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ABSTRACT

Air quality in the South Coast Air Basin has greatly improved over the last few decades, but these gains have slowed over the last few years. As transportation emissions have declined, the relative importance of other emissions sources has increased. For example, Mc Donald et al. [2018] identified emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) from volatile chemical product usage (paints, solvents, coatings, adhesives, cleaning and personal care products, etc.) as the largest source of petrochemical emissions in the Los Angeles Basin. VCPs were found to be a larger potential source of ozone and particle formation compared to other fossil sources. In summer 2021, NOAA's Chemical Sciences Laboratory and colleagues deployed a full complement of advanced scientific instrumentation in Pasadena, California as part of the Re-evaluating the Chemistry of Air Pollutants in California (RECAP-CA) campaign in an effort to characterize the chemical, temporal and spatial variability of emissions and chemistry across the basin.

Here we identify the anthropogenic VOC source signatures of emissions from VCPs, cooking, and natural gas usage; naturally occurring biogenic emissions; and the secondary production of oxygen- and nitrogen-containing VOCs and ozone. We have determined emission ratios of 70 species, which compared well with previous datasets collected in Pasadena in 2010 and 2020 during the COVID pandemic. This analysis highlights the large emissions of ethanol, methanol, and acetone consistent with VCP usage and an increased emission of ethane from natural gas sources. Oxygenated and biogenic VOCs are the largest contributors to potential ozone formation while aromatics were identified as the most likely contributors to secondary aerosol formation. Results from this project will help inform the development of effective regulatory policies for future State Implementation Plans (SIP) and O₃ and PM reduction strategies.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Air quality has greatly improved in the South Coast Air Basin (SoCAB) over the last half-century; however, gains in air quality improvement have slowed over the last decade as evidenced by a stagnation in ozone design values for the South Coast Air Basin that remain well above the National Ambient Air Quality Standard. Ozone and secondary organic aerosol, an important source of PM_{2.5}, are criteria pollutants that are formed in the atmosphere from reactions involving a complex mixture of organic gases, nitrogen oxides, and other oxidants often mediated by sunlight. It is important to identify and characterize modern emission sources of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in order to effectively mitigate air pollution and safeguard human health.

Measurements made by NOAA's Chemical Sciences Laboratory and colleagues during the California Nexus on Air Quality and Climate (CalNex) campaign Pasadena in 2010 enabled critical evaluation of emissions inventories and improved our understanding of urban chemistry. From this seminal dataset, Mc Donald et al. [2018] identified volatile chemical products (VCPs, e.g., paints, coatings, fragrances, cleaning products, personal care products, etc.) as the largest petrochemical source of VOCs in Los Angeles. Advances in scientific instrumentation and our understanding of the role of VCPs in the urban atmosphere have greatly improved in the intervening years prompting a keen interest in revisiting Los Angeles nearly a decade later to better characterize modern urban emission sources.

Here we present detailed chemical measurements of a full suite of VOCs and trace gases in summer 2021 as part of the Re-evaluating the Chemistry of Air Pollutants in California (RECAP-CA) campaign in an effort to characterize the chemical, temporal and spatial variability of VOC emissions and chemistry across the basin. An array of state-of-the-art instruments installed at a Pasadena ground site provided unparalleled chemical speciation of a full suite of VOCs, methane, and inorganic gases necessary to measure emissions and chemistry downwind of the greater Los Angeles metropolitan area. We also utilized the NOAA Mobile Laboratory to conduct ten surveys across the basin in order to investigate the spatial distribution of VOC sources and to target specific emission-rich source sectors.

The objectives of this study were to evaluate all major VOC sources, including volatile chemical products (VCPs), cooking, natural gas usage, biogenic emissions and secondary products in order to fully characterize emission sources and atmospheric chemistry affecting photochemical ozone formation.

Analysis of diel profiles of over one hundred (100) different analytes were used to assess the relative importance of boundary layer dynamics, transport, primary emission source strength, and both the photochemical degradation of reactive precursors and the subsequent formation of secondary products. Overall, oxygenated VOCs were highly abundant and were associated with a wide array of primary and secondary sources. Ethanol and methanol continue to be the most abundant VOCs measured in Pasadena in both 2010 and 2021, and in other urban areas we have studied including New York City, NY, indicating the prevalence of substantial primary emission sources of these species in urban environments. They are not particularly reactive in the atmosphere and thus exempt from current regulatory actions, but they were significant contributors to the VOC reactivity (one metric used to assess the propensity to form ozone) due to their excessive concentrations.

VOCs that routinely had higher daytime mixing ratios (coincident with the hours of peak photochemical formation of ozone and organic aerosol) included natural emissions of isoprene from urban vegetation, and its oxidation products. Photochemical formation of formaldehyde, an air toxic, from reactive oxidation of reactive hydrocarbon precursors including biogenic isoprene and anthropogenic combustion sources dwarfed primary emissions at the Pasadena site. Collectively, these

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species were the dominant contributors to OH-reactivity pointing to the outsize role that isoprene and its oxidation products will have on air quality in the Los Angeles Basin.

We have identified several tracers different VCP emission source sectors including, D5-siloxane, a tracer for personal care product usage; para-chlorobenzotrifluoride (PCBTF), a useful VCP tracer for solvent-based coatings; and Texanol, a VCP marker for water-based coatings. Emissions of these species in Los Angeles were comparable to other urban areas that we have studied. We did not see evidence of a large source of anthropogenic monoterpenes associated with fragranced VCPs.

Octanal and nonanal were identified as useful tracers for cooking emissions and their correlations with carbon monoxide (CO, a combustion tracer) were leveraged to calculate emission rates in the Los Angeles Basin of 5.6 and 3.2 tons per day for octanal and nonanal, respectively, thus providing critical new information on a previously understudied emission source [Coggon et al., 2023b]. And lastly, benzenenitrile was useful to assess the influence of aged wildfire smoke mixed with urban emissions.

We observed a doubling of the ethane/CO emission ratio compared to CalNex 2010, which is consistent with increased ethane emissions from natural gas usage in the Los Angeles Basin [Wunch et al., 2016]. Mobile lab measurements during RECAP-CA and subsequent airborne measurements in 2023 show that ethane and propane are prevalent throughout the basin with prominent ethane sources occurring near the Port of Long Beach.

The RECAP-CA measurements were used to derive VOC/CO and VOC/ethyne emission ratios for 70 different chemical species. Overall, the RECAP-CA VOC/CO emission ratios were lower compared to 2010 values and were largely consistent with those from 2020 [de Gouw et al., 2017, 2018; Van Rooy et al., 2021]. Notable exceptions include ethane (discussed above), ethyne, and the C7+ alkanes. Ethyne/CO emission ratios were less than 2010, but greater than 2020 values [de Gouw et al., 2017, 2018; Van Rooy et al., 2021]. Van Rooy et al. [2021] posited that a shift from on-road to off-road combustion sources could explain a shift towards lower ethyne/CO emission ratios. Emission ratios for C7+ alkanes were higher compared to both previous datasets. The reason for this is unknown but could be related, in part, to higher ambient temperatures during RECAP-CA implicating an evaporative emission source.

This expansive new dataset will serve as the new foundation to assess emission inventories and chemical models used to understand and predict secondary ozone and aerosol formation in the Los Angeles Basin. Improved understanding of modern emission sources of VOCs and trace gases are critical for California to meet its air quality and climate goals. The results from this project will help inform the development of effective regulatory policies for future State Implementation Plans (SIP) and O₃ and PM reduction strategies.

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1 1.0 INTRODUCTION

2 Air quality has greatly improved in the South Coast Air Basin (SoCAB) over the last half-century in spite
3 of a growing population and more vehicle miles driven; however, approximately 55% of the SoCAB does
4 not meet the National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for ozone (O_3) for 100 days of the year
5 (Figure 1) [CARB, 2013]. O_3 and fine particulate matter ($PM_{2.5}$) are criteria air pollutants and are the
6 primary ingredients of urban smog responsible for adverse health effects and diminished visibility. Both
7 O_3 and secondary organic aerosol (SOA, a component of $PM_{2.5}$) can be formed in the atmosphere from the
8 interaction of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and nitrogen oxides ($NO_x = NO + NO_2$) in the presence
9 of oxidants often mediated by sunlight. It is critical to identify and characterize the most important
10 anthropogenic VOC emissions to effectively mitigate air pollution and safeguard human health [McDonald
11 et al. 2018].

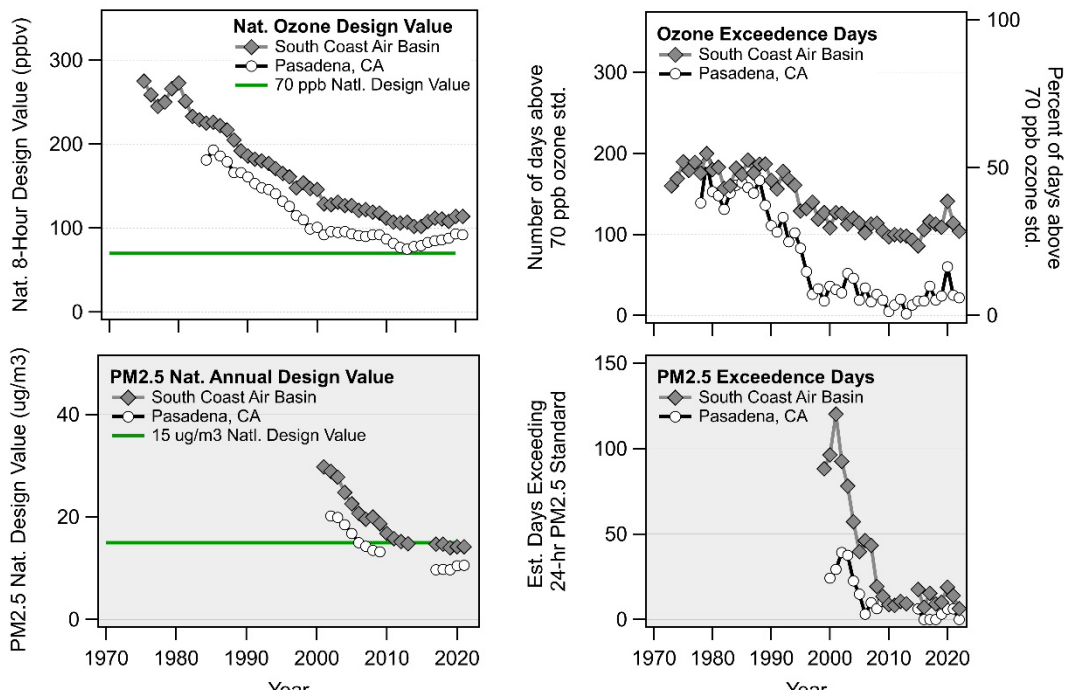


Figure 1. Ozone and $PM_{2.5}$ trends in the South Coast Air Basin and Pasadena, California

12 VOCs are an incredibly diverse chemical family composed of reactive and unreactive organic gases
13 that are ubiquitous throughout Earth's atmosphere. VOCs are directly emitted from natural sources and
14 anthropogenic activities, or they can be secondarily produced in the atmosphere through chemical
15 reactions of precursor VOCs. Urban VOC emissions in megacities around the world, including Los Angeles,
16 have traditionally been dominated by fossil fuel use associated with transportation-related sources
17 [Molina and Molina 2004]. There has been a 50-fold reduction in VOC emissions in Los Angeles since 1960
18 as the result of advances in emission control technologies and targeted regulatory actions but more recent
19 gains in emission reductions are diminishing [Bishop 2019; CARB 2013; Warneke et al. 2012]. Trends in
20 US NO_2 columns observed from space indicate that NO_x emissions were decreasing strongly from 2005-
21 2009 but decreases have slowed from 2011-2015 [Jiang et al. 2018]. With slowing trends in ozone
22 precursors, decreases in ozone design values may have slowed as well (Figure 1)[Parrish et al. 2017].

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23 As mobile sources have become cleaner, new sources of pollution such as the use of volatile chemical
24 products (VCPs) like personal care products, cleaning products, coatings, and adhesives are emerging in
25 relative importance. McDonald et al. [2018] showed that VCP emissions in Los Angeles are larger than
26 transportation VOC emissions and could be responsible for as much as half of the VOC reactivity with the
27 hydroxyl radical (OH), a proxy for potential O₃ formation, and half of the mass associated with fossil-
28 derived SOA formation - potentially contributing to urban air quality and associated human health effects
29 in a significant way. Subsequent work by Coggon et al. [2021b, 2018b] and Gkatzelis et al. [2021a, 2021b]
30 have identified unique chemical tracers for VCP emission source sectors and have shown that VCP
31 emissions are ubiquitous in urban areas including Boulder, CO; Chicago, IL; New York City, NY; and
32 Toronto, Canada. Modeling of the measured VCP emissions in New York City, shows that VCP emissions
33 are as important to ozone production as fossil fuel VOCs [Coggon et al., 2021b].

34 McDonald et al. [2018] showed that aldehydes with 5 or more carbon atoms measured in Los Angeles
35 could not be explained by emissions inventories that contain VCPs, fossil fuels, or biogenic sources.
36 Cooking is a source of oxygenated VOCs including aldehydes, ketones, alcohols, and acids [Coggon et al.,
37 2023b; Schauer et al., 1999b]. Numerous studies have shown that cooking is a ubiquitous and important
38 component of aerosol in urban datasets [Hayes et al., 2015; Slowik et al., 2010], but fewer studies have
39 identified the contribution of cooking to VOC emissions [Coggon et al., 2023b; Peng et al., 2022].

40 In summer 2021, the NOAA Chemical Sciences Laboratory and colleagues deployed a full complement
41 of advanced scientific instrumentation as part of the Re-evaluating the Chemistry of Air Pollutants in
42 California (RECAP-CA) campaign in an effort to characterize traditional and emerging sources of VOC
43 emissions in the Los Angeles Basin in an effort to better understand how these sources will impact the
44 photochemical formation of ozone and organic aerosol. Here we present a detailed analysis of variations
45 in the chemical, temporal, and spatial distributions of VOCs observed at the RECAP-CA stationary site in
46 Pasadena, CA, as well as from the NOAA Mobile Laboratory used to survey emissions and chemical
47 transport across the basin and to target various source-specific sites including restaurant emissions. The
48 results of this study are compared to measurements made during CalNex 2010 (California Nexus of Air
49 Quality and Climate), LAAQS 2020 (Los Angeles Air Quality Study) which took place soon after the COVID-
50 19 pandemic started, and from AEROMMA 2023 (Atmospheric Emissions and Reactions Observed from
51 Megacities to Marine Areas) which included three flights over the Los Angeles Basin. Results from this
52 project will help inform the development of effective regulatory policies for future State Implementation
53 Plans (SIP) and O₃ and PM_{2.5} reduction strategies.

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58 2.0 MATERIALS AND METHODS

59 The RECAP-CA measurement intensive took place in Pasadena, California, in summer 2021. The
60 measurement sites, measurement platforms, and instrumentation are described here. Since this work
61 focuses on VOCs and their relation to carbon monoxide (CO), we include a detailed discussion of overall
62 instrument performances, data reduction steps, and data quality assurance and control measures for the
63 VOC and CO measurements.

64 2.1 MEASUREMENT SITES AND PLATFORMS

65 Locations of the two RECAP-CA measurement sites on the California Institute of Technology (Caltech)
66 campus in Pasadena, California are shown in *Figure 2*. The Pasadena ground site (34.1403 N, 118.1253
67 W) was centrally located on campus in a gated construction staging area. It is located on the southwest
68 corner of East Del Mar Blvd and South Michigan Ave and is surrounded by small parking lots to the north,
69 west, and south. A partner site at the Ronald and Maxine Linde Laboratory (34.1364 N, 118.1268 W) was
70 located 0.6 km to the south-southwest. A South Coast Air Quality Management District measurement site
71 (AQS ID 060372005, CARB #70088, 34.132 N, -118.127 W) is located 1 km to the south-southwest. This
72 site monitors carbon monoxide (CO), nitrogen dioxide (NO₂), ozone (O₃), and particulate matter (PM_{2.5}).
73 We will make comparisons to the VOC measurements NOAA conducted from May 15-June 15, 2010 as
74 part of the California Research at the Nexus of Air Quality and Climate Change [Ryerson et al., 2013]. The
75 2010 CalNex measurement site (34.1406 N, 118.1224 W) was located 0.5 km to the east-northeast of the
76 2021 Pasadena site.

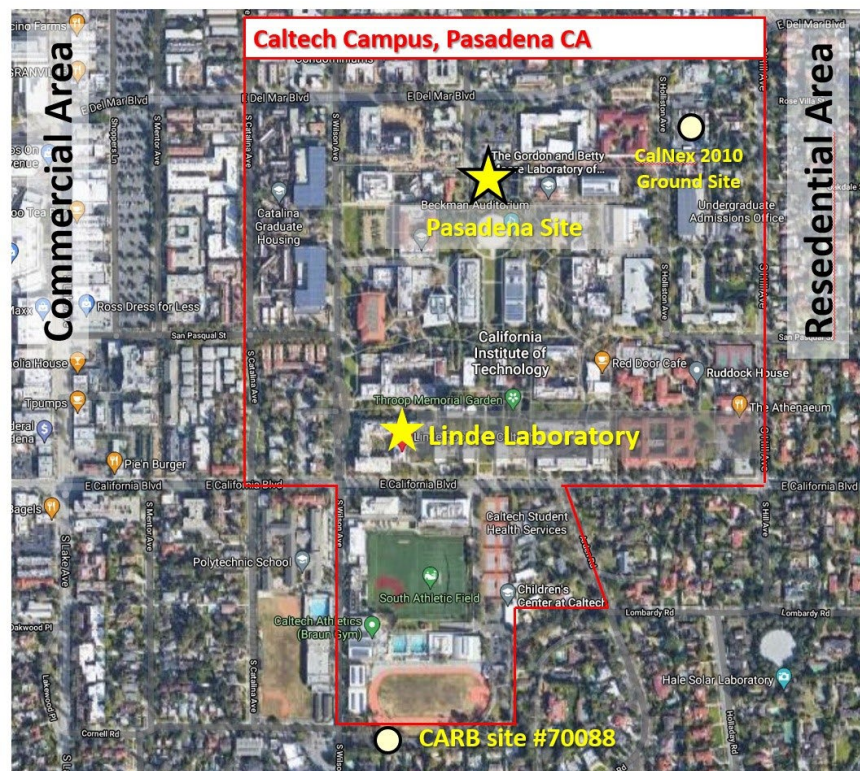


Figure 2. Google Earth image of Caltech campus with the RECAP-CA measurement sites (stars) and CalNex 2010 and CARB Air Quality measurement sites (circles) for reference.

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77 Three instrumented trailers, two mobile laboratories, and a 10 m inlet tower were staged at the
78 Pasadena ground site as shown in *Figure 3*.

- 79 • The University of California, Davis smog chamber was deployed at the Pasadena site from July 16
80 to October 31, 2021 in order to investigate ozone sensitivity to NO_x and VOCs during RECAP-CA
81 (CARB #19RD012) [Wu et al., *Submitted*].
- 82 • The NOAA trailer was installed August 2 to September 7, 2021. This trailer housed the majority
83 of the gas-phase instruments deployed at the Pasadena site, including the NOAA GC-MS
84 instrument.
- 85 • The NOAA mobile laboratory was used as both a stationary measurement platform and mobile
86 laboratory. We conducted ten different air quality surveys across the L.A. Basin on August 3-6,
87 30-31, and September 1-3, 2021. The mobile drive measurements are useful to determine the
88 spatial distribution of VOCs and NO_x and to characterize a wide array of local emission sources.
- 89 • The CARB mobile laboratory was installed August 5-September 6, 2021 and remained stationary
90 for the duration of the project.
- 91 • Two NOAA LIDAR systems were also deployed. These included the stationary Dalek 1 LIDAR
92 (*Figure 3*) and a mobile Micro Doppler Lidar system (PUMAS, *not shown*) that surveyed the greater
93 L.A. Basin.

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Figure 3. Measurement platforms staged at the Pasadena ground site.

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95 *Table 1. RECAP-CA Instrumentation*

RECAP-CA ground site measurements at Caltech in Pasadena, CA

<u>Instrument Name</u>	<u>Measurement Technique</u>	<u>Reported Species/Parameters</u>	<u>Time Resolution</u>	<u>Instrument PI(s)</u>	<u>Data Status</u>
NOAA GC-MS	In-situ gas chromatography-mass spectrometry	Speciated measurements of VOCs	4 minute sample preconcentration every 20 minutes	Jessica Gilman, Aaron Lamplugh	RO
NOAA iWAS	Improved whole air sampling system with offline analysis by NOAA GC-MS	Speciated measurements of VOCs	120 second samples filled on-demand	Jessica Gilman, Aaron Lamplugh	RO
NOAA PTR-ToF-MS	Proton-transfer reaction high-resolution time-of-flight mass spectrometry	VOC masses	1 Hz data average to 1-minute	Chelsea Stockwell, Matt Coggon, Carsten Warneke	R1
NOAA Picarro	Picarro G2401 wavelength-scanned cavity ring down spectroscopy	CO ₂ , CH ₄ , CO, H ₂ O	1 Hz data average to 1-minute	Jeff Peischl	RO
NOAA LGR	Los Gatos Research infrared laser off-axis integrated-cavity-output spectrometry	CO, N ₂ O, H ₂ O	1 Hz data average to 1-minute	Jeff Peischl	RO
NOAA Iodide CIMS	Iodide ion chemical ionization time-of-flight mass spectrometry	CINO ₂ , HCOOH, HNO ₂ , HNO ₃ , N ₂ O ₅ , Organic Nitrates, PANs	1 Hz data average to 1-minute	Michael Robinson, Andy Neuman, Patrick Veres, Kristen Zuraski,	RO
NOAA NOxCarD	Nitrogen Oxides by Cavity Ring Down Spectroscopy	NO, NO ₂ , NO _x , NO _y , O ₃ , O _x	1 Hz data average to 1-minute	Michael Robinson, Jeff Peischl, Steve Brown	RO
NOAA LIF	Laser Induced Fluorescence Spectroscopy	NO, NO ₂	1 Hz data average to 1-minute	Andrew Rollins	RO
NOAA jNO ₂	Filter radiometry	jNO ₂ photolysis rates	1 Hz data average to 1-minute	Michael Robinson, Aaron Lamplugh	RO
NOAA LIDAR	Leosphere 200S Doppler Lidar Dalek01	Boundary layer height, cloud base height, vertically resolved wind speed and direction from 51-1983 m a.g.l.	1 profile every 15 minutes	Alan Brewer	RO
NOAA Met	Airmar Wx200	Air Temperature, Relative Humidity, Pressure, surface level Wind Speed and Direction, GPS position	1 Hz data average to 1-minute	Ken Aikin, Jeff Peischl, Andy Neuman	RA
CARB Picarros	Picarro G2401, G2307, and G2103 spectrometers	CO ₂ , CH ₄ , CO, H ₂ O, HCHO, NH ₃	1 Hz data average to 1-minute	Shang Liu	RA
CARB Aethalometer	Magee Scientific Aethalometer AE33 filter-based optical scanner	Black carbon aerosol	1 Hz data average to 1-minute	Shang Liu	RA
CARB Met	Airmar weather	Air Temperature, Relative Humidity, Pressure, Dew Point, surface-level Wind Speed and Direction	1 Hz data average to 1-minute	Shang Liu	RA
Aerodyne HCl	Tuneable infrared laser direct absorption spectroscopy	HCl	1 Hz data average to 1-minute	Scott Herndon, Connor Daube	RA
UC Davis Smog Chamber	Three channel portable smog chamber to measure ozone sensitivity to VOC and NO _x perturbations	VOC, NO _x , O ₃ , O ₃ -sensitivity, Temperature, and RH measurements	2-hr ambient air collection 10 a.m. to noon each day	Michael Kleeman	Unknown

RECAP-CA measurements at Linde Laboratory at Caltech in Pasadena, CA

<u>Instrument Name</u>	<u>Measurement Technique</u>	<u>Reported Species</u>	<u>Time Resolution</u>	<u>Instrument PI(s)</u>	<u>Data Status</u>
CIT AQS	Teledyne T640, T200U, M300EU2, T400, T500U spectrometers	NO, NO ₂ , NO _y , O ₃ , CO, PM _{2.5} , PM ₁₀ , Temperature and Pressure	1-minute	Paul Wennberg, John Couse	RA
CIT Picarro	Picarro G2401-m spectrometer	CO ₂ , CO, CH ₄ , H ₂ O	1-minute	John Seinfeld	RB
CIT HF-TOF-AMS	High-resolution time-of-flight aerosol mass spectrometer	submicron non-refractory aerosol composition (Organic, Sulfate, Ammonium, Nitrate, Chloride)	1 Hz data average to 1-minute	John Seinfeld	RO
CIT Met	Meteorological measurements via Vaisala HMP60, Apogee SP-100, and Setra 270 sensors	Air Temperature, Relative Humidity, Pressure, Precipitation, Wind Speed and Direction	1 Hz data average to 1-minute	Paul Wennberg, John Couse	RA

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96 2.2 MEASUREMENT OVERVIEW

97 A list of instruments deployed during RECAP-CA are shown in *Table 1*. In this report, we present a
98 comprehensive analysis of the VOC measurements and trace gases including carbon monoxide (CO),
99 carbon dioxide (CO₂), methane (CH₄), nitrogen oxide (NO), nitrogen dioxide (NO₂), and ozone (O₃) in order
100 to fully characterize VOC emission sources and the photochemical formation of ozone.

101 A timeline of the active sampling times for the RECAP-CA measurements is shown in *Figure 4*. We had
102 excellent data coverage for nearly all instruments. The NOAA LIF and Aerodyne HCL instruments were not
103 deployed for the full measurement intensive as they were utilized in other experiments in addition to
104 RECAP-CA. Each of the high-time-resolution measurements reported 1-min averaged data for the ground
105 sites and 1-Hz data for the NOAA Mobile Lab data. The NOAA Lidar reported boundary layer heights every
106 15 minutes, and the NOAA GC-MS collected 4-minute samples every 20 minutes as described below.

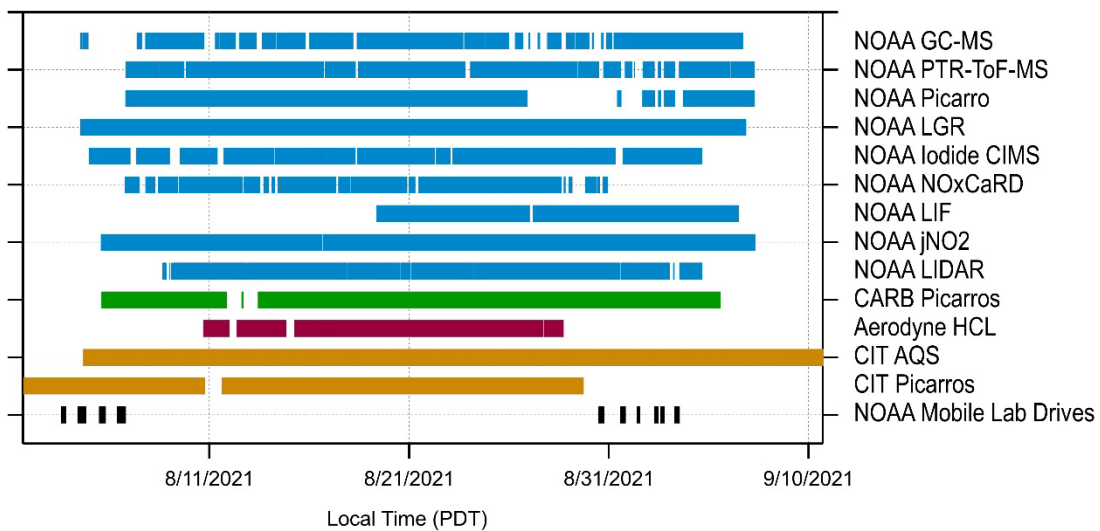


Figure 4. Active sampling times for RECAP-CA instruments

107 2.3 NOAA GC-MS

108 The NOAA GC-MS provides exact chemical speciation of C₂-C₁₀ hydrocarbons, relatively non-polar
109 oxygenated VOCs, alkyl nitrates, and halocarbons [Lerner et al., 2017]. The instrument setup and
110 performance during the RECAP-CA 2021 experiment is described here. A general instrument schematic is
111 shown in *Figure 5*.

112 2.3.1 GC-MS SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS

113 A 6-port sample selector valve directs one of five different pressurized samples to the GC-MS sample
114 traps. These sample types include: ambient air, whole air canister samples, a secondary standard used
115 to characterize instrument response of a range of VOCs, ultra-high purity nitrogen to check the system for
116 contamination, or helium carrier gas. This sixth port is capped and used to leak test the GC-MS system.

117 Ambient air samples:

118 The ambient air sample inlet was 12m (6.35 mm O.D., 3.96 mm I.D.) perfluoroalkoxy (PFA) polymer tubing.
119 The inlet opening was at the top of a 10 m tower on the south side of the trailer. A Teflon-diaphragm

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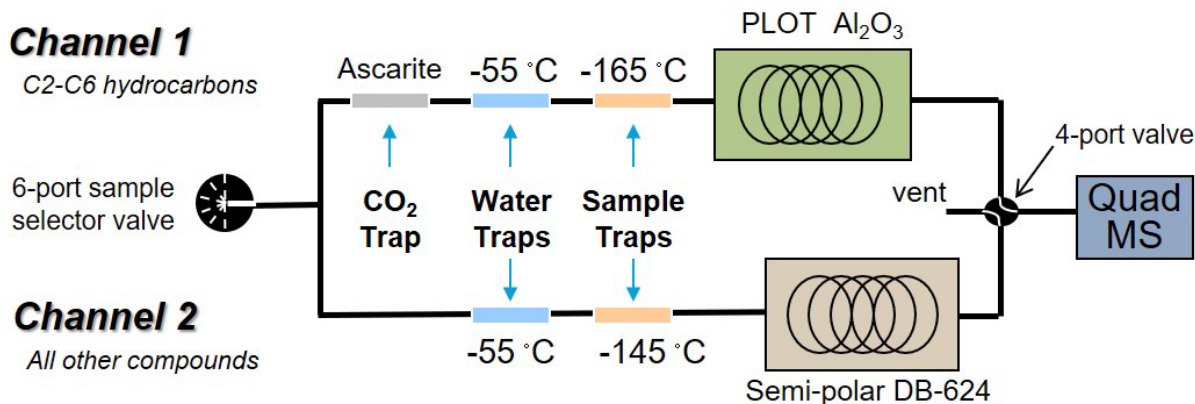


Figure 5. NOAA GC-MS instrument schematic.

120 pump continuously flushes ambient air through the inlet line at a rate of 7 SLPM (standard liters per
121 minute) resulting in an inlet residence time of 5 seconds. A back-pressure regulator on the pump exhaust
122 is used to pressurize the sample stream to 20 psia (0.29 hPa). From this high-volume, continuous flow, a
123 small aliquot of 120 sccm of ambient air is sent through its individual port on the 6-channel sample
124 selector valve to the GC-MS system for analysis. A total of 1845 in-situ ambient air samples were analyzed
125 at the Pasadena ground site.

126 Whole air samples:

127 While the GC-MS was primarily set to measure ambient air in-situ at the Pasadena site. A total of 178
128 whole air samples were collected aboard the NOAA Mobile Laboratory as it drove around the greater Los
129 Angeles Basin. The NOAA whole air samplers are custom-designed, electro-polished, 2.7 L stainless steel
130 canisters that are evacuated and then filled with 10 torr (13.3 hPa) of water vapor as described in Lerner
131 et al. (2017). The WAS inlet consisted of 3 m (1.65 mm I.D.) PFA tubing with an aft-facing inlet port on the
132 roof of the mobile lab. A stainless-steel bellow compressor continuously flushes the inlet line and
133 sampling manifold, which is pressurized to 50 psia (0.7 hPa) via a proportional relief valve upstream of the
134 sample exhaust. The canister valves are electronically controlled by the mobile lab operator for instant,
135 on-demand sampling. For the RECAP-CA experiment, we reduced the pump flow rate down to 3 SLPM in
136 order to purposefully increase the fill time to 50 ± 10 seconds in order to get better overlap with the real-
137 time instruments.

138 After each drive, the whole air samplers were then installed in the analysis rack inside the NOAA trailer
139 in order to be sampled by the GC-MS. The WAS sampling manifold is evacuated via a diaphragm pump,
140 briefly flushed with humidified UHP nitrogen, then evacuated again to reduce the chance of cross-
141 contamination before each individual canister is analyzed. The pressurized canister sample stream is
142 directed through its individual port on the 6-channel sample selector valve to the GC-MS. Periodically, we
143 collect manifold blanks which consist of the nitrogen stream used to flush the WAS manifold in order to
144 ensure that the manifold and the flush gas are free of major contaminants.

145 Transfer Standard Samples:

146 We use a custom blended, secondary standard to characterize the instrument response over relevant
147 timescales. This gas standard consists of 57-component ozone precursor hydrocarbon standard (Scott
148 Specialty Gases) diluted to a nominal mixing ratio of 0.40 ± 0.05 ppbv in UHP nitrogen. We also added six
149 different long-lived halocarbons diluted to atmospheric values. We collected at least one transfer sample

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150 per day, often more if conducting instrument tests or diagnosing instrument issues. A total of 62 transfer
151 standard samples were collected during RECAP-CA over the 35-day sample period. These samples are
152 used to normalize the data as described below.

