

Aerosol formation from NO_3 + isoprene: **Field** and **laboratory** studies on mechanism and yields

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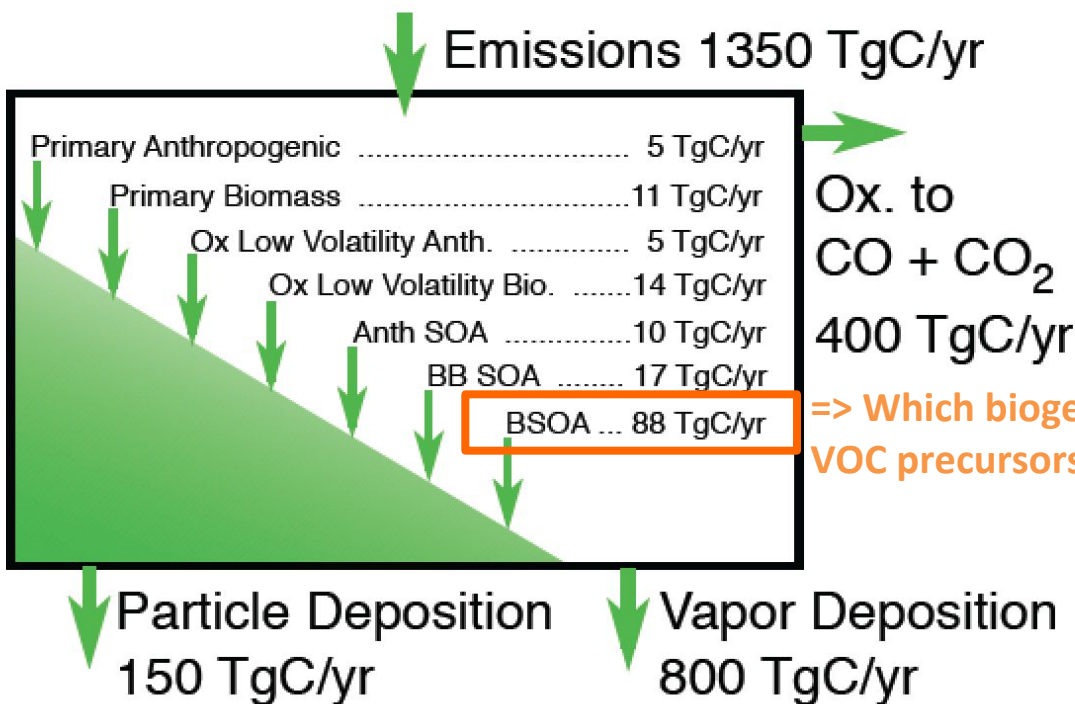
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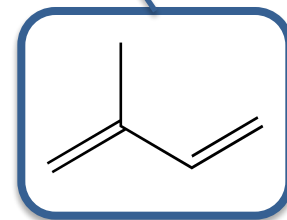
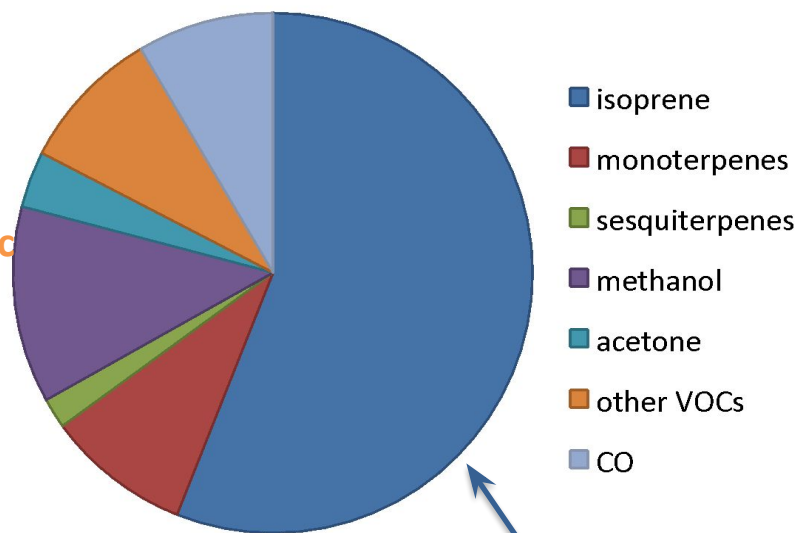
What's to come in this talk:

- Why do we think that **NO₃ + isoprene** may be an important contributor to atmospheric secondary organic aerosol (SOA)?
- **Field study:** Estimating SOA yields from NO₃ + isoprene based on nighttime aircraft power plant plume transects during SENEX 2013
- **Lab study:** Yields and gas/aerosol partitioning of organonitrate products from NO₃-initiated oxidation of isoprene under varied chemical regimes, measured at SAPHIR in Aug 2018

Global organic carbon budgets and biogenic secondary organic aerosol (SOA)



MEGAN model estimates 760 TgC yr⁻¹ global BVOC emissions, of which >60% is isoprene:



isoprene

Isoprene oxidation by NO₃ is *fast*

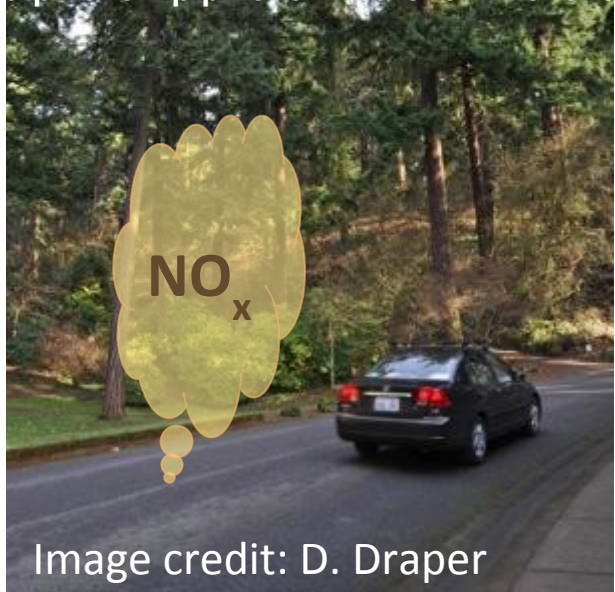
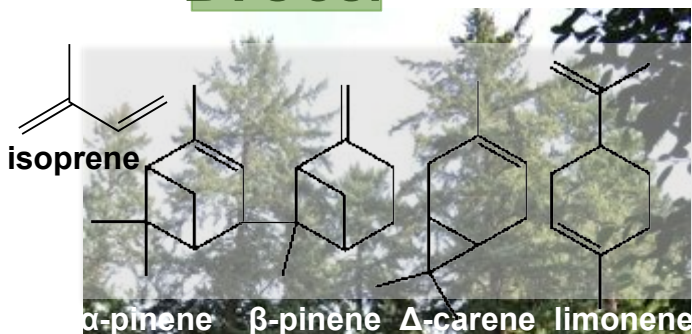
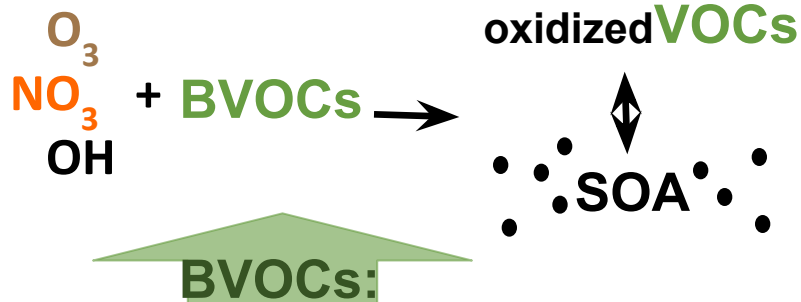
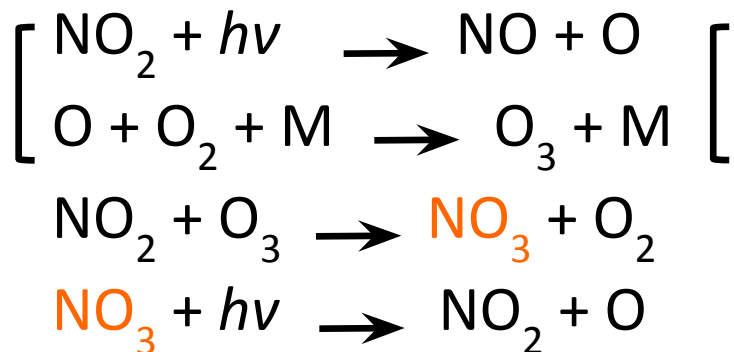


