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## **Molecular composition and volatility of multi-generation products formed from isoprene oxidation by nitrate radical**

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**Table S1: Possible permutation scheme for dimers formed through  $\text{RO}_2 + \text{R}'\text{O}_2$  reactions. Molecular formulas presented in dark colors (colored by isomers) are compounds detected by CIMS in this study, while those in light grey were not.**

$\text{C}_5\text{H}_8\text{NO}_x$	$\text{O}_5$	$\text{O}_6$	$\text{O}_7$	$\text{O}_8$	$\text{O}_9$
$\text{O}_5$	$\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_8$				
$\text{O}_6$	$\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_9$	$\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_{10}$			
$\text{O}_7$	$\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_{10}$	$\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_{11}$	$\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_{12}$		
$\text{O}_8$	$\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_{11}$	$\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_{12}$	$\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_{13}$		
$\text{O}_9$	$\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_{12}$	$\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_{13}$	$\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_{14}$		
$\text{O}_{10}$	$\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_{13}$	$\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_{14}$	$\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_{15}$		
$\text{O}_{11}$	$\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_{14}$	$\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_{15}$	$\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_{16}$		
$\text{O}_{12}$	$\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_{15}$	$\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_{16}$	$\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_{17}$		

$\text{C}_5\text{H}_8\text{NO}_x$	$\text{O}_5$	$\text{O}_6$	$\text{O}_7$	$\text{O}_8$	$\text{O}_9$
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$\text{O}_{11}$	$\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_3\text{O}_{14}$	$\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_3\text{O}_{15}$	$\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_3\text{O}_{16}$	$\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_3\text{O}_{17}$	$\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}_3\text{O}_{18}$
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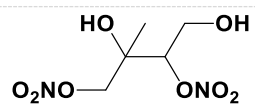
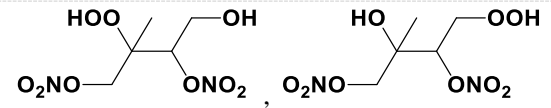
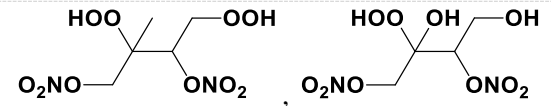
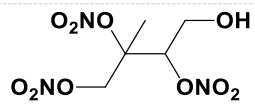
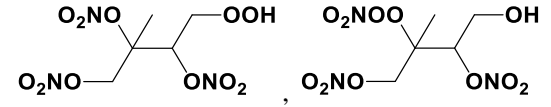
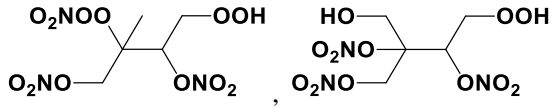
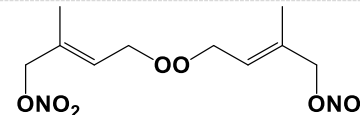
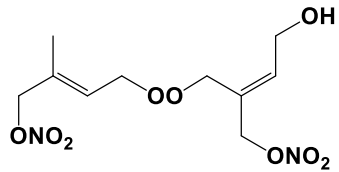
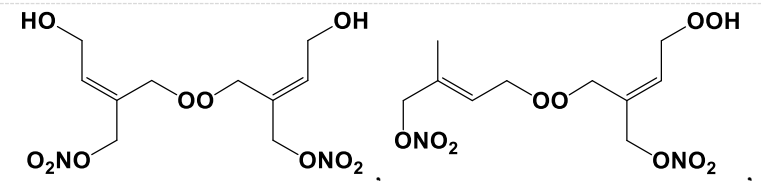
  

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$\text{O}_9$	$\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_4\text{O}_{16}$				
$\text{O}_{10}$	$\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_4\text{O}_{17}$				
$\text{O}_{11}$	$\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_4\text{O}_{18}$				
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$\text{O}_{15}$	$\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_4\text{O}_{22}$				
$\text{O}_{16}$	$\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_4\text{O}_{23}$				

**Table S2: Ions observed in the gas phase by CIMS and proposed possible products from isoprene oxidation by NO<sub>3</sub>**

No.	Molecular formula	Molecular weight	Observed m/z (-)	Proposed structure
1	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>7</sub> NO <sub>5</sub>	149	228, 230	
2	C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>7</sub> NO <sub>4</sub>	145	224, 226	
3	C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>7</sub> NO <sub>5</sub>	161	240, 242	
4	C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>7</sub> NO <sub>6</sub>	177	256, 258	
5	C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>7</sub> NO <sub>7</sub>	193	272, 274	
6	C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>9</sub> NO <sub>4</sub>	147	226, 228	
7	C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>9</sub> NO <sub>5</sub>	163	242, 244	
8	C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>9</sub> NO <sub>6</sub>	179	258, 260	

9	$C_5H_9NO_7$	195	274, 276	
10	$C_4H_6N_2O_7$	194	273, 275	
11	$C_5H_6N_2O_8$	222	301, 303	
12	$C_5H_8N_2O_7$	208	287, 289	
13	$C_5H_8N_2O_8$	224	303, 305	
14	$C_5H_8N_2O_9$	240	319, 321	
15	$C_5H_8N_2O_{10}$	256	335, 337	

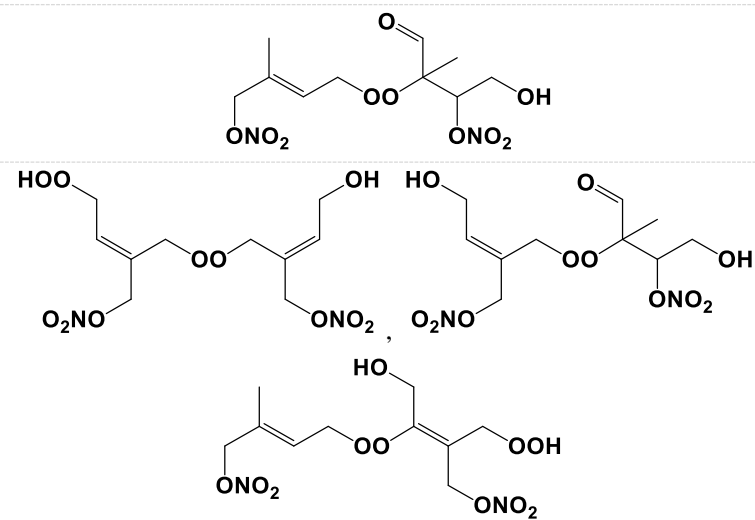
16	$C_5H_{10}N_2O_8$	226	305, 307	
17	$C_5H_{10}N_2O_9$	242	321, 323	
18	$C_5H_{10}N_2O_{10}$	258	337, 339	
19	$C_5H_9N_3O_{10}$	271	350, 352	
20	$C_5H_9N_3O_{11}$	287	366, 368	
21	$C_5H_9N_3O_{12}$	303	382, 384	
22	$C_{10}H_{16}N_2O_8$	292	371, 373	
23	$C_{10}H_{16}N_2O_9$	308	387, 389	
24	$C_{10}H_{16}N_2O_{10}$	324	403, 405	

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 $C_{10}H_{16}N_2O_{11}$ 

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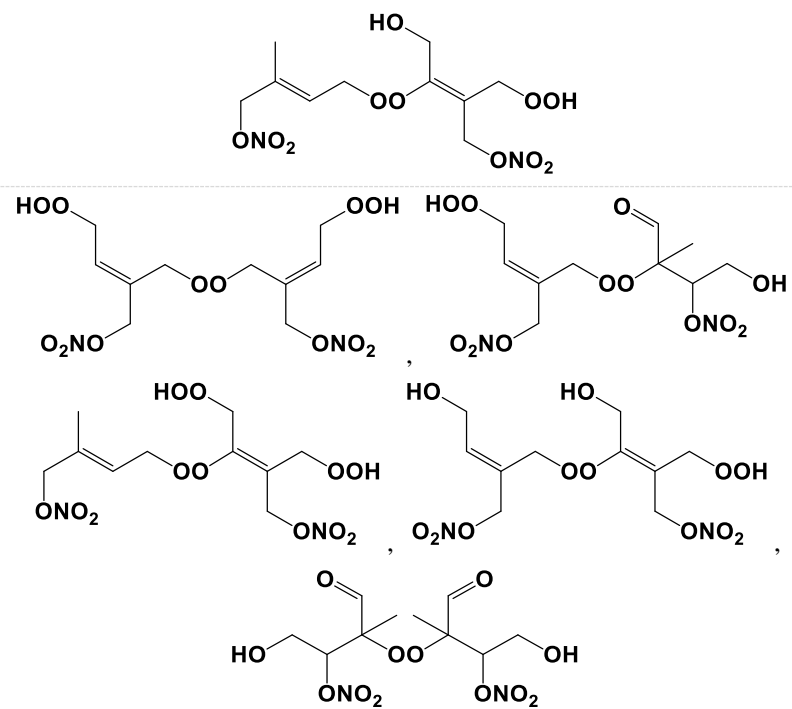


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 $C_{10}H_{16}N_2O_{12}$ 

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435, 437



27	$C_{10}H_{16}N_2O_{13}$	372	451, 453	
28	$C_{10}H_{17}N_3O_{12}$	371	450, 452	
29	$C_{10}H_{17}N_3O_{13}$	387	466, 468	
30	$C_{10}H_{17}N_3O_{14}$	403	482, 484	

