

Supplemental Information for:

Aqueous oxidation of isoprene-derived organosulfates as a source of atmospheric formic and acetic acids

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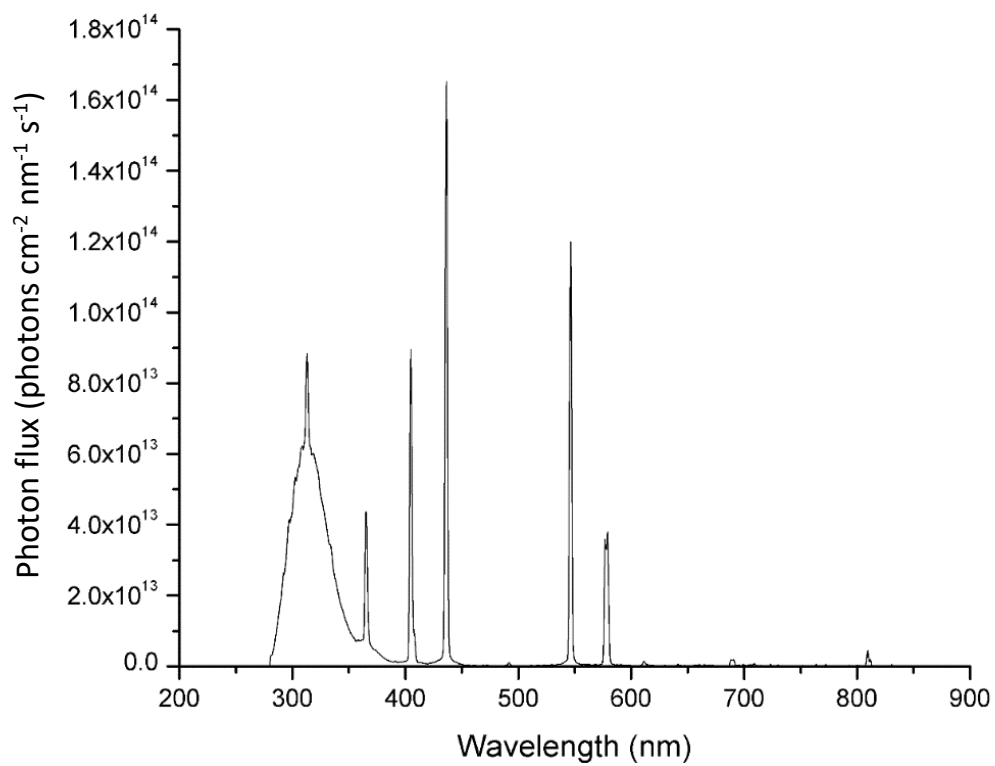


Figure S1. Measured photon flux in the photochemical reaction enclosure, as used in kinetic modeling.

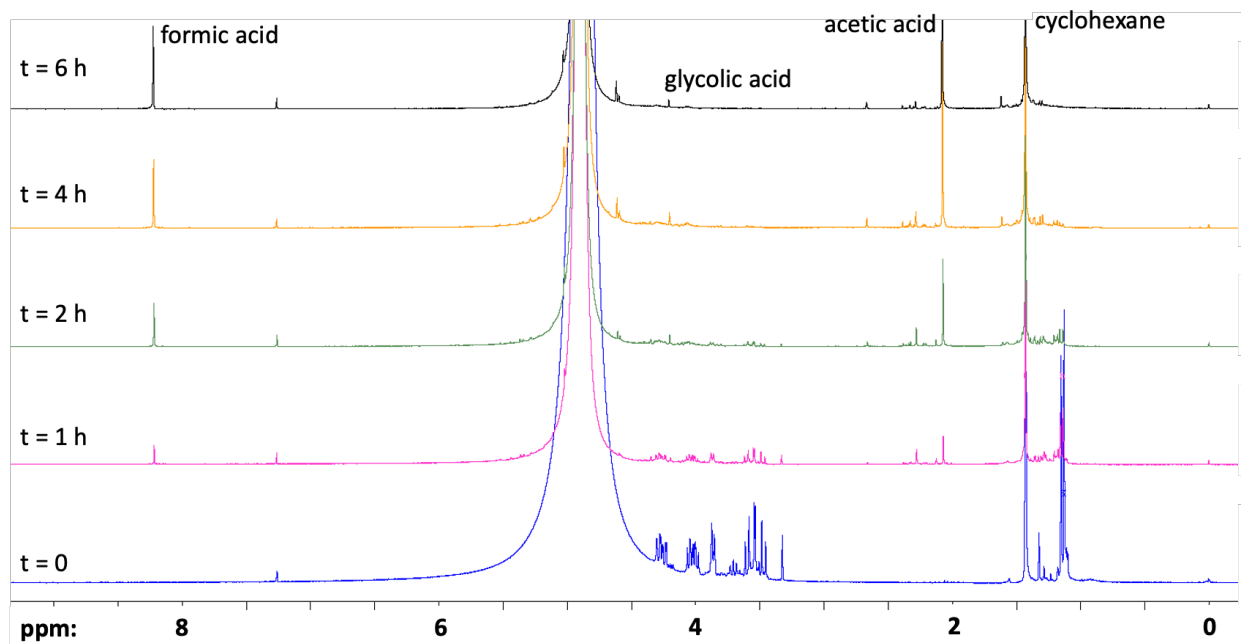


Figure S2. Example NMR spectra during the aqueous photooxidation of 2-MTS. Unlabeled peaks at chemical shifts of 1-1.5 ppm and 3-4.5 ppm represent the starting material, while unlabeled peaks at 2.25-2.75 ppm and 4.5-4.75 ppm represent minor unidentified products.