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BVOC lifetimes w.r.t. each oxidant

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β-pinene	1.9 hr	1.1 day	13 min
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Isoprene oxidation by NO_3 is *fast ... but not too fast*

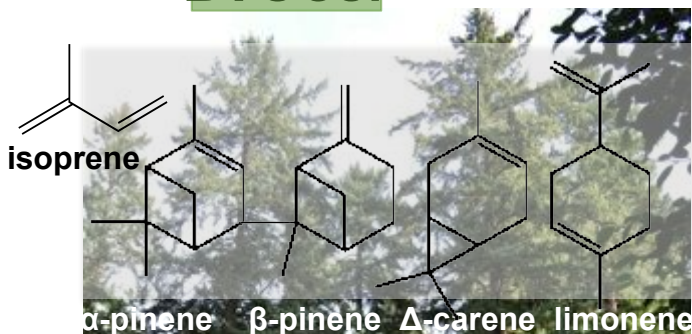
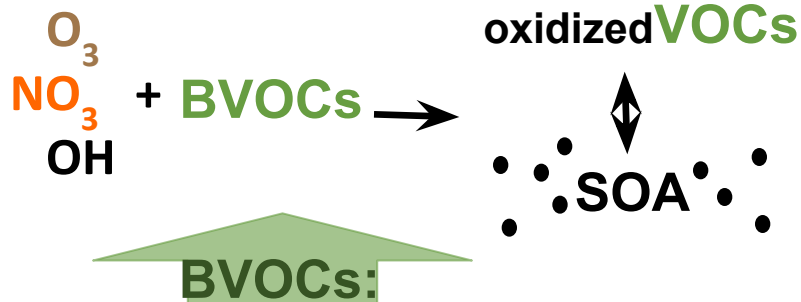
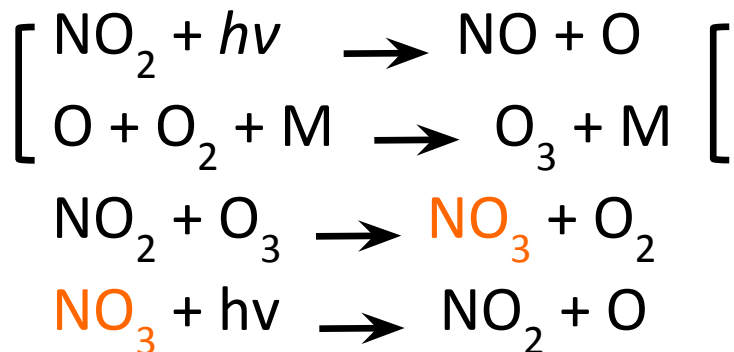


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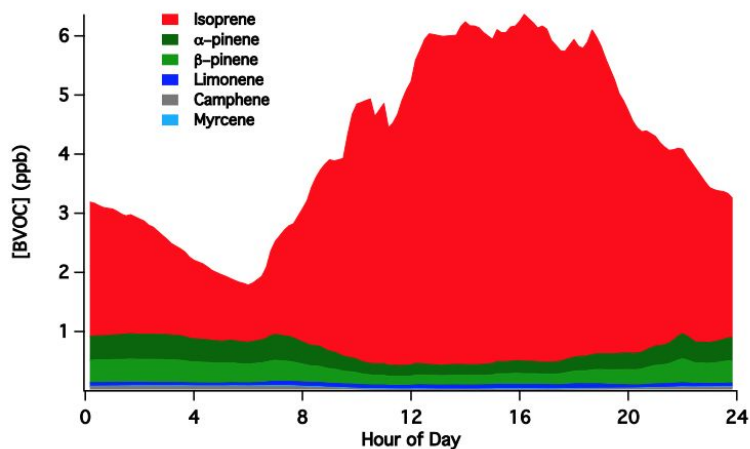
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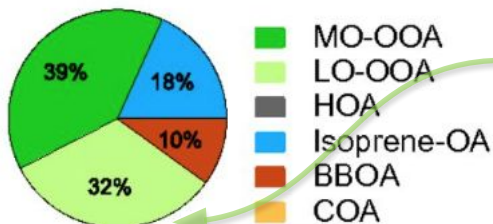
Isoprene dominates BVOC mix in summertime SEUS, coincident with aerosol optical depth (AOD) summer enhancement



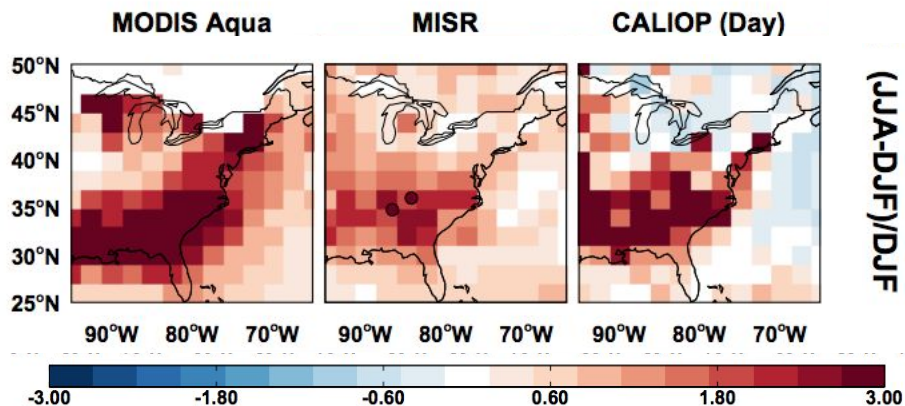
Surface measurements @ SOAS 2013
Ayres et al., ACP 2015

Carlton et al., BAMS 2019: NO₃ SOA @ SOAS is mostly from monoterpenes (high SOA yields).

CTR_June
OA: 5.0±4.0 μg/m³
(PM₁: 7.5±5.3 μg/m³)



LO-OOA: NO₃ + terpenes,
1/3 of SOA in SEUS!
Xu et al., PNAS 2015.



