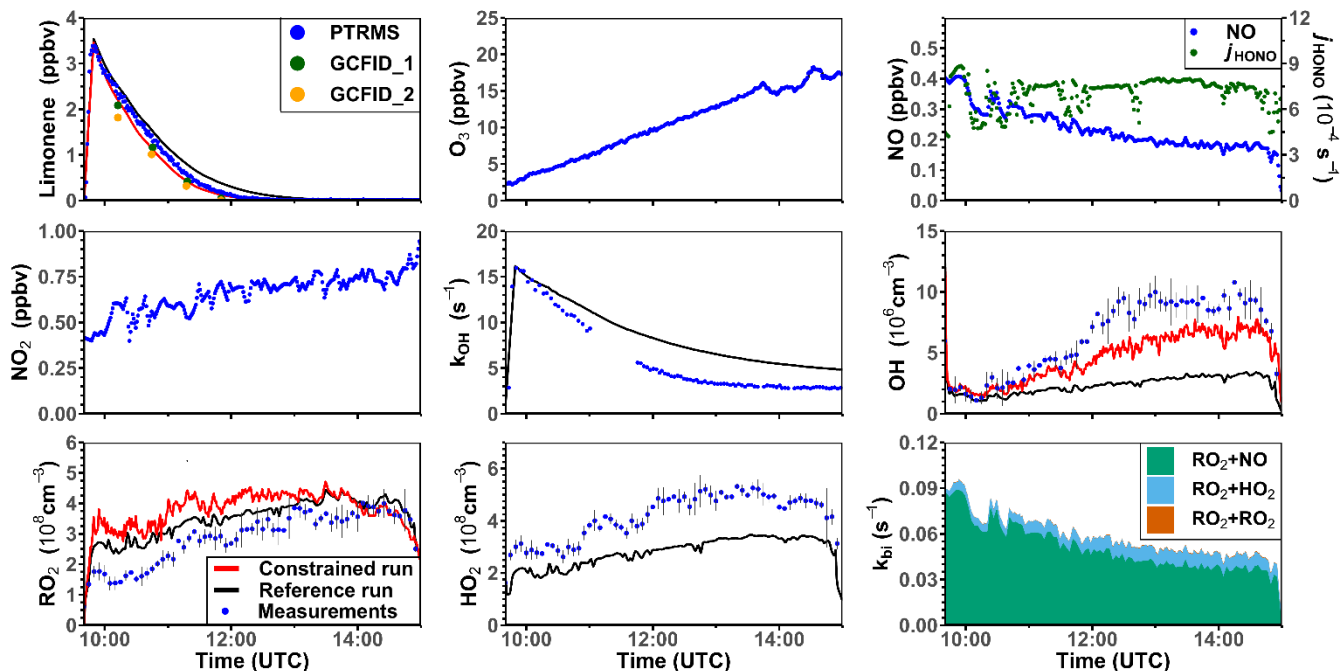
### 3. Model-measurement comparison for the other limonene oxidation experiments (Section 3.2 in the main text)



**Figure S3.** Time series of radicals, inorganic and organic species during the limonene oxidation experiment at low NO mixing ratio on 13 June 2015. The black line denoted the modelled results from the reference model with  $O_3$ ,  $NO_x$  and HONO are constrained; the red line denoted the modelled results from the constrained model with  $HO_2$  constrained and  $k_{OH}$  adjusted to the measurement, and the dots are the measurements.  $RO_2$  bi-molecular reaction loss rate constant ( $k_{bi}$ ) are calculated based on the measured  $NO$ ,  $HO_2$ , and  $RO_2$  concentrations using reaction rate constants from the MCM model. The first red dashed line indicates the injection of 750 ppb of  $CO$ ; the second red dashed line indicates the injection of 60 ppm of  $CH_4$ .



80 **Figure S4.** Time series of radicals, inorganic and organic species during the limonene oxidation experiment at low NO mixing  
 85 ratio on 04 July 2019. Limonene concentrations measured by PTRMS are scaled by a factor of 1.25 to match the increase of  
 OH reactivity during limonene injections. The black line denoted the modelled results from the reference model with  $O_3$ ,  $NO_x$   
 and HONO being constrained; the red line denoted the modelled result from the constrained model with  $HO_2$  constrained and  $k_{OH}$  adjusted to the measurement.  $RO_2$  bi-molecular reaction loss rate constant ( $k_{bi}$ ) are calculated based on the measured  
 85 NO,  $HO_2$ , and  $RO_2$  concentrations using reaction rate constants from the MCM model.



