

# INTRODUCTION TO ATMOSPHERIC CHEMISTRY

## PART II Photochemistry

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# Part III Photochemistry

- Reaction with radicals
- OH radical chemistry
- Oxidation of CO and methane
- The photostationary equilibrium
- The role of Nox in Ozone Production



# Tropospheric Chemistry (gas phase)

## Sources

biological =  
*biogenic*

industrial =  
*anthropogenic*

**Table 3: Composition of the Atmosphere**

species	relative abundance (parts per billion by volume)	source	comment
N <sub>2</sub>	$7.81 \times 10^8$	biologic	long lived
O <sub>2</sub>	$2.01 \times 10^8$	biologic	long lived
H <sub>2</sub> O	$10^6 - 10^7$	physical	long lived
Ar	$9.34 \times 10^6$	radiogenic	permanent
CO <sub>2</sub>	$3.5 \times 10^5$	biologic, industrial	variable, increasing
Ne	$1.8 \times 10^4$	interior	permanent
He	$5.2 \times 10^3$	interior	permanent
CH <sub>4</sub>	$1.6 \times 10^3$	biologic	variable, increasing
Kr	$1.0 \times 10^2$	interior	permanent
H <sub>2</sub>	$5.0 \times 10^2$	biologic, photochemical	variable
N <sub>2</sub> O	$3.0 \times 10^2$	biologic, industrial	increasing
CO	$1.0 \times 10^2$	photochemical, industrial	variable, increasing
SO <sub>2</sub>	$<10^2$	industrial, photochemical	variable
O <sub>3</sub>	$<10^2$	photochemical	variable
Xe	$9 \times 10^1$	interior	permanent
NO, NO <sub>2</sub> , NO <sub>x</sub>	variable	industrial, biologic	—
CH <sub>3</sub> Cl	$6.0 \times 10^{-1}$	biologic	short lived
CCl <sub>2</sub> F <sub>2</sub>	$2.9 \times 10^{-1}$	industrial	increasing
Cl <sub>4</sub>	$1.2 \times 10^{-1}$	industrial	increasing
H <sub>3</sub> CCl <sub>3</sub>	$9.8 \times 10^{-2}$	industrial	increasing
CH <sub>3</sub> Br	$1.0 \times 10^{-2}$	biologic, industrial	possibly increasing

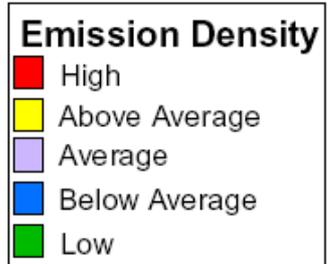
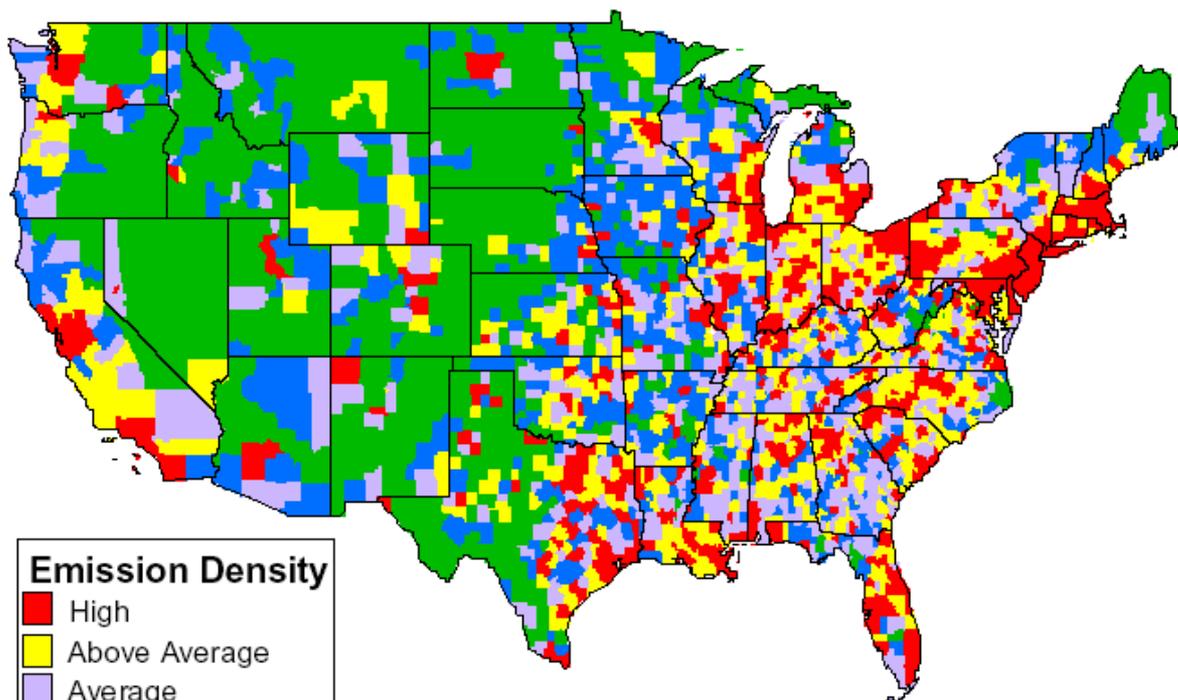
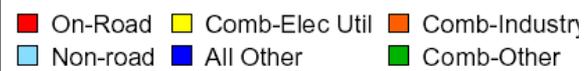
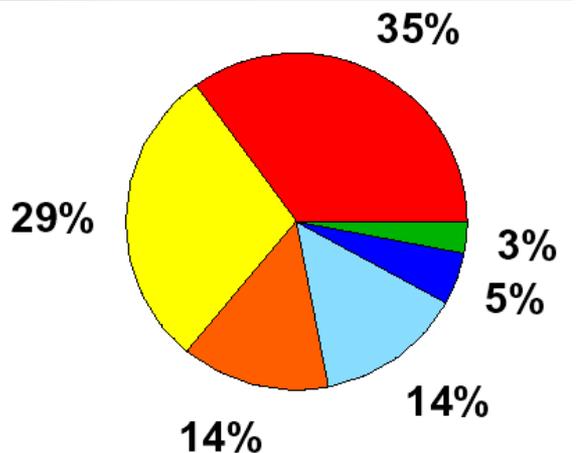
\*Relatively short lived, with an average lifetime of roughly one month.

no emission

# TROPOSPHERIC CHEMISTRY

NO<sub>x</sub>

VOC's



EPA, 1995 emissions



# Tropospheric Chemistry



No chemical reaction  
CH<sub>4</sub> lifetime  $\rightarrow \infty$

The reaction with O<sub>2</sub> is kinetically hindered  
at low temperatures  
(0 - 100km altitude: 205K - 310K)

