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Routine monitoring stations on the west coast of North America serve to monitor baseline levels of criteria pollutants such as ozone (O_3) arriving from the Pacific Ocean. In Canada, the Amphitrite Point Observatory (APO) on Vancouver Island has been added to this network to provide regional baseline measurements. In 2014, McKendry and co-workers reported frequent nocturnal O_3 depletion events (ODEs) at APO that generally correlated with alongshore winds, elevated concentrations of carbon dioxide (CO_2) and stable boundary layer conditions, but whose cause (or causes) has (have) remained unclear.

This manuscript presents results from the Ozone-depleting Reactions in a Coastal Atmosphere (ORCA) campaign, which took place in July, 2015 to further investigate ODEs at APO. In addition to the long-term measurements at the site (e.g., of CO_2 and O_3 mixing ratios), abundances of biogenic volatile organic compounds (BVOC) and aerosol size distributions were quantified. ODEs were observed on the majority of measurement nights and were characterized by a simultaneous increase of CO_2 and BVOC abundances, in particular of limonene, a terpene 2.5× more reactive with respect to oxidation of O_3 than other monoterpenes.

Back trajectory calculations showed that ODEs occurred mainly in air masses that originated from the WNW where the air would have travelled parallel to the coastline and above kelp forests. Head space analyses of sea weed samples showed that bull kelp is a source of gas-phase limonene, consistent with its high relative abundance in air masses from the WNW sector. However, the enhanced terpene and CO_2 content showed that the air likely also came in contact with terrestrial vegetation via mesoscale transport phenomena (such as slope flows and land-sea breeze circulations) that were generally poorly captured by the back trajectories. This absence of aerosol growth during ODEs indicates that dry deposition is likely the primary O_3 loss mechanism.

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44 **1. Introduction**

45 Processes controlling the abundances of ozone (O₃) and fine particulate matter
46 with a diameter smaller than 2.5 μm (PM_{2.5}) continue to be of interest because of the
47 association of high O₃ and PM_{2.5} concentrations with health impacts such as chronic
48 obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), heart disease, and lung cancer (e.g., (Lelieveld,
49 Evans, Fnais, Giannadaki, & Pozzer, 2015; Peng et al., 2013; Pope, Ezzati, & Dockery,
50 2009) and references therein). On the west coast of North America, the budgets of O₃
51 and, indirectly, the hydroxyl radical (OH) and PM_{2.5} depend critically on the
52 “background O₃” concentration, i.e., the concentration of O₃ entering from the Pacific
53 Ocean (Ambrose, Reidmiller, & Jaffe, 2011; McDonald-Buller et al., 2011). In recent
54 decades, this concentration has slowly been increasing due to long-range transport of
55 continuously rising emissions in Asia (Jaffe, Price, Parrish, Goldstein, & Harris, 2003;
56 Parrish et al., 2010; Parrish et al., 2004). On the other hand, the concentration of O₃ in
57 the layer immediately above the ocean surface, the so-called marine boundary layer
58 (MBL), is frequently depleted relative to atmospheric layers aloft. The principal O₃
59 depletion mechanisms in the MBL are dry deposition to the sea surface (Gallagher,
60 Beswick, & Coe, 2001; Gallagher, Beswick, McFiggans, Coe, & Choularton, 2001;
61 Ganzeveld, Helmig, Fairall, Hare, & Pozzer, 2009) and photochemical pathways, such
62 as the HO_x driven O₃ destruction in low NO_x environments and catalytic cycles
63 involving reactive halogen species (Galbally, Bentley, & Meyer, 2000; Lee et al., 2009;
64 Read et al., 2008; Singh et al., 1996; Watanabe, Nojiri, & Kariya, 2005).

65 The Amplitrite Point Observatory (APO) was established on the west coast of
66 Vancouver Island, British Columbia, Canada, in 2010 to serve as a background
67 monitoring site. Recently, McKendry and co-workers (2014) reported observations of
68 rapid nocturnal O₃ depletion events (ODEs) that have not been fully explained to date.
69 Conventionally, nocturnal loss of surface O₃ is interpreted as being due to a

70 combination of dry deposition and chemical titration by nitric oxide (NO) to nitrogen
71 dioxide (NO₂) and by reaction of O₃ with unsaturated biogenic hydrocarbons (Kleinman
72 et al., 1994; Logan, 1989; Neu, Kunzle, & Wanner, 1994; Trainer et al., 1987). At APO,
73 the ODEs are generally associated with along- or onshore flow, stable boundary layer
74 conditions, and an increase in the concentration of carbon dioxide (CO₂) but not with
75 anthropogenic pollution tracers, i.e., NO_x, CO, and SO₂ (McKendry et al., 2014). CO₂
76 has sinks (photosynthesis) and sources (respiration and combustion) that are much
77 stronger in the continental compared to the marine environment (which is a net CO₂
78 sink (Gruber et al., 2009)). Hence, elevated concentrations of CO₂ trace continentally
79 influenced air at coastal sites (Parrish, Millet, & Goldstein, 2009). The correlation of
80 ODEs with CO₂ and the absence of correlations with anthropogenic tracers at APO
81 suggest that the upwind air had been in contact with vegetation where O₃ would have
82 been more rapidly deposited than to the ocean surface (Gallagher, Beswick, & Coe,
83 2001; Wesely & Hicks, 2000). Yet, back trajectories calculated using the Hybrid Single
84 Particle Lagrangian Integrated Trajectory Model (HYSPLIT) (Draxler & Hess, 1998;
85 Draxler & Rolph, 2011) and the "North American Meso" (NAM) meteorological field at
86 12 km resolution were inconsistent with this interpretation. The back trajectories
87 showed that ODEs were characterized by light onshore or alongshore winds and that the
88 air masses generally originated in the MBL, i.e., had a marine origin. Overall, the
89 evidence indicated that the ODEs at APO are caused by a non-photochemical coastal
90 zone process that extends over a spatial scale of tens of kilometres (McKendry et al.,
91 2014).