153 Calibration Standards:

154 We employed a total of 13 different multi-component gas mixtures to calibrate the GC-MS and PTR-
155 MS instruments. Prior to initial field deployment, we conducted a quick set of calibrations using 3 of these
156 tanks in order to test initial instrument performance and produce field data. After RECAP-CA, we then
157 conducted more detailed calibrations using all 13 tanks in order to calibrate the largest number of
158 individual VOCs over the observed dynamic ranges and instrument settings used during the RECAP-CA
159 experiment. Since the GC-MS is known to have non-linear sensitivities, we calibrate using at least 5
160 different setpoints typically ranging from 0.050 to 20 ppbv depending on the tank contents. We use a
161 dynamic dilution system to generate the desired calibration gas mixing ratios in a humidified nitrogen
162 stream and sample using the ambient air sample pump and port. Each setpoint is sampled for several
163 hours to ensure the dilution system is at equilibrium and generate statistically-robust calibrations. These
164 comprehensive calibrations were used to produce the final data.

165 Sample Pre-concentration:

166 After the sample selector-valve, the sample stream is plumbed to two separate 10-port
167 chromatography valves that determine the flow paths through each of the two channels of the sampling
168 system.

- 169 • Channel one is optimized for the collection and separation of C1-C6 hydrocarbons and
170 halocarbons and consists of three separate traps: a NaOH-coated silica (Ascarite II) trap used to
171 reduce both CO₂ and O₃ in the sample stream, a water trap to reduce liquid water in the sample
172 stream, and a sample trap to pre-concentrate the targeted gases. The Ascarite traps were
173 changed daily. Separate water traps for both channels consist of 0.5 m length of 0.8 mm (1/32")
174 PFA tubing cooled to -35°C. The channel one sample trap consists of 10 cm of Al₂O₃ PLOT column
175 material (0.53 mm ID) cooled to -165°C.
- 176 • Channel two is optimized for the collection and separation of C5-C11 hydrocarbons, and simple
177 C1-C8 oxygen-, nitrogen, sulfur-, and halogen-containing gases. The channel two sample trap
178 consists of 10 cm of bare silica column material (0.53 mm ID) cooled to -155°C.

179 The flow for each channel is set to 60 sccm via separate low delta-P mass flow controllers located
180 downstream of all sample traps. The entire sampling line up to the two 10-port sampling valves is flushed
181 with the sample gas for 90 seconds, then both 10-port valves simultaneously change to the load position.
182 Two 240 mL samples, one for each channel, are simultaneously collected over the 4-minute sampling time
183 and repeats every 20 minutes. After sample collection is complete, the 10-port valves change back to the
184 transfer position so that the permanent gases (e.g., nitrogen and oxygen) can be flushed from the traps
185 by the carrier gas so that the samples can be serially injected onto their respective chromatographic
186 columns for analysis. The water traps are heated and flushed with helium carrier gas in preparation for
187 the next sample collection sequence.

188 Sample Analysis:

189 The channel one sample is analyzed first by rapidly heating the tap from -165 to -60 °C in 5 seconds
190 and 2 sccm of UHP helium carrier gas pushes the sample to the channel one column (Al₂O₃/KCl PLOT
191 column, 30 m, 0.25 mm ID, 4 um film thickness) which is ramped from 35 to 190°C in 190 seconds. The

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192 column effluent is direct to the mass-selective detector (MSD, Agilent 5975C) by way of a four-port valve.
193 When channel one analysis is nearly complete, we rapidly heat the channel two sample trap from -155 to
194 +40 C in 5 seconds and use 2 sccm of UHP helium carrier gas to push the sample to the channel two column
195 (DB-624, 30 m, 0.25 mm ID). The 4-port valve then changes position to direct the column effluent from
196 channel 2 to the detector. The channel 2 column is ramped from 40 to 180°C in 518 seconds. Both
197 columns are back-flushed with 5 sccm of helium carrier gas, heated, and cooled back down in preparation
198 for the next sample collection sequence.

199 The MSD detector is a quadrupole mass spectrometer (Agilent 5975C) run in SIM/SCAN mode. In
200 order to increase sensitivity and decrease signal-to-noise, we have programed twenty-three ion windows
201 that selectively monitor 3 to 10 m/z values at specific times in the chromatogram in order to target a wide-
202 ranging, but select group of target analytes. The MSD is tuned when a new detector or filament is
203 installed. Detector response decays slowly with time, so we periodically increase the electron multiplier
204 voltage, but do not re-tune. We use the transfer standard samples and long-lived halocarbons to fully
205 characterize and account for changes in the detector response over time.

206 2.3.2 GC-MS INSTRUMENT PERFORMANCE

207 During RECAP-CA, the GC-MS had two separate issues that affected the sample trap temperatures
208 and ultimately the instrument sensitivity for certain analytes. One issue was the result of faulty sample
209 trap electronics which initially failed to maintain constant sample trap injection temperatures at the start
210 of the project. This time period is identified by the “unstable injection temperatures” marker in *Figure 6*.
211 This was rectified in the field by turning off the super capacitors and relying on a different, slightly slower
212 heating cycle that was more stable. Changes in these temperature settings were accounted for in the
213 post-field calibrations. Channel one species (C3-C6 hydrocarbons and halocarbons) were the only analytes
214 affected. The end result was a relatively small increase in the noise (decrease in measurement precision)
215 from 10% to 20% for this short period of time. There was no systemic bias in the measurements. The
216 decrease in measurement precision was dwarfed by the natural ambient variability of these species, such
217 that there was no discernible change in VOC/VOC and VOC/CO ratios except for the longest-live
218 halocarbons which showed greater noise.

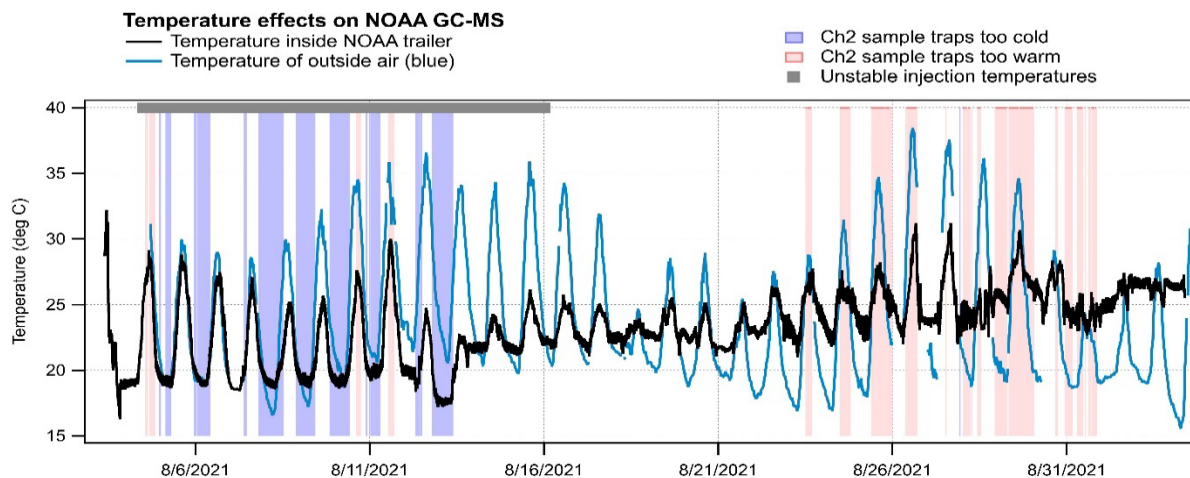


Figure 6. GC-MS instrument performance timeline

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219 The second issue related to the temperature inside the NOAA trailer that housed the GC-MS. The
220 trailer could get rather warm during the day and colder at night when the air conditioners could provide
221 enough cooling. Changes in the trailer temperature caused changes in the GC-MS sample trap
222 temperature readings due to a cold-junction on the thermocouples used to monitor and control the trap
223 temperatures. This was evidenced by the appearance of a CO₂ peak at the start of the channel 2
224 chromatogram when the trailer was too cold indicating that the traps were actually colder than their
225 setpoints. This was mitigated by simply increasing the setpoint on the air conditioners overnight. When
226 the trailer was too warm during the daytime, we saw a decrease in the trapping efficiency of the most
227 volatile hydrocarbons and halocarbons on channel 2 but there was no way to mitigate this issue. Since
228 many of the early channel two analytes also elute on channel 1, we simply report channel 1 species
229 instead. For the non-redundant species such as the small oxygenates, we compare our measurements to
230 both the NOAA PTR-MS and NOAA LGR CO measurement to remove any suspect data related to these
231 temperature effects.

232 Lastly, one of the sample lines connecting the sample trap to the chromatography column on channel
233 two degraded over time such that the chromatography for the C8-C9 aromatics was so significantly
234 degraded that we are unable to report these species and utilize the PTR-MS measurements for this
235 analysis.

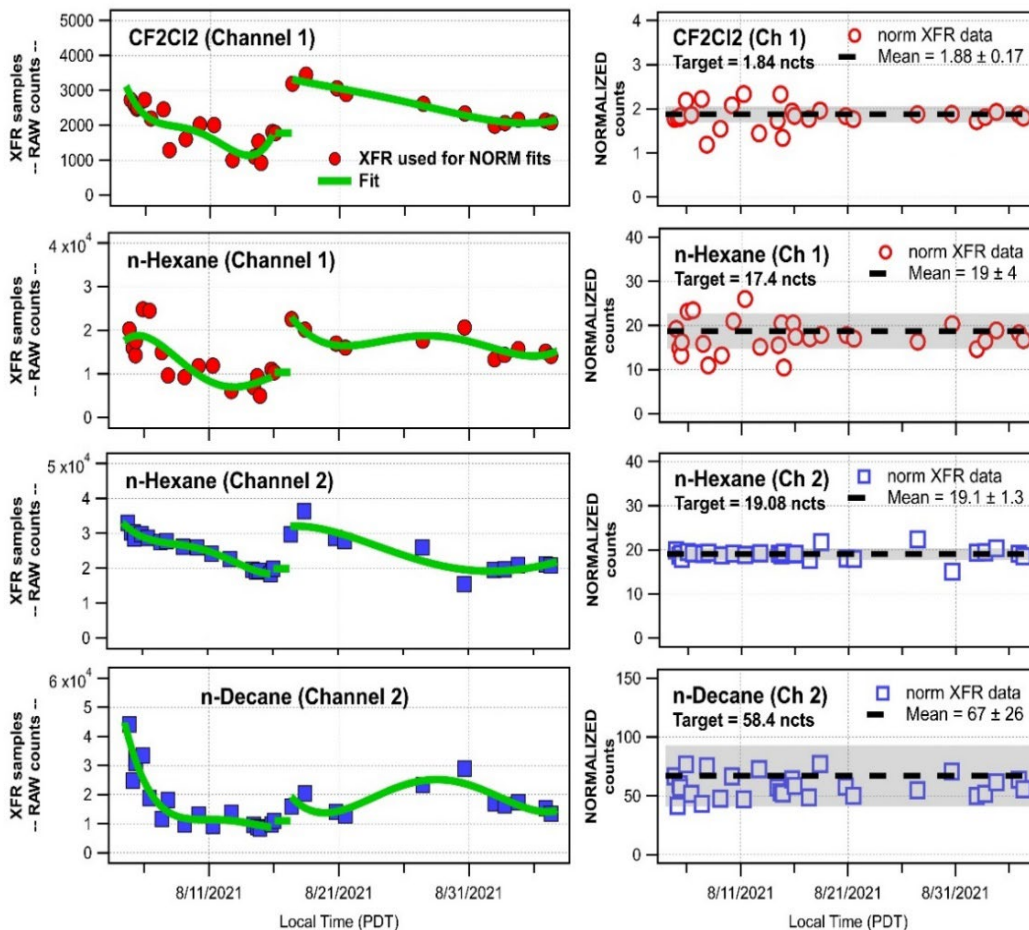


Figure 7. Example of transfer standard samples (XFR) used to normalize GC-MS data.

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236 2.3.3 GC-MS FINAL DATA

237 We use custom software program, TERN [Isaacman-VanWertz et al., 2017], in the Igor Pro
 238 (WaveMetrics) platform to reduce all chromatographic peak areas. Raw peak areas are normalized to
 239 account for changes in the instrument sensitivity related to the above temperature effects and/or changes
 240 in the MSD detector response. A normalization factor is calculated for every analyte in every sample
 241 based on the measured and fitted responses of each VOC in the secondary standard (XFR), as shown in
 242 *Figure 7*. For analytes that are not in the transfer standard we assign normalization factors based on
 243 analytes with similar retention times, chemical functionality, and/or quantification ions. We use the
 244 simple equation: $NF = Target/Fit$, where the target response is specific to each species in the transfer
 245 standard and the fit is determined from the instrument response during RECAP-CA. Once the data is
 246 normalized, we apply the non-linear calibration factors specific to each analyte we individually calibrate
 247 for.

Table 2. VOCs reported from RECAP-CA

Hydrocarbons						Total Uncertainty for Hydrocarbons and Halocarbons = 20%
<u>Alkanes</u>	<u>Alkenes</u>	<u>Alkynes</u>	<u>Aromatics</u>	<u>Biogenics</u>	<u>Cycloalkanes</u>	
Ethane	Ethene	Ethyne	Benzene*	Isoprene	Methylcyclopentane	
Propane	Propene		Toluene*	a-Pinene	Cyclohexane	
iso-Butane	1-Butene		Ethyl Benzene	b-Pinene	Methylcyclohexane	
n-Butane	cis-2-Butene		o-Xylene		Cyclopentane	
iso-Pentane	trans-2-Butene		m- & p-Xylenes			
n-Pentane	2-Methylpropene		1,2,3-Trimethylbenzene			
n-hexane	1-Pentene		1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene			
n-heptane	cis-2-Pentene		1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene			
n-octane	trans-2-Pentene		iso-Propylbenzene			
n-nonane	1,3-butadiene		n-Propylbenzene			
n-decane	3-methyl-1-butene		Styrene			
2,2-Dimethylpropane	2-methyl-1-butene		1-ethyl-2-methylbenzene			
2,2-Dimethylbutane	2-methyl-2-butene		1,3-diethylbenzene			
2,3-Dimethylbutane			1,4-diethylbenzene			
2-Methylpentane						
3-Methylpentane			Sum C9 Aromatics*	Sum Monoterpenes*		
2,4-Dimethylpentane			Sum C8 Aromatics*			
2,2,4-Trimethylpentane						
2,3,4-Trimethylpentane						
2-Methylheptane						
3-Methylheptane						
			VOC = Not reported by GC-MS due to instrument issues * = Reported by NOAA PTR-MS ** = Reported by CARB *** = Reported by NOAA I-CIMS			

Oxygen-Containing VOCs				Total Uncertainty for oxygen- and nitrogen-VOC = 30%
<u>Alcohols</u>	<u>Aldehydes</u>	<u>Ketones</u>	<u>Other Oxygen</u>	
Methanol*	Formaldehyde**	Acetone*	Methyl Acetate	
Ethanol*	Acetaldehyde*	MEK (2-butanone)*	Ethyl Acetate	
iso-Propanol*	propanal	MVK (methylvinylketone)	Formic Acid ***	
	Methacrolein		Furan*	
	Sum MVK + MACR*		Methyl Furans*	
			D5-Siloxane *	

Nitrogen-Containing VOCs	
<u>Alkyl Nitrates</u>	<u>Other Nitrogen</u>
Methyl nitrate	Acetonitrile*
Ethyl Nitrate	Benzenenitrile*
iso-Propyl Nitrate	Nitromethane
n-Propyl Nitrate	

Halogenated-VOCs and Other VOCs	
Chloroform	F-11, F-113, F-114
Methylene chloride	
1,2-dichloroethane	p-Chlorotrifluorobenzene (PCTBF)*
1,1-dichloroethene	
Trichloroethene	
Tetrachloroethene	

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248 All VOCs reported by the GC-MS are listed in *Table 2*. The total uncertainty of the GC-MS
249 measurements incorporates uncertainties of the calibration gas tank contents, errors in the fits to the
250 calibration curves, and an estimate of the overall precision from the transfer standard samples collected
251 during calibration and during RECAP-CA. Total uncertainty is estimated to be $\pm 20\%$ for the hydrocarbon
252 and halocarbon analytes and $\pm 30\%$ for the oxygenated and nitrogen-containing VOCs. Limits of detection
253 are compound dependent, but are typically less than 10 pptv for most hydrocarbons and halocarbons and
254 50 pptv for the oxygenated and nitrogen-containing VOCs.

255 *2.4 PTR-MS*

256 The NOAA proton transfer reaction time of flight mass spectrometer (PTR-ToF-MS, PTR-MS) provides
257 high-time, and high-mass resolution measurements of aromatics, biogenics, and a wide-range of
258 oxygenated VOCs. The PTR-MS relies on analyte reactions with protonated water (H_3O^+) resulting in the
259 ionized analyte ($\text{VOC}\cdot\text{H}^+$) for VOC that have a higher proton affinity than water [Yuan et al., 2016]. For
260 many analytes, the protonated product is the primary signal detected; however, secondary reactions,
261 dehydration, fragmentation, and water clustering can complicate the analysis of some analytes [Coggon
262 et al., 2023a]. Additionally, The PTR-MS is not able to resolve isomers without the use of a custom gas
263 chromatography (GC) front-end which was used intermittently throughout the project to resolve isomeric
264 masses and identify measurement interferences [Coggon et al., 2023a].

265 During RECAP-CA, PTR-MS instrument backgrounds were determined every 2 h for ground site
266 experiments and every ~ 30 minutes during drives by passing air through a platinum catalyst heated to
267 350°C . Data were processed using the Tofware package in Igor Pro by WaveMetrics [Stark et al., 2015].
268 The PTR-ToF-MS was calibrated using gravimetrically-prepared gas standards for typical VOCs such as
269 acetone, methyl ethyl ketone, toluene, and C8-aromatics. Many compounds not stable in gas standards
270 were calibrated by liquid calibration methods [Coggon et al., 2018b]. All other compounds that are not
271 calibrated for are quantified using sensitivities estimated by ion-molecule collision process [Sekimoto et
272 al., 2017], but are assigned larger uncertainties.

273 *2.4.1 PTR-MS COMPARISONS TO GC-MS*

274 For this analysis, we have averaged the PTR-MS data over the 4-minute sample collection period of
275 the GC-MS. The results of the correlation plots of the PTR-MS vs. GC-MS are listed in *Table 3*. The
276 measurements agree well and within measurement uncertainties for all but two species, ethanol and
277 acetaldehyde. The reason for the discrepancy is unknown as the same calibration standards were used
278 for the two instruments. It is likely that the GC-MS may be biased low due to the instrument performance
279 issues detailed in *Section 2.3.2* and that the PTR-MS may be biased too high, particularly for ethanol, due
280 to interferences described in Coggon et al. [2023]. In this report, we will include both measurements
281 where appropriate and suggest using these measurements as the likely range of expected values. For the
282 isoprene comparison, the y-intercept was forced through the origin to account for PTR-MS interferences
283 on the isoprene mass at night as detailed in Coggon et al. [2023]. For this analysis, we will rely on isoprene
284 measurements from the GC-MS which was free of interferences.

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Table 3. Comparisons of PTR-MS vs. GC-MS during RECAP-CA

	Slope	Slope Sigma	Y-int	Y-int Sigma	r2
Isoprene	1.04	0.01	0	0	0.92
Benzene	1.05	0.01	-0.020	0.003	0.85
Toluene	1.18	0.01	-0.02	0.004	0.92
Acetone	1.08	0.01	0.09	0.05	0.9
MethylEthylKetone (MEK)	1.13	0.02	-0.11	0.01	0.72
Methanol	1.36	0.02	-0.4	0.09	0.76
Ethanol	1.69	0.02	0.014	0.12	0.89
Acetaldehyde	2.47	0.04	0.03	0.05	0.72

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290 2.5 I-CIMS

291 The NOAA iodide chemical ionization time-of-flight mass spectrometer (I-CIMS) provided measurements
292 of formic acid (HCOOH) in addition to highly oxygenated and nitrogenated species such as nitrous acid
293 (HONO), acyl peroxy nitrates (PAN), and isoprene nitrates [Robinson et al., 2022]. Formic acid was
294 calibrated hourly with a permeation tube device, yielding a limit of detection of 300 pptv and calibration
295 uncertainty of 22% ± 25 pptv. Please refer to Robinson et al. [2022] for more measurement details.

296 2.6 PICARRO GAS ANALYZERS

297 There were a variety of Picarro gas analyzers used during RECAP-CA in order to measure CO, CO₂, H₂O,
298 HCHO, and ammonia (NH₃). Figure 8 shows the timeseries, active measurement periods, correlation plots
299 used for comparisons, and the statistics for the 1-minute composite data described in Section 2.11. Similar
300 plots and analysis for CH₄ and CO₂ are included in the Appendix Figures A1-A2, respectively.

- 301 • A Picarro G2307 Gas Concentration analyzer operated by CARB provided important
302 measurements of formaldehyde (HCHO), a toxic, photolytic, and highly-reactive VOC. Precision
303 at 2 seconds is 1.2 ppb for HCHO as stated by the manufacturer. Posted data was of 1-minute
304 averages.
- 305 • The CARB Picarro SI2103 Gas Concentration analyzer was used to measure ammonia. Precision
306 at 5 minutes is 0.30 ppb as stated by manufacturer. Posted data was of 1-minute averages.
- 307 • Three Picarro G2401 analyzers were operated by NOAA, CARB, and Caltech groups. These were
308 used to measure CO, CO₂, CH₄, and H₂O. For the NOAA Picarro, precision at 5 seconds, 5 minutes,
309 and 60 minutes is 15, 1.5, and 1 ppb for CO; 50, 20, and 10 ppb for CO₂; and 1, 0.5, and 0.3 ppb
310 for CH₄. Maximum drift at standard temperature and pressure (STP) over 24 hours was 10 ppb for
311 CO; 100 ppb for CO₂; and 1 ppb for CH₄. The instrument was calibrated weekly in the field using
312 tanks that were calibrated before and after the field project using standards obtained from
313 NOAA's Global Monitoring Laboratory. These standards are tied to the WMO standard for
314 greenhouse gases with known uncertainties. The field tanks were connected to the Picarro sample
315 inlet and the calibration flow was sufficient to replace the entire sample flow of the instrument.
316 The total uncertainty for the project is estimated to be ±(16 ppb + 2%) for CO, ±(0.2 ppm + 1%)
317 for CO₂; and ±(2 ppb + 1%) for CH₄.

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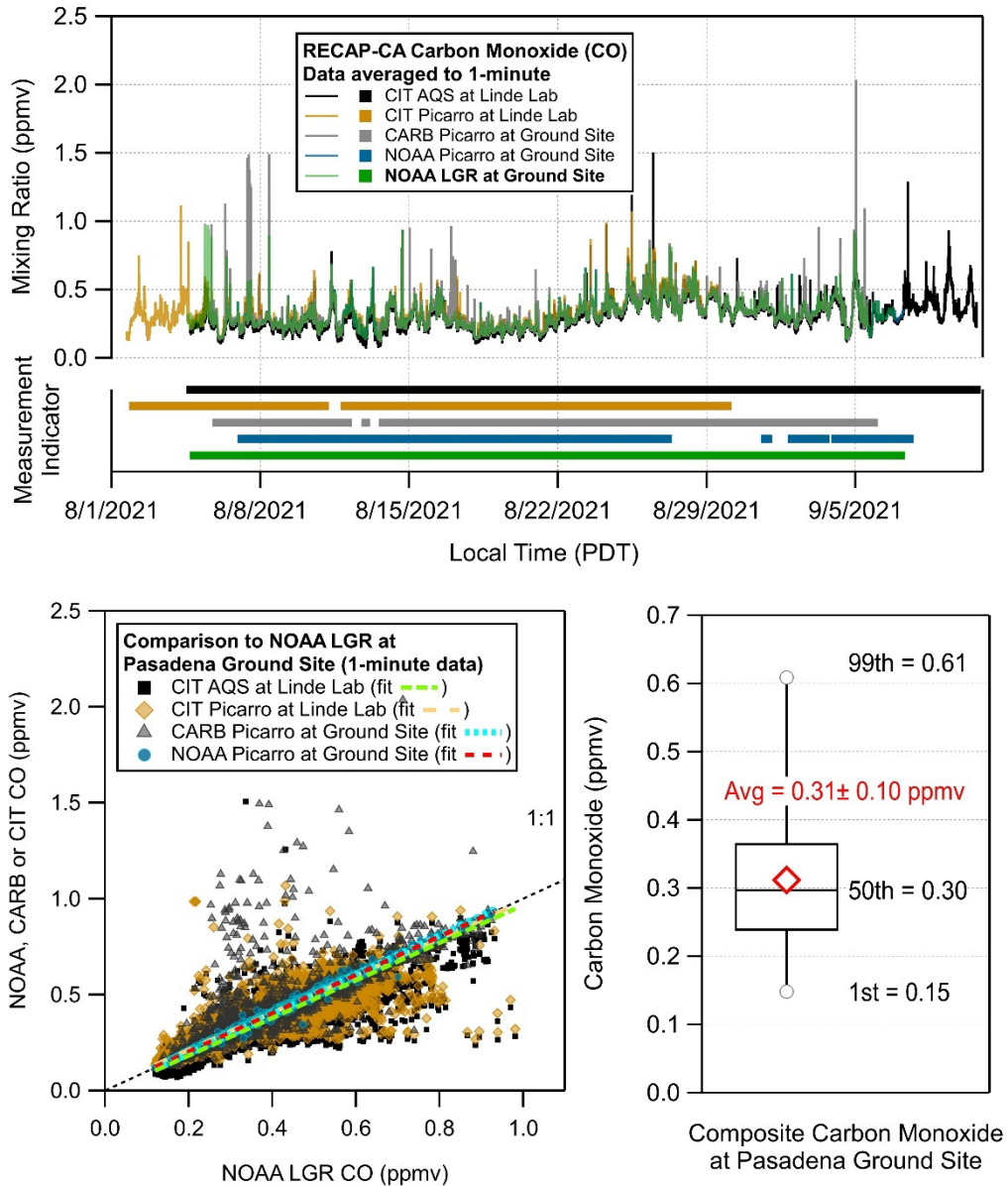


Figure 8. Comparison of CO measurements during RECAP-CA.

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319 2.7 LGR GAS ANALYZER

320 The NOAA Los Gatos Research (LGR) spectrometer was used to measure CO, dinitrogen oxide (N₂O)
 321 and H₂O by off-axis integrated cavity output spectroscopy. Ambient air was sampled approximately 10 m
 322 above ground level through a 10-m stainless steel tube (3.2 mm OD, 1.6 mm ID) and data were recorded
 323 at 1 Hz. Final data were reported as 1-minute averages. The instrument was calibrated in the laboratory
 324 to the World Meteorological Organization CO_X2014A scale immediately before and after the
 325 field project. The precision of the 1-minute data was 0.2 ppbv, and the estimated uncertainty is 1%. All
 326 data are reported as dry air mole fractions.

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327 Comparison of the 1-minute LGR CO to the other measurements at the two ground sites is shown in
328 *Figure 8*. The LGR agrees extremely well with the NOAA Picarro (slope = 1.0017 ± 0.0002 , $r^2 = 0.998$) which
329 had an inlet co-located with the LGR. Scatter in the other measurements is likely due to the different
330 sampling heights and locations. The two CO measurements at the Linde Laboratory also agree very well
331 (slope = 1.002 ± 0.0002 , $r^2 = 0.984$) with each other. For this analysis, we rely primarily on the NOAA LGR
332 measurements of CO for the determination of all VOC/CO ratios.

333 *2.8 NOXCARD, NO-LIF, AND TECO*

334 NO_x (=NO + NO_2) and ozone (O_3) were measured by a custom-built, four channel Cavity Ring Down
335 Spectroscopy (CRDS) instrument that had a nominal sensitivity and precision of 20 ppt at one second. The
336 CRDS instrument provides true NO_2 from direct absorption at 405 nm. It measures total NO_x through
337 conversion of NO to NO_2 in excess O_3 , and total reactive nitrogen (NO_y) through thermal conversion to NO
338 and NO_2 in a quartz inlet heated to 650 °C. It measures O_3 through conversion to NO_2 in excess NO.
339 Calibrations are done in the laboratory via standard additions of O_3 that are subsequently converted to
340 NO_2 using the same conversion in excess NO used to measure O_3 in ambient air. In-field calibrations are
341 done via standard additions from an NO_2 cylinder, which is compared to the laboratory calibration
342 standard. Measurements are also compared to other NO_x and O_3 instruments, including a custom NO
343 laser induced fluorescence (NO-LIF) instrument with a photolytic converter for NO_2 (1 ppt precision at one
344 second and 8-15% uncertainty) and O_3 TECO monitors based on UV absorption. The accuracy of final data
345 has 6-9% accuracy for NO, NO_2 and O_3 , and 15% accuracy for NO_y .

346 *2.9 LIDAR*

347 The NOAA Stationary Doppler LIDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) On a Trailer (StaDOT) system
348 consists of a scanning 200S Leosphere LIDAR that produces 15-minute wind, aerosol, and vertical velocity
349 variance profiles as well as an estimate of the boundary layer height (BLH) [Bonin et al., 2018]. The
350 operational mode consisted of a repeating 15-minute scan sequence. During the first 5 minutes of each
351 sequence, the system performed azimuthal scans (used to calculate horizontal wind profiles) and the last
352 10 minutes were used to stare vertically (in order to calculate profiles of vertical velocity variance and
353 aerosol backscatter intensity).

354 *2.10 METEOROLOGICAL MEASUREMENTS AND MODELS*

355 Ambient temperature, wind speed, wind direction, and humidity were measured by various
356 instruments installed aboard the NOAA and CARB mobile labs stationed at the Pasadena site.
357 Meteorological data for the Linde Laboratory site was reported by the Total Carbon Column Observing
358 Network site (TCCON, <https://tcccon-wiki.caltech.edu/>).

359 Back trajectory air parcel paths across the Los Angeles Basin were determined on a quarter hourly
360 basis throughout the measurement period using the locations (latitude & longitude) of the center-of-mass
361 from the main cluster of particles outputted from the Lagrangian FLEXible PARTicle dispersion model
362 driven with meteorological input provided by the Weather Research and Forecasting numerical weather
363 prediction model (FLEXPART-WRF) [Brioude et al., 2013; Verreyken et al., 2019].

364 The NOAA High-Resolution Rapid Refresh smoke (HRRR-smoke) model output was used to identify
365 measurement periods impacted by low-level smoke from regional wildfires. HRRR-Smoke modeling
366 system integrates the HRRR model, WRF-Chem, and Fire Radiative Power (FRP) data from the Visible

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367 Infrared Imaging Radiometer Suite (VIIRS) sensor on the Suomi satellite to simulate the emissions and
368 transport of smoke from wildfires in real-time in high spatial resolution. The model output is for the
369 CONUS domain (3km horizontal grid resolution) and is initialized daily at 00 and 12UTC using input files
370 for the meteorology from the real-time HRRR experimental runs. The model is then run to produce 36-
371 hour forecasts. We accessed archived forecasts for the “HRRR-NCEP smoke (operational)” model over the
372 Southwest (SW) domain starting at 00 UTC for “near-surface smoke”
373 (<https://rapidrefresh.noaa.gov/hrrr/HRRRsmokeold/>).

374 2.11 CALCULATION OF COMPOSITE MEASUREMENTS AND DATA AVERAGING

375 In order to integrate the continuous measurements with the discrete sampling of the NOAA GC-MS,
376 we have 1) generated composite timeseries for CO, CO₂, CH₄, NO, NO₂, and O₃ to fill in any missing data
377 gaps before 2) averaging the high-time-resolution measurements over the 4-minute sample collection
378 time of the GC-MS or the open/close times of the whole air samples. If any data is missing from the
379 primary measurement listed in then we use the secondary measurement identified in *Table 4*. The
380 equations used for the composite timeseries were generated from correlation plots of the primary vs.
381 secondary measurement similar to those in *Figure 8* and *Appendix Figures A1-A5*. For the LIDAR
382 measurements, we use the data that most closely matches the mid-time of the GC-MS and LIDAR samples.
383 For all other chemical or meteorological measurements, we averaged the posted data over the GC-MS
384 and WAS sample collection times. We use the GC-MS/WAS averaged data for all subsequent analyses
385 presented in this report noting that this represents only a small fraction of the data collected by the fast-
386 response instruments.

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Table 4. Calculation of composite timeseries for trace gases.

Analyte	Instruments		From Primary vs. Secondary Correlations
	Primary	Secondary	Equation Used to fill gaps in Primary Measurement
CO	NOAA LGR	NOAA Picarro	composite = (NOAA Picarro - 0.00195)/1.0017
CO ₂	NOAA Picarro	CARB Picarro	composite = (CARB Picarro + 9.95)/1.017
CH ₄	NOAA Picarro	CARB Picarro	composite = (CARB Picarro - 0.0040)/0.9966
NO	NOAA NO-LIF	NOAA NOxCaRD	composite = NOxCaRD
NO ₂	NOAA NOxCaRD	NOAA LIF	composite = NO-LIF
O ₃	NOAA TECO	NOAA NOxCaRD	composite = NOxCaRD

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389 2.12 FIVE-VCP EMISSIONS INVENTORY

390 We utilize the FIVE-VCP emissions inventory developed at NOAA Chemical Sciences Laboratory
391 (<https://csl.noaa.gov/groups/csl7/measurements/2021sunvex/emissions/>) to compare to our calculated
392 emission ratios. Briefly, mobile source emissions in FIVE are estimated using fuel sales for activity and
393 emission factors normalized to fuel use based on roadway measurements and laboratory studies for off-
394 road engines. VOC speciation profiles are based on measurements of the composition of gasoline and
395 diesel fuel and exhaust [Gentner et al., 2012; Gentner et al., 2013b]. A more complete description of the
396 inventory methods can be found in McDonald et al. [2018b]. Volatile chemical product emissions are
397 estimated by performing a mass balance of the petrochemical industry to estimate chemical product
398 usage and organic solvent content, and emission factors account for the volatilized fraction of VOCs to

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399 the atmosphere. VOC speciation profiles are based on CARB surveys of consumer products [CARB, 2019],
400 architectural coatings [CARB, 2018a], and fragrances [CARB, 2018b]. More details on the VCP emissions
401 inventory methodology can be found in McDonald et al. [2018a] and Coggon et al. [2021b]. All other point
402 and areawide emissions are from the US National Emissions Inventory 2017 [EPA, 2020]. Near real-time
403 activity adjustment factors derived from monthly energy and economic datasets are applied to account
404 for changes in consumer and economic activities during and after the COVID-19 pandemic [He et al.,
405 submitted].