Observed **3x** enhancements in summer AOD
Ford & Heald, ACP 2013
But surface enhancements are only 25-55%

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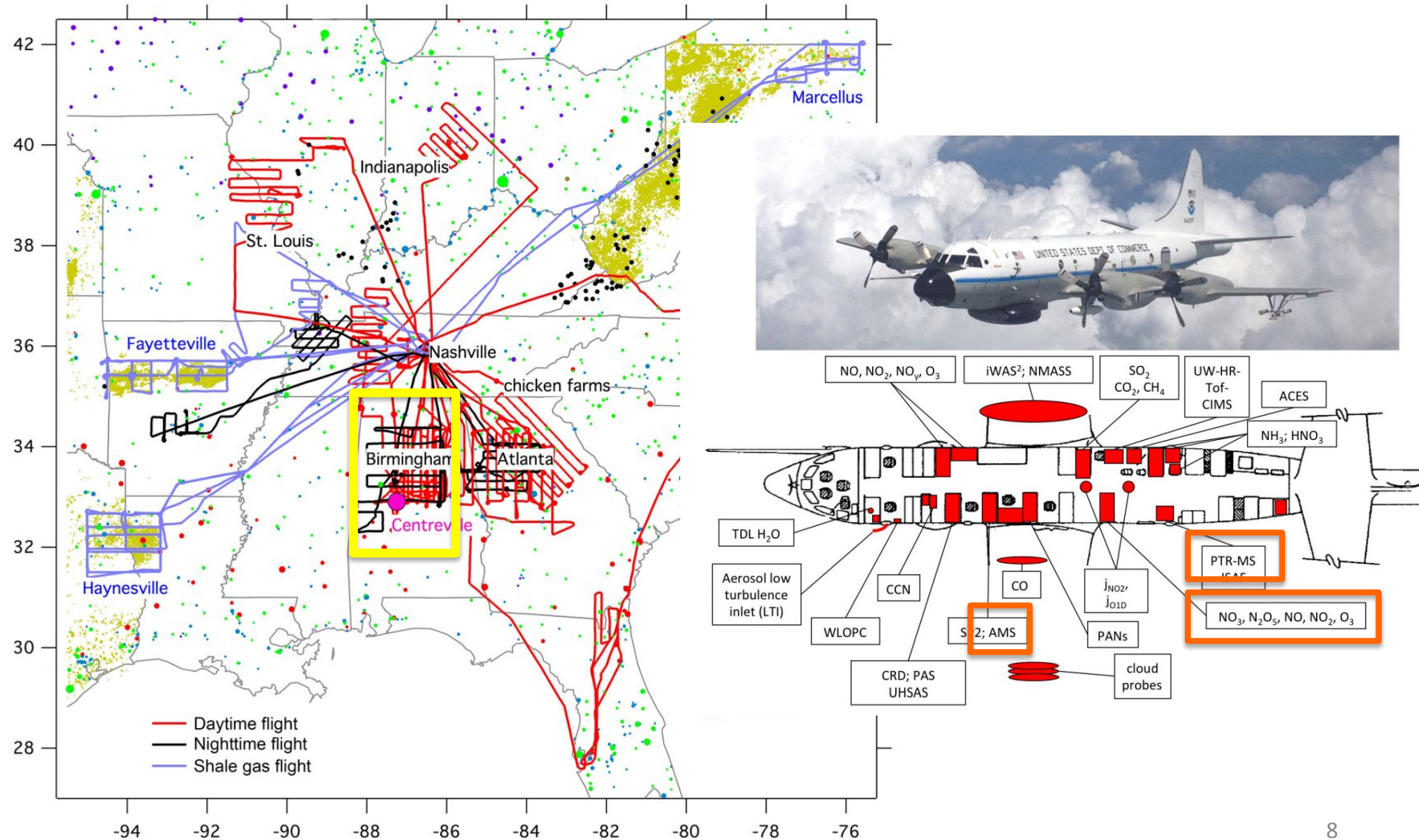
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=> Could its longer NO₃ lifetime mean [isoprene] is higher aloft, producing more SOA in the residual layer?

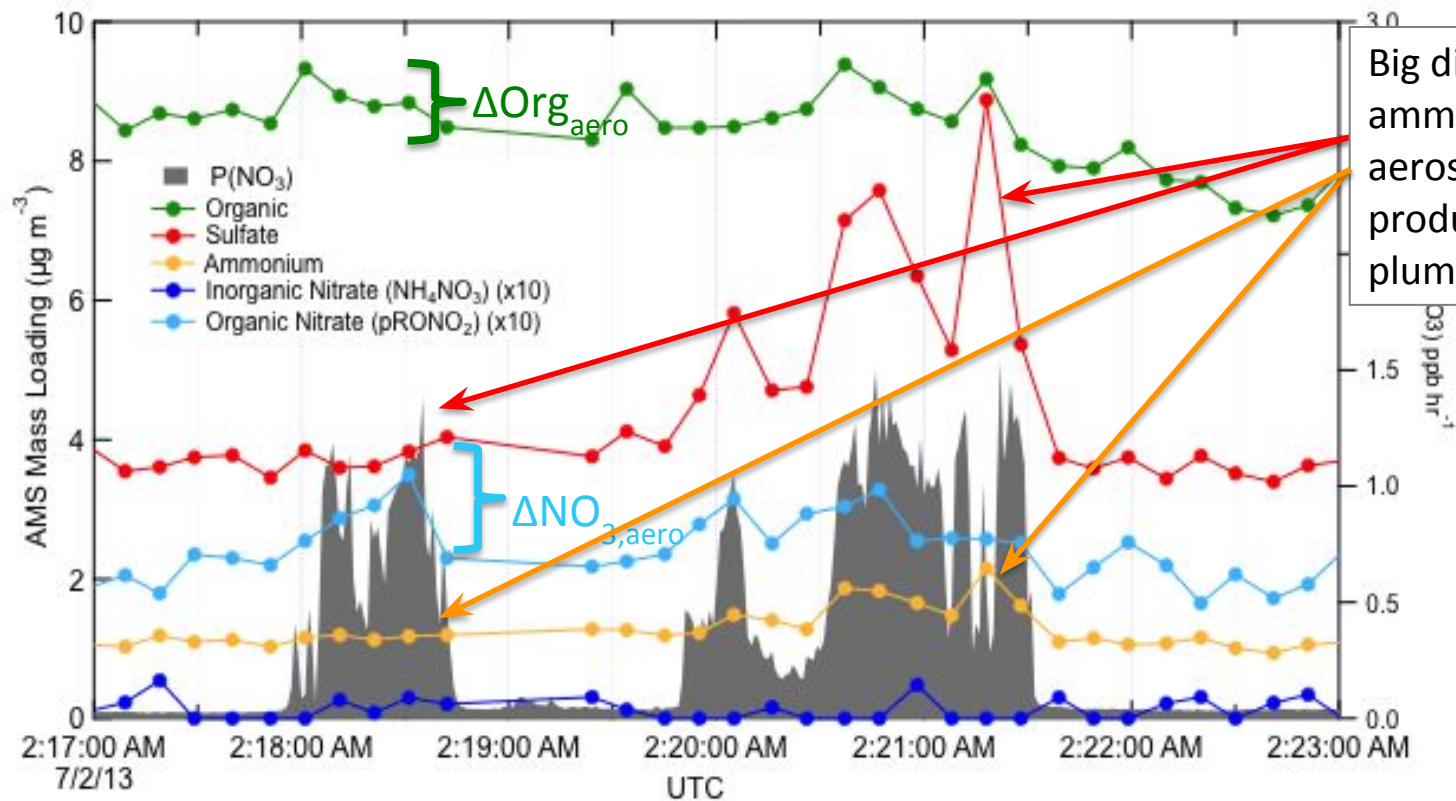
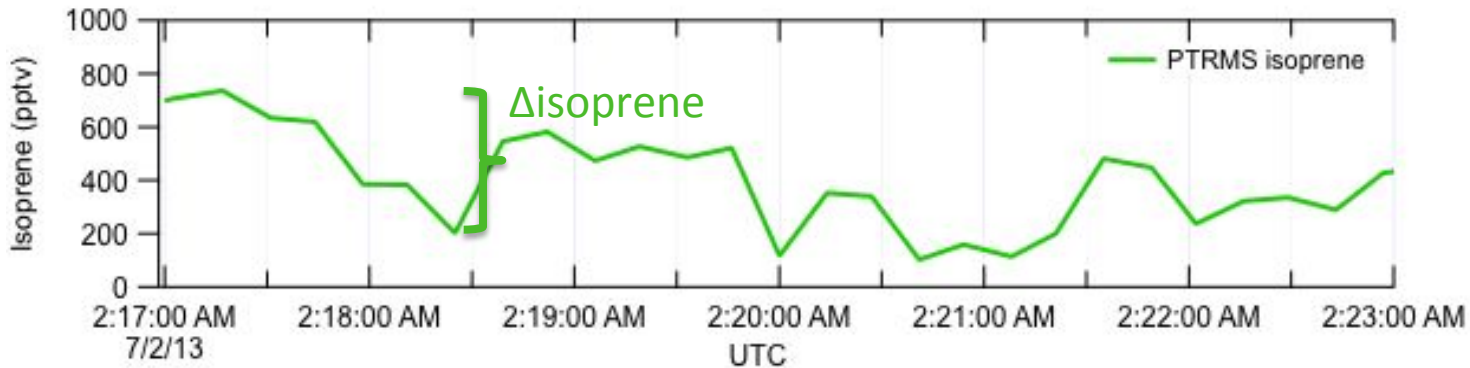
Field study: Assess NO_3 + isoprene SOA yield from aircraft measurements in regions of rapid NO_3 oxidation of isoprene: power plant plumes