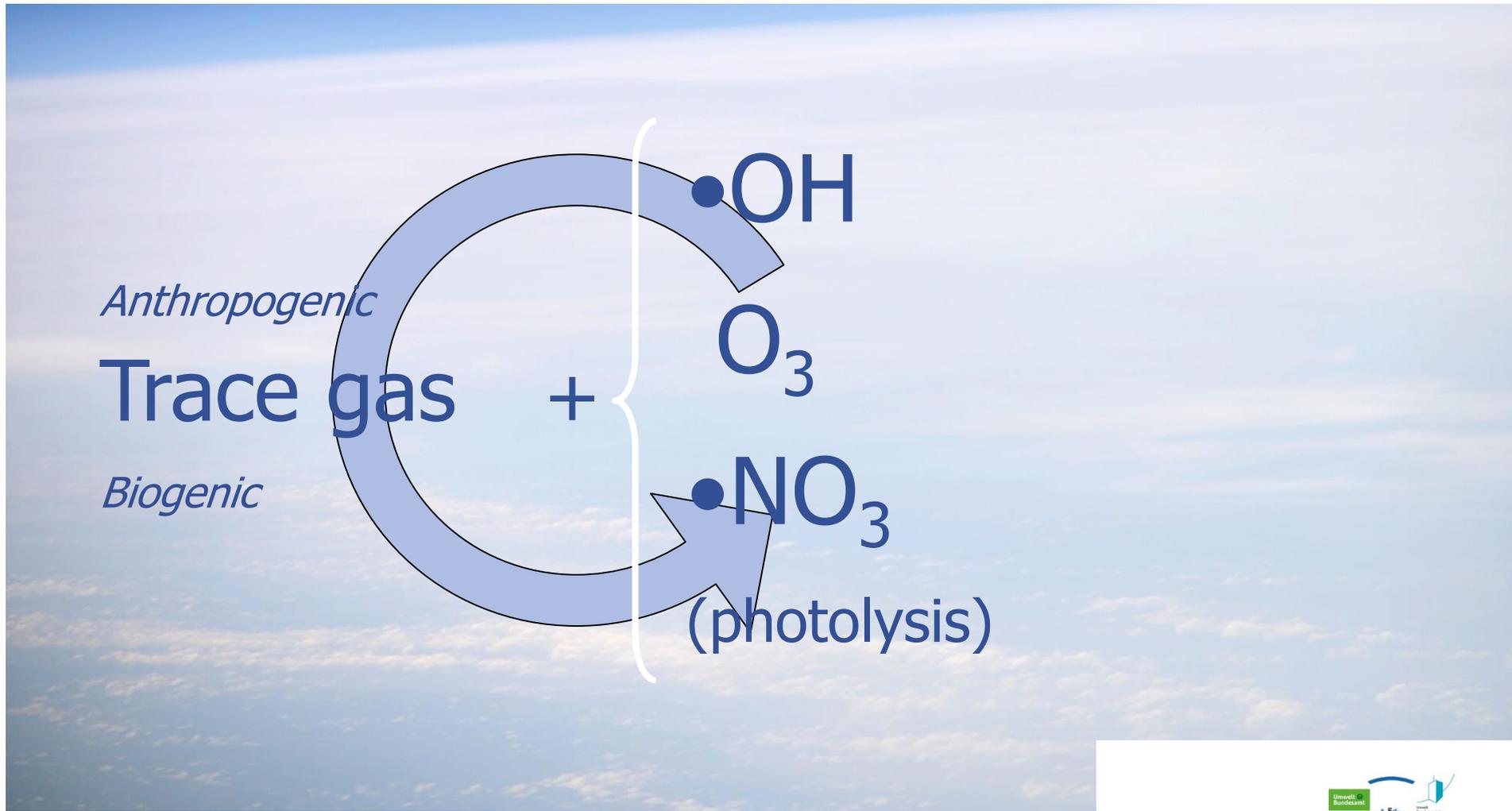
# Atmospheric Chemistry



1971: lifetime of CO in the troposphere shorter than expected



# Atmospheric Chemistry



# Atmospheric Chemistry

**Table 2** Global turnover of the major tropospheric trace gases and attribution to the major oxidants

Trace gas	Global lifetime	Global loss rate (Tmol per year)	Removal (%)			
			OH <sup>a</sup>	O <sub>3</sub> <sup>b</sup>	NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>c</sup>	Other
CO	1.5 months	100	85	–	–	15 (Soil uptake)
H <sub>2</sub>	2 years	38	25	–	–	75 (Soil uptake)
CH <sub>4</sub>	8 years	36	90	–	–	10 (Soil uptake; stratos.)
Isoprene	Hours <sup>d</sup>	8	80	7	13	–
SO <sub>2</sub>	Days <sup>d</sup>	5	30	–	–	70 (Hetero. in clouds)
NO <sub>x</sub>	0.3–5 days <sup>d</sup>	3	50	40	–	10 (Soil uptake)
Terpenes	Hours <sup>d</sup>	1	20	25	55	–
C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	2 months	0.7	80	–	–	20 (Cl reaction) <sup>e</sup>
N <sub>2</sub> O	120 years	0.6	–	–	–	100 (Stratosphere)
(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> S	Days <sup>d</sup>	0.5	70 <sup>f</sup>	–	30 <sup>f</sup>	–

<sup>a</sup>Using a mean global OH concentration of  $1 \times 10^6 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ .

<sup>b</sup>Using a mean global O<sub>3</sub> concentration of 30 ppbv.

<sup>c</sup>Using a mean global NO<sub>3</sub> concentration of 1 pptv.

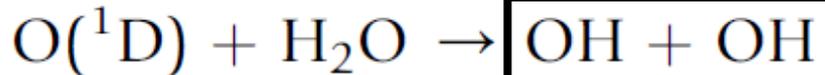
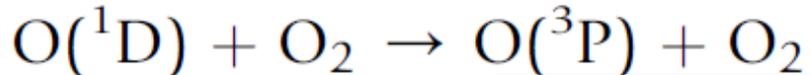
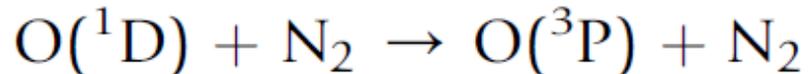
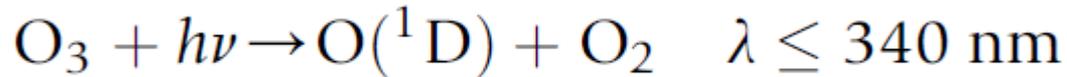
<sup>d</sup>Order of magnitude or range of local lifetimes. These are too short and variable to make a global lifetime meaningful.

<sup>e</sup>Upper limit using a mean global Cl concentration of  $1 \times 10^3 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ .

<sup>f</sup>3D model; Isaksen, private communication. Due to a strong anticorrelation induced by the oceanic emission of (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>S and continental emission of NO<sub>2</sub> removal by NO<sub>3</sub> is less than that calculated from the global means (footnote a), (footnote c) which would assign 85% of the (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>S loss to NO<sub>3</sub>.

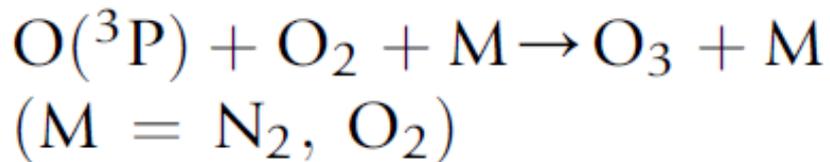
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# Sources of OH



**Most O1D are quenched**

**Conz:  $10^7 \text{ cm}^{-3}$**

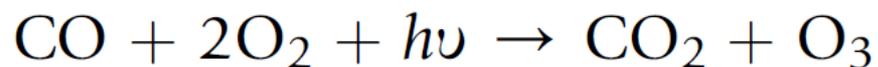
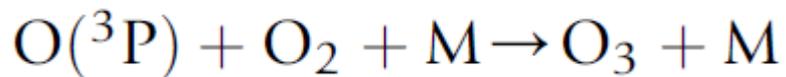
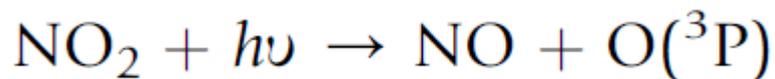
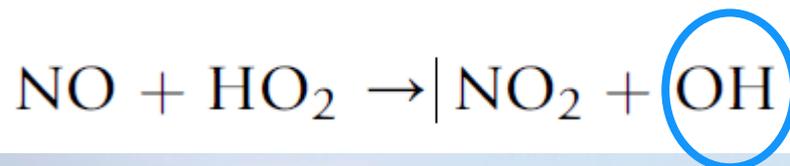
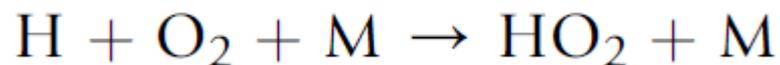
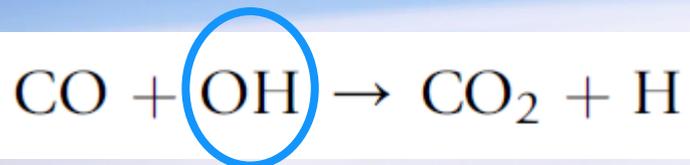