406 *2.13 DATA AVAILABILITY*

407 All the calibrations and quality assurance/control protocols for all NOAA instruments at the Pasadena
408 ground site have been finalized. The data for these instruments and those from the other instrument
409 groups are publicly available on the NOAA CSL website in ICARTT and Igor format and will remain available
410 via the NOAA CSL data archive. The data can be provided to CARB in a different format on request.

411 <https://csl.noaa.gov/groups/csl7/measurements/2021sunvex/GroundLV/DataDownload/>

412 <https://csl.noaa.gov/groups/csl3/measurements/2021sunvex/dalek01/>

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414 Data for the NOAA Mobile Lab data (not funded by CARB) is currently available via a password
415 protected site on the NOAA CSL website. This data will eventually become public, but is available now
416 upon request.

417 <https://csl.noaa.gov/groups/csl7/measurements/mobilelab/MobileLabSUNVEx/DataDownload/>

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424 3.0 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

425 Here we discuss the results of the four main foci of this work in an effort to characterize VOC emissions
426 sources and their subsequent impact on air quality. Our research foci include 1) characterizing temporal
427 variability of speciated VOC emissions downwind of Los Angeles, 2) identifying VOC source signatures
428 impacting the measurement site, 3) determining VOC emission ratios and comparing them to other urban
429 datasets and available VOC emission inventories, 4) investigating the potential O₃ and SOA formation from
430 measured VOC emissions as discussed below.

431 3.1 CHARACTERIZING TEMPORAL AND SPATIAL VARIABILITY

432 3.1.1 OVERVIEW OF METEROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS

433 The weather during RECAP-CA was typical for Southern California summertime. *Figure 9* includes
434 timeseries of the photolysis rate for NO₂ (j_{NO_2}) as proxy for the amount of sunlight, water concentration
435 (%), air temperature and wind speed for both ground sites, and the boundary layer heights as determined
436 by the NOAA stationary LIDAR. There were only four days with decreased sunlight (8/18, 8/21, 8/31, and

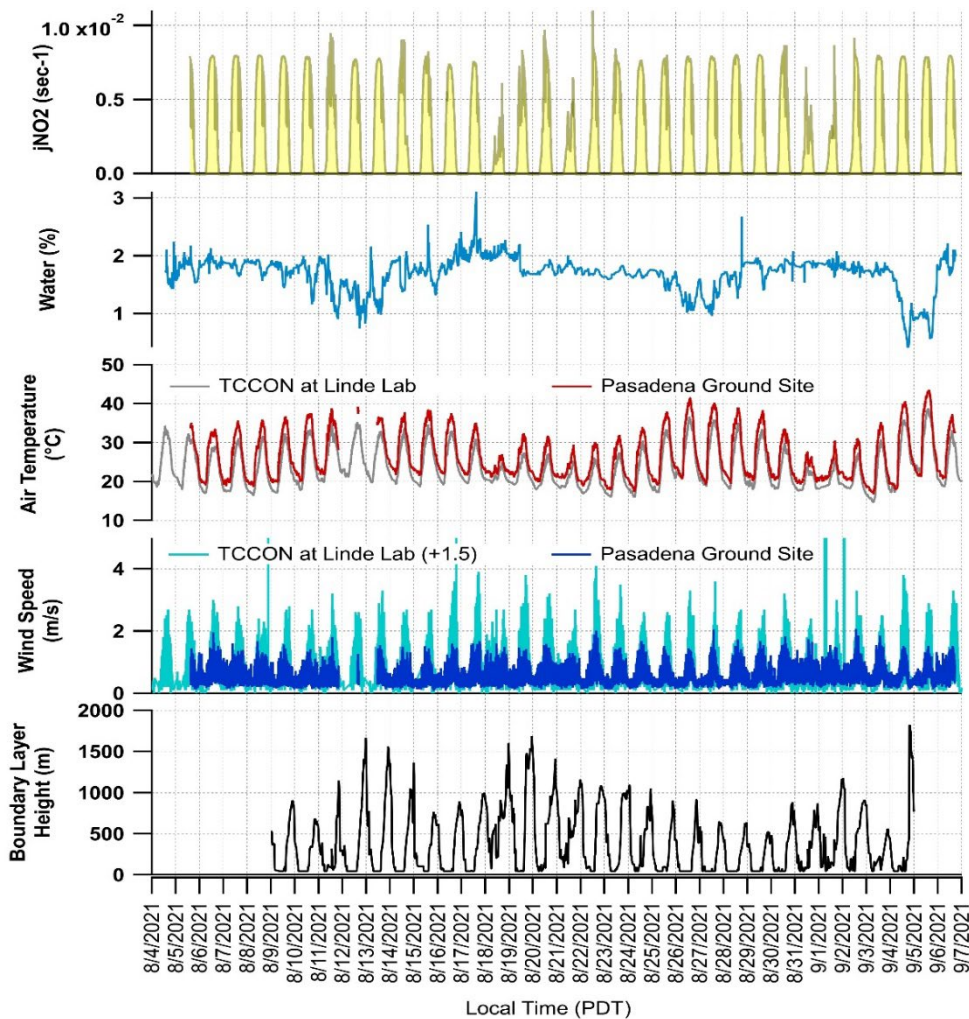


Figure 9. Meteorological observations during RECAP-CA. Data is 1-minute average values.

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437 9/1/2021). There were three periods of lower atmospheric water vapor (8/11-8/13, 8/26-27, and 9/4-
438 5/2021). Relative humidity ranged from 10% to 75%, with daily minimums occurring at 15:00 PDT and
439 maximums at 06:00 PDT near sunrise. At the Pasadena ground site, the average temperature was 26 ± 6
440 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ (min = 16.8°C on 9/3/2021, max = 43.5°C on 9/5/2021), which is much warmer than the average
441 temperature observed during CalNex 2010 ($18.2 \pm 1.5^{\circ}\text{C}$). The average wind speed during RECAP-CA was
442 very light at 0.5 ± 0.2 m/s (range = 0.1 to 2.0 m/s). Slightly lower temperatures and higher wind speeds
443 at the Linde Laboratory site are attributed to the increased measurement height at the top of the
444 laboratory. The average boundary layer height was 384 ± 376 m with nighttime values as low as 45 m and
445 daily maximums between 750 and 1300 m. Some morning fog was observed at the site on 9/5/2021, but
446 there were no other notable precipitation events.

447 The wind at the Pasadena site came predominately from the southwest (SW, 225°N) during the day
448 and the south-southwest (SSW, 202°N) at night (*Figure 10*). During the daytime, the winds direction
449 typically moved from the ESE (100°N) to the WNW (300°N) before swing back to the south. The strongest
450 winds were most often from due west of the site. This wind pattern was very similar to that observed
451 during the CalNex 2010 measurements.

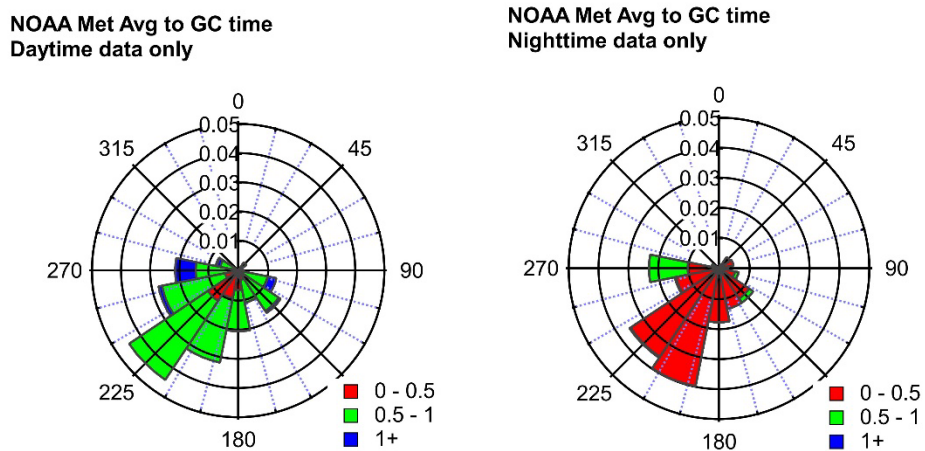


Figure 10. Wind roses for daytime and nighttime at Pasadena ground site. Data is averaged over GC-MS sample time.

452 Ground-level wind direction measurements are not always indicative of where an air mass came from
453 as it is more susceptible to influence from surrounding buildings and/or geographic features. Since the
454 goal of this study is to measure emissions downwind of Los Angeles, we have also conducted back-
455 trajectory analyses for every day of measurements during RECAP-CA as shown in *Figure 11*. We used the
456 FLEXPART model to generate nine-hour (9-hr) back trajectory paths for air masses arriving at the Pasadena
457 site every hour of every day of measurements. The overall paths of the trajectories match the ground-
458 level wind directions in *Figure 10* and clearly show that air masses arriving at the Pasadena site will pass
459 directly over the major urban areas of the Los Angeles Basin. This makes Pasadena a good receptor site
460 to understand the upwind emission sources and subsequent photochemical processing of VOC sources in
461 the greater Los Angeles metro area.

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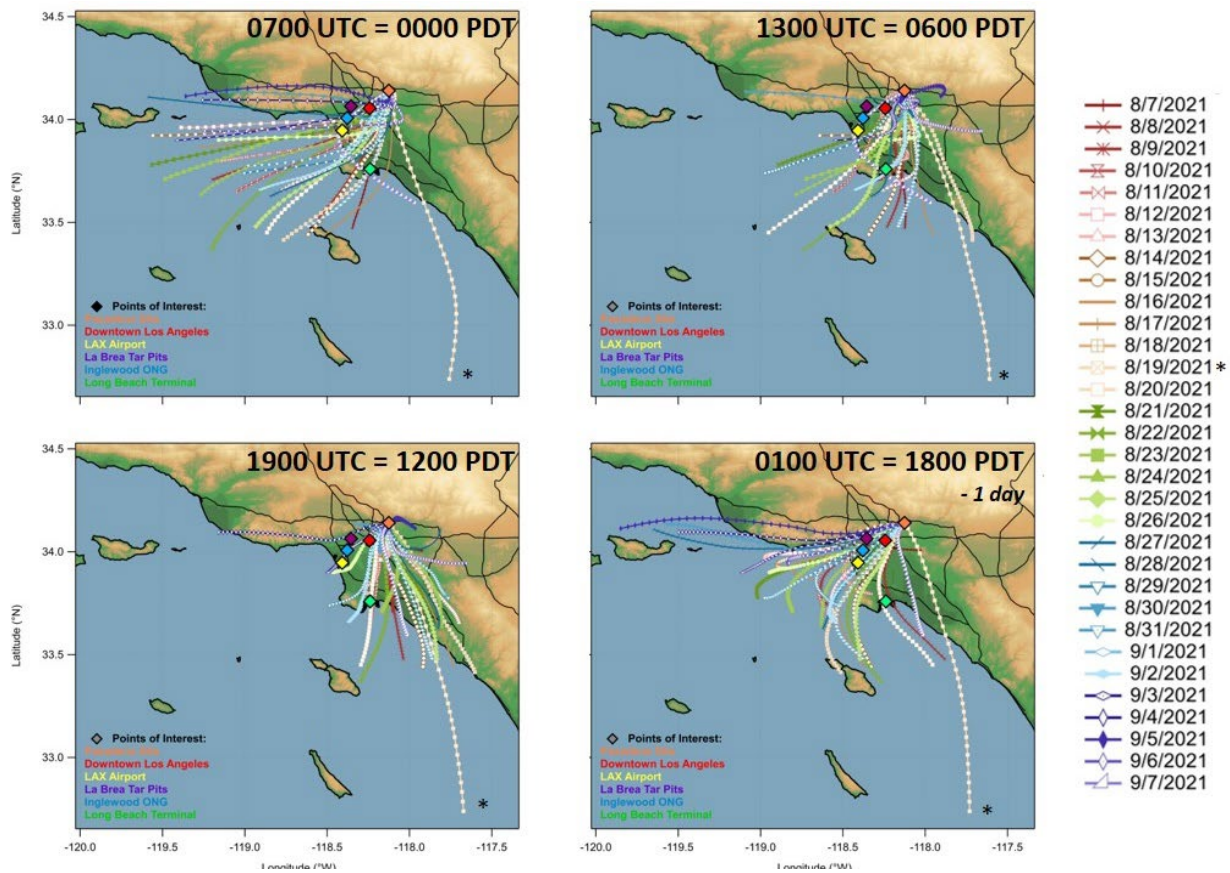


Figure 11. Nine-hour back trajectory paths of air masses arriving at the Pasadena ground site at the indicated times for each day of measurements. Markers represent 15-minute increments along trajectory paths.

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464 3.1.2 OVERVIEW OF CHEMICAL OBSERVATIONS

465 The timeseries of CO, NO₂, O₃, formaldehyde, and benzenenitrile are shown in Figure 12. CO and NO₂
466 are combustion tracers common to tail pipe emissions, domestic burning sources, and wildfires. Ozone is
467 photochemically formed in the atmosphere from reactions involving VOCs. Formaldehyde is an air toxic
468 that has an array of primary emission sources and is a common secondary product of many VOC oxidation
469 reactions. Both benzenenitrile and formaldehyde are directly emitted from wildfires [Yokelson et al.,
470 2009].

471 The observations can be segmented into approximately four different periods for ease of discussion:

- 472 • From 8/5 to approximately 8/16/2021, is classified here as typical urban emissions with active
473 photochemical production of ozone and formaldehyde. The daily minimum values for CO, NO₂,
474 and benzenenitrile are relatively constant during this time.
- 475 • From 8/17 to 8/21/2021, there is a relatively clean period where we observed decreases in CO
476 and NO₂ mixing ratios and decreases in the ozone and formaldehyde daily maximums. This time
477 period corresponds with drops in temperature and sunlight, but no obvious changes to windspeed
478 or boundary layer height as shown in Figure 9. The back-trajectory analysis shows that air masses

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479 during this time (e.g., 8/19/2021 trajectory identified by the * in *Figure 11*) came from much
480 further away and spent more time over the open ocean compared to the other days.

- 481 • From approximately 8/22 to 9/1/2021, we see a broad increase in the CO and benzenenitrile that
482 proceeds a gradual buildup of NO₂, ozone and formaldehyde. We will show in *Section 3.2.4* below,
483 that aged wildfire smoke influenced the observations of the longest-lived combustion tracers. We
484 categorize this time period as a mix of fresh urban emissions on an aged smoke background.

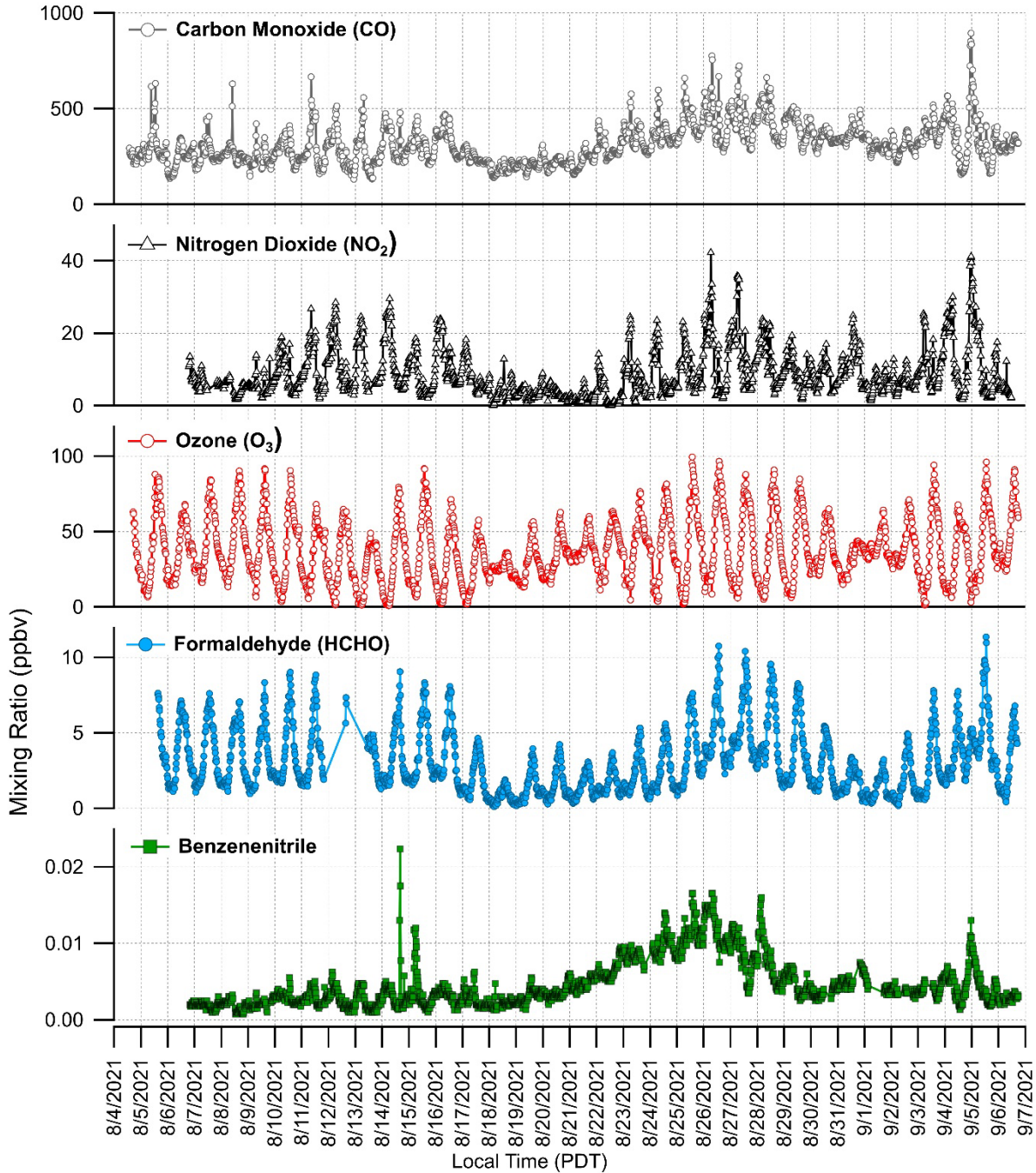


Figure 12. Timeseries of chemical measurements during RECAP-CA.

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485 • The observations from 9/2 to 9/7 are characterized by another buildup of primary emissions with
 486 active photochemistry and perhaps some aged smoke influence as well – a mix of the three
 487 previously defined time periods.

488 The median observed mixing ratios for all non-methane organic gases measured during RECAP-CA are
 489 included in *Figure 13*. The top panel is organized by descending median mixing ratios for each species,
 490 which is color-coded by its chemical class. It is evident that the oxygenated VOCs are among the most
 491 abundant species followed by the light alkanes, ethane and propane. The bottom panel of *Figure 13*
 492 displays the ratio of the median daytime-to-nighttime mixing ratios. This serves to highlight those species
 493 such as isoprene which has a short lifetime during the day and emissions that scale with sunlight and
 494 temperature and its oxidation products methyl vinyl ketone (MVK), methacrolein (MACR), and isoprene
 495 nitrates. Other species with higher daytime mixing ratios will have either a strong photochemical source
 496 and/or higher emission rates during the daytime which outweigh any chemical or photolytic losses.
 497 *Appendix Table 1* contains the statistics for all gas-phase species measured during RECAP-CA.

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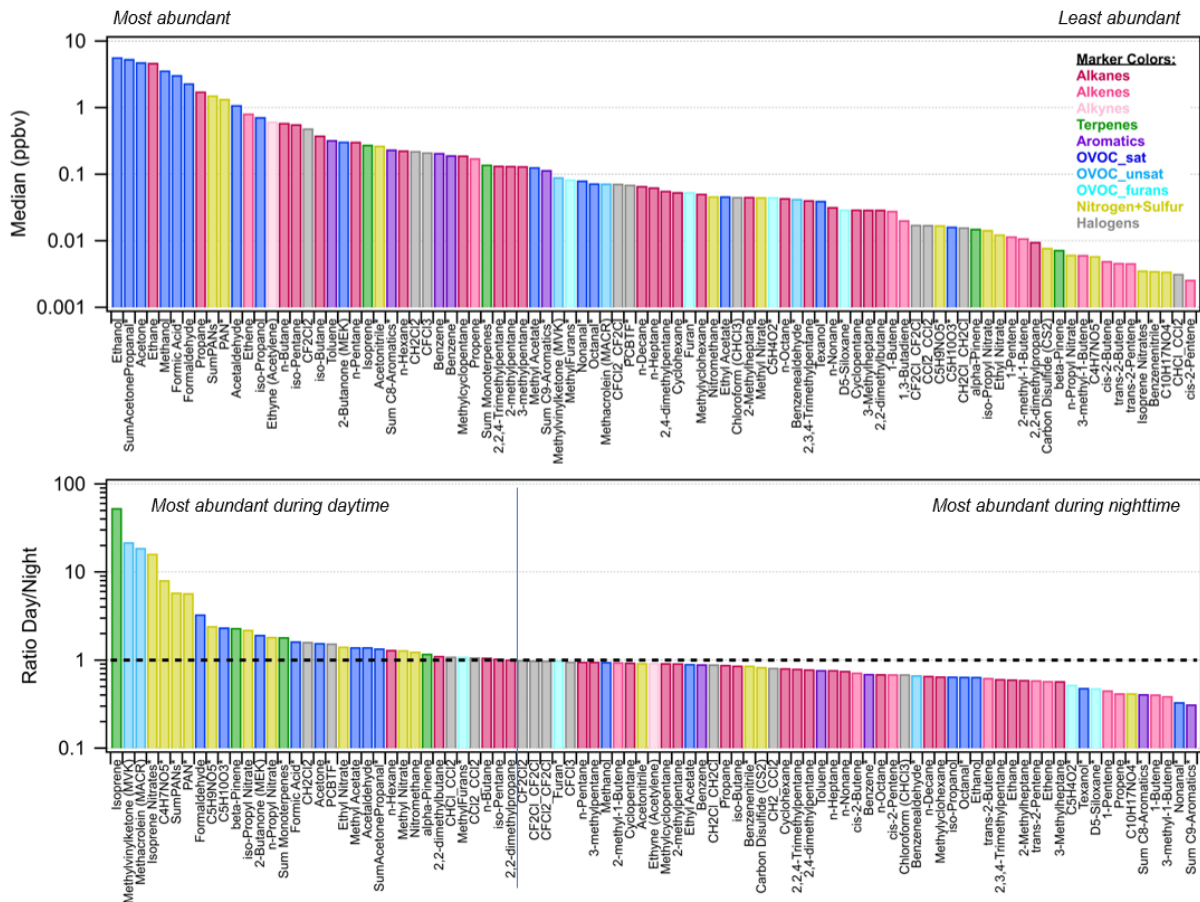


Figure 13. (Top) Median observed mixing ratios (ppbv) for all VOCs measured during RECAP-CA. (Bottom) Ratio of daytime-to-nighttime median mixing ratios.

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500 3.1.3 DIEL PROFILES

501 The relative importance of emissions, chemistry, and boundary layer dynamics is examined here using
502 mean diel profiles of various trace gases and VOCs during the RECAP-CA 2021 and CalNex 2010 projects
503 as shown in *Figure 14*. The diurnal profiles of VOC absolute mixing ratios can be affected by emissions,
504 chemistry (removal or photochemical production), and dilution, with the relative importance of each of
505 these processes changing throughout the day.

- 506 • VOCs and trace gases that are directly emitted from anthropogenic sources including on-road
507 emissions, cooking, volatile chemical product usages, etc. tend to have higher nighttime diel mean
508 mixing ratios as these species are emitted into an atmosphere with a shallow boundary layer and
509 weaker wind speeds. Examples shown here include CO, toluene, methanol, ethyne, ethane, and
510 1,3-butadiene.
- 511 • VOCs and trace gases that are predominantly from on-road emission sources (e.g., CO, NO,
512 toluene, ethyne, 1,3-butadiene) have a peak in the diel profile between 06:00 and 07:00 PDT. We
513 associate this with the morning rush hour traffic emissions mixing into a shallow boundary layer.
514 A second small peak appears around 13:00 PDT for some of the longer-lived species such as CO,
515 toluene, and ethyne. This has been attributed to the transport of the photochemically process
516 plume from Los Angeles arriving at the Pasadena site [Borbon et al., 2013]. The back-trajectory
517 analysis indicates these air masses most commonly traversed over the central L.A. Basin (e.g.,
518 Long Beach, Huntington Beach, and Anaheim areas).
- 519 • Many of the above species tend to dilute in the afternoon, as a consequence of an expanded
520 boundary layer, higher daytime temperatures, and higher wind speeds, which result in increased
521 mixing throughout the boundary layer. Additional losses due to chemistry with either the
522 hydroxyl (OH) radical and/or ozone will also lead to a daytime decrease in the mean diel profile.
- 523 • Secondary formation of ozone and certain oxygenated VOCs such as formaldehyde, acetaldehyde,
524 and acetone result in daytime diel maximums as both sunlight, ozone, and hydroxyl radical
525 concentrations formed from ozone are at their diel maximums.
- 526 • The mean diel profile for isoprene observed during RECAP-CA and CalNex 2010 is consistent with
527 a natural source that is very local and highly temperature-dependent.

528 The diel profiles are also useful ways to compare the GC-MS and PTR-MS measurements from RECAP-
529 CA. The instrument performance of the GC-MS was affected by the trailer temperature and certain
530 masses measured by the PTR-MS are impacted by interferences that vary throughout the day [Coggon et
531 al., 2023a]. As shown in *Figure 14*, the diel profiles for isoprene, acetaldehyde, toluene, and methanol are
532 higher at night for the PTR-MS compared to the GC-MS at the Pasadena site. Coggon et al. [2023] has
533 identified an interference on the isoprene mass from emissions of octanal and nonanal from cooking
534 emissions that build up during the nighttime as discussed in *Section 3.2.2*. Additionally, large sources of
535 ethanol can cause interferences on the mass normally assigned to acetaldehyde [Coggon et al., 2023a].
536 The GC-MS measurement of acetaldehyde appears to be anomalously low during the peak mid-day
537 temperatures resulting in a lower than expected mixing ratio compared to the PTR-MS.

538 We also note here that there are several interesting differences in the diel profiles compared to
539 CalNex 2010 observations. While CO was comparable between the two datasets, ethyne was much lower
540 and ethane was much higher for RECAP-CA 2021 compared to CalNex 2010. This was also observed by
541 van Rooy et al. [2021] during 2020 measurements on the Caltech campus. Ethane has previously been

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542 attributed to natural gas use and production in the Los Angeles Basin [Peischl et al., 2013]. Lastly, ozone,
543 formaldehyde and isoprene were much greater for RECAP-CA primarily due to higher daytime
544 temperatures and increased sunlight compared to CalNex 2010.

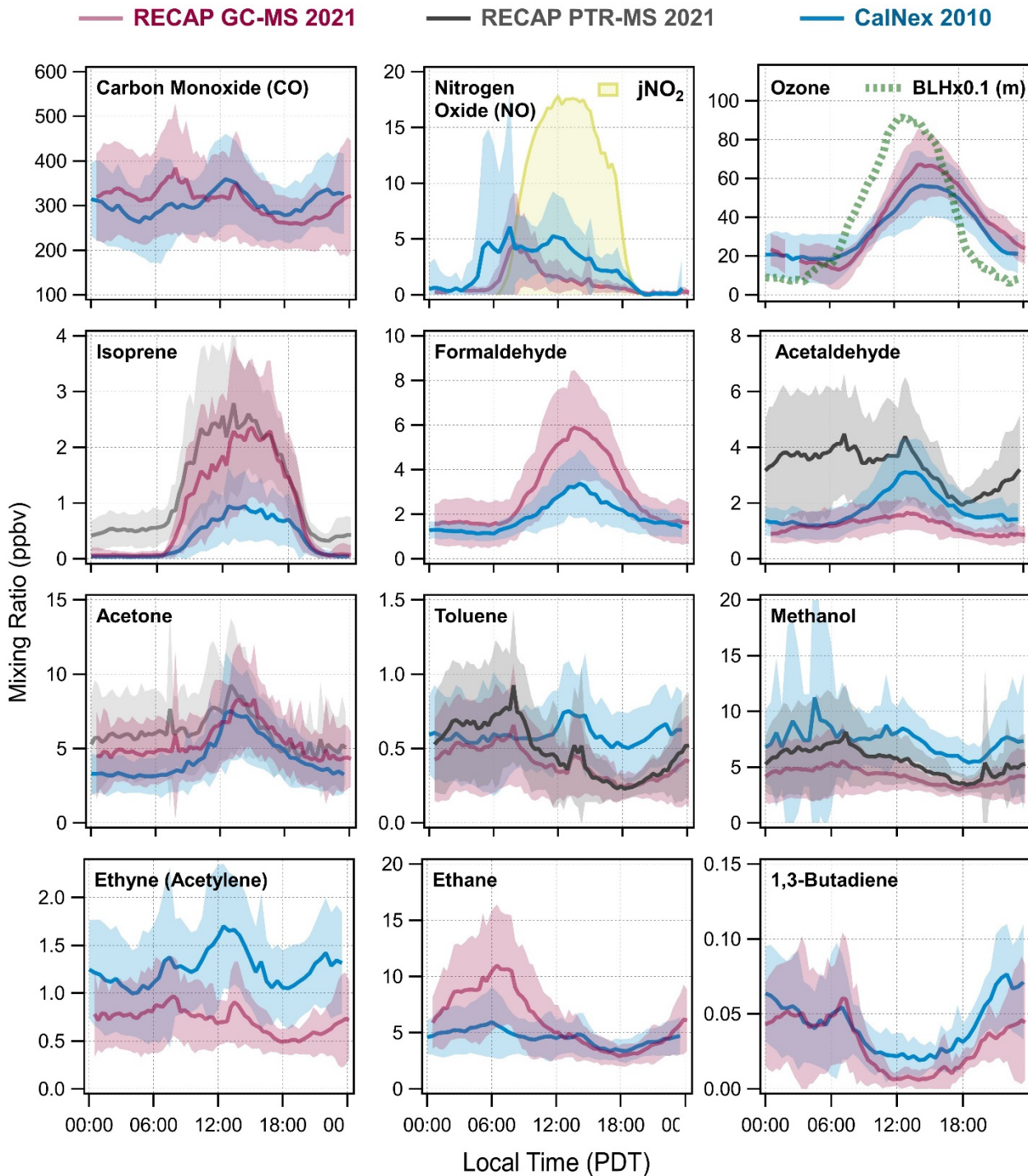


Figure 14. Diel mean profiles VOC and trace gases observed during RECAP-CA 2021 and CalNex 2010. Diel mean profiles for jNO₂ (scale not shown) and boundary layer height (BLH, meters) are also included.

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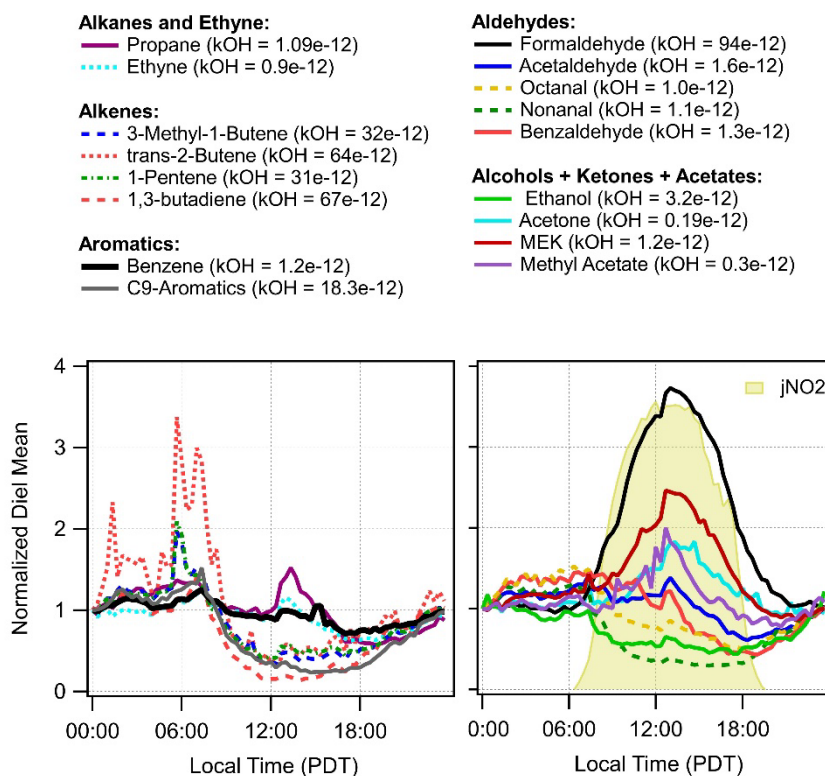


Figure 15. Normalized diel mean profiles for select VOCs and their reaction rate constants with the hydroxy radical (k_{OH} at 298K, $\text{cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$). The diel profile for j_{NO_2} (scale not shown) is included as a proxy for sunlight.

