

Supplementary Material

OH and HO₂ Radical Chemistry during PROPHET 2008 and CABINEX 2009

– Part 1: Measurements and Model Comparison

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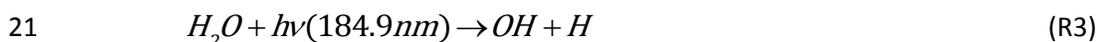
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2 **Details of PROPHET 2008 and CABINEX 2009**

3 At the PROPHET site, a Pyrex sampling manifold runs from the top of the 32 meter tow-
4 er to the laboratory where several instruments sampled ambient air during both years. Notable
5 exceptions in absence of sampling from the manifold besides the OH and HO₂ measurements
6 were that during CABINEX 2009 Washington State University had set up their own sampling
7 lines for NO_x and VOC measurements that allowed them to switch between multiple heights
8 from the ground (6 m), within-canopy (20 m), and above-canopy (31 m).

9 **Sec. S1: IU-FAGE calibration**

10 While IU-FAGE is extensively calibrated before and after field campaigns, routine field
11 calibrations are also necessary to track the instrumental sensitivity that may drift due to changing
12 operating conditions (chamber pressure, spectral laser band-width, beam alignment (Creasey et
13 al., 2001)). Calibration of IU-FAGE was performed using the water-vapor UV-photolysis tech-
14 nique that relies on the photolysis of water at 184.9 nm and reactions R3 and R4 to produce OH
15 and HO₂ radicals (Tanner and Eisele, 1995; Creasey et al., 1997; Holland et al., 1998; Matsumi
16 et al., 2002; Faloona et al., 2004; Smith et al., 2006; Dusanter et al., 2008). A set of bubblers
17 and a calibration tool fitted with a 184.9 nm Hg lamp was used to humidify air, photolyze the
18 water vapor, and overflow the IU-FAGE inlet with a calibrated flow of HO_x radicals (Dusanter et
19 al., 2008). The concentrations of OH and HO₂ radicals produced in reactions R3 and R4 can be
20 calculated using Eq. 1:



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$$[OH]=[HO_2]=[H_2O]\times\sigma_{water}\times\phi_{OH+H}\times(F\times t) \quad (\text{Eq.1})$$

2 Here σ_{water} and ϕ_{OH+H} are the absorption cross-section of water (Cantrell et.al. 1997;
 3 Hofzumahaus et.al. 1997; Creasey et al., 2000) and the photodissociation quantum yield of reac-
 4 tion R3 (Sander et al., 2011). The water vapor mixing ratio inside the calibration system is
 5 measured with a Li-6262 CO₂/H₂O Gas Analyzer (LICOR). The product of the photon flux (F)
 6 and photolysis time (t) is calculated using O₂ actinometry based on the photolysis of oxygen at
 7 184.9 nm that produces ozone (Eqs. 2 and 3), where the quantum yield of the oxygen photolysis
 8 is equal to 2 due to each O(³P) molecule leading to an ozone molecule via reaction with another
 9 oxygen (R5 and R6):



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$$[O_3]=[O_2]\times\sigma_{o_2}\times\phi_{o_3}\times(F\times t) \quad (\text{Eq. 2})$$

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$$(F\times t)=\frac{[O_3]}{2[O_2]\sigma_{o_2}} \quad (\text{Eq. 3})$$

15 The mixing ratio of O₃ produced during photolysis was originally measured during every calibra-
 16 tion with a Teledyne 400E Ozone monitor. However, tracking ozone during each calibration be-
 17 came unreasonable due to the time required to perform a precise measurement of the low ozone
 18 mixing ratio produced in the calibrator. To improve the time response for each calibration, a
 19 photodiode was installed on the calibration tube to track the photon flux from the Hg-lamp. This
 20 fast photometric reading was then used as a calibrated proxy to calculate the mixing ratio of O₃.

1 The amount of O₃ produced in the calibrator is periodically checked during laboratory character-
2 izations of IU-FAGE. Thus the quantity (F × t) derived from the ozone mixing ratio is then used
3 to calculate the concentration of OH produced by the calibration system through Eq. 1 (Current
4 Laboratory Specs: 17% calibration accuracy; Limit of Detection (LOD) = 3 × 10⁵ cm⁻³, 15min
5 average for OH and 1.0 × 10⁷ cm⁻³ for 30 sec. average for HO₂*).

6 Between the PROPHET 2008 and CABINEX 2009 campaigns, the IU-FAGE inlet was
7 modified to improve the sensitivity and LOD. It was found at the PROPHET site that changing
8 the pinhole from a 0.025" to 0.040" diameter used previously improved the instrument sensitivi-
9 ty by 30% for a given laser power. The larger pinhole increasing the linear flow velocity, poten-
10 tially reducing OH loss on the inlet, and the increase in pressure leading to a greater density of
11 sampled air could have both contributed to the greater sensitivity. In addition, following the
12 CABINEX 2009 campaign a temperature-controlled housing with a drying agent was construct-
13 ed to minimize condensation forming on the entrance window of the multipass cell and to pre-
14 vent small shifts in the alignment of the mounting bracket supporting the optical fiber.