**O(3P) is too reactive**

**Conz: O1D  $1000 \text{ cm}^{-3}$**

*$\sim 0.2 \text{ OH per O}_3 \text{ photolyzed}$*

# Reactions of OH

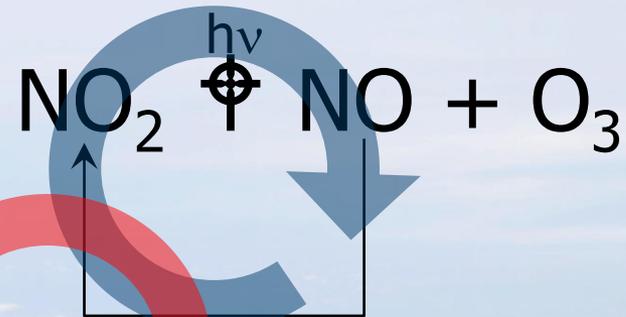
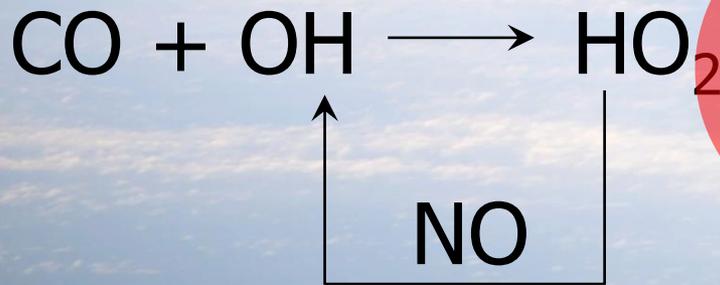
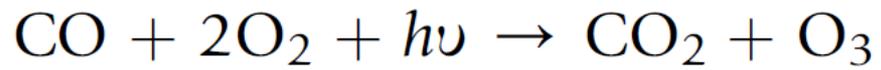


With  $\text{NO} > 0.1 \text{ppb}$



Net Reaction

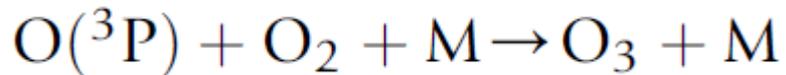
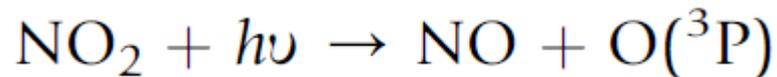
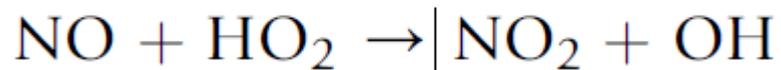
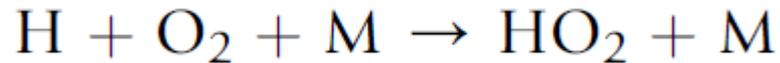
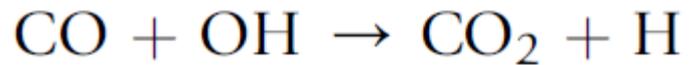
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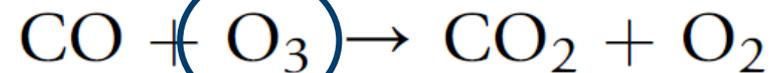
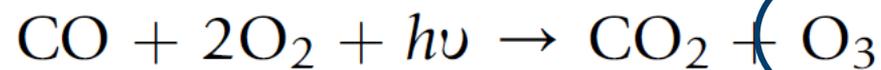
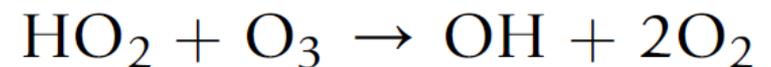
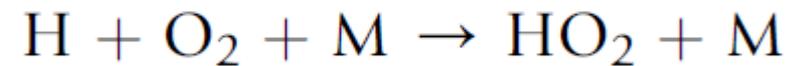
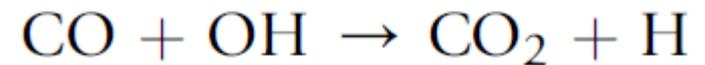
Net Reaction

# Reactions of OH in Remote regions

NO > 0.1ppb



NO < 0.1ppb



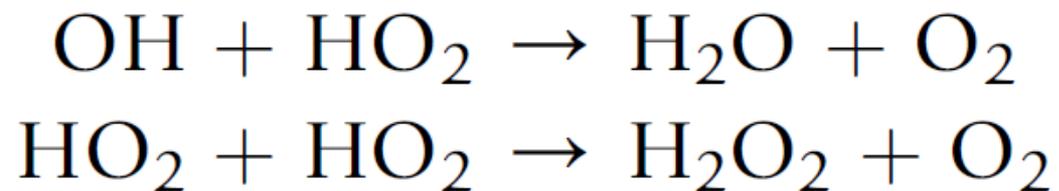
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Ozone Loss