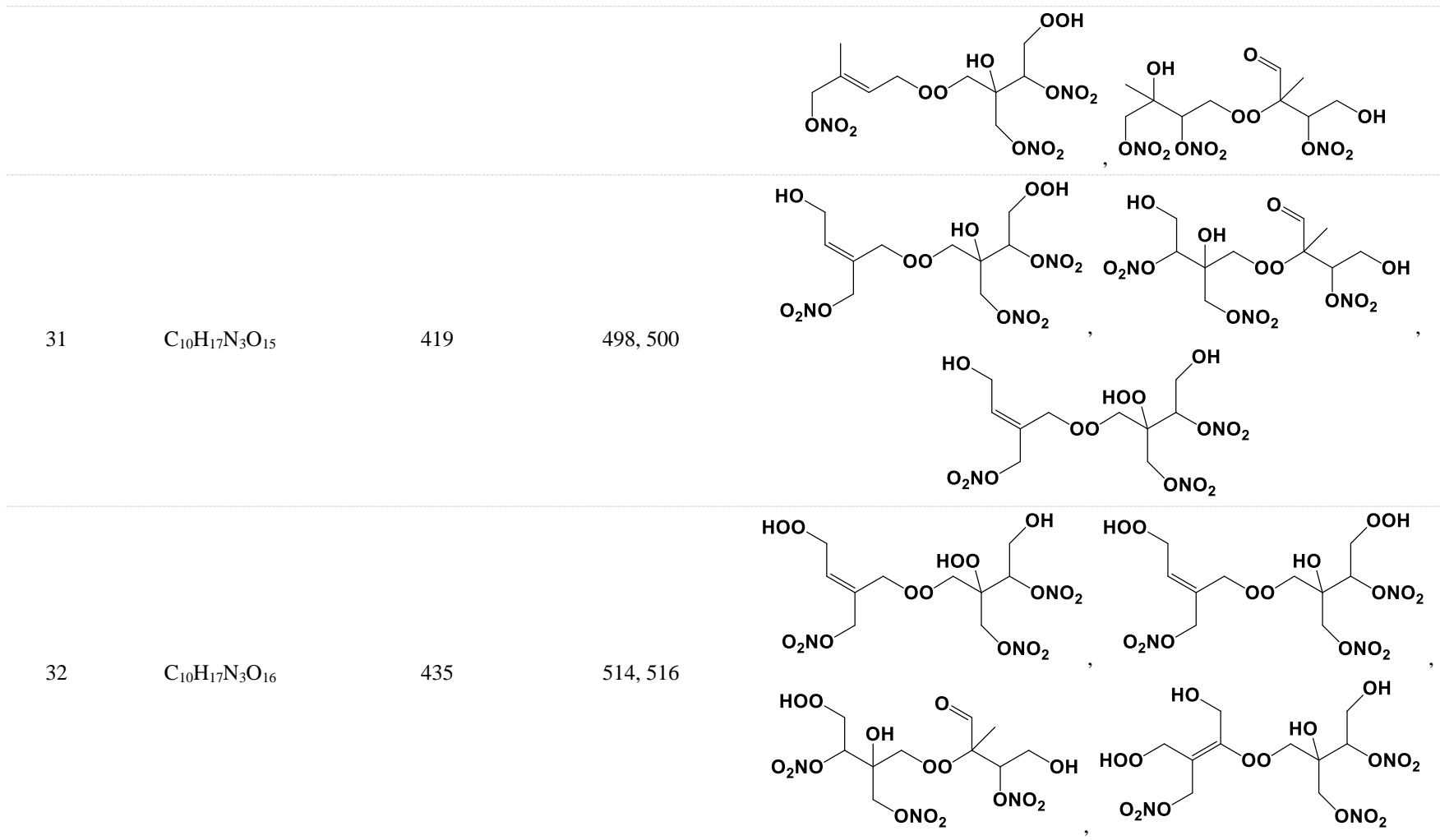




Table S3 lists the wall loss rates of dimers that used for wall-loss correction. Assuming that the dimers undergo irreversible gas-wall partitioning, then the overall wall loss rate of an organic species  $i$  ( $k_{w,i}$ ) can be written as Eq. (S1) (Zhang et al., 2015).

$$k_{w,i} = \left(\frac{A}{V}\right) \left(\frac{\alpha_{w,i} \bar{v}_i / 4}{\pi \alpha_{w,i} \bar{v}_i / 8 (D_i K_e)^{1/2} + 1}\right) \quad (\text{S1})$$

where  $A/V$  is the surface to volume ratio of the SAPHIR chamber,  $\alpha_{w,i}$  is the mass accommodation coefficient of species  $i$  onto the chamber wall,  $\bar{v}_i$  is the mean thermal speed of species  $i$ ,  $D_i$  is the molecular diffusivity, and  $K_e$  is the coefficient of eddy diffusion.  $D_i$  varies with molecular weight (MW) and is equal to  $D_{CO_2} \times (MW_{CO_2} / MW_i)$  with  $D_{CO_2} = 1.38 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$  (Zhang et al., 2014). The mean speed of a gas molecule is defined as:

$$\bar{v}_i = \left(\frac{8 N_A \kappa T}{\pi M W_i}\right)^{1/2} \quad (\text{S2})$$

where  $N_A$  is the Avagadro's number,  $\kappa$  is the Boltzmann constant and  $T$  is the temperature.

The value of  $K_e$  for the SAPHIR chamber is estimated based on Eq. (S3) (Krechmer et al., 2016):

$$K_e = 0.004 + (5.6 \times 10^{-3})(V)^{0.74} \quad (\text{S3})$$

In the irreversible partitioning case, the wall loss behavior is governed by the wall accommodation coefficient.  $\alpha_{w,i}$  Zhang et al. (2015) observed a strong negative correlation between  $\alpha_{w,i}$  and the saturation concentration  $C_i^*$ , and they formulated an empirical expression for  $\alpha_{w,i}$  as a function of  $C_i^*$  based on the measurements:

$$\log_{10}(\alpha_{w,i}) = -0.1919 \times \log_{10}(C_i^*) - 6.32 \quad (\text{S4})$$

**Table S3: Estimated wall loss rates of different dimers**

<b>Formula</b>	<b>Volatility range <sup>a</sup></b>	<b>Used for yield calculation?</b>	<b>k<sub>w</sub> (s<sup>-1</sup>)</b>	<b>τ<sub>w</sub> (s)</b>	<b>τ<sub>dii</sub> (s)</b>
C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>16</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub>	SVOC	No	1.59E-05	8.67E+04	7.2E+04
C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>16</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>9</sub>	SVOC	No	2.99E-05	4.62E+04	7.2E+04
C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>16</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>10</sub>	LVOC	Yes	4.57E-05	2.82E+04	7.2E+04
C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>16</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>11</sub>	LVOC	Yes	7.76E-05	1.31E+04	7.2E+04
C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>16</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>12</sub>	LVOC	Yes	1.12E-04	8.30E+03	7.2E+04
C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>16</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>13</sub>	ELVOC	Yes	2.02E-04	3.18E+03	7.2E+04
C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>17</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>12</sub>	LVOC	Yes	6.62E-05	3.63E+04	7.2E+04
C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>17</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>13</sub>	LVOC	Yes	1.33E-04	1.10E+04	7.2E+04
C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>17</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>14</sub>	ELVOC	Yes	1.87E-04	7.96E+03	7.2E+04
C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>17</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>15</sub>	ELVOC	Yes	3.61E-04	2.03E+03	7.2E+04
C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>17</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>16</sub>	ELVOC	Yes	5.25E-04	1.10E+03	7.2E+04

<sup>a</sup> estimated by the median value of C\* from different vapor pressure calculation methods used in this study

**Table S4: Average carbon oxidation state ( $\overline{OS}_C$ ) measured from ambient or different isoprene oxidation systems**

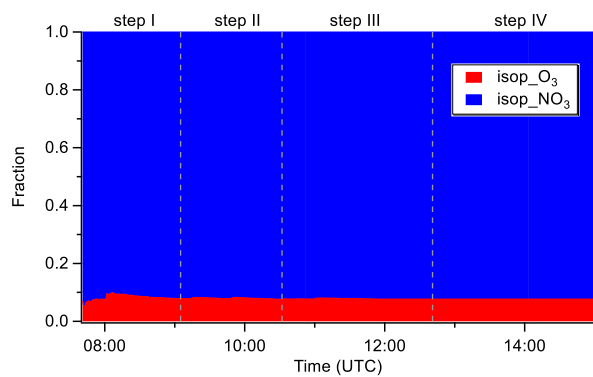
	$\overline{OS}_C$	Technique	Ref.
<b>Chamber measurements</b>			
<b>1. Gas-phase products</b>			
Isoprene + NO <sub>3</sub>	-0.35 to + 0.09	Br <sup>-</sup> CIMS	This study
Isoprene 4-hydroxy-3-hydroperoxy (4,3-ISOPOOH) + OH	avg. +0.10	NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> CIMS	Krechmer et al., 2015
<b>2. Secondary organic aerosol</b>			
Isoprene + OH	~ -1.3	AMS	Aiken et al., 2008
Isoprene + O <sub>3</sub>	-0.31 (+)/ -0.25 (-) <sup>a</sup>	ESI-MS	Nguyen et al., 2010
Isoprene + OH	-0.53 to -0.35	AMS	Chhabra et al., 2010
4,3-ISOPOOH + OH	avg. +0.05	AMS	Krechmer et al., 2015
Isoprene + OH	avg. -0.7	AMS	Lambe et al., 2015
Isoprene + Cl	-0.5 to +1.8	ACSM	Wang and Ruiz, 2018
<b>Ambient measurements</b>			
<b>1. Ambient organic aerosol</b>			
Mexico City, US	-1.54 to +0.11	AMS	Aiken et al., 2008
Amazonia	-0.9 to -0.2	AMS	Chen et al., 2009
Whistler Peak, Canada	avg. -0.14	AMS	Sun et al., 2009
Kaiping, China	avg. -0.54	AMS	Huang et al., 2011
Melpitz, Germany	avg. -0.47(su)/ -0.4(a)/ -0.41(w) <sup>b</sup>	AMS	Poulain et al., (2011)
Hongkong, China	avg. -0.59 (sp)/ -0.32 (su)/ -0.55 (a)/ -0.54 (w) <sup>b</sup>	AMS	Li et al., 2015
Mount Wuzhi, China	avg. +0.64	AMS	Zhu et al., 2016
Lake Hongze, China	avg. -0.18	AMS	Zhu et al., 2016
Beijing, China	avg. -0.64 (sp)/ -0.54 (su)/ -0.66 (a)/ -0.58 (w) <sup>b</sup>	AMS	Hu et al., 2017
Houston, US	avg. -0.09	AMS	Al-Naiema et al., 2018
Seoul, Korea	avg. -0.80	AMS	Kim et al., 2018
Zurich, Switzerland	avg. -0.31 (w)/ -0.25 (su) <sup>b</sup>	ESI-UHR-MS	Daellenbach et al., 2019
Hyytiälä, Finland	avg. -0.66 (2011)/ -0.36 (2014) <sup>c</sup>	ESI-UHR-MS	Daellenbach et al., 2019
Waliguan, China	avg. +0.55	AMS	Zhang et al., 2019
Yorkville, US	avg. +0.15	FIGAERO- CIMS	Chen et al., 2020
Yorkville, US	avg. -0.12	AMS	Chen et al., 2020
Xinglong, China	avg. -0.01 (sp)/ + 0.10 (su)/ 0.26 (a)/ -0.45 (w) <sup>b</sup>	AMS	Li et al., 2021

Oklahoma, US	avg. +0.289 (sp)/ -0.34 (su) <sup>b</sup>	AMS	Liu et al., 2021
<b>2. Ambient aerosol fractions</b>			
Hydrocarbon-like OA (HOA)	-1.7 to -1.6	AMS	Aiken et al., 2008
Oxygenated OA type I (OOA-I)	-0.5 to 0.0	AMS	Aiken et al., 2008
Oxygenated OA type II (OOA-II)	+ 0.5 to +0.9	AMS	Aiken et al., 2008
Daytime more oxidized OA	avg. +0.50	FIGAERO- CIMS	Chen et al., 2020
Daytime ON-rich OA	avg. +0.35	FIGAERO- CIMS	Chen et al., 2020
Morning less oxidized OA	avg. -0.13	FIGAERO- CIMS	Chen et al., 2020
Afternoon less oxidized OA	avg. +0.04	FIGAERO- CIMS	Chen et al., 2020
Nighttime ON-rich OA	avg. +0.13	FIGAERO- CIMS	Chen et al., 2020
OOA-I	avg. +0.14 (sp)/ -0.099 (su) <sup>b</sup>	AMS	Liu et al., 2021
OOA-II	avg. -0.315 (sp)/ -0.264 (su) <sup>b</sup>	AMS	Liu et al., 2021
Isoprene-epoxydiol-derived SOA (IEPOX SOA)	avg. +1.606 (sp)/ -0.096 (su) <sup>b</sup>	AMS	Liu et al., 2021
HOA	avg. -1.91	AMS	Al-Naiema et al., 2018
Cooking-influenced less-oxidized oxygenated OA	avg. -0.35	AMS	Al-Naiema et al., 2018
More-oxidized oxygenated OA	avg. +1.27	AMS	Al-Naiema et al., 2018
<b>3. Gas-phase products</b>			
Centreville, US	avg. -0.043	NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> CIMS	Massoli et al., 2018

<sup>a</sup> Values calculated separately for data from the positive (+) and negative (-) ion mode mass spectra

<sup>b</sup> Values calculated separately for data collected in spring (sp), summer (su), autumn (a) and winter (w).

