

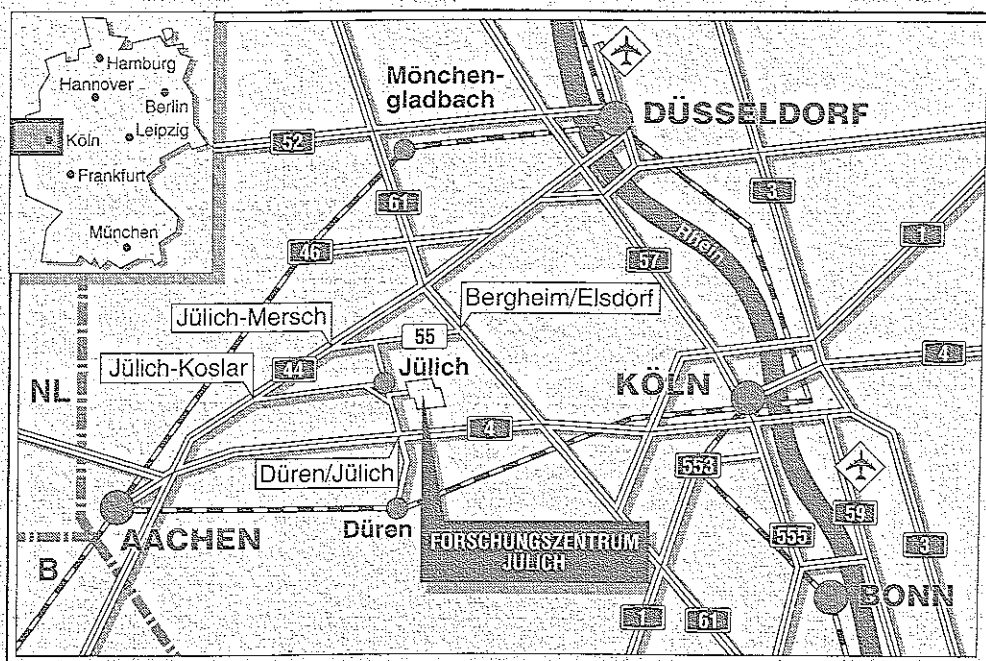
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## Abstract

The RADM2 chemical mechanism is a scheme for the tropospheric gas phase chemistry for the use in chemistry and transport models. During recent years the importance of isoprene as a reactive biogenic hydrocarbon has been recognized. Since isoprene is poorly represented in RADM2 we have developed an extension by a comprehensive isoprene chemistry. This detailed mechanism (RADM-E) leads to the same results as RADM2 for vanishing concentration of isoprene. The main consequences are the enhanced production of organic nitrates in the course of the isoprene oxidation and the improved conservation of carbon compounds in RADM-E. The balanced C-budget brings about higher concentrations of peroxy radicals and organic peroxides. The formation of organic nitrates leads to smaller amounts of other reactive N-compounds, affecting directly  $\text{NO}_x$ ,  $\text{HNO}_3$ , and PAN, and indirectly  $\text{HO}_x$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ , and  $\text{O}_3$ .

Since RADM-E includes 34 new species and 112 additional reactions it is not suitable for use in three dimensional transport and chemistry calculation. Therefore a condensed version (RADM-C) was developed with only 8 new species and 19 additional reactions. RADM-C gives approximately the same results as RADM-E, if  $[\text{NO}_x] > 0.1$  ppb. RADM-E is also compared with the chemical mechanism of Lurmann et al. (1986), which is widely used and includes the chemistry of isoprene in a different manner.

In four scenarios, covering typical situations with high impact of isoprene, the chemical mechanisms RADM2 and RADM-C are compared, utilizing a simple 2-box-model. Differences of concentrations can exceed 10 percent for  $\text{O}_3$  and a factor of 2 for  $\text{HO}_x$ , peroxides,  $\text{NO}_x$ , PAN, and  $\text{HNO}_3$ . Carbonyl compounds show even higher differences.



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## 1 Introduction

The gas phase chemical mechanism is one of the most important parts of any chemistry and transport model of the atmosphere. Reliable chemical transformation rates are necessary for the correct description of the temporal and spatial distribution of emitted species and their chemical degradation products.

The Regional Acid Deposition Model is a chemical and transport scheme for the troposphere designed to model episodic events on a time scale up to several days (Chang et al., 1987). Its chemical part was designed by Stockwell (1986). This early version is denoted by RADM1 and does not contain isoprene chemistry at all. Stockwell et al. (1990) updated the scheme and introduced a very crude chemistry of isoprene. Both mechanisms have been tested against smog chamber experiments (Carter and Lurmann, 1989) and have also been intercompared with other current gas phase reaction mechanisms (Derwent, 1990, Hough, 1988, Dodge, 1989). RADM2 is also incorporated in the European Acid Deposition Model EURAD (Ebel et al., 1991). Moreover it has been used for the validation of the most important parts of the gas phase chemistry, namely the fast photochemistry. Poppe et al. (1992 and 1994) compared field data for the hydroxyl radical with model calculations using the chemical mechanism RADM2 (Stockwell et al., 1990). Reasonable agreement between model and experiment indicate that all parts of the chemistry that influence the HO concentrations are consistently described by the model. Since HO reacts with most tropospheric trace compounds, and since it is involved in the production of all photooxidants (Ehhalt, 1987), this means a validation of major parts of the RADM2 chemical mechanism. The degree of validation for specific reactions depends of course very much on their sensitivity toward HO.

However, smog chamber results indicate that RADM1 and RADM2 fail to predict reliably the concentrations of ozone and other photooxidants in the presence of one of the most important biogenic hydrocarbons, namely isoprene (Carter and Lurmann, 1989). Indeed, the isoprene chemistry is poorly represented in RADM2. Only the first step of the oxidation chain, the reaction with HO, is correctly included. Reaction products and subsequent reactions are treated in the same manner as the degradation of propene. Specific degradation products like methacrolein (MAC) and methyl vinyl ketone (MVK) are not accounted for, although these compounds are produced in an isoprene containing atmosphere at high rates due to the rapid first

step. MVK and MAC also react with HO and thus affect the fast radical chemistry. It is quite obvious that RADM2 in its present form is not capable of dealing adequately with high levels of isoprene.

Isoprene is emitted by vegetation (Lamb et al., 1985) and can build up substantial concentrations in the mixing layer in rural and remote areas (Greenberg and Zimmerman, 1984, Niki et al., 1990, Martin et al., 1991). Therefore, isoprene can have a considerable impact on the concentrations of ozone, aldehydes, peroxides, and organic acids (Trainer et al., 1987, Trainer et al., 1991, McKeen et al., 1991). For example the presence of isoprene in concentrations of one ppb could increase the ozone level up to 20 ppb. During summer many parts of Europe which are covered by forests are expected to have also significant burdens of isoprene. Thus, there is a very practical need for the EURAD model to extend its chemical part RADM2 by including an improved chemistry of isoprene. Recent publications (Tuazon and Atkinson, 1989, 1990a, 1990b, Paulson et al., 1992a, 1992b) have shed some light on the reactions of isoprene and its products. This enables us to extend the RADM2 chemical mechanism by incorporating a comprehensive isoprene chemistry. Altogether 34 new species and 112 additional reactions were introduced to treat the isoprene degradation in an explicit manner. The resulting detailed mechanism denoted by RADM-E is identical with RADM2 for vanishing isoprene. In a second step RADM-E is condensed to meet requirements as tractability and minimizing of computer costs. Eight additional species (methacrolein, methyl vinyl ketone, hydroxy acetone, glycol aldehyde, and four peroxy radicals) and 19 new reactions remain in the condensed mechanism (RADM-C). They are a minimum set of species and reactions which are essential for a satisfactory description of the isoprene degradation with respect to oxidant and organic nitrate formation. The condensation is based upon extensive sensitivity studies with RADM-E and RADM-C investigating four typical scenarios that cover many realistic situations in the planetary boundary layer (PBL). The calculations were done with a simple time dependent two-box-model for the PBL (Sillman et al., 1990) which accounts for vertical exchange due to the rise of the height of the mixed layer during the day. Such simple approach is sufficient since most of the reactive isoprene is depleted in the PBL.

During the final work for RADM-C Paulson and Seinfeld (1992) published a photooxidation mechanism for isoprene based on their kinetic results. Since we used that very same data, the isoprene part of their scheme is similar to our extensions of RADM2. Differences arise mainly from the fact that we had to be compatible with the lumping scheme of RADM2. Also we adopted slightly different chemical pathways.

We assumed that the terminal carbon atoms of isoprene are attacked by HO in 70% of all cases as indicated by the observations instead of 60% as proposed by Paulson and Seinfeld (1992). Also we included the radical yields observed by Paulson et al. (1992b) for the reaction of isoprene with ozone, while Paulson and Seinfeld used smaller yields. We neglected the photolysis of methacrolein and methyl vinyl ketone. The treatment of the carbonyl compounds was different. In addition to methacrolein, methyl vinyl ketone, and 3-methyl furane, Paulson and Seinfeld proposed the formation of eight carbonyls, which they lumped into the surrogate IALD1. We introduced only two additional compounds 4-hydroxy-2-methyl-2-butenal (HM1) and 4-hydroxy-3-methyl-2-butenal (HM2). The product speciation of degradation of 2-propenyl, which is produced during the oxidation of methacrolein, is different. Paulson and Seinfeld lumped the product into IALD1, while in our mechanism HCHO and  $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}$  is produced obeying thereby C-atom conservation. Both isoprene mechanisms are consistent with the available kinetic data, the differences show the actual uncertainty in the knowledge of the isoprene chemistry.

## 2 Isoprene Chemistry in the Extended Mechanism (RADM-E)

All additional reactions are compiled in table 2. Surrogates and abbreviations for substances in RADM-E are explained in tab. 1 (see also Stockwell et al., 1990). The reactions are numbered according to tables 2, a-d in Stockwell et al. (1990). Here, the photolytic reactions are denoted by "P", followed by the number in tab.2a in Stockwell et al. (1990), and the Arrhenius-type reactions are marked by "T". The new reaction equations discussed in RADM-E are numbered starting with P22 and T125, respectively.

Where stoichiometric factors are adapted from the literature, they are truncated to the significant digits and corrected within their reported errors to achieve mass balance. For example Tuazon and Atkinson (1990a) report, that the degradation of methacrolein (MAC) gives methyl glyoxal (MGLY), hydroxy acetone (HKET), peroxy methacrylic nitric anhydride (MPAN) and  $\text{CO}_2$ . The yields are  $0.41 \pm 0.03$  for HKET,  $0.084 \pm 0.016$  for MGLY and  $0.50 \pm 0.16$  for the sum of MPAN and  $\text{CO}_2$ . Under the assumption that these products represent all reaction pathways, in RADM-E the model stoichiometric factors are set to 0.4, 0.1, and 0.5, respectively.

RADM-E is identical with RADM2, if the isoprene concentration is zero. Only the reactions of isoprene with HO (T40),  $\text{O}_3$  (T72), and  $\text{NO}_3$  (T68) are changed. With

these exceptions RADM2 is converted to RADM-E by solely appending a set of new reactions and adding new substances or surrogates. Abbreviations and the definitions of surrogates of RADM2 are taken without change.

## 2.1 Isoprene Degradation by HO

In the troposphere isoprene reacts mainly with HO, in polluted air also in significant amounts with ozone and  $\text{NO}_3$ . For  $[\text{HO}] = 10^6 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ ,  $[\text{O}_3] = 40 \text{ ppb}$ , and  $[\text{NO}_3] = 10^7 \text{ cm}^{-3}$  the lifetimes of isoprene are 2.75 h, 20 h (Atkinson, 1990), and 35 h (Wille et al., 1991), respectively. Therefore the main emphasis is on the comprehensive description of the oxidation by HO.

The addition of HO to one of the double bonds of isoprene (T40) and the consecutive reaction of the formed radical with  $\text{O}_2$  leads to one of six peroxy radicals (denoted by ISPi,  $i=1\dots 6$ ) (see tab. 1 and 2). Although these radicals have not been measured directly, the branching between the radicals can be inferred from the yields of longer lived products formed by the reactions of these peroxy radicals with NO (T131-136). These longer lived products are methyl vinyl ketone (MVK), methacrolein (MAC), and 3-methyl furane (MFUR) and they are specific for the degradation of isoprene. They were measured by Tuazon and Atkinson, (1990b) and Paulson et al. (1992a). Here the branching as reported by Paulson et al. (1992a) is adopted. The fraction yielding organic nitrates was also determined, although the chemical identification was not done in detail (Tuazon and Atkinson, 1990b). Further products are carbonyl compounds, which are not yet identified. However, for structural reasons these carbonyls are most likely 4-hydroxy-2-methyl-2-butenal (HM1) and 4-hydroxy-3-methyl-2-butenal (HM2). Paulson and Seinfeld (1992) discussed yields and chemical structures of these carbonyls in more detail. They proposed the formation of eight compounds, mostly via isomerisation reactions. Three of these compounds are cis- or trans-isomers of HM1 and HM2, and a hydroxylated isomere of HM2. The other four compounds are two hydroxylated isomere of MAC and a mono- and a bis-hydroxylated isomeres of MVK. Their formation is accompanied by HCHO production. However, there is no experimental evidence for the existence of these intermediates and their possible subsequent degradation. We believe, that the positive correlation between the measured yields of HCHO and the observed yields of MAC and MVK indicates that carbonyls with four C-atoms do not contribute significantly to the unidentified carbonyl compounds. Therefore we should be able to describe the dominant features of these yet unknown

species by HM1 and HM2. d Moreover their reactions are unknown. Since our calculations indicated that formation of photooxidants are not sensitive to the details of the chemistry of these carbonyls, our simplified treatment adequately describes the impact on  $O_3$ ,  $NO_x$ ,  $HNO_3$ , PAN, peroxides and HO.

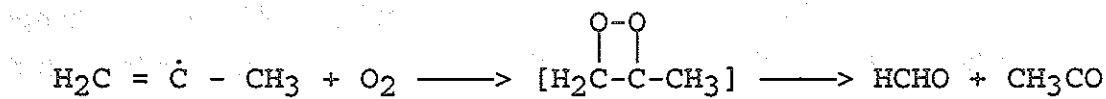
The rate constant for the reaction of isoprene with HO (T40) is adopted from RADM2. Also the rate constants for the reactions of the additional organic peroxy radicals with NO and  $HO_2$  are taken from the corresponding reactions in RADM2. The products of the reactions of all biogenic peroxy radicals with  $HO_2$  are lumped into the RADM2 substance OP2, which includes all organic hydroperoxides with the exception of methyl hydroperoxide. If the biogenic peroxy radicals constitute a large fraction of the total concentration of peroxy radicals, the spectrum of products and the reactivity of the surrogate OP2 should be changed accordingly. This is not done here, because the gas phase reactions of the peroxides are rather slow, their sink in the atmosphere is heterogeneous loss. The possible influence of an altered composition of OP2 on the gas phase chemistry is therefore only minor.

Under rural and polluted conditions, i.e.  $NO_x$  mixing ratios well above 0.1 ppb, the reactions with NO and  $HO_2$  dominate the degradation of the peroxy radical ISPI (Stockwell et al., 1990). In remote areas, however, reactions among the peroxy radicals (permutation reactions) may have comparable reaction rates. Thus, 43 permutation reactions are part of the extended mechanism. Rate constants and product distributions are estimated along the lines suggested by Madronich and Calvert (1990). In addition permutation reactions of the ISPI with the methyl peroxy radical are taken into account. The self-reactions of the secondary and tertiary peroxy radicals are neglected, because they are slower by orders of magnitude compared to the reactions with primary peroxy radicals. The self-reactions of biogenic peroxy radicals formed by the oxidation products of isoprene are neglected. Because of the low reactivity of their precursors, their concentrations are small compared to the ISPI concentrations.

The relatively stable compounds MAC, MVK, MFUR, HM1, and HM2 are implemented explicitly in RADM-E. The organic nitrates are lumped into the RADM2 surrogate ONIT leading to the same problems as indicated for OP2.

The oxidation of MAC and MVK by HO was recently investigated (Tuazon and Atkinson, 1989, 1990a). In the case of MAC H-abstraction was observed which leads to a methacrylic peroxy radical (MA2P) after  $O_2$  addition. HO-addition to a double bond is also possible. The kinetic data indicate that both paths contribute roughly equal amounts. The rate constants are taken from Atkinson (1990). The reactions of MA2P with NO (T138) and  $NO_2$  (T152) are derived in analogy to the acetyl peroxy

radical (ACO3). The addition of NO<sub>2</sub> yields peroxyacrylic nitric anhydride (MPAN) which decomposes thermally with the same frequency as PAN (Roberts and Bertram, 1992). The products of reaction T138 are taken from the reaction sequence (Tuazon and Atkinson, 1990a):

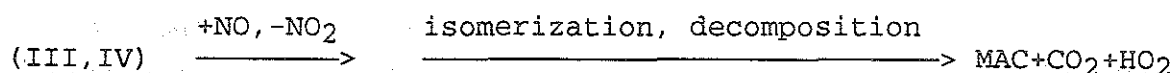
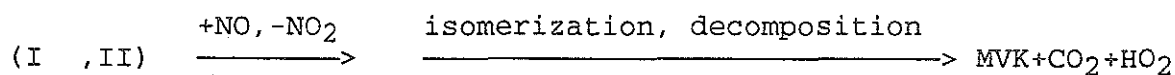
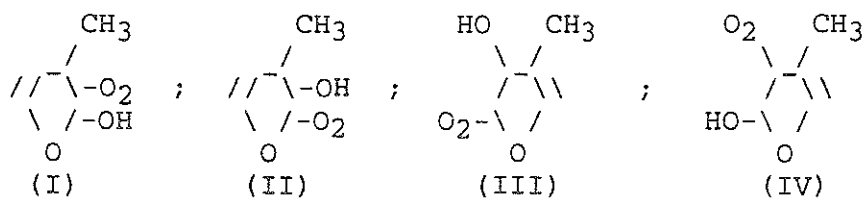
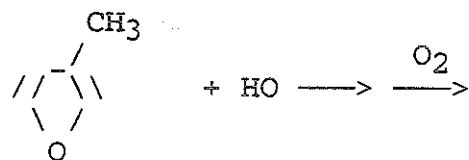


which is suggested by the analogy with the reaction of the vinyl radical with oxygen observed by Slagle et al. (1984). If only the reactions of isoprene and its products with HO and NO are considered, the proposed reaction sequence enhances the formation of HCHO by 0.28 (to a total of 2.07) and of ACO3 (and therefore PAN) by 0.14 (to a total of 0.65) per isoprene molecule destroyed. Tuazon and Atkinson (1990a) discussed this reaction sequence as plausible, they suspected however, that the observed yields of CO<sub>2</sub> and HCHO were not consistent with the formation of ACO3 with yields as high as 0.5 per molecule MAC. At present no improved mechanism can be suggested so that the scheme above is adopted. Paulson and Seinfeld (1992) assumed that 2-propenyl degradation contributes to their surrogate IALD1, which lumps carbonyls with four and five C-atoms. Obviously this is not a better solution, since it violates the conservation of C-atoms.

MVK reacts with HO mainly by addition at the double bond (Tuazon and Atkinson, 1989). Consequently, the H-abstraction is neglected. The rate constant is taken from Atkinson (1990). The product yields of the reactions of the associated peroxy radicals (lumped into MVKP) with NO (T139) are 0.7 for glycol aldehyde (HALD), and ACO3 and 0.3 for methyl glyoxal (MGLY), HCHO, and HO<sub>2</sub>. MVKP is assumed to react with other organic peroxy radicals as if it is entirely the primary peroxy radical. However, its reactivity is half that of a primary peroxy radical to account for the low reactivity of the secondary peroxy radical, which is lumped into MVKP.

The rate constant for the reaction of MFUR with HO (T225) is taken from Atkinson et al. (1989a). Since MFUR contributes to the isoprene oxidation products

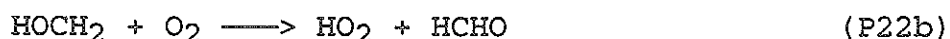
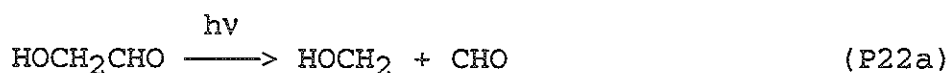
by only about 6 percent, a very approximate reaction scheme is sufficient in this case. A plausible degradation sequence is:



The compounds (I-IV) are lumped with equal weights into the peroxy radical surrogate MFUP, which reacts with NO as stated above to MVK or MAC (T144) and with HO<sub>2</sub> to OP2 (T170).

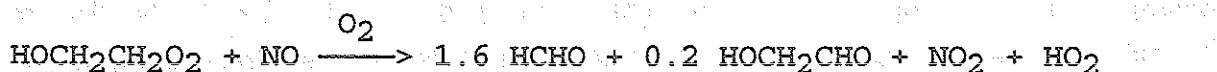
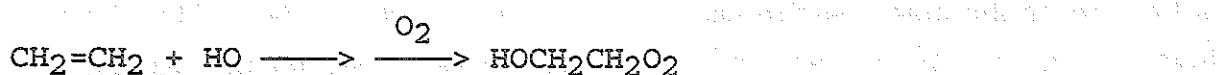
Little is known about the reactions of HMi (*i* = 1...2). The internal double bond is likely to be the most reactive site for HO and O<sub>3</sub> attack. However, H-abstraction from the carbonyl group can not be neglected. A rate constant of 4·10<sup>-11</sup> cm<sup>3</sup>s<sup>-1</sup> is estimated for the reaction with HO (Atkinson, 1987) (T215, T216), leading to 0.6 HMiP (peroxy radicals from the O<sub>2</sub>-attachment of the HO-addition products) and 0.4 HiO3 (acyl peroxy radicals produced after H-abstraction). The reactions of the HMiP with NO, which finally yield hydroxy acetone (HKET) and glyoxal (GLY), or glycol aldehyde (HALD) and methyl glyoxal (MGLY) (T142, T143), are taken in analogy to the decompositions of other alkenes. The HiO3 form PAN-like substances HPNi with NO<sub>2</sub> (T228, T229) and decompose in reaction with NO (T232, T233). The decomposition is similar to that of MA2P and yields HALD and ACO3 in the case of H1O3 and HKET, CO and HO<sub>2</sub> in the case of H2O3.

