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## **Chemical ionization mass spectrometry utilizing ammonium ions ( $\text{NH}_4^+$ CIMS) for measurements of organic compounds in the atmosphere**

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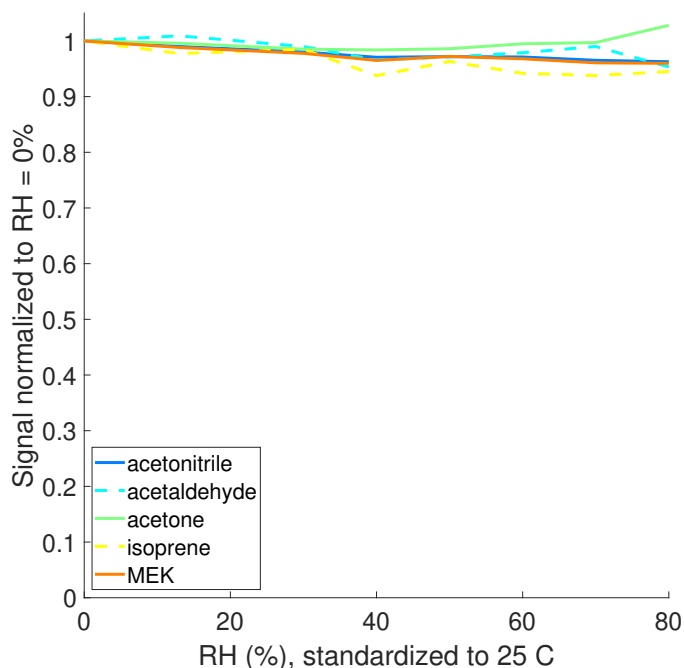
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## 1 Laboratory Characterization

### 1.1 Calibration of absolute sensitivity and RH dependence

The standard gas cylinders (Apel Riemer Environmental, Inc.) have a 5% analytical accuracy and 10% blend tolerance. The LCU is described in Coggon et al. (2018) and it utilizes a high precision syringe pump (Harvard Apparatus) to inject an aqueous solution with known concentrations of analytes at controlled flow rates (0-100 nL min<sup>-1</sup>) into a heated zero air stream (0 - 5 L min<sup>-1</sup>) at 60°C. The aqueous droplets evaporate and result in a gas flow containing analytes at defined concentration, which is sampled by the NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> CIMS. The aqueous standard mixture is prepared using either water (LCU-W) or hexane (LCU-H) as the solvent, depending on the solubility and the reactivity of analytes. 19 compounds are calibrated using both methods and show good agreement.



**Figure S1.** Dependence of instrument sensitivities of representative species on sample RH. Analytes with sensitivities lower than 50 cps ppbv<sup>-1</sup> are shown in dashed lines. The parent ion NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> · A is used to quantify the sensitivity.

### 1.2 Mass-Dependent Transmission Efficiency

In this study, the mass-dependent transmission efficiency is defined as the fraction of ions reaching the mass analyzer in the total ions exiting the FIMR. We experimentally quantify the mass-dependent transmission efficiency relative to the reagent ion NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> · H<sub>2</sub>O by introducing a series of compounds spanning a range of molecular weight (32 - 370 m/Q) in a large enough quantity to deplete the fraction of reagent ions by ~20-30% (Huey et al., 1995; Heinritzi et al., 2016). The ratio of the increase

15 of the product ions to the decrease of the reagent ion indicates the relative transmission efficiency between these two masses. The mass-dependent transmission efficiency is obtained under similar condition as ambient measurements, where  $\text{NH}_4^+ \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}^+$  is the dominant reagent ion with the presence of  $\text{NH}_4^+$ . In the following derivation,  $[X]$  represents the observed signal of ion  $X$  by the mass analyzer and  $\text{TE}$  represents its transmission efficiency. Hence,  $[X]/\text{TE}_X$  represents the  $X$  signal in the FIMR. We consider reactions of analyte  $M$  with both  $\text{NH}_4^+ \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  (Eqn. S1) and  $\text{NH}_4^+$  (Eqn. S2). Based on ion balance, the production of  
 20 product ions equals the loss of reagent ions in the FIMR (Eqn. S3). Because of the bandpass properties of the BSQ, the  $\text{NH}_4^+$  signal is not observable. Thus, we assume the ratio of the consumption rate of  $M$  with  $\text{NH}_4^+$  to that with  $\text{NH}_4^+ \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  is  $\alpha$  (i.e., Eqn. S4). Further, we assume that all the product ions from the same analyte have the same  $\text{TE}$ . This assumption is reasonable based on the observations that clustering with  $\text{NH}_4^+$  is the dominant product for the analytes selected in this calibration and that other product ions are within the 20 amu of the parent ion. Based on these two assumptions, the Eqn. S3 is simplified to Eqn.  
 25 S5. For each analyte, its concentration is varied to obtain a range of  $\sum \Delta[\text{P}_i]$  and  $\Delta[\text{NH}_4^+ \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}]$ , which are linearly fitted. The slope represents the transmission efficiency of the parent ion relative to that of  $\text{NH}_4^+ \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ . Finally, the relative transmission efficiency is normalized to that of hydroxyacetone. The mass range below 101 amu is fitted with a Hill Equation and the above 101 amu is linearly fitted. The mass-dependent transmission curve is shown in Figure S2.



$$\sum \frac{\Delta[\text{P}_i]}{\text{TE}_{\text{P}_i}} = \frac{\Delta[\text{NH}_4^+ \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}]}{\text{TE}_{\text{NH}_4^+ \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}}} + \frac{\Delta[\text{NH}_4^+]}{\text{TE}_{\text{NH}_4^+}} \quad (\text{S3})$$

$$\frac{\Delta[\text{NH}_4^+]}{\text{TE}_{\text{NH}_4^+}} = \alpha \frac{\Delta[\text{NH}_4^+ \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}]}{\text{TE}_{\text{NH}_4^+ \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}}} \quad (\text{S4})$$

$$\sum \Delta[\text{P}_i] = (1 + \alpha) \frac{\text{TE}_{M \cdot \text{NH}_4^+}}{\text{TE}_{\text{NH}_4^+ \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}}} \Delta[\text{NH}_4^+ \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}] \quad (\text{S5})$$