# Losses of OH



Clean Air

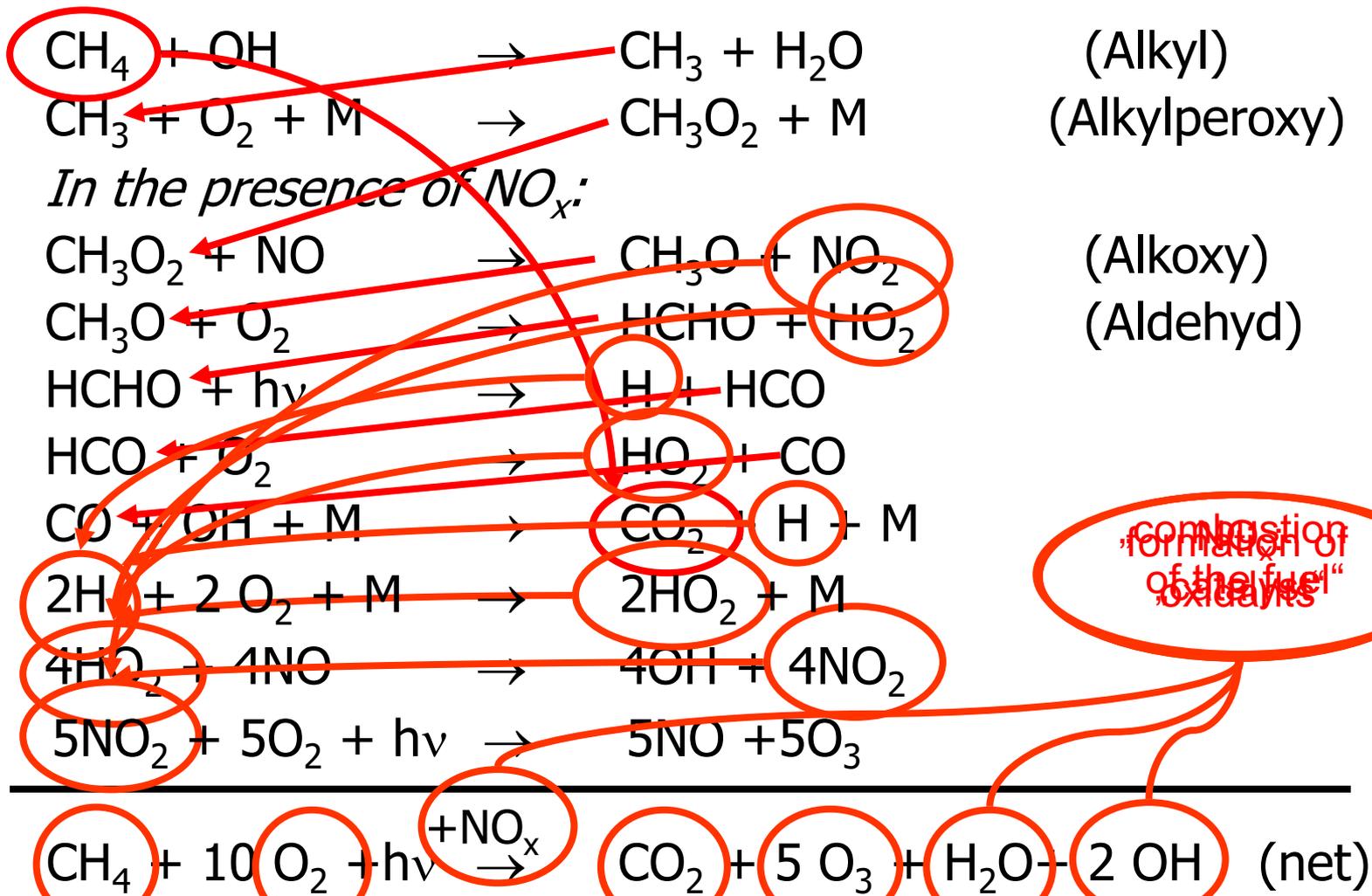


Polluted Air

## Other Sources of OH

- OH:**
- photolysis of ozone:  $O_3 + h\nu \rightarrow O(^1D) + O_2$   
 $O(^1D) + H_2O \rightarrow 2 OH$
  - photolysis of HONO:  $HONO + h\nu \rightarrow OH + NO$
  - photolysis of HCHO:  $HCHO + h\nu + NO_x \rightarrow OH$
  - alkene ozonolysis:  $R-C=C-R + O_3 \rightarrow OH$

# Degradation of Methane



“formation of  
of the fuel”  
oxidizes

# Degradation of organic trace gases

- Typical scenario:
  - OH as oxidizing species
  - NO / NO<sub>2</sub> conversion by HO<sub>2</sub>
- Oxidation chains driven by sunlight = "Photooxidation" cycles
- The "fuel" concentration in a slow cycle ***controls*** [O<sub>3</sub>]<sub>ss</sub>

# Degradation of organic trace gases

Lifetime and reaction rates vary!

**TABLE 6.8** Estimated Tropospheric Lifetimes of Organic Compounds

	Lifetime against reaction with			
	OH <sup>a</sup>	O <sub>3</sub> <sup>b</sup>	NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>c</sup>	<i>hν</i>
<i>n</i> -Butane	5.7 days	—	1.7 months	
Propene	6.6 h	1.6 days	5.9 h	
Benzene	12 days	—	—	
Toluene	2.4 days	—	1.1 month	
<i>m</i> -Xylene	7.4 h	—	10 days	
Formaldehyde	1.5 days	—	4 days	4 h
Acetaldehyde	11 h	—	20 h	5 days
Acetone	66 days	—	—	38 days
Isoprene	1.7 h	1.3 days	0.8 h	
α-Pinene	3.4 h	4.6 h	6 min	
β-Pinene	2.3 h	1.1 days	15 min	
Camphene	3.5 h	18 days	1.8 h	
2-Carene	2.3 h	1.7 h	1.8 min	
3-Carene	2.1 h	10 h	3.3 min	
<i>d</i> -Limonene	1.1 h	1.9 h	2.7 min	
Terpinolene	49 min	17 min	0.4 min	

<sup>a</sup>12-h daytime OH concentration of  $1.5 \times 10^6$  molecules  $\text{cm}^{-3}$  (0.06 ppt).

<sup>b</sup>24-h average O<sub>3</sub> concentration of  $7 \times 10^{11}$  molecules  $\text{cm}^{-3}$  (30 ppb).

<sup>c</sup>12-h average NO<sub>3</sub> concentration of  $4.8 \times 10^8$  molecules  $\text{cm}^{-3}$  (20 ppt).

## NO<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>3</sub> and NO



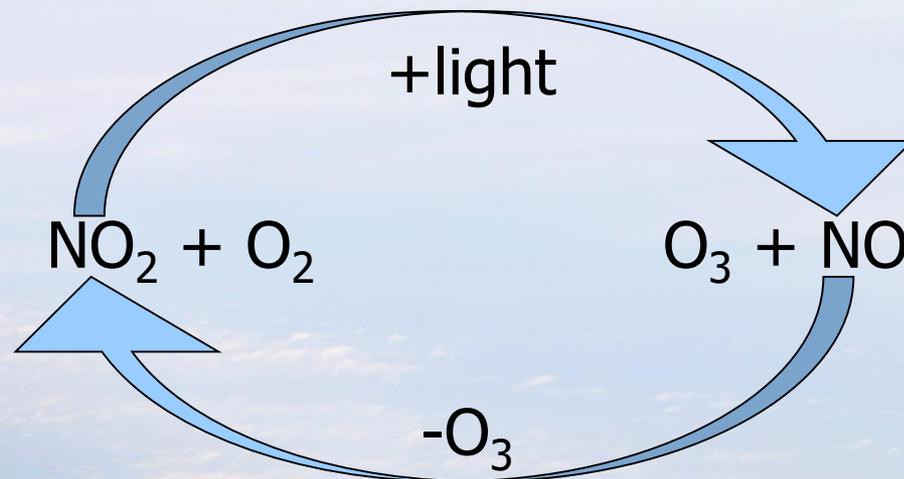
$$[\text{O}_3]_{\text{PSS}} = \frac{j_{5.1} \cdot [\text{NO}_2]}{k_{5.3} \cdot [\text{NO}]}$$

*Photo stationary state relation*

# $\text{NO}_2$ , $\text{O}_3$ and $\text{NO}$

## ***Impact of $\text{NO}_2$ on the formation of ozone***

- *Without VOCs: Leighton equilibrium*



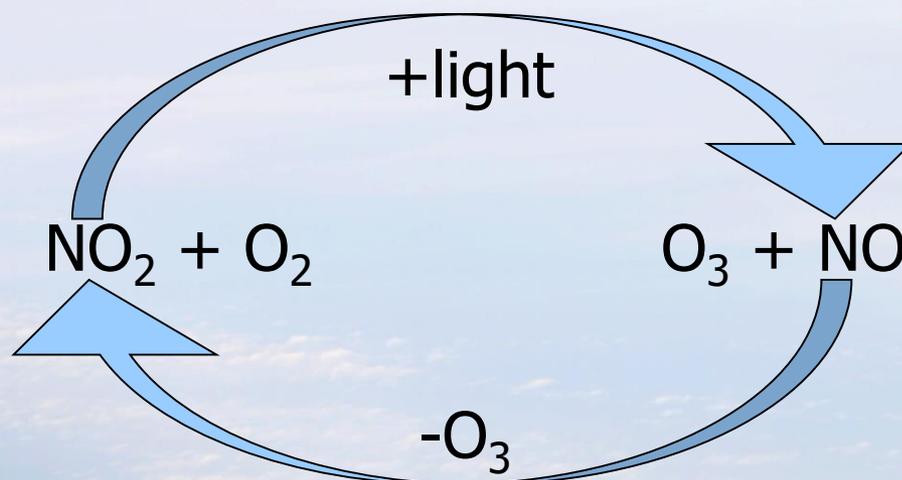
→ ***Establishment of a photostationary state***