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16 **Sec. S2 - Ozone × Water × Power Interference**

17 Calibrations in the laboratory have quantified the response of IU-FAGE to the reaction
18 sequence of R3 and R4 by sending known mixing ratios of ozone and water in zero-air to the IU-
19 FAGE cell. Ozone is generated through reactions R5 and R6 with a low-pressure mercury pen-
20 lamp (UVP 90-0012-01 (11SC-1)) set in a cell where the humidified zero-air is sampled by IU-
21 FAGE. When normalized to 1 ppbv of O₃, 1% of water, and 1 mW of laser power this interfer-
22 ence is equivalent to 8500 ± 800 (2σ) molecule cm⁻³ of OH (Figure S1). Typical values of this
23 interference during PROPEHT 2008 and CABINEX 2009 were below 2.5 × 10⁵ molecules cm⁻³.



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6 After CABINEX, a gas-injector system was installed to overflow the sampling inlet with
7 perfluoropropylene (C_3F_6) to quantify interferences by removing ambient OH in the sampled air
8 mass. The advantage of this new design over an internal addition of C_3F_6 to the low-pressure
9 region (Faloona et al., 2001, Stevens et al., 1994) is that additional interferences due to the low
10 pressure sampling can be determined in addition to any laser generated OH during ambient
11 measurements. This is made possible by the lower C_3F_6 concentration inside the low-pressure
12 region of the FAGE instrument minimizing the removal of OH molecules that may be produced
13 from the decomposition of unstable compounds when the sampled air mass travels from the inlet
14 to the detection region. The scrubbing efficiency of OH by this external C_3F_6 addition was found
15 to reach 95% at a flow of 5 sccm.

16 Ground-based interference testing was performed at the PROPHET site during the sum-
17 mer of 2010 to quantify the total interference on the OH measurement using this C_3F_6 external
18 scrub technique. The results showed that the total measured interference is consistent with the
19 ozone-water interference described above (Figure S2), which suggests that the performance of
20 IU-FAGE at the PROPHET site in 2008 and 2009 may be free of unknown interferences. To
21 quantify a potential additional interference, the maximum difference in the uncertainty ranges
22 can be examined between the calculated and measured interference values. When accounting for

1 the reach of the uncertainty bars, the maximum underprediction by the calculated interference is
2 5×10^5 molecules cm^{-3} , while most values are well below this level.

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4 **Sec. S3 - Modeling Details**

5 As stated in the main text, Figure 3 shows the median model constraint values measured from
6 above canopy at the PROPHET site during 2008 and CABINEX 2009. The days that these
7 measurements span for the 2 years varies within the time frame of early July to mid August as
8 follows (2008, 2009): temperature (0701-0808, 0701-0808), j-values (0706-0803, 0704-0808),
9 NO_x (0701-0725, 0708-0808), ozone (0701-0808, 0701-0808), HONO (0711-0807, 0701-0806),
10 Isoprene (0706-0808, 0721-0808), MACR + MVK (0706-0808, 0721-0808), HCHO (0726-0814,
11 0721-0808), monoterpenes (0719-0812, 0721-0808). Also as stated in the main text, Table S2
12 provides information about the data coverage between 2008 and 2009, and illustrates that there
13 are fewer overlapping data points in 2008 for the median campaign modeling vs. measured HO_x
14 comparison, where only periods when measurements of isoprene, NO, and OH overlapped were
15 analyzed. As an example of the ability of the median campaign modeled values to represent the
16 bulk of the campaign, Figure S3 shows the difference in comparing the median measured con-
17 straint values for the months of July 2008 and 2009, and shows that only using the overlapping
18 times of analysis for the two campaigns does affect the data constraining the model and should
19 be kept in mind in comparing these campaign median constraints.

20 Table S1 details how each constraint dataset was arrived at for use in the RACM/MIM
21 mechanism in both years. These constraints were either measured (as noted in the main text and
22 in Table 2) or estimated depending on their availability in 2008 and 2009 (Table S2). In 2008,
23 HCHO measurements began a few days after the measurements of nitric oxide stopped which

1 was the last day included in this analysis. A linear relationship between HCHO and O₃ was de-
2 rived ($R^2 = 0.56$) from simultaneous measurements of these species from the subsequent weeks
3 in 2008 and was used to estimate HCHO mixing ratios for this analysis. The correlation between
4 ozone and HCHO appears to be different between 1998, 2008, and 2009 (Figure S4). While a
5 positive relationship is observed for all 3 years, the slope is different between 2008 and 2009 and
6 the relationship is not even linear in 1998. As a result, the estimated peak 2008 HCHO mixing
7 ratios are approximately 2-2.5 times greater than at CABINEX. However, a sensitivity analysis
8 from the CABINEX modeling revealed that changing the HCHO mixing ratios by a factor of 2
9 had less than a 5% effect on OH and HO₂+ISOP concentrations, suggesting that this difference
10 in the 2008 estimated HCHO mixing ratios does not have a major impact on the modeling results
11 for 2008..

