

# Modeling Tropospheric Chemistry

*Part 1 – processes*

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# Ideal Gas Law

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$$PV = Nk_B T \quad (\text{equivalent, } PV = NRT)$$

$$N/V = P/k_B T = 2.69 \times 10^{19} \text{ molecules cm}^{-3} \text{ at STP (273K, 1 atm)}$$

$$1 \text{ ppm} = \text{one part / million, } 10^{-6} = 2.69 \times 10^{13} \text{ molecules cm}^{-3} \text{ at STP}$$

$$1 \text{ ppb} = \text{one part / billion, } 10^{-9} = 2.69 \times 10^{10}$$

$$1 \text{ ppt} = \text{one part / trillion, } 10^{-12} = 2.69 \times 10^7$$

Can be on atom basis, e.g. carbon ppbC, or molar (volume) basis, ppbv

$$\text{Scaling to any T, P: } N/V = (273K/T) (P/1atm) 2.69 \times 10^{19} \text{ molecules cm}^{-3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 1 \text{ Dobson Unit} &= \text{column, compressed to STP, in "milli-centimeters"} \\ &= 2.69 \times 10^{16} \text{ molecules cm}^{-2} \\ &\quad (\text{used mostly for total O}_3, \text{ but also for SO}_2 \text{ and NO}_2) \end{aligned}$$

# Order of Reaction

First:



$$k_1, \text{ s}^{-1}$$

e.g.:

photolysis

radioactive decay

thermal decomposition (but usually more complex, see next slide)

Second:



$$k_2, \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molec}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

(2-body, bimolecular)

two important types:

abstraction, e.g.  $\text{OH} + \text{CH}_4 \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{CH}_3$

addition, e.g.  $\text{OH} + \text{NO}_2 \rightarrow \text{HNO}_3$

Third:



$$k_3, \text{ cm}^6 \text{ molec}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

(3-body, termolecular)

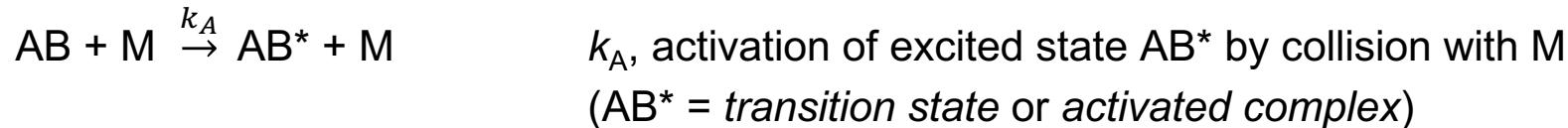
- Very rare at atmospheric pressures: low probability of three-way collision.
- (but the transition state of a bimolecular reaction could live long enough to collide).

$$\frac{d[A]}{dt} = -k_1[A] - k_2[B][A] - k_3[C][B][A] = -\frac{d[\text{Products}]}{dt}$$

# Uni-Molecular Decomposition: $\text{AB} \rightarrow \text{A} + \text{B}$

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Thermal decomposition as a multi-step reaction (Lindemann, 1922)



$$d[\text{AB}]/dt = -k_A[\text{M}][\text{AB}] + k_Q[\text{M}][\text{AB}^*]$$

steady state:  $[\text{AB}^*]_{ss} = k_A[\text{AB}][\text{M}] / (k_D + k_Q[\text{M}])$

(after some algebra)

$$d[\text{AB}]/dt = -k_{\text{UNI}}[\text{AB}] \quad \text{where } k_{\text{UNI}} = k_A[\text{M}] / (1 + k_Q[\text{M}] / k_D)$$

Low pressure limit:  $k_A [\text{M}]$  (pressure-dependent)

High pressure limit:  $k_A k_D / k_Q$  (not pressure dependent)

Troe (1979) gave a refined expression for  $k_{\text{uni}}$

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Addition reactions are similar, but in reverse:  $\text{A} + \text{B} \leftrightarrow \text{AB}^* \xrightarrow{M} \text{AB}$

# Photolysis Processes

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Photolysis reaction:



Formally first-order:

$$\frac{d[AB]}{dt} \Big|_{h\nu} = -J[AB]$$

$$\frac{d[A]}{dt} \Big|_{h\nu} = \frac{d[B]}{dt} \Big|_{h\nu} = +J[AB]$$

Photolysis frequency ( $s^{-1}$ )     $J = \int_{\lambda} F(\lambda) \sigma(\lambda) \phi(\lambda) d\lambda$

(other names: photo-dissociation rate coefficient, J-value)

# CALCULATION OF PHOTOLYSIS COEFFICIENTS

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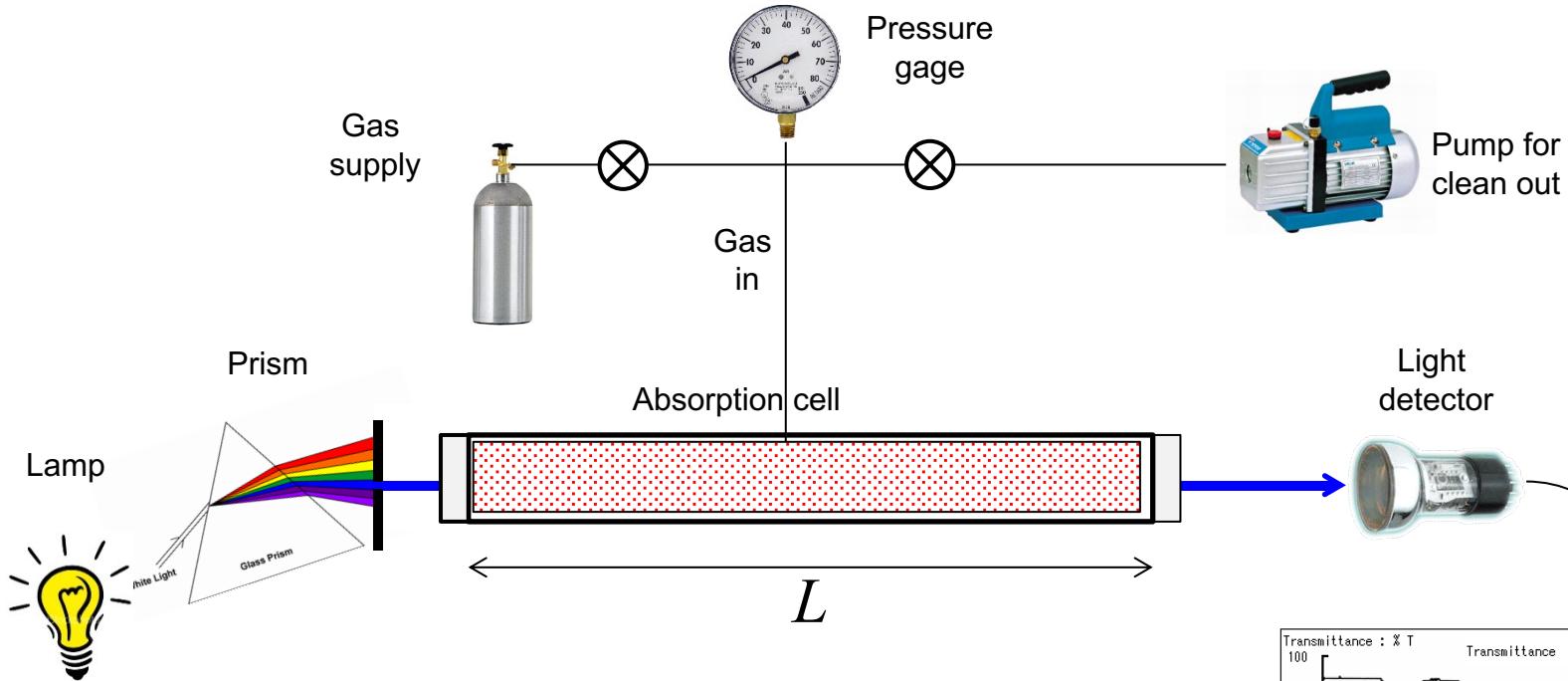
$$J \text{ (s}^{-1}\text{)} = \int_{\lambda} F(\lambda) \sigma(\lambda) \phi(\lambda) d\lambda$$

$F(\lambda)$  = spectral actinic flux, quanta  $\text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1} \text{nm}^{-1}$   
 $\propto$  probability of photon near molecule.

$\sigma(\lambda)$  = absorption cross section,  $\text{cm}^2 \text{ molec}^{-1}$   
 $\propto$  probability that photon is absorbed.

$\phi(\lambda)$  = photodissociation quantum yield,  $\text{molec quanta}^{-1}$   
 $\propto$  probability that absorbed photon causes dissociation.

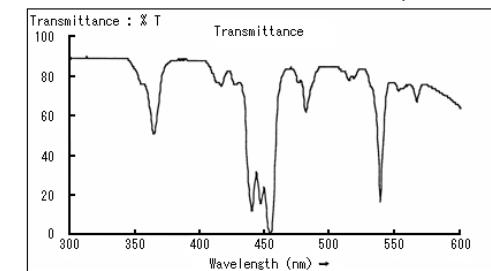
# Measurement of Absorption Cross Section $\sigma(\lambda)$