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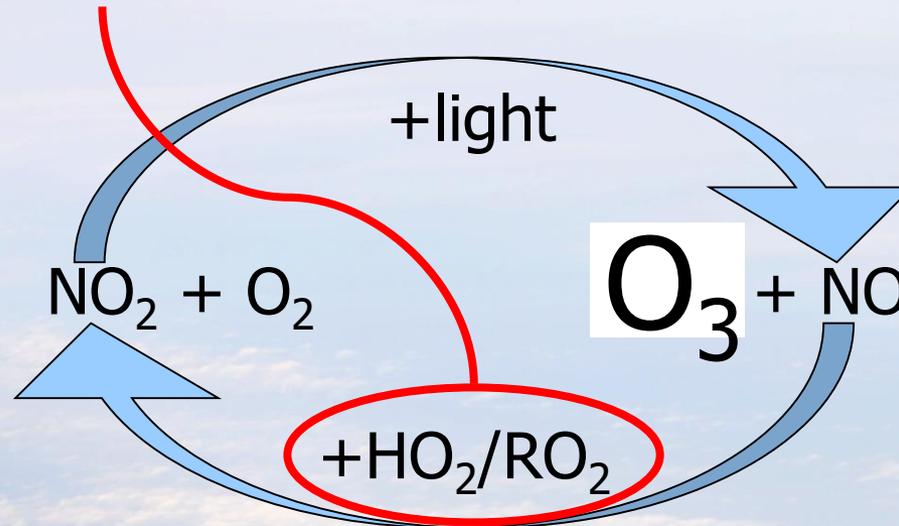
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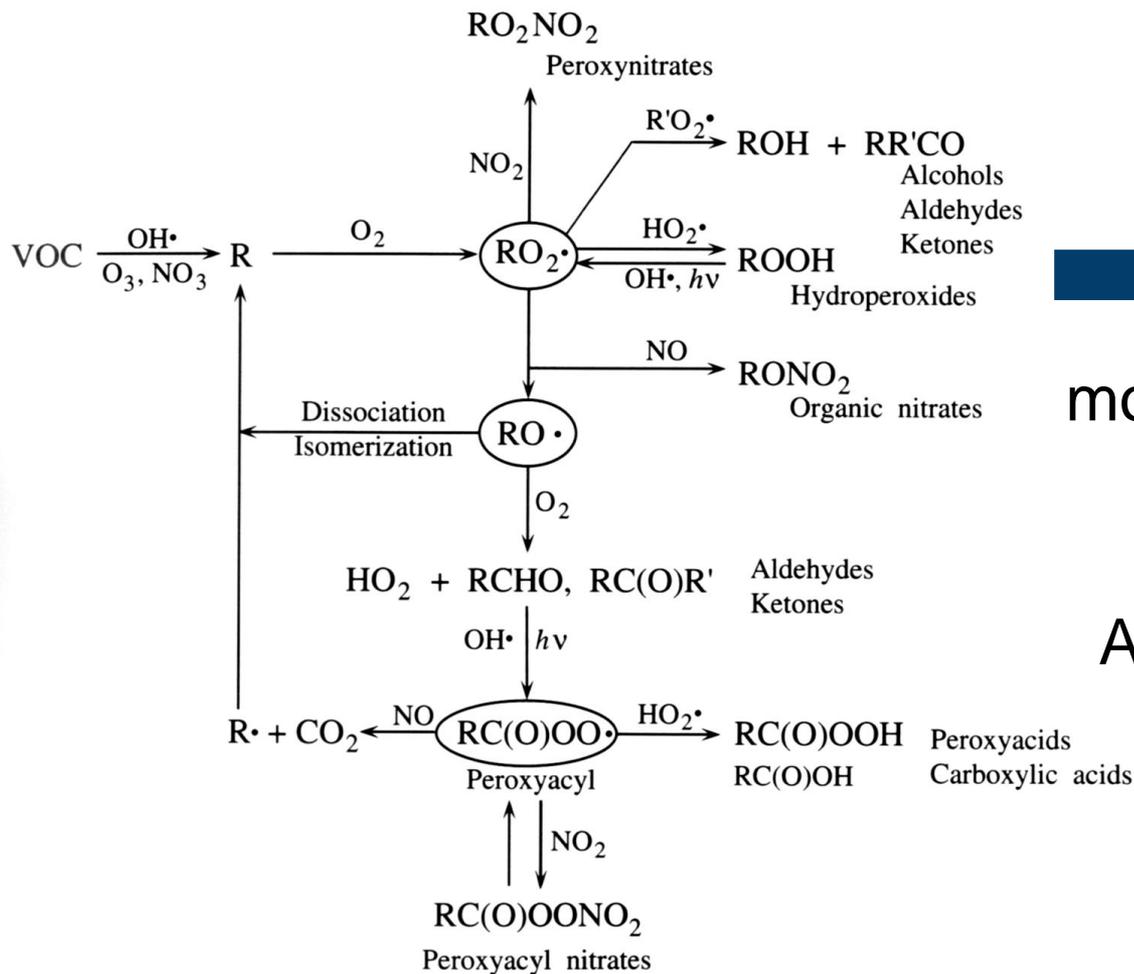
- *Adding hydrocarbons (VOCs)*