12 Measurements of acetaldehyde, the main component of the aldehydes surrogate (ALD),
13 were not performed during PROPHET 2008. CABINEX 2009 PTR-MS data suggests that acet-
14 aldehyde is roughly 1/3 of the HCHO mixing ratio ($R^2 = 0.25$). Overlapping times of acetalde-
15 hyde and HCHO in 1998 are sparse, but Tan et al. (2001) gives the median values of 2.7 ppbv
16 and 3.8 ppbv for each suggesting that acetaldehyde is approximately 75% of the HCHO mixing
17 ratio. Using these estimates from 2009 and 1998, 2008 acetaldehyde mixing ratios were estimat-
18 ed as 50% of HCHO mixing ratios. The model outputs are even less sensitive to the ALD mix-
19 ing ratios than HCHO, and as a result the uncertainty associated with estimating these mixing
20 ratios does not significantly impact the modeling results.

21 Monoterpene measurements in 2008 did not always overlap with the analysis periods
22 compiled here. For periods where the monoterpene measurements did not coincide with the
23 analysis, model surrogates API and LIM were constrained using the median monoterpene meas-

1 urements using a breakdown of 90% API and 10% LIM based on observations during PROPHET
2 1998 (Table S3). The 90/10 monoterpene composition breakdown was also used during times
3 where monoterpene measurements were available for the 2008 and 2009, as the measurements
4 from the PTR-LIT in 2008 and PTR-MS in 2009 both measured a total monoterpene mixing ra-
5 tio.

6 Several constraints in both 2008 and 2009 were set equal to the median mixing ratios re-
7 ported for the PROPHET 1998 campaign (Table 5 in Tan et al., 2001). These include methane
8 (CH₄, 1.71 ppmv), ethane (ETH, 1 ppbv), ethylene (ETE, 0.18 ppbv), terminal and internal ole-
9 fins (OLT, 0.42 ppbv and OLI, 0.17 ppbv), hydrogen peroxide (H₂O₂, 2 ppbv), and xylenes
10 (XYL, 0.15 ppbv). Additional compounds in 2008 that were set equal to the 1998 data but were
11 measured in 2009 are carbon monoxide (CO, 260 ppbv), less reactive aromatics consisting pri-
12 marily of benzene and toluene (TOL, 0.29 ppbv), and ketones (KET, 4 ppbv). Median values of
13 XYL, TOL, and KET were not reported in Table 5 of Tan et al. (2001), but were calculated di-
14 rectly from the 1998 dataset. For CABINEX 2009, small and less reactive hydrocarbons includ-
15 ing saturated and substituted compounds (HC3) were set equal to the sum of the measured meth-
16 anol mixing ratios and the 1998 mixing ratios of acetylene and C₃+C₄ alkanes. For PROPHET
17 2008, HC3 was set equal to 4.0 ppbv, which is the median of the 2009 measurements described
18 above. Methanol mixing ratios (5-10 times higher than the other small HCs) dominated HC3
19 from this derivation. In both 2008 and 2009, more reactive hydrocarbons (HC5 and HC8) were
20 set equal to 0.045 ppbv and 0.06 ppbv as estimated from the 1998 dataset.

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22 **Sec. S4 - Modeling Sensitivity Analysis**

23 Table S3 shows results from a sensitivity analysis performed on the PROPHET 2008 and

1 CABINEX 2009 models whereby all of the measured and estimated model constraints were in-
2 dependently increased or decreased by their 2σ uncertainty value and their effect on model OH
3 and HO₂ + ISOP concentrations observed. The 2σ uncertainty values for PROPHET 2008 and
4 CABINEX 2009 are different (Table 2, main text) and unmeasured constraints were given a
5 maximum 2σ uncertainty value of 95% to avoid setting a constraint at a zero value. All of the
6 photolysis rates from 2008 were given a 2σ uncertainty value of 95% while the photolysis rates
7 measured during CABINEX had 2σ uncertainty values of 60%. Aside from the photolysis rates,
8 the modeled OH and HO₂ + ISOP concentrations were found to be most sensitive to isoprene
9 and to a lesser extent NO mixing ratios during the day. As a result, the analysis in this study on-
10 ly focuses on times of overlapping isoprene, NO, and HO_x measurements. A sensitivity analysis
11 of the nighttime CABINEX model shows that in addition to isoprene, the modeled nighttime OH
12 and HO₂ + ISOP concentrations are sensitive to the mixing ratio of monoterpenes and internal
13 olefins within their associated uncertainties.