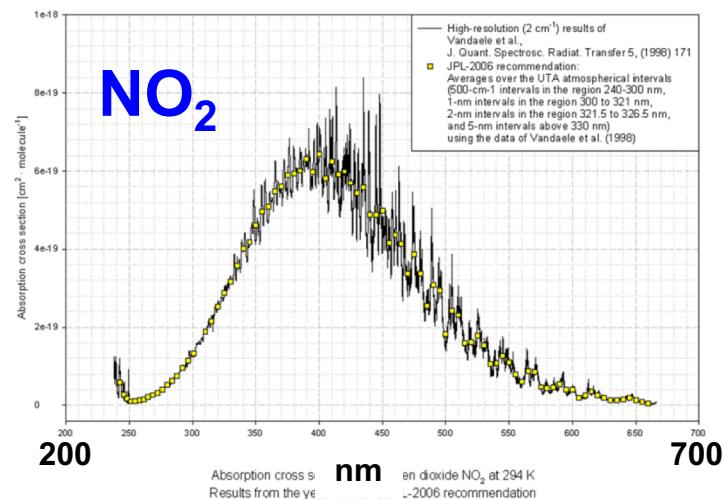
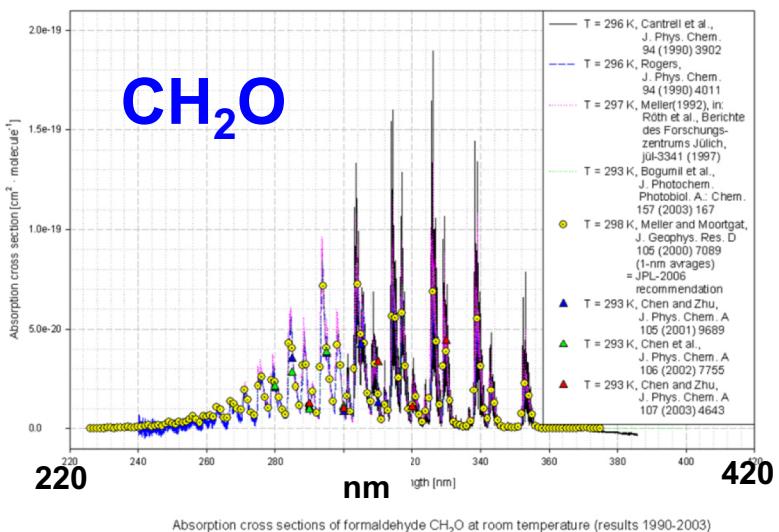
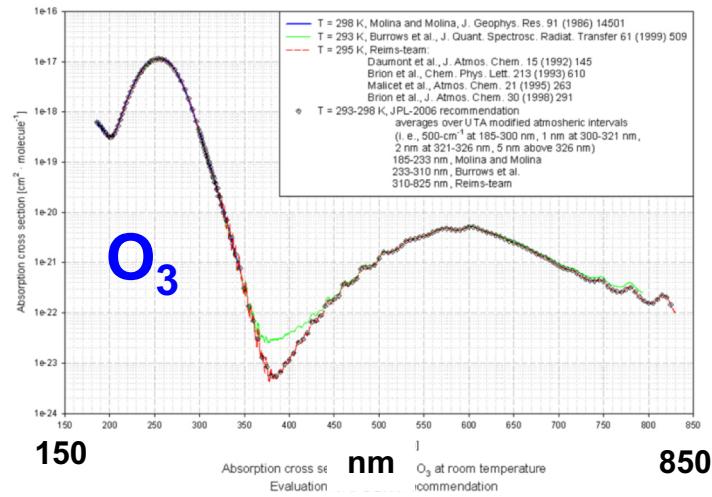
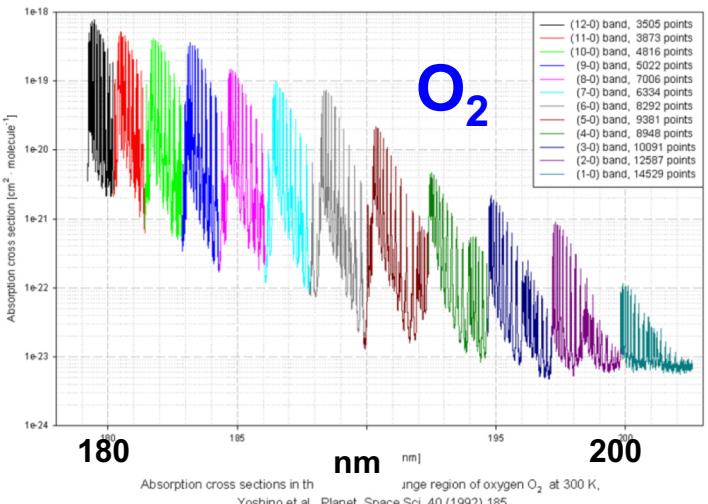
$$\text{Transmittance} = I / I_0 = \exp(-\sigma n L)$$

$$\sigma = -1/(nL) \ln(I/I_0)$$

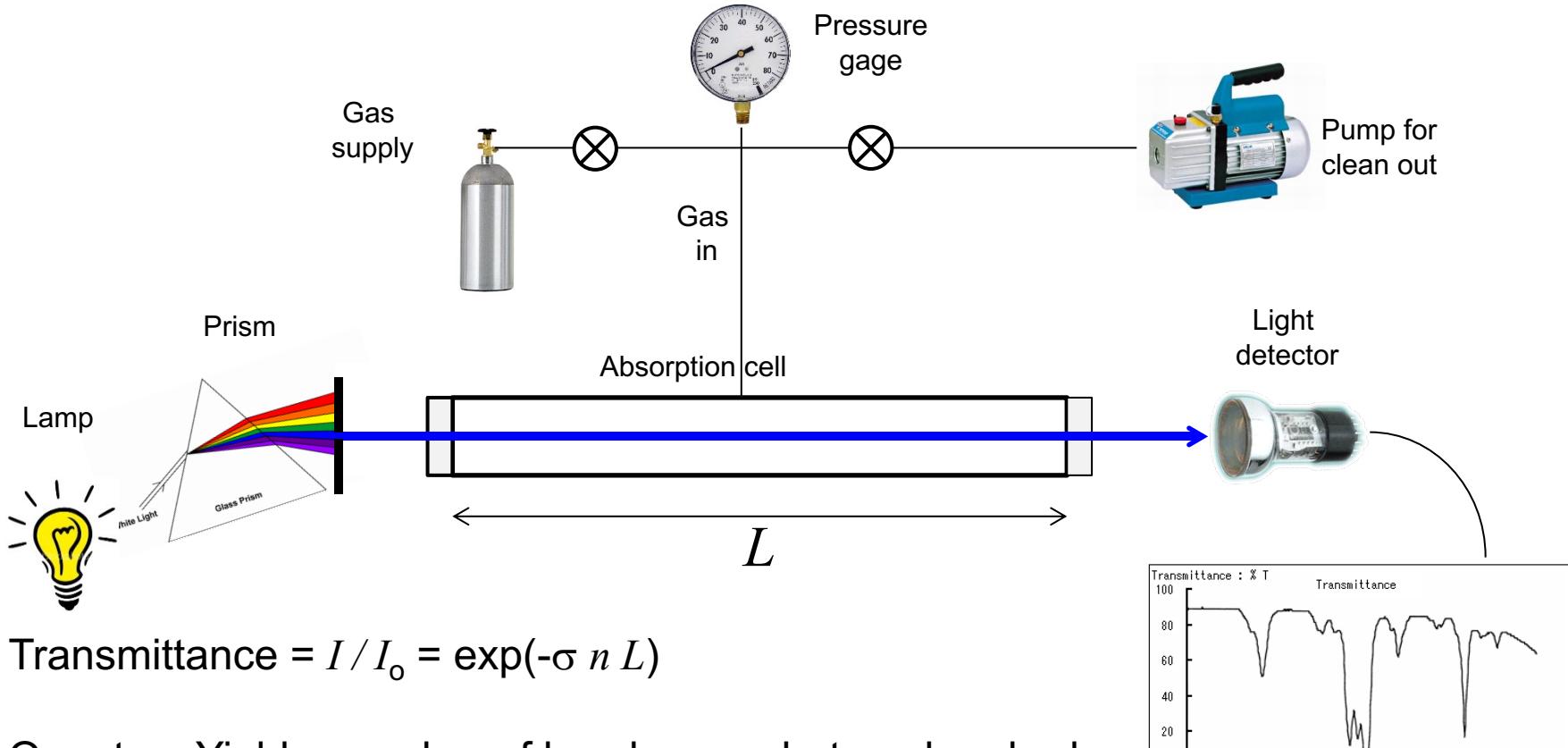
Easy: measure pressure ( $n = P/RT$ ), and relative change in light:  $I/I_0$