HALD is a product not only of the oxidation of HM1, but also of degradation of MVK. Here it is assumed that it reacts similar to acetaldehyde. Abstraction of the aldehydic hydrogen by HO and subsequent addition of O<sub>2</sub> yields an acylperoxy radical (HALP) (T127). Niki et al. (1987) report that 20 percent of the oxidation of HALD proceed by H-abstraction from the other C-atom and subsequent formation of HO<sub>2</sub> and GLY. Since HALD would be a minor source of both this reaction path is neglected. Alternatively HALD is photolyzed (P22). Its products decompose into HO<sub>2</sub>, CO and HCHO:

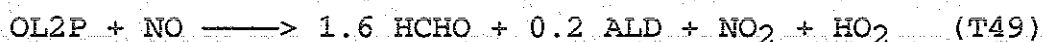


To our knowledge no kinetic data are available for the rate constants P22a and T127, which indicate that the reactivity of HALD and of acetaldehyde are different. Therefore we adopted the photolysis frequency (P22a) and the rate constant for the reaction with HO (T127) from the corresponding reactions of acetaldehyde. Reactions P22b and P22c are assumed to be very fast (Atkinson, 1990). HALP is treated similar to ACO3. Hydroxy peroxyacetic nitric anhydride (IPAN) is formed with NO<sub>2</sub> (T150). The reaction of HALP with NO yields an oxy radical which reacts with O<sub>2</sub> to HCHO, CO<sub>2</sub>, and HO<sub>2</sub> (Lurmann et al., 1986) (T140).

The oxidation of ethene (OL2) (Niki et al. (1981)) forms also HALD:



Stockwell et al. (1990) have lumped HALD into ALD. So in RADM2 the reaction sequence is:



In RADM-E (and also RADM-C) HALD is not lumped into ALD. For consistency reasons, HALD should be treated as a product of the reaction of NO with OL2P instead of ALD with the disadvantage, that RADM-E is no longer identical with RADM2 for vanishing isoprene. In the scenarios chosen here, the replacement of ALD by HALD in reaction T49 makes no significant difference. It would, however, if OL2 is the dominant hydrocarbon. For example, due to this inconsistent lumping the concentrations of HALD and GLY are underpredicted by more than 10 percent, if the concentration of ethene (OL2) exceeds that of isoprene by more than a factor of 3. ALD and PAN are less sensitive. The overprediction for both compounds is about 10 percent if the concentration of ethene is about 20 percent of the NMHC burden. The concentrations of  $\text{HO}_x$ ,  $\text{NO}_x$ ,  $\text{O}_3$ , and peroxides are nearly unaltered. For reasons of simplicity and comparability it is not recommended to replace ALD by HALD in reaction T49. However, one should keep in mind, that RADM-E and RADM-C are inconsistent with respect to HALD.

HKET is produced by the oxidation of MAC and HM2. It is expected to be a measurable chemical indicator for isoprene degradation. The lifetime with respect to depletion by HO (Tuazon and Atkinson, 1990b) is  $t = 3.9 \text{ d}$  for  $[\text{HO}] = 10^6 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ . The rate constant for the reaction with HO ( $k = 3 \cdot 10^{-12} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) is taken from Atkinson et al. (1989b). Abstraction of an H-atom and addition of  $\text{O}_2$  leads to two peroxyradicals:



We assume that (I) reacts with NO forming an organic acid lumped into ORA2 and  $\text{HO}_2$  and that (II) decomposes to HCHO and HALP after reaction with NO. Both peroxy radicals are lumped into HKET with equal weights. The abstraction of the H-atom from the hydroxyl group is neglected.

The photolytic decomposition of MVK and MAC is neglected, since the quantum yields are very low. The products ( $\text{CO}_2$ , CO, ethene, propene, HCHO, and organic acids) are rather stable (Raber et al., 1990) and have other sources that are much larger. Paulson and Seinfeld (1992) included the photolysis of MVK and MAC, they suggested, however, very small frequencies. The influence is likely to be negligible.

## 2.2 Isoprene degradation by O<sub>3</sub>

The products of the ozonolysis of isoprene are taken from Paulson et al. (1992b). The short-lived Criegee biradicals are not treated explicitly in RADM-E. We assume that they react exclusively with H<sub>2</sub>O following Stockwell et al. (1990). The ozonolysis of MAC (T129), MVK (T130), HM1 (T217), and HM2 (T218) is treated in analogy to that of isoprene. Values for the rate constants are taken from the upper bounds as estimated by Lurmann et al. (1986). No rate constants were reported for the reactions of HMI with ozone. Thus we estimate a common value for both reactions of  $k = 5 \cdot 10^{-16} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$  at room temperature with an Arrhenius temperature dependence of  $E/R = 900 \text{ K}$ . Both values are within the ranges reported for other alkenes (see e.g. Atkinson, 1990).

## 2.3 Isoprene degradation by NO<sub>3</sub>

The rate constant for the reaction of isoprene with NO<sub>3</sub> is adopted from Wille et al. (1991). The products should be similar to those of the oxidation by HO. They are lumped into a nitrate (ISON), which reacts with NO, giving equal amounts of MVK and MAC, and with HO<sub>2</sub>, forming a more stable organic nitrate, which is lumped into ONIT. The rate constants for the reactions of MAC and MVK with NO<sub>3</sub> are estimates by Lurmann et al. (1986). The products are treated in analogy to those of the reaction with HO. The rate constants of the reactions of the HMI with NO<sub>3</sub> are the same as for OLI. The further reaction sequences follow those of other alkenes in the RADM2 mechanism. The rate constants for the reactions of HALD and HKET with NO<sub>3</sub> are adopted from Lurmann et al. (1986).

## 3 Condensed Chemical Mechanism RADM-C

The condensed mechanism (see tab. 3) is designed to fulfill two conditions. First, it should include explicitly only those products of the isoprene degradation, for which a comparison with field experiments is possible or seems to be feasible in the near future. Thus, it contains MVK and MAC, which can be measured and which are important and specific degradation products of isoprene (see for example Martin et al., 1991). HKET is also included as a specific degradation product of isoprene. It is

potentially important for the validation of the atmospheric isoprene chemistry if measurements become feasible (Tuazon and Atkinson, 1990b). Second, it should give correct yields of at least  $O_3$ ,  $NO_x$ , HO, peroxides, aldehydes, and PAN. Sensitivity studies showed, that the inclusion of HKET and HALD is essential for correct predictions of the concentrations of HCHO, higher aldehydes (ALD), PAN, and peroxides. These four carbonyls (MAC, MVK, HALD, and HKET) are included together with the associated peroxy radicals. These are a peroxy radical (ISOP) from the isoprene-HO reaction and two (MVKP, MACP) for the reactions of MAC and MVK with HO and an isoprene- $NO_3$ -adduct (ISON). A further peroxy radical (MA2P) is not accounted for, since its reaction with  $NO_2$  has only small rates leading to MPAN mixing ratios in the sub-ppb-range even at high isoprene concentrations.

Some short-lived substances (MFUR, HM1, HM2, HALP, HKEP, MA2P, MACN, and MVKN) are included but they are not treated explicitly. They are assumed to be in quasi steady state. Additional losses to compounds not included in RADM-E are not taken into account, for example from reactions with  $HO_2$  and other peroxy radicals. Sufficiently accurate yields are to be expected for  $NO_x$  mixing ratios larger than 0.1 ppb. Two products of the reaction of ISOP with NO and the selfreaction of ISOP react to a considerable percentage with ozone thereby producing HO. The ozonolysis of the HMI is taken into account in the production yields of the reactions of ISOP leading to HO production in the reaction with NO and in its selfreaction. Some compounds (DOC, MPAN, IPAN, DPAN) are neglected, which contribute little to the overall reactivity of the mechanism, i.e. with typical reaction rates  $< 10^3 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ .

## 4 Model Calculations

The three mechanisms (RADM2, RADM-E, and RADM-C) were compared in calculations with a simple one-dimensional (2-box) model which incorporates fast vertical transport within the planetary boundary layer (PBL) and an exchange with the free atmosphere as described by Sillman et al. (1990). The runs do not intend to model a specific episod, instead initial conditions and emissions are chosen to demonstrate the different impact of isoprene within the three mechanisms.

The parameterization of the diurnal cycles of the height of the PBL, temperature, and sources of  $NO_x$  and isoprene are rather crude. The scenarios share the same diurnal cycle of the height  $h(t)$  of the PBL. The mixing height is 100 m from 21.00 to 7.00°LT. Then  $h(t)$  increases with  $26\% \text{ h}^{-1}$  till 17.00°LT when the

maximum height of 1000 m is reached. From 17.00 to 18.00 LT it drops rapidly to 139 m, and from 18.00 to 21.00 LT it decreases to 100 m. The frequency of exchange with the free troposphere is  $10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1}$ .

The temperature is 293 K from 21.00 to 7.00 LT and varies linearly to a maximum of 308 K at 16.00 LT. Thereafter it drops linearly to its nighttime value. The isoprene flux  $Q$  is a function of the temperature  $T$  and incident photosynthetic active radiation (Lamb et al., 1985). Here the latter is parameterized by the photolysis frequency of ozone,  $J(\text{O}_3)$ , yielding O'D :

$$Q = f(T) \cdot g(J) \quad (1)$$

where  $f(T)$  models the exponential dependence on  $T$

$$f(T) = Q_1 (Q_2 / Q_1)^\xi \quad (2)$$

$$\text{with } \xi = \frac{T - T_1}{T_2 - T_1} \quad (3)$$

The parameters  $Q_i$  are measured maximum values for a deciduous forest (Lamb et al., 1985) with  $Q_1 = 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$  and  $Q_2 = 2 \cdot 10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$  for  $T_1 = 273 \text{ K}$  and  $T_2 = 303 \text{ K}$ , resp. The influence of the radiation is modeled by

$$g(J) = J(\text{O}_3) / J_{\max}(\text{O}_3) \quad (4)$$

where  $J_{\max}$  is the maximum  $J$ -value at noon. The diurnal cycle of  $Q$  adopting these experimental data is displayed in figure 1.

Explorative calculations indicated that the results of a comparison between RADM2, RADM-E, and RADM-C are mainly determined by the  $\text{NO}_x$  level. Temperature and radiation are less important, since the first and usually rate determining step, the reaction of HO with isoprene is the same in all mechanisms. Therefore, the scenarios are characterized by different levels of  $[\text{NO}_x]$  and appropriate concentrations of the hydrocarbons covering thereby conditions of clean to polluted air.

All calculations are for summer solstice. In table 4 the initial conditions of the calculations for the scenarios are summarized. Scenario 1 investigates remote tropical conditions ( $23^\circ \text{ N}$ ) with clean air ( $\text{NO}_x$  emission rate at  $2 \cdot 10^9 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ), high humidity ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  mixing ratio 3 percent), and high radiation. Scenario 2 simulates a

rural situation at 50°N with a  $\text{NO}_x$  emission rate of  $2 \cdot 10^{10} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ . A suburban situation is modelled in scenario 3 with a  $\text{NO}_x$ -emission strength that varies with time. Scenario 4 discusses an urban situation with a large  $\text{NO}_x$  emission rate of  $10^{12} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ . Details of the treatment of CO and the hydrocarbons are somewhat different for the scenario. They are specified in table 4b. The calculations simulate an episode of 84 hours starting at local noon. After a transition period of about 60 hours many compounds, in particular the photooxidants, approach nearly periodic diurnal cycles in the lower box. The comparison between the different mechanisms refer to the results of the last day of the simulation.

## 5 Comparison of RADM2 and RADM-E

The most decisive difference between RADM2 and RADM-E is already given by the different product spectrum of the initiating reaction of isoprene with HO :

- (1) In RADM2 the products of the oxidation of isoprene are the same as for the oxidation of propene implying that the higher carbonyls produced by the oxidation of isoprene are lumped into ALD, which is given the same reactivity as acetaldehyde. In RADM-E these carbonyls are treated separately from ALD by MAC, MVK, HM1, and HM2. These carbonyls have entirely different reactivities and product spectra compared to ALD. Although the definition and therefore the properties of ALD are the same in RADM2 and RADM-E, the RADM2-surrogate ALD represents biogenic carbonyls, too. To distinguish between them in the discussion below, ALD of RADM2 and RADM-E is denoted by  $\text{ALD}_2$  and  $\text{ALD}_e$ , respectively. As long as there is no isoprene,  $\text{ALD}_2$  and  $\text{ALD}_e$  are identical. In the presence of isoprene,  $\text{ALD}_2$  also encompasses biogenic carbonyls not included in  $\text{ALD}_e$ .
- (2) In contrast to RADM2 the oxidation of isoprene in RADM-E leads to the production of organic nitrate lumped into ONIT (Stockwell et al., 1990) . The reactions of the ISPi with NO yield 12 percent ONIT, which can be a significant source of ONIT. Relative to RADM2 there is a redistribution of nitrogen compounds in favor of long lived organic nitrates. Especially, concentrations of  $\text{NO}_x$ ,  $\text{HNO}_3$ , and PAN are lower in RADM-E than in RADM2.
- (3) Due to the improved chemistry the carbon is nearly conserved during the isoprene degradation. The formation of ONIT and OP2 and some of the peroxy

radical permutation reactions violate carbon conservation, however, the carbon loss is negligibly small.

All differences are expected to be particularly effective under low  $\text{NO}_x$ -conditions. Here we discuss the results (fig. 2a-g) for the  $\text{NO}_x$ -poor rural scenario for mid latitudes (scenario 2) first. Compared to RADM2 the production of the organic nitrates (ONIT) is higher by a factor of 3 at noon and up to 8 in the evening which reduces  $[\text{NO}_x]$  by about a factor of 5 to 8 in the afternoon (fig. 2a, b). During this time the lower  $\text{NO}$  concentration weakens the recycling of  $\text{HO}$  and  $\text{HO}_2$  so severely that  $\text{HO}$  in RADM-E vanishes practically an hour earlier than in RADM2. Consequently 50 percent less  $\text{HNO}_3$  is produced. The precursors of PAN,  $\text{NO}_2$  and  $\text{ACO}_3$ , behave differently in RADM2 and RADM-E. The nitrogen dioxide level is lower in RADM-E and the concentration of  $\text{ACO}_3$  is enhanced. The main effect is an advance of the peak concentration of PAN by about one hour in RADM-E compared to RADM2 (fig. 2c). Also the daily maximum of PAN is about 25 percent higher in RADM-E, but in the afternoon the PAN concentration in RADM2 exceeds that of RADM-E by a factor of 3. The lower  $\text{NO}_x$  concentration in RADM2 reduces slightly the production of  $\text{O}_3$  (6 percent, or 4 ppb at the peak concentration).

The decreased  $\text{HO}$  abundance in RADM-E weakens the isoprene degradation resulting in an enhancement of the isoprene concentration by about 25 percent (fig. 2h). Lower  $\text{NO}_x$  concentration and higher nighttime abundance of isoprene in RADM-E cuts  $[\text{NO}_3]$  during the night by 50 percent.

$\text{HCHO}$  has a lower concentration not only due to reduced  $[\text{HO}]$ , but also because of the reduced yield during the improved isoprene degradation in RADM-E. OLTP, the peroxy radical associated with isoprene in RADM2, releases one  $\text{HCHO}$  molecule in the reaction with  $\text{NO}$ , whereas the reactions of  $\text{NO}$  with the peroxy radicals ISPi specific for isoprene in RADM-E yield only 0.6 molecules  $\text{HCHO}$  on the average (T131-T136).

Lower recycling of  $\text{HO}_2$  by  $\text{NO}$  increases the  $\text{HO}_2$  concentration in RADM-E, leading to a 36 percent higher concentration of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  (fig. 2f). The additional organic species, which are released by the isoprene oxidation require more degradation steps in RADM-E, produce more peroxy radicals, and enhance the abundance of  $\text{OP}_2$  by more than a factor of 4 (fig. 2g).

Obviously the chemical representation of aldehydes in RADM-E is much better than in RADM2. The sum of  $\text{ALD}_0$ ,  $\text{MVK}$ ,  $\text{HMI}$ , and  $\text{MFUR}$  corresponds roughly to  $\text{ALD}_2$  in RADM2. The relation is only approximately valid depending on the  $\text{NO}_x$  level, because the losses to organic nitrates are also losses of carbonyl compounds.

Moreover the reactivities of these compounds are different from the reactivity of  $\text{ALD}_2$ .

In contrast to RADM2 where GLY and MGLY are mainly products of the oxidation of aromates in RADM-E a potential source of these compounds are the destruction of carbonyls following the isoprene oxidation. Depending on the isoprene relative to the aromates concentration MGLY and GLY can build up significant concentrations. Many of the findings for scenario 2 hold also for the scenario 1 (no figure given). The  $\text{NO}_x$ -level is considerably lower which enlarges the differences between RADM2 and RADM-E. For example an even larger fraction of  $\text{NO}_y$  is stored in organic nitrates. Also the  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  mixing ratio is affected according to a different partitioning of  $\text{HO}_x$  into HO and  $\text{HO}_2$ .

The reduced recycling of  $\text{HO}_2$  by NO is compensated by the enhanced  $\text{HO}_2$  destruction by biogenic peroxy radicals. With exception of the morning hours,  $[\text{HO}_2]$  is diminished up to more than a factor 2 in the afternoon, when biogenic peroxy radicals are present due to the isoprene oxidation. Therefore, the  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  concentration is reduced by 40 percent in RADM-E. However,  $[\text{HO}]$  is up to a factor of 2 higher in the afternoon, and more than a factor of 5 in the night, because then the ozonolysis of isoprene and of its degradation products serves as the dominant source of HO in RADM-E.

The importance of the permutation reactions of the ISPi is demonstrated in the diurnal cycle of  $[\text{HCHO}]$ . Higher concentrations and a 5 hour delay of the peak concentration in RADM-E are the result of a high production of HCHO by permutation reactions lacking completely in RADM2.

Scenario 3 for a suburban situation serves as an example for a high  $\text{NO}_x$  situation (fig. 3a-g). The concentration of ONIT in RADM2 and in RADM-E differs still by a factor of 4 (fig. 3a). The diurnal cycle of the  $\text{NO}_2$  mixing ratio exhibits now three maxima. As in the other scenarios the maxima early in the morning and in the late afternoon are caused by the interplay between the varying height of the mixed layer and the varying photolysis of  $\text{NO}_2$ . The third peak in this scenario is caused by the substantial day time emissions of NO which is rapidly converted to  $\text{NO}_2$  in the presence of  $\text{O}_3$ . However,  $[\text{NO}_2]$  is only about 20 per cent reduced in RADM-E (fig. 3b). Since the reaction with  $\text{NO}_2$  is now the dominant sink for HO the decrease of  $\text{NO}_x$  in this case means an increase of the concentration of OH (about 15 percent higher peak value), of  $\text{O}_3$  (about 8 percent or 8 ppb), of  $\text{HO}_2$  (nearly a factor of 2), of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  (factor 3), of OP1 (factor 2), and of OP2 (factor 5). The lower recycling rate of radicals by NO enhances the concentrations of the peroxides additionally. However,  $[\text{PAN}]$  and  $[\text{HNO}_3]$  are approximately the same in RADM2 and RADM-E, because the

lower  $\text{NO}_2$  concentration is compensated by higher concentrations of  $\text{ACO}_3$  or  $\text{OH}$  on the daily average.

The differences between RADM2 and RADM-E depend strongly on the level of  $\text{NO}_x$  (see table 5). At high  $\text{NO}_x$  levels the formation of organic nitrates is limited by the isoprene abundance. In urban case, scenario 4, for example the difference for  $[\text{NO}_x]$  is as low as 10 percent, thus leading to lower discrepancies for all substances. Especially  $[\text{O}_3]$  differs by less than 2 percent. The main cause for decreasing differences is the reduction of the production of organic nitrates with increasing  $\text{NO}_x$ . This makes the budget of photooxidants and nitrogen oxides less sensitive to the different treatment of N-containing compounds in RADM2 and RADM-E.

## 6 Comparison of RADM-E and RADM-C

RADM-E and RADM-C are in much closer agreement with each other than either with RADM2. Main differences arise from the lumped reactions of the biogenic peroxy radicals and from the different reactions with  $\text{NO}_3$ .

The lower number of degradation steps reduces the total concentration of biogenic peroxy radicals in RADM-C. As a consequence the distribution of  $\text{ROOH}$  among the different peroxide species changes. Thus, the concentration of  $\text{OP}_2$  is lowered up to about 10 percent in RADM-C. Since  $\text{HO}_2$  and  $\text{MO}_2$  have less other peroxy radicals to react with their concentrations are higher (80 percent for  $[\text{HO}_2]$  in the remote case in the afternoon, 5 percent for the rural and the suburban cases). Similarly the production of peroxides is larger in RADM-E than RADM-C, for example of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  (35 percent in the remote case, less than 10 in other cases), and of  $\text{OP}_1$  (12 percent in the remote case, less in other cases).