<sup>c</sup> Values calculated for data collected in 2011 and 2014



**Figure S1: Fraction of isoprene consumed by O<sub>3</sub> and NO<sub>3</sub> calculated from measurements. The amount of isoprene consumed by O<sub>3</sub> was calculated from the measured concentrations of O<sub>3</sub> and isoprene, and that consumed by NO<sub>3</sub> was calculated from total isoprene losses (from isoprene measurements) subtracting losses due to dilution and reaction with O<sub>3</sub>. Isoprene losses due to reaction with OH could not be included here, because the OH concentration was below the detection limit. However, according to model calculations OH contributed about 100% to the isoprene consumption (Vereecken et al., 2021).**

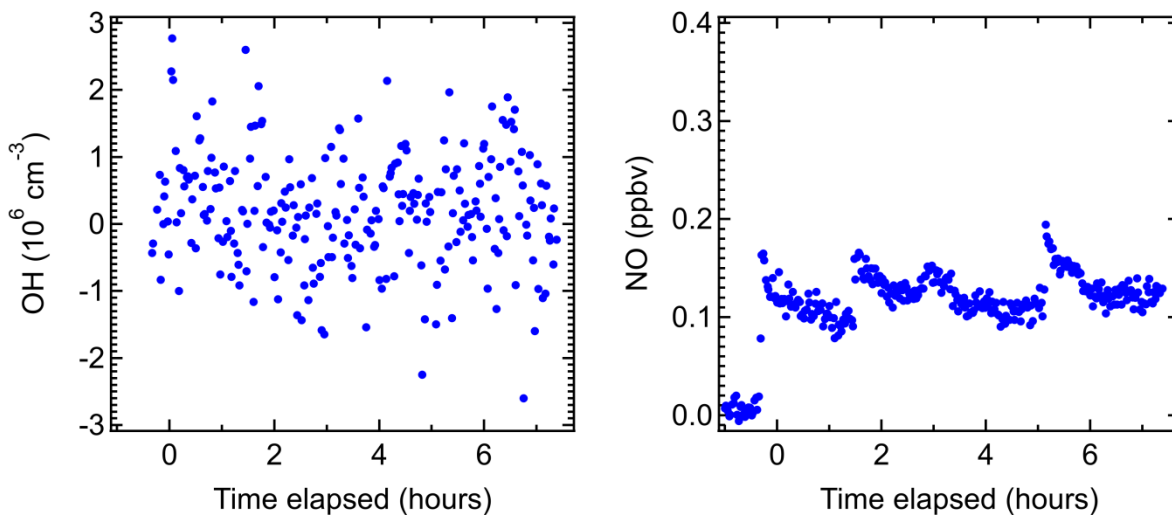


Figure S2: Concentrations of OH radical and NO during the isoprene-NO<sub>3</sub> experiment on 08 August, 2018. The OH concentration was measured by a laser-induced fluorescence (LIF) spectroscopy, and the NO mixing ratio was detected by a chemiluminescence analyzer. It should be pointed out that there was no NO in the chamber under dark condition, because the lifetime of NO would be very short under high O<sub>3</sub> condition. The non-zero values of NO are measurement artefacts due to the relatively high NO<sub>2</sub> concentration.

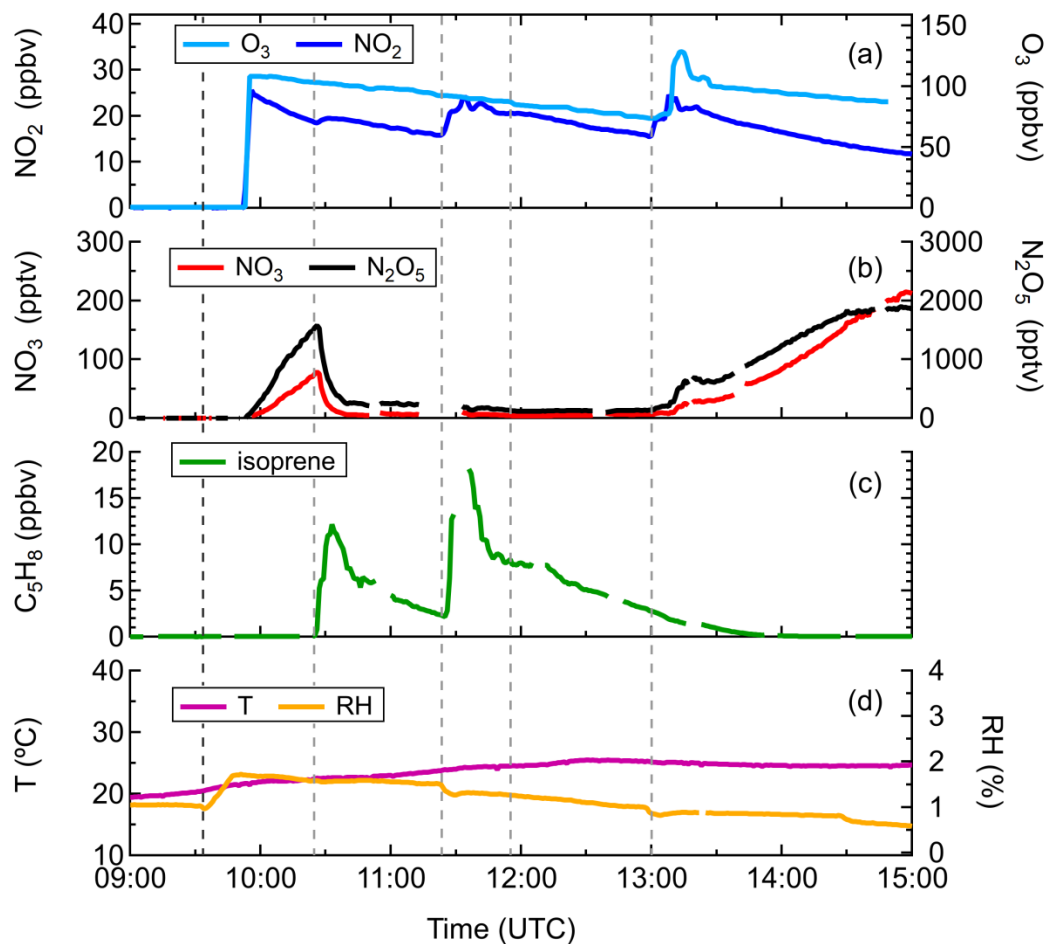


Figure S3: Measurements of (a)  $\text{O}_3$  and  $\text{NO}_2$ , (b)  $\text{NO}_3$  and  $\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$ , (c) isoprene and (d) temperature and relative humidity in the chamber during the experiment on 14 August, 2018.

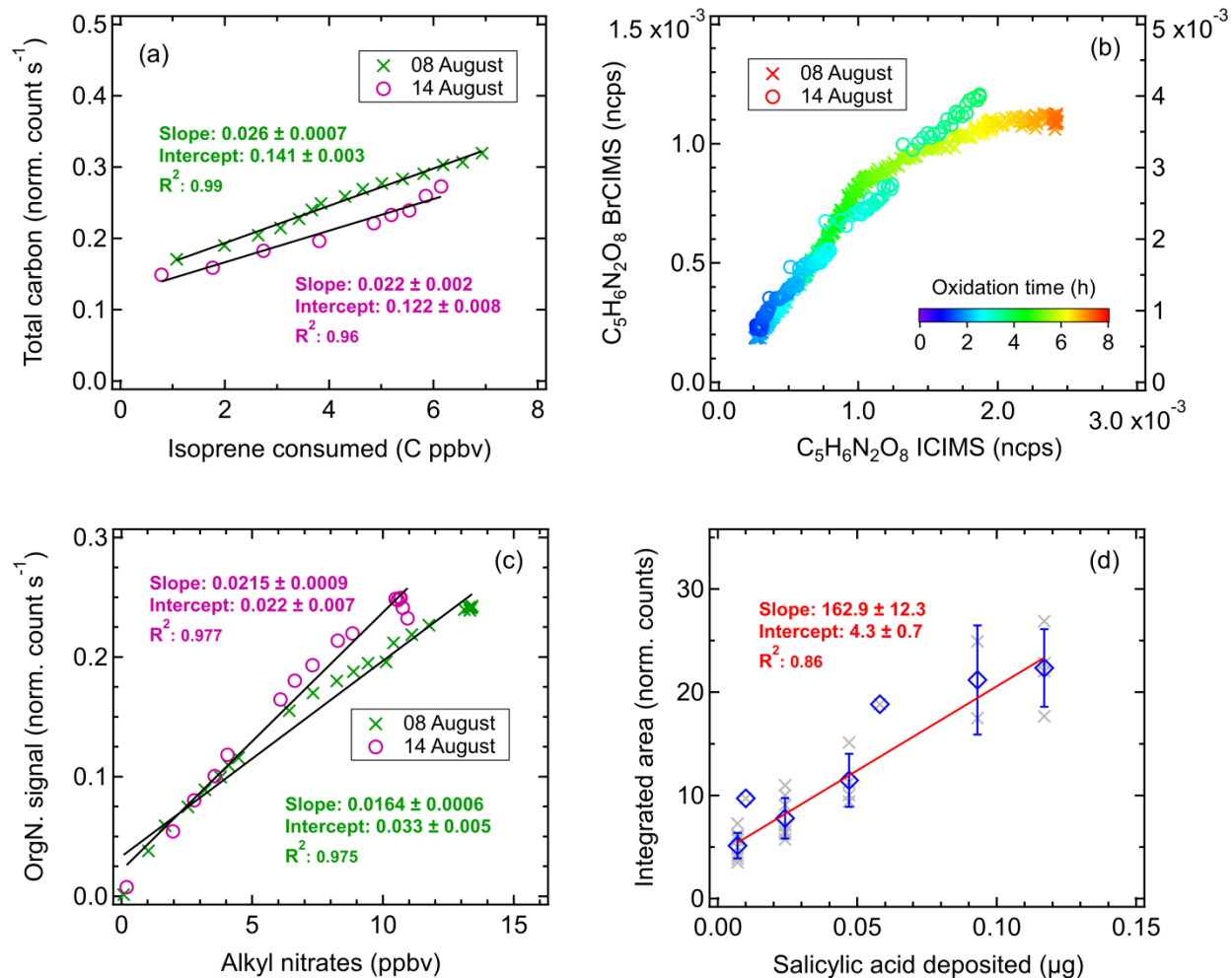


Figure S4: (a) Total carbon detected by Br-CIMS versus isoprene consumed on 08 and 14 August, 2018. The sensitivity of CIMS for total carbon is determined by the slope of linear fit. The data have been corrected for dilution and wall losses. (b) Comparison of C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>6</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub> measurements by Br-CIMS and I-CIMS. (c) Organonitrates measured by Br-CIMS plotted against gas-phase alkyl nitrates measured by TDCRDS. The bulk sensitivity for organonitrates is determined by the slope of linear fit. (d) Calibration results of Br-CIMS for salicylic acid.