### 1.3 Voltage Scan Procedure to Probe the Stability of Product Ions

35 To probe the stability of product ions, we performed voltage scanning test following the procedure outlined in Lopez-Hilfiker et al. (2016) and Zaytsev et al. (2019). In brief, we vary the voltage gradient between FIMR back and skimmer ( $\Delta V$  ranges from 5 to 80 V) while keeping the voltage gradient upstream of the FIMR back constant. Larger  $\Delta V$  increases the collisional



$$KE_{ion} = \frac{3}{2}k_B T_{FIMR} + \frac{m_{buffer}v_d^2}{2} + \frac{m_{ion}v_d^2}{2} \quad (S7)$$

$$KE_{cm,50} = \frac{m_{buffer}}{m_{buffer} + m_{ion}}(KE_{ion} - \frac{3}{2}k_B T_{FIMR}) + \frac{3}{2}k_B T_{FIMR} \quad (S8)$$

## 2 Vocus Inlet Design

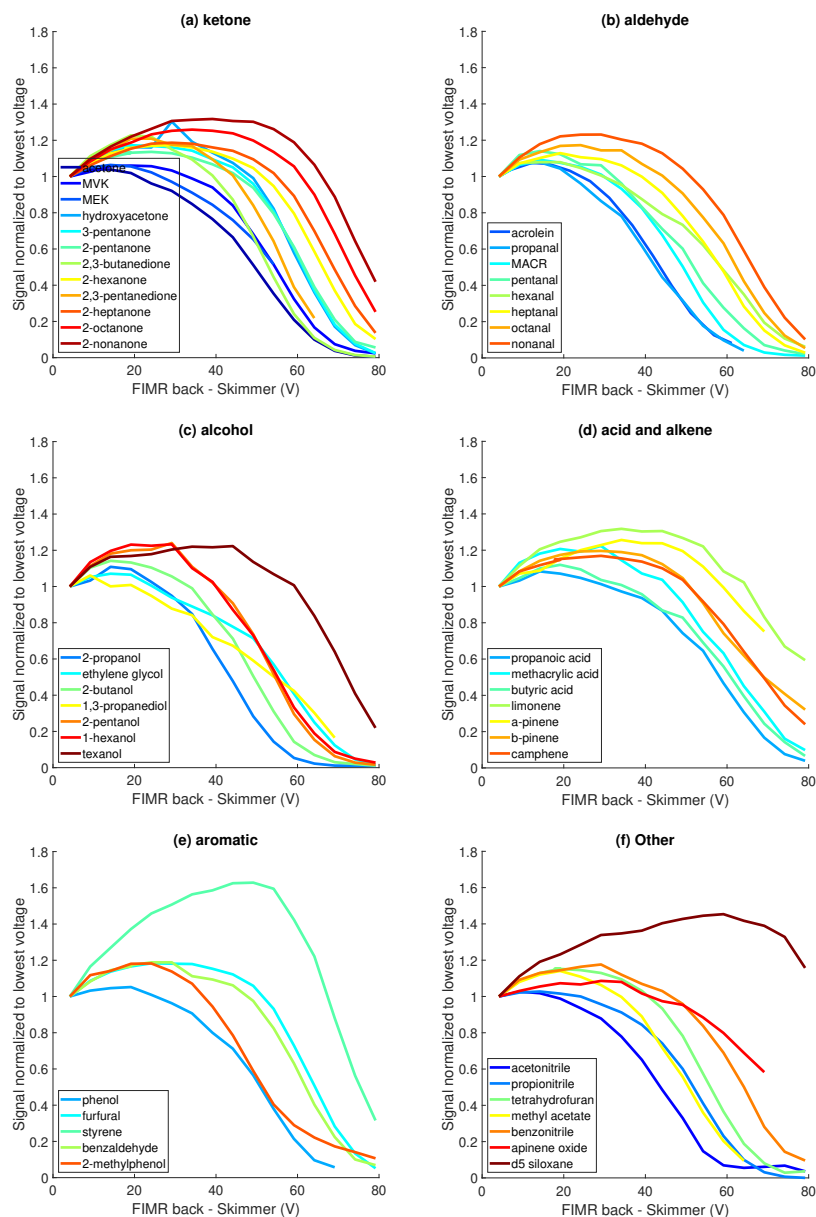
When sampling gas phase in the field deployment, ambient air is drawn at 3 standard liter per minute (slpm) through a 10 m long PFA tubing (OD 1/4 inch and ID 3/16 inch), from which the Vocus sub-sampled with a flow rate of 0.1 slpm. The residence time in the main tubing is 6 s. This residence time is not optimal and could potentially cause sampling losses of low volatility species. Higher flow rate causes challenge in maintaining the FIMR pressure at the targeted value (3 mbar), because of the Vocus inlet design. There are two options to sub-sample from the main flow, using the 1/4 inch stainless steel fitting on the center of Vocus or using the 1/16 inch side port on the high-pressure side of the Vocus inlet. Because the center port is reserved and later used for particle measurement in the campaign, the 1/16 inch side port is used for gas sampling. As a result, this 1/16 inch port and the associated 1/16 inch tubing restrict the flow and cause a large pressure drop from the main sample flow to the instrument. Larger main flow rate decreases the pressure in the sampling line and causes that the FIMR pressure can not reach the targeted value under current design of the vacuum system. Further improvements of the Vocus inlet and the vacuum system are required in order to sample both gas and particles with larger main flow rate.

## 3 Modeling the Ion Distribution

The reactions between  $H_3O^+ \cdot (H_2O)_n$  ( $n = 0,1,2$ ) and  $NH_3$  are treated as irreversible, while all the other reactions in Figure S4 are reversible. This is because the proton affinity of  $NH_3$  (i.e., 853.6 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup> from Hunter and Lias (1998)) is larger than that of  $H_2O$  (i.e., 691 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup> from Hunter and Lias (1998)) and  $(H_2O)_2$  (832.7 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup> from Kawai et al. (2003)), so that the reverse reactions are negligible.  $(H_2O)_3$  has larger proton affinity (888.6 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup> from theoretical calculation in Kawai et al. (2003)) than  $NH_3$ . However, treating the reaction between  $H_3O^+ \cdot (H_2O)_2$  and  $NH_3$  as reversible leads to significantly lower amounts of  $NH_4^+ \cdot H_2O$  compared to the observations. In contrast, treating this reaction as irreversible (i.e., producing  $NH_4^+$ ) leads to more realistic results. This treatment is reasonable given the uncertainties in the calculated proton affinity of  $(H_2O)_3$ . Finally, the time-dependent concentrations of all ions in Figure S4 are obtained by solving a set of ordinary differential equations (ODEs).