92 One such process could be the natural nocturnal O₃ deposition on near-shore
93 forest vegetation coupled with a nocturnal land breeze that mixes continentally
94 influenced air against the predominant westerly synoptic flow. This process is in all

95 likelihood poorly captured by the meteorological fields and, hence, HYSPLIT
96 trajectories. Evidence to corroborate this hypothesis would be an enhancement of
97 biogenic volatile organic compound (BVOC) concentrations, in particular of
98 monoterpenes whose emissions have both a light-dependent (photosynthetic) as well as
99 a light-independent fraction which (unlike those of isoprene) continue at night (Fares et
100 al., 2013; Guenther et al., 2012). The tree species in the region are predominantly
101 coniferous and include Western Red Cedar (*Thuja plicata*), Coastal Douglas Fir
102 (*Pseudotsuga menziesii ssp. menziesii*) and Western Hemlock (*Tsuga mertensiana*)
103 (Mason et al., 2015). Monoterpenes (C₁₀H₁₆), in particular α - and β -pinene, dominate
104 BVOC emissions from this type of vegetation (Burney & Jacobs, 2012; Copeland,
105 Cape, Nemitz, & Heal, 2014; Drewitt, Curren, Steyn, Gillespie, & Niki, 1998; Geron,
106 Rasmussen, Arnts, & Guenther, 2000; Helmig, Daly, Milford, & Guenther, 2013;
107 Lagalante & Montgomery, 2003; Sakulyanontvittaya, Duhl, et al., 2008).

108 In this work, mixing ratios of the monoterpenes α - and β -pinene, limonene,
109 carene, and terpinolene, as well as the β -pinene oxidation product nopinone (C₉H₁₄O)
110 were quantified at APO for the first time to provide further insight into the cause (or
111 causes) of the nocturnal ODEs during summertime. Nopinone is produced from the
112 reaction of O₃ with β -pinene in ~50% yield (Jenkin, 2004) and is thus a direct tracer of
113 O₃-monoterpene chemical reactions, though it is also produced (and destroyed) during
114 the daytime from reactions initiated by OH (Barthelmie & Pryor, 1999; Jaoui &
115 Kamens, 2003; Kavouras, Mihalopoulos, & Stephanou, 1999; Larsen et al., 2001). The
116 data set includes measurements of aerosol size distributions as an indirect probe of O₃-
117 monoterpene chemistry which results in the production of non-volatile material and
118 manifests itself by either new particle formation or growth (Ehn et al., 2014; Griffin,
119 Cocker, Flagan, & Seinfeld, 1999; Sakulyanontvittaya, Guenther, Helmig, Milford, &

120 Wiedinmyer, 2008). Correlations of ODEs with CO₂ and BVOC concentrations are
121 presented. Sources of BVOCs in the region and implications of the data for the
122 interpretation of ODEs at APO are discussed.

123 **2. Methods**

124 *a. Study overview*

125 The APO is located on the west coast of Vancouver Island south of the town of
126 Ucluelet at 48.92° N and 125.54° W (Figure 1) less than 100 m from the high tide line
127 of the Pacific Ocean. It was the location of several recent measurement intensives, and
128 the immediate vicinity of the measurement site has been described comprehensively in
129 the associated manuscripts (Mason et al., 2015; McKendry et al., 2014; Wilson et al.,
130 2015; Yakobi-Hancock et al., 2014). For this study, named the "Ozone-depleting
131 Reactions in a Coastal Atmosphere" (ORCA) campaign, instrumentation was housed in
132 two mobile laboratories separated by a distance of approximately 15 m: one was
133 operated by Environment Canada, British Columbia's Ministry of the Environment, and
134 Metro Vancouver, whose measurement suite (which include a Licor 820 CO₂ monitor)
135 has been described elsewhere (Mason et al., 2015; McKendry et al., 2014; Wilson et al.,
136 2015; Yakobi-Hancock et al., 2014). The other was operated by the University of
137 Calgary, whose measurements are described below. Meteorological parameters were
138 measured at the Amphitrite Lighthouse (located halfway between the main field site and
139 the ocean) and by a weather station (Vaisala WXT520) operated at a height above
140 ground of 5.2 m atop the University of Calgary mobile laboratory. Off-shore
141 meteorological data were collected at a moored buoy (C46206, located at La Perouse
142 Bank 35 km WSW of APO) as described by Mason et al. (2015). Data were collected
143 from July 8 - 31, 2015.

144 *b. Gas phase measurements*

145 Mixing ratios of BVOCs and nopinone were quantified using a commercial gas
146 chromatograph equipped with a cylindrical ion-trap mass analyzer (Patterson et al.,
147 2002; Riter et al., 2002) and electron impact ionization (Griffin 450 GC-MS). This
148 instrument sampled from a 6.5 m long and 0.635 cm outer diameter (o.d.) stainless steel
149 inlet from a height of 4.3 m above ground. A 3 m long section of the inlet was heated to
150 125 °C to remove interference due to O₃ (Hellén, Kuronen, & Hakola, 2012; Pollmann,
151 Ortega, & Helmig, 2005). Air samples were pre-concentrated for 8 minutes at a flow
152 rate of 213 mL min⁻¹ on a dual sorbent trap containing Tenax TA and Carboxen 1017
153 held at 40 °C and were desorbed at a temperature of 240 °C onto a 30 m (length) × 0.25
154 mm (inner diameter) × 0.25 µm (film thickness) DB-5MS column operated with helium
155 carrier gas (Praxair, ECD grade) purified using a triple trap (Restek 22464). The GC
156 oven was programmed as follows: hold at 40° C for 3.00 min, heat at 3° C min⁻¹ to 70°
157 C and hold for 2.00 min, and heat at 15° C min⁻¹ to 200 °C and hold for 2.00 min (total
158 25.67 min). This was followed by a 5.00 min recovery time to allow the oven and
159 preconcentration trap to cool back to 40 °C. Full mass spectra (*m/z* from 35 to 425 Da)
160 were collected at a rate of ~ 3 Hz. Retention times and indices, quantification ions, and
161 limits of detection of the monoterpenes monitored are summarized in Table S-1.

162 The instrument was calibrated using mass flow controllers and a gas cylinder
163 filled with a standard VOC mixture prepared in-house on July 2, 2015, a week prior to
164 the campaign. This working standard was prepared by quantitatively transferring a 50
165 VOC component calibration mixture (Supelco 49148-U) containing α-pinene, β-pinene
166 and limonene in methanol to an evacuated aluminum cylinder (supplied by Scott-
167 Marrin; internal volume 29.50±0.33 L) which was subsequently pressurized with
168 nitrogen gas to a pressure of 8500±250 kPa. The accuracy of this standard was

169 compound dependent and calculated from the concentration uncertainties provided by
170 Supelco and uncertainty of the dilution volume and was 9.6% on average (range 8.3% to
171 12.0%). The uncertainties in the amounts delivered from this cylinder are increased
172 further due to uncertainties in the flow delivered by the mass flow controllers to a total
173 of ~11% on average. This error analysis assumes quantitative delivery of the VOCs
174 through the 2-stage cylinder pressure regulator and the all-metal mass flow controller (a
175 reasonable assumption following a several day long break-in period). Not included in
176 this uncertainty is the potential loss (or production) of terpenes within the cylinder over
177 the course of this campaign, which are expected to be small in a one month old
178 aluminum cylinder but can be substantial, especially over longer time periods (e.g.,
179 (Apel et al., 1999; Jones, Kato, Nakashima, & Kajii, 2014; Rhoderick, 2010; Rhoderick
180 & Lin, 2013)).