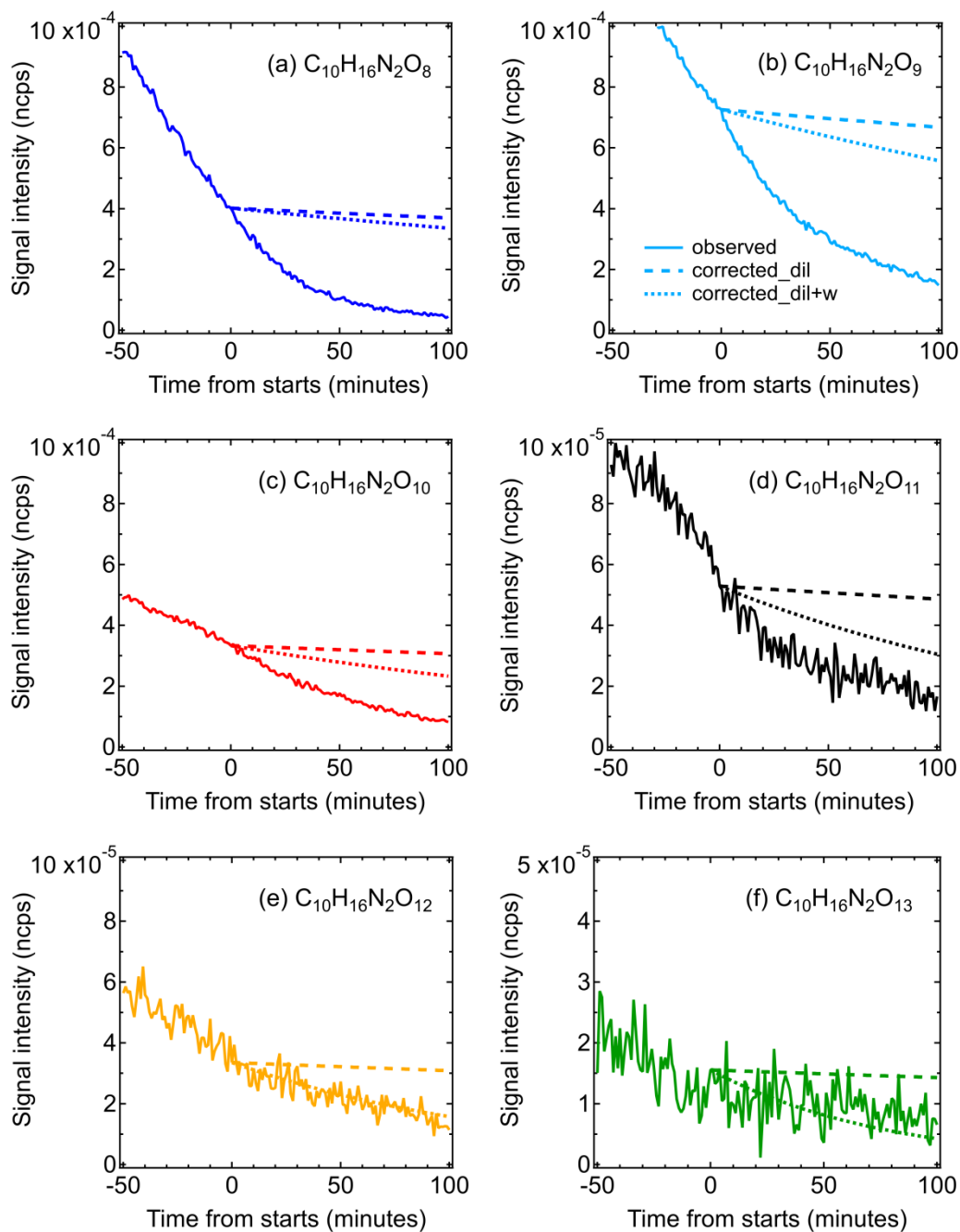


Figure S5: Comparison of the observed and predicted time evolution of 2N-dimers in step IV (only dilution or dilution and wall losses was considered). The time when the last injection of  $O_3$  and  $NO_2$  (without isoprene) occurred is set as zero.

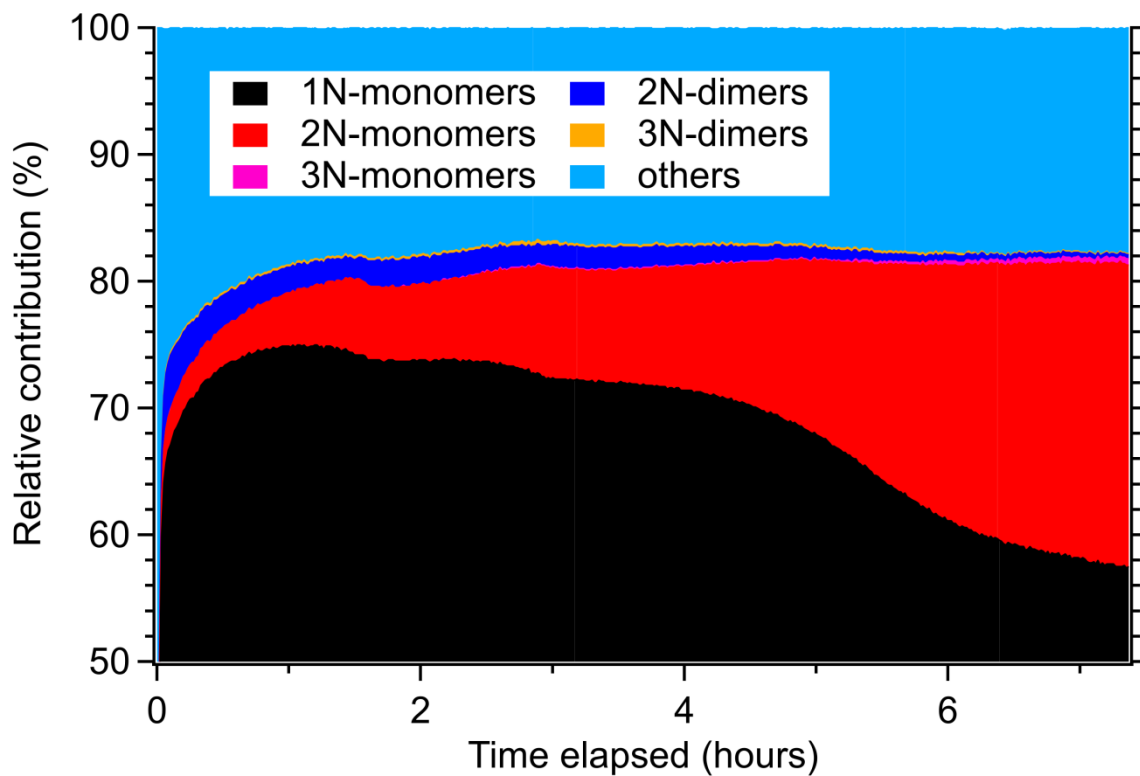


Figure S6: Time evolution of the relative contributions of different chemical groups measured by Br<sup>-</sup>-CIMS (only organic ions were counted for analysis). ‘Others’ refers to CHO compounds without containing nitrogen atoms (e.g., C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>8</sub>O<sub>2</sub> and C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>8</sub>O<sub>3</sub>).