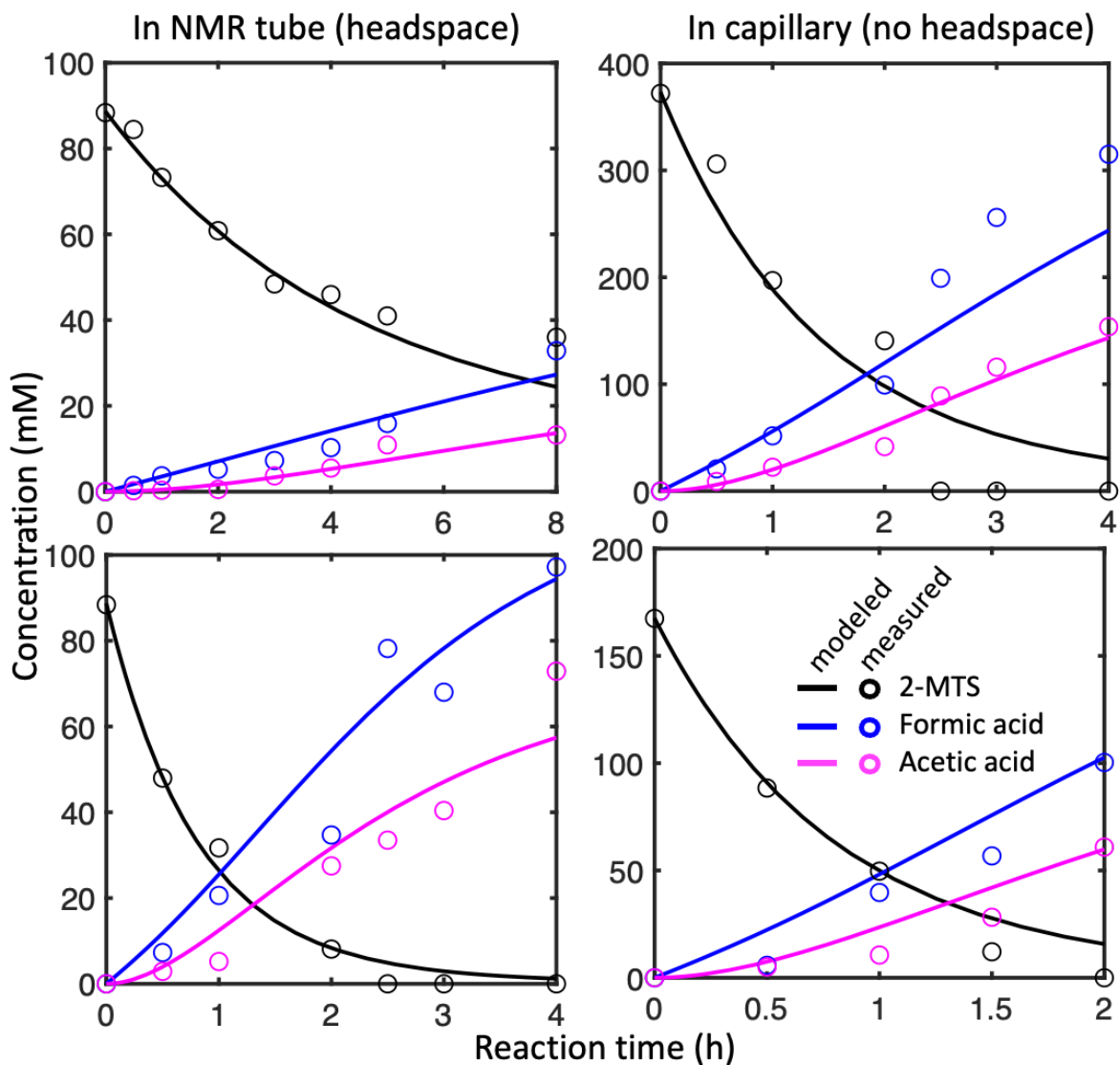


Figure S3. Measured (by ^1H NMR) and modeled (using Mechanism S1 in the kinetic model) 2-MTS, formic acid, and acetic acid concentrations in the four individual kinetic experiments. Experiments on the left were performed with the reaction mixture (2-MTS and H_2O_2 in D_2O) in the NMR tube and the standard (cyclohexane in CDCl_3) in a sealed glass capillary within the tube, leaving a headspace of air above the reaction mixture. Experiments on the right were performed with the reaction mixture sealed in the glass capillary (without headspace) within the solution of cyclohexane in CDCl_3 in the NMR tube. Differences between replicate experiments (top vs. bottom) are from changes in initial 2-MTS concentrations and in light flux.

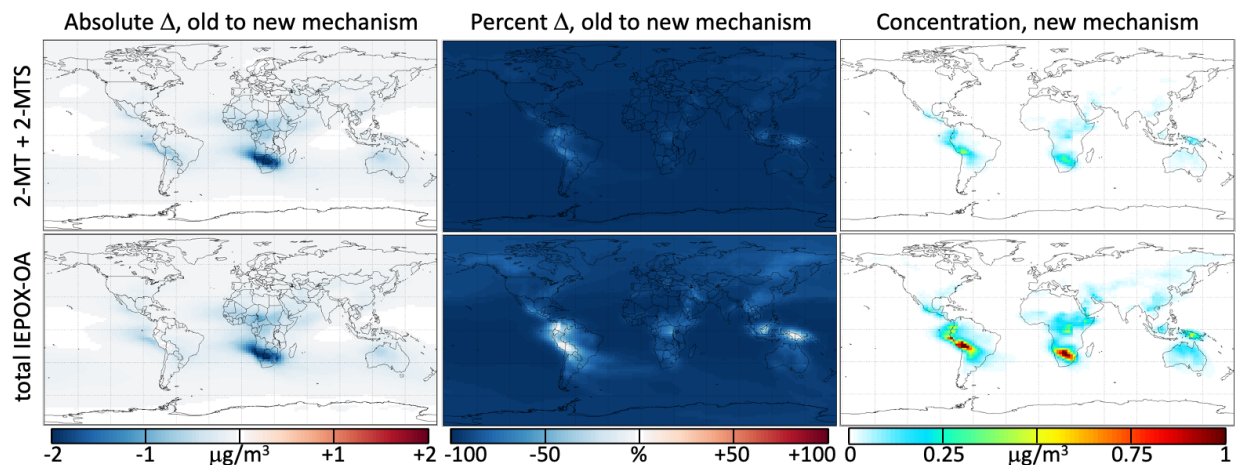


Figure S4. Like Figure 4 in the main text, but for 3 – 10 km altitude instead of 0 – 1 km altitude: IEPOX-derived organic aerosol (IEPOX-OA) and changes in IEPOX-OA concentrations between the base GEOS-Chem mechanism and the updated mechanism with 2-MT and 2-MTS oxidation. Panels show the absolute change between the mechanisms (left), the percent changes between the mechanisms (center), and the absolute concentrations in the updated mechanism (right) for both 2-MT + 2-MTS concentrations (top) and total IEPOX-OA concentrations (bottom). All maps show annual averages at 3 – 10 km altitude.

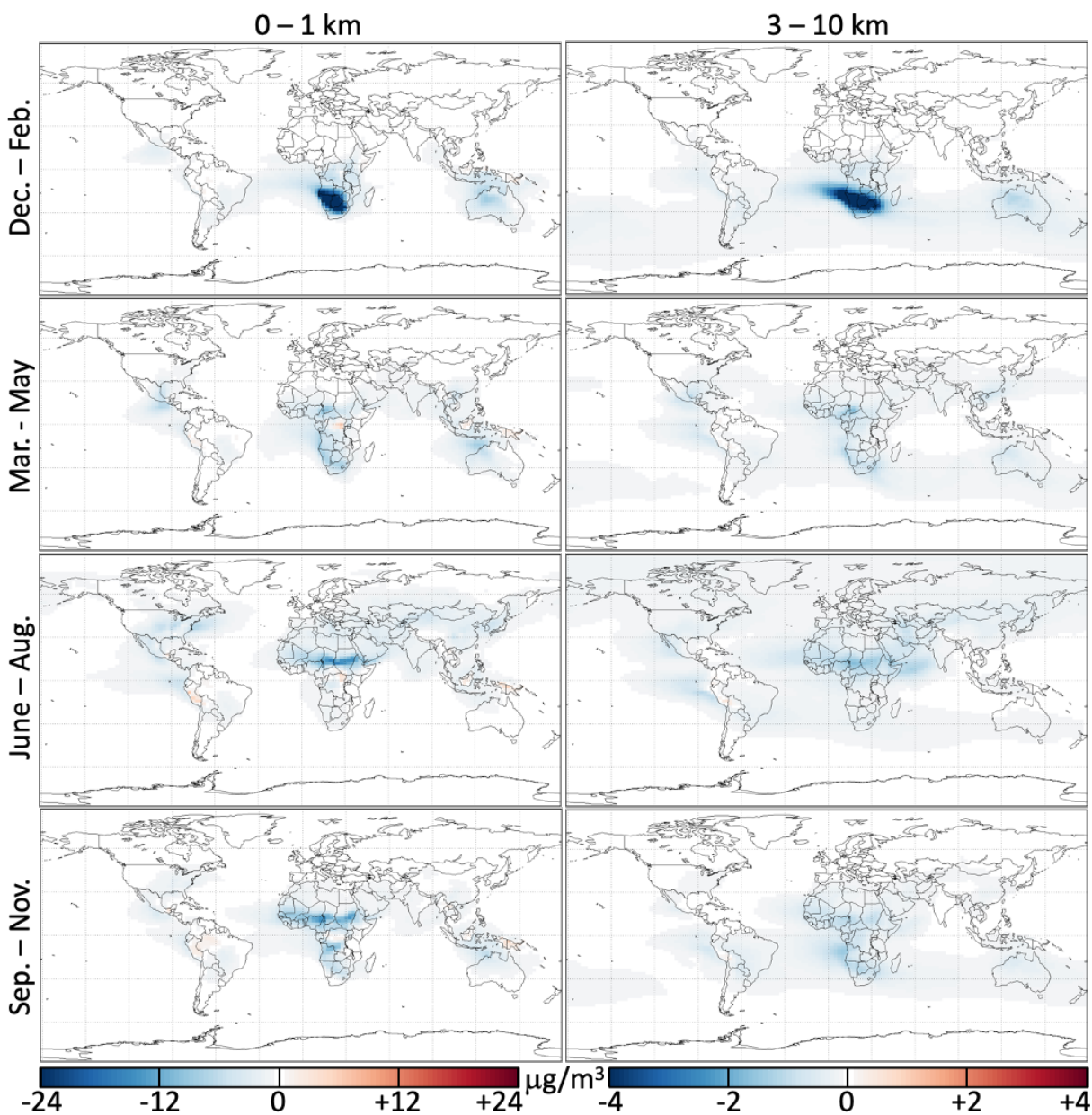


Figure S5. Absolute changes in the seasonal average concentrations of total IEPOX-derived organic aerosol (including 2-MT, 2-MTS, and their particle-phase oxidation products) between simulations with the base GEOS-Chem mechanism and the updated mechanism including 2-MT and 2-MTS oxidation.