# Absorption cross sections $\sigma(\lambda, T)$

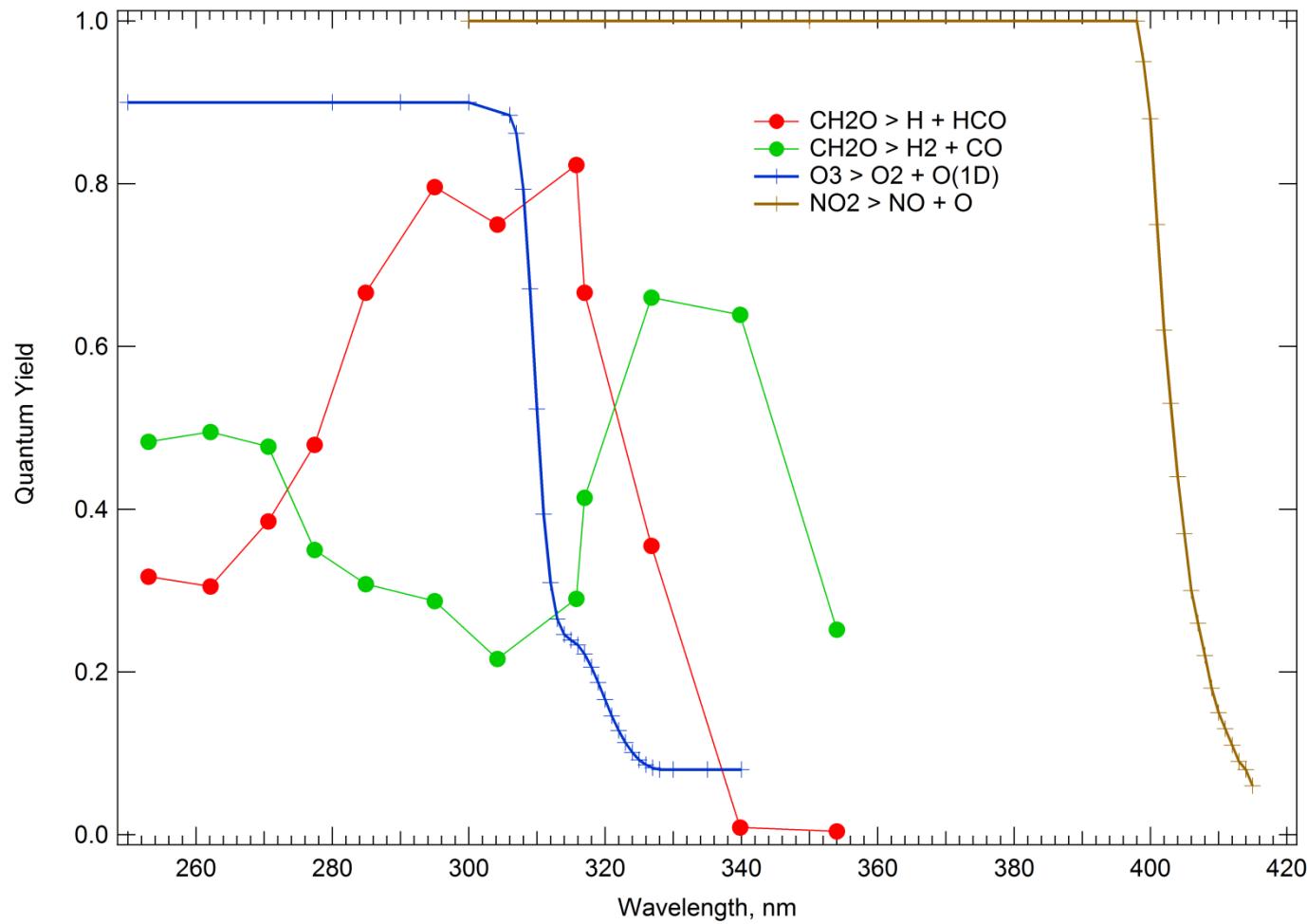


# Measurement of Quantum Yields $\phi(\lambda)$



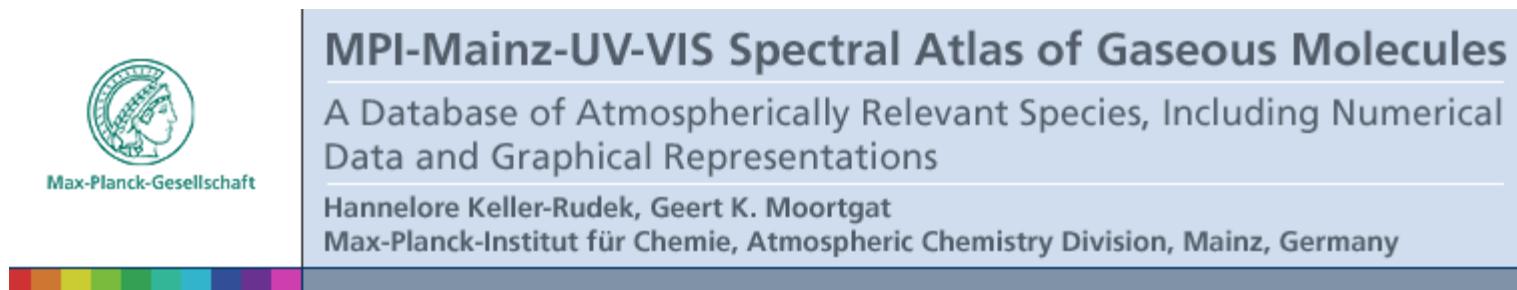
Difficult: must measure absolute change in  $n$  (products) and  $I$  (photons absorbed)

# Photo-dissociation Quantum Yields $\phi(\lambda, T, P)$



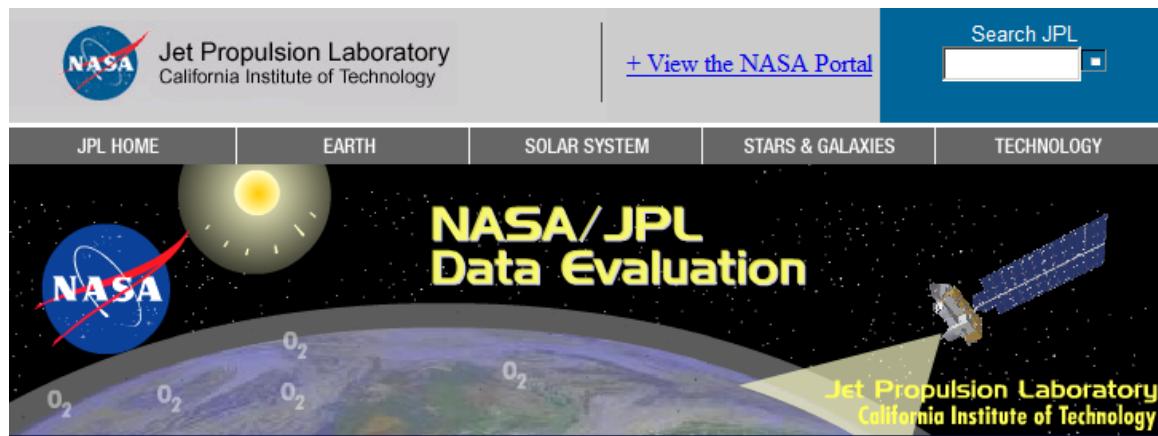
# Compilations of Cross Sections & Quantum Yields

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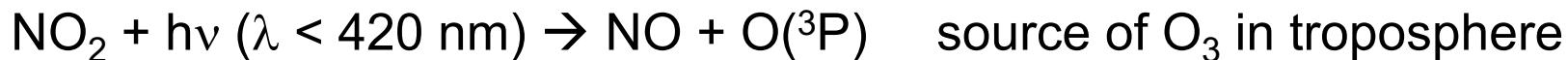
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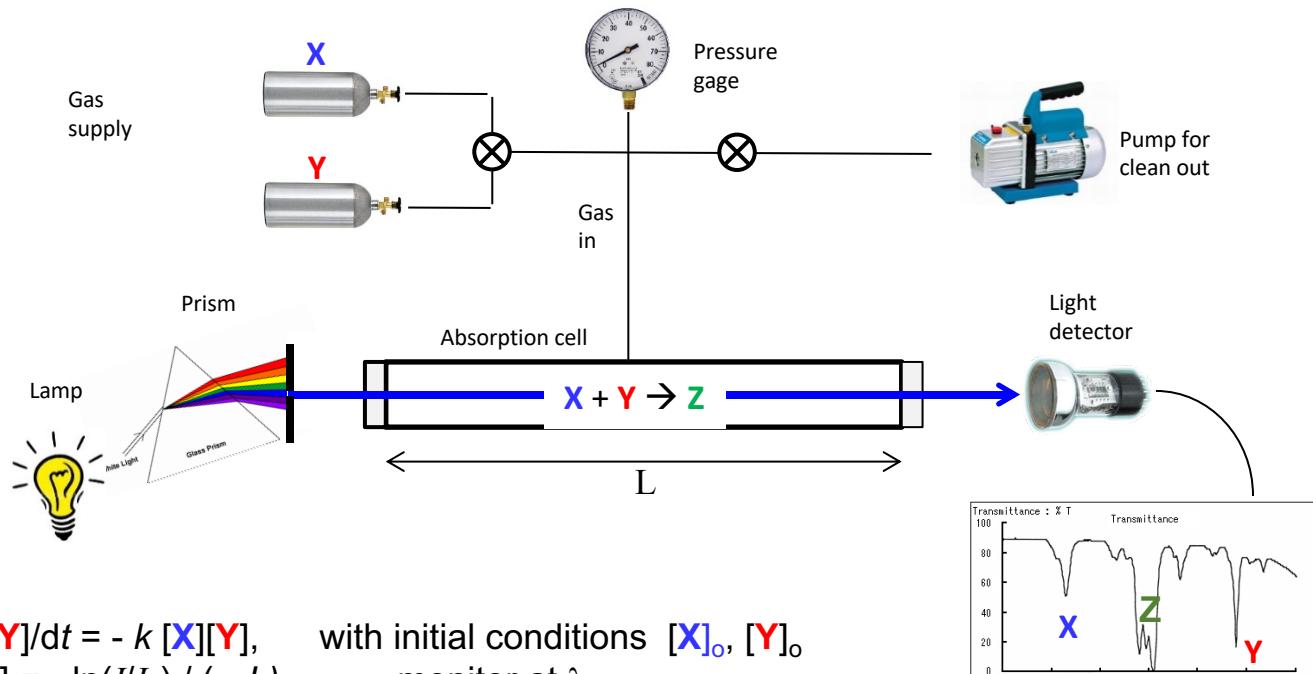
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# Some Important Photolysis Reactions

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# Measurement of Bimolecular Rate Constants: $X + Y \rightarrow Z$



$$\begin{aligned} d[X]/dt &= d[Y]/dt = -k [X][Y], && \text{with initial conditions } [X]_0, [Y]_0 \\ \text{Measure } [X] &= -\ln(I/I_0) / (\sigma_x L) && \text{monitor at } \lambda_x \\ [Y] &= -\ln(I/I_0) / (\sigma_y L) && \text{monitor at } \lambda_y \end{aligned}$$

So can estimate  $k$  e.g.,  $k = -d\ln[X]/dt / [Y]$

Repeat at different temperatures: simple Arrhenius  $k(T) = A e^{-E_a/RT}$

$\text{if } T \uparrow :$        $k \uparrow \text{ if } E_a > 0 \text{ (e.g. abstraction)}$   
 $k \downarrow \text{ if } E_a < 0 \text{ (e.g. addition)}$

If lucky to see also product  $[Z]_t$ , can get products/branching

# Chemical Rate Equations

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$$k_1$$



$$k_2$$

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$$\frac{d[A]}{dt} = -k_1 [A][B]$$

$$\frac{d[B]}{dt} = -k_1 [A][B] + k_2[C]$$

$$\frac{d[C]}{dt} = +k_1 [A][B] - k_2[C]$$

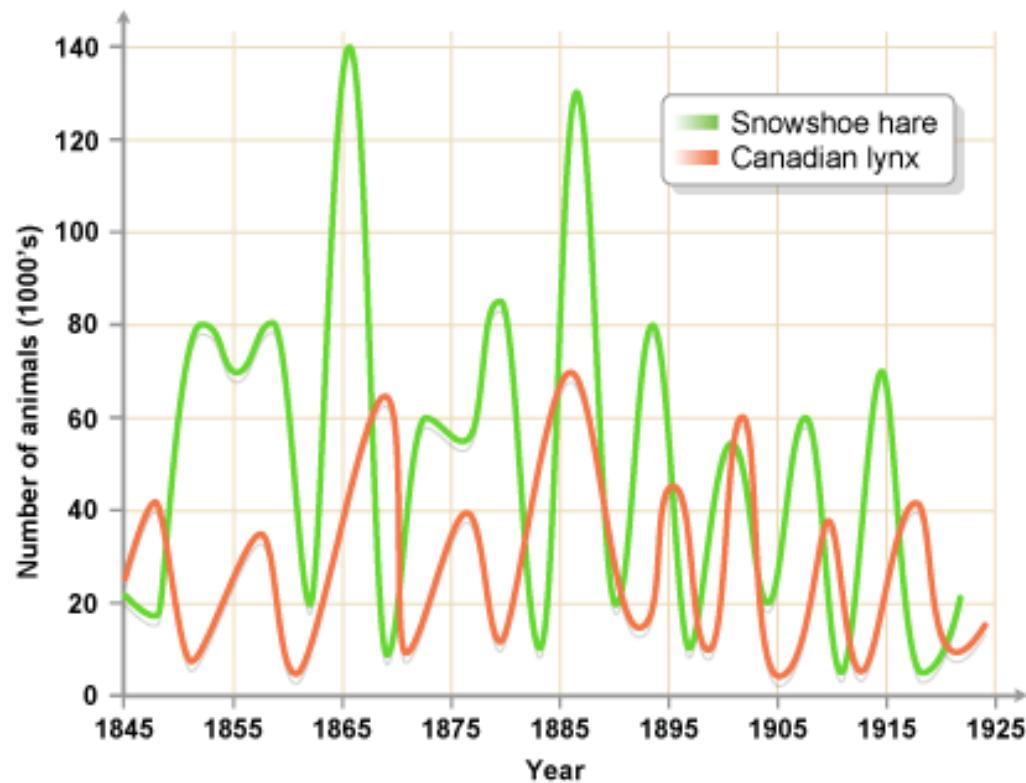
In general:  $\mathbf{y}(t)$  = concentration vector

