

1 Supplement for “Large Contributions from Biogenic Monoterpenes and  
2 Sesquiterpenes to Organic Aerosol in the Southeastern United States”

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## 9 S1. Experimental Procedure

10 The perturbation experiments were performed in July-August 2016. A 2m<sup>3</sup> Teflon chamber  
11 (cubic shape) (Fig. 1) was placed outdoor on the rooftop of the Environmental Science and  
12 Technology (ES&T) building on the Georgia Institute of Technology (GT) campus, which is 30-  
13 40m above the ground and 840m away from interstate I75/85. The eight corners of the chamber  
14 were open (~2''×2'') to the atmosphere to allow for continuous exchange of air with the atmosphere.  
15 All analytical instruments were placed inside the building, which is about 4-5m away from the  
16 chamber. The instruments were connected to the chamber using 1/4'' teflon tubings (for  
17 measurements of gas-phase species) or stainless steel tubings (for measurement of particle-phase  
18 species).

19 The perturbation procedure is described below and illustrated in Fig. A1. Firstly, we  
20 continuously flushed the chamber with ambient air using two fans, which were placed at two  
21 corners of the chamber. During this flushing period, all instruments sampled ambient air and were  
22 not connected to the chamber. The flushing period lasted at least 3 hours to ensure that the air  
23 composition in the chamber is the same as ambient composition. Secondly, we stopped both fans  
24 and connected all instruments to chamber. Due to particle wall loss in the chamber, the particle  
25 mass concentration in the chamber was lower than that in the atmosphere (Fig. A1), but the particle  
26 composition in the chamber was almost the same as that in the atmosphere (Fig. S6), because the  
27 particle wall loss mainly depends on particle size not particle composition (Keywood et al., 2004).  
28 Due to the continued sampling by the instruments (~20 liter per minute, LPM) and the open corners  
29 of the chamber, ambient air continuously entered the chamber, even the two fans were turned off  
30 during this period. The main reason to turn off the fans is to increase the residence time of species  
31 in the chamber. The main reasons to leave the eight corners of chamber open are (a) to supply the  
32 chamber with atmospheric oxidants and (b) ensure that air composition in the chamber is  
33 representative of ambient composition. Thirdly, after sampling the chamber for about 30min, we  
34 injected certain amount of VOC (liquid) into the chamber with a needle, which vaporized upon  
35 injection. We continuously monitored the chamber composition for ~40 min after VOC injection.  
36 Lastly, we disconnected all instruments from the chamber, sampled ambient air, and turned on two  
37 fans to flush the chamber to prepare for the next perturbation experiment. In brief, one perturbation  
38 experiment can be divided into the following four periods: Amb\_Bf (30min ambient measurement  
39 period before sampling chamber), Chamber\_Bf (from sampling chamber to VOC injection, a

40 period ~30min), Chamber\_Af (from VOC injection to stop sampling chamber, a period ~40min),  
41 and Amb\_Af (30min ambient measurement period after sampling chamber).

42 One to three experiments were performed per day. The interval between two experiments  
43 was at least 3 hours, which avoids the interference of chamber content from previous experiments.  
44 The perturbations were performed at different times of day to probe aerosol formation under  
45 different reaction conditions. The injected amounts of  $\alpha$ -pinene and  $\beta$ -caryophyllene were  
46 carefully controlled to achieve an initial VOC concentration of about 14ppb and 10ppb in the  
47 chamber, respectively. If the injection amount is too large, it is not atmospherically relevant,  
48 produces too much SOA, and biases the fate of organic peroxy radicals (RO<sub>2</sub>), which may bias  
49 subsequent analysis. If the injection amount is too small, the produced SOA would be too little  
50 and below the detection limit of the experimental approach. The OA concentration in the chamber  
51 after perturbation ranges from 4 to 16  $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ , which is within the range of ambient OA  
52 concentration. For isoprene and *m*-xylene perturbation experiments, we tried a range of initial  
53 VOC concentrations (i.e., 10-90ppb for isoprene and 10-540ppb for *m*-xylene). For naphthalene  
54 perturbation experiments, we injected naphthalene by passing pure air over solid naphthalene  
55 flakes. We did not observe OA formation from these three VOCs, regardless of VOC concentration.  
56 The possible reasons of the lack of OA formation will be discussed in section S6. Due to no OA  
57 formation, the details about perturbation experiments with isoprene, *m*-xylene, and naphthalene  
58 are not included in Table S4.

## 59 **S2. High Resolution Time-of-Flight Aerosol Mass Spectrometer (HR-ToF-AMS)**

60 The HR-ToF-AMS measures the chemical composition and size distribution of submicron  
61 non-refractory species (NR-PM<sub>1</sub>) with high temporal resolution. The details about HR-ToF-AMS  
62 principles have been extensively discussed in the literature (Canagaratna et al., 2007; DeCarlo et  
63 al., 2006). In brief, HR-ToF-AMS samples particles through an aerodynamic lens and then impacts  
64 the particles on a ~600°C tungsten surface. Non-refractory species are flash evaporated and the  
65 resultant vapors are ionized by 70eV electron impact ionization. The generated ions are analyzed  
66 using time-of-flight mass spectrometry. In this study, the temporal resolution of HR-ToF-AMS  
67 measurements was set to be 2 minutes and the instrument was only operated in V mode (resolving  
68 power ~2100 at *m/z* 200). Ambient filter measurements (with a HEPA filter placed at the inlet of  
69 sampling line) were performed periodically to eliminate gas-phase interference on the particle-

70 phase measurements by the HR-ToF-AMS. Ionization efficiency (IE) calibrations were conducted  
71 every week with 300nm ammonium nitrate (AN) particles. A nafion dryer was placed upstream of  
72 the HR-ToF-AMS to dry particles (relative humidity < 20%), which eliminated the potential effect  
73 of relative humidity on particle collection efficiency (CE) at the HR-ToF-AMS vaporizer(Matthew  
74 et al., 2008). The composition-dependent CE (i.e., CDCE) was applied to the data, based on the  
75 algorithm proposed by Middlebrook et al.(Middlebrook et al., 2012) The elemental ratios, such as  
76 atomic O:C and H:C, were calculated based on the method in Canagaratna et al.(Canagaratna et  
77 al., 2015) The data analysis was performed using the standard AMS analysis toolkits SQUIRREL  
78 v1.57H and PIKA v1.16H in Igor Pro 6.36 (WaveMetrics Inc.).

### 79 **S3. Positive Matrix Factorization (PMF) Analysis**

80 Positive Matrix Factorization (PMF) analysis has been widely used for aerosol source  
81 apportionment in the atmospheric chemistry community(Jimenez et al., 2009; Crippa et al., 2014;  
82 Xu et al., 2015a). PMF solves bilinear unmixing factor model(Paatero and Tapper, 1994; Ulbrich  
83 et al., 2009b)

$$84 \quad X = TS \times MS + E \quad \text{Eqn 2}$$

85 X is an  $m \times n$  matrix, representing  $m$  measurements over time of  $n$  species (i.e.,  $m/z$  in AMS  
86 measurements). TS is an  $m \times p$  matrix, representing the factor strength (i.e., concentration in AMS  
87 measurements) of the  $p$  factors. MS is an  $p \times n$  matrix, representing the source profile (i.e., mass  
88 spectra in AMS measurements) of the  $p$  factors. E is an  $m \times n$  matrix, representing the unexplained  
89 residual by the  $p$  factors. PMF solves the equation by minimizing the summed least squares errors  
90 of the fit weighted with the error estimates of each measurement. In other words, PMF represents  
91 the observed organic mass spectra as a linear combination of a number of factors with constant  
92 mass spectra but varying concentrations over time. PMF groups OA constituents with similar mass  
93 spectra and temporal variation into different factors, which are related to characteristic sources and  
94 atmospheric processes.

95 In this study, we performed PMF analysis on the high-resolution mass spectra of organic  
96 species (inorganic species are excluded) of combined ambient and perturbation data. Each OA  
97 factor has a constant mass spectrum throughout the study, regardless of ambient or chamber  
98 periods. The organic data matrix and error matrix were generated from PIKA v1.16H and

99 processed in the PMF Evaluation Toolkit (PET) software or Solution Finder (SoFi)  
100 software(Ulbrich et al., 2009b).  $m/z$ 's with signal-to-noise ratio between 0.2 and 2 were  
101 downweighted by a factor of 2 to reduce disproportionate effects on the results(Ulbrich et al.,  
102 2009a). We do not observe  $m/z$ 's with signal-to-noise ratio smaller than 0.2. The errors of all  $\text{CO}_2^+$   
103 related peaks (i.e.,  $\text{O}^+$ ,  $\text{HO}^+$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}^+$ ,  $\text{CO}^+$ , and  $\text{CO}_2^+$ ) were downweighted, to avoid excessive  
104 weighting of  $\text{CO}_2^+$ . The error of  $\text{CHO}^+$  ( $m/z$  29.0027) was downweighted by a factor of 2 as its  
105 error appears to be underestimated, possibly due to interference from its adjacent  $\text{N}_2$  isotope ion  
106 ( $m/z$  29.0032). We utilized the PMF2 solver, which does not require a priori information and  
107 reduces subjectivity.

108 Fig. 2 shows the time series and mass spectra of OA factors resolved in the measurements.  
109 Five OA factors (i.e., HOA, COA, isoprene-OA, LO-OOA, and MO-OOA) are resolved. PMF  
110 solutions with more than five OA factors display splitting behavior of existing factors instead of  
111 providing new factors. Also, we note that PMF solutions with more OA factors cannot resolve one  
112 factor that is capable of representing all perturbation induced SOA. The five identified OA factors  
113 have been extensively discussed in previous studies (Xu et al., 2015a; Xu et al., 2015b; Xu et al.,  
114 2017). Below, we will provide a brief but complete description about the unique features of these  
115 OA factors.

116 The mass spectrum of hydrocarbon-like OA (HOA) is dominated by hydrocarbon-like ions  
117 ( $\text{C}_x\text{H}_y^+$  ions), which is similar to that of primary combustion emission species (Zhang et al., 2011).  
118 The time series of HOA correlates well with primary emissions (i.e., black carbon and  $\text{NO}_x$ ). Thus,  
119 HOA is a surrogate of primary OA from vehicle emissions (Zhang et al., 2011).

120 The mass spectrum of cooking OA (COA) is characterized by prominent signal at ions  
121  $\text{C}_3\text{H}_5^+$  ( $m/z$  41) and  $\text{C}_4\text{H}_7^+$  ( $m/z$  55), which is similar to the mass spectrum of unsaturated fatty acids  
122 (Huang et al., 2010; Mohr et al., 2009). Cooking is an important source of primary emission in  
123 urban sites(Xu et al., 2015a; Crippa et al., 2014; Huang et al., 2010), the concentration of which is  
124 even higher than HOA concentration sometimes (Huang et al., 2010). We have clear evidence that  
125 the COA factor at the measurement site has contributions from cooking activities. Firstly, the  
126 diurnal variation of COA peaks during meal times (Fig. S3a). Secondly, in another dataset from  
127 the same measurement site, the COA concentration shows clear increases on football days,  
128 consistent with barbecue activities on campus and close to the measurement site. Thirdly,

129 compared to most of days during 2015 measurement (section S4), the COA concentration is higher  
130 between August 13<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 (Fig. S3b and S3c). These four days are right before the start  
131 of a new semester and thus there are many fraternity rush events (i.e., barbecue activities) on  
132 campus. However, the COA concentration increases in 5 out of 6  $\beta$ -caryophyllene perturbation  
133 experiments and its enhancement amount is ~25% of LO-OOA enhancement (Fig. S7b), which  
134 demonstrate that COA factor could have interference from  $\beta$ -caryophyllene SOA. Thus, caution is  
135 required when using COA factor as a surrogate for cooking emissions, especially for urban sites  
136 influenced by air masses from forested areas.

137 Ample evidence suggests that the isoprene-derived OA (isoprene-OA) factor is related to  
138 the reactive uptake of isoprene oxidation products, isoprene epoxydiols (IEPOX) (Xu et al., 2015a;  
139 Lin et al., 2012; de Sá et al., 2016). Firstly, the mass spectrum of isoprene-OA is characterized by  
140 prominent signal at ions  $C_4H_5^+$  ( $m/z$  53) and  $C_5H_6O^+$  ( $m/z$  82), which is similar to the mass spectrum  
141 of laboratory IEPOX SOA (Lin et al., 2012). Secondly, the time series of this factor correlates well  
142 with 2-methyltols, which are tracers for isoprene SOA tracers and likely formed from the reactive  
143 uptake of IEPOX. This factor is also referred to as “IEPOX-OA” in some studies (Hu et al., 2015;  
144 Budisulistiorini et al., 2013; Budisulistiorini et al., 2015; de Sá et al., 2017). The isoprene-OA  
145 factor contributes 18-36%, 34%, and 24% of OA in the southeastern U.S. (Xu et al., 2015a),  
146 Amazonia forest (Chen et al., 2015), and boreal forest (Robinson et al., 2011). In our study,  
147 isoprene-OA increases in 7 out of 19  $\alpha$ -pinene experiments and its enhancement magnitude is ~20%  
148 of LO-OOA enhancement (Fig. S7a). Our results clearly demonstrate that the isoprene-OA factor  
149 could have interferences from  $\alpha$ -pinene SOA. Thus, this factor is neither exclusively from the  
150 reactive uptake of IEPOX nor isoprene oxidation. This conclusion could be applicable to isoprene-  
151 OA factor resolved at other monoterpene-influenced sites, but the interference magnitude likely  
152 varies between sites. Considering that the isoprene-OA factor has the largest tendency to absorb  
153 water and act as cloud condensation nuclei among all OA factors (Cerully et al., 2015), thorough  
154 investigations on the sources of this factor are critical to accurately understand the climate forcing  
155 of OA. From another aspect, the enhancement in isoprene-OA in these experiments suggests that  
156 fresh  $\alpha$ -pinene SOA is not exclusively apportioned to LO-OOA, at least for the sites with isoprene-  
157 OA.

158 The isoprene-OA enhancement is not due to that the injected  $\alpha$ -pinene affecting the  
159 oxidation of pre-existing isoprene or the gas/particle partitioning of pre-existing semi-volatile

160 species in the chamber. After injecting  $\alpha$ -pinene, the SOA concentration increases less than 3  $\mu\text{g}$   
161  $\text{m}^{-3}$ , which does not substantially perturb the gas/particle partition of pre-existing semi-volatile  
162 species. Based on I<sup>-</sup> HR-ToF-CIMS measurement, the concentration of isoprene oxidation  
163 products, such as IEPOX+ISOPOOH ( $\text{C}_5\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_3\cdot\text{I}^-$ ) and isoprene hydroxyl nitrates ( $\text{C}_5\text{H}_9\text{NO}_4\cdot\text{I}^-$ ),  
164 did not change after  $\alpha$ -pinene injection (Fig. S2b).