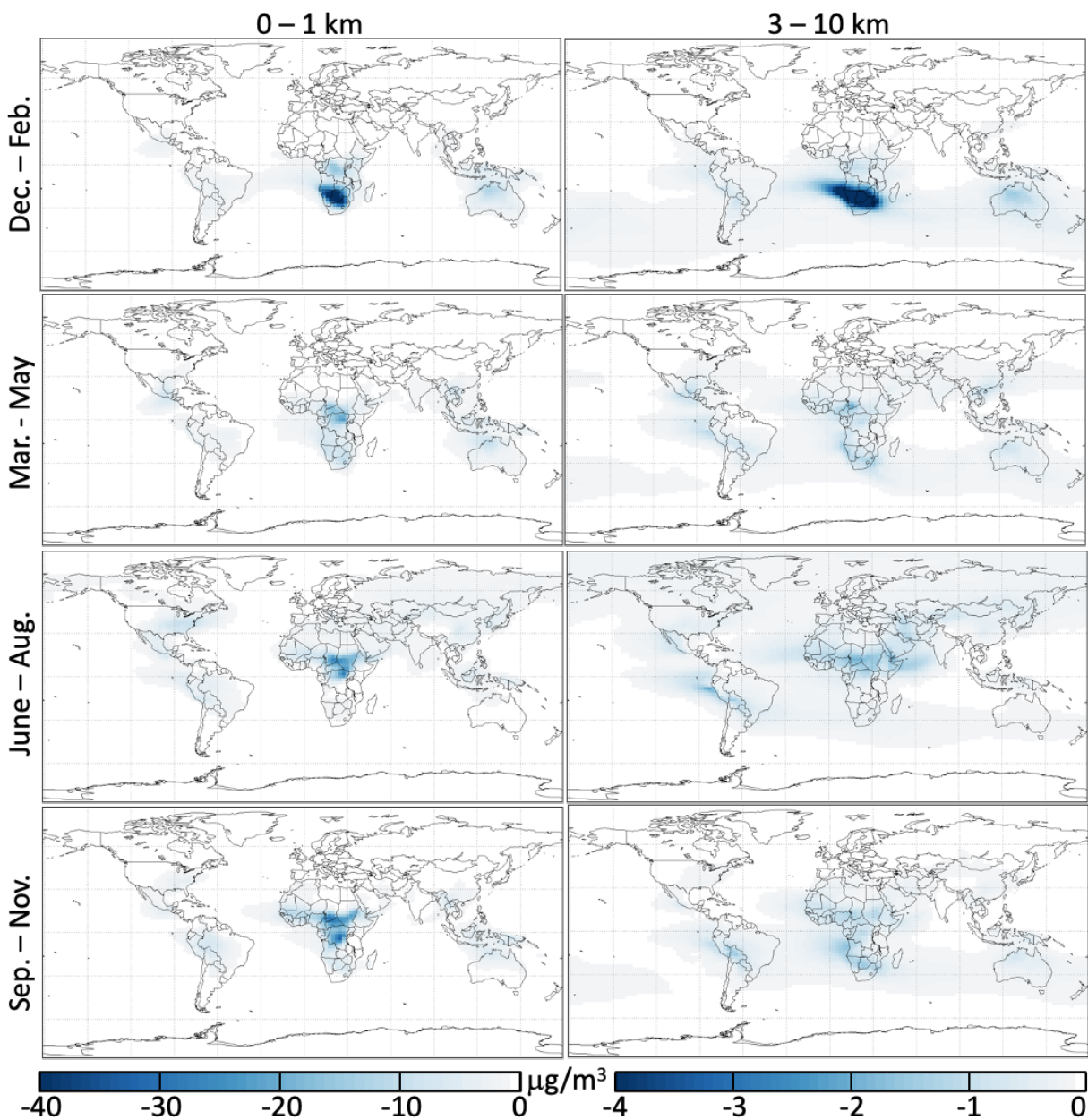


Figure S6. Absolute changes in the seasonal average concentrations of first-generation IEPOX-derived organic aerosol (including only 2-MT and 2-MTS) between simulations with the base GEOS-Chem mechanism and the updated mechanism including 2-MT and 2-MTS oxidation.

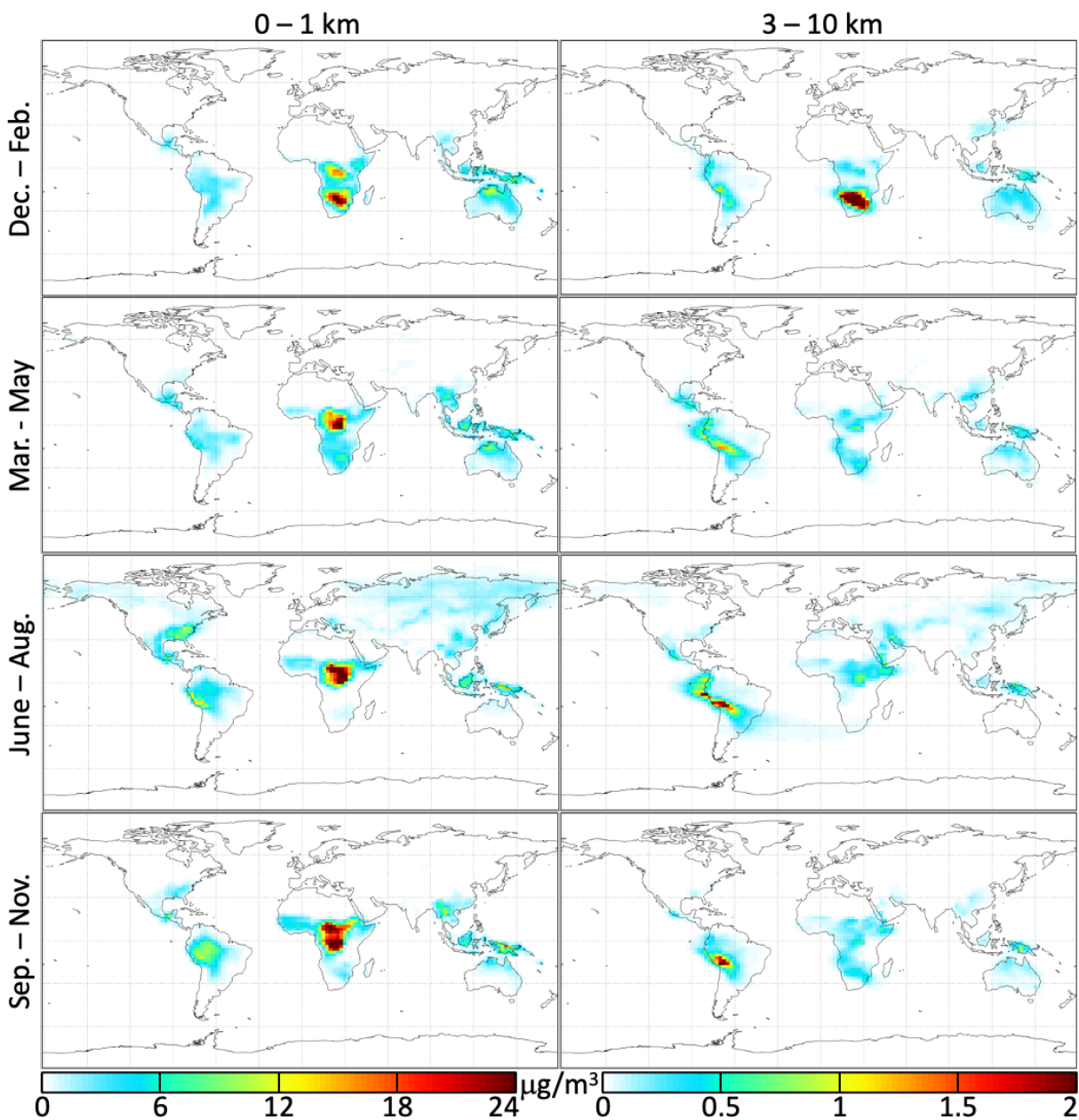


Figure S7. Seasonal average concentrations of total IEPOX-derived organic aerosol (including 2-MT, 2-MTS, and their particle-phase oxidation products) in simulations with the updated mechanism GEOS-Chem mechanism that includes 2-MT and 2-MTS oxidation.