$\mathbf{S}(t, \mathbf{y})$  = chemical source/sink function

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{S}(t, \mathbf{y}), \quad \mathbf{y}(t_o) = \mathbf{y}_o$$

$$S_i = a_i + \sum_i b_{i,j} y_j + \sum_{j,k} c_{i,jk} y_j y_k$$

# Chemistry Rates : Generalized Lotka-Volterra Equations



Prey-predator population dynamics:  
Rabbits multiply by grazing, eaten by foxes  
Foxes multiply when rabbits abundant,  
but then eat too much



# Numerical Solution of Chemical Rate Equations

Time stepping:  $y_n(t_n) \rightarrow y_{n+1}(t_{n+1})$

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- Explicit (forward) Euler forward Scheme

$$\mathbf{y}_{n+1} = \mathbf{y}_n + \Delta t \mathbf{S}(t_n, \mathbf{y}_n), \quad \Delta t = t_{n+1} - t_n$$

Only stable if  $\Delta t \leq \frac{2}{\max_j |\operatorname{Re}(\lambda_j)|}$  where  $\lambda_j$  are the eigenvalues of the Jacobian matrix  $\mathbf{J} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{S}}{\partial \mathbf{y}}$

- Implicit (backward) Euler scheme

$$\mathbf{y}_{n+1} = \mathbf{y}_n + \Delta t \mathbf{S}(t_{n+1}, \mathbf{y}_{n+1})$$

Unconditionally stable (but stability does not imply accuracy).  
Solution not straightforward if  $\mathbf{S}$  is non-linear, often iterative.  
For linear systems, becomes exact as  $t \rightarrow \infty$

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# Concerted Tropospheric Chemical Reactions

## Major Environmental Issues

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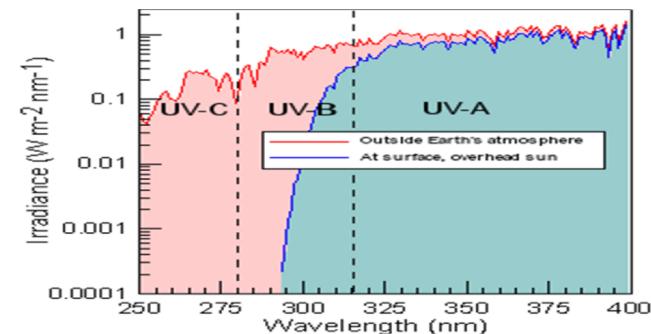
- **Tropospheric ozone**
  - Auto-catalytic formation, role of NO<sub>x</sub>
- **Tropospheric OH radicals**
  - Global self-cleaning capacity, tropospheric lifetimes
- **Secondary Organic Aerosols**
  - Organic complexity (hydrocarbon oxidation)
  - Many other important issues, e.g.
    - Sulfur (SO<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, DMS), NH<sub>3</sub>, halogens, Hg, POPs,...
    - Chemistry in condensed phases and interfaces

# Tropospheric Ozone Formation

- Laboratory studies show that  $O_3$  is made almost exclusively by the reaction:



- But no tropospheric UV-C radiation to break  $O_2$



- Haagen-Smit (1950s) - Los Angeles smog:

Urban ozone ( $O_3$ ) is generated when air containing hydrocarbons and nitrogen oxides ( $NO_x = NO + NO_2$ ) is exposed to tropospheric UV radiation

# The Nitrogen Family

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N	nitrogen atoms – negligible at room temperature T
N <sub>2</sub>	molecular nitrogen

Nitrogen oxides :      NOx ≡ NO + NO<sub>2</sub>

NO            nitric oxide is 90-95% of direct emissions

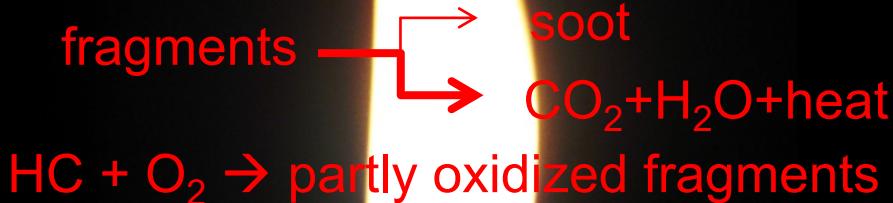
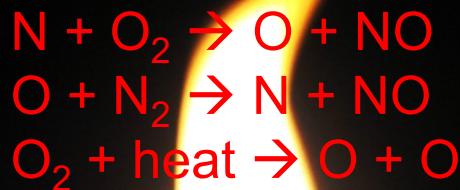
NO<sub>2</sub>          nitrogen dioxide is 5-10% of direct emissions, but  
                  more is made from NO + oxidants in the atmosphere

Zeldovich mechanism at high T (flames, engines, lightning):



(NO is the cross-product of scrambling N<sub>2</sub> and O<sub>2</sub> at high T)

black body radiation  
from soot (~1700 K)



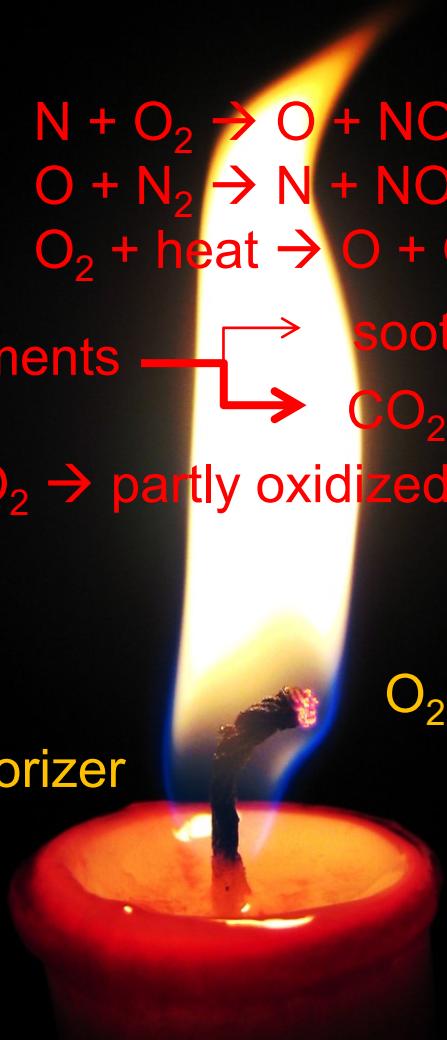
heat, light  
 $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{CO}_2$   
fragments  
soot  
NO

## Combustion

hydrocarbon  
reservoir

vaporizer

$\text{O}_2$  entrainment



## (some other nitrogen species)

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$\text{NO}_3$  nitrate radical

$\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$  dinitrogen tetroxide

$\text{HONO}$  nitrous acid

$\text{HONO}_2$  nitric acid

$\text{CH}_3\text{ONO}_2$  methyl nitrate

$\text{N}_2\text{O}$  nitrous oxide (laughing gas)

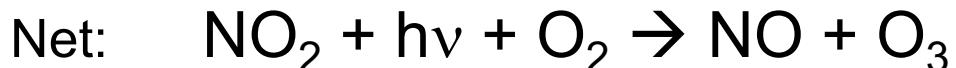
$\text{NH}_3$  ammonia

$\text{NH}_2\text{CH}_3$  methyl amine

## Tropospheric O<sub>3</sub> Formation (some)

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NO<sub>2</sub> photo-dissociation is the source of O atoms that make tropospheric O<sub>3</sub>



$j_{\text{NO}_2} \sim 10^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$   
at high sun

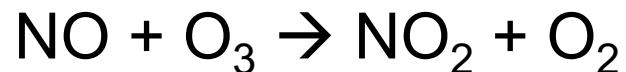
## Tropospheric O<sub>3</sub> Formation – but not enough!