The simulation time, which is the ion-molecule reaction time, is on the order of 100  $\mu$ s. It is calculated based on the FIMR length (10 cm) and the calculated ion velocity (Eqn. 4) under given a FIMR condition.

The  $NH_3/H_2O$  ratio is estimated based on the flow rates and the  $NH_4OH$  solution concentration. A gas mixture comprised of 20 sccm  $H_2O$  and 1 sccm  $NH_3 + H_2O$  is introduced into the ion source. The volume concentration of the ammonium hydroxide

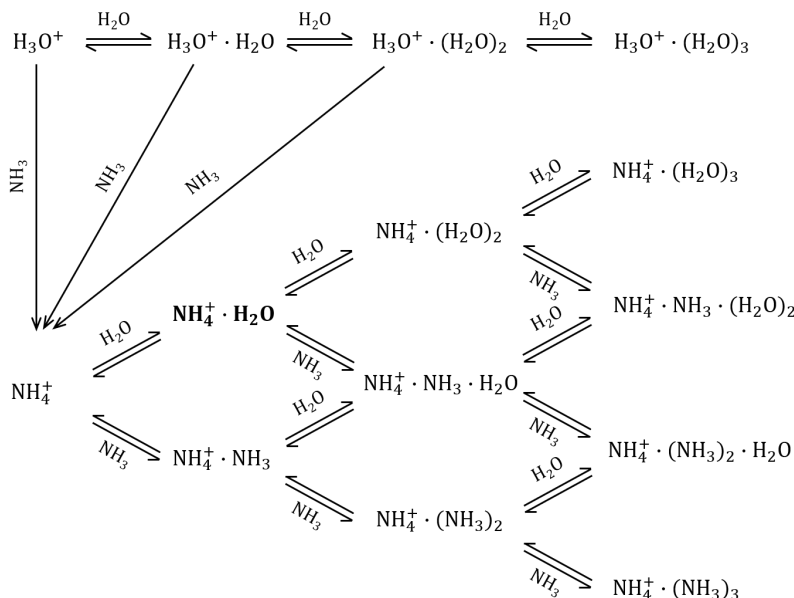


**Figure S3.** The dependence of anylate signal on the voltage gradient between FIMR back and skimmer. The analyte signal is normalized to that measured at the lowest voltage gradient. Only analytes with sensitivity larger than  $50 \text{ cps ppbv}^{-1}$  are shown here.

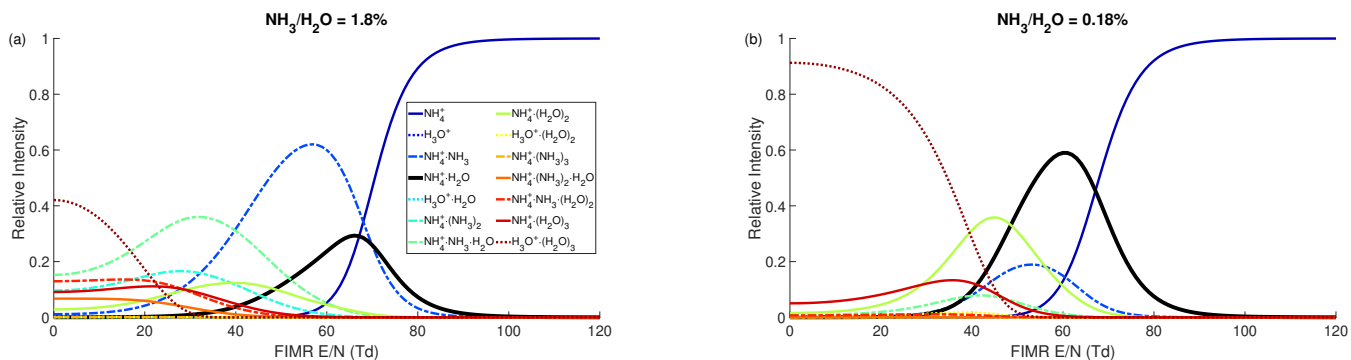
water solution is 0.5%. Using Raoult's law and the saturation vapor pressures of  $\text{NH}_3$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  at  $30^\circ\text{C}$  (i.e.,  $1.17 \times 10^4 \text{ Pa}$  and  $4.25 \times 10^3 \text{ Pa}$ , respectively), the 1 sccm gas mixture contains 74%  $\text{NH}_3$  and 26%  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ . Combined with the 20 sccm  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  flow, the  $\text{NH}_3/\text{H}_2\text{O}$  ratio is estimated to be 1.8%. However, this estimation is likely biased high, because it does not account for  $\text{NH}_3$  loss to wall reservoirs. In addition, using this estimated ratio leads to substantially higher fraction of  $\text{NH}_4^+ \cdot \text{NH}_3$  in the

kinetic model than observation. As shown in Figure S5a, when the  $\text{NH}_3/\text{H}_2\text{O}$  ratio is 1.8%, the  $\text{NH}_4^+ \cdot \text{NH}_3$  is more abundant than  $\text{NH}_4^+ \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  when  $E/N$  is below 70 Td in the simulation. This contradicts the observation that  $\text{NH}_4^+ \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  is more abundant.

90 In Figure S5b, a lower  $\text{NH}_3/\text{H}_2\text{O}$  ratio leads to result consistent with the observation. Therefore, we select 0.18% as the start point in the kinetic simulation.



**Figure S4.** Ion-Molecule reactions in the  $\text{H}^+ - \text{NH}_3 - \text{H}_2\text{O}$  system.  $\text{NH}_4^+ \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  is the desired reagent ion.



**Figure S5.** Impacts of  $\text{NH}_3/\text{H}_2\text{O}$  ratio on the cluster ion distribution. The simulations are conducted under constant FIMR P (5 mbar), T (330 K),  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  mixing ratio (0.25%),  $\text{NH}_3/\text{H}_2\text{O}$  ratio, but varying  $E/N$ . The  $\text{NH}_3/\text{H}_2\text{O}$  ratio is 1.8% in panel (a) and 0.18% in panel (b).