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15 **Sec. S5 - Peroxy Radical Composition**

16 Throughout this study, the measured HO₂* values are compared to the modeled HO₂+
17 ISOP concentrations because isoprene peroxy radicals are the dominant hydroxy alkyl peroxy
18 radical at the PROPHET site, and the conversion efficiency for isoprene peroxy radicals and sev-
19 eral other hydroxy alkyl peroxy radicals has been measured in the lab to be approximately $90 \pm$
20 4%. However, at night isoprene peroxy radicals may not be the dominant hydroxy alkyl peroxy
21 radical, and as a result the measured HO₂* may reflect the influence of additional peroxy radical
22 interferences. Figure S5 shows different model HO₂* compositions if additional RO₂ interfer-
23 ences were considered. The HO₂ + α RO₂ (full) trace (green) uses estimated conversion efficien-

1 cies based on the relative relationships of the conversion efficiency from Fuchs et al. (2011) and
2 the ISOP conversion efficiency reported in this study:

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$$\begin{aligned} 4 \text{ HO}_2 + \alpha\text{RO}_2 (\text{full}) &= \text{HO}_2 + 90\% \times \text{ISOP} \\ 5 &+ 100\% \times (\text{OLTP} + \text{OLIP} + \text{APIP} + \text{LIMP} + \text{XYLP} + \text{TOLP} + \text{ETEP}) + 67\% \times \text{MACP} \\ 6 &+ 5\% \times (\text{CH}_3\text{O}_2 + \text{ACO}_3 + \text{KETP}) + 8\% \times (\text{ETHP} + \text{HC}_3\text{P}) + 31\% \times \text{HC}_5\text{P} + 55\% \times \text{HC}_8\text{P} \end{aligned}$$

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8 Preliminary laboratory measurements of the RO₂ interference from propane-RO₂ and trans-2-
9 butene-RO₂ agree well with the relative relationship derivation for the RO₂ detection efficien-
10 cies. The HO₂ + αRO₂ (limited) trace (purple) is the same as the HO₂ + αRO₂ (full) trace but
11 subtracts the peroxy radicals that derive from oxidation of highly reactive constrained, but un-
12 measured species, mostly of anthropogenic origin.

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$$14 \text{ HO}_2 + \alpha\text{RO}_2 (\text{limited}) = \text{HO}_2 + \alpha\text{RO}_2 (\text{full}) - (\text{OLTP} + \text{OLIP} + \text{XYLP})$$

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16 Neither trace incorporates the NO₃-alkene adduct RO₂ surrogate species from RACM, OLNN +
17 OLND. These NO₃-adducts are produced from oxidation by NO₃ of these same reactive anthro-
18 pogenic alkenes and accumulate in mixing ratio at night in the low NO conditions of this study.
19 Due to their accumulation and the uncertainty of their precursor concentration, the NO₃-adduct
20 peroxy radicals were excluded from Figure S5.

21 Figure S5 shows that during the CABINEX daytime campaign median model, even the
22 model HO₂ + αRO₂ (full) trace is within twice the relative standard deviations of the modeled
23 HO₂ + ISOP. When the more uncertain OLTP, OLIP, and XYLP species are removed, the HO₂

1 + α RO₂ (limited) trace agrees well with the model HO₂ + ISOP. At night, the modeled HO₂ +
2 ISOP concentrations are approximately 30% higher than the measured HO₂* concentrations, well
3 within the 2 σ uncertainty of nighttime model concentrations. However, both of the expanded
4 model HO₂* traces are outside of the 2 σ relative uncertainty of the model HO₂ + ISOP, with the
5 HO₂ + α RO₂ (full) overpredicting the measured HO₂* by a factor of four. As mentioned in the
6 main text, the RACM mechanism does not include a complete set of radical + radical termination
7 reactions that may lead to an underprediction of the total termination rate of peroxy radicals at
8 night. In addition, the underprediction of the measured HO₂* concentrations by the daytime
9 CABINEX model may suggest that the model may be missing an important peroxy radical loss
10 mechanism(s) that could also be important at night.

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12 **Sec. S6 – Nitrous Acid Imbalance vs. jHONO**

13 Figure S6 displays the correlation between the above canopy HONO photolysis value at
14 CABINEX and the HONO sink-source imbalance ($j\text{HONO} \times [\text{HONO}] - k_{(\text{OH}+\text{NO})} \times [\text{OH}] \times$
15 $[\text{NO}]$). The positive correlation between the HONO imbalance and the j-value supports the find-
16 ing (Zhou et al. 2011) that an important photolytic source of HONO is not accounted for in this
17 environment. Additional analysis of this correlation can be found in the Sec. 3.4 of the main text.