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- NO<sub>2</sub> photo-dissociation makes some O<sub>3</sub>, but not enough. Two problems:

Usually O<sub>3</sub> ~ 20 - 500 ppb >> NO<sub>2</sub> ~ 1 – 10 ppb

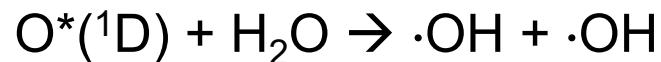
Reversal by the reaction:



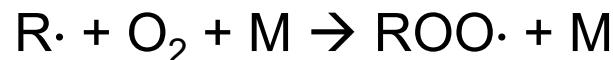
# Tropospheric O<sub>3</sub> Formation – the role of VOCs

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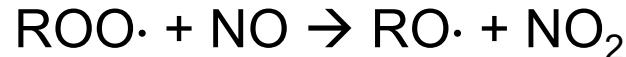
- Initiation by UV radiation (*Levy, 1970*):



- Hydrocarbon consumption (oxygen entry point):



- Single-bonded oxygen transferred to NOx:



- NOx gives up oxygen atoms (as before):



# Tropospheric O<sub>3</sub> Formation - more

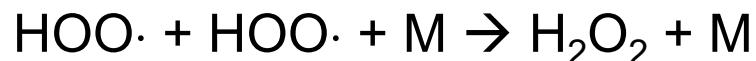
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## ➤ Propagation



every NO → NO<sub>2</sub> conversion makes O<sub>3</sub>  
except NO + O<sub>3</sub> → NO<sub>2</sub> + O<sub>2</sub>

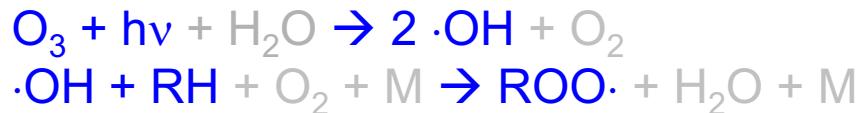
## ➤ Termination



# The 10-Reaction Mechanism



## *Initiation by photo-oxidation*



	$\Delta\text{Ox}$	$\Delta\text{HOx}$	$\Delta\text{NOx}$
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-1	+2	na
0	0	na

## *Partitioning by NOx*



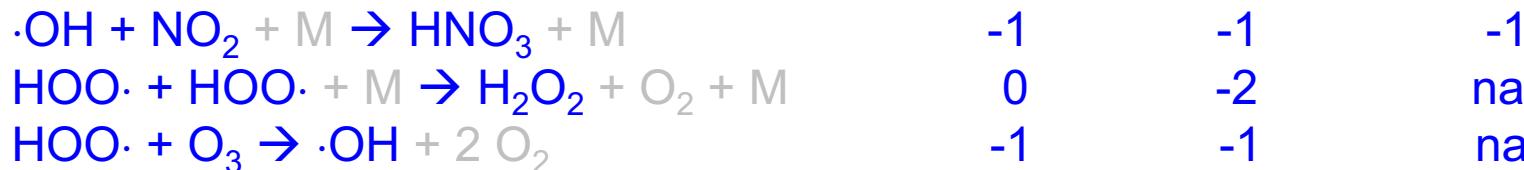
+1	0	0
0	na	0
0	na	0

## *Propagation*



0	0	na
+1	0	0

## *Termination*



-1	-1	-1
0	-2	na
-1	-1	na

# Global Photo-oxidation (self-cleaning) Capacity



Solar UV  
radiation

*Oxidation, e.g.:*



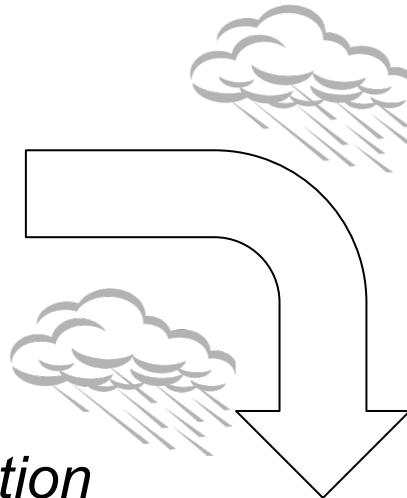
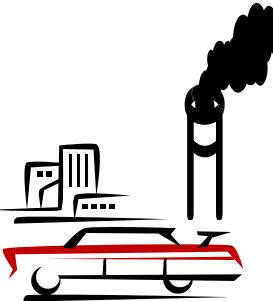
**Insoluble  $\rightarrow$  Soluble**

*Emissions*

CO CH<sub>4</sub> C<sub>m</sub>H<sub>n</sub>

NO NO<sub>2</sub> SO<sub>2</sub>

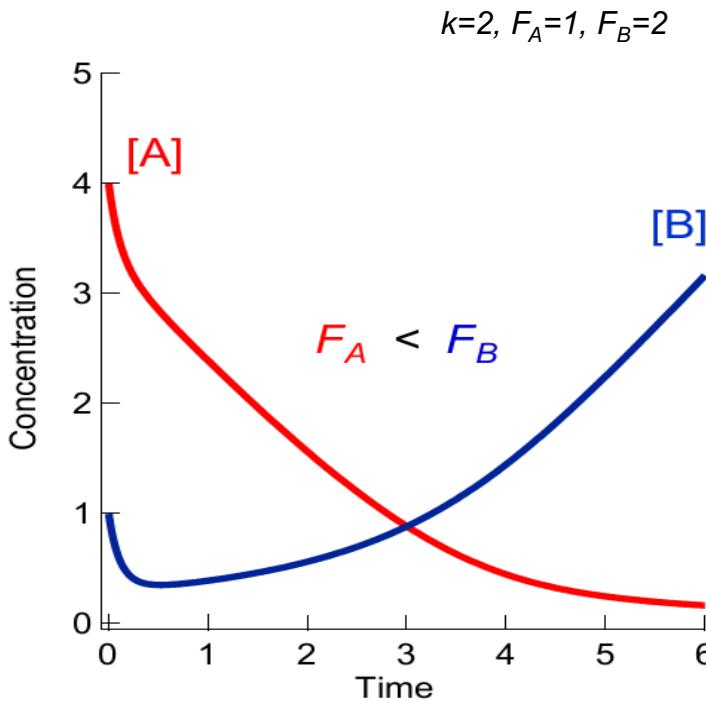
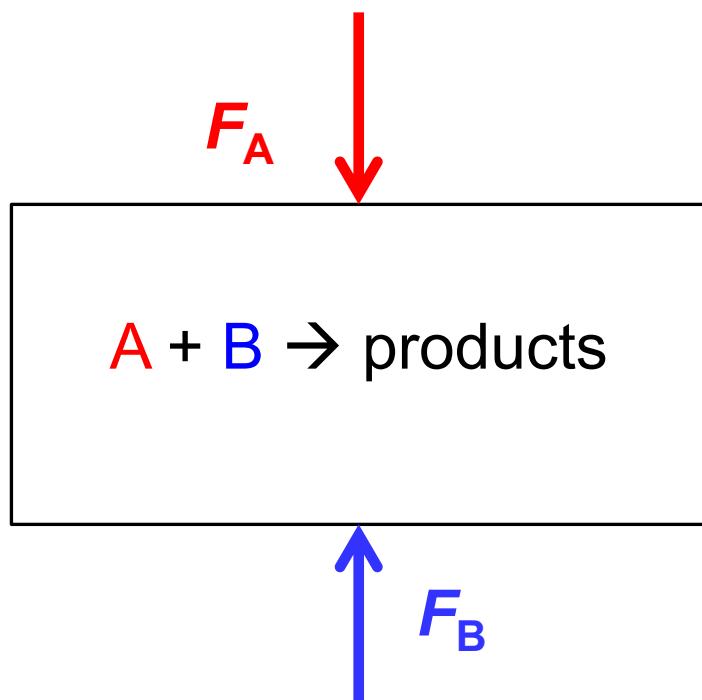
halocarbons



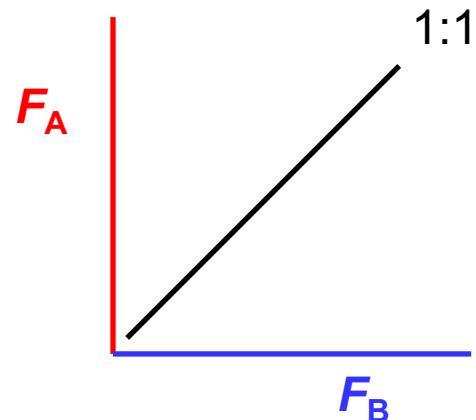
*Deposition  
(dry, wet)*

H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, HNO<sub>3</sub>, HCl, Cl<sup>-</sup>, CH<sub>2</sub>O

# Bimolecular Instability



Simple system is stable only along 1:1 line



# Tropospheric Self-cleaning Need

Global emissions of reduced compounds, **Teramoles/year**

	Natural	Anthropogenic	Total
CO	54	54	108
CH <sub>4</sub>	12	28	40
VOCs	60	20	80
NO	1	3	4
Total	128	105	233

*Annual production of OH must be > sum of these emissions*

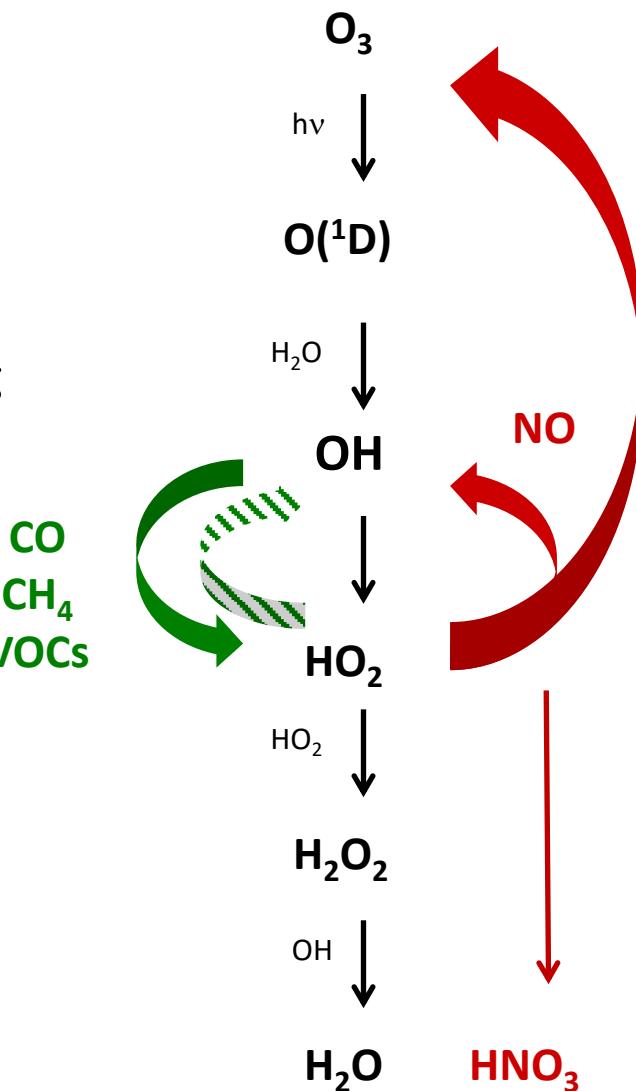
# OH Sinks vs. Sources (Teramoles/year)

OH sources:  $O_3$  photolysis

$O_3$  from strat.       $\sim 10$

Tropospheric Ox-HOx-NOx cycling

OH sinks:	pre-ind.	current
CO	54	108
$CH_4$	12	40
<u>Other VOCs</u>	60	80
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>228</b>



NOx Sources:

NO                  1                  4

OH recycling from biogenic VOC chemistry?