SENEX 2013: 21 research flights



Aircraft power plant plume transects

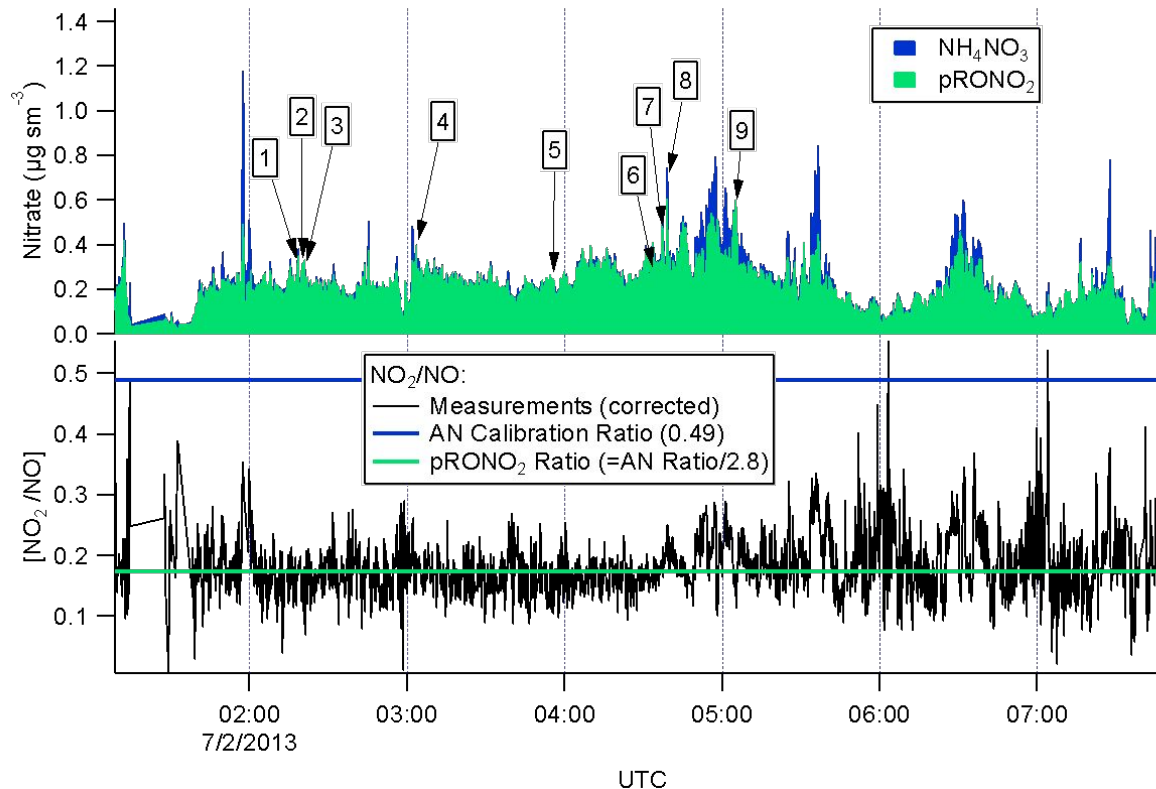


Big differences in ammonium and sulfate aerosol emitted/produced in different plumes.

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Previous studies report $\text{NO}_2^+:\text{NO}^+$ ratios for organic nitrates typically 2–3 times lower than for NH_4NO_3 (Fry et al., 2009, 2011; Bruns et al., 2010; Farmer et al., 2010; Liu et al., 2012); this can be used to apportion organic (pRONO_2) vs. inorganic (NH_4NO_3) nitrate. **Conclusion: no sign of significant inorganic nitrate interference in plumes.**

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✓ Based on $\text{NO}^+:\text{NO}_2^+$ ratios, all increase is organic nitrate (& pRONO_2 is separable)

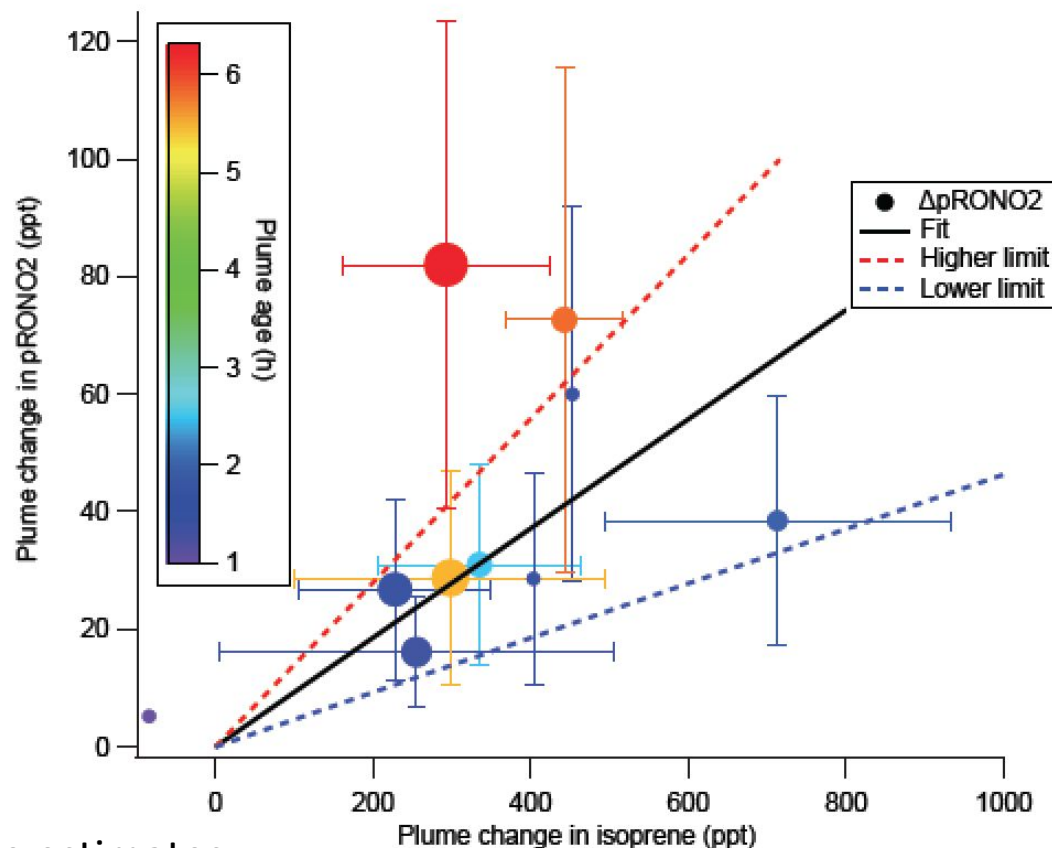
So, we will calculate SOA mass yields as:

$$Y_{SOA, mass} = \frac{(pRONO2_{plume} \pm SD_{pRONO2plume}) - (pRONO2_{bkg} \pm SD_{pRONO2bkg})}{-[(isop_{plume} \pm SD_{isopplume}) - (isop_{bkg} \pm SD_{isopbkg})]} \times 3 \times \frac{329 \text{ppt}}{\mu\text{g m}^{-3}}$$

3: nitrate mass + associated organics, assumed to be approximately double the nitrate mass.