165 Less-oxidized oxygenated organic aerosol (LO-OOA) and more-oxidized oxygenated  
166 organic aerosol (MO-OOA) are named based on their differing carbon oxidation state. MO-OOA  
167 has the highest atomic O:C ratio, indicating that it is highly oxidized. LO-OOA has lower O:C  
168 ratio than MO-OOA. In the southeastern U.S., MO-OOA concentration peaks in the afternoon and  
169 LO-OOA exhibits a daily maximum at night (Xu et al., 2015b). The sources/processes contributing  
170 to LO-OOA and MO-OOA are largely unknown. Based on the comparison with external  
171 independent tracers and mass spectra of laboratory OA generated under various conditions,  
172 previous studies proposed that LO-OOA represents fresh SOA, MO-OOA represents aged SOA,  
173 and LO-OOA evolves to MO-OOA with photochemical aging (Jimenez et al., 2009; Ng et al.,  
174 2010). Recent studies have advanced our understanding of these OA factors. For example, some  
175 studies suggested that MO-OOA has contribution from aged biomass burning emissions  
176 (Bougiatioti et al., 2014; Liu et al., 2015). MO-OOA may be related to aqueous-phase processing  
177 (Xu et al., 2016; Yu et al., 2014). Recent studies hypothesize that the rapidly produced HOMs  
178 (highly oxygenated molecules) from the oxidation of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) likely  
179 contribute to MO-OOA (Ehn et al., 2014). In this study, MO-OOA only increases in 1 out of 19  
180  $\alpha$ -pinene experiments, suggesting that HOMs unlikely contribute to MO-OOA. While HOMs can  
181 be lost to chamber wall or sampling lines, these processes do not deplete all the HOMs formed, as  
182 Zhang et al. (2015) were able to detect HOMs in chamber experiments.

#### 183 **S4. Description of Measurements at Multiple Sites**

184 We have previously performed comprehensive year-long measurements at multiple sites  
185 in the southeastern U.S., as part of Southeastern Center for Air Pollution and Epidemiology study  
186 (SCAPE) and Southern Oxidant and Aerosol Study (SOAS). Detailed descriptions about these  
187 field studies have been discussed in the literature (Xu et al., 2015a; Xu et al., 2015b). The sampling  
188 periods are shown in Table S1 and the sampling sites are briefly discussed below.

- 189 • Georgia Tech site (GT, 33.78 N, 84.40 W): This site is located on the rooftop of the  
190 Environmental Science and Technology (ES&T) building on the Georgia Institute of Technology  
191 (GT) campus, which is about 30-40m above the ground and 840m away from interstate I75/85.  
192 The ambient perturbation experiments were performed at this site.
- 193 • Jefferson Street site (JST, 33.78 N, 84.42 W): This is a central SEARCH (SouthEastern Aerosol  
194 Research and Characterization) site, which is in Atlanta’s urban area with a mixed commercial and  
195 residential neighborhood. It is about 2 km west of the Georgia Tech site. The JST and GT sites are  
196 in the same grid cell in CMAQ.
- 197 • Yorkville site (YRK, 33.93 N, 85.05 W): This is a central SEARCH site located in a rural area  
198 in Georgia. This site is surrounded by agricultural land and forests and is at about 80 km northwest  
199 of JST site.
- 200 • Centreville site (CTR, 32.94°N, 87.18°W): This is a central SEARCH site in rural Alabama. The  
201 sampling site is surrounded by forests and away from large urban areas (55km SE and 84 km SW  
202 of Tuscaloosa and Birmingham, AL, respectively).

203 In addition to the perturbation experiments in 2016, we deployed AMS measurements in  
204 summer of 2012, 2013, and 2015 (Table S5) at the GT site (Xu et al., 2015a; Xu et al., 2017). The  
205 same five OA factors are resolved and the mass fractions of these OA factors do not change  
206 substantially over the past 5 years (Fig. S8), suggesting relatively stable OA sources over the past  
207 5 years near this measurement site.

208 The 2012 measurements are used for the pseudo-experiment discussed in Appendix A. It  
209 is because the 2012 data set has the least interruption in ambient measurements. For example, in  
210 2016, the perturbation experiments resulted in many gaps in the ambient measurements. In 2013,  
211 AMS alternated sampling between ambient line and a treated sampling line every 30min (Xu et  
212 al., 2017). Since measurements were performed around similar time of year each year and the mass  
213 fractions of these OA factors remain relatively constant over the past 5 years, this justifies the use  
214 2012 data set for the pseudo-experiment (i.e., this data set can be considered as representative of  
215 other years).

## 216 **S5. Community Multiscale Air Quality (CMAQ) Model**

217 We use the CMAQ (Community Multiscale Air Quality) atmospheric chemical transport  
218 model to simulate the SOA formation in the southeastern U.S. CMAQ is one of the most widely  
219 used air quality models. CMAQ v5.2gamma (available at: <https://github.com/USEPA/CMAQ>) is  
220 run over the continental U.S. for time periods between May 2012 to July 2013 with 12km × 12km  
221 horizontal resolution. We focus our analysis on the southeastern U.S., which comprises 11 states  
222 (as Arkansas, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South  
223 Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia). 10 days of model spin-up are discarded before comparisons  
224 are made with measurements. The meteorological inputs are generated with version 3.8 of the  
225 Weather Research and Forecasting model (WRF), Advanced Research WRF (ARW) core.  
226 Compared to previous versions of WRF, WRF v3.8 has major revisions in the vertical mixing  
227 scheme (Appel et al., 2017). We also apply lightning assimilation to improve convective rainfall  
228 (Heath et al., 2016). Anthropogenic emissions are based on the EPA (Environmental Protection  
229 Agency) NEI (National Emission Inventory) 2011 v2. For the CTR\_June period, the primary  
230 emissions from stationary source fuel combustion and industry are reduced to half in Alabama,  
231 because previous studies showed that CMAQ overestimates the primary organic carbon in  
232 Alabama during this period (Pye et al., 2015). Biogenic emissions are predicted by the BEIS  
233 (Biogenic Emission Inventory System) v3.6.1. Carlton and Baker (2011) found that the BEIS  
234 predicted isoprene emission is generally lower than that predicted by another widely used model  
235 MEGAN (Model of Emissions of Gases and Aerosols from Nature). Also, Pye et al. (2017) showed  
236 that increasing the BEIS predicted isoprene emission by 50% could result in a better agreement  
237 with measured isoprene and OH at Centreville, AL. Thus, the isoprene emission is increased by  
238 50% in this study.

239 The gas-phase chemistry is based on CB6r3 (Carbon Bond v6.3,  
240 [http://www.camx.com/files/udaq\\_snowchem\\_final\\_6aug15.pdf](http://www.camx.com/files/udaq_snowchem_final_6aug15.pdf)). The default CMAQv5.2gamma  
241 organic aerosol treatment in CMAQ v5.2gamma generally follows the scheme of Carlton et al.  
242 (2010) and Appel et al. (2017). A schematic of SOA treatment in CMAQ v5.2gamma is shown in  
243 Fig. S1a. In brief, CMAQ v5.2gamma includes SOA formation from anthropogenic and biogenic  
244 emissions. Anthropogenic precursors include benzene, toluene, xylene, long-chain alkanes (such  
245 as heptadecane), and PAHs (such as naphthalene). Biogenic precursors include isoprene,  
246 monoterpenes, and sesquiterpenes. An Odum 2-product parameterization is used to describe SOA

247 formation from these precursors. The SOA yields from monoterpene reactions with different  
248 oxidants (OH, ozone) are assumed to be the same and are based on daylight experiments of Griffin  
249 et al. (1999) The SOA yield from sesquiterpenes oxidation is parameterized in an analogous way  
250 as that of monoterpenes (Carlton et al., 2010). Five different species of monoterpenes are lumped  
251 into one species (i.e., TERP) according to U.S. emissions-based weighting factors. SOA formation  
252 from the reactive uptake of IEPOX and methacryloylperoxynitrate (MPAN) (isoprene oxidation  
253 products) onto aqueous aerosol is included. All semi-volatile OA in the model can undergo  
254 particle-phase oligomerization to produce non-volatile OA with a 29hr lifetime. POA is treated as  
255 semi-volatile. A parameterization to consider the SOA from semivolatile and intermediate  
256 volatility organic compounds (SVOC and IVOC, the emissions of which may not be characterized  
257 in current emission inventories) as well as other missing sources of SOA from anthropogenic  
258 combustion (potentially due to underestimated yields) is implemented (Murphy et al., 2017).

259 The “default simulation” applies the default treatment of SOA in CMAQ v5.2gamma with  
260 CB6r3 as discussed above. The “updated simulation” in this work improves the “default simulation”  
261 by implementing the following recent scientific findings (Fig. S1b). Firstly, recent laboratory  
262 studies reveal significant amount of SOA formation from monoterpenes (except  $\alpha$ -pinene, denoted  
263 as  $MT_{w/o \alpha\text{-pinene}}$ ) oxidation by  $NO_3$  (Boyd et al., 2015; Fry et al., 2014). This SOA formation  
264 pathway is currently missing in CMAQ v5.2gamma with CB6r3 chemistry. We implement the  
265 formation and partition of organic nitrates from monoterpenes via multiple reaction pathways (i.e.,  
266 oxidation by  $NO_3$  and oxidation by OH/ $O_3$  followed by  $RO_2+NO$ ), which are extensively described  
267 in Pye et al. (2015). In brief, the organic nitrates produced from  $MT_{w/o \alpha\text{-pinene}}$  oxidation by  $NO_3$   
268 and MT oxidation by OH and  $O_3$  in the presence of  $NO_x$  are lumped into a new species:  $MTNO_3$ .  
269  $MTNO_3$  is semi-volatile and undergoes gas/particle partitioning. The particle-phase  $MTNO_3$   
270 hydrolyzes with a 3hr lifetime and converts to  $HNO_3$  and non-volatile SOA (denoted as AMTHYD  
271 in model). We note that the hydrolysis rate of organic nitrates is highly uncertain, which largely  
272 depends on the structure of organic nitrates and particle acidity (Boyd et al., 2015; Jacobs et al.,  
273 2014; Rindelaub et al., 2016). Pye et al. compared model performance using 3hr vs 30hr hydrolysis  
274 rate (Pye et al., 2015). While the 3hr hydrolysis rate leads to better agreements with measured OC  
275 and  $NO_y$ , it degrades the comparison with measured  $HNO_3$ . In this study, we perform sensitivity  
276 study by using both 3hr and 30hr hydrolysis rate. 30hr hydrolysis lower the modeled  $SOA_{MT+SQT}$

277 concentration by 2-17% for all sites compared to 3hr hydrolysis, but it does not change the  
278 conclusion of this study. Future studies are warranted to constrain the fate of organic nitrates.

279 The second modification is to update the SOA yield of the monoterpenes oxidation by O<sub>3</sub>  
280 and OH. In the default SOA treatment, the SOA yield of lumped monoterpenes oxidation by O<sub>3</sub>  
281 and OH is parameterized based on daylight experiments of Griffin et al. (1999), which are under  
282 high OA loadings and temperature. Extrapolation of the parameterized yield to atmospherically  
283 relevant low OA loading and lower temperatures (<310K) causes uncertainty (Pathak et al., 2007).  
284 In this study, we update the SOA yield of monoterpenes oxidation by O<sub>3</sub> and OH based on a recent  
285 study by Saha and Grieshop (2016). Saha et al. applied a dual-thermodenuder system to study the  
286  $\alpha$ -pinene ozonolysis SOA. The authors extracted SOA yield parameters by using an evaporation-  
287 kinetics model and volatility basis set (VBS). The SOA yields in Saha et al. (2016) are higher than  
288 laboratory chamber studies conducted in batch mode (Griffin et al., 1999; Pathak et al., 2007), but  
289 comparable to laboratory chamber studies conducted in continuous mode (Shilling et al., 2008)  
290 (Fig. S9). The SOA yields in Saha et al. are consistent with recent findings about the formation of  
291 HOMs (Ehn et al., 2014; Zhang et al., 2015) and help to explain the observed slow evaporation of  
292  $\alpha$ -pinene SOA (Vaden et al., 2011). In the updated simulation, we replace the Odum's 2-product  
293 model used in the default simulation with VBS framework. The VBS framework lumps species  
294 into a number of volatility "bins" that are separated by one decade in saturation concentration.  
295 When laboratory data are available over a wide range of loadings and/or temperatures, the VBS  
296 framework is more robust and better represents SOA formation at atmospherically relevant OA  
297 loadings than Odum's 2-product model with limited data (Barsanti et al., 2013). The properties of  
298 the lumped MT oxidation products, which are grouped into 7 volatility "bins", are listed in Table  
299 S3. The simulation using modified SOA treatment is denoted as "updated simulation".

300 The modeled OA concentrations from both default simulation and updated simulation are  
301 compared to AMS measurements. Considering that CMAQ predicts aerosol in 3 log-normal modes  
302 and AMS measures PM<sub>1</sub>, the modeled mass concentration is adjusted to PM<sub>1</sub> based on predicted  
303 aerosol size distributions (Nolte et al., 2015). CMAQ predicts that PM<sub>1</sub> concentration accounts for  
304 about 60-70% of PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration. This fraction is similar to the finding in Zhang et al. (2017),  
305 who performed simultaneous measurements of non-refractory PM<sub>2.5</sub> (using an AMS with a new  
306 PM<sub>2.5</sub> inlet) and non-refractory PM<sub>1</sub> (using an AMS with a traditional PM<sub>1</sub> inlet) in Nanjing, China.  
307 The authors showed that non-refractory PM<sub>1</sub> accounts for about half of non-refractory PM<sub>2.5</sub>. The

308  $PM_1/PM_{2.5}$  fraction needs to be further verified for sites in the U.S. Fig. S10 compares the diurnal  
309 trends of AMS OA with CMAQ OA in both default simulation and updated simulation. The JST  
310 and GT sites are in the same grid cell in CMAQ. The modeled OA in default simulation under-  
311 estimates measured OA by 36-54%. The updated simulation predicts more OA, which reduces  
312 model bias and agrees better with measured OA. The model skill in updated simulation is slightly  
313 improved as the correlation between model and measurement is better (Fig. S11). However, the  
314 updated simulation still under-estimates OA, mainly in the afternoon, suggesting missing OA  
315 sources.