# Is OH “Buffered”?

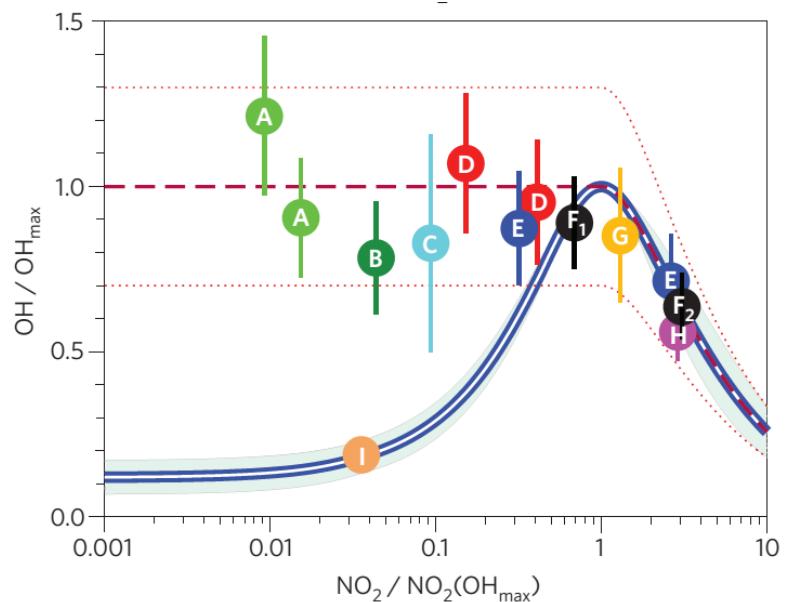
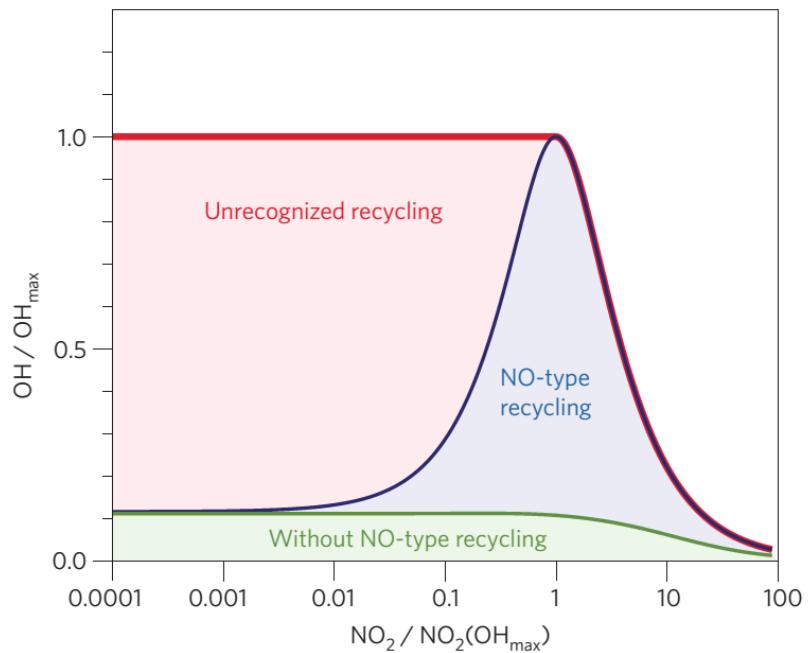
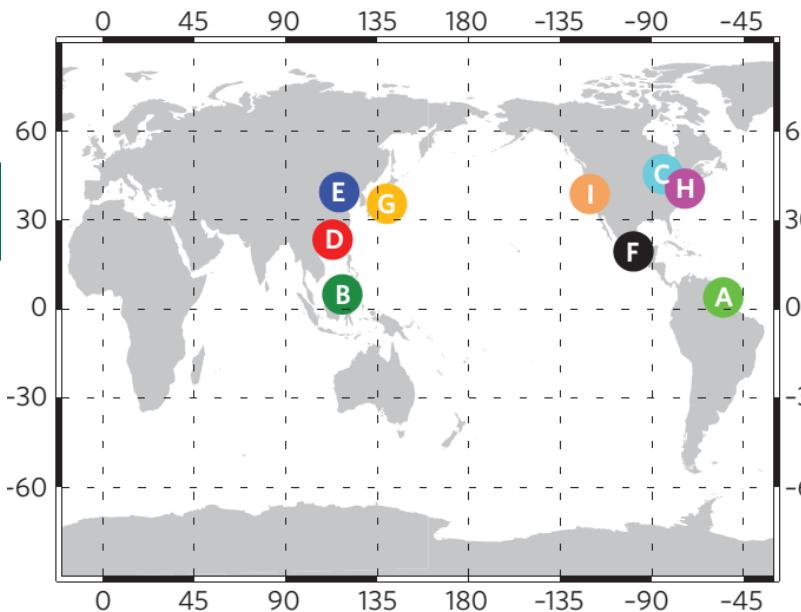
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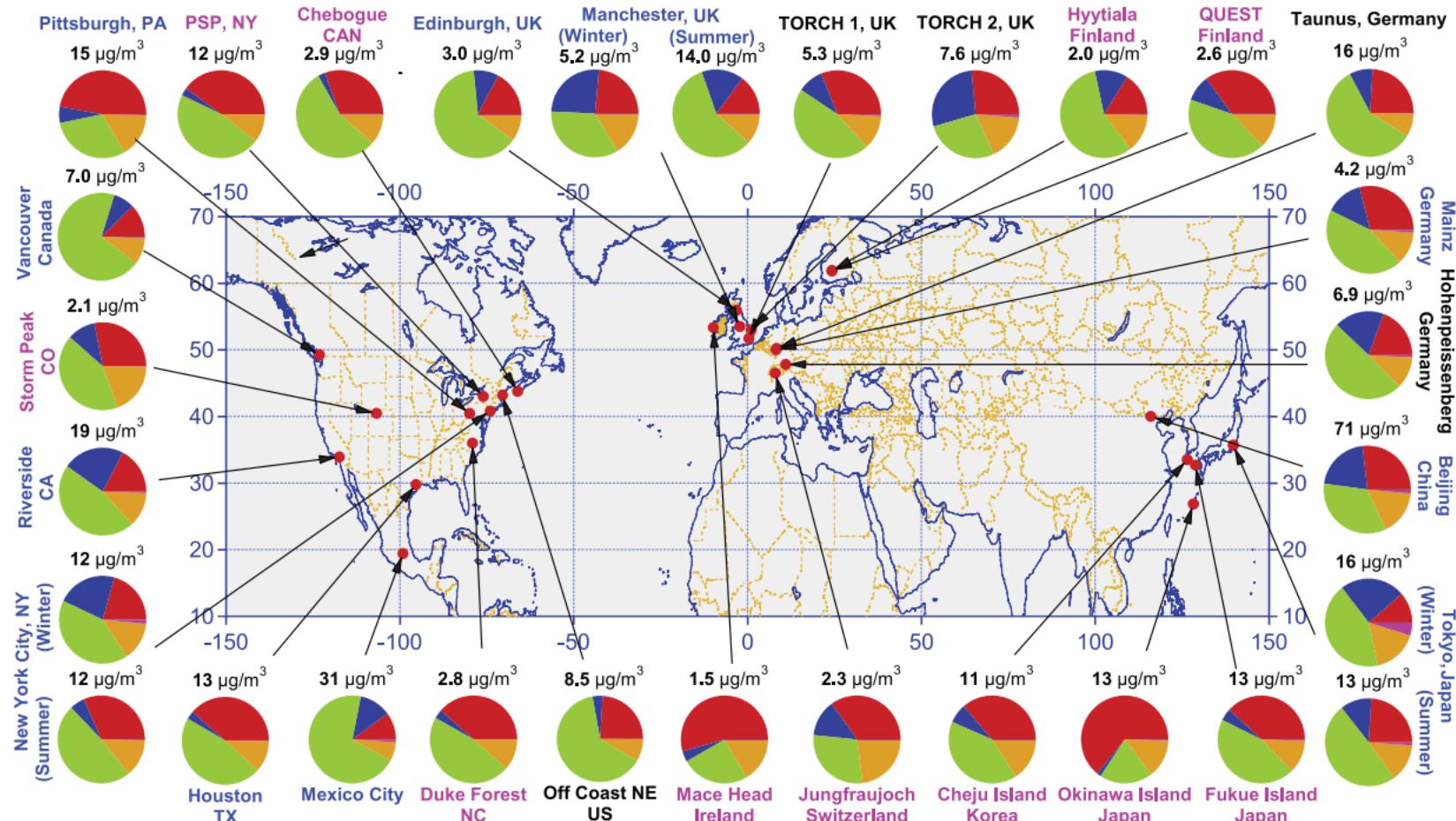
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## Maximum efficiency in the hydroxyl-radical-based self-cleansing of the troposphere

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# UBIQUITY OF ORGANIC AEROSOLS