The nighttime chemistry in RADM-E and RADM-C differ considerably, if  $\text{NO}_3$  concentrations are large, for example in the presence of high  $\text{O}_3$  and  $\text{NO}_2$  mixing ratios. Then the reactions of  $\text{NO}_3$  with the biogenic compounds become important. The severest simplification in the  $\text{NO}_3$ -chemistry of RADM-C is, that  $\text{NO}_3$ -reactions of MAC and MVK do not produce the reactive organic nitrates MACN and MVKN. Instead the surrogate OLN is formed, which contains also the nitrates formed by alkenes. The reaction of OLN with  $\text{NO}$  yields  $\text{HCHO}$  and  $\text{ALD}$ , whereas the reactions of MACN and MVKN with  $\text{NO}$  produce  $\text{HCHO}$  and  $\text{MGLY}$ . In RADM-E about 70 percent of  $\text{MGLY}$  are produced by the reaction of MVKN with  $\text{NO}$  in the suburban case at night. Due to the neglect of this nighttime source for  $\text{MGLY}$  in RADM-C

the concentration of MGLY is lower by about 40 percent. Moreover, in the suburban case 50 percent of HALD are depleted by  $\text{NO}_3$  during the night in RADM-E. Since this reaction is not part of RADM-C, the condensed mechanism predicts higher HALD concentrations up to 25 percent. In both cases these errors due to the condensation do not affect the day time concentrations, and have no influence on the concentrations of other stable substances.

The degree of performance of RADM-C is expressed by the relative mean deviation  $\sigma$  (equation 5) and the relative mean bias  $b$  (equation 6). They are calculated for some key substances ( $\text{NO}_2$ ,  $\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ ,  $\text{HO}$ ,  $\text{HO}_2$ ,  $\text{HCHO}$ , and  $\text{PAN}$ ). The means are taken over the hourly calculated concentrations of the last day ( $n = 24$ ) of each scenario, where  $i$  denotes the hour and the indices  $e$  and  $c$  denote RADM-E and RADM-C:

$$\sigma = \frac{\sqrt{\frac{\sum (c_{e,i} - c_{c,i})^2}{n}}}{\frac{\sum c_{e,i}}{n}} \quad (5)$$

$$b = \frac{\frac{\sum c_{e,i} - c_{c,i}}{n}}{\frac{\sum c_{e,i}}{n}} \quad (6)$$

The calculated values of  $b$  and  $\sigma$  are displayed in table 6, together with the smallest and largest relative differences between RADM2 and RADM-E.

In most cases  $\sigma$  is small with values below 20 per cent.  $\text{PAN}$  is an exception with higher values in scenarios 1 and 2, other exceptions are  $\text{HO}$  in scenario 2 with 44 per cent and  $\text{HO}_2$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  in scenario 1. The latter is simply a result of the higher amount of peroxy radicals in RADM-E compared to RADM-C. Since their reactions with  $\text{HO}_2$  is the dominant sink of in scenario 1 and thereby controls  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  as well.

The bias is sometimes considerable, too. Especially  $[\text{PAN}]$  is higher by 61 percent in the remote case, 35 percent in the rural case and 15 percent in the suburban case in RADM-C. This is due to a higher concentration of  $\text{ACO}_3$ , into which  $\text{HALP}$  and  $\text{MA}_2\text{P}$  are lumped in the condensed scheme. Generally, the performance is worse in scenario 1 compared to the other scenarios, except for  $\text{O}_3$ ,

HO, and HCHO. HO is also significantly higher (21 percent) in the rural case in RADM-C.

However, taking into account all scenarios, the results of RADM-C agree well with those of RADM-E. The higher biases in scenario 1 are of minor importance, since under such conditions the permutation reactions of peroxy radicals are important, whose rate constants are rather uncertain by a factor of 2 (Atkinson et al., 1989). Thus the higher biases are connected with the higher uncertainty of RADM-E.

The shapes of the diurnal cycles are similar for both schemes. Exceptions of this rule are: [HCHO] peaks about 2 hours earlier in RADM-C in scenario 2 and 1 hour earlier in scenario 3. [H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>] peaks 1 hour earlier in scenario 1 and [PAN] 1 hour earlier in scenario 3.

The agreement of the concentrations of MAC, MVK, HALD, and HKET is typically within 10 percent.

## 7 Comparison of RADM-E and LLA

RADM-E is compared with the chemical mechanism of Lurman et al. (1986) (in the following denoted by LLA). LLA is a detailed mechanism (276 reactions, 136 substances) with lumped molecules. It is mainly an update of an elder mechanism enriched by the isoprene chemistry from Lloyd et al. (1983) which has been used as basis for many other chemical mechanisms since then (see e.g. Trainer et al. (1987) and Hough (1991)).

For the comparison the procedure of Hough (1988) is partly adopted:

1. The inorganic chemistry is replaced by that of RADM2.
2. The rate constants of all reactions of isoprene and of MVK with HO are changed to the values in RADM-E. LLA distinguishes between anthropogenically and biogenically produced methyl glyoxal, MGLY and MGGY, respectively. Both species undergo the same reactions with the exception of the photolysis of MGGY which is higher by a factor of 8 (Lloyd et al. (1983)). We have taken the photolysis frequency of RADM-E.
3. The concentrations of the hydrocarbons in LLA are chosen to give the same reactivity as those in the other mechanisms. HC3 of RADM2 is half represented by ALK4 and half by EOH (ethanol) in LLA. HC5 of RADM-E is represented by ALK7, scaled by 0.8.

Both schemes exhibit some differences with respect to the chemistry of isoprene that are summarized as follows: Since in LLA 10 percent of the peroxy radicals of isoprene, methyl vinyl ketone, and methacrolein react with NO forming organic nitrates, the loss of  $\text{NO}_x$  to  $\text{NO}_y$  due to isoprene degradation is very similar in LLA and RADM-E. But these organic nitrates are not treated in LLA as products and therefore the budget of organic nitrates and  $\text{NO}_y$  is not properly balanced. In particular these nitrates can not serve as a reservoir of  $\text{NO}_x$  in LLA.

The products of the isoprene degradation are formed with different yields in the two mechanisms. MACR (which is MAC in LLA) and MVK are produced to equal amounts. HCHO is formed in a 50 percent higher yield in the first oxidation step in LLA. GLY and HKET are not product of the oxidation of isoprene.

We begin with the comparison of LLA and RADM-E for scenario 2 without isoprene to be able to distinguish between the effects induced by isoprene chemistry and the other parts of the mechanism. In general the differences are small, however, LLA produces about 50 percent (up to 0.45 ppb) more HCHO and 50 percent (up to 0.13 ppb) more  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  than RADM2, whereas  $\text{O}_3$  and N-containing species are approximately the same in RADM2 and LLA. We assume, that these differences are small against those caused by differences in the isoprene chemistry. In scenario 2 now including isoprene LLA and RADM-E give partly rather similar results.  $[\text{NO}_x]$  (fig. 4a) agrees within 10 percent and  $[\text{O}_3]$  within 5 percent. In LLA the diurnal cycle of  $[\text{HNO}_3]$  is similar to that in RADM-E, but advanced by one hour.  $[\text{H}_2\text{O}_2]$  is up to 20 percent higher in LLA. The peaks of  $[\text{HO}]$  and  $[\text{HO}_2]$  are one hour earlier and about 10 percent higher. In LLA  $[\text{HCHO}]$  is up to 20 percent lower during the night (fig. 4d). It peaks at 9.00 LT, 5 hours earlier than in RADM-E, with a maximum that exceeds the peak value of RADM-E by 20 percent. The concentrations of higher aldehydes are up to 60 percent higher in LLA, of PAN and higher carboxylic nitric anhydrides are up to 40 percent in the day-time and up to a factor of 2 in the night. The isoprene concentration is up to 40 percent higher at night time and less than 20 percent at day. The concentrations of MAC and MVK differ by less than 10 percent at day.

In scenario 3 the differences between both chemical mechanisms are more pronounced. This is partly due to the fact, that the concentration of HO is higher than for RADM2. In RADM-E this leads to a closer coupling of the concentrations of ONIT to that of  $\text{NO}_2$  and to a higher production of ONIT, since isoprene is oxidized by HO to a larger fraction. Since the organic nitrates of isoprene, MAC, and MVK are not included in LLA, there is an overestimation of the loss of  $\text{NO}_x$ . So,  $[\text{NO}_2]$  is lower by 10 to 25 percent. This leads to a 5 percent or 5 ppb higher peak concentration of  $\text{O}_3$ .  $[\text{HO}_2]$  is higher by about 20 percent and  $[\text{H}_2\text{O}_2]$  by a factor of 1.5 to 2.  $[\text{HNO}_3]$  is not

significantly different in LLA and RADM-E. [HO] is much higher between 5.00 and 10.00 LT, up to a factor of 3, but about 10 percent lower between 12.00 and 16.00 LT. [HCHO] is 10 to 20 percent higher, and the concentrations of higher aldehydes are up to 25 percent lower. The concentrations of carboxylic nitric anhydrides are more than a factor of 2 lower at night and about 10 to 20 percent lower between 11.00 and 17.00 LT. Although isoprene concentrations differ by less than 20 percent, MACR is higher than MAC by nearly a factor of 2 in the afternoon. The MVK concentration is up to 20 percent higher in LLA compared to RADM-E. The concentration of HALD is up to 40 percent lower in LLA. The concentration of MPAN differs by less than 10 percent except in the first hours after sunrise, when it is up to 50 percent higher in LLA.

The question which mechanism has better performance depends on the problem to be dealt with. Since LLA has a better resolved representation of the organic emitted trace gases it does a better job on their degradation. However, RADM-E properly balances the organic nitrates and therefore the  $\text{NO}_x$  budget. Presumably it will also predict the production of photooxidants more accurately. Final answers can only be deduced from comparisons with experiments.

## 8 Conclusions

The differences between RADM2 and RADM-E are caused by the improved isoprene chemistry implemented in RADM-E. For vanishing isoprene abundance both schemes give identical answers. For  $\text{NO}_x$  above 2 ppb the discrepancies are only minor and affect dominantly the specific degradation products of isoprene. Below 2 ppb the extension of RADM2 to RADM-E is necessary for the ability of the chemical mechanism to predict the concentrations of peroxides, PAN,  $\text{NO}_x$ ,  $\text{HNO}_3$ , and aldehydes. Since field measurements indicate that high isoprene mixing ratios under low  $\text{NO}_x$  concentrations are frequently encountered during summer in rural areas (Niki et al., 1990, Martin et al., 1991), the extension of RADM2 by an isoprene degradation mechanism is recommended.

There are two main problems in RADM2 which are removed by the improved isoprene chemistry in RADM-E. The first is the absence of one or more peroxy radicals emerging from the adduct of HO and isoprene, which can react with NO forming organic nitrates (ONIT). Consequently RADM2 underestimates the ONIT production and overestimates the concentrations of other N-compounds, e.g.  $\text{NO}_x$ .

$\text{HNO}_3$ , and PAN. The second is, that the number of oxidation steps and therefore the yield of peroxy radicals is too small. RADM2 thereby violates the conservation of carbon. In RADM2 40 per cent of the carbon in isoprene get lost in the first oxidation step. Both problems are approximately solved in RADM-E, where the carbon is conserved to 95.2 per cent, if only the reactions with HO and NO are considered. The production of organic nitrates ONIT and organic peroxides OP2 is a loss of carbon, because both surrogates contain only three carbon atoms.

RADM-C takes a position between RADM2 and RADM-E, since about 90 per cent of the carbon are conserved during the oxidation of isoprene. With the exception of the remote case RADM-C gives within a few percent the same results as RADM-E. The use of RADM-C is recommended since it is more time-efficient and simpler than of RADM-E. The discrepancies in the range of 10 - 30 percent for peroxides and aldehydes in the remote case are small against errors from the highly uncertain rate constants of the permutation reactions of the peroxy radicals.

The comparison of RADM-E with LLA indicates that there is a real need for an updated chemical mechanism for the isoprene degradation, since the results of the two mechanisms differ substantially, especially for  $[\text{NO}_x] > 1$  ppb.

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## 10 Appendix - List of Tables

### 10.1 Table 1: List of species in RADM-E and RADM-C

1.-63. as in tab. 1 in Stockwell et al. (1990)

#### *additional carbonyls and other stable compounds*

64. MAC	methacrolein	$\text{CH}_2\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)\text{CHO}$
65. MVK	methyl vinyl ketone	$\text{CH}_2\text{CHCOCH}_3$
66. MFUR	3-methylfuran	$\text{O}(\text{CHCHC}(\text{CH}_3)\text{CH})$
67. HM1	4-hydroxy-2-methyl-2-butenal	$\text{HOCH}_2\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)\text{CHO}$
68. HM2	4-hydroxy-3-methyl-2-butenal	$\text{HOCH}_2\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)\text{CHCHO}$
69. DOC		$\text{HOCH}_2\text{C}(\text{OH})(\text{CH}_3)\text{CHO}$ + $\text{OHCC}(\text{OH})(\text{CH}_3)\text{CHO}$
70. HALD	glycolaldehyde	$\text{HOCH}_2\text{CHO}$
71. HKET	hydroxyacetone	$\text{HOCH}_2\text{COCH}_3$

#### *additional peroxy radicals*

72. ISP1	$\text{CH}_2\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)\text{CH}(\text{OH})\text{CH}_2\text{O}_2$
73. ISP2	$\text{CH}_2\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)\text{CH}(\text{O}_2)\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$
74. ISP3	$\text{O}_2\text{CH}_2\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)\text{CHCH}_2\text{OH}$
75. ISP4	$\text{HOCH}_2\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)(\text{O}_2)\text{CHCH}_2$
76. ISP5	$\text{CH}_2(\text{O}_2)\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)(\text{OH})\text{CHCH}_2$
77. ISP6	$\text{HOCH}_2\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)\text{CHCH}_2\text{O}_2$
78. ISOP	surrogate for all ISPi in RADM-C
79. MACP	$\text{OHCC}(\text{CH}_3)(\text{O}_2)\text{CH}_2\text{OH} + \text{OHCC}(\text{CH}_3)(\text{OH})\text{CH}_2\text{O}_2$
80. MA2P	$\text{CH}_2\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)\text{C}(\text{O})\text{O}_2$ (methacrylicperoxy radical)
81. MVKP	$\text{CH}_3\text{C}(\text{O})\text{CH}(\text{O}_2)\text{CH}_2\text{OH} + \text{CH}_3\text{C}(\text{O})\text{CH}(\text{OH})\text{CH}_2\text{O}_2$
82. MFUP	four peroxyradicals of 3-methylfuran depicted in chapter 2
83. HM1P	$\text{OHCC}(\text{CH}_3)(\text{O}_2)\text{CH}(\text{OH})\text{CH}_2\text{OH} + \text{OHCC}(\text{CH}_3)(\text{OH})\text{CH}(\text{O}_2)\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$
84. HM2P	$\text{OHCCH}(\text{O}_2)\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)(\text{OH})\text{CH}_2\text{OH} + \text{OHCCH}(\text{OH})\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)(\text{O}_2)\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$
85. H1O3	$\text{HOCH}_2\text{CHC}(\text{CH}_3)\text{C}(\text{O})\text{O}_2$
86. H2O3	$\text{HOCH}_2\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)\text{CHC}(\text{O})\text{O}_2$
87. DCO3	$\text{HOCH}_2\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)(\text{OH})\text{C}(\text{O})\text{O}_2 + \text{OHCC}(\text{CH}_3)(\text{OH})\text{C}(\text{O})\text{O}_2$
88. HALP	$\text{HOCH}_2\text{C}(\text{O})\text{O}_2$
89. HKEP	$\text{HOCH}_2\text{C}(\text{O})\text{CH}_2\text{O}_2 + \text{HOCH}(\text{O}_2)\text{C}(\text{O})\text{CH}_3$

*Additional nitrates and PANs*

90. ISON  $\text{NO}_3$  - adduct of isoprene
91. MACN  $\text{NO}_3$  - adduct of MAC
92. MVKN  $\text{NO}_3$  - adduct of MVK
93. MFUN  $\text{NO}_3$  - adduct of MFUR
94. MPAN  $\text{CH}_2\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)\text{C}(\text{O})\text{O}_2\text{NO}_2$   
(peroxymethacrylic nitric anhydride)
95. IPAN  $\text{HOCH}_2\text{C}(\text{O})\text{O}_2\text{NO}_2$   
(hydroxy peroxyacetic nitric anhydride)
96. DPAN  $\text{HOCH}_2\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)(\text{OH})\text{C}(\text{O})\text{O}_2\text{NO}_2 + \text{OHCC}(\text{CH}_3)(\text{OH})\text{C}(\text{O})\text{O}_2\text{NO}_2$
97. HPN1  $\text{HOCH}_2\text{CHC}(\text{CH}_3)\text{C}(\text{O})\text{O}_2\text{NO}_2$
98. HPN2  $\text{HOCH}_2\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)\text{CHC}(\text{O})\text{O}_2\text{NO}_2$

## 10.2 Table 2: Reactions RADM-E'

## Photolytic reactions:

P1-P22 as in tab. 2a in Stockwell et al. (1990)

P22 HALD  $\rightarrow$  2.0 HO<sub>2</sub> + HCHO + CO same photolysis frequency as ALD

## Thermal reactions:

T1-T124 except T40,T68,T72 as in tab. 2b in Stockwell et al. (1990)

		A	-E/R
T40 ISO + HO	$\rightarrow$ 0.12 ISP1 + 0.19 ISP2 + 0.11 ISP3 + $\rightarrow$ 0.17 ISP4 + 0.27 ISP5 + 0.14 ISP6	2.55E-11	-409
T68 ISO + NO <sub>3</sub>	$\rightarrow$ ISON	8.00E-13	0
T72 ISO + O <sub>3</sub>	$\rightarrow$ 0.67 MAC + 0.26 MVK + 0.45 O <sub>3</sub> P + $\rightarrow$ 0.6 HO + 0.8 HCHO + 0.06 HO <sub>2</sub> + $\rightarrow$ 0.19 CO + 0.06 OLT + $\rightarrow$ 0.06 ORA2 + 0.07 ORA1	1.23E-14	-2013
T125 MAC + HO	$\rightarrow$ 0.5 MACP + 0.5 MA2P	1.86E-11	175
T126 MVK + HO	$\rightarrow$ MVKP	4.13E-12	452
T127 HALD + HO	$\rightarrow$ 0.8 HALP + 0.2 HO <sub>2</sub> + 0.2 GLY	6.87E-12	256
T128 HKET + HO	$\rightarrow$ HKEP	3.00E-12	0
T129 MAC + O <sub>3</sub>	$\rightarrow$ 0.91 MGLY + 0.44 O <sub>3</sub> P + 0.54 HO + $\rightarrow$ 0.8 HCHO + 0.07 ORA1 + 0.09 ORA2	4.40E-15	-2500
T130 MVK + O <sub>3</sub>	$\rightarrow$ 0.85 MGLY + 0.44 O <sub>3</sub> P + 0.42 HO + $\rightarrow$ 0.8 HCHO + 0.07 ORA1 + 0.07 ORA2 + $\rightarrow$ 0.08 ALD	4.00E-15	-2000
T131 ISP1 + NO	$\rightarrow$ 0.17 MFUR + 0.88 NO <sub>2</sub> + 0.88 HO <sub>2</sub> + $\rightarrow$ 0.71 HCHO + 0.71 MAC + 0.12 ONIT	4.20E-12	180
T132 ISP2 + NO	$\rightarrow$ 0.88 NO <sub>2</sub> + 0.88 HO <sub>2</sub> + 0.88 MAC + $\rightarrow$ 0.12 ONIT + 0.88 HCHO	4.20E-12	180
T133 ISP3 + NO	$\rightarrow$ 0.88 NO <sub>2</sub> + 0.88 HO <sub>2</sub> + 0.88 HM1 $\rightarrow$ + 0.12 ONIT	4.20E-12	180
T134 ISP4 + NO	$\rightarrow$ 0.18 MFUR + 0.88 NO <sub>2</sub> + 0.88 HO <sub>2</sub> + $\rightarrow$ 0.7 HCHO + 0.7 MVK + 0.12 ONIT	4.20E-12	180
T135 ISP5 + NO	$\rightarrow$ 0.88 NO <sub>2</sub> + 0.88 HO <sub>2</sub> + 0.88 HCHO + $\rightarrow$ 0.88 MVK + 0.12 ONIT	4.20E-12	180
T136 ISP6 + NO	$\rightarrow$ 0.88 NO <sub>2</sub> + 0.88 HO <sub>2</sub> + 0.88 HM2 $\rightarrow$ + 0.12 ONIT	4.20E-12	180
T137 MACP + NO	$\rightarrow$ 0.8 HKET + 0.2 HCHO + 0.2 MGLY + $\rightarrow$ + HO <sub>2</sub> + 0.8 CO + NO <sub>2</sub>	4.20E-12	180
T138 MA2P + NO	$\rightarrow$ NO <sub>2</sub> + HCHO + ACO <sub>3</sub>	4.20E-12	180
T139 MVKP + NO	$\rightarrow$ 0.7 ACO <sub>3</sub> + 0.7 HALD + 0.3 HCHO  $\rightarrow$ + 0.3 HO <sub>2</sub> + 0.3 MGLY + NO <sub>2</sub>	4.20E-12	180
T140 HALP + NO	$\rightarrow$ NO <sub>2</sub> + HO <sub>2</sub> + HCHO	4.20E-12	180
T141 HKEP + NO	$\rightarrow$ NO <sub>2</sub> + 0.5 ORA2 + 0.5 HCHO  $\rightarrow$ + 0.5 HALP + 0.5 HO <sub>2</sub>	4.20E-12	180
T142 HM1P + NO	$\rightarrow$ NO <sub>2</sub> + HO <sub>2</sub> + MGLY + HALD	4.20E-12	180
T143 HM2P + NO	$\rightarrow$ NO <sub>2</sub> + HO <sub>2</sub> + GLY + HKET	4.20E-12	180
T144 MFUP + NO	$\rightarrow$ NO <sub>2</sub> + 0.5 MVK + 0.5 MAC + HO <sub>2</sub>	4.20E-12	180
T145 DCO <sub>3</sub> + NO	$\rightarrow$ 0.5 HKET + 0.5 MGLY + HO + NO <sub>2</sub>	4.20E-12	180

