

TROPOSPHERIC OZONE PRODUCTION  
AS INFLUENCED BY SOLAR  
IRRADIANCE

GCEP END OF SUMMER WORKSHOP  
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# OUTLINE

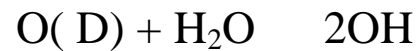
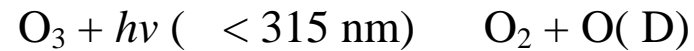
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# AN INTRODUCTION

*IN THE PAST:* DOWNWARD TRANSPORT OF OZONE FROM THE STRATOSPHERE

*PRESENT DAY:* INDUSTRIAL PROCESSES PRODUCE HIGH LEVELS OF OZONE

*PHOTODISSOCIATION:*



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# THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF TROPOSPHERIC OZONE

## *ON HUMANS:*

- MAY CAUSE PERMANENT DAMAGE TO LUNGS
- INHALING IT TRIGGERS CHEST PAINS, COUGHING, NAUSEA, THROAT IRRITATION, AND CONGESTION

## *ON PLANT LIFE:*

- INTERFERES WITH THE ABILITY OF PLANTS TO PRODUCE AND STORE FOOD, MAKING THEM MORE SUSCEPTIBLE TO DISEASE, INSECTS, OTHER POLLUTANTS, AND HARSH WEATHER
- RESPONSIBLE FOR \$500 MILLION IN REDUCED CROP PRODUCTION IN THE U.S. EACH YEAR!



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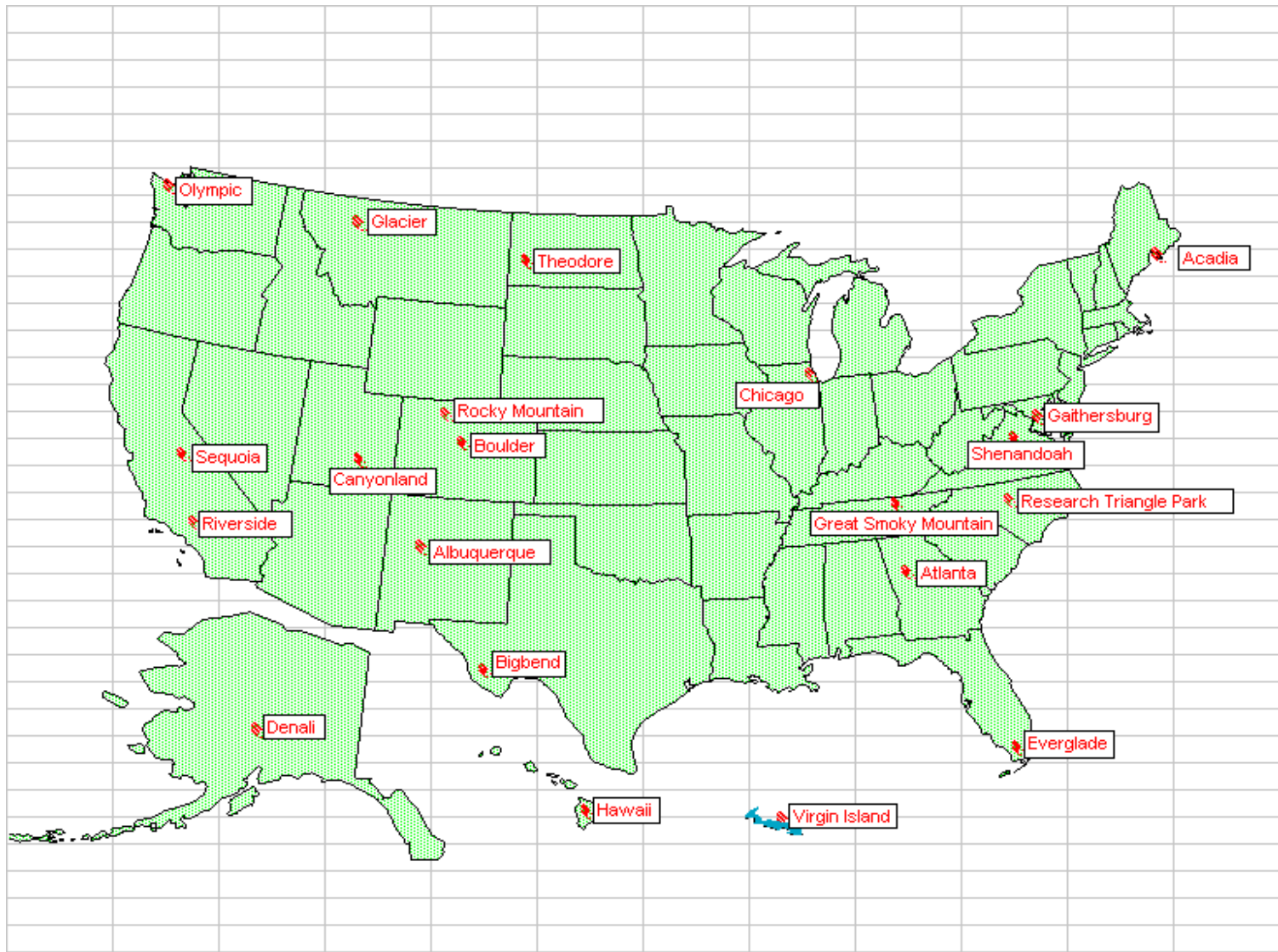


