Supporting Information for

Modeling NH₄NO₃ over the San Joaquin Valley during the 2013 DISCOVER-AQ campaign

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Introduction

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Figure S2. (a) Location of P-3B spirals and (b) comparison of modeled PBL heights and PBL heights diagnosed from P-3B measurements. NMB: normalized mean bias; r: Pearson correlation coefficient; n: number of values.



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Figure S7. Comparison of modeled and measured (a) O_3 and (b) HCHO mixing ratio distributions for 300-m altitude ranges for P-3B aircraft spirals. Boxes bracket the IQR, lines within the boxes represent the median, whiskers represent 1.5 times the IQR from either end of the box, and circles represent individual values less than and greater than the range of the whiskers.



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Visalia Wind Profiler: 15-22 January

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Species	Site	Ν	Avg. Obs. (Range) (μg m ⁻³)	Avg. Mod. (Range) (μg m ⁻³)	NMB (%)	NME (%)	RMSE (µg m ⁻³)	r
	Modesto	6	7.2 (0.7-22.4)	6.8 (1.0-20.4)	-5.7	8.9	0.9	1.00
	Fresno	11	7.3 (0.9-18.6)	6.6 (1.1-24.2)	-10.5	33.8	3.0	0.89
NO ₃ -	Visalia	6	9.4 (1.1-19.8)	7.7 (2.5-16.9)	-17.9	38.6	4.7	0.78
	Bakersfield	8	9.5 (0.0-28.1)	8.6 (2.0-18.4)	-10.0	52.2	6.6	0.85
	All	31	8.3 (0.0-28.1)	7.3 (1.0-24.2)	-11.2	36.2	4.3	0.84
	Modesto	6	0.8 (0.1-1.7)	1.2 (0.9-1.5)	51.0	93.8	0.8	-0.71
	Fresno	11	0.7 (0.2-1.3)	1.0 (0.6-1.7)	34.8	43.5	0.4	0.43
SO4 ²⁻	Visalia	6	0.9 (0.3-2.0)	0.8 (0.6-0.9)	-12.3	56.5	0.6	-0.22
	Bakersfield	8	0.9 (0.0-2.9)	1.0 (0.8-1.2)	11.4	89.5	0.9	0.02
	All	31	0.8 (0.0-2.9)	1.0 (0.6-1.7)	20.9	68.7	0.7	-0.05
Organic Carbon	Modesto	4	8.3 (1.7-16.0)	6.6 (2.6-10.4)	-21.4	29	3.9	0.79
	Fresno	9	6.7 (1.5-10.6)	6.4 (1.7-12.7)	-4.5	32.4	2.7	0.66
	Visalia	6	6.0 (1.9-9.8)	4.2 (2.2-6.4)	-30	32.3	2.2	0.98
	Bakersfield	8	4.8 (1.7-8.3)	6.0 (3.6-9.5)	25.2	35.7	1.8	0.83
	All	27	6.2 (1.5-16.0)	5.8 (1.7-12.7)	-6.6	32.4	2.6	0.69
Elemental Carbon	Modesto	4	1.8 (0.4-3.4)	1.6 (0.7-2.5)	-11.7	26.5	0.7	0.84
	Fresno	9	1.8 (0.4-3.1)	1.5 (0.4-3.3)	-16.2	35.5	0.9	0.52
	Visalia	6	1.2 (0.3-2.1)	1.0 (0.5-1.5)	-12.3	22.5	0.3	0.93
	Bakersfield	8	1.3 (0.4-2.4)	1.4 (0.7-2.5)	9.6	28.1	0.4	0.82
	All	27	1.5 (0.3-3.4)	1.4 (0.4-3.3)	-8.3	29.7	0.6	0.69

Table S1. Model performance statistics for $PM_{2.5}$ components at monitoring sites in SJV, 10 January – 9 February 2013.

Variable	Site	Ν	Avg. Obs. (Range)	Avg. Mod. (Range)	MB	ME	RMSE
Relative	Bakersfield	510	70.6 (1-100)	63.5 (22.6-99)	-7.1	14.3	19.8
	Madera	528	77.9 (28.4-100)	74.8 (30-99)	-3.2	8.6	11.4
Humidity	Visalia	484	76.6 (34.4-101)	73.8 (25.9-99)	-2.9	10.7	13.6
(%)	Fresno	528	67.9 (24.7-92)	67.6 (26.4-99)	-0.3	9.0	11.4
	All	2050	73.2 (1-101)	69.9 (22.6-99)	-3.3	10.6	14.4
	Bakersfield	522	283 (271-294)	283 (274-293)	0.2	1.9	2.2
	Hanford	527	283 (272-293)	280(271-291)	-2.8	3.1	3.7
2-m	Porterville	526	282 (272-294)	281 (272-291)	-1.6	2.0	2.6
Temperature (K)	Tranquility	522	282 (270-291)	281 (272-291)	-0.8	1.7	2.2
	Visalia	528	282 (272-291)	281 (271-291)	-1.8	2.4	2.9
	Fresno	528	282 (270-292)	282 (274-291)	0.3	1.7	2.1
	All	3681	282 (270-294)	281 (271-293)	-1.1	2.1	2.7
10-m Wind Speed (m/s)	Bakersfield	522	1.5 (0.3-6.1)	1.3 (0.0-4.5)	-0.2	0.7	0.9
	Hanford	527	1.4 (0.3-6.3)	1.7 (0.0-6.2)	0.3	0.7	0.9
	Porterville	526	1.7 (0.3-4.7)	1.7 (0.0-4.0)	-0.1	0.8	1.0
	Tranquility	522	2.5 (0.3-8.8)	2.3 (0.0-7.9)	-0.3	0.8	1.0
	Visalia	528	1.6 (0.3-7.4)	1.5 (0.0-6.1)	-0.1	0.7	0.9
	Fresno	528	0.9 (0.3-4.0)	1.4 (0.0-5.0)	0.5	0.7	0.9
	All	3681	1.6 (0.3-8.8)	1.7 (0.0-7.9)	0.0	0.7	1.0