T146	ISON + NO	-> 2.0 NO2 + HCHO + 0.5 MVK + 0.5 MAC	4.20E-12	180
T147	MVKN + NO	-> 2.0 NO2 + HCHO + MGLY	4.20E-12	180
T148	MACN + NO	-> 2.0 NO2 + HCHO + MGLY	4.20E-12	180
T149	MFUN + NO	-> 2.0 NO2 + MVK	4.20E-12	180
T150	HALP + NO2	-> IPAN	4.7E-12	0
T151	IPAN	-> HALP + NO2	1.95E+16	-13543
T152	MA2P + NO2	-> MPAN	4.7E-12	0
T153	MPAN	-> MA2P + NO2	1.95E+16	-13543
T154	DCO3 + NO2	-> DPAN	4.7E-12	0
T155	DPAN	-> DCO3 + NO2	1.95E+16	-13543
T156	DOC + HO	-> DCO3	1.0E-11	0
T157	ISP1 + HO2	-> OP2	7.7E-14	1300
T158	ISP2 + HO2	-> OP2	7.7E-14	1300
T159	ISP3 + HO2	-> OP2	7.7E-14	1300
T160	ISP4 + HO2	-> OP2	7.7E-14	1300
T161	ISP5 + HO2	-> OP2	7.7E-14	1300
T162	ISP6 + HO2	-> OP2	7.7E-14	1300
T163	HM1P + HO2	-> OP2	7.7E-14	1300
T164	HM2P + HO2	-> OP2	7.7E-14	1300
T165	MACP + HO2	-> OP2	7.7E-14	1300
T166	MA2P + HO2	-> OP2	7.7E-14	1300
T167	MVKP + HO2	-> OP2	7.7E-14	1300
T168	HKEP + HO2	-> OP2	7.7E-14	1300
T169	HALP + HO2	-> OP2	7.7E-14	1300
T170	MFUP + HO2	-> OP2	7.7E-14	1300
T171	DCO3 + HO2	-> OP2	7.7E-14	1300
T172	ISP1 + ISP1	-> 1.2 MAC + 0.6 OLT + 0.2 DCB -> + 1.2 HCHO + 1.2 HO2	2.0E-13	0
T173	ISP1 + ISP2	-> 1.2 MAC + 0.7 OLT + 0.1 DCB + -> 1.2 HCHO + 1.2 HO2	2.5E-14	0
T174	ISP1 + ISP3	-> 0.6 MAC + 0.4 OLT + 0.2 OLI + -> 0.6 HCHO + 1.2 HO2 + 0.8 HM1	2.0E-13	0
T175	ISP2 + ISP3	-> 0.6 MAC + 0.2 OLI + 0.8 HM1 + -> 0.6 HCHO + 1.2 HO2 + 0.3 OLT + -> 0.1 DCB	2.5E-14	0
T176	ISP1 + ISP4	-> 0.6 MAC + 0.6 OLT + 0.2 DCB + -> 1.2 HCHO + 1.2 HO2 + 0.6 MVK	2.0E-13	0
T177	ISP1 + ISP5	-> 0.8 MAC + 0.3 OLT + 0.1 DCB + -> 1.6 HCHO + 1.6 HO2 + 0.8 MVK	4.9E-15	0
T178	ISP1 + ISP6	-> 0.6 MAC + 0.4 OLT + 0.2 OLI + -> 0.6 HCHO + 1.2 HO2 + 0.8 HM2	2.0E-13	0
T179	ISP2 + ISP4	-> 0.6 MAC + 0.6 OLT + 0.2 DCB + -> 1.2 HCHO + 1.2 HO2 + 0.6 MVK	2.5E-14	0
T180	ISP2 + ISP5	-> 0.8 MAC + 0.3 OLT + 0.1 DCB + -> 1.6 HCHO + 1.6 HO2 + 0.8 MVK	1.6E-16	0
T181	ISP2 + ISP6	-> 0.6 MAC + 0.2 OLI + 0.8 HM2 + -> 0.6 HCHO + 1.2 HO2 + 0.3 OLT + -> 0.1 DCB	2.5E-14	0
T182	ISP3 + ISP3	-> 1.6 HM1 + 0.4 OLI + 1.6 HO2	2.0E-13	0
T183	ISP3 + ISP4	-> 0.8 HM1 + 0.6 MVK + 1.2 HO2 + -> 0.6 HCHO + 0.2 OLI + 0.3 OLT + -> 0.1 DCB	2.0E-13	0
T184	ISP3 + ISP5	-> 0.8 MVK + 0.8 HM1 + 1.6 HO2 + -> 0.2 OLI + 0.2 OLT	3.1E-16	0

T185	ISP3 + ISP6	-> 0.8 HM1 + 0.4 OLI + 0.8 HM2 + -> 1.2 HO2	2.0E-13	0
T186	ISP4 + ISP4	-> 1.2 MVK + 0.6 OLT + 0.2 DCB + -> 1.2 HCHO + 1.2 HO2	2.0E-13	0
T187	ISP4 + ISP5	-> 1.6 MVK + 1.8 HO2 + 1.8 HCHO + -> 0.4 OLT	4.9E-15	0
T188	ISP4 + ISP6	-> 0.6 MVK + 0.8 HM2 + 1.2 HO2 + -> 0.6 HCHO + 0.2 OLI + 0.3 OLT + -> 0.1 DCB	2.0E-13	0
T189	ISP5 + ISP6	-> 0.8 MVK + 0.8 HM2 + 1.6 HO2 + -> 0.2 OLI + 0.2 OLT	4.9E-15	0
T190	ISP6 + ISP6	-> 1.6 HM2 + 0.4 OLI + 1.6 HO2	2.0E-13	0
T191	MACP + ISP1	-> 0.6 MAC + 0.6 MGLY + 1.2 HCHO + -> 1.2 HO2 + 0.4 DOC + 0.1 DCB + -> 0.3 OLT	1.0E-13	0
T192	MACP + ISP3	-> 0.8 HM1 + 0.2 OLI + 0.6 MGLY + -> 0.6 HCHO + 1.2 HO2 + 0.4 DOC	1.0E-13	0
T193	MACP + ISP4	-> 0.6 MVK + 0.6 MGLY + 1.2 HCHO + -> 1.2 HO2 + 0.4 DOC + 0.1 DCB + -> 0.3 OLT	1.0E-13	0
T194	MACP + ISP6	-> 0.8 HM2 + 0.2 OLI + 0.6 MGLY + -> 0.6 HCHO + 1.2 HO2 + 0.4 DOC	1.0E-13	0
T195	MACP + ISP2	-> 0.6 MAC + 0.6 MGLY + 1.2 HCHO + -> 1.2 HO2 + 0.4 DOC + 0.1 DCB + -> 0.3 OLT	1.3E-14	0
T196	MACP + ISP5	-> 0.6 MVK + 0.6 MGLY + 1.2 HCHO + -> 1.2 HO2 + 0.4 DOC + 0.1 DCB + -> 0.3 OLT	2.5E-15	0
T197	MA2P + ISP1	-> 0.8 MAC + 0.2 OLT + 0.2 ORA2 + -> 0.8 ACO3 + 0.8 HO2 + 1.6 HCHO	8.0E-13	0
T198	MA2P + ISP3	-> 0.8 HM1 + 0.2 OLI + 0.2 ORA2 + -> 0.8 ACO3 + 0.8 HO2 + 0.8 HCHO	8.0E-13	0
T199	MA2P + ISP4	-> 0.8 MVK + 0.2 OLT + 0.2 ORA2 + -> 0.8 ACO3 + 0.8 HO2 + 1.6 HCHO	8.0E-13	0
T200	MA2P + ISP6	-> 0.8 HM2 + 0.2 OLI + 0.2 ORA2 + -> 0.8 ACO3 + 0.8 HO2 + 0.8 HCHO	8.0E-13	0
T201	MA2P + ISP5	-> MVK + ACO3 + 2.0 HCHO + HO2	3.0E-15	0
T202	MA2P + ISP2	-> 0.8 MAC + 0.2 OLT + 0.2 ORA2 + -> 0.8 ACO3 + 1.6 HCHO + 0.8 HO2	1.6E-14	0
T203	MVKP + ISP1	-> 0.6 MAC + 0.6 MGLY + 1.2 HCHO + -> 1.2 HO2 + 0.4 DOC + 0.1 DCB + -> 0.3 OLT	1.0E-13	0
T204	MVKP + ISP3	-> 0.8 HM1 + 0.2 OLI + 0.6 MGLY + -> 0.6 HCHO + 1.2 HO2 + 0.4 DOC	1.0E-13	0
T205	MVKP + ISP4	-> 0.6 MVK + 0.6 MGLY + 1.2 HCHO + -> 1.2 HO2 + 0.4 DOC + 0.1 DCB + -> 0.3 OLT	1.0E-13	0
T206	MVKP + ISP6	-> 0.8 HM2 + 0.2 OLI + 0.6 MGLY + -> 0.6 HCHO + 1.2 HO2 + 0.4 DOC	1.0E-13	0
T207	MVKP + ISP2	-> 0.6 MAC + 0.6 MGLY + 1.2 HCHO + -> 1.2 HO2 + 0.4 DOC + 0.1 DCB + -> 0.3 OLT	1.3E-14	0
T208	MVKP + ISP5	-> 0.6 MVK + 0.6 MGLY + 1.2 HCHO + -> 1.2 HO2 + 0.4 DOC + 0.1 DCB + -> 0.3 OLT	2.5E-15	0

T209	MO2 + ISP1	-> 0.5 MAC + 1.25 HCHO + HO2 + -> 0.4 OLT + 0.1 DCB + 0.1 HC3	2.0E-13	0
T210	MO2 + ISP4	-> 0.5 MVK + 1.25 HCHO + HO2 + -> 0.4 OLT + 0.1 DCB + 0.1 HC3	2.0E-13	0
T211	MO2 + ISP3	-> 0.75 HM1 + 0.75 HCHO + HO2 + -> 0.25 OLI + 0.1 HC3	2.0E-13	0
T212	MO2 + ISP6	-> 0.75 HM2 + 0.75 HCHO + HO2 + -> 0.25 OLI + 0.1 HC3	2.0E-13	0
T213	MO2 + ISP2	-> 0.5 MAC + 1.25 HCHO + HO2 + -> 0.4 OLT + 0.1 DCB + 0.1 HC3	2.5E-14	0
T214	MO2 + ISP5	-> 0.7 MVK + 1.7 HCHO + 1.4 HO2 + -> 0.3 OLT	3.1E-16	0
T215	HM1 + HO	-> 0.6 HM1P + 0.4 H1O3	4.0E-11	0
T216	HM2 + HO	-> 0.6 HM2P + 0.4 H2O3	4.0E-11	0
T217	HM1 + O3	-> 0.89 HALD + MGLY + 0.55 O3P + -> 0.68 HO + 0.11 ORA2	1.0E-14	-900
T218	HM2 + O3	-> HKET + 0.89 GLY + 0.55 O3P + -> 0.68 HO + 0.11 ORA2	1.0E-14	-900
T219	HM1 + NO3	-> OLN	5.0E-13	0
T220	HM2 + NO3	-> OLN	5.0E-13	0
T221	MAC + NO3	-> 0.3 HNO3 + 0.3 MA2P + 0.7 MACN	1.0E-14	0
T222	MVK + NO3	-> MVKN	6.0E-14	0
T223	HALD + NO3	-> HNO3 + HALP	5.2E-16	0
T224	HKET + NO3	-> HNO3 + HKEP	1.0E-16	0
T225	MFUR + HO	-> MFUP	9.4E-11	0
T226	MFUR + NO3	-> MFUN	1.0E-13	0
T227	DOC + NO3	-> DCO3 + HNO3	5.0E-15	0
T228	H1O3 + NO2	-> HPN1	4.7E-12	0
T229	H2O3 + NO2	-> HPN2	4.7E-12	0
T230	HPN1	-> H1O3 + NO2	1.95E+16	-13543
T231	HPN2	-> H2O3 + NO2	1.95E+16	-13543
T232	H1O3+ NO	-> HALD + ACO3 + NO2	4.2E-12	180
T233	H2O3+ NO	-> HKET + CO + HO2 + NO2	4.2E-12	180
T234	H1O3+ HO2	-> OP2	7.7E-14	1300
T235	H2O3+ HO2	-> OP2	7.7E-14	1300

<sup>7</sup> The trace gases H<sub>2</sub>O, CO<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>2</sub>, and N<sub>2</sub> are only treated as products.

## 10.3 Table 3: Reactions of RADM-C\*

Photolytic reactions:  
see table 2.

Thermal reactions:

T1-T124 except T40,T68,T72 as in tab. 2b in Stockwell et al. (1990)

T40 ISO + HO	-> ISOP	2.55E-11	409
T68 ISO + NO3	-> ISON	8.00E-13	0
T72 ISO + O3	-> 0.67 MAC + 0.26 MVK + 0.45 O3P + -> 0.60 HO + 0.8 HCHO + 0.06 HO2 + -> 0.19 CO + 0.06 OLT + 0.06 ORA2 + -> 0.07 ORA1	1.23E-14	-2013
T125 MAC + HO	-> 0.6 MACP + 0.4 ACO3 + 0.4 HCHO	1.86E-11	175
T126 MVK + HO	-> MVKP	4.13E-12	452
T127 HALD + HO	-> 0.4 MO2 + 0.6 HO2 + 0.2 GLY	6.87E-12	256
T128 HKET + HO	-> 0.9 MO2 + 0.1 HO2 + 0.5 HCHO + -> 0.5 ORA2	3.00E-12	0
T129 MAC + O3	-> 0.91 MGLY + 0.44 O3P + 0.54 HO + -> 0.8 HCHO + 0.07 ORA1 + 0.09 ORA2	4.40E-15	-2500
T130 MVK + O3	-> 0.85 MGLY + 0.44 O3P + 0.42 HO + -> 0.8 HCHO + 0.07 ORA1 + 0.07 ORA2 + -> 0.08 ALD	4.00E-15	-2000
T131 ISOP + NO	-> 0.88 NO2 + 0.88 HO2 + 0.38 MVK + -> 0.28 MAC + 0.62 HCHO + 0.1 GLY + -> 0.09 MGLY + 0.02 ORA2 + 0.12 ONIT + -> 0.09 HALD + 0.12 HKET + 0.11 HO	4.20E-12	180
T132 MACP + NO	-> 0.8 HKET + 0.2 HCHO + 0.2 MGLY + -> HO2 + NO2	4.20E-12	180
T133 MVKP + NO	-> 0.7 ACO3 + 0.7 HALD + 0.3 HCHO + -> 0.3 HO2 + 0.3 MGLY + NO2	4.20E-12	180
T134 ISON + NO	-> 2.0 NO2 + HCHO + 0.5 MVK + -> 0.5 MAC	4.20E-12	180
T135 ISOP + HO2	-> OP2	7.7E-14	1300
T136 MACP + HO2	-> OP2	7.7E-14	1300
T137 MVKP + HO2	-> OP2	7.7E-14	1300
T138 ISOP + ISOP	-> 0.37 MAC + 0.5 MVK + 0.3 OLT + -> 0.06 DCB + 0.1 OLI + 1.6 HO2 + -> 0.5 HCHO + 0.18 GLY + 0.16 MGLY + -> 0.16 HALD + 0.22 HKET + 0.2 HO + -> 0.04 ORA2	1.0E-13	0
T139 MVK+NO3	-> NO2 + MVKP	6.0E-14	0
T140 MAC+NO3	-> 0.3 HNO3 + 0.7 NO2 + 0.7 MACP + -> 0.3 TCO3	1.0E-14	0
T141 MVKP+ISOP	-> 0.3 MAC + 0.3 MVK + 0.6 MGLY + -> HCHO + 1.2 HO2 + 0.1 DCB + -> 0.4 OLT + 0.3 OLI	5.0E-14	0
T142 MACP + ISOP	-> 0.3 MAC + 0.3 MVK + 0.6 MGLY + -> HCHO + 1.2 HO2 + 0.1 DCB + -> 0.4 OLT + 0.3 OLI	5.0E-14	0

\* The trace gases H<sub>2</sub>O, CO<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>2</sub>, and N<sub>2</sub> are only treated as products.

## 10.4 Table 4: Initial conditions for the model runs

### 10.4.1 Table 4a: Initial mixing ratios

Initial mixing ratios of the lower box in ppb, upper box in brackets. Fixed mixing ratios are denoted by \*. Scenarios (see sec 4) : 1 (remote case), 2 (rural case), 3 (suburban case), 4 (urban case). Arbitrary low initial values are assigned to the steady state substances (NO<sub>3</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, HONO, HNO<sub>4</sub>, OH, HO<sub>2</sub>, all RO<sub>2</sub>) and biogenic substances (MAC, MVK, HALD, HKET, HM1, HM2, MFUR, MPAN, IPAN, DPAN, DOC). HNO<sub>3</sub>, ORA1, ORA2, ONIT = 0.

Pressure = 1 atm, H<sub>2</sub>O mixing ratio is 0.03 in scenario 1 and 0.01 in scenarios 2 - 4.

scenario:	1	2	3	4
NO <sub>2</sub>	2.0E-4 (1.0E-3)	1 (0.5)	3 (1)	50 (10)
NO	1.0E-4 (5.0E-4)	0.5 (0.2)	1.5 (0.5)	20 (4)
O <sub>3</sub>	40 (60)	60 (60)	90 (80)	100 (80)
SO <sub>2</sub>	0.01 (0)*	0.01 (0)*	0.01 (0)*	0.01 (0)*
CO	100 (100)*	150 (150)*	200 (200)*	400 (200)
CH <sub>4</sub>	1.7E+3 (1.7E+3)*	1.7E+3 (1.7E+3)*	1.7E+3 (1.7E+3)*	2.0E+3 (2.0E+3)*
ETH	1 (1)*	1.5 (1.5)*	2 (2)*	5 (2)
HC <sub>3</sub>	1 (1)*	1 (1)*	2 (1)*	0.1 (1)
HC <sub>5</sub>	0 (0)*	0.5 (0.5)*	1 (0.5)*	5 (0.5)
HC <sub>8</sub>	0 (0)*	0 (0)*	0.1 (0.01)*	1 (0.01)
OL <sub>2</sub>	0.1 (0.1)*	0.5 (0.5)*	1 (0.5)*	2 (0.5)
OLT	0.1 (0.1)	0.1 (0.1)	0.1 (0.1)	0.1 (0.1)
OLI	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
ISO	0.1 (0)	0.1 (0)	0.1 (0)	0.1 (0)
TOL	0 (0)*	0.01 (0.01)*	0.1 (0.01)*	0.1 (0.01)
CSL	0 (0)*	1.0E-3 (1.0E-3)*	1.0E-3 (1.0E-3)*	1.0E-3 (1.0E-3)
XYL	0 (0)*	0.01 (0.01)*	0.1 (0.01)*	0.1 (0.01)
HCHO	0.01 (0.01)	0.1 (0.1)	0.1 (0.1)	0.1 (0.1)
ALD	0.01 (0.01)	0.1 (0.1)	0.1 (0.1)	0.1 (0.1)
KET	0.01 (0.01)	0.1 (0.1)	0.1 (0.1)	0.1 (0.1)
GLY	0.01 (0.01)	0.01 (0.01)	0.01 (0.01)	0.01 (0.01)
MGLY	0.01 (0.01)	0.01 (0.01)	0.01 (0.01)	0.01 (0.01)
PAN	0.01 (0.01)	0.01 (0.01)	0.01 (0.01)	0.01 (0.01)
TPAN	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
PAA	1.0E-3 (0)	1.0E-3 (0)	1.0E-3 (0)	1.0E-3 (0)
DCB	0.01 (0.01)	0.01 (0.01)	0.01 (0.01)	0.01 (0.01)
H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	1.0E-3 (1.0E-3)	1.0E-3 (1.0E-3)	1.0E-3 (1.0E-3)	1.0E-3 (1.0E-3)
OP <sub>1</sub>	0.01 (0)	0.01 (0)	0.01 (0)	0.01 (0)
OP <sub>2</sub>	0.01 (0)	0.01 (0)	0.01 (0)	0.01 (0)

### 10.4.2 Table 4b: Source strengths of various trace gases

Source strengths of various trace gases in  $\text{cm}^2\text{s}^{-1}$ . Fixed mixing ratios are denoted by \*. Scenarios: 1 (remote case), 2 (rural case), 3 (suburban case), 4 (urban case)

scenario:	1	2	3	4
NO	2.0E+09	2.0E+10	see text	1.0E+12
CO	*	*	*	8.0E+12
ETH	*	*	*	2.0E+10
HC3	*	*	*	2.0E+11
HC5	*	*	*	2.0E+11
HC8	*	*	*	1.0E+11
OL2	*	*	*	3.0E+11
OLT	2.0E+04	2.0E+06	2.0E+06	1.0E+12
OLI	0	0	0	1.0E+12
ISO	see text			
TOL	*	*	*	4.0E+10
CSL	*	*	*	2.0E+10
XYL	*	*	*	4.0E+10