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## BREWER SPECTROPHOTOMETER

- A SINGLE GRATING SCIENTIFIC MEASURING INSTRUMENT FOR OZONE AND UV RESEARCH
- MEASURES THE GLOBAL UV IRRADIANCE FROM 286.5 NM TO 363 NM THROUGH A HORIZONTALLY POSITION DIFFUSER.
- SCANS ARE MADE AT FIXED 5° INTERVALS IN THE SZA
- THE BREWER IS PART OF A NETWORK OF 21 SITES MANAGED BY THE EPA.



## MORE DATA

- METEOROLOGICAL CONDITIONS IN THE CHICAGO AREA ARE RECORDED HOURLY AT MIDWAY AIRPORT, APPROXIMATELY 15 MILES FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
  - THESE INCLUDE TEMPERATURE, WIND SPEED, WIND DIRECTION, AND RELATIVE HUMIDITY
- OZONE IS ALSO RECORDED ON AN HOURLY BASIS BY THE AIR QUALITY MONITORING SITE LOCATED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO



A SHORT TERM CAMPAIGN

*WE ARE ALSO CONDUCTING A  
FOCUSED CAMPAIGN TO OBSERVE  
VISIBLE IRRADIANCE, AEROSOLS, AND  
TRACE GASES IN CHICAGO*

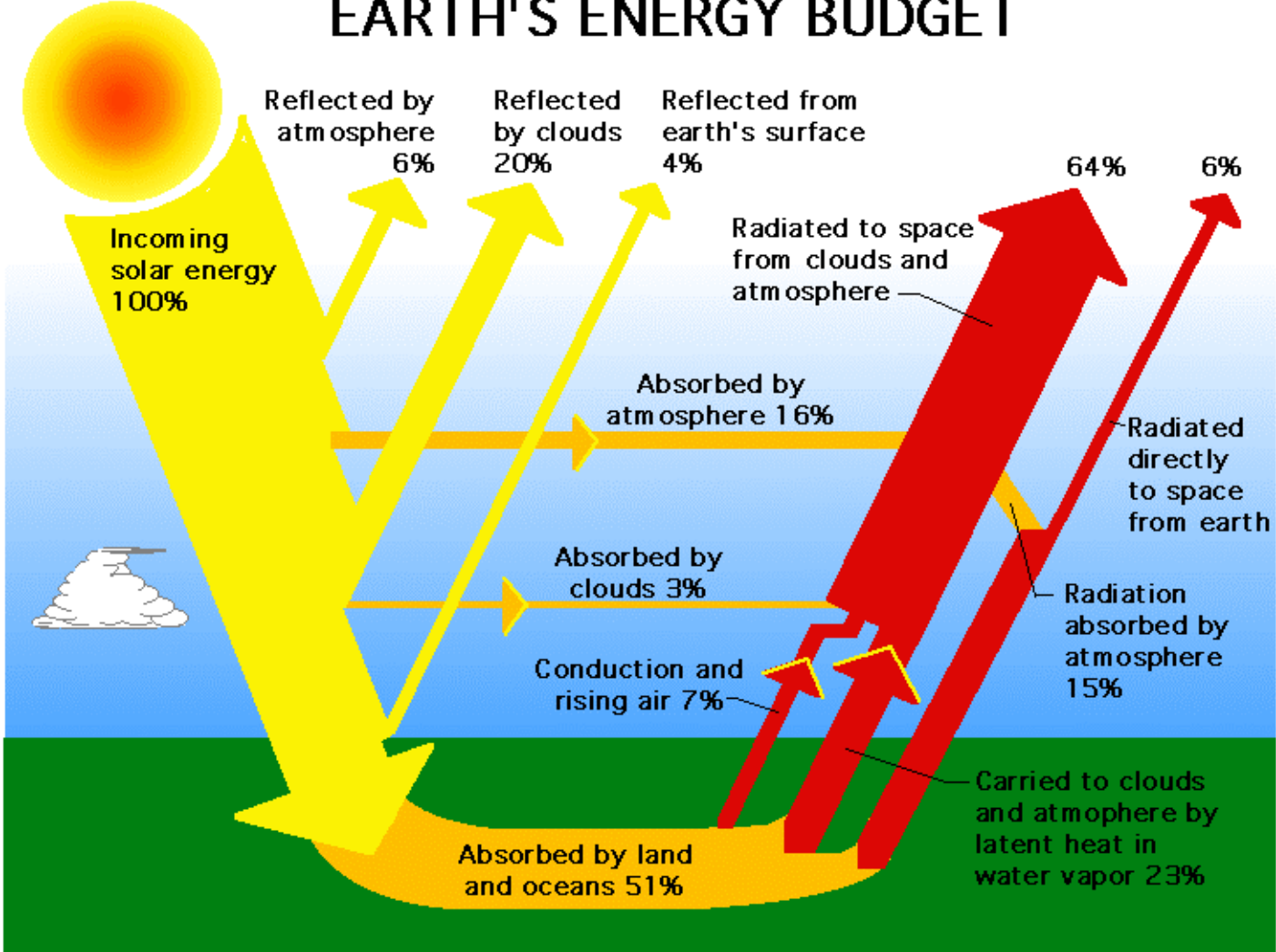
# MFRSR

- USES INDEPENDENT INTERFERENCE-FILTER-PHOTODIODE DETECTORS AND THE AUTOMATED ROTATING SHADOWBAND TECHNIQUE TO MAKE SPECTRALLY RESOLVED MEASUREMENTS
- 416.6, 497.1, 613.1, 672.0, 869.3, AND 937.1 NM
- THE MFRSR MEASURES DIRECTLY THE GLOBAL AND DIFFUSE IRRADIANCE AND CALCULATES THE DIRECT COMPONENT
- FROM SUCH MEASUREMENTS, ONE MAY INFER THE ATMOSPHERES OPTICAL DEPTH AT THE WAVELENGTHS MENTIONED ABOVE.