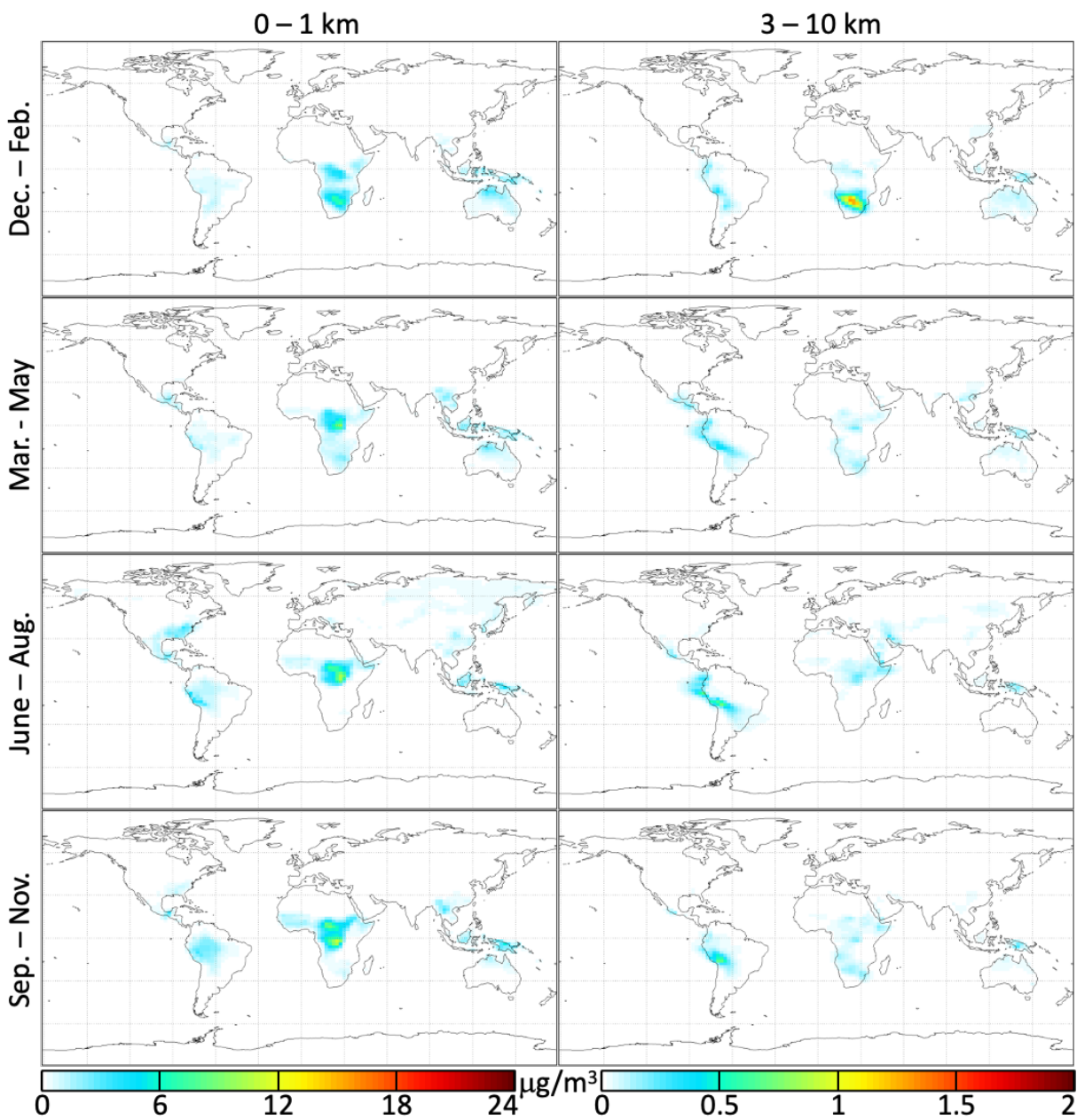


Figure S8. Seasonal average concentrations of first-generation IEPOX-derived organic aerosol (including only 2-MT and 2-MTS) in simulations with the updated mechanism GEOS-Chem mechanism that includes 2-MT and 2-MTS oxidation. Color scales are the same as in Figure S7.

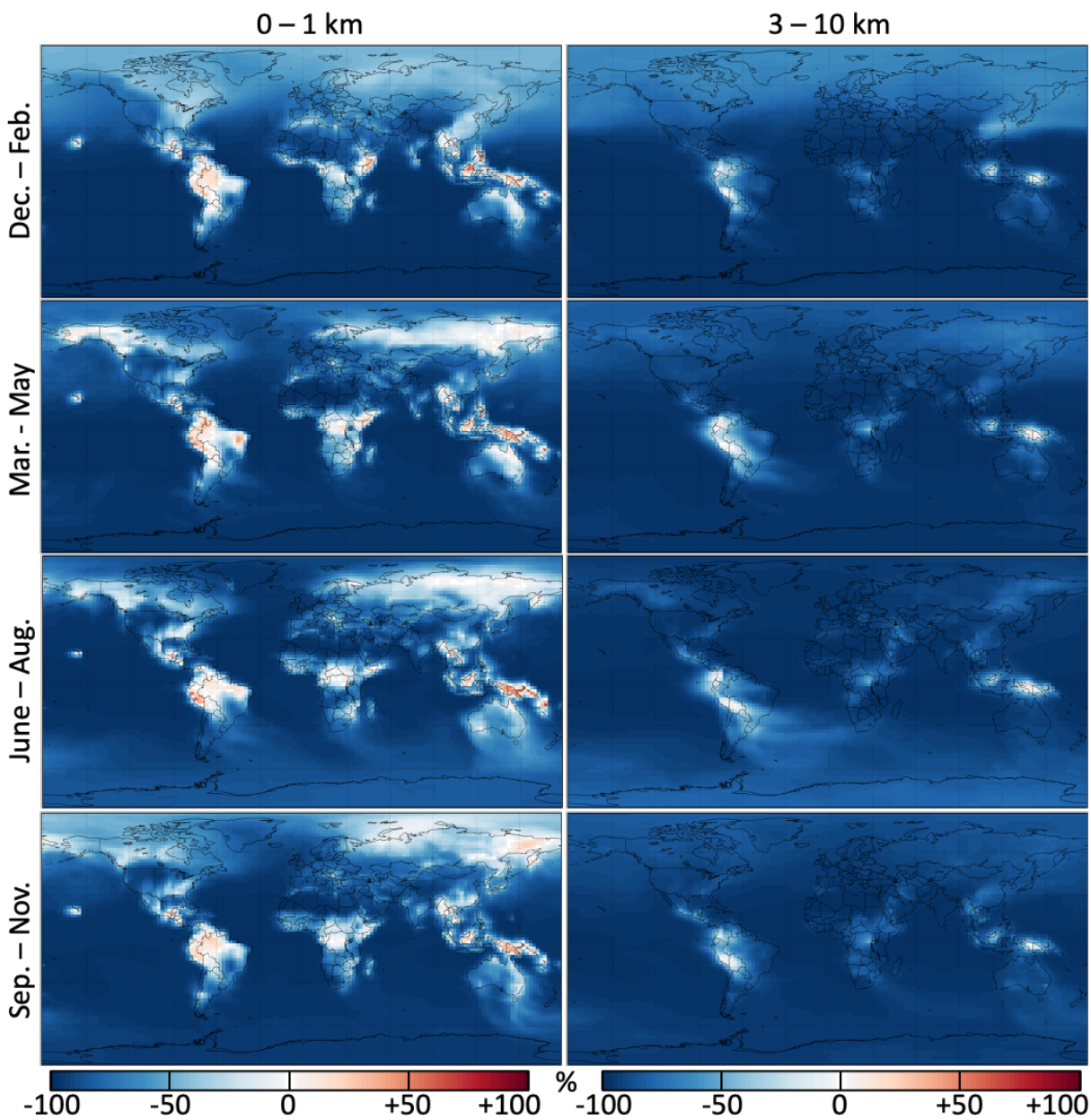


Figure S9. Percent changes in the seasonal average concentrations of total IEPOX-derived organic aerosol (including 2-MT, 2-MTS, and their particle-phase oxidation products) between simulations with the base GEOS-Chem mechanism and the updated mechanism including 2-MT and 2-MTS oxidation.