### 10.4.3 Table 4c: Deposition velocities in cm/s.

NO <sub>2</sub>	0
N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	1
HNO <sub>3</sub>	1
O <sub>3</sub>	0.5
H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	0.1
HCHO	0.5
ALD	0.5
KET	0.5
GLY	0.5
MGLY	0.5
DCB	0.5
PAN	0.2
TPAN	0.2
OP1	0.1
OP2	0.1
PAA	0.5
ORA1	1
ORA2	1

10.5 Table 5: Results of the model runs for the last day of simulation

15.00 LT (75 hours after model start) (mixing ratios in ppb, OH and HO<sub>2</sub>: concentrations in 10<sup>6</sup> cm<sup>-3</sup> and 10<sup>8</sup> cm<sup>-3</sup>). The scenarios are denoted by numbers 1 (remote), 2 (rural), 3 (suburban), 4 (urban). The mechanisms are denoted by letters A (RADM2), B (RADM-E), C (RADM-C), L (LLA).

	remote			remote				suburban				urban		
	A	E	C	A	E	C	L	A	E	C	L	A	E	C
NO <sub>2</sub>	0.09	3E-3	3E-3	0.65	0.12	0.12	0.11	5.08	3.43	3.64	2.68	8.40	7.43	7.70
ONIT	0.01	0.13	0.13	0.05	0.93	0.95	-	0.42	2.36	2.35	-	3.56	5.08	5.09
PAN	4E-3	5E-4	5E-4	0.12	0.05	0.05	0.13	2.08	1.80	1.92	2.00	14.9	14.2	14.8
HNO <sub>3</sub>	0.02	8E-3	9E-3	0.25	0.10	0.11	0.07	15.4	14.9	15.2	14.5	10.2	9.53	9.77
O <sub>3</sub>	37	35	36	65	60	61	58	100	109	111	113	210	211	213
HO	0.25	0.29	0.28	0.73	0.45	0.46	0.26	5.25	4.95	5.39	4.03	5.05	4.82	5.02
HO <sub>2</sub>	1.87	.82	1.55	3.44	3.63	3.71	3.71	4.35	6.99	7.00	8.82	11.5	13.0	13.1
H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	0.31	0.18	0.26	0.50	0.68	0.74	0.78	0.28	0.84	0.91	1.40	5.45	6.35	6.44
OP1	0.07	0.05	0.05	0.09	0.08	0.09	0.43	0.05	0.10	0.13	0.12	1.18	1.33	1.38
OP2	0.35	2.81	2.52	0.49	2.10	1.92	0.48	0.11	0.55	0.48	0.03	1.75	2.62	2.49
HCHO	1.56	1.64	1.59	4.52	3.66	3.72	3.79	10.7	9.71	9.99	11.7	25.8	25.7	26.3
ALD	2.39	0.39	0.35	6.02	0.42	0.39	0.24	8.26	0.66	0.66	0.51	21.9	14.9	14.7
GLY	4E-7	0.15	0.13	1E-3	0.31	0.30	0.01	0.03	1.31	1.36	0.04	0.24	1.24	1.27
MGLY	2E-5	0.12	0.10	7E-4	0.25	0.25	4E-4	0.03	0.77	0.78	0.04	0.15	1.00	1.01
ISO	13.6	13.7	13.7	8.55	10.8	10.6	12.4	2.29	2.38	2.19	2.79	2.15	2.24	2.17
MAC	-	1.91	2.06	-	2.77	2.79	2.78	-	1.71	1.62	2.88	-	2.24	2.23
MVK	-	1.25	1.47	-	2.64	2.69	2.61	-	2.92	2.78	3.55	-	2.91	2.90
HALD	-	0.28	0.29	-	0.82	0.91	0.28	-	1.96	1.98	1.20	-	1.66	1.77
HKET	-	0.48	0.46	-	1.39	1.30	-	-	3.31	3.07	-	-	3.01	2.88

### 10.6 Table 6: Performance of RADM-C

Mean normalized bias  $b$  and standard deviations  $\sigma$  and extrema of the deviations (minimum of  $c/c_0 = \min$ , maximum = max). The scenarios are denoted by numbers 1 (remote), 2 (rural), 3 (suburban), 4 (urban).

Scenario 1:					Scenario 2:				
	min	max	$\sigma$	$b$	min	max	$\sigma$	$b$	
NO <sub>2</sub>	0.96	1.37	0.29	-0.23	0.93	1.09	0.04	-0.03	
O <sub>3</sub>	1.00	1.01	0.09	-0.007	1.01	1.10	0.03	-0.02	
H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	1.21	1.41	0.34	-0.35	1.06	1.15	0.10	-0.08	
HO	0.96	1.21	0.10	-0.03	0.99	1.53	0.44	-0.21	
HO <sub>2</sub>	0.91	1.96	0.78	-0.47	1.00	1.48	0.10	-0.06	
HCHO	0.94	1.09	0.03	0.01	1.00	1.24	0.10	-0.04	
PAN	0.97	3.35	0.83	-0.61	0.94	2.15	0.54	-0.35	
Scenario 3:					Scenario 4:				
	min	max	$\sigma$	$b$	min	max	$\sigma$	$b$	
NO <sub>2</sub>	0.95	1.06	0.034	0.009	0.99	1.04	0.005	-0.002	
O <sub>3</sub>	0.95	1.03	0.020	-0.009	0.96	1.07	0.010	-0.007	
H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	1.02	1.17	0.044	-0.04	1.00	1.01	0.010	-0.01	
HO	0.90	1.18	0.20	-0.09	1.00	1.04	0.034	0.02	
HO <sub>2</sub>	0.88	1.17	0.10	-0.03	1.00	1.01	0.015	-0.007	
HCHO	0.82	1.10	0.05	0.02	0.98	1.02	0.010	-0.005	
PAN	0.92	1.59	0.20	-0.15	0.97	1.04	0.020	-0.01	

### 10.7 Table 7: Yields for several products in RADM-E

Yields for several products in RADM-E from the isoprene degradation on a molecule-by-molecule basis <sup>1)</sup> :

HCHO	2.07
CO	2.89 <sup>2)</sup>
ONIT	0.12
ORA2	0.116
CO <sub>2</sub>	1.31
PAN	0.65
MPAN	0.14
PAN analogues	0.09

<sup>1)</sup> Only the reactions with HO and NO are taken into account. Degradation by ozone and permutation reactions of the peroxy radicals are not considered.

<sup>2)</sup> Subsequent contributions from HCHO are included.

## 11 Figure captions

- Fig. 1: Diurnal cycle of the isoprene-flux. Time is local time.
- Fig. 2: Diurnal cycles of mixing ratios of some species in the scenario 2 (rural case). Full line is RADM2, broken line is RADM-E, and dotted line is RADM-C.
- Fig. 3: Diurnal cycles of mixing ratios of some species in the scenario 3 (suburban case). Full line is RADM2, broken line is RADM-E, and dotted line is RADM-C.
- Fig. 4: Diurnal cycles of mixing ratios of some species in scenario 2 ( rural case). Full line is RADM-E, dotted line is LLA.

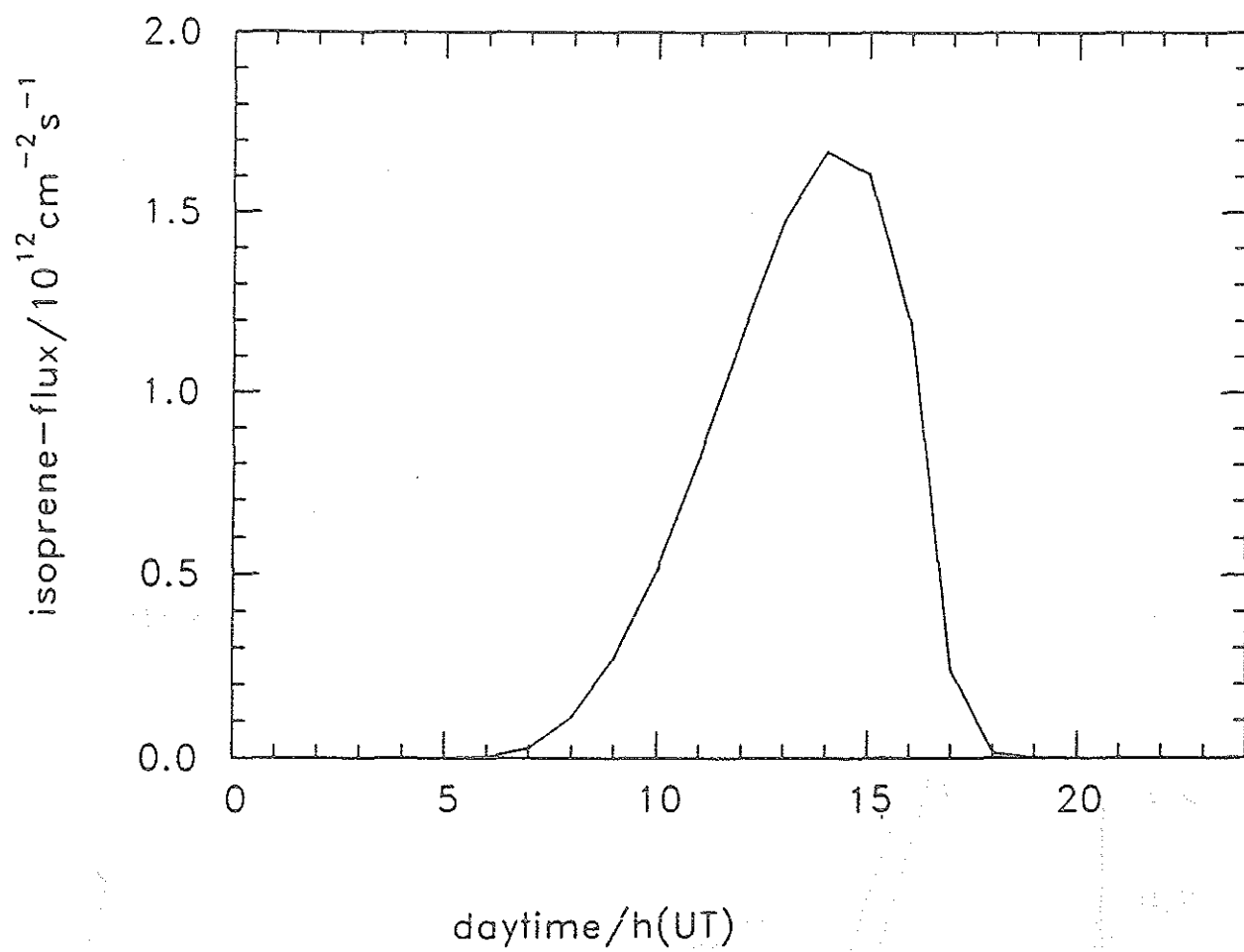


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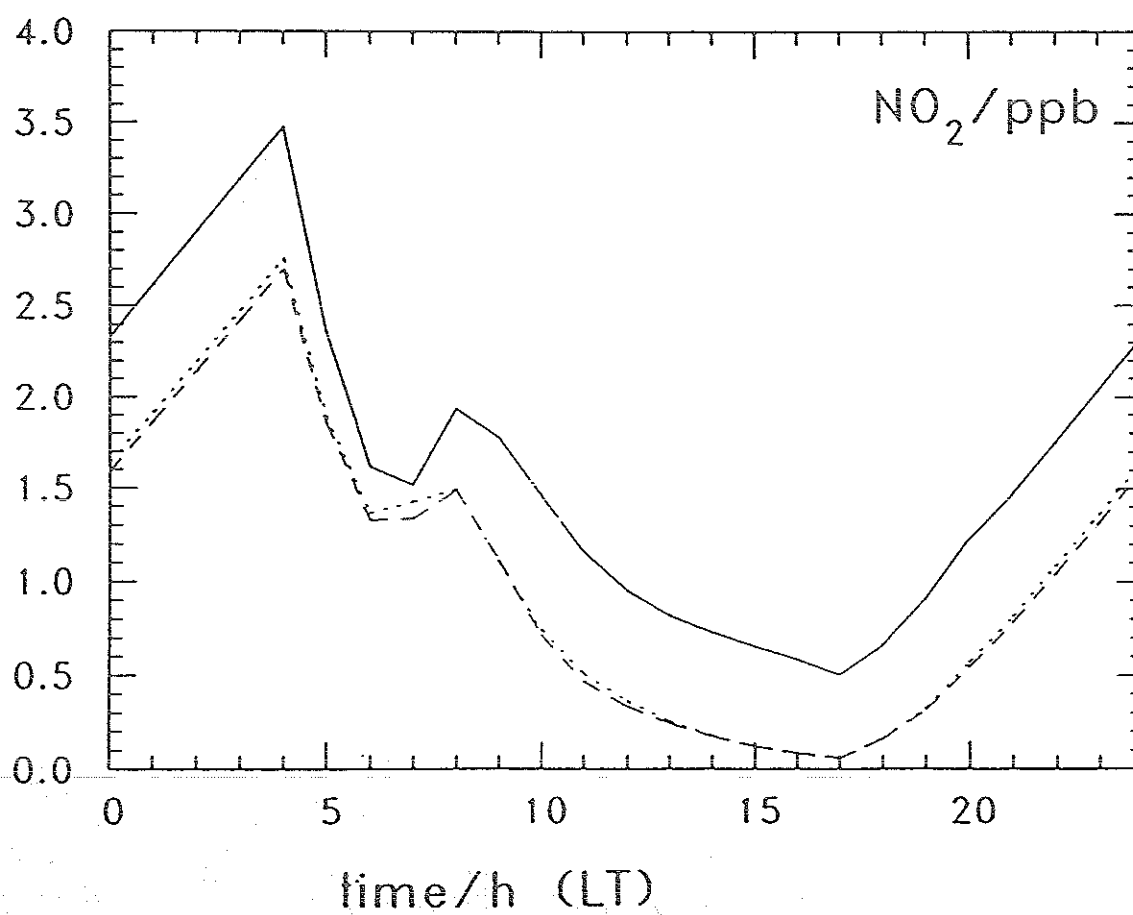
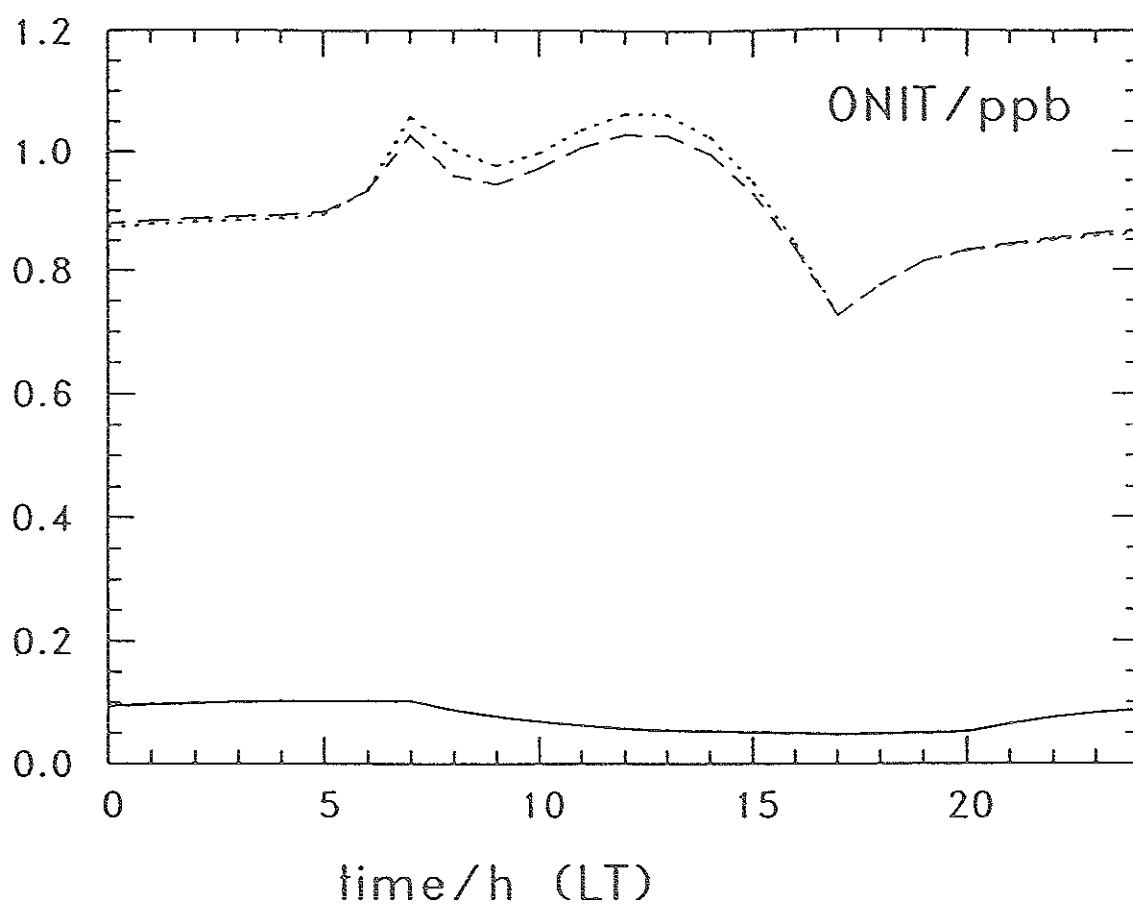


Fig. 2a, 2b

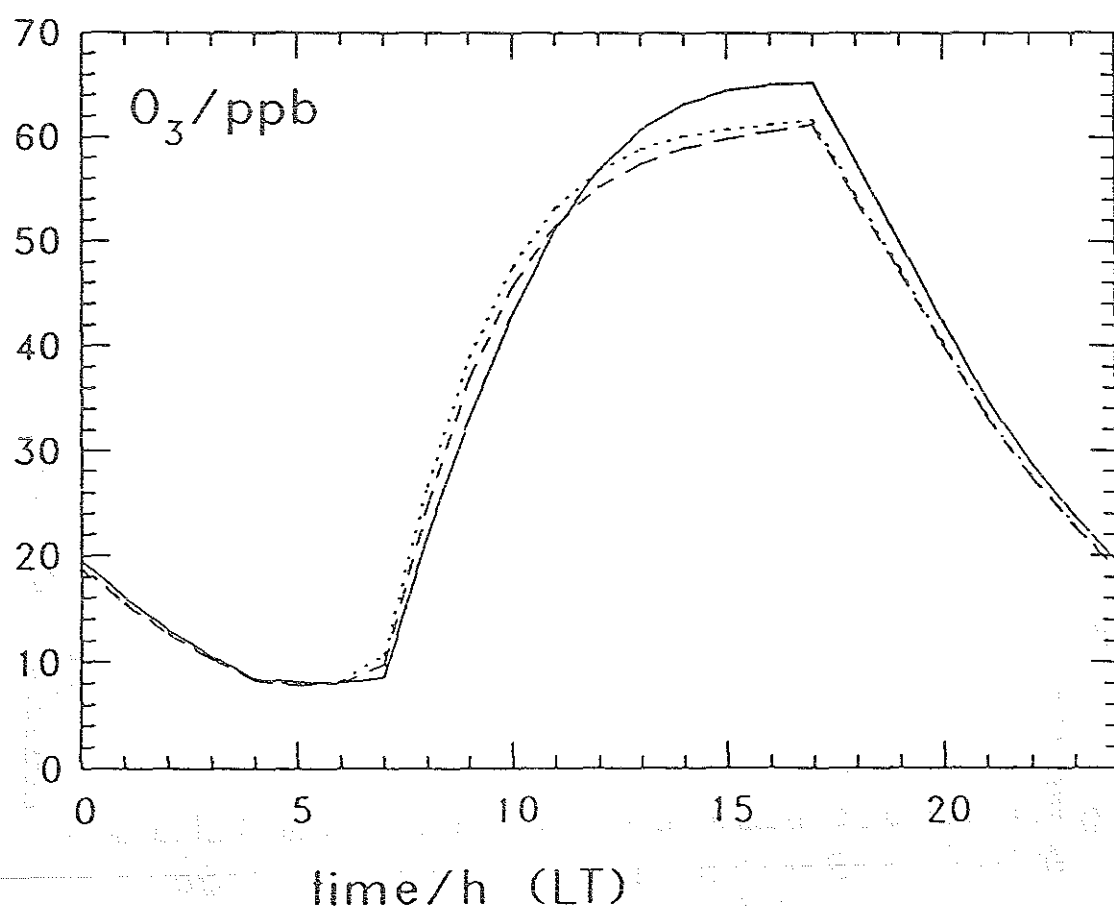
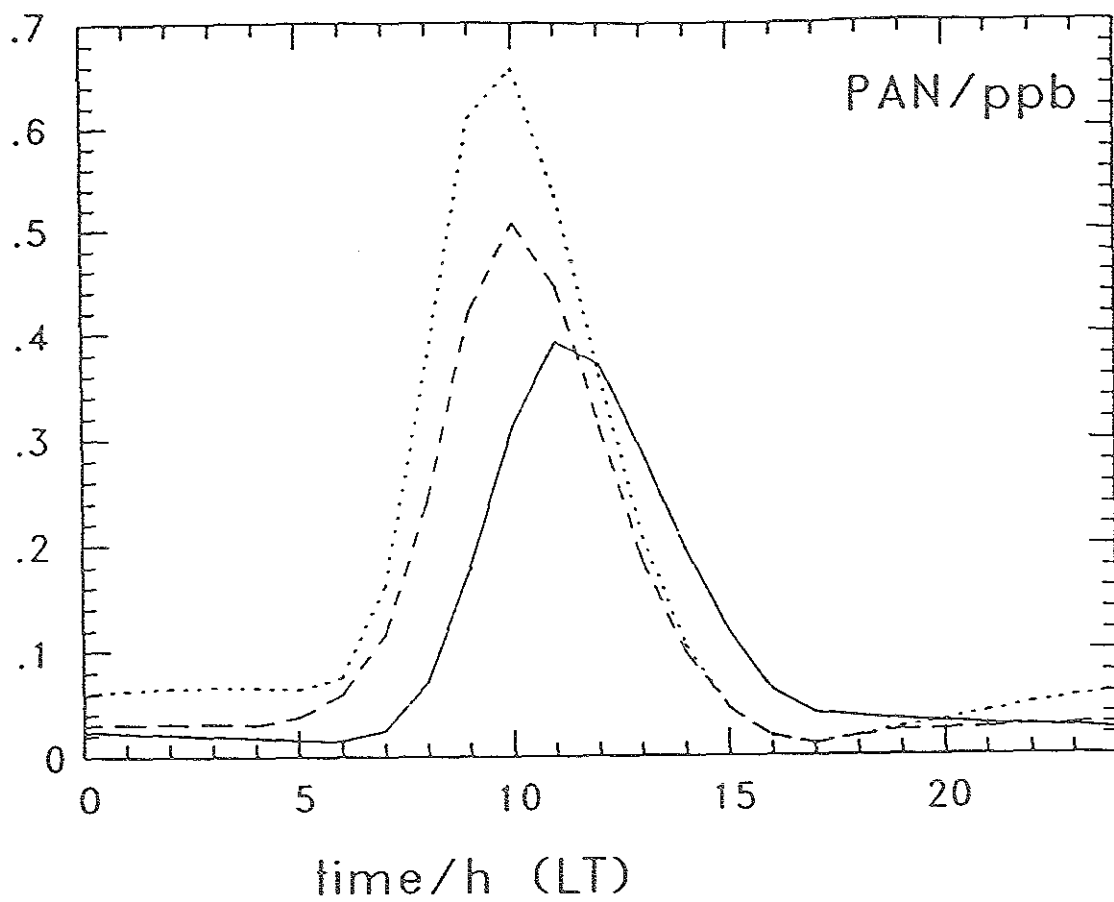