- IN TURN, THESE OPTICAL DEPTHS MAY BE USED TO DERIVE INFORMATION ABOUT THE COLUMN ABUNDANCES OF O<sub>3</sub> AND WATER VAPOR, AS WELL AS AEROSOL AND OTHER ATMOSPHERIC CONSTITUENTS

KEEPING IN MIND THE FOCUS: *TO DEVELOP AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE ROLE OF SOLAR RADIATION AS A DRIVER OF URBAN AIR CHEMISTRY, THERE ARE SOME QUESTIONS THAT NEED ADDRESSING!*

1. HOW MUCH SUN IS ACTUALLY REACHING THE GROUND?
2. WHAT, IF ANYTHING, IS PREVENTING THE PHOTONS FROM REACHING GROUND?
3. WHICH CHEMICAL REACTIONS ARE OCCURRING TO PRODUCE INCREASED LEVELS OF TROPOSPHERIC OZONE?
4. WHAT MECHANISMS OR CHEMICAL REACTIONS ARE CONTROLLING THE SPEED AT WHICH O<sub>3</sub> INCREASES (DECREASES) AT SUNRISE (SUNSET)?

# EARTH'S ENERGY BUDGET



Source: <http://asd-www.larc.nasa.gov/erbe/components2.gif>

## OPTICAL DEPTH

OPTICAL DEPTH MEASURES THE ABSORBING AND SCATTERING POWER OF THE ATMOSPHERE.

$$\tau = \tau_{\text{Rayleigh}} + \tau_{\text{Ozone}} + \tau_{\text{aerosol \& clouds}} + \tau_{\text{water vapor}} + \tau_{\text{NO}}$$

TO DETERMINE THE TOTAL OPTICAL DEPTH, WE USE THE LANGLEY METHOD

BEER'S LAW STATES:

$$F_{\text{measured}} = F_0 e^{-\tau/\mu_0}$$

OR,

$$\ln F_{\text{measured}} = -\tau/\mu_0 + \ln F_0$$

NOW THAT WE'VE CALCULATED THE TOD FOR EACH WAVELENGTH, WE CAN BEGIN TO BREAK IT DOWN!