**Figure S5.** Time series of radicals, inorganic and organic species during the limonene oxidation experiment at medium NO mixing ratio on 10 August 2012. The black line denoted the modelled results from the reference model with  $O_3$ ,  $NO_x$  and HONO being constrained; the red line denoted the modelled result from the constrained model with  $HO_2$  constrained and  $k_{OH}$  adjusted to the measurement.  $RO_2$  bi-molecular reaction loss rate constant ( $k_{bi}$ ) are calculated based on the measured NO,  $HO_2$ , and  $RO_2$  concentrations using reaction rate constants from the MCM model.

#### 4. Contribution of $k_{OH}$ from limonene oxidation products and intermediates

OH reactivity is overestimated at all limonene oxidation experiments after limonene injections. To identify the contribution to the total  $k_{OH}$  from limonene oxidation products and intermediates, the total  $k_{OH}$  is subtracted by the  $k_{OH}$  attributed to limonene and the background with the following formula:

$$k_{OH_{intermediates}} = k_{OH_{total}} - 4.28 \times 10^{-11} \times \exp\left(\frac{401}{T}\right) \times [LIM] - k_{OH_{background}}$$

where  $k_{OH_{total}}$  is the total measured or simulated OH reactivity;  $[LIM]$  is the limonene concentration;  $k_{OH_{background}}$  is the OH reactivity contributed by unknown contaminants ( $k_{OH} \sim 1 \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) and inorganic compounds (e.g., NO,  $O_3$ ). Contribution to  $k_{OH_{intermediates}}$  from different groups of species is also calculated, which includes acyl peroxy nitrates (PANs), organic nitrates ( $RONO_2$ ), organic peroxide ( $ROOH$ ), first-generation product of limonene ozonolysis ( $O_3$  1<sup>st</sup> gen.), first-, second-, and third-

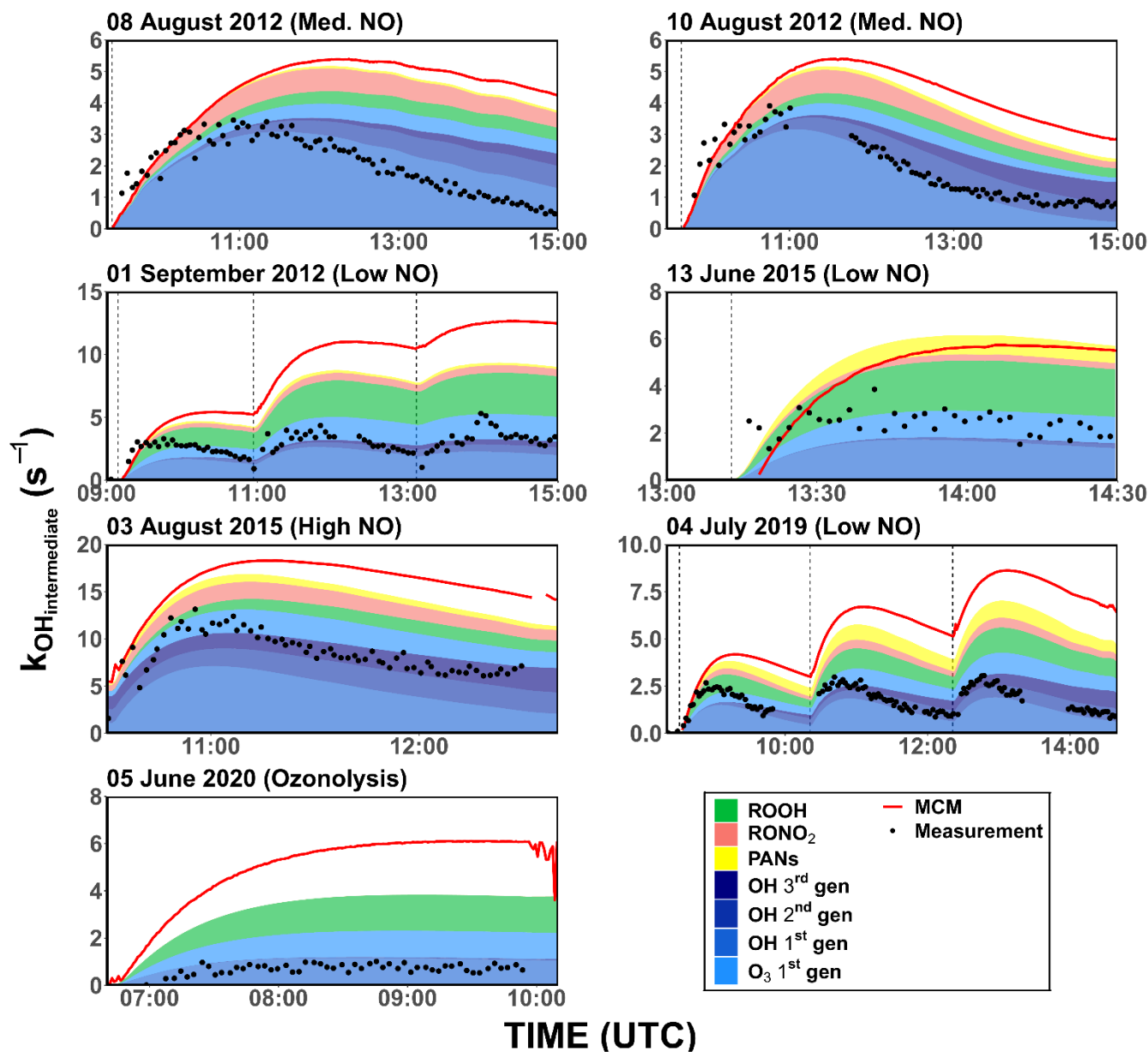
generation products from limonene-OH oxidation (OH 1<sup>st</sup> gen., OH 2<sup>nd</sup> gen., and OH 3<sup>rd</sup> gen.) (Table S1). Reaction rate constants of limonene and its intermediates with OH and O<sub>3</sub> are all taken from the MCM.