Table S2. Model performance statistics for meteorological variables at sites in SJV, 15 January – 5 February 2013.

Period	Layer Half Height (m)	N	Obs Mean (Range) (m/s)	Mod Mean (Range) (m/s)	NMB (%)	MB (m/s)	RMSE (m/s)	r
15 Jan -22 Jan	139	192	1.57 (0.25-4.50)	1.46 (0.11-3.74)	-7.4	-0.1	1.0	0.27
	200	192	1.42 (0.00-3.60)	1.53 (0.16-3.52)	7.3	0.1	0.9	0.32
	281	192	1.59 (0.05-3.55)	1.51 (0.05-3.13)	-4.9	-0.1	0.9	0.28
	364	192	1.70 (0.23-4.17)	1.35 (0.09-3.18)	-20.3	-0.3	1.0	0.18
	447	191	1.86 (0.30-5.30)	1.18 (0.01-3.28)	-36.5	-0.7	1.2	0.24
	532	192	1.94 (0.40-6.05)	1.11 (0.16-3.25)	-42.5	-0.8	1.3	0.26
	616	188	2.15 (0.47-6.20)	1.09 (0.09-2.96)	-49.2	-1.1	1.5	0.28
	702	175	2.34 (0.20-5.90)	1.18 (0.11-3.01)	-49.6	-1.2	1.5	0.25
23 Jan - 30 Jan	139	188	2.72 (0.10-11.40)	3.01 (0.14-10.51)	10.5	0.3	1.8	0.71
	200	182	2.95 (0.10-18.30)	3.14 (0.18-12.21)	6.4	0.2	2.4	0.66
	281	188	3.44 (0.20-14.30)	3.25 (0.27-13.68)	-5.3	-0.2	2.3	0.72
	364	186	3.75 (0.30-16.63)	3.45 (0.12-14.71)	-7.9	-0.3	2.6	0.71
	447	184	4.16 (0.50-17.45)	3.60 (0.12-15.32)	-13.5	-0.6	2.8	0.71
	532	186	4.41 (0.10-17.65)	3.86 (0.14-15.04)	-12.3	-0.5	2.7	0.73
	616	167	5.25 (0.30-20.10)	4.40 (0.15-14.06)	-16.1	-0.8	3.3	0.62
	702	168	5.29 (0.65-19.9)	4.65 (0.09-13.27)	-12.0	-0.6	2.9	0.67
31 Jan - 8 Feb	139	216	2.00 (0.30-10.65)	2.50 (0.19-10.25)	25.0	0.5	1.5	0.77
	200	215	2.01 (0.10-11.80)	2.49 (0.13-11.26)	23.5	0.5	1.7	0.77
	281	216	2.33 (0.25-12.60)	2.60 (0.08-13.78)	11.7	0.3	1.9	0.73
	364	216	2.68 (0.13-13.75)	2.73 (0.05-15.4)	1.7	0.0	1.2	0.91
	447	214	2.85 (0.10-14.65)	2.70 (0.04-13.75)	-5.0	-0.1	1.2	0.90
	532	214	2.88 (0.20-14.40)	2.74 (0.09-11.91)	-5.0	-0.1	1.3	0.89
	616	207	2.97 (0.20-13.10)	2.70 (0.27-10.01)	-9.1	-0.3	1.4	0.86
	702	204	2.98 (0.40-12.30)	2.65 (0.25-8.32)	-11.0	-0.3	1.5	0.83

Table S3. Comparison statistics for modeled and observed wind speeds at Visalia shown in Figure S12 and S13.

	R1 (µmol m ⁻² day ⁻¹)	R2 (µmol m ⁻² day ⁻¹)	Total (µmol m ⁻² day ⁻¹)	% R1	% R2	% Change from Total Production in Base
Base	79,605	94,469	174,074	46	54	0
40% NOx Emission Reduction	50,087	52,419	102,506	49	51	-41
0.5 γ _{N2O5}	83 <i>,</i> 495	72,184	155,679	54	46	-11
1.5 γ _{N2O5}	77,463	106,327	183,790	42	58	6
Y=0 (no het. CINO ₂)	79,028	94,037	173,065	46	54	-1

Table S4. Summary of HNO_3 production during 17-22 January 2013 for base and sensitivity simulations for model layers 1-20 over SJV.