To better understand the temperature-dependent sensitivities, we add the reversible reactions of acetone and  $\alpha$ -pinene with  $\text{NH}_4^+ \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  to the kinetic model and simulate the dependence of their sensitivities on temperature. The  $\text{NH}_4^+$  affinities of  $\alpha$ -pinene,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , and acetone are 75, 86, and 110  $\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$ , respectively. Thus, the reaction enthalpies for acetone +  $\text{NH}_4^+ \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$

**Table S1.** Reaction thermochemistry data

	Ion	Neutral	Product	$\Delta_r H^0$ (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> ) <sup>1</sup>	$\Delta_r S^0$ (J mol <sup>-1</sup> K) <sup>1</sup>	$\mu_0$ (cm <sup>2</sup> V <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> )
R1	NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	H <sub>2</sub> O	NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup> · H <sub>2</sub> O	-80.6	-94	2.57
R2	NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	NH <sub>3</sub>	NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup> · NH <sub>3</sub>	-107	-111	2.60
R3	NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup> · H <sub>2</sub> O	H <sub>2</sub> O	NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup> · (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub>	-63.9	-101.2	2.22
R4	NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup> · H <sub>2</sub> O	NH <sub>3</sub>	NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup> · NH <sub>3</sub> · H <sub>2</sub> O	-77	-96.2	2.24
R5	NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup> · NH <sub>3</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> O	NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup> · NH <sub>3</sub> · H <sub>2</sub> O	-54	-84.9	2.24
R6	NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup> · NH <sub>3</sub>	NH <sub>3</sub>	NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup> · (NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	-70.5	-102.2	2.25
R7	NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup> · (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> O	NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup> · (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>3</sub>	-54.8	-99.2	2.00
R8	NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup> · (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub>	NH <sub>3</sub>	NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup> · NH <sub>3</sub> · (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub>	-76.1	-127	2.01
R9	NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup> · NH <sub>3</sub> · H <sub>2</sub> O	H <sub>2</sub> O	NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup> · NH <sub>3</sub> · (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub>	-53.1	-105	2.01
R10	NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup> · NH <sub>3</sub> · H <sub>2</sub> O	NH <sub>3</sub>	NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup> · (NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> · H <sub>2</sub> O	-71.5	-133	2.02
R11	NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup> · (NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> O	NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup> · (NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> · H <sub>2</sub> O	-51.9	-103	2.02
R12	NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup> · (NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	NH <sub>3</sub>	NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup> · (NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	-50	-105	2.03
R13	H <sub>3</sub> O <sup>+</sup>	H <sub>2</sub> O	H <sub>3</sub> O <sup>+</sup> · H <sub>2</sub> O	-136.9	-120	2.55
R14	H <sub>3</sub> O <sup>+</sup>	NH <sub>3</sub>	NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	0	0	3.29
R15	H <sub>3</sub> O <sup>+</sup> · H <sub>2</sub> O	H <sub>2</sub> O	H <sub>3</sub> O <sup>+</sup> · (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub>	-84.5	-94	2.21
R16	H <sub>3</sub> O <sup>+</sup> · H <sub>2</sub> O	NH <sub>3</sub>	NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	0	0	3.29
R17	H <sub>3</sub> O <sup>+</sup> · (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> O	H <sub>3</sub> O <sup>+</sup> · (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>3</sub>	-73	-118	1.99
R18	H <sub>3</sub> O <sup>+</sup> · (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub>	NH <sub>3</sub>	NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	0	0	3.29

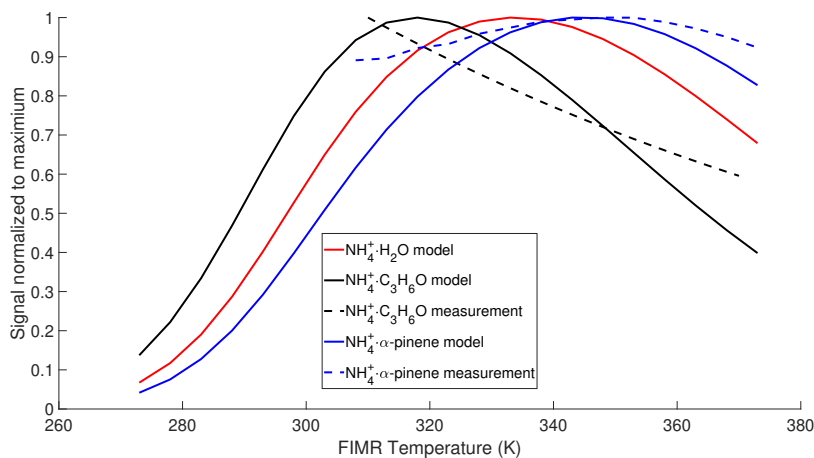
<sup>1</sup>  $\Delta_r H^0$  and  $\Delta_r S^0$  represent the enthalpy and entropy of reaction at standard conditions, respectively. The values are obtained from NIST Chemistry WebBook. Average value is used if more than one measurements are reported. A value of 0 for  $\Delta_r H^0$  and  $\Delta_r S^0$  means the corresponding reaction is treated as irreversible.

95 and  $\alpha$ -pinene + NH<sub>4</sub> · H<sub>2</sub>O are -24 and 11 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>, respectively. The reaction entropies of these reactions are assumed to be 0. The simulated dependence of acetone and  $\alpha$ -pinene on temperature is shown in Figure S6.

#### 4 Thermodynamic Properties of Selected Analytes

The proton affinity and NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> affinity of selected analytes are shown in Table S2. The NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> affinities are really scarce in the literature. Adams et al. (2003) measured the relative NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> affinity of four organic compounds. The NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> affinity of acetic acid is at least 25 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup> smaller than that of acetone, which is 110 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>. Thus, the NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> affinity of acetic acid is smaller than H<sub>2</sub>O (85 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>).





**Figure S6.** The simulated dependence of acetone and  $\alpha$ -pinene signals on FIMR temperature. The signal is normalized to the max.

**Table S2.** Proton Affinity and  $\text{NH}_4^+$  Affinity of selected analytes<sup>1</sup>

Analyte	Proton Affinity <sup>2</sup>	$\text{NH}_4^+$ Affinity <sup>2</sup>
$\text{NH}_3$	853	108
$\text{H}_2\text{O}$	691	86
acetone	811	110
$\alpha$ -pinene	863	75
$\beta$ -pinene	874	76
limonene	842	93
camphene	867	77
benzene	746	80
toluene	782	N/A

<sup>1</sup> The comparison in the  $\text{NH}_4^+$  affinity between analyte and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  determines whether the ligand-switching reaction between A and  $\text{NH}_4^+ \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  is endothermic or exothermic. The comparison in the proton affinity between analyte and  $\text{NH}_3$  determines whether the proton transfer reaction between A and  $\text{NH}_4^+ \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  is thermodynamically favorable.