545 In order to better compare the diel profiles for species with varying absolute mixing ratios, we have
546 normalized the respective diel mean profiles to a value of one at midnight local time (00:00 PDT) as
547 originally presented in Borbon et al. [2013] and de Gouw et al. [2017, 2018] (Figure 15). For relatively
548 unreactive species that have constant and diverse sources such as ethyne and benzene, the observed
549 mixing ratios have a relatively weak dependence on the time of day. Both of these species are most
550 commonly associated with on-road emission sources that are distributed across the Los Angeles Basin.
551 Propane is also relatively unreactive, but the normalized diel profile shows a distinct midday peak at 13:00
552 PDT which is associated with the arrival of the Los Angeles Basin plume at the Pasadena ground site. This
553 is indicative of a propane source that is not related to on-road emission sources that is upwind of the
554 Pasadena site.

555 Normalized diel profiles for the reactive alkenes show a prominent spike centered on 07:00 PDT that
556 we associate with the morning rush hour, and mid-day minimums associated with the increased mixing
557 and photochemical removal. These species correlate well with benzene and ethyne at night, but are
558 depleted relative to these compounds during the day because of their faster removal by the hydroxyl (OH)
559 radical. This is evidenced by daytime minimums in the normalized diel profiles that scale with the reaction
560 rate constants of the VOCs with the hydroxyl radical (k_{OH} , $\text{cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$).

561 A strong photochemical source of formaldehyde, acetone, and methyl ethyl ketone (MEK) are evident
562 in the broad daytime increase in the normalized diel profile that closely matches that of j_{NO_2} , a proxy for
563 sunlight. Methyl acetate, acetaldehyde, and benzenealdehyde also show mid-day peak coincident with

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564 peak photochemical production but also the arrival of the L.A. Basin plume. The normalized diel profiles
565 of these oxygenated species have more features in common with propane than formaldehyde suggesting
566 that the diel variations are driven more by direct emissions than secondary production. The diel profiles
567 of ethanol, octanal, and nonanal exhibit daytime minimums similar to the reactive alkenes; however,
568 these OVOCs are not particularly reactive with the hydroxyl radical or ozone. This indicates that the diel
569 variations are largely driven by boundary layer dynamics, other daytime sinks, and/or significant nighttime
570 sources that increase the abundance of these species during the evening hours.

571 3.1.4 SPATIAL AND TEMPORAL VARIABILITY

572 The NOAA Mobile Laboratory conducted ten drives during RECAP-CA. These were done at the
573 beginning (8/3 to 8/6/2021) and the end (9/1 to 9/3/2021) of the measurement intensive so as to
574 minimize measurement disruptions at the primary Pasadena ground site. The map in *Figure 16* consists
575 of all of the individual drive tracks colored and sized by the observed CO measurements (NOAA Picarro,
576 1-Hz measurements). Larger CO enhancements are observed near downtown Los Angeles, on the north-
577 south running highways and throughout the northwestern quadrant. This map helps to illustrate the
578 abundance of combustion sources upwind of the Pasadena site and shows the accumulation of pollutants
579 on the eastern edges of the South Coast Air Basin due to the local meteorology and topography.

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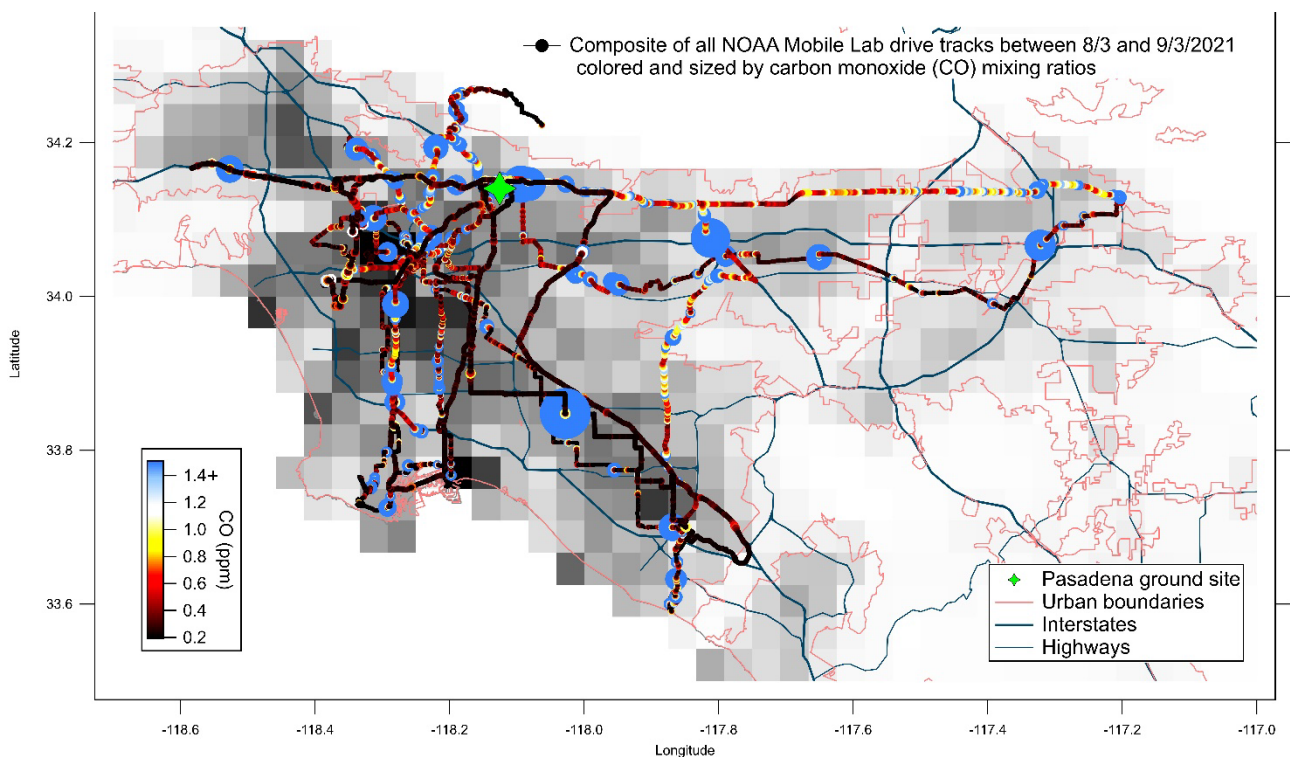


Figure 16. NOAA Mobile Laboratory drive tracks colored and sized by carbon monoxide (CO). Population density, urban boundaries, and roadways are also included.

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583 There was a total of 187 NOAA whole air samples collected along the drives which help illustrate the
584 spatial distribution of select VOCs across the basin as shown in *Figure 17*. Both benzene and ethyne have
585 similar spatial patterns with higher mixing ratios observed near downtown Los Angeles. Lower mixing
586 ratios for all species were observed along the western coastline. Propane is elevated throughout the
587 interior basin and show a gradient of increasing mixing ratios towards the northeastern quadrant which
588 is consistent with the work of Warneke et al. [2012]. Isoprene was most prevalent on the far northern
589 edges of the basin and closest to the San Bernardino National Forest.

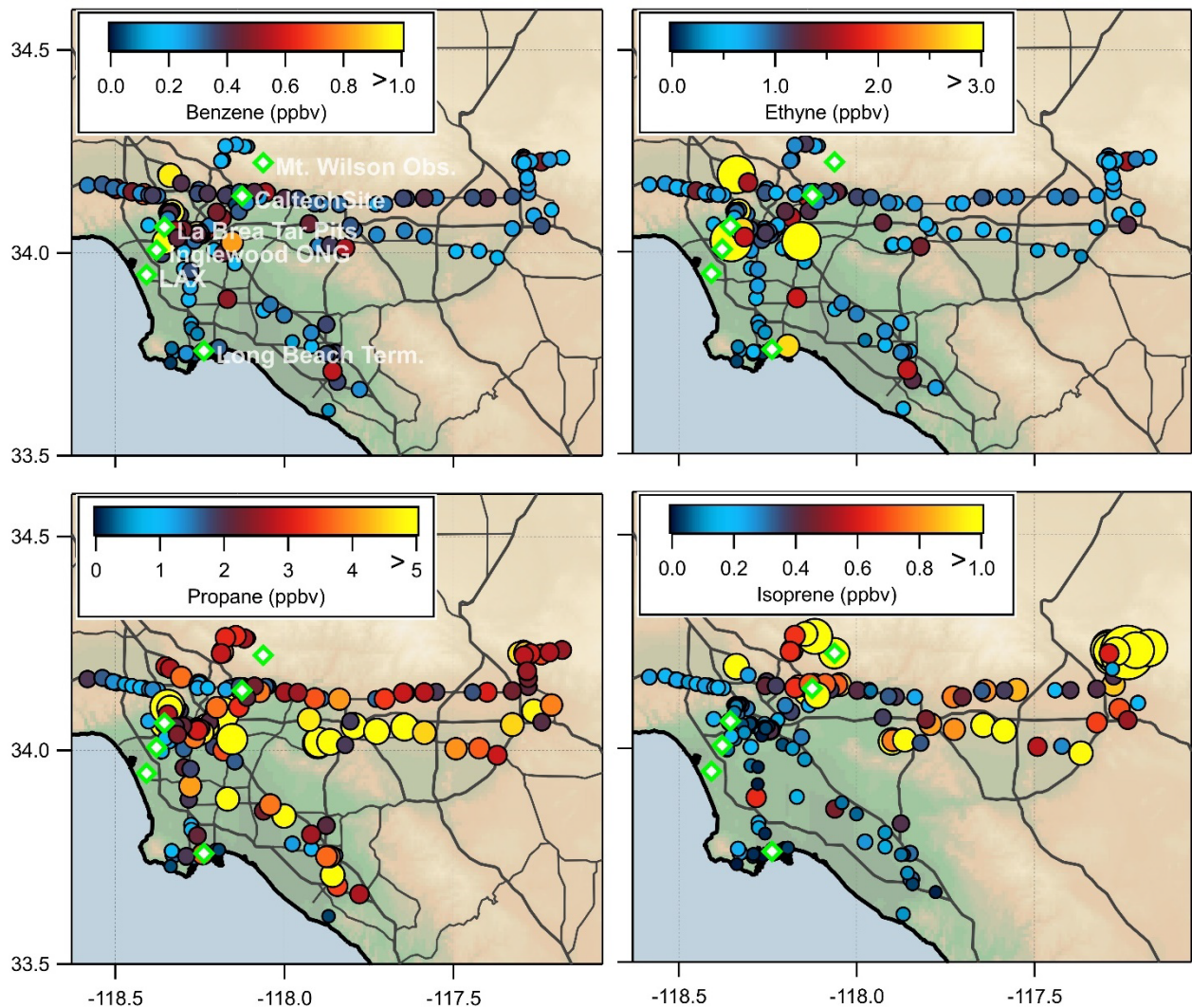


Figure 17. Map of NOAA whole air samples collected along drive track in the South Coast Air Basin.

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595 3.2 VOC SOURCE SIGNATURES

596 A comprehensive analysis of the VOC measurements that are used to identify the source signatures
597 of various emission sources including volatile chemical products, cooking emissions, biogenic sources, and
598 wildfire emissions. We present the results from RECAP-CA in comparison to recent field work in major US
599 metropolitan areas has characterized the distribution of urban VOCs to assess the chemical fingerprint of
600 understudied emission sources, such as VCPs and cooking.

601 3.2.1 VOLATILE CHEMICAL PRODUCTS

602 McDonald et al. [2018a] identified volatile chemical products as the largest petrochemical source of
603 urban organic emissions in Los Angeles using observations from CalNex 2010. Following that work, we
604 have utilized advancements in our scientific instrumentation, laboratory studies, and field studies in
605 Boulder, CO and New York City, to identify and characterize unique tracers for various VCP emission
606 sectors [Coggon et al., 2021b; Coggon et al., 2018b; Gkatzelis et al., 2021a; Gkatzelis et al., 2021d;
607 Stockwell et al., 2021]. Here we compare the mixing ratios observed during RECAP-CA of the following
608 tracers included in *Figure 18*:

609 D5-siloxane (Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane) is a tracer for personal care products as it is prevalent in
610 shampoos, lotions, deodorants, and antiperspirants [Wang et al., 2009] and has been found to correlate
611 well with population density [Gkatzelis et al., 2021d]. It is estimated that over 90% of D5-siloxane is
612 emitted to the atmosphere through evaporative emissions after applying personal care products that
613 contain D5-siloxane [Mackay et al., 2015]. The mean D5-siloxane mixing ratio observed in Pasadena was
614 0.040 ppbv. This is in line with concentrations observed in Boulder, CO (~ 0.010 ppb); Toronto, Canada
615 (~0.050 ppb); and in New York City, NY (up to 0.100 ppb) [Coggon et al., 2018b; Stockwell et al., 2021].
616 The diel mean profile shows a gradual increase overnight with a diel mean maximum occurring at 07:00
617 local time coincident with the morning rush hour before decreasing throughout the afternoon. This is
618 consistent with that observed in Toronto and Boulder. Coggon et al. [2018b] calculated D5-siloxane
619 emission rates which peak between 06:00 and 07:00 local time and decay exponentially throughout the
620 day. This can be attributed to increased product usage in the morning hours as people prepare for their
621 daily activities and subsequent evaporation of D5-siloxane throughout the day.

622 PCBTF (para-chlorobenzotrifluoride) is a tracer for solvent-based coatings. PCBTF is classified as an
623 “exempted” VOC by CARB, as PCBTF is not expected to contribute to ozone formation due to its low
624 volatility. We observed a mean concentration of 0.08 ppbv PCBTF in Pasadena, which is comparable to
625 that observed in New York City [Stockwell et al., 2021]. There was a spike in PCBTF (> 12 ppbv) on
626 8/25/2021 at 07:20 PDT from a local source showing that large, transient emissions of PCBTF could be
627 prevalent in the Los Angeles Basin. The diel mean profile is markedly different that of the other tracers
628 and benzene, a mobile source tracer, which we have scaled to match PCTBF for comparison. PCBTF’s diel
629 mean maximum is coincident with the LA plume arriving at the Pasadena site. This suggests that the
630 PCBTF primary emission rate is greater during the daytime hours than the evening, perhaps due to faster
631 evaporation and/or increased product usage during workday hours. The emission rate of PCBTF is
632 significant enough to counteract the effects of increased boundary layer mixing and dilution in the
633 afternoon.

634 Texanol (2,2,4-trimethyl-1,3-pentanediol monoisobutyrate, TPM) is a tracer for water-based coatings.
635 Texanol is typically the most abundant VOC used in water-based architectural coatings and has no other
636 commercial use other than in coatings [Goliff et al., 2012]. Goliff et al. [2012] first measured Texanol in
637 southern California in 2009 with mean mixing ratios up to 0.020 ppbv in summertime mornings and 0.010

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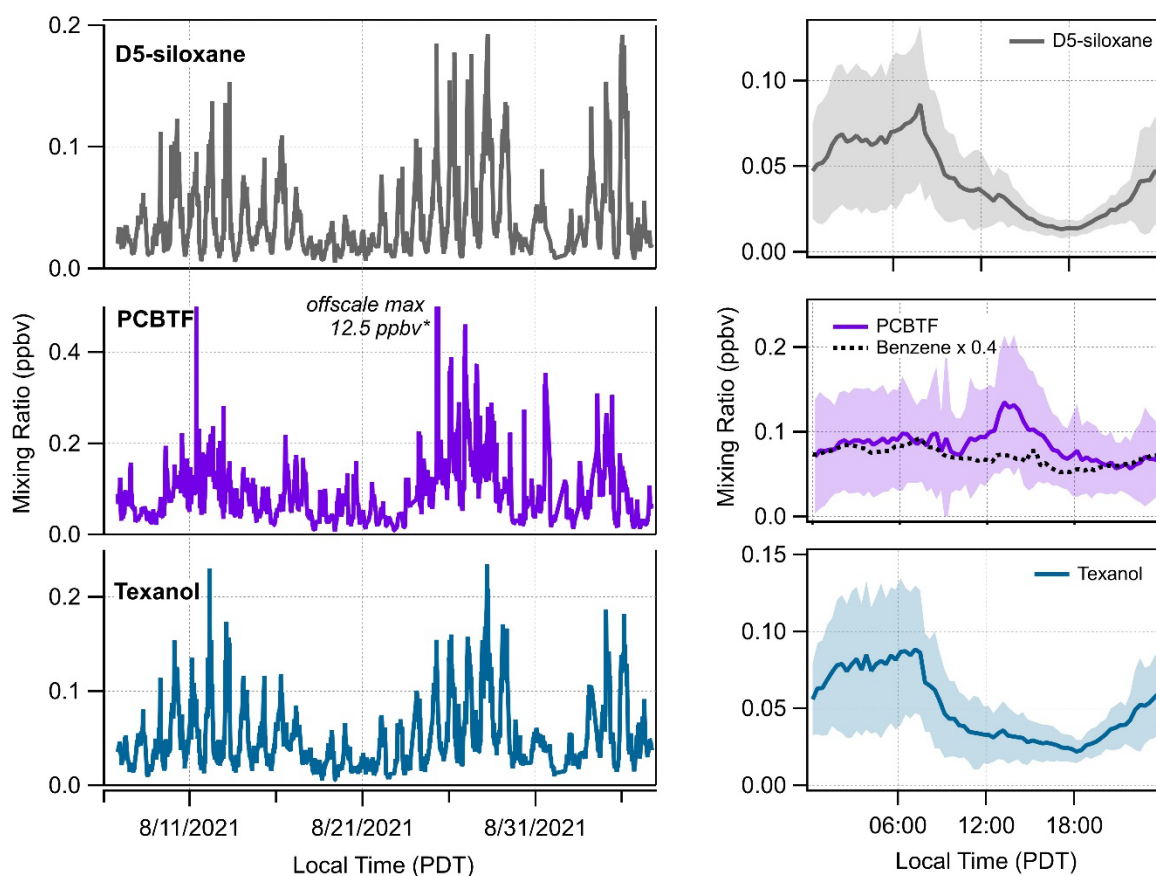


Figure 18. Timeseries and diel mean profiles of D5-siloxane, PCBTF, and Texanol. Diel mean of benzene has been scaled to match PCBTF for ease of comparison.

638 ppbv in the afternoons. They found that emissions were largest in summer when
639 painting/coating/construction activities are typically the highest. During RECAP-CA we observed mixing
640 ratios up to 0.23 ppbv, with a campaign-average of 0.05 ppbv. Mean morning concentrations were on the
641 order of 0.08 ppbv, 4-fold higher compared to Goliff et al. [2012], and afternoon mean mixing ratios of
642 0.30 ppbv, which was still larger but more comparable to that observed in 2009. The diel profile of PCBTF
643 is very similar to that of D5-siloxane where we attribute daytime minimums to increased mixing and
644 dilution.

645 Ethanol, methanol, and acetone have a wide variety of urban sources including on-road mobile sources,
646 cooking, and solvent usage. They are also common ingredients of many products such as personal care,
647 cleaning, and coatings products. These species were among the most abundant VOCs measured during
648 RECAP-CA. VOC emissions measured during CalNex 2010 and the New York Investigation of Consumer
649 Emissions (NY-ICE) in New York City in 2018 were similarly dominated by methanol, ethanol, and acetone
650 and were associated primarily with solvent usage [Gkatzelis et al., 2021a; McDonald et al., 2018a].
651 Acetone emissions in Los Angeles increased from 1990 to 2010 even though other hydrocarbons in
652 gasoline exhaust markedly decreased [Warneke et al. 2012] indicating an increase in solvent-based
653 emissions relative to on-road sources. The normalized diurnal profile analysis also suggests that acetone
654 has an additional daytime source associated with photochemical production.

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655 n-Hexane and dichloromethane are two species that had a large, localized source in close proximity to the
656 RECAP-CA ground site. The mixing ratios of these two species were highly variable over very short
657 timescales and had higher daytime mixing ratios than nighttime even though they are not expected to be
658 photochemically produced in the atmosphere. We attribute the emissions of these two species to solvent
659 usage on the Caltech campus, possibly from organic chemistry laboratories.

660 3.2.2 COOKING EMISSIONS

661 During RECAP-CA, Coggon et al. [2023b] utilized the PTR-MS and GC-PTR-MS measurements aboard
662 the NOAA Mobile Laboratory to characterize cooking emissions directly downwind of various restaurants
663 in Los Angeles and in ambient air while parked at the Pasadena ground site. We briefly summarize the
664 most relevant results here and refer the reader to the manuscript for more detail.

665 Cooking is a source of oxygenated VOCs that is rich in aldehydes and fatty acids [Klein et al., 2016a].
666 Studies that have speciated VOCs from a variety of Western cooking styles (e.g., charbroiling, grilling,
667 frying) and ingredients (e.g., oils, meats, and vegetables) show that aliphatic C₁-C₁₁ aldehydes account for
668 a large fraction of measured VOCs [e.g., Bastos et al., 2010; Klein et al., 2016b; Peng et al., 2017; Schauer
669 et al., 1999a]. For example, Klein et al. [2016b] showed that aldehydes represent > 60% of the VOC mass
670 emitted from frying or charbroiling meats and vegetables. The high abundance of aliphatic aldehydes from
671 cooking suggests that they may be useful markers to constrain cooking VOC emissions in urban areas.

672 A time series of PTR-MS measurements from the NOAA Mobile Laboratory that was parked downwind
673 of restaurants in Los Angeles, CA where large enhancements in VOCs were frequently observed is shown
674 in *Figure 19*. Aliphatic aldehydes octanal and nonanal were among the major species observed in PTR-
675 ToF-MS spectra. Traces for D5-siloxane (personal care product tracer) and benzene (motor vehicle
676 emissions tracer) are included for context. The highlighted boxes show periods where the mobile
677 laboratory was parked to sample restaurant emissions. All other data reflect sampling periods when the
678 mobile laboratory was driven through densely populated areas of Los Angeles.

679 Aldehyde mixing ratios downwind of restaurants often exceeded 1 ppb, though differences were
680 observed based on wind speeds and mobile laboratory proximity to restaurant exhausts. Generally, these
681 mixing ratios were elevated relative to the surrounding densely populated regions. Octanal and nonanal
682 mixing ratios were not significantly enhanced in tailpipe emissions, which is consistent with previous
683 studies showing that on-road emission factors of these from US vehicles are low [Gentner et al., 2013a].
684 Nonanal and octanal were not strongly correlated with mixing ratios of D5-siloxane, though there were

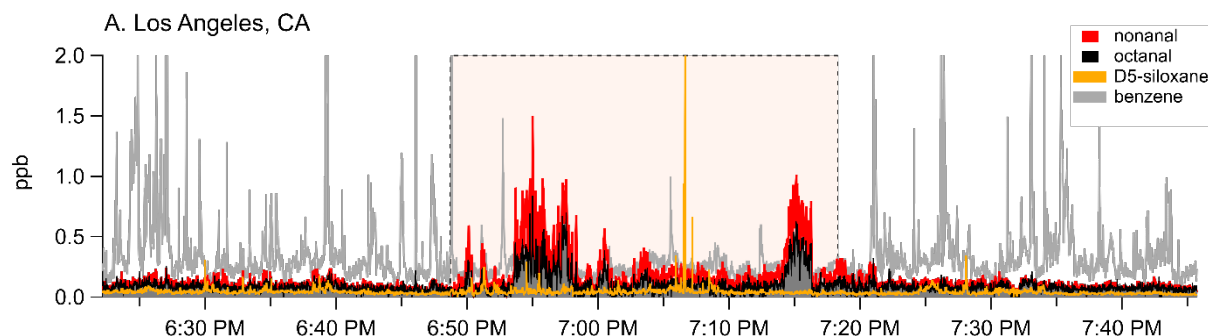


Figure 19. Time series of NOAA Mobile Laboratory measurements of nonanal, octanal, D5-siloxane, and benzene in Los Angeles, CA. Figure adapted from Coggon et al. [2023b].

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685 periods when aldehyde and D5-siloxane enhancements were coincident. This may result from the co-
686 location of food and people or a possible human emission source. Octanal and nonanal are known to be
687 produced from skin ozonolysis [Liu et al., 2021; Wang et al., 2022] and carbonyls are potential ingredients
688 in fragranced consumer products, though emissions inventories and measurements of fragrance
689 formulations do not indicate that nonanal and octanal are significant components of VCPs [Hurley et al.,
690 2021; McDonald et al., 2018a; Yeoman et al., 2020].

691 Ground site observations in Las Vegas and Los Angeles show temporal trends in aldehyde mixing ratios
692 and demonstrate the importance of primary emission sources on regional scales. *Figure 20* shows the
693 time series of octanal and nonanal at the ground sites in Las Vegas and Pasadena. The two species are
694 well-correlated ($R^2 > 0.86$) and most abundant in the evening, which is due to a combination of
695 meteorology (i.e., lower nocturnal boundary layer) and higher emissions. These patterns are in contrast
696 to those of common OH oxidation products, such as methyl vinyl ketone + methacrolein, which are mostly
697 enhanced during the daytime when ozone and other secondary species are produced. These diurnal
698 patterns suggest that secondary production is not a significant contributor to the temporal patterns of
699 octanal and nonanal.

700 Nighttime mixing ratios of octanal and nonanal are correlated to other gases with primary sources,
701 such as CO with $R^2 = 0.68$ (slope $3.8 \times 10^{-3} \text{ g g}^{-1}$) and 0.58 (slope $2.2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ g g}^{-1}$), respectively. This correlation
702 is likely driven by meteorology and spatial/temporal overlap in emissions sources. Similar correlations
703 have been observed for personal care product markers, such as D5-siloxane, which correlates to fossil fuel
704 markers in cities due to the mixing of sources over coincident spatial and temporal scales [Coggon et al.,
705 2018a; Gkatzelis et al., 2021a; Gkatzelis et al., 2021c]. This correlation of long-chain aldehydes to CO can
706 be leveraged to estimate an emission rate for octanal and nonanal by multiplying the observed emission
707 ratio with CO emission estimates. Similar approaches have been used to estimate emissions for other
708 markers, including D5-siloxane and monoterpenes from VCPs [Coggon et al., 2021a; Coggon et al., 2018a;

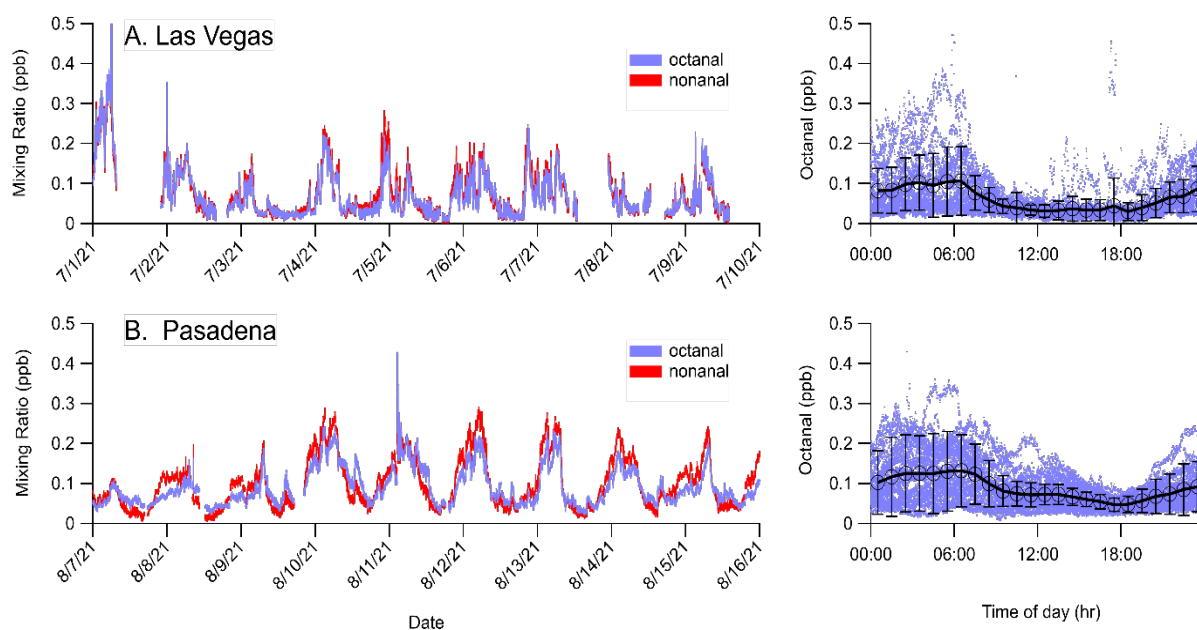


Figure 20. Time series and diurnal pattern of octanal and nonanal in Las Vegas, NV and Pasadena, CA. Figure from Coggon et al. [2023b].

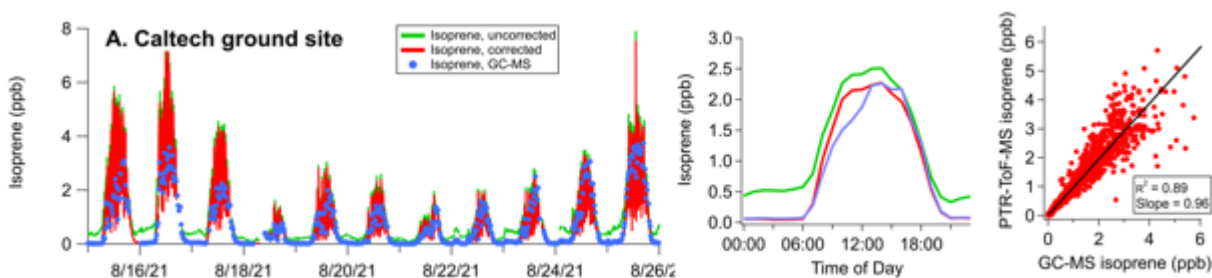
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709 Gkatzelis et al., 2021a; Gkatzelis et al., 2021c] and also evaluate emissions inventories against
710 observations in Los Angeles [McDonald et al., 2018a]. CO emissions are reasonably represented by fuel-
711 based emissions inventories and previous assessments of CO fluxes calculated from bottom-up
712 inventories, such as FIVE-VCP, show good agreement with CO fluxes derived by aircraft mass balance
713 methods [Coggon et al., 2021a]. Coggon et al. [2023b] validated the FIVE-VCP inventory in the Los Angeles
714 Basin against aircraft and ground site observations during RECAP-CA. In the Southern California Air Basin,
715 CO emissions were estimated to be $1.5 \times 10^3 \text{ t d}^{-1}$, or $88 \text{ g person}^{-1} \text{ d}^{-1}$ assuming a population of 17 million
716 people. Multiplying these emission rates by the aldehyde emission ratios, we estimate that octanal and
717 nonanal are emitted at a rate of 5.6 t d^{-1} (or $0.33 \text{ g person}^{-1} \text{ d}^{-1}$) and 3.2 t d^{-1} ($0.19 \text{ g person}^{-1} \text{ d}^{-1}$),
718 respectively [Coggon et al., 2023b].

719 3.2.3 BIOGENIC EMISSIONS

720 Isoprene:

721 Biogenic emissions of isoprene and monoterpenes represent a significant source of reduced carbon
722 to the troposphere affecting photochemistry from local to global scales [Guenther et al., 2006]. Isoprene
723 is the dominant biogenic VOC emitted by urban foliage and is a major contributor to urban OH reactivity
724 and ozone production [Calfapietra et al., 2013], so accurate identification and quantification of isoprene
725 is important. We refer here to the work presented in Coggon et al. [2023] who identified the potential
726 for substantial interferences on the isoprene signal (m/z 69, C_5H_8^+) from C8-C9 aldehydes emitted from
727 cooking. As shown in *Figure 21*, the m/z 69 signal measured by the PTR-MS which is traditionally identified
728 as isoprene had a positive bias compared to the GC-MS. This was especially prevalent during the nighttime
729 when isoprene emissions are at their diel minimums but octanal and nonanal are still elevated. Coggon
730 et al. [2023] details how to best correct for this interference and shows how the agreement between the
731 GC-MS and PTR-MS improves for the RECAP-CA dataset ($r^2 = 0.89$ and Slope = 0.96).



732 *Figure 21. Isoprene interference correction on the reported timeseries and diel pattern of isoprene at the Pasadena ground site. Figure adapted from Coggon et al. [2023].*

732 Monoterpenes:

733 In urban environments, monoterpenes consist of naturally emitted species from urban vegetation,
734 such as alpha- and beta-pinene, along with isomers predominantly emitted from anthropogenic sources,
735 such as limonene resulting from fragranced consumer products and degreasing agents [Coggon et al.,
736 2021b; Gkatzelis et al., 2021b; Hurley et al., 2021]. In very densely populated regions, anthropogenic
737 monoterpenes can outweigh emissions from natural sources [Coggon et al., 2021b]. Anthropogenic
738 monoterpenes can be distinguished from natural emissions by evaluating the composition of the
739 monoterpenes and their temporal variabilities, which we examine here.