316 We further evaluate the modeled SOA from the oxidation of monoterpenes and  
317 sesquiterpenes ( $SOA_{MT+SQT}$ ) against LO-OOA. Based on the ambient perturbation experiments,  
318 84% of fresh  $\alpha$ -pinene SOA is apportioned into LO-OOA and the rest 16% is apportioned into  
319 isoprene-OA (Fig. S7a), when the isoprene-OA factor exists. Thus, for the sites with isoprene-OA  
320 factor, we only consider 84% of modeled SOA from the oxidation of monoterpenes by  $O_3$  and OH  
321 when comparing to LO-OOA. We note that the fraction of MT SOA apportioned into isoprene-  
322 OA factor is uncertain, as this value is obtained at a specific site and in a specific month. This  
323 uncertainty may affect the comparison between modeled  $SOA_{MT+SQT}$  and LO-OOA. More studies  
324 are required to evaluate the interference of MT SOA in isoprene-OA factor in different atmospheric  
325 environments and different seasons. The comparison between LO-OOA and  $SOA_{MT+SQT}$  is  
326 discussed in the main text and shown in Fig. 8, Fig. S12, and Fig. S13. We note that the modeled  
327  $SOA_{MT+SQT}$  in updated simulation agrees within 20% of LO-OOA for all sites, except CTR\_June.  
328 For CTR\_June, the modeled  $SOA_{MT+SQT}$  is higher than LO-OOA by ~43%. The reason for the  
329 over-estimation of LO-OOA in CTR\_June is unclear. One possible reason is that CMAQ over-  
330 predicts the role of primary organic emissions and subsequent OA formation from these emissions,  
331 which serve as gas/particle partition medium. This suggests that the parameterized potential SOA  
332 from combustion sources (i.e., pcSOA) may need downward adjustment (Murphy et al., 2017).  
333 The sampling site in CTR is surrounded by forests and is far away from stationary point and area  
334 sources of primary emissions. The marginal influence of primary emissions on the CTR site can  
335 be reflected by that HOA factor is not resolved from PMF analysis. However, the grid cell  
336 containing the CTR site has primary emissions. Pye et al. (2015) showed that the POA  
337 concentration is over-estimated by a factor of 2 in CTR\_June when POA is treated as non-volatile.  
338 As gas/particle partition medium, a higher POA concentration would enhance the partition of semi-

339 volatiles to the particle phase and hence increase the concentration of modeled SOA. The  
 340 implementation of SOA formation from SVOC and IVOC, mainly from anthropogenic emissions,  
 341 further exaggerates the issue. Another possible reason is that the parameterization of MT SOA  
 342 formation does not consider photo-chemical aging. The laboratory experiments used to derive  
 343 SOA yield parameters typically only last few hours. The aging of SOA is likely to decrease the  
 344 concentration after long time periods due to fragmentation. In addition, previous work by Pye et  
 345 al. (2015), albeit with different meteorology indicates monoterpenes as well as their organic  
 346 nitrates are overestimated by CMAQ in the vicinity of CTR. Errors in nocturnal mixing may  
 347 contribute to errors in SOA, particularly from monoterpenes.

### 348 **S6. Simple Box Model**

349 While the focus of this study is to qualitatively understand which OA factors the  $\alpha$ -pinene  
 350 SOA is apportioned into, we also build a simple box model aimed at quantitatively estimate the fate  
 351 of  $\alpha$ -pinene and the SOA formation in the ambient perturbation experiments. The box model  
 352 considers the oxidation of  $\alpha$ -pinene by OH and O<sub>3</sub>, dilution by ambient air, and particle loss to  
 353 chamber wall. We solve the following two ordinary differential equations (ODEs) which are  
 354 derived from mass balance.

$$355 \frac{d[\alpha\text{-pinene}]}{dt} = -k_{\text{OH}} \times [\alpha\text{-pinene}] \times [\text{OH}] - k_{\text{O}_3} \times [\alpha\text{-pinene}] - \frac{F_{\text{out}}}{V_{\text{chamber}}} \times [\alpha\text{-pinene}] \quad \text{Eq. S1}$$

$$356 \frac{d[\text{SOA}]}{dt} = \text{Yield} \times (k_{\text{OH}} \times [\alpha\text{-pinene}] \times [\text{OH}] + k_{\text{O}_3} \times [\alpha\text{-pinene}] \times [\text{O}_3]) \times 5.6 - \frac{F_{\text{out}}}{V_{\text{chamber}}} \times [\text{SOA}] \quad \text{Eq. S2}$$

357  $F_{\text{out}}$  is the dilution rate, which is 20 LPM (estimated by sampling flow rates of all instruments).  
 358  $V_{\text{chamber}}$  is the chamber volume, which is about 2 m<sup>3</sup>.  $k_{\text{OH}}$  and  $k_{\text{O}_3}$  are the reaction rate constants  
 359 for  $\alpha$ -pinene + OH and  $\alpha$ -pinene + O<sub>3</sub>, which are  $5.25 \times 10^{-11}$  and  $9.40 \times 10^{-17}$  cm<sup>3</sup> molecule<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> at  
 360 298K, respectively (Jenkin et al., 1997). The constant 5.6 is to convert the  $\alpha$ -pinene concentration  
 361 unit from ppb to  $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ . *Yield* is defined as the ratio of the amount of SOA formed to the amount  
 362 of VOC reacted (Odum et al., 1996), which is assumed to be the same for the oxidation of  $\alpha$ -pinene  
 363 by OH and O<sub>3</sub>. The ambient perturbation approach is potentially feasible to directly measure the  
 364 SOA yield under real atmospheric conditions. However, certain improvements are required, such  
 365 as measuring the concentration of precursor VOC and quantifying the dilution ratio. In the current  
 box model, *yield* is a tuning parameter. The model only considers the SOA formed from  $\alpha$ -pinene

366 injected into the chamber and neglects the inflow ambient OA and  $\alpha$ -pinene. Thus, the model  
367 results can be directly compared to the LO-OOA enhancement amount.

368 We use the simple box model to simulate experiment ap\_0801\_1. The O<sub>3</sub> concentration  
369 measured during this experiment is ~55 ppb. The OH concentration is not measured, but assumed  
370 to be  $1 \times 10^6$  or  $2 \times 10^6$  molecule cm<sup>-3</sup> as sensitivity tests. The particle wall loss is difficult to  
371 characterize because the eight corners of the bag are open, so that the change in particle number  
372 concentration can be due to both wall loss and ambient variation. Moreover, the particle wall loss  
373 may vary between experiments because the wind affects the movement of chamber walls and hence  
374 the particle wall loss. Thus, we assume the particle wall loss rate to be  $1 \times 10^{-4}$  s<sup>-1</sup>, which is 100  
375 times higher than the loss rate of 200nm particles in the Georgia Tech Environmental Chamber  
376 facility (Nah et al., 2016) and serves as an upper bound of loss rate. We find that the wall loss rate  
377 has negligible effects on particle mass concentration, compared to other factors.

378 Fig. S14 shows the results from the simple box model. Although ~14 ppb  $\alpha$ -pinene is  
379 injected, most of  $\alpha$ -pinene is carried out of the chamber due to dilution with ambient air (Fig. S14a).  
380 Only 2-5 ppb  $\alpha$ -pinene reacts with oxidants (i.e., O<sub>3</sub> and OH) after 40 min. For the reacted  $\alpha$ -pinene,  
381 roughly half reacts with O<sub>3</sub> and the other half reacts with OH. Fig. S14a also shows the simulated  
382 time series of SOA by using a range of yields. The box model can predict the measured  
383 enhancement amount in SOA using SOA yields of 20-30%, which is consistent with yields  
384 measured from laboratory studies (Saha and Grieshop, 2016; Shilling et al., 2008). Despite the  
385 agreement in magnitude, the predicted SOA concentration peaks later and decreases slower than  
386 measurements. Possible reasons include non-ideal mixing and/or existence of a dead zone in the  
387 chamber. Assuming a 1.75 m<sup>3</sup> dead zone in the 2 m<sup>3</sup> chamber can reasonably simulate the temporal  
388 profile of measured SOA (Fig. S14b). However, a SOA yield of ~100% is required to match the  
389 enhancement magnitude, which is roughly 10 times higher than reported yields from laboratory  
390 studies and likely unreasonable. Another uncertain parameter in the box model is the dilution rate.  
391 Increasing the dilution rate would have the same effect as increasing the volume of dead zone. The  
392 dilution rate is estimated to be 20 LPM as determined by the pulling rates of all instruments. This  
393 dilution rate is better constrained than the volume of dead zone since the instrument sampling rates  
394 are known. The reasons for the discrepancy in OA decrease rate between model and measurements  
395 are unclear, but likely due to a combination of dead zone volume and dilution rate. To understand  
396 this discrepancy, future studies with adequate measurements of more species, particularly the

397 VOCs, are required. The improved experiments could provide better estimate of SOA yields under  
398 real ambient conditions. Palm et al. (2017) attempted to quantify the SOA yields from the  
399 individual VOC by oxidizing VOC in an oxidation flow reactor (OFR) with ambient air. Note that  
400 the extra oxidation is added in the OFR in Palm et al. (2017), which is different from this study.  
401 The discrepancy between model and measurements in either the magnitude or the decrease rate  
402 does not influence the conclusions in this study, as our focus is to qualitatively understand which  
403 OA factors the  $\alpha$ -pinene SOA is apportioned into.

404 The OA formation in perturbation experiments with isoprene or *m*-xylene is below the  
405 detection limit of the experimental approach. This is mainly due to the low SOA yields or slow  
406 oxidation rates of these VOCs (Ng et al., 2007). We used the simple box model to simulate the  
407 perturbation experiments with isoprene and *m*-xylene. For *m*-xylene experiments, about 90 ppb is  
408 injected. However, due to the slow oxidation rate of *m*-xylene, small SOA yield (i.e., ~5% in Ng  
409 et al. (2007)), and large dilution by ambient air, it is estimated that only about 4 ppb *m*-xylene  
410 reacts with OH after 40min and produces  $\sim 0.15\text{-}0.30 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$  SOA (Fig. S14c). For isoprene,  
411 although its oxidation rate is fast, its SOA yield from non-IEPOX route is low (Xu et al., 2014;  
412 Kroll et al., 2006). The isoprene oxidation products which form SOA are mostly second or higher  
413 generation products. They are not formed in large amount in the relatively short perturbation  
414 experiments (i.e., 40min).

## 415 **S7. Laboratory Study on SOA Formation from $\alpha$ -pinene**

416 We performed laboratory experiments to study the SOA formation from  $\alpha$ -pinene under  
417 different NO<sub>x</sub> conditions in the Georgia Tech Environmental Chamber (GTEC) facility. The  
418 facility consists of two 12 m<sup>3</sup> Teflon chambers, which are suspended inside a temperature-  
419 controlled enclosure and surrounded by black lights. The detailed description about chamber  
420 facility can be found in Boyd et al. (2015) The experimental procedures have been discussed in  
421 Tuet et al. (2017) In brief, the chambers are flushed with clean air prior to each experiment. Then,  
422  $\alpha$ -pinene and oxidant sources (i.e., H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, or HONO) are injected into chamber. Once the  
423 concentrations of species stabilize, the black lights are turned on to initiate photooxidation. The  
424 SOA generated by using H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (i.e., NO-free condition), NO<sub>2</sub> (i.e., mid-NO condition), and HONO  
425 (i.e., high NO condition) as oxidant sources are denoted as SOA<sub>lab,H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub></sub>, SOA<sub>lab,NO<sub>2</sub></sub>, and  
426 SOA<sub>lab,HONO</sub>, respectively.

427 The experimental conditions are summarized in Table S2. We note that more than 100ppb  
428  $\alpha$ -pinene is injected in the experiments using H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> and HONO. It is because these two experiments  
429 were designed to produce large amounts of SOA for filter collection and offline analysis (Tuet et  
430 al., 2017). Considering that the OA concentration affects the partitioning of semi-volatile organic  
431 compounds and hence affects the organic mass spectra measured by AMS, we calculate the  
432 average mass spectra in these laboratory studies by only using the data when the OA concentration  
433 is below 10  $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ , which is similar to that in our ambient perturbation experiments.

434 The mass spectra of each laboratory-generated SOA (denoted as SOA<sub>lab</sub>) are compared  
435 against the mass spectra of  $\alpha$ -pinene SOA generated during perturbation experiments (denoted as  
436 “SOA<sub>ambient</sub>”). The correlation coefficients (R) between the mass spectra of SOA<sub>lab</sub> and SOA<sub>ambient</sub>  
437 are plotted against the NO concentration during ambient perturbation experiments. We calculate  
438 the organic mass spectra of SOA<sub>ambient</sub> in the following way. Firstly, we scale the magnitude of the  
439 OA mass spectrum during Chamber\_Bf period by the ratio of OA concentration during the  
440 Chamber\_Bf period to that during the extrapolated Chamber\_Bf period. Secondly, we subtract this  
441 scaled OA mass spectrum from that during the Chamber\_Af period. Thirdly, we normalize the  
442 “difference mass spectra” to the difference in organic signal. It is important to note that this  
443 calculation is only performed for the experiments with significant formation of total OA. The  
444 comparison results are discussed in the main text.

445 When comparing the mass spectra of SOA<sub>ambient</sub> with SOA<sub>lab</sub>, we note that the mass  
446 spectra of SOA<sub>ambient</sub> (when ambient NO is > 0.3ppb) generally agree better with that of  
447 SOA<sub>lab,NO<sub>2</sub></sub> than SOA<sub>lab,HONO</sub>. This suggest that the laboratory experiment using NO<sub>2</sub>+hv as oxidant  
448 source is more representative of ambient high NO conditions than HONO+hv. This is likely due  
449 to the following reasons. Firstly, from the simple box model, we estimate that about half of  $\alpha$ -  
450 pinene reacts with OH and the other half reacts with O<sub>3</sub> in the perturbation experiments, which is  
451 similar to that in laboratory experiments with NO<sub>2</sub>+hv (Table S2). In contrast, the fate of  $\alpha$ -pinene  
452 is dominated by OH in HONO+hv experiment. Secondly, the NO<sub>x</sub> level and NO/NO<sub>2</sub> ratio in  
453 perturbation experiments are more similar to those in the NO<sub>2</sub>+hv experiment than the HONO  
454 experiment. For example, the NO/NO<sub>2</sub> ratio in  $\alpha$ -pinene perturbation experiments ranges between  
455 0.03 and 0.4, which is closer to the range in NO<sub>2</sub>+hv experiment (0.1-0.4) than in HONO  
456 experiment (0.4-0.9). Thirdly, while both perturbation experiments and NO<sub>2</sub>+hv experiment have

457 high RH (>40%), the RH in HONO+hv experiment is <5%. However, we expect the effects of  
458 different RH on the mass spectra comparison are much smaller compared to the first two reasons.

#### 459 **S8. Estimate the Fate of RO<sub>2</sub> in the Atmosphere**

460 The plateaus in Fig. 6 indicate that when NO is ~0.3ppb, RO<sub>2</sub>+NO is the dominant fate of  
461 RO<sub>2</sub>. This NO level (~0.3ppb) is consistent with the NO level required to dominate the fate of RO<sub>2</sub>,  
462 as calculated by using previously measured HO<sub>2</sub> and kinetic rate constants.

463 According to Master Chemical Mechanism (MCM v3.3) (Jenkin et al., 1997; Saunders et  
464 al., 2003), the reaction rates of RO<sub>2</sub>+NO and RO<sub>2</sub>+HO<sub>2</sub> are listed below.

$$465 k_{\text{RO}_2+\text{NO}} = 2.7\text{e-}12 \times \exp(360/T) = 9.04\text{e-}12 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1} (@298\text{K})$$

$$k_{\text{RO}_2+\text{HO}_2} = 2.91\text{e-}13 \times \exp(1300/T) = 2.28\text{e-}11 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1} (@298\text{K})$$

466 The afternoon HO<sub>2</sub> concentration is about 5-20ppt from previous measurements at the same site  
467 during a similar period (Sanchez et al., 2016; Chen et al., 2017). Thus, when the NO concentration  
468 is about 0.1-0.5 ppb, RO<sub>2</sub>+NO would be 10 times faster than RO<sub>2</sub>+HO<sub>2</sub> and NO dominates the fate  
469 of RO<sub>2</sub>. This is similar to the estimated 0.2-0.3 ppb based on the comparison in organic mass  
470 spectra between SOA<sub>ambient</sub> and SOA<sub>lab</sub>.