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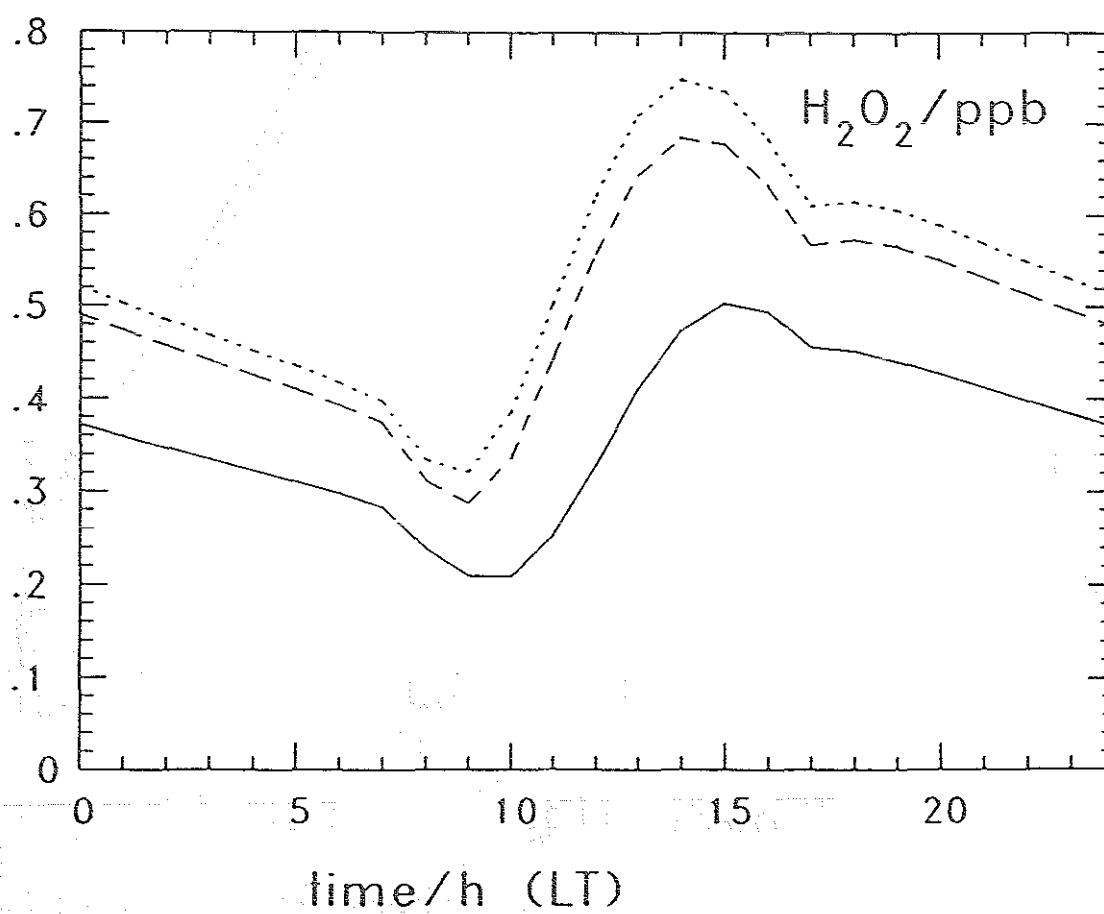
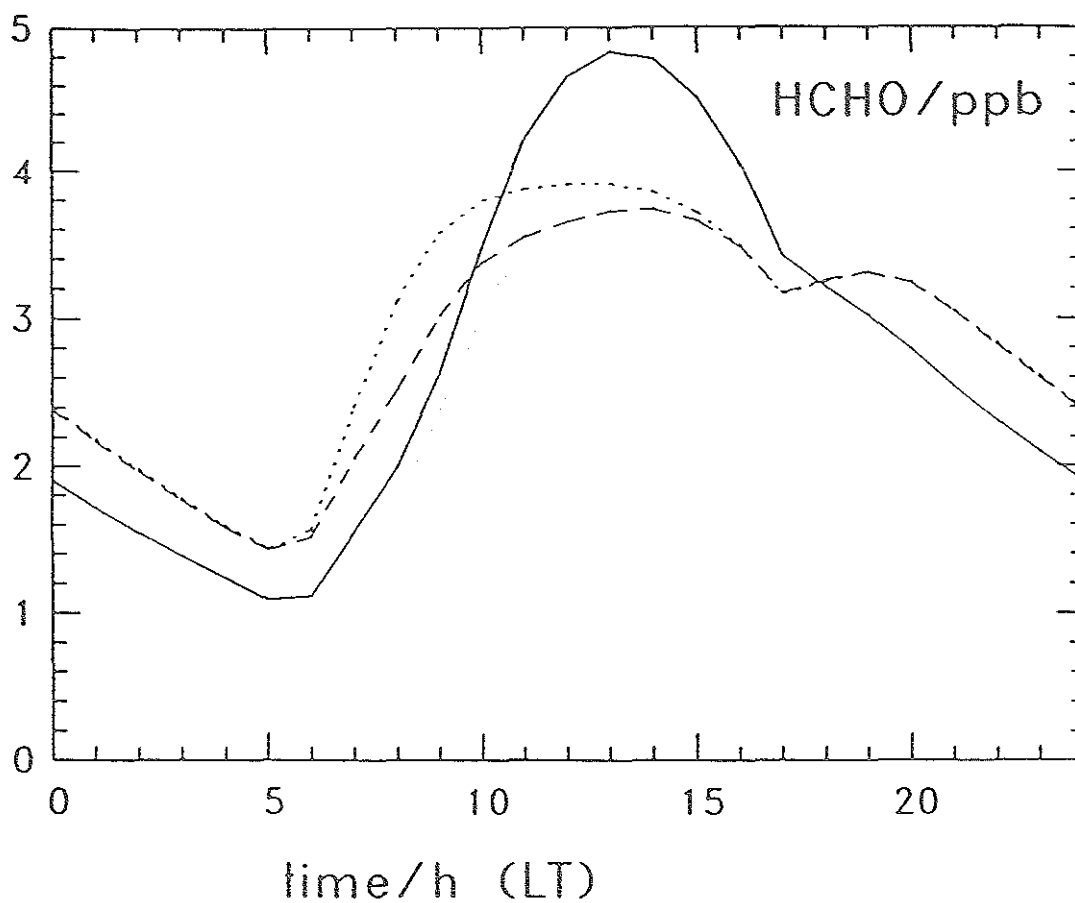


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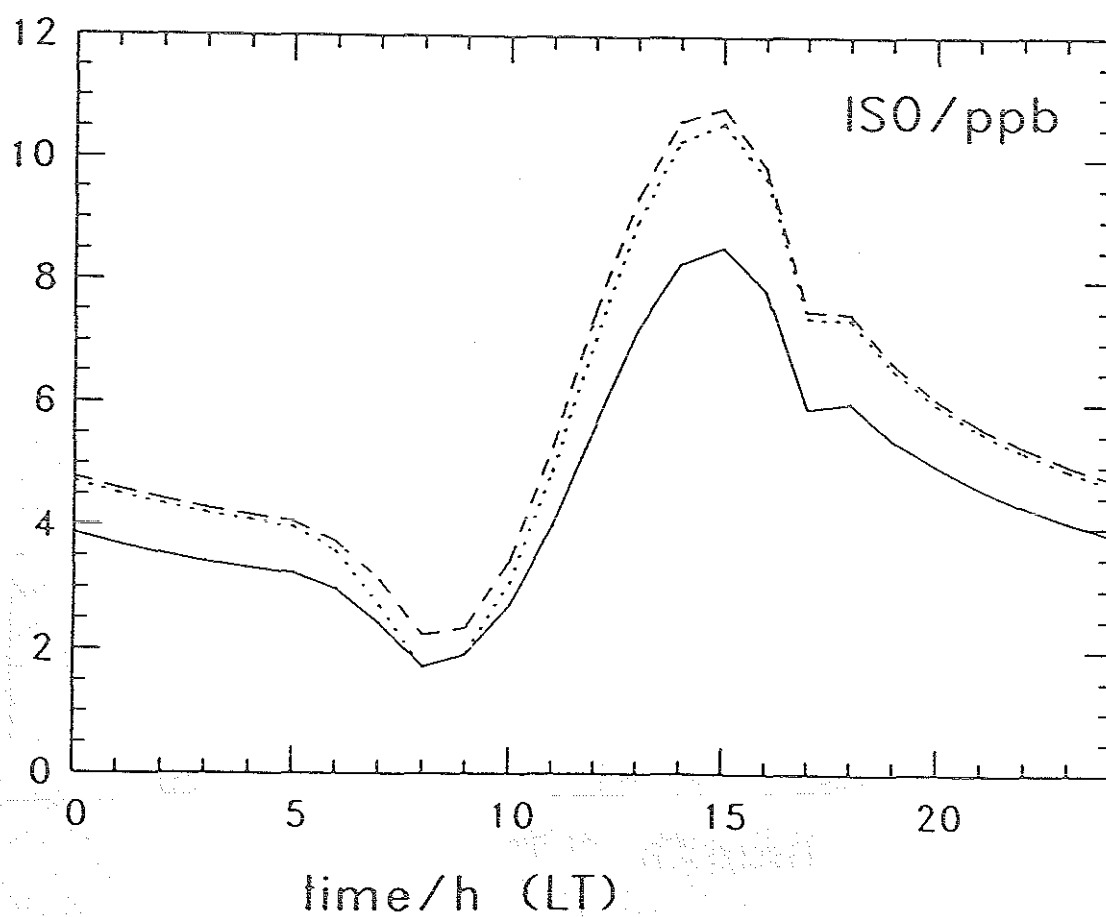
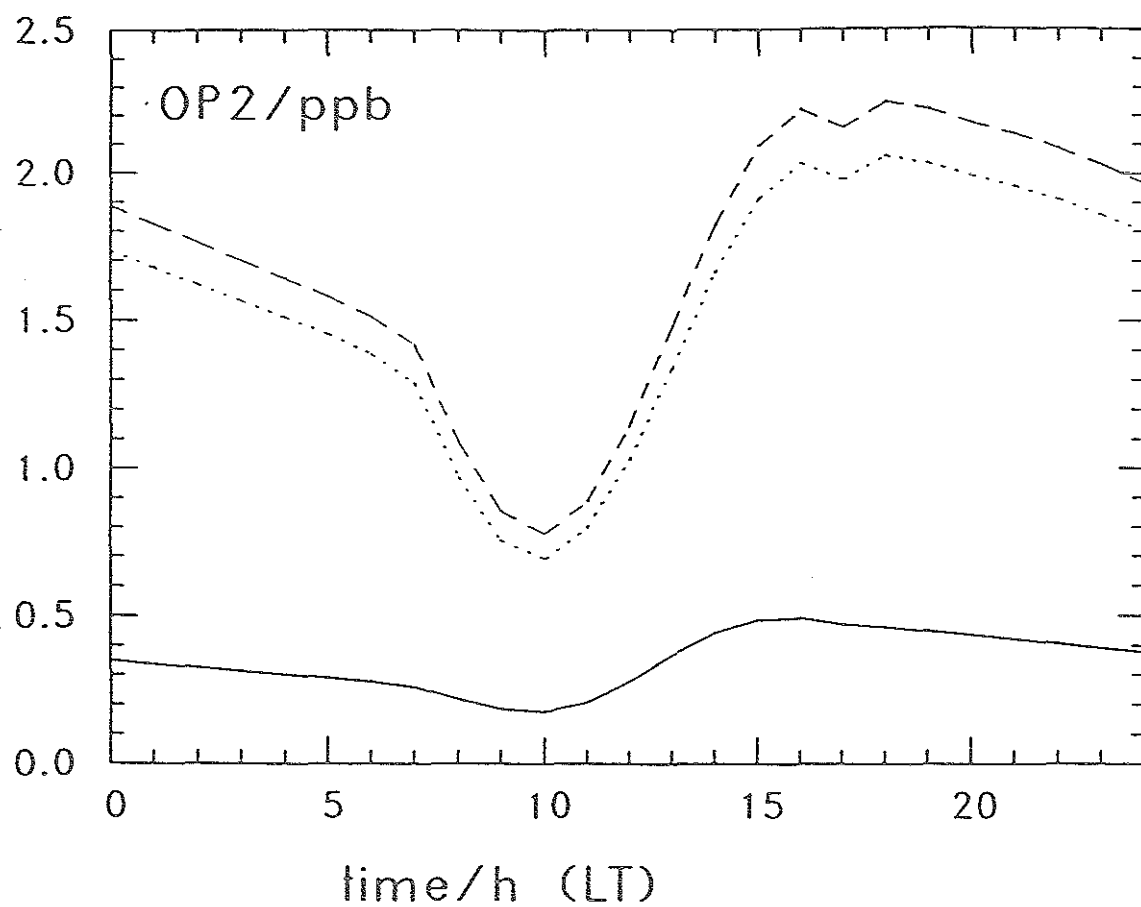


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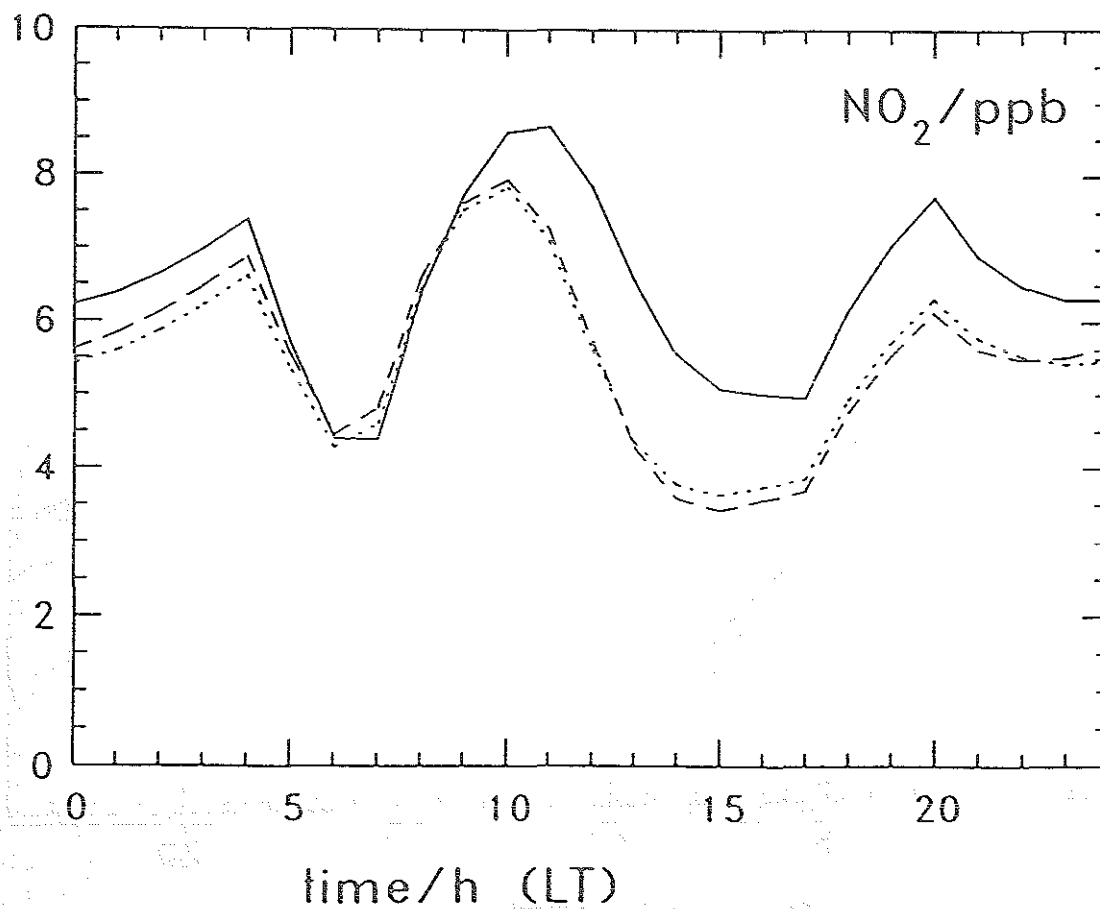
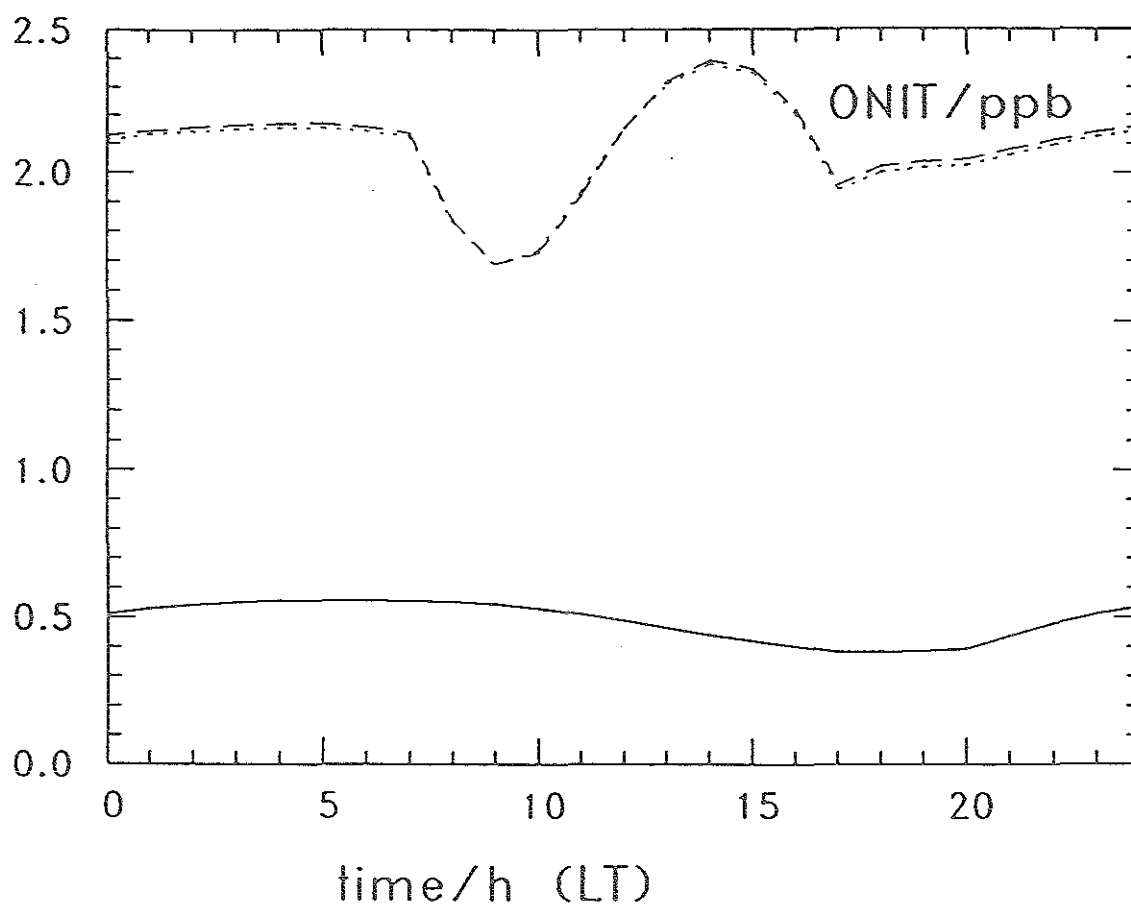