<sup>2</sup> Unit is  $\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$ . The properties of acetone and monoterpenes are from Canaval et al. (2019). All the other values are from NIST chemistry Web-book.

5 Parameterize the Sensitivity

Figure S7 shows the relationship between observed sensitivity and the ion-molecule collision rate.

The sensitivities of reduced aromatics are really low ( $< 2$  cps ppbv<sup>-1</sup>) in NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> CIMS. This is interesting as the NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> affinity of benzene (80 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>) is similar to that of α-pinene (75 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>), but the sensitivity of α-pinene is 363 cps ppbv<sup>-1</sup>. We suspect this vast difference in sensitivity is related to the difference in their proton affinity. For both benzene and α-pinene, their NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> affinities are lower than that of H<sub>2</sub>O, causing their ligand-switching reaction with NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> · H<sub>2</sub>O endothermic. The energy imparted by the drift voltage could aid the endothermic reaction. Because α-pinene has larger proton affinity than NH<sub>3</sub> (Table S2), NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> · C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>16</sub> may undergo an internal proton transfer reaction and transforms to H<sup>+</sup> · α-pinene · NH<sub>3</sub>. This ion may have a larger chance to survive than NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> · α-pinene. In contrast, NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> · benzene does not undergo this internal proton transfer reaction, because benzene has smaller proton affinity than NH<sub>3</sub>. Thus, NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> · benzene may quickly break apart in the electric field, leading to the low sensitivity.

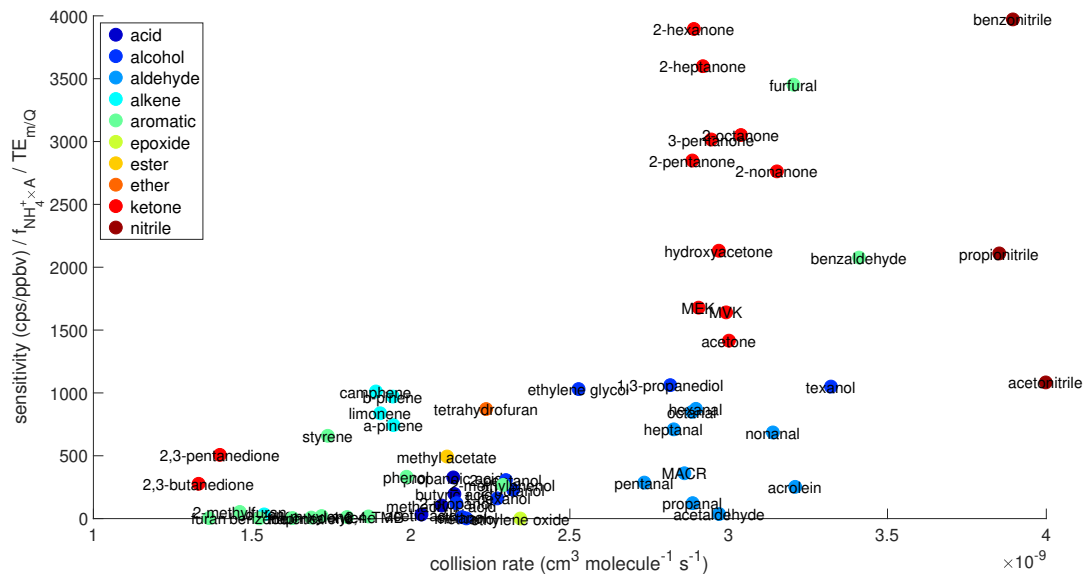
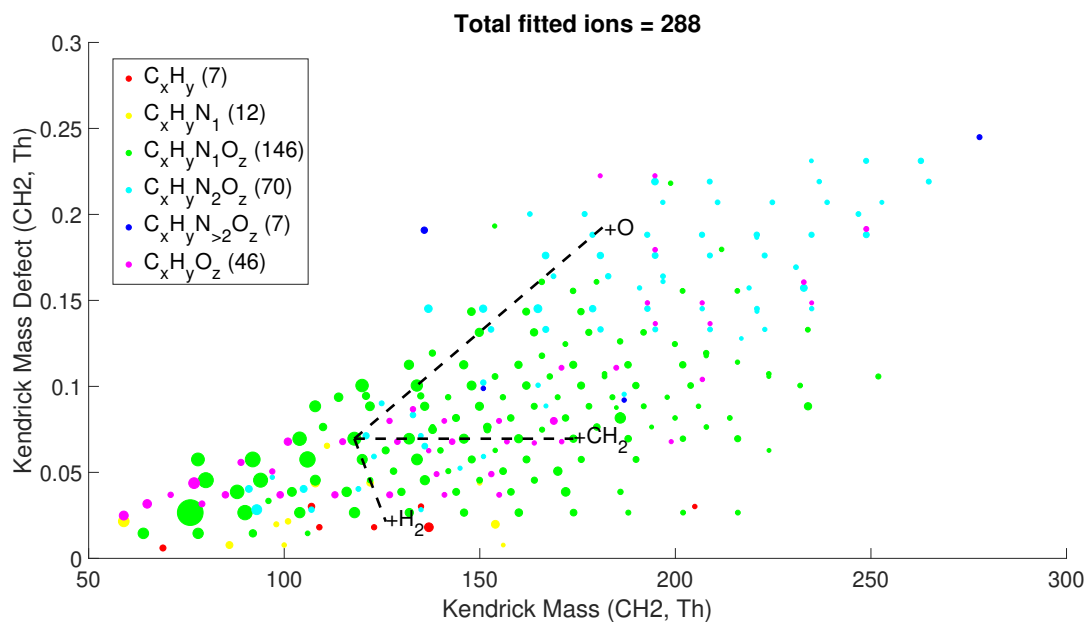


Figure S7. Relationship between sensitivity and ion-molecule collision rate.