181 Between July 16 and 31, 2015, five "full" calibrations, i.e., with ≥ 5 points on the
182 calibration curve measured in random order (including a "blank"), were performed. For
183 the monoterpenes, the slopes of the calibration curves had relative standard deviations
184 in the range of $\pm 3.2\%$ to $\pm 22.6\%$ (average 8.0%) and intercepts whose value ± 1
185 standard error encompassed zero. The response factors were linearly interpolated
186 between calibration points.

187 The precision of the GC-MS was determined from the standard deviation of
188 repeated measurements of a small amount of β -pinene evaporated into a 4,000 L smog
189 chamber to an approximate mixing ratio of ~ 100 pptv and was $\pm 3.4\%$.

190 It has been reported that monoterpenes can undergo rearrangement reactions
191 during the thermal desorption process following preconcentration on Tenax (Arnts,
192 2010). In post-campaign experiments, approximately 1.5% of trapped β -pinene was
193 found to isomerize to limonene, α -pinene, and camphene during desorption on our

194 instrument. Because this process happens during both calibration and ambient
195 measurement of β -pinene, its effect is included in the instrumental response factor. In
196 contrast to β -pinene, no rearrangement products were observed for either limonene or α -
197 pinene.

198 Assuming that the above uncertainties are independent from each other and
199 neglecting the potential degradation of monoterpenes within the standard gas cylinder,
200 the total uncertainty (at the 1σ level) of the monoterpene measurements presented is
201 $\pm 15\%$, driven by the systematic uncertainty in the preparation of (and delivering a
202 calibrated gas flow from) the standard gas cylinder ($\pm 11\%$), the standard uncertainties in
203 the slopes of the calibration curves ($\pm 8\%$), and the measurement precision ($\pm 3.4\%$).

204 Not included in this uncertainty estimate are potential systematic errors arising
205 from the interpolation between calibration points.

206 The response factors for carene and nopinone were determined prior to and after
207 the campaign relative to that of α -pinene; the uncertainty of their mixing ratios was
208 estimated at $\pm 30\%$.

209 Other gas-phase measurements in the University of Calgary mobile laboratory
210 included a UV absorption O_3 analyzer (Thermo Scientific 49i), a total odd nitrogen
211 (NO_y) chemiluminescence analyzer (Thermo Scientific 42i), and a multi-channel cavity
212 ring-down spectrometer for quantification of NO_2 and NO_x constructed in-house
213 (Odame-Ankrah, 2015; Paul & Osthoff, 2010).

214 *c. Particle phase measurements*

215 Submicron and supermicron size distributions were monitored using a scanning
216 mobility particle sizer (SMPS, TSI 3936L75) operated with butanol and an aerodynamic
217 particle sizer (APS, TSI 3321). The SMPS sampled through a $1\ \mu m$ cut-off impactor
218 (0.071 cm internal diameter) via 3/8" o.d. conductive silicon tubing secured next to the

219 GC-MS inlet. The APS was operated from the container located on top of the trailer and
220 sampled from a 1.6 m tall ½ o.d. aluminum tube (4.4 m AGL) whose tip was bent into a
221 U-shape to prevent precipitation from entering the inlet. Both instruments were
222 calibrated by the manufacturer but not in the field (e.g., inlet transmission efficiencies
223 were not characterized), such that the aerosol size distributions are semi-quantitative.

224 *d. Photolysis frequencies*

225 Photolysis frequencies were determined by solar actinic flux spectroradiometry
226 (Hofzumahaus, Kraus, & Muller, 1999) using a commercial radiometer with 2π receptor
227 optics and photo diode array (PDA) detector (Metcon; 512 pixels, wavelength range 285
228 nm - 690 nm) which had been calibrated by the manufacturer. The spectrometer was
229 mounted facing up (zenith view) to measure the down-dwelling radiation. The
230 spectrometer was inverted periodically to determine the up-dwelling radiation.
231 Photolysis frequencies were calculated using reference spectra and quantum yields from
232 the NASA-JPL evaluation (Sander et al., 2010) and updated ClNO₂ cross-sections
233 (Ghosh, Papanastasiou, Talukdar, Roberts, & Burkholder, 2011).

234 *e. Back trajectory calculations*

235 Twelve-hour back trajectories were calculated using the National Oceanic and
236 Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) HYSPLIT online model and the "NAM
237 meteorological field at 12 km resolution. The trajectory calculations were initiated every
238 hour, starting 1 hr prior to the ODEs and ending 1 hr after the ODEs ended, with heights
239 of 10 m, 50 m, and 100 m above ground.

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241 **3. Results and analysis**

242 *a. Identification of ozone depletion events*

243 Time series of O₃ and CO₂, the monoterpenes α - and β -pinene, limonene, and
244 carene as well as the β -pinene oxidation product nopinone, NO₂ and odd oxygen (O_x =
245 O₃ + NO₂) for the period of July 16 to 31, 2015 are shown in Figure 2. Time series of
246 meteorological parameters are shown in Figure S-1. McKendry et al. (2014) outlined the
247 following criteria to identify ODEs: a drop in O₃ mixing ratio from a starting value of
248 no higher than 32 ppbv (the third monthly quartile O₃ mixing ratio in July), by more
249 than 15 ppbv, and occurring over a time period of 12 hours or less. Using these criteria
250 for the 16 nights shown, 9 nocturnal ODEs were identified. These are indicated as blue
251 bars in Figure 2 and have been summarized in Table 1. The high frequency of ODEs
252 confirms that they are indeed a frequent phenomenon at APO.

253 *b. Correlations of ozone depletion events with chemical tracers*

254 The ODEs were accompanied by an increase in CO₂ mixing ratios (Figures 2A
255 and 5B), as had been reported by McKendry et al. (2014). At the beginning of the
256 ODEs, CO₂ mixing ratios were usually below 380 ppmv. This abundance is less than
257 what was measured at Trinidad Head, California in July, 2015 (396±1 ppmv).
258 (Dlugokencky et al., 2016) Plausible explanations for the lower than expected CO₂
259 mixing ratios are either a prolonged period of CO₂ oceanic uptake in a decoupled
260 marine boundary layer and/or photosynthetic uptake by vegetation upwind of the
261 measurement location.