Requires ~4 additional oxygens: e.g. a tri-hydroperoxynitrate

Observed SOA yields are large; higher at longest plume ages



SOA mass yield from these data:
27% +/- 14%

Previous chamber-based SOA mass yields:
12-14%
(Ng et al., 2008; Rollins et al., 2009)

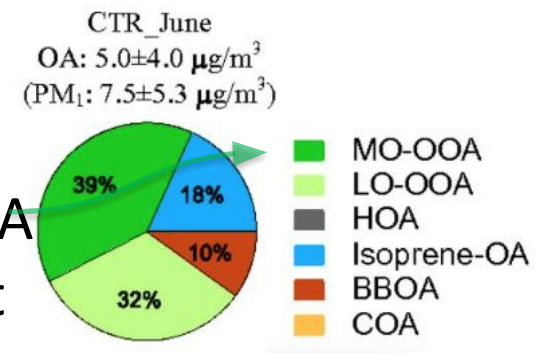
Plume age estimates based on O_3/NO_2 ratio clock and model

Fry et al., ACP 2018

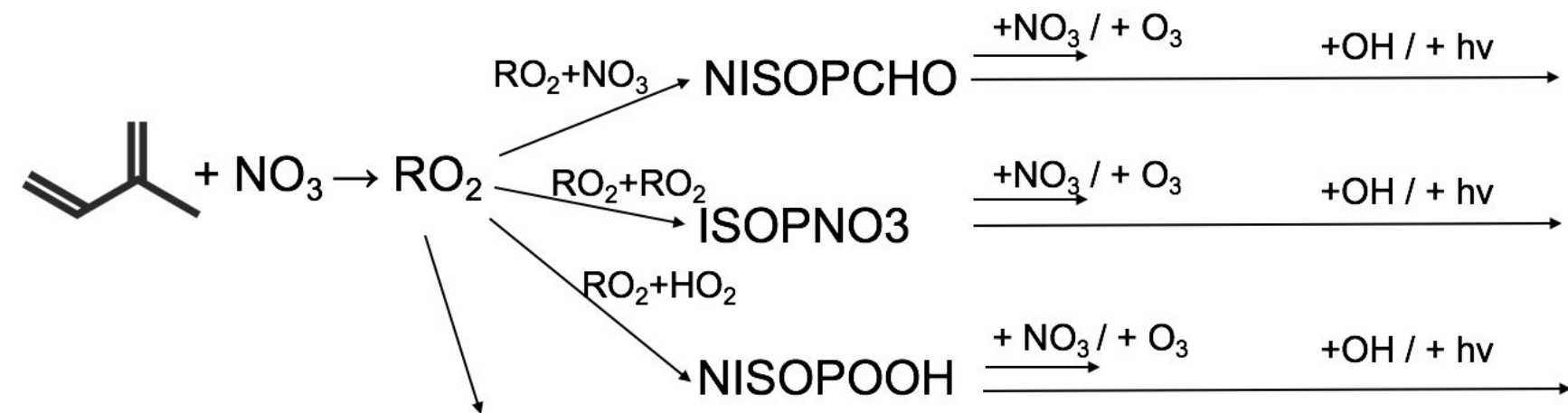
=> Why more SOA in older plumes? Why more than previous chamber studies?

Conclusions about field-based NO_3 + isoprene SOA yields

- NO_3 + isoprene yields assessed from aircraft measurements increased with plume age, on average $\sim 3x$ the previously chamber-measured yields, which are used in models
- NO_3 + isoprene products may contribute substantially to another organic aerosol factor (MO-OOA) comprising 40% of total OA at the surface: more oxidized, day and night peaks
- **Question: why haven't previous chamber studies observed these larger SOA yields for NO_3 + isoprene?**



Laboratory study: To the SAPHIR chamber, seeking the chemical regime that enables these larger SOA yields



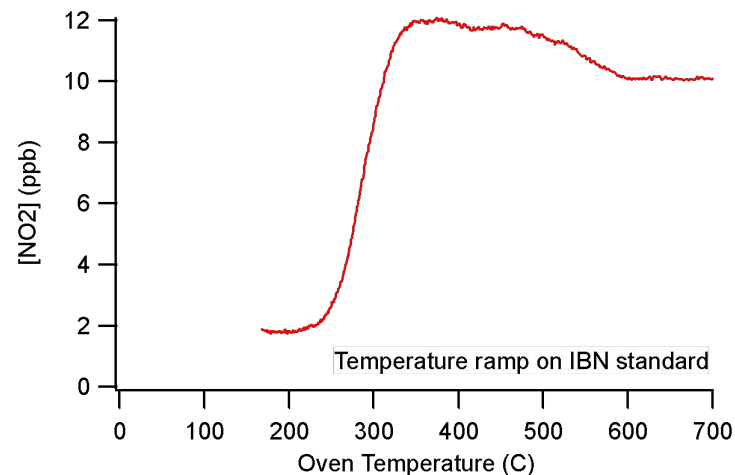
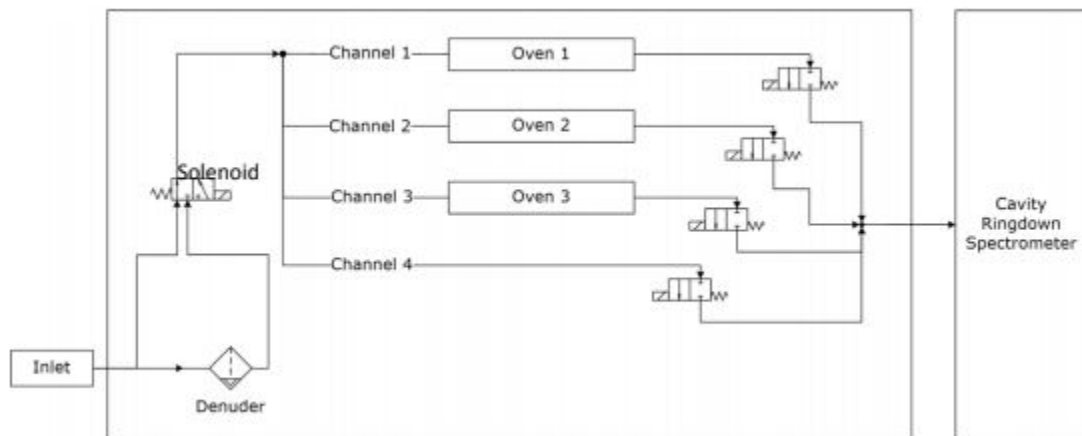
1. Testing regimes of different RO₂ fates

2. Later oxidation steps (nighttime)

3. Later oxidation steps (daytime)

Preliminary results from the August 2018 NO₃ISOP campaign at Forschungszentrum Jülich

Thermal dissociation – Cavity Ringdown Spectroscopy (TD-CRDS) detection of organic nitrates



Species that dissociate in each oven:

Oven 1 (700 C): NO₂ + ΣPANs + ΣANs + HNO₃

Oven 2 (385 C): NO₂ + ΣPANs + ΣANs

Oven 3 (130 C): NO₂ + ΣPANs

“Oven” 4 (21 C): NO₂

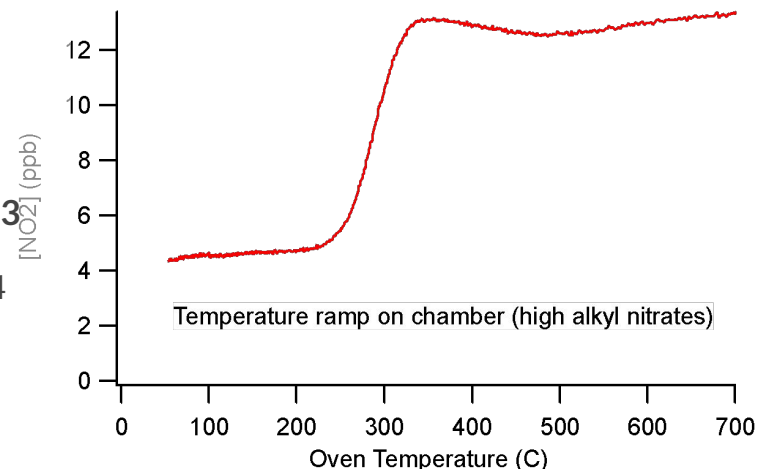
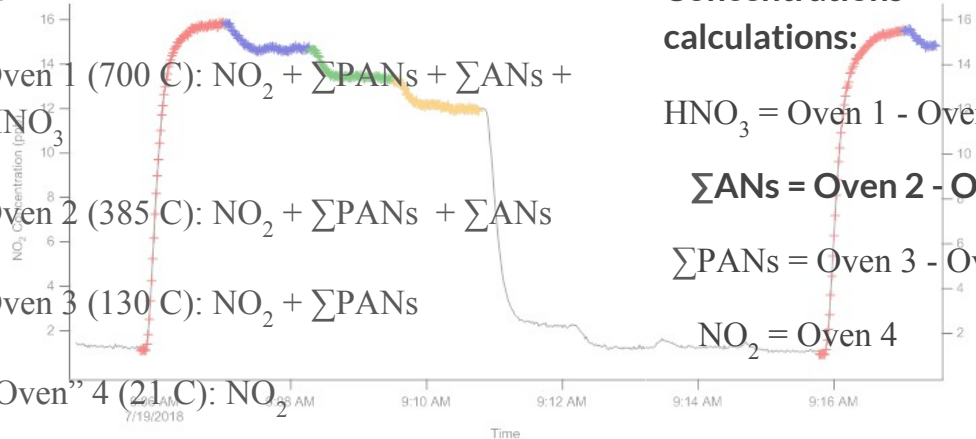
Concentrations calculations:

HNO₃ = Oven 1 - Oven 2

ΣANs = Oven 2 - Oven 3

ΣPANs = Oven 3 - Oven 4

NO₂ = Oven 4



NOTE: ammonium nitrate would also appear in the 700 C channel

4 weeks of chamber expts, Aug 2018

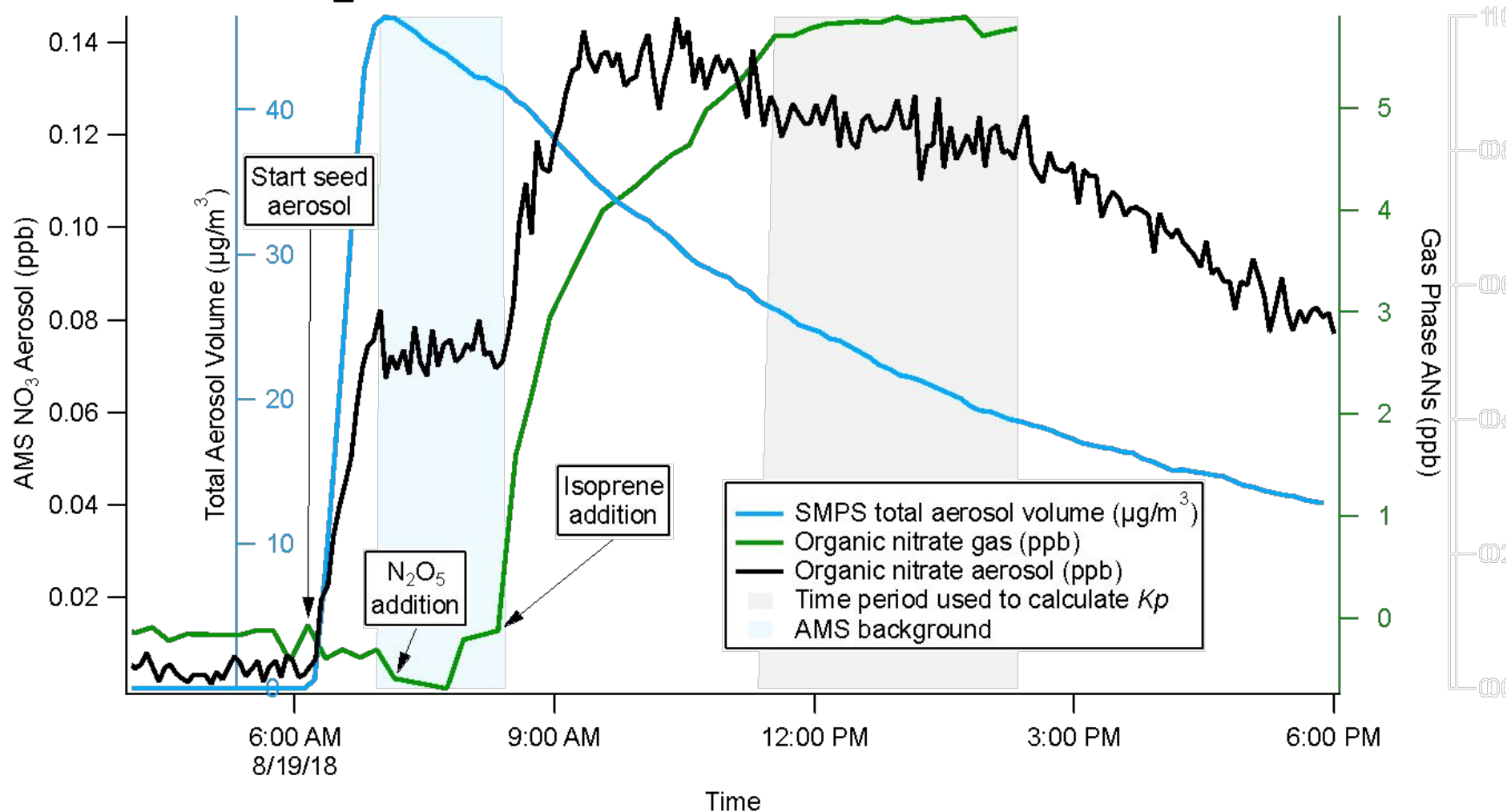
Unseeded

- 31.07. NO₃ from 5ppb NO₂ and 100ppb O₃, dry air
- 01.08. NO₃ from 5ppb NO₂ and 100ppb O₃, after 3 hours 3ppb isoprene, dry air
- 02.08. NO₃ from 5ppb NO₂ and 100ppb O₃, after 3 hours 3ppb isoprene, dry air
- 03.08. Humid Daytime low Nox Isoprene + nighttime NO₃ isoprene 100ppbv/5ppb
- 06.08. Humid nighttime NO₃ isoprene 100ppbv/5ppb Daytime low Nox
- 07.08. lower O₃ NO₃+ISOP +NO₃ second product (humidity 20%)
- 08.08. High Ro₂ production 2x isoprene + NO₃ + second oxidation products
- 09.08. NO₃ isoprene + ethene: HO₂+RO₂
- 10.08. Repeat lower O₃ NO₃+ISOP +NO₃ second product (dry)
- 12.08. Dry nighttime NO₃ isoprene 100ppbv/5ppb + Daytime low Nox + CO
- 13.08. Repeat High Ro₂ production 2x isoprene + NO₃ + second oxidation products