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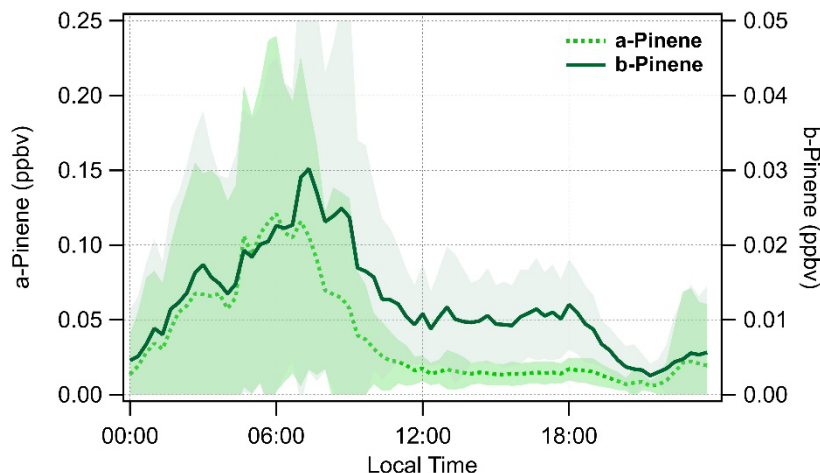


Figure 22. Diel mean profiles of *a*-Pinene and *b*-Pinene during RECAP-CA.

740 The diel mean profiles of alpha-pinene and beta-pinene are shown in *Figure 22*. These were the two
741 dominant monoterpene isomers observed by the GC-MS at the Pasadena site. We monitored for other
742 isomers including d-limonene, 3-carene, camphene, alpha-terpinene but these species were routinely at
743 or below the limit of detection of the GC-MS so they were not quantified. The PTR-MS measures the sum
744 of all the monoterpene isomers. The diel profile of the PTR-MS Sum Monoterpenes (not shown) is in
745 excellent agreement with that of *a*-Pinene measured by the GC-MS; however, the PTR-MS reports a total
746 monoterpene signal that is a factor 3 higher than the sum of *a*- and *b*-pinene isomers measured by the
747 GC-MS. While we expect the total monoterpene signal to be greater than only two isomers, we do not
748 expect that the two dominant isomers measured by the GC-MS to only account for 30% of the total
749 monoterpene signal suggesting that the PTR-MS measurements are likely biased high. The mass
750 attributed to monoterpenes on the PTR-MS might include fragments of monoterpenoids and
751 monoterpene alcohols.

752 The diel means for *a*- and *b*-pinene both steadily increase during the evening hours as emissions
753 continue to build in a shallow boundary layer. While both species are reactive with ozone and NO₃, which
754 are the dominant nighttime oxidants [de Gouw et al., 2017], *a*-pinene is the more reactive of the pair.
755 Interestingly, the diel profiles of the pinenes start to diverge starting at 07:00 PDT when the sunrises and
756 temperatures begin to rise. The ratio of [*b*-pinene]/[*a*-pinene] remains elevated throughout the daytime
757 hours indicating a much stronger daytime source for *b*-pinene relative to *a*-pinene. The daytime
758 atmospheric lifetimes of the pinenes are approximately equal as the higher reactivity of *a*-pinene with
759 ozone is offset by the higher reactivity of *b*-pinene with the hydroxyl radical. The stronger *b*-pinene
760 daytime source appears to be mostly natural as the correlation between the pinenes remains strong ($r^2 =$
761 0.70). Any anthropogenic sources of monoterpenes were obfuscated by the large natural emission source
762 at the Pasadena site.

763 Biogenic Oxidation Products:

764 Oxidation of isoprene results in the production of oxygenated VOCs including formaldehyde (HCHO),
765 methacrolein (MACR), methyl vinyl ketone (MVK) and nitrogen-containing species such as isoprene
766 nitrates (ISOPN) [Mayhew et al., 2022; Stroud et al., 2001]. These reaction products are also highly
767 reactive and can further contribute to photochemical ozone and particulate formation. Here we examine
768 the direct reaction products of isoprene oxidation observed during RECAP-CA as shown in *Figure 23*.

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769 MVK, MACR, formaldehyde and isoprene nitrates have strong correlations with isoprene ($0.69 < r^2 <$
770 0.83). The larger variability of formaldehyde mixing ratios at low isoprene values indicate the presence of
771 additional formaldehyde sources, which is expected for urban environments. The daily daytime mean
772 values for isoprene = 1.94 ± 1.23 ppbv (± 1 stand. Dev.), MVK = 0.47 ± 0.35 ppbv, MACR = 0.42 ± 0.22 ppbv,
773 and sum of isoprene nitrates as measured by the NOAA I-CIMS = 0.018 ± 0.013 ppbv. The ratio of
774 [MVK]/[MACR] observed during the daytime was 1.13 and 0.88 at night. A higher daytime ratio is
775 consistent with the higher production of MVK relative to MACR from isoprene oxidation (Isoprene + OH
776 $\rightarrow 0.32$ MVK + 0.23 MACR, [Carter et al., 1996]) and the faster removal of MACR by the OH radical. The
777 observed daytime ratio of 1.13 is within 25% of that expected from direct isoprene oxidation indicating
778 that the primary source of MVK and MACR in Pasadena is oxidation of isoprene rather than anthropogenic
779 sources.

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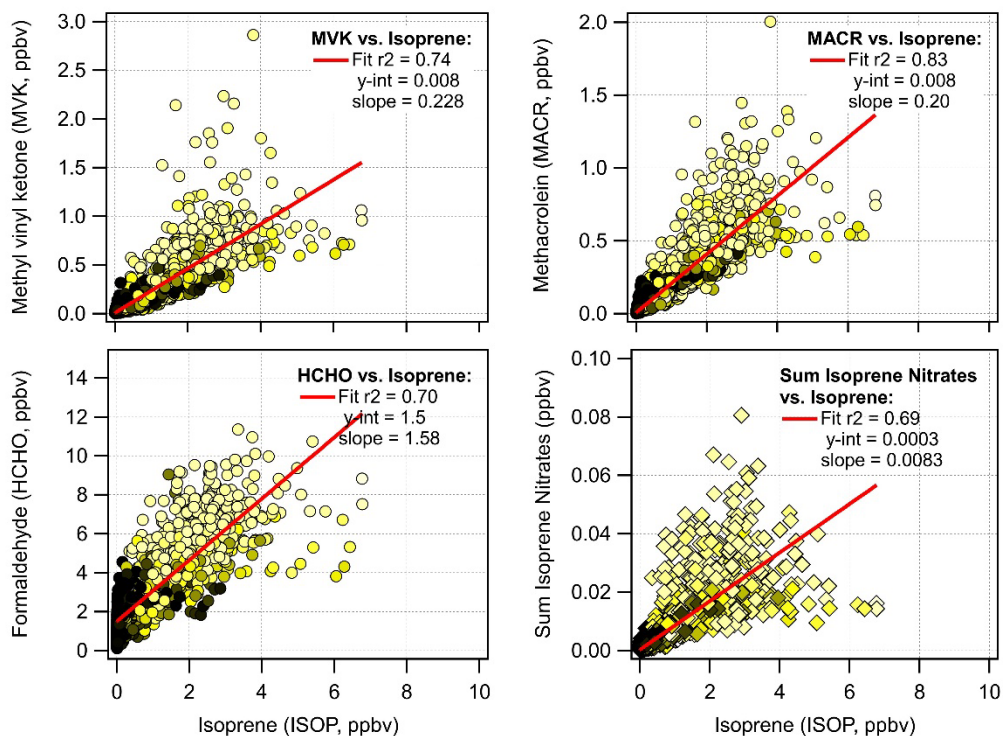


Figure 23. Correlations of MVK, MACR, formaldehyde, and isoprene nitrates vs isoprene.

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782 3.2.4 WILDFIRE INFLUENCES

783 Wildfires are large sources of CO, CO₂, NO_x, toxic and reactive VOCs, and particulate matter – all of
784 which degrade air quality and impact health. Wildfire emissions share many of the same chemical
785 compounds as other anthropogenic combustion sources in urban areas (e.g., tailpipe emissions, cooking,
786 residential wood burning, natural gas use, etc.), which could complicate source attribution of VOCs
787 if/when wildfire and urban emissions mix. Here we identify benzonitrile as a distinct tracer of wildfire
788 influenced air during the RECAP-CA measurements and suggests that only the longest-lived combustion
789 tracers were influenced by aged smoke observed at the measurement site.

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790 In recent years, there has been a substantial increase in the number of acres burned by wildfires over
791 the last decade (*Figure 24*, data from www.fire.ca.gov). Four of the largest fires of 2021 occurred during
792 the RECAP-CA measurement period. While these fires were located in Northern California far removed
793 from Pasadena, there was a distinct particulate haze common to wildfire smoke that hung over the Los
794 Angeles Basin during much of the measurement period. This haze is evident in the photo we took from
795 the Mount Wilson Observatory while measuring with the NOAA Mobile Laboratory (*Figure 24*).



Figure 24. Acres of land burned in California by year overlaid on photo from Mt. Wilson Observatory on 8/11/2021 [Photo credit: J. Gilman].

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797 Acetonitrile is a commonly used biomass burning combustion tracer [Coggon et al., 2016; Gilman et
798 al., 2015]. Emissions of nitrogen-containing VOCs, such as acetonitrile, depend on the fuel nitrogen
799 content which is higher for fuels burned in wildfires (i.e., natural vegetation that still contains a
800 green/leafy component) compared to domestic wood burning (i.e., heartwood with a low nitrogen
801 content) or other combustion sources [Coggon et al., 2016]. Additionally, Coggon et al. [2016] showed
802 that solvent usage of acetonitrile, which is more prevalent in urban areas, complicates the use of
803 acetonitrile as a biomass burning combustion marker. This is consistent with what we observed during
804 RECAP-CA.

805 In Figure 25, we compare the acetonitrile versus CO correlations observed during RECAP-CA to those
806 measured during the Fire Influence on Regional to Global Environments and Air Quality Experiment in
807 2019 (FIREX-AQ) [Gkatzelis et al., 2023]. There is a very weak correlation between acetonitrile and CO
808 during RECAP-CA data, but the observed mixing ratios are within the ranges observed during FIREX-AQ
809 2019. The slope of acetonitrile versus benzene (slope = 29 ± 2 ppbv/ppbv) is a factor of 2 greater than
810 that observed from wildfire emissions [Gilman et al., 2015]. Transient spikes in acetonitrile that are not
811 associated with CO or benzenenitrile are likely from use of acetonitrile as a solvent.

812 Benzenenitrile observed during RECAP-CA was at very low concentrations (mean background = 0.002
813 ppbv) and had small sample-to-sample variability for the majority of RECAP-CA as shown in the time series
814 in *Figure 12*. This indicates that there is no large anthropogenic/urban emission source of benzenenitrile
815 in close proximity of the Pasadena site. As shown in *Figure 12*, the background levels of benzenenitrile
816 broadly increased from 2 pptv up to 10 pptv between 8/22 to 9/1/2021, with the apex occurring on
817 8/26/2021. In *Figure 26*, we compare HRRR-smoke forecasts for days when benzenenitrile was at its
818 background minimum (8/19/2021, left panel) and at its apex (8/26/2021, right panel) indicating that there

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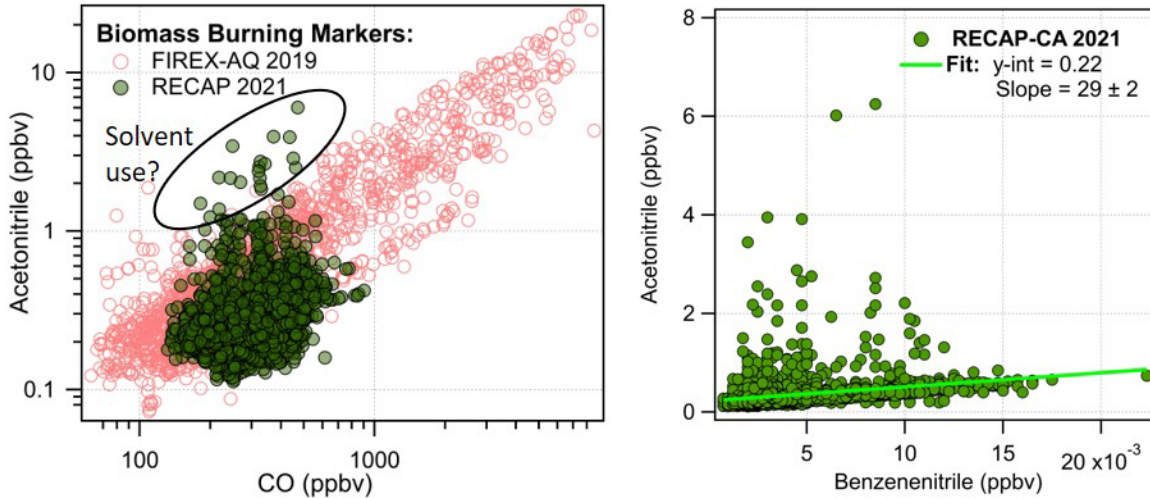


Figure 25. Correlations of acetonitrile with CO and benzenenitrile.

819 was wildfire influenced air impacting the measurement site coincident with the broad increases in
820 benzenenitrile background values.

821 Using benzenenitrile as our indicator for wildfire emissions, we looked for similar baseline features
822 and/or correlations with all other VOCs and trace gases measured at the Pasadena site. There was a
823 distinct change in the background values of CO, which increased from 0.143 to 0.212 ppmv CO, that we
824 attribute to the wildfire emissions as discussed in *Section 3.3.1*. There were only minor influences on the
825 background levels of benzene and ethyne that may be attributed in part to wildfire emissions. Overall,
826 we assess that any wildfire influenced air impacting the Pasadena site was well aged and was not a
827 significant source of reactive VOCs such as alkenes, aromatics, or furans.

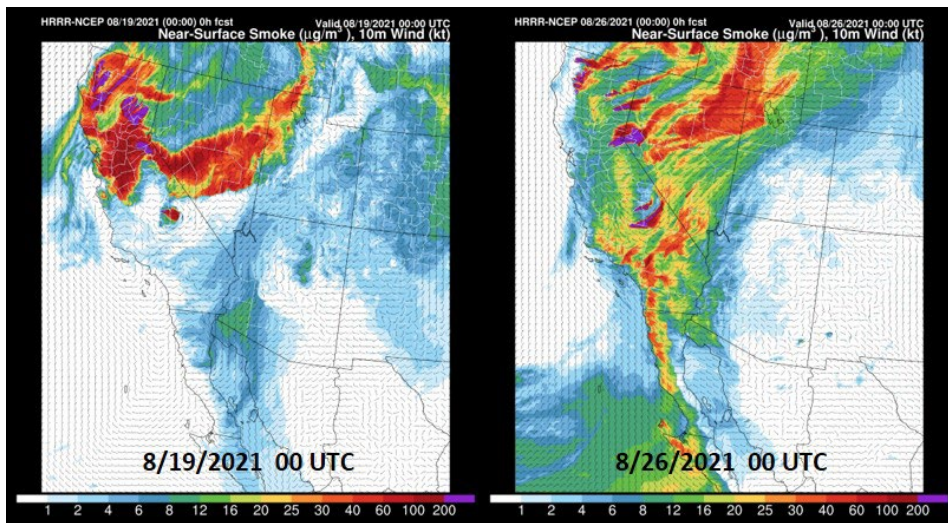


Figure 26. HRRR-Smoke 0-hour forecast for near-surface smoke at 00 UTC (1700 PDT – 1 day) for the dates shown. Warmer colors represent higher particle counts attributed to smoke. Wind barbs indicate wind speed (knots) and direction at 10 m.

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828 3.2.5 NATURAL GAS SOURCES

829 One feature of the RECAP-CA dataset was the unexpectedly high concentration of ethane, particularly
830 at night, when compared to other light alkanes and those observed during CalNex 2010 (refer to *Figure*
831 *14*). As shown in *Figure 27*, ethane was tightly correlated with methane (Slope = 36.81 ppbv/ppmv
832 CH₄, $r^2 = 0.95$) during RECAP-CA suggesting a common fossil source. Peischl et al. [2013] quantified the
833 sources of methane and ethane in the Los Angeles Basin and showed that the largest common source of
834 these two species is from pipeline dry natural gas. The ethane/methane enhancement ratio observed
835 during RECAP-CA is a factor of 1.8 greater than that observed during CalNex 2010 and a factor of 2 higher
836 than that expected from pipeline-quality dry natural gas and traffic emissions [Peischl et al., 2013].
837 However, Wunch et al. [2016] reports that since 2010, the emissions of methane have been steady while
838 ethane emissions have nearly doubled from 2007-2016. The observed increase in ethane is to be expected
839 if natural gas emissions continue to be one of the largest sources of methane to the Los Angeles Basin.
840 The same tight correlation and slope was observed during three different flights over the Los Angeles
841 Basin as part of the Atmospheric Emissions and Reactions Observed from Megacities to Marine Areas
842 (AEROMMA) campaign in August 2023 (*Figure 27*). We note that AEROMMA dataset is preliminary field-
843 quality data.

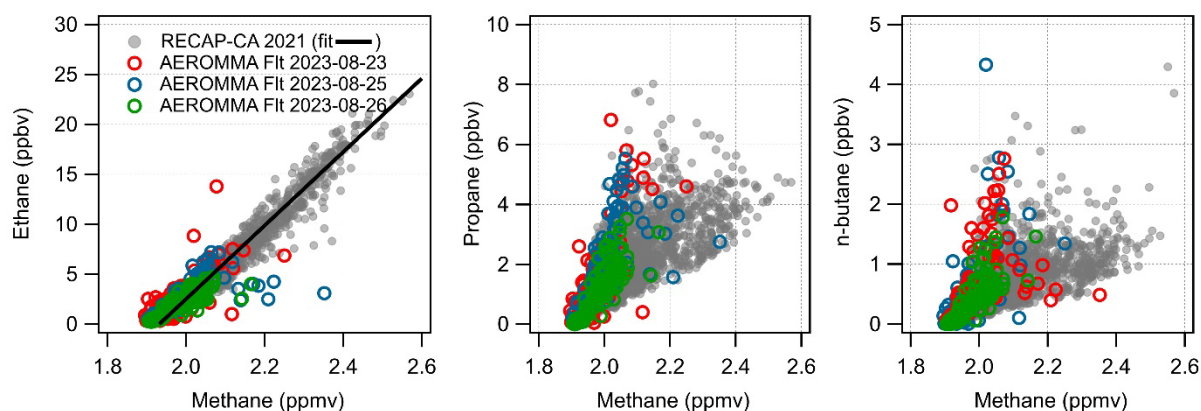


Figure 27. Correlations of ethane, propane, and n-butane with methane for RECAP-CA ground based and AEROMMA 2023 airborne measurements.

844 We observed a wider range of propane/methane and n-butane/methane ratios at the RECAP-CA
845 ground site and during the AEROMMA flights. Both propane and n-butane were determined to be largely
846 emitted from local natural gas production in the Los Angeles Basin [Peischl et al., 2013]. All three gases
847 are commonly used fuels for heating and/or cooking, while n-butane is also used as a propellant in
848 aerosolized products (i.e., from VCP usage).

849 The spatial distribution of ethane (natural gas tracer) and benzene (mobile source tracer) are
850 compared for the AEROMMA samples collected aboard the NASA DC-8 research aircraft as it conducted
851 low-altitude flights across the basin as shown in *Figure 28*. Both analytes show a strong east/west gradient
852 commonly observed from onshore wind flow and the accumulation of pollutants along the base of the
853 San Gabriel and San Bernardino Mountains. Both ethane and benzene have the largest enhancements
854 over central Los Angeles Basin, but ethane also has a larger enhancement relative to benzene over the
855 Port of Long Beach area.

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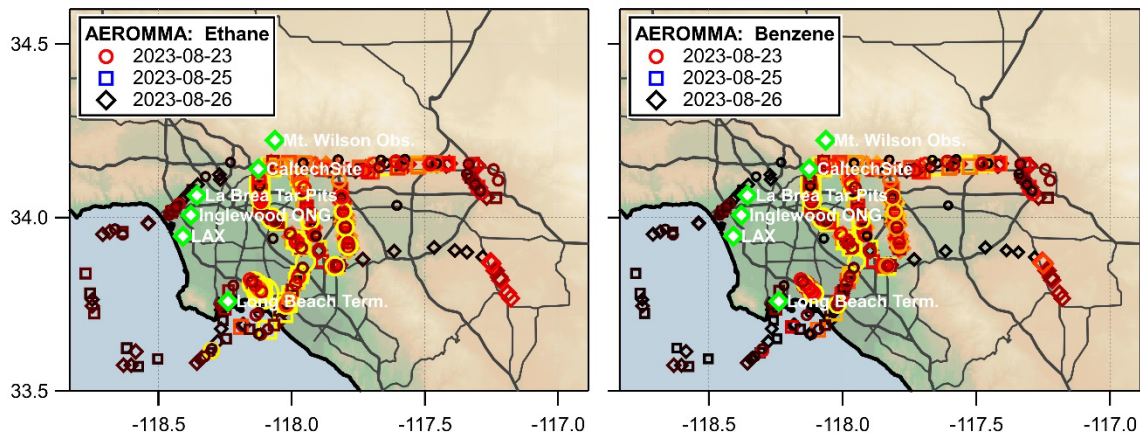


Figure 28. Map of NOAA iWAS samples from AEROMMA 2023 flights over the Los Angeles Basin colored and sized by ethane and benzene mixing ratios.

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857 3.3 EMISSION RATIOS

858 VOCs can be strongly affected by chemical transformation processes, so that the observed
859 enhancement ratios can be significantly different from actual emission ratios, particularly for the most
860 reactive VOCs. Here we determine emission ratios relative to carbon monoxide (CO) and ethyne
861 (acetylene, C₂H₂) by employing methods detailed in de Gouw et al. [2017 and 2018]. We can account for
862 the effects of chemical removal and/or formation of various VOCs by 1) using nighttime data only, when
863 chemical losses or production from OH chemistry are minimized but reactions with NO₃ and O₃ should be
864 considered, or 2) by extrapolating to a photochemical age of zero using VOC ratios that are selectively
865 sensitive to a particular oxidant. We note that the emission ratios determined by these techniques
866 represent the total urban emissions. Individual source categories cannot be easily distinguished by this
867 method. A table with all emission ratios is included in Appendix Table 2.

868 We then compare the emission ratios determined from the RECAP-CA 2021 dataset to those from
869 CalNex 2010 [Borbon et al., 2013; de Gouw et al., 2018; de Gouw et al., 2017] and the Los Angeles Air
870 Quality Study (LAAQS) which took place from April to July 2020 on the Caltech campus during the COVID-
871 19 pandemic [Van Rooy et al., 2021]. During LAAQS 2021 study, traffic counts ranged from 55% to 80%
872 of their pre-COVID levels as many people switched to working remotely. Urban VOC/CO emission ratios
873 can be used to validate and/or improve emissions inventories. Here we compare the RECAP-CA emission
874 ratios to NOAA's Fuel-based Inventory of Vehicle Emissions with Volatile Chemical Products (FIVE-VCP) as
875 described in 2.12.

876 3.3.1 CORRECTING FOR VARIABLE CO BACKGROUND DURING RECAP-CA

877 Here we document the variability in the "background" carbon monoxide (CO) mixing ratios observed
878 during RECAP-CA and how we corrected the CO mixing ratios to account for the enhanced background
879 due to wildfire emissions examined in Section 3.2.4. Figure 29 shows a timeseries of 1-minute averaged
880 data and daily mean values between 1700-1859 PDT for a) CO and benzenenitrile, a long-lived biomass

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881 burning tracer, and b) CO₂. A transition period occurs between approximately 8/21/2021 and 9/3/2021
882 where there is an enhancement in the CO background, which leads to a bifurcation in nearly all correlation
883 plots when comparing trace gas measurements with CO. As an example, the bottom panel in *Figure 29*
884 shows a clear increase in the daily mean CO/CO₂ ratio during the time of enhanced CO background shown
885 by the blue box.

886 In order to simplify the analysis for all CO correlations and VOC/CO emission ratio calculations, we
887 have corrected CO for this enhanced background by subtracting 0.084 ppmv CO for all data between
888 8/21/2021 19:30 and 9/3/2021 19:29 PDT. While the enhanced CO background occurred gradually (i.e.,
889 not a step function), we choose this time window based on the observed changes in the CO/CO₂ and

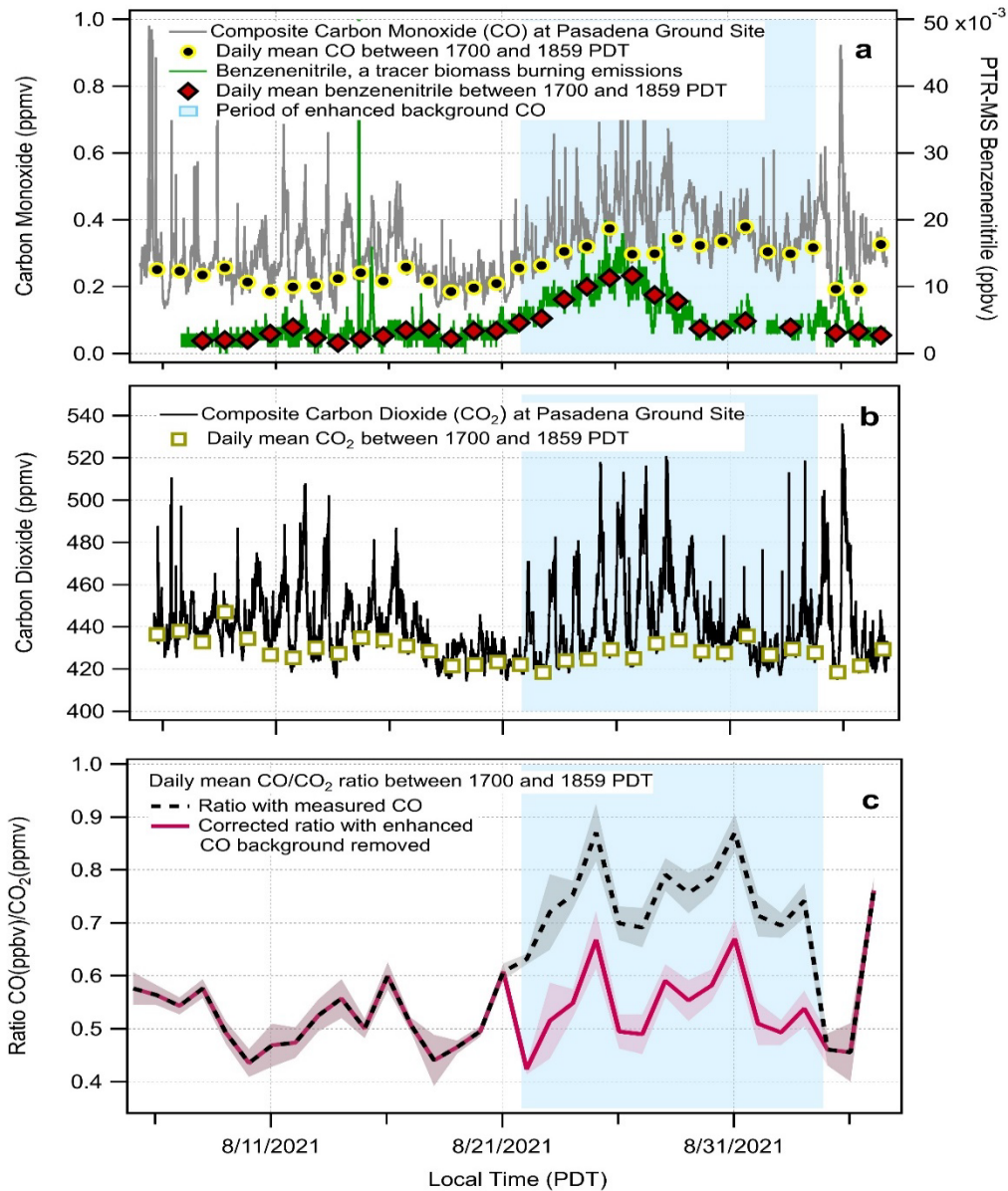


Figure 29. Time series of CO, CO₂, benzenenitrile, and ratio of CO/CO₂ used to identify time period of enhanced CO background from wildfire emissions.

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890 VOC/CO ratios and split the data at the day-to-night transition time. *Figure 30* displays the cumulative
891 probability distributions of the observed CO and CO₂ mixing ratios for 1-minute averaged data at the
892 Pasadena site. While the cumulative probability curves for CO₂ are comparable for the two data subsets
893 (“normal” and “enhanced” CO backgrounds), there is a marked difference in the CO probability curves.
894 When comparing the 0.1th-percentile, CO = 0.212 ppmv for the “enhanced CO background” time period
895 while CO for all other data is 0.128 ppmv which more closely matches the expected seasonal CO
896 background value. The difference between the 0.1th-percentile values is 0.084 ppmv CO, which was the
897 value used to correct the CO background to better match the “seasonal background” value. The result of
898 this correction is shown in *Figure 29c* where the CO/CO₂ ratios is now more consistent across the entire
899 measurement period. The corrected composite CO mixing ratio data will be used for all analysis utilizing
900 CO correlations.

901 For all Δ VOC/ Δ CO calculations, we use an overall CO_{bknd} value of 0.143 ppmv which corresponds to
902 the 1st percentile shown in *Figure 30* and from the analysis of CO/VOC ratios. The CO_{bknd} estimated for
903 this work is 24-60% greater that reported by de Gouw [2017] CO_{bknd} = 0.115 ± 10 ppmv and Van Rooy
904 [2021] CO_{bknd} = 0.090 ± 15% ppmv for measurements made at Caltech in 2010 and 2020, respectively.

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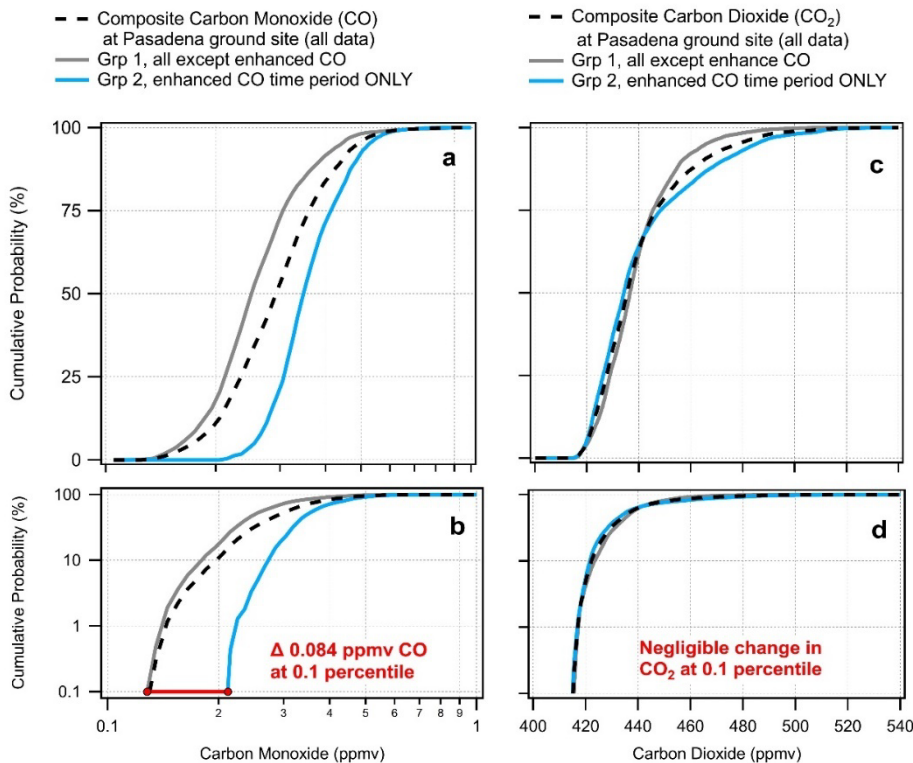


Figure 30. Cumulative probability curves used to quantify CO and CO₂ backgrounds.

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909 3.3.2 NIGHTTIME EMISSION RATIOS TO ETHYNE AND CO

910 Nighttime enhancement ratios are commonly used as proxies for emission ratios because
911 photochemical processing is minimal at night for the majority of compounds except those that react
912 efficiently with ozone and/or the nitrate radical (NO_3). Nighttime enhancement ratios are simple to
913 calculate and are useful to compare observations across datasets as the ratios will minimize the effects of
914 air mass mixing and dilution. CO and ethyne are commonly used denominators because they are routinely
915 measured and combustion sources are a large source of VOCs in urban areas.

916 For this analysis, we calculated the slopes of the correlation plots of all gas-phase species measured
917 during RECAP-CA versus both CO and ethyne for nighttime data (22:00-05:00 PDT) and daytime (10:00-
918 18:00 PDT) only data. Each VOC and trace gas were first averaged over the GC-MS sample collection time
919 and was lightly filtered by masking any samples with VOC/CO ratios greater than 2x the standard deviation
920 of the mean. This was done to minimize the effects of any transient, extremely localized sources of a
921 particular analyte would bias the slope.

922 Correlation plots of ethyne, propene, and 1,3-butadiene versus CO are shown in *Figure 31*. Ethyne
923 and CO correlate well and have similar daytime and nighttime enhancement ratios (Night ER = 3.7 ppbv
924 ethyne/ppmv CO, $r = 0.89$). The daytime ratios are much lower for propene and 1,3-butadiene owing to
925 their faster daytime reactions with the hydroxyl radical ($k_{\text{OH}+\text{ethyne}} = 0.8 \times 10^{-12}$, $k_{\text{OH}+\text{propene}} = 26 \times 10^{-12}$, $k_{\text{OH}+1,3-}$
926 $\text{butadiene} = 67 \times 10^{-12} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molec}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ at 298K). Using nighttime data only minimizes the effect of OH chemistry,
927 but emissions ratios determined by this method may be underestimated for species that are highly
928 reactive with ozone ($k_{\text{O}_3+\text{VOC}} > 10^{-16} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molec}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ at 298K) and/or the nitrate radical ($k_{\text{NO}_3+\text{VOC}} > 10^{-13} \text{ cm}^3$
929 $\text{ molec}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ at 298K) which may still be prevalent at night. We note that nearly all species had stronger
930 correlations with CO at night compared to ethyne and that, overall, correlations were weaker than those
931 observed during CalNex 2010. This may be indicative of non-combustion sources becoming more
932 prevalent in the Los Angeles Basin over the last decade.