#### 471 **S9. More discussions on β-caryophyllene perturbation experiments.**

472 The concentrations of MO-OOA and isoprene-OA decrease after injecting β-caryophyllene.  
473 The reason for the decrease in MO-OOA and isoprene-OA is unclear, but likely due to the  
474 limitations of PMF analysis, that is, PMF assumes constant mass spectra of OA factors. After β-  
475 caryophyllene SOA formation in the chamber, in order to optimize the overall fitting residual,  
476 PMF solver increases the concentrations of LO-OOA and COA, the mass spectra of which are  
477 more similar to β-caryophyllene SOA, and decreases the concentration of MO-OOA and isoprene-  
478 OA, which have relatively different mass spectra as β-caryophyllene SOA. This likely causes the  
479 reduction in MO-OOA and isoprene-OA concentrations. Similar issue has been observed in  
480 previous studies.

481 One interesting finding in β-caryophyllene perturbation experiments is that the LO-OOA  
482 enhancement amount is greatly affected by NO<sub>2</sub> level. More LO-OOA is formed in perturbation  
483 experiments with a lower NO<sub>2</sub> level (Fig. S15f), when the O<sub>3</sub> concentration and injection time are

484 similar. The reason for this NO<sub>2</sub> effect on β-caryophyllene SOA is currently unknown. Considering  
485 that the major fate of β-caryophyllene in the ambient perturbation experiments is reaction with O<sub>3</sub>  
486 (i.e., lifetimes of β-caryophyllene with respect to 40ppb O<sub>3</sub> and 10<sup>6</sup> molecules cm<sup>-3</sup> OH are 1.5min  
487 and 80min, respectively), the NO<sub>2</sub> effect may be related to Criegee radical, which is the most  
488 important intermediate radical in ozonolysis of alkenes. In terms of the roles of NO<sub>x</sub> in SOA  
489 formation from β-caryophyllene, previous laboratory studies have mostly focused on the β-  
490 caryophyllene oxidation by OH (Tasoglou and Pandis, 2015) instead of oxidation by O<sub>3</sub> (i.e., the  
491 atmospherically dominant fate of β-caryophyllene). Thus, the effects of NO<sub>2</sub> on SOA formation  
492 from the ozonolysis of β-caryophyllene warrants future studies.

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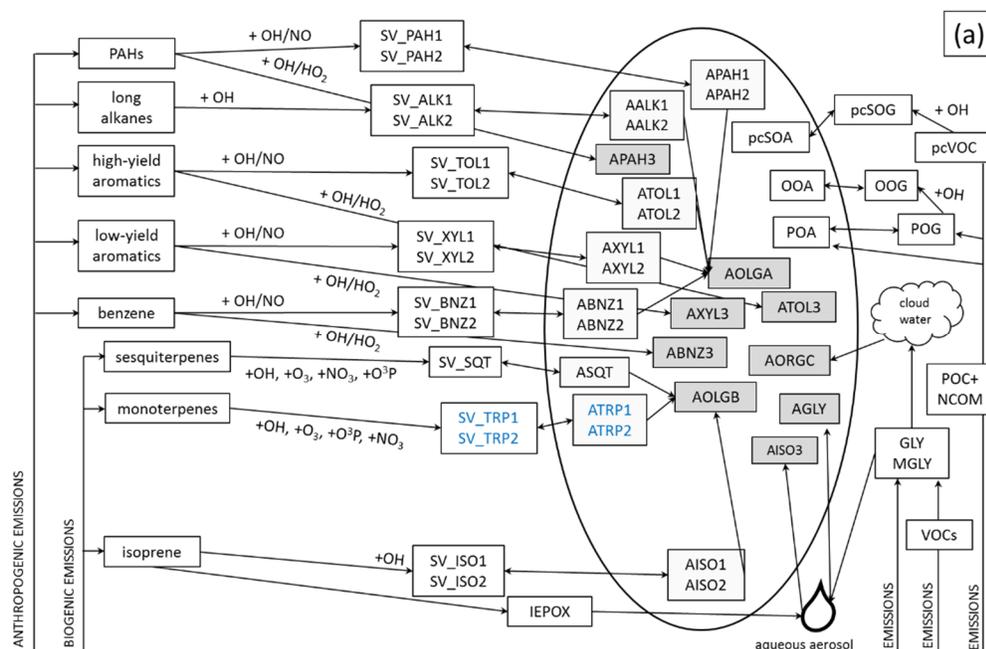
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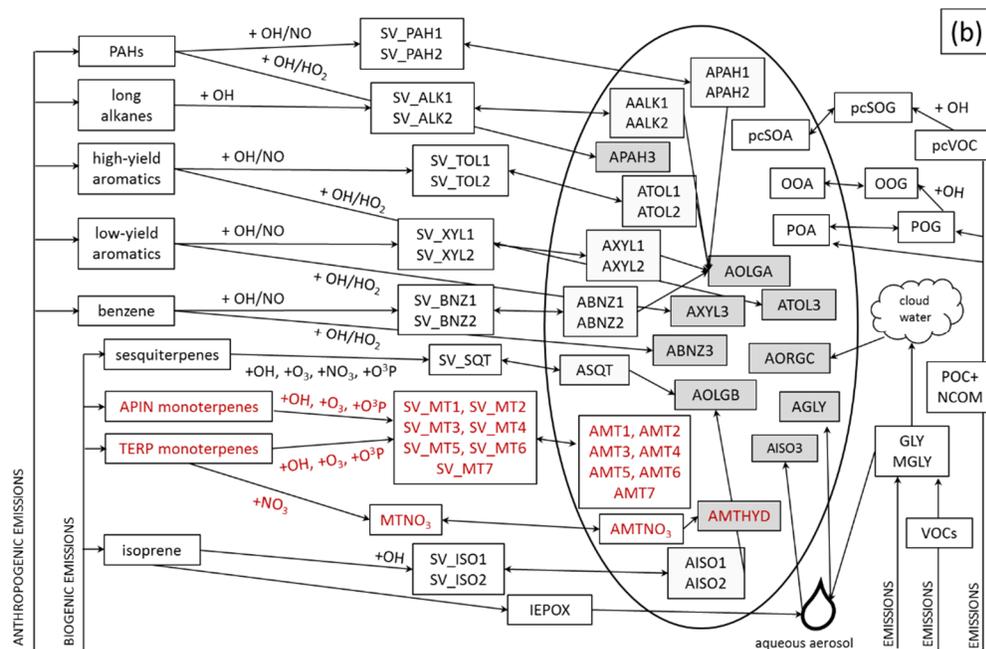
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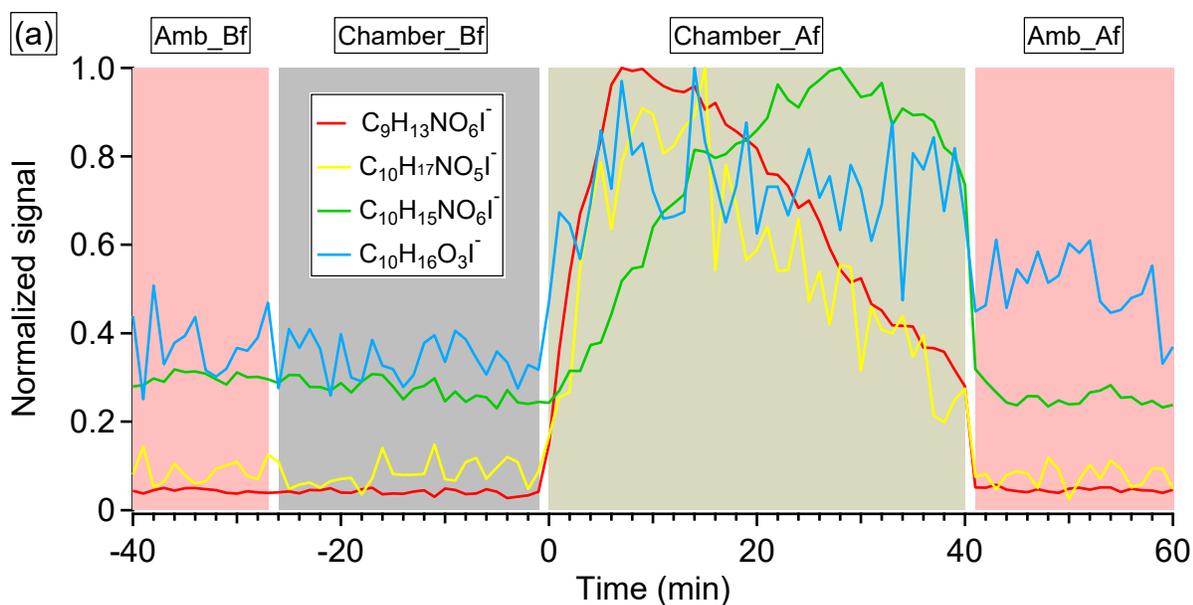
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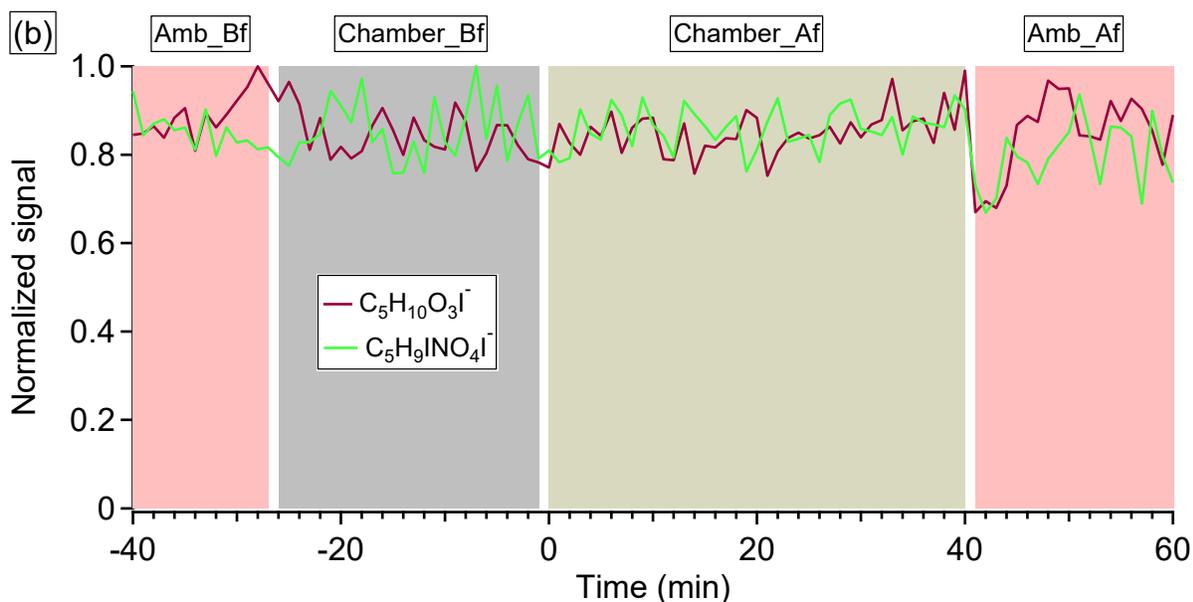
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 853 vapors (OOA, OOG) and potential SOA from combustion sources (pcSOA) system. See Pye et al.  
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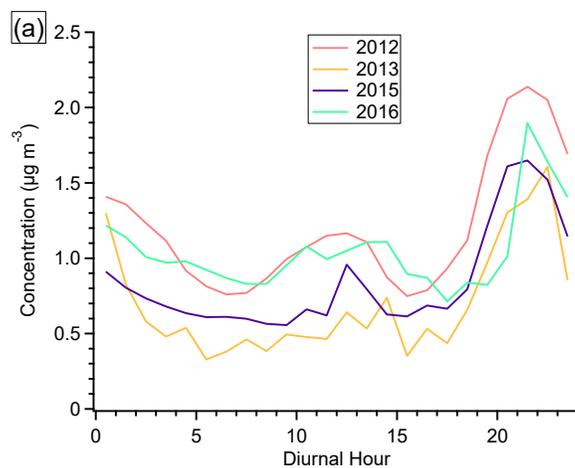
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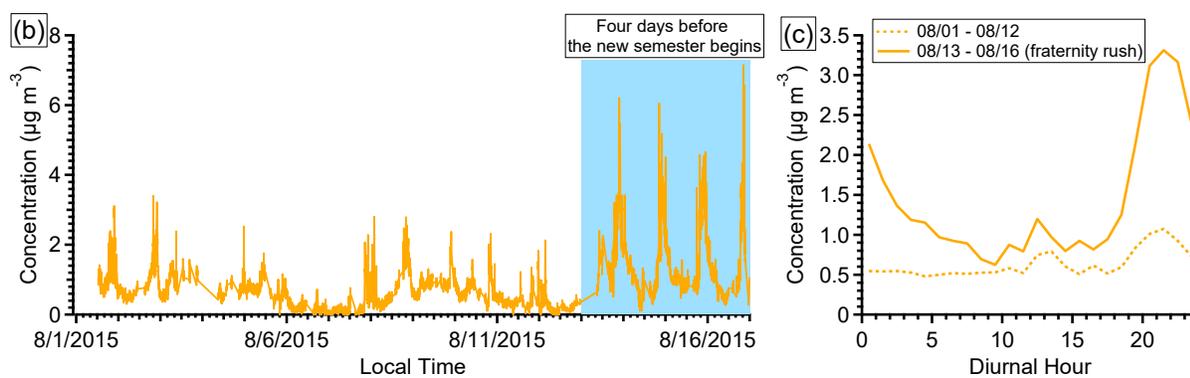
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859 Fig. S2. Time series of gas-phase species detected by HR-ToF-CIMS using  $I^-$  as reagent ion in  
 860 experiment ap\_0718\_1. Panel (a) includes four major known  $\alpha$ -pinene oxidation products. Panel  
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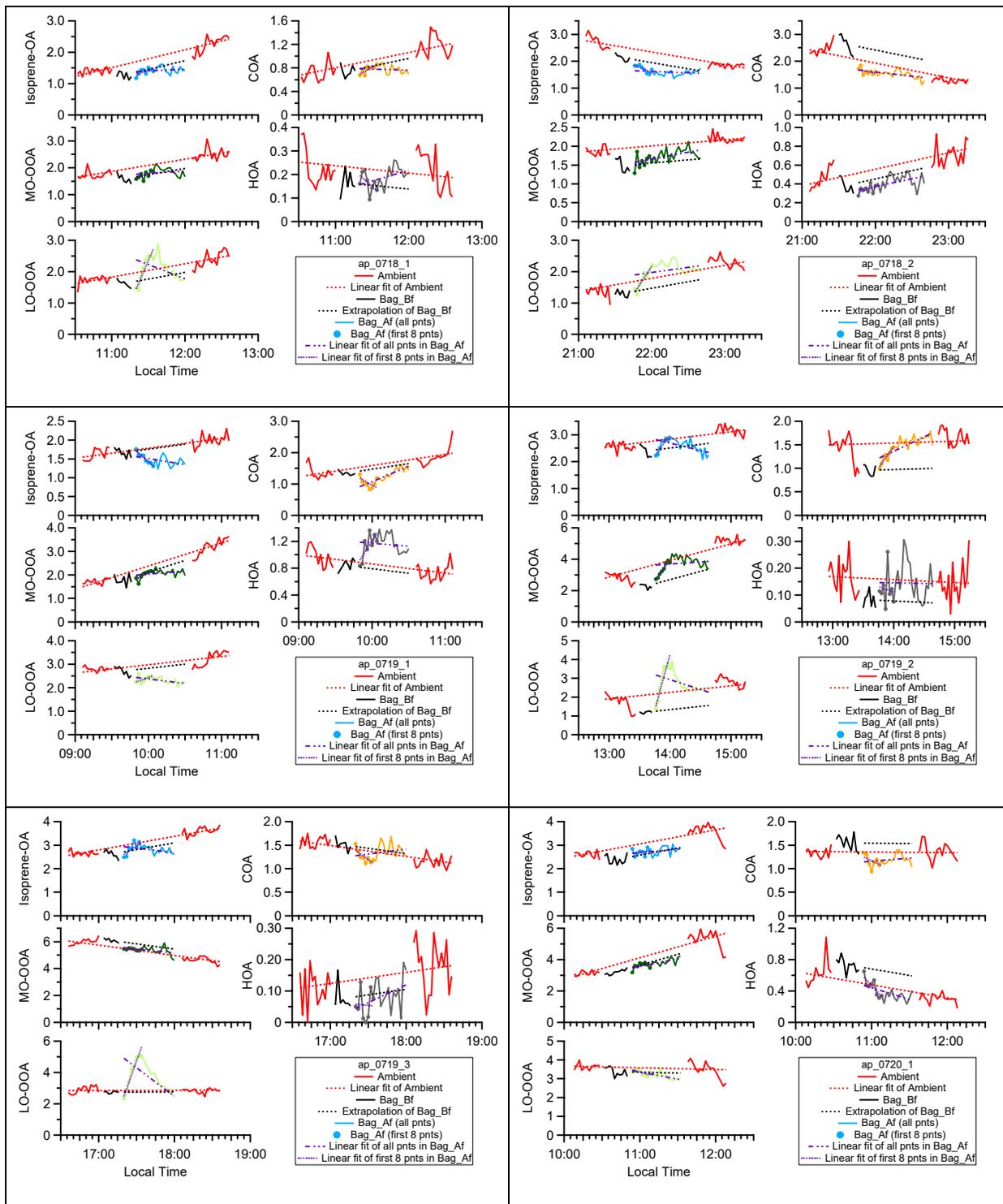
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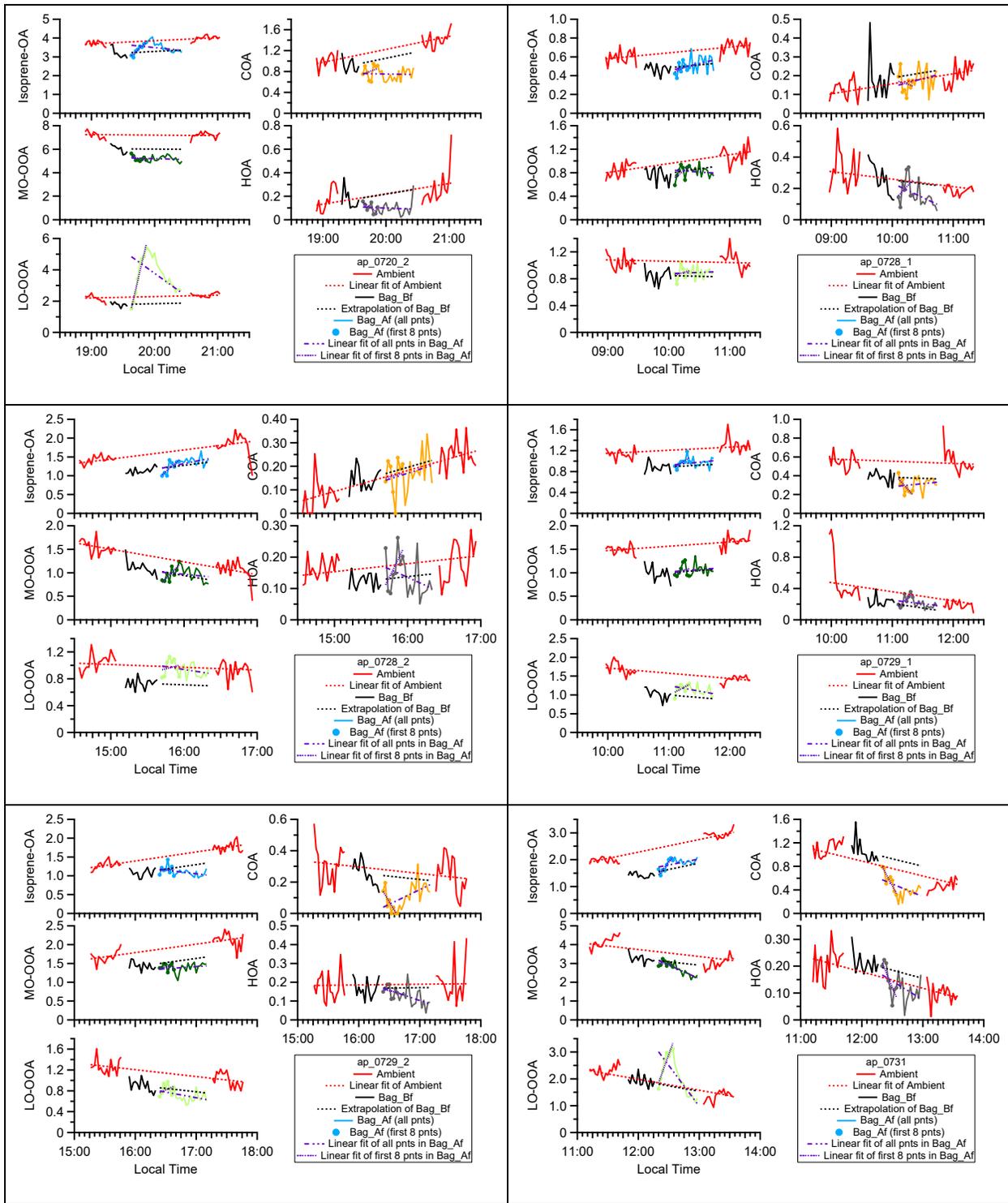