OUR EXAMPLE AGAIN: 416.6 nm

$$\text{aerosol} = * - \text{Rayleigh}$$

THE RAYLEIGH OPTICAL DEPTH IS A WELL KNOWN FUNCTION OF WAVELENGTH THAT WE CAN APPLY TO THE ABOVE EQUATION.

$$\text{Rayleigh} = 0.008569 \lambda^{-4} (1 + 0.0113 \lambda^{-2} + 0.00013 \lambda^{-4})$$

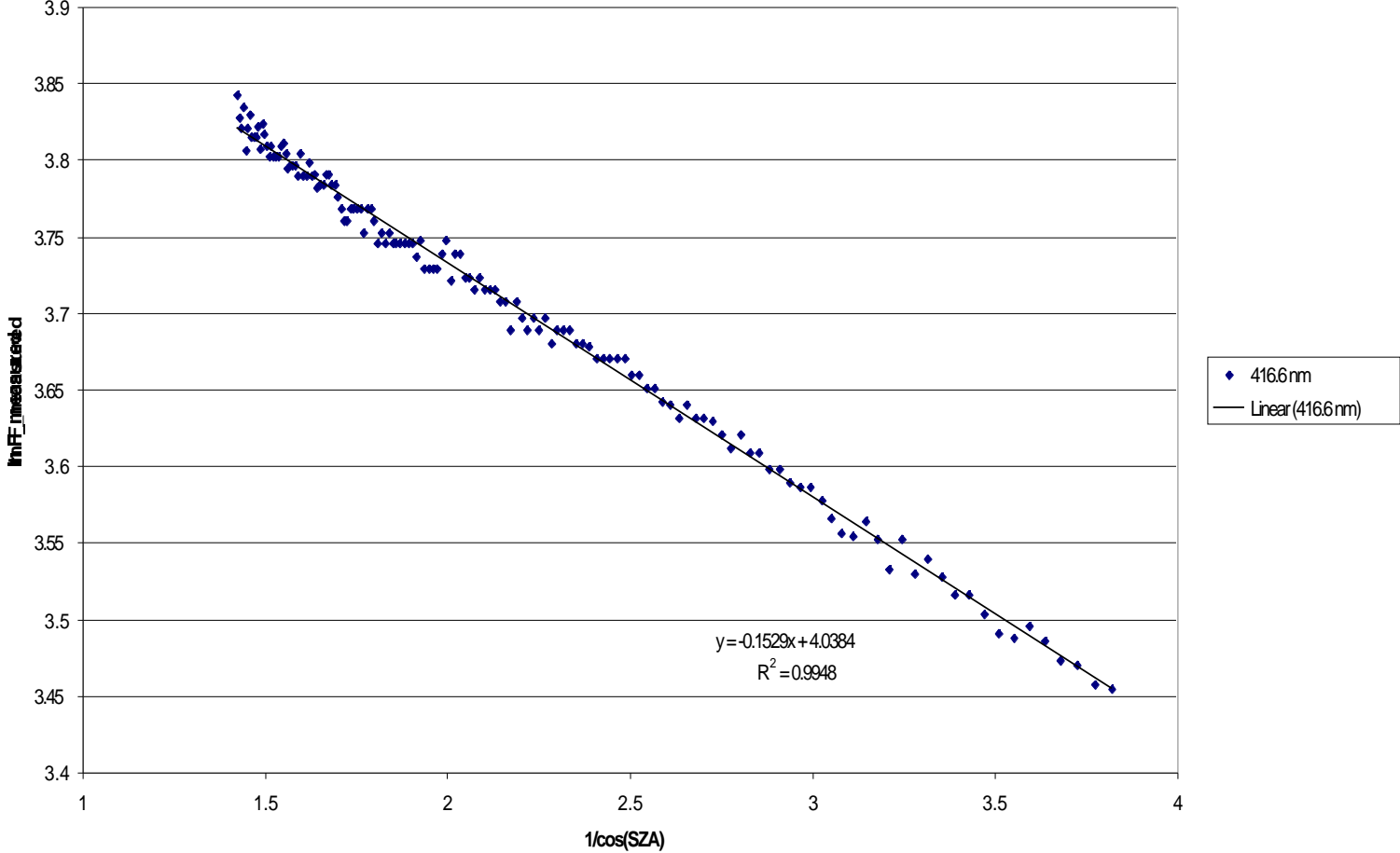
$$\text{aerosol} = 0.1529 - 0.008569(416.6)^{-4} (1 + 0.0113(416.6)^{-2} + 0.00013(416.6)^{-4})$$