Group	MCM species
OH 1 <sup>st</sup> gen.	LIMAL, LIMKET
OH 2 <sup>nd</sup> gen.	LMLKET
OH 3 <sup>rd</sup> gen.	CO25C6CHO, C517CHO, HMVKBCHO
O <sub>3</sub> 1 <sup>st</sup> gen.	C622CHO, C624CHO, C729CHO
ROOH	LIMAOOH, LIMBOOH, LIMCOOH, LMKAOOH, LMKBOOH, LIMALOOH, C817OOH, C926OOH, LIMALAOOH, LIMALBOOH, C923OOH, C924OOH, C728OOH, C622OOH, C826OOH, C729OOH, C627OOH, C818OOH, C517OOH
RONO2	LIMANO3, LIMBNO3, LIMCNO3, LMKANO3, LMKBNO3, LIMALNO3, C923NO3, C817NO3, C728NO3, C826NO3, C517NO3
PANs	C923PAN, C822PAN, C729PAN, C622PAN, C817PAN, C626PAN, C823PAN, C727PAN, C627PAN, C517PAN, C5PAN2, HMVKBPAN, PHAN, PAN

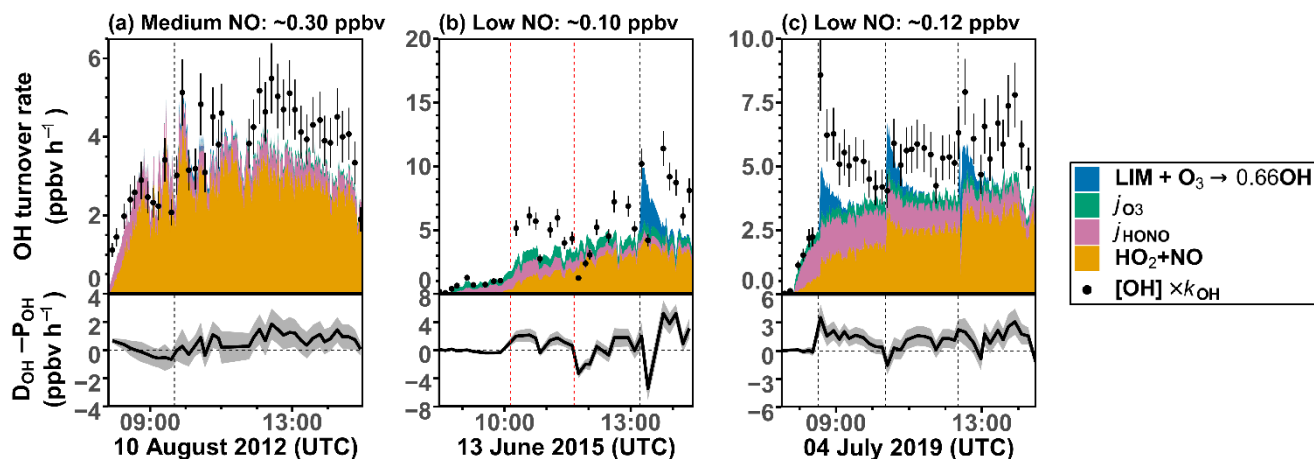
**Table S1.** MCM species that are included for the calculation of the contribution to  $k_{\text{OH\_intermediate}}$ .