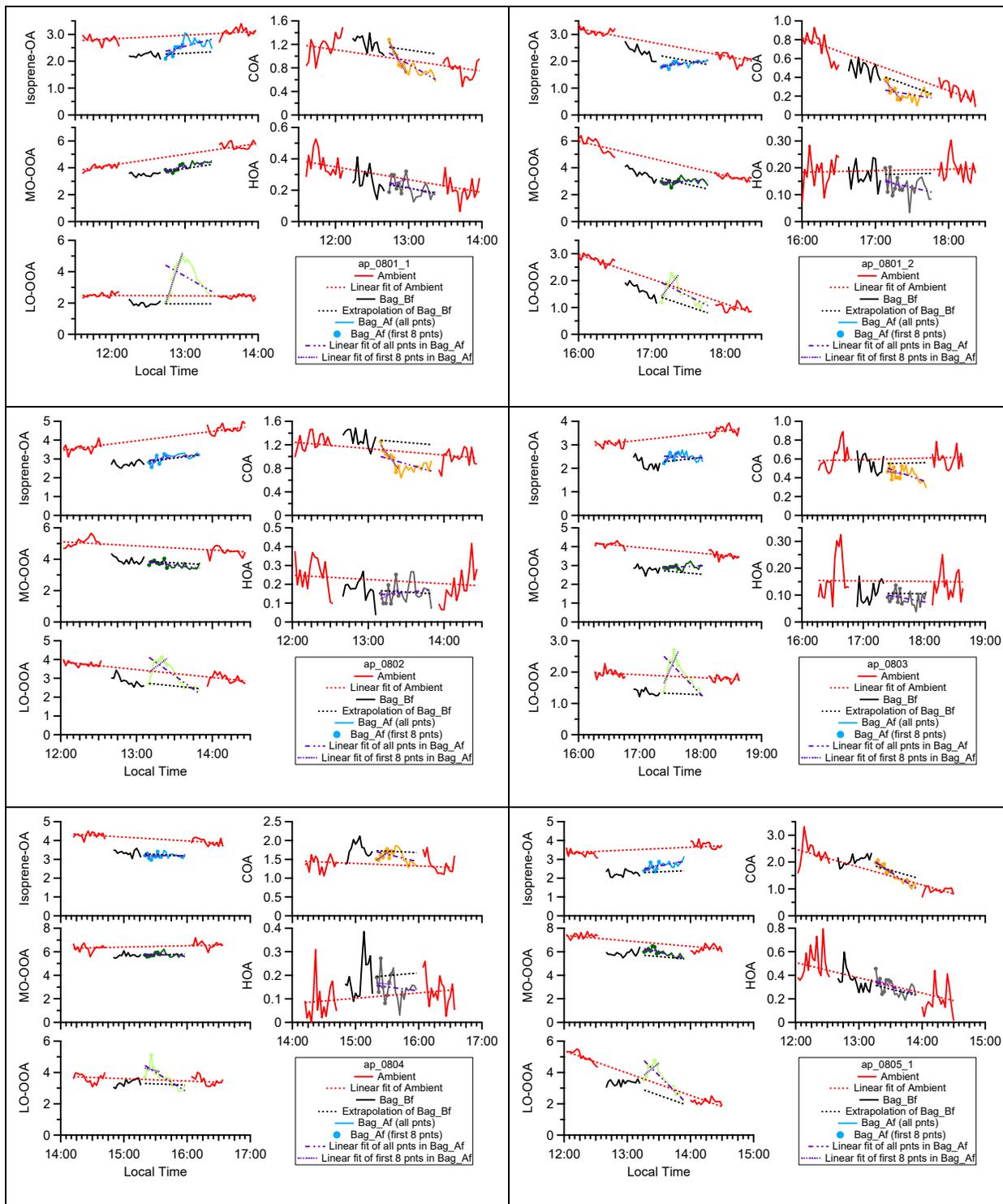
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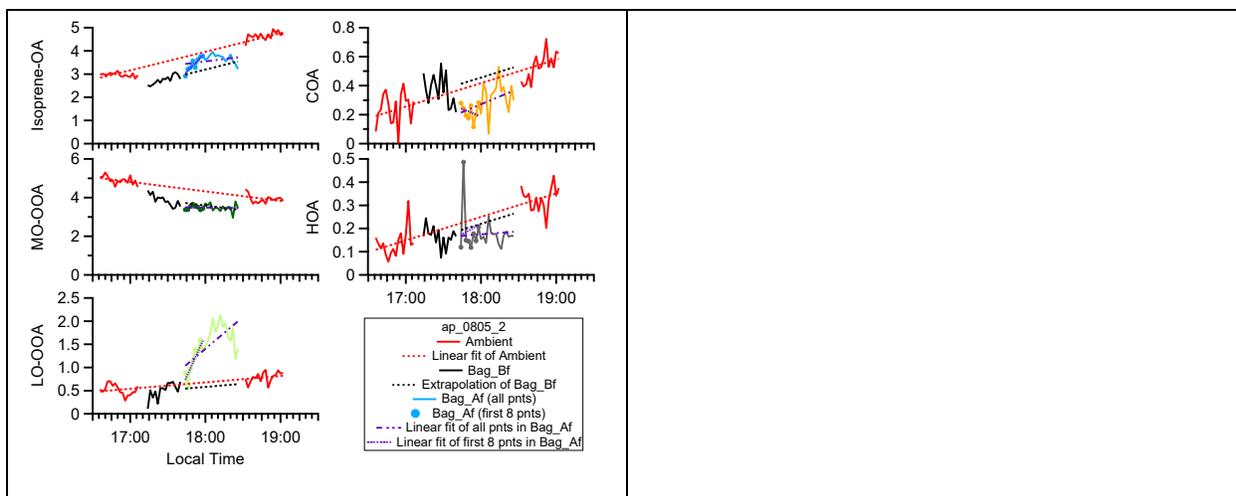
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 867 (2012 to 2016). (b) Time series of COA in 2015 measurements. (c) Diurnal trends of COA during  
 868 two periods of measurements in 2015 (08/01-08/21 and 08/13-08/16).

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870 Fig. S4(a). Time series of OA factors in each  $\alpha$ -pinene experiment.