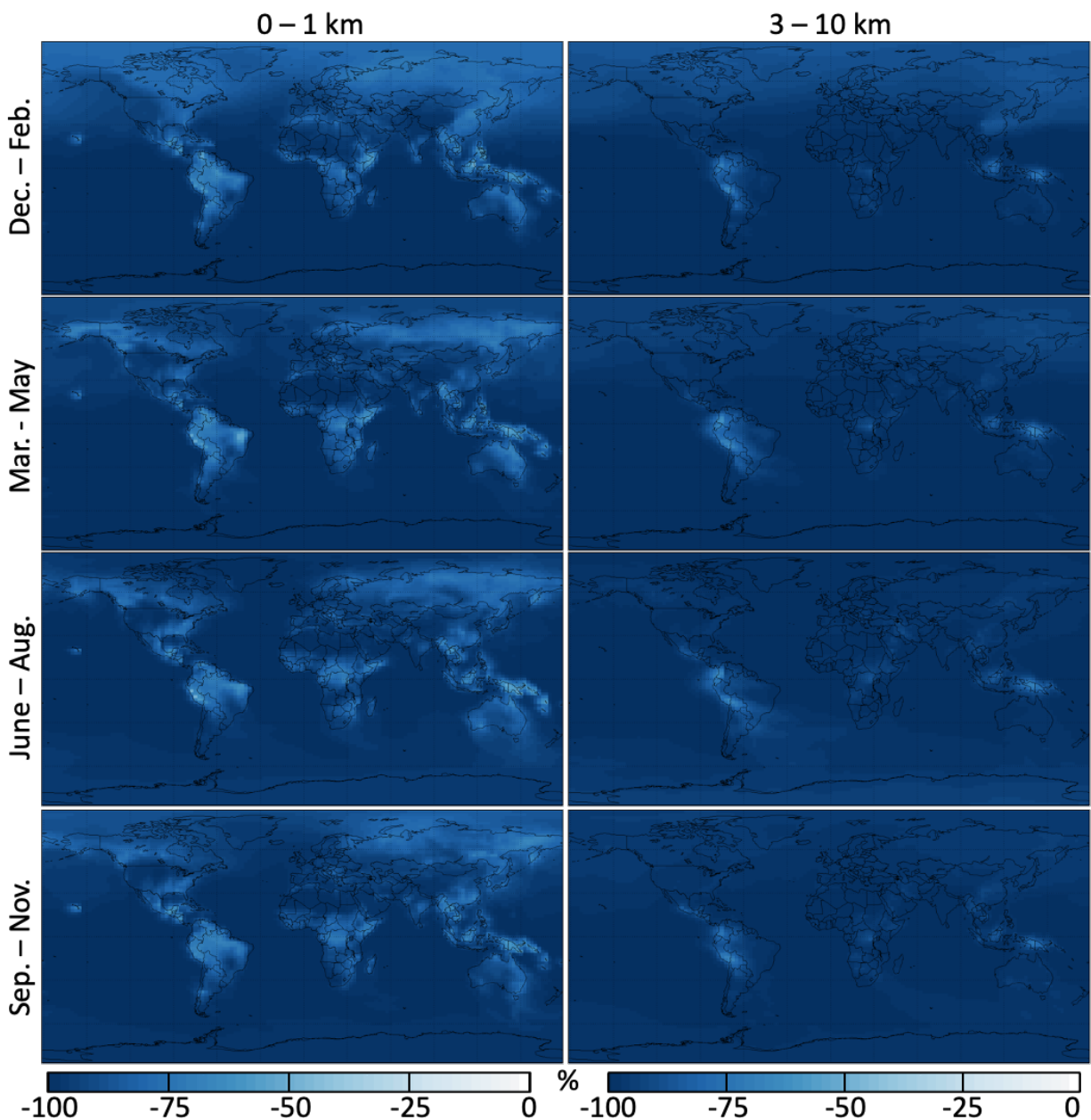


Figure S10. Percent changes in the seasonal average concentrations of first-generation IEPOX-derived organic aerosol (including only 2-MT and 2-MTS) between simulations with the base GEOS-Chem mechanism and the updated mechanism including 2-MT and 2-MTS oxidation.

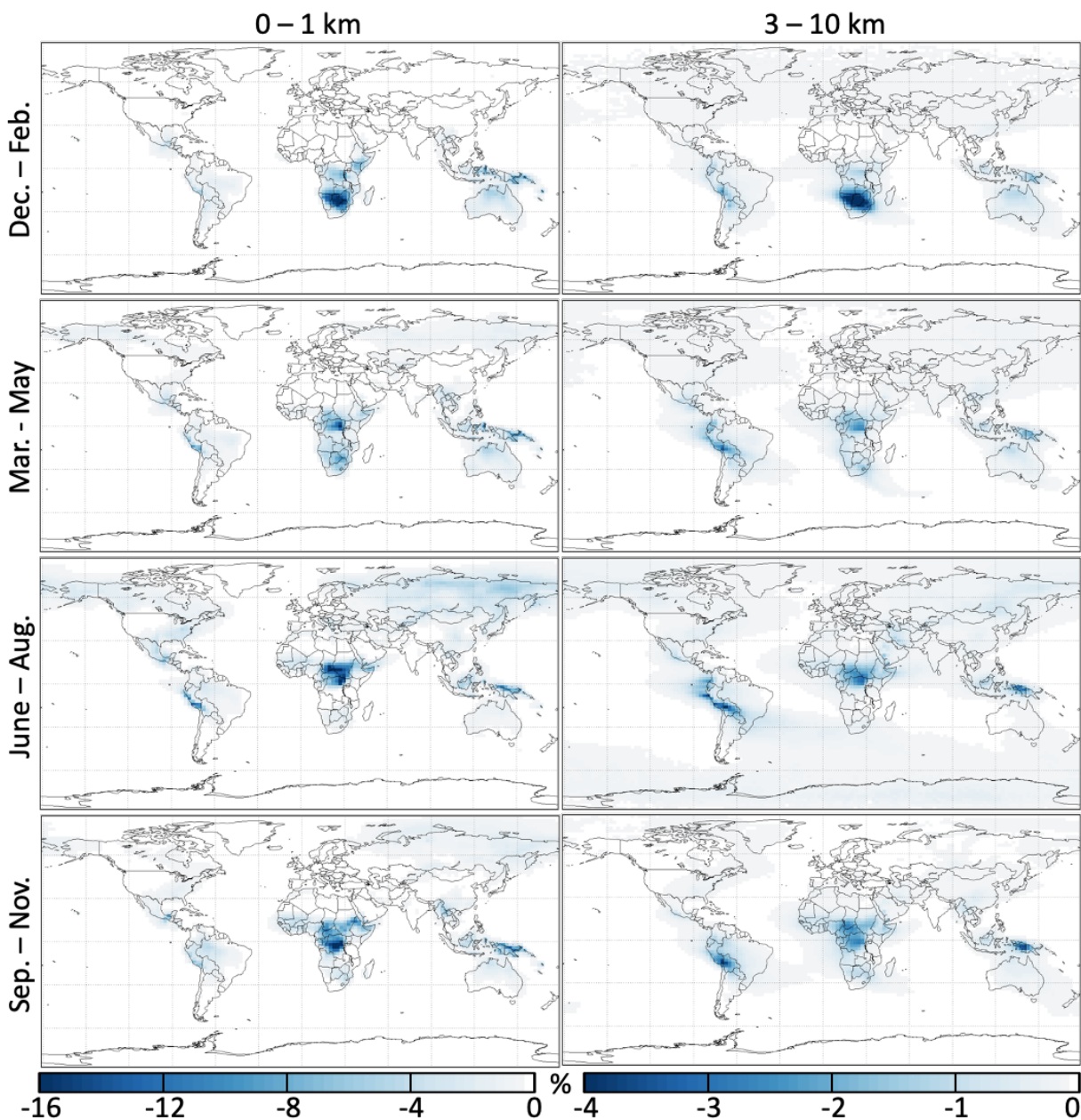


Figure S11. Percent changes in seasonally averaged OH mixing ratios at altitudes of 0 – 1 km (left) and 3 – 10 km (right) between the base GEOS-Chem mechanism and the updated mechanism with 2-MT and 2-MTS oxidation.