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1 **Table S1:** The suite of compounds used to constrain the modeled OH and HO₂ concentrations
 2 that were either measured or estimated from past measurements.
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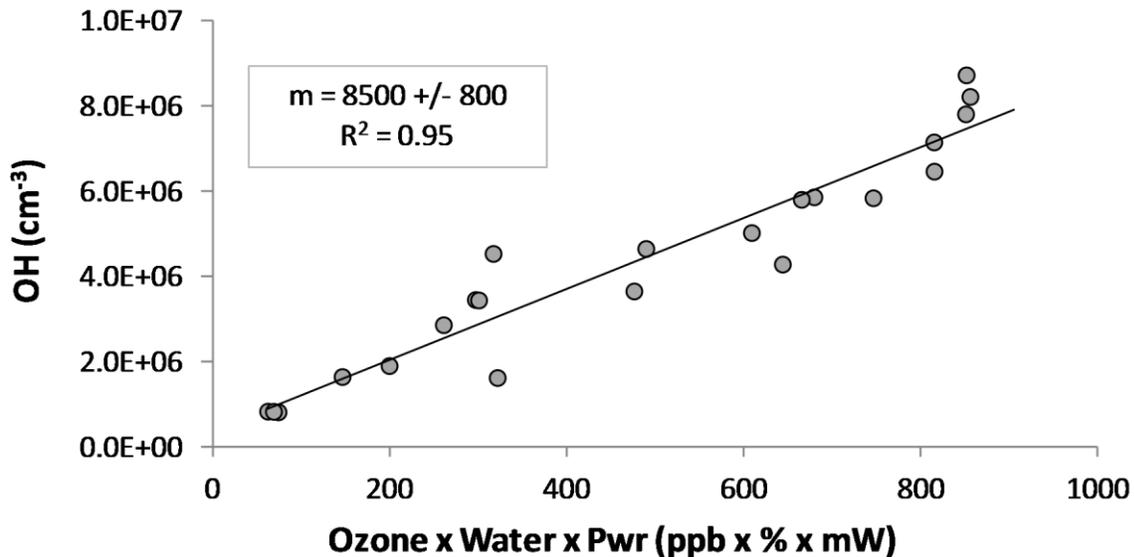
RACM Surrogate	PROPHET 2008	CABINEX 2009
H2O	measured	measured
Ozone (O3)	measured	measured
Nitrous Acid (HONO)	measured	measured
Nitric Oxide (NO)	measured	measured
Nitrogen Dioxide (NO2)	measured	measured
Isoprene (ISO)	measured	measured
Methacrolein+MVK (MACR)	measured	measured
Glyoxal (GLY)	measured	measured
Monoterpenes (API & LIM)	measured (median campaign values)	measured
Formaldehyde (HCHO)	measured & calculated (O3)	measured
Aldehydes (ALD)	calculated (HCHO)	measured
Methane (CH4)	Estimated (PROPHET 98)	Estimated (PROPHET 98)
Carbon monoxide (CO)	Estimated (PROPHET 98)	measured
Ketones (KET)	Estimated (PROPHET 98)	measured
Ethane (ETH)	Estimated (PROPHET 98)	Estimated (PROPHET 98)
Ethene (ETE)	Estimated (PROPHET 98)	Estimated (PROPHET 98)
Less reactive saturated HCs (HC3, HC5, HC8)	Estimated (PROPHET 98, CABINEX 09)	Measured (CABINEX 09) and Estimated (PROPHET 98)
Highly reactive unsaturated HCs (OLT & OLI)	Estimated (PROPHET 98)	Estimated (PROPHET 98)
Methyl Peroxide (OP1)	N/A	measured
Aromatic HCs (TOL & XYL)	Estimated (PROPHET 98)	Measured & estimated
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1 **Table S3:** PROPHET 2008 and CABINEX model sensitivity analysis showing key constrained
 2 components that the model OH and HO2+ISOP concentrations are most sensitive. Changes in
 3 OH and HO2+ISOP are given as relative changes from the base model. PROPHET 2008 values
 4 are the first entries in each cell and CABINEX values are the second.