→ ***Net production of Ozone***

→ ***„summer smog“***

# Formation of other products



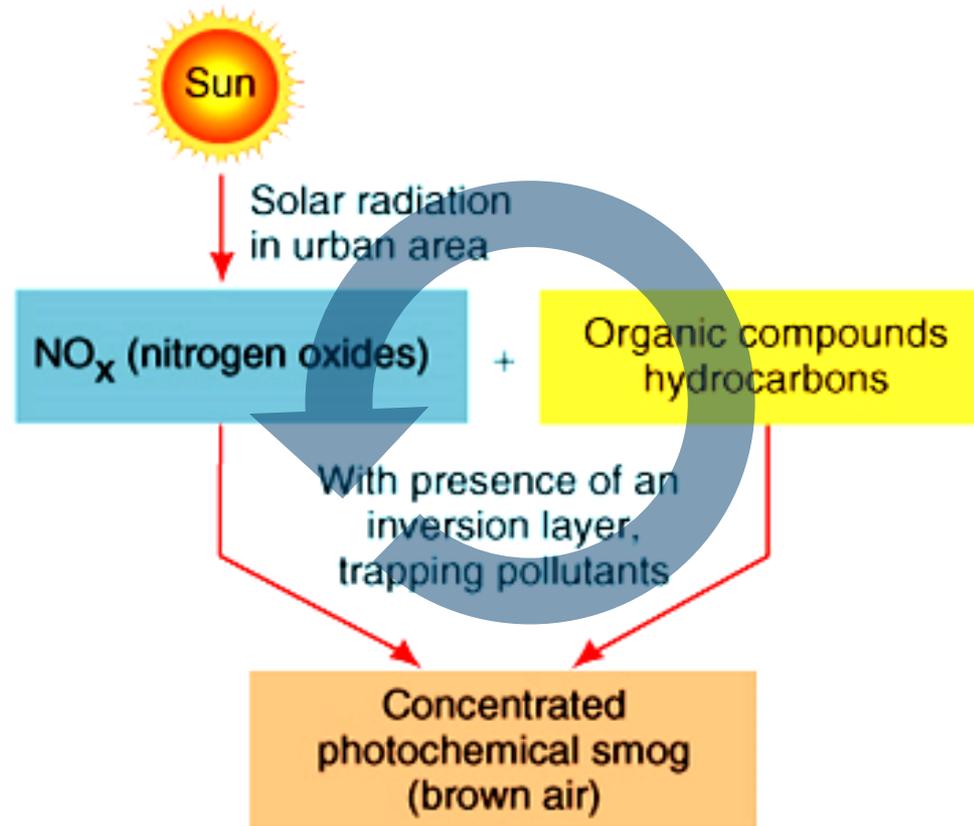
more functional group



Aerosol formation



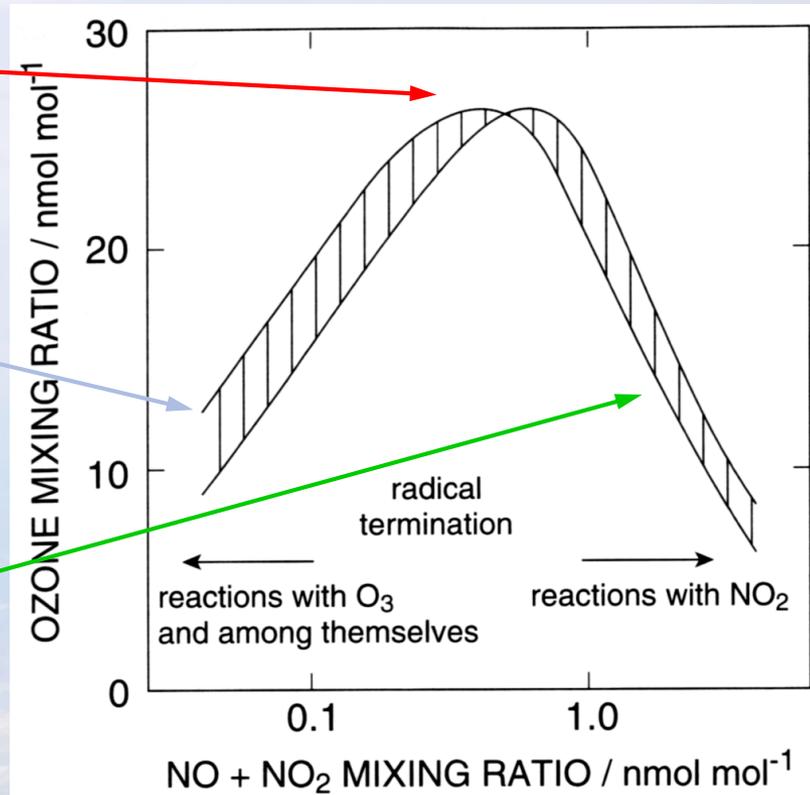
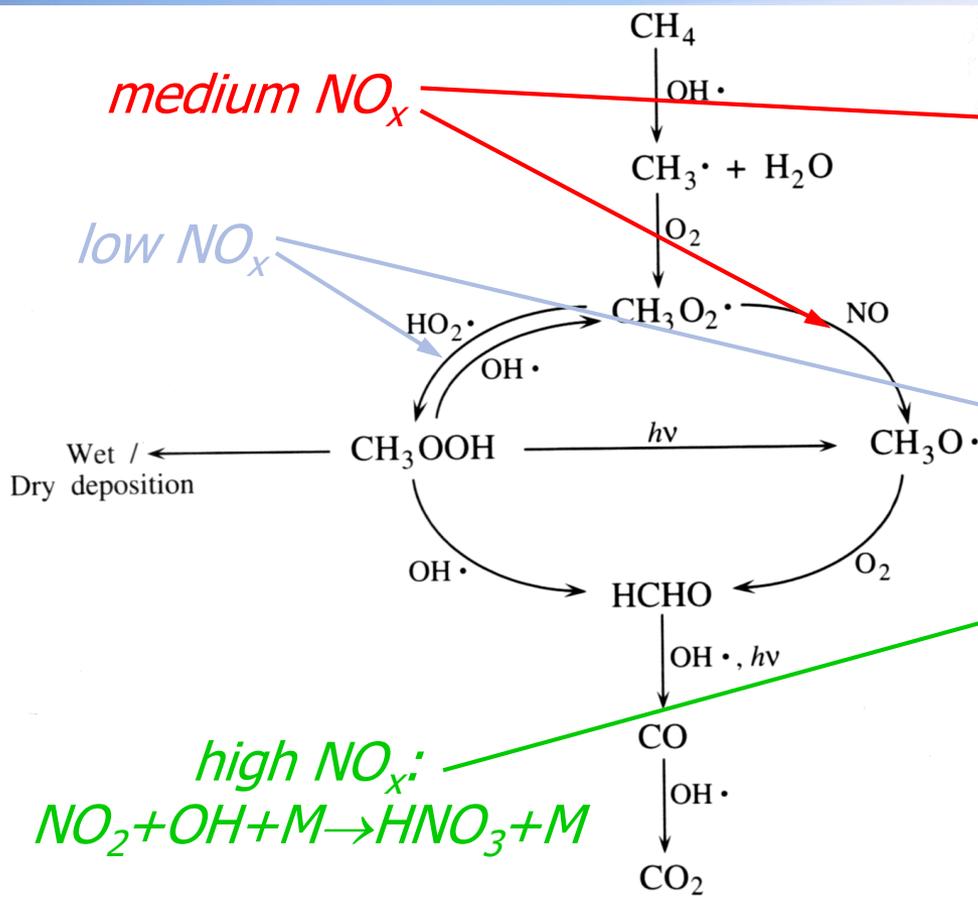
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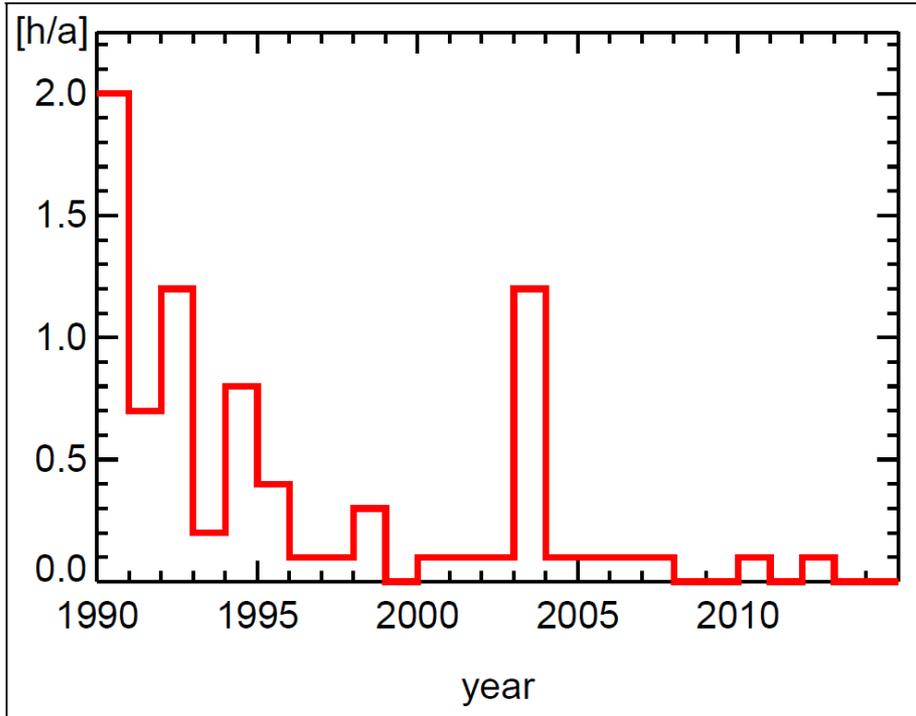
# Photochemistry also leads to aerosol production