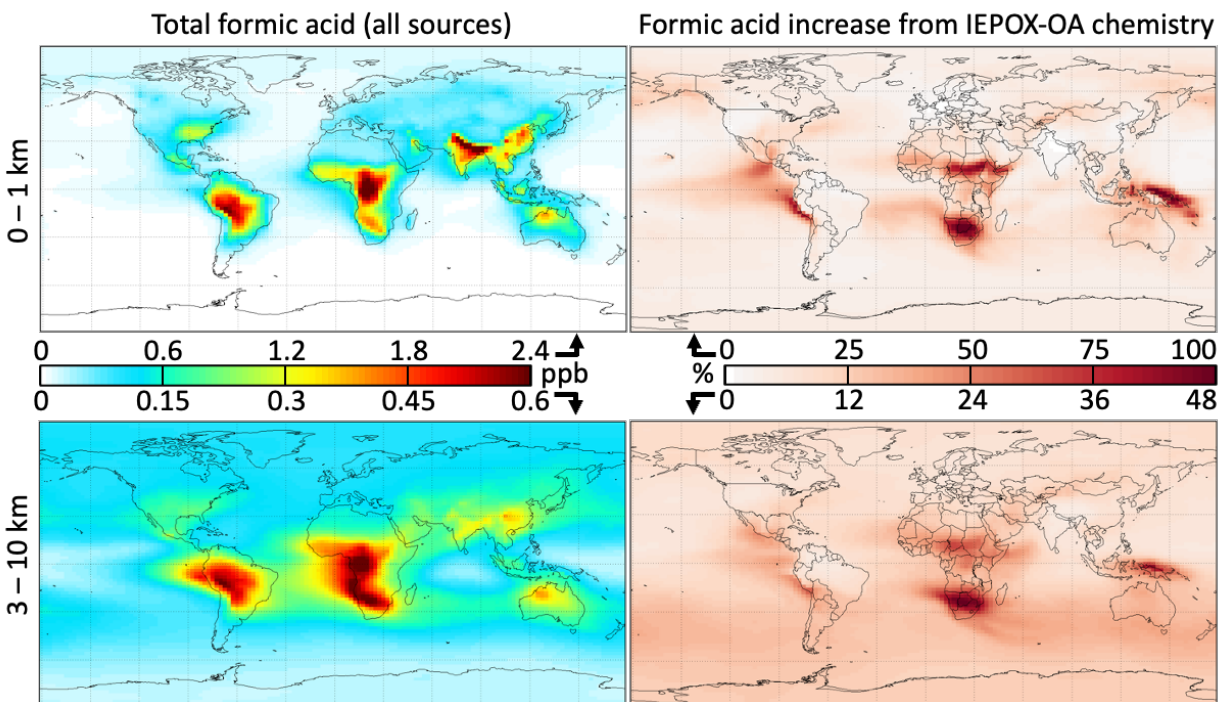


Figure S12. Total formic acid mixing ratios from all sources in a GEOS-Chem simulation with the updated 2-MT and 2-MTS oxidation mechanism (left) and the percent increase in formic acid mixing ratios when 2-MT and 2-MTS oxidation is included in GEOS-Chem (right). All maps show annual averages at altitudes of 0 – 1 km (top) or 3 – 10 km (bottom).

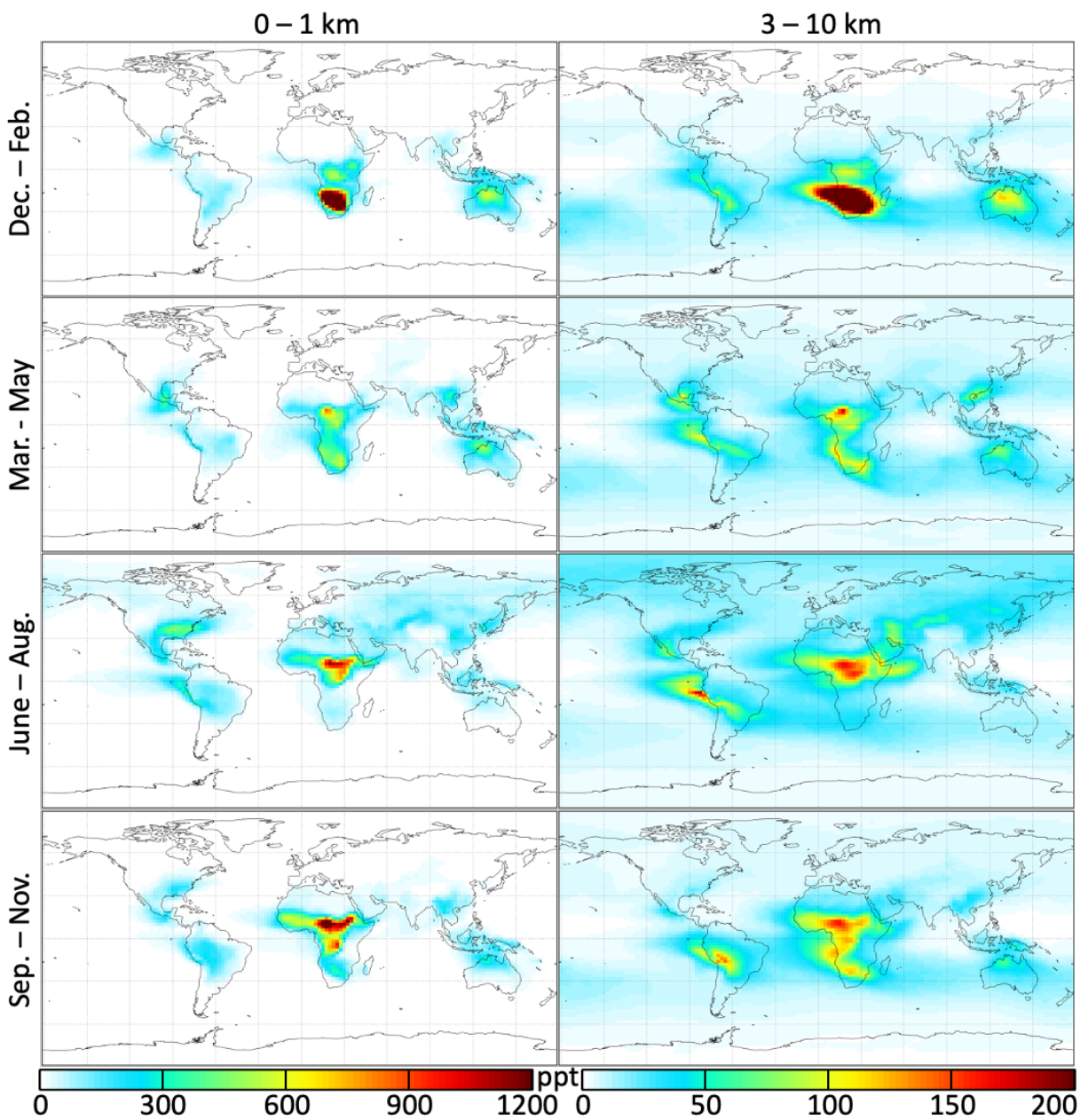


Figure S13. Seasonally averaged mixing ratios of formic acid produced from the multigenerational oxidation of IEPOX-derived organic aerosol at altitudes of 0 – 1 km (left) and 3 – 10 km (right).