262 Once the ODEs started and O₃ mixing ratios decreased, CO₂ mixing ratios
263 increased. Data from all nine ODEs were lumped together in one-hour bins as a function
264 of time of day, with 12:00 (noon) set to the solar zenith angle minimum. The 90th, 75th,
265 25th, and 10th percentile and median (i.e., 50th percentile) O₃ and CO₂ mixing ratios as

266 functions of local time of day during the ODEs are shown in Figure 3A. The median O₃
267 and CO₂ mixing ratios are anti-correlated with a linear correlation coefficient of r
268 = -0.92 and slope of (-0.390 ± 0.005) ppbv O₃ / ppmv CO₂.

269 It is well known that forest vegetation represents a sink of O₃ and, because of the
270 absence of O₃ production, results in a net loss of O₃ at night (Trainer et al., 1987;
271 Turner, Waggoner, & Rich, 1974). The observed anti-correlation can be rationalized by
272 respiration by vegetation, which releases CO₂ into a shallow nocturnal boundary layer;
273 at the same time, O₃ deposition continues, though with reduced deposition velocity
274 (Fan, Wofsy, Bakwin, Jacob, & Fitzjarrald, 1990; Monson & Holland, 2001; Ro-
275 Poulsen, Mikkelsen, Hovmand, Hummelsehoj, & Jensen, 1998; Zeller & Nikolov,
276 2000).

277 Since trees continue to emit monoterpenes at night, the nocturnal release of CO₂
278 from trees is expected to be accompanied by an increase in monoterpene concentration.
279 Accordingly, mixing ratios of monoterpenes were also elevated during ODEs,
280 coinciding with the increase in CO₂ (Figures 2B, 3B and 5B). The highest monoterpene
281 mixing ratios were observed during the ODEs of the nights of July 18/19 and 19/20.
282 Carene and nopinone mixing ratios were elevated on those nights (Figure 2B). The
283 HYSPLIT back trajectories showed that the air masses sampled on those nights
284 originated from the east (Table 1), i.e., had travelled over land covered by dense forests,
285 explaining the higher than average monoterpene mixing ratios and also the presence of
286 the β -pinene oxidation product nopinone.

287 The linear correlation coefficient of CO₂ and total monoterpene concentrations
288 during ODEs was $r = 0.93$, whereas that of O₃ and total monoterpenes was $r = -0.76$.
289 CO₂ is a more conserved tracer than monoterpenes which are oxidized by O₃ (and the
290 nitrate radical, NO₃). The nopinone mixing ratios (Figure 2B) did not increase during

291 ODEs (Figure 4B), with exception of the nights of July 18/19 and 19/20, which
292 indicates that titration of O₃ in the gas-phase was a minor O₃ depletion process and
293 suggests that O₃ is lost more by dry deposition than by titration in the gas-phase. This
294 conclusion is supported by the absence of new particle formation and aerosol growth
295 during the ODEs (see section c below).

296 In polluted areas, O₃ mixing ratios are often depleted due to titration of O₃ by
297 NO, which manifests itself by an anti-correlation of O₃ and NO₂ mixing ratios
298 (Kleinman et al., 1994; Logan, 1989; Neu et al., 1994; Trainer et al., 1987). In contrast
299 to CO₂ and monoterpenes, O₃ mixing ratios only correlated weakly with those of the
300 anthropogenic pollution tracer NO₂ ($r = -0.44$). A scatter plot of O₃ against NO₂ mixing
301 ratios is shown in Figure 5C, where the data points collected during ODEs are colour-
302 coded by CO₂ mixing ratio. The vast majority of data points during ODEs are associated
303 with NO₂ mixing ratios < 2 ppbv. Hence, the contribution of NO-O₃ titration to ozone
304 depletion was minor.

305 This conclusion is corroborated by considering trends in O_x which parallel those
306 of O₃ (Figure 2C). When O_x (instead of O₃) is correlated with total monoterpenes during
307 ODEs, the anti-correlation becomes more pronounced ($r = -0.78$ compared to -0.76). In
308 contrast, the anti-correlation of O_x with CO₂ changes to $r = -0.81$ (from -0.92), likely
309 because NO₂ and CO₂ are both present in combustion exhaust where they correlate.

310 Overall, the correlations of O₃ with chemical tracers corroborate the notion that
311 ODEs are not driven primarily by anthropogenic pollutants and that ODEs occur in air
312 masses that have been in contact with respiring vegetation.

313 *c. Role of meteorology*

314 The ODEs were generally marked by a reduction in local wind speed (Figures
315 S1 and 5A). The lowest O₃ mixing ratios were observed when the air stagnated (Figure

316 5A). This suggests that ODEs are caused by a local mechanism and are not
317 representative of a process occurring over a wider scale. There was no correlation of
318 ODEs with tide height (data not shown).

319 Synoptic conditions during the ODEs, judged from composite sea level pressure
320 and geopotential height and their anomaly maps obtained from the National Oceanic
321 and Atmospheric Administration's Physical Sciences Division's web site (Figure S-2)
322 were similar to those reported by McKendry et al. (2014), in that they show a high
323 pressure region centered north of the Hawaiian Islands in the Pacific Ocean, with a
324 developing high-pressure ridge aligned along the Pacific Northwest coast. Though not
325 as pronounced as shown by McKendry et al. (2014), this high pressure region extends
326 above the measurement site on Vancouver Island. The anticyclonic (i.e., clockwise
327 rotation) conditions (Figure S2) are expected to be associated with predominantly
328 WNW to NW winds in the study region as well as downward advection of warmer, dry
329 air from the upper troposphere in the anticyclone's center, leading to greater temperature
330 inversion and capping of the boundary layer throughout the high-pressure system (Stull
331 & Ahrens, 2000).

332 McKendry et al. (2014) had based much of their analysis on HYSPLIT back
333 trajectories with the NAM met field. Tables S-2 through S-10 summarize the hourly
334 HYSPLIT back trajectory data for this data set. By and large, the HYSPLIT results were
335 in agreement with local wind direction, with exception of July 27, when the flow
336 reversed (from on-shore to off-shore flow) in the middle of the night which was not
337 captured by the HYSPLIT trajectories. The ends of the ODEs were generally also
338 marked by a change (often a reversal) of local wind direction, which also were not
339 captured by HYSPLIT trajectories (e.g., on July 16, 23, 30). This suggests that the
340 meteorological field only poorly captures the land breeze (which goes against the

341 synoptic westerly flow), and that the HYSPLIT back trajectories do not capture
342 injections of continentally influenced air into the coastal MBL.