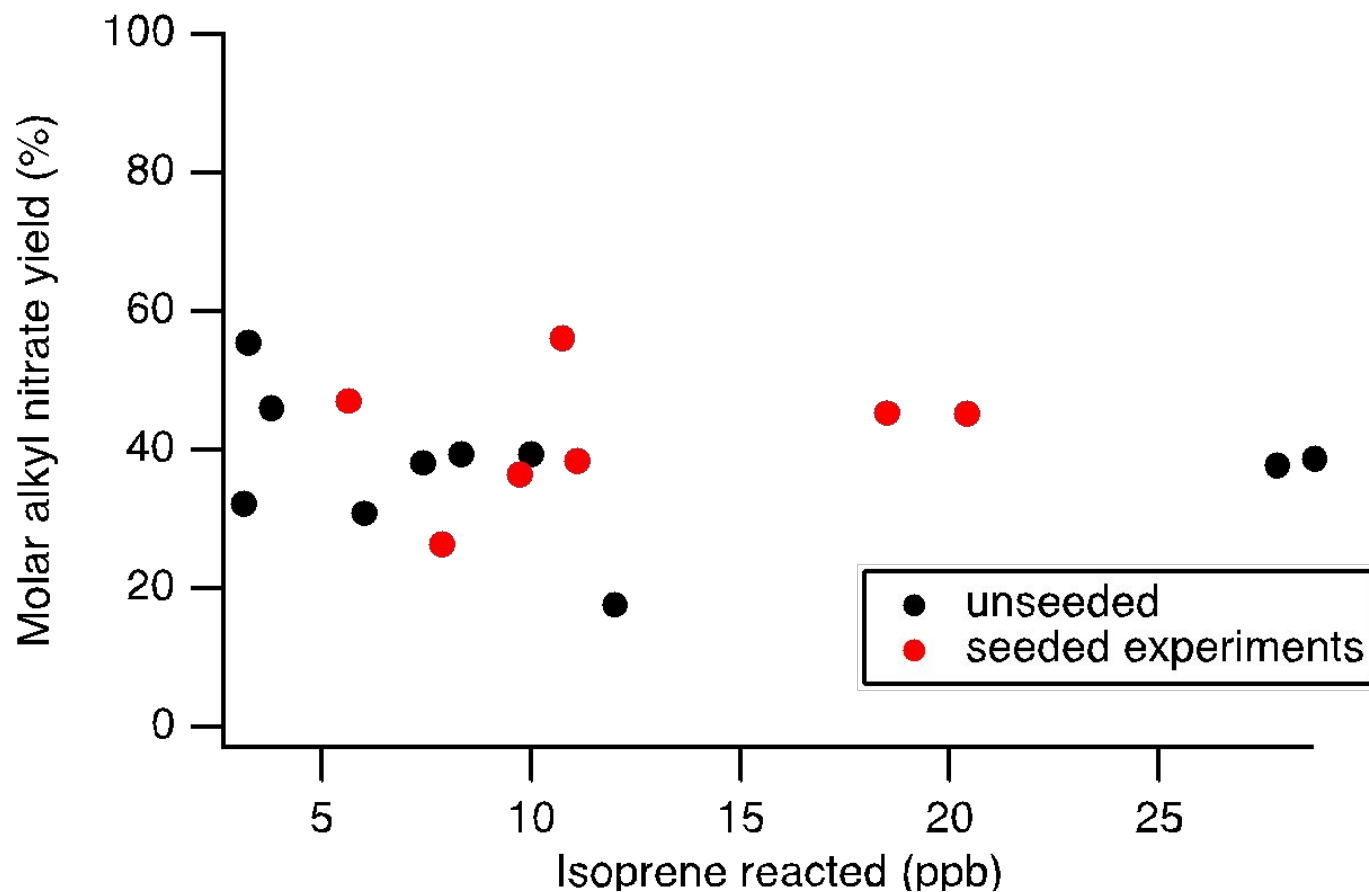
Seeded

- 14.08. Seed aerosol, dry High isoprene + NO₃ + second oxidation products
- 15.08. Seed aerosol humid High isoprene + NO₃ + second oxidation products
- 16.08. Seed aerosol humid medium isoprene + NO₃ + daytime
- 17.08. NO₂+O₃, nitrate injection dry and NO₂+O₃ humid: HNO₃ production, nitrate injection
- 18.08. Seed aerosol ozonolysis beta-carophyllene + humid medium isoprene + NO₃ + daytime
- 19.08. NO₃ from frozen N₂O₅ + medium ISOP; seed + 2nd injection ISOP
- 20.08. Seed aerosol humid ozonolysis or NO₃ beta-carophyllene + isoprene + NO₃ + second oxidation products
- 21.08. Seed aerosol humid medium isoprene + NO₃ + second oxidation products + propene
- Later bisulfate aerosol
- 22.08. Plant chamber (oak isoprene emitter) + medium NO₃, maybe later seed aerosol
- 23.08. Seed aerosol? Reference: Isop Ozonolysis 100ppb, later high isoprene NO₃
- 24.08. NO₂+O₃, Seed aerosol humid low isoprene + NO₃ + second oxidation products

Example NO_3 +isoprene chamber data used for RONO_2 yield & gas/aerosol partitioning



Molar RONO_2 yield is $\sim 40\%^*$, largely independent of [isoprene], seed state, RO_2 regime



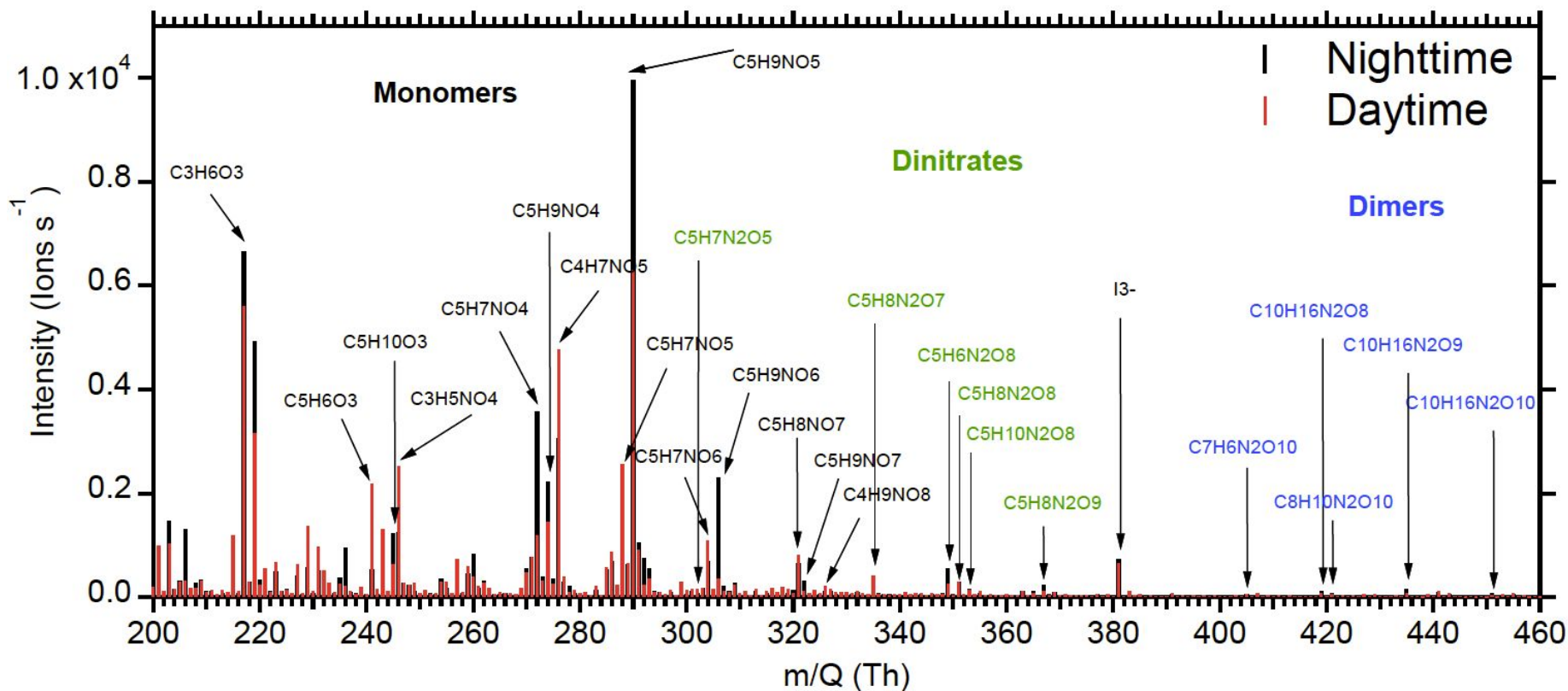
* Based on preliminary isoprene reacted numbers, subject to update.