6 Instrument Intercomparison

One major disadvantage of CIMS is a lack of isomer separation. If multiple isomers exist for a parent ion and if these isomers are quantified by GC-MS, we apply the GC-MS resolved isomer ratio and the sensitivities of individual isomers to convert the raw cps of the parent ion to the summed mixing ratio of all isomers for NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> CIMS, using the derivation below. Assuming parent ion P<sup>+</sup> is associated with n isomers (isomer<sub>i</sub>), with corresponding ambient concentrations ([C<sub>i</sub>]) and sensitivities (S<sub>i</sub>). The total signal measured by NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> CIMS (unit: cps) can be expressed by Eqn. S9, where subscript ref represents an isomer



**Figure S8.** Mass defect plot using CH<sub>2</sub> as reference. The formula shown in the legend contain the reagent ion. Only ions above the detection limit (three standard deviations of measurement background for 1 s integration time) are shown. The symbol size is scaled to the square root of the campaign-averaged signal.

120 serving as the reference. The concentration ratio of an isomer to the reference isomer (i.e.,  $\frac{[C_i]}{[C_{ref}]}$ ) is measured by GC-MS. By rearranging Eqn. S9, we can get  $[C_{ref}]$  (Eqn. S10). Finally, the summed concentration of all isomers can be calculated using Eqn. S11.

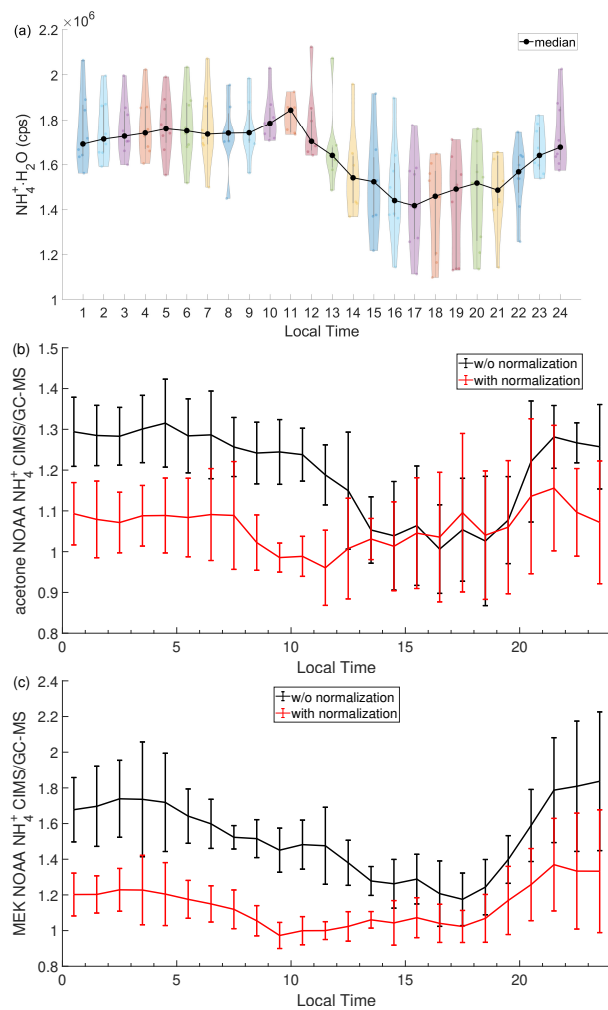
$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{total signal} &= \sum_1^n ([C_i] \times S_i) \\
 &= [C_{ref}] \sum_1^n \left( \frac{[C_i]}{[C_{ref}]} \times S_i \right)
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{S9}$$

$$[C_{ref}] = \frac{\text{total signal}}{\sum_1^n \left( \frac{[C_i]}{[C_{ref}]} \times S_i \right)}
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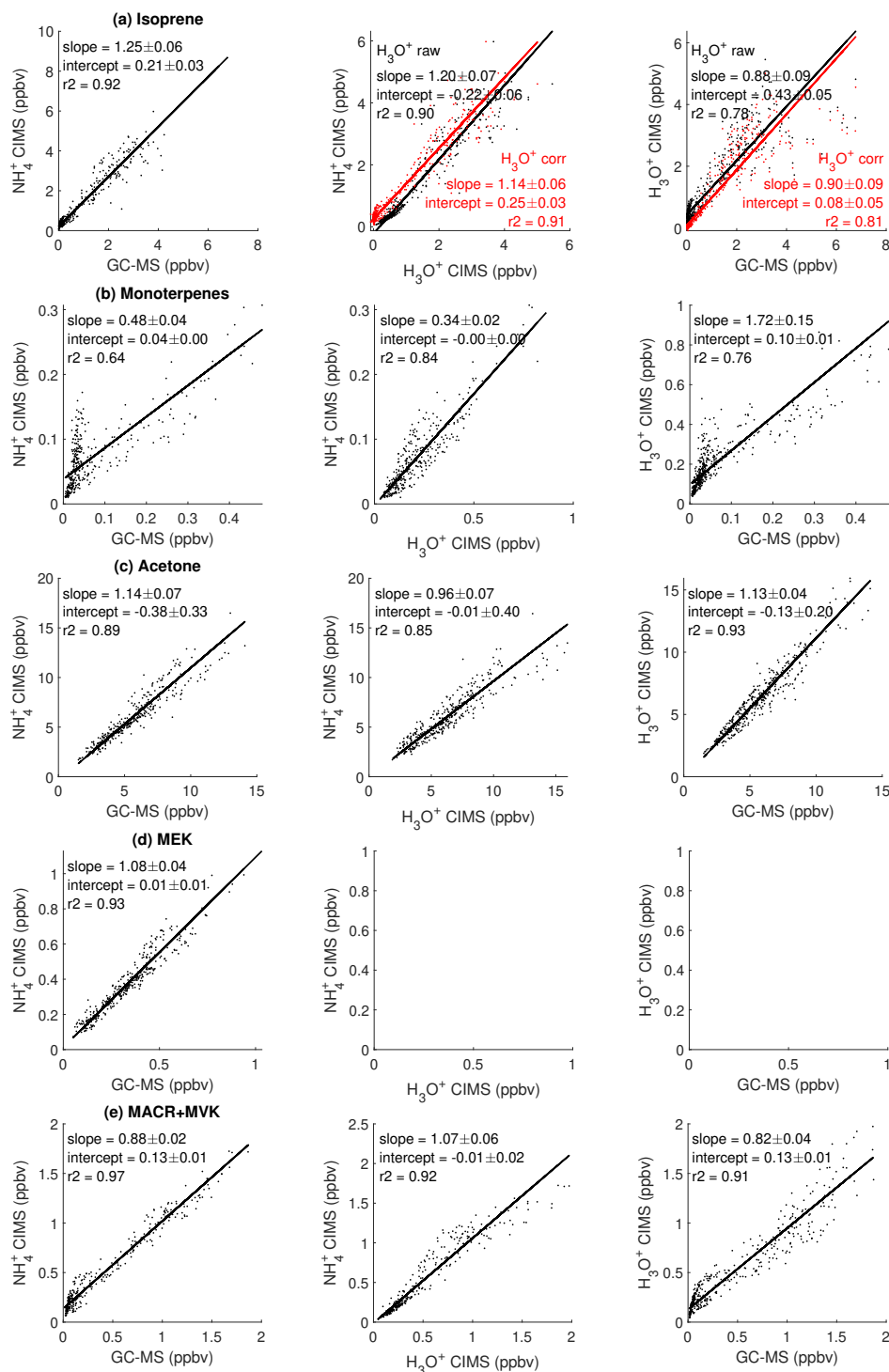
$$\begin{aligned}
\text{total concentration} &= \sum_1^n ([C_i]) \\
&= [C_{\text{ref}}] \sum_1^n \left( \frac{[C_i]}{[C_{\text{ref}}]} \right) \\
&= \text{total signal} \frac{\sum_1^n \left( \frac{[C_i]}{[C_{\text{ref}}]} \right)}{\sum_1^n \left( \frac{[C_i]}{[C_{\text{ref}}]} \times S_i \right)}
\end{aligned} \tag{S11}$$