343 Corroborating this are the relative humidity (RH) data. Often, the RH in
344 HYSPLIT was inconsistent with local observations. For example, during the ODEs on
345 July 18 and 19 and 30, local RH were >80%, whereas those in the simulations were
346 <65%. A lower RH indicates an air mass that has travelled more over (dry) land than
347 over the ocean. Interestingly, the nights of July 18, 19, and 30 had the highest CO₂ and
348 total monoterpene abundances, which is consistent with the air having been in contact
349 with land upwind. In general, RH decreased at the end of the ODEs as the air masses
350 shifted.

351 The majority of the ODEs were associated with winds from the WNW, i.e., with
352 air that has travelled in parallel to the coast line, consistent with the synoptic conditions.
353 The nights of July 21 and 22 are interesting cases in that on both occasions, local winds
354 and HYSPLIT back trajectories were from the WNW sector and wind speeds decreased
355 (to < 1 m/s on July 22), yet O₃ was conserved on those nights. One can conclude that
356 the HYSPLIT back trajectories by themselves are poor predictors of ODEs. The NOAA
357 ESRL maps show that the high pressure region was located significantly further from
358 the coast on those days ((Figure S-3) than during ODE events and that a low pressure
359 system had formed to the North of the study region.

360 *c. Correlations of ODEs with changes in aerosol size distribution*

361 Reactions of O₃ with monoterpenes are known to yield SOA (Ehn et al., 2014;
362 Griffin et al., 1999; Sakulyanontvittaya, Guenther, et al., 2008). The time series of
363 submicron aerosol size distributions is shown in Figure 6. During the ODEs, the
364 accumulation mode (diameter range 80 to 100 nm) dominated. The highest counts were
365 observed when the predominant wind direction was from the east (nights of July 18/19

366 and 19/20), whereas much lower aerosol loadings were observed when the winds were
367 from the West. With exception of the night of July 19/20, there was neither noticeable
368 particle growth nor nucleation event during the ODEs. The absence of aerosol growth
369 and new particle formation corroborates that dry deposition is the primary O₃ loss
370 mechanism and that titration of O₃ by gas-phase monoterpenes (which would have
371 yielded SOA and nopinone) was minor. However, new particles were frequently
372 observed after the ODEs ended, usually associated with a wind shift to the east at or
373 after sunrise.

374 *e. Monoterpene ratios: insights into BVOC sources*

375 An interesting feature of this data set is that the limonene mixing ratio was often
376 greater than those of α - and β -pinene (and sometimes even greater than their sum).
377 Limonene is a factor of 2.5 \times more reactive than the other monoterpenes with respect to
378 oxidation by O₃ and NO₃ (Draper, Farmer, Desyaterik, & Fry, 2015). The high relative
379 concentrations of limonene observed suggest that the air had not been significantly
380 processed ("aged") chemically, which implies that the source (or sources) of limonene
381 was (were) close to the sampling site. Carene and terpinolene were less abundant than
382 the other monoterpenes and accounted for only a small fraction of the total
383 concentration of terpenes observed (Figure 4A). Only one of the common tree species in
384 the area, the Western Red Cedar, emits a greater amount of limonene than other
385 monoterpenes (Drewitt et al., 1998); its emission ratios are most consistent with the
386 observed monoterpene mixtures. In contrast, emissions from Coastal Douglas Firs are
387 expected to have a higher α - and β -pinene content and relatively little limonene (Burney
388 & Jacobs, 2012; Geron et al., 2000), and emissions from Western Hemlock trees have a
389 high α - and β -pinene as well as phellandrene content (Lagalante & Montgomery,
390 2003), which are less consistent with the relative terpene concentrations observed.

391 Oddly, there was a dependence of the monoterpene ratios on local wind
392 direction during the ODEs; when local wind speeds were strongest and from the WNW,
393 the ratios of limonene to α - and β -pinene were highest (Figure 5D). The ocean surface is
394 a known (though small) source of a variety of volatile compounds (Carpenter, Archer,
395 & Beale, 2012), including unsaturated compounds such as isoprene (Meskhidze &
396 Nenes, 2006; Yokouchi, Li, Machida, Aoki, & Akimoto, 1999) and monoterpenes
397 (Yassaa et al., 2008). However, one local peculiarity at APO is the presence of kelp
398 forests along the coast line (Watson & Estes, 2011).

399 *f. Kelp forests: an unrecognized source of BVOCs*

400 There is currently very little literature on BVOC emissions from near-shore
401 vegetation. *Yassaa and coworkers* recently reported evidence for monoterpene
402 emissions from phytoplankton (*Dunaliella tertiolecta*), in which p-ocimene, limonene,
403 and camphene were the dominant monoterpenes emitted (Yassaa et al., 2008). Kelp is
404 known to emit molecular iodine and small molecule halocarbons (e.g., (Ball et al., 2010;
405 Dixneuf, Ruth, Vaughan, Varma, & Orphal, 2009; Nitschke, Dixneuf, Schmid, Ruth, &
406 Stengel, 2015; Weinberg, Bahlmann, Michaelis, & Seifert, 2013)). These iodine
407 emissions and their subsequent chemistry have been linked to near-coastal new particle
408 formation (O'Dowd et al., 2002; O'Dowd & Hoffmann, 2005) though uncertainties
409 remain (e.g., (McFiggans, 2005; O'Dowd et al., 2005).

410 To investigate whether local sea weed species contributed to BVOC emissions,
411 samples were collected from the intertidal zone, placed in buckets along with sea water,
412 and the head spaces were analyzed by GC-MS.

413 Total and selected ion chromatograms of the calibration VOC mixture, of
414 ambient air during ODEs with a strong westerly flow, and of the head space above a
415 sample of bull kelp (*Nereocystis luetkeana*) are shown in Figure 7. The selected ion m/z

416 93(\pm 1) is a characteristic fragment of monoterpenes ($C_7H_9^+$). The bull kelp head space
417 (Figure 7C) contained \sim 2 ppbv limonene and trace amounts of α - and β -pinene and
418 terpinolene. Terpenes were not elevated when a sample of sea water in the absence of
419 sea flora was analyzed (data not shown). This implies that the kelp forests act as a
420 source of limonene and (at least partially) explains the high relative limonene
421 abundances observed during ODEs where the air originated from WNW sector.