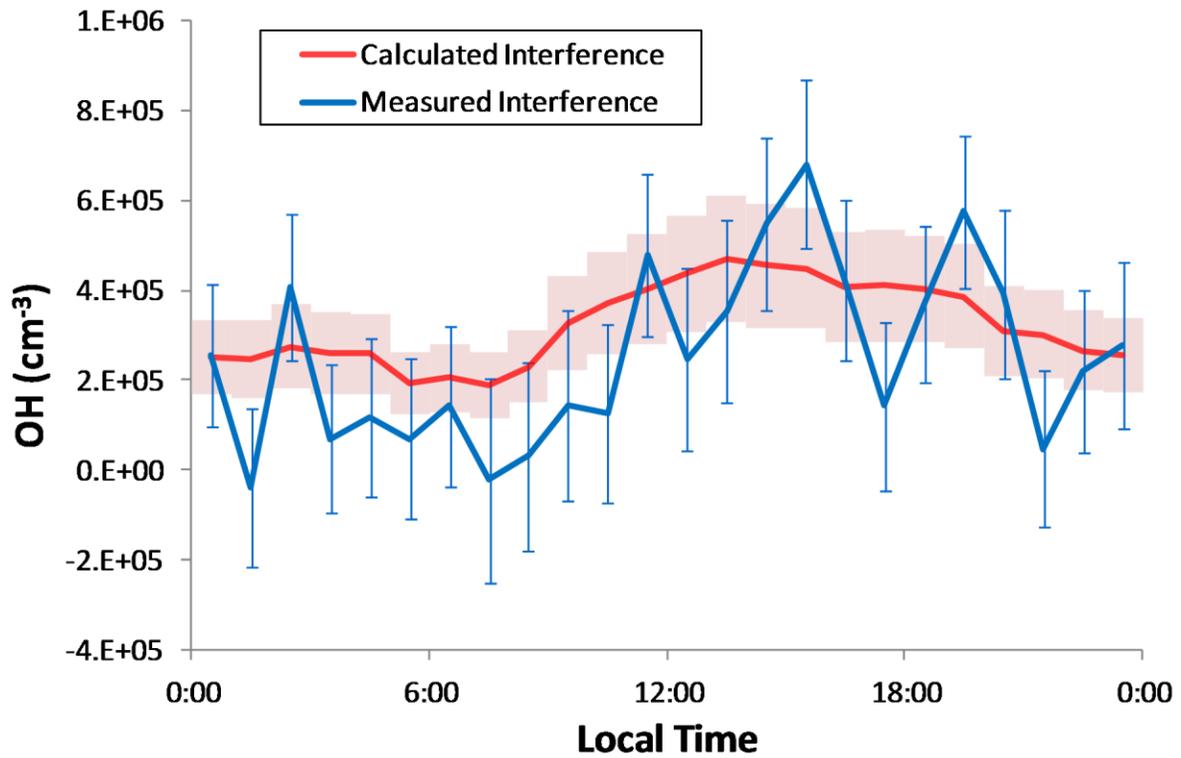
RACM-MIM	MORNING (10am)		AFTERNOON (3pm)		NIGHT (2am)	
Constraint Concentrations	OH (% change)	HO2+ISOP (% change)	OH (% change)	HO2+ISOP (% change)	OH (% change)	HO2+ISOP (% change)
Carbon Monoxide (CO)	9, 2	3, <0.1	17, 4	3, <0.1	--, 5	--, 3
Alpha-pinene (API)	1, 1	<0.1, 2	2, <0.1	<0.1, <0.1	--, 13	--, 7
Nitric Oxide (NO)	5, 11	1, 2	15, 7	1, 1	--, 5	--, 1
Isoprene (ISO)	20, 14	7, 8	14, 10	7, 6	--, 6	--, 12
Internal Olefins (OLI)	4, 10	2, 14	11, 5	7, 6	--, 28	--, 18
Formaldehyde (HCHO)	<0.1, <0.1	5, 1	2, <0.1	11, 1	--, 1	--, <0.1
Aldehydes (ALD)	4, 1	2, 1	7, 2	3, 1	--, 1	--, <0.1
Hydrogen Peroxide (H2O2)	6, 4	3, 4	5, 2	3, 3	--, 1	--, 1
Photolysis Rates						
J(O3)→→OH+OH	51, 8	24, 8	20, 17	10, 11	--, --	--, --
J(HONO)→OH+NO	23, 8	11, 5	19, 6	8, 5	--, --	--, --
J(H2O2)→OH+OH	6, 3	3, 2	6, 2	3, 2	--, --	--, --
J(HCHO)→H+HCO	5, 1	6, 1	6, 1	11, 1	--, --	--, --

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Figure S1: Photolytic Ozone x Water Interference dependence of the IU-FAGE instrument to measure OH. The 2 σ uncertainty on the slope is (+/-) 800.



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2 **Figure S2:** Median campaign data for ground-based measurements from the PROPHET site in
 3 2010 compared to the calculated interference based on measured ozone, water, and laser power.
 4 The pink error bars represent 2σ uncertainty on the calculated interference and are based on the
 5 precision of the ozone, water, and power measurements along with the uncertainty from the slope
 6 in Figure S2. Blue error bars are 2σ uncertainty based on precision of the measurements