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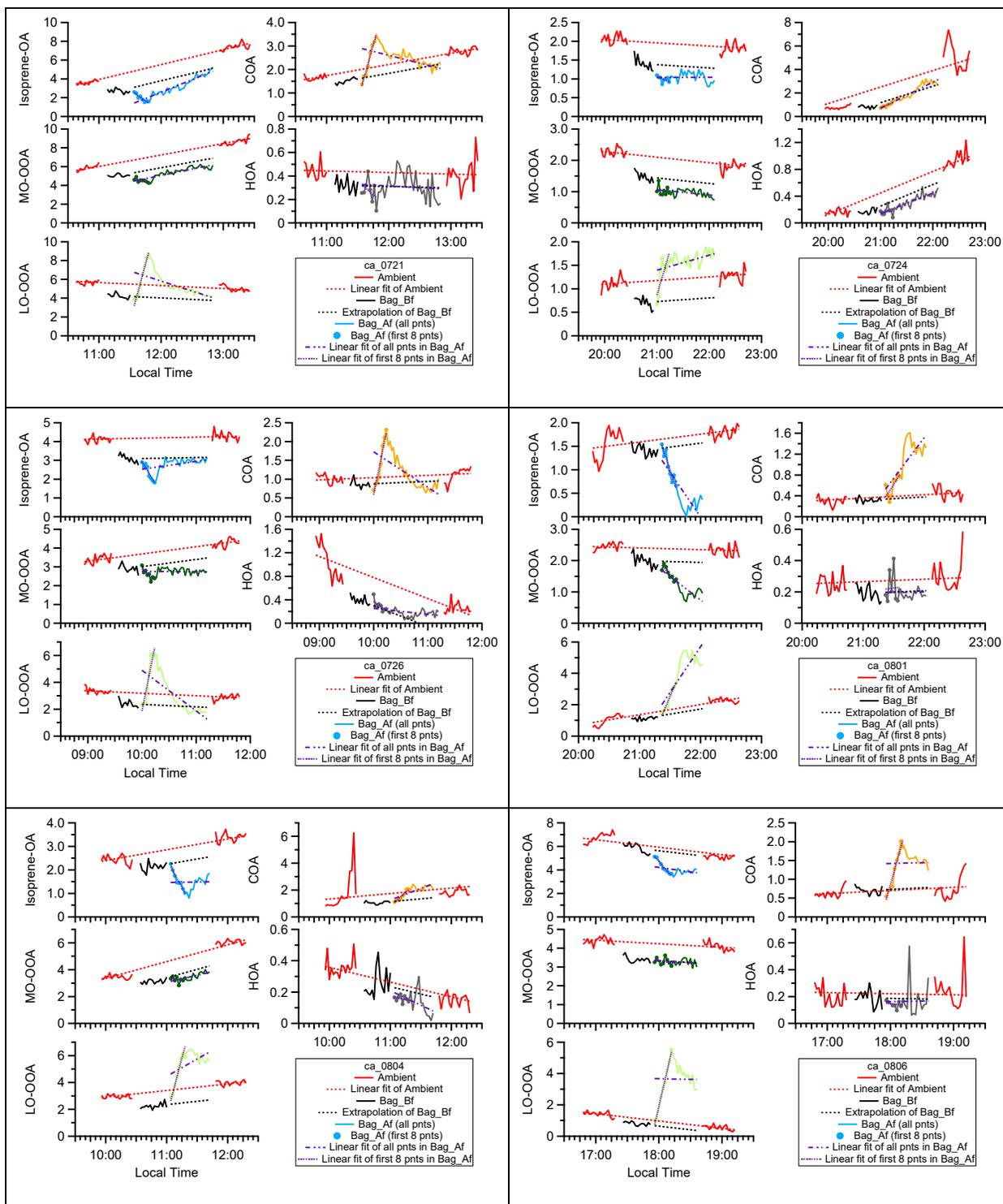
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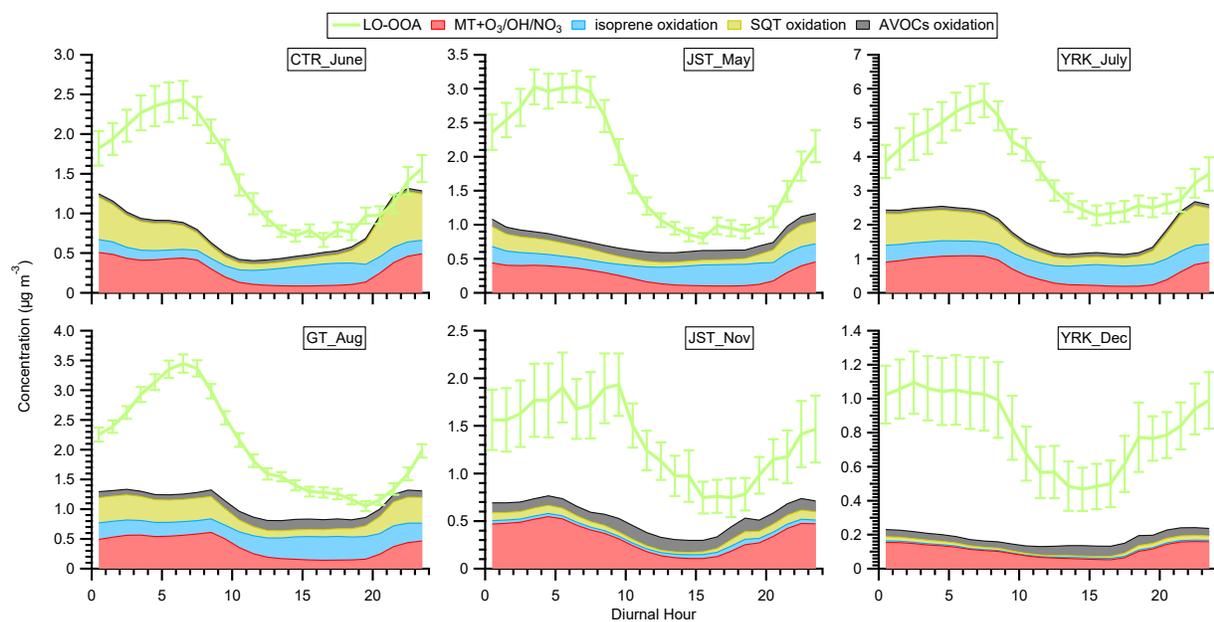
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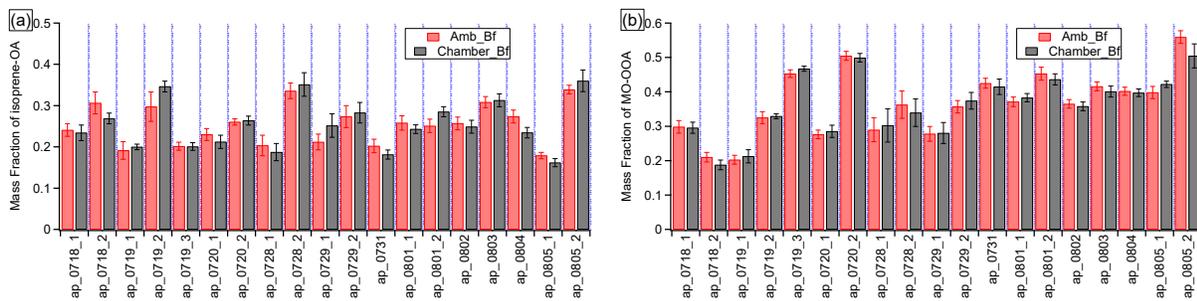


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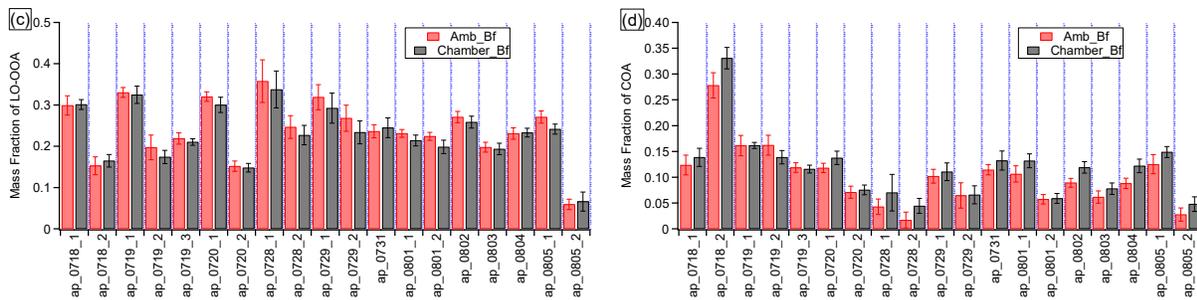
893 Fig. S5. The diurnal trends of LO-OOA and all fresh SOA (including isoprene (Odum two-product  
 894 representation), monoterpenes, sesquiterpenes, and anthropogenic VOCs) at different sampling  
 895 sites in the southeastern U.S. in the default simulation. The error bars indicate the standard error.

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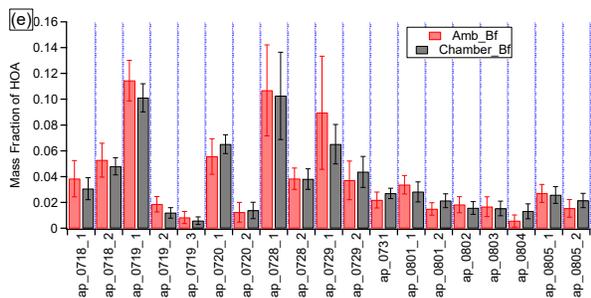
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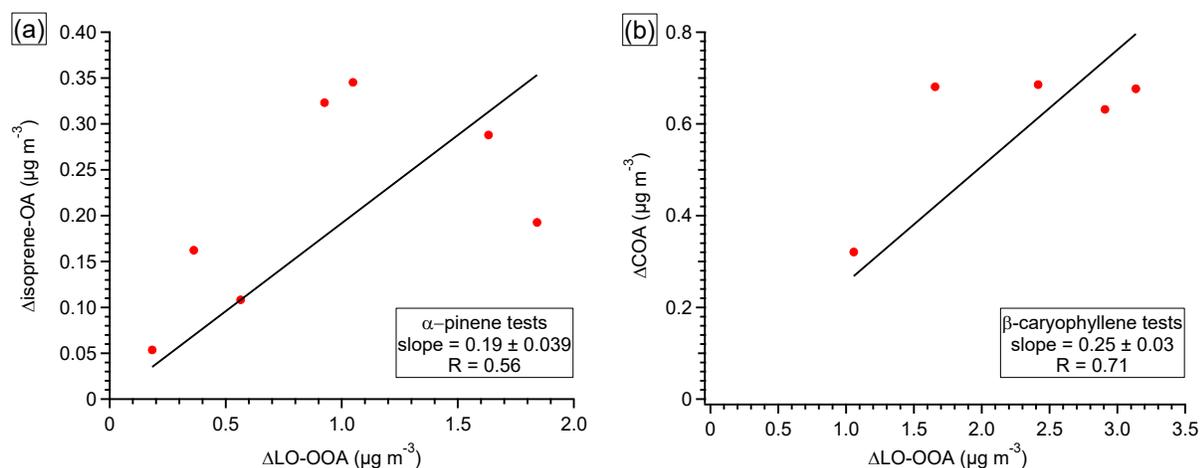


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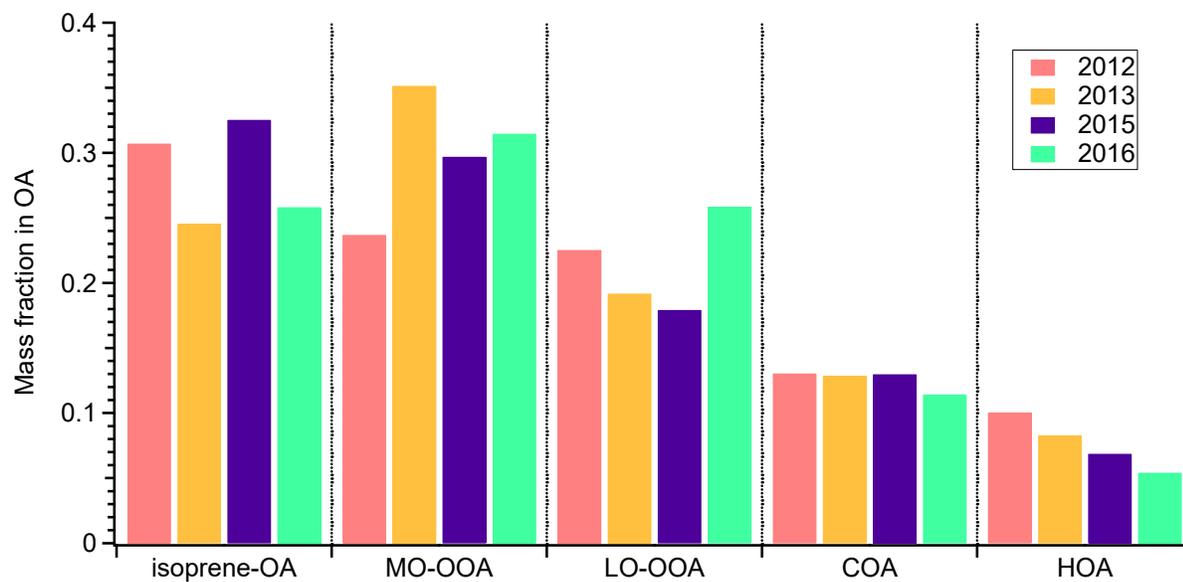
900 Fig. S6. The average mass fraction of OA factors in Amb\_Bf and Chamber\_Bf periods in  $\alpha$ -pinene  
901 experiments. The error bars represent the standard deviation. For most experiments, the average  
902 mass fractions in these two periods are not statistically significantly different, suggesting that the  
903 overall OA compositions are not statistically significantly different between two periods.

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 906 Fig. S7. (a) The relationship between isoprene-OA enhancement and LO-OOA enhancement in  $\alpha$ -  
 907 pinene perturbation experiments. (b) The relationship between COA enhancement and LO-OOA  
 908 enhancement in  $\beta$ -caryophyllene perturbation experiments. The slopes are from orthogonal fit. The  
 909 R is from least square fit. The intercepts are forced to be zero. In  $\alpha$ -pinene experiments, isoprene-  
 910 OA enhancement is 19% of LO-OOA enhancement. Thus, every  $1 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$  SOA is formed from  $\alpha$ -  
 911 pinene oxidation,  $0.16 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$  [i.e.,  $0.19/(1+0.19)$ ] is apportioned into isoprene-OA factor and the  
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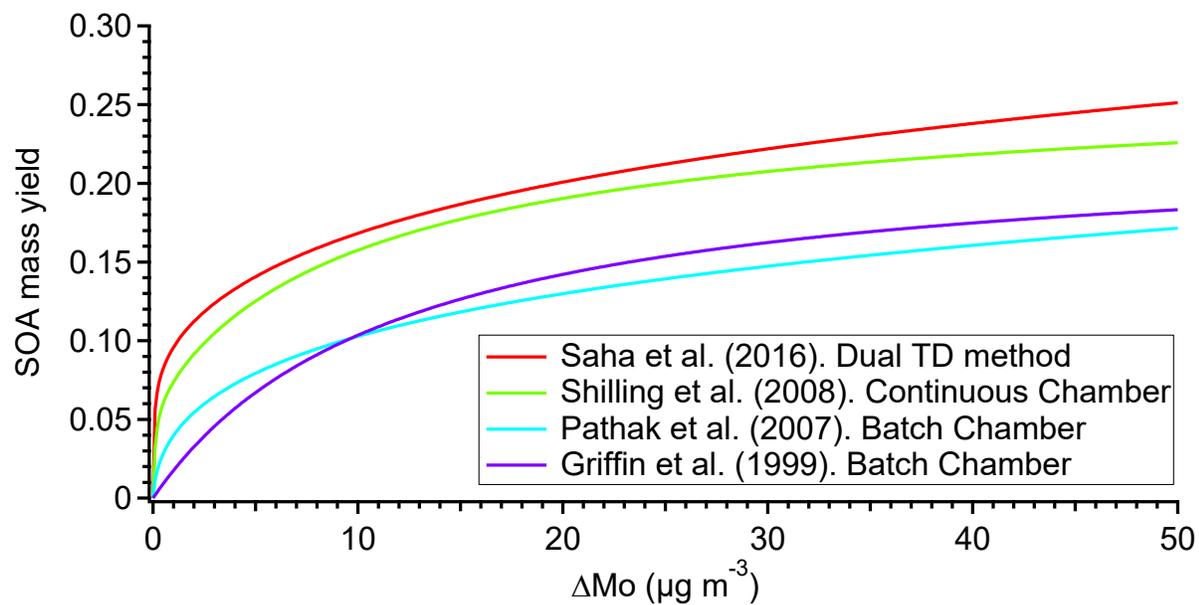
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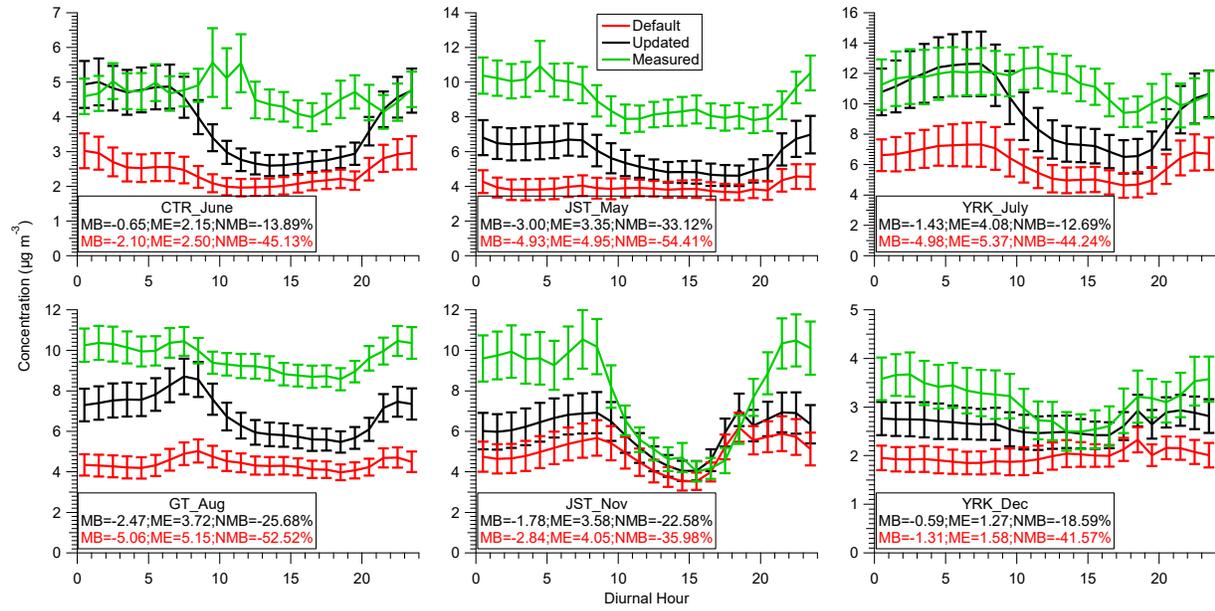
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919 Fig. S9. Comparison of the SOA mass yields of  $\alpha$ -pinene ozonolysis in the literature. SOA density  
 920 of  $1 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$  is used in all studies to facilitate comparison. Note that in Saha et al. (2016), the SOA  
 921 concentration is required to calculate the SOA yield parameterizations. The yields with  $445 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$   
 922 aerosol loading (column  $i$  of Table 1 in Saha et al.) are reported in this study.