422 We currently do not have enough information to constrain this source (e.g., size
423 of the kelp forests and their emission rates, which depend on time-of-day, water
424 temperature, light and herbivore exposure, plant age, season, and the extent of
425 desiccation and degradation of kelp deposited near the high tide mark (Bravo-Linares,
426 Mudge, & Loyola-Sepulveda, 2010; Nitschke et al., 2015; Rodgers & Shears, 2016)),
427 though it clearly would be worthwhile to investigate these factors further. Of all the
428 biogenic terpenes, limonene exhibits the highest SOA yield upon photo-oxidation
429 (Griffin et al., 1999; Hoffmann et al., 1997) and upon reaction with O_3 or NO_3 at night
430 (Draper et al., 2015; Fry et al., 2011; Spittler et al., 2006). It stands to reason that
431 emissions of limonene coupled to those of molecular iodine from the same source
432 would have high SOA formation potential.

433 **4. Summary and conclusions**

434 This study has shown that the ODEs observed at APO occurred in air masses that had
435 been in contact with near-coastal vegetation including kelp forests and trees located near
436 the shore line. Even though this data set was limited to one month during summer, it can
437 be expected that the O_3 -terpene anticorrelation will also be observed during other
438 seasons as terpene emissions continue throughout the year and peak in spring (Helmig
439 et al., 2013). The absence of aerosol growth and new particle formation associated with

440 ODEs indicates that dry deposition was likely the primary O₃ loss mechanism and that
441 titration of O₃ by gas-phase monoterpenes was a minor pathway. At the same time,
442 more measurements, in particular of terpenoids towards which O₃ is reactive such as the
443 sesquiterpenes (Sakulyanontvittaya, Duhl, et al., 2008), are needed to better constrain
444 their roles in O₃ depletion, especially within the forest canopy. However, the absence of
445 organic aerosol formation during ODEs suggests that reactions of O₃ with biogenic
446 VOCs were of minor importance during this campaign. Back trajectories calculated
447 using HYSPLIT and the NAM meteorology field poorly represented local coastal land-
448 sea breeze effects and hence fell short in explaining how the upwind air at APO came in
449 contact with continentally influenced air masses.

450 Future studies should focus on a better description of the regional flow patterns and
451 should aim to quantify the relative contributions of terrestrial and oceanic surfaces to O₃
452 dry deposition, the potential for halogen-catalyzed photochemical destruction of O₃
453 (e.g., (Huang et al., 2010)), and the exchange of CO₂ with surfaces and vegetation in the
454 region. Future studies should also elucidate whether near-coastal oceanic uptake of O₃ is
455 enhanced in the region, for example by elevated iodide surface concentrations
456 (Carpenter et al., 2013; Reeser & Donaldson, 2011). Kelp forests were identified as a
457 novel BVOC source that emits highly reactive terpenes such as limonene. Future work
458 should focus on characterizing the emission factors of BVOCs from kelp and other sea
459 weed species.

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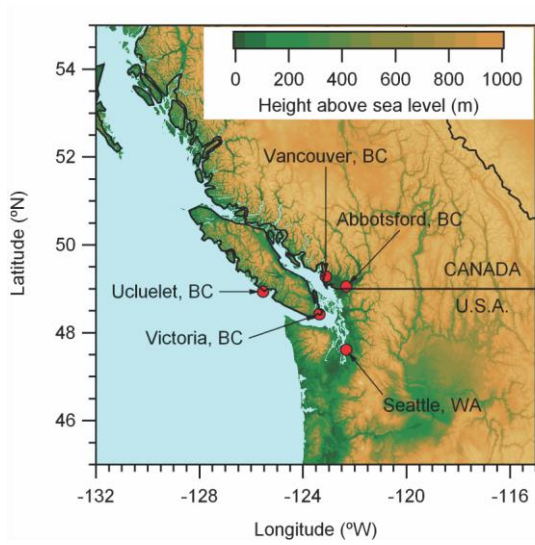
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756 Table 1. Summary of ODEs observed.

Date	start time	end time	wind direction (°)		wind speed	ΔO_3	ΔO_x	ΔCO_2	$\Delta\text{Temp.}$
			median local	Hysplit NAM12					
mo/day 2015	hr:min UTC	hr:min UTC	median local	Hysplit NAM12	m/s	ppbv	ppbv	ppmv	ppbv
07/16	09:14	14:00	WNW	WNW	1.1	-15.9	-	20.7	0.10
07/18	03:41	14:46	ESE	E	0.9	-16.0	-15.2	39.0	0.40
07/19	02:50	15:15	W initially, then E	W initially, then E	1.7	-23.3	-19.5	12.0	0.12
07/23	00:02	15:15	WNW	W	1.7	-19.5	-17.1	15.7	0.10
07/24	03:00	09:02	W	W	1.6	-18.1	-17.4	13.8	0.41
07/27	01:39	13:59	W initially, then E	W	1.7	-17.6	-15.6	15.5	0.32
07/28	01:59	14:01	WNW	WNW	2.1	-24.5	-23.8	14.3	0.07
07/30	02:23	10:03	W	W	2.5	-16.8	-16.0	51.7	0.64
07/31	07:04	10:09	WNW	WNW	2.2	-17.2	-16.8	32.4	0.19

