

HOxCIMS (NCAR)

MEASUREMENTS:

- Chemical Ionization Mass Spectrometric-based
- Chemical conversion to H₂SO₄ followed by ionization

	FREQUENCY	DETECTION LIMIT	ACCURACY
OH	2 min ⁻¹	3 x 10 ⁵ cm ⁻³	45% (2σ)
HO ₂ & HO ₂ +R O ₂	1 min ⁻¹	1 pptv	35% (2σ)

TOOLS:

- Radical Calibrator
 - OH, HO₂ and RO₂ concentrations: 1 pptv and higher
 - Flows up to 50 l/min; RH 1-99%
- Steady State Box Model
 - Estimates of short- and interm.-lived species (radicals, reservoirs, etc.)

ANALYSIS:

- Measurement-model comparisons
- Multiple instrument comparisons
- Radical and ozone budgets

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- Operational Requirements
 - Advanced warning of cloud penetrations
 - Inlet performance untested at DC-8 speeds
 - Range of speeds during test flights
 - Range of altitudes (15 minute legs) during test flights (e.g. every 5 kft over operational range)
 - Fresh N₂ cylinder every flight, O₂ cylinder every 5 flights, can go 36 hours without attention
 - Temperature must stay above 5 °C on A/C (SO₂/N₂ mix condensation) or put in heated laboratory
 - Need real-time Dew Point to adjust water addition
- Other Operational Information
 - Gas venting box (propane, NO/N₂ mix)
 - Exhaust contains SO₂, NO, propane, HNO₃
- Perceived Gaps & Issues
 - Cylinders, radioactive sources