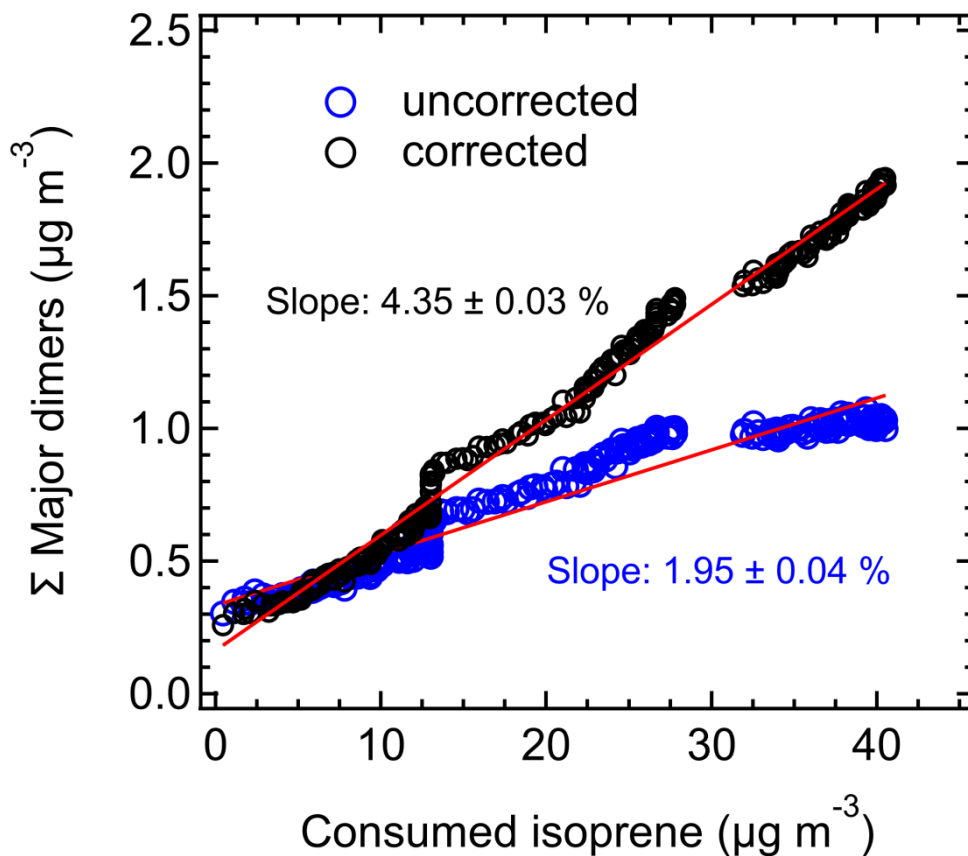
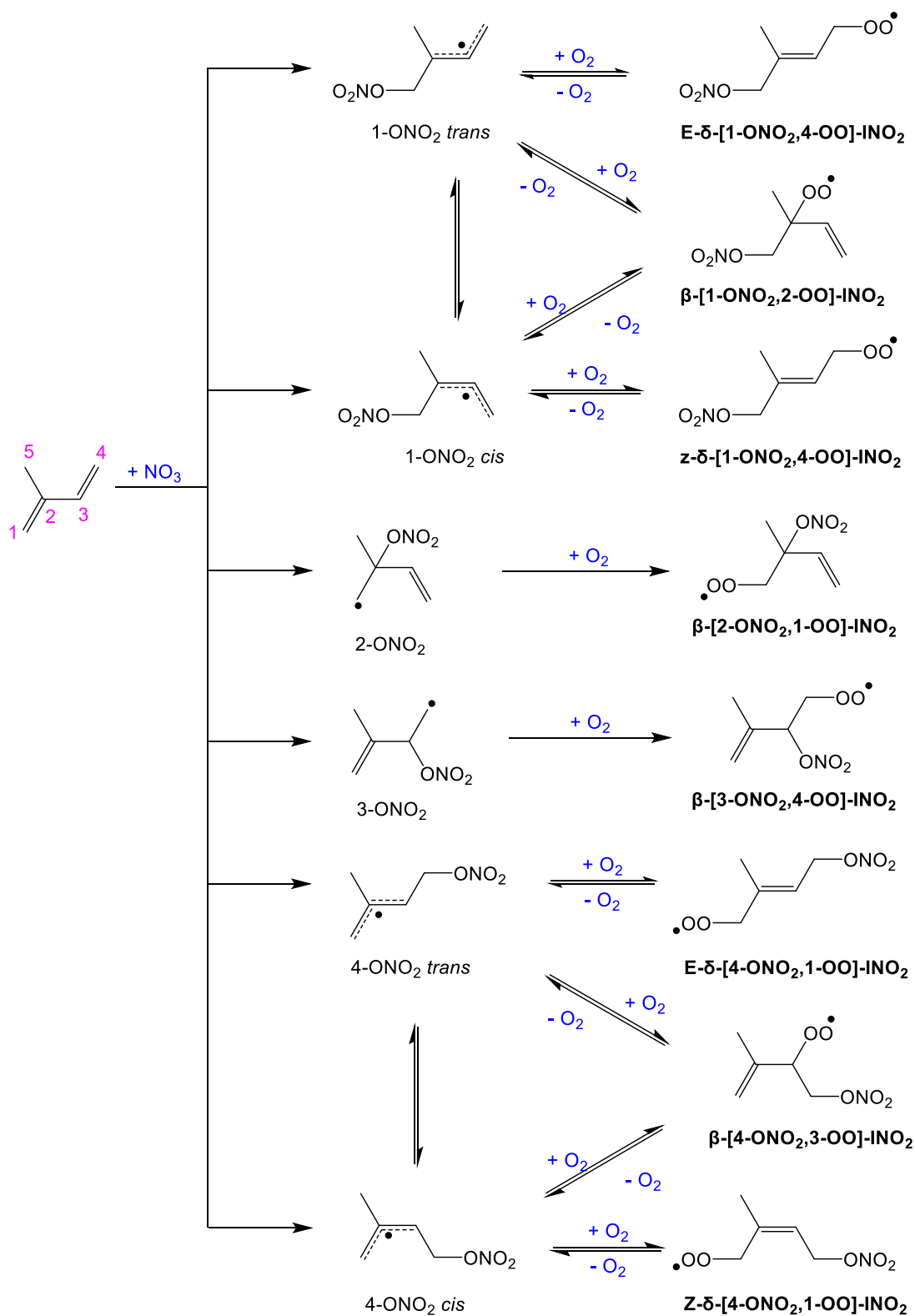
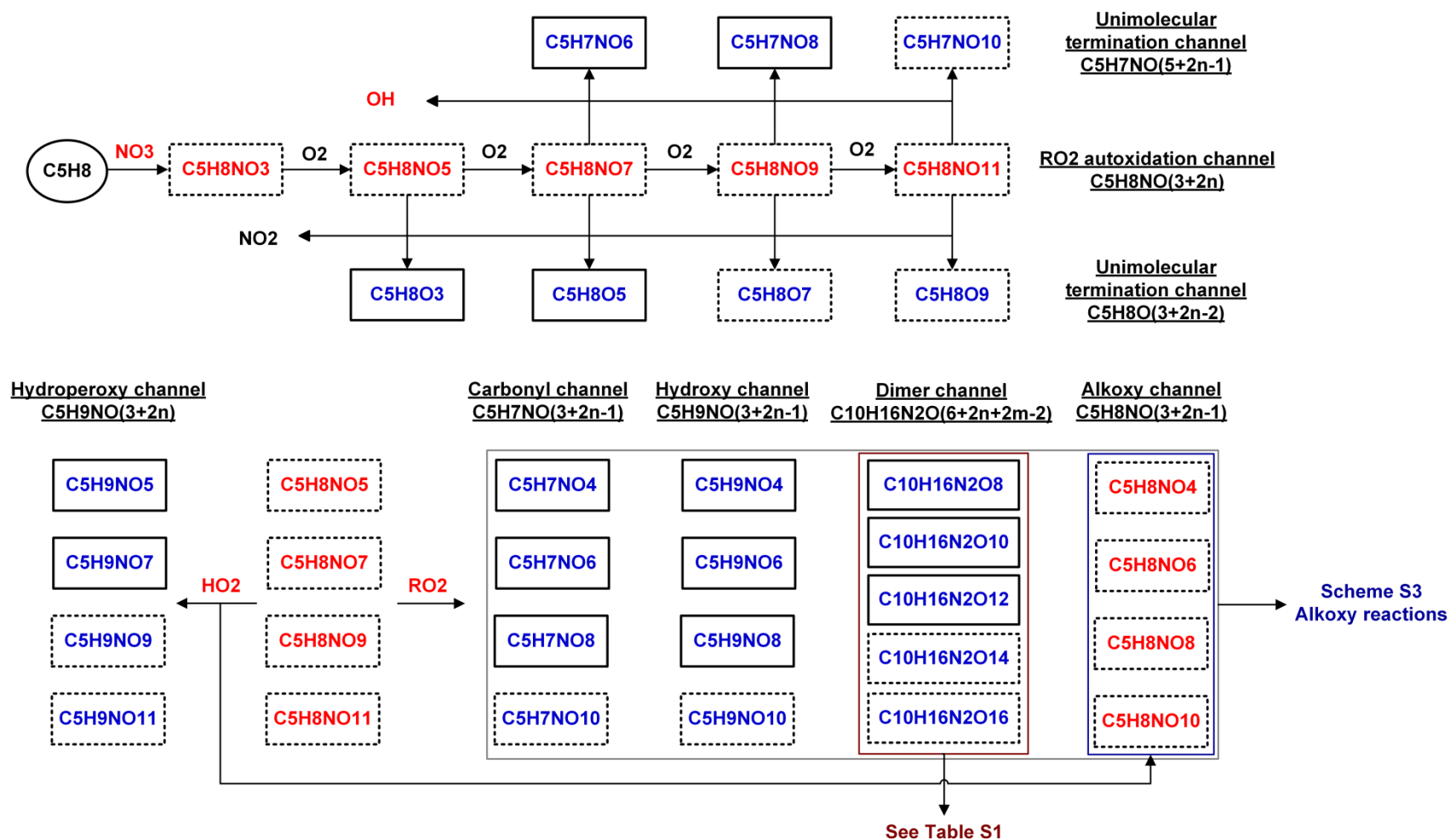


Figure S7: Major dimers mass as a function of consumed isoprene. Fitting a straight line to the data yields slopes of  $1.95 \pm 0.04 \%$  and  $4.35 \pm 0.03 \%$  for the uncorrected data and wall and dilution corrected data, respectively. The errors are the statistical errors of the fits. Wall loss corrections are shown in Table S3. Assuming all the dimers in the LVOC and ELVOC range can condense onto particles, producing SOA, we estimate a mass yield of about  $5\% \pm 1.6\%$ . The relative uncertainty of SOA yield here was estimated to be 32% by using error propagation, which includes the uncertainty of the isoprene consumption concentration ( $\sim 10\%$ ), the uncertainty of the alkyl nitrate concentration ( $\sim 10\%$ ), the uncertainty of dimer content ( $\sim 20\%$ ), and the uncertainty of estimated instrument sensitivity for organonitrates ( $\sim 22\%$ ).

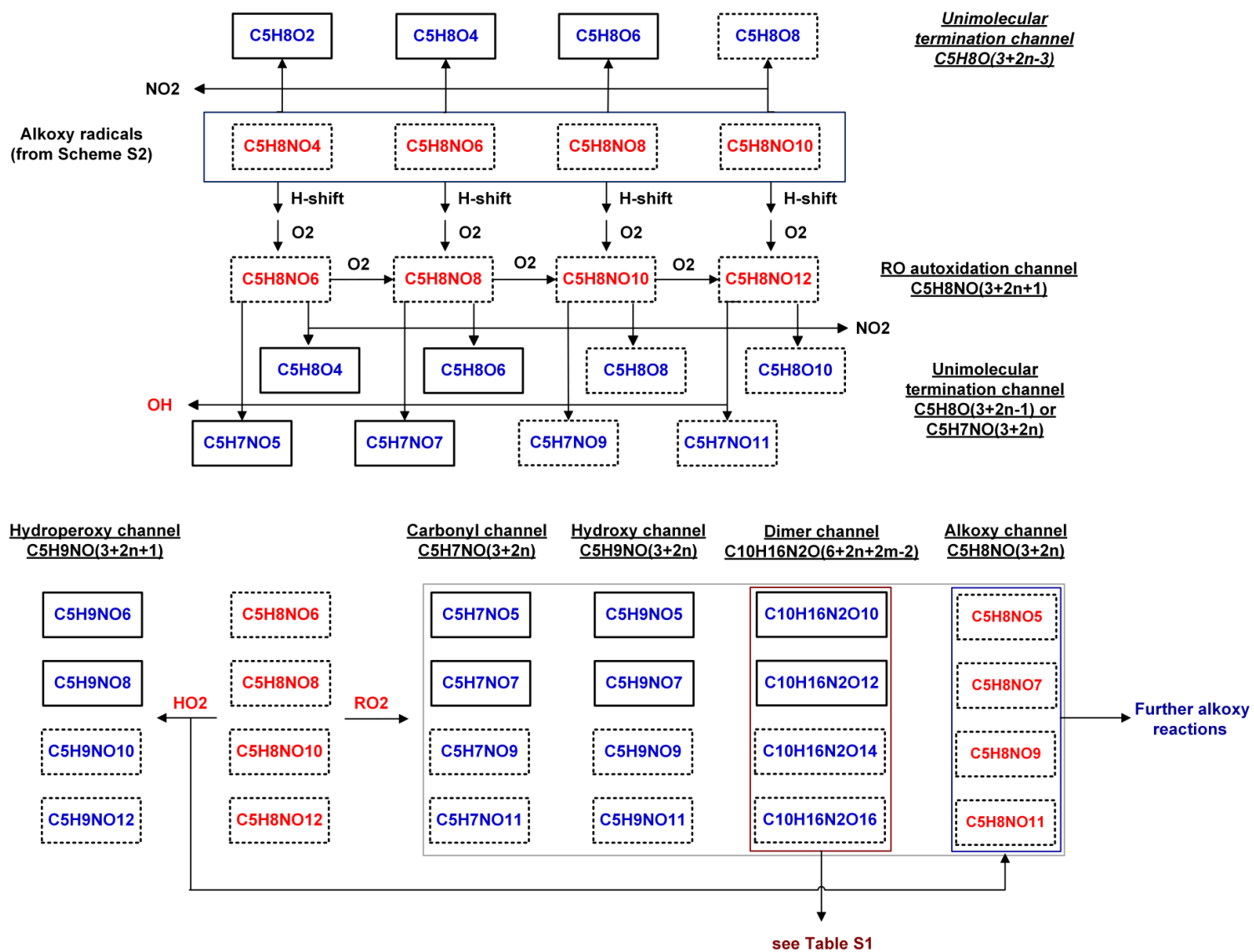


Scheme S1: Formation of isoprene nitrooxy peroxy radicals (INO<sub>2</sub>) from NO<sub>3</sub>-initiated oxidation with subsequent O<sub>2</sub> addition.