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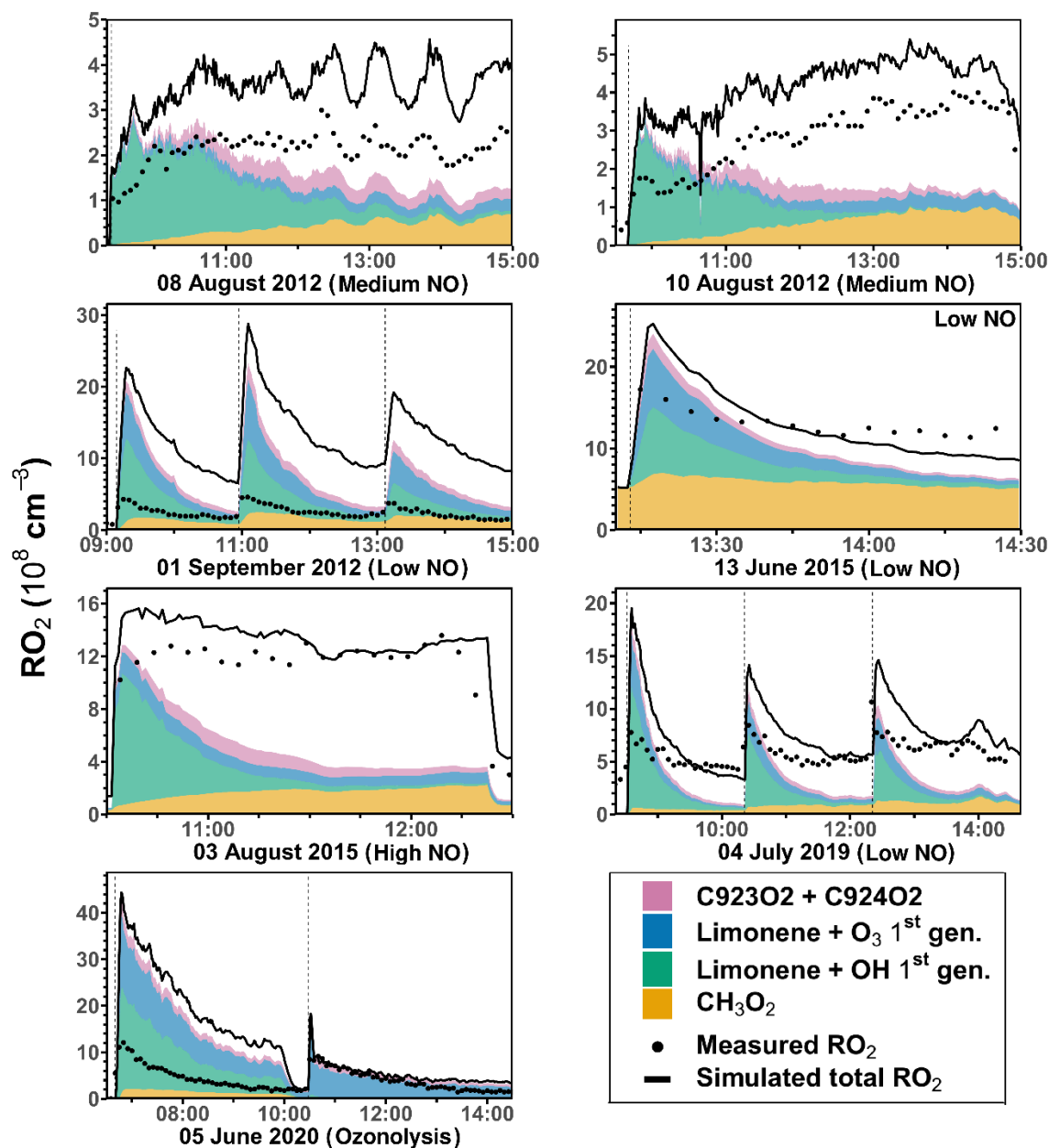
110 **Figure. S6** OH reactivity ( $k_{\text{OH}}$ ) contributions from the oxidation of limonene-derived products and intermediates from the measurements and modelled values. The model results are based on the constrained model run (O<sub>3</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, HONO, and HO<sub>2</sub> are constrained). The modelled total OH reactivity,  $k_{\text{OH,intermediate}}$ , is less than sum of single contributions on 13 June 2015, because the slowly increasing chamber background reactivity is not captured throughout the experiment.