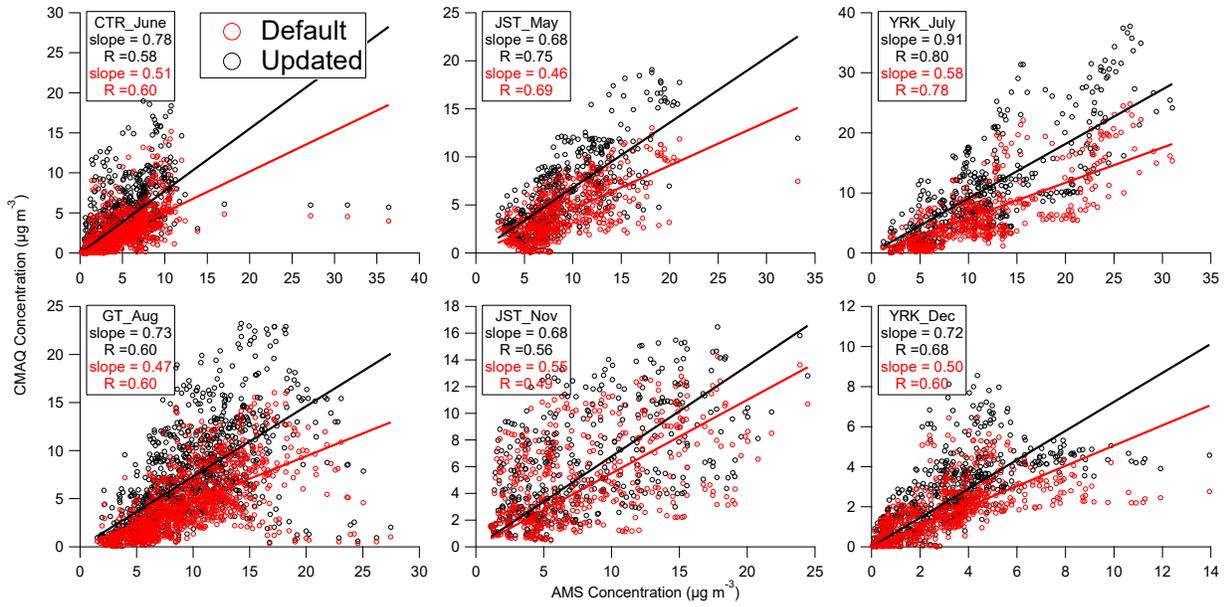
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925 Fig. S10. The diurnal trends of AMS measured OA and CMAQ predicted OA mass concentration  
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 927 mean bias (NMB) are shown in each panel.

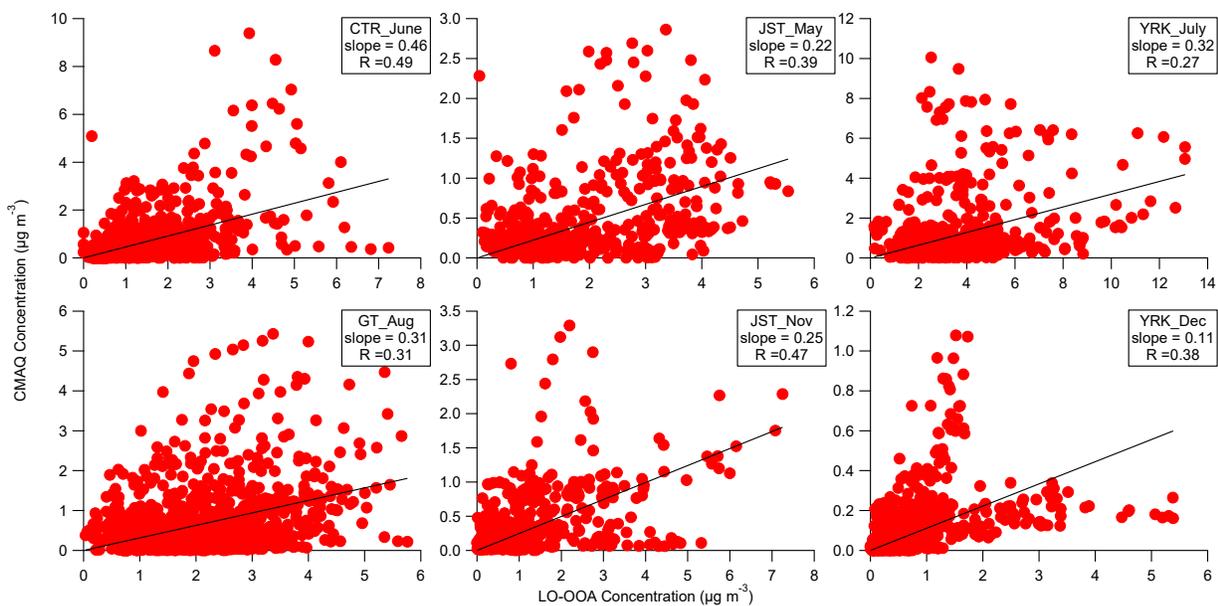
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 931 both default and updated simulations. The slopes and R are obtained by least square fit.

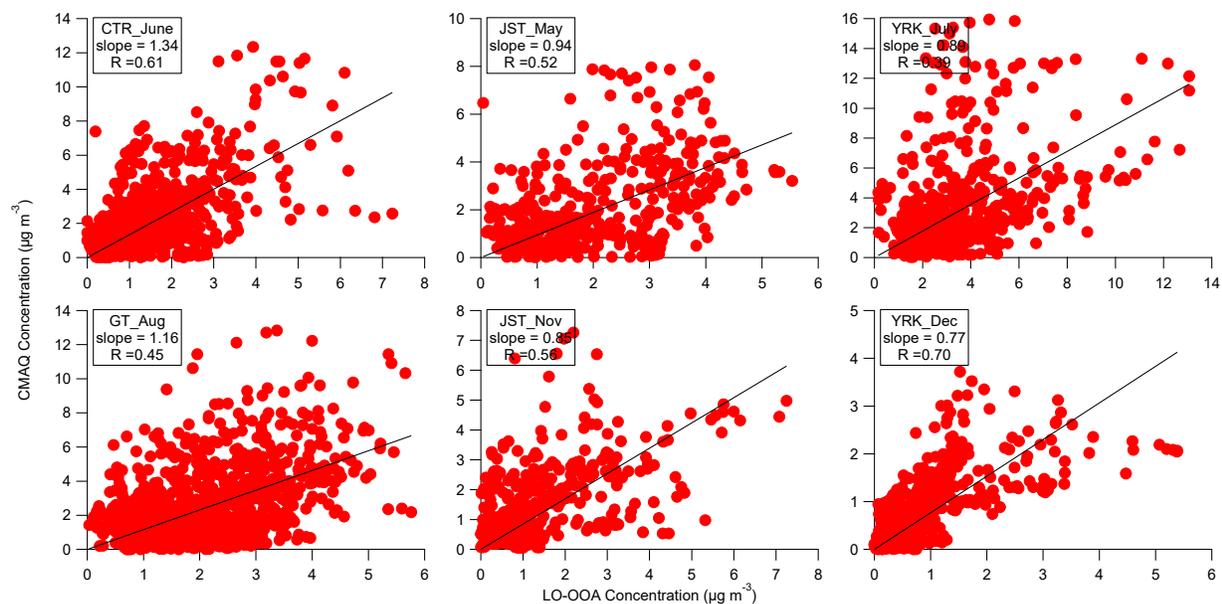
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934 Fig. S12. The scatter plots of LO-OOA and CMAQ predicted SOA mass concentration from  
 935 monoterpenes and sesquiterpenes in the default simulation at different sampling sites in the  
 936 southeastern U.S. The slopes and R are obtained by least square fit. The intercepts are forced to be  
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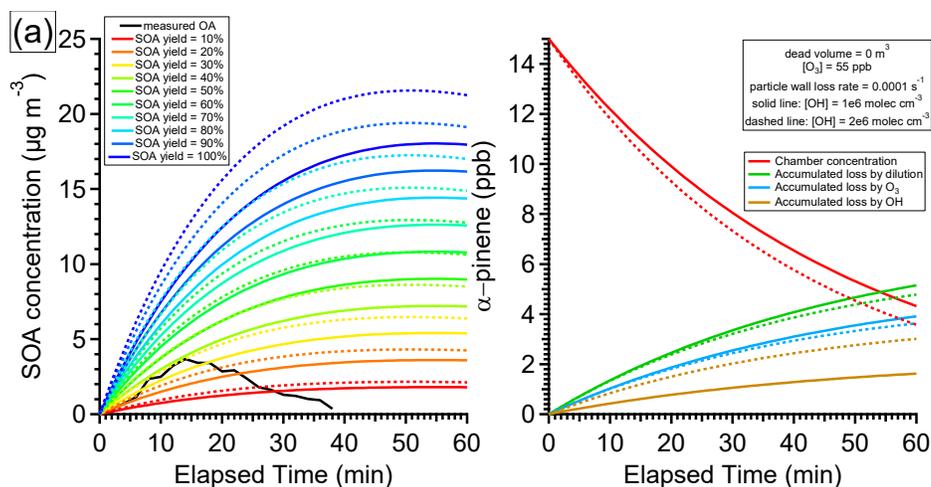


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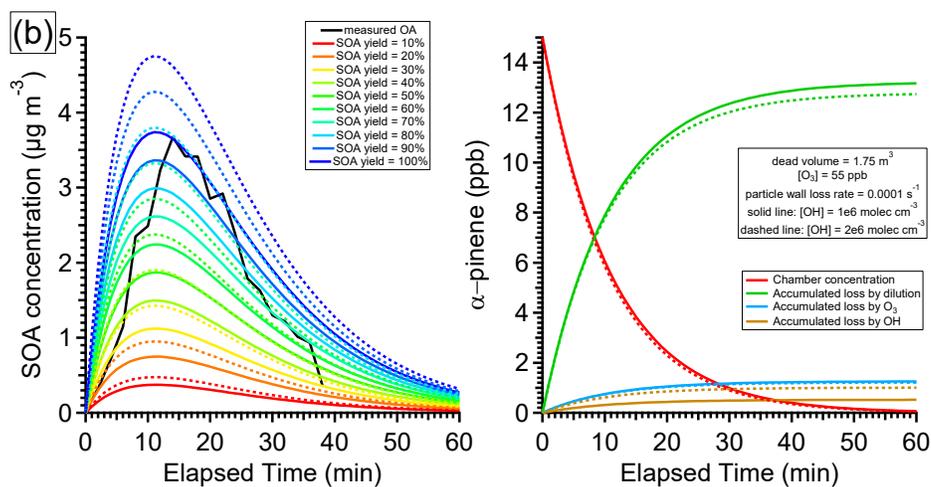
940 Fig. S13. The scatter plot between LO-OOA and modeled SOA mass concentration from  
 941 monoterpenes and sesquiterpenes in updated simulation at different sampling sites in the  
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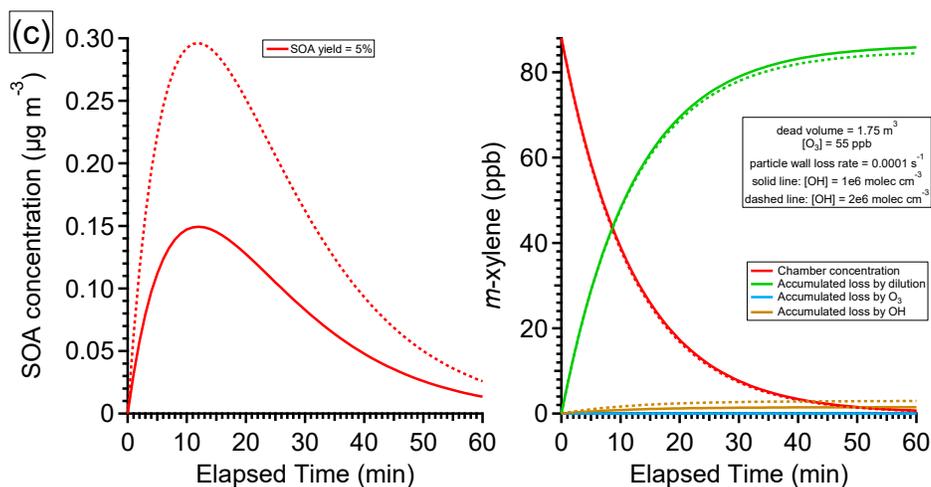
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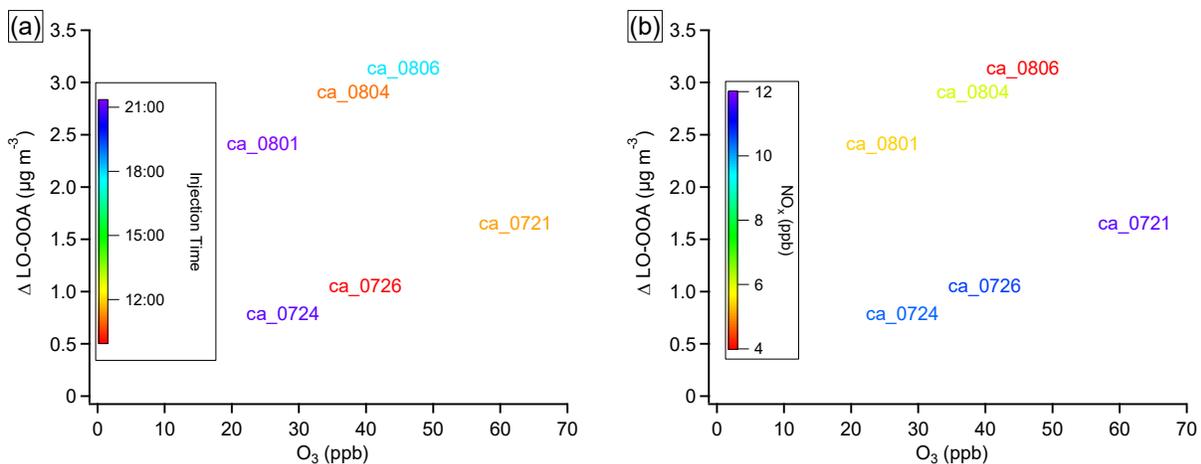