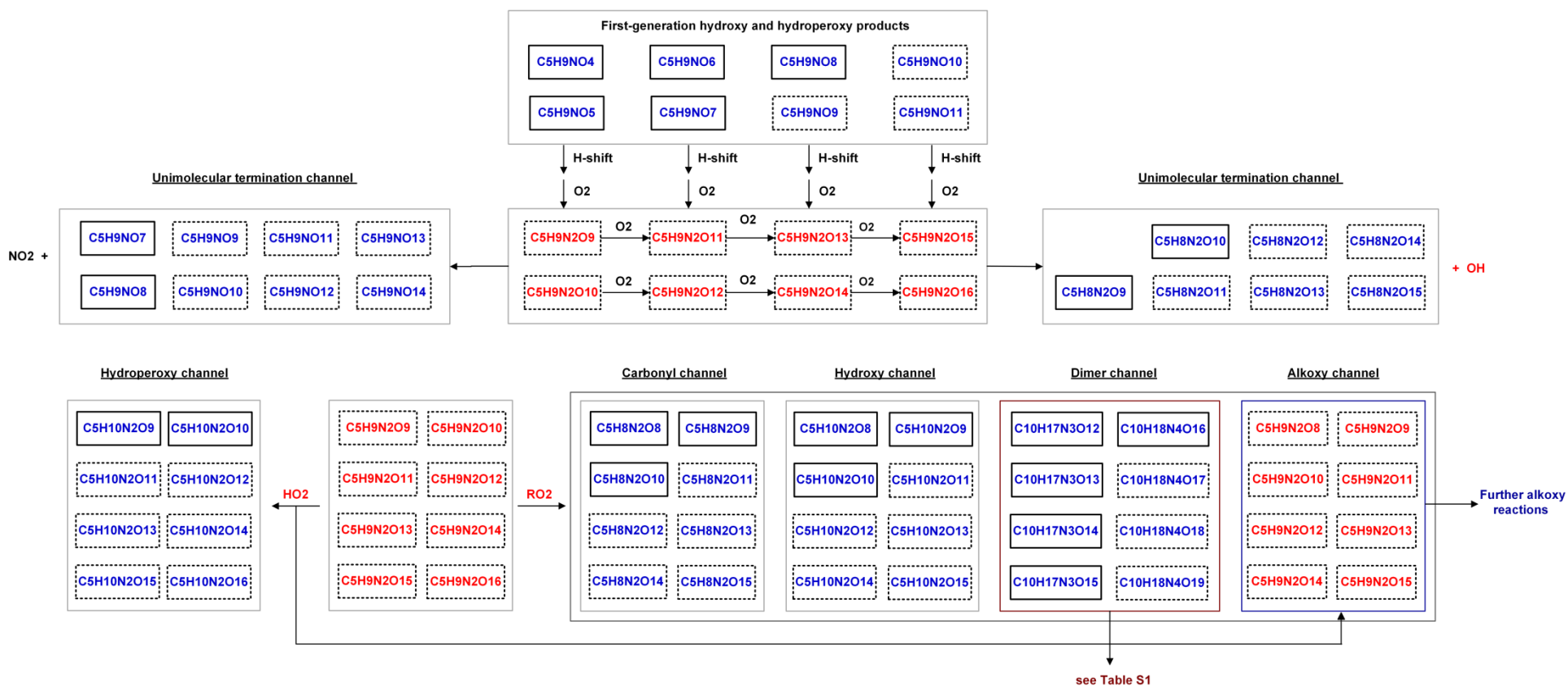
Scheme S2 – S4 serve to show which formula species can be expected in principle according to the understanding of peroxy and alkoxy chemistry under consideration of intramolecular H-shifts and autoxidation processes.



Scheme S2. Proposed first-generation reaction pathways of isoprene-NO<sub>3</sub> and the corresponding products. (n ≥ 1, number of autoxidation steps). Closed-shell products are presented in blue, while radicals are presented in red. Compounds with the given molecular formula in solid boxes have been detected by Br<sup>-</sup> CIMS during the experiments, while those in dashed boxes have not.

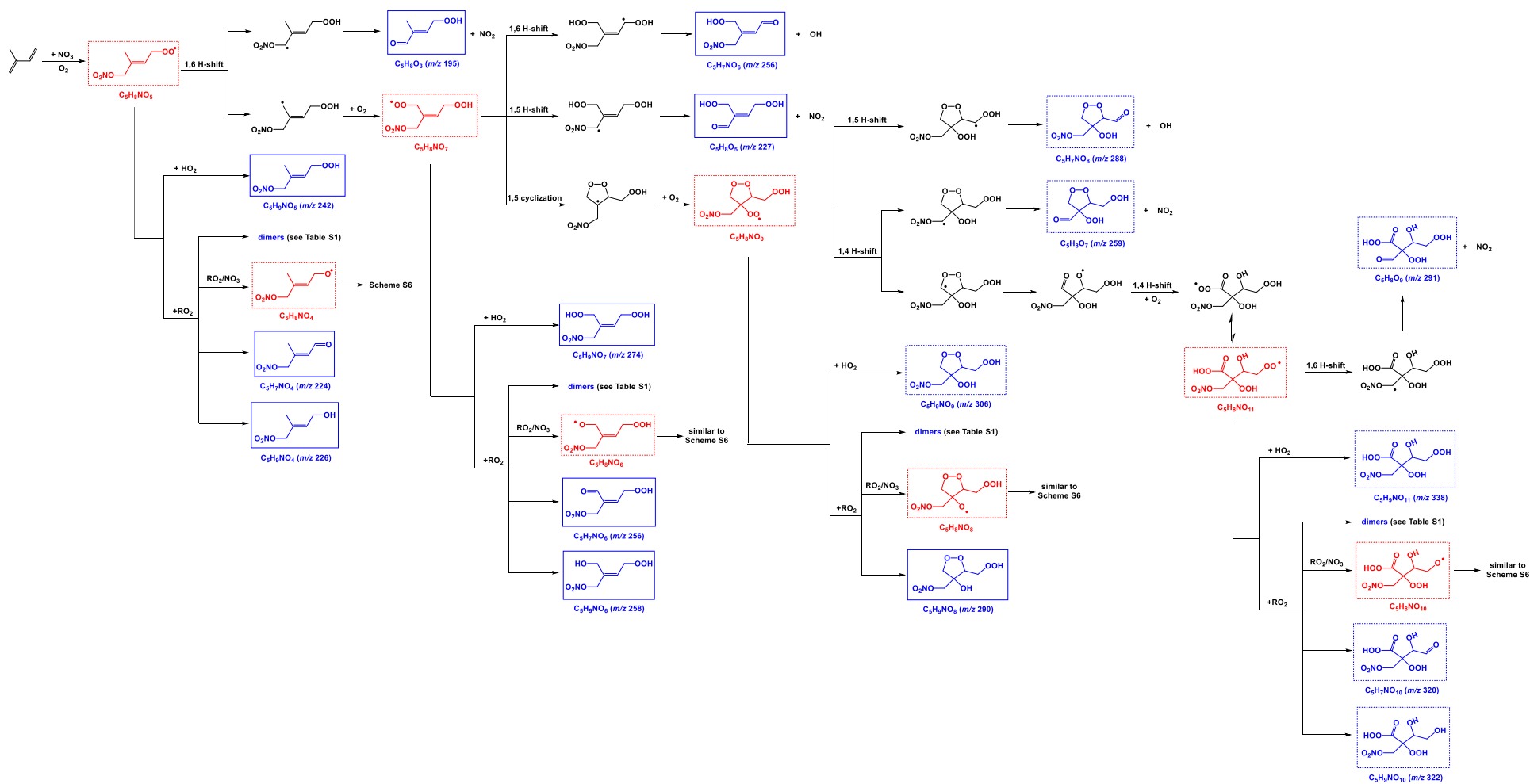


Scheme S3: Proposed reaction pathways of alkoxy radicals (formed from RO<sub>2</sub> alkoxy channel) and the corresponding products ( $n \geq 1$ , number of autoxidation steps). Closed-shell products are presented in blue, while radicals are presented in red. Compounds with the given molecular formula in solid boxes have been detected by Br<sup>-</sup> CIMS during the experiments, while those in dashed boxes have not.



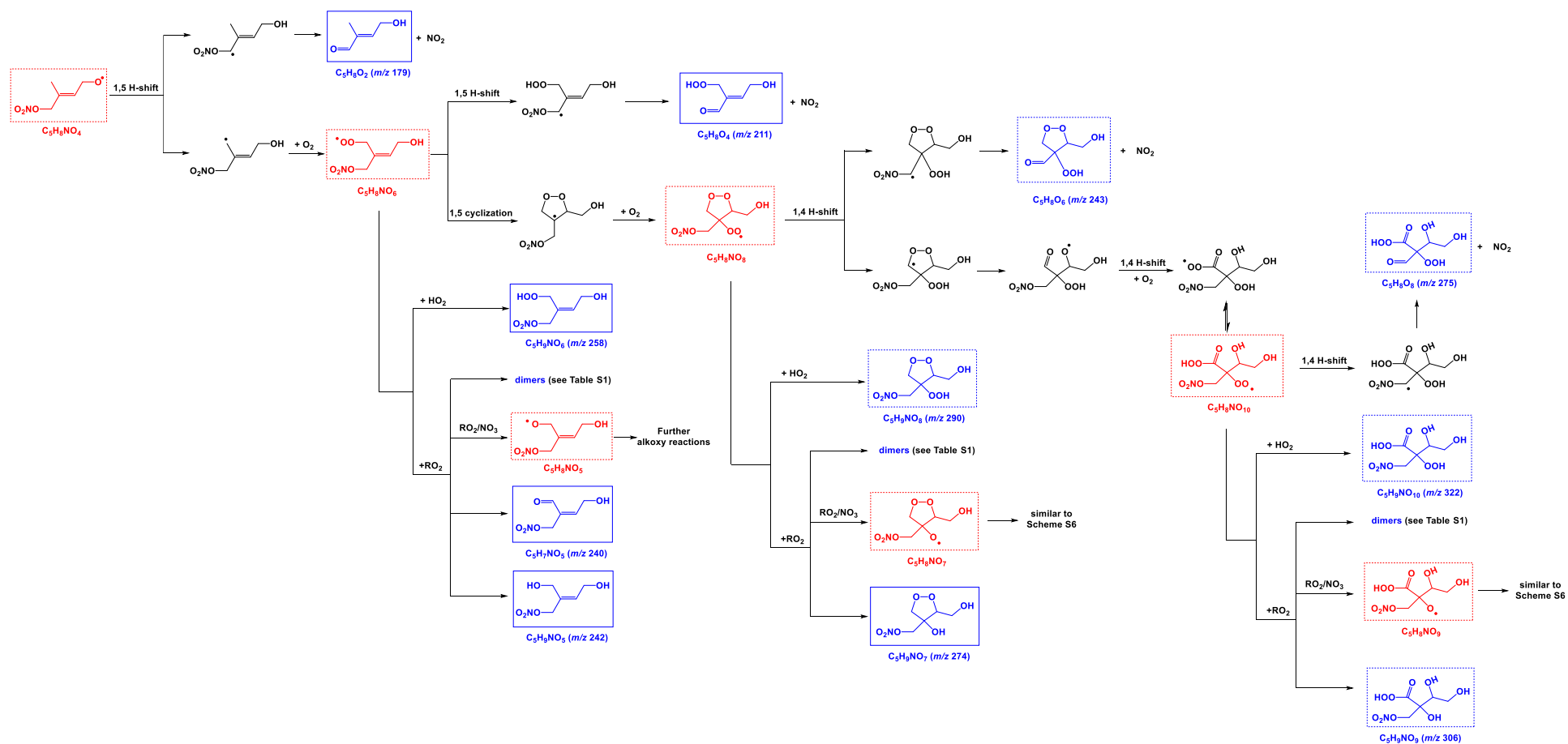
**Scheme S4: Proposed second-generation reaction pathways of isoprene-NO<sub>3</sub> and the corresponding products. The subsequent reactions of alkoxy radicals formed in this process are similar to those shown in Scheme S4, therefore not treated further here. Closed-shell products are presented in blue, while radicals are presented in red. Compounds with the given molecular formula in solid boxes have been detected by Br<sup>-</sup> CIMS during the experiments, while those in dashed boxes have not.**

Scheme S5–S13 are exemplified realizations of reaction pathways shown in Scheme S2–S4 with the purpose to assess possible functionalities of compounds with the given molecular formula. They are used to calculate the range of vapor pressures covered by the observed formula compounds.