# NO<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>3</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub>



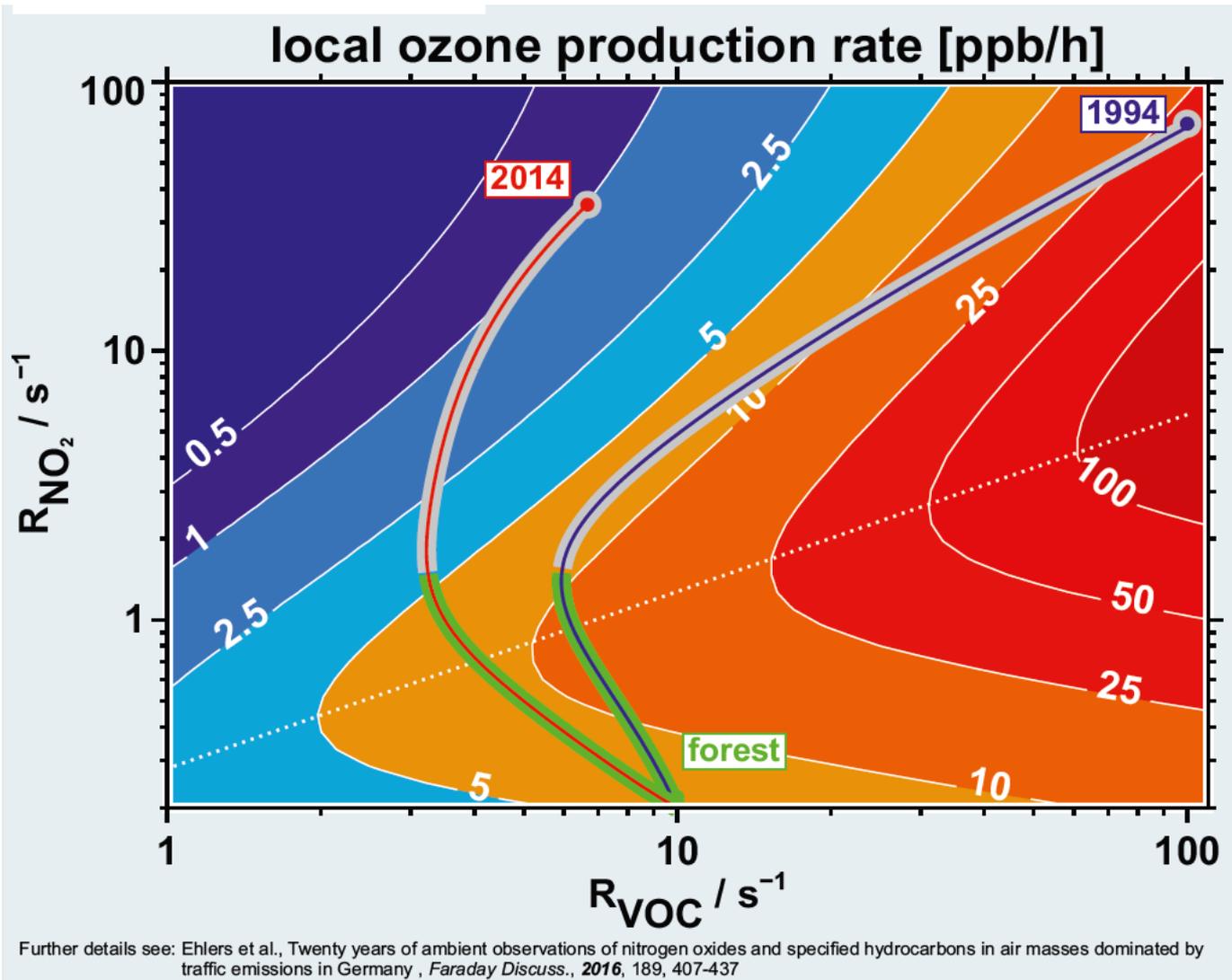
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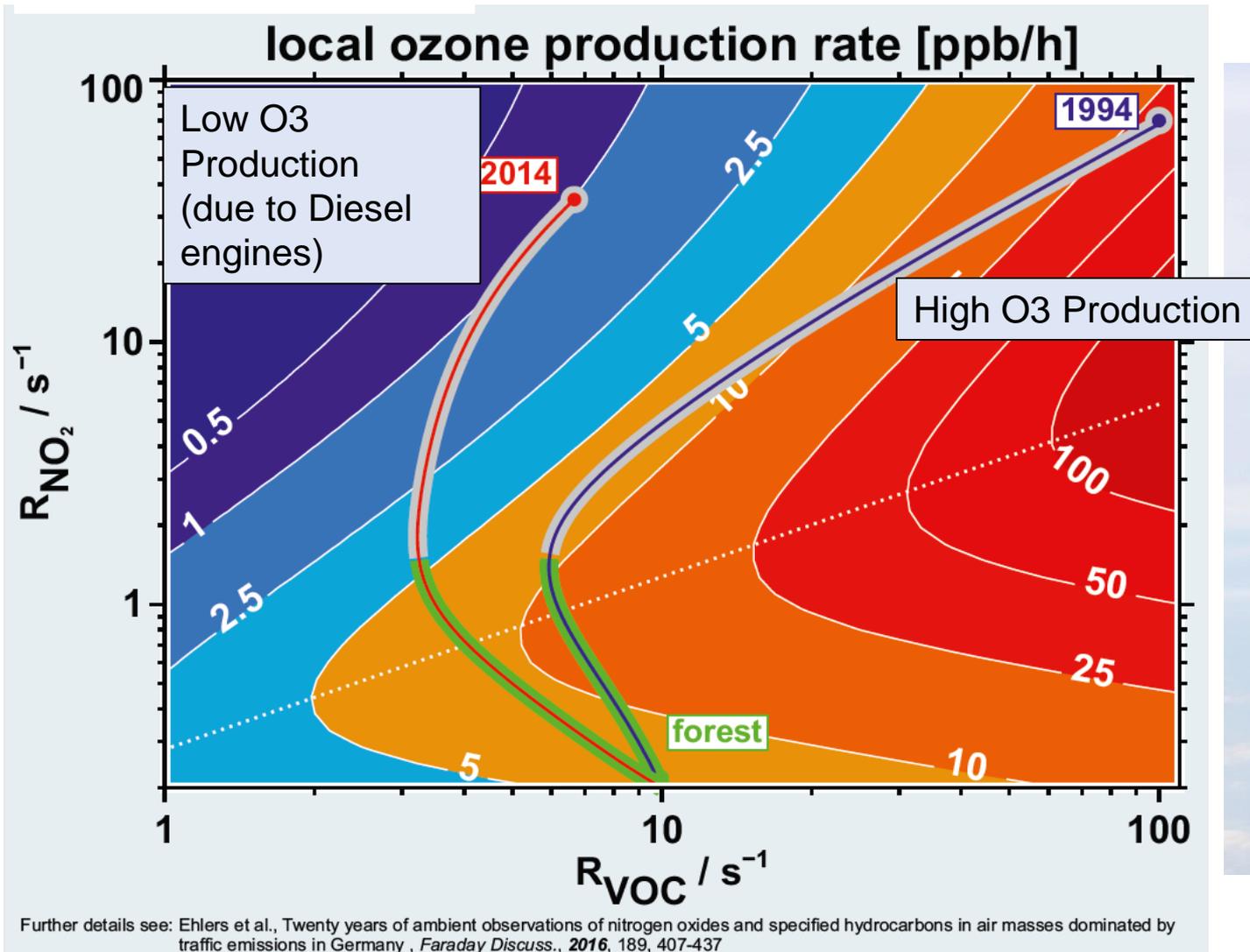
**Fig. 1** Average number of hours/year for all survey stations in Germany<sup>1</sup> exceeding the European ozone alarm value of  $240\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$

Numbers of ozone alarms decrease  
(except from 2003)

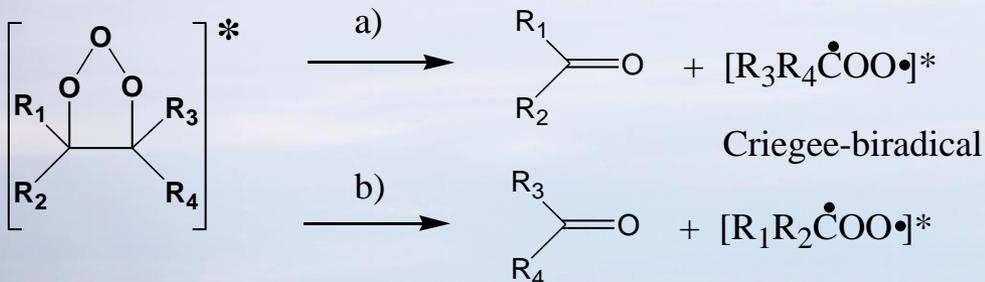
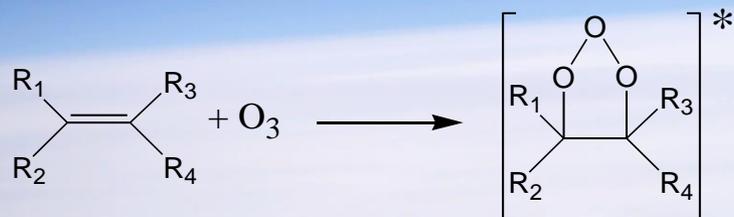
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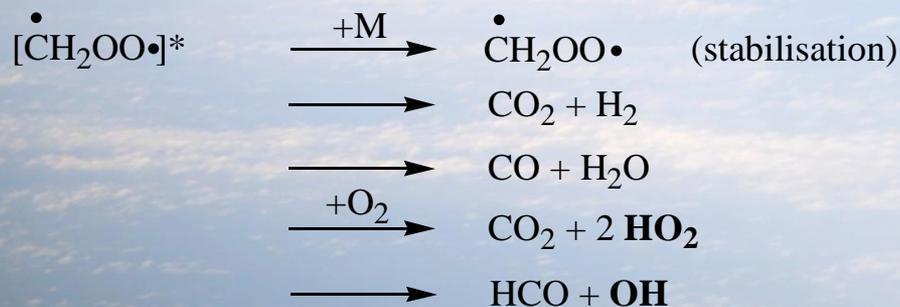