Fig. 3a, 3b

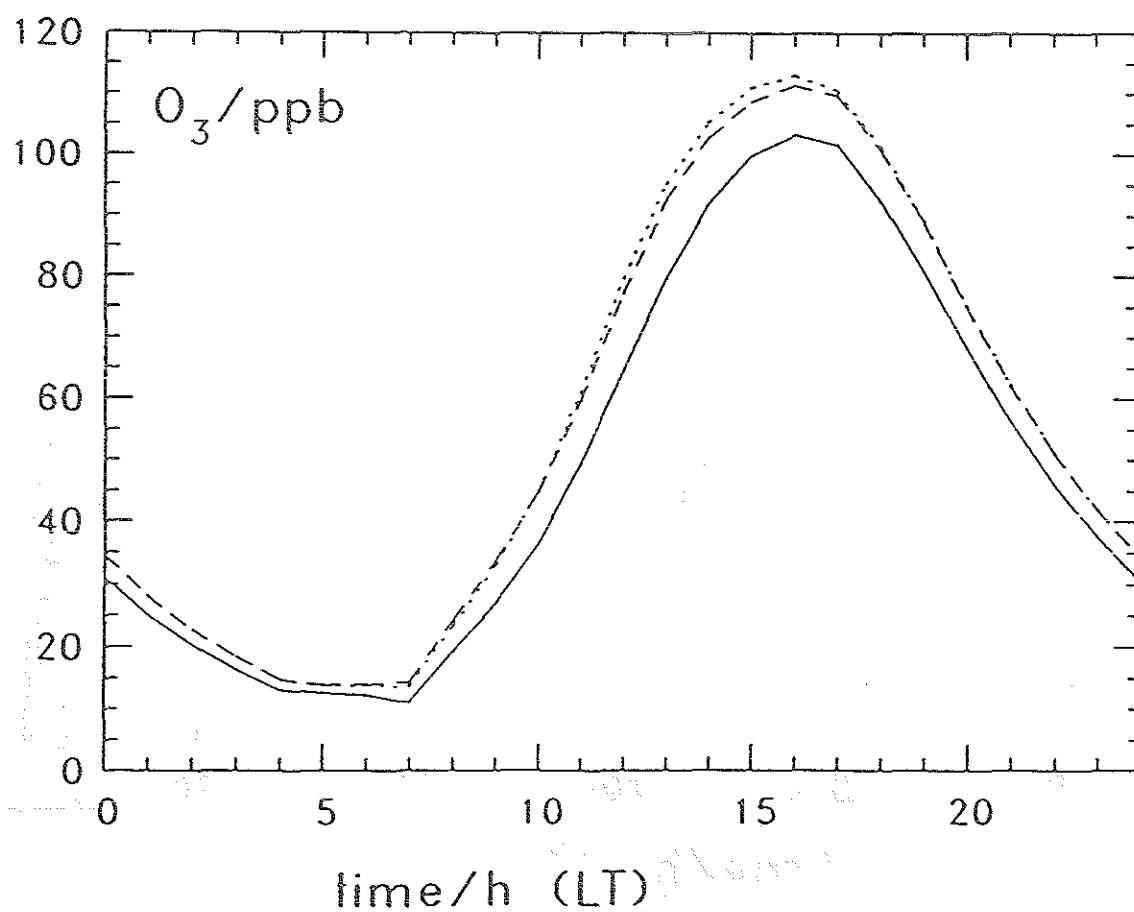
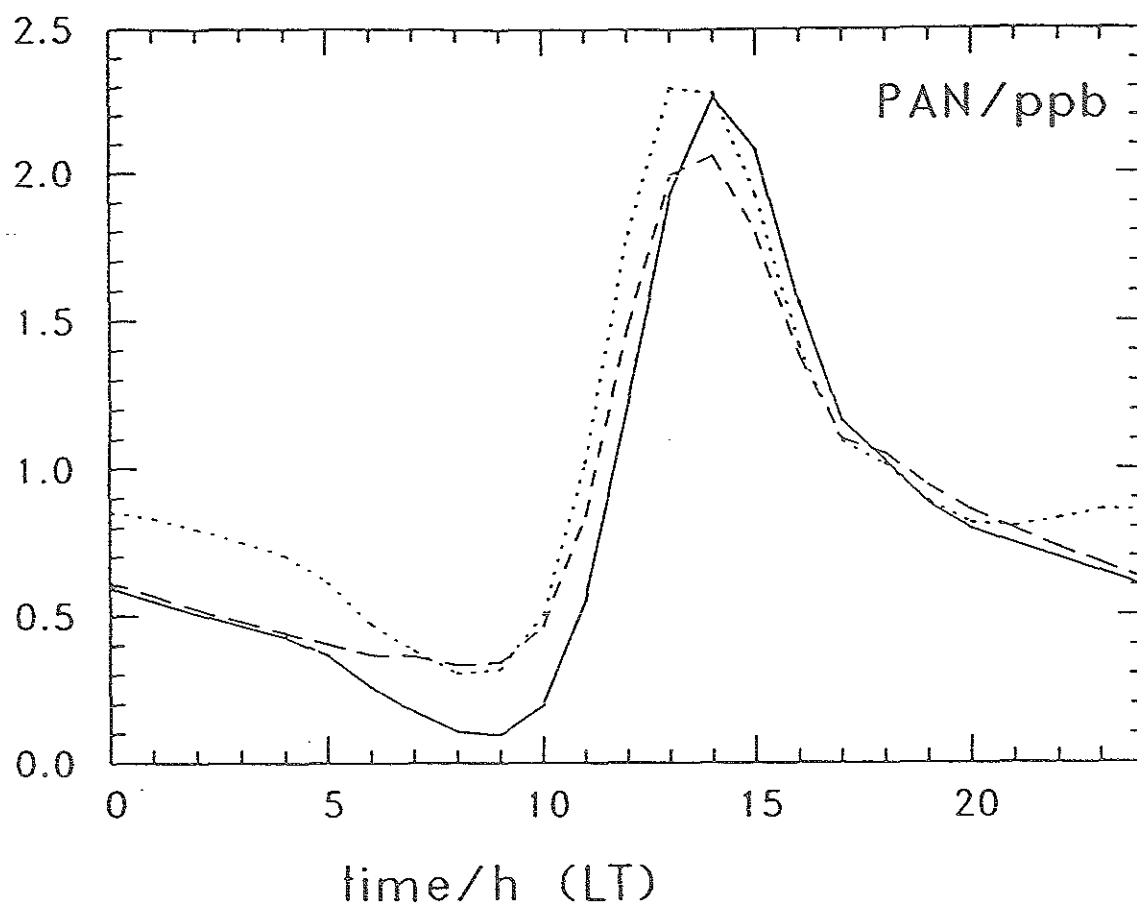


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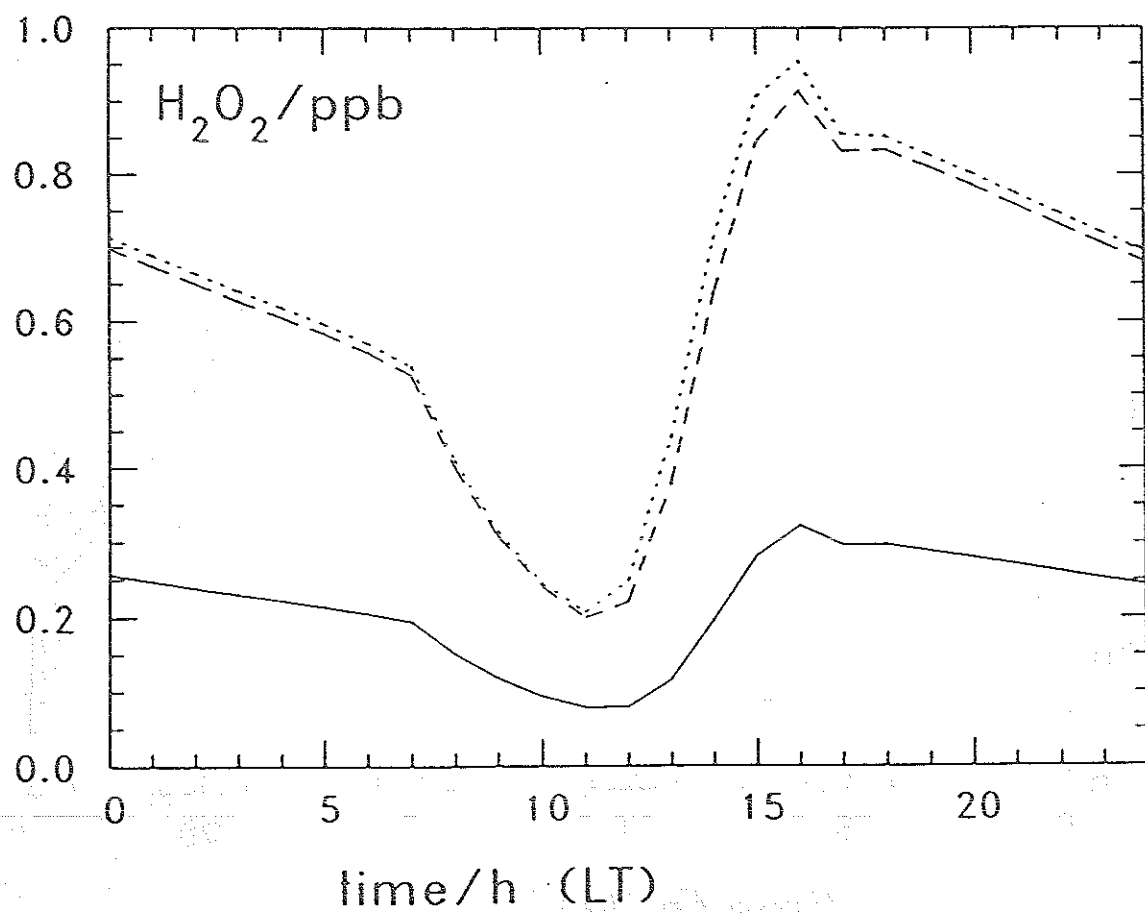
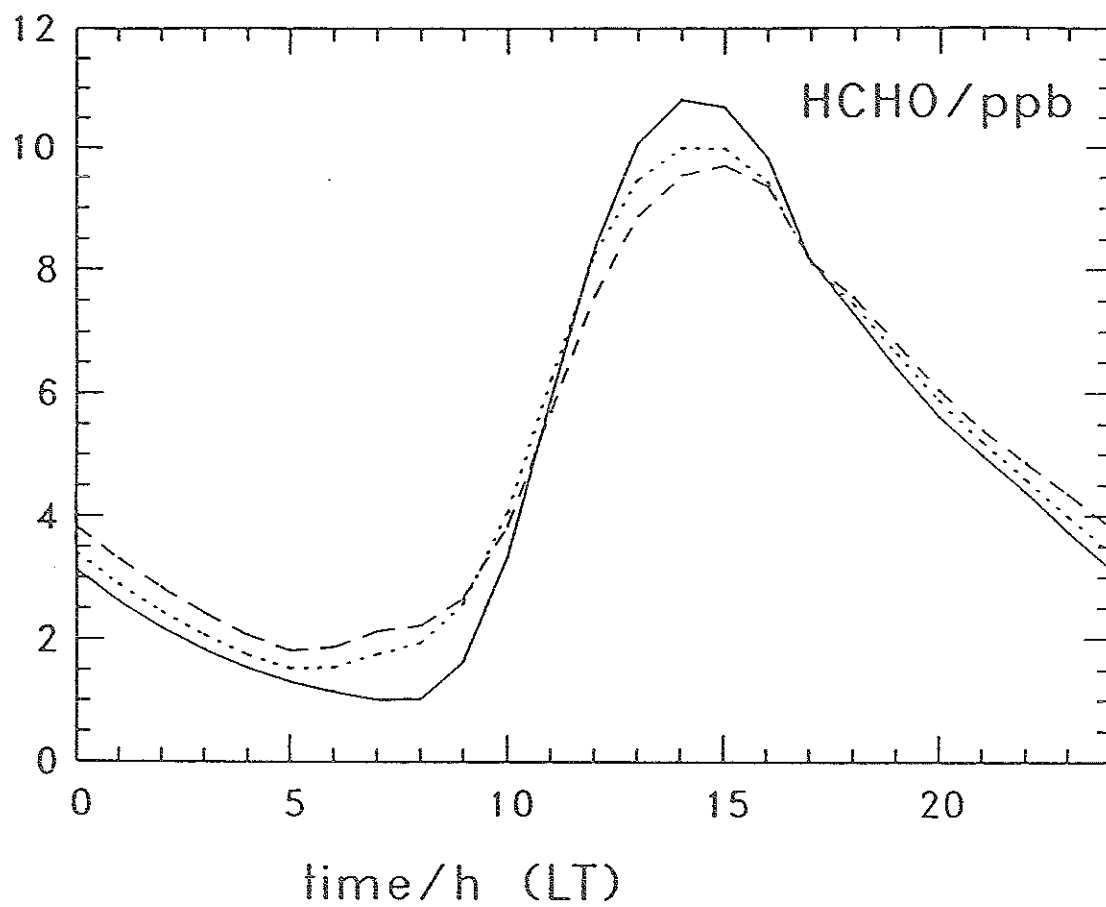


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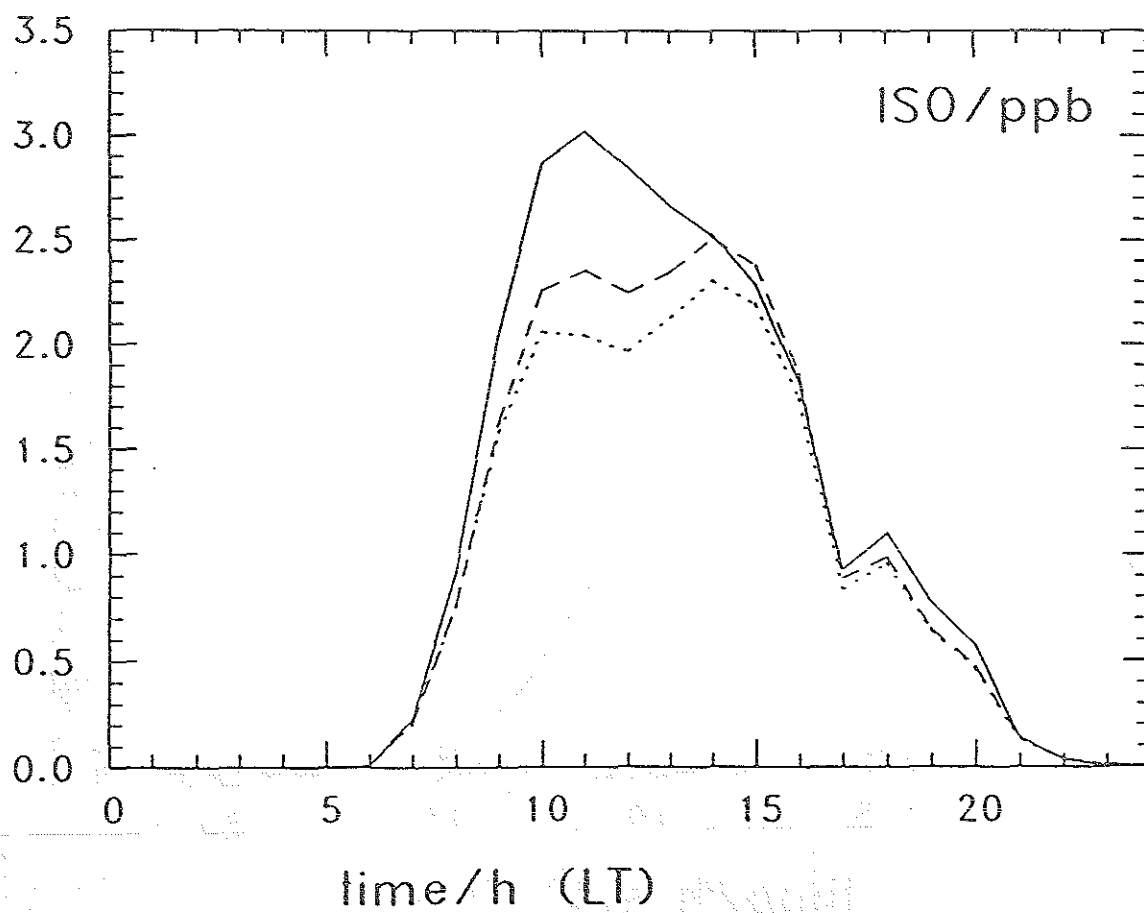
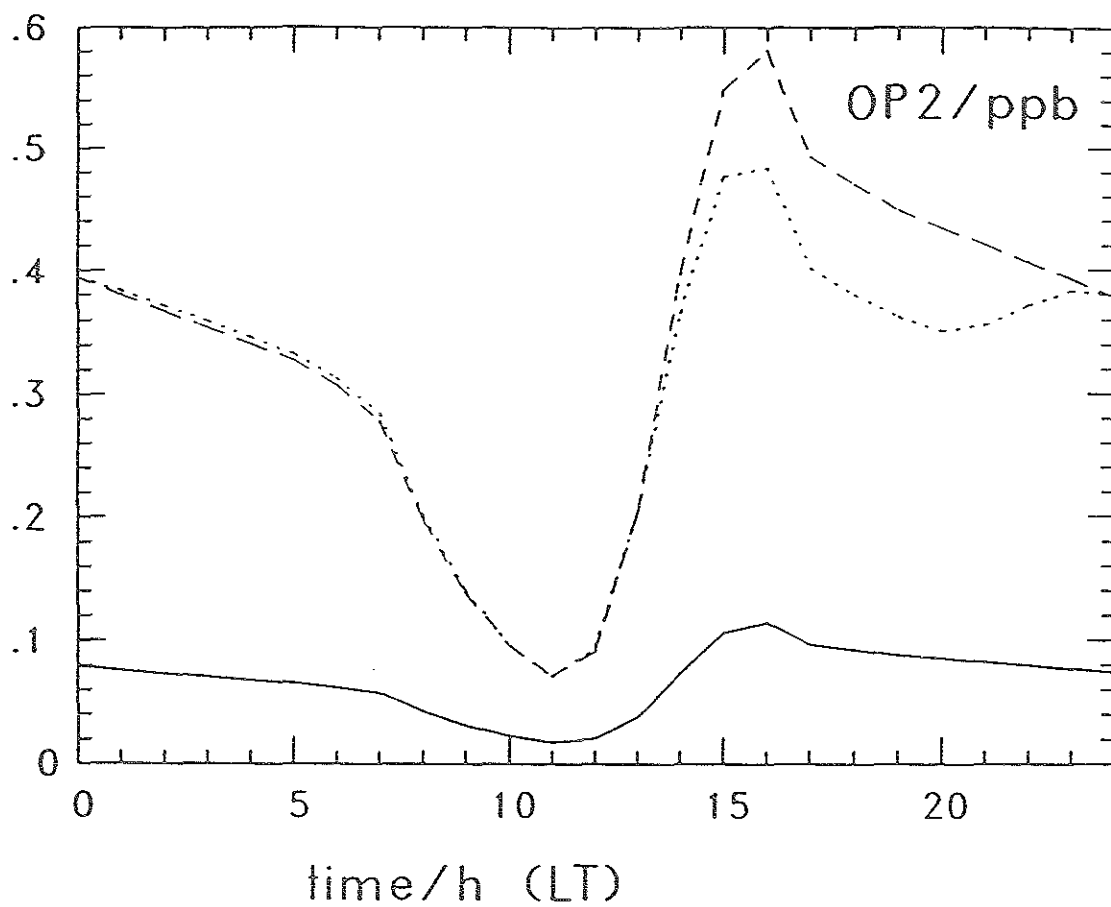


