

Relating condensable reaction product formation with nanoparticle growth rates: Select monoterpene + NO₃ reactions under varying oxidizing conditions

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Intro – interest in NO₃ is increasing

notwithstanding NO_x is going down

- Contrary to common view NO₃ can oxidize also during daytime
 - Photolysis of any vapor takes time
- Combustion emissions are going down
 - Though NO_x is kind of hanging in many places
- Monoterpenes (MT) are the main source of SOA
- Subsequently NO₃ + MT → SOA is gaining interest



Experiment – CESAM chamber in Paris Creteil



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Monoterpene + NO₃

- NO_3 by (i) N_2O_5 decomposition or (ii) $NO_2 + O_3$
- ...and subsequent photo-oxidation
- Steady-state & Batch mode

Significant differences were observed



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- In some experiments also by NO₂ + O₃
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 O₃ chemistry with
 NO₂ termination



Also:

Batch mode analysis of Limonene + NO_3 (N_2O_5 injection)

- Batch mode gives "Absolute SOA yield"
- ...but SOA is a dynamic quantity
- Comparisons coming up!



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Steady state experiments (PSM + NO₃⁻ CIMS)







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The influence of light - dimers disappear but monomers make up the dent!





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Conclusions

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- \bullet Monoterpene NO_3 oxidation leads to SOA
- We did limonene in batch vs steady-state
 - Significant differences
 - E.g. HOM dimers higher in batch mode
 - SOA is a dynamic quantity \rightarrow Steady state analysis is more realistic
- NO₃ from NO₂ + O₃ difficult
 - Results: Too much O₃, too much NO₂
- N_2O_5 is a <u>much</u> cleaner source for NO_3
- Doubly-nitrated dimers disappeared during UV-illumination
- Growth even speeded up without dimers which is a tad bit odd in considering prior research

Extra slides



Comparison of limonene and α -pinene

EXPERIMENTS MODE STEADY-STATE







Where are HOMs needed? Formation of atmospheric nanoparticles