# Reaction with ozone



➔ Formation of oxygenated species

➔ Formation OH-radicals



# Reaction with $\text{NO}_3$

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# OH Balance Equation

$$\frac{d [\text{OH}]}{dt} = P_{\text{OH}} - D_{\text{OH}} \approx 0$$

contributions

from transport, i.e., the flux divergence, are small

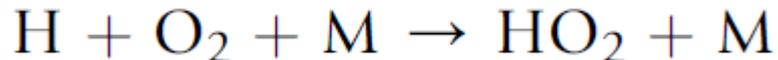
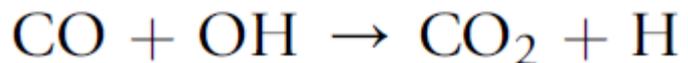
$$\begin{aligned} D_{\text{OH}} &= [\text{OH}] \cdot (k_7[\text{CO}] + k_{14}[\text{O}_3] + \dots \\ &\quad + k_{17}[\text{NO}_2] + k_{15}[\text{HO}_2] + \dots) \\ &= [\text{OH}] \cdot \tau_{\text{OH}}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

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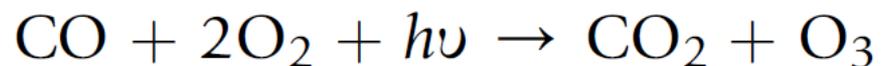
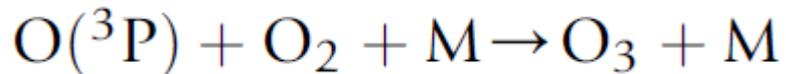
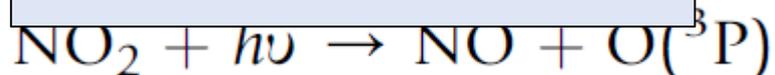
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# Reactions of OH in Remote regions

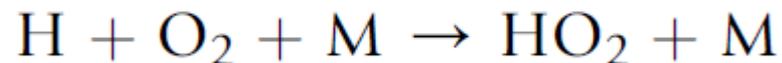
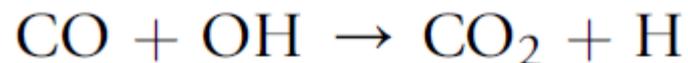
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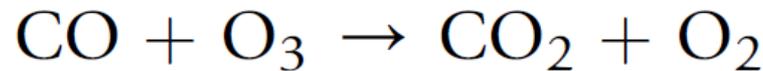
Ozone Production



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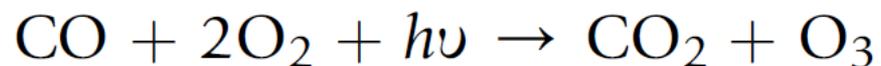
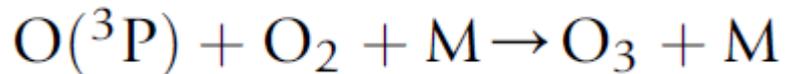
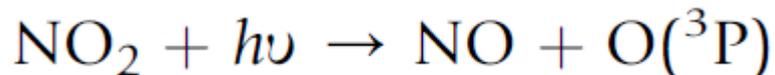
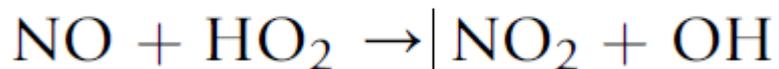
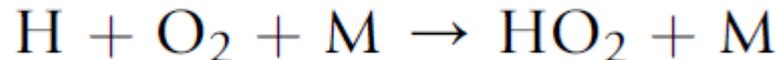
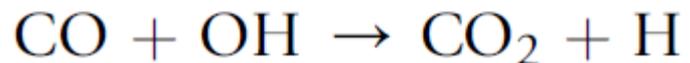


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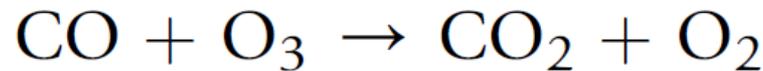
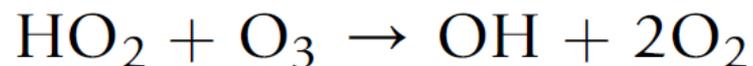
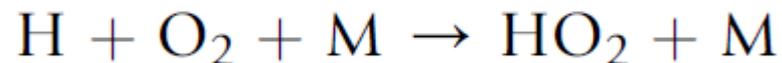
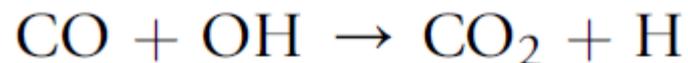


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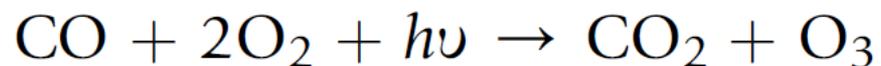
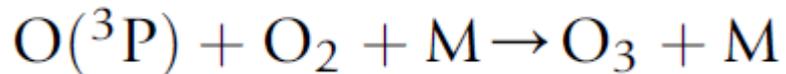
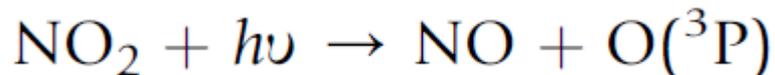
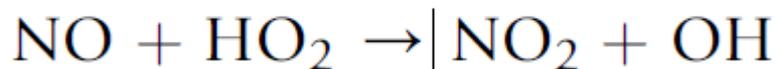
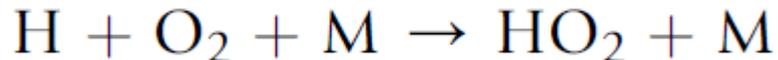
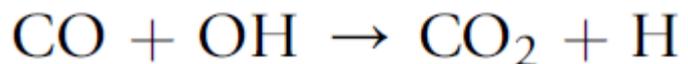


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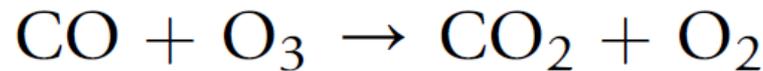
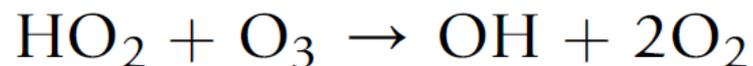
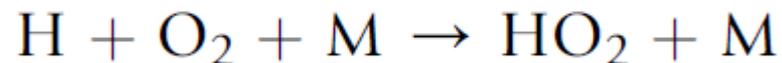
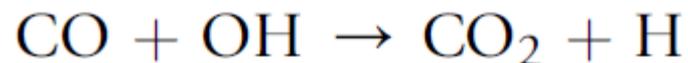


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