**Figure S7.** Similiar to Fig. 8 in the main text. 10-minutes-average values of total OH destruction rates compared to the sum of OH production rates from the main OH sources that can be calculated from measurements. Shaded areas in the difference plots give the uncertainties of the calculations. Production of OH from the reaction of  $O_3$  and  $HO_2$  was negligible ( $< 0.01 \text{ ppbv h}^{-1}$ ) for conditions of the experiments.

## 6. Composition of $RO_2$ in the simulation (Section 3.4 in the main text)

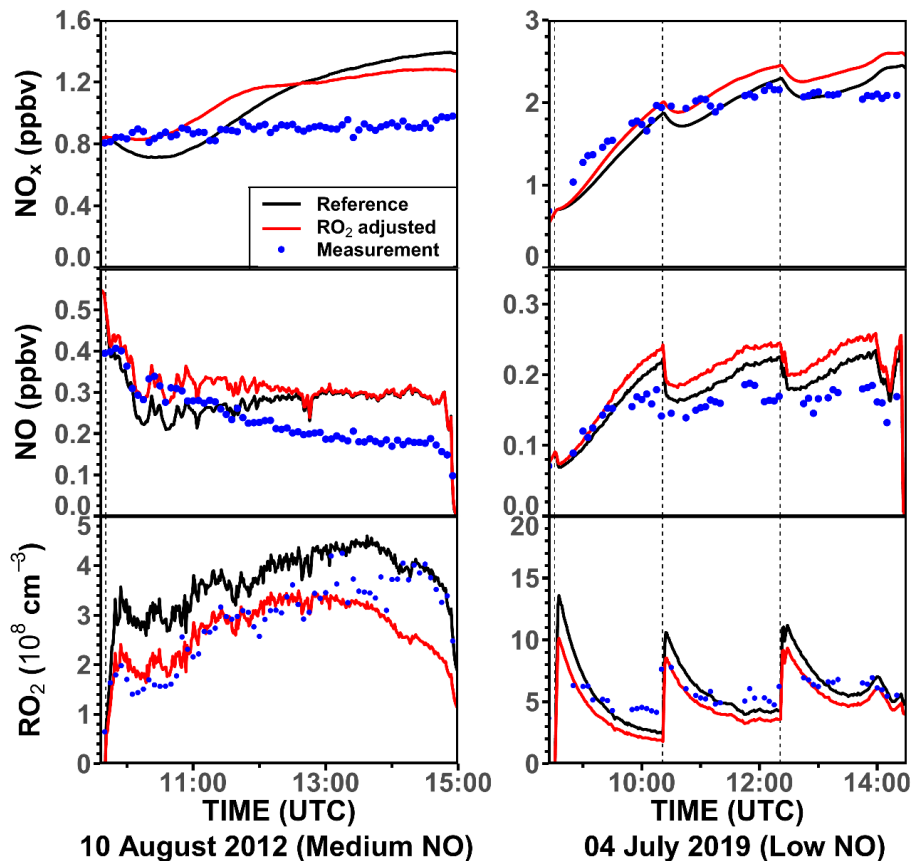
To identify the cause of the overestimation of peroxy radicals in the low  $NO_x$  and the ozonolysis experiments, concentrations of the peroxy radicals from the oxidation reaction are calculated and divided into four groups. The first group consists of the three peroxy radicals from the oxidation of limonene by OH, which includes LIMAO<sub>2</sub>, LIMBO<sub>2</sub> and LIMCO<sub>2</sub> (naming follows the MCM); the second group consists of the main peroxy radicals that are produced from limonene ozonolysis, which includes LIMALAO<sub>2</sub>, LIMALBO<sub>2</sub>, and CH<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>; the third group consists of C<sub>9</sub>23O<sub>2</sub> and C<sub>9</sub>24O<sub>2</sub>, which is the minor peroxy radical products from the ozonolysis reaction and one of the peroxy radicals produced from the OH-oxidation of the first-generation OH-oxidation product; and the fourth group is the methyl peroxy radical (CH<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>), which is produced from reactions of CH<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> as well as the oxidation of methane during the experiment on 13 June 2015.