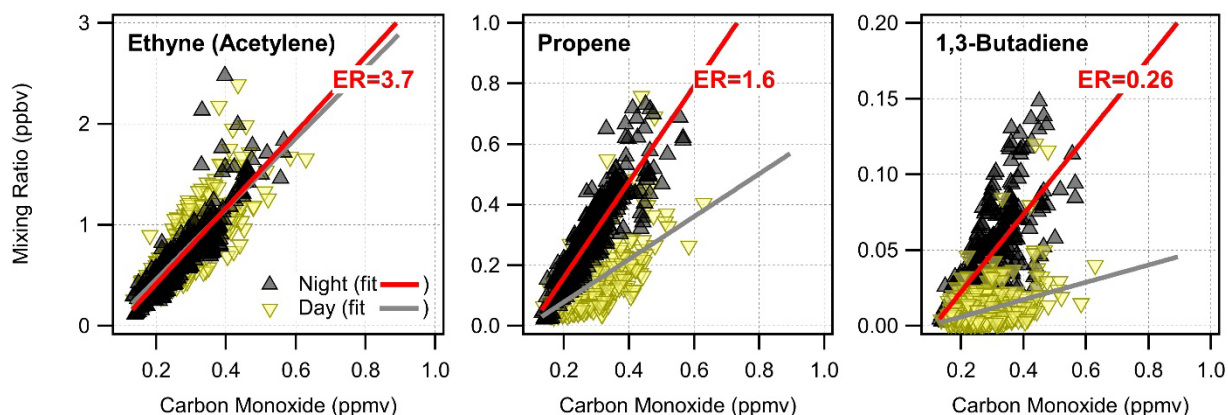


Figure 31. Comparison of VOC/CO ratios for nighttime and daytime only.

933 The VOC/CO and VOC/ethyne nighttime emission ratios for RECP-CA are compared to CalNex 2010
934 and LAAQS 2020 in *Figure 32*. Overall, the VOC/CO nighttime emission ratios for RECAP-CA agree within
935 a factor of two compared to both CalNex 2010 and LAAQS 2020. When comparing the VOC/ethyne ratios,
936 RECAP-CA was a factor of 2 higher than CalNex 2010. This is mainly driven by larger VOC/ethyne ratios
937 for many oxygenated VOCs, which could be indicative of a shift in the relation between hydrocarbon
938 combustion sources and oxygenated VOC emissions over time. Overall, RECAP-CA observed lower
939 VOC/ethyne ratios for many of the hydrocarbons except for the C7+ alkanes. This could be due to a

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940 difference in sampling locations or due to higher evaporative losses of these species during the warmer
941 RECAP-CA experiment. Ethane is the one species that is an outlier in all comparisons. As discussed in
942 *Section 3.2.5*, ethane was much higher at night during RECAP-CA than that observed during CalNex. Van
943 Rooy et al. [2021] reported a nighttime ethane/CO emission ratio of 58.34 ppb/ppmv CO that is almost a
944 factor of two higher than that from RECAP-CA (ER = 30.3 ppb/ppmv CO), both of which are substantially
945 higher than CalNex 2010 (ER = 18.4 ppbv ethane/ppmv CO) [Borbon et al., 2013].

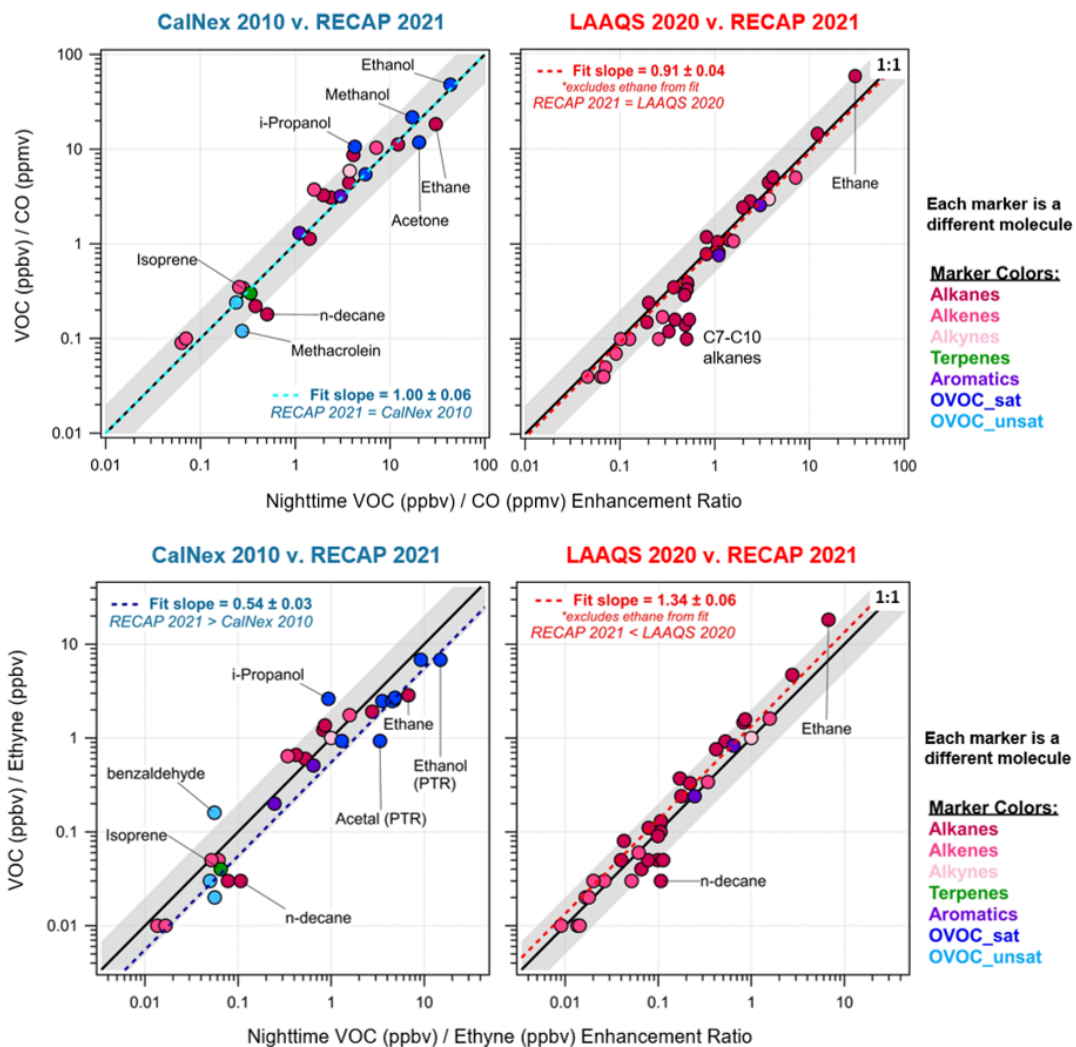


Figure 32. Comparison of RECAP-CA 2021 VOC/CO and VOC/ethyne emission ratios determined using nighttime data are compared to previous measurements in Pasadena, CA as part of CalNex 2010 [Borbon et al, 2013] and LAAQS 2020 [Van Rooy et al., 2021]. Each marker represents a different VOC. The markers are color coded by the compound class. The solid black line is the 1:1 and the grey shaded region represents the 2:1 and 1:2 bands.

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947 3.3.3 PHOTOCHEMICAL AGE METHOD FOR EMISSION RATIOS

948 Here we determine emission ratios using the photochemical age method using the kinetic-based
949 equations detailed in de Gouw et al. [2017, 2017]. The photochemical age method utilizes observed
950 hydrocarbon ratios to estimate the degree of photochemical processing that an air mass has experienced.
951 The correlation of the observed VOC/CO ratios are then extrapolated to zero photochemical age, which is
952 defined as the emission ratio. Various hydrocarbon ratios can be utilized to examine the effects of
953 oxidation via OH radical or ozone, referred to here as the “OH-exposure” and “O₃-exposure”. There are
954 several steps involved in the calculation of emission ratios using this method including determination of
955 background CO (CO_{bknd}) used to correct CO ($\Delta\text{CO} = \text{CO}_{\text{obs}} - \text{CO}_{\text{bknd}}$), calculation of the OH- and O₃-exposures,
956 and fits to the kinetic equations used to determine the $\Delta\text{VOC}/\Delta\text{CO}$ emission ratios. We discussed how we
957 arrived at a CO_{bknd} = 0.143 ppbv ± 15% Section 3.3.1.

958 Evidence for the need to correct the observed nighttime VOC/ ΔCO ratios to account for reactions with
959 nighttime oxidants is highlighted in Figure 33. Here we plot the median daytime to nighttime mixing ratios
960 of all hydrocarbons and halocarbons (excluding biogenics) versus their reaction rate coefficient with the
961 hydroxyl radical (k_{OH}). With a few exceptions, the decrease in the daytime mixing ratios can be explained
962 by a single exponential fit. The outliers dichloromethane (C₂Cl₂), ethane, and n-hexane were shown to
963 have significant emission sources from non-mobile sources (ethane = natural gas usage, dichloromethane
964 and n-hexane = local solvent usage). The remaining outliers are all alkenes which are reactive with ozone.
965 The higher than expected daytime/nighttime ratio can be explained by removal via nocturnal ozone
966 oxidation which will cause the ratio to increase above that expected from daytime OH-oxidation alone.

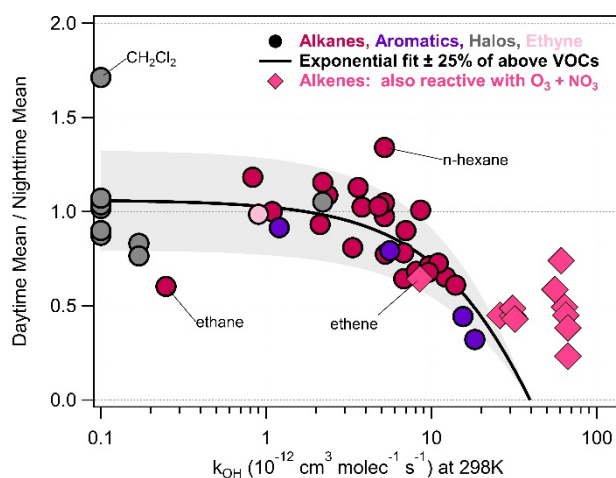


Figure 33. Ratio between daytime and nighttime median mixing ratios versus the reaction rate for different hydrocarbon species measured during RECAP-CA. An exponential fit

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968 Determination of OH-Exposure:

969 The time-integrated exposure of VOCs to OH, here referred to as OH-exposure or $[\text{OH}]\Delta t$, can be
970 calculated using hydrocarbon pairs that are emitted from similar sources but have substantially different
971 reaction rates with the hydroxyl radical. Traditional pairs include benzene with either toluene or 1,2,4-
972 trimethylbenzene. For RECAP-CA, we utilized the sum of the C8 and C9 aromatics from the PTR-MS
973 because we were unable to quantify the individual isomers via GC-MS. We determined emission ratios of

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974 [Benzene]/[C8-Aromatics] = 0.457 ppbv/ppbv and [Benzene]/[C9-Aromatics] = 0.853 ppbv/ppbv using the
975 y-intercept of the correlation plots and analysis of the timeseries of the ratios such as that shown for the
976 diel mean profile of [Benzene]/[C8-Aromatics] ratio in *Figure 34*. Because we are using the sum of several
977 isomers we had to estimate $k_{OH+C8-Aro} = 15.5 \times 10^{-12}$ and $k_{OH+C9-Aro} = 23.6 \times 10^{-12} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molec}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ at 298K based
978 on the distribution of C8- and C9-aromatics observed during CalNex 2010 and LAAQS 2020. A comparison
979 of the calculated OH-exposure using two different hydrocarbon pairs is shown in *Figure 34*. We use the
980 average of the calculated OH-exposures for all subsequent calculations. The maximum of the diel mean
981 OH-exposure = $7.5 \times 10^{10} \text{ molecules cm}^{-3} \text{ s}$. We estimate the uncertainty for the OH-exposure calculations
982 at $\pm 30\%$. This is in good agreement with LAAQS 2020 [Van Rooy et al., 2021], but is higher than that
983 determined for CalNex 2010 = $3.2 \times 10^{10} \text{ molecules cm}^{-3} \text{ s}$ [de Gouw et al., 2017]. The greater OH exposure
984 for RECAP-CA relative to CalNex is likely due to the higher temperatures, increased sunlight, and ozone
985 observed during RECAP-CA. Van Rooy et al. [2021] also notes that NO_x levels during LAAQS 2020 were
986 approximately 50% lower compared to 2010 which would result in a smaller sink related to NO₂+OH
987 reactions leading to an increased OH lifetime with respect to NO₂.

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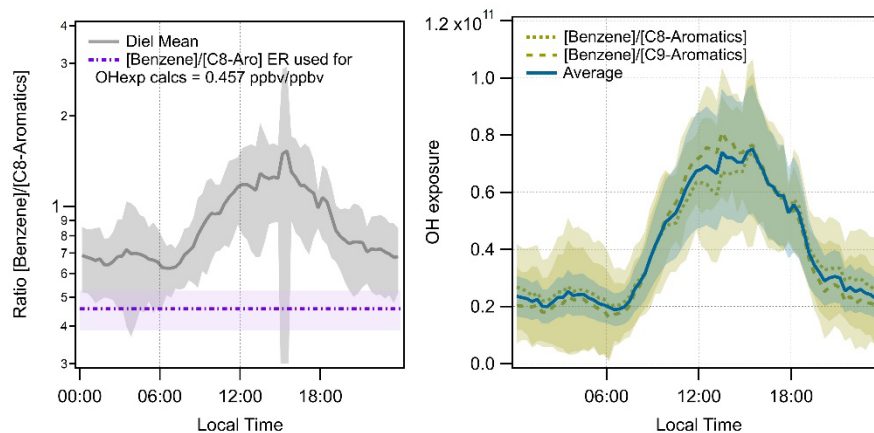


Figure 35. Diel mean of [Benzene]/[C8-aromatics] ratio and comparison of OH exposure calculated using various hydrocarbon pairs.

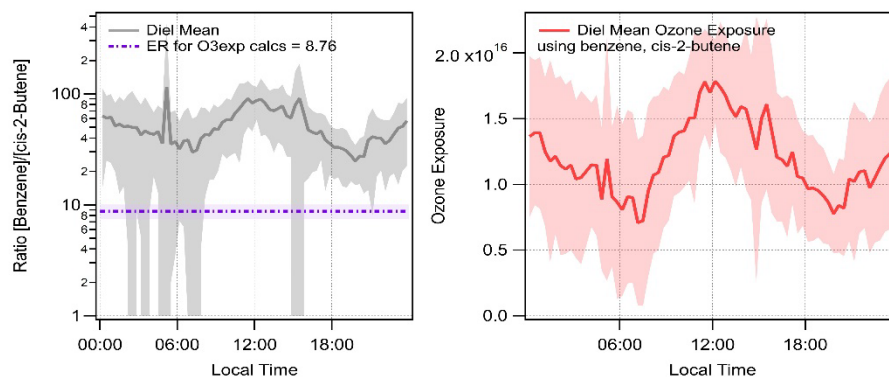


Figure 34. Comparisons of the diel mean profiles for O₃-exposure calculated using various hydrocarbon pairs (left) and comparison of the diel mean profiles for OH- and O₃-exposures used for this analysis (right).

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989 Determination of O₃-exposure:

990 The time-integrated exposure of VOCs to ozone, referred to here as O₃-exposure or [O₃]Δt, is
991 calculated in a similar manner as the OH-exposure but here we utilize hydrocarbon pairs that have similar
992 sources but differing reaction rates with ozone. The results for the O₃-exposure calculations are shown in
993 *Figure 35*. The maximum of the diel mean O₃-exposure = 1.7×10^{16} molecules cm⁻³ s. We estimate the
994 uncertainty for the O₃-exposure calculations at ± 30%. The diel mean maximum for O₃-exposure during
995 RECAP-CA is nearly identical compared to CalNex 2010 even though ozone concentrations were higher
996 during RECAP-CA [de Gouw et al., 2017]. Reactions of the hydrocarbon pairs used to determine O₃-
997 exposure will also react with hydroxyl radical as there is no hydrocarbon that reacts exclusively with ozone
998 and not OH. For this reason, we will only use nighttime data when extrapolating VOC/ΔCO ratios to zero
999 O₃-exposure.

1000 Multivariate Functions Used to Derive Emission Ratios:

1001 We refer the reader to the kinetic-based equations detailed in de Gouw et al. [2017, 2018] as we will
1002 present a simplified discussion here. We used three different multivariate functions to fit the observed
1003 variability in select VOCs as a function of ΔCO, $k_{\text{CO+OH}} = 0.05 \times 10^{-12}$ cm³ molec⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 298K, and either OH-
1004 or O₃-exposures in order to mathematically solve for VOC background mixing ratios (VOC_{bknd}), emission
1005 ratios (ΔVOC/ΔCO), and chemical reactivities of the analytes.

- 1006 • **Method 1:** This fit function is used to derive emission ratios of all hydrocarbons and select
1007 oxygenated VOCs that are expected to have only primary emission sources (negligible secondary
1008 formation) and are reactive with the hydroxyl radical. This is referred to as the OH-exposure
1009 corrected emission ratios. Background values were manually set to zero for highly reactive
1010 species ($k_{\text{OH}} > 5 \times 10^{-12}$).
- 1011 • **Method 2:** This fit function is similar to method one except we utilize the O₃-exposure metric to
1012 fit the observed nighttime mixing ratios of reactive alkenes with ozone. This is referred to as the
1013 O₃-exposure corrected emission ratios. All VOC_{bknd} were set to zero.
- 1014 • **Method 3:** This fit function includes an additional term that relates to the potential for secondary
1015 formation from unknown precursors. The observed variability in select oxygenated VOCs is then
1016 fit using the OH-exposure metric and solved for the emission ratios (ERs) related to primary
1017 emissions of the oxygenate-VOC (ER_{ovoc}) and the primary emissions of the hydrocarbon precursors
1018 (ER_{precursors}) and their reactivities with the hydroxyl radical. For oxygenated VOCs that have strong
1019 primary emission sources, the derived emission ratios will be similar to that determined by
1020 Method 1. We present both results in Appendix Table 2 for select species.

1021 Comparison of the Multivariate Function Results:

1022 In *Figure 36* we compare the mixing ratios determined from the multivariate regression analysis to
1023 the measurements for each method used in order to assess how well the multivariate function was able
1024 to predict ambient mixing ratios for the given inputs and constraints. There was good to excellent
1025 agreement between the modeled and measured results for a majority of the analytes. There was a higher
1026 degree of variability for species such as ethane (fit v. meas. $r^2 = 0.52$), which has a large emission source
1027 that does not correlate strongly with CO and it is not particularly reactive so it will have a weaker
1028 dependence on the OH-exposure.

1029 Compared to the nighttime VOC/CO emission ratios for the reactive alkenes (Section 3.3.2), the OH-
1030 exposure corrected emission ratios were 13-57% and the O₃-exposure corrected emission ratios were 17-

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1031 90% higher. Clearly it is important to account for chemical removal of highly reactive alkenes in order to
1032 accurately determine their emission ratios.

1033 Acetaldehyde was readily resolved by Method 3 into its three principal components: background
1034 ($VOC_{bknd} = 0.45 \pm 0.02$ ppbv, 33% of total resolved mixing ratio), primary emissions ($ER_{acetal} = 2.10$ ppbv
1035 ppmv CO^{-1} , 11% of resolved mixing ratio) and secondary production (55% of resolved mixing ratio). The
1036 only other OVOCs that had a non-negligible contribution from secondary production were MEK, formic
1037 acid, and methyl acetate. We could not get the equation to solve properly for formaldehyde, methyl vinyl
1038 ketone, and methacrolein. These fits would not converge properly and would return a negative emission
1039 ratio no matter the number of free or constrained variables. We think this is due the domination of
1040 secondary production sources causing the model to overcompensate and push the primary emission ratio
1041 calculation into the negative. The variability for all other oxygenated VOCs was attributed solely to
1042 primary emissions with a small contribution from VOC_{bknd} .

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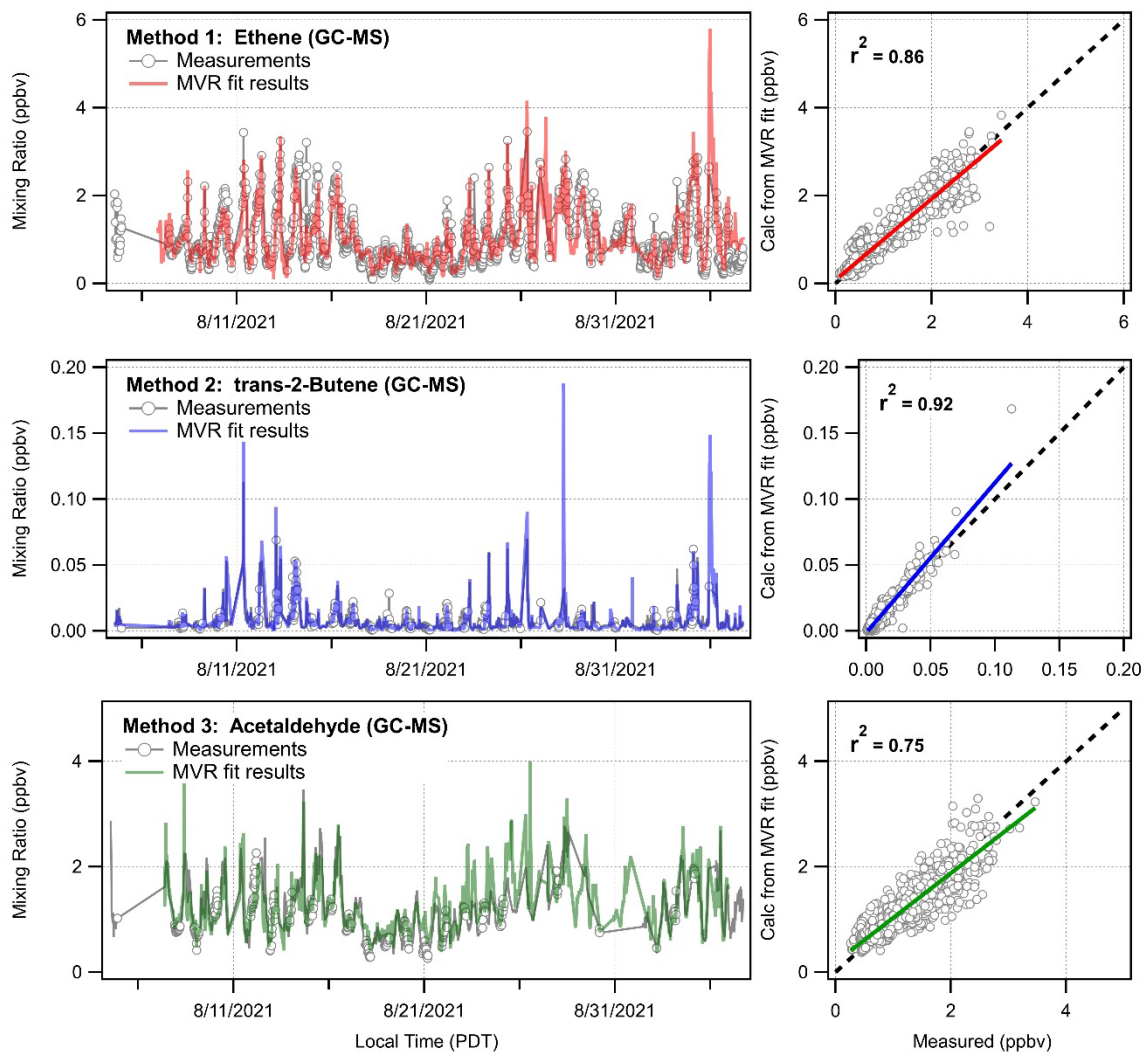


Figure 36. Comparison of measurements and fit results from the three multivariate methods used to determine emission ratios for ethene, trans-2-butene, and acetaldehyde.

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1044 Comparison of RECAP-CA Emission Ratios to CalNex 2010 and LAAQS 2020:

1045 The emission ratios derived using similar photochemical age correction methods are shown in *Figure*
1046 37 for CalNex 2010 [de Gouw et al., 2018; de Gouw et al., 2017] and LAAQS 2020 [Van Rooy et al., 2021]
1047 datasets collected in Pasadena, CA. The RECAP-CA emission ratios agree within a factor of two for nearly
1048 all species reported. CalNex 2010 emission ratios were slightly higher compared to RECAP-CA, particularly
1049 for iso-propanol. Ethane and nitromethane emission ratios were greater for RECAP-CA. We think that
1050 nitromethane may have been anomalously low for the CalNex 2010 dataset due to a bad calibration
1051 factor. RECAP-CA emission ratios agree well compared to LAAQS 2020. As noted previously, ethane
1052 emissions are much higher for both LAAQS 2020 and RECAP-CA 2021.

1053 Ethyne/CO emission was greatest for CalNex 2010 ($ER_{\text{ethyne}} = 6.4$ ppbv/ppmv CO), followed by RECAP-
1054 CA 2021 ($ER_{\text{ethyne}} = 3.5$ ppbv/ppmv CO), and finally LAAQS 2020 ($ER_{\text{ethyne}} = 2.91$ ppbv/ppmv CO) had the
1055 lowest. It's possible that the wildfire influence is responsible for the slightly higher ethyne/CO emission
1056 ratio derived here, as we corrected the CO background for wildfire influence but did not do so for ethyne,
1057 but the strong correlation of ethyne with CO ($r = 0.89$, see *Figure 31 and Appendix Table 2*) indicates this
1058 is unlikely. Van Rooy et al. [2021] noted that the LAAQS 2020 VOC/ethyne emission ratios compared well
1059 with CalNex 2010, but the VOC/CO emission ratios have decreased by approximately 60% of their 2010
1060 values. They posit that mobile sources are still the dominant source of the combustion-derived VOCs, but
1061 there has been a relative shift in these combustion sources from being dominated by on-road sources
1062 towards off-road sources that have a lower ethyne/CO emission ratio. The RECAP-CA observations
1063 support this general shift, but perhaps it was exacerbated for the LAAQS 2020 dataset due to the COVID-
1064 19 pandemic and a decrease in traffic counts.

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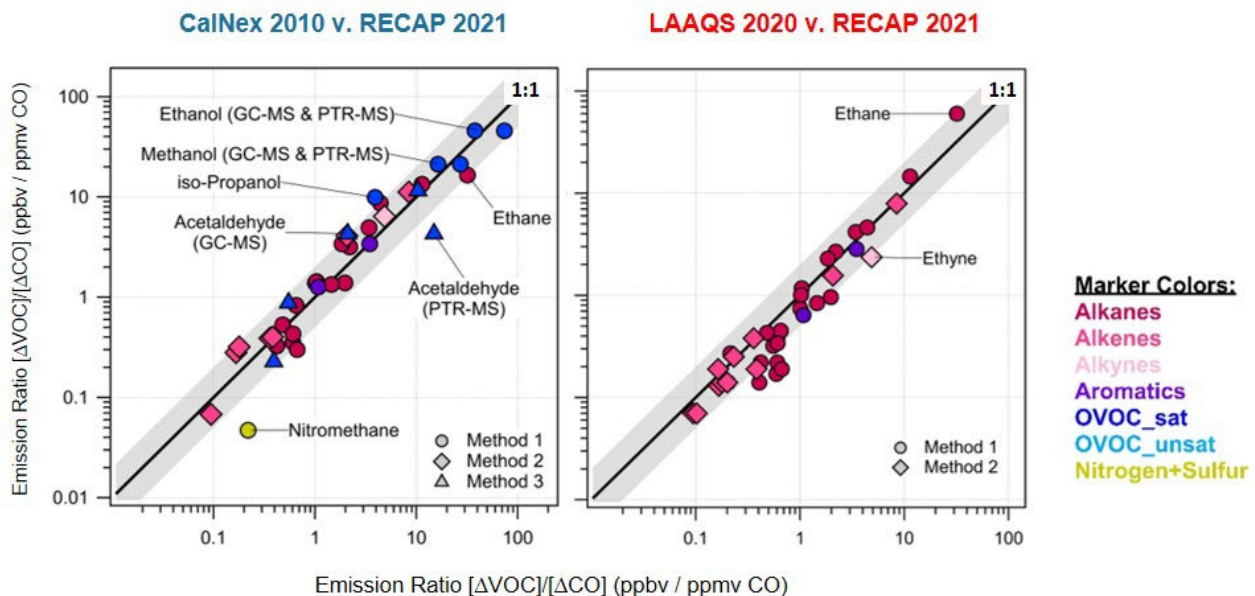


Figure 37. Comparison of photochemically corrected emission ratios from CalNex 2010 [de Gouw et al., 2017, 2018] and LAAQS 2020 [Van Rooy et al., 2021]. The black line represents the 1:1 line and shading denotes the 2:1 and 1:2 lines.

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1067 Comparison of RECAP-CA emission ratios to the FIVE-VCP emissions inventory:

1068 The FIVE-VCP Emissions Inventory was developed at NOAA Chemical Sciences Laboratory in order to
1069 benchmark and evaluate uncertainties in key emission sectors, and is not intended to be replaced by
1070 regulatory models. We show the comparison of the FIVE-VCP Emission Inventory compared to the RECAP-CA derived
1071 emission ratios. Overall, there is very good agreement. Ethanol has the highest emission ratio of all
1072 species compared and agrees well with the inventory. MEK (10x) is the largest outlier at FIVE-VCP = 10x
1073 RECAP-CA followed by acetone (3.5x), PCBTF (3x), and D5-siloxane (1.8x). For the alkene emission ratios,
1074 cis-2-butene and ethyne are a factor of five and two greater for RECAP-CA compared to the inventory.

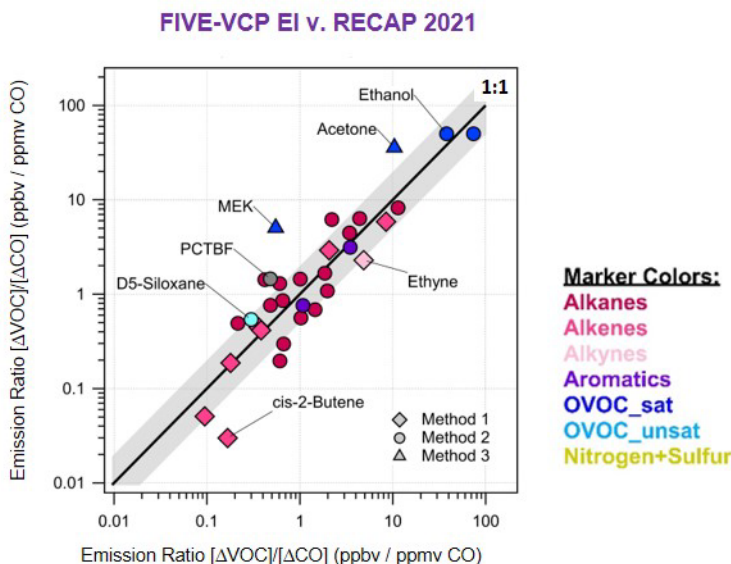


Figure 38. Comparison of FIVE-VCP Emission Inventory to RECAP-CA emission ratios.

1075 3.4 POTENTIAL OZONE AND AEROSOL FORMATION

1076 Ozone and secondary organic aerosol are detrimental to human health and decrease visibility. When
1077 a VOC reacts in the atmosphere with an oxidant such as the hydroxyl radical in the presence of sunlight
1078 and nitrogen oxides (NO_x), it starts a chain of reactions that can lead to the formation of ozone and/or
1079 particulate matter. To further complicate matters, the production of ozone and particulate matter is non-
1080 linear and depends on a myriad of factors including sunlight, temperature, NO_x concentrations, etc. These
1081 conditions can change throughout the day and across seasons. For these reasons, accurate representation
1082 of ozone formation and/or aerosol formation pathways require advanced chemical, meteorological,
1083 and/or statistical models. The RECAP-CA dataset presented here will serve as valuable input to these
1084 models and will be used to validate them [Zhu et al., 2023].

1085 Here we present some simple, but still useful, metrics to assess the potential to form ozone and
1086 particulate matter using our gas-phase observations of ozone and particulate precursors. Statistical
1087 models such as Positive Matrix Factorization (PMF) are needed to properly apportion VOC emissions by
1088 source sector [Gkatzelis et al., 2021d], which is an active area of research post RECAP-CA. Here we present
1089 the discussion based on chemical classes which can be useful when comparing to emission inventories
1090 and lumped-species chemical models. In Figure 39, we present the relative contributions of VOC chemical
1091 classes and trace gases, as determined by their median mixing ratios, to the sum of volumetric and carbon

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1092 mixing ratios, mass, ozone formation potential (OFP), reactivity with the hydroxyl radical (OH-reactivity),
1093 and potential organic aerosol formation. All metrics used in these calculations are included in Appendix
1094 Table 1.