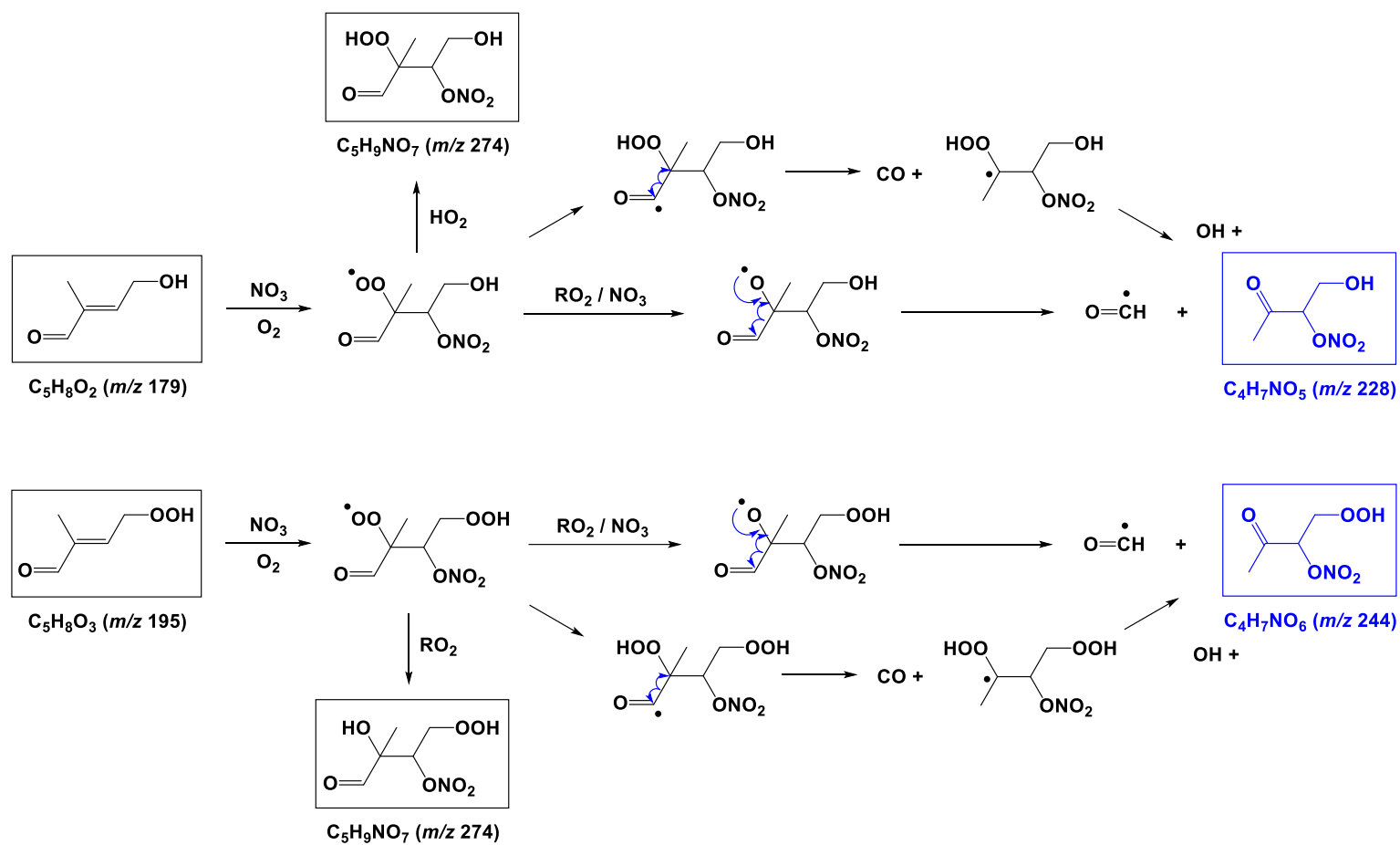


Scheme S5: General reactions and major gas-phase products formed following addition of  $\text{NO}_3$  to isoprene. Only one situation is presented, so other isomers are possible. Compounds in blue are the major closed-shell products formed during the reaction, while those in red are major intermediates. Compounds with the given molecular formula in solid boxes have been detected by CIMS as  $\text{Br}^-$  adducts at the indicated  $m/z$  values, while those in dashed boxes have not.

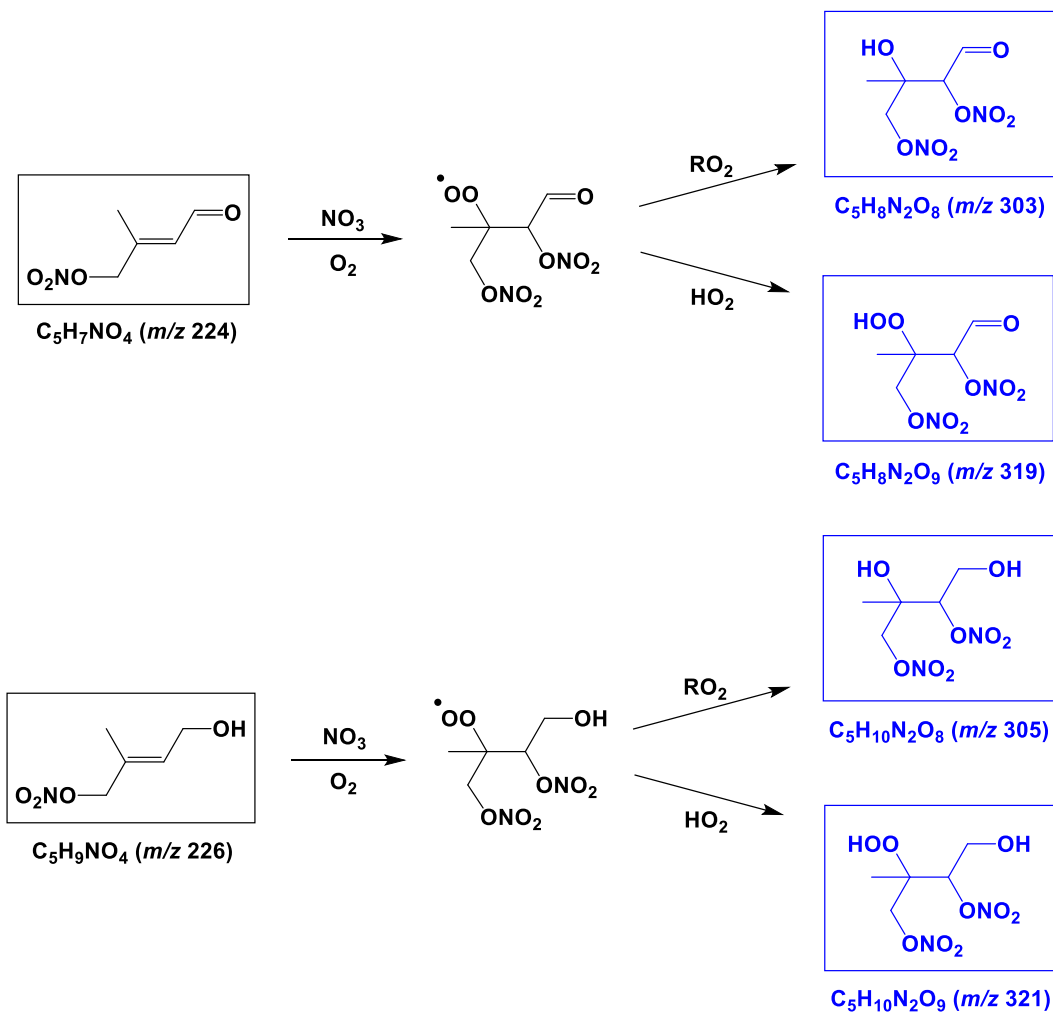




Scheme S6: General reactions and major products formed from rearrangement (H-shift) of the  $C_5$   $\delta$ -[1,4]-nitroxy alkoxy radical. Other isomers are possible. Compounds in blue are the major closed-shell products formed during the reaction, while those in red are major intermediates. Compounds with the given molecular formula in solid boxes have been detected by CIMS as  $Br^-$  adducts at the indicated  $m/z$  values, while those in dashed boxes have not.

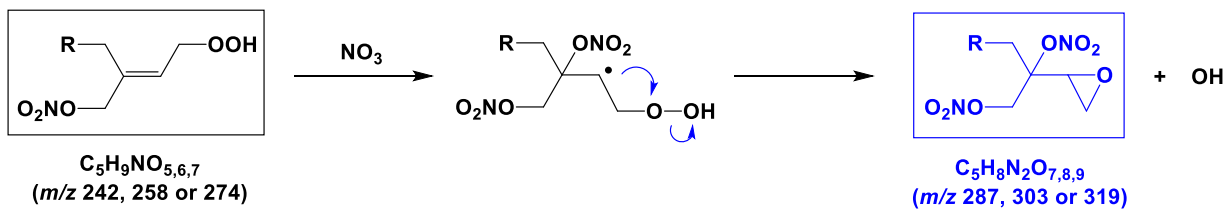


Scheme S7: Proposed formation mechanism of C<sub>4</sub> carbonyl nitrates (C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>7</sub>NO<sub>5</sub> and C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>7</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>) from further oxidation of first-generation C<sub>5</sub> carbonyl products. Other isomers are possible. Compounds with the given molecular formula in boxes are closed-shell products detected by CIMS at the indicated *m/z* values.

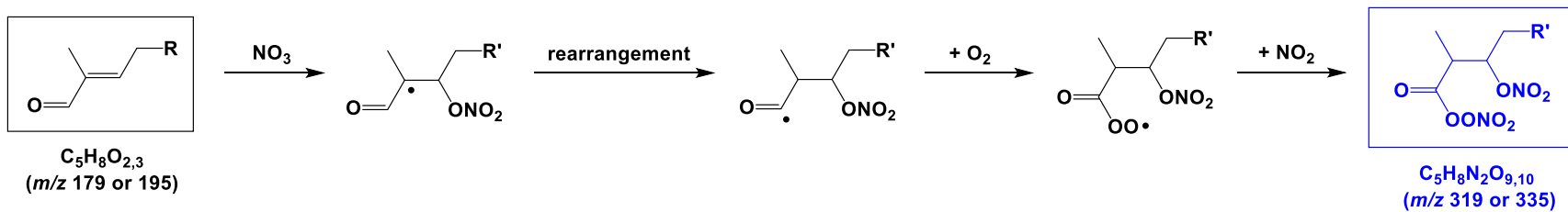


Scheme S8: Proposed formation mechanism of second-generation  $\text{C}_5$  dinitrates. Here the major compounds  $\text{C}_5\text{H}_{8,10}\text{N}_2\text{O}_{8,9}$  are taken as examples for illustration. Other isomers are possible. Compounds with the given molecular formula in boxes are closed-shell products detected by CIMS at the indicated  $m/z$  values.