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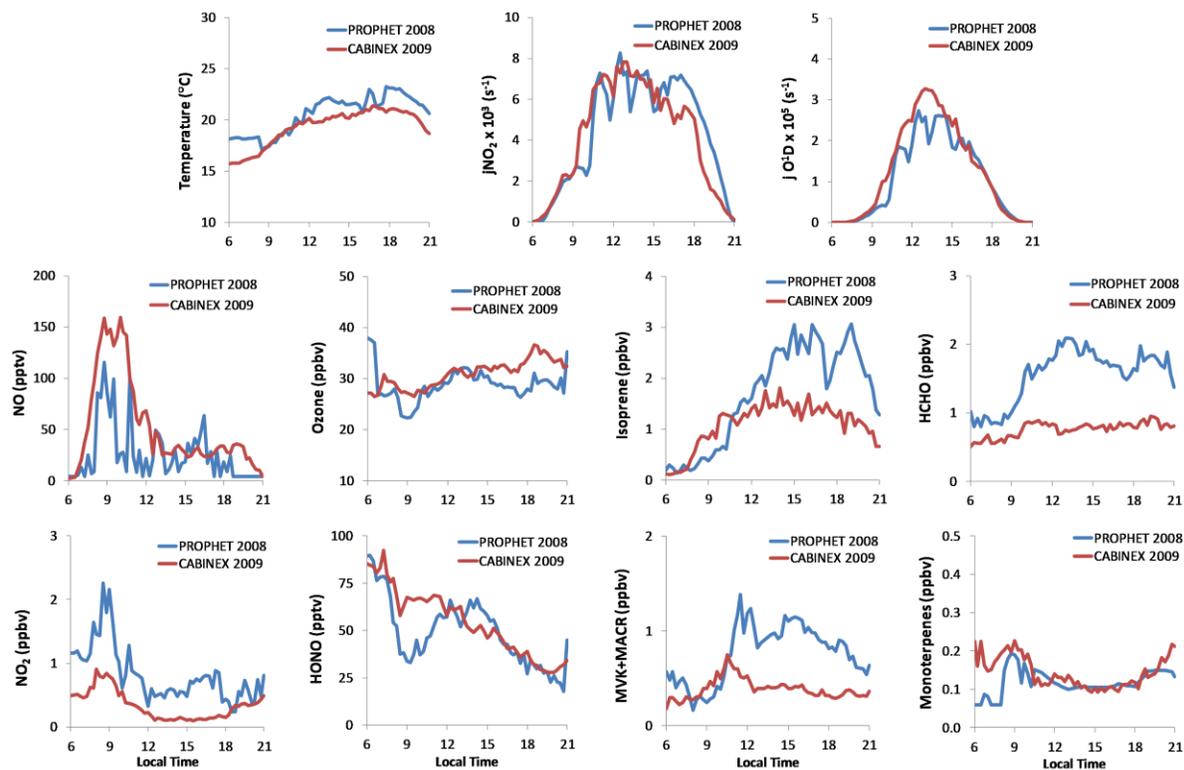
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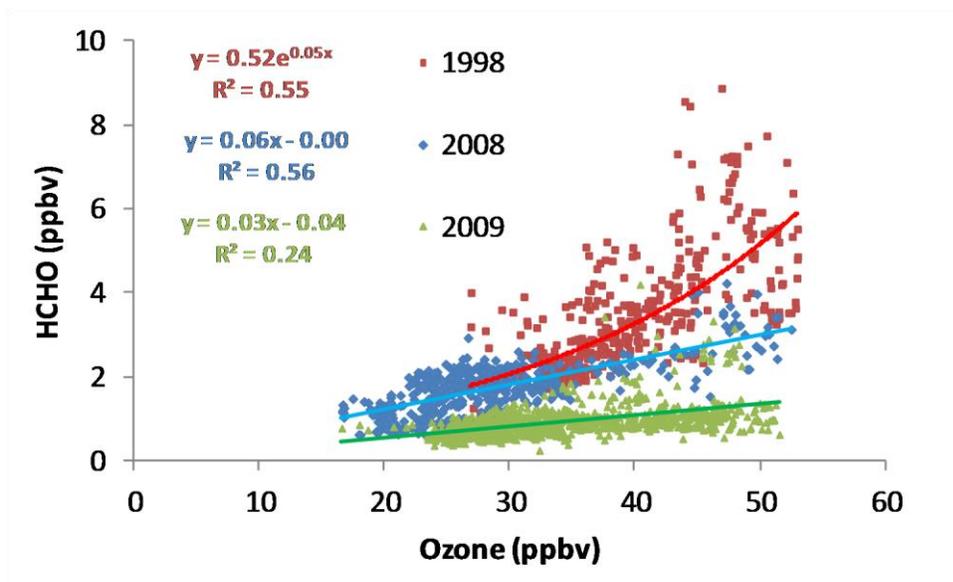
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Figure S3: Median values of the primary model constraints for the PROPHET site during 2008 and CABINEX 2009 based on availability and overlap of key constraints (isoprene and NO) with OH.