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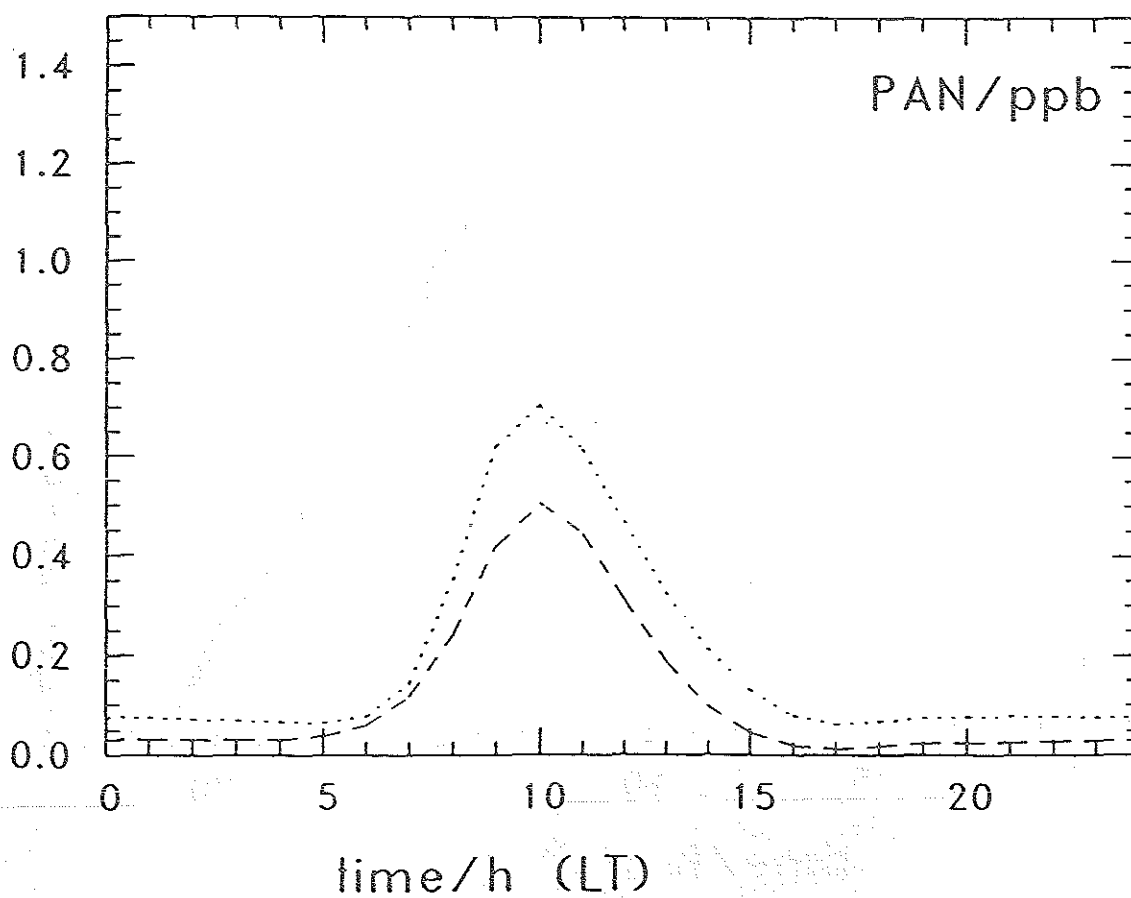
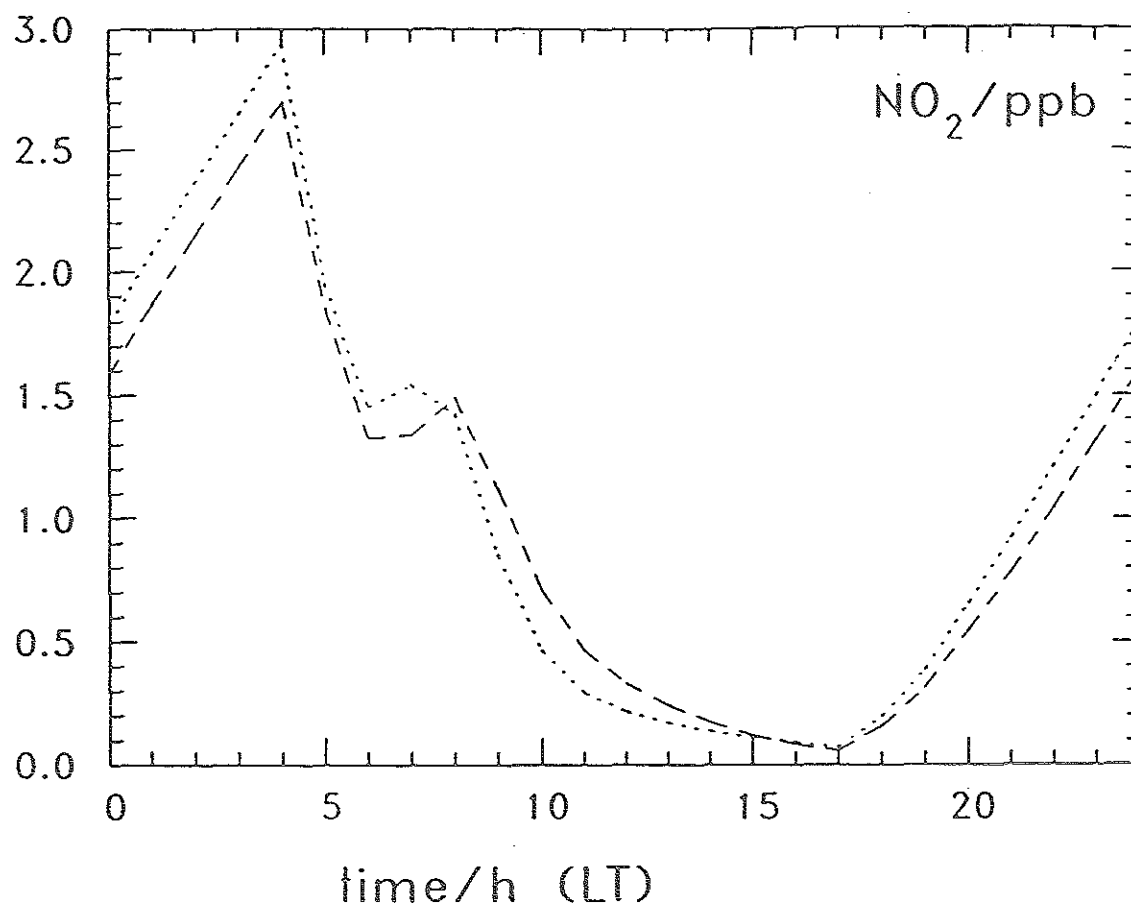


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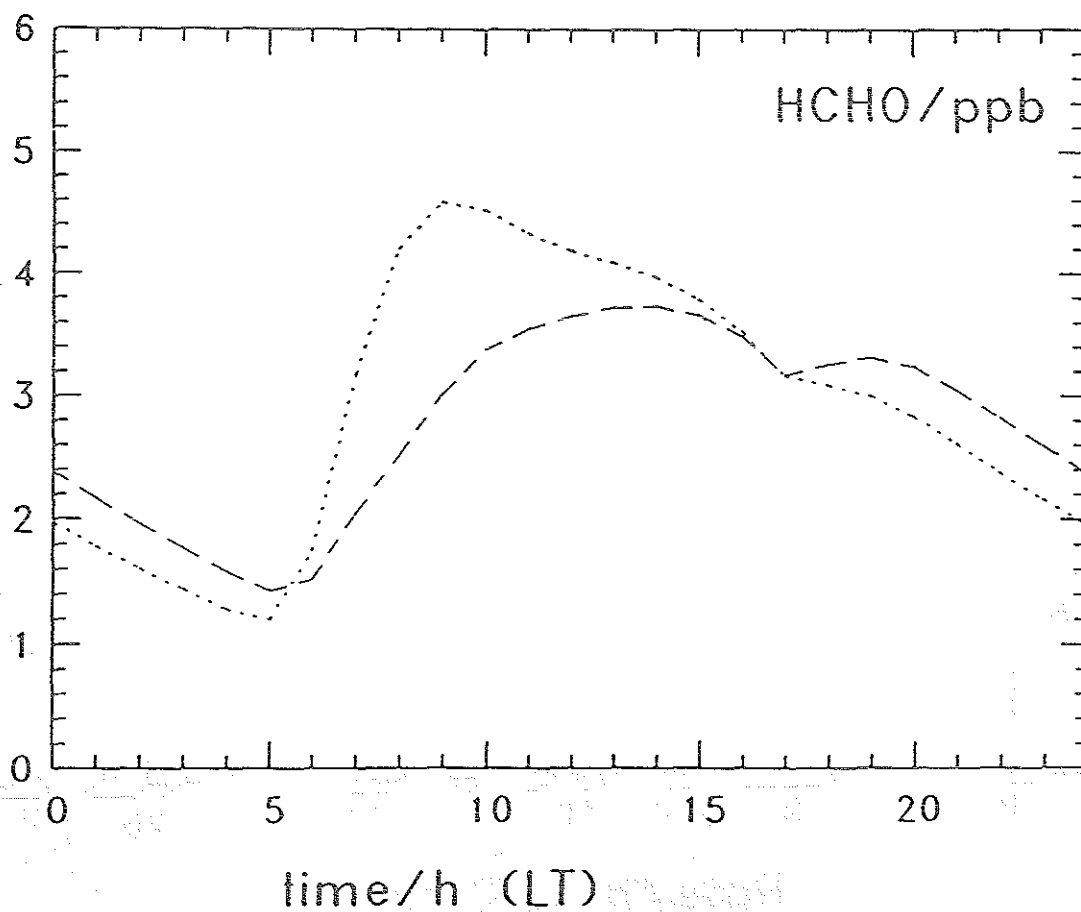
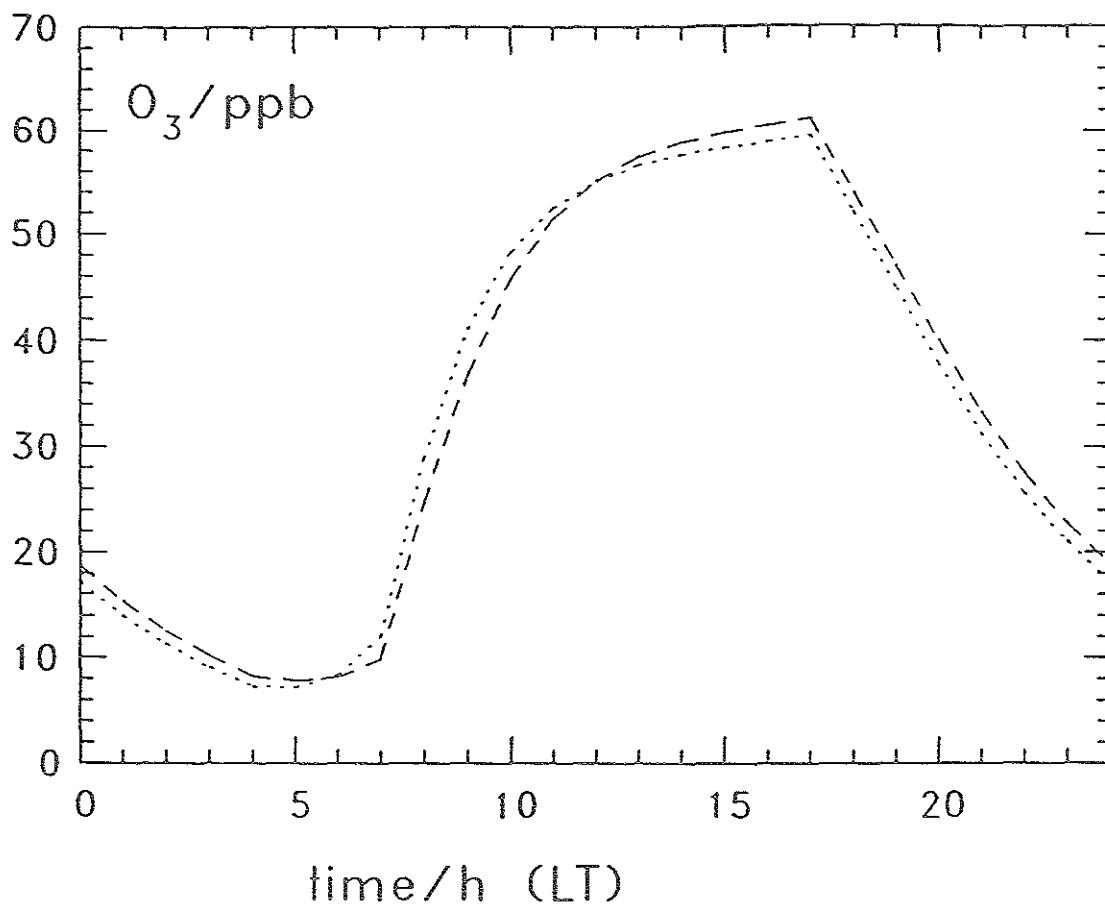


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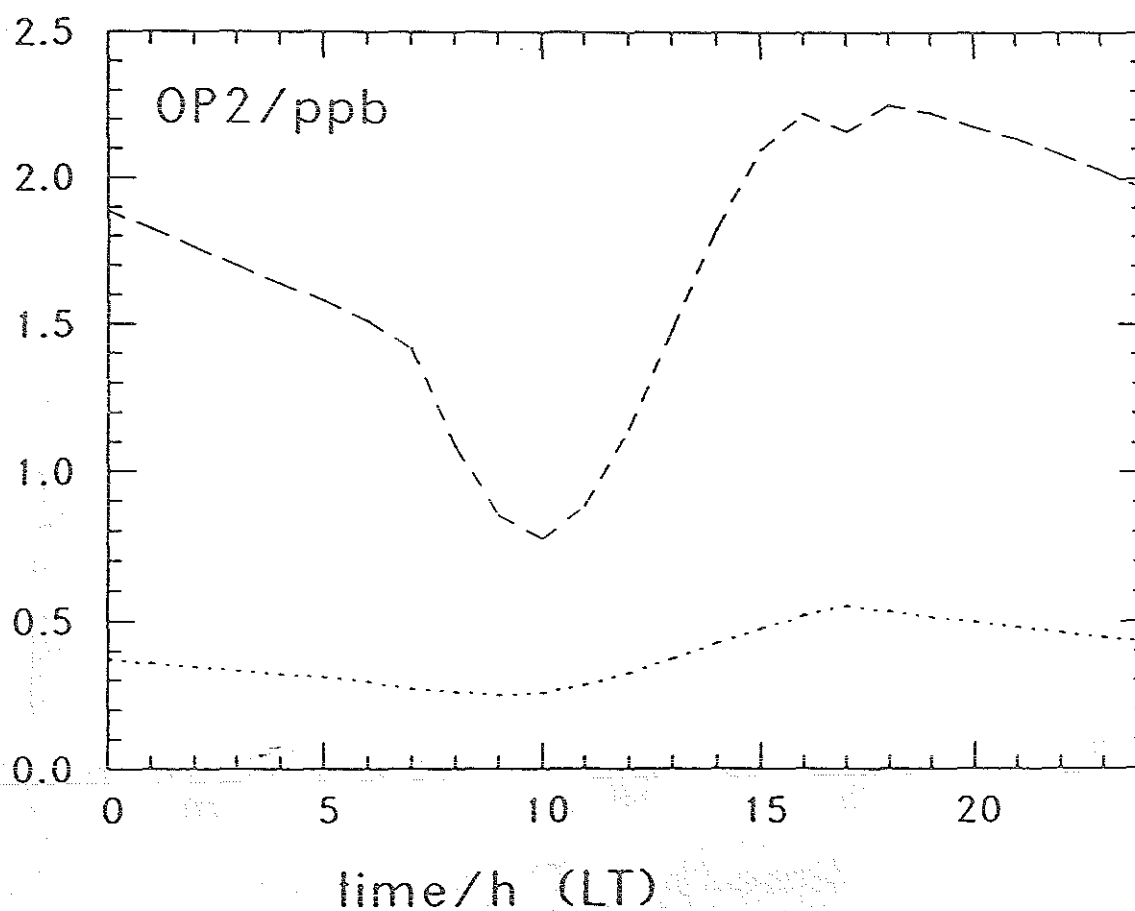
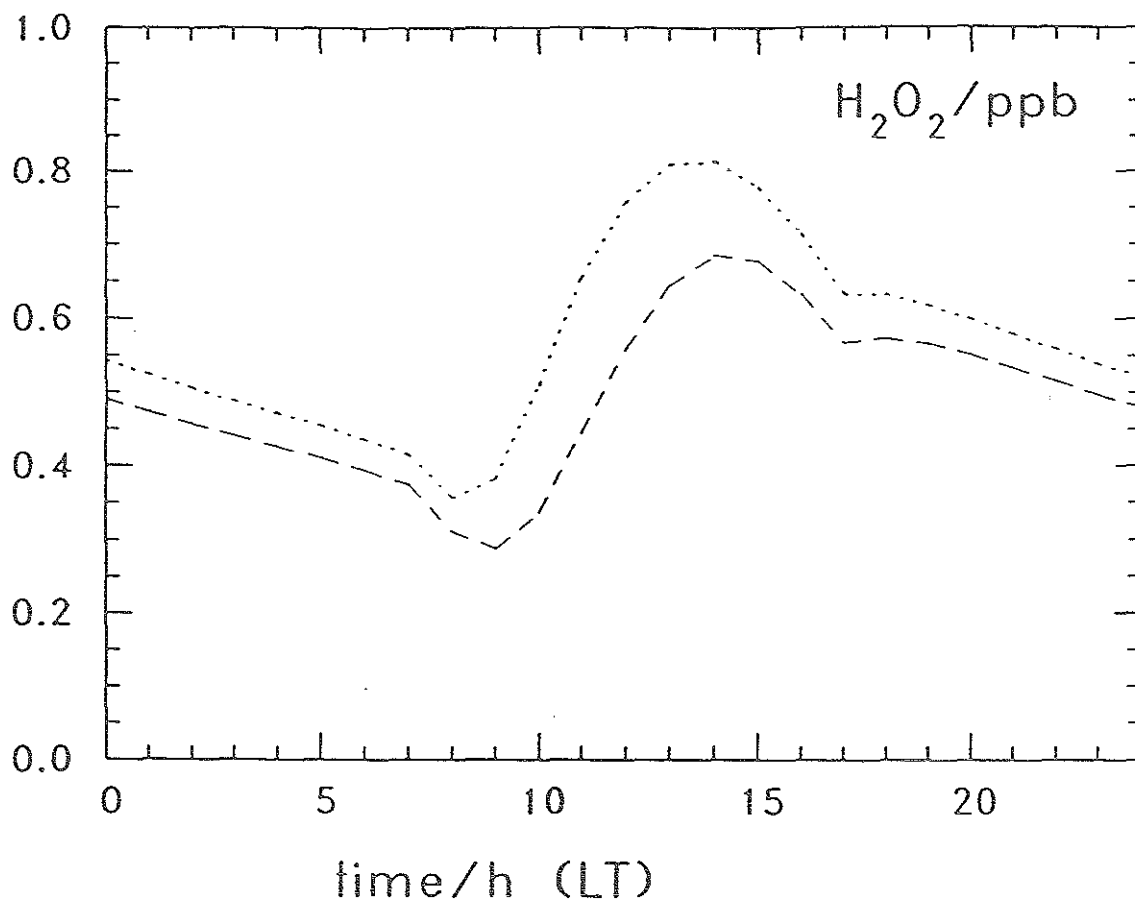


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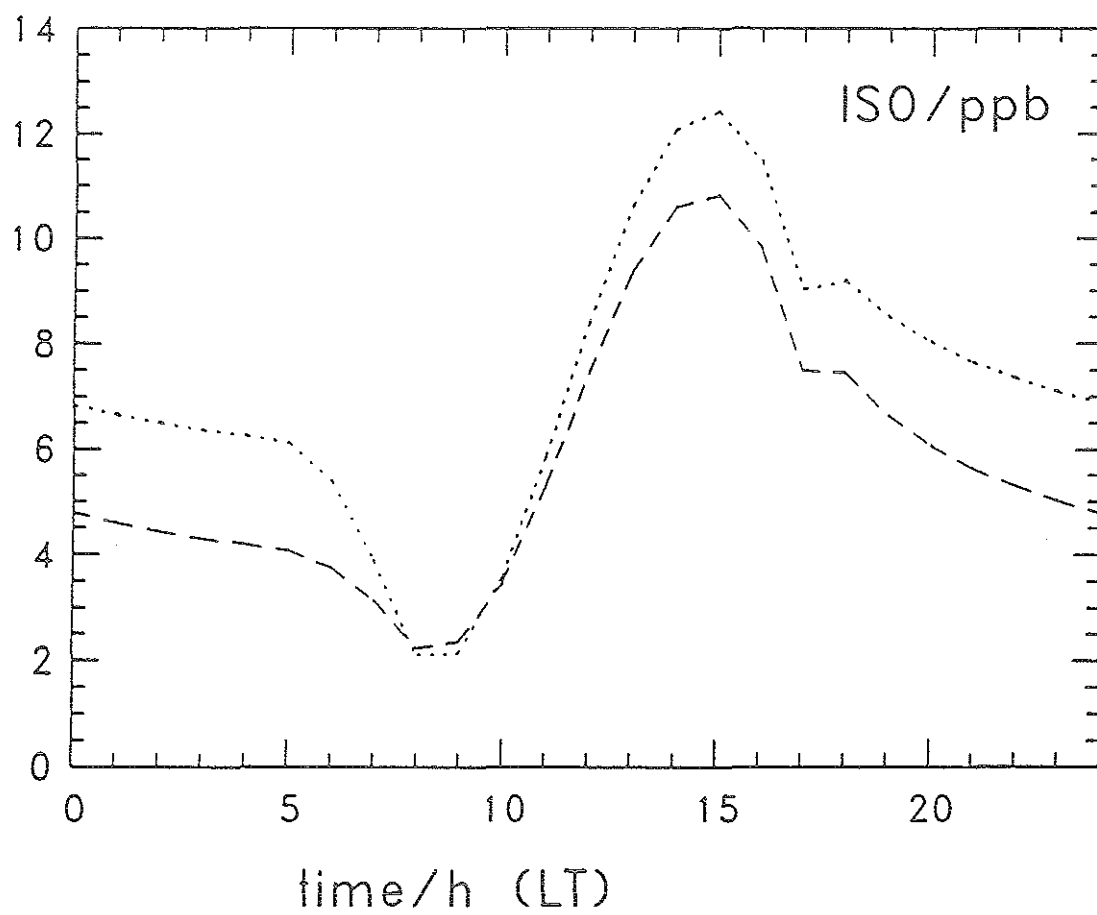
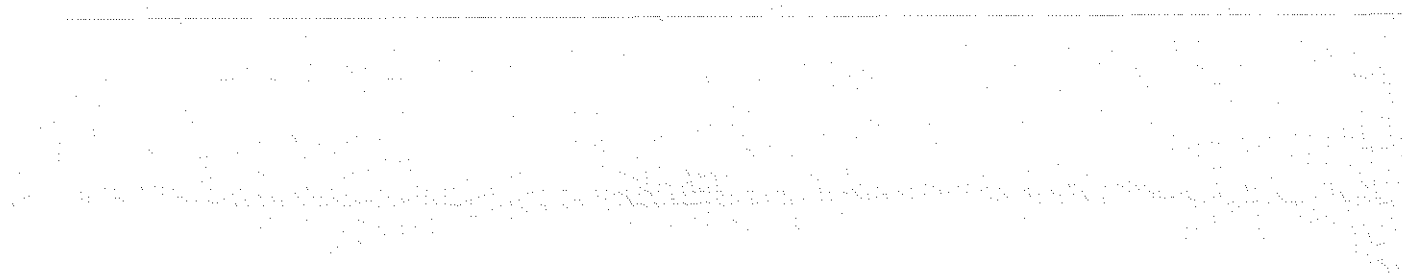


Fig. 4g





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