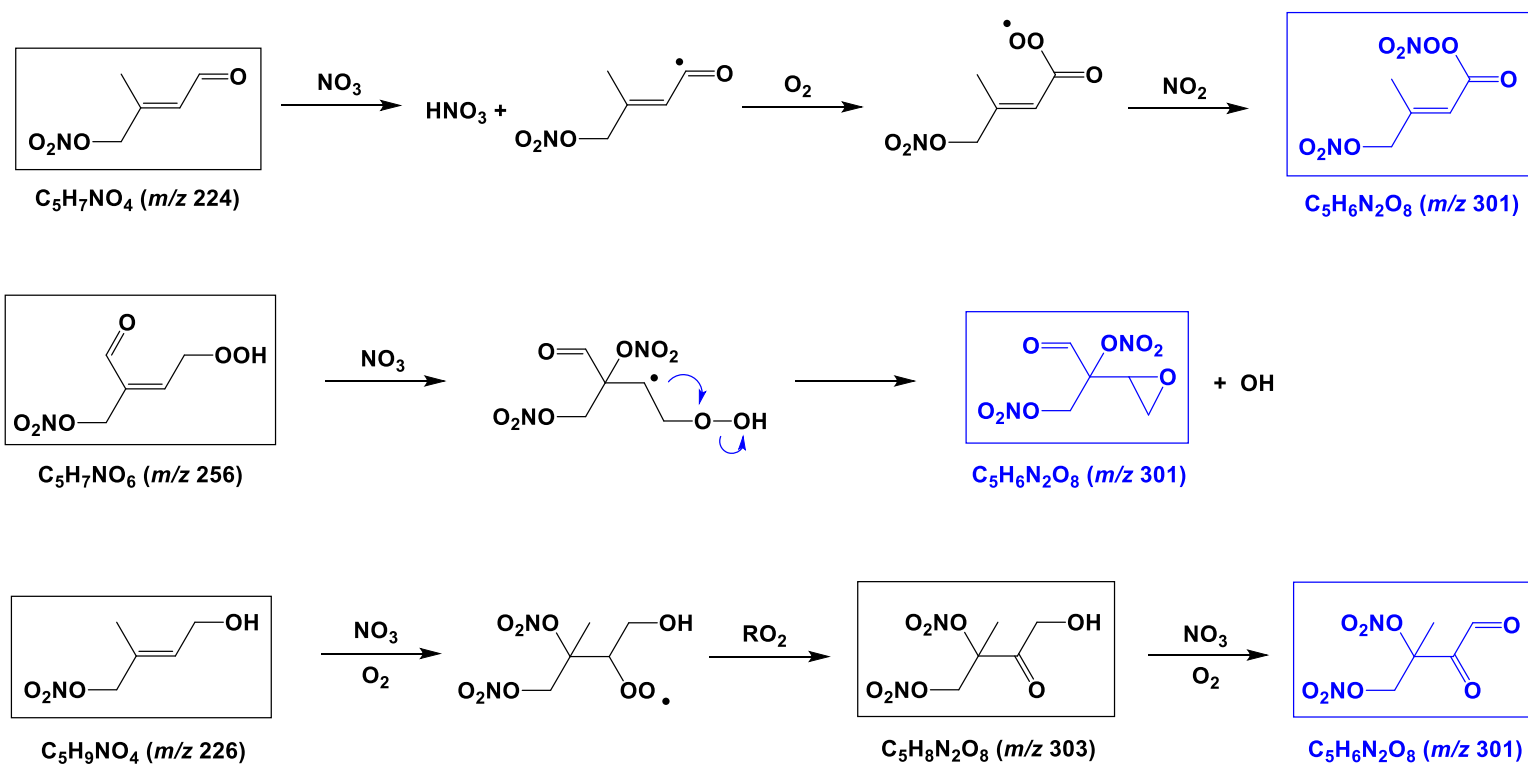
$R \equiv H, OH \text{ or } OOH$



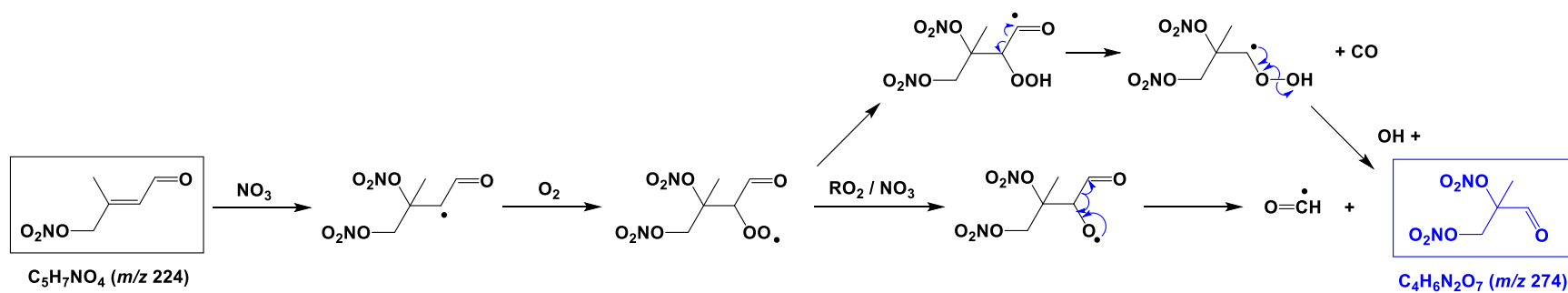
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Scheme S9: Proposed formation of dinitrooxy epoxides (upper panel) and petroxyacetyl nitrates (lower panel) from second-generation oxidation by  $NO_3$  with subsequent rearrangement. Other isomers are possible. Compounds with the given molecular formula in boxes are closed-shell products detected by CIMS at the indicated  $m/z$  values.

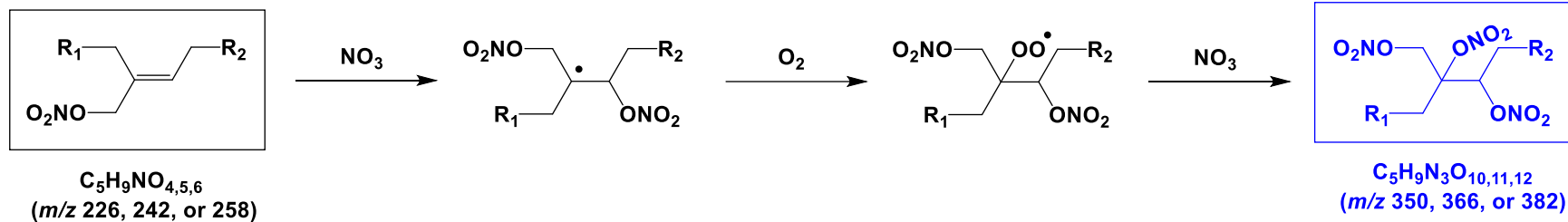


Scheme S10: Possible formation pathways of  $\text{C}_5\text{H}_6\text{N}_2\text{O}_8$ . Other isomers are possible. H-abstraction channel is adapted from MCM v3.3.1. Compounds with the given molecular formula in boxes are closed-shell products detected by CIMS at the indicated  $m/z$  values.



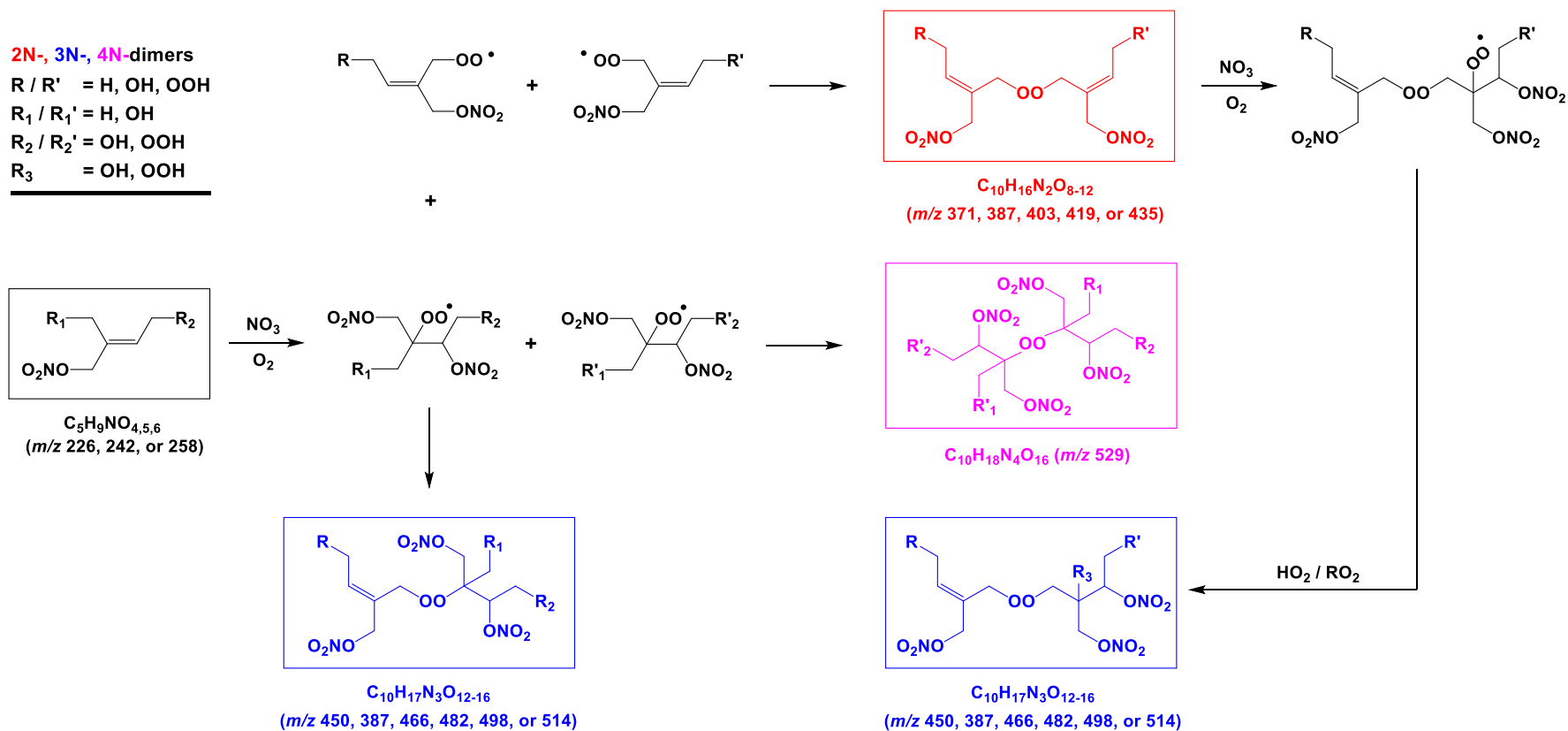
Scheme S11: Possible formation pathways of  $\text{C}_4\text{H}_6\text{N}_2\text{O}_7$ . Other isomers are possible. Compounds with the given molecular formula in boxes are closed-shell products detected by CIMS at the indicated  $m/z$  values.

$R_1 \equiv H, OH$   
 $R_2 \equiv OH, OOH$



Scheme S12: Formation of trinitrates through further oxidation of the first-generation products by  $NO_3$ . Other isomers are possible. Compounds with the given molecular formula in boxes are closed-shell products detected by CIMS at the indicated  $m/z$  values.

**2N-, 3N-, 4N-dimers**  
 $R / R' = H, OH, OOH$   
 $R_1 / R_1' = H, OH$   
 $R_2 / R_2' = OH, OOH$   
 $R_3 = OH, OOH$



Scheme S13: Proposed formation schematic of different types of dimers (colored by type) through  $RO_2 + R'O_2$  reaction or further oxidation. Other isomers are possible. Compounds with the given molecular formula in boxes are closed-shell products detected by CIMS at the indicated  $m/z$  values.



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