125 We found that several aldehydes, including octanal and nonanal, fragment in the  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$  CIMS and produces  $\text{C}_5\text{H}_8\text{H}^+$ . The  $\text{C}_5\text{H}_8\text{H}^+$  signal from isoprene (i.e.,  $[\text{C}_5\text{H}_8\text{H}^+]_{\text{isoprene}}$ , unit cps) is calculated using Eqn. S12, where  $[\text{C}_5\text{H}_8\text{H}^+]$  represents the total signal,  $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{14}\text{H}^+$  and  $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{16}\text{H}^+$  represent the product ion signals of octanal and nonanal, respectively. The correction factor 7.9 in Eqn. S12 is the ratio of  $[\text{C}_5\text{H}_8\text{H}^+]_{\text{total}}$  to  $[\text{C}_8\text{H}_{14}\text{H}^+] + [\text{C}_9\text{H}_{16}\text{H}^+]$  at night when the isoprene concentration measured by the GC-MS is low. Correcting such interference results in lower isoprene concentration measured by the  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$  CIMS, particularly at night, and better agreement between  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$  CIMS and GC-MS (Figure 7a).

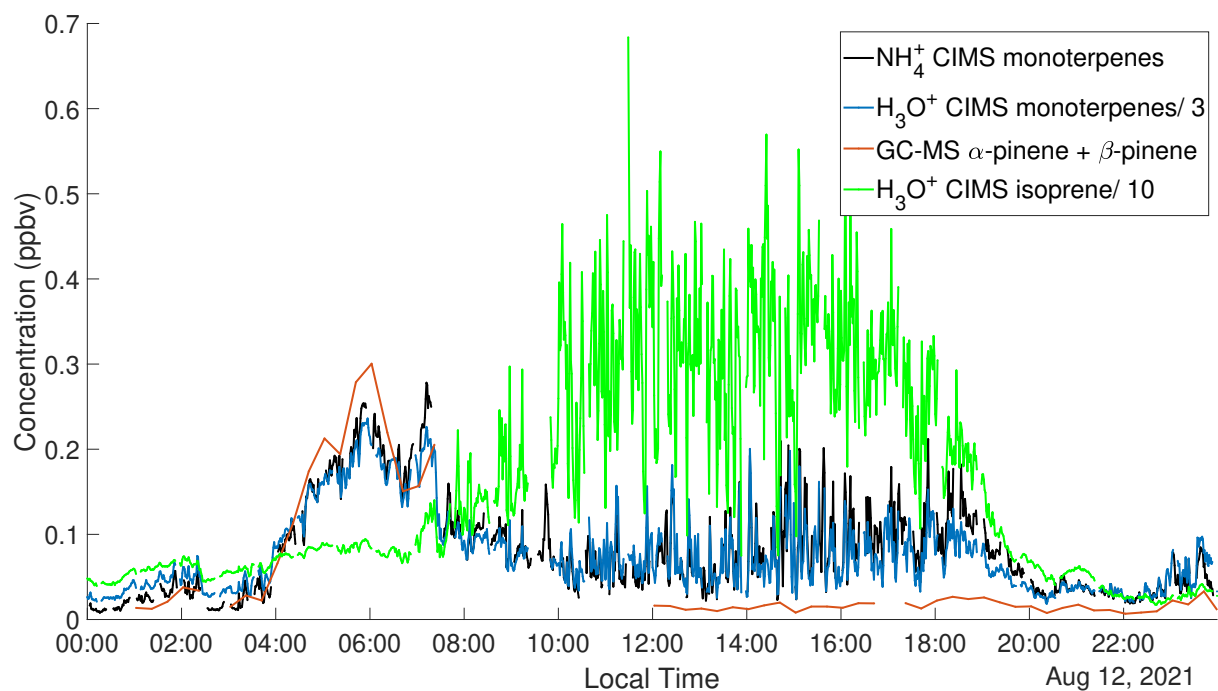
$$[\text{C}_5\text{H}_8\text{H}^+]_{\text{isoprene}} = [\text{C}_5\text{H}_8\text{H}^+] - 7.9 \times ([\text{C}_8\text{H}_{14}\text{H}^+] + [\text{C}_9\text{H}_{16}\text{H}^+]) \tag{S12}$$