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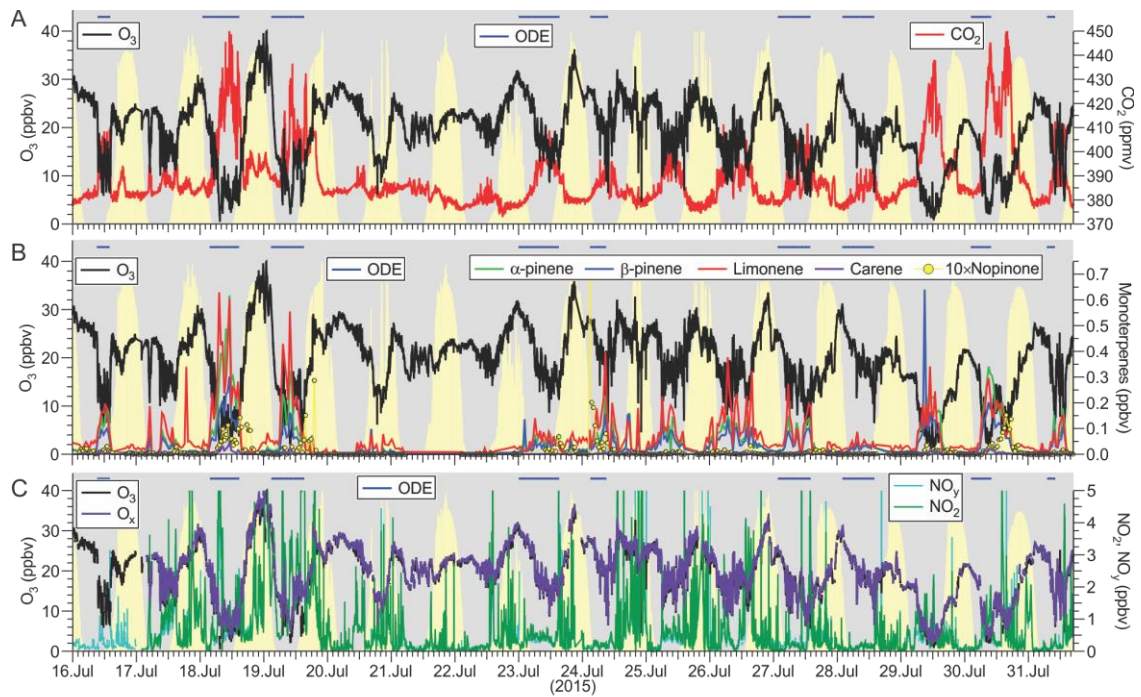
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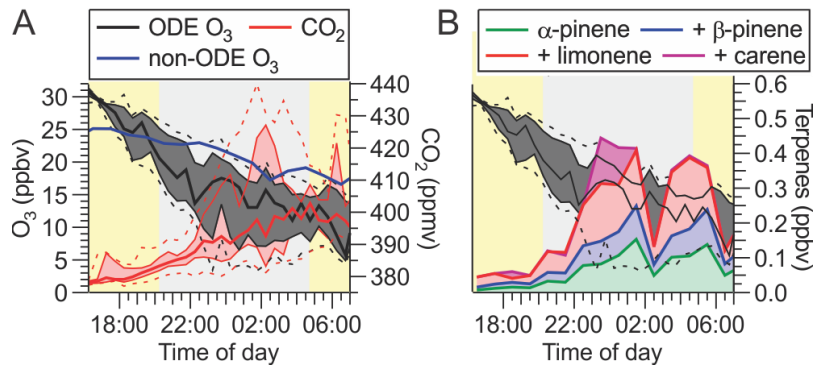
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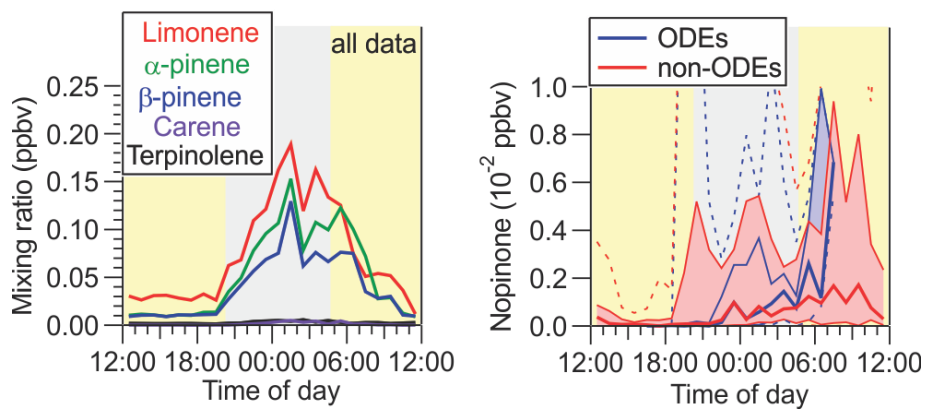
763 Figure 2. Time series of O₃ (left hand side, lhs) and CO₂ mixing ratios (A), monoterpene and
 764 nopinone mixing ratios (B), and O_x (=O₃+NO₂), NO₂, NO_y mixing ratios (C). The blue lines
 765 indicate O₃ depletion events identified using the criteria by McKendry et al. (2014). The
 766 background colouring indicates the NO₂ photolysis frequency. The dates and times are in
 767 coordinated universal time (UTC).

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770 Figure 3. (A) O₃ (lhs) and CO₂ (rhs) mixing ratios as functions of (solar) time of day during
 771 ODEs. The dashed lines indicate the 90th and 10th percentiles, whereas the shaded areas
 772 encompass the 75th and 25th percentiles. The thick solid lines are the median values. Percentiles
 773 were calculated over ½ hour bins. The median non-ODE O₃ time series is shown as a blue line.
 774 (B) O₃ and terpene mixing ratios as functions of (solar) time of day during ODEs calculated
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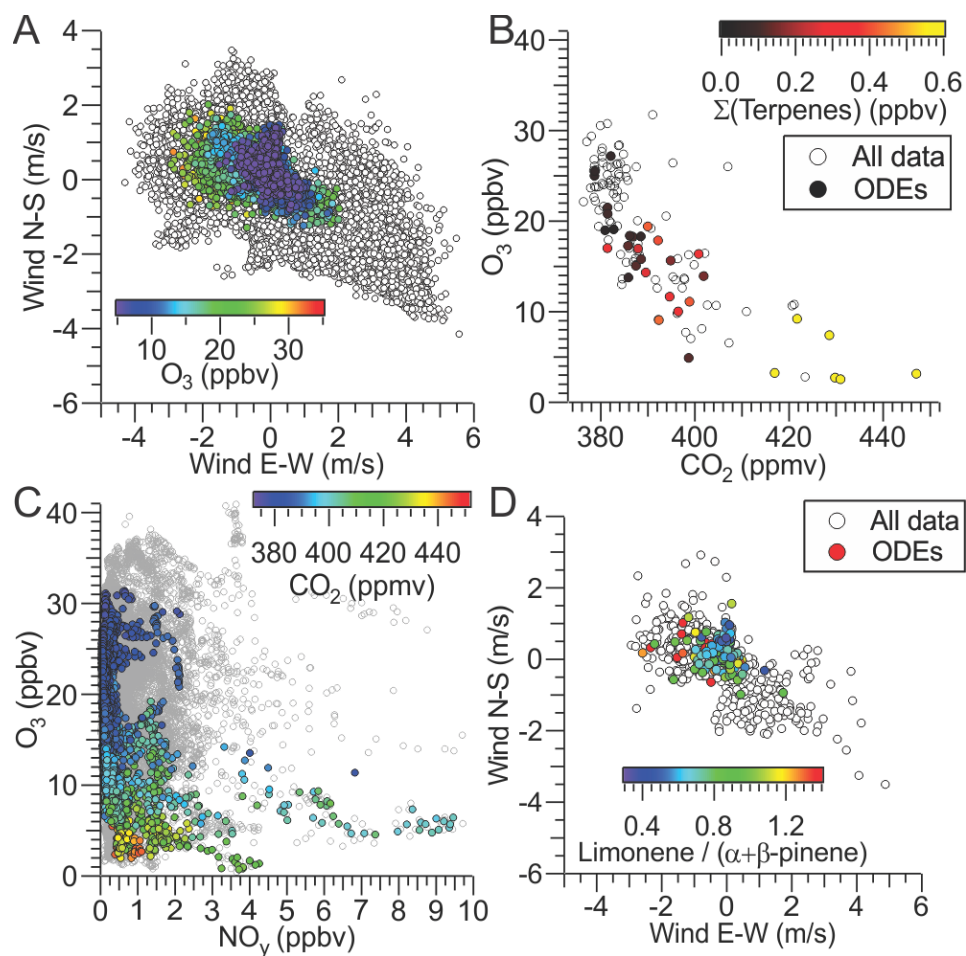