$$\text{aerosol} = 0.1529 - 2.8448\text{e-}13$$

$$\text{aerosol} = 0.1529$$

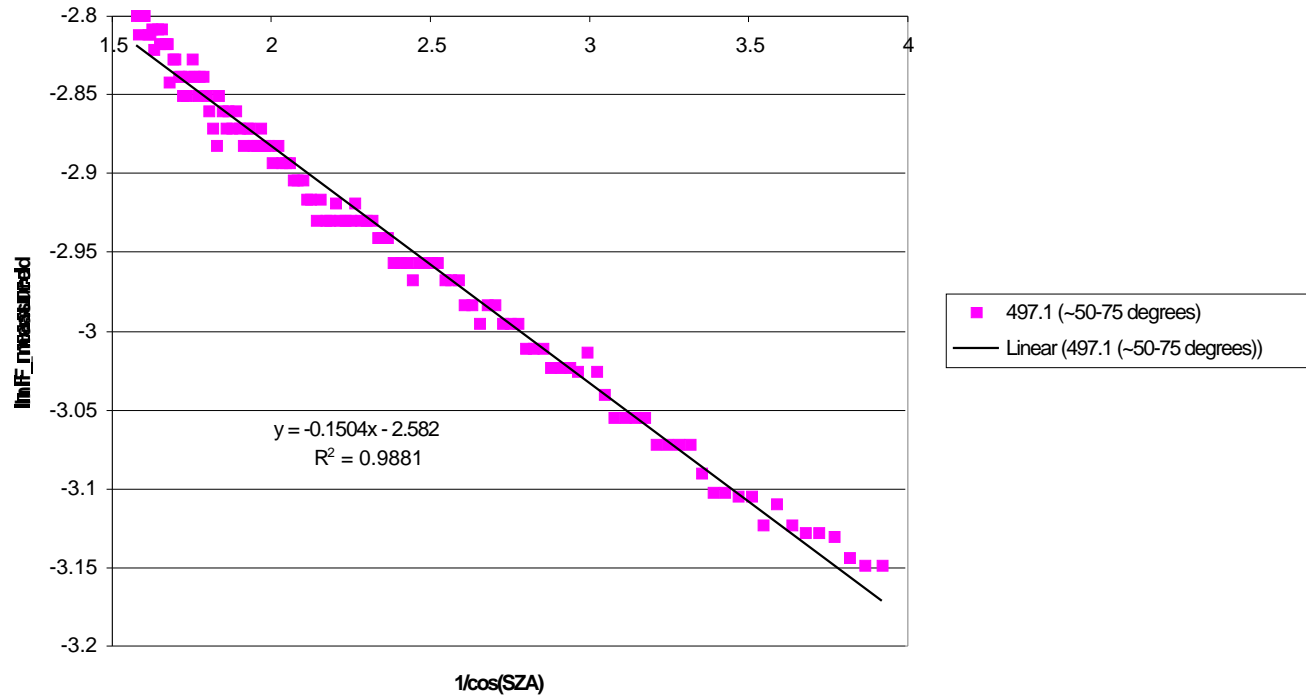


416.6 Direct (~45-75 degrees) 06/15





497.1 nm 06/15



$$\text{aerosol} = * - (\text{Rayleigh} + \text{ozone})$$

$$\text{aerosol} = 0.1504 - (1.403\text{e-}13 + \text{ozone})$$

## PHOTODISSOCIATION



OH IS A KEY PRODUCT OF THE PHOTODISSOCIATION OF OZONE FOR ITS HIGH REACTIVITY WITH PRIMARY POLLUTANTS SUCH AS RH & NO

## HYDROCARBONS



*SOURCES:*

*NATURAL:* DECIDUOUS TREES

*ANTHROPOGENIC:* COMBUSTION ENGINES

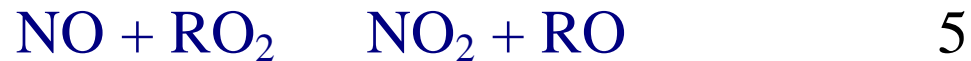
## NITRIC OXIDES

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*ANTHROPOGENIC SOURCES:* COMBUSTION ENGINES



WE KNOW THAT WATER VAPOR WILL REACT WITH O( D) TO PRODUCE 2 OHs, BUT WHAT ABOUT THE HYDROCARBON...



THE EXTRA OXYGEN ATOM FINDS ONE OF THE MANY O<sub>2</sub> ALREADY IN THE ATMOSPHERE AND PRODUCES ANOTHER OZONE MOLECULE



LEFT OVER FROM EQUATION 5....



AND THE NO FROM THE PHOTODISSOCIATION OF NO<sub>2</sub>...



AGAIN THE PHOTODISSOCIATION OF NO<sub>2</sub>...



PRODUCES MORE OZONE!!!



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