1095 VOC Mixing Ratios and Mass:

1096 The sum of median VOC mixing ratios observed during RECAP-CA was 38 ppbv VOC and 93 ppbC VOC.
1097 The median observed NO_x mixing ratio was 7.24 ppb NO_x. This results in a RECAP-CA median VOC/NO_x
1098 ratios of 5.2 ppbv VOC per ppbv NO_x and 12.8 ppbC VOC per ppbv NO_x. Wu et al. [*Submitted*] conducted
1099 ozone sensitivity experiments at the Pasadena ground site concurrent with the measurements presented
1100 here. They calculated ozone isopleths under varying NO_x and VOC conditions and determined that
1101 Pasadena is in the “VOC-limited”/“NO_x-saturated” regime [Wu et al., *Submitted*]. In this relatively high-
1102 NO_x environment, decreasing NO_x emissions will lead to increased ozone formation.

1103 The sum of VOC mass was 83 μg m³. All three of these parameters were dominated by oxygenated
1104 VOCs followed by alkanes. Ethanol and acetone alone accounted for 27% of the median VOC mass
1105 measured during RECAP-CA (ethanol = 13%, acetone = 14%).

1106 Ozone Precursors:

1107 The relative contribution of the measured VOCs and trace gases to potential ozone formation is
1108 examined here using two metrics: OH-reactivity and ozone formation potential (OFP). Because most
1109 atmospheric reactions involving VOCs begin with a reaction of VOC with hydroxyl radicals (VOC + OH →
1110 products), OH-reactivity can be a useful metric for comparing the initial rate of reactions of various VOCs
1111 and trace gases in the atmosphere. However, the ultimate impact of a VOC on ozone formation is not
1112 limited to the initial reaction but also on all subsequent reactions. OH reactivity (units of s⁻¹) is determined
1113 by multiplying the observed median analyte concentration (molecule cm⁻³) by its OH reaction rate
1114 coefficient (k_{OH+VOC} , cm³ molec⁻¹ s⁻¹). The total OH reactivity for RECAP-CA of all measured analytes = 6.4
1115 s⁻¹ with VOCs contributing 58%. The reaction of OH+NO₂→HNO₃ represents a OH-sink terminating the
1116 ozone production cycle and accounted for 22% of the median OH-reactivity.

1117 Isoprene was the single largest contributor to the VOC-OH reactivity followed by formaldehyde,
1118 ethanol, and acetaldehyde. Natural emissions of isoprene and its oxidation products methyl vinyl ketone
1119 (MVK) and methacrolein (MACR) accounted for 16% of the VOC-OH reactivity. The overall contribution of
1120 biogenic isoprene to potential ozone formation is expected to be even greater as other isoprene oxidation
1121 products including formaldehyde and isoprene nitrates will also contribute to ozone formation.

1122 Ozone formation potential (OFP) is a parameter that has been widely used to evaluate the maximum
1123 potential contribution to photochemical ozone production from specific VOCs under optimum reaction
1124 conditions [Carter, 1994; Carter, 2010; Gu et al., 2021]. OFPs for all carbon-containing gases were
1125 calculated based on individual VOC emissions weighted by its corresponding maximum incremental
1126 reactivity (MIR) reported by Carter [2010]. For the VOCs, formaldehyde has the largest OFP followed
1127 closely by ethanol. Other important VOC contributors to OFP include propene, isoprene, and sum of C8-
1128 aromatics. Ethanol is one of the dominant contributors to both the OH-reactivity and OFP and this is due
1129 entirely to its abundance in the Los Angeles Basin as it is not a particularly reactive analyte.

1130 Aerosol Precursors:

1131 Secondary organic aerosol formation (SOA) is even harder to predict than ozone production. Similar
1132 to ozone, the reactivities of the precursors are important metrics, but also their solubility and vapor
1133 pressures which will determine if an analyte partitions to the aerosol phase. The amount of aerosol

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1134 produced from a given precursor is the aerosol yield. The amount of potential aerosol formation was
 1135 calculated based on individual VOC emissions weighted by its corresponding aerosol yield. We utilized
 1136 aerosol yields calculated using the methods presented in McDonald et al. [2018a], Model A. For
 1137 comparison, we include the secondary organic aerosol potential (SOAP) using the methods and yields
 1138 detailed in Gu et al. [2021], Model B. Both studies were aimed at characterizing aerosol formation in the
 1139 Los Angeles Basin.

1140 Both models point to aromatics as the dominant aerosol precursors measured during RECAP-CA.
 1141 Model B includes a slightly larger contribution from the C8-C10 alkanes and includes a yield for acetone,
 1142 which is not included in Model B. We note that the RECAP-CA dataset does not include measurements of
 1143 analytes in the semi-volatile or intermediate-volatility ranges so we are likely missing a significant source
 1144 of SOA precursors.

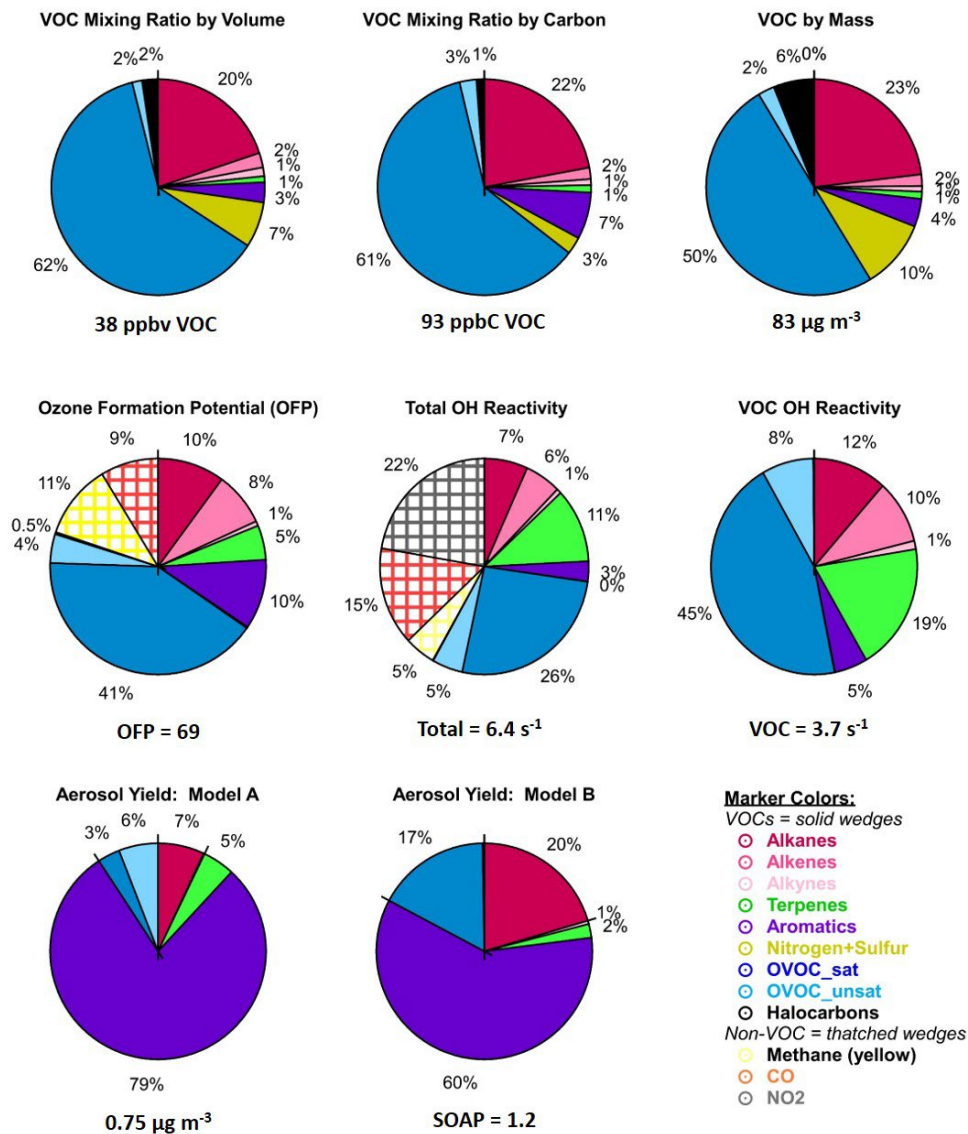


Figure 39. Relative contributions to VOC mixing ratios, VOC mass, ozone formation potential, OH reactivity, and aerosol production based on median VOC and trace gas mixing ratios observed during RECAP-CA.

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1145 4.0 SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

1146 Here we present detailed chemical measurements of a full suite of VOCs and trace gases in summer
1147 2021 as part of the Re-evaluating the Chemistry of Air Pollutants in California (RECAP-CA) campaign in an
1148 effort to characterize the chemical, temporal and spatial variability of VOC emissions and chemistry across
1149 the basin. The objectives of this study were to evaluate all major VOC sources, including volatile chemical
1150 products (VCPs), cooking, natural gas usage, biogenic emissions and secondary products in order to fully
1151 characterize emission sources and atmospheric chemistry affecting photochemical ozone formation.

1152 We conducted five weeks of measurements using an array of advanced instrumentation deployed at
1153 the Pasadena ground site in August and September 2021. These measurements included critical trace
1154 gases and provided extensive chemical detail of volatile organic compound emissions and chemistry. The
1155 NOAA gas chromatography-mass spectrometry (GC-MS) instrument collected over 1800 samples
1156 providing unparalleled chemical speciation of a full suite of VOCs. These measurements were augmented
1157 by five weeks of near-continuous measurements of organic and inorganic gases including important
1158 tracers for combustion sources, VCP usage, biogenic oxidation products, reactive nitrogen, and climate-
1159 relevant gases. We also deployed the NOAA Mobile Laboratory to conduct ten different surveys across
1160 the Los Angeles basin in order to investigate the spatial variability of VOC emission sources and to target
1161 emission-rich areas for a variety of source sectors (e.g., oil and natural gas production, downwind or
1162 restaurants, etc.).

1163 During RECAP-CA, we had excellent sampling conditions allowing us to characterize the emissions and
1164 chemistry downwind of the Los Angeles metropolitan area. Seasonally warm temperatures and plenty of
1165 sunlight led to very active photochemistry as evidenced by the strong photochemical formation of ozone,
1166 which had a diel mean maximum of 65 ppb ozone with a campaign maximum exceeding 100 ppbv ozone.
1167 There were two exceptional events: one was characterized by relatively clean background air and one
1168 that was influenced of aged wildfire smoke.

1169 Analysis of diel profiles of over one hundred (100) different analytes were used to assess the relative
1170 importance of boundary layer dynamics, transport, primary emission source strength, and both the
1171 photochemical degradation of reactive precursors and the subsequent formation of secondary products.
1172 Overall, oxygenated VOCs were highly abundant and were associated with a wide array of primary and
1173 secondary sources. Ethanol and methanol continue to be the most abundant VOCs measured in Pasadena
1174 in both 2010 and 2021, and in other urban areas we have studied including New York City, NY, indicating
1175 the prevalence of substantial primary emission sources of these species in urban environments. They are
1176 not particularly reactive in the atmosphere and thus exempt from current regulatory actions, but they
1177 were significant contributors to the VOC reactivity (one metric used to assess the propensity to form
1178 ozone) due to their excessive concentrations.

1179 Other oxygenated VOCs that had strong daytime emissions/sources (coincident with the hours of peak
1180 photochemical formation of ozone and organic aerosol) included the secondary formation of
1181 formaldehyde, an air toxic, and biogenic oxidation products which serve to highlight the important role
1182 that natural isoprene emissions and other reactive precursors will have on air quality in the Los Angeles
1183 Basin. Other species of note with increased daytime emission rates was para-chlorobenzotrifluoride
1184 (PCBTF), a useful VCP tracer for solvent-based coatings. Higher daytime emission rates of PCBTF is
1185 conceptually consistent with increased anthropogenic activities (e.g., construction activities) combined
1186 with greater evaporation rates due to warmer daytime temperatures.

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1187 Observed mixing ratios of Texanol, a VCP marker for water-based coatings, were 1.5 to 4 times higher
1188 than the first-ever reported measurements in Southern California in 2009 [Goliff et al. 2012]. Our
1189 observations of D5-siloxane, a tracer for personal care product usage, were consistent with those
1190 observed in other North American cities and the diel profile was indicative of higher emission rates during
1191 the morning rush-hour with subsequent decline throughout the day as the analyte evaporates and is
1192 diluted throughout the boundary layer. Octanal and nonanal were identified as useful tracers for cooking
1193 emissions and their correlations with carbon monoxide (CO, a combustion tracer) were leveraged to
1194 calculate emission rates in the Los Angeles Basin of 5.6 and 3.2 tons per day for octanal and nonanal,
1195 respectively, thus providing critical new information on a previously understudied emission source
1196 [Coggon et al., 2023b].

1197 We observed a doubling of the ethane/CO emission ratio compared to CalNex 2010, which is
1198 consistent with increased ethane emissions from natural gas usage in the Los Angeles Basin [Wunch et al.,
1199 2016]. Mobile lab measurements during RECAP-CA and subsequent airborne measurements in 2023 show
1200 that ethane and propane are prevalent throughout the basin with prominent ethane sources occurring
1201 near the Port of Long Beach.

1202 The RECAP-CA measurements were used to derive VOC/CO and VOC/ethyne emission ratios for 70
1203 different chemical species. Overall, the RECAP-CA VOC/CO emission ratios were lower compared to 2010
1204 values and were largely consistent with those from 2020 [de Gouw et al., 2017, 2018; Van Rooy et al.,
1205 2021]. Notable exceptions include ethane (discussed above), ethyne, and the C7+ alkanes. Ethyne/CO
1206 emission ratios were less than 2010, but greater than 2020 values [de Gouw et al., 2017, 2018; Van Rooy
1207 et al., 2021]. Van Rooy et al. [2021] posited that a shift from on-road to off-road combustion sources
1208 could explain a shift towards lower ethyne/CO emission ratios. The influence of aged wildfire smoke
1209 impacting the RECAP-CA measurement site could also be responsible for an increase in the observed
1210 ethyne/CO emission ratio. Emission ratios for C7+ alkanes were higher compared to both previous
1211 datasets. The reason for this is unknown but could be in part related to higher ambient temperatures
1212 during RECAP-CA implicating an evaporative emission source.

1213 The RECAP-CA median VOC/NO_x ratios were 5.2 ppbv VOC per ppbv NO_x and 12.8 ppbC VOC per ppbv
1214 NO_x. Wu et al. [Submitted] conducted ozone sensitivity experiments at the Pasadena ground site
1215 concurrent with the measurements presented here. They calculated ozone isopleths under varying NO_x
1216 and VOC conditions and determined that Pasadena is in the “VOC-limited”/“NO_x-saturated” regime [Wu
1217 et al., Submitted]. In this relatively high-NO_x environment, decreasing NO_x emissions will lead to
1218 increased ozone formation. Isoprene and its oxidation products were the dominant contributors to
1219 potential ozone formation. Other important species included a strong photochemical source of
1220 formaldehyde and large primary emissions of ethanol and methanol. Potential aerosol formation is
1221 dominated by aromatics, primarily associated with on-road emission sources. We note that we did not
1222 measure VOCs of semi- and intermediate- volatilities, which are expected to be efficient aerosol
1223 precursors.

1224 This expansive new dataset will serve as the new foundation to assess emission inventories and
1225 chemical models used to understand and predict secondary ozone and aerosol formation in the Los
1226 Angeles Basin. Improved understanding of modern emission sources of VOCs and trace gases are critical
1227 for California to meet its air quality and climate goals. The results from this project will help inform the
1228 development of effective regulatory policies for future State Implementation Plans (SIP) and O₃ and PM
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1461 6.0 GLOSSARY OF TERMS, ABBREVIATIONS, AND SYMBOLS

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1464	AEROMMA	Atmospheric Emissions and Reactions Observed from Megacities to Marine Areas
1465	CalNex	California Nexus of Air Quality and Climate
1466	CSL	Chemical Sciences Laboratory at NOAA
1467	CO	Carbon Monoxide
1468	CO ₂	Carbon Dioxide
1469	FIREX-AQ	Fire Influence on Regional to Global Environments and Air Quality
1470	GC-MS	Gas Chromatography – Mass Spectrometry
1471	I.D.	Inner Diameter
1472	LAAQS	Los Angeles Air Quality Study 2020
1473	NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
1474	NO _x	Nitrogen Oxides (NO _x = NO + NO ₂)
1475	O.D.	Outer Diameter
1476	PFA	Perfluoroalkoxy polymer
1477	PSIA	Pounds Per Square Inch Absolute Pressure
1478	PSIG	Pounds Per Square Inch Gauge Pressure
1479	PTR-ToF-MS/PTR-MS	Proton Transfer Reaction – Time of Flight – Mass Spectrometry
1480	RECAP-CA	Re-Evaluating the Chemistry of Air Pollutants in California
1481	SCCM	Standard cubic centimeters
1482	SLPM	Standard Liter Per Minute
1483	SUNVEx	Southwest Urban NO _x and VOC Experiment
1484	VCP	Volatile chemical product
1485	VOC	Volatile Organic Compound
1486	WAS	Whole Air Sample
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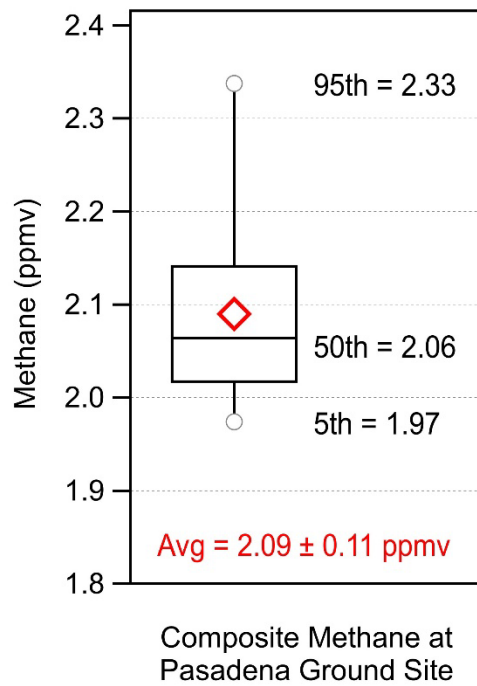
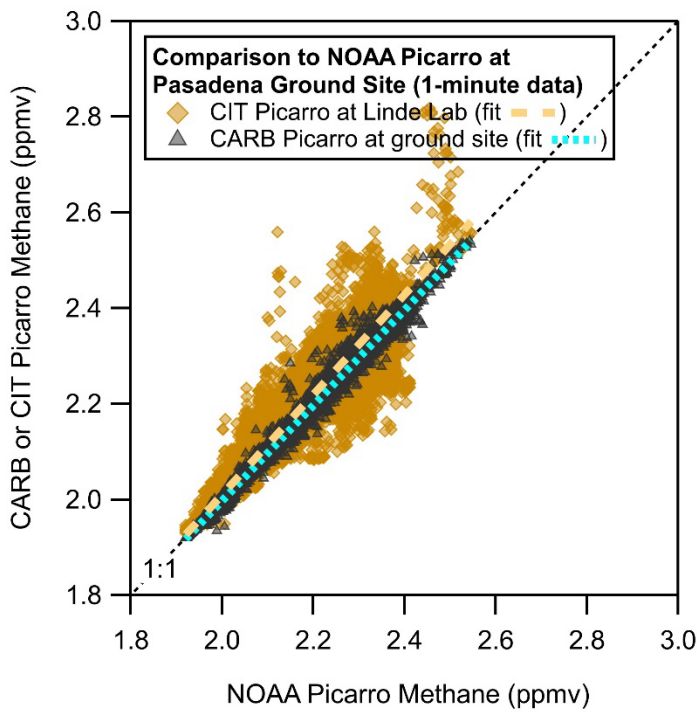
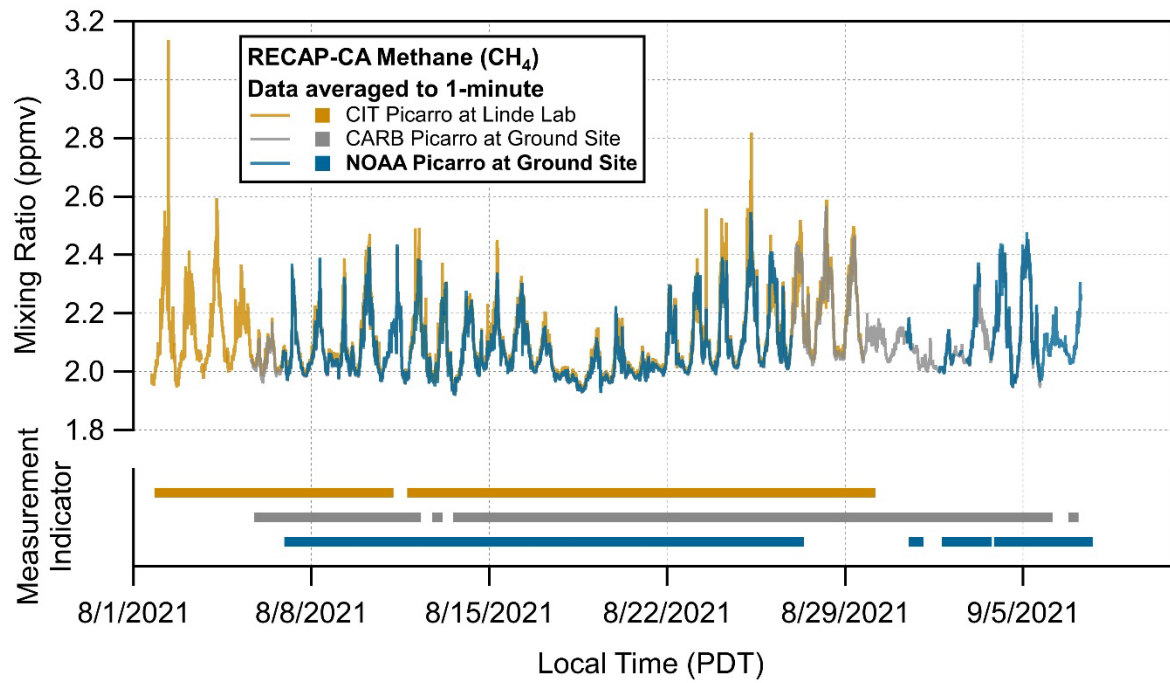


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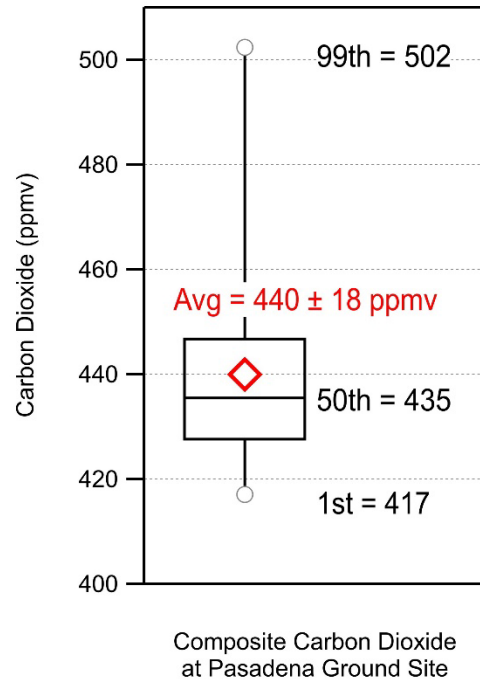
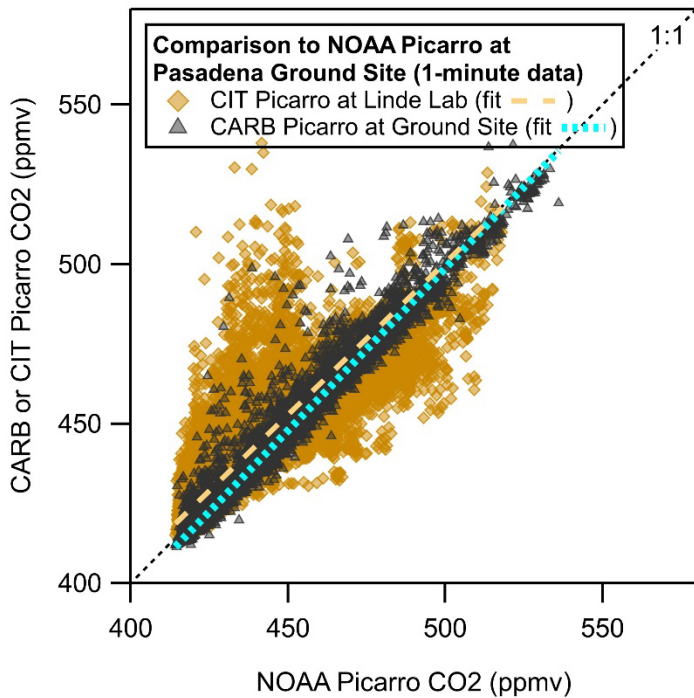
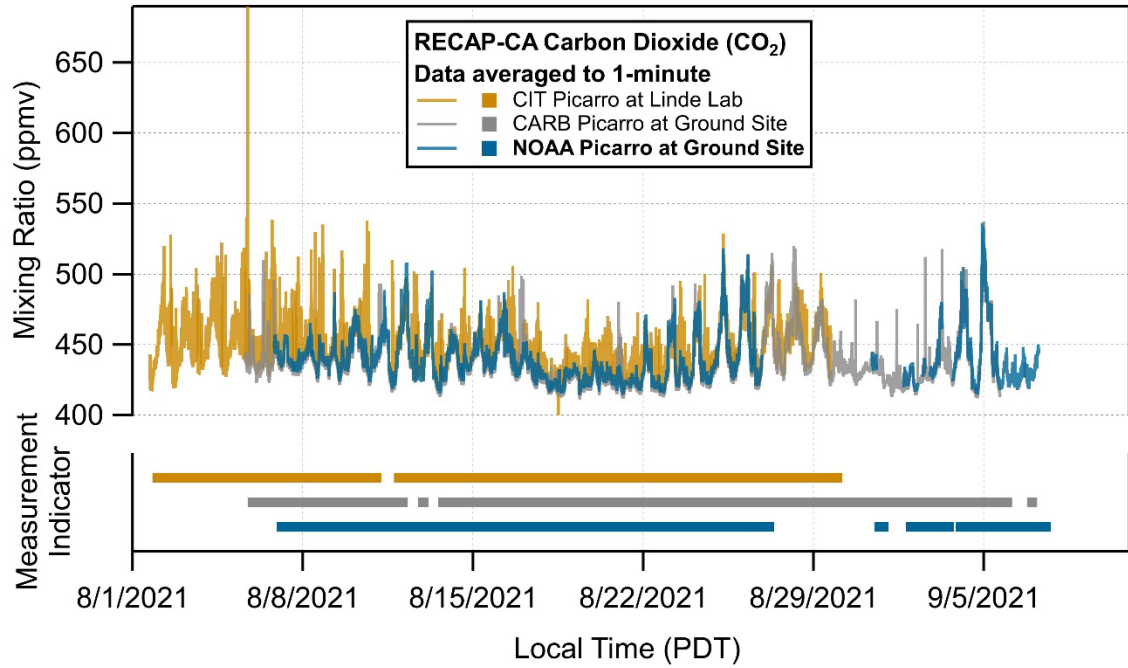


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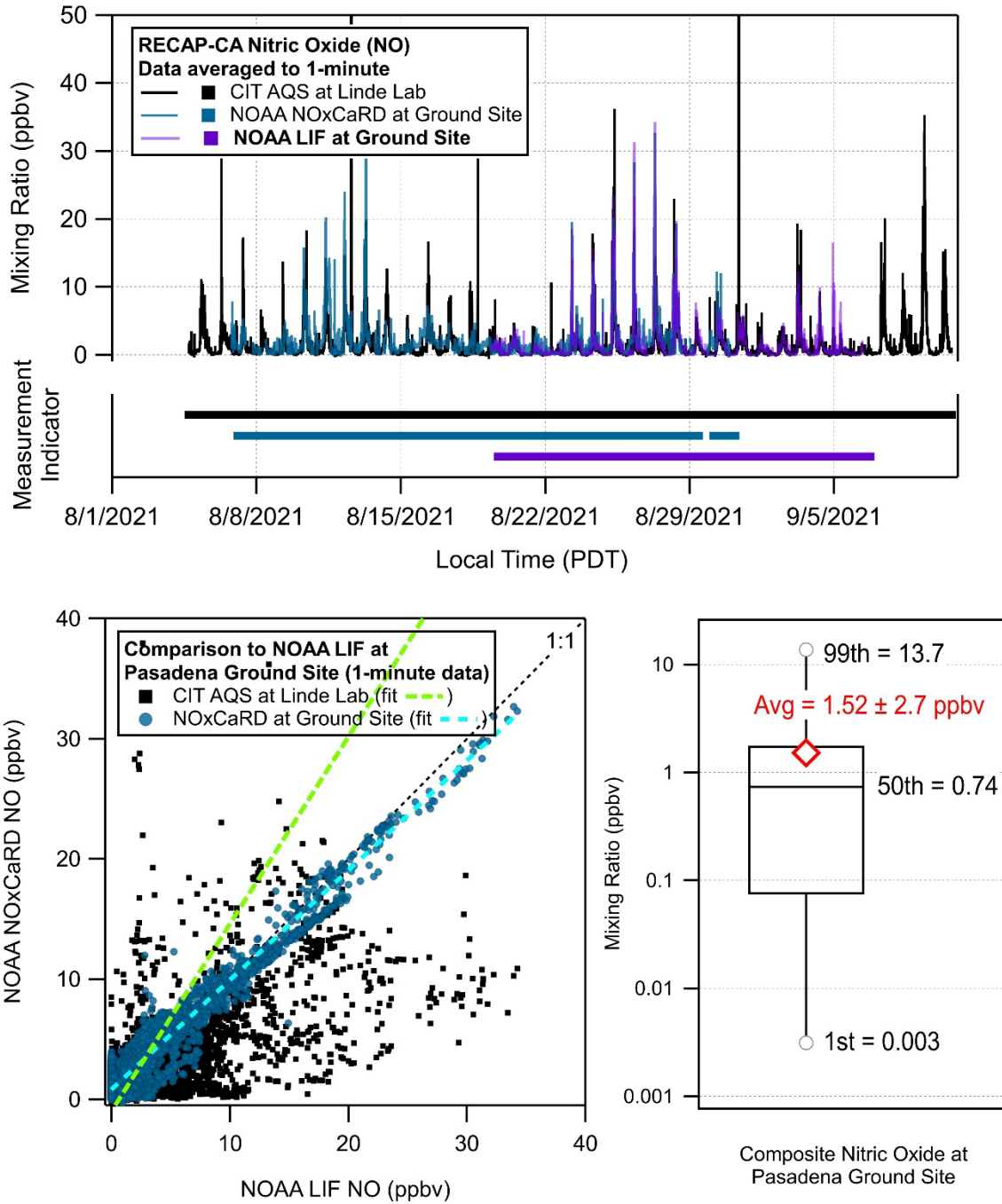


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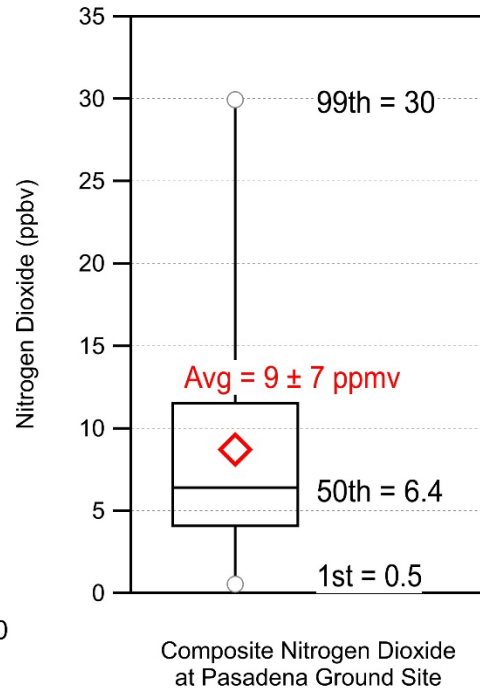
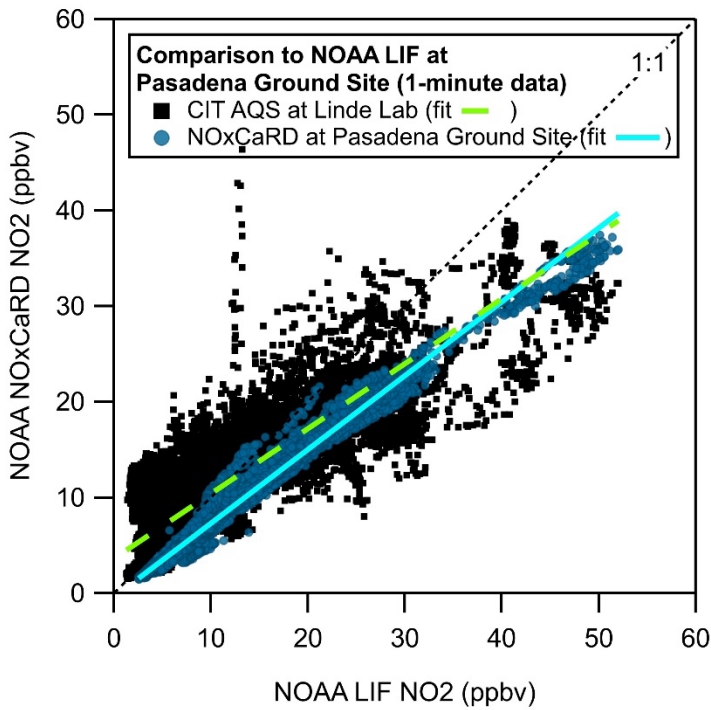
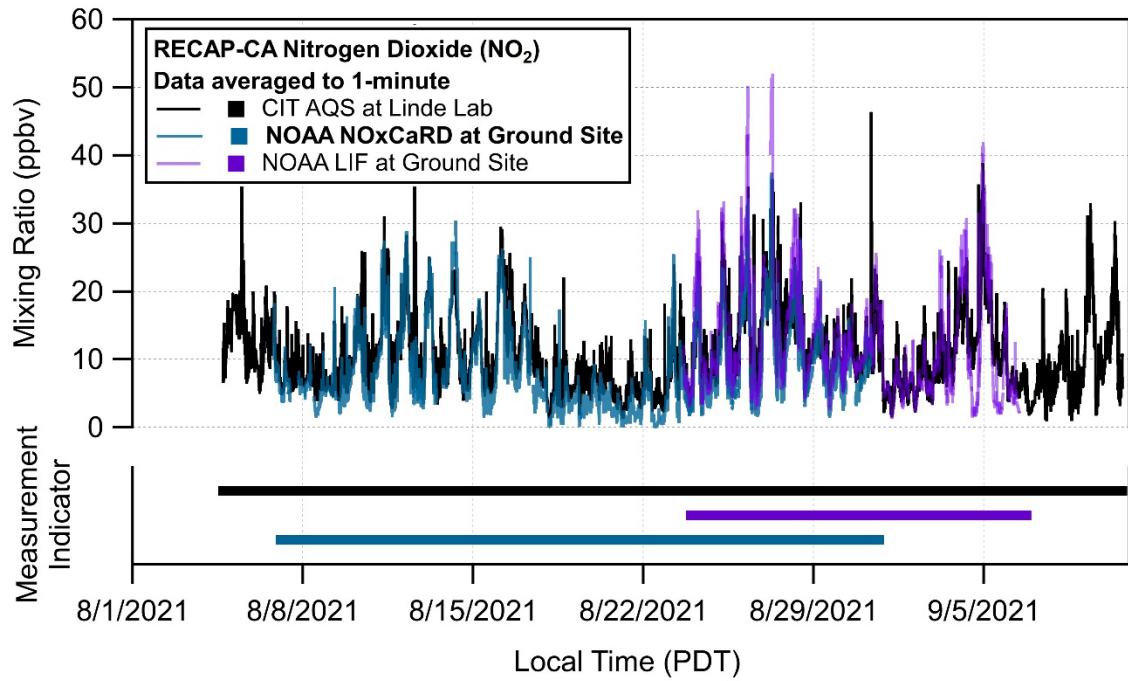