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778 Figure 4. (A) Median mixing ratios of monoterpenes as functions of time of day. (B) Nocturnal
 779 nopinone concentrations during ODE and non-ODE events as functions of time of day.

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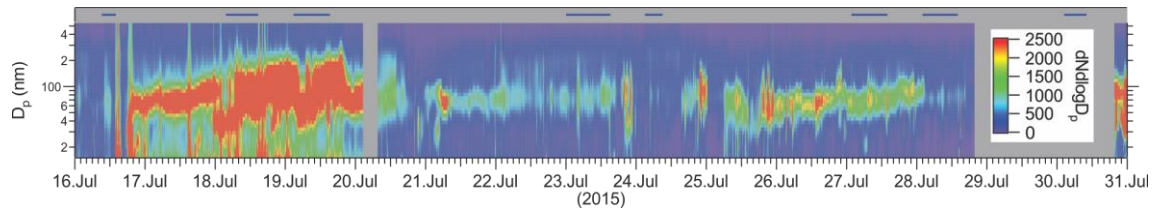


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783 Figure 5. Correlations of O₃ mixing ratios with (A) wind direction and speed, (B) CO₂ mixing
 784 ratios, colour-coded by the sum of α- and β-pinene and limonene mixing ratios, and (C) NO₂
 785 mixing ratios, colour-coded by CO₂ mixing ratios. (D) Dependence of the limonene to (α- plus
 786 β-pinene) ratio on wind direction and speed, plotted as their N-S and E-W components.

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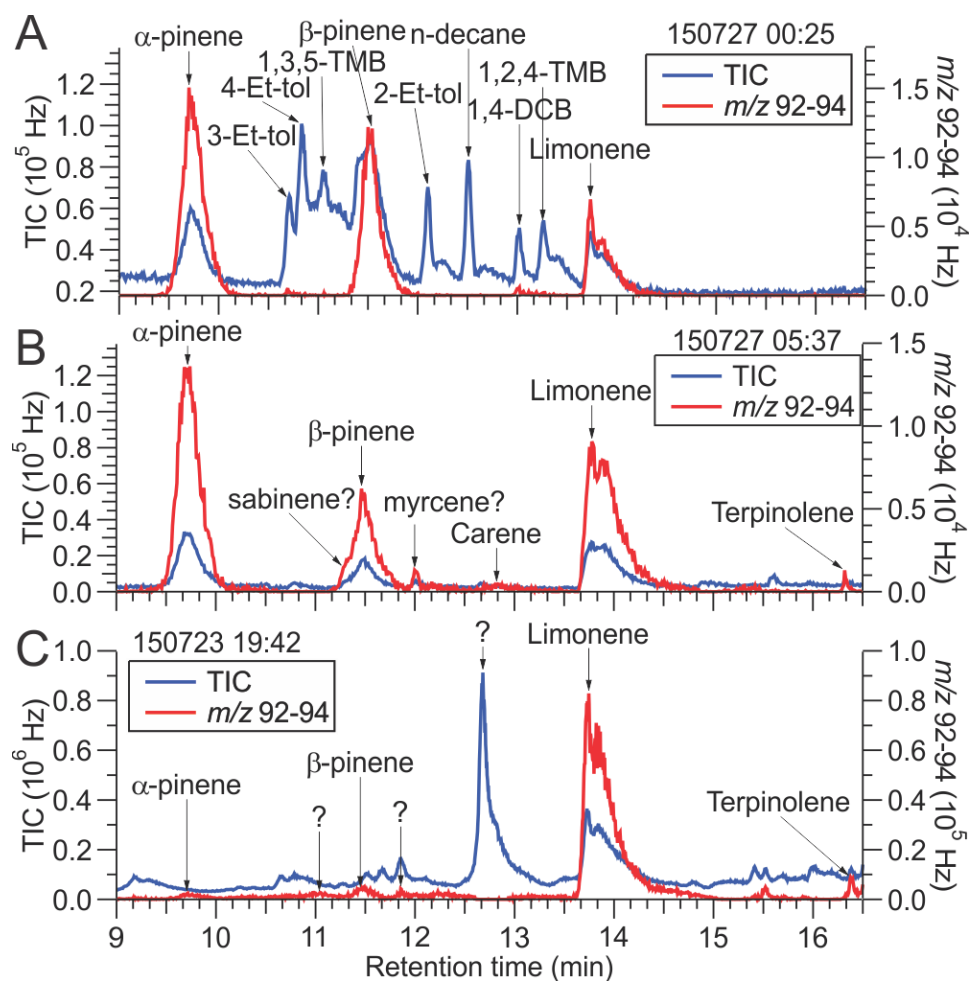


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Figure 6. Time series of submicron aerosol size distributions.

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793 Figure 7. Total ion chromatogram (TIC, lhs) and selected (rhs) ion chromatograms of (A)
 794 standard VOC calibration mixture, (B) ambient air during an ODE, and (C) headspace above
 795 bull kelp (*nereocystis luetkeana*). Et-tol = ethyltoluene, TMB = trimethylbenzene, DCB =
 796 dichlorobenzene.