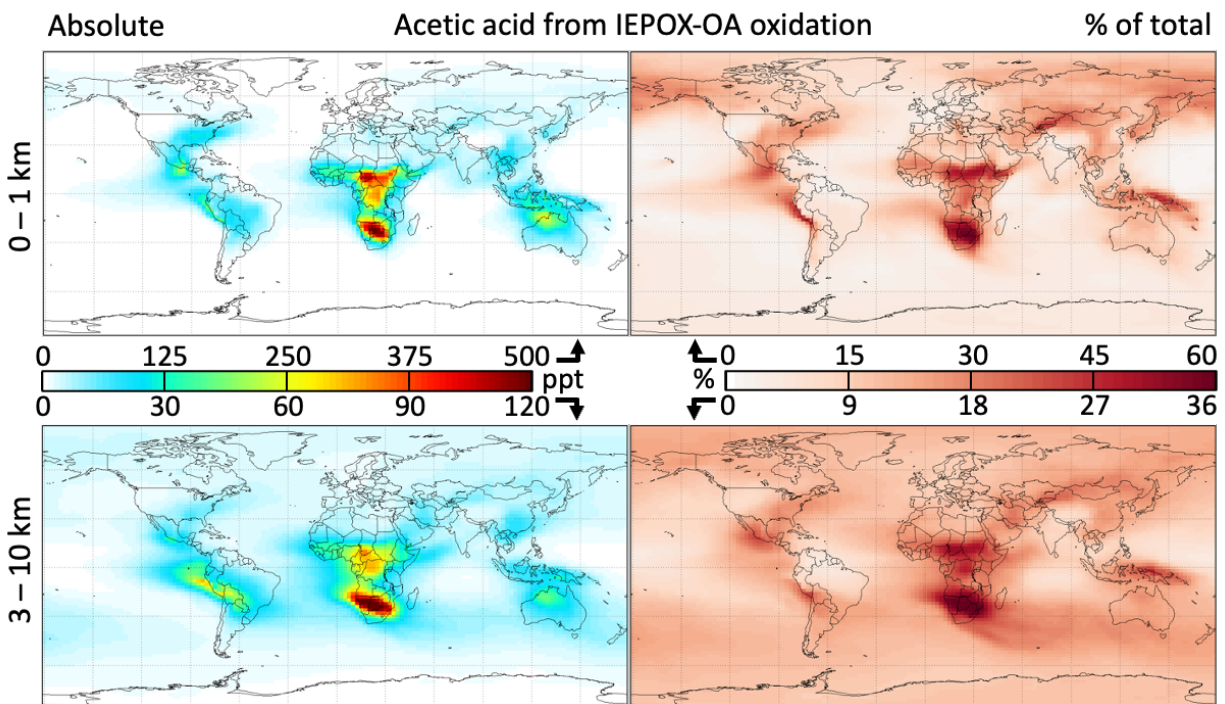


Figure S14. Like Figure 5 in the main text, but for acetic acid instead of formic acid: Acetic acid from the multigenerational oxidation of 2-MT and 2-MTS. Panels show the absolute mixing ratios of acetic acid produced from IEPOX-derived organic aerosol (IEPOX-OA) oxidation (left) and the fraction of the total acetic acid mixing ratios that this IEPOX-OA-derived acetic acid comprises (right) at altitudes of 0 – 1 km (top) and 3 – 10 km (bottom). All maps show annual averages from a GEOS-Chem simulation with the updated 2-MT and 2-MTS oxidation mechanism.

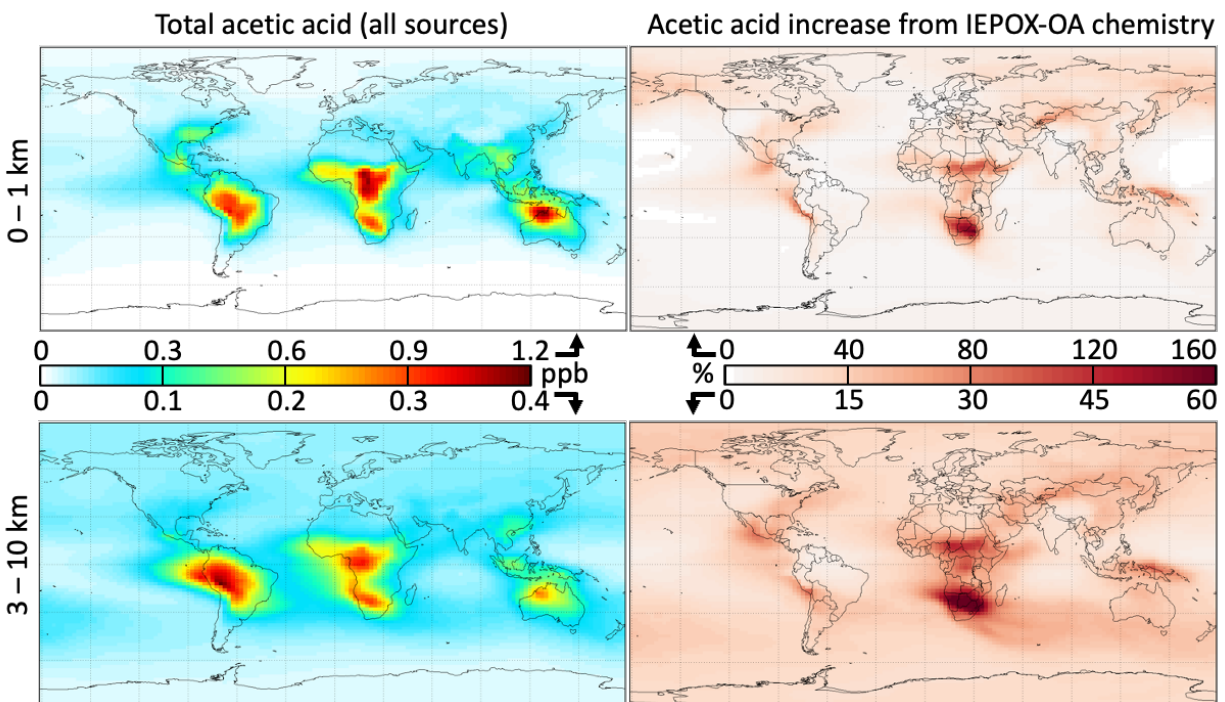


Figure S15. Like Figure S11, but for acetic acid instead of formic acid: Total acetic acid mixing ratios from all sources in a GEOS-Chem simulation with the updated 2-MT and 2-MTS oxidation mechanism (left) and the percent increase in acetic acid mixing ratios when 2-MT and 2-MTS oxidation is included in GEOS-Chem (right). All maps show annual averages at altitudes of 0 – 1 km (top) or 3 – 10 km (bottom).