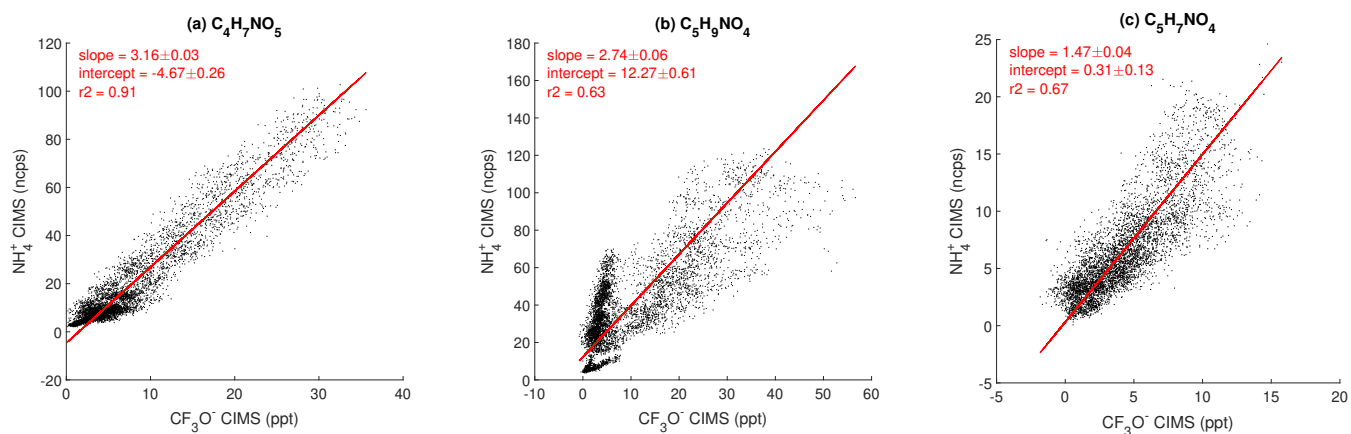
**Figure S9.** Diurnal trend of (a) reagent ion  $\text{NH}_4^+ \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ ; (b) the ratio of  $\text{NH}_4^+$  CIMS to GC-MS for acetone; (c) the ratio of  $\text{NH}_4^+$  CIMS to GC-MS for methyl ethyl ketone. Panel (a) is a violin plot.



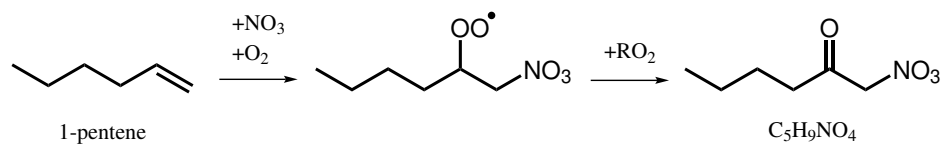
**Figure S10.** The scatter plot comparison of the concentration of selected species measured by  $\text{NH}_4^+$  CIMS,  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$  CIMS, and GC-MS. (a) Isoprene; (b) Monoterpenes; (c) Acetone; (d) Methyl Ethyl Ketone (MEK); (e) Methacrolein (MACR) + Methyl Vinyl Ketone (MVK). MEK measured by the NOAA  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$  CIMS is not included because its peak fitting ( $\text{C}_4\text{H}_9\text{O}^+$ ) is degraded by the nearby large signal of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_4^+$ .



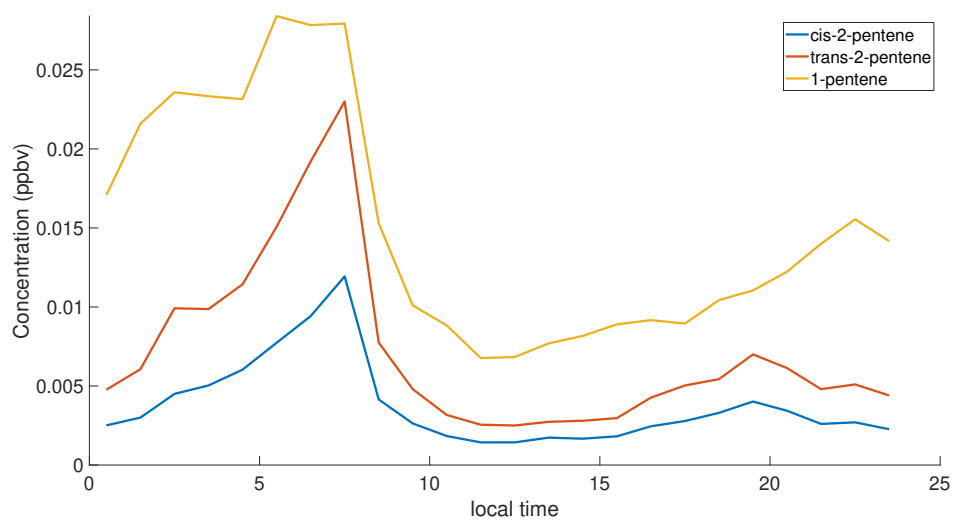
**Figure S11.** Time series of monoterpenes measured by the  $\text{NH}_4^+$  CIMS and  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$  CIMS and isoprene measured by  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$  CIMS for one day. Data shown here have 1 min resolution.



**Figure S12.** The scatter plot comparison of three nitrogen-containing species measured by  $\text{NH}_4^+$  CIMS and  $\text{CF}_3\text{O}^-$  CIMS. (a)  $\text{C}_4\text{H}_7\text{NO}_5$ ; (b)  $\text{C}_5\text{H}_9\text{NO}_4$ ; (c)  $\text{C}_5\text{H}_7\text{NO}_4$ . Because of a lack of calibration standards, the raw signals (ncps) of  $\text{NH}_4^+$  CIMS are shown here.



**Figure S13.** Example formation mechanism of  $C_5H_9NO_4$  from the oxidation of 1-pentene by nitrate radical followed by  $RO_2 + RO_2$  reaction. Several isomers of nitrooxy carbonyls can be formed from different pentene isomers and different nitrate radical addition positions.



**Figure S14.** Diurnal trends of pentenes measured by GC-MS.



7 Theoretical Calculations

The dipole moment and polarizability of analytes are used to estimate the ion-molecule collision rate constant. These properties of the majority of analytes studied here are from Pagonis et al. (2019). For analytes the properties of which do not exist in that library, we calculate their conformer-weighted dipole moment and the lowest-energy conformer polarizability at the B3LYP/cc-pVTZ level of theory (Garden et al., 2009; Becke, 1993). These analytes are shown in Table S3.

**Table S3.** Calculated conformer-weighted dipole moment and lowest-conformer polarizability of selected analytes at the B3LYP/cc-pVTZ level of theory (Garden et al., 2009)

Analyte	Polarizability ( $\times 10^{-24}\text{cm}^3$ )	Dipole moment (D)
furan	6.44	0.61
MVK	7.62	2.92
1,3-propanediol	6.84	2.8
2-methylfuran	8.46	0.59
2,3-butanedione	8.2	0
2-hexanone	11.2	2.73
2,3-pentanedione	9.36	0.19
hexanal	11.8	2.69
benzaldehyde	14.1	3.38
limonene	17.2	0.7
texanol	22.8	3.02

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