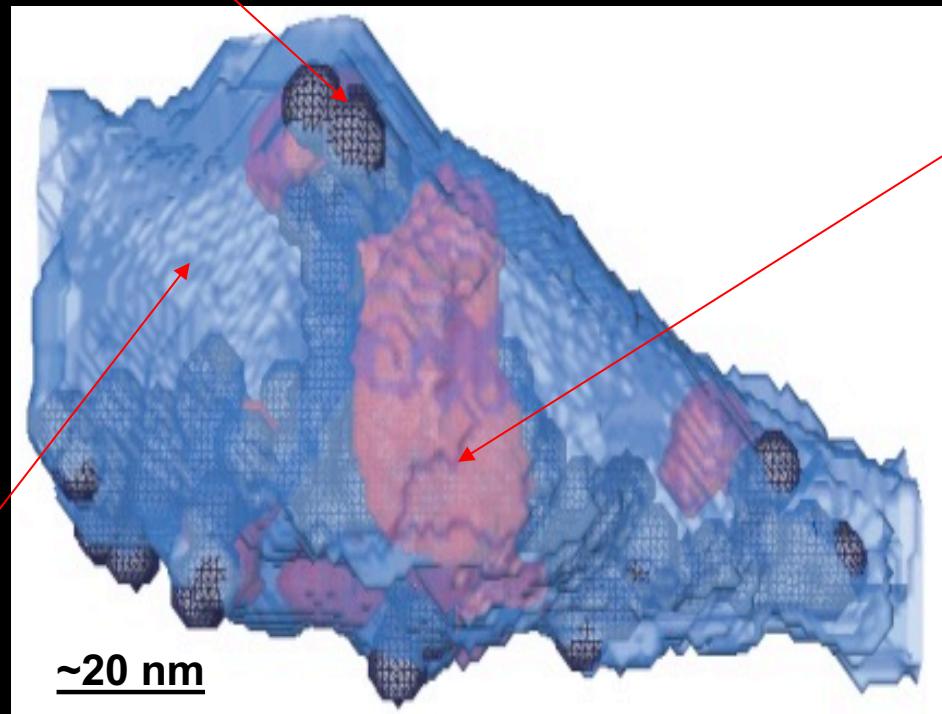


ORGANIC SULFATE NITRATE AMMONIUM CHLORIDE

*Individual particles have complex morphology and composition*

*Soot (black spherules)*

*Sulfate (red)*



*Organic material (blue)*

# Biogenic VOC Emissions, ~1000 Tg / year

**Table 6.** Global annual total emissions simulated for the year 2000 using MEGAN2.1 algorithms in CLM4.

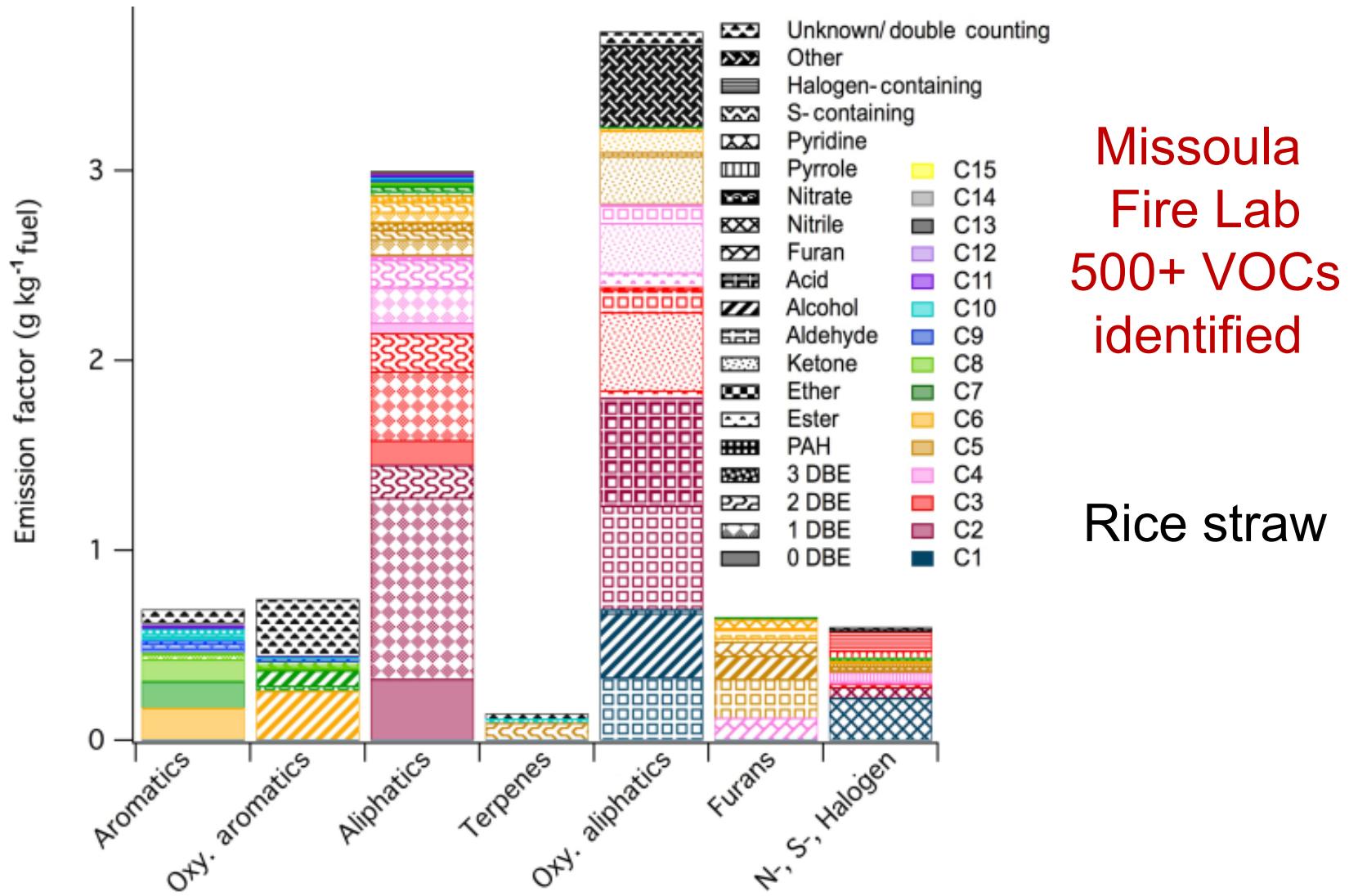
Compound Class	Compounds	Emissions (Tg yr <sup>-1</sup> )				
Isoprene	Isoprene	535				
$\alpha$ -Pinene	$\alpha$ -Pinene	66.1				
<i>t</i> - $\beta$ -Ocimene	<i>t</i> - $\beta$ -Ocimene	19.4	232-MBO	232-MBO		2.2
$\beta$ -Pinene	$\beta$ -Pinene	18.9	Methanol	Methanol		99.6
Limonene	Limonene	11.4	Acetone	Acetone		43.7
Sabinene	Sabinene	9.0	Bidirectional VOC	Ethanol		20.7
Myrcene	Myrcene	8.7		Acetaldehyde		20.7
3-Carene	3-Carene	7.1		Formaldehyde		5.0
Other Monoterpenes	Camphene	4.0		Acetic acid		3.7
	$\beta$ -phellandrene	1.5	Stress VOC	Formic acid		3.7
	Terpinolene	1.3		Ethene		26.9
	Additional 31 monoterpenes	14.9		cis-3-hexenal		4.9
$\alpha$ -Farnesene	$\alpha$ -Farnesene	7.1		DMNT		4.9
$\beta$ -Caryophyllene	$\beta$ -Caryophyllene	7.4	Other VOC	cis-3-hexenol		2.9
Other Sesquiterpenes	$\beta$ -Farnescene	4.0		Additional 11 stress VOC		7.8
	$\alpha$ -Humulene	2.1		Propene		15.8
	$\alpha$ -Bergamotene	1.3		Butene		8.0
	Additional 27 sesquiterpenes	7.1		Homosalate		2.0
				Geranyl acetone		0.8
			Total VOC	Additional 45 other VOC		5.5
			CO	Sum of 146 VOC		1007
				CO		81.6
			Total	VOC and CO		1089

# Anthropogenic Hydrocarbons Emissions ~ 150 Tg/yr

## Concentrations in Mexico City PBL, C-130 aircraft 2006 March averages

	24 h <sup>b</sup>	daytime <sup>c</sup>		24 h <sup>b</sup>	daytime <sup>c</sup>
Ethane	5101	6447	Ethene	6908	7808
Propane	30 809	37 536	Propene	1756	1765
<i>n</i> -Butane	12 569	20 332	1-Butene + <i>i</i> -Butene	880	1022
<i>i</i> -Butane	4221	8266	1-Pentene	101	264
2,2-Dimethylbutane	469	656	3-Methyl-1-butene	58	126
<i>i</i> -Pentane	4555	8380	1,3-Butadiene	152	122
<i>n</i> -Pentane	3012	5016	2-Methyl-2-butene	219	606
<i>n</i> -Hexane	1628	4493	Trans+cis-2-Butene <sup>e</sup>	249	770
2,3-Dimethylbutane	2550	2959	Trans+cis-2-Pentene <sup>e</sup>	243	546
2-Methylpentane	1919	2894	Toluene	8944	10 649
3-Methylpentane	1324	2057	Benzene	931	1703
2,2,4-Trimethylpentane	718	1045	Ethylbenzene	532	938
<i>n</i> -Heptane	367	679	<i>m</i> -Xylene	452	845
Cyclopentane	251	365	1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene	434	834
2,3,4-Trimethylpentane	286	335	<i>o</i> -Xylene	238	404
2,4-Dimethylpentane	198	301	<i>p</i> -Xylene	180	373
Cyclohexane	235	301	3-Ethyltoluene	118	244
<i>n</i> -Octane	154	245	4-Ethyltoluene	68	138
Decane	154	224	1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene	70	115
<i>n</i> -Nonane	102	123	2-Ethyltoluene	52	108

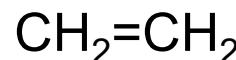
# Pyrogenic VOC Emissions 40-100 Tg/yr



# Hydrocarbons (double C=C bonds)

## ➤ Alkenes

ethene (ethylene)

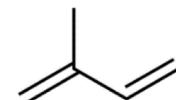
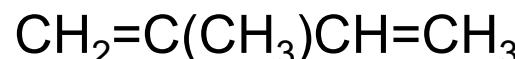


propene (propylene)



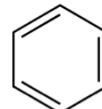
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2-methyl 1,3 butadiene (isoprene)

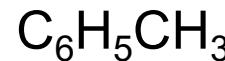


## ➤ Aromatics

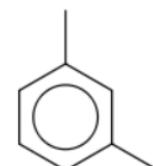
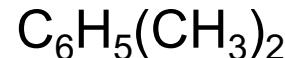
benzene



toluene

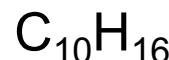


xlenes (o,p,m)



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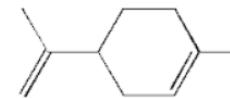
## ➤ Terpenes