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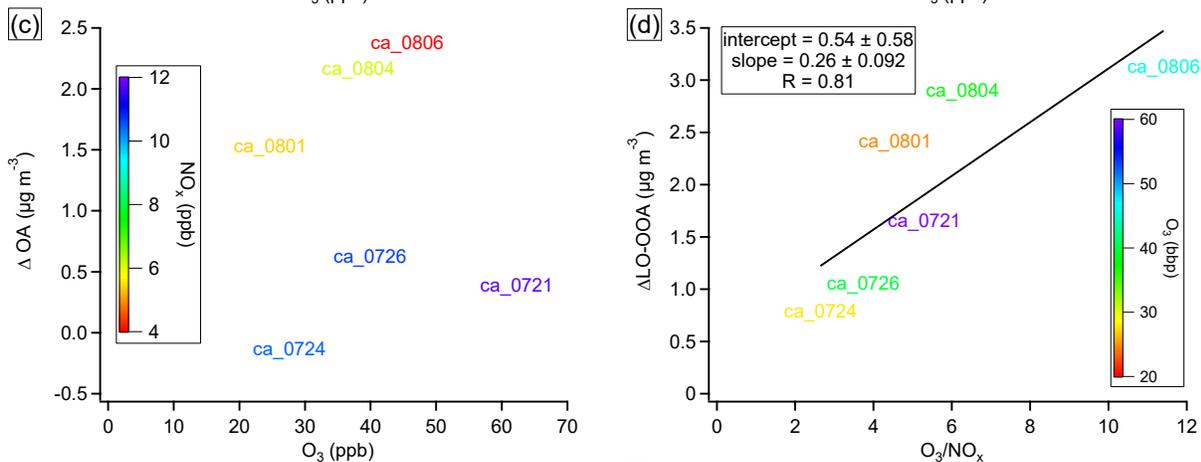


948 Fig. S14. Simulated time series of VOCs and SOA based on a simple box model. (a)  $\alpha$ -pinene  
 949 experiments assuming a range of SOA yields and no dead volume. (b)  $\alpha$ -pinene experiments  
 950 assuming a range of SOA yields and 1.75 m<sup>3</sup> dead volume. (c) *m*-xylene experiments assuming 5%  
 951 SOA yield and 1.75 m<sup>3</sup> dead volume.

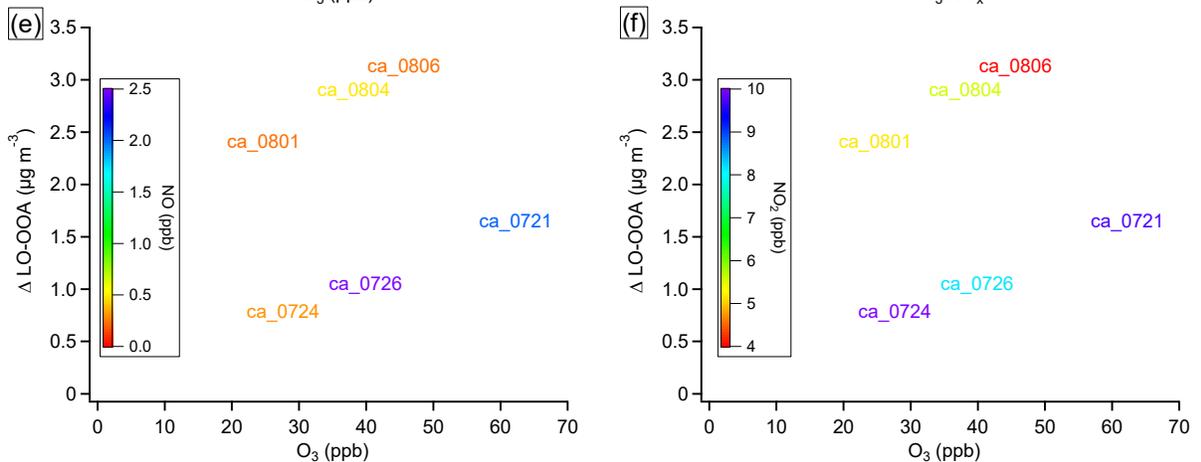
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956 Fig. S15. The influence of  $\text{NO}_x$  on  $\beta$ -caryophyllene SOA formation. (a)  $\Delta\text{LO-OOA}$  as a function  
 957 of  $\text{O}_3$ , colored by injection time. (b)  $\Delta\text{LO-OOA}$  as a function of  $\text{O}_3$ , colored by  $\text{NO}_x$ . (c)  $\Delta\text{OA}$  as  
 958 a function of  $\text{O}_3$ , colored by injection time. (d)  $\Delta\text{LO-OOA}$  as a function of  $\text{O}_3/\text{NO}_x$  ratio, colored  
 959 by  $\text{O}_3$ . The slopes and intercepts are obtained by least square fit. (e)  $\Delta\text{LO-OOA}$  as a function of  
 960  $\text{O}_3$ , colored by  $\text{NO}$ . (f)  $\Delta\text{LO-OOA}$  as a function of  $\text{O}_3$ , colored by  $\text{NO}_2$ .

961 Table S1. Sampling sites and periods for the Southeastern Center for Air Pollution and  
962 Epidemiology (SCAPE) study and the Southern Oxidant and Aerosol Study (SOAS).

Site (Abbreviation)	Sampling Period
Jefferson Street (JST_May)	5/10/2012 - 6/2/2012
Yorkville (YRK_July)	6/26/2012 - 7/20/2012
Georgia Tech (GT_Aug)	7/20/2012 - 9/4/2012
Jefferson Street (JST_Nov)	11/6/2012 - 12/4/2012
Yorkville (YRK_Dec)	12/5/2012 - 1/10/2013
Centreville (CTR_June)	6/1/2013 – 7/15/2013

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972 Table S2. The experimental conditions of laboratory  $\alpha$ -pinene experiments.

Expt.	[HC] <sub>0</sub> (ppb)	Oxidant precursor	RH	NO (ppb) <sup>b</sup>	NO <sub>2</sub> (ppb) <sup>b</sup>	O <sub>3</sub> (ppb) <sup>b</sup>	OH (10 <sup>6</sup> molec cm <sup>-3</sup> ) <sup>e</sup>
1	334 <sup>a</sup>	H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	40%	<DL, <DL <sup>c</sup>	<1, <1 <sup>c</sup>	N.A.	1.0
2	174 <sup>a</sup>	HONO	<5%	269, 167	310, 440	5, 32	10.9
3	15	NO <sub>2</sub>	50%	23, 7 <sup>d</sup>	60, 60	20, 71	3.6

973 <sup>a</sup>More than 100ppb  $\alpha$ -pinene is injected in the first two experiments. It is because these two  
 974 experiments were designed to produce large amounts of SOA for filter collection and offline  
 975 analysis.

976 <sup>b</sup>There are two values in these columns. The first value represents the initial concentration when  
 977 turning on the lights. The second value represents the concentration when the OA concentration  
 978 reaches about 10  $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ .

979 <sup>c</sup>Background NO<sub>x</sub> level in the chamber.

980 <sup>d</sup>The initial concentrations of NO, NO<sub>2</sub>, and O<sub>3</sub> in NO<sub>2</sub>+hv experiments are reported at 3 min after  
 981 turning on lights.

982 <sup>e</sup>The OH concentration is estimated based on the decay of  $\alpha$ -pinene, after considering the  
 983 consumption of  $\alpha$ -pinene by O<sub>3</sub>.

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985 Table S3. The properties of the lumped oxidation products from monoterpenes + O<sub>3</sub>/OH.

Species	$\alpha^1$	C* <sup>1</sup>	enthalpy <sup>1</sup>	Potential surrogate structure	nC <sup>2</sup>	nO <sup>2</sup>	nH <sup>2</sup>	MW	OM/OC	H <sup>3</sup>	V lebas	Dg	density
	g g <sup>-1</sup>	$\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$	kJ mol <sup>-1</sup>					g mol <sup>-1</sup>	g g <sup>-1</sup>	M atm <sup>-1</sup>	cm <sup>3</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup>	cm <sup>2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>	g cm <sup>-3</sup>
MT1	0.040	0.01	102.0	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>24</sub> O <sub>6</sub> (Zhang et al., 2015)	15	6	24	300	1.67	7.1E+11	355.2	0.0424	1.4
MT2	0.032	0.1	91.0	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>16</sub> O <sub>4</sub> (Chan et al., 2009; Zhang et al., 2015)	10	4	16	200	1.67	8.9E+10	236.8	0.0556	1.4
MT3	0.032	1	80.0	pinic acid (Yu et al.)	9	4	14	186	1.72	1.1E+10	214.6	0.0583	1.4
MT4	0.103	10	69.0	hydroxypinonaldehyde (Yu et al.)	10	3	16	184	1.53	1.4E+09	229.4	0.0587	1.4
MT5	0.143	100	58.0	norpinonic acid (Yu et al.)	9	3	14	170	1.57	1.8E+08	207.2	0.0619	1.4
MT6	0.285	1000	47.0	pinonaldehyde (Yu et al.)	10	2	16	168	1.40	2.2E+07	222.0	0.0624	1.4
MT7	0.160	10000	36.0	norpinonaldehyde (Yu et al.)	9	2	14	154	1.43	2.8E+06	199.8	0.0661	1.4

986 <sup>1</sup> $\alpha$ , C\* (@298K), and enthalpies are based on TD fit in Table 1 of Saha et al. (2016)(Saha and  
 987 Grieshop, 2016) assuming an OA concentration of 445  $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ .

988 <sup>2</sup>Number of oxygen per surrogate is based on Donahue et al. (2011)(Donahue et al., 2011)  
 989 relationship as used in Pye et al. (2017)(Pye et al., 2017). Number of carbon and oxygen used to  
 990 find potential surrogate structure.

991 <sup>3</sup>Henry's Law Coefficients (H) is based on Hodzic et al. (2014)(Hodzic et al., 2014) and  
 992 relationship with C\*. An enthalpy of solvation of 50 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup> is used.

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994 Table S4. Experimental conditions for ambient perturbation experiments.

Perturbation	Expt ID <sup>a</sup>	Date	Injection Time	Perturbation Amount <sup>b</sup>	NO <sup>c</sup> (ppb)	NO <sub>2</sub> <sup>c</sup> (ppb)	O <sub>3</sub> <sup>c</sup> (ppb)
α-pinene	ap_0718_1	7/18/2016	11:18	14	0.69	3.57	48.3
	ap_0718_2	7/18/2016	21:44	14	0.29	10.12	40.2
	ap_0719_1	7/19/2016	9:48	14	7.98	19.96	31.9
	ap_0719_2	7/19/2016	13:44	14	0.46	4.14	71.6
	ap_0719_3	7/19/2016	17:18	14	0.19	4.29	81.9
	ap_0720_1	7/20/2016	10:52	14	1.96	9.09	56.5
	ap_0720_2	7/20/2016	19:36	14	0.10	3.54	75.0
	ap_0728_1	7/28/2016	10:04	14	1.53	3.97	25.3
	ap_0728_2	7/28/2016	15:40	14	0.75	3.12	32.7
	ap_0729_1	7/29/2016	11:04	14	1.55	5.69	36.8
	ap_0729_2	7/29/2016	16:22	14	0.63	3.61	43.6
	ap_0731	7/31/2016	12:18	14	0.19	2.73	48.5
	ap_0801_1	8/1/2016	12:42	14	0.24	5.28	53.1
	ap_0801_2	8/1/2016	17:06	14	0.25	3.23	44.9
	ap_0802	8/2/2016	13:08	14	0.23	3.41	48.5
	ap_0803	8/3/2016	17:22	14	0.14	2.65	53.2
	ap_0804	8/4/2016	15:18	14	0.27	6.04	53.2
	ap_0805_1	8/5/2016	13:14	14	0.27	6.02	60.5
ap_0805_2	8/5/2016	17:42	28	0.13	3.13	52.4	
β-caryophyllene	ca_0721	7/21/2016	11:32	10	2.02	9.73	62.3
	ca_0724	7/24/2016	20:58	10	0.32	10.12	27.6
	ca_0726	7/26/2016	9:58	10	2.48	8.19	39.9
	ca_0801	8/1/2016	21:20	10	0.24	5.19	24.7
	ca_0804	8/4/2016	11:02	10	0.48	5.60	38.1
	ca_0806	8/6/2016	17:54	10	0.23	3.77	45.6

995 <sup>a</sup>Expt ID is named as “perturbation species + date + experiment number”. For example, ap\_0801\_1  
 996 represents the first α-pinene perturbation experiment on 08/01.

997 <sup>b</sup>The unit for the perturbation in α-pinene and β-caryophyllene experiments is ppb. The  
 998 perturbation amounts of α-pinene and β-caryophyllene are estimated based on the VOC injection  
 999 volume and chamber volume. The amount of VOC injected is not the same as the amounts  
 1000 consumed by oxidants (section S6).

1001 <sup>c</sup>Average concentration during the Chamber\_Af period.

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1006 Table S5. Sampling periods for the measurements at the GT site from 2012 to 2016.

Year	Sampling Period	Note	Reference
2012	7/21 - 9/3	Continuously ambient measurements	Xu et al. 2015 ACP
2013	8/1/- 8/25	AMS alternates between ambient line and PILS line	Xu et al. 2017 ES&T
2015	8/1 - 8/16	Ambient perturbation experiments and experiments for other purposes	This study
2016	7/1 - 8/6	Ambient perturbation experiments	This study

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