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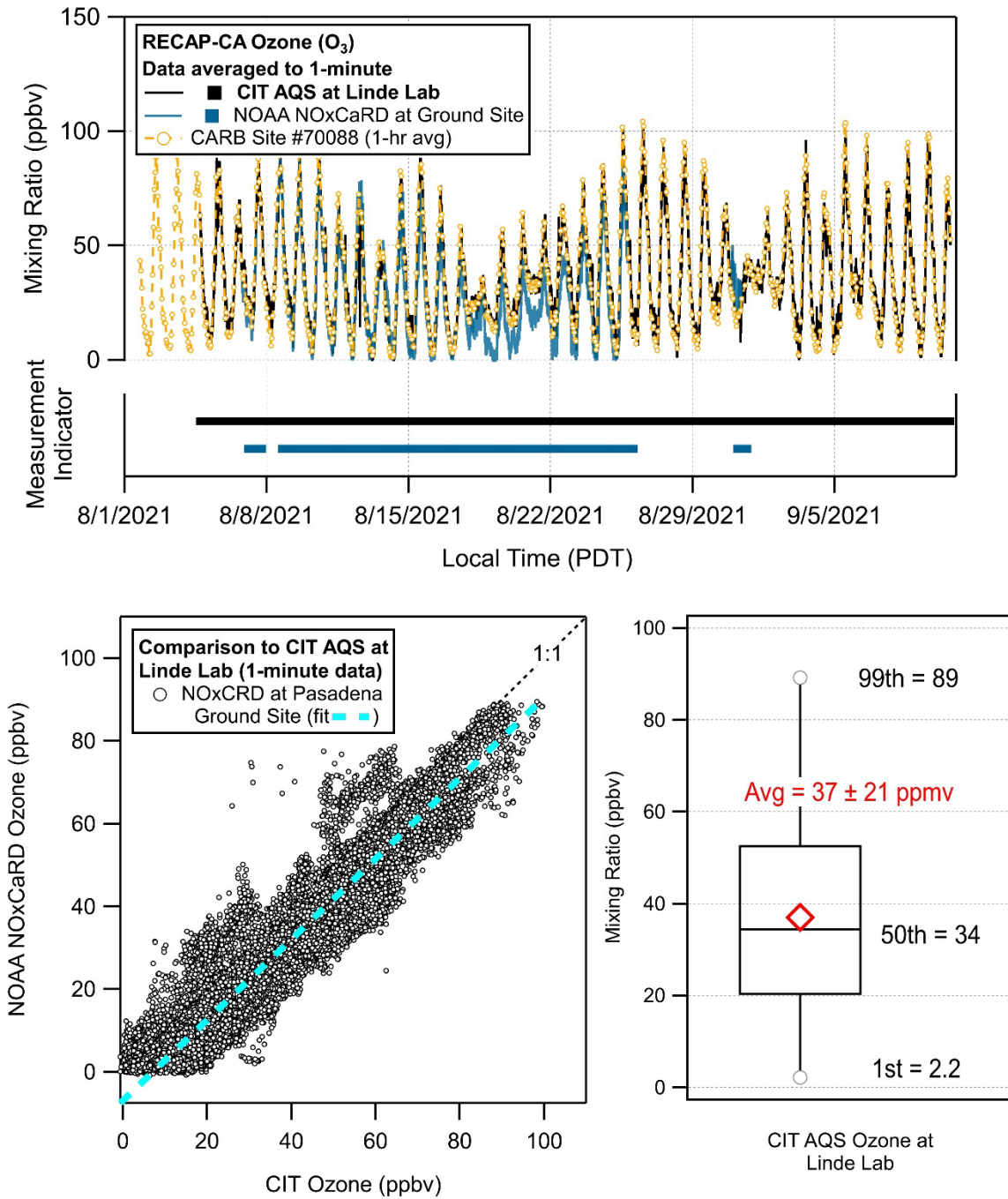


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Line #	Measurement Identification	metric: Units:	Mixing Ratio Statistics								Metrics Used for Analysis									
			Mean	Std. Dev.	Median	Max	Min	Num	Mean	Median	Used in	C#	MW	MIR	KOH	kO3	kNO3	LogC*	SOA Yield	SOAP
			ppbv	1 sigma	ppbv	ppbv	ppbv		ppbC	ppbC	calc		g mol ⁻¹	gVOC/gO ₃	(cm ³ molec ⁻¹ s ⁻¹)			μg/cm ³	g/g	g/g
Alkanes																				
1	Ethane	GC-MS	5.819	3.63	4.728	22.43	1.137	1746	11.64	9.46	1	2	30	0.28	2.48E-13		4.00E-18	10.1	0	0
2	Propane	GC-MS	2.082	1.21	1.747	8.02	0.239	1748	6.25	5.24	1	3	44	0.49	1.09E-12		9.20E-18	9.8	0	0
3	iso-Butane	GC-MS	0.432	0.23	0.382	1.94	0.043	1748	1.73	1.53	1	4	58	1.23	2.12E-12		9.80E-17	9.5	0	0
4	n-Butane	GC-MS	0.712	0.43	0.593	3.47	0.065	1748	2.85	2.37	1	4	58	1.15	2.36E-12		6.59E-17	9.5	0	0
5	2,2-dimethylpropane	GC-MS	0.011	0.01	0.010	0.06	0.001	1747	0.05	0.05	1	5	72	0.67	8.30E-13			9.2	0	0
6	iso-Pentane	GC-MS	0.683	0.45	0.564	4.17	0.077	1748	3.42	2.82	1	5	72	1.45	3.60E-12		1.56E-16	9.2	0	0
7	n-Pentane	GC-MS	0.356	0.21	0.308	3.05	0.038	1748	1.78	1.54	1	5	72	1.31	3.80E-12		8.10E-17	9.2	0	0
8	2,2-Dimethylbutane	GC-MS	0.034	0.02	0.029	0.21	0.003	1748	0.21	0.18	1	6	86	1.17	2.20E-12			8.8	0	0
9	2-Methylpentane	GC-MS	0.147	0.08	0.134	0.63	0.013	1744	0.88	0.80	1	6	86	1.5	5.20E-12		1.71E-16	8.8	0	0
10	3-Methylpentane	GC-MS	0.156	0.10	0.133	1.01	0.010	1743	0.94	0.80	1	6	86	1.8	5.20E-12		2.04E-16	8.8	0	0
11	n-Hexane	GC-MS	0.339	0.39	0.228	4.44	0.011	1745	2.03	1.37	1	6	86	1.24	5.20E-12		1.05E-16	8.8	0.0028	0
12	2,4-Dimethylpentane	GC-MS	0.068	0.04	0.056	0.34	0.005	1748	0.47	0.40	1	7	100	1.55	5.26E-12		1.44E-16	8.5	0	0
13	n-Heptane	GC-MS	0.075	0.04	0.063	0.25	0.006	1738	0.53	0.44	1	7	100	1.07	6.80E-12		1.37E-16	8.5	0.0066	0.05
14	2,2,4-Trimethylpentane	GC-MS	0.152	0.09	0.135	0.56	0.012	1750	1.22	1.08	1	8	114	1.26	3.34E-12		7.51E-17	8.1	0.003	0.05
15	2,3,4-Trimethylpentane	GC-MS	0.052	0.04	0.041	0.27	0.003	1750	0.42	0.33	1	8	114	1.03	6.80E-12			8.1	0.003	0.05
16	2-Methylheptane	GC-MS	0.057	0.04	0.046	0.25	0.003	1745	0.46	0.37	1	8	114	1.07	1.22E-11			8.1	0.003	0.05
17	3-Methylheptane	GC-MS	0.037	0.03	0.029	0.19	0.002	1745	0.30	0.24	1	8	114	1.24	1.40E-11			8.1	0.003	0.05
18	n-Octane	GC-MS	0.058	0.04	0.044	0.23	0.003	1750	0.46	0.35	1	8	114	0.9	8.10E-12		1.83E-16	8.1	0.013	0.06
19	n-Nonane	GC-MS	0.040	0.03	0.032	0.17	0.002	1740	0.36	0.29	1	9	128	0.78	9.70E-12		1.93E-16	7.7	0.021	0.14
20	n-Decane	GC-MS	0.078	0.05	0.067	0.25	0.009	1750	0.78	0.67	1	10	142	0.68	1.10E-11		2.59E-16	7.4	0.033	0.22
21	Cyclopentane	GC-MS	0.035	0.02	0.029	0.19	0.003	1748	0.17	0.15	1	5	70	2.39	4.80E-12		1.50E-16	8.8	0	0.04
22	Cyclohexane	GC-MS	0.063	0.04	0.054	0.34	0.004	1728	0.38	0.32	1	6	84	1.25	7.00E-12		1.35E-16	8.8	0.022	0
23	Methylcyclopentane	GC-MS	0.227	0.15	0.192	1.27	0.012	1748	1.36	1.15	1	6	84	2.19	8.60E-12			8.8	0.022	0
24	Methylcyclohexane	GC-MS	0.062	0.04	0.051	0.29	0.004	1750	0.44	0.36	1	7	98	1.7	9.60E-12			8.5	0.035	0.22
Alkenes																				
24	Ethene	GC-MS	0.992	0.61	0.819	3.45	0.080	1748	1.98	1.64	1	2	28	9	8.50E-12	1.59E-18	2.02E-16	10	0	0
25	Propene	GC-MS	0.211	0.14	0.174	0.91	0.021	1748	0.63	0.52	1	3	42	11.66	2.60E-11	1.00E-17	9.45E-15	9.7	0	0
26	1-Butene	GC-MS	0.035	0.02	0.028	0.17	0.003	1748	0.14	0.11	1	4	56	9.73	3.10E-11	1.09E-17	1.25E-14	9.4	0	0
27	cis-2-Butene	GC-MS	0.008	0.01	0.005	0.10	0.000	1486	0.03	0.02	1	4	56	14.24	5.60E-11	1.27E-16	3.50E-13	9.4	0	0
28	trans-2-Butene	GC-MS	0.008	0.01	0.005	0.11	0.000	1547	0.03	0.02	1	4	56	15.16	6.40E-11	1.82E-16	3.90E-13	9.4	0	0
29	1-Pentene	GC-MS	0.015	0.01	0.012	0.07	0.002	1748	0.08	0.06	1	5	70	7.21	3.10E-11	8.70E-18		9.1	0.026	0
30	2-Methyl-1-butene	GC-MS	0.014	0.01	0.011	0.10	0.001	1748	0.07	0.05	1	5	70	6.4	6.10E-11	1.40E-17		9.1	0	0
31	3-Methyl-1-butene	GC-MS	0.008	0.01	0.006	0.04	0.001	1747	0.04	0.03	1	5	70	6.99	3.20E-11	9.50E-18	1.39E-14	9.1	0	0
32	cis-2-Pentene	GC-MS	0.005	0.01	0.003	0.05	0.000	1723	0.02	0.01	1	5	70	10.38	6.50E-11	1.30E-16		9.1	0.026	0
33	trans-2-Pentene	GC-MS	0.009	0.01	0.005	0.10	0.000	1745	0.04	0.02	1	5	70	10.56	6.70E-11	1.62E-16		9.1	0.026	0
Alkynes and Dienes																				
34	Ethyne (Acetylene)	GC-MS	0.702	0.33	0.618	2.48	0.111	1748	1.40	1.24	1	2	26	0.95	9.00E-13	1.00E-20	5.00E-17	10	0	0
35	1,3-Butadiene	GC-MS	0.028	0.03	0.020	0.17	0.001	1744	0.11	0.08	1	4	54	12.61	6.70E-11	6.30E-18	1.00E-13	9.4	0	0.13
Biogenics																				
36	Isoprene	GC-MS	0.903	1.17	0.278	6.77	0.004	1746	4.51	1.39	1	5	68	10.61	1.00E-10	1.17E-17	6.77E-13	9.1	0.026	0.01
37	alpha-Pinene	GC-MS	0.035	0.06	0.015	0.38	0.000	1540	0.35	0.15	1	10	136	4.51	5.20E-11	8.40E-17	3.40E-12	7.1	0.13	0.13
38	beta-Pinene	GC-MS	0.012	0.01	0.007	0.12	0.000	1684	0.12	0.07	1	10	136	3.52	7.40E-11	2.10E-17	1.40E-12	7.1	0.13	0.13
39	Sum Monoterpenes*	PTR-MS	0.186	0.15	0.140	1.09	0.018	1840	1.86	1.40	0	10	136	4.04	6.00E-11	5.00E-17	2.00E-12	0	0	0.19

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			Mean	Std. Dev.	Median	Max	Min	Num	Mean	Median	Used in calc	C#	MW	MIR	kOH	kO3	kNO3	LogC*	SOA Yield	SOAP	
			Units:	ppbv	1 sigma	ppbv	ppbv	ppbv		ppbC											ppbC
<u>Aromatics</u>																					
40	Benzene	GC-MS	0.227	0.09	0.209	0.61	0.045	1750	1.36	1.25	1	6	78	0.72	1.20E-12		3.01E-17	8	0.02	0.24	
41	Benzene*	PTR-MS	0.220	0.11	0.193	0.76	-0.017	1836	1.32	1.16	0	6	78	0.72	1.20E-12		3.01E-17	8	0.02	0.24	
42	Toluene	GC-MS	0.391	0.24	0.326	1.71	0.028	1750	2.74	2.28	1	7	92	4	5.60E-12		6.79E-17	7.8	0.09	0.36	
43	Toluene*	PTR-MS	0.477	0.32	0.373	2.62	0.048	1836	3.34	2.61	0	7	92	4	5.60E-12		6.79E-17	7.8	0.09	0.36	
44	Sum C8-Aromatics*	PTR-MS	0.305	0.22	0.235	1.28	0.032	1836	2.44	1.88	1	8	106	7.64	1.55E-11		3.77E-16	7.4	0.049	0.08	
45	Sum C9-Aromatics*	PTR-MS	0.154	0.12	0.116	0.74	0.014	1836	1.39	1.04	1	9	120	7.99	1.83E-11		2.00E-15	7	0.73	0.04	
<u>Nitrogen and Sulfur Organics</u>																					
46	Acetonitrile*	PTR-MS	0.355	0.36	0.269	6.25	0.110	1836	0.71	0.54	1	2	41	0.02	2.00E-13		5.00E-19		0	0	
47	Benzenenitrile*	PTR-MS	0.005	0.00	0.004	0.02	0.001	1840	0.03	0.02	1	7	103	0.7	1.00E-12			8	0.02	0	
48	Nitromethane	GC-MS	0.052	0.02	0.047	0.16	0.010	1745	0.05	0.05	1	1	61	0.07	2.00E-13				0	0	
49	Methyl Nitrate	GC-MS	0.049	0.02	0.045	0.16	0.018	1749	0.05	0.05	1	1	77	1	4.00E-13				0	0	
50	Ethyl Nitrate	GC-MS	0.014	0.01	0.012	0.04	0.004	1748	0.03	0.02	1	2	91	1	4.90E-13				0	0	
51	iso-Propyl Nitrate	GC-MS	0.018	0.01	0.015	0.08	0.003	1748	0.05	0.04	1	3	105	1	4.90E-13				0	0	
52	n-Propyl Nitrate	GC-MS	0.007	0.00	0.006	0.03	0.002	1300	0.02	0.02	1	3	105	1	4.90E-13				0	0	
53	PAN*	I-CIMS	1.674	1.21	1.362	7.16	0.135	997	1.67	1.36	0	1	121	0					0	0	0
54	SumPANs*	I-CIMS	1.869	1.35	1.526	7.96	0.148	997	1.87	1.53	1	1	121	0					0	0	0
55	Isoprene Nitrates*	I-CIMS	0.009	0.01	0.004	0.08	0.000	1713	0.04	0.02	1	5		0					0	0	0
56	C4H7NO5*	I-CIMS	0.011	0.01	0.006	0.07	0.000	1706	0.04	0.02	1	4	149	0					0	0	0
57	C5H9NO5*	I-CIMS	0.021	0.01	0.017	0.09	0.002	1705	0.11	0.09	1	5	163	0					0	0	0
58	C10H17NO4*	I-CIMS	0.005	0.00	0.003	0.03	0.001	1699	0.05	0.03	1	10	215							0	0
59	Carbon Disulfide (CS ₂)	GC-MS	0.009	0.01	0.008	0.05	0.002	1746	0.01	0.01	1	1	76	0.25	1.00E-13					0	0
<u>Oxygenated VOCs, saturated (OVOC sat)</u>																					
60	Formaldehyde	CARB	3.016	2.13	2.326	11.35	0.119	2103	3.02	2.33	1	1	30	9.46	9.40E-12		5.80E-16	9.2	0	0	
61	Acetaldehyde	GC-MS	1.187	0.53	1.099	3.46	0.264	1358	2.37	2.20	1	2	44	6.54	1.60E-11			8.4	0	0	
62	Acetaldehyde*	PTR-MS	3.221	1.71	2.759	10.74	0.492	1840	6.44	5.52	0	2	44	6.54	1.60E-11			8.4	0	0	
63	Octanal*	PTR-MS	0.086	0.05	0.073	0.27	0.013	1840	0.69	0.58	1	8	128	3.16	1.00E-11			7	0.029	0.09	
64	Nonanal*	PTR-MS	0.102	0.07	0.081	0.41	-0.004	1840	0.92	0.73	1	9	142	3	1.10E-11			6.5	0.029	0.09	
65	Methanol	GC-MS	4.032	1.68	3.619	17.15	1.403	1750	4.03	3.62	1	1	32	0.67	9.00E-13		9.51E-18	8.4	0	0	
66	Methanol*	PTR-MS	5.454	3.06	4.642	45.11	1.579	1840	5.45	4.64	0	1	32	0.67	9.00E-13		9.51E-18	8.4	0	0	
67	Ethanol	GC-MS	6.655	3.47	5.716	28.31	1.037	1750	13.31	11.43	1	2	46	1.53	3.20E-12			8.1	0	0	
68	Ethanol*	PTR-MS	11.82	6.92	9.981	42.68	1.606	1840	23.63	19.96	0	2	46	1.53	3.40E-12			8.1	0	0	
69	iso-Propanol	GC-MS	0.874	0.84	0.720	16.41	0.169	1530	2.62	2.16	1	3	60	0.61	4.20E-12			7.8	0	0	
<u>Oxygenated VOCs, unsaturated (OVOC unsat)</u>																					
70	Acetone	GC-MS	5.40	2.64	4.829	20.27	1.403	1750	16.20	14.49	1	3	58	0.36	1.90E-13			9	0	0.01	
71	Sum Acetone+Propanal*	PTR-MS	6.116	3.13	5.400	22.61	1.864	1840	18.35	16.20	0	3	58	1	2.00E-13			9	0	0.01	
72	2-Butanone (MEK)	GC-MS	0.353	0.21	0.309	1.55	0.051	1750	1.41	1.24	1	4	72	1.48	1.20E-12			8.7	0	0.01	
73	Formic acid*	I-CIMS	3.468	1.82	3.094	13.47	0.350	1816	3.47	3.09	1	1	46	0.06	4.50E-13			7	0	0	
74	C5H10O3*	I-CIMS	0.020	0.02	0.016	0.14	0.002	1718	0.10	0.08	1	5	118	0					0	0	0
75	Methyl acetate	GC-MS	0.152	0.09	0.128	1.18	0.034	1745	0.45	0.38	1	3	74	0.07	3.50E-13			8.9	0	0	
76	Ethyl acetate	GC-MS	0.058	0.04	0.047	0.29	0.009	593	0.23	0.19	1	4	88	0.63	8.80E-13			8.5	0	0	
77	Methacrolein (MACR)	GC-MS	0.203	0.26	0.073	2.00	0.002	1746	0.81	0.29	1	4	70	6.01	3.10E-11					0	
78	Methylvinylketone (MVK)	GC-MS	0.238	0.31	0.090	2.86	0.006	1631	0.95	0.36	1	4	70	9.65	1.90E-11					0.01	
79	Sum MVK+MACR*	PTR-MS	0.484	0.49	0.292	4.77	0.032	1840	1.93	1.17	0	4	70	8	2.50E-11			0	0	0.005	
80	Benzenealdehyde*	PTR-MS	0.052	0.03	0.043	0.29	-0.054	1840	0.36	0.30	1	7	106	0	1.30E-11		2.54E-15			0	

Line #	Measurement Identification	Mixing Ratio Statistics								Metrics Used for Analysis										
		metric:	Mean	Std. Dev.	Median	Max	Min	Num	Mean	Median	Used in calc	C#	MW	MIR	kOH	kO3	kNO3	LogC*	SOA Yield	SOAP
		Units:	ppbv	1 sigma	ppbv	ppbv	ppbv		ppbC	ppbC										
<u>Oxygenated VOCs, unsaturated (OVOC unsat), continued</u>																				
81	Furan*	PTR-MS	0.061	0.03	0.054	0.58	0.008	1840	0.25	0.22	1	4	68	9.15	4.00E-11		0	0	0	
82	Methylfurans*	PTR-MS	0.101	0.06	0.083	0.40	0.015	1840	0.50	0.42	1	5	82	8	6.20E-11				0	
83	C5H4O2*	PTR-MS	0.055	0.04	0.045	0.46	-0.018	1840	0.28	0.23	1	5	96	0			0	0	0	
84	D5-Siloxane*	PTR-MS	0.040	0.03	0.030	0.19	0.005	1840	0.40	0.30	1	10	371	0	2.00E-12		4.4	0.095	0	
85	Texanol*	PTR-MS	0.049	0.03	0.040	0.23	0.005	1840	0.59	0.48	1	12	216	0	1.20E-11		3.3	0.0048	0	
<u>Halocarbons</u>																				
86	PCBTF*	PTR-MS	0.088	0.07	0.070	1.45	0.007	1840	0.62	0.49	1	7	180	0.7	1.00E-12		0	8.7	0	0
87	CFCl3	GC-MS	0.217	0.05	0.213	0.56	0.114	1748	0.22	0.21	1	1	36	0	1.00E-13		0	0	0	0
88	CH2Cl2	GC-MS	0.441	0.76	0.224	16.63	0.022	1746	0.44	0.22	1	1	84	0.04	1.00E-13		0	0	0	0
89	CH2_CCl2	GC-MS	0.000	0.00	0.000	0.00	0.000	1585	0.00	0.00	1	2	96	1.79	1.70E-13	7.20E-21	0	0	0	0
90	CH2Cl_CH2Cl	GC-MS	0.017	0.00	0.016	0.08	0.011	583	0.03	0.03	1	2	98	1.7	1.00E-13		0	0	0	0
91	Chloroform (CHCl3)	GC-MS	0.057	0.04	0.046	0.74	0.017	1750	0.06	0.05	1	1	118	0.02	1.70E-13		0	0	0	0
92	CF2Cl2	GC-MS	0.490	0.06	0.487	0.73	0.273	1748	0.49	0.49	1	1	120	0	1.00E-13		0	0	0	0
93	CHCl_CCl2	GC-MS	0.005	0.01	0.003	0.07	0.000	1737	0.01	0.01	1	2	130	0.64	2.20E-12		0	0	0	0
94	CCl2_CCl2	GC-MS	0.022	0.02	0.017	0.29	0.004	1750	0.04	0.03	1	2	164	0.03	1.00E-13		0	0	0	0
95	CF2Cl_CF2Cl	GC-MS	0.018	0.00	0.017	0.03	0.008	1739	0.04	0.03	1	2	170	0	1.00E-13		0	0	0	0
96	CFCl2_CF2Cl	GC-MS	0.076	0.02	0.072	0.16	0.029	1747	0.15	0.14	1	2	186	0	1.00E-13		0	0	0	0
<u>Methane and Inorganic Carbon</u>																				
97	Methane (CH4)	NOAA	2091	104	2063	2528	1923	2215	2091	2063	1	1	16	0.014	6.00E-15		1.00E-18			
98	Carbon monoxide (CO)	NOAA	275	82	256	692	132	2292	275	256	1	1	28	0.05	1.50E-13					
99	Carbon dioxide (CO2)	NOAA	439383	16568	435610	515542	414875	2215	439383	435610	1	1	44	0						
<u>Inorganic Nitrogen</u>																				
100	Nitrogen oxide (NO)	NOAA	1.541	2.73	0.763	31.83	-0.002	1927			1	0	30							
101	Nitrogen dioxide (NO2)	NOAA	8.445	6.26	6.426	42.26	0.006	2021			1	0	46		8.70E-12					
102	Nitrogen oxides (NOx)	NOAA	9.851	7.92	7.245	66.64	0.250	1916			1	0								
103	Sum N2O5+HPMTF*	I-CIMS	0.005	0.01	0.001	0.21	0.000	1773			1		108							
104	HONO*	I-CIMS	0.429	0.49	0.232	3.23	-0.033	1806			1	0	47		6.00E-12					
105	Nitric acid (HNO3)*	I-CIMS	1.428	1.33	0.874	8.16	-0.163	1855			1	0	63							
106	Ammonia (NH3)	CARB	7.610	3.20	6.528	19.35	2.537	2103			1	0	17		1.50E-13					
107	Dinitrogen oxide (N2O)	NOAA	337	2	337	377	334	2292			1	0	44							
<u>Inorganic chlorine</u>																				
108	Hydrochloric acid (HCl)	TILDAS	0.806	0.91	0.470	5.11	-0.298	1187			1	0	36		8.00E-14					
109	Nitryl chloride (ClNO2)*	I-CIMS	0.059	0.09	0.017	0.62	-0.001	1853			1	0	81							

Appendix Table 2. Emission ratios for RECAP-CA. Bolded numbers denote recommend values based on best practice methods.

Line #	Measurement Identification	units:	Night ER: [x]/[CO]			Night ER: [x]/[Ethyne]			Method 1: OH-corr, Primary Only				Method 2: O3-corr		Method 3: OH corr, includes secondary			
			ER: [Δx]/[ΔCO]			ER: [Δx]/[ΔCO]			ER: [Δx]/[ΔCO]				ER: [Δx]/[ΔCO]		ER: [Δx]/[ΔCO]			
			ppbv ppmv ⁻¹	uncert.	fit (r)	ppbv ppmv ⁻¹	uncert.	fit (r)	ppbv ppmv ⁻¹	ER uncert.	VOC _{bknd} (ppbv)	VOC _{bknd} uncert.	ppbv ppmv ⁻¹	1 sigma	ppbv ppmv ⁻¹	1 sigma	VOC _{bknd} (ppbv)	VOC _{bknd} uncert.
	Alkanes																	
1	Ethane	GC-MS	30.3	1.8	0.67	6.75	0.44	0.63	32.02	0.80	1.63	0.13						
2	Propane	GC-MS	12.1	0.48	0.80	2.76	0.12	0.77	11.40	0.26	0.64	0.04						
3	iso-Butane	GC-MS	2.38	0.095	0.80	0.526	0.025	0.75	2.21	0.05	0.17	0.01						
4	n-Butane	GC-MS	3.70	0.219	0.67	0.824	0.054	0.63	3.43	0.11	0.30	0.02						
5	2,2-dimethylpropane	GC-MS	0.052	0.002	0.77	0.011	0.001	0.71	0.051	0.001	0.00	0.00						
6	iso-Pentane	GC-MS	4.10	0.151	0.82	0.858	0.043	0.73	4.41	0.10	0.18	0.01						
7	n-Pentane	GC-MS	1.98	0.112	0.69	0.420	0.029	0.62	1.85	0.06	0.15	0.01						
8	2,2-Dimethylbutane	GC-MS	0.193	0.007	0.85	0.040	0.002	0.74	0.204	0.004	0.01	0.00						
9	2-Methylpentane	GC-MS	0.819	0.026	0.86	0.171	0.008	0.76	1.041	0.015	0	0						
10	3-Methylpentane	GC-MS	0.818	0.053	0.64	0.177	0.013	0.58	1.010	0.024	0	0						
11	2,4-Dimethylpentane	GC-MS	0.519	0.012	0.91	0.105	0.004	0.79	0.606	0.006	0	0						
12	n-Heptane	GC-MS	0.516	0.016	0.87	0.107	0.005	0.76	0.654	0.007	0	0						
13	2,2,4-Trimethylpentane	GC-MS	1.07	0.026	0.91	0.219	0.009	0.79	1.026	0.013	0.03	0.00						
14	2,3,4-Trimethylpentane	GC-MS	0.510	0.011	0.93	0.106	0.004	0.82	0.555	0.006	0	0						
15	2-Methylheptane	GC-MS	0.490	0.013	0.90	0.099	0.004	0.77	0.594	0.006	0	0						
16	3-Methylheptane	GC-MS	0.329	0.009	0.90	0.066	0.003	0.76	0.408	0.004	0	0						
17	n-Octane	GC-MS	0.539	0.017	0.86	0.113	0.005	0.76	0.606	0.007	0	0						
18	n-Nonane	GC-MS	0.381	0.010	0.89	0.078	0.003	0.77	0.420	0.005	0	0						
19	n-Decane	GC-MS	0.505	0.020	0.80	0.107	0.006	0.72	0.668	0.010	0	0						
20	Cyclopentane	GC-MS	0.201	0.009	0.78	0.043	0.002	0.71	0.215	0.005	0.011	0.001						
21	Cyclohexane	GC-MS	0.370	0.017	0.76	0.079	0.004	0.69	0.482	0.008	0	0						
22	Methylcyclopentane	GC-MS	1.11	0.074	0.63	0.239	0.018	0.57	1.460	0.036	0	0						
23	Methylcyclohexane	GC-MS	0.482	0.016	0.85	0.099	0.005	0.74	0.609	0.007	0	0						
	Alkenes																	
24	Ethene	GC-MS	7.16	0.141	0.94	1.58	0.047	0.88	8.144	0.084	0.201	0.010	8.457	0.156				
25	Propene	GC-MS	1.58	0.041	0.90	0.342	0.013	0.83	2.235	0.028	0	0	2.069	0.047				
26	1-Butene	GC-MS	0.282	0.008	0.89	0.062	0.002	0.83	0.379	0.005	0	0	0.360	0.008				
27	cis-2-Butene	GC-MS	0.063	0.005	0.59	0.014	0.001	0.53	0.098	0.003	0	0	0.167	0.002				
28	trans-2-Butene	GC-MS	0.070	0.005	0.60	0.017	0.001	0.57	0.114	0.003	0	0	0.179	0.003				
29	1-Pentene	GC-MS	0.126	0.004	0.88	0.026	0.001	0.78	0.170	0.002	0	0	0.164	0.004				
30	2-Methyl-1-butene	GC-MS	0.102	0.007	0.60	0.020	0.002	0.50	0.153	0.003	0	0	0.232	0.006				
31	3-Methyl-1-butene	GC-MS	0.068	0.002	0.85	0.014	0.001	0.76	0.098	0.001	0	0	0.095	0.002				
32	cis-2-Pentene	GC-MS	0.046	0.003	0.58	0.009	0.001	0.48	0.080	0.002	0	0	0.102	0.003				
33	trans-2-Pentene	GC-MS	0.091	0.007	0.58	0.018	0.002	0.49	0.163	0.005	0	0	0.200	0.006				
	Alkynes and Dienes																	
34	Ethyne (Acetylene)	GC-MS	3.75	0.106	0.89	1	0.000	1	3.46	0.06	0.254	0.009						
35	1,3-Butadiene	GC-MS	0.257	0.012	0.75	0.052	0.003	0.64	0.39	0.01	0	0	0.383	0.013				