**Figure S8.** Similar to Fig. 9 in the main text. The total  $RO_2$  radical concentrations and their speciation from model calculations (constrained model run) compared to the measured values for all the experiments. Methylperoxy radicals ( $CH_3O_2$ ) are mainly produced from the oxidation of  $HCHO$  in most of the experiments or from the oxidation of  $CH_4$  during the experiment on 13 June 2015. Radicals directly produced from the reaction of limonene with either  $OH$  or  $O_3$  are summed. C923O2 + C924O2

are RO<sub>2</sub> radicals produced from the further oxidation of the first-generation oxidation products. Names are taken from the MCM.

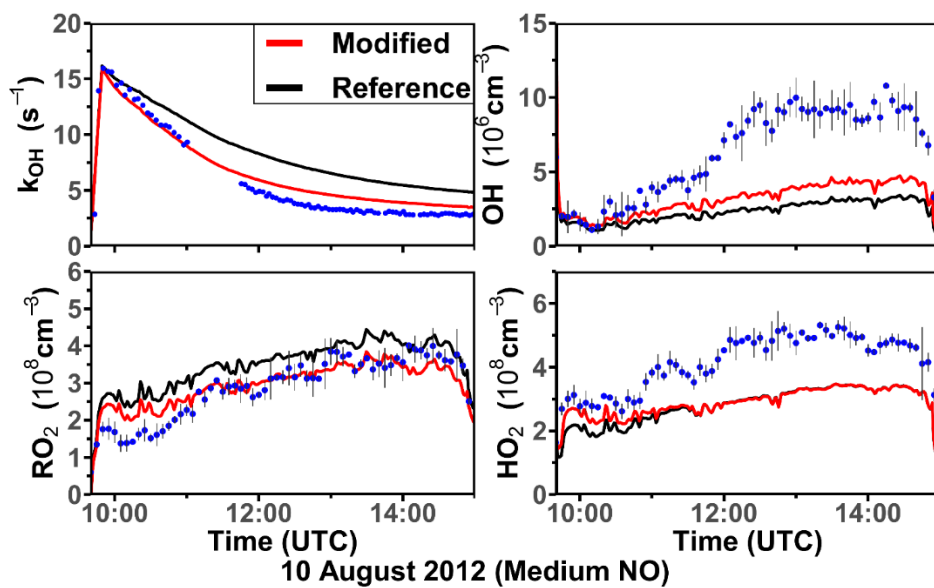
140 **7. Impacts of RO<sub>2</sub> model results on the modelled NO<sub>x</sub> concentrations (Section 3.5 in the main text)**



**Figure S9.** Similar to Fig. 10 in the main text. Example of the impact of modelled RO<sub>2</sub> on the modelled NO<sub>x</sub> and NO concentrations in the experiments with medium NO (10 August 2012) and low NO (04 July 2019) concentrations. In both cases, the organic nitrate yield for the first-generation RO<sub>2</sub> from the limonene+OH reaction is taken from the analysis in this