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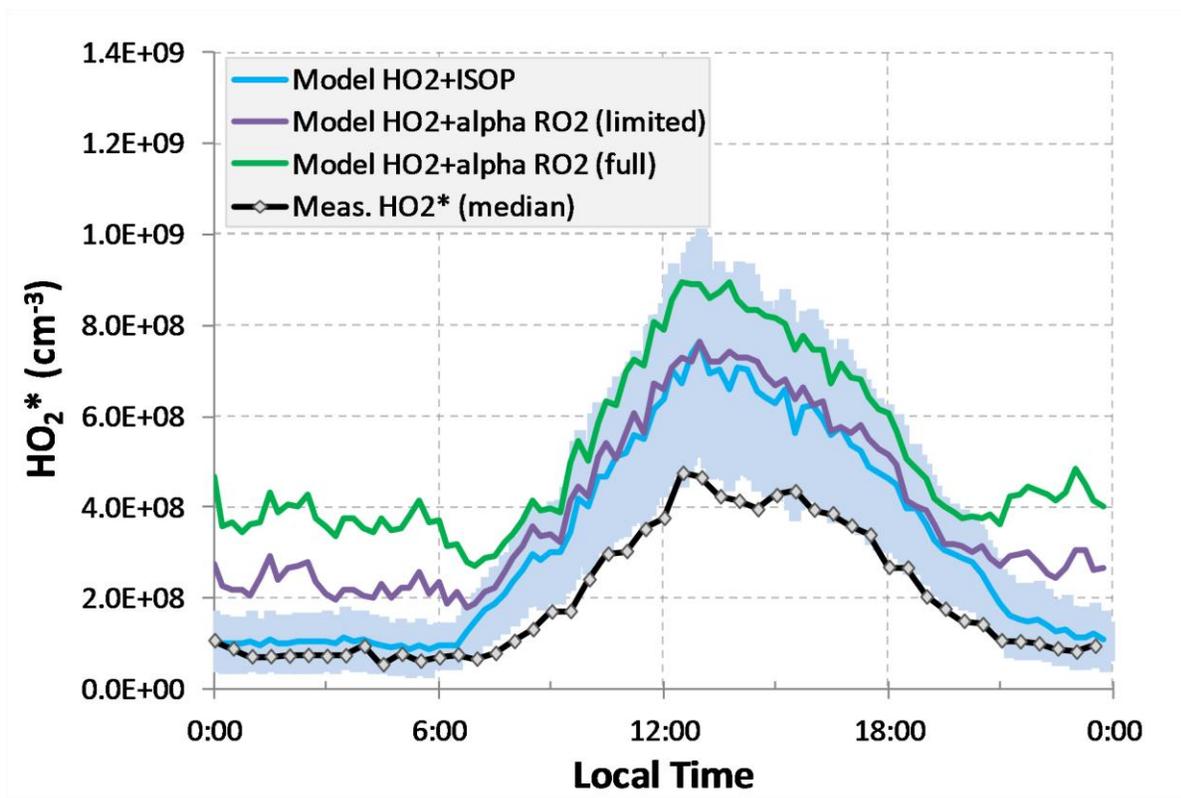
2 **Figure S4:** Correlation plot between ozone (< 53 ppbv) and formaldehyde to describe how day-
 3 time HCHO mixing ratios were estimated. Points in red are from the PROPHET 1998 dataset,
 4 blue points are from PROPHET 2008, and green points are from the CABINEX 2009 campaign.

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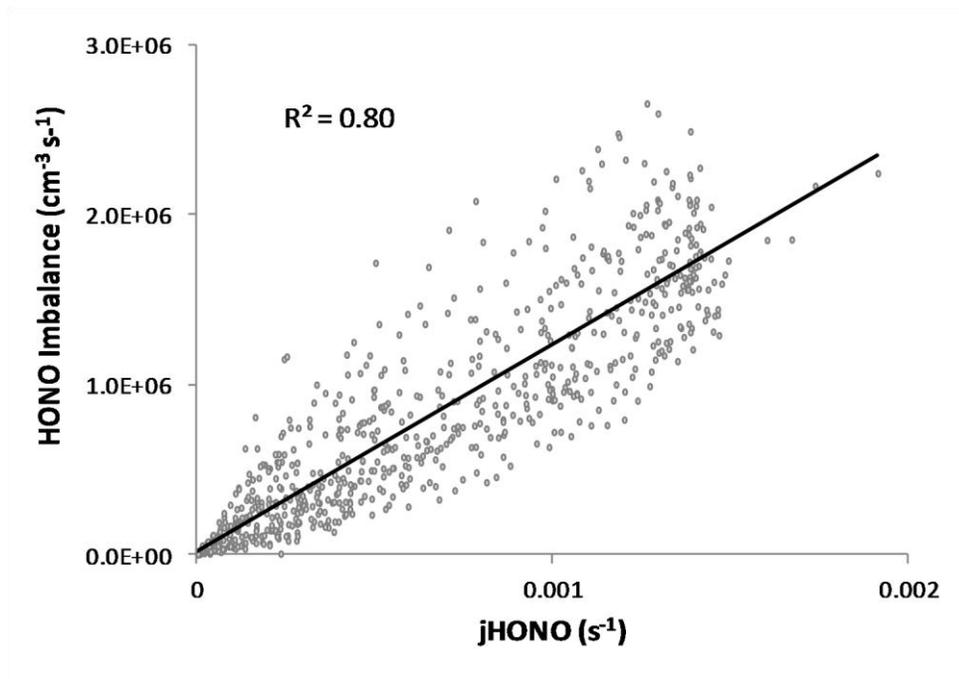
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 2 **Figure S5:** CABINEX median campaign measured HO₂* (black line w/ gray diamonds), model
 3 HO₂+ISOP (blue), model HO₂+αRO₂ limited (purple), and model HO₂ + αRO₂ full (green). Light blue
 4 shaded region is the model HO₂ + ISOP 2σ uncertainty (± 30% and ± 40% for day and night).

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2 **Figure S6:** Correlation of the calculated CABINEX HONO imbalance and the measured HONO j-value
3 above canopy.

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