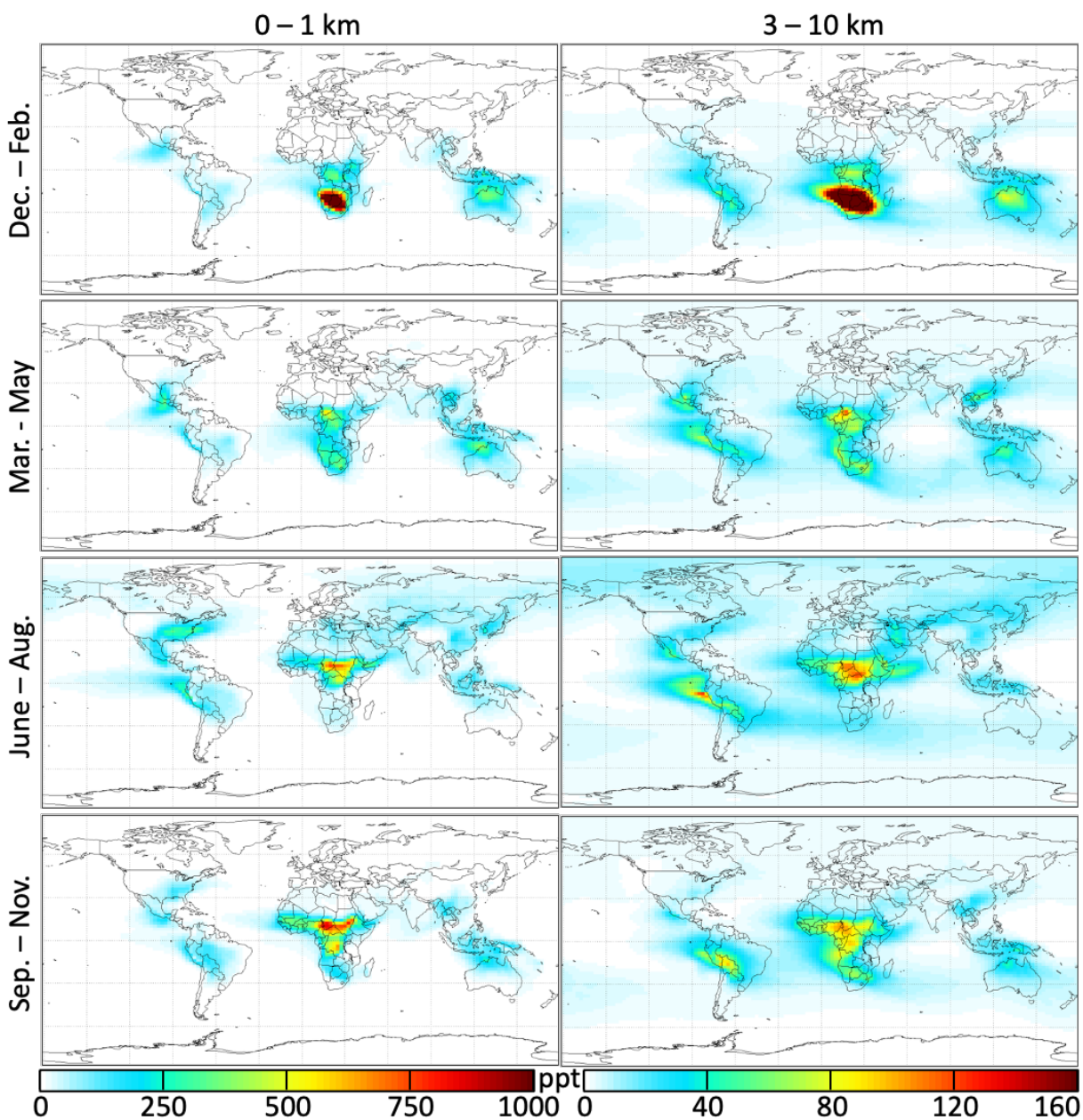


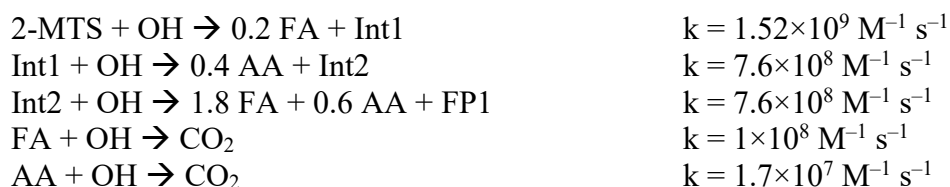
Figure S16. Like Figure S12, but for acetic acid instead of formic acid: Seasonally averaged mixing ratios of acetic acid produced from the multigenerational oxidation of IEPOX-derived organic aerosol at altitudes of 0 – 1 km (left) and 3 – 10 km (right).

Table S1. Global annual tropospheric production, emission, and fractional burden of formic acid from various sources in the GEOS-Chem simulation with the added 2-MT and 2-MTS oxidation mechanism.

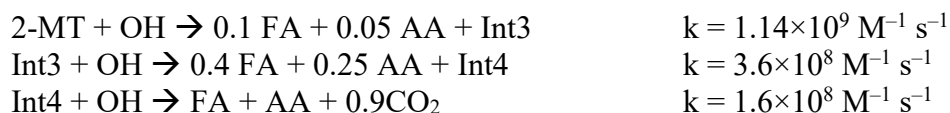
Source	Production or emission (Tg a⁻¹)	Contribution to tropospheric burden (%)
Primary (emissions)		
Fires	1.5	1.4
Anthropogenic	9.1	7.3
Biogenic	3.5	2.3
Secondary (production)		
2-MT & 2-MTS chemistry	14.2	12.9
Terminal alkene ozonolysis ^a	21.0	18.1
Other secondary production ^b	44.3	58.0
Total	93.6	100

^aIncluding direct production from the C₁ Criegee Intermediate and indirect production via hydroxymethyl hydroperoxide (HMHP); ^bIncluding 29.3 Tg a⁻¹ from glycolaldehyde + OH, 4.9 Tg a⁻¹ from hydroxyacetone + OH, 3.1 Tg a⁻¹ from acetaldehyde photolysis, 2.9 Tg a⁻¹ from acetylene + OH, 2.7 Tg a⁻¹ from C₄-C₅ intermediates in aromatic oxidation, and 1.4 Tg a⁻¹ from C₄-C₅ intermediates in isoprene oxidation.

Mechanism S1. Reactions used to simulate NMR experiments of 2-MTS in the kinetic model and added to GEOS-Chem for global simulations. Species used include formic acid (FA), acetic acid (AA), non-specific first- (Int1) and second-generation (Int2) aqueous intermediates, and a non-specific unreactive final product to represent the leftover carbon that does not form FA and AA (FP1), which is only included in GEOS-Chem, not the kinetic modeling. The aqueous reactions of FA and AA with OH are only included in the kinetic model, not GEOS-Chem. The rate of the 2-MTS + OH reaction is from Abellar et al.;¹ those of FA and AA + OH are from Chin & Wine;² those of Int1 and Int2 + OH are adjusted to fit experimental data. The mechanism also uses known HO_x reactions (OH + H₂O₂, HO₂ + HO₂, OH + HO₂, H₂O₂ photolysis) and measured light flux (**Fig. S1**, scaled linearly to match oxidation rate) to initiate radical production.



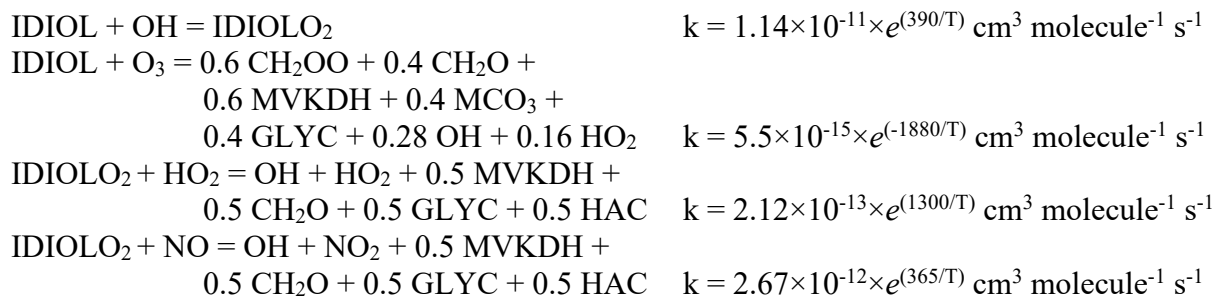
Reactions from Cope et al.³ used to model 2-MT reactivity are also added to GEOS-Chem in this work (Int3 and Int4 represent additional non-specific aqueous intermediates):



In GEOS-Chem, the non-specific intermediates and products are assigned molecular formulas to represent the carbon remaining from their precursors that has not yet fragmented to form FA or AA, which are then used to compute the organic aerosol mass. These intermediates and products are assumed to be more oxidized than their precursors and are assigned O:C and H:C ratios accordingly. These formulas are not meant to represent actual species, but rather the approximate elemental ratios of aqueous products remaining at each reaction step.

<u>Species</u>	<u>Formula equivalent</u>	<u>MW</u>
2-MTS	C ₅ H ₁₁ O ₇ S	215.15
Int1	C _{4.8} H _{10.2} O ₈ S	227.94
Int2	C ₄ H ₇ O ₈ S	215.12
FP1	CHO ₅ S	125.07
2-MT	C ₅ H ₁₂ O ₄	136.09
Int3	C _{4.8} H _{11.2} O ₅	148.89
Int4	C _{3.9} H _{7.8} O _{4.8}	131.46

Additional reactions of 1,2-dihydroxy isoprene (IDIOL) from Bates et al.⁴ listed below are also added to GEOS-Chem in this work (abbreviations from GEOS-Chem are listed below reactions; T represents temperature in Kelvin):



Abbreviations:

IDIOL = 1,2-dihydroxy isoprene
 IDIOLO₂ = peroxy radical from IDIOL
 CH₂OO = C₁ Criegee intermediate
 CH₂O = formaldehyde
 GLYC = glycolaldehyde
 HAC = hydroxyacetone
 MCO₃ = acetylperoxy radical
 MVKDH = 1,2-dihydroxybutan-3-one

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