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Reconciling the bottom-up and top-down estimates of the methane chemical sink using multiple observations

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Figure S1. Spatial distribution of the tropospheric mean OH precursors from observations (top) and the difference in the OH precursors between CESM1-CAM4chem (middle) and GEOSCCM (bottom) simulations

and the observations (model – observation).



Figure S2. Left: The latitude means of total ozone column from TOMS/SBUV observations (black), and CESM1-CAM4chem (yellow) and GEOSCCM (blue) simulations. Right: the difference in observed total ozone column between CESM1-CAM4chem (yellow) and GEOSCCM (blue) simulations and the observations (Model – observation).



Figure S3. Latitude-height cross sections of specific humidity (top) and air temperature (bottom) from MERRA-2 reanalysis data (left) and the differences of CESM1-CAM4chem (middle) and GEOSCCM (right) simulations with the reanalysis data (model – MERRA-2).



Figure S4. Spatial distributions of air mass-weighted tropospheric mean [OH] ([OH]_{trop-M}) in 2010 from 3D model simulations (left) and chemical box model (DSMACC) simulations driven by the corresponding 3D model outputs (right). The global mean values are shown inset in molec cm⁻³.



Figure S5. Spatial distribution of tropospheric mean [OH] estimated by Spiavkovsky et al. (2000).



Figure S6. Spatial distribution of NO_y given by Spiavkovsky et al. (2000) averaged over November to March (left) and July to October (right) at 900hPa (top) and 500hPa (bottom).



Figure S7. Sensitivity of [OH] to individual factors (filled colors) as a function of HCHO+isoprene mixing ratio (y-axis) and $O(^{1}D)$ photolysis rate or NO₂ mixing ratio estimated by the DSMACC simulations using MOZART-4 chemical mechanism.



Figure S8. (a) Zonal averaged difference between modeled and observation-based $[OH]_{trop-M}$ estimated by the All_obs simulation ($[OH]_{model} - [OH]_{obs}$; yellow); The total contribution of the 8 individual factors to the difference in global $[OH]_{trop-M}$ estimated from the simulation xk_obs simulations ($\sum \delta [OH]_{xk}$; blue). (b) The difference between the two estimates ($\sum \delta [OH]_{xk} - ([OH]_{model} - [OH]_{obs})$).