$K_p = C_{aero} / (C_{gas} * M_t)$ derived from seeded experiments

c_{aero} : AMS; c_{gas} : TD-CRDS, bkg M_t : SMPS

Date	Experiment	Regime	K_p ($m^3 \mu g^{-1}$) Total NO ₃ (upper limit)	K_p ($m^3 \mu g^{-1}$) OrgNO ₃ (lower limit)
14 Aug 2018	High NO ₃	RO ₂ + RO ₂	$1.6 \pm 0.2 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.0 \pm 0.1 \times 10^{-3}$
15 Aug 2018	High NO ₃	RO ₂ + RO ₂	$1.3 \pm 0.1 \times 10^{-3}$	$6.0 \pm 0.9 \times 10^{-4}$
16 Aug 2018	Inorganic seed & photolysis	RO ₂ + RO ₂	Roof closed: 2.85×10^{-3} Roof opened: $2.5 \pm 0.3 \times 10^{-3}$	Roof closed: 1.08×10^{-3} Roof opened: $1.7 \pm 0.2 \times 10^{-3}$
18 Aug 2018	O ₃ & NO ₃		<div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px;"> <p>Bulk $K_p \sim 4 \times 10^{-4} - 2 \times 10^{-3} m^3 \mu g^{-1}$ $[C^* \sim 500 - 2500 \mu g m^{-3}]$</p> </div>	
19 Aug 2018	N ₂ O ₅			
20 Aug 2018	Organic seed & NO ₃		$2.9 \pm 0.3 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.2 \pm 0.2 \times 10^{-3}$
21 Aug 2018	NO ₃ & HO _x	RO ₂ + HO ₂	$1.0 \pm 0.2 \times 10^{-3}$	$4.4 \pm 0.7 \times 10^{-4}$
22 Aug 2018	Plant emissions	Isomerization, then RO ₂ + RO ₂	$8.5 \pm 1.2 \times 10^{-4}$	$7.65 \pm 1.1 \times 10^{-4}$
23 Aug 2018	Isop+O ₃ seed		$3.3 \pm 0.7 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.4 \pm 0.3 \times 10^{-3}$

I- CIMS measurement of individual nitrates



Monomers: C₅ fragments

Dinitrates: C₅ with 2 NO₃ groups

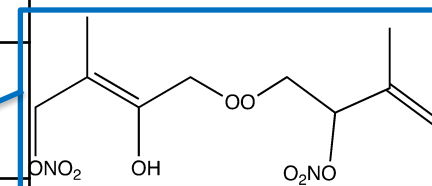
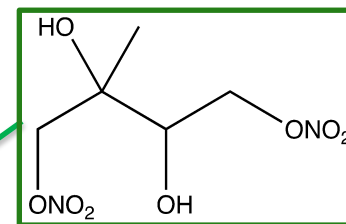
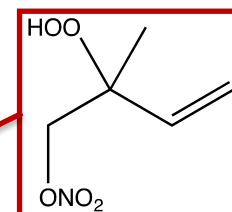
Dimers: C₁₀ fragments

Predicted K_p 's from

$$K_{p,i}(\text{theoretical}) = \frac{760RT f_{om}}{MW_{om} 10^6 \zeta_i P_{L,i}^\circ}$$

absorptive partitioning theory

Number of Functional Groups						Product, MW (amu)	Theoretical K_p ($\text{m}^3 \mu\text{g}^{-1}$)
C	NO ₃	OH	C=O	OOH	R-O-O-R		
5	1	--	1	--		ICN, 145 ^a	5.26×10^{-7}
5	1	1	--	--		IHN, 147 ^a	9.85×10^{-6}
5	1	2	--	--		IDHN, 161 ^a	1.47×10^{-3}
5	1	1	1	--		IHCN, 163 ^a	7.68×10^{-5}
5	1	--	--	1		INP, C₅H₉NO₅, 163^a	1.60×10^{-5}
5	1	1	--	1		IHPN, 179 ^a	2.38×10^{-3}
5	1	2	1	--		179	1.14×10^{-2}
5	1	1	1	1		195	1.88×10^{-2}
5	2	2	--	--		IDHDN, C₅H₁₀N₂O₈, 226^b	1.71×10^{-1}
10	2	1	--	--	1	C₁₀H₁₆N₂O₉, 308	2.67×10^{-1}



^aSchwantes et al (2015), ^bRollins et al (2009).

Are speciated nitrates consistent with observed bulk partitioning?

If we assume equal sensitivity to all species, the rough relative amount of the 3 types of nitrates from the I- CIMS are (summed signal) :

10 mononitrate : **0.7 dinitrate** : **0.2 dimer**

Taking as representative of their class the theoretical K_p 's of the major observed **mononitrate** ($C_5H_9NO_5$: 1.60×10^{-5}), **dinitrate** ($C_5H_6N_2O_8$: 1.71×10^{-1}), and **dimer** ($C_{10}H_{16}N_2O_9$: 2.67×10^{-1}), we would obtain a weighted average "bulk" K_p of:

$$K_p = (10 \times 1.60 \times 10^{-5} + 0.7 \times 1.71 \times 10^{-1} + 0.2 \times 2.67 \times 10^{-1}) / 10.9 = 5.4 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}^3 \mu\text{g}^{-1}$$

I- CIMS speciated

c.f. observed range of ~~$4 \times 10^{-4} - 2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3 \mu\text{g}^{-1}$~~

bulk

$C^* = 500 - 2500 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$

=> Bulk gas/aerosol partitioning suggests much more volatile nitrates than speciated measurements.

Conclusions *so far* from chamber studies of NO_3 + isoprene

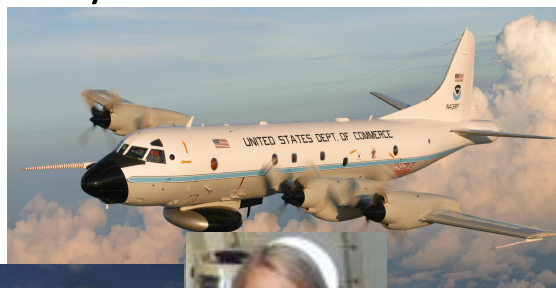
- Organic nitrate molar yield is $\sim 40\%$, independent of RO_2 regime, seed, and [isoprene]
- Bulk gas-aerosol partitioning of nitrates is consistent with a species with volatility between $\text{C}_5\text{H}_9\text{NO}_5$ and $\text{C}_5\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2\text{O}_8$ / $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_9$
- Photolysis reduces the average volatility of the organonitrate mix slightly
- More detailed yields and SOA analysis is pending final data from the chamber campaign

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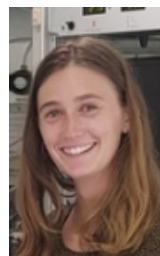
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