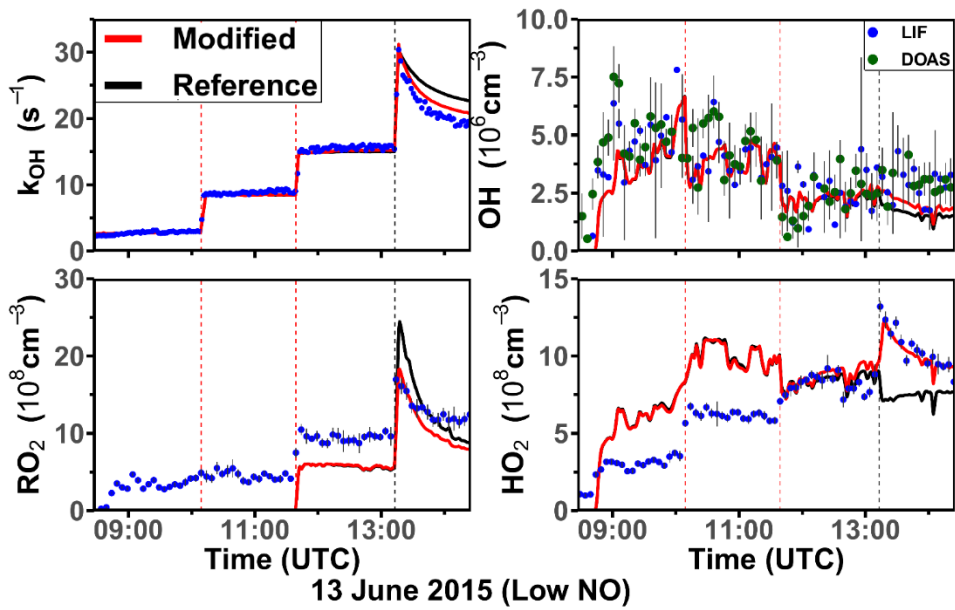
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## 8. Sensitivity run (Section 4.1 in the main text)

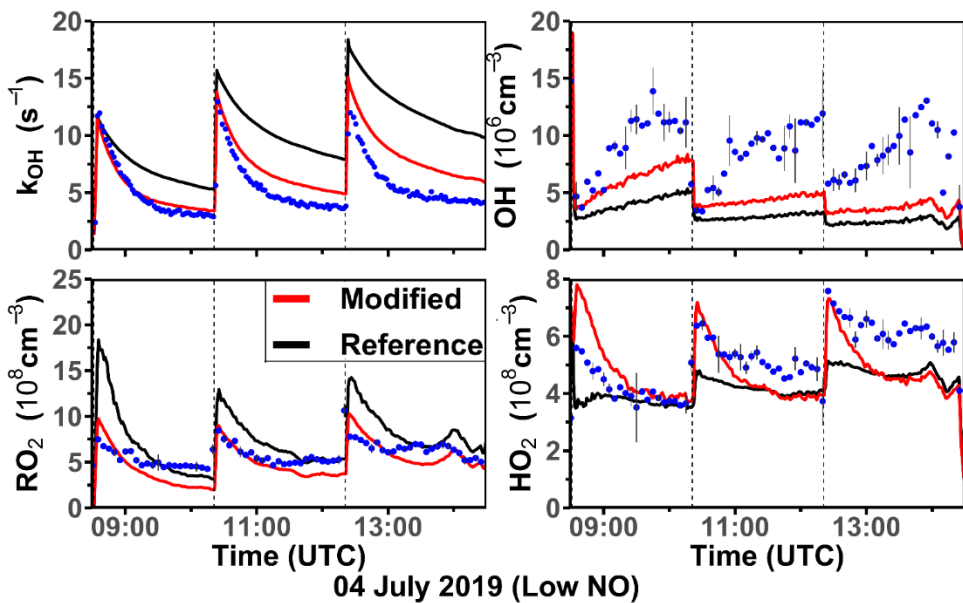


**Figure S10.** Similar to Fig. 12 to Fig. 14 in the main text. Modelled and measured OH reactivity,  $HO_2$ ,  $RO_2$ , and OH concentrations for the experiments with medium NO concentrations on 10 August 2012. Results from the reference model

150 (reference) and the sensitivity model run (modified) that includes additional  $RO_2$  loss processes that produce  $HO_2$ .



**Figure S11.** Similar to Fig. 12 to Fig. 14 in the main text. Modelled and measured OH reactivity, HO<sub>2</sub>, RO<sub>2</sub>, and OH concentrations for the experiments with low NO concentrations on 13 June 2015. Results from the reference model (reference) and the sensitivity model run (modified) that includes additional RO<sub>2</sub> loss processes that produce HO<sub>2</sub>.



**Figure S12.** Similar to Fig. 12 to Fig. 14 in the main text. Modelled and measured OH reactivity, HO<sub>2</sub>, RO<sub>2</sub>, and OH concentrations for the experiments with low NO concentrations on 04 July 2019. Results from the reference model (reference) and the sensitivity model run (modified) that includes additional RO<sub>2</sub> loss processes that produce HO<sub>2</sub>.

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