$\alpha$ -pinene



$\beta$ -pinene



limonene



$\beta$ -ocimene

# Functional Groups in Substituted Hydrocarbons

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- Alcohols, -OH
  - methanol,  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$
  - ethanol,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$
- Aldehydes, -CHO
  - formaldehyde,  $\text{HCHO}$
  - acetaldehyde,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}$
- Ketones, -CO-
  - acetone,  $\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_3$
  - MEK,  $\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_2\text{CH}_3$
- Carboxylic acids, -CO(OH)
  - formic,  $\text{HCO(OH)}$
  - acetic,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CO(OOH)}$
- Organic hydroperoxides, -OOH
  - methyl hydroperoxide,  $\text{CH}_3(\text{OOH})$
- Organic peroxy acids, -CO(OOH)
  - peracetic,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}(\text{OOH})$
- Organic nitrates, - $\text{ONO}_2$ 
  - methyl nitrate,  $\text{CH}_3(\text{ONO}_2)$
  - Ethyl nitrate,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2(\text{ONO}_2)$
- Peroxy nitrates, - $\text{OONO}_2$ 
  - methyl peroxy nitrate,  $\text{CH}_3(\text{OONO}_2)$
- Acyl peroxy nitrates, -CO( $\text{OONO}_2$ )
  - PAN,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}(\text{OONO}_2)$

# Atmospheric Organic Radicals

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➤ Alkyl (carbon-centered)

$\cdot\text{CH}_3$	methyl
$\cdot\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$	ethyl
$\cdot\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$	propyl

➤ Peroxy,  $-\text{OO}\cdot$

$\text{CH}_3\text{OO}\cdot$	methyl peroxy
$\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OO}\cdot$	ethyl peroxy

➤ Alkoxy,  $-\text{O}\cdot$

$\text{CH}_3\text{O}\cdot$	methoxy
$\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{O}\cdot$	ethoxy

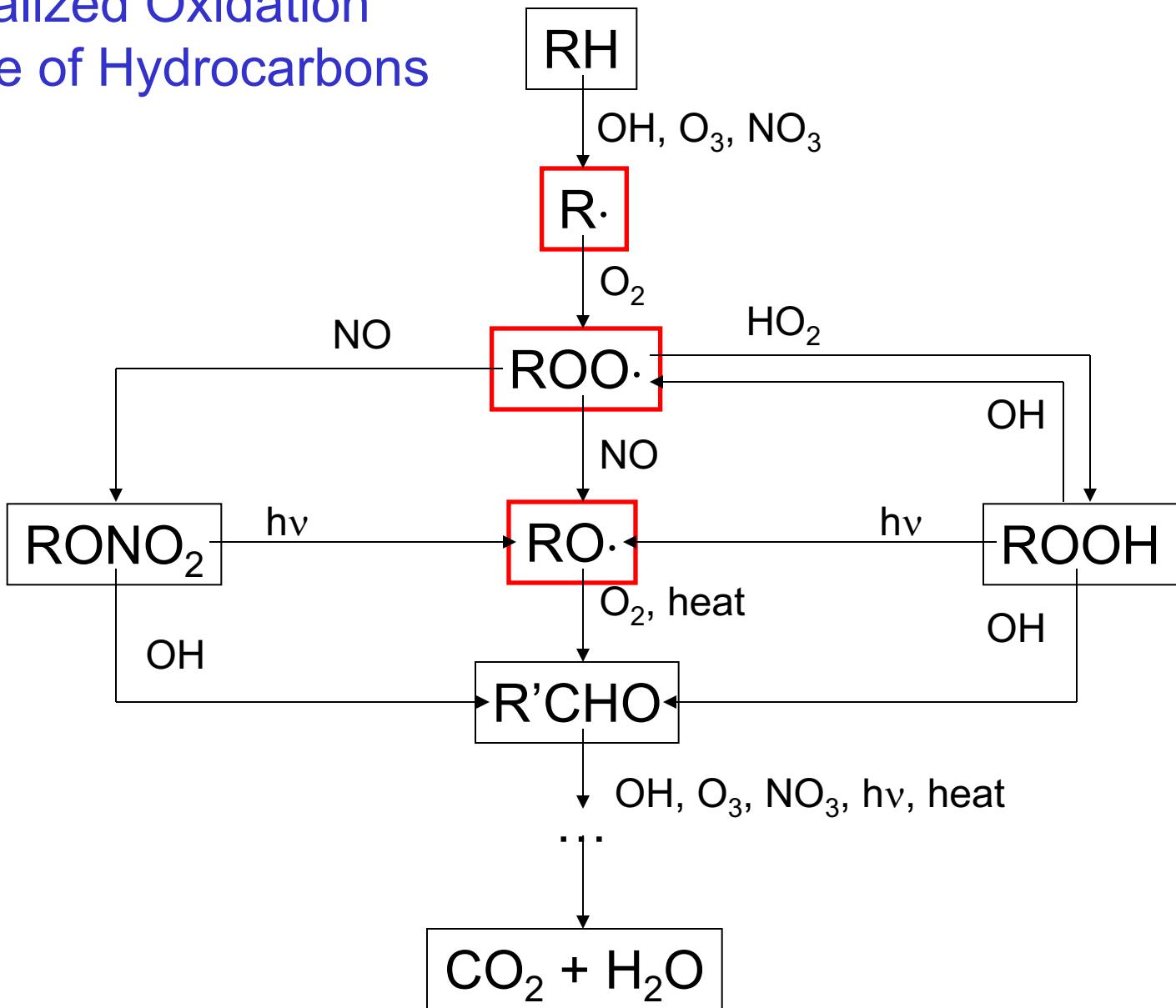
➤ Acyl,  $\text{CO(OO}\cdot\text{)}$

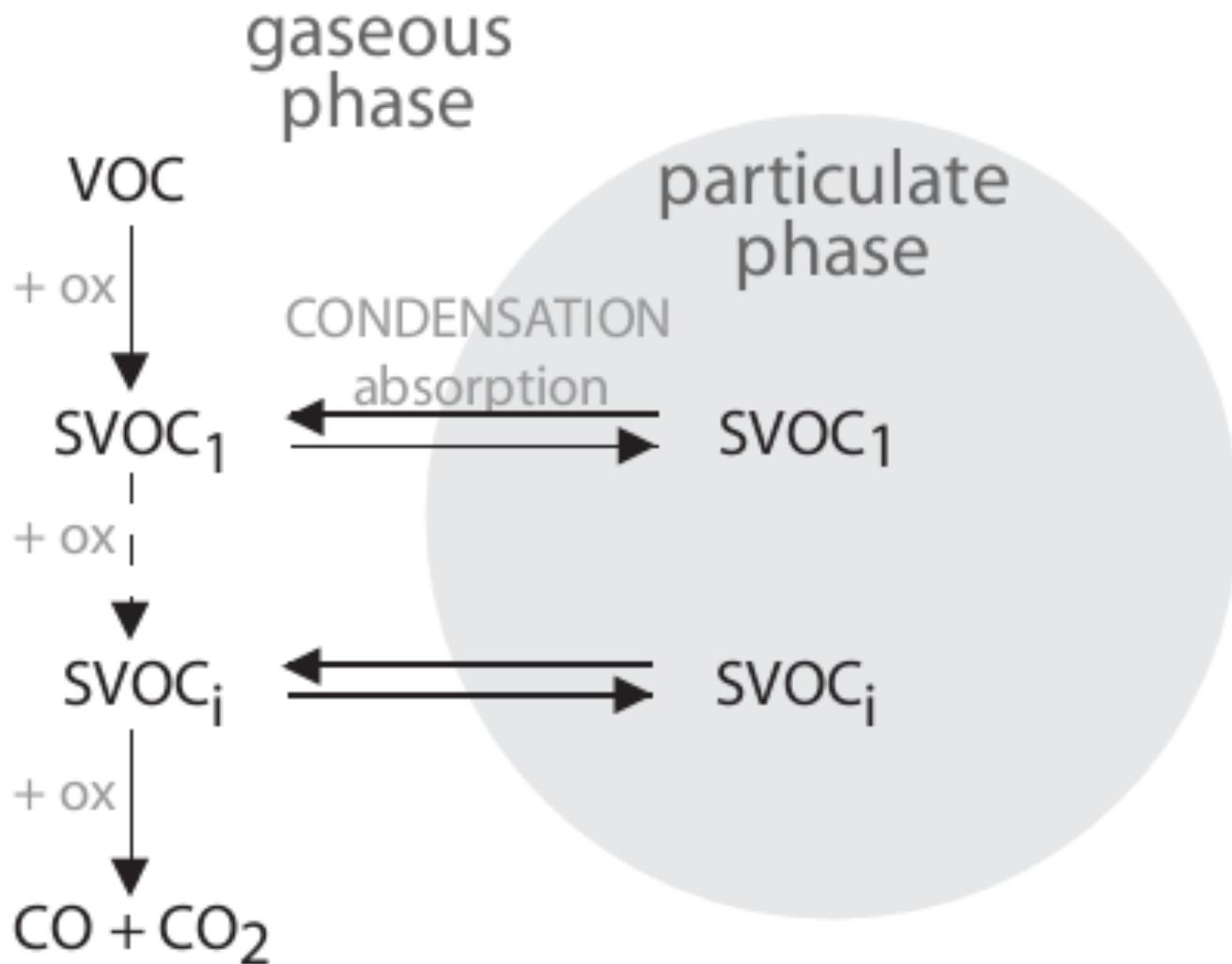
$\text{CH}_3\text{CO(OO}\cdot\text{)}$	acetyl
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➤ Criegee,  $\cdot\text{C(OO}\cdot\text{)}$

$\cdot\text{CH}_2\text{OO}\cdot$	from $\text{O}_3 + \text{C}_2\text{H}_4$
$\text{CH}_3\cdot\text{CHOO}\cdot$	from $\text{O}_3 + \text{C}_3\text{H}_6$

# Generalized Oxidation Sequence of Hydrocarbons





Detailed lectures on aerosols by Jerome Fast, Mary Barth tomorrow...

# Tropospheric Gas-Phase Chemical Mechanisms

- Heuristic:

- ~10 reactions, 5 species [Seinfeld and Pandis, 1997]

- Typical 3D model used for air quality:

- 100 - 300 reactions, 100 species

- CB-IV, CB-V [Gery, 1989]

- RADM, RACM [Stockwell, 1990; 1997]

- SAPRC99 [Carter, 2000]

- MOZART [Emmons et al., 2010]

- Typical 0D (box) models used for sensitivity studies:

- 3,000 - 10,000 reactions, 1000 species

- NCAR Master Mechanism [Madronich and Calvert, 1990]

- Leeds Master Chemical Mechanism [Jenkin et al., 1997]

- Hyper-explicit (computer-aided) mechanisms:

- $10^6$  -  $10^7$  reactions,  $10^5$  –  $10^6$  species

- GECKO-A [Aumont et al. 2005; Lee-Taylor et al. 2011]

End part 1